



2025

THE LAKES HOA

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RULES & REGULATIONS

Rule #15 Obstruction & Destruction of Property

There shall be no obstruction or cluttering of the Association property, including and/or without limitation, sidewalks, automobile parking spaces, lawns, entrance ways, patios, or courts, other common elements, or areas. This includes any cutting of trees or shrubs belonging to the Association and not of your own personal property. There shall be no marking, marring, damaging, destroying, or defacing of any part of the Association property. Members shall be responsible for and shall bear any expense of such damage caused by said member, his family, guests, lessees, and/or investors.

Rule #16 Temporary Structures & Recreational Vehicles or Watercraft

No structure of a temporary character, e.g., a 6' shed, tent, gazebo, or anything higher than the top of the fence is not permitted to be installed if it can be seen by your neighbor or from common ground. No trailer, mobile home, recreational vehicle, boat or watercraft of any kind shall be permitted on the property at any time, or used at any time on the lake or as a residence.

President's Corner

School's out for summer! Please follow all posted speed limits and watch for the little ones. Children under 14 should always have guardian supervision at the pool and playground. We want everyone to have a happy and safe summer!

GetQuorum

The Board is pleased to announce that after nine years of no elections because we couldn't reach quorum, we did it this year thanks to all who participated and voted on GetQuorum. Our board is back up to seven members and the two more men will make a big difference in distribution of roles, duties and responsibilities.

Parking Stickers, Parking & Motorcycles

1. Whichever way you pull into your parking space, the parking sticker must always face the street. Thank you.
2. Cars are not to park at the playground area or in front of the clubhouse overnight indefinitely and these areas are not for storage of an extra vehicle.
3. **Effective immediately**, when the clubhouse is rented a notice will be sent to all residents advising you not to park at the clubhouse or in front of the playground. If you are parked at either area, you are to move your vehicle elsewhere that day or night. There recently was a day rental and there were no parking spaces for their guests.
4. Let's talk motorcycles as we've seen a few more in here lately. Our Rules state they can only park in your driveway briefly and are to be parked in your garage or on the back patio. The same is true for visitors staying overnight or for more than a day visit. They are not to park anywhere else. Please make your motorcycle guests aware of this rule.

Important Dates to Remember

June 11 Board Meeting

June 15 Last day to pay the 2024-2025 Special Assessment

ENJOY THE SUMMER



Introducing Two New Board Members Elected May 28, 2025

Darrian Kelly

I am a United States Army Veteran and a father of two. I joined the Military at the age of 19 and served two combat tours to Iraq. After years of service, numerous accommodations and awards, I left the Army at the Rank of Sergeant. I then relocated to my native home of Florida. Currently, I am employed with the City of Sunrise as the Senior Billing Specialist within our Finance and Treasury Department.

Drew Newman

For the last four years of my working career, I have been an attorney working both for and against insurance companies. With this background, I can approach ideas with this in mind to allow for potential plans that may increase the value of homes while also lowering insurance premiums to stretch our assessments and HOA fees out a little further. While I have not yet been on an HOA board, I have been a executive member of multiple organizations throughout college and law school. I recently moved into the neighborhood and this is where I plan to start and raise my family and would be more than happy to volunteer my time to try to make this neighborhood a little bit better every day. While I understand that my work may demand many hours from me, I am lucky enough to have enough flexibility that I can work from home on any day and am not expected to be working beyond typical business hours unless there is are extenuating circumstances.

Welcome to the Board and The Lakes! We are glad you are here!

Trivia Question

The average lightning bolt is about 5 miles long and how wide?

- 1 inch
- 2 feet
- 8 yards
- 50 feet



Dog Poop

If you are not picking up after your dog, you are not complying with our rules or Deerfield's. PLEASE pick up! It doesn't matter if it's a big dog or little, their deposits are toxic to the environment and disgusting to step in. Be a good neighbor and do the right thing.

Feeding Wildlife

Feeding wildlife can seem like a harmless activity, but there are several compelling reasons why homeowners should refrain from doing so:

1. Dependency on Humans: Regularly feeding wildlife can lead to animals becoming dependent on human-provided food sources. This can disrupt their natural foraging behaviors and make them less capable of finding food on their own.
2. Health Risks: Human food is often not suitable for wildlife and can lead to malnutrition or health issues in animals.
3. Attracting Pests: Feeding wildlife can attract not only the intended animals but also unwanted pests such as rodents, raccoons, and insects and can create additional problems like property damage or health risks.
4. Altered Behavior: Feeding can change the natural behaviors of wildlife, making them less wary of humans. This can lead to increased encounters with humans potentially leading to aggressive behavior.
5. Overpopulation: Providing food can lead to an increase in local wildlife populations, which can create competition for resources and lead to overpopulation issues. This can strain local ecosystems and result in imbalances in the food chain and ecosystem health.
6. Disease Transmission: Close proximity among wildlife due to feeding can facilitate the spread of diseases among animals, which can also pose risks to pets and even humans.
7. Legal Regulations: Feeding wildlife may be against the law. Local regulations are in place to protect wildlife and promote public safety.
8. Environmental Concerns: Feeding wildlife can lead to litter and pollution in the environment, especially if food scraps are left behind or if feeding stations are not maintained.

Answer: Lightning is a giant discharge of electricity accompanied by a brilliant flash of light. The average lightning bolt is five miles in length and only 1 inch in width. It only seems to appear bigger because the bolt is so bright. Lightning is extremely hot—a flash can heat the air around it to temperatures five times hotter than the sun's surface. Lightning flashes more than 3 million times a day worldwide which equates to about 40 times a second. The average American has about a 1 in 5,000 chance of being struck by lightning during a lifetime.