

LakeRidge Falls

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

Holiday Wishes – The holiday season is always a great time of the year even with COVID-19 playing the role of the Grinch. My family and I want to emphasize once again how blessed we truly are. We wish to thank all of LakeRidge Falls' residents who by their grace put their trust in me and thus allowing us to be part of this community for the past nine and a half years. Many see in their workplace a means to an end. I, on the other end, came to see it as part of my family. Yes, some of us disagree now and then, aka violation letters, but hey, what family does not? Let this holiday season be a reminder to free ourselves of anger and resentment. Let us come together for the better good of the community and keep it the best place to live in all of Manatee and Sarasota Counties. With this in mind, have an amazing Christmas and joyful Kwanzaa!!! I hope you have a beautiful, enjoyable, and most importantly, healthy holiday season!!! And of course, let it be COVID-19 last holiday season before we send it back to the abyss of oblivion.

Committee Signup Sheets – This is to announce that starting next week the committees' signup sheets for the Architectural Review Board, Budget, Buildings, Community Relation, Hurricane, Security, Landscaping, Pool, Roads & Grounds, and Social Committees/Art League will be available outside of the Clubhouse's front entrance. This year, thanks to Ms. Dorie Parsons, a member of the community, and Mrs. Paula Murray, the Association Community Assistant, the signup sheets will also be available online! The Board of Directors encourages residents to join the various committees as it provides a feeling of ownership and a great opportunity for you to become active and involved within the community.

Dormancy – Although this issue was brought up a couple of months ago, it is always good to bring the issue of sod dormancy up again when temperatures outside are dropping significantly. Walking around, one may notice that the sod in some common areas is turning yellow. Here is why. The recent drop in temperatures may cause some types of sod to go dormant. As a result, the sod in some sections looks like it is dead or dying. However, it is not the case. Lakeridge Falls has several types of grasses, mainly Saint Augustine, Bermudagrass, and Bahiagrass. While St. Augustine is more tolerant of cold temperatures, Bermudagrass and Bahiagrass are not. When the temperature drops low, these two types of grasses tend to go dormant. They stop growing their above-ground stems and instead concentrate all their efforts on providing their nutrients to their roots in order to stay alive. For this reason, by the way, these types of grasses are extremely hard to get rid of. However, this is beside the point. So when you walk around and see brown grass along the wall on Kariba Lake Terrace and Victoria Falls Circle please don't be alarmed. All these areas should green up as soon as nighttime temperatures go above 55 degrees, which should be during springtime.

Sidewalk Cleaning – Some weather conditions may prevent a vendor from performing its job. If you may remember, we explained in length why H2O Cleaning Systems could not clean roofs when it is rainy and/or windy outside. Why do we bring it up, again, one may wonder? Well, while some weather conditions may delay specific projects they can also serve as a great opportunity to accomplish a different task. Here are just two small examples.

A few weeks back, H2O Cleaning Systems was not able to clean the roofs because it was too windy. We seized the opportunity that their crew was already on-site and asked the owner if he could utilize the crew to clean the sidewalks and curbs around the clubhouse instead. Graciously enough, the owner agreed to do so at no cost to the Association. After all, he rationalized its a very generous gesture, he had to pay his crew for that day regardless if they work or not.

Fast forward to today, Mr. Tamas Pataki, who owns a local painting company that was hired to paint the Association's perimeter walls, was on-site to continue painting the south perimeter wall. However, Mr. Pataki stopped by our offices first thing in the morning advising it is too cold for his crew to paint the wall. You see, when it is too cold outside, it takes the paint longer to dry. As a result, it is much more likely the paint will get dirty from different types of debris. Therefore, Mr. Pataki asked if he could... clean some of the Association's sidewalks instead. As with H2O Cleaning Systems, Mr. Pataki, in yet another generous gesture, offered to do so at no cost to the Association.

Trash Collection – Christmas falls on a Friday this year. Therefore, trash collection will be as normal next week.

Office Closed – This in mind, the Lakeridge Falls offices will be closed on Friday, December 25th, due to Christmas. We will open again on Monday, December 28th. Please note, if you experience a situation that falls under the scope of responsibility of the Association and which requires our assistance during the time the offices are closed, please call our "Emergency Only" line at 941-951-4034.

Have a happy, healthy, and safe weekend.

Sincerely,

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