



# 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 Snively.

Payment may be made by check remitted to the P.O. Box listed above or by **Pay Pal** at [www.LakeConwayEstates.com](http://www.LakeConwayEstates.com)

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## Putting On a New Face

Just as an updated hairstyle, an improved smile, perhaps the loss of a few pounds, and a new wardrobe can rejuvenate individuals at a certain point in life, aging and well-used properties can also benefit from a "lift" to their appearance and function. In recent days, residents passing the LCERA lake lot property on Cullen Lake Shore Drive will have noticed a new look for our popular recreational area which incorporates a children's playground, picnic area, beach, boat ramp, and park for the enjoyment of Residents' Association members.

The updated and enhanced look at the lake lot has been achieved with new architectural fencing, new gates, and improved locking systems for easy entry and exit for key-holding members. (Yes, your present keys will still work.) The project, nevertheless, has not been a spur-of-the-moment endeavor. Seven years ago, new LCERA President, Jeff Kozak floated the idea of new fencing to improve the look of the property as well as provide better security. However, after securing estimates for various types of fencing products, it became obvious that new fencing would have to be classified as long-term capital improvement because extensive and unanticipated repairs at the LCERA tennis courts had depleted undesignated cash reserves.

During the presidency of Steve Udouj, Executive Council member, Bob Buzzetti, proposed establishing various reserve accounts for future expenses and funding them at the end of each fiscal year. Within the budgets going forward, long-term capital improvements, replacements, and repairs at LCERA properties could be addressed in a timely manner when necessary and with pre-designated funding. It is the reserve funding for lake lot fencing that has enabled LCERA to finally upgrade the fencing there.

In 2017, fencing estimates were once again sought and a Fence Committee was formed. Gene Aiello, George Barfield, Bob Buzzetti and Jim Sacco were charged with investigating the types of fencing best suited to our application at the lake lot while being aesthetically pleasing. They went on field trips locally to evaluate perimeter fencing and gates at private and public properties. They considered the estimates of various fencing vendors, the quality and weights of their products and their suitability for our lake lot. Todd Grove of Grove Fencing offered competitive pricing, superior-quality product, was knowledgeable about industry standards, and was responsive to questions and requests. His company was the choice of the Committee.

At a later point, landscaping upgrades outside the lake lot fence along Cullen Lake Shore Drive will be undertaken as funding allows. It is appropriate to note that the wise and prudent stewardship by recent and present LCERA executive councils --- as well as the support of resident members in our voluntary Residents' Association--- has enabled the lake lot fence project to become a reality. A well-maintained and attractive LCERA property not only demonstrates pride in our subdivision, but also improves property values for all homeowners in Lake Conway Estates.

*Anita Sacco, Editor*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### July

3	Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	<i>Belle Isle City Council – Belle Isle City Hall (Open to the public)</i>
4	Wednesday		<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b> 
17	Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	<i>Belle Isle City Council Meeting- Belle Isle City Hall (Open to the public)*</i>
24	Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	<i>Belle Isle Planning &amp; Zoning – Belle Isle City Hall (Open to the public)*</i>
27	Friday		Korean War Ended (1953)  National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day
30	Monday	7:00 p.m.	LCERA Executive Council – Snavely Residence *

### August

7	Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	<i>Belle Isle City Council Meeting- Belle Isle City Hall (Open to the public)*</i>
13	Monday		Orange County Public Schools FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
21	Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	<i>Belle Isle City Council Meeting- Belle Isle City Hall (Open to the public)*</i>
27	Monday	7:00 p.m.	LCERA Executive Council – Snavely Residence *
28	Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	<i>Belle Isle Planning &amp; Zoning – Belle Isle City Hall (Open to the public)*</i>

\* Meeting time and date is subject to change.



*Fly the American flag*



### LCERA ANNUAL MEETING – Thursday, September 13, 2018

- Annual Report
- Proposed Budget Fiscal Year Sept. 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019
- Election of officers

*Detailed information to follow in next newsletter.*

**Local Classes** - The Orange County University of Florida IFAS Extension, 6021 S. Conway Road offers classes throughout the year for Orange County residents. Upcoming classes include: **Micro-irrigation Basics**, July 13 and 14; **Basics of Vegetable Gardening in Central Florida**, July 14; **Children in the Vegetable Garden**, July 19; and **Efficient Irrigation**, July 25 and July 28. Call **407-254-9200** for further information.

## Membership Musings by Barbie Snavelly, Membership Chairman Phone: 407-859-6890

As we move into the summer months, our LCERA membership number stands at 246 households for our fiscal year which will end August 31, 2018. Dues are \$150 for the current membership year; however, dues for residents new to Lake Conway Estates can be pro-rated. Listed below are the most recent new residents to Lake Conway Estates who have joined our residents' association. Please note their information in your directory. Welcome!

**Dennis Colon/Nathalia Jeffers**  
3612 St. Moritz Street

**Nathan & Veronica Ducote**  
5025 Duban Avenue

**Daniel & Jennifer Gibson**  
3711 Ponceau Avenue

**Cooper Long**  
3607 St. Moritz Street

**Bill Parker/David Denholm**  
3510 Cullen Lake Shore Drive

**Nick Reed**  
5118 Duban Avenue

**Please note:** Our most recent Residents' Association Directory is several years old and revised contact information often changes before a new directory can go to press. If you would like a list of the neighbors on your own street---as well as their contact information ---be in touch with Barbie at the phone number noted above.

