



Lake Forest NEWS

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



A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO ALL RESIDENTS

The repairs to the interior of the fitness center have been completed. **We would like to thank all of our volunteers who helped with the repairs.** We are still in the process of obtaining prices for the storage building and the patio behind the fitness center.

To all of you who use the spa, **we apologize for the length of time that it was not working.** We could not find anyone in Florida who stocked a spa heater. We had to special order one from California to meet our specifications. It has been installed and it is now working great.

The interior of the clubhouse is being redecorated and should be completed sometime this month. Our spring landscaping project has been

completed. A thousand thank you's to Doug Duckett and all the volunteers. What would we do without Doug?

There are a few minor things that have to be taken care of. We will then be calling it quits for the summer.

The fountain is not working do to a bad motor. We are awaiting prices on the repair. It will probably not be repaired for several weeks.

To all of our snowbirds who will be departing the next couple of weeks, have a great summer. We will see you in the fall.

The Board of Directors has recessed until September. If the need should arise requiring a meeting of the Board, signs will be posted.

The Board of Directors

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LAWN CARE AND LANDSCAPING

After a complete tour of the property by Howard DaCosta, our property manager, myself and Native Control, we noted quite a lot of browning lawns.

Please make sure that your sprinkler's are working properly.

You may water two times a week up to 30 minutes per zone. For watering times, please check the sticker on you irrigation clock. **If your lawn dies**

and has to be replaced, the cost of replacement is the homeowner's responsibility, not the HOA or the Landscaper.

Due to the lack of rain we will be evaluating the lawn growth weekly. If there is no substantial growth by Friday we will call off the mowing for the following week. The lawns will then be mowed every two weeks

instead of weekly.

Any questions or complaints about lawn care, trimming or weeding, are to be directed to the Property Manager, not the landscape contractor or any of their employees. They have been instructed not to respond to you. They will only respond stating to please see your Property Manager. **They have a job to do. Stopping them and asking questions only slows them**

down. Besides, most of them don't speak English.

All complaint and work order forms must be filled out in person at the office or faxed to 772 878 6461. No work orders or complaints will be taken by telephone. We need a paper trail to make sure the work is getting done and the complaints are being resolved.

Jack Minenna, President

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TREASURERS REPORT

For the Month Ending March 31, 2008

Operating Account Funds	\$482,312.26
Reserve Account Funds	\$ 95,876.00
CD from Reserves	\$ 50,000.00
CD from Settlement	\$ 97,000.00

Receivables from Owners \$ 84,718.40

As most of you are aware, the Board of Directors at Lake Forest has settled our outstanding claim with Homes by Kennedy. The settlement came to just over \$157,000.00. Some of the money was placed in a short term CD we purchased for \$ 97,000.00.

No homes showed as being sold in the community during March. However, it appears that five homes will be closing in the near future, some of them having been foreclosed. These sales should help reduce some of the receivables from owners.

Financially we are still running at a small surplus due to unplanned revenue sources.

Regards

Jim Russello, Treasurer

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THE LAKE FOREST COMMUNITY ALBUM

The Lake Forest community extends its sincere sympathy to Lou and Meredith Gotta and son Jonathan, on the death of their daughter/sister, Julie Rae Gotta, 37, who died on April 11, 2008.

The month of June brings graduations and anniversaries, and other special occasions. If you know of a Lake Forest resident graduating from high school or college, or a couple celebrating a special anniversary, please notify the newsletter editor so we can recognize and congratulate these residents. If you have a photograph, please send it along for inclusion with the story.

Please remember, this column relies on information from you, our Lake Forest residents.

