



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.

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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Getting Back to Normal

Following a two-year hiatus because of the pandemic, our Residents' Association resumed two popular springtime events---the Easter egg hunt and the annual picnic. The back-to-back events occurred on the Saturday and Sunday of the first weekend in April. The tent, tables and chairs and other miscellany that had been ordered specifically for the picnic were available, also, for use by the egg hunt organizer, Lynn Armstrong, and her assistants.

There was a good turnout for the Easter egg hunt although attendance was influenced by other competing events locally. The larger-than-life Easter bunny hopped by for a photo op with youngsters and the young at heart. Planning and organizing by volunteers for the successful egg hunt is gratefully appreciated and acknowledged.

Sunday afternoon the following day, the LCERA Annual Picnic was well attended. Resident members who had RSVP'd their intentions to participate in the event were eligible for a drawing for door prizes which included numerous coveted gift cards. The multi-generational occasion boasted fried chicken and non-alcoholic beverages and Olive Garden Salad supplied by the Residents' Association, all of which were supplemented by the various tasty covered dishes attending members supplied.

Children were delighted by Kiwi the Clown and assistant who provided face painting. Orange County Fire and Rescue provided blood pressure checks for adults and wowed youngsters who were able to sit in and examine their fire engine.

The resumption of the annual picnic was a welcome opportunity to catch up with neighbors who had been keeping a low profile during the height of the COVID pandemic. It also provided an opportunity to become acquainted with residents who are new to Lake Conway Estates.

What's next? The LCERA Annual Meeting on the evening of Thursday, September 15.

Anita Sacco, Editor

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August

- 2 Tuesday 6:30 p.m. *Belle Isle City Council - Belle Isle City Hall **
- 10 Wednesday **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL– Orange County Public Schools**
- 16 Tuesday 6:30 p.m. *Belle Isle City Council - Belle Isle City Hall **

September

- 5 **LABOR DAY HOLIDAY** 
- 6 Tuesday 6:30 p.m. *Belle Isle City Council - Belle Isle City Hall **
- 11 Sunday **GRANDPARENTS DAY**
- 15 Thursday 7:00 p.m. *ANNUAL MEETING– Lake Conway Estates Residents' Assn.*
- 20 Tuesday 6:30 p.m. *Belle Isle City Council - Belle Isle City Hall **
- 22 Thursday **FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN**

* Meeting time and date is subject to change.

 *Fly the American flag*



of LCERA
Thursday, September 15, 2022
7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church of Pine Castle Fellowship Hall (lake-side entrance)
1001 Hoffner Avenue, Orlando 32809

Although dues payment prior to September 14 is strongly encouraged for FY 2022/2023, dues will be accepted between 5:30 and 6:30 *before* the start of the meeting. New trailer stickers will be available between 5:30 and 6:30. Meeting agenda will include summary of 2021/2022 revenue and expenses; review of completed projects as well as goals going forward; proposed budget for FY 2022/2023; election of officers for LCERA Executive Council.

Membership Musings

by **Rachel Tierney**, Membership Committee Chairperson Phone: 407-602-4994

Well into Fiscal Year 2021/2022, our Residents' Association boasts 263 member households, for the present fiscal year ending August 31. Our fiscal year for 2022/2023 will begin September 1, and residents are encouraged to respond to the invoice each home in LCE will receive. Please remit dues well in advance of the annual meeting on September 15 to facilitate determining the quorum necessary to hold the meeting. 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.



I 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 a message utilizing iceramembership@gmail.com.

Traversing our Byways

Lake Conway Estates was developed in various sections over a period of multiple years. None of the developers building out the subdivision incorporated sidewalks into their plans, and for years residents have literally utilized the asphalt-topped streets for their in-the-neighborhood exercise. Decades ago, that was not a problem. Sidewalks bordering the bulk of the LCE properties on the north side of Hoffner--from the canal bridge east to about Duban Avenue (where a sidewalk had long been in place from Duban to Darden)--- were installed when Belle Isle responded to a need for walkable surfaces there more than two decades ago.



