



Falls Forum

September 2023

A message from your Board...

Suzanne Weinstein, President

Dear Members,

While many think that the summer months at Lakeridge Falls are quiet, that has not been the case this year.

After having been closed for several days in the recent past, the clubhouse is now open. Thank you for your patience while the clubhouse was unavailable. This was due to the legal hearings that were being held regarding the renovation of the clubhouse. A settlement has been reached in phase one of the legal issues, and as with most settlements of this nature we, along with the other party, have entered into a mutual agreement not to discuss the matter. So, members of the Board cannot and will not discuss the settlement. We greatly appreciate your patience while these proceedings have been taking place, and your consideration of the members of the Board.

As background for many of the newer residents of our community, these legal issues are a result of the fact that the contractor hired in 2018 for the renovation did not finish the job and he was fired in 2019. He forced our association into arbitration that was finally completed last week. Phase two deals with the architect of the project and is continuing. We will keep you updated when we can.

On another legal issue, we have been in contact with the code enforcement division of Manatee County regarding our use of the RFID stickers. Please see Diane Pezzimenti's



article in this issue of the Falls Forum. Be assured that we, as a Board, will continue to work to keep our community secure, and will not compromise security.

Many of you have commented on the abundance of dead fish in our ponds. Unfortunately, this is due to the extreme heat and lack of rain. Global climate change is having a direct impact on our lives here. This situation has been somewhat addressed by the turkey vultures and wood storks that have arrived in LRF. They have taken up residence around our ponds and have been feasting on the fish. That is the most practical and ecological solution to our problem.



Photo courtesy of Marcia Sheridan

LRF ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Committees

Architectural Review Board (ARB)

Suzi Weinstein, Board Liaison
Lynn Gregg & Mary Cochran, Chairpersons
Meetings: 2nd Thursday of the month at 10:00am

Budget Committee

Stu Sutin, Board Liaison
TBD, Chairperson
Meetings: As needed

Buildings Committee

Scott Sims, Board Liaison
Arnold Wallenstein, Chairperson
Meetings: As needed

Community Relations Committee (CRC)

Diane Pezzimenti, Board Liaison
Barb Weigand, Chairperson
Meetings: 3rd Friday of the month at 10:30am, as needed

Landscape Committee

Diane Pezzimenti, Board Liaison
Cindy Eccher, Chairperson
Meetings: 1st Tuesday of the month at 10:00am

Roads and Grounds Committee

Rod Hayden, Board Liaison
David Danilowitz & Dick Dorn, Co-Chairpersons
Meetings: As needed

Pool Committee

Suzanne Weinstein, Board Liaison
Mark Lucas, Chairperson
Meetings: Last Wednesday of the month at 11:00am

Security Committee

Scott Sims, Board Liaison
Paul Moretti & Bernie Pezzimenti, Co-Chairpersons
Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 11:00am

Hurricane Preparedness Group

Scott Sims, Board Liaison
TBD, Chairperson
Meetings: as needed

Social Committee

Jane Kintz & Leigh Selby, Co-Chairpersons
Meetings: 1st Monday of the month at 10:00am

Art League

Becky Stevens, President
Alice Dorn, Co-President
Meetings: 2nd Monday of the month at 1:30pm

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The transition to our new management company Pinnacle continues. All of the accounting components are complete. They are beginning the set up process for the Engage owners portal. Prior to its implementation for the entire community, there will be a demo for the members of Board.

Finally, the month of September marks the beginning of the Jewish New Year 5784. I want to wish everyone, a year of health, happiness and peace.

Property Manager Report

by Oded Neeman

New Management Company – As was reported and advertised, LakeRidge Falls' Board of Directors recently voted on switching management companies. As you may know, Argus Management (Argus) served this community for many years in what was truly a productive and respectful business relationship. Unfortunately, Argus was acquired a couple of years ago by a national corporation by the name of RealManage. We say unfortunately because as one can imagine large corporations operate differently than local companies. Therefore, it didn't come as a surprise when RealManage asked to amend some of the conditions under the contract.

Because it strongly felt it couldn't accept some of the new terms, the Board of Directors was left with no other choice but to look for new management company. After much research, interviews, and in-person visits to some of the offices, the Board of Directors agreed upon Pinnacle Community Association Management. As of August 1st, 2023, **Pinnacle Community Association Management** is LakeRidge Falls' new community association managing company. Please take a moment and

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read the introduction letter, which is included in this edition of the Falls Forum. Also attached to this edition is the Owner Communication Authorization & Information Update Form. Please take a moment to fill it out and email/mail it back to the address/es at the bottom of the form.

