



Falls Forum

MAY 2023

A message from your Board...

LTC (R) Lee F. Kichen, Vice-President

Dear Members,

New Board Members- Some of you may be surprised to see my name on the top of this column. Paul Urbanick tendered his resolution as President of the Board of Directors effective April 14th. I am certain that resigning was an incredibly hard decision for Paul. We were operating as a four-member Board before Paul's resignation, and planned to appoint a new Director to fill the one vacant position. Paul's resignation created a second vacancy; we are very fortunate that Diane Pezzimenti and Rod Hayden have joined the Board. Diane and Rod are immensely talented, deliberative, and incisive and will serve the community well.

Amendment to Article III- There are some substantive issues with the language in the draft agenda which will be addressed at the Board's next meeting.

Roadway Improvement- After a twenty year wait, we will soon have a traffic light at the intersection of Tuttle and Bridal Falls/Broadway. Last month the Manatee County Board of Commissioners (BCC) approved a roadway improvement project which includes traffic lights, and appropriated \$1.8 million for the project. Oded



Neeman, Dick Dorn, Roads and Grounds Committee Co-Chair and I met with Public Works staff on the February 13th. They advised that shortly after BCC approval, the County entered into a contract with Halfacre Construction. This company has a very positive reputation in Manatee and Sarasota Counties. Under this contract the construction company has four hundred days to complete the project. Four-hundred days may appear excessive given the project's very small footprint. The four hundred days is a worst-case scenario in which weather interrupts the project or not all of construction materials are in place. The total time to complete the project is ninety days. In addition to the ninety-days, for two weeks the lights will set on flashing only. We expect some inconvenience during the construction, however that is a small price to pay.

Community Standards, Compliance and Civility- We all made a choice to reside in Lakeridge Falls and assume the shared responsibility of being a member of a homeowners' association. One of the fundamental re-

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Meetings: As needed

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sponsibilities of ownership is to "...maintain his or her Lot including all structures, landscaping, and other improvements comprising the Lot, in a manner consistent with the Governing Documents, the Community-Wide Standard, and any other applicable covenants..." (Lakeridge Falls' Declaration Covenant, Conditions, and Restrictions, Article VI, Maintenance and Repair, section 6.1 Maintenance of Lots (a), page 20.) Your Board of Directors delegated the responsibility of enforcing the Governing Documents to the Property Manager. If you receive a letter of non-compliance from the Property Manager, please understand that he is doing his job. It is unbecoming to direct any negative epithets toward the Property Manager, members of the Board of Directors or fellow residents. We need to practice civility toward each other, toxic language and behavior have no place in this community.

Board of Directors Meeting- Please come to the Board of Directors meetings and see firsthand how your Board represents the interests of LRF's residents. I am available to talk to any resident about virtually anything thirty minutes before or after a Board meeting.

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Property Manager Report

by Oded Neeman

Scrivener's Error – Thanks to Mr. Jim DuGranrut, a member of the community, who was the first to identify the same mistake that was made a couple of years ago when this amendment was first considered, please make a note that the proposed amendment to 3.4(c) contained a scrivener's error. The accurate proposed language is as follows:

(c) In order to effectuate compliance with this provision for Age 55 and Older Housing, the Board of Directors ~~or the Declarant (during the Development and Sale Period)~~ is authorized and has the right to screen in advance all proposed leases, sales and other transfers of Lots and to approve or disapprove in writing all proposed changes in occupancy of every Lot covered by this Declaration, ~~which change has the result of rendering an owner's lot not being occupied by at least one person who is age 55 or older.~~ No person shall occupy a Lot unless and until approved by the Board of Directors, ~~or the Declarant (during the Development and Sale Period) or such approval is waived.~~ Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein to the contrary, the Board of Directors ~~or the Declarant (during the Development and Sale Period)~~ is empowered to adopt reasonable rules and regulations and forms for use to facilitate the proper exercise of this power.

