

# LOWHANEWS

Volume 35

Issue 7

July 2020

## Lake of the Woods Homeowners Association Newsletter



### Message from the President

Dear Neighbors-

A community is very much like people; as we go through life, we have many ups and downs, some good some not so good. Lake of the Woods is no exception. In the last year and a half, we have had several changes in leadership in the HOA board and our administrative staff. The coronavirus pandemic hit and is not yet finished. We have all had incredibly challenging times.

Despite all that has happened, I believe we are developing a very qualified board of directors, who, along with our administrative staff, are excited about moving our community forward.

Speaking of administrative staff, I would like to welcome Yolanda Dixon to Lake of the Woods as our assistant property manager. Yolanda comes to us with many years of experience in this type of position, and I know you will want to welcome her to LOW.

The pool is open, and I hope you will enjoy our new look. The resurfacing of the pool took a little longer than we hoped, but it is now ready for use. We are still working on completing the work necessary to qualify for night swimming, and we are in the process of obtaining a bid to repair some areas of the pool deck and repainting the area.

We are also in the process of gearing our committees to help with the work ahead of us. I am particularly looking forward to the landscape committee's efforts to improve our surroundings.

There are many good things to come, and I hope you will be a part of it—happy summer to all of you.

—Wayne Stewart, President



**Tuesday, July 7 — Building & Grounds Committee Meeting at 7 p.m.**

**Tuesday, July 21— LOW Board Meeting at 7 p.m.**

**Thursday, July 23— Can Can Recycling Meeting at 4 p.m.**

**Water Aerobics Canceled this Year Due to Covid.**

## The CAM CORNER

By Gail Stanley,  
LCAM

Community  
Association Manager



Please Note: The Management Office will be closed July 3, in observance of Independence Day.

**Greetings-** The pandemic has not impeded our progress in preparing for the opening of LOW amenities (see page four) and optimizing our staffing. We have returned our grounds and rec staff to normal levels,

and I am pleased to announce the hiring of Yolanda Dixon as the assistant community association manager. Yolanda will be available to assist residents visiting the clubhouse during regular daytime hours.

**Owner Portal / Website:** We are developing a new portal that will allow owners access to their accounts to view account balances, open/closed violations, and open/closed work orders. The portal will also enable Board members to see all financials for the community, approve invoices to be paid, and post information regarding tasks in progress around the community. This platform opens the door for the Board and Manager to better communicate and interact with community owners, and employees, and thus provide more effective and efficient management of the community. Each owner will be issued a User ID and Passwords. Thank you for being patient while we work to operationalize the portal by the end of September.

Speaking of new **technology**, we have purchased **Vantaca** software to manage community violations and work orders. The program requires new device interfaces and training for staff beginning July 1, 2020. Improved efficiencies should be visible approximately three months after implementation.

On June 1, we also began to transition our accounting management to Bono & Associates. Although the transition period has been somewhat extended by COVID-19 delays, the majority of staff serving our account returned to full services at the end of June, and we anticipate completing the transition within the next months.

**Clubhouse:** I want to extend my thanks to JoAnn Walker, Wayne Stewart and the other members of the Re-opening Task Force for their efforts to ensure compliance with state and federal guidelines to protect community residents, volunteers, vendors and employees. We have or are in the process of upgrading several services to ensure the well-being of our community, including temporarily increasing to twice-weekly full-serve clubhouse cleaning; exploring an upgraded phone system, computers, WI-FI, and Alarm system; purging and shredding non-essential association records older than 10 years; inspecting and recharging fire extinguishers, and scheduling twice-weekly pool services.

**Grounds:** Annuals, will be rotated out as needed. The summer mix will be installed in early July. Budget Tree Service is working its way through community. The work will be inspected after completion to ensure the services and workmanship are acceptable. The landscapers have been instructed to cut back all plant material touching the buildings to allow for a 6-8-inch margin. A **Homeowner Sign** (available in the office) must be present if homeowners are managing their own personal plantings. The grounds staff are pressure washing sidewalks and cleaning gutters as needed. We are bidding out the landscaping services and sidewalk repairs.