Geothermal System – As many know, the Association’s pool and spa temperatures are regulated by a geothermal system. In simple terms, the system, which is composed of six pool units and one spa unit, uses Pond #8 water temperature to heat/cool the Association pool and spa in what is considered to be an energy-efficient method.

Without going into too many details that will put you to sleep, in recent years the Association came to realize that these units are reaching their useful lives. Because the pool and spa are one of the most valuable assets of the community, the Board of Directors has directed the Pool Committee to come up with an action plan for replacing the units in a fiscally responsible way. And indeed, the 2022 Pool Committee under the leadership of Mrs. Diane Pezzimenti, the pool committee chairperson at the time, conducted a few months-long research on the matter.

During the comprehensive research, Mrs. Pezzimenti and her team examined available heating/cooling technologies, researched their pros and cons, studied their efficiencies, met with manufacturers and service providers, and obtained prices. Following the research, Mrs. Pezzimenti composed an impressive presentation that summarized the data collected and provided recommendations. In short, Mrs. Pezzimenti and the Pool Committee recommended to the Board of Directors to adopt a preemptive plan in which three of the oldest pool heat/cool units will be replaced in the summer of 2023 and the remaining three pool heat/cool units will be replaced in the summer of 2024. Needless to say, the Board of Directors approved this recommendation during its 2022 August meeting.

Fast forward to May of this year, the 2023 Board of Directors, following the decision made by the Board the year before, approved a proposal by Geothermal Innovations, a leading company in the field of geothermal heating, to replace three of the units. As you may conclude by now, it took a couple of months for the new units to arrive but we are more than excited to share that Geothermal Innovation was on-site last week to perform the work. To the right you will find some of the pictures taken during this project.



With this in mind, this is yet another great testimony of why careful planning is so important. Detailed research that took few months to complete led to an action plan that produced the most efficient results, within responsible financial boundaries, and while ensuring members' best interests. We are certain all will join us in thanking Mrs. Pezzimenti and her 2022 Pool Committee for a job well done.

A Couple of Pool Issues – Here are a couple more stories related to the pool. During one of the weekends, we were informed that the spa timer was not working. An annoying issue considering this timer likes to break on weekends. Regardless, PoolWerx, the Association pool and spa maintenance company, inspected the matter first thing the following Monday morning, and by Wednesday of that week the timer was replaced and the spa was up and running again.

The second issue had to do with showering. The Pool Committee met last month and asked that once again residents be reminded to shower before entering the pool. Please, we understand that some feel it is a hassle or that it “does not make sense to take a shower before getting wet anyway.” However, there are really good reasons why one should shower before swimming.

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

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

Dead Fish – Staying within the water kingdom, we are fully aware of the community-wide dead fish phenomenon, which is expanding to pretty much most of the ponds in the community. As explained a few weeks ago, this is not a new phenomenon during this time of the year. Ego-Logic Services, the Association ponds/wetland maintenance company, has advised that when the temperature of the water increases, the dissolved oxygen levels in the water decrease. With less oxygen, natural selection takes its course. Some fish go deeper into the water where there is sufficient oxygen and those that do not, mainly Tiliapa, die. We truly and honestly understand that the smell is not pleasant and the visual impact of the preying vultures is not pleasing. However, the only thing at the moment that can address this matter is a significant amount of rainfall.

Flushing Your Water Heater – Not many know it, but flushing a hot water heater once a year is an essential home maintenance practice in ensuring that the water heater works properly. A simple Google search “Why Does a Water Heater Need Flushing?” would reveal many articles by professional companies and individuals on this matter. Reading through these materials, it seems there is one main reason why one should flush a water heater regularly: sediment. In an

article titled “How to Drain a Water Heater,” HGTV, a leading home improvement tv channel, explains that “[o]ver time, naturally occurring minerals in the water, as well as sand and grit flushed from municipal water lines, can settle in the bottom of the tank. This sediment buildup can potentially reduce the efficiency and capacity of your water heater.”

As far as efficiency goes, the article explains, the “[s]ediment can interfere with burner efficiency in a gas water heater and can cause cracking and popping noises during heating cycles.” As far as capacity is concerned, well, common sense leads one to conclude that sediment buildup reduces the volume of water in the tank. When water is heated, it expands. Expansion creates pressure. With less filled volume, overheated water can lead to an excess pressure buildup, engaging the pressure relief valve and hence causing it to leak.