CLUBHOUSE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday	May 1	1:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Poker Architectural Committee Mah Jongg
Friday	May 2	9:00am	Water Aerobics*
Monday	May 5	9:00am	Water Aerobics
Tuesday	May 6	9:00am 1:00pm 6:30pm	Board of Directors Workshop Poker International Food Club
Wednesday	May 7	9:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm 8:00pm	Water Aerobics Mah Jongg Relay for Life Poker
Thursday	May 8	9:00am 1:00pm 7:00pm	COP Meeting Poker Mah Jongg
Friday	May 9	9:00am	Water Aerobics
Monday	May 12	9:00am	Water Aerobics
Tuesday	May 13	1:00pm 7:00pm	Poker Covenant and Restrictions Committee
Wednesday	May 14	9:00am 7:00pm	Water Aerobics Poker
Thursday	May 15	1:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Poker Mah Jongg Architectural Committee
Friday	May 16	9:00am	Water Aerobics
Monday	May 19	9:00am	Water Aerobics
Tuesday	May 20	9:00am 1:00pm	Board of Directors Workshop Poker
Wednesday	May 21	9:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm	Water Aerobics Mah Jongg Poker
Thursday	May 22	1:00pm 7:00pm	Poker Mah Jongg
Friday	May 23	9:30am	Water Aerobics
Monday	May 26	9:00am	Water Aerobics
Tuesday	May 27	1:00pm 7:00pm	Poker Covenant and Restrictions Committee
Wednesday	May 28	9:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm	Water Aerobics Mah Jongg Poker
Thursday	May 29	1:00pm 7:00pm	Poker Mah Jongg
Thursday	May 29	7:00pm	Board of Directors Meeting CANCELED
Friday	May 30	9:00am	Water Aerobics
Monday	June 2	9:00am	Water Aerobics
Tuesday	June 3	6:30pm	International Food Club



Sunday, May 11

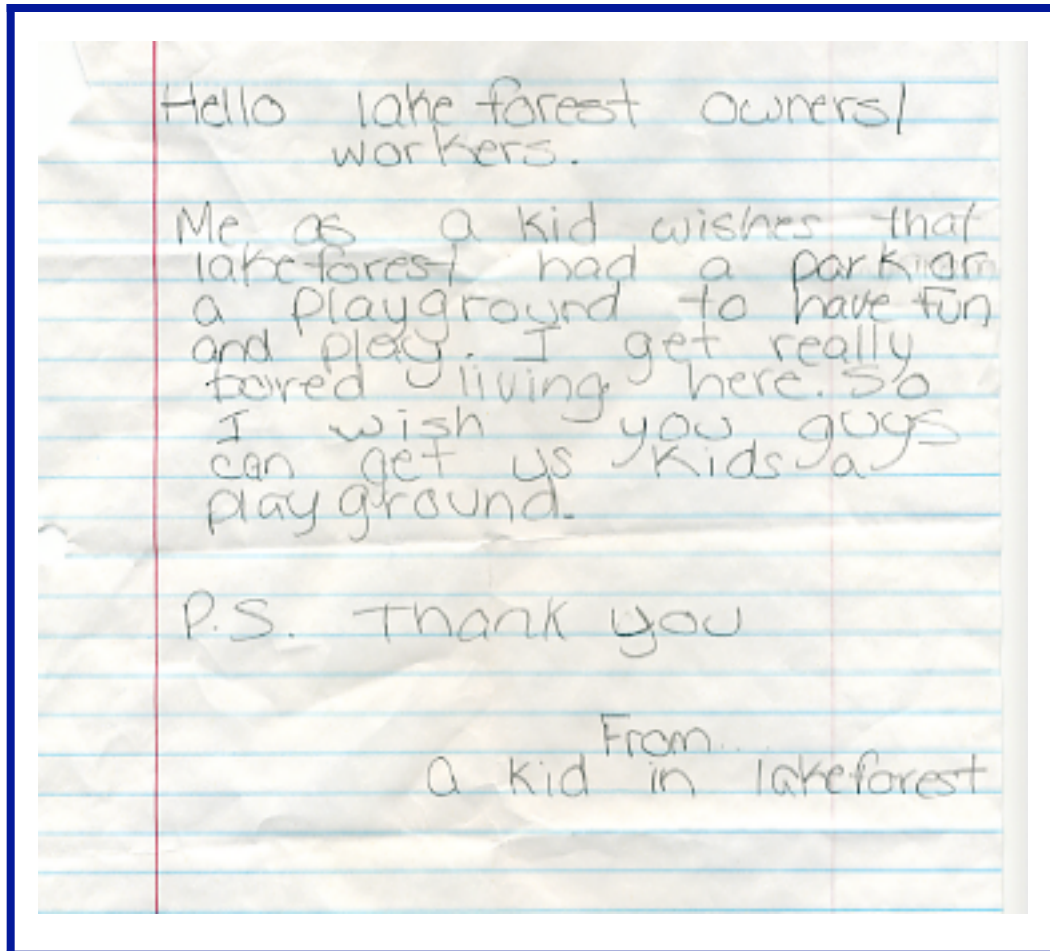
* Note change
of time for
water aerobics