**Guest Parking:** Guest parking signs were stolen from the Nettlewood end of street parking area, and an unauthorized Eastwind resident has issued warning stickers on a vehicle. These acts are unacceptable. Please remember that a guest parking pass must be displayed on the vehicle dashboard. We are rolling out newly designed permits. Also, long term guest parking of 10 days is only permitted in the parking areas north of tennis courts.



## Rules and Regulations for Lake of the Woods Reopening

The Board of Directors has approved the following rules and guidelines for reopening the Lake of the Woods amenities in light of the risks posed by COVID-19. These guidelines place the health and safety of the residents, visitors, and staff at the center. The rules align with federal and state guidelines and must be followed without deviation. Because of the nature of the Lake of the Woods community in regard to size, demographics, business structure, and insurance limitations, these rules may include additional requirements or be stricter than federal and state guidelines when appropriate. The Board will continue to monitor the COVID-19 status and re-evaluate our response as needed. We will keep you informed of any changes.

### Specific Facilities

The following capacity limitations and additional requirements are in effect for all open facilities:

1. The clubhouse will be open daily from 9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. The facilities will be professionally cleaned twice weekly. Attendants will wipe down pool and gym equipment daily.
2. Community members must maintain a minimum distance of six feet between other households when using any community facility.
3. All community facilities will be limited to only community members. Guests of community members must be accompanied by that community member. All community users of the gym and pool must provide the recreation attendant with a valid form of identification that includes a community address.
4. The pool will be opened with a maximum capacity of 35 individuals at a given time. The gym will be opened with a maximum capacity of 3 individuals at any given time (4 individuals will be allowed if they all live in the same household).
5. Users of the gym will be required to wipe down gym equipment after use. Cleaning supplies will be provided.
6. The library/game tables will be opened with a maximum capacity of 8 individuals at any given time.
7. The auditorium will be open only for Lake of the Woods committee or Board meetings during the month of July, not to exceed 40 people. The use of the auditorium for social events will resume in August or at a later date, pending the evaluation of the Board. Individuals attending meetings are encouraged to wear masks and adhere to the six-foot social distancing guidelines.
8. Bathrooms will be open, but please adhere to social distancing with individuals who are not members of your family.
9. All outdoor facilities separate from the clubhouse will be open without restrictions.
10. The recreation attendants will oversee compliance with the above restrictions and will document the use of the facilities in a daily log, which will be retained for two years.
11. Committee chairpersons must oversee compliance with capacity limitations in the auditorium. To assist with contact tracing if a future outbreak were to occur, the committee chairperson is required to document a participant list for any meetings that take place in the auditorium and make that list available up to 90 days following a meeting. The committee chairperson must file that list with the office no more than 48 hours following a meeting. The list should include names and addresses of the attendees.



## Welcome Yolanda!

We are pleased to welcome Yolanda Dixon, LOW's new assistant community association manager, who joined our staff in June. Yolanda has an LCAM license and extensive condominium and property management experience. Yolanda will be available on a full-time basis to assist residents with homeowner matters and also support Gail Stanley, our LCAM with property management. Yolanda says she enjoys working with homeowners to improve the community and looks forward to meeting residents in the months ahead.



## Hurricane Season is Upon Us. Here are Some Tips from the Florida Sheriff's Department

- Create a hurricane preparedness plan.
- Make sure you have the supplies you need to last for a minimum of seven days, e.g., water, food, batteries, medications, radio, smartphone.
- Charge your smartphone. You will need it for updates during the storm if you lose power.
- Hold a family meeting. Discuss your plan, including a plan for your pets or anyone with special needs living in your home.
- Call out of town family and friends to let them know where you will stay during the storm.
- Make note of nearby shelters. Do not hesitate to go to a shelter if you feel unsafe in your home.
- Secure your home appropriately and safeguard important documents.
- Document your assets for insurance purposes and understand your insurance policies.

