



The Crow's Nest

Newsletter for Lake Conway Estates

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Lake Conway Estates 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.

Membership Chair dispenses access cards

Payment may be made by check remitted to the P.O. Box listed above or by **Stripe** at www.LakeConwayEstates.com

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GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING

In 2021, the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic, published and distributed issues of our LCERA newsletter were few and far between. All households in Lake Conway Estates received the previous *Crow's Nest* in August Of 2021, thirty days prior to the LCERA Annual Meeting in September. It is hoped that this issue will provide information members may have been wondering about in the months since that meeting.

The left-hand panel of this page has been updated to reflect current contact information for our Residents' Association. Please note the phone number in red which can be utilized by residents to reach or leave a message for any members of the Executive Council. If not answered immediately, voice-mail messages will be responded to within 24 hours. The E-mail address can also be utilized to pose a question, request information, or voice an opinion. Also, be sure to check our web site which includes our By Laws and background information about our subdivision as well as other pertinent information.

Meetings of the Executive Council are held monthly, and upcoming meetings will address the resumption and planning of neighborhood events like the annual picnic and Easter egg hunt which were temporarily suspended in 2020 and 2021. Anyone wishing to volunteer in planning and implementation of these activities should utilize the contact information at the left.

ANNUAL MEETING: FOUL WEATHER, GOOD TURNOUT

For the second year in a row, the LCERA Annual Meeting on September 16 was held outside at the Residents' Association lake lot property on Cullen Lake Shore Drive. Uncertain what COVID mandates would be in place on the annual meeting date, the outgoing executive council members decided to hold the meeting at our own lake lot where members could be outside and distanced from others attending, if they chose to do so. Despite the threat of inclement weather, our own "backyard" proved to be a satisfactory venue for the meeting.

Once again, the covered-dish dinner that usually precedes our annual meeting was eliminated. President, Jason Hunter, called the meeting to order shortly after 7:00 p.m. Meeting packets with the previous year's minutes and financial report were made available for review. A quorum was easily met by the member households represented at the meeting.

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. Some residents provided their own seating

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March

1	Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	<i>Belle Isle City Council ~ Belle Isle City Hall *</i>
2	Wednesday		ASH WENDESDAY
8	Tuesday		<i>BELLE ISLE MUNICIPAL ELECTION</i>
	Fri. Mar. 11 – Fri. Mar. 18		SPRING BREAK – Orange County Public Schools
10	Thursday	6:30 p.m.	<i>LCERA monthly meeting *</i>
13	Sunday		DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
15	Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	<i>Belle Isle City Council ~ Belle Isle City Hall *</i>
17	Friday		ST. PATRICK'S DAY
20	Sunday		FIRST DAY OF SPRING (Spring Equinox)

April

2	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	<i>Easter Egg Hunt & Activities, LCERA Lake Lot</i>
3	Sunday	2:00 p.m.	<i>LCERA Annual Picnic</i>
5	Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	<i>B.I. City Council & Swearing In~ Belle Isle City Hall *</i>
10	Sunday		PALM SUNDAY
15	Friday		GOOD FRIDAY/ PASSOVER BEGINS
17	Sunday		EASTER
19	Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	<i>Belle Isle City Council ~ Belle Isle City Hall</i>

* Meeting time and date is subject to change.



Fly the American flag

DID YOU KNOW? The Lake Conway Estates subdivision had been part of unincorporated Orange County until November 3, 1987 when residents voted for annexation into the City of Belle Isle.

Membership Musings

by **Rachel Tierney & Rosie Maltby**, Membership Committee

Phone: 407-602-4994

More than four months into our 2021/2022 fiscal year, our Residents' Association boasts 263 member households, an excellent start for the present fiscal year. We appreciate the support of residents of long-standing and welcome inquiries from new residents in the subdivision who are interested in joining and participating in our 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.

GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING – Annual Meeting - continued from cover page

The slate of officers for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022 was introduced by Belleville Avenue resident, Gene Aiello, and approved unanimously. There were no nominations from the floor. The Association officers are:

<i>President</i>	Jason Hunter
<i>Vice President</i>	Bill Parker
<i>Treasurer</i>	Dave Sherard
<i>Secretary</i>	Chanelle Huff

Accomplishments of the previous year were reviewed and included: Painting of the boat dock; Upgrading and replacing some picnic tables; Increase in Residents' Association members; Improving landscaping at the lake lot and tennis courts; Installation of a new access system at the lake lot and tennis courts; Radar speed tests on Cullen Lake Shore Drive for future use by Florida Department of Transportation.

