

# LakeRidge Falls

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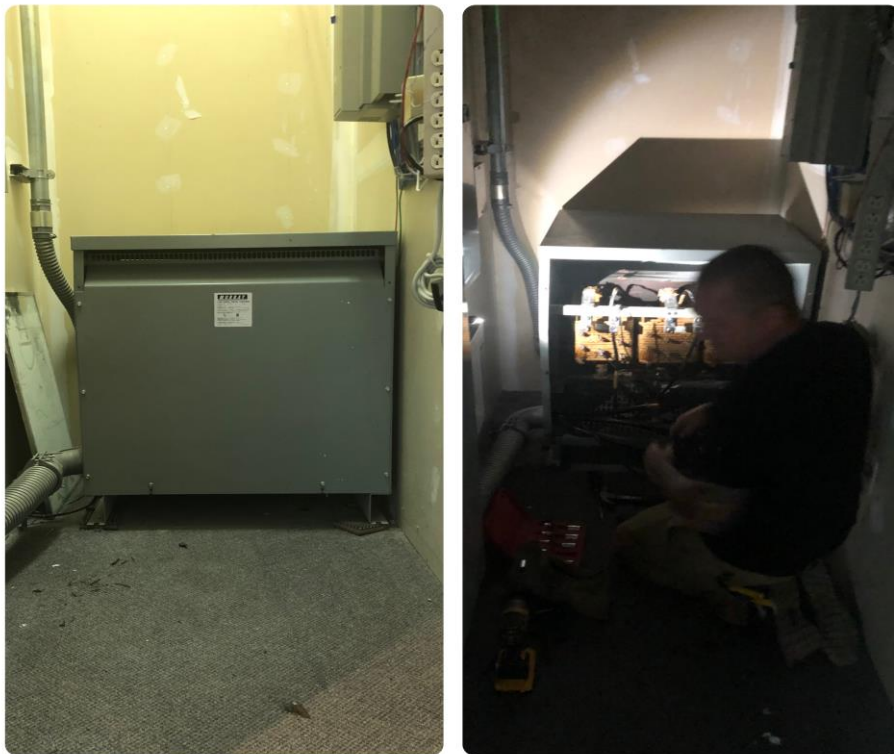
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Here are the more important stories we had this past and upcoming weeks:

**Transformer** – For the past couple of years, residents who were using the clubhouse, especially those who were using the multi-purpose and activities rooms, complained about a humming noise. The source of that noise was the transformer located in the utility closet adjacent to the multi-purpose room. In super simple terms, the purpose of the transformer is to lower the utilization voltage coming into the building. As we came to learn, it is common for transformers to make a humming noise because of magnetostriction. We will not even attempt to explain what magnetostriction means but will say that attempts were made to address the matter by redesigning the assembly and adjusting other elements inside the transformer. Needless to say, these attempts were fruitless.

During the renovation process, several solutions were considered such as relocating the transformer or installing acoustical material inside the utility closet. Yet, those ideas never materialized for whatever reason. However, this all changed a couple of weeks ago when White Electrical Solutions, a local electrical company, contacted us. For those who may recall, White Electrical Solutions was a subcontractor who worked on the clubhouse during the renovation project. While the project was completed, the issue of the load transformer, as we came to learn, was always in the mind of Mr. Chris White, the owner of the company. While it is common for transformers to make a humming noise, Mr. White was left puzzled as to why this specific transformer was apparently making louder than what he considered usual noises.



While in the area with one of his suppliers, Mr. White asked to stop by and look at the transformer. After the supplier looked at the transformer, he concluded the transformer is on its last leg. The supplier explained that as the transformer

ages the laminated layers inside its core states to separate causing the humming noise to get louder. Therefore, he suggested replacing the transformer promising this would eliminate the noise issue altogether. Of course, the suggestion was presented to the Board of Directors and the Buildings Committee. Taking advantage of the clubhouse being closed, the Board of Directors approved the work. After all, replacing a transformer meant no power for a full day.

