

LAKE CLARKE GARDENS NEWSLETTER

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MAY, 2022

What's Going On?

By Jill Vales

What a whirlwind it has been since I re-joined the LCG Board of Directors in February. I have enjoyed serving on the Budget Committee, acting as Board Liaison for the newly formed Gym Committee, editing new Rules and Regulations expected to be approved on May 10, and helping to bring closure to the ABB/Breezeline refunds project, resulting in LCG finally issuing account credits to over 100 Unit Owners. I want to assure each and every Unit Owner that each and every Board Member works incredibly hard to govern LCG to make it a better place to live or vacation. The following sections of this article focus on some topics of particular interest to me, and hopefully to you.

Increasing Buildings' Operating Fund Balances

LCG has strengthened its overall finances over the course of the past several years, initially by special assessing any Building which had annual audited Building expenses in excess of its Building revenues. While these special assessments increased Operating Fund Balances of several Buildings and LCG as a whole, the approach alone did not take into account that, over many years, several Buildings had accumulated quite large Operating Fund Balances, while several others had much lower, and in some cases negative, Operating Fund Balances. In reality, the financially stronger Buildings were supporting the weaker Buildings by a significant amount.

Therefore, in the Fall of 2020, after the June 30, 2020 (FY 2020) audited financial statements were issued, a new methodology for evaluating the financial strength of each Building was implemented, known as the Working Capital Method. 14 Buildings had combined Operating Fund Balance of \$673,000 in excess of 3.5 Months of their Total Operating Expenses (including allocation of Common Expenses), while 10 Buildings had combined Operating Fund Balance (after new special assessments) of \$189,000 less than 3.5 Months of their Total Operating Expenses (the "shortfall"). Therefore, \$484,000 (\$673,000 excess less \$189,000 shortfall) was available to be transferred to Reserve Funds of the 14 financially strong Buildings in December 2020. This was certainly a step in the right direction.

Nonetheless, financially stronger Buildings continued to support financially weaker Buildings, in an amount equal to \$189,000 (10 Buildings) at June 30, 2020. To remedy this situation, Working Capital Charges (WCC), not to exceed \$20 per Unit per Month for the largest Unit in a Building (Unit Percentages apply), are assessed to those Buildings with shortfalls. WCCs were \$66,000 in FY 2022. This approach, which increases Operating Fund Balance over time, was adopted because approving Special Assessments of \$189,000 in one year to bring Operating Fund Balance for all Buildings up to 3.5 months of their Total Operating Expenses would be a financial hardship for many.

At June 30, 2021, financially stronger Buildings continued to support financially weaker Buildings in amount equal to \$210,000 (13 Buildings). WCCs budgeted for FY 2023 are \$77,000.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Summary Financial Report As of March 31, 2022 (Unaudited)

LIQUID ASSETS	Operating Unrestricted	Special Assessments	Hurricane Restricted	Activities	Reserves Common	Reserves Building	Total Cash In All Bank Accts
Cash & Investment Accounts	\$ 1,138,012.51	\$ 25,490.73	\$ 205,068.57	\$ 8,000.99	\$ 102,438.75	\$ 632,718.38	\$ 2,111,729.93
Less: Prepaid Assessments (All)	\$ (231,578.97)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plus: Prepaid Utilities	\$ -	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restated Cash Accounts	\$ 906,433.54	\$ 25,490.73	\$ 205,068.57	\$ 8,000.99	\$ 102,438.75	\$ 632,718.38	-
Accounts Receivable	\$ 88,233.11	\$ 2,809.01	-	-	\$ 373.24	\$ 1,593.24	-
Net Liquid Assets by Type	\$ 994,666.65	\$ 28,299.74	\$ 205,068.57	\$ 8,000.99	\$ 102,811.99	\$ 634,311.62	\$ 2,111,729.93

Association Meetings

All Unit Owners are Invited to Attend

Building Rep Meeting

May 5 10:30 AM Auditorium

Agenda Meeting

May 5 11:30 AM Auditorium

Budget Meeting and BOD Meeting

May 10 10:00 AM Auditorium and Zoom

Note:

The Good and Welfare portion of the BOD meeting is limited to those who submit their questions or concerns in writing to the Board by Monday, May 9, 2022 at 12:00 NOON.