Roofs Task Force Report – As you may recall, the Board of Directors established in May of last year group, which it named the Roof Task Force, and set forward the following goals:

1. Consider the feasibility of extending the useful lives of current roofs from a cost/benefit standpoint
2. Examine alternative roof replacement solutions
3. Identify criteria to select top choices for new roofs
4. Recommend a measurable expense allocation methodology for homeowners with shared roofs to assure equitable treatment, while defining homeowner compliance processes to assure that work is completed on all homes
5. Draft project completion plan, to include variables to be considered when formulating an RFP leading to selection of contractors, updated data and final vetting by ARB plus board review and approvals
6. Clarify the legal rights and obligations of our Association and individual homeowners with respect to roof replacement
7. For information purposes only, gather and share insights into financing options available to homeowners, without recommending any specific bank or loan program

After almost a year of extensive work that involved many hours of research, endless meetings, and consultations with many professionals and experts in the field of roofs, we are more than happy to announce that the Roof Task Force presented its final report to the Board of Directors during its last meeting. We are certain many would find this comprehensive and professional report very informative and useful.

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This will be a great opportunity to take a moment to thank and recognize those who were involved with this extensive endeavor: Mary Cochran (ARB Co-Chairperson), Marty Collins, John Frazer, Lynn Gregg (ARB Co-Chairperson), Ed Grood, Rod Hayden (Task Force Co-Chairperson), Lori Klein (Task Force Co-Chairperson), Charlotte McAleer, Charlie Peck, John Riley, Bill Smith, Barry Starkell, Bob Storck, Stu Sutin (LakeRidge Falls Treasurer), and Chuck Wilson. With the conclusion of its charter, the Board of Directors accepted the task force was disbanded. We encourage and invite all to take a few minutes to read the full report which is now posted on the Association's Portal.

Manatee County Sheriff's Presentation – As reported, last month a presentation was held in the Association's Clubhouse by Deputy Tom Kaczmarek from the Manatee County Sheriff's Office regarding Home Security and Theft Prevention. The Security Committee, which organized the event, advised that the well-attended meeting was very informative and comprehensive. Therefore, the Committee strongly encourages those who were unable to attend the meeting or simply wish to revisit it to please use the following link "[click here](#)" or ask a link will be sent to you. With this in mind, this is a good opportunity to thank Mr. Joe Stanley, a member of the Security Committee, who scheduled the meeting, and the Security Committee for organizing it.



Solicitors – On a related matter to the issues above, a few weeks ago we received a few reports that a man was walking door to door attempting to solicit business for a roofing company of some sort. Some even reported that they believed the individual was making a representation as to offering roof inspections on behalf of the Association. After further investigation, it was noted that two young men entered the community and thereafter were walking along Stirling Falls Neighborhood's homes. Once located, and needless to say, the two men were asked to leave without delay. With this in mind, please make a note of the following points:

- Door-to-door solicitation is not allowed in the community.
- The Association will never send a vendor to your door to offer products and services.
- People who knock on your door and offer products and services are most likely trespassers.

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Therefore, LakeRidge Falls residents should call the Manatee County Sheriff's Office, the non-emergency number, which is 941-747-3011, to report such suspicious activity. If immediate assistance is warranted because of an injury or danger, please don't hesitate to call 911. Thank you to all who reported the incident above and please thank you for your attention and assistance on future incidents.

The Power of Residents – Every now and then, concerns are brought to our attention on issues that take place outside the walls of the community. These concerns can be related to garbage left along Lockwood Ridge Rd, homeless camps, objects that interfere with entering or leaving the community, broken street lights, etc. Because such areas are outside the community, they do not fall under the responsibility of the Association. As such, we direct and encourage residents to report such matters to Manatee County by calling 311, visiting Manatee County [311 website](#), or filing an online service request using the following [link](#).

In the vast majority of cases, Manatee County efficiently addresses such issues without delay. The following story can best emphasize this statement. Following Hurricane Ian, a large pile of landscape debris was left along Tuttle Ave. Of course, the Association submitted several requests for it to be removed. However, without much success. A few weeks ago, a member of the community inquired why the pile was still there. Of course, we shared that the matter was reported several times and that each time the answer was that the "pile is still on the list of the county's subcontractor to be picked up." We thereafter encouraged the resident, as we frequently do, to file a private service request with the county.

