

# LOWHANNEWS

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## Lake of the Woods Homeowners Association Newsletter

### Message from the President



Dear Neighbors-

We've all been up to our ears with the Dos and Don'ts of COVID-19-shelter in place orders, missing delightful meals at our favorite restaurants, HORDING toilet paper, cabin fever blues. It appears that the crisis is at least beginning to wind down, and we will be returning to some semblance of normal or something close. So here are some updates to alert you to the Board's work and plans for the near future:

- The electronic board meetings have been an experience; hopefully, the June meeting will be held in the auditorium.
- HOA Vice President, JoAnn Walker concur that "Boots on the Ground" require us to take charge of different areas of responsibility. JoAnn is overseeing the office and staff; her experience is better suited to do so. I am focusing on the physical plant nuts and bolts, such as investigating the replacement of our outdated phone and alarm systems, working with Budget Tree, updating the sound system for social functions, and working with the signage update team.
- Thanks to Wayne Stewart's stewardship, the pool repairs are going smoothly, with an early June completion date.
- Finally, I want to assure every homeowner that we are working diligently to prepare for reopening the community as quickly and safely as possible. We have formed a **Reopening Task Force** chaired by JoAnn Walker, to establish a reopening plan that places the health and safety of the residents, visitors, and staff of the Lake of the Woods neighborhood at the center. The plan will include rules and best practices that align with Federal and State guidelines and must be followed without deviation in order to reopen the community amenities. Because of the size, demographics, business structure, and insurance limitations of the LOW community, the reopening plan may be stricter or include additional requirements other than Federal and State guidelines when appropriate. Our plan will likely feature a phased opening of the recreation and pool facilities, which can be expanded as our safety goals are met. The Task Force will submit their plan to the Board for approval. We will update you regularly on their progress.

On behalf of the LOW Board and staff, thank you for your understanding and patience during our pandemic experience.

—Gary DeSantola, President

**REMINDER- NEXT BOARD MEETING IS TUESDAY, JUNE 16 AT 7 P.M.**



**The CAM CORNER**  
By Gail Stanley, LCAM  
Community  
Association Manager

Greetings – Although the pandemic closed the clubhouse temporarily, the office has been very busy over the past month, with employee **staffing as a high priority**. Not surprising in the current job environment, we received nearly 400 responses to our postings, but few candidates were qualified for the office or recreation department positions. Hiring temp staff may be an interim solution to fill the rec positions. Once reopened, the hours are 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. requiring a combination of three full and part-time employees.

**Website:** Please take a moment to view the new features on the [www.lakeofthewoodshoa.com](http://www.lakeofthewoodshoa.com) **website:**

- Online forms for work orders, parking permits, request to be on agenda
- Comments and suggestions, auditorium space confirmation requests
- New owner contact capture
- Event calendar - live real-time bookings and events and meeting details when appropriate
- CAM corner (blog) - **official** community news and updates
- Meeting notices posted with virtual dial-in instructions

The updated **website** is a work-in-progress, but it also is your most reliable source of information for all Lake of the Woods residents. Online neighborhood newsletters often provide useful information about events happening in the area but often reflect opinion versus fact. The LOW website is your official news source. Please view it often for the answers to your questions.

**Landscaping and Irrigation:** I toured the entire property with our landscape contractor to identify areas requiring attention. We implemented the following:

- All plant material touching buildings will be cut back to allow for a 6”-8” margin (unless a homeowner is managing their personal plantings-a homeowner sign must be present).
- All plant material not uniform to the plant bed will be removed, e.g., Palm sapling or ferns growing in abricola hedge; this includes creeping vines and grass encroachment into bromeliads and other plantings around trees.
- Leaves and clippings will be blown away from building courtyards and garage doors/carport. When leaf drop volume is excessive, the material will be blown into the street to be bagged and removed from the properties.
- The Cut Deck will be adjusted to 4” height to avoid the perception that the grass is being “scalped,” due to the topography of the ground.

We are looking into the installation of a flow valve and digital controller for the North Carolwood side of the community, so future line ruptures and issues can be remotely controlled, just like the southside Hoover Pump. Watch for future updates.

