



Falls Forum

October 2023

A message from your Board...

Suzanne Weinstein, President

September proved to be an interesting month for our LakeRidge Falls community. We were visited by Hurricane Idalia. Once again, our area was very fortunate, and we did not get hit very hard. Here at LRF we had minimal damage, for which we are exceedingly grateful. A small group of residents stacked all the pool furniture and secured it to the fence and moved all the Bocce court umbrellas and stored them in the pool room. Many from that first small group returned to replace all the furniture. Unfortunately, it was a small group, and we could have used more help. Thank you so much to each and every one who helped with this effort. It takes a village and ours is awesome.

So please consider joining the Hurricane Preparedness Committee. If you love watching the weather channel, we really could use your help. You may contact Oded or any of the members of the Board to let them know of your interest. Of course, as usual, Oded was very helpful in getting other outdoor furniture secure and preparing for the storm.



Since our last meeting we have not heard anything from Manatee County about the clickers. Many of you saw the car that was in the exit on Lockwood Ridge. It was finally removed by the sheriff's department, unfortunately only after it was broken into.

On another note, we continue the transition to Pinnacle, and it is going well. Our committees are actively involved in making our community even better. I hope you will notice the new lights near the Mi Pueblo gate, at the intersection of Bowen Falls and Stirling and at the intersection of the Boulevard and Stirling. This is a result of the hard work and research of the Roads and Grounds Committee.

Please be sure to read Oded's Weekly Report emails, as they are an important link to everything going on here at LakeRidge Falls. Not only does he do an

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Meetings: Last Wednesday of the month at 11:00am

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Meetings: as needed

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Meetings: 1st Monday of the month at 10:00am

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Meetings: 2nd Monday of the month at 1:30pm

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excellent job at managing our community, but he also informs all of us on a very timely basis.

Some of the snowbirds will be returning soon and we look forward to seeing our friends and neighbors. So be sure to look out for them and welcome them back to LakeRidge Falls.

This morning I received an email from a resident who met a contractor while walking in the community. They started talking about LRF and he brought up Oded.

Unsolicited, he said he works for many Associations in Sarasota and Manatee County. "By a mile, Oded is the best manager he and other contractors (they talk) have ever worked with". He said "Oded talks straight, and he does what he says he's going to do!" He continued "All of us feel he's the best in the business and Lakeridge Falls is well run because of him."

Both the resident and I feel that it is important that you know this.

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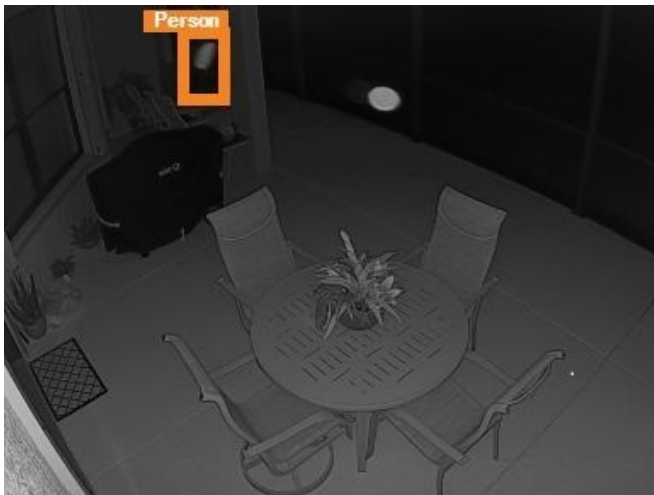
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Property Manager Report

by Oded Neeman

IMPORTANT - Home Security – A couple of alarming reports came in last month regarding a suspicious person roaming around lanais. As can be seen in the two captured security cameras footage below, a person was walking around the lanais in the middle of the night. The first footage shows a person who was spotted on a Wednesday morning at 4:22am walking near a Stirling Falls Drive property located in proximity to the main entrance to the community. The second footage was captured the following night at 9:03pm of a person carrying a shoulder bag.



While the Association is not a law enforcement agency, nor attempts to assume such responsibility, one can reasonably conclude there is some pattern involved when looking at these two incidents. Remember, never confront someone you suspect to be an intruder, and instead report any suspicious activity to the Manatee County Sheriff's Department without delay.