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April 12, 2022

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to Approve Exercise Room Enhancement Project Plan with Requested Expenditures. Expenditures are primarily to occur in FY 2023.

Motion Approved Unanimously

Motion to Remove Car Washing Station. Due to the high cost of water and unauthorized use by outside users.

Motion Approved Unanimously

Motion to Charge a Fee for Bulk Items dropped off at the LCG maintenance building. Property Manager to develop a per item charge for bulk items.

Motion Approved Unanimously

Motion to Approve 2022 Version of LCG Rules and Regulations. A few minor changes/clarifications are necessary.

Motion defeated 4-3

Motion to Approve the purchase and installation of Double Pool Rails at the West Pool. Funding to come from Common Reserve Funds.

Motion approved 6-1

Motion to Make Masks Optional on the LCG Bus.

Motion Approved Unanimously

Motion to Fine 26-202 for Illegally Parking a Motorcycle on LCG Property.

Motion Approved Unanimously

Motion to Fine 26-202 for an Act of Vandalism to LCG Property.

Motion Approved Unanimously

Motion to determine the location of the Bocce Ball Court. Court will be installed at the East end of the Shuffleboard courts.

Motion Approved 5-2

Motion to Approve the Date of the 2022/2023 Budget Meeting. The meeting will be held on May 10, 2022.

Motion Approved Unanimously

Motion to Approve the Purchase of 15 Round Tables. New round, lighter Fiberglass tables to replace the old, worn ones. Funds will come from the Activities account.

Motion Approved Unanimously

Motion to Approve the Board of Directors Ethics Policy.

Motion Approved Unanimously

Discussion of Speed Bumps was Tabled Until the May Meeting.

WELCOME New Owners

- 7-203** Christine and Matthew Geremia
Warren, Rhode Island
- 10-105** Edward and Dalette Sifri
Toledo, Ohio
- 10-206** Charlotte Lewis
Cumberland, Rhode Island
- 12-302** Nikola Karcevski
Staten Island, New York
- 16-210** Michael and Michelle Bardzil
Collegeville, Pennsylvania
- 17-302** Patricia Feraco
Wellington, FL
- 23-112** Angela and James Peeper
Boynton Beach, FL
- 24-303** Kenneth and Patricia Matson
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- 25-206** Gisele Livernois
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Property Manager's Report

The Season is coming to an end and many of our Lake Clarke Garden residents are heading out for the summer months. It has been a busy and productive season!

For all our residents leaving for the summer, make sure to shut the water off in your unit and cover your toilet(s). Please be sure to come to the office to check your account status and preferred mailing address and let us know who is checking your unit while you are away. That person must fill out a green card after each inspection. Cards are available at the office. If you do NOT have anyone inspecting your Unit, notify the office, and our Maintenance men can do that once a month for a fee of \$10 per month. Monthly inspection is mandatory at LCG. If you leave a vehicle on LCG property, leave a set of keys to that vehicle on your kitchen counter in case it must be moved. Please be sure LCG Office has a working set of your keys, in case there is a need to enter your Unit for emergency purposes.

The 2022 Census has been emailed out to Unit Owners and is also available in the Management Office or on the LCG website or by email request. You must include your secondary address (if applicable) on the form along with all other information. To keep our records up to date there is other information being asked as well. These questions are not meant to be probing questions, but questions to provide for your safety and that of your unit. Please help us maintain an accurate database. The FOB system activation is driven by the receipt of your census form. The FOBs are automatically turned off on June 30th, and will not reactivate unless your census form has been turned in.

In addition, please be sure you have all your vehicle information updated with the Management Office. Lake Clarke Gardens has contracted with South Florida Booting. They are a full-service parking management company using a less invasive way to achieve parking compliance. The company has marked vehicles that will patrol randomly. These vehicles are equipped with a license plate recognition system that communicates with our database to see if a vehicle belongs on LCG property. The system can also track how long a vehicle has been parked on location. Booting vehicles will begin on May 1. There will be preliminary WARNINGS provided during the initial start of this new parking management enforcement program along with 1st warnings thereafter. Your vehicle must be registered with the office. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Management Office at 561-965-8487 or Office@lakeclarkegardens.com.