For the reason above, please make sure to hire a professional and licensed company to regularly flush your hot water heater tank. It would extend the life of the water heater while ensuring continuous and efficient use of it. Thank you for your attention and cooperation on this matter.

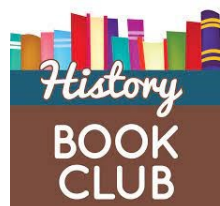
Landscape Pruning Schedule – The Board of Directors and the Landscape Committee are fully aware that BrightView Landscape, the Association landscape service provider, is behind its pruning schedule. While there were several reasons provided for the delay, the Association was focused on obtaining the one reason how BrightView Landscape intended on resolving the matter. And indeed, BrightView Landscape advised that they added pruning days and made personnel changes to the pruning team with the hopes these measures will correct the issue.

Mi Pueblo Gate – Due to recent lightning, and despite the fact it was protected by a surge protector, the motherboard that operates the Mi Pueblo Gate's FOB system got “fried.” For those who may not be aware, the FOB system is the Association's access control system. Approved residents of the community are handed an electronic key that provides access to restricted areas, such as the pool, club room, and pedestrian gates, within certain hours. Back to our story, Moss Integration Solu-

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tions (MIS), the Association's gate maintenance company, placed an order for the required parts. Unfortunately, it took some time until the parts arrive. Therefore, MIS had to lock the gate per the request of the Board of Directors and Security Committee to ensure community security by avoiding the entry of unauthorized individuals. The good news is that by the time you read this article, MIS should have received the parts and thereafter repair the gate. As always, we wish to take a moment and thank all residents for their patience and understanding on this matter.

Gatehouse Computer – On yet another recent lightning incident, please note that the computer at the gatehouse crashed. As a result of this incident, accessibility to electronically stored data and administration procedures was impacted. For this reason, we kindly wish to bring to your attention that the Security Officers are now manually admitting vendors and guests as opposed to electronically doing so. As one can imagine, this may have an impact on the service given to residents and their invitees. As with the Mi Pueblo Gate issue, the Security Committee and the Board of Directors wasted no time and started looking into alternatives and possible solutions to this matter. Until such time, and as with the matter before, we thank you in advance for your understanding and patience.



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:

- **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

LRF Book Club

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



<u>Month</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Discussion Leader</u>
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	Brunelleshi's Dome	Ross King	Rowna



Café Havana

1440 63rd Avenue East, Bradenton

September 1st at 11:30am

Signup in the Clubhouse



Updated Association Mailing Address
Lakeridge Falls Community Association
c/o Pinnacle Community Association Management
PO Box 21058
Sarasota, FL 34276-4058

Important Association Management News

Dear Lakeridge Falls Owners,

The Board of Directors recently selected Pinnacle Community Association Management to become our new association management company, effective August 1, 2023. Pinnacle will assume responsibility for providing a broad range of management, accounting and administrative services for Lakeridge Falls. They will transition from Argus / RealManage, our current management company. This letter is designed to introduce you to Pinnacle, provide their contact information and to obtain your cooperation in implementing some communication procedures that will assist Pinnacle and the Board of Directors in the management of Lakeridge Falls on Siesta's affairs.

The move to Pinnacle will provide vastly improved support to the Board and Owners and help to assure administrative support for the Board of Directors while enhancing the association via process improvements and Pinnacle's professional expertise and guidance. As we work out the day-to-day details, we will advise of any changes that may impact you. **One Frequently Asked Question** is about payment of association dues. More detail on this and other **Frequently Asked Questions** is in the section at the bottom of this page.

We are excited to announce that Mr. Oded Neeman and Mrs. Paula Murray will continue to serve LakeRidge Falls as its Community Association Manager under Pinnacle and Community Assistant.

- Mr. Oded Neeman, Lakeridge Falls LCAM - PropertyManager@LakeRidgeFalls.Org
- Mrs. Paula Murray, Lakeridge Falls Assistant - Paula@LakeRidgeFalls.org

Respectfully,

Your Lakeridge Falls Community Association Board of Directors



Frequently Asked Questions

1. **How do I pay my quarterly association dues payment?** Nothing has changed with regard to your Association's bank (Centennial Bank). Payments will be sent to the same place, which should be the **bank's lockbox shown on your coupon books**. You can continue to use established auto payment setups. **The 2023 coupon books previously ordered and sent to all owners by your outgoing management firm can and should be used through the remainder of the year, so no change is necessary.** If you did not receive a coupon book and need one, please contact us in June for a replacement. For quick reference, Centennial lockbox information and online payment portal are noted below.

