



The Crow's Nest

Newsletter for Lake Conway Estates

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Residents' Association*

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LCERA membership dues are \$150 per year. The fiscal year begins September 1 and ends August 31 of the following year. A \$25 discount is available to Lake Conway Estates residents who remit dues **PRIOR TO OR AT** the annual meeting every September. Keys are dispensed by Barbie Snavelly.

Payment may be made by check remitted to the P.O. Box listed above or by **Pay Pal** at www.LakeConwayEstates.com

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Holiday Happenings

Long-time residents are well acquainted with the Christmas luminary tradition in Lake Conway Estates, but newer arrivals may not be familiar with the history behind the tradition. Decorating with luminarias on Christmas Eve was introduced to Lake Conway Estates in 1963 by Colonel and Mrs. R. F. Strickland after their stay in New Mexico where they observed people build small bonfires outside their homes on Christmas Eve to light the way for the Christ Child. Two years later, in 1965, LCERA became the annual sponsor of this event in our subdivision.

Boy Scout Troop 76 has partnered with our Residents' Association to keep promoting the luminarias annually. Not only does this partnership continue our neighborhood tradition, but it serves as a fund raiser for the scouts. This year, the older scouts will use the proceeds from this fundraiser to attend Sea Base summer camp in the Keys. They have waited years for this opportunity, and they are excited to be spending a week at sea. Younger scouts will attend camp closer to home.

An endeavor like the distribution of the luminaries requires a lot of thought, planning, and coordination and begins many weeks in advance of the actual event. It is hoped that you will support the scouts and this neighborhood tradition by participating. Please take note of this information:

- **Saturday, December 3** – Order envelopes will be delivered to every home.
- **Saturday, December 10 & 17** – Place your order, including payment, at your front door by 9:00 a.m. Scouts will pick up orders and leave luminary kits that day for anyone who orders a "do-it-yourself" luminary kit.
- **Saturday, December 24** – Scouts will install "full-service" luminaries for those who have ordered them. Do-it-yourself kits will be on sale at the lake lot, while supplies last.

Sand for use in the luminary bags will be delivered to the lake lot on Wednesday, December 14. At your convenience, bring a shovel and bucket or other receptacle to gather what you anticipate using for your luminary bags. Consider securing sand for your neighbors who may have difficulty getting the sand on their own. Sand in the bottom of the luminary bags provides stability and prevents the bag from blowing away.

Luminary candles should be lit at dusk on Christmas Eve, December 24, and extinguished that same night about 10:00 p.m. On Christmas night, December 25, candles should again be lit at dusk but can be left to burn through the night. Clean up and dispose of remnants on the 26th. *Continued on back.....*

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In a departure from a much more recent tradition, there will be no recognition and cash prizes for homes in Lake Conway Estates that have been bedecked with holiday lights and other decorations. Lack of judges is a big part of the decision to forego the recognition of seasonally decorated homes. Nevertheless, the decorated exteriors of LCE homes will be enjoyed by many.

The City of Belle Isle is sponsoring these holiday events:

- **Wednesday, December 7 - Cornerstone Charter Academy** will be the site of a tree-lighting event that will include snow as well as a visit and photo op with Santa from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, December 22 – Santa in Belle Isle** Santa will be riding throughout all neighborhoods of Belle Isle from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Interested fans of the “right jolly old elf” can follow his progress through the City on the Belle Isle web site, www.cityofbelleislefl.org.

Independently-organized events that are always of interest to Lake Conway Estates residents are the boat parades on the Conway Chain of Lakes. Three boat parades are scheduled for this Christmas season:

- **Friday, December 16, 2016 – South Lake** Parade starts at 8:00 p.m. at the south side of the Nela Bridge
- **Saturday, December 17, 2016 – Middle Lake** Starts at 7:00 p.m. at the Sand Bar (S.E. corner of the middle lake)
- **Sunday, December 18, 2016 – North Lake** Starts 7:30 p.m. at “the point” on (North) Little Lake Conway

Anita Sacco, Editor



Seasonal Quotes

“Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmas-time.”

Laura Ingalls Wilder

“Christmas Eve was a night of song that wrapped itself about you like a shawl. But it warmed more than your body. It warmed your heart...filled it, too, with a melody that would last forever. Even though you grew up and found you could never quite bring back the magic feeling of this night, the melody would stay in your heart always---a song for all the years.”

Bess Streeter Aldrich
Song of Years

“Remember, if Christmas isn’t found in your heart, you won’t find it under a tree.”

Charlotte Carpenter

“Christmas gift suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect.”

Oren Arnold

Holiday Trash Talk - Recycling Glass containers, newspapers, ferrous material, aluminum and No. 1-7 non-toxic plastic containers are all collected, commingled, on Fridays. Recycling bins are available to purchase at Belle Isle City Hall, 1600 Nela Avenue, for \$9.25 each. Large items being discarded---like old furniture or appliances---are collected on recycle days, but pickup must be arranged with Republic services. Call 407-293-8000 to schedule a pickup. Be sure to state you are a Belle Isle Resident.