

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.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*As most of you may know by now, our Community Association Manager, **Andra Smith**, tendered her resignation from Lake of the Woods. Her last day with us will be July 30th. We thank her for her years of service to our community and wish her much success in the future. We would like to inform everyone here in Lake of the Woods that our search committee has been working very hard this month to find a new manager. We've had many great candidates apply for this position and hope to have a new CAM hired in August. Additionally, we would like to welcome two new recreation attendants, **Jordan** and **Andoni**. Please welcome them when you come to the recreation center or pool.*

The strategic plan committee and focus groups are doing a great job brainstorming and researching to present a future plan in all areas for Lake of the Woods Community. Thank you for your patience in this process. As you can imagine, this is a very large undertaking and we are indebted to these residents who volunteered for this task. They are spending hours and hours of their time. We should hear more about this in the next few months and hope you are excited as I to hear what they come up with.

Wishing everyone a safe and pleasurable month as we wind down summer. We'll cross our fingers that there will be no hurricanes and, please remember, school begins August 12th. Please slow your vehicle down as we watch out for our precious children.

Bud



Garden of the Month

1536 and 1538 North Carolwood Blvd

August Highlights

Please note **NEW E-MAIL**
contact for the LOW Office:

manager@lakeofthewoodshoa.com

Monday, August 12th FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Tuesday, August 20th BOARD MEETING 7PM

Recreation and Pool open 9am to 9pm

Clubhouse Office open 8:30 – 5 M-F

Full list of August Calendar events are on the back page.

MONEY MATTERS



This time last year, our Assessments Receivables total was \$39,267.02. At the end of June, 2019, our total was \$36,184.92. So we've had a little bit of improvement over a year's time but still wrestle with delinquencies as new ones develop and old ones are settled. Also, at this time last year, we were looking for a new landscape company as the one we had was out of business. We were also starting our VOLO experience, updating the auditorium sound system, and adding new pool furniture.

The one thing we can be sure of is that as time passes, things change. And a big change for us is a change in management as Andra has submitted her resignation as our manager. Not many people like change. It seems safer and more comfortable to stick with the old way of doing things. Often, there's no choice. We have to move ahead, make some difficult decisions at times, and manage the changes necessary. I'm sure that's what will happen in this community.

In the meantime, we have to continue doing the things that need to be done. High on the "to do" list is putting together our budget for next year. It seems each year we have a special challenge in trying to develop our budget due to some unusual circumstance. Perhaps we might have to find a new landscape company, need to, contemplate significant employee benefit changes, or numerous other possibilities. For 2020, we must determine what our needs and wants are for next year consistent with our anticipated assessment income and prudent future planning. The U.S. Department of Labor September, 2019 CPI calculation, which we'll use to determine what our monthly assessment amount could/should be effective April 1, 2020, won't be available until mid October. That figure determines what our income for the year will be. Best guess is we'll likely have a monthly increase in the \$3-\$5 range. Once we have that number, we can more accurately estimate what our annual income will be.

Our operating budget results with half the year behind us reflect actual expense for the month of June at

\$82,137.56 compared to budgeted expense of \$85,879.00 for a difference of \$3,741.44 YTD results through June show actual expense of \$467,261.13 vs. budget of \$532,059.89 for a difference of \$64,798.76.

The open maintenance staff position continues to contribute to us being under budget (approximately \$20K) in maintenance salary as well as group medical insurance and FICA expense. We continue to use a temporary agency employee to supplement maintenance staff.

Total operating funds as of June 30, 2019 came to \$346,201.52; Our Reserve fund total was \$2,324,746.89; total of all funds was \$2,670,948.41.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jo Elmblad, Chairperson

JULY BINGO WINNERS!



You could be a winner too!
Join the fun at Bingo every 2nd Tuesday of the month at the LOW Clubhouse. Next Bingo will be **Tuesday, August 13th at 6pm**

RECYCLE ALUMINUM CANS!

Tuesday is RECYCLE Day!



Please remember to put your aluminum cans in a separate bag and our "Can Can" gals will pick them up! Monies earned are put back in our community to help defer costs for LOW events.