## July Recycling Meeting Scheduled



The Can-Can (Recycling) Team will meet on Thursday, July 23, at 4:00 p.m., at the clubhouse. Many thanks to all of the residents who save their empty cans to help fund our Social Committee events. Collections start at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays. Please put out your recycle bins by 8 a.m., or set them out after 5 p.m. on Monday evening. If possible, please separate the cans from the other recyclables, and put cans in a separate bag. This saves us a lot of time. Bless you all! — Terry Brown

## Summer Daze



School is out in any format: on campus and remote. English Estates Elementary School is providing breakfast and lunch to children 18 and younger on Monday through Thursday. On Thursday an extra bag of food is provided for Friday.

The school pantry still needs our donations and there will be a box at the LOW office when it opens. Until then, people can buy extra food and take it to school. The office summer hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thank you! —Alice R. Friedman



## Building & Grounds Committee Meetings Resume

The Building & Grounds Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 7, at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse. This is the first meeting of the committee since March, due to the pandemic. The committee members will review and hopefully approve all applications that have been on hold during this time. We apologize for the delay and appreciate your patience and understanding. —Carol Wilks, Chair



## Can your Pet Get COVID-19?\*

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses. Some cause illness in people, and some, like canine and feline coronaviruses, infect only animals. In rare cases, a coronavirus jumps from animals to humans. This is thought to have happened for the virus that causes Covid-19, as well as two other deadly coronaviruses, MERS and SARS. All three originated in bats. There are a few reports of dogs being infected from close contact with people who had it. A few cats have tested positive, including pet cats and zoo animals. Early studies show that cats are most likely to catch it and might be able to pass it to other cats. There is no evidence that pets can spread COVID-19 to people or may be a source of infection, but animals can still carry other germs that can make you sick. So practice good hygiene with your pets—wash your hands after feeding, petting or handling waste, clean their food and water bowls, wipe their paws with paw cleaner, and take them to the vet if they appear sick. \*<https://www.webmd.com/lung/pets-coronavirus#2>

## Recipes of the Month\*

### Slutty Brownies



Preheat the oven to 350°F (177°C). Line an 9x13 baking pan with parchment paper and set aside.

#### Ingredients:

1 Chocolate chip cookie dough roll (in refrigerator section)

Oreo cookies

1 Family size Brownie mix

Press the cookie dough into the bottom of the pan using your fingertips. You want an even layer about 1/4-inch (1/2 cm) thick.

Arrange the Oreo cookies in a single layer on top of the cookie dough. It's fine if there's some wiggle room between the Oreos.

Prepare brownie mix according to package directions. Spread over Oreo cookies dough mixture

Bake 35-40 minutes cool before cutting into squares. Enjoy!

### Marinated Flank Steak

#### Ingredients:

1 flank steak (1 ½ -2 Lbs.)

¾ Cup maple syrup

1 tsp. Salt

1 clove garlic

¼ Cup wine vinegar

2 Tbsp. Soy sauce

2 Tsp. Dry mustard

Mix all ingredients together and pour over flank steak. Refrigerate covered 24 hours, turning several times.

Cook on grill; slice thin as you would a London broil. Enjoy!

\*From the kitchen of Barbara Stewart. Many thanks for sharing these yummy recipes!



**BISHOP DOORS**

SALES  
INSTALLATION  
REPAIR

Richard Bishop, Owner  
Local - 40 years experience

FAX 407.574.5353  
407.332-8770

Bishopdoors.com  
rlbis@yahoo.com



Gary Medley  
Broker-Realtor  
Venture 1 Properties  
407-463-5242

Specializing in Lake of the Woods, Seminole and N Orange County. A 32 yr resident of LOW and a licensed Realtor since 1979. Over 30 units sold in LOW. Call for "Recent Transaction" list or free consultation.

