

# LakeRidge Falls

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

**Coyote Sighting** – We are getting more and more reports of coyote/s roaming around the community. On its website, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission advises that “[c]oyotes are not large animals and rarely pose a threat to people, especially adults. They can be curious but are also timid and generally run away if challenged. If a coyote approaches too closely, there are methods you can use to deter and frighten it away. Hazing the animal by making loud noises and acting aggressively will typically cause a coyote to leave an area, but you may need to increase and continue hazing efforts until the coyote is effectively deterred and leaves the area for good.” With this in mind, we encourage all to visit the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission’s website to read more about coyotes in Florida. You can also gain access to the website by clicking [here](#).

## Coyotes in Florida

**Coyotes live in urban, suburban and rural areas throughout Florida. Follow these tips to avoid conflicts.**

- FEEDING COYOTES is ILLEGAL. THEY WILL LOSE THEIR FEAR of HUMANS.** (Icon: hand with paw prints and a slash)
- SECURE GARBAGE CANS. CLEAN UP PET FOOD and FALLEN FRUIT.** (Icon: trash can)
- SECURE LIVESTOCK in PREDATOR-RESISTANT Enclosures.** (Icon: chicken in a wire enclosure)
- KEEP PETS IN ENCLOSED AREAS. WALK DOGS ON A SHORT LEASH.** (Icon: cat in a window)

**Coyotes are an important part of the landscape in Florida. They help maintain healthy ecosystems by managing populations of rodents, insects and other small animals. By preventing conflicts, we can better coexist with coyotes and other wildlife.**

**Average Florida COYOTE WEIGHS 28 lbs.** (Icon: coyote silhouette)

**Coyote Tracks**  
Front Track: 2 3/4" long  
Hind track: 2" long  
Tracks will show considerable variations depending upon the conditions of the ground (dirt, mud, dust, sand, etc.) and movement of the coyote.

**URBAN COYOTE INITIATIVE** (Icon: coyote silhouette)

**MyFWC.com** (Icon: Florida Wildlife Conservation Commission logo)

Below are some pictures provided to us by Mr. Martin Collins and Mr. Bob Hains, members of the community.



Thank you for your attention on this important matter.

**Payment Reminder** – On a related matter, a few homeowners asked that we attempt and include a note in the weekly reports reminding homeowners that a payment is due to the Homeowners' Association. Acting on these requests, please note that the next payment is due between July 1<sup>st</sup> to July 10<sup>th</sup>. Here are all the payment options available for homeowners to use:

- **Coupon Payment Booklet.** The booklet you received in the mail includes 4 payment stubs. Please make sure to detach the payment stub for that payment period, write a check for the amount on the stub, fill out the information required on the stub, and mail it to the address as appears on the booklet.
- **Drop a check in my office.** You can always drop a check in my office. If you don't have your booklet, simply make sure to write your unit number on the check and make it payable to LakeRidge Falls Community Association Inc.
- **Join the Automatic Debit Service.** You can request Centennial Bank to automatically debit your account. The necessary form is available in my office, inside the booklet mailed to you, or by clicking [here](#). Please take into consideration that Centennial bank requires 5 days to set up an enrollment.
- **Pay Online.** Please note that this service may have fees involved with it. If you wish to do so, you will need to visit Centennial Bank's website by clicking [here](#).
- **Use Your Bank Online Payment Services.** Most banks offer a service that allows clients to pay their bills online. Please contact your bank for more information.

We hope you find this information useful and thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

**Trash Collection** - Please note that NO Residential Garbage or Recycling Collection will be done on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> due to Independence Day. Therefore:

- Monday's collection will be collected on Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Wednesday's yard waste collection will be collected on Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.

- Thursday's collection will be collected on Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Operations Next Week** – Also due to Independence Day, the Lakeridge Falls offices will **be closed** on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. We will open again on Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Also, mowing next week will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday. The normal mowing schedule will resume the following week.

**Pool Lost and Found** – Not many know, but inside the cabinet located near the pool bathrooms, there is a basket with lost and found items. Taking on this matter, the Pool Committee asked to make the presence of such a basket more widely known. The committee also asked to advise that it intends to donate unclaimed items because the basket is getting full pretty fast. For this reason, the committee urges pool users to reclaim their or possibly their relatives left behind items. All unclaimed items will be donated to Goodwill after July 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your cooperation on this matter.



**Pool** – This week Manatee County Health Department performed one of its two yearly routine inspection checks of LakeRidge Falls' pool and spa. Unfortunately, this time the inspector discovered that the chlorine level at the spa was a little bit high. One of the main duties of any pool/spa maintenance company is to maintain a proper chemical balance in these bodies of water. This is mainly to ensure the water is clean and to protect the pool/spa users, equipment, and surface. Without going into too much detail, a higher level of chlorine means low pH levels. A low pH level can lead to eye and skin irritation because the water is too acidic. There is of course more to it than my simple and general explanation, but the result was that the Health Department inspector had closed the spa until the proper balance could be reached.

Minutes after closing the spa, i.e. the pool remained open, the inspector called Smiley Pool Services informing them of the finding and action. Smiley Pool Services tech came on-site within a couple of hours. Smiley Pool Services had to empty the spa, refill it, and ensure proper chemical balance. Thankfully, the spa reopened by the end of the day. While

they have yet to understand what caused this issue, Smiley Pool Services advised they will closely monitor in the next couple of weeks the ORP. In General, the ORP, or Oxidation-Reduction Potential, is a device that electronically monitors the chemical levels of the spa thus ensuring continuous and flawless water chemistry levels. With this in mind, we thank all for their understanding during the time the spa was closed.

**Shower Before Entering the Pool/Spa** – On a related matter and although this issue was mentioned several times in the past, it is essential to take a second look at the issue of taking a shower before entering the pool/spa. We understand that some feel it is a hassle or that it “does not make sense to take a shower before getting wet anyway.” However, there are really good reasons why one should shower before swimming.

A pre-swim shower helps minimize unpleasant smells and irritations. Based on professional input shared with us, when you do not shower before entering the water, you bring body substances, such as makeup or body oil, into the pool/spa. This in return triggers the chlorine... aka the issue mentioned above... in the water which reacts with those substances. The result can cause irritations and can make the pool smell, well, like a pool. While many believe that a clean pool should smell like chlorine, this is quite the opposite. A well-managed pool has no strong chemical smell. The reason why a pool would smell like chlorine is that irritants would be produced when chlorine reacts with body substances or impurities.

Please help us and our pool maintenance company in maintaining LakeRidge Falls’ pool and spa by simply taking a shower before entering the water. By doing so you are not only helping to keep the pool/spa clean, but you also help to eliminate possible conditions that may be unpleasant to you or your fellow neighbor. Together we can ensure the pool and spa will continue to be one of LakeRidge Falls’ great assets.

As always, have a healthy and safe weekend.

Sincerely,

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