

ODED'S WEEKLY REPORT

08-29-2025

LABOR DAY – Due to Labor Day, the LakeRidge Falls office will be closed on Monday, September 1st. We will reopen again on Tuesday, September 2nd. Please note, if you experience a situation that falls under the scope of responsibility of the Association and requires our assistance during the time the offices are closed, please call the emergency line at 941-444-7090.

TRASH COLLECTION – Also due to Labor Day, NO Residential Garbage will be done on Monday, September 1st. Collection for that week will be as follows:

- Monday's collection will be collected on Tuesday, September 2nd.
- Wednesday's yard waste collection will be collected on Thursday, September 4th.
- Thursday's collection will be collected on Friday, September 5th.

BIG BIN ADVANTAGE – This week, Manatee County delivered the free 96-gallon gray garbage bins to all residents in the community. For those who are away at the moment, we kindly ask you to make arrangements to store these new bins, which were left on the curb in front of the house, inside the garage. While the new schedule for garbage collection will start on October 7th, residents are more than welcome to start using the new bin going forward. For any other questions or inquiries on this subject matter, please make sure to reach out to Manatee County Utilities Department directly by phone, 941-748-4501, or by visiting the county's website at mymanatee.org/BigBin.

WILDLIFE SIGHTING – During this week, we have received sight reports of two wildlife, bobcats and coyotes. As we do on a regular basis, this will be a great opportunity to remind all about the notion of living with these wildlife.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) advises that these BOBCATS 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 making loud noises. This way, bobcats would feel less comfortable near humans. Otherwise, bobcats may adapt and become more comfortable around humans. Additionally, the FWC cautions residents to ensure that their pets and/or pet food are not left outside in the lanai unattended. We urge all residents to take a moment and read FWC's "Living with Bobcats" pamphlet, which is posted on the Association website (click [here](#)).



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Regarding COYOTES, the FWC advises that “[c]oyotes are not large animals and rarely pose a threat to people, especially adults. They can be curious but are also timid and generally run away if challenged. If a coyote approaches too closely, there are methods you can use to deter and frighten it away. Hazing the animal by making loud noises and acting aggressively will typically cause a coyote to leave an area, but you may need to increase and continue hazing efforts until the coyote is effectively deterred and leaves the area for good.” As before, we encourage all to visit the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission’s website to read more about coyotes in Florida. You can also gain access to the website by clicking [here](#).

A photo by Dave Friedman



As always, we encourage all members and residents to visit the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission’s website to read more about bobcats and coyotes in Florida. You can also gain access to the website by clicking [here](#). Thank you in advance for your attention and consideration regarding this important matter.

LANDSCAPE – As advised earlier this week, the heavy rains we experienced in the past few days made mowing a mission impossible. You see, the wet conditions have made the grounds unsuitable for mowing, and postponing was aimed at protecting the landscape. While there are many reasons why it is never a good idea to mow after heavy rains, here are just a couple. First, ruts. From past experiences, the weight of the mowing equipment more often than not creates ruts in soggy areas and uneven grounds in others. The second, fungus. Currently, several areas in the community suffer from fungal disease. As a result, the grass is struggling or has simply died. While BrightView Landscape is making sure to treat such areas with fungicide and to replace sections of dead grass, the goal was to avoid fungal spores spread by the mowers. Then there are reasons such as splashed mud from lawn edgers, clumps of wet grass, etc., but the idea was made clear, hopefully, that there was much more to lose than to gain if mowing had taken place this week.

Now, it should be noted that BrightView Landscape did utilize its crews this week for the benefit of the Association. Thanks to Mr. Philippe Guislain, BrightView Landscape Account Manager, the crews cleaned the entire area **outside** the south wall of the community. Please see the area marked in yellow on the map. After tirelessly working on this large section all day, the crews removed six truckloads of garbage, not before ensuring the entire segment was mowed and pruned. Some more pictures on the next page.



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Southwall



With this in mind, please note that the mowing schedule should resume next week on Tuesday due to Labor Day. Please also keep in mind that mowing will not be perfect as the grass is higher there normal, but rest assured that BrightView Landscape will do everything within their power to deliver satisfactory results. Judging the way the crews worked on the south wall, there is much confidence that they will do great next week.

As always, we wish to thank all for their patience and understanding on this issue.

Have a quiet and safe Labor Day weekend,

Oded Neeman - LakeRidge Falls Community Manager

