



The Crow's Nest

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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.

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Ask Not...

As inauguration day for a new President of the United States approaches on January 20, those residents of a certain age will recall a famous line from the inauguration speech of John F. Kennedy on January 20, 1961. Promoting public service, Kennedy urged Americans, "ask not what your country can do for you---ask what you can do for your country."

In the context of our Lake Conway Estates subdivision with its voluntary Residents' Association, this seems an appropriate time to paraphrase Kennedy's words and ask what you can do for your community. What will you volunteer to do? The implied and specific responsibilities of the LCERA Executive Council (whose members are both elected and appointed), as listed in our Bylaws, require the conscientious stewardship of the LCERA tennis courts on Darden Avenue and the LCERA lake lot on Cullen Lake Shore Drive with its picnic area, playground, beach, pavilions, boat dock and boat ramp. Fiscally responsible care and maintenance of our community properties is essential. Our Executive Council is also charged with assuring a community picnic is held each year as well as conducting an annual meeting of our corporation every September at the start of a new fiscal year.

Because of the voluntary nature of our Residents' Association, it can correctly be observed that particular local traditions and social events can only occur when volunteers step forward to plan, organize, implement and carry out the specifics of an event. Simply put, no volunteers, no extra events.

Our Street Captains and their Alternates are volunteers who assure you receive this newsletter in a timely manner. There are 29 of them, and all streets in Lake Conway Estates are covered. Planning for the Lake Conway Estates Easter Egg Hunt and activities is underway already thanks to the efforts of Jim and Sue Keith-Gallery and their band of volunteers.

As the New Year progresses there will be numerous opportunities for volunteers to step forward. Would you serve in a position on the Executive Council? What interests do you have? Would you like to organize something for children and young families? Do you see a need within our community that you could address?

Don't wait to be approached, and don't hide your light under a bushel. **Speak up now** and contact any Council member. As the lyrics to an old song stated, "If everyone lit just one little candle, what a bright world this would be." With willing volunteers, great community-building opportunities can be accomplished in Lake Conway Estates.

Anita Sacco, Editor

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January

- 11 Wednesday 5:30 p.m. *Belle Isle City Council Workshop – Belle Isle City Hall (Open to the public) **
- 16 Monday **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** 
Student Holiday Orange County Public Schools
Federal holiday – Banks Closed, No U.S. Mail delivery
- 17 Tuesday 6:30 p.m. *Belle Isle City Council Meeting– Belle Isle City Hall (Open to the public) **
- 20 Friday **Inauguration Day**
Arbor Day in Florida
- 24 Tuesday 6:30 p.m. *Belle Isle Planning & Zoning – Belle Isle City Hall (Open to the public) **
- 31 Tuesday 7:00 p.m. *LCERA Executive Council Meeting – Snavely residence*

February

- 2 Thursday **Groundhog Day**
- 7 Tuesday 6:30 p.m. *Belle Isle City Council Meeting– Belle Isle City Hall (Open to the public) **
- 12 Sunday **Abraham Lincoln's birthday** 
- 14 Tuesday **Valentine's Day**
- 20 Monday **President's Day**  (Geo. Washington's Feb.22 birthday celebrated this date)
Student Holiday Orange County Public Schools
Federal holiday – Banks Closed, No U.S. Mail delivery
- 21 Tuesday 6:30 p.m. *Belle Isle City Council Meeting– Belle Isle City Hall (Open to the public) **
- 28 Tuesday 6:30 p.m. *Belle Isle Planning & Zoning – Belle Isle City Hall (Open to the public) **

* Meeting time and date is subject to change.



Fly the American flag

Riddle

What grows when it eats, but dies when it drinks? *Answer in February/March issue.*



“Do the right thing. It will gratify some people and astonish the rest.”

Mark Twain

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

Our LCERA membership number stands at 224 households. Listed below are new residents to Lake Conway Estates who have joined our residents' association. Please note their information in your directory. Welcome all!

Alexie & Christian Fonesca
3130 Cullen Lake Shore Drive

Patti & Rick Haas
3727 St. Moritz Street

Out and About in Lake Conway Estates

Several maintenance and improvement projects have been completed at the LCERA tennis courts and lake lot properties. Tennis players will note the replacement of the deteriorating eastern-most perimeter fencing and access gate at the courts on Darden Avenue. Residents should be mindful that the locked gate requires an LCERA-issued key for both *entrance to* and *exit from* the courts. Posted rules require that the gate remain closed at all times.



At the lake lot, all structures, including those in the playground, have been pressure cleaned. The dock has been painted, and some declining wood has been replaced.





BSA Troop 76

The Boy Scouts and leaders of Troop 76 have provided another year of invaluable service to our Residents' Association. Not only have they planned, organized and implemented distribution of luminaria kits throughout Lake Conway Estates for display on Christmas Eve and Christmas night, their participation in this decades-old tradition assures that it continues. Recognizing a need for services beyond what was initially offered, they initiated a service for a modest additional fee to set kits up curbside for those households requiring it,

For Christmas 2016 the Boy Scouts filled orders for 318 luminaria kits. Of that number, the Scouts were requested to set up 81 kits for households in our subdivision. Support of our tradition and services offered by the Scouts increased in 2016.

Additionally, it should be noted that on Saturday, December 16, the Scouts and leaders of Troop 76, through a well-organized work detail, manually moved and distributed 15 tons of sand into the playground area at the lake lot to provide a better child-friendly surface around playground equipment.



Belle Isle Municipal Election on the Horizon

On Tuesday, March 14, 2017 a municipal election will be held in Belle Isle to fill the City Council seat for Belle Isle District No. 7. Two candidates qualified to run for the seat: Incumbent Sue Nielsen, a Lake Conway Estates resident residing on St. Germain Avenue, and David Evertsen, also a Lake Conway Estates resident, whose home is on Dorian Avenue.

District 1 Commissioner, Ed Gold, was unopposed in the qualifying process and has therefore been declared elected without being voted upon. Commissioner Gold is also a Lake Conway Estates resident and lives on Cullen Lake Shore Drive.

The polling place for qualified voters in Lake Conway Estates is Precinct 334, Pine Castle Masonic Lodge at 1216 Hoffner Avenue. For additional information contact the Belle Isle City Clerk at 407-851-7730 or the Orange County Supervisor of Elections office at 407-836-2070