Email: [garymedley@ymail.com](mailto:garymedley@ymail.com)  
Website: [www.garymedley.com](http://www.garymedley.com)



**Deborah Morgan**  
REALTOR®

**RE/MAX**  
Optima

7250 Red Bug Lake Road, Suite 1000  
Oviedo, FL 32765  
OFFICE 407-366-4500  
CELL 407-314-8610  
FAX 407-706-6887  
[deborah\\_morgan75@yahoo.com](mailto:deborah_morgan75@yahoo.com)

Each Office Independently Owned and Operated

**LOWHAN ADVERTISING RATES:**

Vendor advertising rates are posted on the LOW Website under "Newsletter." <http://www.lakeofthewoodshoa.com/lowhan-advertising.php>

Classified ads for owners are free.

**LOW CLASSIFIED****SERVICES**

**Luv N Care Pet Sitting Services.** Providing love and care when you can't be there. Lots of TLC along with feeding, water, walking, playing with your precious pets. Dogs, Cats and other small pets. Very reliable. LOW resident since 1996. Call or text Dorothy at: [407-733-6025](tel:407-733-6025) or email at [ddavis710@msn.com](mailto:ddavis710@msn.com).

**Computer Help** in your home on your computer. Internet searches, email, Word, Excel and Publisher. Terry 407-761-1506.

**Alpha Comfort Design Inc. Complete Cooling and Heating Solutions** CAC 1817635 Fully licensed/insured AC and heating now in your neighborhood. No service/diagnostic call fee with approved repair. Call 407-304-6463 Luke 407-234-2048 or stop by 329 Dryberry Way.

**Cleaning and Transportation Services.** Reliable, experienced and a LOW resident for many years. Call Sylvia at (407) 675-1624 to schedule. Cleaning - \$25 per hour for 1400 sq. ft or less and \$30 per hour for 1400 sq. ft – 2000 sq. ft. Transportation services offered for \$15 per hour. Don't hesitate, call today. :)

**Small Business Bookkeeping Service** Low Resident. Quick-Books, A/R, AP, Bank Recs etc. Call 407-221-8748

**FREE Health History consultation:** Health Coach Student of the Institute of Integrative Nutrition program would like to help you reach your health and wellness goal. For more information on how to get started call Tai @ 407-963-8882 or email [tai\\_426@hotmail.com](mailto:tai_426@hotmail.com).

**Pressure Washing.** Pressure washing, clean driveways, I am your next-door neighbor. Garrick Jackson. Reasonable rates. Leave a voicemail. 407-960-2879.

**Garage Door Spring Replacement-** 2 Car garage door with "torsion" springs (2 springs) = \$180.00 OR 1 Car garage door with "extension" springs (2 springs) = \$105.00. Call 407-467-3920 Please leave a voice mail. (LOW Resident) Jim Milligan

**Beautiful skin can start with Mary Kay.** Try before you buy. Call Barbara Lindenberg at 407-628-3006.

**Let Us Cater Your Next Event** – New Beginnings Catering. Lake of the Woods Resident. Specializing in Spanish, Southern, and Italian food. Please call 407-963-4575.

**PEST OFFENSE® "SMART" Electronic Indoor Pest Control.** Pesticide and Poison Free. Just plug it into your 110v outlet and it uses your existing wiring. Sandra Hodgskin LOW resident. Call me for questions or to order. 407-468-3059 - \$29.95 + 2.10 Sales Tax Cash or Credit Card. Free Delivery in Lake of the Woods.

## LOW CLASSIFIED

### AVAILABLE:

**Notary Public** - Resident of Lake of the Woods.  
Please call Janice Barr, 407-697-3989.

**Free Twin mattress**, good condition. Call Rosie Sloan at 407-739-4796.

### WANTED:

#### **Clothing Needed for Street Ministry**

We need men's, ladies and children's everyday clothing (no suits or dresses) or casual shoes, blankets, and hoodies. We can also use any daily devotional booklets and luggage (both large and carry on size with wheels). Call Ted and Rosie 407-834-6770.