*Water Aerobics classes
continue at our LOW Pool
this month!*

Every **Monday and Friday at 9 am** you'll find us having fun and getting fit. The cost is \$4.00 per session; join us whenever you'd like.

***Come on in,
the water's fine!!***

For further information, contact Terry Decker at 1.405.650.9719 or terrydecker15@gmail.com.

My Neighbor's Table

"...where you don't have to dine alone"

Because many of us are so busy during the summer months, My Neighbor's Table" will NOT be meeting during July or August. We'll begin again **Thursday, September 12th**, at the usual time of 5:30. Cost is still only \$2.00 for a simple meal and a chance to socialize with your neighbors. Please join us then. Have a safe and wonderful summer!

BIBLE STUDY

Linda Markowitz will lead a special bible class on Thursday, August 1 & 16 at 10am in the card room.

REGULAR BIBLE STUDY WILL RESUME AFTER LABOR DAY ON THURSDAYS AT 10AM.



Preparations are under way for our Rummage Sale & Craft Fair, a long-standing community tradition. If you're new to LOW, this is an annual Fall event and our largest fundraiser. The Social/Sunshine Committee sells tables for the event, runs a concession, and holds a silent auction. All funds raised from this event are used to sponsor community events throughout the year like . . .

- Ice Cream Social for LOW children
- Fourth of July Picnic
- Thanksgiving Dinner
- Christmas Cookie Exchange with Gift from Santa
- New Year's Eve Party
- My Neighbor's Table (a monthly event of great fun, food, and fellowship)

The Committee also uses proceeds to purchase artwork and decorative items for the Clubhouse.

There are lots of opportunities to participate in this event—volunteer for Food Sales or Security Monitor, donate to our auction and/or bake sale, or buy a table and make some quick cash for yourself! If you have any questions/ideas, email loweventinfo@gmail.com.

We invite everyone to get involved and make this a true community event!

We Need Your Help!

All LOW residents are invited to buy a table to sell their “great stuff cheap.” LOW doesn’t allow garage sales, so the October event is your chance to get rid of any items you no longer treasure. Rent a card table for \$10, or a 6-foot table for \$15! More



info in September’s LOWHAN, or contact **Judi Chisdes** at loweventinfo@gmail.com. Tables go on sale September 21! *Remember, one man’s trash is another man’s treasure.*



We’re seeking donations of gift cards for restaurants, theater, salons, massage, gas, grocery, etc., and wine or other liquor that we can use to create gift baskets for auction. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated and help to ensure a successful fundraiser. To donate, please contact **Lisa Mallardi** at loweventinfo@gmail.com or leave your message at 407-221-8748.

SILENT
AUCTION

Our October Craft Fair is also open to the public to sell their homemade crafts or goods. If you know any crafters or vendors interested in buying a table to sell their art/crafts/goods, contact **Judi Chisdes** at loweventinfo@gmail.com.

Vendors
Wanted!

Vendor tables go on sale September 21 from 1:00-5:00 pm!

The Landscape Committee will be hosting a **Fall Garden Seminar** on Saturday, September 7 from 9 am to 2 pm. **Tom MacCubbin** will be the guest speaker.

BUILDING and GROUNDS

Who are they and what do they do?

Are you new to the Community? We would like to send you a warm welcome! We would also like to give some important information about one of the several Committees here at Lake of the Woods. Even if you are a long time resident, we would like to refresh the information for you since some recent changes have been made.

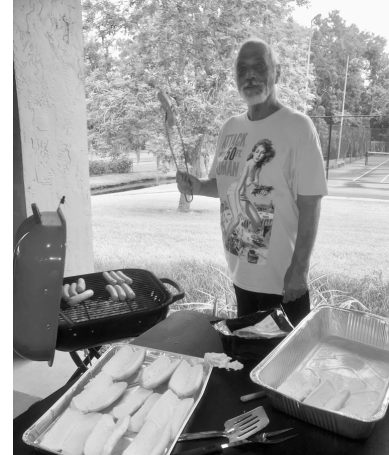
We would also like to explain how we work. Our Community has Rules and Regulations that are followed by all Residents. The Building & Grounds Committee has guidelines approved by the Board of Directors for how to make additions and or alterations to the exterior of your property. Just to name a few of these changes you may consider, add new windows; replace your garage door; change your courtyard gate; or enclose your screen porch for additional living space. Satellite dishes and solar panels are also listed as possible additions to the exterior of your home.

