

LOWHANEWS

LAKE OF THE WOODS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

IT IS THE MISSION OF THE LAKE OF THE WOODS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP AND RESPECT WITH THE COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTIONAL AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT AND STRIVE TO PROTECT THE INVESTMENT OF THE HOMEOWNER WITH THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF INTEGRITY, FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND TRANSPARENCY.



Clubhouse & Recreation will remain CLOSED until April 21 or until it is safe and healthy to reopen. All activities and committee meetings also are cancelled. The **VOLO** system will announce changes. If you have not signed up for **VOLO** alerts, please send an email to: FRONTDESK@lakeofthewoodshoa.com

The next monthly meeting of the Board of Directors will be Tuesday, April 21 at 7 p.m. At that time, we will reassess health and safety concerns to decide when to reopen clubhouse and recreation facilities. We want everyone at Lake of the Woods to stay healthy and safe. Take care of yourself and your family.

MONEY MATTERS

We begin the second quarter of the year on April 1st and also effective that date, our monthly assessment changes to **\$212.25**. Don't forget to update your bill paying procedure to reflect the new monthly amount. If you pay automatically through BB&T's ACH process, the adjustment is made for you.

Our accountant soon will prepare our year-end financial statement and our income tax return. The revised format of our Income/Expense statements now show reserve allocations at the end of the statements as of this budget year, and they are separated and grouped for easier recognition. When comparing budget vs. actual expense now, the reserve allocations are part of those totals.

We're looking for a new office assistant and hope to find someone with bookkeeping and accounting experience. Additionally, we discussed the possibility of using a property management company to provide assistance where needed. The new Board will be exploring what property management companies could offer and the financial impact of securing those services.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jo Elmblad, Chairperson

We are setting up a **Compassionate Neighbor** network to offer a safety net of support and oversight to the many elderly LOW residents/neighbors who live alone and have no one to help or watch out for them. We need to identify these individuals and check in with them regularly to ensure that everything is OK in their home. Do they need to be reminded to take their meds? Do they need a hand getting something done in or outside the home? Once we identify who they are, we can establish a connection with a neighbor to make a quick call once or twice a day to make sure they are alright. If you would like to volunteer to make wellness calls, or if you need help, please call Terry at 407-761-1506 with information, suggestions and ideas. Let's help each other as good neighbors.



Veterans, we are looking for **YOU**.

We would like to find out how many Lake of the Woods residents are or were members of all branches of our armed forces, Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and Army Air Corps. No matter how or when you served our country, we just want to honor your service. We would like to get Veterans together on a regular basis to visit, reminisce and talk. We are looking toward doing something patriotic for Memorial Day. Anyone who wants to help, please call Terry 407-761-1506. Suggestions and ideas would be greatly appreciated.



During these unprecedented times, we continue to work diligently to ensure the safety of our employees while maintaining our operations throughout the community. The safety and well-being of our team, our residents and our vendor partners has been at the center of all decisions that have been made, and we would like to provide you with some additional updates.

Management Offices: – The Clubhouse, pool and recreation facilities remain closed. The Community Manager, Gail Stanley continues to work during normal business hours, M - F.

We are doing what we can to maintain normal operations. Please note, the CAM is the **ONLY** Management Office staff member working to coordinate requests for any work to be done in and around the community. We also want to recognize that our Maintenance Team ; Jose, Antonio, Jarji, and Brian are working normal 40-hour weeks at this time. Ron from Recreation is stepping in to help on special projects. Also, a BIG thank you to Angie, Terry and Jo-Ann who continue to help out as needed for as long as it is safe to do so. Again, the safety and well-being of the residents and staff takes priority especially during this unique crisis. We appreciate your respect, tolerance and patience as we work to resolve everyone's concerns.

Corona Virus: - In an effort to minimize unnecessary exposures to potentially infectious individuals, the front door to the clubhouse is **now locked**, and only essential employees will be granted access.

Work Orders: - Please help me, help you, by submitting all work order requests via our website: www.lakeofthewoodshoa.com. They will be dispatched as quickly as possible, and in priority and/or emergency order. Please be as detailed as possible so we can expedite your request. Short Staffing levels will mean longer wait times. Your patience and courtesy is always appreciated.

The Clubhouse: - On Thursday 3/26/2020 the facilities were sanitized, and carpets and floors cleaned by Stanley Steamer.

Birth Notice: On Thursday 3/26/2020 as I was securing the building, I found 11 baby ducklings and their mama swimming in the kiddie pool. With a little help from Terry Brown and her granddaughter, Samantha, we safely directed them to the Big Lake to continue swimming lessons.

Be Safe and Stay Healthy.

Gail Stanley

“My Neighbor’s Table” ...Share your mealtime with us instead of dining alone!

Regrettably, dinner is cancelled for April. Please watch for announcement when the dinners will resume.

