



The Crow's Nest

Newsletter for Lake Conway Estates

April to August 2019

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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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TIME FLIES!

LCERA Annual Meeting Set for September

The last distribution of this newsletter occurred in the first quarter of 2019 at the end of March. The LCERA-sponsored events publicized in that issue---the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 6, and the LCERA Annual Picnic on Sunday, April 7--- are both pleasant memories. A recap of those events follows information about our annual meeting. Samplings of photos snapped by Vice-President, Ken Balboni, at the egg hunt and picnic are included as an insert with this issue. Both events were held at the Association's lake lot on Cullen Lake Shore Drive.

Annual Meeting

On **Thursday, September 12**, the annual meeting of our Residents' Association members will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church of Pine Castle located at 1001 Hoffner Avenue. The business meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. Keeping with tradition, there will be a covered-dish supper beginning at 6:00 p.m. Members who wish to participate in the supper should plan on bringing a covered dish to share. Ideally, your covered dish should be on the buffet table by six o'clock. The Association will provide fried chicken and beverages.

Membership dues are \$150 for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020. A discount of \$25 is offered to those residents who have remitted their annual membership payment before the meeting date of September 12. Residents are strongly encouraged to pay their dues prior to the meeting to avoid large backups at the registration table. There are several ways to submit payments: by check sent to the LCERA P.O. Box; by utilizing the PayPal access on the LCERA web site; or hand delivering of payment to Membership Chairman, Barbie Snavelly. **Payments will only be accepted between 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. the evening of the meeting.** Ability to take advantage of the pre-meeting discount ends at 6:30 in order to establish membership number and quorum for the start of the meeting.

Business at the registration table prior to meeting's start is always brisk. If you are able to volunteer to assist there or at the buffet table, please contact Anita Sacco at 407-851-2114.

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Locks at the LCERA Lake lot boat ramp gate and passage gate as well as the Darden Avenue tennis courts will be changed Friday, September 13. Current keys can be returned and exchanged between 5:00 and 6:30 the evening of the meeting or by arrangement with Membership Chairman, Barbie Snavelly. Key exchange can be tedious because of the attendant paper work and a window of opportunity on the 12th of only one and a half hours. Keys can be exchanged or secured by members, of course, in the days following the September 12 meeting.

An essential function of the annual meeting is the election of officers of the corporation for Lake Conway Estates Residents' Association Executive Council. No changes in personnel are anticipated for the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year because the present four elected officers have agreed to serve for another one-year term. Nevertheless, there will be a vote to retain them. They are:

<i>President</i>	Bob Buzzetti
<i>Vice President</i>	Ken Balboni
<i>Treasurer</i>	David Sherard
<i>Secretary</i>	Bill Parker

It should be noted, however, that nominations for any of the four elected positions can be made from the floor provided the nominee has agreed to have his/her name put forward.

April's Egg Hunt & Annual Picnic

The scheduling of the egg hunt had been planned to occur the same weekend as the annual picnic. This enabled egg hunt organizer, Lynn Armstrong, and her volunteers to utilize the tent, tables, and chairs our Residents' Association always orders for our picnic which was held the next day on Sunday, April 7.

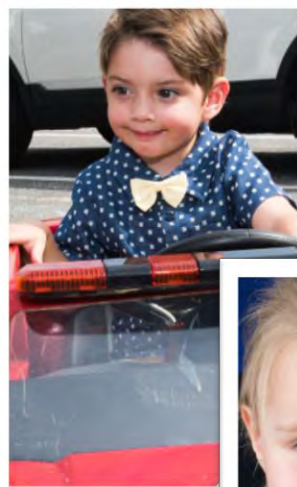
Both events were well attended. There was a significant amount of children accompanied by parents and/or grandparents who attended the egg hunt. They participated in a story time, games, arts and crafts, and the egg hunt itself, which was followed by a visit by the Easter Bunny. The event was open to LCERA members and non-members alike.