**Community issues:** The **pool resurfacing** project is nearly completed in time for summer enjoyment. Many thanks to Wayne Stewart for overseeing this project. We also have contracted for this year’s **cut of the tree canopy and palm trees** to prepare for the hurricane season. The trimmers will be working in our complex from June 8-July 3. We also are exploring several resident concerns, such as fencing to block the view of apartments on North Carolwood, traffic from the Checkers restaurant, the recent scattering of debris on LOW Blvd. by a homeowner, and the general analysis of scheduled building repairs and painting.

This report is just a partial account of some of the actions being undertaken by the Board of Directors and Manager to improve the effectiveness and efficiencies of management throughout the community and to maintain and improve curb appeal and increase property values.

## Garage Bands Make Friday Nights Special at the “LOW”



Friday nights have become very special at Lake of the Woods, thanks to two great gentlemen who have voluntarily opened their garage doors and offered musical entertainment for our community. Paul at 201 Nettleswood gets out his guitar and sound equipment and sings all of the oldies from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Tony at 160 Carolwood offers karaoke on nights when Paul is not singing during the same time frame. Bring a chair, drinks and your own snacks and join in the fun. It is a very friendly crowd.—Terry Brown



## Social/Sunshine Committee News



The Social/Sunshine Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 2, at 10:00 a.m., PENDING the reopening of the Clubhouse. Please watch at community entrances for signs posted when our event will resume. We are currently considering a 4th of July Ice Cream Social and perhaps a movie night. Residents are eager to get together again, and we will do so as soon as possible. The Social/Sunshine Committee will be up and ready to go!

—Lisa Mallardi, Social/Sunshine Committee Chair

### Ice Cream Social



This year we are doing something different! We're having a 4th of July Ice Cream Social, at 8:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. The Social Committee will provide the ice cream and toppings, so you can make your own sundae. Then enjoy sitting out on the pool deck and watching the fireworks all around the lake. Bring your own chair and a few jokes to share. Come join the fun! —Terry Brown



### Can you CAN-CAN??

The Can-Can Team appreciates 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

## Food Pantry Open



English Estates Elementary School is accepting food donations. During the pandemic, the school has provided free breakfast and lunch meals for children 18 and younger. On Fridays they provided a bag of food to tide the family over during the weekend. A food program will likely continue over the summer. Donations can be delivered to the school on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Although school is out at the end of May, we should continue to donate food. Suggestions include canned chicken, tuna, Vienna sausage; canned fruits, vegetables, beans, and spaghetti products; peanut butter and jelly (plastic jars, please); ramen noodles and family size macaroni and cheese.

When the office opens again, a food box will be in the lobby for our donations. Again, Lake of the Woods, thank you for your generosity. Please stay safe and silly.—Alice R. Friedman

## Three Weeks in New York City

By Charlotte Deehr BA, RN, School Board Nurse,  
Seminole County Public Schools

When I first heard they needed help in New York, I knew I needed to go. The idea became stuck in my head on repeat for several weeks before I finally got the call that confirmed I would be leaving to spend three weeks in New York City. We were put up in Times Square, the heart of the city, completely silent, hotels essentially becoming dorm rooms for nurses and medical professionals. Walking around was eerie- few cars, police advising to social distance, “closed” signs on all the stores.

I was assigned to an ad hoc, supposedly negative COVID unit housing the overflow from hospitals, but that was far from the case. The unit was predominantly tracheostomy and total care patients, and not COVID negative. I was in constant contact with respiratory secretions as well as many other kinds of bodily fluids. Several patients were COVID positive, and more continued to pop up. The unit was vastly understaffed by the regular staff, many of whom were out sick still with COVID. Crisis nurses (like myself) comprised the bulk of the units. We were given a mixed reception by regular staff. Some were happy to see us, some not so much. I stayed on this unit for about a week, then was moved to a women’s psychiatry unit, which had many more mobile patients, but a greater degree of non-compliant patients. Positive patients were out and about around the unit, and some refused to wear masks.

