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the LAKE FOREST Newsletter



MESSAGES FROM... THE SECRETARY

Another year has come to an end. It has been a year of change and improvements, and also a time for looking forward to 2009.

Due to the diligence of our Board of Directors, our numerous volunteers and our caring residents, many HOA's in St. Lucie West look to our community for advice and guidance on how to improve their respective HOA's. Every resident of Lake Forest at St. Lucie West should be proud to be considered the best community in St. Lucie West by many others.

Finally, I want to say thank you to my fellow Board members, and each and every volunteer, for a wonderful and productive 2008. To the Board, volunteers and all residents of Lake Forest at St. Lucie West, I wish you good health, prosperity, and above all, happiness for 2009.

Maria L Wells, Secretary, Board of Directors



THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

To all of our friends and neighbors, Happy New Year. May 2009 be full of good health and happiness.

Construction has been started on the new storage building and patio. There will be a lot of construction vehicles coming and going daily around the clubhouse, so please be careful.

We have started getting prices for the resurfacing/cleaning of the north pool. The process will take approximately two weeks this month or in February.

We have purchased a new pool heater for the south pool which will

be installed before any work is done on the north pool. The south pool will remain open and heated during the time the work is being done on the north pool.

We close out 2008 in very good financial shape. Remember, **the new quarterly fees for 2009 are \$430.00 and are due January 1, 2009.**

Residents are reminded that holiday decorations are to be removed from yards by Wednesday, January 21st. This is in accordance with our HOA documents.

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AND THE VICE PRESIDENT

As another year comes to a close, I want to thank each and every committee, all the wonderful volunteers who were there each and every day, bolstering and supporting the board. These people are the ones who make it happen, whatever the endeavor.

Whether we're planning new landscaping, or constructing our new storage building and patio, they are there to help. Or, maybe they are baking cookies for "Santa's coming to Lake Forest," and even becoming "Santa for Lake Forest. Or maybe editing the newsletter. Then there are those who help put up the decorations to beautify our community during the holiday season. **These people are the ones who help to make it happen.** There are too many to name one by one, but to each and every one, I give a huge thank you.

This year has been filled with many successes, because we all worked together, pooling our time and resources for the common good of Lake Forest. **We have made it what it is today: the "CHOICE" community of St. Lucie West.** I know this to be true, because many neighboring communities look up to us, and have asked for our advice and direction.

Yes, 2008 was a productive year and the board is satisfied with its accomplishments. However, we are not done. **We look forward to the coming year with great expectation.**

In closing, I'd like to wish you a Happy New Year, filled with peace, health, and contentment.

Sincerely,

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

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TO ALL RESIDENTS

It's that time of the year again. **On Thursday, February 26, 2009 the annual meeting will take place** at 7:00pm at the Port St Lucie Community Center on Airoso Drive. There will be five (5) Directors elected.

On or before January 21, 2009 you may give written notice, either by mail or in person, of your desire to run for the Board of Directors. You will be receiving the Notice of the Annual Meeting of Lake Forest HOA by mail from Advantage Property Management with complete details. If you have any questions please contact me at 772 878 1944 between 9:00am and 1:00pm.

Howard DaCosta, Property Manager

TREASURERS REPORT

For the Month Ending November 30, 2008

Funds in Operating Account	\$167,194.92
Funds in Reserve Account	\$161,997.92
Funds Valued in Six CD's	\$477,466.62
Funds owed the HOA by homeowners	\$ 82,010.90

