

# LakeRidge Falls

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

**On-Site COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic** - We will talk about the election in a second, but first we would like to speak about a more urgent matter. A few weeks ago, I contacted a few state and local officials urging them to consider organizing an on-site COVID-19 vaccination clinic for the benefit of LakeRidge Falls' residents. To make a long story short, and it is long, I was finally able to get the attention of some. The local Florida Dept of Health official who was assigned to assist LakeRidge Falls promised to help in any way she can. So here is where we stand.

Once they will get the local allowance from the State, her department will know how many vaccinations they will have available to distribute. Not much news here. What is news is that she will try to see how she can fit LakeRidge Falls, as a residential community, into Phase 1b. For this reason, she needs to know how many of our residents who are 65 years of age and older would be interested in getting the vaccine. This only makes sense, again, because the Dept of Health can only allocate vaccinations based on the allowance they get for each area. The good news is that LakeRidge Falls is first on her list. What are the chances of things actually taking place? I don't know, but what I do know is that we are now officially on their radar and that I must continue to strike hard while the iron is hot.

Therefore, it is crucial that we have an up-to-date list ready to be given to them at any given moment which indicates:

- 1) The names of LakeRidge Falls residents who are 65 or older who would be interested in getting the vaccine.
- 2) From those who would be interested, provides who is registered with Manatee County's Standby Pool and who is not.

Since yesterday, 205 residents of this community already have signed-up with me. Please share this information with your fellow neighbor who may not be computer savvy. Please let me know if you were able to get a vacation between now and G-d willing the time a clinic takes place. That said, please make sure to sign up for the Manatee County's Standby Pool. It will not change the community's chances of getting the clinic, but it sure will increase your chances to get the shot. As my father always says, "if you don't open your mouth, you will never swallow a fly." While I can promise you that this saying makes more sense in Hebrew, the idea is that if we don't try, we will never know. Therefore, sign up to all counties if needed. It does not hurt to try.

That said, please make sure to be super careful because there are many COVID-19 vaccine scams taking place at the moment. One of LakeRidge Falls' long-term members shared this important article with me today. Please take a moment to read this article by Norton, the well-known anti-malware software company, titled: [5-covid 19 vaccine scams and how to avoid them](#).

**One thing I will ask, please don't share this information with those who don't reside in this community. I am sharing this information to be as transparent as possible with you so you will have a better understanding of where we stand. It is not a big secret, but at times it is better to move in silence.**

Finally, the Florida Dept of Health wanted to once again advise there are no accommodations for those with underlying health and medical conditions.

**2021 Election** – Last night, LakeRidge Falls held its Annual Meeting, but this year it was done mainly on the virtual platform or Go-To-Meeting. It was amazing to witness how LakeRidge Falls, as a community, proved once again, as it does each year, an outstanding positive community spirit as around 330 members, out of 399, turned their proxy and

amendments votes ahead of the meeting. After a long night, mainly because of the long counting process of one election and five proposed amendments, the three new directors who were elected to a two-year term are Mrs. Kate Corning, Mr. Scott Sims, and Mrs. Suzi Weinstein. Dr. Judy Buffa and Mr. Calvin Fitzgerald will continue their second year in office. Please note that unlike each year, the organizational meeting in which the Board of Directors chooses its officers will take place on Tuesday of next week. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the new Board of Directors and wish all a successful and productive year.

I also want to take this opportunity and personally thank Ms. Lori Klein and Ms. Lynn Gregg for an utterly amazing two years in office. And of course, I would like to thank all the great members of the different committees who finished their terms this year in what proved to be a truly challenging year. It was a great pleasure working with all of you during this past year and I am sure all members of this Association appreciate the long hours you contributed and the dedication of your services

**Amendments** – Also last night, the members of the Association voted on five proposed amendments. The following are the results of the vote counts:

Article III – under review

Article IX - 233 Yes vs 88 No

Article XVIII - 191 Yes vs 120 No

Article XX - 231 Yes vs 86 No

Article XXII - 197 Yes vs 117 No

Therefore, amendments to Article IX, XVIII, XX, and XXII did NOT pass. While the Yes's overwhelmingly defeated the NO's in all of these votes, they failed to reach the 267 Yes votes required to pass an amendment to the Association's declaration. Many asked, and therefore this will be a good opportunity to explain, that to pass an amendment 267 members, out of 399, need to vote YES. Because none of the amendments above reached 267 Yes votes, these amendments didn't pass. Regarding Article III, the count is under review because the amount of Yes and No votes exceeded the number of total votes submitted. It is most likely the result of truly a long night, but rest assured the new Board of Directors will make sure to review this matter diligently. Once the review is over, we will announce the results.

Have a healthy and safe weekend.

Sincerely,

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