



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 Snively.

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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WITH REGRET...

The LCERA Executive Council has decided to act "with an abundance of caution" to safeguard the general health and welfare of subdivision residents during this critical time of concern for public health. As a result, two popular community events which are held at the Residents' Association lake lot every spring have been canceled.

An ambitious schedule had been planned for the last weekend of March. On Saturday, 28th, there was to have been the Easter Egg Hunt for children and grandchildren of Lake Conway Estates residents. The event was being planned and prepared for by resident Lynn Armstrong and her faithful group of volunteers. A lot of advance preparation had already occurred, so it is disappointing that current circumstances, by necessity, have brought the preparation to a halt.

The very next day, Sunday, March 29, the annual picnic of the LCE Residents' Association was to have taken place. Final planning for that event, also, was in the works. As a truly multi-generational occasion, the annual picnic has been an excellent opportunity to gather, mix, mingle and meet neighbors old and new. Traditionally, the annual picnic has been a covered-dish affair with LCERA providing the meat entrée and non-alcoholic beverages.

For the most part, in the past, spring has proven to be an ideal time for our annual picnic because the temperatures are generally balmy and preferable to the often-oppressive heat and anticipated rains of the summer. A large open-sided tent provides protection from the sun, and rented tables and chairs provide seating and eating area for everyone. Holding the egg hunt and picnic the same weekend has enabled the Association to get the most benefit from our rental expenditure.

Residents who had intended to remit LCERA dues at the picnic for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 can still do so by contacting Barbie Snively, Membership Chairman. Barbie's contact information can be found on Page 3.

The next planned opportunity for LCE residents to gather and meet will be at the annual Residents' Association meeting in September.

Anita Sacco, Editor

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 2020

23-27	Monday – Friday	Florida Department of Education MANDATORY SCHOOL CLOSURE
29	Sunday	NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY 
30-31	Monday-Tuesday	Florida Department of Education MANDATORY SCHOOL CLOSURE

April 2020

1-3	Wednesday-Friday	Florida Department of Education MANDATORY SCHOOL CLOSURE
5	Sunday	PALM SUNDAY
8	Wednesday	PASSOVER Begins at sundown
6-10	Monday-Friday	Florida Department of Education MANDATORY SCHOOL CLOSURE
10	Friday	GOOD FRIDAY
12	Sunday	EASTER SUNDAY 
13-15	Monday-Wednesday	Florida Department of Education MANDATORY SCHOOL CLOSURE
15	Wednesday	Income Tax Day – DEADLINE EXTENDED TO JULY 15, 2020
16	Thursday	7:00 p.m. LCERA Executive Council meeting – Snavely Residence*
21	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Belle Isle City Council – MAY BE CANCELED*
22	Wednesday	Earth Day & Administrative Professionals Day
24	Friday	Arbor Day

May 2020

5	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Belle Isle City Council – Belle Isle City Hall*
7	Thursday	National Day of Prayer
10	Sunday	MOTHER'S DAY 
16	Saturday	Armed Forces Day 
19	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Belle Isle City Council – Belle Isle City Hall*
25	Monday	MEMORIAL DAY  Half-staff until noon Orange County Public Schools – STUDENT HOLIDAY

* Meeting time and date is subject to change.



Fly the American flag

Please note: This issue of *The Crow's Nest* has been rewritten and revised numerous times in recent days in order update and correct information that has been changing---sometimes on a daily basis---as a result of mandates necessitated by public health concerns regarding the Coronavirus pandemic. At this time, local meeting and event times and dates listed in this newsletter are all subject to change. Regarding Belle Isle City Hall access, city council meetings, committee and board meetings, please utilize the City website at www.cityofbelleislefl.org for information and daily updates.

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

We are six months into our 2019/2020 Fiscal Year and our membership currently stands at 219 households. In past years, many residents waited until the LCERA annual picnic to remit their Residents' Association dues in anticipation of warm-weather recreational pursuits at our lake lot playground, picnic area, boat ramp and dock.

Although it has been necessary to cancel our LCERA picnic because of coronavirus mandates, dues can be paid by check mailed to the LCERA P.O. Box, or by utilizing the PayPal account on the LCERA web site. Please call my land line (above) with any questions or requests.

Who Will Step Up?

Our LCERA Bylaws direct that the term of elected office for our president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer shall be one year. Furthermore, the Bylaws direct that no officer shall hold the same office for more than three consecutive terms. As we approach the end of our fiscal year on August 31, President, Bob Buzzetti and Treasurer, David Sherard will have both served in their respective office for three consecutive terms. Additionally, Vice-President, Ken Balboni and Secretary, Bill Parker, will both be completing their second year in office.

The present LCERA Executive Council has worked well together, but half of it will be removed in September because of term limits. Playing musical chairs is not a good idea. New faces and perspectives are an asset for maintaining a dynamic council of our voluntary residents' association.

Support of LCERA through yearly dues is essential for maintaining our recreational properties, but so is the involvement of residents vested in the quality of life in our subdivision and immediate community. Have you ever wondered what would become of our lake lot and tennis courts if member residents are too busy or indifferent to care about the stewardship and oversight of these facilities, expecting that "somebody else" can take care of it? How would you feel if your property value was adversely affected because those facilities were not cared for....or if they no longer existed?