Centennial Bank Payment Address (if no coupon book):

- Lakeridge Falls Community Association
- Pinnacle Community Association Mgmt at 941-444-7090.
- PO Box 30061
- Tampa, FL 33630-3061
- Please remember to include your address and community name with your payment. If the PO Box on your existing coupon is different, either address will take your payment to Centennial Bank's lockbox.
- You may also pay online (ACH, debit, credit card) directly with Centennial Bank, by navigating here:
⇒ <https://my100epay.com/centennialbank.html>
⇒ If you are unsure about the Payment Account #, Unit ID, or Posting ID (from your coupon book), please contact us.

****If you have any other questions at all about how to pay your dues, PLEASE call us at 941-444-7090.****

2. **Who do I contact with a question?** As in the past, please continue to contact Mr. Neeman with any concerns and inquiries you may have tion management or accounting related
 - If you have an accounting related inquiry, please call the Pinnacle Office at 941-444-7090.
You will likely speak with Emily, Robin or Susan nacle Office who will direct you to a member of our accounting team.
3. **What if I have an emergency after the Pinnacle office is closed?** Please call the Pinnacle Office at 941-444-7090. Listen to the message and dial "9" to be connected with our on-call service.
4. **Where can I get community information or association budget/documents?** Many of these documents will be available on your **Enumerate Engage Community Website** & Owners Portal being setup for Lakeridge Falls owners, which will be launched in early September 2023. More on this will be communicated soon!



PINNACLE

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

Pinnacle Community Association Management is a locally owned provider of comprehensive Community Association Management Services that are focused on small sized Homeowners and Homeowner Associations.

Our History

Based in Sarasota and with a history that spans over 20 years, our vision is simple: offer focused and customized management services at a fair and competitive cost, while employing the best Community Association Managers the market has to offer.

Early in 2017, Jason and Heather Hamilton created the framework for Pinnacle and in November, acquired York Association Management. A small boutique management company, York had served associations in Sarasota since 2002. Inspired to create an Association Management company with a focused, problem solving approach, the Hamiltons approached a well known, local leader of quality, personalized management services in Sarasota to learn more about his business in early 2018, Mr. Jim Markel.

As the owner of Markel Management of Sarasota, Mr. Markel's well respected management company focused on a typically overlooked and underserved market: small to medium sized Homeowner and Condo Associations. Discussing the company's growth and success, it was evident that Markel Management shared the same values as Pinnacle, including: local focus, taking care of communities as if they were our own and taking care of its employees. With so many value based similarities, Mr. Markel agreed that Pinnacle would acquire Markel Management in June 2018.

An active part of the Pinnacle team, former owner Jim Markel is a respected member of the Community Association Management community, achieving the coveted Professional Community Association Manager (PCAM) designation. Mr. Markel is an integral piece in Pinnacle's growth as a Licensed Community Association Manager and Senior Advisor.

By combining the resources of each firm, along with the collective knowledge and expertise of the management staff, Pinnacle has been able to provide a wide and growing array of services while, continuing to provide outstanding client support.

Pinnacle Community Association Management is proud to be locally owned and operated. With so many large management companies entering the market and headquartered outside of our area, we understand the importance of being local.

YOUR HOME IS OUR BUSINESS!

Pinnacle Sarasota & Main Office:

3307 Clark Road, Suite 201

Sarasota, FL 34231

(941) 444-7090

Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 9am- 4:30pm

Dear Lakeridge Falls Owners,

Pinnacle Community Association Management is honored to have been selected as your new management company! We are representing your Association officially as of **August 1, 2023** and are in the process of learning all the nuances and property details that make Lakeridge Falls unique.



We have created this newsletter to help ease the transition from your previous management company to Pinnacle, with several goals in mind:

- Share Pinnacle's story with you and a little about our ownership;
- Share information about any changes and provide answers to Frequently Asked Questions (on page 2), in collaboration with your Board of Directors.
- Share updated contact information for Pinnacle AND request updated contact and email information from YOU (see enclosed form, page 3)

Our goal is more than to simply manage your community, it is to become your trusted partner in the operation of your Association.