With the above in mind, we urge all residents to take the following steps:

- Make sure to lock all the doors and windows in the house.
 - If possible, consider installing a second locking mechanism for your windows and doors such as an extra lock, pan head top screws, and/or bracing devices.
- Turn your house alarm system on when going to bed or leaving the house even if it is just for a ten-minute walk with your dog.
- Install smart security cameras around the house such as a Ring, Blink, Arlo, Eufy, Google Nest, etc (remember, obtain an Architectural Review Board (ARB) approval beforehand).
- Place security yard signs such as "Warning – Security Cameras in Use" and/or "This House Protected by Electronic Alarm System" even if you don't have security alarm and/or camera systems.
- Never leave the garage door open without a reason.
- Think about the possibility of leaving signs that may give the appearance of someone in the house, such as leaving a TV or radio on, when leaving the house.

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On a related matter, a few weeks ago there was an interesting incident at the pool. Early pool users noticed a lady sleeping on one of the launch chairs. To make a long story short, the lady was awakened and thereafter was asked to leave the pool area. In addition, and after she admitted to jumping over the fence during the early hours of the night, a couple of residents attempted to place a call to Manatee County Sheriff Dept to report a trespasser incident. Unfortunately, the Sheriff Dept failed to dispatch deputies because the residents were unable to provide the physical address of the pool. The story ended with the lady leaving the premises never to be seen.

Following this incident, the Security Committee studied this matter during its last meeting. While the residents who were present at the time acted as expected from them, the committee asked that we ensure to share the physical address of the clubhouse/pool in case a similar incident occurs. Therefore, please note that the Association's amenities center is 4200 LakeRidge Blvd. Simple, but nevertheless an important piece of information to memorize.

This is a great opportunity to once again urge all residents not to confront trespassers. Instead, please immediately call the Manatee County Sheriff's Dept and make sure you are familiarized with the address where the trespasser was identified. And **REMEMBER**, please don't hesitate to call 911 in a true emergency situation which is when immediate assistance is warranted because of an injury or danger. As before, thank you for your attention to this matter.

Again, and please remember, report any suspicious activity to the Manatee County Sheriff's Department without delay! Following the simple steps mentioned above will help keep LakeRidge Falls a safer place to live in and hopefully reduce the possibility of being a victim of crime. Thank you in advance for your attention and understanding on this matter.

Scam Alert – On a somewhat related matter, now and then, we attempt to share alerts regarding scams, which are brought to our attention by residents and/or vendors. This time around, a long-time member of the community shared with us a local

scam involving individuals who pretended to be with the Bradenton Police Department. According to the news outlet [ABC7](#), scammers call their victims asking "...for personal information as part of an official investigation or because of a warrant or traffic ticket. Victims report the callers requested their credit or debit card numbers, banking information, social security numbers, prepaid gift cards or remote access to the victim's computer."

Needless to say, the Bradenton Police Department nor the Manatee County Sheriff's Office will ever call residents and request credit/debit card numbers, demand payment over the phone in the form of a pre-paid debit card and/or money order, seek banking information and/or social security numbers, or mandate remote access to one's computer. If you receive a phone call from a person who claims to be from a law agency with similar demands or requests, please HANG UP and call without delay to report the matter to the Manatee County Sheriff's Office. Together we can keep LakeRidge Falls a safe place to live in.

Street Light Crew – It is not a secret that committees play a vital role in the operation of LakeRidge Falls. One of the best-known committees is the Roads & Grounds (R&G). In early February, just after the new Board of Directors was elected, the R&G Committee was tasked with examining maintenance concerns related to pond erosion, sidewalks, street lights, mailboxes, and recreation amenities. Because this task encompassed vast areas, the R&G Committee decided, with the Board's blessing, of course, to divide the committee into five crews. In general, each crew was tasked with surveying these areas, writing a report regarding its findings, and thereafter presenting a course of action to address such issues. The R&G Committee would then review the work and recommendations and determine what should be the final recommendations to be brought before the Board of Directors.

In the next few weeks, we will address each of the work performed by each crew, what were the

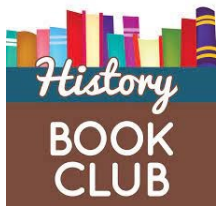
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findings of such work, and then present the recommendations and the Board of Directors' decision regarding such recommendations. With this in mind, we would like to take a moment and talk about the first crew: Street Lights. The crew was composed of three committee members, Mr. Bill Smith, Mr. Arnold Wallenstein, and Mr. Bob Rouleau, who led the group.