All cars must be properly registered when parked on LCG property between the hours of 12:00 AM and 6:00 AM to avoid booting. The registration of vehicles will be handled by a fixed list of long-term (owner/resident) and renter parking permissions and guest parking permissions for vehicles that are temporarily on property. Parking permissions are entered into our database either by management or through the online resident portal for guest registration. Residents will be able to add a guest, add guest vehicles, and assign a day or overnight parking permission that operates within the rules and regulations of the community.

Should your vehicle get booted, it will be removed within one hour after you contact South Florida Booting and pay the \$75.00 booting fee. More information (such as the resident portal) will be communicated as the program rolls out.

The 2022-2023 Budget Packets have been mailed out to every unit owner. These are also

available in the Management Office for your convenience. More importantly, the Limited Proxy to determine the funding of reserves is included in these packets and available in the Office or upon request via email. A quorum must be present in person or via proxy for each condominium Building and the total Association. (A quorum is one-half a Building's units plus one unit, or one-half the Association's 855 units plus one— less any units that have been stripped of their voting rights, due to delinquency, and any Association-owned units.) Therefore, you must fill out and return the "Limited Proxy". Failure to have a quorum will require the 100% funding of reserves for either your Building or the Association—or both. Please feel free to contact the Management Office at 561-965-8487 or Office@lakeclarkegardens.com.

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The 14 Buildings currently being assessed WCCs will continue to be assessed WCCs through future fiscal years until their individual Operating Fund Balance reaches 3.5 Months of Total Operating Expenses. Below you will see the Fiscal Year in which this may be achieved, based on FY 2021 financial information.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Buildings</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Buildings</u>
FY 2023:	2, 3, 5, 7, 15, 16	FY 2026:	6, 25
FY 2024:	12, 24	FY 2027:	17
FY 2025:	4, 6, 8		

However, as Total Operating Expenses increase in FY 2022, FY 2023 and future years as a result of rising general inflation rates and dramatic increases in insurance premium expenses, the objective of maintaining Operating Fund Balance for each Building equal to 3.5 Months of Total Operating Expenses will, mathematically, be more difficult to achieve. Accordingly, the Board of Directors will continue to evaluate and refine application of the Working Capital Method each year to bring fairness to all Buildings.

Vote for Reserve Funding at 3% for Buildings and 5% for Common

Every fiscal year, Unit Owners must vote whether or not to approve Reserve-related monthly assessments in an amount necessary to fund 100% of calculated Annual Reserve Funding. While dramatically increasing assessments to build up the Reserve Fund of each Building and of Common would be wonderful in theory, in practice it would result in extremely large increases in total monthly assessments for every Unit Owner. Therefore, the Board of Directors is offering Unit Owners an alternative to vote for: 3% of Annual Reserve Funding for each Building's Reserve Fund and 5% of Annual Reserve Funding for the Common Reserve Fund. These are the same percentages Unit Owners approved for FY 2022. Make sure your voice is heard; cast your vote.

What's On the Horizon?

Over the next several months, I and other Board Members expect to be busy with the following projects, working closely with Jennifer Cox, Property Manager, and legal counsel:

Developing several new Applications and other forms in fill-able PDF formats.

Working to amend LCG's Declaration and By-Laws (subject to Unit Owners approval) related to quorums and required voting percentages, to ensure that all LCG Unit Owners' votes truly count. Currently, for amendments to LCG documents, non-votes count as "no" votes, which marginalizes the wishes of those Unit Owners actually taking the time to vote.

Issuing Modernization and Restatements of LCG's By-Laws and Declaration (subject to Unit Owners approval) to make our oft-amended legal documents much easier to read and understand, and to conform to current Florida condominium law.

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Budget Proxy

The Budget packet has been sent out. Please watch your mail and email for this important document. It needs to be completed and returned for a quorum. **Without a quorum on the reserve vote, an automatic 100% reserve will go into effect.** In addition, each building must have a quorum to avoid 100% reserves for that building. Here is a summary of the proxy.



The Budget Limited Proxy

To be clear, a **"YES"** vote on the **Building Area** and the **Common Area** means you pay a smaller amount each month for reserves.

If you wish to fund your building and/or common areas at 100% reserve funding, which means that your building will have more money to pay for future repairs, vote "NO", but understand that your monthly maintenance payment will increase substantially (see article on the next page). If you forget or choose not to vote, it's the same as a "NO" vote.

