



The Crow's Nest

Newsletter for Lake Conway Estates

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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 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 Fair Weather, Good Turnout

For the first time in more than a decade, the LCERA Annual Meeting on September 10 was held outside at the Residents' Association lake lot property on Cullen Lake Shore Drive. Like so many other local events impacted by the COVID-19 virus, your executive council members had to improvise when it came to securing a venue for the meeting that could safely accommodate members while adhering to governmental mandates. We found it in our own backyard.

The covered-dish dinner that usually precedes our annual meeting was eliminated this year, and out-going President, Bob Buzzetti, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was easily met; there were 59 member households represented.

The use of a microphone and amplifiers assured that everyone in attendance could hear what was being said as members social distanced and spread out. A number of residents brought their own lawn chairs for seating although others opted to stand.

The meeting was short in duration but covered essential elements of the agenda. Minutes of the 2019 annual meeting were reviewed and approved. Bob Buzzetti reviewed the expenditures and capital improvements accomplished for the 2019/2020 fiscal year. One very obvious improvement was the replacement of the deteriorating dock at the lake lot which was achieved, in part, by a \$10,000 grant from the City of Belle Isle, via Commissioners Ed Gold (District 1) and Sue Nielsen (District 7)

Outgoing Treasurer, David Sherard, reviewed the financial report for 2019/2020 and discussed the proposed budget for FY 2020/21. Both reports were approved by members in attendance. The financial condition of LCERA is good, and unspent budgeted monies for Association events that could not occur will be carried forward to the current fiscal year.

The slate of officers for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2020 was introduced and approved unanimously. There were no nominations from the floor. The Association officers are:

President	Jason Hunter
Vice President	Kenny Balboni
Treasurer	John Caplan
Secretary	Bill Parker

Members raised questions about key replacements for the lake lot and tennis court properties because of confusion about the possibility of new locking systems. In the days following the meeting, new President, Jason Hunter, organized opportunities for return of keys and issuance of keys for the new fiscal year.

Anita Sacco, Editor

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December

5	Saturday		<i>Boy Scouts place Luminary order forms at your front door</i>
7	Monday		PEARL HARBOR DAY  (Half Staff)
10	Thursday		HANUKKAH Begins
12	Saturday		<i>Luminary orders collected & luminaries are delivered by Scouts (have order forms out by 8:00 a.m.)</i>
15	Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	<i>Santa's Ride through Belle Isle</i> www.cityofbelleislefl.org
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		6:30 p.m.	<i>LCERA monthly meeting at Balboni home *</i>
18	Friday	8:00 p.m.	<i>Lake Conway Community Boat Parade – South Lake</i>
19	Saturday		<i>Luminary orders collected & luminaries are delivered by Scouts (have order forms out by 8:00 a.m.)</i>
		7:30 p.m.	<i>Lake Conway Community Boat Parade – Middle Lake</i>
20	Sunday	7:00 p.m.	<i>Lake Conway Community Boat Parade – North Lake</i>
21	Monday		<i>First Day of Winter/Winter Solstice – Shortest day of the year</i>
	Mon., Dec. 21 – Mon., Jan. 4		WINTER BREAK – Orange County Public Schools
		6:30 p.m.	<i>Belle Isle Bicycle Parade – Starts at Windrift & Fulmer</i>
24	Thursday		CHRISTMAS EVE – Light luminaries at dusk; extinguish at 10:00 p.m.
25	Friday		CHRISTMAS DAY  Light luminaries at dusk; allow to burn to dawn
26	Saturday		<i>Clean up and properly dispose of spent luminaries</i>
31	Thursday		NEW YEAR'S EVE

* Meeting time and date is subject to change.



Fly the American flag



Street Captain Needed for Montmart Avenue

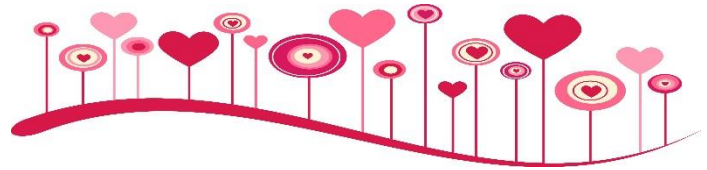
Any Montmart Avenue resident interested in serving as Street Captain for your street, please contact Anita Sacco at 407-851-2114 for information.

Thank You, Barbie Snavelly

Perhaps the best-known and most recognizable resident in Lake Conway Estates for years has been our very own Energizer Bunny, Barbie Snavelly. In recent decades Barbie has served as a volunteer on the LCERA Executive Council in a number of positions, including President, but her longest stints (twice) were as Chairman of the Membership Committee. In that role, it was through interaction with residents and her familiarity with them that made her the go-to Council member to field requests and respond to questions. She has been the welcoming face of our Residents' Association and single-handedly increased our membership numbers. Behind the scenes, she worked to assure our annual meetings and annual picnics were planned and well attended, and actively worked to interest members in serving on the Executive Council.

