



# Falls Forum

OCTOBER 2022

## *A message from your Board...*

*Dr. R Paul Urbanick, President*

Dear Member,

The Budget Committee will be presenting its recommendation to the Board at the October meeting. A Workshop date with the Budget Committee, open to the membership for questions and discussion will be announced.

Final approval of the budget and notice of the increase in association dues will be forthcoming. I look forward to their final presentation and input from the community.

Thanks to Oded for the newly posted signage. If you didn't notice (when things look good sometimes, we don't recognize change) there is now a red and white sign at the entrance, other road signs, and the bathrooms in the clubhouse and pool area have been updated. Washroom signage is now Braille legible as well.

Mark your calendar. The Community Relations Committee (CRC) is recommending a new venture for members. "The Trustworthy Companion" looks to be a fun endeavor. A Bon Voyage party for the "Sarasota Funseeker" teddy bears is being planned. Unfortunately, I thought we would be able to root for the Chicago Bears, but alas this is not a sport. It is for travelers. Be on the lookout for additional information in this publication and going forward.



At long last the funds held at Truist Bank will be consolidated with our funds at Centennial Bank. It has been an arduous task to get the right to access these funds as there were no current signatories on the account. The issue has been resolved and these funds will be invested in US Treasuries as approved at the most recent Board meeting. We will now be able to gain better returns on your reserve funds.

**REMINDER:** If you haven't returned your ballot for increasing the reserve funds on the sale of units PLEASE do so now. There is still time to register your approval and we need  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the membership to vote approval for this to become a reality. The Board of Directors strongly recommends a positive vote.

This year's budget includes funds for holiday decorations. In the past, members have volunteered their time and materials and Oded has done lighting in front of the clubhouse. We still need your contributions, time, and efforts. Let's make LRF even more festival this coming season. The Social committee has requested that decorations be up in time for their Holiday Lights Trolley Tour. With your assistance this can be the best year yet. Con-

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### **Pool Committee**

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*Meetings: Last Wednesday of the month at noon*

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*Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 11:00am*

### **Hurricane Preparedness Group**

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### **Social Committee**

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### **Art League**

Becky Stevens, President  
*Meetings: 2nd Monday of the month at 1:30pm*

tact me, in person or send me a text, if you are interested in this fun project. I will set up a time to meet. Again, many thanks to those who worked on this in past years and hoping you are able to join in this year. A signup sheet is posted on the Bulletin Board in the Clubhouse.

On the agenda for October: the use of the Clubhouse by membership. The Building Committee has been busy preparing guidelines and we expect that more use of the clubhouse on an equitable basis will be achieved for the membership.

There are five holidays when it is appropriate for the U.S. flag to be displayed. The CRC has the charge for this effort. They are looking for volunteers in hopes of continuing the tradition. Contact the committee, join the committee or just volunteer. Without your assistance flags will not be displayed. It takes volunteers to keep the quality of life here at LRF.

A new air conditioner unit has been installed in the pool house. The Board of Directors voted to replace three air/heat pumps in June 2023 to ensure the pool water temperature is heated or cooled for your enjoyment. Thanks for a great job, Pool Committee!! We will be selecting between air or water pumps soon. Keeping the pool operating and available for all to use is our priority.

Look forward to seeing you at the Board meeting: October 14th at 2:00pm.

## **Office**

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# Property Manager Report

by Oded Neeman

**Home Security** – Back in July and thereafter in December of last year, we reported on two suspicious incidents with very similar characteristics. Unfortunately, we received a report on August 29<sup>th</sup> regarding another incident that resembles the ones mentioned above. At around 10:56 am that day a white Hyundai Elantra with black tinted windows trespassed into the community by driving at a high rate of speed behind a resident of the community. The vehicle then turned towards Cascade Falls Dr. The driver then roamed the community for about thirty minutes.

