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# THE LAKES HOA

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## RULES & REGULATIONS

The newly appointed Governance Committee is currently revising our Rules and Regulations to be current with Florida State Statutes. They are hoping to complete this work and have it approved before the end of the year. We will keep the community posted on their progress.

## Architectural Review Committee

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) has been approved by the board to review and approve your requests for changes to your property. If you want to add or eliminate anything from your property, the form must be submitted and approved by ARC before you begin.

If you would like to be on ANY of our committees, we would love to have you! We are especially looking for 3 or more members for the Violations Committee. Fill out the [Committee Volunteer Information form](#) and we will contact you as quickly as possible.

## DFB Hazardous Waste Collection

The City of Deerfield Beach will host a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event on Saturday, October 4th from 8AM-12PM. The event will take place at Bernard Adams Municipal Complex, 401 SW 4th Street. To see the list of acceptable waste and restrictions, go to:

<https://www.deerfield-beach.com/235/Drop-Off-Center#hhw>

## Trivia Question

Once placed outside homes to welcome guests, what fruit is considered the universal symbol of hospitality?

- Mango
- Coconut
- Papaya
- Pineapple

## President's Corner

We are really excited about all of the great things happening! The Security cameras are up and running, the pool and spa repairs are complete and the area is officially OPEN! I want to thank everyone for their patience as this work was completed.

Love to see all of the fun Halloween decorations going up! Enjoy the change of season and all of the fun fall activities!



## Community Safety See Something, Say Something

At the Lakes HOA, the safety and well-being of our residents is always a top priority. While our association and local law enforcement work diligently to maintain a secure environment, true safety is a shared responsibility. Each of us plays an important role in keeping our community safe.

One of the simplest yet most effective ways to contribute is by practicing the principle: **See Something, Say Something**. This means remaining observant in our daily routines and reporting unusual or suspicious activity promptly. Whether it's an unfamiliar vehicle parked in a restricted area, activity that seems out of place, or a safety hazard within the neighborhood, speaking up ensures that potential issues are addressed quickly and appropriately.

It is important to remember that "saying something" does not mean making assumptions—it simply means sharing information with those who can take the proper steps, such as local law enforcement, emergency services, or the HOA management team. However, if you see a crime being committed, call 911 first and then report what you saw to the HOA.

By working together and looking out for one another, we strengthen the security of our community and help foster peace of mind that makes our community such a great place to live.

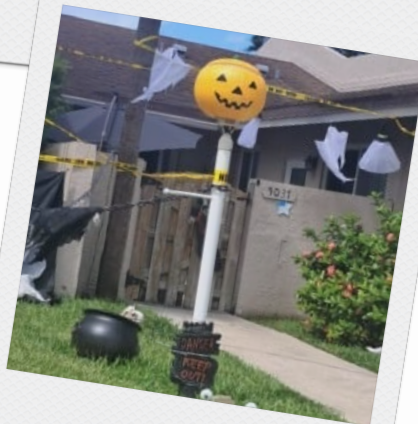
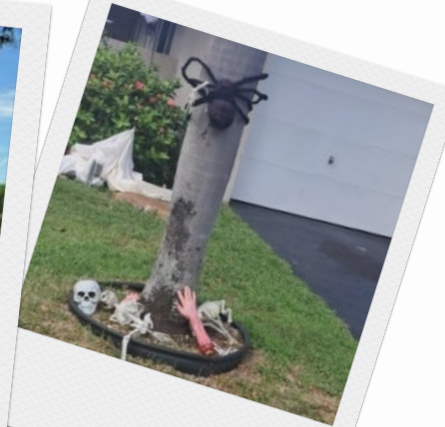
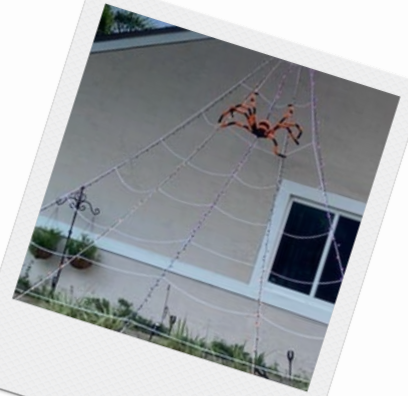
If you see something, say something—because safety is everyone's responsibility.

# Fall is Here

It's time to celebrate the arrival of fall! This enchanting season brings with it a plethora of activities, events, and traditions that we can all enjoy.

Swap out summer decor for warm, cozy autumn accents. Think pumpkins, gourds, and vibrant foliage. Consider creating a beautiful centerpiece with seasonal flowers, or hang a festive wreath on your door.

**Halloween Preparations:** Halloween is just around the corner! We love to see our neighbors' Halloween decorations. Whether you prefer spooky or fun, there are endless possibilities. Deerfield Beach offers plenty of seasonal fun check out their website at <https://www.deerfield-beach.com/1407/Fall-Festival>. Pet tip: If you are going to hand out Halloween treats, put a baby gate inside your front door to prevent your dog from running away, or keep your pets in an enclosed room.



**Lawn Schedule**

**October 14th & 28th**

**November 11th & 25th**

**December 9th & 23rd**

Answer: The pineapple has long been regarded as the universal symbol of hospitality and warmth. In colonial America, pineapples were rare and expensive, imported from the Caribbean, so displaying one signaled generosity and wealth. Hosts would sometimes place a pineapple at the entrance or use it as a centerpiece to show guests they were welcome. Over time, the fruit's association with friendliness and good cheer spread, making it a lasting emblem of hospitality that still appears in architecture, decor, and even hotel logos today.