When stepping aside for a breather a number of years ago, she was officially thanked for her service to her community, and, referring to Barbie, it was noted, "Whenever you want to get something done, always ask the busy person; the other kind never has any time." Barbie seldom had to be asked; she could anticipate a need in our subdivision and worked to address it. She had been one of the visionaries who worked to achieve the sections of brick wall that border Hoffner Avenue at the eastern and western ends of our subdivision.

Change is a given in the dynamic of organizations, and while Barbie has stepped aside from her volunteer roles on our LCERA Executive Council, it is with great appreciation we thank her for her years of service and friendship.



Membership Musings by Rosie Maltby & Carrie Hunsucker, Membership Committee 407-602-4994

Three months into our 2020/2021 fiscal year, our Residents' Association boasts 245 member households, an excellent start for the new fiscal year. We appreciate the support of residents of long-standing and welcome the new-resident members who have joined Lake Conway Estates Residents' Association:

We can be reached by utilizing the LCERA phone number above. Please do leave a message if nobody is available to take your call. In the alternative, you can also leave us a message utilizing lceramembership@gmail.com.



Gearing Up for Luminaries

Scouts from BS Troop 76 will once again be providing an invaluable service to our subdivision by facilitating the sale and delivery of luminary kits to residents wishing to participate in this community tradition at Christmas time. Sponsored by St. John Vianney Catholic Church, the scouts utilize the proceeds from this activity to attend a week-long summer camp and purchase backpacking, canoeing and biking supplies.

The first weekend in December an order form envelope for luminaries will be left at the door of each home in Lake Conway Estates. Residents are directed to fill out the attached envelope, enclose a check made out to Boy Scout Troop 76, and to leave their order at their front door before 8:00 a.m. on Saturday December 12 or Saturday, December 19. Luminary kits will be left at doors the same day the orders are retrieved. Each luminary kit contains 24 candles, cups to hold the candles, and white bags with foil liners. Bags are pre-folded along the top to provide stability.

For the first time, this year residents can elect to order and pay for luminary kits on line if they prefer. Please keep in mind that these orders are only for delivery to addresses in Lake Conway Estates. Go to <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/luminaries-2020>. Follow the prompts to place and pay for your order; a small convenience fee applies. Online orders cannot be accepted after 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 19.

Residents can choose Do-It-Yourself luminaries at \$19 per kit or Full-Service luminary service which is available at \$29 per kit. For full-service purchases, on Christmas Eve, Troop 76 Scouts will place luminaries along your driveway and curb and your foil-lined luminaries will be ready for you to simply light at dusk and enjoy. Scouts will not be able, however, to light and extinguish the luminaries. Usually, in the spirit of the season, neighbors help neighbors with that task. Sand to stabilize the luminary bags will be available at the lake lot for do-it-yourselfers beginning Friday, December 18. Non-members can gain access to gather sand through the small gate. Calculate two cups of sand per luminary bag.

In Belle Isle

Municipal Elections – March 9, 2021

All residents received a mailer from the City advising of the qualifying period for individuals who wanted to run for the BI District 5 and BI District 6 seats as a commissioner on the City Council. When the qualifying period ended on November 13, just one candidate for each of the two districts emerged. In District 5, incumbent Harv Readey decided not to run again. The lone qualifier for District 5, Rick Miller, will automatically become the District 5 Commissioner in April 2021. Over in District 6, incumbent Commissioner, Jim Partin, had no challengers, and he, too, automatically will serve for three years beginning April 2021.



Because there was only one candidate for District 5 and for District 6, there will be no need for the at-large municipal election which had been scheduled for March 9.

To Permit or Not to Permit: Pick Up the Phone; Make a Call

In recent months there has been considerable discussion at city council meetings about the City's permitting process for residential construction, repairs, and replacements within Belle Isle. Some examples of work requiring a permit would be roofing, fencing, pavers, HVAC systems, re-plumbing or re-wiring, dock replacement, to name a few. City Council has been considering and evaluating appropriate penalties for property owners who elect to ignore the permitting process which requires inspections that insure quality workmanship and materials and thereby assures property values are not diminished by shoddy work or by inferior or sub-standard materials. Reputable contractors should be aware of Belle Isle codes and required permits. Call BI City Hall (407-851-7730) to check if a permit is necessary for anticipated work at your home. Be safe rather than sorry; call for information when an anticipated project is in the planning stage.

Belle Isle Newsletter Available On Line

The City's quarterly newsletters contain a wealth of useful information, but hard copies will no longer be distributed by mail. Electronic copies can be viewed at the Belle Isle web site www.cityofbelleislefl.org.



CITY OF BELLE ISLE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, December 15 and Wednesday, December 16 - **Santa Rides through Belle Isle** starting at 5:30 p.m. Check www.belleislefl.org for travel route for both dates.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

Friday, December 18 - **Boat Parade on South Lake** of the Conway Chain
Beginning at 8:00 p.m. on the south side of Nela Bridge

Saturday, December 19 - **Boat Parade on the Middle Lake**
Begins at 7:30 and starts at the sandbar

Sunday, December 20 - **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

