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# THE LAKES HOA

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## RULES & REGULATIONS

### Rule #17 Use of Common Elements

The common elements of the association are for the exclusive use of the association members and their immediate families, lessees, resident house guests and a guest accompanied by an association member or member of their immediate family.

### Rule #18 Noise & Nuisances

No noxious, offensive or unlawful activity shall be carried out on in the community nor shall anything be done thereon which may be or may become an annoyance or nuisance to other owners. No person shall create any plainly audible noise that disturbs the peace, quiet, and comfort of the adjoining units or neighboring inhabitants or persons. Furthermore, noise of such character, intensity or duration detrimental to the life or health of any individual is prohibited. All noise, including and without limitation, is described as talking, singing, barking, television, radio, record player, tape recorder, iPod or musical instruments, and shall be kept at such volume level that said noise is not audible as aforementioned after 10 PM Monday through Thursday and 12 AM Friday and Saturday. Children shall not play on or about common areas of the Association in an unruly or exceptionally noisy manner.



## President's Corner

Happy July 4<sup>th</sup> week! Have safe celebrations and please be mindful of your neighbors.

Welcome back Mike! We are so glad the surgery went well and you are back to work. Mike would also like to extend his thanks to the community for all the well wishes and support while he was out.

We need you on a committee! <https://forms.gle/fHaDWYPAtAnn7AJ68>

## BSO

The District Chief of Police came to our June board meeting and spoke on their services, the recent car break-ins, encouraged getting a camera and floodlights, locking your cars and don't leave valuables visible inside.

Scammers are using QR codes to redirect you to their site so if it looks suspicious don't scan. You can now text 911 for non-emergencies. He left information and contact info behind on the table. The regular non-emergency number is 954-764-4357.

## Reminder

Be sure to change your banking information to reflect the below amounts

**5% INCREASE IN MAINTENANCE** = \$311/mo. to begin July 1st  
If received July 6th or later, a \$20 late fee will be applied (5-day grace period)

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT** = \$255/mo. to begin July 15th (\$88 for insurance and \$167 for roofs)

If received on July 16th or later, a \$20 late will be applied. There is no grace period.

## Important Dates to Remember

**July 9** Board Meeting

**July 15** First day of the 2025 - 2026 Roof and Insurance Assessment



# Coyotes

Several have been seen of late. Crystal Lake requested a speaker from Florida Fish & Wildlife to speak to their residents and opened it to the general public.

Coyotes resemble a small German Shepherd and weigh 15-30 lbs. If you see several in a pack it will be the mother, father and their pups. Each family has their own 3-5 mile radius. Frighten them away by walking toward them aggressively, make loud noises and make yourself appear larger by picking up your dog or waving your arms and they will retreat. You could carry a whistle, air horn or some other type of noise maker.

They are active at dawn, dusk and nighttime. Do not let your pet out loose at these times and it's best to not walk small dogs at this time. NEVER feed them and don't leave food outside for your pet(s). They eat whatever is available including fruits, nuts, seeds, dead animals, rodents, garbage, pet food, domestic cats and small dogs. Teach your children to recognize and not run from coyotes. If approached children should move slowly into a house or climb up on a swing, tree, deck and yell.



## Trivia Question

Which pop star was part of the all-female crew that flew into space on Monday aboard a Blue Origin rocket?

- Miley Cyrus
- Ariana Grande
- Katy Perry
- Taylor Swift

## 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.

## Fourth of July Fireworks

The tradition of fireworks on the Fourth of July in the United States dates back to the country's early years and has its roots in the celebration of independence and national pride.

On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, declaring the American colonies free from British rule. This date marked the beginning of the United States as an independent nation. The first official celebrations of Independence Day included various festivities such as parades, speeches, and fireworks. In fact, John Adams, one of the Founding Fathers and the second President of the United States, famously predicted that July 4th would be celebrated with "pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other."

Fireworks were already a popular form of celebration in Europe, and they quickly became a part of American festivities. The use of fireworks to mark special occasions was common in the 18th century, and it was a natural fit for celebrating Independence Day. The first recorded use of fireworks in a July 4 celebration was in 1777 in Philadelphia. The city organized a grand display, which included fireworks to commemorate the first anniversary of American independence. This event set a precedent for future celebrations.

Over the years, fireworks displays grew larger and more elaborate, becoming a central part of Independence Day celebrations across the country. Cities and towns began organizing community fireworks shows, and private citizens started using fireworks to celebrate at home as well. Today, fireworks have become an iconic symbol of the Fourth of July, representing the spirit of independence and patriotism. Communities across the United States host large public displays, and many families celebrate with smaller fireworks and sparklers in their backyards.

Many, many dogs are frightened, even terrified by fireworks.

Dog owners: please prepare for the fireworks by making a safe place for your dog to hide. If you are having company, it is safer if your dog is shut into a room so that it won't bolt if front door is opened. If you have not ID'd or chipped your dog, please do so before the 4<sup>th</sup>. So many dogs bolt at the fireworks noise and go missing on the 4<sup>th</sup> or July and New Year's. Please protect your pet so it will not be one of them.



**Answer:** Blue Origin's all-female crew, which included pop star Katy Perry, successfully completed their spaceflight Monday morning. The flight lasted around 11 minutes and traveled 62 miles above Earth's surface. Joining Perry on the mission were Lauren Sanchez, fiancée of Blue Origin founder Jeff Bezos; former NASA scientist Amanda Nguyen; TV host Gayle King; aerospace engineer Aisha Bowe; and film producer Kerianne Flynn. Upon landing back on Earth and exiting the capsule, Katy Perry emerged, raised her hand to the sky, and kissed the ground.