In the demographic ebb and flow of our neighborhood, presently there seems to be an increase in the number of residents utilizing the streets---particularly the main artery, Cullen Lake Shore Drive---for walking, jogging, bicycling, baby-stroller outings, roller blading and dog walking. It is not unusual, however, to observe some of those folks absorbed on their electronic devices, oblivious to motorists as they, too, utilize the streets in Lake Conway Estates.

Pedestrian traffic on LCE roadways is apparently cause for concern in some quarters, and recently there has been conversation at Belle Isle City Council about sidewalks and their maintenance throughout the City generally, as well as installation of sidewalks in all areas that have none. Discussion has included talk about dealing with mature trees and their root systems as well as addressing a property's shrubbery, landscaping and hardscaping elements---like pavers---that residents have placed in the right of way bordering their property. One of several cost-options under discussion included assessing a fee per lineal foot to each property owner for the cost of installing sidewalks in the right of way bordering their home where previously there were none.

Although discussions have been very preliminary, residents should consider the terrain and landscape of our subdivision and whether they will look favorably on the installation of sidewalks. Safety, feasibility and personal expense will be just three factors to consider.

AN UNSUNG GOOD NEIGHBOR

A special thank you is in order for Monet Avenue resident, Sandy Aldrich. For many years she has quietly incorporated being a good neighbor into her early-morning walks as she collects delivered daily newspapers from the curb and walks them to the front door of the intended recipient where she leaves them. Her actions help eliminate grab-and-go newspaper thefts and save senior residents a trek to the curb---especially in inclement weather. Sandy also puts the lake lot trash cans at the curb on collection days and then places them back within the property when they are emptied. Sandy, your on-going thoughtfulness is appreciated.



In Belle Isle



Shifting District Boundaries & Commissioners 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 sprawling Lake Conway Estates, homes lie within two Belle Isle districts. The residents at the eastern side of District 1 and the western side of District 7 have been impacted by the changes.

Commissioner Ed Gold, who resides in Lake Conway Estates, represents District 1. Commissioner Sue Nielsen, also was a LCE resident and represented BI District 7. However, Mrs. Nielsen, who had one year remaining in her term of office, announced in early spring that she was resigning from her seat on Belle Isle City Council, therefore requiring that a resident in District 7 be appointed to complete her term. The City advertised the opening for the appointment to the District 7 seat on city council, and interested parties were interviewed by sitting BI commissioners during a city council meeting.

Jim Partin, who was the elected BI commissioner for District 6, found himself no longer a resident in that district as a result of the redistricting. When the new district boundaries were drawn, Mr. Partin's residence was within BI District 7. He opted to resign as commissioner for District 6 and apply for appointment as commissioner for District 7 to complete the term of Sue Nielsen. Ultimately, after interview, he was selected to assume the role of District 7 commissioner. His term will end in March of 2023

Interviews became necessary for appointment of a District 6 resident to fill the seat on City Council vacated by Jim Partin. Two residents sought appointment, and Stan Smith was selected by City Council. He will serve through March of 2024.

Questions? Consult either commissioner for clarification or check the BI web site: www.belleislefl.gov. Here is the contact information for the two Belle Isle commissioners representing eastern and western portions of Lake Conway Estates:

District 1- Commissioner Ed Gold

egold@belleislefl.gov Phone: 407-717-6772

District 7 – Commissioner Jim Partin

district7@belleislefl.gov Phone: 407-717-6545

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.belleislefl.gov 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.**

Getting Around – City Sidewalks

Maintenance of existing sidewalks throughout the city as well as installation of walkways in the right of way where there have been none have been a subject of discussion at city council meetings. Attend meetings or view them in real time via the internet to keep abreast of what is happening.

Growing Pains - Bursting at the Seams

As the City of Belle Isle grows, the demand for services and staff to better meet the expectations of residents has increased as well. Both the City Hall building and the BI Police Department are experiencing tight quarters and parking issues at their present locations. Improved, enlarged, modern facilities and different sites for both entities are being considered. Follow this issue as it unfolds by attending city council meetings or observe in real time on the internet.