In general, the crew was tasked with surveying the community's street light poles, which are leased from Florida Power & Light (FPL), identify maintenance issues, and provide suggestions for improvements. More specifically, the crew was to:

- Oversee the transition to the new LED fixtures installed by FPL,
- Survey the 127 street light poles and collect data about them,
- Identify operational issues, i.e., lights that are out, maintenance concerns, i.e., missing inventory numbers, leaning poles, etc., and/or illumination problems, i.e., tree branches that interfere with the light spread.
- Investigate the terms of the lease with FPL for the street light poles,
- Present a comprehensive spreadsheet of the identified issues,
- Provide recommendations for improvement.

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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.

Scheduled discussions for the remainder of 2023 include:

- **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

LRF Book Club

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



<u>Month</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Discussion</u>
October	Demon Copperhead	Barbara Kingsolver	Kathy
November	Lessons in Chemistry	Bonnie Garmus	Alida
December	Select Books for 2024		



Pacific Rim

1859 Hillview Street, Sarasota

October 6th at 11:30am

Signup in the Clubhouse

Indeed, and after extensive work, the crew presented an impressive report of the results, observations, actions, and proposals it came up with. After the R&G Committee reviewed it, the report was presented to the Board of Directors. While all maintenance concerns were addressed without delay and all issues that fall under the responsibility of FPL were brought to their attention, the Board of Directors adopted two recommendations presented in the Street Light Crew's report.

To provide for a safer walking environment and to promote security, the first proposal was the installation of two street solar lights at the intersection of LakeRidge Blvd and Stirling Falls Circle, i.e., the crosswalk located at the north entrance of the Clubhouse's parking lot, and one street solar light at LakeRidge Blvd and Bowen Fall Place crosswalk. The second suggestion was the installation of 28 pagoda lights, similar to the one used throughout the community, along the pathway from Cascade Falls Drive to the Mi Pueblo Gate. We are more than happy to report that all three solar light poles are now installed. Furthermore, this week we received the 28 green pagoda lights and are working on scheduling the electrician to install them.



With the above in mind, this is just one example out of many we presented in the past and will continue to do so in the future of why committees play a vital role in the operation of the LakeRidge Falls. We wish to take a moment, and we are sure all will join us, to thank Mr. Rouleau and his crew, the R&G Committee, and its chairs, and of course the Board of Directors for a truly amazing job.

Updated Committee Structure Policy – During its August 17th meeting, the Board of Directors approved a revised Committee Structure Policy. If you recall, last year we reported that the Board of Directors amended, based on Article V, Committees, of the Association's governing documents, a newly adopted policy that lays out the structure, authority, and responsibility of the Association's committees. As with the year before, the Board of Directors gained valuable knowledge which led them to the realization that some adjustments needed to be adopted to promote more participation by members and residents. Therefore, we urge all members and residents to take a moment and read the new policy. A copy of this policy is available on the Association website. As mention before, Committees play a vital role in the operation of LakeRidge Falls. It is, therefore, that we encourage all to join one of the Association's committees. Remember, volunteering helps to ensure this community remains one of the best communities to live in both Manatee and Sarasota Counties.

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Hurricane Idalia Aftermath – Last month, Hurricane Idalia made landfall as a Cat3 hurricane about 250 miles north of Sarasota. While delivering destructive results to Florida Gulf Coast communities such as Steinhatchee and Perry, and causing floods to many coastal areas, Idalia didn't do too much damage to our community. Besides minor damage to a handful of small trees, which had to be staked or replaced, nothing out of the ordinary was noted or reported. We wish to take this opportunity and thank the many volunteers who assisted in preparing, and thereafter resorting, the community to Idalia once a Tropical Storm Watch was announced. This was yet another great example of a unified community with an amazing spirit.

With this in mind, and now that Idalia is long gone, and before its cousins may or may not, hopefully not, visit us, here are a few follow-up issues we wish to bring up.

