



THE Lake Forest NEWSLETTER

The Official Newsletter of Lake Forest
at Saint Lucie West Homeowners Association, Inc.

April 2007

THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

As I come to the end of my first month as President, things seem to be going smoothly. We will be welcoming Chris Ullery, our regular property manager, back soon. He has been out on medical leave. We wish to thank our temporary property manager, Marie Kennedy, who did a superb job in Chris' absence. Thank you, Marie.

The new heat pumps are working great. Our gas bill has gone down approximately \$1700.00, but our electric bill has gone up approximately \$500.00, a net savings of \$1200.00 per month, which will help pay for the new motor for the North pool. Down time of the pool was only one day.

During the month of April, we were to go back to four mowings, but due to the drought, we will only be doing two mowings. In place of the two mowings, Native Control will be cutting back the perimeter of the property and cleaning

up the berms. The approximate cost of cutting back the perimeter last year, when I inquired, was estimated between \$10,000.00 and \$15,000.00. The cost of the two mowings is \$6,000.00. I think the Treasurer and I brokered a good deal for us.

Berm replantings are currently on hold due to drought conditions. The only replanting that we will be doing in April is from Home Depot to the High school along Cashmere Boulevard. **Mary Thomas and Doug Duckett applied for, and we received, a grant from Port St Lucie.** This project has to be done by volunteers, so anyone who can help in any way, PLEASE call the clubhouse to let us know you can help. We will contact you with dates and times. This project must be completed in a specified time frame per the grant.

Jack Minenna, President



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TREASURERS REPORT

For the month ending February 28, 2007

Funds in Checking account
\$346,349.79

Funds in Reserve account
\$83,828.29

Receivables from owners
\$32,674.52

I am happy to report that some of the \$32,674.52 owed to the HOA from the owners was received during the month of March, the figure is just over \$25,000.00 now.

Do to current economic conditions in the housing market, the feeling is that about half the \$25,000.00 owed to the

HOA will not be collectible even with the liens placed on delinquent home owners. There are several home owners who have just packed up and left town and other homes which are going to foreclose where the owner had no equity due to declining real estate prices and low down payments.

The HOA remains in good financial

shape. There will probably not be any costly projects this year other than berm restoration. Most of the funds are already available for this project, only the weather is holding us up. Other projects will be delayed until we see how the real estate market problems impact our organization.

Jim Rusello, Treasurer

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PARTICIPATE IN THE LANDSCAPE PROJECT

The city of Port Saint Lucie recently announced that they would match funds for qualified landscaping projects provided that the project is visible from city roadways. Private streets did not qualify. Your landscape committee proposed an extensive project for the entire length of Cashmere Boulevard. We were notified recently that the project to enhance the Cashmere berm was approved by the city. The city will contribute over \$3,000 to Lake Forest, which will cover 50% of the plant cost.

We are asking all residents with an interest in the community to assist us with the project. If you have not assisted on past projects, have no fear. Our programs are not laborious and even an hour or two is a big help. Some folks even participate by watering in the new plants. We usually have the plants at their location with someone there to instruct you on the procedure

and layout. We will have a schematic of each section. We usually begin at 9:00am and quit by 1:00pm.

We will be planting nine decorative scallops between Home Depot and the North entrance and replacing the dead plants on that berm. In front of the center berm, we will be adding decorative Powder Puff shrubs. At the South berm, between the entrance and the high school, we will be installing a palm hedge and six decorative scallops.

Plans are to complete this project during the second and third weeks of April. If you can participate any morning, please call Doug at 340 7567. We hope that there are a good number of folks out there who are interested in actively improving our community.

**Doug Duckett,
Chair, Landscape Committee**

The city will contribute over \$3,000 to Lake Forest

RECENT LANDSCAPE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The landscape committee recently repaired the berm irrigation controller along North Shore Boulevard and will soon be addressing any issues with individual irrigation spray heads in that area. **The Rocky Bayou Terrace berm and South pool irrigation systems are now completely operational** with all spray heads working properly. The South entrance will soon have all irrigation heads in proper repair.

Plans were to repair the controller for the Home Depot berm during the first week of March and to address the

sprayers when the other work is completed. This controller regulates watering along the berm behind Home Depot, and was recently vandalized. Anyone with an interest in participating occasionally on our irrigation projects is welcome. Please let Doug (340 7567) know of your interest. We can teach you readily all about our systems. If you are someone who occasionally needs to get out and participate on a worthy project, this may be right for you.