## Spring Events Produced Good Turnouts

### Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, March 31, 2018



Easter Bunny with event coordinator, Lynn Armstrong (blue shirt) and helpers Lillian Enfinger and Sue Keith-Gallery

Gray skies and the threat of rain did not deter Lake Conway Estates parents and grandparents who accompanied youngsters participating in the LCERA-sponsored Easter Egg Hunt the morning before Easter Sunday. The event offered a story time, age-appropriate games, arts and crafts for children, and a hunt for treat-filled, colorful plastic eggs in areas around the lake lot which were segregated based on the age range of the young participants in the hunt.

The Easter Bunny hopped by for a photo op with the children and families attending. Many thanks to Lynn Armstrong and her many volunteers who stepped forward at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour to assure this event would take place.

### LCERA Annual Picnic – Sunday, April 29, 2018

Over 140 adults and children turned out for our popular picnic. The start time this year was 4:00 p.m. on a Sunday afternoon and the time and day formula produced one of the largest turnouts in recent years. Residents provided a variety of side dishes, salads, and desserts for our “pot luck” to supplement the fried chicken supplied by our Residents' Association. A glitch in the chicken order caused a shortage and some anxious moments, but residents took it in stride and enjoyed the camaraderie of neighbors and tasty homemade covered dishes.



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**In Belle Isle**     A topic that continues to dominate conversation at City Council meetings is that of short term rentals (STR's). Present Belle Isle code prohibits any short-term rental less than seven months. However, a national trend is seeing the increase of home-sharing sites like Airbnb and VRBO and there are proponents among Belle Isle residents who advocate allowing such programs here within the city limits. Following a workshop meeting about STR's at BI City Hall on June 29, it appears a majority of commissioners are in favor of allowing short-term home sharing, and once guidelines and governing code language have been hammered out, STR's will be allowable, initially, for 364 days as a pilot program. A Belle Isle staff recommendation advised not allowing STR's, but vocal advocates locally of such home-sharing rentals have been successful in persuading most commissioners to look favorably on the proposal.



A code change several months ago regarding parking was intended to address parking problems created by out-of-town boaters who were illegally parking their boat trailers and the vehicles towing them in areas near public boat ramps. It was felt a substantial increase in fine (\$125 per violation) would discourage violators; however, local residents who park straddling sidewalks, in the right of way, or generally are ignoring the code as it addresses parking, are also being cited. BIPD will issue a warning to local residents for a first-time offense. Thereafter, a citation will be written and a fine imposed.

The Belle Isle web site provides a wealth of information regarding the City and its government. Take some time to navigate around the site and familiarize yourself with its many features. Go to [www.cityofbelleislefl.org](http://www.cityofbelleislefl.org). Under the *Government* tab, in the drop down, you can access the audio as well as the minutes of City Council meetings. The *Packet* information is often very enlightening. A recent addition to the site is the ability to view in real time the proceedings of the City Council during their meetings.

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## **Annual Picnic** *(continued from Page 3)*

Kiwi the clown utilized her artistry for face painting to the delight of the young and young at heart. She also organized games and activities for the children in attendance. Orange County Fire and Rescue provided an engine and EMT's who performed blood pressure readings for those who requested them. Several times they were called away for emergencies in the area, but they always returned. Their shiny red engine captured the interest of several of our youngest residents.

Residents had been requested to order tickets for the picnic in advance of the event---at no charge for LCERA members--- so your Executive Council would have an idea of how many would be attending. As an incentive to RSVP, residents were advised that there would be a drawing for a number of nice door prizes, some of which had been donated to supplement those purchased by the Residents' Association. Only ticket holders were eligible for the door prizes, and winners had to be present to claim their prize.

With great appreciation, the gift cards, services, or merchandise that were donated by the following residents and local businesses are acknowledged: Susannah Snavelly; Lynn Armstrong; Myrna Clayton; Barbie Snavelly, Jim and Anita Sacco; Cork & Fork Restaurant; and Wawa. Additionally, LCERA purchased gift cards for Bob's Restaurant, Taco Del Rancho, Tenji Hibachi Grill, and Dapper Dog House to be awarded at the drawing. Here are the door prize winners:

<b>Ted Spruill</b>	<b><i>Bob's Restaurant, \$20 gift card</i></b>	<b>Paul Kelley</b>	<b><i>Dixie Belle's Café, \$20 gift card</i></b>
<b>John Stalder</b>	<b><i>Cork &amp; Fork Restaurant, \$25 gift card</i></b>	<b>Jean Syggervd</b>	<b><i>Doggie Doo Pickup, Service call</i></b>
<b>Kristin Trumpp</b>	<b><i>Wawa, \$25 gift card</i></b>	<b>Jennifer Gibson</b>	<b><i>Wawa, \$25 gift card</i></b>
<b>Chris Dunlop</b>	<b><i>Myrna's Alterations, \$10 value</i></b>	<b>Karen Savadge</b>	<b><i>Myrna's Alterations, \$10 value</i></b>
<b>Lillian Enfinger</b>	<b><i>Taco Del Rancho, \$20 gift card</i></b>	<b>Gene Aiello</b>	<b><i>Travel the Pages, flag ornament</i></b>
<b>Scott Palmer</b>	<b><i>Tenji Hibachi Grill, \$25 gift card</i></b>	<b>Matt Troy</b>	<b><i>Dapper Dog House, \$25 gift card</i></b>
<b>Candi Mellow</b>	<b><i>Cork &amp; Fork Restaurant, \$25 gift card</i></b>	<b>Alison Sherard</b>	<b><i>Mary Kay gift pack, \$50 value</i></b>