The report that was shared with us described the following: at around 11:30 am a Hyundai Elantra parked on the driveway of one of the properties along Bowen Falls Place minutes after one of the homeowners left the property. A 5'10 tall, husky-looking, African American male wearing a blue disposable mask, and a baseball cap, then came out of the car and started inspecting the property. Once it appeared he was noticed, he returned to the vehicle and drove away.



While we are not law enforcement, the three incidents share remarkably similar features:

- ⇒ A white vehicle with tinted windows trespasses into the community from the back gate.
- ⇒ The vehicle roams the community for a long period.
- ⇒ The intruder seems to be the same African American male.
- ⇒ The intruder parks the vehicle on the resident's driveway.
- ⇒ The intruder wears a mask which is commonly used for COVID and a baseball cap.
- ⇒ The intruder walks around the property and may enter it.

Therefore, we must stress again, and once again in bold letters, that:

**THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS URGING YOU TO CALL 911  
&  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS URGING ALL RESIDENTS**

If you recall, Deputy Russell Younger from the Manatee County Sheriff's Office's Crime Prevention Department urged all to call 911 in a similar situation instead of calling the gatehouse or the office.

With this in mind, please make sure to:

- Report suspicious activity to Manatee County Sheriff's Department. Remember, call the Sheriff's Department first! It may save valuable time which may assist in intercepting suspicious individuals. Understandably, members and residents may be afraid to make a call to the Sheriff to report suspicious activity. However, it is always better to be safe than to be sorry.
- Consult with private security companies on how to better protect your house.

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- Install timers while you are on vacation, out to dinner, or even while you are at work maintaining an appearance of occupancy.
- Consider a second locking mechanism for your windows and doors such as an extra lock, pan head top screws, and/or bracing devices.
- Install a security sign in your front yard even if you don't have an alarm.
- Consider installing smart security cameras such as doorbell cameras, floodlight cameras, etc., which are widely available, relatively inexpensive, easy to operate, and simple to install.

Also, members and residents must understand that the fact that LakeRidge Falls is a gated community does not mean that crime can't and will not "hit" or spillover from areas around the community. Yes, the more security rings (i.e. guards, wall/fence, cameras, etc.) the better we are. However, these security measurements should not create a false sense of security when it comes to personal security and safety. Therefore, following the steps mentioned above will help keep LakeRidge Falls a safe place to live. Together we can keep LakeRidge Falls a safe place to live in. We wish to thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding on this matter.

**Related Security Matters** – 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 to the right.



**Fire Extinguishers** – last month, 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](#):

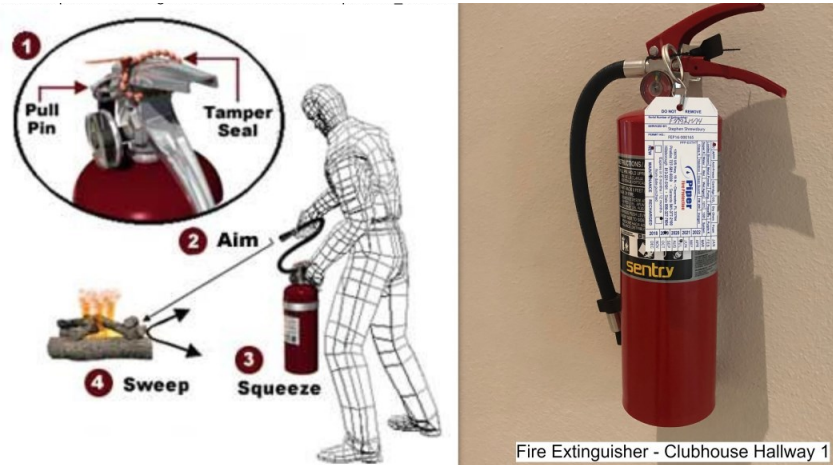
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“Most fire extinguishers operate using the following P.A.S.S. technique:

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.
- 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!”



**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 will be reported shortly, we have noticed an increased presence of wildlife in the community. As also reported, some of this wildlife show 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.

**Wildlife Sightings** – Now to the fun stuff and as mentioned before, we are still getting reports of wildlife, mainly coyotes and bobcats, who are roaming around the community, please see a picture sent to us by a member of the community.

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On its website, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) 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](#).



Regarding Bobcats' presence, the FWC advised us in the past that these wild creatures are most likely in the community hunting for their favorite food sources which are wild rabbits. The FWC also shared with us that they suggest that once a bobcat is spotted attempt to scare it away by yelling or making a loud noise. This way, they explained, a bobcat would feel less comfortable near humans. Otherwise, they explained, a bobcat can adapt and become more comfortable around humans. Finally, the FWC cautioned residents to ensure that their pets and/or pet food are not left outside in the lanai unattended. As always, we urge all residents to read FWC’s “Living with Bobcats” pamphlet attached to this email or by clicking [here](#).

**Alligator** – Another wildlife that gave us a visit is a 2-3 feet long alligator that was noted roaming pond number 3, which is the biggest pond in the community. In case you wonder, the FWC states that “an alligator may be considered a nuisance if it is at least four feet in length and is believed to pose a threat to people, pets or property.” Why might one ask? Well, the Commission explains that “alligators less than 4 feet in length are not large enough to be dangerous unless handled. They eat fish, frogs, and other small animals. Typically, they are not large enough to be a threat even to small pets. The mere presence of a small alligator is not cause for concern.” So by definition, the alligator is not considered a nuisance and therefore is not required to be removed. Another issue is the trap. Small alligators are not big enough to catch on the hook used to catch them. This means the only way to catch a small alligator is to visually locate it and trap it. Obviously doing so requires lots of hours, which trappers are not being compensated for.

With that in mind, please take a moment and read the brochure called [Living with Alligators](#), which is published by the FWC and posted on the Association's website. It provides safety tips and other important information. Remember; please don’t attempt to handle an alligator by yourself if you spot one. Also, please make sure to follow LakeRidge Fall’s guidelines to never feed wildlife and make sure your pets are on a leash and directly attended to whenever outside your home.

**Dead Fish** – Here is a possible explanation why an alligator was sighted in the community. We had a school of dead fish floating in pond number 1, which is located on the west side of Mackay Falls Terrace, and pond number 3. Unfortunately, this is not a new phenomenon. As explained several times to us in the past by Ego-Logic Services, the Association ponds/wetland maintenance company, cloudy weather during summer months increases the chances of fish kills in some ponds. “Basically,” we were told, “plants and algae in the water stop producing oxygen and actually start using it up in the absence of sunlight. When dissolved oxygen levels fall enough, fish cannot breathe and they die. Some species are more tolerant of lower oxygen levels than others...”



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In the past, a couple of ideas have surfaced that were intended to prevent the problem from reoccurring:

- ⇒ Add aeration systems
- ⇒ perform a planned fish kill

However, these ideas were soon turned down because of the significant costs associated with them and because even then there was no guarantee they would prevent this phenomenon from reoccurring.

In conclusion, as explained, “when a fish kill does occur, obviously, the smell is not pleasant, and you may get complaints starting when the fish start appearing. However, it may take a few days for all of the dead fish to float up from the bottom of the lake. If it is not a large number of dead fish, the birds usually clean it up pretty quickly.” In other words, we are directed to allow nature to take its course.

**Algae in the Ponds** – On a related matter, we have noticed an increase in algae blooms in several ponds around the community. While most would see it as a negative thing, the reality is that moderate algae blooms are beneficial to any pond ecosystem. While I am far away from being an ecologist, here is a short explanation of why.

In general, algae are formed when there is some imbalance in the water. Such imbalance can be the result of excess nutrients, mainly nitrogen and phosphorus runoffs. As such, it is more evident during the rainy season. After all, about 78 percent of the air we breathe is composed of nitrogen and phosphorus can be found in the fertilizer used in landscaping. At this point, algae will feed on these nutrients thus serving as a filter. To better understand this notion, consider this analogy. To some extent, an algae bloom is like a vulture on the side of the road prying on roadkill. We can get rid of it and have to deal with the carcass ourselves, or let the vulture eat the dead animal and then scare it away. This is why, as a side note, Eco-Logic Services would not treat algae the moment it appears. Nevertheless, it is important to note that the overgrowth of algae can lead to some negative results and therefore must be treated.



The bottom line of this article is to advise that you should expect to see some algae bloom in your pond. However, rest assured that Eco-logic Services will make sure to treat the ponds as many times as needed to ensure it is being contained. Hope you find this information useful.

**Landscape/Palm Trees** – Last month, ACI Tree Care division was on-site performing the semi-annual pruning of the Queen palms. While on-site, they also made 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 only addressed palms that are over 15 feet tall. If you have a tree that is less than 15 feet tall, it will be trimmed by BrightView Landscape’s pruning team during their routine routines. Please note that Foxtail and Royal palms were not trimmed as

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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 was instructed, per best pruning practices, to remove only dead fronds and green fronds that are growing below a horizontal line. Once concluded, we are happy to say they did a great job giving the community a well-groomed look.

**New Air Conditioning at the Club Room** – In recent weeks, we received a few complaints that the air conditioning in the club room, the building that was formerly known as the annex, was not reaching the desired temperature set on the thermostat. Of course, the issue was examined by a licensed air conditioning company which determined the unit's coil was leaking. At this point, it was determined the unit reached its useful life expediency because of its age. i.e. installed in 2008, and the cost associated with the repair. Knowing that the HVAC industry is expecting a significant price increase for 2023 with the adoption of new efficiency regulations, the recommendation was to replace the 14-years-old air conditioning unit.

Following this recommendation and based on the request of the Board of Directors, the Buildings Committee obtained a couple of bids, reviewed them, and thereafter presented the Board of Directors with its recommendation. Acting on this recommendation, the Board of Directors during its September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting accepted a proposal from Bahama Breeze Heating & Cooling, a local upcoming licensed air conditioning company. Wasting no time, Bahama Breeze Heating & Cooling was on-site the following week to perform the work.

In the pictures below you can see the old rusted AC condenser, on the left, after it was replaced with the new one, on the right. Below that and on the following page, you can see Mr. Tony Cruz, the owner of Bahama Breeze Heating & Cooling, working on installing the air handler.



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We are happy to announce that the work was completed yesterday and all it was said the new system is up and running as expected.

**Pool Furniture** – 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 in 2020 with the purchase of five brand-new pool umbrellas. Last 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. This meant that this year the Board of Directors was scheduled to execute the last part of the plan, which involved, as one can guess, the replacement/refurbishment of the pool furniture tables.

Back in March of this year, the Board of Directors accepted Florida Patio Furniture’s proposal for refinishing five pool tables with metal tops and purchasing twelve side tables with punch aluminum tops. Because most industries shrank dramatically due to the pandemic, a significant shortage in supplies occurred. This is why, in short, and super simple terms, it took four months for Florida Patio Furniture to deliver the products that were ordered four months ago. Besides the point, and going to what we started with, the large round tables that were taken a few weeks ago are to be refurbished and the new small side tables were delivered in July. While Florida Patio Furniture did an amazing job with the refurbishment and delivered quality side tables, they delivered all items in the wrong color... You see, the Association ordered white tables to match its current and new pool furniture. Unfortunately, Florida Patio Furniture delivered ivory-colored tables.

It took a couple more months, but the good news is that Florida Patio Furniture took ownership of this matter and redeliver the new furniture as ordered. This will be a great opportunity to thank all pool users for their patience and understanding during this temporary, but long, inconvenience.



The LRF Travel Club is sponsoring a group trip to Chattanooga, TN and Asheville, NC. Sign-up sheets and a flyer with trip details will be available on the Clubhouse Bulletin Board and at the Travel Club meetings. The trip will be April 19-26 and a bus will be leaving LRF and returning on those dates. The trip is open to LRF residents and their friends/family. A deposit of \$100 will hold your space. Please email [mitzi.hogoboom@gmail.com](mailto:mitzi.hogoboom@gmail.com) or call her at 203-246-9020 with any questions. Mitzi is a resident of LRF. The next travel club meeting on **October 20th at 4:00pm in the Grand Salon** will provide details.