Highlights from the March Manager's Report

Grounds Maintenance & Repairs:

- On Hold: Tree trimming service and cut back of Palm trees subject to vendor decisions
- On Hold: Crepe Myrtles, subject to vendor decision

Clubhouse:

- Carpet cleaning and floor scrubbing postponed in order to schedule building sanitizing
- Replacing one zone A/C unit this month

Capital Improvement Projects:

- None scheduled at this time. Subject to revised Reserve Study being performed

Bids/Estimates:

- RFP for bids for hurricane cuts ALL trees in the community-ongoing

Community Maintenance Schedule: A systematic approach by street is underway:

- Nettlewood units: 50% have been re-caulked; stucco cracks filled; loose siding reattached or replaced; mold/algae, P/W off building
- Front/Rear gutters-clean gutters and downspouts; south side of the community is completed

Legal: Expenses are budgeted for 2020 to cover collection efforts, legal representation for times when homeowners interfere with association business, governing document review for conflicts, amendments to governing documents and other consultations.

Meetings: Coupon books were mailed out on February 28, 2020

Work orders: Within the last 30 days, 51 were issued and 27 were closed

Violation enforcement: Pending restart letter

Staffing: Maintenance and recreation is fully staffed; the management office is short two people.

Collections: Letters to those more than 30 days delinquent-TBA

Estoppels/Sales Pending: three issued.



Editor's note: Ron wrote this before the Rec Center closed because of the pandemic. Hopefully we can reopen by May.

Spring has arrived, the leaves and pollen are almost gone, and it's time to enjoy the outdoors by taking long walks, using the pool, and sitting by the lake and watching the sun set.

You may not be aware that we have tennis rackets and Pickleball paddles and balls available in the recreation department. Pickleball is a sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and table tennis. Two or four players use solid paddles and hit a perforated ball over the net. Our tennis courts are marked for both tennis and Pickleball, so come and give it a try (once the Corona virus moratorium is lifted),

Did you know we have a co-ed sauna for residents, which is especially enjoyable after a work-out? Swimsuits are required. Also, the swimming pool is warming up. Next month I'll provide the details and start-up dates for water aerobics.

Our bridge players are looking for more folks to join them. If you are interested, please call Isabel Orr at (407) 767-5740.

Last month, 323 individuals signed in at recreation. Unfortunately, not all of them were LOW residents, which has prompted us to change our sign-in requirements. Users now must provide a valid driver's license showing your LOW address.

Until next month, eat less, exercise more, be kind to your neighbors and use your sunscreen. - Ron

WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We will resume meeting after the pandemic is over. We will continue to pray for health and peace on earth.

For more information
Call Pricilla at 513-609-9880



March Bingo Winners!

You could be a winner too!
Bingo is cancelled for April. We will resume when the health crisis is past.

**April
HAPPY HOUR
is Cancelled
We hope
to resume soon!**

Helping Our Little Creature Friends

On behalf of **The Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando**, I am accepting donations of clean bedding, towels of any size, unopened dry and wet dog and cat food, clean litter pans, crates of any size, new cat and dog toys; monetary donations are also accepted. Donations can be dropped off at any time inside my courtyard at 710 Drywood. I will deliver them to the Sanford location weekly.

I am a long-time volunteer at the **Pet Alliance** and can be reach by phone or text at 407-733-6025. Thank you, Dorothy Davis



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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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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**

For these items call Iris Jackson at: 352-551-9491

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

CLUBHOUSE OFFICE.....407-834-6828

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

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH - Safety & Security/Parking

Angie Walsh, Chairperson. Meets on a Thursday at call of chairman at 7:00 pm

NO NEED TO BE BORED.....

20 ideas for things to do at home

1. Complete a puzzle: The more pieces the better! Feeling extra saucy? Take on a Rubik's Cube. More of a word person? Crossword puzzle!
2. Start a journal or blog. Sure, it can be about the coronavirus, but it could also be about a specific interest from chess to cheese.
3. If it won't bother your neighbors: Dust off that old instrument and practice.
4. Write poetry. Perhaps you can craft a haiku for Mother's Day, or something without a specific structure. Just try it!
5. Meditate. Try lying down with your eyes closed, palms up and while focusing on your breath. Or spend 20 minutes sitting cross-legged and repeat a soothing word to yourself in your head.
6. Write actual letters to family and friends. After that? Write thank-you notes to service people who you remember went out of their way for you.
7. Finally read the rules to those board games you've never played with the family. Encourage the family to play.
8. Watch the films that won Oscars for best picture. Then watch films that critics say should have won
9. Knit or crochet or learn to on YouTube.
10. Use Skype, FaceTime, Google Hangouts or Marco Polo to video chat with your long-distance friends.
11. Try out at-home aerobics or yoga videos. Consider downloading a fitness app with curated workout playlists.
12. Look at yourself in the mirror. Attempt a self-portrait with pencil and paper.
13. Take a bubble bath (bonus: Add a glass of wine).
14. Make a classic cocktail, from negronis to Manhattans and aperol spritzes. Don't forget the garnish.
15. Coloring books: They're not just for kids!
16. Take time to reflect: What have you accomplished in the last year? What goals are you setting for yourself in the next year?
17. Write a short story or get started on that novel.
18. Actually try to reproduce something you see on Pinterest. Probably fail. Try again.
19. Clear out the family room, and camp indoors with all blankets, popcorn and scary movies.
20. Tell someone how much you love them, give thanks for what you have.