

A message from your Board...

by Lori Klein, President

This year is going quickly by. At the October Board Meeting, we appointed the Nominating Committee for the election in February, and you will find an article later in this issue. Many thanks to the members for serving, and if you are interested in running for the Board please let one of the members know. If you have questions, you can contact any of them (they are all former Board members) or me or one of the other current Board members.

Also at the October meeting, and summarized in Oded's Weekly Report on October 16, was a problem we are seeing and hearing about all too often, which is residents not wearing masks while in the buildings. Apparently some residents feel that if they are alone in the gym or the club room, they don't need to wear a mask; besides being wrong, the result is other residents coming to use the amenities see through the door or the window that someone inside is not wearing a mask and don't feel safe entering so they leave. A recently updated information sheet on [How COVID-19 Spreads](#) and a companion [Scientific Brief](#) published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states "Some infections can be spread by exposure to virus in small droplets and particles that can linger in the air for minutes to hours. These viruses may be able to infect people who are further than 6 feet away from the person who is infected or after that person has left the space."



Please remember, people who do not show any symptoms can still be infected and unknowingly spread the virus to others, and many of our residents are at a higher risk for complications. Our Association will take all enforcement measures necessary to ensure residents are following the Association's COVID-19 restrictions and regulations. This is not to punish residents or make life difficult for those who may feel the guidelines are too strict, but mainly, as the Association's Attorney described, to take "proactive measures to protect the health, welfare, and safety" of Lakeridge Falls' residents. Violation letters are being issued, and repeat ignorers of our COVID-19 restrictions will have their fobs deactivated, denying them access to the buildings. Please, wear and keep your masks on in the buildings - don't make others feel it is not safe to use the Fitness Center or enter the Club Room, depriving others of the ability to use the facilities we all support and share.

Safety in all ways is important in our Community. At the recommendation of the Security Committee, the Board approved purchasing

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several replacement **STOP signs** for our intersections, which Oded has installed. There is now no excuse for drivers in our community not to see and obey these signs with sharp color contrast and reflective borders, protecting pedestrians, bicyclists, and other drivers. That Committee is still considering other recommendations to make our streets safer.

Staying on the topic of safety, recently we have had reports of incidents with bicyclists riding on sidewalks, zipping too closely past pedestrians, including some who are walking dogs. First, bicyclists should be on the roads; secondly, pedestrians have the right of way on sidewalks (and in crosswalks). Anyone on the sidewalks needs to be aware of pets sharing the sidewalk with their owners or walkers, because the pet may not be aware of others and can move within the radius of their leash. Also during these difficult times, many of our residents are working hard to maintain social distancing in order to protect their health, so please respect that and go widely around or hang back, but do not pass closely by others not in your party.

In closing, we all have different opinions on many issues, including but not limited to, politics and COVID-19. Please, respect each other even if you disagree, for each of us is entitled to our own opinions.

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Property Manager Report

by Oded Neeman

Approaching Association's Vendors – In recent weeks, we noticed an increased number of incidents in which residents approached the Association's vendors, mainly landscaping companies, inquiring if they would consider performing a job on their private residence. While hiring vendors who perform work for the Association is 100% acceptable, and some may say even preferable, it may lead to some unfortunate situations. Here is one hypothetical example.

A resident wishes to perform an ornamental fertilization treatment in her backyard so the shrubs will fully bloom come spring-time. Seeing the Association's landscape pest control company working on her street, she approaches the crew and asks if they can treat her back yard. "After all," she rationalizes her request to the crew, "you guys are already here and it will take no more than a few minutes." "Of course," she ensures them, "I am more than happy to pay for this service." Here are just a handful of questions that may emphasize the problem with this action, assuming the crew agrees to the request, of course:

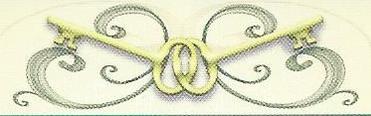
- Is the private job being done on the Association's paid time?
- Does it delay the schedule to which the vendor agreed to?
- Who pays for the extra time it takes for the crew to finish the job the Association hired them for?
- Has the job been performed based on a signed contract? If not, is the crew insured to perform the job?
- Who gets paid? The crew or the company that hires them?
- Is the Association liable in case a crew member gets injured?
- Who is responsible for the outcome in case the crew oversprays the area or damages an adjacent property?