LETTER FROM "A KID"

The following letter was received recently by the Board of Directors from a youngster who lives in Lake Forest. This youngster was concerned that there wasn't much to do for kids in our community.

To this youngster, and other young people in our community, we have good news as indicated in the letter of response from our board Vice President., which follows the "kid's" letter,



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Dear "Lake Forest Kid,"

I'm pleased to inform you that your wishes are about to come true. **The Board of Directors, has already set a plan in motion for a playground** and a patio, with a portable hoop. This is to be done in the area of the clubhouse.

We are also hoping to start a teen night, so that young people will have a voice in the community. Perhaps to make plans for, and participate in, special events.

So to you, "Lake Forest Kid", I say, with a line of communication always

open (your letter) and with people who are civic minded (your board and all it's many, many volunteers), **these are the tools that will make this project a success.** We are very proud of this accomplishment.

If you ever want to stop by the clubhouse and tell us what you think, or just to say hello, you will be most welcome.

Sincerely

**Jane V Falgia, Vice President,
Board of Directors**

LANDSCAPING INFORMATION

Spring Landscape Projects

We wish to recognize the residents of North Shore Boulevard, and others, who assisted the landscape committee in making improvements to the berm behind Home Depot. The remaining shrubs and pepper plants were removed to allow for berm mowing. Dead oleanders along the Home Depot walkway were replaced and additional areca palms and oak trees were added.

Thanks to: Roland Anderson, Jack

Minenna, Gene Wiess, Jim Reszke, Benjamin Vazquez, Dan Green, Bill Lavins, Bob Deardon and Verne Golder.

The irrigation system will soon be repaired and the areca palms fertilized. Home Depot has also cleaned up their part of the berm. Our long-range objectives are to provide a clean berm, and to optimize the areca palm growth as a berm buffer.

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Brownie Participation

The landscape committee wants to recognize the Lake Forest Brownie Troop for their enthusiastic help with the North pool landscape upgrade. **Special thanks to: Jessica Stelly and Debbie** (Mom and Brownie Leader), **Cheyenne Batchelder and Marcy** (Mom and Co-Leader), **Kyndel Wagner and Cheryl** (Mom), **Sage Roman, Hannah Miller, Cherrysh McDonald, Domiana Kaminski and Krystal Howe** (Mom).

Spring Planting Completed

- Interior of north pool upgraded
- Clubhouse parking island planted
- Clubhouse entrance planted
- South entrance palms added
- South pool palms and plants added
- Cashmere berm dead plants replaced
- North entrance palm added

The landscape committee has just completed the above projects and wishes to recognize the residents

who contributed their efforts to this two-day project

Thanks to: Dan Acetto, Tom Cryzycki, Gloria Dafgard Gloria, Larry D'Angelo, Claude DeNunzio, Bob Deardon, Jacky Duckett, Dan Green, Jack Minenna, Louis and Jackie Nagueira, Harry Reynolds, Jim Reszski, Jim Russello, Jose Traqueiro, Carl Utris, Jesus and Ibis Villasuso, and John Walsh.