The next day, the four o'clock start time and good weather produced one of the larger picnic turnouts in recent years. Kiwi the clown organized games and age-appropriate activities for the children. Residents Ashley and Zac Cummings provided the machine to produce ever-popular icy Sno Cone treats. Picnic attendees had the opportunity to visit with Belle Isle City Manager, Bob Francis; BI Chief of Police, Laura Houston; and newly-elected Belle Isle Mayor, Nick Fouraker. Additionally, various officers from the BI Police Department were on hand for photo ops with youngsters. A visit from Orange County Fire and Rescue personnel with their fire engine was facilitated by BI Commissioner, Ed Gold.

LCERA members who had ordered picnic tickets in advance (free to members) were able to participate in a drawing for door prizes. A total of 22 door prizes were awarded as the picnic started winding down. The prizes included \$25 gift cards for Bob's Restaurant, Dixie Bell's Restaurant, Starbucks, Publix Supermarkets, Wawa (3/\$25 cards), Sharon's Restaurant, Tenji Hibachi, and Dapper Dog House. Additionally, a Mary Kay perfume gift bag was awarded along with eight LCERA vanity license plates and three LCERA tee shirts. The Mary Kay gift bag had been donated by resident Lynn Armstrong.

Anita Sacco, Editor





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Membership Musings

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

Early in August all households in Lake Conway Estates received an invoice for Residents' Association membership dues for the Fiscal Year 2019/2020. Annual dues are \$150; however, a discount is available. The figure for early-bird payment is \$125. Many residents have already responded to the invoice by paying their dues before the September 12 Annual Meeting date, and they have been able to take advantage of the \$25 discount. Thank you very much for your prompt response. Early payment is a win/win for residents and the Residents' Association. Not only does remittance for membership at the start of the fiscal year provide members with a savings, but it also provides the LCERA Executive Council with actual revenue numbers to compare with projected budget expenditures.

As is the case every year, locks at our LCERA lake lot for the passage gate and the boat ramp as well as the passage gate at our tennis courts will be changed the morning after our Annual Meeting. Members who have a restricted key for the boat ramp and/or a passage gate can exchange them for F.Y. 2019/2020 year. Please keep in mind that outstanding keys must be returned or paid for before new ones are issued. The replacement cost of lost restricted boat ramp key is \$100; lost passage gate keys are \$5.

LCERA members who launch from our lake lot on Cullen Lake Shore Drive also will need a sticker for their boat trailer. As in past years, the stickers will accompany the restricted keys that are issued for our boat ramp access. Any vehicle transporting water craft into our lake lot must have a valid LCERA sticker affixed in the manner prescribed at issuance, depending on the type of water craft.



LCERA is not a mandatory residents' association; it has no salaried employees. The stewardship and governance of our lake lot and tennis court properties as well as organization and implementation of neighborhood functions and meetings is accomplished through the efforts of volunteers in our subdivision who have stepped up to be of service. What about you? Civic-minded residents can ease into volunteering and local participation by attending monthly LCERA meetings to get a feel for "the way things work" with a goal of greater personal involvement at a point in the future. Perhaps you can spot ways to streamline and improve procedures. If everyone was always "too busy", what would be the state of our community and the things we take for granted? We are a 452-home subdivision. Volunteer; it's the perfect way to meet unknown neighbors near and far!

Street Captain Needed for St. Germain Avenue

The principle role of a street captain is delivery of *The Crow's Nest* newsletter to all homes on a particular street. The service that street captains provide to our community is invaluable. Any St. Germain Avenue resident interested in serving as Street Captain for your area, please contact Anita Sacco at 407-851-2114 for information.



PICKLE BALL INSTRUCTION

LCERA member residents can arrange for professional Pickle Ball instruction at our Darden Avenue courts by contacting President Bob Buzzetti at 407-825-9906.

