



The Crow's Nest

Newsletter for Lake Conway Estates

Holiday Edition – December 2017

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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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Season's Greetings

The month of December is well under way and the holidays and traditional events that occur during this winter month will soon be upon us. A tradition of long standing in Lake Conway Estates is the placement of luminaria at the curb side of participating homes. On Christmas Eve and again on Christmas night the candles in the luminaria bags are lit and softly illuminate the streets throughout our subdivision.

The Boy Scouts of Troop 76 partner with us each holiday season as we carry on this tradition. Without the help and assistance of the Scouts, this custom would have fallen by the wayside, because it requires acquiring materials, planning and coordination that begin months in advance of the actual event. While providing LCE with a valuable service, the Scouts utilize the event as an opportunity to earn money for camping trips. This year, their goal is to raise funds to go to Skymont Scout Reservation in Tennessee for the summer camp in 2018.

Order envelopes were hung at the front door of each home in the Estates on Thursday, November 30 with instructions to fill out the order information and place payment in the envelope for pickup from your front door before 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 9. If you missed placing your order envelope at your front door on the 9th, you will get a second chance on Saturday, December 16 before 8:00 a.m. Here are some points to remember:

- Each luminary kit contains 24 each of white bags, foil liners, cups, and 15-hour candles.
- Orders should include a check made out to Boy Scout Troop 76.
- **Do-It-Yourself kits** are \$18 per kit and will be left at your door when the Scouts pick up your paid order form. Picking up the sand at the lake lot is your responsibility. Figure two cups of sand per luminaria bag.
- LCERA provides sand as a stabilizer for the bags; it will be delivered to the lake lot on Wednesday, December 20.
- **Full-Service kits** can be purchased for \$28 per kit. The Scouts will build, fill, and install your luminaries at your curb side on December 24.
- Light the luminaria on Christmas Eve and Christmas night at 5:30 p.m. and extinguish at 10:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. On Christmas night they may remain burning.
- Clean up and remove bags the morning after Christmas.
- Do-It-Yourself kits will be available for purchase at the lake lot on the 24th (Christmas Eve in the day).
- The Scout contact for further information is Gigi Mahanovic at 321-276-9876.

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Another popular holiday event in Lake Conway Estates is Santa's ride through our neighborhood as he travels through all the communities in Belle Isle. This year Santa's ride through LCE will occur the evening of Thursday, December 21. Santa will be beginning his trip about 5:30 p.m. in a different part of the city, so to get a good idea of when he will be in our sub-division, visit the Belle Isle website for details about Santa's route and schedule. Go to www.cityofbelleislefl.org.

Over the years the Christmas boat parades on the Lake Conway chain of lakes have grown in popularity, and this year's boat parades will be held on three different nights. Lake-front homes in Lake Conway Estates are situated on both the middle lake and the north lake of the Conway chain. The boat parade on the middle lake is scheduled to start at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 15. Participating boats will gather at the sand bar for the start of the parade.

The boat parade on the north lake is probably the biggest of the trio of boat parade events. Boaters will gather "at the point" on the north lake (also referred to a Little Lake Conway) on Sunday, December 17, for the parade that will begin at 7:30 p.m. For more detailed news about the boat parades, go to www.lakeconwayboatparade.com.

This year there will be no holiday judging of the decorated exteriors of homes in Lake Conway Estates. In past years, gift card awards were presented to LCERA homeowners selected for recognition by a small panel of independent judges. If you would like to see this tradition restored for Christmas 2018, you can make it happen. Contact an LCERA Executive Council member (listed on the front page) and volunteer *now* so you can be contacted next fall for planning.

Anita Sacco, Editor

Naughty or Nice?!?

Some neighborhood dogs have been confiding to Santa that their owners have not been very considerate of other humans in Lake Conway Estates---especially very small humans. The dogs are aghast that their owners have been abdicating their obligation as responsible pet owners and fail to carry "doggie bags" to facilitate cleanup and removal of dog waste on public and private property. The dogs are particularly embarrassed by the copious messes accumulating in the grassy area outside the fence at the LCERA lake lot on Cullen Lake Shore Drive.

Local pooches have also shared with Santa that despite local leash laws, some owners allow them to run free, which creates a problem when some of the canines bite and traumatize local residents out walking. Man's best friends explain that in their exuberance to protect their master's property from someone they perceive could be a threat, they overreact, and a "friendly" is often injured. The dogs just wish their owners would keep them leashed when out and about to keep them out of trouble.



Holiday Literary Quotations

"It was the beginning of the greatest Christmas ever. Little food. No presents. But there was a snowman in their basement."

*Markus Zusak, **The Book Thief***

"Kindle the taper like the steadfast star ablaze on evening's forehead o'er the earth. Add each night a luster 'til afar, an eightfold splendor shines above thy hearth."

*Emma Lazarus, **The Feast of Lights***

"Christmas is like candy; it slowly melts in your mouth sweetening every taste bud, making you wish it could last forever."

*Richelle E. Goodrich, **Smile Away***

"I know what I really want for Christmas. I want my childhood back. Nobody is going to give me that. I might give at least the memory of it to myself if I try. I know it doesn't make sense, but since when is Christmas about sense, anyway? It is about a child, of long ago and far away; and it is about the child of now. In you and me. Waiting behind the door of our own hearts for something wonderful to happen. A child who is impractical, unrealistic, simpleminded and terribly vulnerable to joy."

*Robert Fulghum, **All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten***