

# LakeRidge Falls

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

**Tree Trimming** – As some may know, September is the month in which the Association is performing the second trimming of all Queen palms, as well as the annual trimming of all Sabal, Washingtonia, Chinese Fan, and other miscellaneous species palms that are over 15'. This year, and unfortunately, Hurricane Ida hit Louisiana at the end of August. The devastation left by the hurricane was so severe that many tree maintenance companies from our area were dispatched by the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) to Louisiana to assist with the cleanup efforts. One of these companies was ACI, the current tree maintenance company the Association is working with. As a result, the September tree trimming schedule had to be pushed a few weeks. We are happy to announce that while it was not an easy task we were able to secure ACI's sister company to start the work the last week of September. Therefore, please don't be alarmed if you start seeing tree maintenance trucks in the community on the week of September 27<sup>th</sup>.

Please also 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' tall, it should be trimmed by West Bay's pruning team. If you have Foxtail Palms, please note they are not going to be trimmed because 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. If you are puzzled regarding which palm you have in your front yard or regarding its size, please don't hesitate to contact us and we will be more than happy to provide you with this information.

**Cleaning of Driveways and Sidewalks** – Years back, the Board of Directors passed a motion stating that the Association would assume responsibility for cleaning all sidewalks and driveways in the Community in addition to all common areas. As a result of this decision, funds are being allocated every year to perform this task. We are happy to announce that this project is scheduled to start also in early October. As every year, the company that was chosen for this task is H2O Cleaning Systems (H2O). Please note that H2O will clean all sidewalks, driveways, and curbing north of LakeRidge Blvd. Sidewalks, driveways, and curbing south of LakeRidge Blvd are scheduled to be done next year. Unlike with the roofs, H2O will use metered water from Manatee County's fire hydrant and therefore will NOT need to connect to residents' spigots. At this time it is still unclear how long it will take H2O to complete the project. However, what we do know is that it will greatly improve the overall look of LakeRidge Falls.

**Animal Control** – Unfortunately, we continue to receive complaints from residents regarding pets. It seems that some recent incidents have taken place along Kariba Lake Terrace in which a couple of residents failed to use a leash while walking their pets and/or didn't pick up after them. Manatee County Animal Ordinance 12-10 is clear. Here are some highlights from it:

- A Manatee County license tag is required annually for dogs and cats, which they are required to wear.
- Dogs and cats are not allowed to run at large.
- Your dog or cat must be on a leash no longer than eight (8) feet in length when the dog or cat is off the property of the owner and must be under the physical control of the owner or custodian.

- The ordinance requires pet owners to remove feces deposited by their animal from any public property or private property of another.
- If an animal owner is issued a citation, he or she can elect to pay the citation or contest it in court. The person cited is allowed 30 days to make this decision, however, after this time period, if the citation is not paid or contested, they no longer have the right to contest the citation and may end up in jail if the fine is not paid.

We are pretty certain that these residents may not be aware of the rules governing this community and/or Manatee County Animal Ordinance. Therefore, we kindly request that all residents take a moment to go over both. Please note that while nearly all such issues of this type are resolved within the community without the need to proceed with any further enforcement action, the same is not true with Manatee County Code Enforcer. As some residents may testify firsthand, reports by residents to Manatee County Code Enforcement regarding such matters usually end up with a county citation. Therefore, please help us keep this community clean and safe. Thank you in advance for your assistance on these two matters.

Have a healthy and safe weekend.

Sincerely,

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