We are asking for residents to please consider volunteering to assist in future hurricane preparedness efforts and to join the Hurricane Preparedness Group. The Hurricane Preparedness Group has the responsibility to assist the Board of Directors in executing and overseeing the Association's Hurricane Preparedness Plan. The plan is designed to prepare the facilities and grounds for pending tropical storms and hurricanes. This plan sets forth information to assist homeowners and residents with their protection of personal and real property as well as to assist the Board of Directors, committees, and management in the protection of common property. The group only meets as necessary to update or revise the Hurricane Preparedness Plan or in the event of weather conditions that may require the activation of the Plan. Make a difference by volunteering to be a member of the Hurricane Preparedness Group.

On a related matter, LakeRidge Falls' Architectural Guidelines, page 9, Article 11, Hurricane Protection of Windows and Lanais/Window Film Regulations states that the "...timing of the application of the hurricane protection must follow a specific official

hurricane or tropical storm warning. Unless exceptional circumstances are involved, protections may be installed or operated up to three (3) days prior to the announced arrival of the hurricane or tropical storm. Hurricane protection shall be removed within seven (7) days after the hurricane or storm threat is declared over." Therefore, we kindly ask that all those who have yet to remove their hurricane shutters do so in the next few days. Thank you in advance for your cooperation on this matter.

Originally Installed Landscape Beds – With more new members joining this amazing community, it seems like a good time to revisit some of the rules governing this Association. Mainly, the notion of LakeRidge Falls been a "maintenance-free community" as far as landscaping goes.

Article VI, Maintenance and Repair, 6.1 Maintenance of Lots, (a), of the governing documents, states that each homeowner "must 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, except to the extent that such maintenance responsibility is assigned to or assumed by the Association pursuant to this Declaration or any Supplemental Declaration or additional covenants applicable to such Lot." Let's take a closer look at this paragraph.

The Article states that homeowners must maintain their lot based on a Community-Wide Standard unless such maintenance responsibility is assigned to or assumed by the Association. In other words, the homeowner is responsible to maintain the lot, i.e. land and building, based on some standard unless the Association assumes or is being assigned this responsibility. A little bit of dry information, so let's dig a little bit deeper into the governing documents maybe we will find some oil.

Article VI, Maintenance and Repair, 6.1 Maintenance of Lots, (b), (i), explains that the

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“Association shall perform, or cause to be performed, the following on Lots: maintenance (including, mowing, fertilizing, watering, pruning, and replacing, and controlling disease and insects), of all lawns and landscaping installed on the Lot as part of the initial construction on the Lots, specifically excluding landscaping within any enclosed area not readily accessible from outside the dwelling and landscaping added by the Owner or occupants of a Lot after issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the dwelling on the Lot...”

What it means is simple. ***The Association was given the responsibility, under this article, to perform maintenance of all lawns and initially installed landscaping***, for example, the landscaping on the front of every single property in the community. Notice that the landscaping added by homeowners or residents is specifically excluded, for example, landscaping added at the back of one’s property after the turnover from the builder to the members. However, this is beside the point. Now, let’s talk about the issue we wish to bring up.

So we now know that the Association is responsible to maintain, among other things, the landscape beds in front of residential homes in the community. Now, what happens if homeowners do not like the look of the landscaping or a specific plant at the front of the house?

Can homeowners simply rearrange the design of a landscape bed, which falls under the maintenance responsibility of the Association, to express their unique individuality or meet their wants and needs?

The answer is... not really.

You see, Article V, Architecture and Landscaping, 5.1, General, of LakeRidge Falls governing documents state that “...no structure or thing shall be placed, erected, or installed upon any Lot, and improvements or other work (including, without limitation, staking, clearing, excavation, grading and other site work, exterior alterations or additions, or planting or removal of landscaping) shall take place within the Community, except in compliance with

this Article and the Architectural Guidelines.”

In other words, ***homeowners are required to submit a request and obtain approval from the Architectural Review Board (ARB)***. What does the Architectural Guidelines have to say about this you may wonder? Good question. Article 12, Landscaping, in General, of LakeRidge Falls’ Architectural Guidelines, revision 10, states that the “objective of the landscaping guideline is the maintenance of an orderly and harmonious community. Therefore, absent ARB approval, changes by owners to the design of front yard landscaping as originally installed or as previously approved by the ARB are not permitted.”