Thankfully, the member agreed and reported back to us that the county promised the pile would be removed within two weeks... well... we didn't have much faith in the county's report, but we hoped for the best. The lesson to be learned here is that residents should be aware that they have more power with the county as individual residents than they have as members of a homeowner association. You see, what took the Association months was solved by a simple submission by a member of the Association in less than two weeks... And indeed, the landscape debris pile was removed during the promised time frame. For this reason, we encourage, actually urge, residents to address concerns that are outside the community's perimeter walls directly with Manatee County. We wish to take a moment and thank you in advance for your cooperation on this and similar matters.

New Bench – Continuing with stories that provide examples of why LakeRidge Falls is an amazing place to live in, please consider the following story about why LakeRidge Falls' members and residents are second to none. You see, it is a known secret that people in the community are so motivated by helping fellow neighbors and caring for each other. While there are many incidents we can use to prove this statement, the above statement can be evidenced by a recent generous gesture by Ms. Carol Elder, a resident of the Cascade Falls Neighborhood.

A few weeks ago, Ms. Elder approached the Board of Directors and offered to donate a commercial-grade bench for the benefit of the community as a whole. Ms. Elder, who is known to be an active walker, proposed to donate a bench similar to the ones located along LakeRidge Blvd. In her reasoning, she explained a new bench would serve those who enjoy walking the five miles of sidewalks and wish to have a place to take a break and those who simply wish to enjoy observing nature in a relaxing location.

After examining the offer, and based on the Association's donation policy, the Board of Directors accepted Ms. Elder's donation. Acting without delay, the bench was ordered, assembled, and placed at the

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southeast corner of Pond Number 11, as can be seen in the map below. We are sure residents will enjoy this new addition and are more certain all members and residents will join us in thanking Ms. Elder for an outstanding deed.



Pool – As several pool users may have noticed, we had a couple of seasonal guests visiting the community's pool last month. Some of them were ducks and the other was the notorious Murphy, aka Murphy's Law. Because the issue of the ducks was discussed during a recent Pool Committee meeting, we wish to use this outlet to talk about how we kicked Murphy out of the pool. Here is yet another fun story.

Recently, I was out of the office for a couple of days due to personal reasons. Thankfully, everything is ok, but while being out we received a report from Smiley Pool Services, the Association maintenance company, that they had to close the pool. Based on their report, the pool pump was leaking, preventing the pump from priming. In super simple terms, priming removes air from the system thus allowing proper water pressure and flow (i.e., circulation). Without circulation, any chemicals used to ensure safe usage of the pool would not be evenly distributed throughout the pool water thus making it unsafe to use. Hence, the reasoning behind Smiley Pool Services' decision to close the pool.

As happened last year when the pump leaked, the issue was related to a seal. This time around, however, it was the seal plate, which was found to be corroded beyond repair. Therefore, a service call was

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placed with Water Equipment Technologies of Southwest Florida (WET), the Association's pump maintenance company. To make things more interesting we were informed that replacement parts for the 10+ years old Val-Pak's 7.5-ton pump are hard to come by. In addition, and this was the really "fun" piece of information, we were advised that once ordered it would take about 4 weeks to receive a new pump... In other words, if the pump couldn't be repaired, we would have to close the pool during that entire period.

But, as hinted at the beginning, Murphy can only pay us visits as it is unwelcome to stay. We are happy to say that it took a few, or many, phone calls and strings pulling, but WET was able to obtain a replacement part the same day! Once obtained, delivered, and replaced, WET tech made sure to prime and test the pump ensuring it was working up to par. The pool was reopened shortly thereafter.

Pool Umbrellas – Staying with pool news, a couple of weeks after the story above we had yet another visitor, but this time around one that was more than welcomed: Florida Patio Furniture, a local manufacturer of patio furniture. You see, Florida Patio Furniture brought two new umbrellas and two new umbrella stands similar to the five currently used in the pool and which were purchased in 2020. Because 2020 was three years ago, let's provide some history on this matter, but unlike previous history stories, this one comes with a nice surprise at the end.