A Very Wet Farewell

A group of LCG residents decided to have a 'good by' dinner under the canopy at the West Pool. What an event it turned out to be! There was a sprinkling of rain as the fresh vegetable plate was started. The decision was to stay the course and not move everything to the cover at the East pool bar-b-q. "It will pass..." was heard as the main course of Oxtail stew was served.

Well, by the time dessert of cheesecake, strawberries, and carrot cake came to the table, the thunder was rolling in the sky and we were all watching for the next lighting strike!

Some of our party, Outi Hirvikangas and Kaarina Ijas, actually finished their champagne in the ladies locker room as Steve Hoyer struggled to close the canopy. It was a quick trip home for the rest of the party, soaked to the skin, and it will not be quickly forgotten.

The rest of the very wet comrades, Gerry and Pete Toland, Fae and Peter Remelius, Connie and Chuck Boudreau, and Steve Russell would like to add their heartfelt wish to all the Snowbirds for a safe journey home.

To the full-time friends we leave behind, we look forward to seeing everyone in the Fall!

Submitted by Connie Boudreau

Gumbo Limbo Nature Center Tour

A group of eager residents signed up for this nature trip. Our guide gathered us on the front deck for general information. Then we walked to the Turtle Sculpture Garden where the turtles are life-size. We learned the Loggerhead Turtles dig about 12,000 nests in Palm Beach Co.



The season for the turtles to come ashore to lay their eggs on the East Coast is March to October. The female turtle comes ashore at high tide and dark skies and digs her nest to lay her eggs. The owners along the ocean must keep their outdoor lights dim during the hatchling season because the little ones should head



toward the dark ocean but can get distracted and head toward the lights by the road. That's a wrong move. Our driver, Yuri, drove us up to the ocean to see a turtle nest marked off by orange tape on poles. Beachgoers know to walk around the nests.

Janet Lembach and Ray Smagala noticed two trees near building 17 in need of some TLC. They removed lots of vines, weeds, and plants that seemed to be choking away their life because the red bark was peeling and the leaves were dropping off. What does this have to do with the Gumbo Limbo tour? Good question. Upon returning from the Gumbo Limbo trip, because of its peeling red bark, they learned they had rejuvenated a Gumbo Limbo tree. We have another one near the east pool behind the grill.

Submitted by Sylvia Raftery

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It's That Time Again!

By Jerry Sauvé

Each year with the Budget Packet, you receive a **Schedule of Reserves for Capital Expenditures and Deferred Maintenance**. This document gives you the information you need to plan for upcoming maintenance expenses.

Below is a sample of what that document looks like. This is only a sample. **Your building's information will be different.**

A	B	C	D	E	F
<i>Schedule of Building Reserves for Capital Expenditures/Deferred Maintenance</i>					
Item	Estimated Replacement Cost	Effective Age	Useful Life	Estimated Reserve Funds 6/30/2022	100% Reserve Funding
Concrete Restoration	\$ 4,500	3	8	\$ -	\$ 1,688
Elevator	68,750	25	25	19	68,731
Painting and Waterproofing	12,400	3	8	-	4,650
Paving - Asphalt Overlay	27,550	4	20	-	5,510
Asphalt Sealcoat	3,665	3	4	-	2,749
Roof	40,000	6	10	-	24,000
Combined/Pooled	-			3,864	(3,864)
Totals	\$ 156,865			\$ 3,883	\$ 103,464

Column A lists known expenses that will occur at some point. This is not a complete list. There can be emergencies, such as broken pipes, electrical issues, etc.

Column B is the *estimated* replacement cost. The actual cost cannot be determined until bids are taken and accepted.

Column C shows the effective age of each item.

Column D lists the Estimated Useful Life, in years, for each entry. For Example, look at this building's Painting and Waterproofing Useful Life (printed in red). It is estimated at 8 years. **That is only an estimate.** It could be more or less than that. By looking at the Effective Age and the Useful Life you can see that the painting and waterproofing should last another 5 years.

Column E shows the Estimated Reserve Funds for each item.