A straightforward directive that states homeowners cannot remove, rearrange, add, alter, etc anything on their lot without the approval of the ARB. Harsh, annoying, and unacceptable are the more pleasant adjectives we received through the years when members learn this fact. We will discuss the rationale behind the governing documents in a second, but first, let’s talk about a follow-up question some ask:

Can homeowners assume the responsibility of maintaining the landscape which is maintained by the Association?

Unfortunately, no. Article 12 of the Architectural Guidelines also states that “regarding the ability of owners to “opt-out” of Association maintenance of “initially installed landscaping” per Section 6.1 of our Declaration owners may not “opt-out” of Association maintenance of initially installed landscaping.”

Here is why. A few years back, some homeowners were allowed to assume the responsibility of maintaining the landscaping at the front of their homes. After a couple of years, a problem arose. Some of those homeowners were no longer residents of LakeRidge Falls for whatever reason, i.e. passed away, moved to be closer to family, etc. The new homeowners who purchased their properties refused to assume the responsi-

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bility of maintaining the landscape. After all, they argued, Article 6.1 states that the association shall perform maintenance of all lawns and landscaping installed on the Lot. To their argument, a significant portion of their Association dues is composed of landscape maintenance. Without going into the legal language and interpretation of the issue, the new homeowners were right. The Association could not have charged them for services it did not provide and/or direct them to maintain the landscaping at the front of the house without providing some sort of recorded documentation showing this responsibility was shifted to them.

You see, the governing documents are a legal and binding agreement between the Association and the members (i.e. homeowners). That is, a homeowner who buys in LakeRidge Falls enters into a legal contract with the Association. This legal contract defines the operation of the community, which helps to protect the common interest of the community. It is similar, for example, to a real estate sale contract. In super simple terms, Party A agrees to sell an asset for some monetary consideration to Party B who agrees to pay this monetary consideration in exchange for the asset. If any party for any reason doesn't follow the signed contract, this party is in breach of the contract. The same goes for LakeRidge Falls governing documents. In easy terms, new homeowners were right, the Association was wrong, and because the Association deviated from the contract.

The end result was that the Association reassumed the responsibility of maintaining these yards. The biggest problem arose, however, when the Association had to restore the design of some of those landscape beds to meet the Community-Wide Standard. For example, one of the homeowners converted her yard into a landscape composed only out of annuals. As one can imagine, annuals don't last forever and therefore require constant care and replacement. The Association can't maintain a yard that is composed of annuals because these need to be replaced every few months. Operation-wise and cost-wise, it will be impossible. Therefore, the Association had no other choice but to restore the original look of the landscape bed based on the Community-Wide Standard while observing the financial burden associated with this work. As one can guess, cheap it was not. Was it right that the vast majority of homeowners had to pay for the personal wants and needs of a few? We all know the answer.

Please don't fall asleep and try to stay with me. I am almost done.

Three things that are very important to remember:

1. **Binding Agreement** - The governing documents, or Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions in their full name, are a set of binding documents between the Association and its members. It is a legal agreement that can't be breached. As far as landscape goes, homeowners can't perform any work on their lot without the clear approval of the ARB.
2. **ARB** – The entity that is trusted with the responsibility of ensuring the Community-Wide Standard is kept, besides the Board of Directors, of course, is the ARB. It is important that you understand, therefore, that homeowners requesting landscape and/or exterior architectural changes must apply to the ARB first.
 - a. First, this is the directive all agreed to under the legal contract with the Association.
 - b. Secondly, the ARB preserves the architectural integrity, harmonious design, and aesthetic principles of the community. After all, no one would like to wake up one morning to find out their neighbors placed at their front yard a large statue of a pink elephant that shoots water out of its trunk while playing Johann Sebastian Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D minor, right? I mean, who does not love pink elephants, but Bach?!

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3. Finally, it ensures that the Association will not endure unwarranted expenses. You see, some homeowners feel that planting one or two plants in their front is not a big deal. After all, it is only one plant, right? Well, some plants need more sun while others more shade. Some need more water while others need less water. So when new homeowners take ownership of a property where such plants die, or if the plant is invasive, more often than not the Association ends up paying to replace or remove it. Is it right that 399 LakeRidge Falls homeowners, including the new homeowners, pay for someone else's expression of individualism?

