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THE LAKES HOA

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FOUNTAIN

The Board would like to share some significant plans to honor the memory and dedicated service of our dear friend and colleague, Richard. One of his last projects, the beautification of our garden area at the entrance, stands as a testament to his commitment and passion for improving our community.



MEMORIAL PLAQUE

In recognition of Richard's hard work and unwavering dedication, the Board has decided to place a memorial plaque in front of the fountain at the entrance garden. We believe this will serve as a lasting tribute to his contributions and remembrance of his efforts. Additionally, another plaque will be displayed in the clubhouse to honor his legacy.

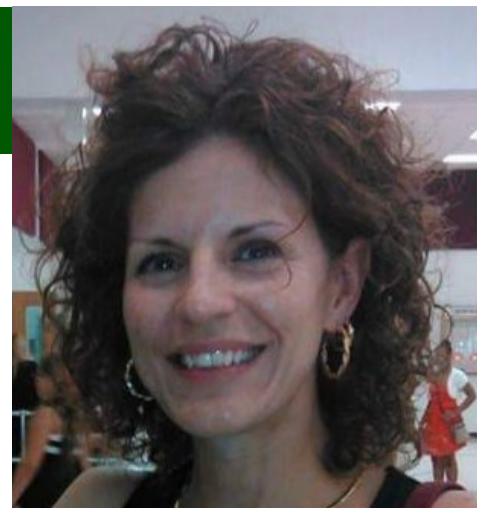
CELEBRATION OF HIS LEGACY

To further commemorate Richard's service, we are planning a "Celebration of His Legacy" open house event to be held at the clubhouse on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 beginning at 7 pm. Refreshments in the form of finger food and drinks will be provided. All residents are invited plus other special friends of Richard's.

We truly appreciate Richard's tireless work and dedication and look forward to celebrating his many contributions to our community with all of you. Thank you for your support and understanding as we prepare to honor one of our most dedicated members.

SHARON PASLOWSKI PRESIDENT

We are pleased to share that the Board has unanimously elected Sharon Paslowski as the new President of our community. Sharon brings a wealth of experience and dedication from her last role as President of the Broward County PTA, where she coordinated, trained, and assisted individual school PTA presidents in running their boards effectively. Sharon is a passionate and hardworking leader who is committed to ensuring our community is managed efficiently and effectively. We believe that under her leadership, our board will continue to work diligently in the best interests of all residents.



Please join us in welcoming Sharon as our new President and in showing her your support as she embarks in this new role.

AMENDMENT OUTCOME

The board wishes to express a significant concern regarding the recent amendment voting results. Despite our thorough efforts to communicate the importance and necessity of these amendments through board meetings, emails, letters, and a town hall meeting, the outcome was not as we had hoped and it was discouraging to all of the board members to see your lack of interest in our community. Out of a possible 180 votes we needed 120 to pass the amendments but we received only 42. Thank you to the 42 voters even if you voted against the amendments.

Your participation in these processes is crucial for the successful operation of our association. By not voting, not signing proxies, and not attending meetings to stay informed about the board's initiatives, you are hampering our ability to make necessary advancements and decisions that benefit our entire community. An engaged and informed community can effectively address concerns, debunk rumors, and foster a more harmonious living environment.

We strongly urge you to get involved, attend meetings, cast your vote, and stay informed about what is happening in our community. Your active participation is essential in helping us move forward and making our community a better place for everyone. Thank you for your attention and for your future involvement.



PLANTING TREES

Please note that the following is a new rule added to our Rules & Regulations

No. 24. PLANTING TREES ON COMMON GROUND

Planting of any type of trees on common ground requires authorization from the Association by way of the Architectural Request form.

There may be some confusion regarding the guidelines for planting trees on common ground within our community. The following is to clarify the rules to ensure everyone is informed and to sustain a well-maintained environment.

Fruit Trees

Due to the potential attraction of animals such as rats, raccoons, opossums, and iguanas—as well as the additional maintenance burden on the Association—planting fruit trees on common ground is not permitted. If you wish to plant fruit trees, you may do so only within the confines of your private property.

Non-Fruit Bearing Trees

Non-fruit bearing trees may be planted on common ground only under certain conditions. If you have been required by the City to replace a tree that has been removed from your property and you do not have sufficient space on your own property for the replacement, you must inform the Association. The Association will then provide you with guidelines on where to plant the replacement tree(s) on common ground; or, if you just want to plant a certain type of tree near your property, you must get the approval of the Association because there are tree restrictions you may not be aware of.

Existing Fruit Trees on Common Ground

If you have already planted a fruit tree on common ground and wish to keep it, we kindly ask that you relocate it to your private property as soon as possible. Be advised that the Association plans to remove many fruit trees from common ground next year when Carlton Tree Service conducts tree trimming in preparation for hurricane season.

We appreciate your understanding and compliance with these guidelines, which are in place to maintain the safety, beauty, and function of our shared spaces.

MOSQUITOES

It's summer, it's hot and it's mosquitoes breeding season. Check outside your home for containers holding standing water and empty them.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

According to Article VII Section 11 of the Declaration of Covenants (summarized) any outside changes to your home whether it be something attached to your unit or something large added to your property, e.g., a shed, or something removed, must be requested on an Architectural Request form which must be dated and approved by the Architectural Committee before commencing the addition or removal. The reason being that homeowners are not permitted to change the overall aesthetic look of the community according to the Declaration.



Trivia Question: What is the tallest building in the United States?

- ☐ Sears Tower
- ☐ Empire State Building
- ☐ One World Trade Center
- ☐ Central Park Tower

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT REMINDER

July 15th began the \$150 a month assessment for one year.

FPL REBATE

If your air conditioning isn't cooling to your satisfaction, perhaps adding blown insulation to your attic would help. One of our directors had it done recently and it has made a big difference and he is recommending this solution. He received a \$200 rebate which is calculated on your square footage. FPL has a list of recommended contractors that will blow in 10 inches of 30R insulation and you don't need to move anything in your attic. Check it out on their website FPL.com

PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE LAKES

The Board thought it might be nice and appropriate to have a plaque listing all of the presidents from the start of this community to hang in the clubhouse. However, in researching this task we have found gaps in years. If you can remember the name of a president and the year or years of his or her term, we would appreciate your input. We know Cindy Miller and Nancy Hughes were both presidents but don't know the year. Ladies?

To the owners who were here early on please give it thought and if you can remember a name, we would appreciate hearing from you.

PRESIDENTS

1983 Alfonso Riveroll
No records on Sunbiz for 7 years in between
1995 Willson Hoffman
1996 Glen Judy
1997 Glen Judy this is a guess
No records on Sunbiz for 7 years in between
2004-2024 Richard Mazurek



Lawn Service Schedule

**August
7th, 19th & 28th**

Answer: One World Trade Center is the main building of the rebuilt World Trade Center complex in Lower Manhattan, New York City. One World Trade Center is the tallest building in the United States, the tallest building in the Western Hemisphere, and the seventh-tallest in the world. The super tall structure has the same name as the North Tower of the original World Trade Center, which was destroyed in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The new skyscraper stands at a total height of 1,776 feet. Its height in feet is a deliberate reference to the year when the United States Declaration of Independence was signed.