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THE LAKES HOA

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RULES & REGULATIONS

NOTE: The Rules & Regulations are currently undergoing a review and updating to comply with the changes in many of the laws passed this year. They will be approved at the next board meeting following the completion of the revision. A revised copy will be emailed to all residents and, of course, can be accessed on the website at thelakeshoa.net.

Committees

At the July board meeting, the board approved new committees in addition to the standing Budget, Architectural Review, Violations, and Hearing/Fining. They are: Governance which would be rules, policies and procedures; Needs Assessment which is long term goals; Common Ground Improvements which would be tennis courts, pickleball courts, playground, paving roads, etc; Communications/Outreach; and Violations. A board member will chair a committee. Chairs were decided as follows: Jeannette Smithee-Budget; Drew Newman-Architectural Review; Darrian Kelly-Communications/Outreach; Sharon Paslowski-Governance; Needs Assessment-chair open, members: Jeannette, Drew, and Nick.

If you would like to be on one or more committees, there is still time. Fill out the Committee Volunteer Information form and submit it to the office.

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Trivia Question

"Merchandise 7X" is the secret ingredient used to make which product?

- Coca Cola
- Kentucky Fried Chicken
- Twinkies
- Bush's Baked Beans

President's Corner

Lots of great things happening in The Lakes this month. Security cameras will be installed, pool and spa repairs will begin (sorry for any inconvenience this will cause) and a shiny new basketball hoop put in for the kids! It's already seeing a lot of play. We hope these improvements add value to your home ownership.

Turnaround Streets and Child Safety

We would like to bring to your attention a matter of safety that has recently come to our notice. It has been reported that several parents are allowing their children to play in the turnaround streets. While we understand that these areas may seem convenient for play, it is important to prioritize the safety of our children and our community. Recently, there was an incident where a child darted into the street and was nearly hit by a car backing out of a driveway. This is a serious concern, as small children are often in the driver's blind spot. To ensure the safety of all our residents, we kindly ask that you refrain from using a turnaround street as a playground. We have a designated playground available for your children to enjoy, and we encourage you to bring them there for playtime.

We would like to address another serious safety concern regarding our community's lake area. Recently, we have observed several instances where children have been playing near the water's edge unsupervised, and we feel it is crucial to remind everyone of the potential dangers involved.

In one instance, two small children, a toddler and maybe a 3-4 year old child, were seen running back and forth from their patio to the lake, throwing toys into the water. On another occasion, two older children, a boy approximately 8-10 years old and a girl about 6 years old, were standing on the concrete abutment where the water flows out, attempting to catch something with nets. The older boy left, leaving the younger girl alone at the water's edge, which poses a significant risk.

As many of you may remember, we have had tragic incidents in the past, including the drowning of a small child in our lake when there was no adult supervision present. We cannot stress enough the importance of adult supervision when children are near the water. We urge all parents to ensure that their children do not play at the water's edge without a responsible adult present. It is vital for you to be there to monitor their safety and be ready to rescue them should an accident occur.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Together, we can help keep our community safe for all our children.

Labor Day Facts

1. **Origins in Labor Movement:** Labor Day originated from the labor movement in the late 19th century, specifically in response to the harsh working conditions and long hours faced by workers. It was established to honor and recognize the contributions of laborers to the economy.
2. **First Labor Day Parade:** The first Labor Day parade took place in New York City on September 5, 1882. Organized by the Central Labor Union, it was a demonstration of the strength of organized labor and drew thousands of participants.
3. **Federal Holiday:** Labor Day became a federal holiday in the United States in 1894. The decision came after a violent labor dispute known as the Pullman Strike, which led to a push for a national day to honor workers.
4. **Different Dates Worldwide:** While Labor Day is celebrated on the first Monday in September in the U.S. and Canada, many other countries celebrate International Workers' Day on May 1st. This date was chosen to commemorate the Haymarket affair in Chicago in 1886, which was a pivotal event in the labor movement. In some countries May 1st is known as May Day and is celebrated with various festivities, including parades, demonstrations, and cultural events that honor workers' rights.
5. **End of Summer:** In the United States, Labor Day is often considered the unofficial end of summer. Many people use the long weekend to travel or enjoy barbecues, picnics, and outdoor activities before the start of the school year and the arrival of fall.
6. **Labor Day and Retail Sales:** Labor Day has become associated with significant retail sales and promotions, much like Memorial Day and Thanksgiving. Many stores offer discounts, and it is considered a major shopping holiday.
7. **No Specific Traditions:** Unlike some holidays that have specific rituals or customs, Labor Day has fewer defined traditions, although barbecues, parades, and community gatherings are common ways to celebrate.
8. **Recognition of Labor's Diversity:** Labor Day is a time to acknowledge the contributions of a diverse workforce, including skilled laborers, service workers, and professionals, highlighting the importance of all types of work in society.

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.



Lawn Schedule

September
9th, 19th & 30th



Garage Sale at Crystal Lake



Indoor Garage Sale – This Saturday!

Got items you'd love to sell? The community across the street is hosting an indoor garage sale on Saturday, September 13, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.



Reserve your space for just \$10!

If you're interested in participating, please contact Pam in the office or send a message to her at 954-488-1772.

Come join the fun, clear out your clutter, and connect with neighbors!