Doug Duckett

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APRIL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

April 1	1:00pm	Poker
April 2	9:00am	Water Aerobics (Note time change)
April 3	6:30pm	International Cooking Club
April 4	9:00am	Water Aerobics
	12:30pm	Mah Jongg
	7:00pm	Relay for Life Meeting
	8:30pm	Poker
April 5	1:00pm	Poker
	7:30pm	Architectual Committee
April 6	9:00am	Water Aerobics
April 8	1:00pm	Poker
April 9	9:00am	Water Aerobics
April 10	9:00am	Board of Directors Workshop
	7:00pm	Appeals Committee
April 11	9:00am	Water Aerobics
	12:30pm	Mah Jongg
	3:00pm	Security Committee
	7:00pm	Poker
April 12	1:00pm	Poker
	7:00pm	Mah Jongg
April 13	9:00am	Water Aerobic
April 15	1:00pm	Poker
April 16	9:00am	Water Aerobics
April 17	7:00pm	Board of Directors Workshop
April 18	9:00am	Water Aerobics
April 19	1:00pm	Poker
	7:00pm	Architectual Committee
April 20	9:00am	Water Aerobics
April 22	1:00pm	Poker
April 23	9:00am	Water Aerobics
April 24	7:00pm	Appeals Committee
April 25	9:00am	Water Aerobics
	12:30pm	Mah Jongg
	7:00pm	Finance Committee
	8:00pm	Poker
April 26	1:00pm	Poker
	7:00pm	Mah Jongg
April 26	7:00pm	Board of Directors Meeting <i>at the Community Center</i>
April 27	9:00am	Water Aerobics
April 29	1:00pm	Poker
April 30	9:00am	Water Aerobics



RELAY FOR LIFE

Recently, we advised our Representative at the American Cancer Society (ACS) that the Lake Forest Relay for Life Team had raised slightly over \$10,000. so far this year.

Below is her reply which we would like to share with you. We also received emails from other heads at the ACS, but thought this one really hit home.

Ted Moschitta, Team Captain

Dear Ted, Rose and all the Lake Forest Team,

I am thrilled!!! I can not tell you how proud I am of all of you. If every Relay team were this devoted, the cure would be right around the corner. One team!! \$10,000! How RICH is that? I am speechless and misty-eyed!

Thank you, thank you, a million times thank you!!!

I am so honored to be even a small part of this incredible group. You have succeeded in prolonging my -- and all other survivors' --- lives.

How do you appropriately thank someone for doing that? "Greater love has no man than this: That he lay down his life for his friends!" John 15:13

You all are truly wonderful!!

Jeni

Jeni Brock Steele, St. Lucie County Unit
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The Lake Forest Relay for Life team would like to thank all the residents of the Lake Forest Community for your support in attending our Happy Hours, Dinner/Dance and other events held to raise money in hopes of finding a cure to wipe out cancer forever. Without your support, we would not have reached the \$10,000 we have already raised this year, and the \$10,000 that we raised last year and the year before.

Thank you from our hearts, and we appreciate your continuing support.

We would also like to remind you of the upcoming County Relay for Life Event to be held at Tradition Field,

starting on Friday, April 27th at 5:00pm and going right thru the night until Saturday morning April 28th at 11:00am. **This is the "big" event where all the teams from the county get together and open booths or tents to sell items.** This event is free and open to the public and is run by the American Cancer Relay for Life in each county in Florida.

Food and entertainment will be available and a St Lucie Mets baseball game will be played. This event is inspiring. If you stop by, you will be glad you did.

Thank you.

Ted Moschitta

TO ALL RESIDENTS

The Board of Directors, in a effort to slow traffic on Lake Forest way, will be installing **STOP SIGNS** and road markings (stop bars and crosswalks) at the following intersections: Lake Forest and Indian Key will become a four way **STOP**, Lake Forest and Talquin will be a three way **STOP**, Lake Forest and Lake Manatee will be a three way **STOP**. The signs and road markings should be done late April or early May, depending on when the contractors can

schedule us. The stop signs at the south circle will be replaced with **YIELD** signs. The current **STOP** signs that will be taken down will be used to replace other **STOP** signs that are worn and hard to see. All signs, sign posts and road markings will be done to "**FDOT Standards.**" All signs will be posted on HOA common property.

**The Lake Forest
Board of Directors**

THE CLUBHOUSE OFFICE

The office in the Clubhouse is open, Monday to Friday from 8:00am to 12 noon and Wednesday nights 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

One Wednesday night a month, you will see a new face in the office. Susan Kazmier has volunteered to assist in this capacity. The other Wednesdays will be covered by Vanessa Minenna and Gladys Fuentes. We are all there to assist you.

The library needs more books. We also need children's books. Many of our homeowners are borrowing books, but not returning them. If you have borrowed a book and have finished

reading it, we ask that you please return it. Let's keep the library well stocked.

Furniture and carpets in the clubhouse have been cleaned and disinfected.

Marie Kennedy has been filling in for Chris Ullery, our Property Manager who was out on medical leave. We will miss her when she leaves.

We have also added a part-time maintenance man to our staff, Frank Alsfeld. Frank may be reached after office hours (after noon time) at 475 9650, for paid handyman work to all Lake Forest residents.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

**From: Native Control
Re: Irrigation Damage**

**If sprinklers are properly installed and maintained,
there is no possibility of damage from mowers.**

Native Control will not accept any responsibility.

The Lake Forest Clubhouse office is open daily from 8:00am to 12:00 noon and every Wednesday evening 4:00pm to 7:00pm for your convenience

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