Community-Wide Standard – The standard is defined in the governing documents as “the standard of conduct, maintenance, or other activity generally prevailing throughout the Community.” As far as landscaping goes, it ensures efficient and just landscape operations. This way, members can know the Association is not providing preferable accommodation to some homeowners while ignoring others. Again, would you be happy if you learn the Association is replacing annuals at your neighbors' house three times a year while not providing the same to you? “After all,” you will tell yourself, “I am paying for the Association to do this work for my neighbors while I am not getting the same service.” Can you see why the Community-Wide Standard is so important?

Taking all the above into mind, it should not come as a surprise that the Association is required to enforce the governing documents. Enforcement is not done because Person A dislikes Person B. It is not done because someone wants to “punish” someone else. It is not even done because someone decided dictatorship sounds like a cool idea. It is done for the mere reason that the legal binding agreement, i.e. the governing documents, states in 5.7, Enforcement, that any “construction, alteration, or other work done in violation of this Article or the Architectural Guidelines is subject to enforcement action pursuant to Section 8.4.”

If one acted without approval, for example turning a front yard into an annual bed without obtaining approval from the ARB, Article 8.4, Enforcement, (a), (i), states that the “Association, acting through the Board, may impose sanctions for violation of the Governing Documents subject to the notice and hearing procedures set forth in the By-Laws, as applicable. Such sanctions may include, without limitation... requiring an Owner, at its own expense... to remove any structure, item, or improvement on such Owner's Lot in violation of the Governing Documents and to restore the Lot to its previous condition.” Self-explanatory.

To sum this long, but hopefully not too boring, article up, LakeRidge Falls is responsible under the governing documents to maintain initially installed landscaping. Homeowners can't “opt-out” of Association maintenance of initially installed landscaping. Changes by homeowners to the design of front yard landscaping as originally installed or as previously approved by the ARB are not permitted. Homeowners who wish to change something at the front yards are required to apply to the ARB first. Finally, homeowners who fail to follow the guidelines, well, face enforcement. Not fun, but required. We hope that this information is helpful and more importantly informative. First, thank you for taking the time to read it and secondly for your understanding and assistance on this matter.



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

A check for \$100 made out to White Star Tours is required.
The cost is \$599 pp double, \$788 single.

Checks can be given to Jane Kintz.





Monday, October 9th

Grand Salon
Cards go on sale at 6:30pm
1 - \$2 3 - \$5 6 - \$10
Lucky Ball sticker \$1
Chips available for \$3/bag of 100

**Come join your neighbors
for a night of fun!**

**Your LRF Social Committee Invites
You to SAVE YOUR SATURDAYS
in December**

12/2 - Cookie Swap

**12/9 - Holiday Brunch in the Grand
Salon, catered by St Pizza
Catering**

**12/16 - Holiday Lights Trolley Tour -
taking names for wait list**

**Watch for more details on these events
in the Falls Forum, Weekly Reminders &
the Clubhouse Bulletin Board**

Halloween Pizza Party

Thursday, October 26

Catered by St Pizza Catering

Costumes encouraged but not required!

Tickets \$15 - includes pizza buffet, salad & dessert
Tickets on sale October 3,4,5,9,11 & 13 from 10:00am - 2:00pm in the Clubhouse.

**SINGLE
and ready to
MINGLE**

Seasoned Singles Monthly Monday Mixer

Monday, October 2nd

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

BYOB and an appetizer or a dessert to share.
All LRF singles are welcome!

Signup in the Clubhouse

Four Florida **FOODIES** Restaurant Ratings

(Episode #3)

Ratings by Fern & Bob Rouleau and Linda & Gunner Lorenz. These are our opinions which might change with different chefs and/or servers on a different day.

