

# LakeRidge Falls

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

**Flag Brigade** – The following is an important message from the Community Relations Committee. We thank you in advance for your attention and possible assistance on this important volunteer opportunity.

*“LakeRidge Falls is a community with many rich traditions. One of those traditions has been the displaying of small American flags throughout the property on various days of national commemoration. This task is one of the many activities organized by the Community Relations Committee (CRC). We’d like to continue this tradition but, in a more formal way, recognize the residents who participate by establishing a special group of volunteers who install and remove the flags on designated days. This group will be called The LakeRidge Falls Flag Brigade.*

*What’s involved you ask? If you choose to volunteer for this elite group of LRF volunteers, you will be the group responsible for the installation and removal of 150+ stick flags (12” x 18”) along the streets and pathways in the LRF community. The proposed days of display are as follows:*

- *Presidents Day (February)*
- *Memorial Day (May)*
- *Flag Day (June)*
- *Independence Day (July)*
- *Patriots Day (September)*
- *Veterans Day (November)*

*Depending on the number of people involved, the time commitment will be 30 – 60 minutes/action (either display or removal). As a group, you will determine the flags placement throughout the community. You may also recommend that we increase the number of displayed flags as well as determine when tired or damaged flags need to be respectfully retired. Since residents do come and go throughout the year, we do not expect volunteers to be available for all of the above days, thus the need for at least 25 – 30 people to become a part of the Flag Brigade. CRC member, Susan Tucker will be the flag captain and will oversee the tasks of the group. Mr. Dwayne Lamprecht, a member of the community, will assist Ms. Tucker as her co-captain.*

*Are you ready and willing to join the LRF Flag Brigade? We hope so! Please contact Susan Tucker at 270-227-6913 and/or [tuckerwilson10@gmail.com](mailto:tuckerwilson10@gmail.com)”*

**Community Ponds** – As you may know, the Association’s stormwater system, i.e. ponds and a wetland, is operated under permits that were issued by Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). To maintain these permits, the Association is required to follow specific operational guidelines. The requirements

are set to ensure proper operation of the stormwater system and responsible usage of water for irrigation purposes.

But before we continue, here is some background. LakeRidge Falls has 16 lakes. However, these lakes are considered retention ponds. These ponds are designed to collect stormwater from the streets, roads, backyards, etc. Their main goal is to slow down the flow of water before it reaches the county's sewer system. Otherwise, it can overwhelm it causing underground pipes to burst and the street to flood. Most of the ponds in the community are connected. That is when the water level at one pond reaches a certain level, the water is designed to drain to a lower-level pond. Between some of the ponds, there are overflow drainage basins. These are squared concrete structures with a metal wire on top of them. Their goal is to further slow the flow of water down by storing it and releasing it at a slower rate. Eventually, all ponds drain to the large preserve area located in the Stirling Falls Neighborhood. From there, the water drains to a large overflow drainage basin, also referred to as a control structure, and to the county's drain system.

To ensure proper operation of the stormwater system, and back to our story, the Association contracts with licensed companies, such as Eco-Logic Services, to perform routine maintenance of the Association ponds. This is mainly done to control algae growth, as can be seen in the picture below which was taken recently in **Lakewood Ranch** (i.e. this pond is NOT in LakeRidge Falls), invasive underwater vegetation, such as hydrilla, and invasive perimeter growth, such as torpedo grass. Of course, one of the most important maintenance duties is to ensure the ponds are clear of human-generated waste or any item that may interfere with the proper flow of water from one pond to another.



The reason we bring this matter to your attention is because this week Eco-Logic Services was onsite performing such tasks. Also and while on site, Eco-Logic Services' tech made sure to install some aquatic plants, mainly spikerush, along the south side of Pond #3, which if you may recall was repaired recently due to significant erosion. The main goal of this aquatic planting is to "hide" the coir used to stabilize the bank while providing environmental benefits such as habitats for animals, mainly fish and birds. Below is a picture of the

recently performed work. With this in mind, more on the ponds and the Association's responsibilities in next week's Weekly Report.



**Sidewalk Maintenance** – This week Mr. Ron LaCivita, a local concrete vendor, poured new cement in areas where raised sidewalk sections were removed. With this task completed, Mr. LaCivita is left with a handful of sections where a small part of the sidewalk needs to be replaced because of a crack and/or a settlement and a couple of areas where grinding is still required. As far as sidewalk cleaning is concerned, Mr. Tamas Pataki and his crew completed the initial cleaning of LakeRidge Blvd and are now making their way along the east side of Victoria. We will continue and update you on these projects until their conclusions.

Have a healthy and safe weekend.

Sincerely,

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