Following the resurfacing of the pool and spa, the ball started rolling toward replacing the aging pool patio furniture. After all, a new-looking pool with furniture that has reached its useful life was not an appeal the community strived for. Following a two-year research and planning phase and acting within reasonable financial boundaries, the Board of Directors and the Pool Committee drafted a three-year plan which was initiated in 2020 with the purchase of 5 new pool umbrellas and bases. The implementation of the plan continued in 2021 with the purchase of 25 chaise lounge chairs, 35 regular chairs, and 4 trash bin receptacles and was concluded in 2022 with the refinishing of 5 pool tables and the purchase of 12 new side tables.

However, the Pool Committee soon discovered that an increase in pool usage compared to previous years meant that the five umbrellas may not meet the need for shade during peak times. However, as one can reasonably assume, such items cost money, and money that was not saved can't be spent. After some back and forward between the Board of Directors and the Pool Committee, a solution was formulated = BrightView Landscape agreed to donate two new patio umbrellas and bases!

For this reason, the new two umbrellas and bases were delivered this week by Florida Patio Furniture. Therefore, a big thank you is warranted to Mr. Matt Stewart, BrightView Landscape Account Manager, and Mr. David Alagna, BrightView Landscape Branch Manager, for a truly generous and wonderful gesture. This is yet another great testimony of the strong bond between LakeRidge Falls and its long-time business partners. We are sure all will enjoy the new additions to the pool and use this opportunity to remind all pool users to make sure to close the umbrellas once their usage is concluded.

Remember, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) advises that these wild creatures are most likely in the community hunting for their favorite food sources which are wild rabbits. The FWC suggests that once a bobcat is spotted, attempt to scare it away by yelling or

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making loud noises. This way, bobcats would feel less comfortable near humans. Otherwise, bobcats may adapt and become more comfortable around humans. Finally, the FWC cautions 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 which is posted on the Association website (clicking [here](#)).

Wildlife Sighting – As every year, we have wildlife who enjoy visiting us. We are certain some may have met them by now, but just in case you haven't, we are talking about the Sandhill Cranes, Otters, and Bobcats that recently appeared on LakeRidge Falls' grounds. Below are a few beautiful pictures shared by Mrs. Lorraine Meyer, i.e., cranes, Mrs. Mary Lynn Collins, i.e., otter, and Mrs. Janie Davis, i.e., bobcat. This is yet another opportunity to thank all those owners who took a moment and shared with us some of the wonderful pictures. With this in mind, please let's enjoy Florida's wildlife from a distance by not getting too close to them. As always, please take a moment to read Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) official informational pamphlets regarding the common wild creatures spotted in the community. They are posted on the FWC's website on the Association's website under the tab "News" and "Weekly Reports." Thanks in advance for your cooperation on this matter.



Notes from your Secretary

by Suzi Weinstein

The past month has been very busy with many visitors to our community. We saw lots of cars from out of state and heard lots of laughter and joy from the pool. I continue to encourage residents to make their guests aware of our pool rules and I was encouraged to see most of the guests showering before entering, and closing the umbrellas when they are ready to leave. Please remind parents of young children that if they are not toilet trained they need to wear swim diapers.

Unfortunately, we had some problems with the pool pump and I was the one who had to close the pool and usher everyone out and off the deck. Thank you to all who were there and cooperated. The matter was quickly repaired, a new pump was approved by the BOD and is being ordered.

We are a sharing and caring community and that has been evident this past month. The pot luck dinner last night was another example of a chance to bump elbows with our neighbors, meet new residents, share delicious food and enjoy our beautiful facility.



Wine and Fiction Book Club

May Selection: *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams

Tasked by her supervisor at the local library to "...take out any scraps and bits of rubbish" from returned books, teen-aged Aleisha finds a crumpled piece of paper left in the back of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. The paper contains the names of famous novels. Intrigued by the list and bored by the pace of her job at the library, Aleisha decides to read every book on the list. With each book, through the magic of immersion in their stories, she becomes transported from the realities of her own homelife.

