

LakeRidge Falls

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

Landscape/Palm Trees – This coming Monday, the ACI Tree Care division is scheduled to be on-site to perform the semi-annual pruning of the Queen palms. While on-site, they will also make sure to perform the annual trimming of all the other species of palm trees such as the Sabal, Washingtonians, and Chinese Fan Palms. Please note that ACI Tree Care is only addressing palms that are over 15 feet tall. Therefore, 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 feet tall, it will be trimmed by BrightView Landscape's pruning team. Please note that Foxtail and Royal palms will not be trimmed as they are considered self-pruned palms. In other words, Foxtail and Royal palms' older leaves die and quickly fall from the palm to facilitate new leaves which do not require maintenance. Please also note that ACI is instructed, per best pruning practices, to remove only dead fronds and green fronds that are growing below a horizontal line. Most importantly, we ask that residents keep their distance from the working crews for obvious safety reasons. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation during this project.

Clubhouse Closed - Carpet Cleaning – Per the Buildings Committee's recommendation, the Board of Directors approved the cleaning of the Clubhouse and Club Room carpets. This is to notify all that MDS Carpet and Tile Cleaning, a local carpet, tile, grout, and upholstery cleaning company, is scheduled to clean the carpets in the Grand Salon, Activities Room, Club Room, and the two Offices on **September 19th**. Therefore, these rooms will be closed from 9 am until noon that day. That said, please help us keep the clubhouse clean by handling food and drink with care. If you spill something, please make sure to clean it up. If you are unable to do so, please inform us of the issue and location and we will make sure this area will be treated by our cleaning company, Wee Kleen, during one of the days they are on site. As before, thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation on this matter.

Picking After a Pet – A couple of angry reports came in recently stating that pets' feces were left in residents' front yards without the pets' owners picking it up. Because domestic animal feces are a major nuisance and because of the reported locations, i.e. front yards, we took a closer look at the situation. Now, the following is not an attempt in exploring the wonderful world of scatology as it is already a pretty stinky and messy world. It is simply to bring to your attention what was learned in looking into this situation.

As was reported, we have noticed an increased presence of wildlife in the community. As also reported, some of this wildlife showed no fear of getting close to the residential homes. If you get a whiff of the direction we are heading, you most likely would figure out that coyote, bobcat, raccoon, and/or opossum scat share similar features, shape, size, and mainly smell, with dog feces. Without going into too many details, and we hope you trust us on this one, they have some distinguishing differences. However, and if you really wish to learn more about it, the internet is full of environmental and pest control websites that discuss such differences in length.

While the above is composed in a humorous manner, the point to be made is that at times pet owners are not to be blamed. You see, the vast majority of pet owners in the community are doing an excellent job in picking up and disposing of their pet's feces. Of course, if a resident or two fail to do so, we ensure compliance measures are used. But in general, it is very rare that we are required to take such measures. So what to do if you notice scat/feces in your front yard or very close to your house? Simple. Report it. We will take care of the rest(room). With this in mind and three times the charm, thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation on this matter.

Fire Extinguishers – This week, Piper Fire Protection, LakeRidge Falls' fire protection service company, was on-site performing the annual fire extinguishers inspection and emergency/exit lights check. This year, Piper's technician didn't discover any issues with either the fire extinguishers or the emergency/exit lights.

With this in mind, this is a great opportunity, like each year, to take a moment to speak about the importance of fire extinguishers. Being the most commonly used tool for fire protection in many households, fire extinguishers are extremely important as they are the first line of defense against fires. While you are not required to know how to operate one, it was noted in the past that it would be wise to encourage all residents to familiarize themselves with the usage of a fire extinguisher. First, please note that there are several fire extinguishers throughout the clubhouse, club room/annex, and gatehouse buildings. For today's purpose, please be aware of the five more accessible extinguishers:

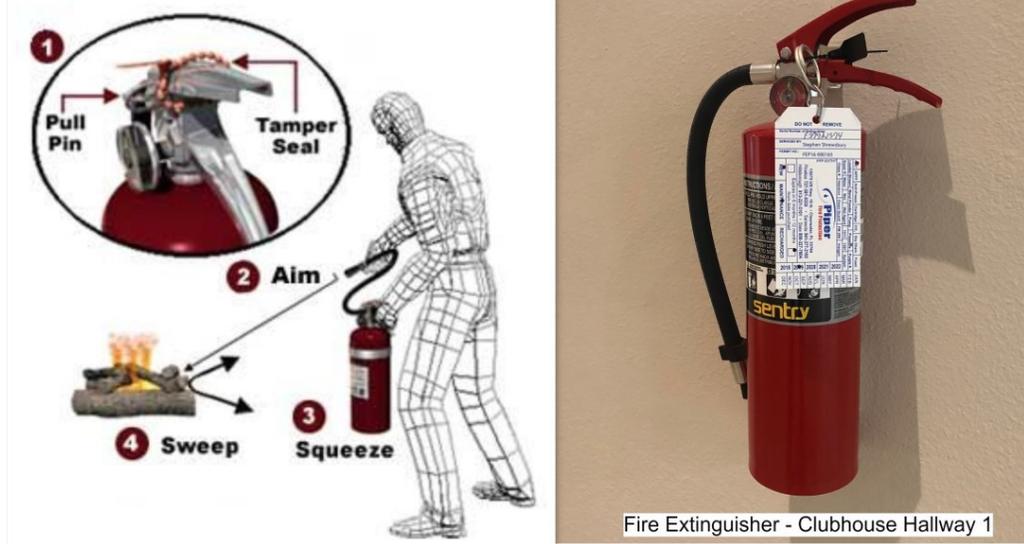
1. Clubhouse Hallway 1 – near the fitness center
2. Clubhouse Hallway 2 – near the activity room
3. Kitchen
4. Grand Salon – near the north double exit doors
5. Club Room – near the double exit doors

Keeping the following in mind, here are the guidelines for using a fire extinguisher based on Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) as it appears on its [website](#):

“Most fire extinguishers operate using the following P.A.S.S. technique:

1. PULL... Pull the pin. This will also break the tamper seal.
2. AIM... Aim low, pointing the extinguisher nozzle (or its horn or hose) at the base of the fire.
3. NOTE: Do not touch the plastic discharge horn on CO2 extinguishers, it gets very cold and may damage skin.
4. SQUEEZE... Squeeze the handle to release the extinguishing agent.
5. SWEEP... Sweep from side to side at the base of the fire until it appears to be out. Watch the area. If the fire re-ignites, repeat steps 2 - 4.

If you have the slightest doubt about your ability to fight a fire - EVACUATE IMMEDIATELY!”



Security – You may have noticed two orange cones at the back residents' entrance gate located on Lockwood Ridge Rd. Please note that they were temporarily placed there as part of a short assessment related to trespassing/tailgating. This is being conducted as part of the Security Committee and the Board of Directors' continuous efforts to improve overall security. On a related matter, we replaced a couple of plastic signs located near the gatehouse. The two signs, which were faint, were replaced with two more durable aluminum signs, as can be seen in the pictures below.



As always, have a healthy and safe weekend.

Sincerely,

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