



The Crow's Nest

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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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Spring Advisory!

Now that Daylight Saving Time has arrived (Sunday, March 10) accompanied by warmer temperatures, the LCERA lake lot on Cullen Lake Shore Drive is seeing an increase in use typical for this time of year. Also, as population increases in central Florida, more and more boaters from outside Belle Isle make their way to the Conway Chain of Lakes to access the lake waters via nearby public boat ramps. The increasing influx of people at public ramps gives rise to short tempers and verbal as well as physical exchanges. With individuals vying for limited launching and parking areas for vehicles hauling trailers, the areas at and surrounding public ramps on busy days have been described as "zoos"---something to be avoided.

So how does this impact Lake Conway Estates? Well, an increasing number of LCERA-member residents own water craft and launch into the lake at our lake lot on Cullen Lake Shore Drive. So, there are peak periods when our own private ramp is filled to overflowing. To compound the problem further, when LCERA members allow "outsiders" and non-member residents to use our boat ramp to avoid the unpleasantness of the public ramps, resident members who are entitled to utilize the area are often---unjustifiably--- denied access.

Several years ago a system was devised to keep tabs on trespassing boaters at our lake lot. Boating members of LCERA are issued a year-appropriate sticker to affix to their trailer near the tongue. Residents transporting non-motorized water craft without a trailer are instructed to display their current sticker in their windshield. Recently, random checks at the LCERA lake lot indicate that few trailers and vehicles display the appropriate authorized sticker. So, how are they gaining access and who is letting them in? By being magnanimous for outsiders and non-members who don't want the hassle of a public boat ramp, whoever the offender/offenders are, they are shortchanging LCERA member boaters.

The weekend of April 6 and 7, LCERA is hosting two events at the lake lot. The LCERA boat ramp will be closed for all boaters at that time. An Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 6 and our Annual Picnic will be held on Sunday, April 7. Additional information for each event is contained within this newsletter.

You will note that the egg hunt actually precedes the Easter holiday by two weeks. By holding it the day before our picnic, egg hunt organizers are able to utilize the tent, tables and chairs in place for the Sunday picnic without extra work and expense for the egg hunt. It also eliminates the necessity of closing the lake lot for use the day before Easter.

Please be advised: At dusk on Thursday, April 4 through noon Monday, April 8, the lake lot will be padlocked and unavailable for boat launching. No boat launches Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Anita Sacco, Editor

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March

- 26 Tuesday 6:30 p.m. *Belle Isle Planning & Zoning – Belle Isle City Hall (Open to the public) **
- 29 Friday **National Vietnam War Veterans Day** 

April

- 1 Monday April Fools' Day
- 2 Tuesday *Belle Isle City Council Meeting- Belle Isle City Hall (Open to the public) **
Swearing in ceremony, Mayor Fouraker & Dist. 3 Commissioner Shuck
- 6 Saturday 10:00 a.m. **EASTER EGG HUNT at LCERA Lake Lot**
- 7 Sunday 4:00 p.m. **LCERA ANNUAL PICNIC – Lake Lot**
- 9 Tuesday **National Former POW Recognition Day**
- 14 Sunday **Palm Sunday**
- 15 Monday **Federal Income Tax filing deadline**
- 16 Tuesday 6:30 p.m. *Belle Isle City Council Meeting- Belle Isle City Hall (Open to the public) **
- 19 Friday **Good Friday**
Passover begins
- 21 Sunday **EASTER** 
- 22 Monday **Earth Day**
- 23 Tuesday 6:30 p.m. *Belle Isle Planning & Zoning – Belle Isle City Hall (Open to the public) **
- 24 Wednesday **Administrative Professionals Day**
- 26 Friday **National Arbor Day**

* Meeting time and date is subject to change.



Fly the American flag



Street Captain Needed for St. Germain Avenue

Any St. Germain resident interested in serving as Street Captain for your street, please contact Anita Sacco at 407-851-2114 for information.

Membership Musings

by *Barbie Snavely*, Membership Chairman Phone: 407-859-6890

At the half way point of our 2018/2019 Fiscal Year, our Residents' Association has 244 member households---slightly more than half of the homes in our subdivision. We welcome these new-resident members who have joined Lake Conway Estates Residents' Association:

David & Linette Johnson
3206 Cullen Lake Shore Drive

Mark & Sonja Bines
3215 Cullen Lake Shore Drive

Melissa Kirkey
5129 Dorian Avenue

Jess Ruthardt
5134 Duban Avenue

Erik & Danielle Domingues
5205 St. Regis Court

Aaron & Jennifer Sullivan
4910 Louvre Avenue

Please add their names and addresses to your Residents' Directory. Remember, also, that our directory is in the process of being updated. Members and non-members alike, please provide me with your current phone number so your neighbors can be aware of your correct contact information. I can be reached at the phone number above. Please do leave a message if I am unavailable. The updated directory will not be made available to anyone other than Lake Conway Estates association members.