When Mukesh, a lonely widower arrives at the library in search of a book to entice his reclusive granddaughter, Pria from her room, Aleisha shares the list with him. Her hope was that the books would transform his granddaughter just as they had helped her. Little did she know that the list would forge a connection between two, lonely souls and allow each of them to once again, find joy in living.

Please join us as we discuss our thoughts, reactions, and opinions to this month's selection at our next meeting: **Tuesday, May 23rd at 7:00 PM in the Grand Salon**. New members are always welcome.



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Caring Connections

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- Could you use a little pick me up from a neighbor?
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Contact us to see how.

Carol - caroljeanbrantley@hotmail.com

Nancy - nancy.mendelson@gmail.com

513-515-3440 (leave message)

Spring Training



Tai Chi Group

Seven members of our community have completed learning Yang 24 Form Tai Chi. Left to Right: Jerry Brantley, Carol Brantley, Diane Pezzimenti, Bernie Pezzimenti, Maria Sproul. Not pictured: Kathleen Sullivan and Hanna Muehrer.

Their stability, focus, and flexibility learning complex new patterns and movements are impressive! Please congratulate them when you see them.



We will continue to have classes through most of the summer, so come play tai chi with us whenever you are ready.

Thursdays at noon for beginners in the air- conditioned Multipurpose Art Room. Mondays at noon for the now-Advanced class who have learned the entire Yang 24. In the meantime – Don't Fall Down!



LRF Book Club

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

Reading Selections -2023

<u>Month</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Discussion Leader</u>
May	Search	Michelle Huneven	Marcia
June	The Hangman	Louise Penny	Marion
July	No meeting		
August	No meeting		
September	The Forest of Vanishing Stars	Kristin Harmed	Suzi
October	Demon Copperhead	Barbara Kingsolver	Kathy
November	Lessons in Chemistry	Bonnie Garmus	Alida
December	Select Books for 2024		
January 2024	Brunelleschi's Dome	Ross King	Rowna



*Looking to get out of the house
for a fun evening?*

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**We play the 2nd
Monday of every month.
Our next BINGO night will be:**

May 8th

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Women's Breakfast

May 30th at 9:30am

Signup in the Clubhouse



Seasoned Singles Monthly Monday Mixer

Monday, May 1st

5:00pm - 7:00pm
(Grand Salon)

BYOB and an appetizer or a
dessert to share.

All LRF singles are welcome!

Signup in the Clubhouse



Friday, May 26th

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5:30-7:30**

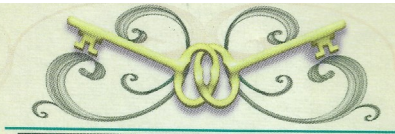
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In the SPOTLIGHT:
Architectural Review Board (ARB)

By Mary Cochran, ARB Co-Chairperson

Most community associations have a set of guidelines that spell out its architectural design standards and review processes. These guidelines should reflect a balance between individual rights and the good of the entire association. They generally explain:

- The association's authority to review designs.
- The design review process.
- The compliance process.
- Specific design considerations and practices.

Guidelines should be reviewed periodically and amended as needed because appropriate materials and rules change with time. Our last revision was January 10th, 2020 and amended on December 9th, 2022. Our current ARB committee of seven recognizes there are some guidelines that need to be revised and they are planning to update within the current year.

Architectural Review Boards Mission Statement for Lakeridge Falls Association

The charge of the Architectural Review Board, (aka ARB), is to ensure the overall value of the community by preserving its architectural integrity, harmonious design, and aesthetic principles through careful consideration of the Community-Wide Standards as defined in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions. The Community Wide Standard may evolve as our development progresses and as the Community matures.

Association Rule Making Authority of LakeRidge Falls and vested powers were set up for LakeRidge Falls in Article V, and Landscaping of the LakeRidge Falls Declaration. Lakeridge Falls has a separate and updated set of guidelines on our website and portal, and can be read or printed for your convenience.

The composition of the LRF ARB Board consists of five, seven, or nine persons who are volunteers and approved by the Board of Directors. These qualified volunteers serve and may be removed by the Board of Directors.

Design Considerations: Associations judge design changes by three criteria: requirements, principles and practices. The following are common, although not universal, definitions.