The unit staff nurse, who had recovered from COVID herself, explained the illness spread quickly to the staff because no one knew it was there, and they hadn’t protected themselves against it. They started to use personal protective equipment (PPE), but by then it was too late. Once they started to use PPE, which was available to them, the staff sickness rate decreased, and the issue was patient spread. However, understaffing and staff exhaustion directly contributed to the already problematic issue of infection control. The staff used the same blood pressure machine on both COVID positive and negative patients. They wore the same gown in and out of all rooms, and even instructed us to hang ours up on the unit for reuse the next day. At one point they just stop testing, and we were told to assume everyone was positive.

Twice we refused to work until we received appropriate protective equipment. We got a new N95 mask every 6<sup>th</sup> day, but they are intended for a single day’s wear and become less effective the longer you wear them. So many also wore a cloth mask over our N95’s as an extra barrier, in addition to protective goggles or face shield, a bunny suit (yellow zip up jumper) or what we called a “space suit” and a disposable gown when entering a patient’s room.

I would like to say I did not see anything terrible; the fact is I did; we all did. However, the good outweighed the bad, and it was an experience of a lifetime. The staff nurse and aides bought us all lunch on our last day together, and I feel like we all learned a lot from each other. We all came from different backgrounds and specialties. Together we exchanged a wealth of information, and I learned much from the other crisis nurses, staff nurses, aides, and patients. At my last shift, a patient stood by the window in the dayroom across from the nurse’s station, looked at me, made a heart with her hands, and mouthed “thank you.” Knowing I was able to help one person, and the overtired staff, makes the hard things ok.

At this writing, I have been home for 10 days and tested COVID negative prior to coming home. I have been in quarantine and have not shown any signs or symptoms.

Moving forward into our “new normal” is going to take some getting used to depending on what it is. Here are some tips: Mask-wearing, cloth or surgical is important, but it needs to cover your nose and mouth to be effective. Masks are not meant to be worn for long periods of time, so save them for the times you are outside of your home. Cough or sneeze into the bend of your elbow, and practice good, basic hygiene. Go outside! Get in some sunshine and fresh air – it will help your mental health! Pick up a hobby, find something new to do. Take an online course, start a small garden inside, color, knit, learn a new instrument. There are so many things we can be doing and learning. Use this time as an opportunity for self-growth.

I also would like to add that at the time of this writing, I have heard from many nurses in NYC. The crisis nurses are slowly being de-mobilized and sent back home - a very promising sign that NYC is beginning to heal, and their staff is recovering and returning to work.

Finally, I also want to thank everyone on Nettlewood for their support and for keeping us in their thoughts, as well as extending such a nice welcome home greeting!





## Important Information from the LOW Building & Grounds Committee

Due to the pandemic, the Building & Grounds Committee is unable to hold their monthly meetings for the purpose reviewing homeowner applications to make changes or additions to the exteriors of their buildings. These changes might include, for instance, replacing your original windows, replacing your garage door, enclosing your porch, or replacing the light fixture on the front of your home. The Building & Grounds Committee (and sometimes the Board of Directors) must approve **all** changes to the exterior.

In the absence of these regular meetings, all applications that have been received thus far, and any future applications that are received are **ON HOLD** until further notice. Once we are able to return to our regular schedule, the first Tuesday of each month, at 7:00pm, at the Clubhouse, we will notify all applicants. Please do not hesitate to contact me, Carol Wilks, Committee chair, via E-mail: [carol-lee@cfl.rr.com](mailto:carol-lee@cfl.rr.com), if you have any questions or concerns about the status of your application.



### Pool Renovations

The 2017 LOW reserve study recommended pool resurfacing for completion in 2019. Since the project was not completed last year, we took the following steps to ensure the task would be completed in 2020: The work specifications and a proposal cover letter were sent to five commercial pool companies; several were recommended by our current pool maintenance company. We discussed our needs and timeline with representatives from each company and received four out of five bids within the time allotted to them. The Board reviewed all of the bids and voted at the April 2020 Board meeting to contract with Vermana Pools. Subsequently, we added an upgrade to install LED lights in the pool, still retaining a contract that is less than the amount allocated by the Board. Since the pool was closed due to COVID-19, the project was started on May 7. The Board also decided to perform some renovations in the pump room to ensure we do not have any rust when entering our new pool and an upgrade to our above pool area lights so we can qualify for night swimming. We are hoping to have all this completed by approximately June 1 or shortly thereafter, barring any weather or other delays. We are looking forward to a great summer of fun. —Wayne Stewart

