



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 Membership Chair

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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Annual Meeting a "Go" Challenging Times Dictate Adaptations

The previous edition of this newsletter was received by LCE residents in March, just as COVID-19 was gathering steam and governmental mandates were being initiated. Plans for the Residents' Association-sponsored annual picnic were scrapped; so was the spring-time Easter egg hunt. Monthly meetings of the LCERA executive council---usually held in a private home---didn't occur either, and business of the Residents' Association was attended to by e-Mail exchanges.

Now, as a new fiscal year for the Residents' Association beginning September 1 is approaching, we are required---as per our Bylaws---to hold an annual meeting. It is stated in the Bylaws, Article III- Meetings of Members, Section 1-Annual Meetings, "Meetings shall be at 7:00 p.m. any week night of September of each year," and continues, saying, "...one of the purposes of said meeting shall be the election of officers." For reference purposes, the most recent issue of the Bylaws can be found on the LCERA web site.

With those guidelines in mind, the executive council has set Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. as the date and time of the LCERA Annual Meeting. Because the fellowship hall at First Baptist Church of Pine Castle---our usual annual meeting venue--- is not available for use in these days of COVID-19, the LCERA Annual Meeting for 2020 will be held at the LCERA lake lot, 3121 Cullen Lake Shore Drive.

Needless to say, this will be an outdoor meeting. There will be no pot-luck dinner beforehand as there had been in previous years. Additionally, no dues payments can be accepted the evening of the meeting, nor can keys be exchanged or issued the evening of the meeting. Remittance of dues by mail or via PayPal and exchange of keys in advance of the meeting date should eliminate confusion the evening of the 10th. Members are directed to bring their own chair, wear a mask, and social distance within the parking lot. There will be no parking available inside the lot. For those unable to walk to the meeting, it is acknowledged that on-street parking could be problematic. In different times, carpooling might have been suggested.

The quorum necessary to conduct the meeting is 15 percent of paid members for the Fiscal Year 2020/2021. The number of household membership payments which have been received by noon on Thursday, September 10 will be utilized to determine if there is a quorum for the annual meeting. If a quorum is not present, a majority of those members in attendance may set a continued meeting through a motion that will result in setting the date, place and time for the meeting to continue.

Unless the meeting must be continued for lack of quorum, the agenda will be brief and will specifically cover: Consideration and approval of 2019 annual meeting minutes; Consideration and approval of the treasurer's report for fiscal year ending August 31, 2020; Review of capital improvements; Approval of the proposed budget for FY 2020/2021; Election of officers.

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This is the slate of candidates for the Executive Council of Lake Conway Estates Residents' Association for FY 2020/2021:

<i>President</i>	Jason Hunter
<i>Vice President</i>	Ken Balboni
<i>Secretary</i>	Bill Parker
<i>Treasurer</i>	John Caplan

Additional nominations for officers may be made from the floor; however, the proposed nominee must approve the submission of their name as a nominee prior to nomination.

There is a very obvious problem, lacking a quorum, with having to continue the annual meeting to another date, place and time: No election of officers or approval of the budget for 2020/2021 can be voted on. For that reason, it is hoped an adult representative from each member household will weigh the current circumstances and consider attending the called meeting.

An invoice mailed to every home in Lake Conway Estates has indicated the annual Association dues amount for the 2020/2021 fiscal year is \$150; however, a discount of \$25 is available for residents who submit their payment prior to the September 10 meeting date. Please remit your dues by check made payable to LCERA and mail to P.O. Box 593242; Orlando, FL 32859-3242. Payment can also be made utilizing the PayPal option on our web site. There is a \$5 convenience fee for utilizing the PayPal option.

Since late winter there has been a disturbing increase in trespassers utilizing the Residents' Association boat ramp and lake lot. Often---but not always--- non-residents and non-members are aided and abetted by key-holding residents of the Association. For that reason, any boat-owning member who requests a restricted key for the ramp gate must provide a copy of their registered and state-validated watercraft trailer registration in order to receive a sticker ID to affix to their watercraft trailer. The sticker should be placed on the left side of the tongue. Also, members who transport non-motorized watercraft (canoe, kayak, etc.) on top of their vehicle must present Florida Vehicle Registration in order to receive a restricted key and ID sticker. The sticker should be affixed to the vehicle rear bumper.

Locks at the tennis court and lake lot locations will be changed the morning after the annual meeting. Opportunity to exchange existing keys or be issued new ones will be accomplished when contact information is submitted with dues payment. Members will be contacted by phone to arrange a date, time and place for key exchange and pickup. Keys for the current fiscal year must be returned or paid for before new keys can be issued.

Gates at the lake lot will open at 6:30 p.m. for the 7:00 meeting on the 10th.

Anita Sacco, Editor

New Boat Dock for Lake Conway Estates

No, this isn't our new dock, but the sunsets you can view from ours are just as spectacular!

Discussions about a new boat dock to replace the existing one that was deteriorating began in the fall of 2019. LCERA President, Bob Buzzetti, secured several estimates for total replacement from local vendors. He also applied, on behalf of the Residents' Association, for a BING grant from the City of Belle Isle to help defray the cost of total replacement. With guidance from Belle Isle City Manager, Bob Francis, grant-request documents were submitted. LCERA was awarded two \$5,000 grants, one from BI District 1 Commissioner, Ed Gold, and a second from BI District 7 Commissioner, Sue Nielsen, both of whom are residents in Lake Conway Estates, The grant monies along with LCERA reserve funds specifically earmarked for dock replacement have secured a very functional dock that is good looking and being utilized and enjoyed by boating and non-boating Residents' Association members alike.

