

ODED'S WEEKLY REPORT

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FEEDING WILDLIFE – This week, we received a couple of reports about individuals who allegedly feed wildlife, mainly turtles and ducks. Please note that both Florida Rule 68A 4.001 and the Association's governing documents strictly prohibit such activity! The main reason is obvious. Feeding wild animals may cause them to lose their ability to gather food naturally. Therefore, they become more and more dependent on humans, which may lead to property damage, endanger surrounding neighbors, the spread of diseases, increased animal families, and the creation of a nuisance environment. We, therefore, request all residents and their guests not to feed, intentionally or unintentionally, wildlife. This includes but is not limited to feeding birds/raccoons/turtles/ducks/fish with food or garbage, attracting wildlife by placing food or garbage, i.e., leaving pet food in the lanai and using birdfeeders and/or birdbaths, and placing food or garbage in a manner that attracts wildlife, i.e., putting garbage during garbage pick-up days without using a closed container. Please, we ask all to assist us in protecting LakeRidge Falls' unique ecosystem and nature. Thank you in advance for your immediate and sincere attention to this matter.

FISHING & TRESPASSING – On a related matter, not once did we receive reports about individuals who toured the community for a spot to fish after somehow sneaking into the community. In the past, we explained in length why fishing in the community is prohibited, but today we would like to speak on the more obvious offense, which is trespassing. If a member and/or resident of the community notices someone or a group of people fishing in one of the Association ponds, please, and again please, don't confront this person or group.

Instead, please report the incident to the Manatee County Sheriff's Department on its non-emergency line at 941-747-3011. You see, only law enforcement has the authority and the means to force an unauthorized individual or group to leave the Association's property. With this in mind, and this should go without saying, if you feel immediate assistance is warranted because of an injury or danger, please don't hesitate to call 911. Thank you to all who reported the incident above, and please thank you for your attention and assistance on future incidents.

WILDLIFE SIGHTING – In recent weeks, we have received reports of various sightings of wildlife, mainly coyotes and raccoons. Therefore, this will be a great time to once again speak about living with these two wildlife species.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) advises that COYOTES "...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." We encourage all to visit the FWC's website to read more about coyotes in Florida.

<https://myfwc.com/conservation/you- conserve/wildlife/coyotes/>

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Regarding RACCOONS, the FWC advises that they "...are amongst the most intelligent of Florida's wildlife. They feed on fruits, plant material, eggs, crustaceans, small animals, and even garbage. They usually become active in the late afternoon and throughout the night, but may change this pattern according to food availability." Therefore, residents are prohibited to feed them, as artificially feeding them may result in them becoming more and more dependent on humans. Furthermore, residents should not leave their garbage can lids open or leave pet food outside or in the lanai, as raccoons are pretty smart animals that can climb or find a way through a lanai screen. Also, don't leave your pet outside unattended, as raccoons may attack dogs or cats if they feel threatened. And finally, and above all, don't handle raccoons yourself if you feel threatened - instead, please immediately contact nuisance wildlife professionals. A nuisance animal may be removed from the property as long as the professional follows Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) 68A-9.010. As before, we encourage all to visit the FWC's website to read more about raccoons in Florida.

<https://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/profiles/mammals/land/raccoon/>

POOL SPA - This is a quick update that the pool spa is up and running again. Not to bore everyone with the facts, the driver for the pump went bad. In simple terms, the driver, as the name indicates, is the component that "drives" the pump by supplying the electrical power and control signals that make the pump motor run. So without a driver, the pump can't work. While the bad news was that the spa didn't work for about a week, the good news is that the driver was under warranty. The better news, as already shared, is that the spa is up and running again. We wish to thank all for their understanding and patience on this matter.

IRRIGATION STATION - Staying in the same technical area, late last week we learned that the main Variable Frequency Drive (VFD), yes, a similar component as above, for an irrigation station went bad. In general, a VFD in an irrigation setting is an electronic controller that adjusts the speed of the irrigation pump motor to match the real-time water demand of the system. Its main goals are to ensure constant pressure control and energy efficiency.

While energy efficiency is self-explanatory, the significance of constant pressure control is a little bit more complex. However, in simple terms, the idea of having a system that softly starting/stopping while gradually increasing/ decreasing the water pressure, and then ensuring it remains consistent is extremely important. This is because water pressure fluctuation can mean no good irrigation coverage, i.e., too low; main irrigation line breaks/leaks, i.e., too high; and/or mechanical stress on the pumps and motors.

Now, the bad news, as already mentioned, is that we lost the main VFD. The good news, however, is that the system has two VFDs. So, in this regard, the system continues to work almost as normal, so there should be no impact on the day-to-day operation of the irrigation system. The better news is that the VFD, which is an expensive component, is under warranty. Therefore, we hope to have the new VFD delivered and installed by no later than the end of next week.

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