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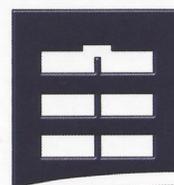
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While this is truly a hypothetical example, can you see the problems with this scenario? Please understand that pulling aside vendors who work for the Association while they are on-site is unacceptable and should stop without delay. Please also understand that is not to be rude or picky, but simply to protect the Association and its residents from potentially unfavorable outcomes. If you see a vendor on-site working for the Association and feel they can be a good fit for your personal needs, by all means, feel free to contact the vendor. However, it must be done while the vendor is not working for the Association. You should contact the vendor directly by calling or emailing the office. Remember, the shortest route usually ends up being the longest one. Therefore, please follow this simple request and don't approach vendors while they work for the Association. We thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation on this matter.

Originally Installed Landscape Beds – On a related issue, LakeRidge Falls is considered to be a maintenance-free community as far as landscaping goes. What does it mean? Here is an attempt to explain it.

Article VI, Maintenance and Repair, 6.1 Maintenance of Lots, (a), of the governing documents, states that each homeowner “must maintain his or her Lot, including all structures, landscaping, and other improvements comprising the Lot, in a manner consistent with the Governing Documents, the Community-Wide Standard, and any other applicable covenants, except to the extent that such maintenance responsibility is assigned to or assumed by the Association pursuant to this Declaration or any Supplemental Declaration or additional covenants applicable to such Lot.” Let's take a closer look at this paragraph.

The Article states that homeowners must maintain their lot based on a Community-Wide Standard unless such maintenance responsibility is assigned to or assumed by the Association. In other words, the homeowner is responsible to maintain the lot, i.e. land and building, based on some standard unless the Association assumes or is being assigned this responsibility. A little bit of dry information, so

let's dig a little bit deeper into the governing documents maybe we will find some oil.

Article VI, Maintenance and Repair, 6.1 Maintenance of Lots, (b), (i), explains that the “Association shall perform, or cause to be performed, the following on Lots: maintenance (including, mowing, fertilizing, watering, pruning, and replacing, and controlling disease and insects), of all lawns and landscaping installed on the Lot as part of the initial construction on the Lots, specifically excluding landscaping within any enclosed area not readily accessible from outside the dwelling and landscaping added by the Owner or occupants of a Lot after issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the dwelling on the Lot...”

What it means is simple. **The Association was given the responsibility, under this article, to perform maintenance of all lawns and initially installed landscaping**, for example, the landscaping on the front of every single property in the community. Notice that the landscaping added by homeowners or residents is specifically excluded, for example, landscaping added at the back of one's property after the turnover from the builder to the members. However, this is beside the point. Now, let's talk about the issue we wish to bring up.

So we now know that the Association is responsible to maintain, among other things, the landscape beds in front of residential homes in the community. Now, what happens if homeowners do not like the look of the landscaping or a specific plant at the front of the house?

Can homeowners simply rearrange the design of a landscape bed, which falls under the maintenance responsibility of the Association, to express their unique individuality or meet their wants and needs?

The answer is... not really.

You see, Article V, Architecture and Landscaping, 5.1, General, of LakeRidge Falls governing documents state that “...no structure or thing shall be placed, erected, or installed upon any Lot, and im-

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provements or other work (including, without limitation, staking, clearing, excavation, grading and other site work, exterior alterations or additions, or planting or removal of landscaping) shall take place within the Community, except in compliance with this Article and the Architectural Guidelines.”

In other words, **homeowners are required to submit a request and obtain approval from the Architectural Review Board (ARB)**. What does the Architectural Guidelines have to say about this you may wonder? Good question. [Article 12, Landscaping](#), in General, of LakeRidge Falls’ Architectural Guidelines, revision 10, states that the “objective of the landscaping guideline is the maintenance of an orderly and harmonious community. Therefore, absent ARB approval, changes by owners to the design of front yard landscaping as originally installed or as previously approved by the ARB are not permitted.”

A straightforward directive that states homeowners cannot remove, rearrange, add, alter, etc anything on their lot without the approval of the ARB. Harsh, annoying, and unacceptable are the more pleasant adjectives we received through the years when members learn this fact. We will discuss the rationale behind the governing documents in a second, but first, let’s talk about a follow-up question some ask:

Can homeowners assume the reasonability of maintaining the landscape which is maintained by the Association?