- Design requirements are basic objectives comprising the most important element of an association's design review criteria. They are stated in the association's governing documents and

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list what requires approval.

- Design principles determine whether a proposed design meets the design requirements and provides flexibility. They might include brief, broad, objective statements about compatibility, scale, color, materials, or quality.
- Design practices are specific methods for achieving the requirements and principles in common design situations. Though design practices are not a requisite part of the guidelines, they can be helpful because they outline what is acceptable.

The Design Review Committee: Lakeridge Falls has an Architectural Review Committee that is comprised of seven this year. Common duties include:

- Drafting policy guidelines and amendments, advising applicants and educating members about the design review process.
- Processing routine requests, reviewing applications before work begins, examining property improvements and monitoring changes.
- Coordinating requests with the community property manager.
- Monitoring construction for conformance to approved proposals and specified conditions with the property manager.
- Touring the community periodically to identify design issues and report to our property manager.

The LRF Association has created a manual that contains both design principles and acceptable practices that address specific types of improvements such as painting, gutters, exterior lighting, security cameras, etc. Our Homeowners Association "Architectural Guidelines" for homeowners is a very useful booklet.

Enforcement: Most associations use a moderate, problem-solving, results-oriented approach to find reasonable solutions to common problems and encourage member to cooperate. When violations occur, most are not intentional. One is notified by our property manager and advised how one can proceed to find a solution. We ALL want to live in harmony.



St. Augustine Holiday Light Trip *December 12th – December 14th*

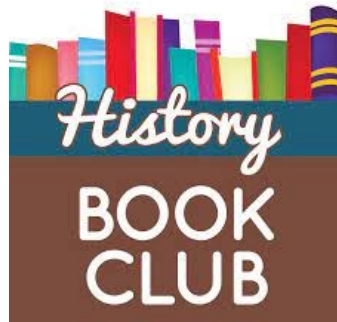
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The cost is \$599 pp double, \$788 single.

Contact **Mitzi Hogoboom** for more information at:

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History Book Club: Reading List & Discussion Schedule

A history book club is open 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. The zoom invitations will include phone numbers for dial in purposes, which is helpful for anyone who encounters an internet connection problem. Anyone interested in joining should contact Stu Sutin at:

sutindoc@gmail.com.

If you are interested

in joining, contact

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Scheduled discussions for the remainder of 2023 include:

- **May 16** - David Roll. **George Marshall Defender of the Republic.** Stu Sutin, facilitator
- **June - August** - No Meetings
- **September 19** - David Schmitz. **Richard Nixon and the Viet Nam War.** LTC (R) Lee F. Kichen, facilitator
- **October 24** - Christopher Hebbert. **The House of Medici.** Paul Urbanick, facilitator
- **November 20** - Arthur Herman. **The Viking Heart.** Karen Futurnick, facilitator
- **December 19** - David Brown. **The First Populist : The Defiant Life of Andrew Jackson.** Hilda DeRoner, facilitator

SATURDAY INFO GROUP

Saturday, May 20th

PROGRAM TBD

*Coffee & pastries at 9:00am
Presentation at 9:30am*

**Watch for details in the
Weekly Reminders.**

Signup sheet in Clubhouse



Storytelling Night

This event has been a big hit in LRF!

Although its' founder Marty Collins will be leaving us, Mitzi Hogoboom has agreed to carry the torch and become the new organizer for this event.