We close out 2008 in very good financial shape

Have a good Holiday and a Happy New Year

Regards from Your Treasurer,

Jim Russello

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday	January 1		Office Closed
Friday	January 2		Office Closed
Friday	January 2	9:30am	Water Aerobics
Monday	January 5	9:30am	Water Aerobics
Tuesday	January 6	1:00pm	Poker
		6:30pm	International Food Club
Wednesday	January 7	9:30am	Water Aerobics
		12:30pm	Mah Jongg
		7:00pm	Relay for Life
		8:00pm	Poker
Thursday	January 8	1:00pm	Poker
		7:00pm	Architectural Committee
		7:00pm	Mah Jongg
Friday	January 9	9:30am	Water Aerobics
Monday	January 12	9:30am	Water Aerobics
Tuesday	January 13	9:00am	Board of Directors Workshop
		1:00pm	Poker
		7:00pm	Covenants and Restrictions
Wednesday	January 14	9:30am	Water Aerobics
		12:30pm	Mah Jongg
		7:00pm	Poker
Thursday	January 15	1:00pm	Poker
		7:00pm	Mah Jongg
Friday	January 16	9:30am	Water Aerobics
Monday	January 19	9:30am	Water Aerobics
Tuesday	January 20	1:00pm	Poker
Wednesday	January 21	9:30am	Water Aerobics
		12:30pm	Mah Jongg
		7:00pm	Poker
Thursday	January 22	1:00pm	Poker
		7:00pm	Architectural Committee
		7:00pm	Poker
Friday	January 23	9:30am	Water Aerobics
Monday	January 26	9:30am	Water Aerobics
Tuesday	January 27	9:00am	Board of Directors Workshop
		1:00pm	Poker
		7:00pm	Covenants and Restrictions
Wednesday	January 28	9:30am	Water Aerobics
		12:30pm	Mah Jongg
		7:00pm	Poker
Thursday	January 29	1:00pm	Poker
Thursday	January 29	7:00pm	Board of Directors Meeting at the Clubhouse
Friday	January 30	9:30am	Water Aerobics
Monday	February 2	9:30am	Water Aerobics
Tuesday	February 3	1:00pm	Poker
		6:30pm	International Food Club
Wednesday	February 4	9:30am	Water Aerobics
		12:30pm	Mah Jongg
		7:00pm	Relay for Life



A CONTRACT AMENDMENT

We have a amendment to the landscape contract that takes effect January 1, 2009. It reads as follows:

The Homeowner has forty-eight (48) hours to notify Native Control of damage. Native Control has forty-eight (48) hours to make repairs (ie: sprinkler heads, screens, etc.) **Native Control is not responsible for filter housing stress cracks.** If Homeowners choose to hire a contractor on their own before these conditions are met, Native Control and/or the Lake Forest HOA **will not be responsible to reimburse the Homeowner expenses.**

The Board of Directors

SANTA VISITS THE CLUBHOUSE

On Sunday, December 14th, many Lake Forest children, along with their parents and grandparents, were visited by Santa and Mrs Claus at the clubhouse. **There were gifts for the children and cookies for all guests.**

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank Mr and Mrs Thomas DePaola (Santa and Mrs Claus), and Gerry Borie for taking pictures of the children with Santa. Without them it wouldn't have been such a great success.

Sincerely,

Jane Falgia, Vice President



Santa arrives at the clubhouse in the community golf cart, driven by HOA President Jack Minenna.



Santa prepares to meet the children.

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**One Hundred Years Ago**

**Ninety percent of all doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION! Instead, attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press AND the government as "substandard."**

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HELP WANTED

Landscaping Project February 7th

You may have noticed that there is something planned for the ugly lift station at the corner of Indian Key Drive and Lake Forest Way. **Grass has been removed and loam added in preparation for two large planting beds.** An irrigation system will soon be installed at this lift station.

Additionally, the landscaping committee will be adding decorative planting at the clubhouse, south entrance, and on Lake Forest Way in front of Lake Diane. These projects build upon other improvements resulting from your community participation.

We are again asking for your help

as we plant 660 new plants within Lake Forest's common area. **The lift station and Lake Diane plantings represent a new phase in our landscaping projects.** Most of the priority projects such as hurricane damage and entryway improvements are nearing completion. These two projects are a beginning as we start to enhance in detail our community's landscape.

Please plan to participate on one of these projects. Work is scheduled on Saturday, February 7th from 9:00am to noon. Bring a hose and shovel if you can.