Unfortunately, no. Article 12 of the Architectural Guidelines also states that “regarding the ability of owners to “opt-out” of Association maintenance of “initially installed landscaping” per Section 6.1 of our Declaration owners may not “opt-out” of Association maintenance of initially installed landscaping.”

Here is why. A few years back, some homeowners were allowed to assume the responsibility of maintaining the landscaping at the front of their homes. After a couple of years, a problem arose. Some of those homeowners were no longer residents of LakeRidge Falls for whatever reason, i.e. passed away, moved to be closer to family, etc. The new homeowners who purchased their properties refused to assume the responsibility of maintaining the land-

scape. After all, they argued, Article 6.1 states that the association shall perform maintenance of all lawns and landscaping installed on the Lot. To their argument, a significant portion of their Association dues is composed of landscape maintenance. Without going into the legal language and interpretation of the issue, the new homeowners were right. The Association could not have charged them for services it did not provide and/or direct them to maintain the landscaping at the front of the house without providing some sort of recorded documentation showing this responsibility was shifted to them.

You see, the governing documents are a legal and binding agreement between the Association and the members (i.e. homeowners). That is, a homeowner who buys in LakeRidge Falls enters into a legal contract with the Association. This legal contract defines the operation of the community, which helps to protect the common interest of the community. It is similar, for example, to a real estate sale contract. In super simple terms, Party A agrees to sell an asset for some monetary consideration to Party B who agrees to pay this monetary consideration in exchange for the asset. If any party for any reason doesn’t follow the signed contract, this party is in breach of the contract. The same goes for LakeRidge Falls governing documents. In easy terms, new homeowners were right, the Association was wrong, and because the Association deviated from the contract.

The end result was that the Association reassumed the responsibility of maintaining these yards. The biggest problem arose, however, when the Association had to restore the design of some of those landscape beds to meet the Community-Wide Standard. For example, one of the homeowners converted her yard into a landscape composed only out of annuals. As one can imagine, annuals don’t last forever and therefore require constant care and replacement. The Association can’t maintain a yard that is composed of annuals because these need to be replaced every few months. Operation-wise and cost-wise, it will be impossible. Therefore, the Association had no other choice but to restore the original look of the landscape bed based on the Community-Wide

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Standard while observing the financial burden associated with this work. As one can guess, cheap it was not. Was it right that the vast majority of homeowners had to pay for the personal wants and needs of a few? We all know the answer.

Please don't fall asleep and try to stay with me. I am almost done.

Three things that are very important to remember:

1. **Binding Agreement** - The governing documents, or Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions in their full name, are a set of binding documents between the Association and its members. It is a legal agreement that can't be breached. As far as landscape goes, homeowners can't perform any work on their lot without the clear approval of the ARB.
2. **ARB** – The entity that is trusted with the responsibility of ensuring the Community-Wide Standard is kept, besides the Board of Directors, of course, is the ARB. It is important that you understand, therefore, that homeowners requesting landscape and/or exterior architectural changes must apply to the ARB first.
 - a. First, this is the directive all agreed to under the legal contract with the Association.
 - b. Secondly, the ARB preserves the architectural integrity, harmonious design, and aesthetic principles of the community. After all, no one would like to wake up one morning to find out their neighbors placed at their front yard a large statue of a pink elephant that shoots water out of its trunk while playing Johann Sebastian Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D minor, right? I mean, who does not love pink elephants, but Bach?!
 - c. Finally, it ensures that the Association will not endure unwarranted expenses. You see, some homeowners feel that planting one or two plants in their front is not a big deal. After all, it is only one plant, right? Well, some plants need more sun while others more shade. Some need more water while others need less water. So when new homeowners take ownership of a property where such plants die, or if the plant is invasive, more often than not the Association ends up paying to replace or remove it. Is it right that 399 LakeRidge Falls homeowners, including the new homeowners, pay for someone else's expression of individualism?
3. **Community-Wide Standard** – The standard is defined in the governing documents as “the standard of conduct, maintenance, or other activity generally prevailing throughout the Community.” As far as landscaping goes, it ensures efficient and just landscape operations. This way, members can know the Association is not providing preferable accommodation to some homeowners while ignoring others. Again, would you be happy if you learn the Association is replacing annuals at your neighbors' house three times a year while not providing the same to you? “After all,” you will tell yourself, “I am paying for the Association to do this work for my neighbors while I am not getting the same service.” Can you see why the Community-Wide Standard is so important?