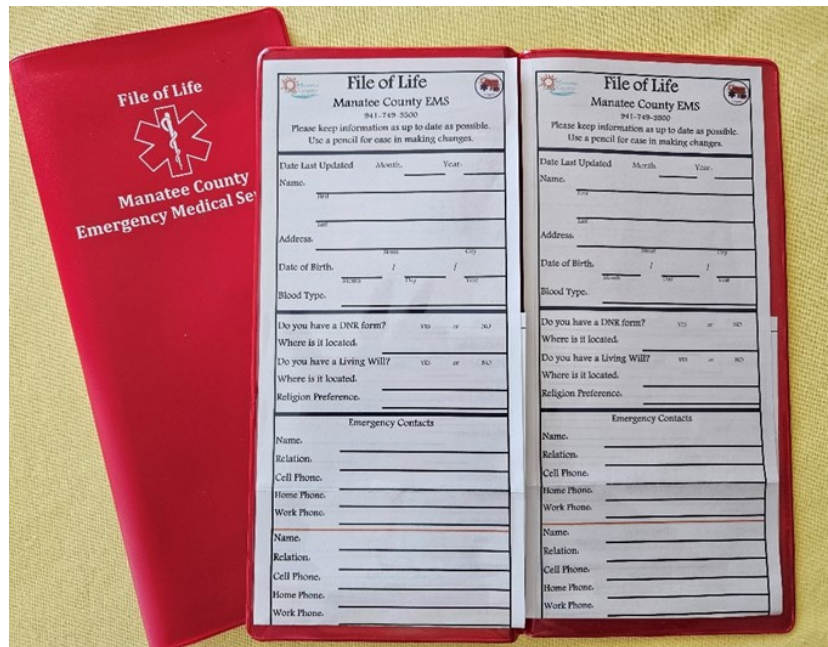
The next Storytelling Night will not be held until early next year, however our recruitment efforts to obtain Storytellers is ongoing. No experience necessary, just an interesting story to share with neighbors and friends. No need to memorize your story, simply write it down and read it if you choose.

Signup in Clubhouse TODAY!

FILE OF LIFE: When Every Second Counts

The Life You Save May Be Your Own!

Medical emergencies *can and do* happen to Lakeridge Falls residents. Are you prepared in the event that you or someone you love needs immediate medical assistance? The **FILE OF LIFE** provides our Manatee County first responders (EMS) a *mini-medical history* posted on the outside of one's refrigerator (held with a magnet). Its visibility and readability ensure that Manatee County EMS can access it quickly when responding to a call. EMS personnel have stated that the information contained in the **FILE OF LIFE** is not only helpful, it is potentially lifesaving.



The image shows a red binder labeled 'File of Life Manatee County Emergency Medical Services'. Next to it are two open forms. Each form is titled 'File of Life Manatee County EMS' and includes the phone number 941-749-5200. The forms contain sections for: Date Last Updated, Name, Address, Date of Birth, Blood Type, Do you have a DNR form?, Where is it located, Do you have a Living Will?, Where is it located, Religion Preference, and Emergency Contacts (Name, Relation, Cell Phone, Home Phone, Work Phone).

The Community Relations Committee urges **ALL** Lakeridge Falls residents to pick up a free, FILE OF LIFE from our Community Manager, Oded Neeman.



Art League News

By Becky Stevens

In case you missed it:

The **Art League's Spring 2023 Exhibit** opened a few weeks ago. Come to the Multipurpose Room and see how some LRF artists have explored the theme "MY FAVORITE THINGS." In the Activities Room is the Challenge Project "HATS." In the Grand Salon Curio Cabinet is a selection of Art Glass paperweights and perfume bottles from Nancy Mendelson's collection. The artworks will be on display through the middle of June.

Thanks to the patrons and residents who have made donations to the Art League. Due to your generosity, we have given \$100.00 checks to four institutions in Manatee and Sarasota counties in support of their summer art programs for kids. Art gives a child an opportunity to express themselves as they learn about the world and their place in it.

May 2023

GS – Grand Salon

AR – Activities Room

MPR – Multi-Purpose Room

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
<i>WA = Water Aerobics</i>	<i>WVB = Water Volleyball</i>	<i>SDE = Self-Directed Exercise</i>	<i>SBS = Stretch- Balance-Strength</i>			
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Sarasota Funseekers



Oh the places they will go!

Be sure to check out the notebook and map by the Clubhouse Bulletin Board to see the places the bears have gone. So far our residents have taken them to Nashville, Michigan, Germany and even in our pool for a game of water volleyball among other places. One of the bears is going off to Egypt and maybe even Finland!

Everyone is welcome to take a bear along with them and share their travel experiences with fellow residents. The sign out sheet for the bears is located in Oded's office.

**For more information on this project
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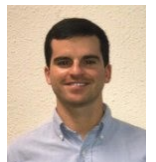


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