In Belle Isle

NON-EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER – 401-836-4357

As of June 5, 2019, the popular Belle Isle Police Department “Patrol Phone” service was discontinued. In large part, this was due to the fact that Belle Isle residents were utilizing the patrol phone number improperly. Instead of calling the 911 number for emergencies, residents were calling the BIPD patrol phone, thereby wasting valuable response time. For non-emergency situations which you feel should be reported---as in “See Something, Say Something”---call the **Orange County Sheriff’s Office non-Emergency phone number: 401-836-4357**. Dispatchers will forward information pertinent to Belle Isle to the BIPD.



INCREASE IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Belle Isle Police Chief, Laura Houston, reports there has been a rash of break-ins to vehicles parked in the lot at the Crunch Fitness Center behind the Wawa at Hoffner and Conway. The break-ins, numbering more than 20 are occurring at all hours of the day night and have graduated from thefts of articles left in unlocked vehicles to the smashing of vehicle windows to gain entry. Crime line has offered a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the apprehension of the perpetrator(s). Chief Huston continues to caution residents to harden the targets for criminals in all situations. Lock your vehicles and leave nothing in plain sight. Keep garage doors closed and lock doors to your home.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

The term of office for commissioners on Belle Isle City Council for BI District 1 and District 7 will be expiring in March of 2020. It is unknown at this time if the incumbents, Ed Gold – District 1 and Sue Nielsen – District 7, will be seeking re-election. Lake Conway Estates lies within those two districts; the dividing line is St. Marie Avenue. Homes in LCE on the west side of St. Marie and west to the canal bridge on Hoffner Avenue are in BI District 1. Homes on the east side of St. Marie and east to Darden Avenue are in BI District 7. Potential candidates for the office of commissioner must live within the district they hope to represent. Coming up in November there will be a five-day window of opportunity to file at Belle Isle City Hall as a candidate for District 1 or District 7. If potential candidates miss the filing period, they will not be eligible to be on the ballot in the March 2020 municipal election. Contact BI City Clerk, Yolanda Quiceno at yquiceno@belleislefl.gov or by phone at 407-851-7730 for further information.

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

The City’s five-year contract with Republic Services for trash and garbage collection had been extended for one year in 2018. Starting in late spring, however, the City sought proposals and bids for our solid waste collection and a board made up of volunteers was formed to select a vendor from the responding applicants. The committee recommended staying with twice-weekly collection days as well as a pickup day for yard waste. Guidelines for the collection of recyclables have changed and residents will be advised about the limited items that constitute a recyclable. The committee recommended awarding the City’s five-year solid waste contract to JJ Waste and Recycling. Their contract reflects a four percent increase over the previous contract which translates to a \$245.64 per year cost per residence beginning October 1. The solid waste charges will be listed on your Orange County Property Tax bill.

TAXES, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

City Manager, Bob Francis and BI City Council have been reviewing a proposed budget for the City’s Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2019. The Mil rate is expected to remain the same at 4.4018. Implementation of franchise fees for utilities and services are being considered to increase the City’s revenue stream, however. Public hearings for the City Budget for FY 2019/2020 are scheduled for September 3 and 17 in the Council Chamber at Belle Isle City Hall. An increase in storm water charges on your tax bill is anticipated in the future to cover outlays for repair and replacement or aged and eroding storm water lines throughout the city.

CROSS LAKE PARK

The City is still 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 west of Oak Island Road and is the only park in Belle Isle District 2. For generations of families in that area it has been passively enjoyed as a park. On June 18, an Orange-County-District 3-brokered arrangement proposing the City purchase the property and sell off a significant portion to a neighboring homeowner was rejected by Belle Isle residents and BI City Council. So now, the purchase is in limbo and OC District 3 Commissioner Myra Uribe will not advance it to the Orange County Board of County Commissioners for approval while a neighboring property maneuvers to gain an advantage. Failure to act in not acceptable. This has been sitting on the back burner at OC District 3 for 17 months. Tell Commissioner Uribe you want this moved along, and while you’re at it, let Orange County Mayor, Jerry Demings know it is high time OCBCC rules on this matter. Contact Information:

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