Lake Conway Estates

Easter Egg Hunt*

Lake Conway Estates Lake Lot
Saturday, April 6, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Activities include:

*Announcements, Story Time
Games, Arts and Crafts
Egg Hunt*

The Easter Bunny will be hopping by
(Bring your camera)



Children must be accompanied by a parent or grandparent

Event Coordinator, Lynn Armstrong



Pickle Ball Courts Are Ready For Use!

The LCERA tennis court area on Darden Avenue is now dual purpose and has been lined to also accommodate pickle ball play. Nets are housed in the gray storage box at the site and can be accessed using the same key necessary to open the court gate. Players supply their own paddles and pickelballs. Contact Bob Buzzetti for further information at 407-825-9906.

In Belle Isle



MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS– Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Following the City’s qualifying period of November 12 through 16, 2018, candidates for the three-year terms of office for Belle Isle Mayor and commissioners for Districts 2, 3, and 4 were announced. Three candidates for mayor emerged to compete for the seat being vacated by Mayor Lydia Pisano who did not seek reelection. Holly Bobrowski, Nick Fouraker, and Rick Miller were the candidates for mayor in the Belle Isle Election on March 12. Having secured 56 percent of the votes cast, Nick Fouraker is Mayor Elect with swearing in on Tuesday, April 2 for the Mayor and commissioners.

In District 2, incumbent Commissioner, Anthony Carugno, was unopposed as was the District 4 incumbent, Commissioner Mike Sims. Both men will continue as commissioners for their respective districts. In District 3, however, Commissioner Jeremy Weinsier, did not seek reelection. Qualifying candidates for the District 3 seat were Ben Bateman and former commissioner, Karl Shuck. Mr. Shuck prevailed in the election on March 12 tallying 682 votes to Mr. Bateman’s 542.

Of the 5,214 qualified voters in Belle Isle, only 1,376 or 26.30 percent turned out to vote. The Belle Isle Municipal Elections are “at large”. All qualified voters in the City of Belle Isle, regardless of their district, may cast a ballot for BI candidates. Residents of Lake Conway Estates comprise parts of District 1 and District 7; nevertheless, all voters are always encouraged to participate in our at-large municipal elections. There are two voting precincts in Belle Isle, but Lake Conway Estates residents who are registered voters report to Orange County Precinct No. 334 which is located at the Pine Castle Masonic Lodge No. 368 at 1216 Hoffner Avenue to cast their ballots. When appropriate, voters also have the option to vote by mail or to vote at an early-voting site.

Belle Isle districts should not be confused with the districts of Orange County. Lake Conway Estates and all of the City of Belle Isle lie within Orange County District 3, and our Orange County commissioner is Myra Uribe.

CROSS LAKE PARK

Despite the passage of a year, the City is no closer to acquiring from the State of Florida the lake front parcel known as Cross Lake Park. It is located at the terminus of Cross Lake Road east of Pleasure Island Road and has been passively enjoyed as a park by multiple generations of residents in that area. It is the only park in Belle Isle District 2. Months ago, the BI City Council approved the purchase of the park for \$19,000. The holdup appears to have heavy-handed political implications, and negotiations have stalled at the Orange County District 3 level. It would be appropriate for citizens to ask OC Commissioner Uribe why and demand action in the City’s favor.

“SOFT TARGETS” FOR CRIMINALS

Belle Isle Police Chief, Laura Houston, advises that word is spreading through the “thug grapevine” that Belle Isle is an area of soft targets and easy pickings. By failing to lock vehicles in driveways or parked at the curb, residents are making it easy for crooks to grab and go with valuables. Open garage doors promote additional fast and easy-grab theft. The word is out, and these types of crimes are increasing. Chief Houston stresses the need for residents to make their home and personal property “hard targets” by locking and securing your residence and personal property. Your community will be the better for it.

BELLE ISLE PLANNING AND ZONING MEMBER, BI DISTRICT 7

Planning and Zoning is an important and critical board within our city. Uncompensated Planning and Zoning Board members are appointed positions. There is one member from each Belle Isle district on the seven-member Board. With his election as Belle Isle Mayor, Nick Fouraker will vacate his position on P&Z and a new appointee from District 7 will have to be selected and approved. District 7 encompasses part of Lake Conway Estates; in our subdivision, residents on the east side of St. Marie Avenue east to Darden Avenue are included in the district. Sue Nielsen, BI District 7 commissioner is looking for a good candidate to nominate for appointment to the P&Z Board. The candidate must reside in District 7. To volunteer, make a nomination, or for further information, contact Commissioner Nielsen by e-mail at sn Nielsen@belleislefl.gov or by phone at (407) 717-8017.

ON THE HORIZON.....

- An increase in City revenue by way of a five percent franchise fee on your Duke Energy bill. Belle Isle is the only municipality in the region without such a fee.
- An increase in expenses for solid waste and yard waste removal due to evaporating market for recyclables and an increase in trash going to the landfills. Will BI residents settle for fewer collection days? An Ad Hoc committee is considering all options prior to putting the Belle Isle waste removal contract out for bids.
- Revisiting short-term rentals like Air B&B. Clarifications being sought from the State of Florida.