Finally, **Column F** shows what the building owners would have to put in reserve *each year* for each item to cover the cost of replacement with little or no Special Assessment to the building. The only exception would be the elevator. Because the elevator has reached the end of its useful life, a one time payment of \$68,731 would be necessary. Look at the Painting and Waterproofing again. The estimated replacement cost is \$12,400. In order to have the reserve to pay for that, this building would have to come up with \$4,650 each year for the remaining five years of the life expectancy.

Hopefully, this will help you better understand the maintenance expenses for your building so you can be prepared for your future financial obligations.

Gym Committee Report

John Balch updated the Board and LCG Owners on the Committee's work at the April 12, 2022 Board Meeting. He mentioned that he and Outi Hirvikangas began working on a plan for the gym/exercise room last November and had solicited feedback from many users of this LCG amenity.

Over the past month, Committee Members and Board Liaison, Jill Vales, finalized a detailed Exercise Room Enhancement Project Plan. The Project Plan includes:

- (a) painting the Exercise Room in August
- (b) creating distinct Cardio and Weightlifting/Stretching Areas
- (c) removing obsolete, inoperable, and excess equipment (primarily in May)
- (d) purchasing certain new materials and equipment.

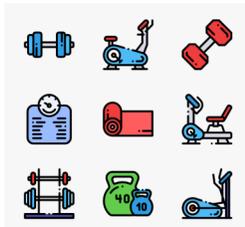
At the meeting, the Board of Directors accepted the Project Plan and approved the following 2022/2023 expenditures:

Purchases to enhance the Weightlifting/Stretching Area:

April: an adjustable weight bench, a 20 lb. kettlebell, and commercial -grade clips for the Universal equipment;

December: rubber mat/flooring, a full-length mirror, two larger hanging mats with a rack, a wall-mounted wooden pull-up bar, an upright exercise bike, and a seated elliptical machine.

Purchases in December of capital equipment to enhance the Cardio Area to be paid from the Common Reserve Fund.



COMMUNICATION Committee Report

It was decided that Connie would attend the Building Representatives meeting and encourage them to promote potluck building parties as we feel this is an excellent way to help with communication and understanding between residents. There has been a history of success with those buildings that have done this.

The committee is attempting to set up a used medical equipment exchange for the residents here. Julie Sauve has very generously offered her phone number (616-813-8129) as an information point. If you have equipment that you are no longer using or are in need of something, please call her. At this point we are 'putting our toe in the water', so to speak, to see if a program like this will work for our community. Thank you, Julie!

A suggestion that the international dinner be broken up into a different country being featured each month, an example being the St. Patricks' day dinner with Irish food being prominent. This will be taken up in the new year.

We will not be meeting until the fall when most of our members return to L.C.G.

Landscape Committee Report



All members turned in lists that we would like to see our maintenance or landscape employees do over the summer. Many items on the list were about plants that are needed in specific areas of buildings. These issues will be handled in the fall:

- Remove roots/branches from the fenced area on Arabian. They are starting to grow back and will soon take over the fence.
- Fix all electrical boxes and lights that are supposed to point up to the landscape.
- Pavers at the East pool need to be inspected and leveled.
- Stumps to remove. Between buildings #9 and #10 by the parking lot. Between #17 and #18 in front by the parking lot. Near the west pool car charger. We have investigated this, and they are easy to remove. The Garden Club has removed several already.
- Remove a hot water tank by building #25 NW corner of the parking lot.

The committee has been researching companies that spray out mulch. The companies have a 500-foot hose that can reach all areas. The cost is approximately half the price of bagged mulch, and we will not have labor costs dispersing the bagged mulch. We will be getting estimates in November when we return.

Thank you to the budget committee for the money you have set aside for landscaping.

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Building Rep Report

Introduced new building reps Jan Doezema (12) and Val McMahon (20A).

As an opportunity for residents that work and cannot attend morning meetings, it will be discussed at the November meeting whether to alternate meetings from morning to night every other month.

Jennifer informed us that building lights are on sensors except for buildings 5, 10, and 23. She will check to see if the foliage is blocking sensors.

According to Jennifer, sprinklers are checked every two weeks. When you see water from the sprinklers on the pavement, it is because the grass line will burn from the heat collected in the asphalt, therefore, watering part of the pavement and grass line together helps prevent the burn.