We look forward to working with each of you and your Board of Directors in a long, mutually beneficial and supportive relationship.

Sincerely,

Heather Hamilton, LCAM
President



We are a team of business-minded professionals who are focused on offering **PERSONALIZED Association Management Services**

Pinnacle's Ownership Team



Heather has been successfully managing associations as an LCAM for over 10 years. She has 20 years experience in Human Resources is also trained in Hospitality Management. She is Pinnacle's President, oversees Pinnacle's administrative and Community Association Manager team and is a CMCA.



Jason has been an executive in the Security industry with 25 years experience, earning the Certified Protection Professional (CPP) designation. A prior business owner, he has served Community Associations for over 13 years. He is the company's Chief Financial Officer and an LCAM.



Rick is a Certified Public Accountant with expertise in the accounting discipline, including financial review, reconciliation and association tax preparation / filing. With over 25 years accounting experience, he also owns his own CPA firm and is Pinnacle's VP, Finance overseeing all of Pinnacle's accounting functions.



Craig has been an executive in the Security industry with 25 years experience in executive leadership and in running large scale, regional operations. He has over 8 years of experience serving Community Associations of all sizes. He is Pinnacle's VP, Customer Relations, an LCAM and a CMCA.

Lakeridge Falls Community Association

Owner Communication Authorization & Information Update Form

Owners Name(s) – per Deed: _____

Owners Name(s) – for communication purposes: _____

LakeRidge Falls Address: _____

Alternate / Mailing address (if applicable): _____

Do you live at Lakeridge Falls full time? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Where do you want your Association mail sent? ☐ LRF Address ☐ Alternate Address

How would you like us to communicate with you (i.e. statements [if applicable], upcoming events, community news, meeting notices)? ☐ Email ☐ US Mail

Email address(s) (please indicate for whom): _____

Telephone number(s) for your file (please indicate for whom): _____

Emergency Contact(s) – Please provide name, telephone & email, as applicable:

I/We give permission for the use of my email address for all communication on association matters:

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____

**** In order to *continue* receiving important communication by email, Florida State Statute requires that owners consent in writing to receive email communication concerning the Association (e.g., notice of board meetings). Thus, in order to expedite your receipt of all information concerning the Association, we ask you consent to receiving all such information by email by completing, signing and sending this form to the Association's mailing address at the bottom of this Resident Communication Form. ****

Your authorization is CRITICAL to efficiency and keeping mailing costs down and keeping YOU knowledgeable. The only people with access to your email are Pinnacle and your Board. No one will see your email address in these emails.

Please email the completed Resident Form to marisa@pinnaclecam.com or you may mail it to:

Lakeridge Falls Community Association, Inc
c/o Pinnacle Community Association Management
PO Box 21058
Sarasota, FL 34276



Revised: July 2023

Emergency Clicker System

By Diane Pezzimenti, Director

There is an issue of grave importance facing the community. Manatee County Code Enforcement is insisting that the community readopt the "Emergency Clicker System" on all community gates.

In 2004, Manatee County studied how best to provide access to gated communities to emergency responders. They concluded:

- Emergency response agencies (EMS, Law, and Fire) met and determined the universal remote (clicker) access method to be the best model that met all public safety needs.
- Ordinance 04-30 was adopted on May 18, 2004

At that time, **in 2004**, problems were identified with the use of these clickers.

- Communities have expressed concern that the universal code has become compromised allowing unwanted / unsolicited visitors into their communities
- Complaints that infrastructure workers such as: water, sewer, code enforcement, and other municipal agencies are accessing gates
- Parcel Services such as UPS and FedEx have obtained gate remotes and have access to their communities
- Private delivery drivers have obtained unauthorized access
- There is no way to determine the method of access

Those issues still exist today. And yet, the county is still insisting every gate in Manatee County be accessible with this twenty-year-old, insecure technology.

In 2021, after giving the county time to address the unauthorized use of emergency clickers by county employees and the public, our community disabled access by means of a clicker on all gates except the Emergency Gate on Kariba. Our gates are now accessible to emergency responders by using a Siren Operated Sensor (SOS) and by use of a Knox Box. In addition to these two methods, Tuttle Road entry has access provided by 24-hour 7 day a week manned gate.

We have received no complaints from fire or EMS responders about their ability to access the community.

