

LakeRidge Falls

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

Memorial Day - Office Closed – As we all know, Monday will mark a very special day. For me, it is a day in which we light a yahrzeit candle, a memorial candle, a type of candle used in Judaism in memory of the dead. During this weekend, we attempt to explain to our kids its significance and when possible visit the Sarasota National Cemetery. While for some Memorial Day is no more than just the last day in a long weekend sale event, to my family and me it is a very special day in which we mourn and honor the brave women and men who have made the ultimate sacrifice for this country.

Please note that due to Memorial Day, the Lakeridge Falls offices will **be closed** on Monday. We will open again on Tuesday, June 1st. 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.

Community Assistant - It is with mixed feelings that we announce Mrs. Paula Murray is now officially no longer working for the Association. If you may recall, she announced her retirement a few weeks ago, and of course lots of enjoyment and happiness to Mrs. Murray in her retirement. With this in mind, every end follows by a new and exciting beginning. Following an interview process, Mrs. Andrea Householder was chosen to replace Mrs. Murray. We are sure all will join us in welcoming Mrs. Householder and wishing her the best of luck in her new position.

Long-Term Landscape Report – During the last Board of Directors meeting, the Long-Term Landscape Group presented its final report. For those who may not recall, the group was established back in 2017 with the goal to develop “a long-range plan for the Community landscaping infrastructure. This will ideally be a top to bottom review; it should layout where we are, and where we want to go, with clear steps as to how we get there. This effort should not discount the possible need for short-term goals within a longer-ranging master plan.”

In more simple terms, the group had to create a long vision landscape architecture design to achieve a unified environmental and aesthetic look for LakeRidge Falls’ common landscape areas. In doing so, the group established eight core guidelines:

- Establish a 10-Year-Plan;
- Use Florida Friendly and Tropical Plants;
- Utilize easy to maintain plant material;
- Create a Park Like Setting;
- Avoid Queen Palms while using more Foxtail and Pygmy Palms;
- Acknowledge that Oak Trees are here to stay;
- Follow the notion that Less is Better;
- Ensure the Tier Effect continues throughout.

Then, the group divided the community into sections. For the past three years, the group was working, among other things, on architectural landscape designs, with the help of West Bay’s landscape architects and designers. Thanks to the

hard and dedicated work of the group, for example, the Association was able to enhance the landscaping around the community's amenity centers in phases and within reasonable financial boundaries. We were also able to start the enhancement project of the Association main Blvd.

Following the presentation, the Board of Directors thanked the members of the committee and adopted their report. This will be a great opportunity to take a moment and thank the members of the group, Mrs. Nancy Blair, Ms. Sandy Hasenjager, Mrs. Barbara Weintraub, and Mrs. Irene Wolfe, for their hard and dedicated work and more importantly, as you will witness shortly, for an utterly amazing job. With this, please note that four years of hard work came to an end and therefore the group was disbanded. We encourage all to take a few minutes to read the full report which is now posted on the Association's website under the tab "Special Projects." You can also gain access to it by clicking [here](#).

Pool Furniture – Another long endeavor that is coming to a conclusion is the pool furniture project. Back in late 2018, the Pool Committee started playing with the idea of replacing the aging pool patio furniture. The topic came about right after the pool was resurfaced and while the Association was in the mix of the amenity center's renovation. After all, as some argued, the old pool furniture was an eyesore in comparison to the brand new and modern-looking pool. Since then, the members of the various Pool Committees, i.e. members change each year, worked on an action plan for purchasing new pool furniture. Acting within reasonable financial boundaries, the Board of Directors started the implementation of the plan last year with the purchase of five brand new pool umbrellas. In March of this year, the Board of Directors approved, following thorough and detailed research work by the Pool Committee, the purchase of 25 chaise lounge chairs, 35 regular chairs, and 4 trash bin receptacles. We are happy to announce that the furniture was delivered yesterday by Florida Patio Furniture, a local pool furniture manufacturer. As we always say, a couple of pictures are worth 1000 words:



Finally, the Board of Directors approved during its last meeting yet another recommendation by the Pool Committee which asked to accelerate collection in the 2022 budget to refinish the five 48" tables and in the 2023 budget to purchase twelve 20" punch-top tables. We wish to thank all the members and residents who were involved through the years with this endeavor and invite all to enjoy LakeRidge Falls' amazing pool.

Trash Collection - NO Residential Garbage or Recycling Collection will be done on Monday, May 31st, due to Memorial Day. Collection for that week will be as follows:

- Monday's collection will be collected on Tuesday, June 1st.
- Wednesday's yard waste collection will be collected on Thursday, June 3rd.
- Thursday's collection will be collected on Friday, June 4th.

Have a healthy and safe weekend.

Sincerely,

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