Maybe you are the "somebody else" who will make a difference, even in a small way. Your voice and ideas are important. Why not attend a monthly meeting of the LCERA Executive Council to see how your time and talents might be utilized for the betterment of your neighborhood. When the Coronavirus dust settles, you would be most welcome to attend a monthly meeting or meetings to see how you might engage in hands-on participation in our residents' association. Contact Bob Buzzetti for future meeting date, time, and location at 407-825-9906.

Airport Noise Abatement Committee (ANAC)

Representatives from the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority (GOAA) and the Airport Noise Abatement Committee are tentatively expected to attend the Tuesday, May 5 meeting of the Belle Isle City Council. The purpose of their visit is for discussing recently-past and current concerns regarding flight paths into and out of the Orlando airport. Looking ahead, planned Metroplex changes will possibly be huge and will have a detrimental noise impact on our subdivision as well as neighbors to the north.



Additionally, current building and construction around the airport to accommodate its operations growth has resulted in the removal of many trees which had previously served as a natural noise buffer, and therefore, aircraft seem louder whether on the ground or in the air. There will be an opportunity for citizen comment at the meeting. **There will be no reason for officials from the GOAA, and ANAC and possibly FAA to consider local concerns if residents do not speak out before any proposed air traffic changes occur.**

In Belle Isle

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

On Tuesday, March 17, Belle Isle qualified voters determined the City Commissioner for BI District 7. Incumbent Sue Nielsen was challenged by candidate John Evertsen. The candidates had participated in a Candidates Forum on Monday, March 9. Orange County District 3 Commissioner, Myra Uribe, was the Moderator for the event, and the candidates responded to written questions that had been submitted by persons in the forum audience. Both candidates are residents of Lake Conway Estates. Commissioner Nielsen prevailed in the election with 835 votes to Mr. Evertsen's 751. The total votes cast for each candidate were an interesting combination of election-day ballots, early voting, and votes cast by mail.



WHO YA GONNA CALL?

Belle Isle Police Chief, Laura Houston, reported recently there has been an increase in unreported vehicle burglaries in Belle Isle. Residents detect that someone has rummaged through their vehicle but nothing or not much was taken so they do not call the police. The victim then talks about the felony crime on social media. This alarms other residents who contact City representatives or the police and no one knows anything about the crime. Unreported crimes prevent the police from focusing on locations that are experiencing an increase in criminal activity. Keep your vehicles and doors locked and valuables out of sight. **Harden the target!**

If you need to contact the police, please use the following numbers. When you call, identify yourself as a Belle Isle resident. Be patient. There is a phone tree that will connect you to the proper Communications Specialist. Calls are handled in by the seriousness of the incident. At peak times, you may be placed on hold. Again, be patient. You being the victim of a crime is important and it should be reported! The City of Belle Isle contracts with and pays OCSO for their excellent communications services. Report crimes!

Medical Emergency or a Crime in Progress

Call **9-1-1**

**Report Suspicious Activity or to Report an Over-with Crime
(Belle Isle PD via Orange County Sheriff's Communication)**

Call **407-836-4357**

**BIPD Administrative Office 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday
(For administrative matters only)**

Call **407-240-2473**

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

The mission of the five-member Belle Isle Solid Waste Committee is: 1) Proper disposal of all waste 2) [Determine] How to reduce amount of waste. Committee members Richard Weinsier, Kate Durni, Frank Noge, Greg Gent, David Braggs and Clayton Van Camp hold regular quarterly meetings at BI City Hall the second Thursday of February, May, August, and November. Start time is 6:00 p.m. Residents of Belle Isle are welcome to attend.

The committee advises that dead alkaline non-rechargeable batteries can be turned in at City Hall to be recycled. Additionally, if you have documents you wish to have shredded, the UPS store at Hoffner Center provides that service for \$1 per pound. Residents having a question or a problem with solid waste, call Belle Isle City Hall at 407-851-7730

CROSS LAKE PARK

At long last, the issue of the purchase by Belle Isle of Cross Lake Park from the State of Florida came before the Orange County Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, February 25. The matter was advanced by Orange County District 3 Commissioner Myra Uribe after a preliminary agreement was reached by the City and the neighboring property owner opposed to the purchase. A small contingent of city council members attended the OCBCC meeting. BI Mayor, Nick Fourier and City Manager, Bob Francis were speakers representing Belle Isle. The neighbor, whose identity is confidential, also spoke in favor of approving the purchase. Lake Conway Estates resident, Anita Sacco, addressed the Orange County commissioners stating that at its annual meeting, members of the Residents' Association of the 452-home subdivision had unanimously supported the purchase from the State.

After hearing citizen comment and considering presentations on the matter regarding history and recent background, county commissioners voted to approve the proposed purchase of the Cross Lake Park parcel by the City of Belle Isle.

SPEAKING OUT: Electric Outages & Power Surges; Increase in Air Traffic Noise

Nagging problems with power outages and surges cannot be addressed if they go unreported. Keep a log with dates and times of occurrences. Contact BI City Hall (407-851-7730) for Duke Energy complaint line. Likewise, abnormal air traffic noise and low-flying planes should be reported; don't ignore any problems. **Register all air traffic noise complaints at 407-825-2003. Provide date and time of occurrence. For questions, call Kevin Thompson, Aviation Noise Abatement Coordinator at 407-825-3828.**