Therefore, White Electrical Solutions was on site last Friday. The job of replacing the old transformer with a new one took about six hours. Much of the work involved removing a 1000 pound transformer from a tight space while not breaking floor tiles in the process while installing a new transformer that weighs pretty much the same. As one can imagine, the work involved a lot of elbow grease. In the end, the result was phenomenal. The new transformer is so quiet that in order to hear it humming one must literally get her or his ear really close to it. With this, a long-time riddle came to an end, which will allow for a more enjoyable experience for those using the clubhouse.

**Scam Alert** – Recently, a resident shared with us a recent scam, which is known as the Costco Text Scam. The resident who shared this with us advised that she got the following text message: “we're trying to get a hold of you about your Costco receipt BMTI-WLC. Please claim your overcharge reimbursement here.” The text then provides a link to go to. Similar texts may surface such as one that threatens to cancel your membership unless you take a survey. Needless to say, these texts are fraudulent texts with the sole purpose of attempting to obtain personal information. The scammers hope you click on the link they provide and thereafter provide personal information. It is very important that you not click on any link sent to you via text message. More importantly, always be wary when asked to provide personal information.

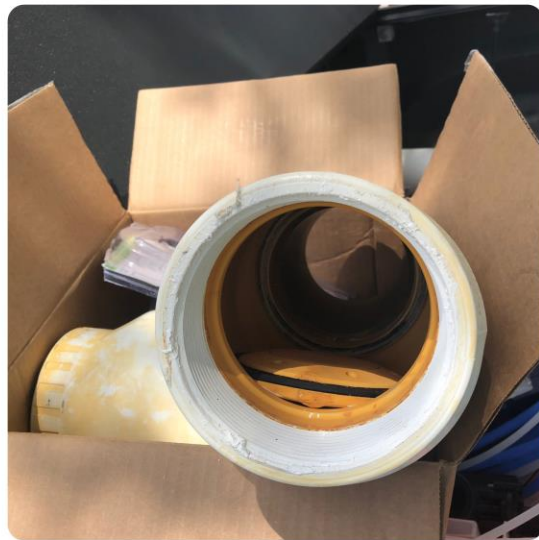
**Stimulus Debit Cards** – On a somewhat related issue, another resident shared with us a very interesting story she read about in the news. In late May, the Treasury Department announced it would send about 4 million stimulus visa debit cards to some recipients. You can read more about this decision on the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s website or by clicking [here](#). Based on some news outlets, the debit cards arrive in the mail in a plain envelope bearing no seal of the Treasury Department or IRS. Therefore, many recipients believe these prepaid debit cards from Money Network Cardholder Services issued by MetaBank are junk mail. Therefore, these recipients decided to cut the cards up to little pieces and throw them away. Just in case you wonder, here is how the card should look:



So next time you go through your mail, please pay extra attention to what could be a stimulus economic impact payment by prepaid debit card.

**Pool** –Smiley Pool Service, LakeRidge Falls’ pool/spa maintenance company, was here on Monday to replace the faulty check valves. In the picture below you will see one of their technician inside the pool pit working on replacing the check

valves. As you can see, Smiley Pool Service had to work in a very tight space. In other pictures, you will see the defective check valve. After it was taken out, Smiley Pool Service discovered that the disc in one check valve and the hinge pin on the other one broke. The really good news is that Smiley Pool Service became much more familiarized with LakeRidge Falls' pool system. This means that next time around, in eight years or so we hope, such repair will be much faster to execute than this time around. Regardless, the end result is that the pool is up and running again. This in mind, Symbiont Services, LakeRidge Falls' pool/spa geothermal system maintenance company, will be onsite on Monday to replace a compressor on one of the pool's six heating units. This should not have any impact on pool operation. More on this matter next week.



Have a healthy and safe weekend.

Sincerely,

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