

ODED'S WEEKLY REPORT

11-14-2025

VANDALISM AT THE POOL - A couple of weeks ago, a lengthy article was shared with the community asking residents to take proactive measures in reporting suspicious activities. The following is a good example of how a proactive action could have possibly prevented an unfortunate action from taking place.

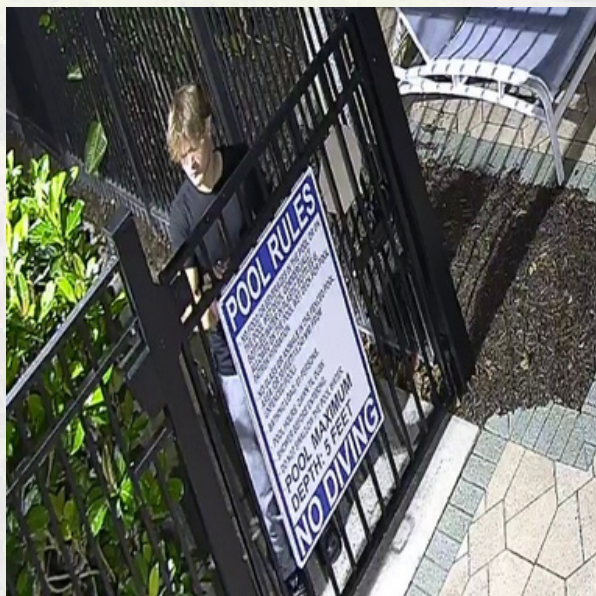
On Wednesday, November 12th, at around 9:32 pm, two individuals riding bicycles entered the community via the back gate at the same time as a member of the community. One of these individuals was wearing a hoodie. At around 9:33 pm, these individuals were seen arriving at the clubhouse, parking their bicycles, and entering the pool fenced area. At around 10:01 pm, one of the trespassers jumped over the north side gate of the pool after leaving the pool area a few minutes beforehand. At around 10:13 pm, the two individuals left the community from the back exit gate, not before passing by a resident's vehicle that had just entered the community. The following morning, the Association received a few reports from residents that portrayed the acts of vandalism the two individuals had left behind them.

If you think about it for a second, two individuals riding their bicycles at night on the streets of this community is a situation that sticks out like a sore thumb. This is especially true when considering that one of them had a hoodie on. While the Association is obligated to ensure its members and residents are secure and safe, it requires the assistance of its residents. Therefore, residents must understand that they must take a proactive role by reporting any suspicious activity to the Manatee County Sheriff's Department on its non-emergency line at 941-747-3011, or in case of immediate assistance, at 911.

IMPORTANT: never confront someone you believe to be a piggyrider, solicitor, trespasser, and/or suspicious person. Please don't attempt to slow down when driving into the community because you feel the person in the car behind you looks suspicious, address individuals walking on the street because you don't recognize them or follow someone throughout the Association's streets because you think the person is a trespasser.

Thank you for your assistance on this important matter.

ONE OF THE TRESPASSERS AS CAPTURED BY ONE OF THE SECURITY CAMERAS



ONE OF THE OUTCOMES OF THE "VISIT"



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APPLE SNAILS – On the lighter side of trespassing situations, we received a few reports from residents regarding what appeared to be the spread of an invasive species of snail that is taking over a couple of the Association's ponds. As can be seen in the picture below, which was sent by a concerned resident, it was quite noticeable as the snail was laying neon pink eggs on hard surfaces around these two ponds. On its website, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) states that:

“Island and channeled apple snails lay “pink” eggs that turn white/ grey before hatching. Unfortunately, using egg masses for apple snail identification can be difficult because of variations caused by environmental factors and all turn white before hatching. Currently there is little FWC can do to stem the exotic apple snail populations, as is the case for most established exotic species that are often part of the exotic pet trade. Federal law states that it is illegal for apple snails to be imported across state lines. The FWC does suggest that owners of these snails please refrain from releasing them into the wild.” Source: <https://myfwc.com/research/freshwater/species-assessments/mollusks/apple-snails/>

And indeed, the available treatment is worse than the problem. To prevent the spread of this invasive creature, the Association's ponds maintenance company would need to use a larger amount of copper, which would be harmful, i.e., deadly, to fish and other aquatic life. Knowing this snail will mainly damage aquatic plants, we are left with no other choice but to count on the Snail Kite, a predatory bird, to contain the spread of this invasive snail.

We hope you find this information useful, and thank all those who reported this matter to our attention.



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PARKING ON THE STREETS – Please take a moment to read this important information. We kindly ask you and/or your invitees to park all vehicle/s in your driveway in a way that does not block pedestrians from safely using the sidewalks, or in the clubhouse parking lot according to the parking lot policy.

Please understand that LakeRidge Falls' governing documents, Initial Restrictions and Rules, Paragraph 2, Restricted Activities, (a), prohibits within the community the ***“[p]arking of any vehicles on private streets or thoroughfares; and parking of commercial vehicles or equipment, mobile homes, campers, and similar recreational vehicles, golf carts, boats, and other watercraft, trailers, stored vehicles, or inoperable vehicles in places other than enclosed garages; however, construction, service, and delivery vehicles shall be exempt from this provision for such period of time as is reasonably necessary to provide service or to make a delivery to a Lot or the Common Area.”***

However, enforcement measures are always the last resort. Therefore, if you have a construction or service vendor working on your Lot, please ensure they don't park on the street for longer than reasonably necessary and in a way that does not interfere with traffic, such as parking on both sides of the road. If you have friends or family visiting, please ask them to park their vehicle/s in your driveway in a way that does not block pedestrians from safely using the sidewalks, or in the clubhouse parking lot, according to the parking lot policy. Following such a simple direction will greatly assist us in eliminating potential hazardous and safety situations. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding in the matter.

Have a quiet and safe weekend,

Oded Neeman - LakeRidge Falls Community Manager