Taking all the above into mind, it should not come as a surprise that the Association is required to enforce the governing documents. Enforcement is not done because Person A dislikes Person B. It is not done because someone wants to “punish” someone else. It is not even done because someone decided dictatorship sounds like a cool idea. It is done for the mere reason that the legal binding agreement, i.e. the governing documents, states in 5.7, Enforcement, that any “construction, alteration, or other work done in violation of this Article or the Architectural Guidelines is subject to enforcement action pursuant to Section 8.4.”

If one acted without approval, for example turning a front yard into an annual bed without obtaining approval from the ARB, Article 8.4, Enforcement, (a), (i), states that the “Association, acting through the

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Board, may impose sanctions for violation of the Governing Documents subject to the notice and hearing procedures set forth in the By-Laws, as applicable. Such sanctions may include, without limitation... requiring an Owner, at its own expense... to remove any structure, item, or improvement on such Owner's Lot in violation of the Governing Documents and to restore the Lot to its previous condition." Self-explanatory.

To sum this long, but hopefully not too boring, article up, LakeRidge Falls is responsible under the governing documents to maintain initially installed landscaping. Homeowners can't "opt-out" of Association maintenance of initially installed landscaping. Changes by homeowners to the design of front yard landscaping as originally installed or as previously approved by the ARB are not permitted. Homeowners who wish to change something at the front yards are required to apply to the ARB first. Finally, homeowners who fail to follow the guidelines, well, enforcement. Not fun, but required. We hope that this information is helpful and more importantly informative. First, thank you for taking the time to read it and secondly for your understanding and assistance on this matter.

COVID 19 Restrictions – Local and state governance took some relaxation measures recently in regards to COVID-19 related restrictions. As a result, some members of the community asked that the Association will follow the same by easing some of the regulations and restrictions governed by the Association. On the other end were those members who asked not to amend the regulations and restrictions. In an attempt to make a decision that will best serve the community as a whole, the Board of Directors sought the advice of the Association's legal counsel. With the opinion on hand, the Board of Directors discussed this matter in length during its October Board of Directors' meeting. Mainly, the Board of Directors examined the current mask-wearing requirements, amenities usages, and social distancing guidelines.

The discussion started by presenting the legal opinion by the Association's counsel. In his opinion, the Association attorney states that "[r]egardless of the current restrictions or mandates in place, this does not affect the ability of the Association and its Board to adopt more restrictive policies, procedures, rules, and regulations regarding safe use of the Association's common property. The Board has a fiduciary duty to take proactive measures to protect the health, welfare, and safety of their residents. Wearing face coverings has been proven to be an effective method of reducing the spread of COVID-19. The fact that many residents may disagree and have a different opinion regarding this does not prevent the Association to enforce mask requirements and any other COVID-19 rules and regulations that have been promulgated." Following this, the Board of Directors listened to attendees who wished to voice their opinions.

In general, the consensus was that all must wear a mask while using the Association facilities while at the same time practicing social distancing. As far as mask-wearing goes, the main argument was that not wearing a mask may deny the right of others to use the community's amenities. For example, a resident brought a valid point in which she felt not wearing a mask is acceptable as long as she is working out by herself in the fitness center. However, some pointed out that other residents decided to turn around once they noted a non-wearing person at the fitness center. These individuals pointed out that a recent scientific brief published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that airborne transmission of COVID-19 can occur within closed spaces in which a person stays for 30 minutes or more, even if this person is 6 feet away from an infectious person. As far as social distancing goes, the main argument was that social distancing is essential in ensuring the safety of LakeRidge Falls' residents. Several residents mentioned that as a 55+ community the vast majority in the community are at a higher risk. This notion was based on the CDC recognition that older adults and/or people with underlying medical are most likely to suffer from severe illness due to COVID-19, which might result in death.

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Following what was truly a lengthy and detailed discussion, the Board of Directors decided NOT to amend at this time any of the restrictions and regulations governing the usages of the clubhouse, club room, fitness center, and pool. We ask that you please take a moment and read all of LakeRidge Falls COVID-19 restrictions and regulations, which can be found on the Association's website under the Policies/Rules tab.