**Doug Duckett, Chair,
Landscape Committee**

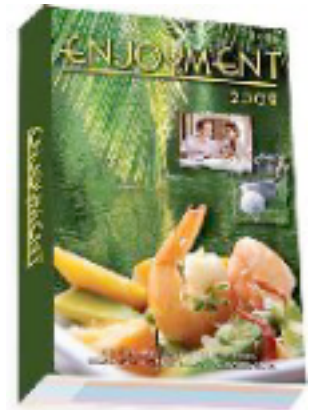
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ENJOYMENT 2009 BOOKS ARE HERE

The Lake Forest Relay for Life Team is continuing to sell the Enjoyment 2009 Book for a cost of \$35.00 per book.

There are "**MONEY SAVING COUPONS**," "two-for-one," and "50% off" discounts on dining, fast food, sports, theaters, recreation, travel and services. Over 800 coupons worth thousands of dollars!

The cost per Book is \$35.00, and benefits the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Please support our team and help us raise money for this worthy cause. To purchase a book or for more information, call: Pamela Milazzo at 878 8068.



THE COMMUNITY COOK BOOK

In addition to selling the Enjoyment 2009 Book, **the Lake Forest Relay for Life Team has begun to compile recipes for a Community Cook Book!** The project will take several months. Once completed, the book will be available for purchase by everyone in the community, with all the profits given to the American Cancer Society.

Please participate and share your favorite recipe! Honor the memory of a Cancer Survivor by sharing their favorite recipe and story. Or submit one in memory of a loved one. **We want this to be a real Community Cookbook!**

Anyone interested in participating should contact either Pamela Milazzo at 878 8068 or Barbara Monge at 871 1572.



HAPPY HOUR

Cocktail Party and Fun Evening

**SPONSORED BY THE
LAKE FOREST
RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2009 at 7:00pm

**HOSTED BY
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**\$3.00 PER PERSON DONATION
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HAPPY HOURS, YOU'RE MISSING
OUT ON A WONDERFUL EVENING.
MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS, MAKE
FRIENDS AND HAVE FUN!**



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**Heard in 1955**

**'I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put  
a man on the moon by the end of the century. They even have some  
fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas.'**  
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FROM THE INTERNATIONAL FOOD CLUB

Sweet and Sour Prawns

Preparation time: 15 minutes

Cooking time: 15 minutes

This quick and easy recipe combines the well-suited tastes of prawns and sweet and sour sauce

For four servings

2 carrots, thinly sliced
2 celery sticks, sliced
1 onion, chopped
2 tbsp sunflower oil
227 g (8 oz) can pineapple chunks
in syrup
225 g (8 oz) peeled prawns
227 g (8 oz) can water chestnuts,
drained
1 tsp grated lemon rind and sprig
of mint, to garnish

Sauce

1 tbsp cornflower
2 tbsp white wine vinegar
1 tbsp light soft brown sugar
2 tbsp light soy sauce
1 tsp tomato ketchup
salt and pepper to taste
2 tbsp dry sherry

Preparation

- 1) Gently cook carrots, celery and onion in oil in a large frying-pan or wok 10 minutes. Do not brown
- 2) Drain pineapple, mix syrup with sauce ingredients. Pour into pan and bring to a boil, stirring
- 3) Add prawns, pineapple and water chestnuts to pan, cook gently until just heated through
- 4) Transfer to a warmed serving dish. Serve sprinkled with lemon rind and garnish with mint

Good served with egg-fried rice

Calories per serving: 250

Cut carrots very thinly
Put carrots into pan a little before the celery, etc
Use large sauce pan
Halve the amount of water chestnuts and halve the chestnuts if they are whole
Sprinkle lemon rind into finished dish

Why the English language is so hard to learn

The bandage was wound around the wound

The farm was used to produce produce

He could lead if he would get the lead out

When shot at, the dove dove into the bush

I did not object to the object ••• The insurance was invalid for the invalid

A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line

The wind was too strong to wind the sail

Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear

I had to subject the subject to a series of tests

They were too close to the door to close it

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Monday thru Friday from 8:00am to 1:00pm**

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**Articles for the February Newsletter are due
Tuesday, January 27th**

Send articles to Frank Gomes at: fbgomes@comcast.net

or

frank@lakeforestatslw.com

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