

LakeRidge Falls

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Here are the more important stories we had this past and upcoming weeks:

No Fishing Allowed – We received a report this week from a resident stating that some individuals were fishing in the lake near one of the homes in the community. Of course, there are the more obvious reasons why fishing is not permitted in the community, such as liability concerns and the illegality of fishing without a state license. However, there are is less known reason covered under Articles 8.11, Waterways; Water Level and Use, and Article 13.1, Conservation Easements, which is the preservation of fish and wildlife habitats.

For this reason, Lakeridge Falls developed maintenance practices that take into consideration the preservation of habitats in general and aquatic habitats in specific. For example, years ago the stormwater retention ponds were stocked with 200 Grass Carps to control the growth of Hydrilla. For those who may wonder, Hydrilla is an aquatic plant that is a serious ecological threat because it tends to out-compete native plants. Of course, using carps to fight the growth and spread of Hydrilla, all would agree, is a more environmentally friendly way than using chemicals.

Therefore, fishing in the stormwater retention ponds, even if it is for catch and release purposes, can impact the ecosystem in the community. Furthermore, it is interfering with the Association's responsibility as defined by the governing documents. For this reason, fishing in the community is prohibited and the Association will take all necessary enforcement actions to ensure residents and their guests follow this rule. We appreciate your cooperation on the matter and remember that together we can enhance a peaceful coexistence with the community's wildlife.

Pool – As every year at this time, we had Symbiont Services, LakeRidge Falls' pool/spa geothermal system maintenance company, on-site yesterday performing the bi-yearly maintenance on the heating/cooling system. Unfortunately, their technician found an issue with one of the unit's compressor. This problem requires to be addressed sooner rather than later. Until the full report is reviewed and acted upon, please note that we don't expect any interruption in the heating/cooling flow. On the bright side, we also had an unannounced visit from the Florida Department of Health. This unannounced inspection is part of a semi-annual routine check of LakeRidge Falls' pool and spa. During this inspection, the inspector examined the pool and spa areas, the safety and sanitary conditions, the temperature of the spa and pool, the water quality of these two bodies of water, and the equipment area. Following the inspection, the Florida Department of Health inspector informed the Association it passed with flying colors. As reported in the past, the Department of Health inspections are very valuable and important to the community. Mainly, these inspections ensure Smiley Pool Services are performing their job properly, which helps to ensure we are operating based on the updated regulations and codes.

Painting the Wall – We are happy to announce that the painting of the community perimeter wall is scheduled to resume next week. If you may recall, Mr. Tamas Pataki, who needs no introduction, was

hired to paint the perimeter wall a couple of years ago. Although he started and completed the entire westside section of the wall, the Association had to put this painting project on hold. This was done because of the high demand Mr. Pataki had among the residents of the community who wanted to use his services during the painting project. With the community's painting project over, the Board of Directors during its last meeting passed a resolution that ensured the painting work on the wall would resume sooner rather than later. And indeed, Mr. Pataki advised the Association that he is planning on starting the pressure washing of the eastside section of the wall starting next week. For this reason, you may have seen West Bay Pruning Crew working this week on the hedge along Lockwood Ridge Rd to "push" it away from the wall. In addition, we hope ACI, the Association's tree maintenance company, will start today or next week doing the same by removing some of the bamboos along the southside of the wall. Please note that this entire project may take a couple of months to complete.

Have a healthy and safe weekend.

Sincerely,

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