### FOR SALE

#### **David Winters Cottages**

Have been displayed in the clubhouse cabinet in the lobby. Buy one get one free, priced from \$10 to \$40. call Tracy at 321-279-6999

A Liko model M230 electric Hoyer lift with sling. Purchased in 2015 used only 2 months. Retail \$2500 will sell for \$1500. Contact: Howard Egalka at 239-860-9095.

### **CLUBHOUSE OFFICE: 407-834-6828**

#### **Gail Stanley, LCAM email address:**

Manager@lakeofthewoodshoa.com

#### **Office Administrative Assistant:**

FrontDesk@lakeofthewoodshoa.com

#### **After Hours Emergency Phone:**

407-834-6828

#### **Work order requests and auditorium rental: LOW WEBSITE:**

www.lakeofthewoodshoa.com

#### **Association's plumber—Shaw's CFS:**

321-229-7582

#### **After hours irrigation emergencies:**

407-383-9963

#### **Seminole County Sheriff Website:**

www.seminolesheriff.org

**Non-Emergency:** 407-665-6650

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wayne Stewart, (2021) President .....407-340-8787  
wls812@yahoo.com  
JoAnn Walker, (2023) Vice President.....386-457-0176  
joannfpfl@yahoo.com  
Lauretta Lumkes (2022)Treasurer.....407-949-8284  
llumkes@gmail.com  
Kyle Heyne, (2023) Secretary..... 321-285-2734  
kyleheyne@gmail.com  
Todd McAliley (2022) .....412-670-9642  
ToddM@zoominternet.net  
Seema Sernovitz.....262-490-0903  
ssernovitz@aol.com  
Gary DeSantola, (2021) .....407-383-9963  
garydesantola@yahoo.com

## COMMITTEES

AUDIT- meets the Thurs. before BOD meeting @ 9am  
Mark Wasser, Chair .....347-414-1837  
Lauretta Lumkes (ex-officio)  
BUILDING /GROUNDS—meets 1st Tues. of the month@ 7pm  
Carol Wilks, Chair .....407-430-8461  
FINANCE/BUDGET- meets Thurs. before BOD meeting @ 4pm  
Jo Elmlad, Chair.....407-339-7249  
Lauretta Lumkes (ex-officio)  
LANDSCAPE-meets TBD  
Ron Nowfel, Chair  
LOWHAN – (Newsletter) Deadline is 15th of the month  
Seema Sernovitz, Editor.....262-490-0903  
ssernovitz@aol.com  
SOCIAL/SUNSHINE- meets 1st Tues. of the month at 10:30am  
Lisa Mallardi, Chair.....407-221-8748  
STEERING meets 1st Wed. of the month@6:30pm  
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH - Safety & Security/Parking  
Chair, TBD

## NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

A Budget Tree Service has been on site since June 8 trimming trees at **Lake Of the Woods**. Due to weather conditions and special equipment needs, the crews are somewhat behind the tentative schedule published in last month's newsletter, or may need to return with special equipment to reach some of the palm trees. When you see that crews are approaching your street, please move vehicles out of areas near any trees that are on the property (any spaces under trees or within five parking spaces), and also remove any items or decorations that are 12 feet or below around the bases of trees between the hours of 8 am to 5 pm for this work to be completed safely and efficiently.

The crews will be trimming according to the following order:

- North Carolwood Blvd, Pickwood Ave, Pylewood St, and Fair Oaks Pl
- Truewood Ln, Nettlewood Ln, Dryberry Way, and Carolwood Blvd
- Wintergreen Blvd, Sherrywood St, Sherrywood Ct, Woodbine St, Woodbine Ct
- Winterberry Ln, Goodridge Ln, West portion of Meadowood Blvd
- Drywood Ave, Woodridge Dr, Fallwood St, East portion of Meadowood Blvd
- Westwind Ln, Eastwind Ln, Teriwood St, Teriwood Ct, North portion of Meadowood Blvd
- **The map below shows the order of trimming by area. Please disregard the dates shown on the map, per the above. Questions? Please call the property manager at 407-834-6828.**