Finally, the Board of Directors wanted to advise that the Association will take all enforcement measures necessary to ensure residents are following these restrictions and regulations. Again, this is not to punish residents or make life difficult for those who may feel these guidelines are too strict, but mainly, as the Attorney described so well, to take "proactive measures to protect the health, welfare, and safety" of LakeRidge Falls' residents. We thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation on this matter.

Yard Waste - Starting next month, LakeRidge Falls' landscape related service providers, such as West Bay Landscape and ACI Tree Care, will leave all the yard waste they produced, such as palm fronds, pruning materials, etc, on the curbside in front of the property where the work is taking place. This is done in an attempt to reduce costs related to hauling away the debris to the nearest landfill. Therefore and coming December, the responsibility of the yard waste collection will be shifted from the vendors to Manatee County/Waste Management. Of course, the Association will make sure its vendors bundle and prepare all yard waste neatly and based on Manatee County's collection...

Sounds a little bit unreasonable, right?!

Well, you are correct. This is simply a hypothetical and made-up scenario created to help us better explain the following matter.

In recent weeks, more and more private vendors, which are hired by residents to perform a job on their lots or house, are not hauling away the waste they produce. Instead, they are utilizing Manatee County's garbage pickup days. This matter is more noticeable when it comes to private landscapers, although it applies to all types of vendors. As for private landscape companies, it became customary for them to leave yard waste on the curbside where the work took place. One can only assume the reason for this has to do with the cost-savings of not hauling away the yard waste to the nearest landfill and paying the dump fees associated with it. However, can you see the unfolding problem?

First, Manatee County's garbage, recycling, and yard waste pickup schedule are designed for residential purposes, not commercial. Now, you are correct to think that there is no issue for a vendor who works on a lot and produces, let's say, two large bags of debris to leave them on the curbside for Waste Management to pick up on Wednesday. After all, it is not important if the garbage was produced by a resident, a relative of a resident, or a privately hired vendor. However, the slippery slope issue begins with the definition of residential vs. commercial. Remember the hypothetical example above? What if there is one vendor who provides services to 40 residents in the community? Even then, can the Association prevent other commercial entities to place their produced waste on the curbside if it allows another entity to do the same? Do you see how unsightly the community will look like when piles of waste are lying throughout from Sunday to Friday?

Furthermore, there is the issue of how to supervise private vendors from bringing their produced waste from other job-sites. Sounds silly, but please consider this example. Superstar Landscape provides services for several properties located in Community X. Because these services are provided on Monday, Superstar Landscape can't leave the produced yard waste on its customers' curbsides. In an attempt to

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save some money and time, Superstar Landscape decides to bring the yard waste to Community Z, where it is scheduled to work the following day, knowing Waste Management will pick it up on Wednesday. Sounds unrealistic, right? Well, wrong. It did happen before. A couple of years ago we had a small construction company that decided to leave a sink, a vanity, and several kitchen cabinets from another job on the curb of a LakeRidge Falls' resident.

Finally, Lakeridge Falls' Initial Restrictions and Rules, Exhibit "C", section (j), prohibits the "accumulation of rubbish, trash, or garbage except between regular garbage pickups, and then only in approved containers." Past Board of Directors established the "regular garbage pickups" to be 6 pm the day before the scheduled pickup day. For example, residents can put their blue recycling bins outside after 6 pm on Wednesday because the recycling collection day is Thursday. The rationale behind the 6 pm time frame is pretty much straight forward. Communities wish to avoid the unsightliness of garbage/waste laying on the streets for a prolonged time. Then, there is the issue of it interfering with the daily community maintenance operation, such as mowing and the potential damage to sod when a pile of yard waste is left on for some time. The bottom line is that leaving yard waste, or any other time of garbage as a matter of fact, before 6 pm of the night before the scheduled pickup day is considered a violation of the governing documents.