## Recipe of the Month-Garlic Dip

**You've never tasted Anything Like This Garlic Dip\***  
from the *Simply Irresistible Cookbook* by Sheilah Kaufman

- 4 large cloves peeled garlic
- One whole bunch of fresh parsley (long stems removed)
- 6 ounce can smoked almonds (no substitutes)
- 2 cups regular or low-fat mayonnaise

- This dip can be prepared ahead of time.
- In a food processor, carefully grind the garlic, parsley, and almonds until finely chopped. Do not let the garlic turn into liquid.
- Place in a bowl, and fold in the mayonnaise. Blend well.
- Cover and refrigerate. Stir well before serving.
- Serve with fresh veggies, crackers, bread, chips, nacho chips or whatever strikes your fancy.
- This is also delicious on baked potatoes or as a topping on grilled fish or chicken. Just pop under the broiler until the dip gets bubbly.
- This recipe makes about 2 cups of dip.

\* Did you know? When you eat garlic and parsley together, you minimize tummy issues and garlic breath! Try it!



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**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

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Classified ads for owners are free.

## 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.

New still in box **NEVER USED** 32 x 80 (will fit any back door in LOW) **Steel Security Door** in White Bought New \$342.00 **NOW \$150.00.**

New **Countertop** (not Granite) **NEVER USED** 116.5 inches long or Almost 10 feet Beautiful White with Black Veins running through it New \$249.00 **NOW \$100.00**

New **NEVER USED** Double Kitchen Sink Black  
New \$340.00 **NOW \$125.00** Call Iris at:352-551-9491

Halloween and Christmas **Holiday yard decorations**, call Don Fosson at 407-538-4979.

**CLEARANCE—BEST OFFERS:** Family moved out of Woodbridge home, much left behind, best reasonable offers for sofa, office desk, large file cabinets, office equipment and supplies, electronics, unopened VHs tapes, wheelchair/walker/canes, bed/bath linens, clothing, personal items/sundries, tools, decorative chachkas and more, plus large supply of sewing/stitching equipment, yarn/thread and rolling leather storage cases. PHONE/TEXT Neal at 407-620-5036 or email: njblaher@yahoo.com.

**Weber grill** with searing station and side burner. Originally \$800, asking \$400. Call JoAnn at 386-457-0176.

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LANDSCAPE

LOWHAN – (Newsletter) Deadline is 15th of the month

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STEERING meets 1st Wed. of the month@6:30pm

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH - Safety & Security/Parking

Angie Walsh, Chair.....386-227-7149

Meeting date TBD

### **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

## NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

Starting on **JUNE 8<sup>th</sup>**, A Budget Tree Service will be on site trimming trees at **Lake Of the Woods**. Please ensure vehicles are moved out of areas near any trees that are on the property (any spaces under trees or within five parking spaces), and any items or decorations that are 12 feet or below around the bases of trees are removed between the hours of 8 am to 5 pm for this work to be completed safely and efficiently.

The tentative schedule is:

- North Carolwood Blvd, Pickwood Ave, Pylewood St, and Fair Oaks Pl – June 8<sup>th</sup> to June 10<sup>th</sup>
- Truewood Ln, Nettlewood Ln, Dryberry Way, and Carolwood Blvd – June 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>
- Wintergreen Blvd, Sherrywood St, Sherrywood Ct, Woodbine St, Woodbine Ct – June 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>
- Winterberry Ln, Goodridge Ln, West portion of Meadowood Blvd – June 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>
- Drywood Ave, Woodridge Dr, Fallwood St, East portion of Meadowood Blvd – June 25<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>
- Westwind Ln, Eastwind Ln, Teriwood St, Teriwood Ct, North portion of Meadowood Blvd – June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup>

Please see the attached map for reference. Please note – this schedule is subject to change due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Questions? Please call the property manager at 407-834-6828.

Thank you,

**LAKE OF THE WOODS HOA**

