



The Crow's Nest

Newsletter for Lake Conway Estates

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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

The busy month of December kicks off in Lake Conway Estates with some help from Boy Scout Troop No. 76. It is the help of the scouts, yearly, that enables our subdivision to carry on our luminaria tradition every Christmas season. This decades-old tradition helps foster community identity and promote neighborhood comradery.

The scouts' assistance is mutually beneficial because it assures that our tradition continues while providing the scouts with a fundraising opportunity. The project will help enable them to attend summer camp and purchase necessary supplies for their camping and hiking experience.

Order taking, sale, and distribution of the luminaries does not just magically happen during the holidays; those are elements of a lengthy process and are the product of many hours of planning and organizing which begin in the summer months

Here is the scheduling information for luminary ordering and distribution for all Conway Estates residents:

Saturday, December 1 Order forms are delivered to front doors of all homes

Saturday, December 8 Completed order form envelopes containing payment should be placed at your front door by 8:00 a.m. for pickup by scouts and delivery of luminaria kits.

Saturday, December 15 Second chance: By 8:00 a.m. have completed order form envelope with payment at front door for delivery of kits.

The kits provided by the scouts include everything necessary to assemble the luminaria except the sand that stabilizes the bag when a small quantity is placed in the bottom. Our resident's Association will provide the sand, and a load will be delivered to the lake lot on December 14. Residents can secure their sand requirements for the luminaries by visiting the lake lot with a bucket or trash can and shovel. A good rule-of-thumb for calculating required quantity of sand for your luminaries is to figure on two cups of sand per luminary bag.

The small passage gate at the lake lot will be left open for access by LCERA members and non-members alike to secure sand from the sand pile during daylight hours. Please consider helping your neighbors who may not have the ability to transport sand from the lake lot to their home for luminary setup.

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The scouts of Troop 76 provide, for an additional fee, set-up service for those residents who would like the luminaria kits fully assembled and placed at the curb side of their homes. The scouts are not able to return on evenings of the 24th and 25th, however, to light the candles. Neighbors often help neighbors with candle lighting where necessary.

Each luminary kit contains 24 white bags, foil liners, cups, and 15-hour candles. The insert in the order envelope illustrates how to assemble each luminary bag. Do-it-yourself kits are \$18 per kit; full-service kits are \$28 per kit.

The day of Christmas Eve the scouts of Troop 76 will gather at the lake lot to assemble pre-ordered full-service kits for set up and delivery to homes. They will also have a limited amount of additional do-it-yourself kits for sale for those residents who decide they under-estimated the quantity they need.

Luminaries are lit on two nights, Christmas Eve and Christmas night, respectively. Christmas Eve afternoon residents turn out to place their luminaries curbside at their homes. When darkness falls, the luminaries are lit and allowed to burn until 10:00 p.m. when they should be extinguished. On Christmas night the luminaries are lit at dusk and allowed to burn through the night. Often they self-extinguish before dawn, but any still burning at day light should be extinguished.

The spent candles and bags should be collected on December 26 for disposal, but the sand can be broadcast across your lawn.



CITY OF BELLE ISLE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Thursday, December 6 – **Tree Lighting and Santa Night** at Belle Isle City Hall, 5:30 TO 8:00 P.M.

Tree lighting ceremony; special guests including Santa, the Grinch, and the Polar Express conductor. Ride the trackless train and take family photos in a snow globe. Complimentary hot chocolate and cookies.

Thursday, December 20 – **Santa Rides through Belle Isle** starting at 5:30 p.m. Check www.belleislefl.org for travel route and Santa stops.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

Friday, December 14 - **Boat Parade on South Lake** of the Conway Chain
Beginning at 8:00 p.m. on the south side of Nela Bridge

Saturday, December 15 - **Boat Parade on the Middle Lake**
Begins at 7:30 and starts at the sandbar

Sunday, December 16 - **Boat Parade on the North Lake**
Begins at 7:00 p.m. starting at the "the Point"

If you are unable to view the parades from a lake front private property, the parades will progress clockwise around the lakes, and for these special events can be viewed from some of our local parks. Please be respectful of the residential neighborhoods where these public areas are situated.

South Lake: Swann Beach; Perkins boat ramp; Warren Park

Middle Lake: Delia Beach; Venetian boat ramp; Peninsula Beach

North Lake: Cross Lake Beach



FYI: *There will be no trash collection on Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25, nor will it be collected on New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1, 2019. Household waste and recyclables will be collected on the following Fridays, December 28, 2018 and January 4, 2019. No single item, bag, or container should exceed 50 lbs.*