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# SATURDAY INFO GROUP

**Saturday, October 15th, 8:30am**

**Presented by:**

**Chaz's Insurance & Notary Services**

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We will provide coffee and donuts as we give you information so you can make your Medicare decisions confidently. This event will cover the A, B, C, & D's of Medicare and the enrollment process, followed by a Q & A session. Our goal is to educate you on the Medicare options you have available so you can get the best coverage that works for you.

*\*We do not offer every plan available in your area. Any information we provide is limited to those plans we do offer in your area. Please contact Medicare.gov or 1-800-MEDICARE to get information on all your options.*

**Signup sheet on Clubhouse Bulletin Board.**

## Storytelling Night!

Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30** in the Clubhouse for our upcoming storytelling night. **We have five of our neighbors prepared to share a true story with you. We could use one more.** If you have a story but need help in putting it together please contact me. I can help. All prior story tellers have told me they are glad they did it.

Marty Collins at [Mcolli53202@gmail.com](mailto:Mcolli53202@gmail.com)



# BON VOYAGE PARTY

## Come Meet the Newest Members of LakeRidge Falls

And learn how to help them enrich our Community

The Community Relations Committee would like to introduce you to an exciting adventure which is guaranteed to increase your knowledge of the world, unify and/or promote friendships within our community, and even make you feel years younger. The Program is called, "The Trustworthy Companion". The program is completely open to everyone, also free and all that is necessary is a willingness on your part to have some fun.

After much thoughtful consideration the members (who happen to be loveable teddy bears) were named:

**SARASOTA FUNSEEKER**



**Program Details:** A Sarasota Funseeker (of which there are six) would be given to a "trustworthy companion" in our community. That person would take a picture with the bear, and write a note or e-mail stating the place traveled to, what happened there and why it might be significant. We will keep track of events in a shared notebook, thus, allowing the community to be a part of this fascinating global experience. We all benefit in the adventure!

**Party Details:**

**DATE:** Wednesday, November 16, 2022

**TIME:** 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Grand Salon - Clubhouse

**REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED:** Root (bear)beer Floats, Teddy bear Cookies, teddy grahams, etc.

We hope to see you for a beary incredible night. We know that your participation will make a significant difference in our community.

For further information contact Carol Brantley at: [caroljeanbrantley@hotmail.com](mailto:caroljeanbrantley@hotmail.com)

**Signup sheet on Clubhouse Bulletin Board**





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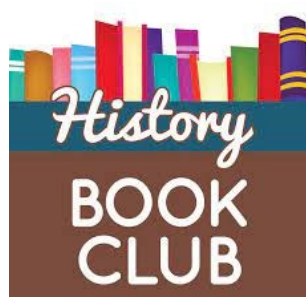
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A history book club is open to anyone with an interest in discussing American and global history. Monthly 1 hour meetings are held from 2 to 3pm East Coast Time. Our "Zoom meetings" will normally occur on the third Tuesday of each month. Everyone is encouraged to recommend history books and facilitate our discussions. Members are encouraged to pursue their interests and curiosity. Participants will receive a Zoom link about two days prior to the meeting. Anyone interested in joining should contact Stu Sutin at: [sutindoc@gmail.com](mailto:sutindoc@gmail.com)

Scheduled discussions through May 2023 include:

- **October 18** - Jon Meacham. **His Truth is Marching On**, Mary Lynne Collins, facilitator
- **November 15** - Thomas Ricks. **First Principles: What America's Founders Learned from the Greeks and Romans and How That Shaped Our Country**, Stu Sutin, facilitator
- **December 20** - Will & Ariel Durant. **Lessons of History**, Marty & Mary Lynne Collins, facilitators
- January 17 - 2023 Hal Brands. **The Twilight Struggle: What the Cold War Teaches Us About the Great Power Rivalry Today**, Jamie Stewart, facilitator
- **February 21** - Mathew Moten. **Presidents and Their Generals**, Lee Kitchen, facilitator
- **March 21** - Brian Kilmeade and Don Yeager. **George Washington's Secret Six**, David Hicks, facilitator
- **April 18** - Carl Sandberg. **Storm Over the Land: A Profile of the Civil War**, Paul Urbanick, facilitator
- **May 16** - Arthur Herman. **The Viking Heart**, Karen Futurnick, facilitator

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## Social Committee News

By Jane Kintz

Thanks to all residents for the overwhelmingly positive response to our **Holiday Lights Trolley Tour** ticket sales. We are looking forward to a fun holiday evening on December 15th!



**Monday 10/10 -**

Bingo - cards go on sale at 6:30pm

**Halloween Pizza Party with DJ Spindat (Tony) -  
Thursday, 10/27**

Catered by St. Pizza Catering. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Tickets are \$15 & will go on sale in Paula's office on **Tuesday 10/4** from 1:00pm - 3:00pm.

Remaining sale hours will be posted on the office door and will end on 10/21.



**Save the Date:**

**Sunday, 12/4 - Catered Holiday Brunch in the Grand Salon**



### Community Relations Committee (CRC)

We need volunteer(s) to sell advertising in the Falls Forum. Thanks to the past efforts of fellow resident Clark McFall, advertising sales in the Falls Forum have generated a positive contribution to our budget for nearly two decades! If so desired, Clark will meet with the new volunteer(s) to discuss his very successful sales approach. **It would be a shame to see this revenue stream disappear from the LRF budget!** If you have a little time to spare and would like to help out, please contact Paula Murray at [paula@lakeridgefalls.org](mailto:paula@lakeridgefalls.org) or Dan DeRoner, Chair Community Relations at [danderoner@gmail.com](mailto:danderoner@gmail.com) or 281.685.9932.





## LRF Book Club

*Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 11:15.*

The remaining 2022 selections are:

**October 11th** - "The Only Woman in the Room" by Marie Benedict

**November 8th** - "The Fire Keepers Daughter" by Angeline Boulley

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## Art League News

By Becky Stevens

**Curio Cabinet** - Be sure to see the delightful collection of "Painted Horse" figurines in the Curio Cabinet in the Grand Salon. Each small sculpture has been painted with a different fanciful design. The one pictured here is an Anasazi Spirit Horse. Thank you Lynn Gregg for sharing this collection.



**Art Together** took place on Friday September 9<sup>th</sup> with members working on their own projects. **Art Together is held on the second Friday of each month, however it WILL NOT be held in October.** It is open to all residents. You do not need to be a member to attend.

The next **Art Reception** will be held in the Clubhouse on **Sunday, October 16th from 4:00pm - 6:00pm.** The theme for the Reception is "Water" and the Challenge Board "Faces". We hope you will plan to attend.

*A signup sheet is posted on the Clubhouse Bulletin Board.*

## Wine and Fiction Book Club News

We have had some very interesting books and some very lively discussions in the past few months. After reviewing the recommendations of members, our selections for the remainder of the year are:

**October 25:** **Oh William!** (Elizabeth Strout)

**November 29:** **The Night Watchman** (Louise Erdrich)



As we look ahead to potential book selections for 2023, think about works of fiction that YOU have enjoyed. They do not need to be best sellers or currently popular books, just ones that you think others would enjoy too. We will assemble the list of recommended books and make our selections for the new year during our November meeting. As always, new members are welcome. Bring your favorite wine or beverage and a snack or dessert to share and be ready for an evening of conversation, spirited discussion and friendship: 7:00 - 9:00 PM in the Activities Room of the LRF Clubhouse.

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October 2022						
GS – Grand Salon		AR – Activities Room			MPR – Multi-Purpose Room	
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
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