

LakeRidge Falls

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

Landscape/Palm Trees – As some probably have noticed, there are several large trucks present in the community at the moment. They all belong to ACI Tree Care division and they are here as part of the semi-annual pruning of the Queen palms. While on-site, they will also make sure to perform the annual trimming of all the other species of palm trees such as the Sabal, Washingtonians, and Chinese Fan Palms. Please note that ACI Tree Care is only addressing palms that are over 15 feet tall. Therefore, don't be alarmed if you see them working on your neighbor's house, "skipping" your tree/s, and then moving on to a different neighbor's house. If you have a tree that is less than 15 feet tall, it will be trimmed by West Bay's Pruning team. Please note that Foxtail palms will not be trimmed as they are considered self-pruned palms. In other words, Foxtail palms older leaves die and quickly fall from the palm to facilitate new leaves which do not require maintenance. Finally, this work may take a couple of weeks because of Hurricane Laura. While Hurricane Laura makes landfall in Louisiana, some of ACI crews may be dispatched to that area for disaster assistance, mainly tree removal. We will keep you posted on their progress.

Pool – Here are a few updates related to the pool and the pool area. Last weekend, we were notified that the spa stopped working. On Monday, Smiley Pool Services, the vendor that maintains the Association's pool and spa, examined the issue and determined the timer is bad. As the name suggests, the timer turns on the spa jets to specific time intervals. It took Smiley Pool Services a couple of days to get a replacement timer, but yesterday they were on-site to replace the defective component. The spa is up and running again. On a related issue, we installed a large and new clock on the wall where the old showers used to be. This was done based on the guidance of a Health Department inspector, who suggested, a few weeks ago, to install one in that location instead of the smaller clock that was located near the spa. This way, both spa and pool users can monitor the time they spend in the water.

Also, this week the Association placed an order for new umbrellas and umbrellas bases. Based on a recommendation made by the Pool Committee and approved by the Board of Directors, five 9 ft blue commercial umbrellas and five white free-standing umbrella bases with wheels were ordered from Florida Patio Furniture. Unlike the current umbrellas, these large cantilever patio umbrellas with a tilting feature will allow users to block the sun all day. Furthermore, the bases with wheels will allow users the relative ease of moving the umbrellas from one location to another. These two features alone should provide more shade than the current traditional center-based table umbrellas. We were informed it will take between 3 to 4 weeks before these new items arrive. As a last note, the Board of Directors directed us to repurpose the current umbrellas. Therefore, once the new umbrellas arrive we will relocate the old ones to the Bocce Courts for the use and enjoyment of the bocce players.

Gates - Recently it came to our attention that some residents and/or guests are propping gates open. This is done, we were told, to ease the access of residents/guests to restricted areas (i.e. "skip" the need of a FOB). Needless to say that this is an unacceptable practice. Besides the more obvious concern related to the issue of security, there is a bigger more significant concern which is safety. Here is a small example using the pool area mention above. The State requires that the Association will have a 4-foot fence around the pool area with outward and self-closing/locking gates. This is done mainly as a safety measure to prevent unsupervised young children from entering the pool. Leaving the gates unlocked, therefore, is a major safety issue and a significant liability concern to the Association. For this reason, the Board of Directors to use enforcement measures against individuals who put members, residents, and guests at risk by

intentionally leaving the gates unlocked. Please help us keep LakeRidge Falls a safe and secure place to live in by making sure to close the gates behind you and by bringing this matter to the attention of those you witness doing differently. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this very important matter.

Vacation – Please note that I will be out of the office starting tomorrow, August 28th, and Monday, August 31st, due to a short family vacation. I will return to work on Tuesday, September 1st. During this time, please feel free to contact Ms. Paula Murray. Please note that Ms. Murray’s office hours are 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. Please feel free to contact her with any concern or need you may have during the time I will be away. Her office number is 941-360-1046 ext 103 and her email address is Paula@LakeRidgeFalls.Org. As always, if you experience a situation that falls under the scope of responsibility of the Association and requires our assistance during the time the offices are closed, please call our “Emergency Only” line at 941-951-4034.

Have a healthy and safe weekend.

Sincerely,

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