Maintenance schedules and duties- Maintenance covers all common areas in buildings and buildings are cleaned once a month. It was suggested that building reps should ask the maintenance person in their building what their name is or inquire at the office if they don't know the name. If you have an issue with a maintenance worker or cleanliness, do not confront janitorial staff, bring it to Jennifer's attention at the time of the incident or one day after, not one month later. She will contact the person or address the problem in question. If you see work that has to be done, such as bugs in light fixtures, dirty elevators, laundry rooms, etc., put in a work order to have it done. Work orders are on a tracking system in the office.

Bike racks can be requested for each building and bikes can be locked up. To avoid possible theft, bikes should be brought into units at night.

Reminder, no plants real or fake, are allowed in walkways or by elevators.

While doormats are allowed in front of the door in the walkway, new dimensions have been established and will be in the new rules and regulations, due to be approved at the next Board meeting (4/12/2022).

Most importantly, budget and voting packets will be mailed in April. Building reps are asked to knock on each person's door in their building and ask if they have received it, returned it, or need help filling it out explaining that an unreturned packet is considered a vote for 100% assessment. Each building must meet its own quorum or be assessed at 100% reserve.



Long Range Planning

At our March LRP committee meeting, the following items were discussed; Bocce ball court, Solar panels for roofs, carports, the main entrance, vending machines, and outdoor grills. But the item we decided to concentrate on presently is the washers and dryers.

The LRP committee wishes to look into different options:

- Purchasing: Investigate for the best quality/price machines
- Renting machines
- Adapting actual machines with credit/debit card readers

Since our previous meeting, 2 new members have joined us, Deanne Marshall and Shawn McMahon

If you have suggestions for the Long Range Planning committee, you can forward your ideas to talonroy@videotron.ca

Gilles Roy (BOD Liaison)



Activities Report

It has been a very busy winter. Now the slow season starts. During the month of March, we had 16 days of planned activities, not counting Monday beach trips. People were able to shop, gamble, take in nature, drink, dance, do art projects, and golf. Things slow down now but you will still be able to eat, drink, gamble and have fun. Thank you for all the support given to the Activities Office this winter. I wish you all a wonderful summer. If there is something you would like to do, you can email me at p_flet@hotmail.com or just ask the office to help you promote the activity you have in mind.

Applications for use of the cardroom and/or auditorium are available from the office. Applications must be submitted a minimum of two weeks in advance. They will be emailed to Howie Allen, Director/Activities for approval.

We are starting already to book next season's events. So far, we have found three new entertainers which we will be booking starting in the fall.



Architectural Review Report

The ARC Committee is hoping to have owners join the ARC Committee as we always need volunteers on the different committees.

We are currently receiving a large number of requests for ARC permits & we try our best to respond as quickly as possible when the applications are complete.

If you are considering having work done by a licensed contractor or a DIY project in your unit you must apply for an ARC permit for all types of work, with the exception of painting your unit. In certain situations, you must also apply for a Palm Beach County Permit. If you are using a licensed contractor, they normally take care of the county permits. If you should have any questions in regard to your project, do not hesitate to contact Alyssa White at the office by email (applications@lakeclarkegardens.com) or by Phone at 561-965-8487.

We are currently working to revise the application forms to bring it up to date and more user-friendly.

The Committee is hoping to work through the summer via Zoom so we can have the new forms approved as quickly as possible.

Have a great summer and stay safe and healthy. We will see you in the fall.

Know your neighbors

Your building is a very special community within itself, with people coming from different countries with different backgrounds. It is always changing too, with a lot of new owners. The community has changed also with the presence of dogs at LCG. Each dog has been approved by the Board after complying with all demands, in compliance with the new Florida law that says no community can forbid the presence of an emotional support animal (ESA).



That being said, being an owner of an ESA myself, I want to remind you that some people are allergic to dogs, are afraid of dogs, and even really don't like dogs! You should think about all these possibilities and act as if they were all true.

All dogs have the tendency to bark when you knock on the door. This is not excessive barking; this is normal barking. This is fine if you have a visit occasionally, but with the number of deliveries we have now (Amazon, UPS, FedEx...), you must find a way to reduce the barking. A simple note on the door will do the trick: "Please don't knock, barking dog. Leave package or delivery here. Thank you." It works!