Objectives for the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year are focused on the lake lot area and include: Installation of security cameras; Installation of new flags; Utilizing the area for more family gatherings; Random inspections of vehicles and trailers parked in the lake lot for sticker ID's.

The meeting was short in duration but covered essential elements of the agenda. Minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting were reviewed and approved. Outgoing Treasurer, John Caplan, reviewed the financial report for 2020/2021 and discussed the proposed budget for FY 2021/2022. 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.

Distribution of "access cards" for use by LCERA members had been facilitated prior to the meeting. The access cards have replaced the use of traditional metal keys to open gates at the tennis courts and lake lot area. Each card has its own distinctive digital number that is associated with the member to whom it has been issued. Embracing the key card technology for use in accessing LCERA community properties provides multiple advantages for our Residents' Association.

Anita Sacco, Editor

Please Note: The LCERA boat ramp will be closed for use beginning at noon on Friday, April 1 (no foolin') in preparation for the LCE Easter Egg Hunt and the Resident's Association annual picnic. It will reopen for boating use on Monday, April 4 at 1:00 p.m.

In Belle Isle

Municipal Elections – March 8, 2022

Qualified voters within the City will have the opportunity to select a Mayor for Belle Isle in the March 8 Municipal Election. The polling place for residents of Lake Conway Estates is Orange County **Precinct 334** at Pine Castle Masonic Lodge No. 368 located at 1216 Hoffner Avenue.

Incumbent Mayor, Nick Fouraker, is being challenged by Candidate, Holly Bobrowski. The winner of the March 8 mayoral election will be sworn into office on Tuesday, April 5 at Belle Isle City Hall and will serve for a term of three years.



During the Qualifying Process held last November, three incumbent commissioners who are completing their three-year terms in office were unopposed; they will also be sworn in, once again, on April 5. They are Commissioner Anthony Carugno, District 2; Commissioner Karl Shuck, District 3; and Commissioner Randy Holihan, District 4.

Political Campaign Signs

In the interest of civic mindedness and being a good neighbor, let's help out the BI mayoral candidates by removing and setting aside the campaign signs that have been placed in the right-of-way near private properties. Very often they have been placed there by lawn maintenance workers when they are mowing residential lawns, but they don't get moved back to their previous intended spot. By remaining in the right-of-way, a code violation for each sign is created which carries a fine that must be borne by the named candidate.

As an additional FYI, Belle Isle code restricts the total number of signs posted on a lawn, political or otherwise, to two per address.



Belle Isle Newsletters Available On Line

The City's quarterly newsletters contain a wealth of useful information, but because of publishing and mail expense, hard copies are no longer being distributed to Belle Isle residents by U.S. mail. Electronic copies can be viewed at the Belle Isle web site www.cityofbelleislefl.org. Senior citizens who are not internet active or have no access to a computer can request delivery of a paper copy of the Belle Isle quarterly newsletter by contacting the **Belle Isle Police Department Senior Watch Officer, Jennifer Bausch at 407-240-2473.**

Pedal Power

Recent discussions at city council meetings have addressed the number of bicyclists on Belle Isle streets who do not observe safe bicycle-operating practices. Bike riders must adhere to the same laws motorists are required to follow—including stopping at stop signs. The Belle Isle Police Department, according to Chief, Laura Houston, will soon begin an educational blitz for residents to reinforce knowledge of the laws they must obey while pedaling on local thoroughfares. Following the blitz, stricter enforcement of violations will be pursued.



Shifting District Boundaries in Belle Isle

Following the U.S. Census for 2020, the City of Belle Isle was charged with completing their decennial redistricting process. A Redistricting Commission was formed to determine new BI district boundaries based on population growth. The City sent a redistricting map of the changes to all residents. In Lake Conway Estates, the residents at the eastern side of District 1 (Commissioner Ed Gold) and the western side of District 7 (Commissioner Sue Nielsen) have been impacted by the changes. Questions? Consult either commissioner for clarification or check the BI web site: www.belleislefl.gov.