As with the COVID-19 restrictions, please understand that the Association is required to enforce its rules. This is not to make people's lives difficult but to simply promote what is considered to be the best interest of the community as a whole. Concerning this specific matter, it may lead to potential service interruptions in the future. First, not all vendors are fully aware of Manatee County's yard waste collection guidelines. Therefore, it is not uncommon for Waste Management to skip bags, bundles, or piles leaving them on the curbside for days. Then there is a chance Waste Management may refuse to pick up commercially produced yard waste because they are not getting paid for such services. Finally and most importantly, LakeRidge Falls is a residential community, not an industrial complex. It should not be unreasonable, therefore, to ask vendors to dispose of their produced garbage or yard waste at designated landfills. Yes, it may save the vendor or residents a small amount of money, but at the end of the day, it produces an unsightly condition that impacts all neighboring properties. Therefore, please advise all vendors to dispose of their produced waste at the designated locations. If for some reason they can't do so, please make sure to place such produced waste on the curbside; not before 6 pm of the day before the scheduled pickup day; and then only in accordance with Manatee County and LakeRidge Falls collection guidelines. We wish to thank you for your help and understanding on this matter.





Thank you to Marty Collins and Peggy Hayden for these suggestions on activities that we can safely engage in during the pandemic.

- Go for a horseback ride
- Rent a boat and enjoy a day on the water
- Setup a book club meeting, take chairs and social distance under a large tree on the waterfront at New College...beautiful spot for a group of 10 or less
- Take a zoom class through OLLI
- Go for a walk or bike ride
- Take a drive for a change of scenery
- Meet with friends while social distancing at the beach, a park, your driveway...
- Catch up on your favorite TV shows or movies
- Jigsaw puzzle swap
- DVD/CD swap
- Discover and prepare new recipes
- Water Aerobics at the pool
- Write your memoir
- Call/Zoom/Facetime with family and friends including those you may have lost touch with
- Kayak
- Get up early and watch sunrise at Thompson park
- Fish from the beach
- Discover the smaller Sarasota and Manatee county parks/historical sites
- Join our new history book club
- Revisit old photos
- Cull out those closets and storage areas
- Listen to a new podcast

Stay Safe and Stay Positive!

Nominating Committee News



It is time again for the residents of LakeRidge Falls to begin considering if it is their time to serve your community by running for the LRF Board of Directors. At our annual meeting in February 2021, there will be 3 vacancies to fill on the BOD, each for a 2-year term. The only requirements are that you must be an owner

(listed on the deed) and you must be willing to give your time and talent for the benefit of LRF. Yes, it can be challenging, but as a former BOD member, I can honestly say the rewards outweigh the challenges. This is your chance to help guide LRF into the future.

Your 2021 Nominating Committee members are former BOD members David Gledhill, Bob Kirkpatrick and Committee Chairman, Mary Cochran. If you have any questions, about serving on the Board or are ready to step up and volunteer your services, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee.



Mary Cochran



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10:00am	Water Aerobics	Instructor - \$4
1:30pm	Table Tennis	Multi-purpose
Wednesday	Activity	Room
8:00am	Water Aerobics	CD - Free
9:00am	Ladies Chat	Activities Rm
9:30am	Table Tennis	Multi-purpose
10:00am	Water Aerobics	CD - Free
3:00pm	Table Tennis	Multi-purpose
Thursday	Activity	Room
3:00pm	Table Tennis	Multi-purpose
Friday	Activity	Room
8:00am	Water Aerobics	CD - Free
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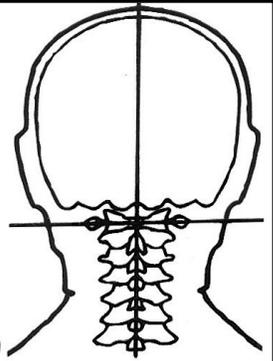
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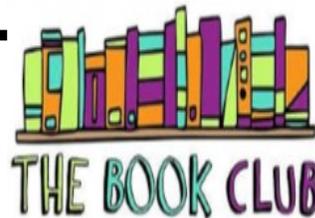
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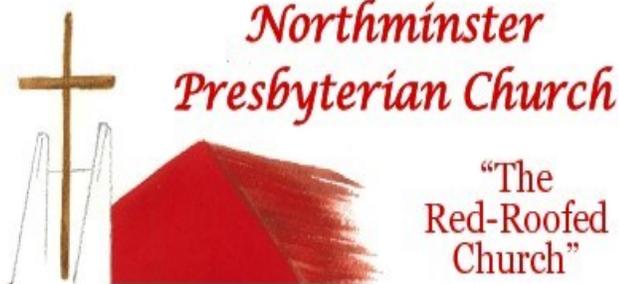
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Stu Sutin at sutindoc@gmail.com.

November 18. Margaret McMillan. **Paris 1919**

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