

# ODED'S WEEKLY REPORT

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**RECOGNITION AND APOLOGY** – I wish to start this week's report with a sincere apology for inadvertently failing to include Mr. David Danilowitz and Mrs. Fern Rouleau in last week's acknowledgment. Yes, the Weekly Report was composed late at night after a long Annual Membership meeting, but this does not justify this shortcoming.

*Recognition of Mr. Danilowitz* - I would like to take a moment to sincerely apologize for inadvertently failing to thank Mr. Danilowitz last week. However, all members and residents should know that his dedication and service to the LakeRidge Falls community over the past two years have been invaluable, and his commitment has helped LakeRidge Falls continue to thrive. A testimony of this can be seen in the story of the irrigation station, which was brought up last week, and which saved the Association close to \$100k! I am sure all would join me in thanking Mr. Danilowitz for his outstanding contributions and for making a positive impact on this Association.

*Recognition of Mrs. Rouleau* - I would also like to apologize for failing to recognize Mrs. Rouleau as an Inspector of Election, inadvertently thanking someone else. If one never counted votes during an annual meeting, one would never know how difficult and stressful this task can be. Nevertheless, Mrs. Rouleau was a pillar of the group, leading what was truly a valued job. She deserves distinct appreciation for her efforts. So please join me in thanking Mrs. Rouleau for your commitment and hard work.

**MAINLINE IRRIGATION LEAK** – The issue of irrigation was mentioned above, so this will be a good time to share an irrigation incident that took place this week. Early this week, Mr. Victor Martinez, BrightView Landscape Irrigation Technician, discovered a leak at the end of Cascade Falls Circle, in proximity to the roundabout. After a couple of hours of attempting to locate the source of the leak, he concluded it was from a mainline located...be ready... dead center below an oak tree.

Because he could not determine the exact location, i.e., could not dig under the tree, he could not reach or bypass the leak. Therefore, we had no other choice but to call the Association's tree maintenance company to perform what we called an emergency removal of the tree. After all, a mainline leak requires turning off the irrigation system. This means the grounds can't be irrigated until the leak is fixed. Going back to the story, the tree company came the following morning and removed the tree, the stump, and the roots surrounding it. And indeed, Mr. Martinez soon



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discovered that the source of the leak was from a 3-inch elbow, i.e., 90 degree coupling, and 3-inch pipes that were "strangled" by one of the roots. Thereafter, he repaired the leak, and the large hole was covered. Please note that per Manatee County Ordinance, a new tree is required to replace the one removed. In the next couple of weeks, this new tree will be planted in a nearby location, and the area where the old tree was will be soded.

**KARIBA PATH LIGHTS** – As so many residents of this community know, the Association has five tall path lights along the path/sidewalk that connects the two sections of Kariba Lake Terrace. In recent weeks, a couple of reports came in advising that the lights are not working. Following such reports, a quick inspection revealed that the circuit breaker tripped. It took a couple of inspections, but in the end, it was determined that the sub-panel that houses this breaker, and a couple more, has reached its useful life. As can be seen in the pictures, the last twenty-five years have taken their toll on the panel. As can also be seen in the pictures, the corroded area indicates that moisture found its way to the panel and breaker, which may explain why the breaker for those path lights, as well as other equipment in the area, was tripping. To make a long story short, this week the panel and breakers were replaced, and we hope this would address this matter.



**BIG BIN ISSUES** – We are certain that if we share more stories of Manatee County's new Big Bin Advantage program, everyone's heads would explode. But... this is important information worth sharing. Ms. Jo Mooy, a longtime member of this Association, shared a recent discussion she had with a waste management personnel. To her account, this person advised that residents should **NOT** leave signs/notes on their garbage cans with hopes they would be replaced. Instead, residents **MUST** call Manatee County to put in a replacement order. He also advised that "running" after the garbage trucks, asking the driver to replace the big garbage can, will not make any difference. Besides being an unsafe practice, the big garbage bin replacement project, he reported to Ms. Mooy, was subcontracted to a third-party. This company, he concluded, only goes to registered homes based on a list provided by Manatee County. Frustrating topic, but hope this information may help to ease this frustration a little bit.

Have a quiet and safe weekend, Oded Neeman, LakeRidge Falls Community Manager