In January, 2023, a Sheriff's Department Deputy complained that he was unable to enter the community using his clicker. He filed a complaint with the Code Enforcement Department. The Department issued a violation notice to the community. This notice was dismissed by the Department because it was "no longer in violation."

Since then, the Code Enforcement Department has issued two additional violation notices which have each been dismissed for procedural problems. However, the Board of Directors believe they intend to continue to press the Association to allow them to open our gates with a clicker that *anyone* can buy on Amazon for less than \$15.

The Board of Directors intends to continue to resist this threat to our community's safety. The county admits there are other, more secure, methods of access they could use but they find them "too expensive". The current Director of Public Safety, Jodie Fiske, stated that the county was working to find a long-range solution to this problem.

On March 1, 2017, the Observer ran an article on this issue called "Can Anyone Just Ride on Through?" In it, then Director of Public Safety for Manatee County Bob Smith was quoted as saying the county was working on both temporary and long-term solutions. That was in 2017.

The Association is of the position that its current emergency access systems, SOS & Knox Box, meet the current code. However, Manatee County insists we have the emergency clicker system while admitting this is an insecure method of protection for gated communities. They are unwilling to invest in other solutions such as entry systems that use police strobe lights, dual RFID readers or police emergency radios to remotely open gates.

Please consider contacting each of these public servants to insist that the county adopt a more modern approach to emergency access for law enforcement.

Website: https://manatee.hosted.civillive.com/government/board_of_county_commissioners/contact_your_commissioner

Commissioners:

- **James Satcher, District 1.** james.satcher@mymanatee.org.
- **Amanda Ballard, District 2.** amanda.ballard@mymanatee.org.
- **Kevin Van Ostenbridge, District 3.** kevin.vanostenbridge@mymanatee.org.
- **Mike Rahn, District 4.** mike.rahn@mymanatee.org.
- **Ray Turner, District 5** raymond.turner@mymanatee.org
- **Jason Bearden, At Large** jason.bearden@mymanatee.org
- **George Kruse, At Large** george.kruse@mymanatee.org

Mailing address: P.O. Box 1000, Bradenton, FL 34206-1000

Phone: (941) 745-3700

A community's gates are only as secure as its ability to control who enters through them. Please continue to take precautions in your own home by locking your doors, windows and vehicles.

SAVE THE DATE

THANKSGIVING DINNER - November 23rd at 4:30pm in the Clubhouse

All residents are invited. This is fun joint preparation dinner for our LRF Family since many of us do not have our own families living locally. We will make Thanksgiving dinner for however many people sign up, with 50 as our limit. First come first serve so sign up soon! We can accommodate 10 adult visitors, but no more than 1 visitor per resident.

Please email me at ferm27@outlook.com with your phone number and I will call you to discuss what you would like to bring. I am keeping the sign-up sheet myself. **DO NOT WAIT FOR A SIGN UP SHEET BECAUSE THERE WILL NOT BE ONE POSTED.**

We will need people to make a turkey (total of 4 large turkeys needed), or large portions of stuffing, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry sauce/relish, green bean casserole or vegetables, candied carrots and various pies or other desserts. Makes me hungry just writing about it.

I am very excited about everyone getting together to celebrate this holiday. There will be leftovers to share. Don't take too long to contact me!

Thanks - Fern Rouleau



**Seasoned Singles
Monthly
Monday Mixer**

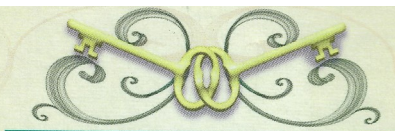
Monday, October 2nd

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

BYOB and an appetizer or
a dessert to share.

All LRF singles are welcome!

Signup in the Clubhouse



CINDY GALLANT

Organize Your life

CONCIERGE SERVICE

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Dr.App't / Errands



Wine and Fiction Book Club

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

Elizabeth Lott was intrigued by science at a young age. It only made sense then that when she went to college, she decided to pursue a degree in chemistry. With high hopes and aspirations of becoming the best in her field, she accepted a job as a chemist at Hastings Research Institute in California. Things were different in the early '50's and 60's. Her all male colleagues took a decidedly different view of equality. Well, except for one - esteemed scientist and oft nominated Nobel nominee, Calvin Evans. He fell in love with her intellect. True chemistry results.