**NO NEED TO KNOCK...
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 - *The Dogs*



Finally, when you have a baby that needs his diaper changed, you wouldn't think about changing it at the table, while guests are eating. Well, guess what, people usually don't appreciate seeing a dog doing his thing while they peacefully sip a glass of wine on their patio. We want to choose a place for our dog to go that's less visible. We have a lot of grass along the roadways you can use, rather than by someone's windows.

Remember, it is always the ESA owner's responsibility to make their dog act responsibly.

Submitted by Nathalie Talon, building 2

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A Work in Progress

Remember the shaky, uneven table by the grill at the West Pool? Thanks to **Chuck Boudreau** and **Steve Russell**, that's now a thing of the past! A sturdy cabinet, a new granite countertop, and additional electric outlets are the beginning of the project.

The plan is to repair and repaint the entire grill structure. Thank you, Chuck and Steve for your efforts.



Norton Museum of Art

Thursday May 26, 2022.

Pay \$15.00 at the museum. Receive a map so you can tour from 10:30 AM until 1:30 PM.

Bus leaves LCG at 10:00 AM.

The Norton Museum of Art was founded in 1941 by Ralph Hubbard Norton (1875-1953) and his wife Elizabeth Calhoun Norton (1881-1947). Norton was an industrialist who headed the Acme Steel Company in Chicago. He and his wife began collecting to decorate their home. They contemplated what to do with their art collection and eventually decided to found their own museum in West Palm Beach, to give South Florida its first such institution.

Flagler Museum in Palm Beach

Tuesday, May 17, 2022



Pay \$18.00 at the museum. Download Flagler App or use paper guide. Tour from 10:30 AM until 1:00 PM. We'll go see the Kapok Tree nearby.

Bus departs at 10:00 AM.

In 1888 Henry Morrison Flagler built The Ponce De Leon Resort in St. Augustine, FL.

In 1968 the resort was renovated to become Flagler College.

The affluent visitors arrived via the Florida East Coast Railroad (FEC). 1894 Royal Poinciana Hotel on the Intracoastal side of the island is gone now. 1896 Palm Beach Inn on the ocean was renamed the Breakers Hotel in 1901. A fire consumed the Breakers in 1903 and again in 1925. Present-day Breakers is rebuilt of brick and mortar.

On the Lighter Side...



The latest word at the pool is about a bear at LCG!

According to the rumor, bear scat was spotted by building 7.

If that were true, B'wana Bob would have the situation under control.

Exercise Group and Yoga will resume in the fall.



Hope to see you then. Have a healthy, active summer.



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What's Happening in May

Ongoing Events

MONDAY

10:00 AM Bus to the Beach

WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM Bus to Publix/Walmart

7:00 PM Bingo **AUD**

FRIDAY

9:30 AM Bus to Publix/Walmart

SUNDAY

1:00 PM Sunday Movies **AUD**

Special Activities

DATE	DESTINATION	DEPARTURE
3	Gardens Mall	10:00 AM
12	Ocean One	NOON
17	Flagler Museum	10:00 AM
19	Isle Casino	10:00 AM
24	Agliolio	NOON
26	Norton Museum of Art	10:00 AM
31	Waterway Cafe	NOON

Please make your own reservations for all lunch activities.

Sign-ups for trips will be outside the Activities Office. There will be no deposit required. All trips must have at least 6 people.

Also available:

Putting Green, Shuffleboard, Sauna, Billiards Room, Woodworking Shop, Library and Computer Room, Ping-Pong.

MAY MOVIES



May 1

House of D

Robin Williams, Lea Leoni

An artist revisits his life while reconciling with his Ex and 13-year-old son.

May 8

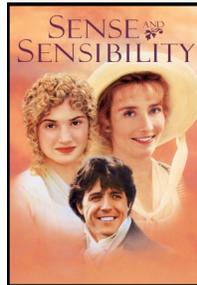
Mother's Day - no movie

May 15

Sense and Sensibility

Emma Thompson, Kate Winslet

A novel about the Dashwood sisters' chances of marriage seems doomed after Father's sudden loss of fortune.



May 22

Shall We Dance

Richard Gere, Jennifer Lopez
A workaholic breaks out of his mold and signs up for dance lessons.



No movies in June, July, August, and September.

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