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THE LAKES HOA

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President's Corner Hello The Lakes Community! Happy Fall!

Thank you for your patience as we are still transitioning leadership. We do appreciate your support. If you are willing to help out, stop by the office. We are always looking for volunteers.

We will begin to have monthly board meetings the second Wednesday evening of the month beginning in November. We hope you will all be able to attend and stay current on all the happenings on the neighborhood. We have worked on expanding the parking as we promised at our last meeting.

Additional Parking on Island

We were able to make an additional 12 spaces on the circle, 2 spaces on one turnabout street, 1 additional space at the first mailbox, and 2 spaces on ELD near tennis courts for a total 17. We will address extra parking next on 52nd and 53rd streets but that will involve more than tearing out bushes so please bear with us.

The Playground Has A New Sign



Which recurring dream is the most common among adults in the United States?



- Falling
- Being chased
- Forgetting a class
- Finding yourself in your childhood home

Bulk Trash

Please Do Not Place Your Trash At The Curb Until The Night Before Wednesday's Pickup

We are seeing that individuals are putting their trash out as early as the evening on the same day of the current pickup day. This results in unsightly piles of trash that remain visible for nearly a week. The owner living across the street or adjacent to the pile has to look at it daily. If you know of a resident who started the pile or is adding to it and want to report same, we will handle it with a violation. In order to maintain the appealing and tidy appearance of our community, we would appreciate your cooperation in adhering to this schedule.



Reminder

Please Do Not Park in the Turnabouts

They are for emergency vehicles only. When you have visitors, please advise them of our parking rules and ask them to re-park if they have parked in a restricted area. Also, street parking overnight is not permitted. Violators will be fined.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: POSTAL PACKAGE BOXES

We'd like to address a recurring issue we've noticed with the usage of package mailbox locks. Many locks have been broken in the past due to forceful attempts to open them or by using the wrong key. When accessing your mailbox, please pay careful attention to the following instructions:

1. **Check the Key Label:** Each key is marked for a specific box, either Box 1 or Box 2. Ensure you are using the corresponding key for the designated box. Each key is specific to one box. Keys are not interchangeable.
2. **Handle with Care:** Avoid using excessive force to open the lock. If you experience difficulty, double-check that you are using the correct key to the corresponding box number. If you are still unable to open box, contact the office.

To give you an idea of the impact, last year we replaced 28 locks at a cost of \$1,300 or \$46 per box and now there are many more needing new locks. We were told the locks are sensitive and you shouldn't be forcing them, they open easily.

Effective immediately, any broken locks that require replacement due to improper usage will be charged to the resident responsible. The cost of this replacement will be added to your account. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Proper usage will help us maintain our community's amenities and ensure all residents have a smooth experience.



HERE IS WHAT THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY IS DOING TO DRIVE UP RATES

Last Sunday *60 Minutes* did an **exposé on Florida's insurance industry** and on the aftermath of Hurricane Ian two years later. They revealed how the insurance companies are fraudulently changing inspectors' reports eliminating repairs or replacements so that they don't have to pay the estimated amounts. This writer is furious enough at this report that I will write Gov. DeSantis and demand an investigation. Here's how to see last Sunday's *60 Minutes*.

Type in your browser: https://www.cbs.com/shows/video/9zNH6iv6nmWffqgTdveMnyS_95naSd8b/

Egyptian Geese

At the last board meeting, a resident brought up that the Egyptian geese were becoming a nuisance and what can be done. The following is information on them.

The Egyptian goose was considered sacred by the ancient Egyptians, who believed that the geese were messengers between earth and heaven.

Egyptian geese are the most common exotic animal that can be found in Florida. They are also protected by federal law under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and should only be handled by companies that understand the federal laws that protect certain birds. How did they end up in Florida? Native to Africa, this odd goose is popular in zoos and aviaries. Escaped birds have established wild populations in Florida, Texas and California, and free-flying escapees are sometimes seen elsewhere.

Males and females look similar but the male is larger. The easiest way to distinguish between the two is on the basis of their call: males tend to mostly hiss, while females tend to mainly honk. But males also honk loudly and perform elaborate courtship displays in order to attract a female. They live for 14-15 years. Their ideal habitat has open grass with a few trees, close to freshwater. They usually nest in cavities in old trees, but will also nest under bushes on islands, or in the nests of crows or raptors. Egyptian Geese breed just once each year. The majority breed in the spring or at the end of the dry season. The breeding season is anywhere from July to March, depending on the area. Hybridization is not very common among waterfowl and Egyptian geese have interbred with not so closely related species including Muscovy ducks. Incubation is by the female only and lasts for around 28 to 30 days. Births are synchronized. Both the male and the female feed and care for the chicks. The young fledge at about 60 to 75 days, remaining under the care of their parents for for almost 4 months.

Ways to deter them:

- 1, **DO NOT FEED THEM!**
2. Use decoy of a dead duck (but they have to be moved periodically)
3. Use goose repellent (Amazon)
4. Make loud noises
5. Open and close an umbrella quickly
6. Make a cutout of a coyote on something that swivels so it looks real



October Lawn Schedule

October 9th & October 24th