21- Mariscos Aztecos 1100 N Tuttle Ave #8, Sarasota – B+

- ⇒ Excellent service
- ⇒ Food is delicious, real Mexican, lots of variety including
- ⇒ Very small place so come early

22- The Parrot Patio Bar -1/4 mi W of I-75 on 70, Bradenton - B

- ⇒ Good food, lots of variety
- ⇒ Wonderful burgers, Chicken parm is fair
- ⇒ Can get very crowded

23- Oak and Stone, 5405 University Pkwy, Sarasota – B

- ⇒ Burgers
- ⇒ Good wings and Reubens
- ⇒ Build your own pizza is ok

24- Rico's Pizzeria, 5131 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota – B+

- ⇒ Pizza is excellent NY style
- ⇒ Good Italian meals
- ⇒ Better to take food out than eat there, bathrooms are disgusting

25- Kaceys – 7602 Lockwood Ridge Rd, Sarasota – B+

- ⇒ Shrimp is very good – big ones, not flat butterfly shrimp
- ⇒ Hush puppies are good
- ⇒ Kacey's platter is good - has shrimp, crab cake, baby back ribs and more

26- Mi Pueblo – 8405 Tuttle Ave, Sarasota - B

- ⇒ Mexican food, tacos and enchiladas are good
- ⇒ Quality can vary from week to week
- ⇒ Steak dishes not as good especially carne asada
- ⇒ Margaritas good – don't have to worry about drinking and then driving home

27- Libby's – 8445 Lorraine Rd, Lakewood Ranch – B

- ⇒ Food was good, large variety of dishes
- ⇒ Service was fair
- ⇒ Very, very noisy
- ⇒ They did not give bread with meals

28- Carrabba's Italian Grill 5425 University Pkwy– B+/A-

- ⇒ Great service
- ⇒ Good steaks, chicken and salads, also has pasta and seafood
- ⇒ Good bread with dinner, Lobster ravioli was delicious
- ⇒ Clean bathrooms

29- Vacci Pizzeria 4406 53rd Avenue East, Bradenton, B+

- ⇒ Owned by same people as Valentino's Pizza
- ⇒ Very small place, good service
- ⇒ Family friendly but no AC so do not go there on hot days
- ⇒ Good pizza, Meat sauce is a little watery

30- Cody's Roadhouse 895 Cortez Rd W, Bradenton, - D

- ⇒ Very blue collar place
- ⇒ Noisy
- ⇒ Food quality was poor – do not order steak or other entrees here, salads were ok
- ⇒ Large portions



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Women's Breakfast

October 31st at 9:30

Signup in the Clubhouse



Wine and Fiction Book Club

***Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver**

Damon Fields is a boy born to a teen-aged single mother in the Appalachian hills of southern Virginia. Known by his nickname "Demon Copperhead" because of his hair color and caustic wit, Damon is a fierce survivalist. Enduring the perils of his mother's addiction, and his subsequent placement in foster care, work as a child laborer and seemingly insurmountable losses, he deals with his own invisibility as a child of mixed race. Damon experiences the inequity of life in America, the systemic failures of its institutions, his own athletic success and addiction, disastrous loves and crushing losses. Yet through it all, he learns to survive in a popular culture where even superheroes have abandoned rural people in favor of city life.

Please join us and our facilitator, Irene Kusmierz as we explore the many themes and topics presented in the award winning novel: **Tuesday, October 24th, 7:00 PM in the Grand Salon**



Art League News

By Becky Stevens

The Art League welcomes the Fall Season with an Art Exhibit with the theme of "AUTUMN" on **Sunday, October 22, 2023**. A separate Challenge Project with the theme "MY FAVORITE DESSERT" will be presented in small format size. The artists have responded to the two themes in a variety of medias. Curio Cabinet display TBD.

The Reception is from **4:00pm - 6:00pm** in the Multipurpose Room and the Activities Room. It is free and open to all residents and their guests. This is a friendly social occasion with light refreshments served.

SATURDAY INFO GROUP

Saturday, October 21st

MY CAREFINDERS ***Heather Cartright***

Are you thinking of an easier life? Do you know the difference between "Independent Living and Assisted Living"? Learn about the perks and benefits of making the right choice.

Heather Cartright has the answers and will help you through the process and challenges. She will answer all questions that you may have.

We hope you will join us for the informative program.

Coffee & danish at 9:00am
Presentation at 9:30am

Signup sheet in Clubhouse

October 2023						
GS – Grand Salon		AR – Activities Room		MPR – Multi-Purpose Room		
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
WA = Water Aerobics	WVB = Water Volleyball	SDE = Self-Directed Exercise	SBY = Stretch-Balance-Yoga			
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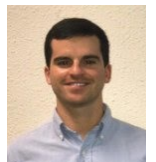


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