Like science, life is often unpredictable. Which is why a few years later Elizabeth Zott finds herself not only a single mother, but the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show *Supper at Six*. Elizabeth's unusual approach to cooking ("combine one tablespoon acetic acid with a pinch of sodium chloride") proves revolutionary. But as her following grows, not everyone is happy. Because as it turns out, Elizabeth Zott isn't just teaching women to cook. She's daring them to change the status quo.

Join with us as our facilitator, Carolyn Arevalo, leads us in this funny, shrewdly observant Elizabeth Zott and a host of other *interesting* characters:

Tuesday, September 26th, 7:00 PM in the Activities Room.

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September 26th - 9:30am

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BINGO is BACK!



Monday, September 11th

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

**JOB OPENINGS STILL AVAILABLE
FOR BINGO CALLERS!**



FRIDAY 9/29 5:30-7:30

It's time to celebrate **OKTOBERFEST!**

So BYOBeer & breakout your favorite
German recipes.

Admission: appetizer to share (for at least 6-8)

PLEASE NOTE: Social Committee will provide
DESSERTS, CHIPS & PRETZELS

There will be a 50/50

Sign up on 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.

**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

⇒ Made to order omelets, fresh fruit, pastries, coffee, and juices.

⇒ Tickets on sale week of 11/3 & 11/20

12/16 - Holiday Lights Trolley Tour - ticket sales are currently closed

Four Florida **FOODIES** Restaurant Ratings

(Episode #2)

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.

Duffy's Sports Grill – 3005 University Pkwy, Sarasota - B

- ⇒ Good variety - good wings, salads, burgers, ribs, steaks
- ⇒ Food varies depending on chef
- ⇒ Can be very loud

Valentinos – 8203 Cooper Creek Blvd, Sarasota – B+

- ⇒ Good food
- ⇒ Salads, soups, special dishes, pasta dishes, pizza

APizza Pizza - 6392 Lockwood Ridge Rd, Sarasota – B+

- ⇒ Entrees
- ⇒ Specialty pizzas, used to have Sicilian pizza but its not available anymore
- ⇒ Salads are good

Metro Diner – 6056 North Lockwood Ridge Rd, Sarasota - C

- ⇒ Food can vary greatly from good to poor
- ⇒ Chicken pot pie is excellent, pot roast can be fatty
- ⇒ Breakfasts are good

Anna Maria Oyster Bar - 6906 14th St W, Bradenton, FL– D

- ⇒ They didn't have some foods on the menu
- ⇒ Hush puppies are good
- ⇒ Shrimp is only ok
- ⇒ Do not order anything which is not seafood in this restaurant

Demetrios Pizza and Grill – 3180 University Pkwy, Sarasota - B

- ⇒ Pizza is fair
- ⇒ Salad is ok
- ⇒ Food is disappointing

Der Dutchman – 3713 Bahia Vista, Sarasota – F

- ⇒ Food was not very good – very bland
- ⇒ Bakery is wonderful, Long Johns are fabulous

Ford's Garage– 295 North Cattleman Rd, Sarasota – B+

- ⇒ Fun place to eat, good food
- ⇒ Imaginative place with fun bathrooms
- ⇒ Service is usually slow, very noisy

TJ Carneys – 231 West Venice Avenue, Venice – B-

- ⇒ Service poor – waitress did not listen to order
- ⇒ Very crowded
- ⇒ Food was ok

September 2023

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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>SBY = Stretch-Balance-Yoga</i>			
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LakeRidge Falls Art League

Art League News

By Becky Stevens

We're Back!

The Art League meetings will resume on Monday September 11, 2023. We meet in the Multi Purpose Room at 1:30pm. Everyone who is interested is welcome!

After a two month Summer break we are ready to confirm our plans for the Fall Exhibit in October. The theme for the main exhibit will be "AUTUMN". The Challenge Project is "MY FAVORITE DESSERT". **Mark your calendar to attend the Reception on October 22, 2023.**

If you have not taken time to see the Spring Exhibits they will be on the walls until the first week of October. Currently on view are: "WINDOWS" in the Multi Purpose Room and "TIME" in the Activities Room. In the Curio Cabinet in the Grand Salon are Menorahs from Esta Snider's collection. A new offering, installed over the summer, are five paintings by Irene Cerdas in the Activities Room. Be sure to see all the art provided by your neighbors in LakeRidge Falls.

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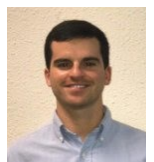


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