Doug Duckett, Chair, Landscape Committee

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EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Late in 2006, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) implemented a new emergency contact information system that **allows Florida motorists to voluntarily provide emergency contact information online**, using their Florida driver licenses or Florida identification cards. The information can then be accessed by law enforcement officers to notify designated contacts if a motorist is seriously injured or killed in a traffic crash.

After her daughter, Tiffany, was critically injured in a traffic crash in 2005, Christine Olson was not immediately notified of the incident because law enforcement officers working the crash had no emergency contact information. **By the time Ms Olson was contacted, it was too late for her to say goodbye to her daughter.** Ms Olson felt that some kind of system needed to be in place that would ensure the immediate contact of parents and loved ones in cases like this. She began a personal quest to make one available to all.

We are, once again, urging Florida motorists to go online and enter their emergency contact information. To date, over 743,000 Floridians have already done so. However, with over 18 million licensed

drivers and identification card holders in our state, many more need to take the time to go online and enter their information. Electra Bustle, Executive Director of DHSMV, encourages all Floridians to take a few moments and input this vital information, which, in the event of an unfortunate emergency, will make the information readily at hand, allowing law enforcement officials to quickly get in touch with those listed as a contact.

Anyone with a valid Florida driver license or identification card can go online and enter their emergency contact information at www.flhsmv.gov. The information is kept secure, and is used only by law enforcement officials in case of an emergency.

Please help us get the word out. It's easy to do, requires only a few minutes; and it's very important!

**Best regards
Modesto W. Burgos
Community Liaison
DHSMV / DDL**

Our Mission: Providing Highway Safety and Security through Excellence in Service, Education and Enforcement.

Submitted by Steve Frazer

Christine Olson was not immediately notified because law enforcement officers had no emergency information

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**One Hundred Years Ago**

Sugar cost four cents a pound, Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen and Coffee was fifteen cents a pound

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Proceed up to the gate as it opens. Do not sit at the call box until the gate is fully open. By time you move, the gate will be closing. If any damage is done to the gate, you will be responsible to pay for repairs to the gate and your vehicle.

Extended parking at the clubhouse is by permit only. The vehicle(s) of any violators will be towed away at the owner's expense.

Care of the irrigation system is the homeowner's responsibility. It should be checked regularly. Homeowner's should check that their system is working properly. Many sprinklers are either broken, damaged or aimed to the street, not the lawn. This is a waste of our water supply.

Do not block sidewalks at driveways.

Parking is not permitted on the grass or sidewalks anywhere in the community.

Yard waste pick up is on Monday's. Yard waste is not to be put out for pick up until Sunday afternoon.

Maintenance fees are due January 1st, April 1st, July 1st and October 1st. Late fees and interest will be charged on the eleventh day after the due date. On the thirty first day after due date, you will be turned over to the attorney for collection. Attorney fees will be charged. If you have received a letter, you are already in violation

The Board of Directors

A BIT OF TRIVIA

In the late 1700s, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide board was folded down from the wall and used for dining. The "head of the household" always sat in the chair, while everyone else ate sitting on the floor. Once in a while, a guest (who was almost always a man) would be invited to sit in this chair during the meal. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. Sitting in the chair, one was called the "chair man." Today, in business, and in other venues, we use the expression, or title, "Chairman" or "Chairman of the Board."

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**Heard in 1955**

When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29¢ a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage.

It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work

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CAN YOU READ THIS?

Can you read this? If you can, you have a strange mind. Only fifty five people out of one hundred can.

I don't believe that I could actually understand what I was reading. The phonemic power of the human mind, according to a research at Cambridge University, it doesn't matter in what order the letters in a word are, the only important thing is that the first and last letter be in the right place. The rest can be a total mess and you can still read it without a problem. This is because the human mind does not read every letter by itself, but the word as a whole. Amazing huh? And it was always a great spelling was important!

**The Lake Forest Clubhouse office is open
Monday thru Friday from 8:00am to 1:00pm**

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**Articles for the June Newsletter are due
Tuesday, May 27th**

Please send articles to Frank Gomes at: fbgomes@comcast.net