

The Crow's Nest

Newsletter for Lake Conway Estates

September - December 2023



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LCERA membership dues are \$175 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 electronically by Stripe at www.LakeConwayEstates.com

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Countdown to the Holidays!

BSA Troop 4036 Luminary Holiday Fundraiser

Scouts BSA Troop 4036 is thrilled to help your streets shine this Christmas. Residents can purchase luminaries at two Early Bird price points:
\$20 for Do-It-Yourself and \$30 for Full Set Up.
EARLY BIRD PRICING ENDS 12/2/2023 After that date, the price will increase \$5.

\$20 Luminary DIY Kit:
15 Luminary bags
15 candles and holders
Sand will be available at LCE lake lot.

\$30 Luminary Full Service:
15 Assembled Luminaries
Bags will be placed along your curb between the afternoon of 12/23/22 and the morning of 12/24/22



<https://holiday-luminaries-2023.cheddarup.com/>

If you prefer to pay via cash or check, please add desired option item to cart and choose cash/check for instructions. Mail payment made out to Troop 36 to:
Mark Bradley - 6691 Bouganvillea Crescent Drive,
Orlando, Florida 32809

Troop 4036 greatly appreciates this opportunity and your support.
All funds earned will help send our troop to summer camp and other adventures.

EDGEWOOD SANTA FLY-IN

Friday, December 1st, 2023
6:00pm to 8:30pm ET
Age: All ages
Price: Free
Location:
Edgewood City Hall
405 Bagshaw Way, Orlando, FL, 32809
407-851-2920



As the holiday festivities begin to ramp up, the ever-popular Edgewood "Santa Fly-In" will kick off the season. This year, the 8th Annual Santa Fly-In Event brings Santa into town via helicopter at approximately 6:30PM. Event includes a free Santa meet and greet, food and dessert trucks, beer and wine bars, face painting, bounce houses, holiday lights, music, and more.



Calendar of Events

December 2023

Friday, December 1
National Eat a Red Apple Day

Monday, December 4
Santa's' List Day – we hope you are on the "Nice" list

Tuesday, December 5
Belle Isle City Council Workshop - 6:30pm*

Friday, December 15
Boat parade south Lake

Saturday, December 16
Boat parade Middle Lake

Sunday, December 17
Boat Parade North Lake

Tuesday, December 19
Belle Isle City Council Meeting - 6:30pm*

Wednesday, December 20
Winter Solstice – the shortest day of the year

Friday, December 22
Belle Isle Golf Cart and Bike Parade - 6:00pm

Saturday, Dec 23
Luminary orders delivered by boy scouts

Sunday, Dec 24 
Luminary orders delivered by boy scouts

Monday, December 25 
Christmas Day

December 25-January 5
Winter Break

Sunday, December 31
New Year's Eve

January 2024

 Monday, January 1
New Year's Day

Tuesday, January 2
Belle Isle City Council Workshop - 6:30pm*

Monday, January 8
Teacher Workday/Student Holiday

Monday, January 8
National Clean Your Desk Day

Monday, January 15
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Schools and District Offices Closed

Tuesday, January 16
Belle Isle City Council Meeting - 6:30pm*

February 2024

Sunday, February 4
Chili Cook-Off at Lake Lot



* Belle Isle City Hall - times subject to change.



Fly the American Flag



Lake Conway Chain Annual Christmas Boat Parade



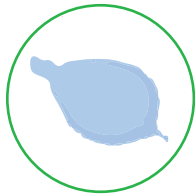
The lake temperature sure is cooling off fast this year, but thankfully there is no snow in the forecast. Break out the bins from the garage and get your final plans all together, because it's time to decorate your boat and join the annual Lake Conway Christmas Boat Parade. If you don't have a boat, throw a watch party at your lake home or visit one of the locations the city and county make available to watch.

For years now, this has been a lightshow like no other. Some of the most creative uses for Christmas lights and power inverters can be seen at this three-night boat parade extravaganza!

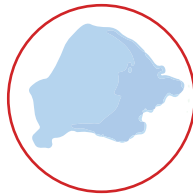
This year, Friday, December 15th will kick off the weekend of 3 Lake Conway boat parades. Parade starts at 8:00 PM at the South side of the Nela Bridge and will run clockwise. Save the date! Start planning your backyard watch party.

Parade starts at 7:30 PM on Saturday, December 16th at the Sand Bar (SE Corner of Middle Lake) and will run clockwise around the center lake.

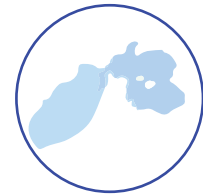
The parade starts at 7:00 PM on Sunday, December 17th at 'the Point' on (North) Little Lake Conway and will run clockwise.



South Lake Conway



Middle Lake Conway



North (Little) Lake Conway

Neighborhood Senior Watch Program

Lake Conway Estates believes in building a better community and we stand ready to help our citizens with compassion and integrity. The board is putting out a call to action to see if there are residents who would like to help with the program and see if there are residents who would need service from this program.

In the 1st quarter of 2024, the board will discuss the idea of "Community Helping", which will recruit volunteers from the community to assist fellow residents in a time of need.



Resident's needs, such as transportation, single owner check in or home maintenance, will be identified. This group will be volunteer in nature, but we will try to partner with local organizations, city council and the Belle Isle Police Department. The program could start with a pilot phase, focusing on a few tasks to ensure smooth operations before expanding the program. Once established, clear communication channels, such as a phone tree, email list, or social media group, to keep everyone informed and connected will be pushed out, and we'll establish a feedback system to continuously assess the program's effectiveness and make improvements.

If you are interested in participating or have additional ideas on how Community Helps, please contact the Council members at lcramembership@gmail.com or at 407-602-4994 (voice or text).



See Something, Say Something.

The Lake Conway Estates area has seen an increasing amount of damage to property at shared areas around the neighborhood. The lake lot has seen the worst of it with vandalized park benches, benches moved into dangerous and inconvenient areas, uncontrolled fires and trash in the firepits, broken glass strewn about the beach and grass areas where both children and adults expect to enjoy a safe environment. While we recognize that accidents do happen, the amount and frequency lately point to deliberate acts rather than negligence. A reminder to all HOA members, you are also responsible for your guest's actions.

The board has begun the process of procuring and installing a camera system at the Lake Lot that will be used to identify those involved in future acts of vandalism.

Everyone has a role to play in keeping our neighborhood association in good working condition. If you see something that just doesn't smell right, give a shout out to the membership at 407-602-4994, or in the case of an emergency call your Belle Isle Police Department.



Luminary Reminders and Dates

- 1.) Sand for "Do It Yourself" kits can be had from the sand pile inside the fence at the Lake Lot. Bring your own bucket and shovel.
- 2.) Estimate One Cup of sand per luminary for bag stability and safety.
- 3.) Light Luminary's at dusk on Christmas Eve, extinguish at 10:00 p.m.
- 4.) Light Luminary's at dusk on Christmas Night - Allow to burn throughout the night (as long as you are comfortable with).
- 5.) Properly dispose of spent candles and bags on December 26 - spread leftover sand across your lawn.