When you want to make changes or alterations you will first need to fill out an Application Packet. These may be picked up from the office during regular business hours, Monday thru Friday. Once completed the application should be returned to the office where the Building & Grounds Committee will pick up the completed forms for review at their regular scheduled meeting on the first Tuesday of each month. Please remember that the Friday before the first Tuesday is the deadline for having your application into the office. All Applications must be approved by the Building & Grounds Committee and some may require approval from the Board of Directors.

The Building and Grounds Committee will work with you in an effort to make these changes to your property go as smoothly as possible. The committee members are free to answer questions and assist you as may be necessary. A good place to start is to attend one of the Building & Grounds Meeting, first Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse. Drop by anytime. We are always happy to welcome visitors.

The Goal of the Building & Grounds Committee is to work with Residents to improve and maintain consistency and maintenance of the property thereby increasing our property values and the desirability of our Community.

Respectfully submitted
LOW Building and Grounds Committee



A big thank you to Grill-master Extraordinaire, **Charlie Krebs**, for cooking those amazing hot dogs at the July 4th Picnic!

BE AWARE – BE SAFE

At the recent Seminole County Sheriff’s Office **Women’s Self Defense Course** held June 15 in the LOW clubhouse, participants were provided the following elements applicable to both women and men for safety, **STAR** (Safety Tactics and Awareness Responses).

1. **Awareness** (Pay attention to your surroundings)
2. **Increase distance**
3. **Be balanced**
4. **Don’t panic** (stay focused)
5. **Have a plan of action** (know your options & maximize your safety potential)
6. **Distraction** (employ tactics)
7. **Identify attacker’s vulnerable areas** (open targets)
8. **Employ your personal weapons** (hands/head/elbows/knees/feet)
9. **Rely on technique over force**
10. **Break free** (escape)
11. **Run to safety**
12. **Practice, Practice, Practice**

Whether out for a walk, traversing a parking lot or driving in unknown areas, consider employing **STAR** for your safety.

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REMINDER

Large items for garbage day like chairs, a couch, mattresses, TV, appliances etc, are **NOT** picked up as regular items for disposal. Please call ahead before placing at the curb.
ADVANCED DISPOSAL 407-464-0664

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.

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

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
19” Polaroid TV \$50. Please call 407-834-5597.

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.

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Cuisinart Electric Ice Cream Maker, in the box, never used. Call Amy 407-429-8729. Only \$10 -- really!!!

“Cat” related items; pictures, teapots, Franklin Mint heirlooms, plates, Schmid figurines. \$1 - \$5 call Helen at 407-339-7876

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Sheriff Non-Emergency – 407-665-6650

Association Plumber: Shaw’s CFS- 321-229-7582
Advanced Disposal: 407-464-0664

August 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Garbage Pickup Tuesday + Friday	Bowling - Monday @ 1pm	Summer Hours Rec. Center 9am-9pm Monday – Sunday		Ad Hoc Parking Committee 6pm	Water Aerobics 9am- 10am	Sew Ceity. 10am
Recycle Tuesday	Cards Tuesday @ 1pm					
Yard Trash Wednesday						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Water Aerobics 9am- 10am Bowling 1pm	Social Committee 10:30am Building and Grounds 7pm	<u>Piecemakers</u> 10am Bridge 6pm Steering 6:30pm		Water Aerobics 9am- 10am	Bunco 12-45pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Water Aerobics 9am- 10am Landscape - 1pm Bowling 1pm	Bingo 6pm	<u>Piecemakers</u> 10am	Audit Meeting 9am Finance 4pm	Water Aerobics 9am- 10am	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Water Aerobics 9am- 10am Bowling 1pm	Board Meeting 7pm	<u>Piecemakers</u> 10am Safety/Security 4pm Bridge 6pm		Water Aerobics 9am- 10am	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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