

LAKE CLARKE GARDENS NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER, 2021



Welcome Back, Snowbirds

by Peter Toland

LCG is a diverse community of people of many ethnic backgrounds. We are also a community of part time and full time residents. We part-timers, or snowbirds, always look forward to returning to LCG each fall like schoolchildren who can't wait to meet up with their old pals.

Each year the fall season welcomes back our part-timers from wherever they may come to begin a wonderful season with our old friends, new friends, new owners and new renters. We all look forward to this time of renewal. Since many of our snowbirds left LCG sometime last spring, many changes have occurred at our wonderful LCG. We have a new amazing property manager in Jennifer Druce and a wonderful new controller in Marie Hartley who is keeping our finances in good order. We have new landscape beautifying our grounds and new patio furniture.



Some of us snowbirds have had a lot of pent-up travel demand to see far flung grandchildren or do the sight seeing we have put off because of COVID.

In my case, Gerry Toland and I got to fly out west to see the national parks of Utah - a trip we have put off for a lifetime. We spent two weeks traveling from Salt Lake City to Moab, and then the next week and a half visiting the five national parks from Arches to Zion. We had more OMG moments than I could keep track of. We are so blessed with the physical beauty of our homeland. We finished our "vacation" with our first visit to Las Vegas, where we managed to hang on to most of the money in our billfolds. Even though we come from a big city (Boston), the Vegas strip is just something to behold, more neon lights and more water fountains than we could imagine. It's worth a trip just to see the famous water fountain display at the Bellagio Casino. Just like in the movies.



We cannot wait to get back to LCG so that we can tantalize old friends with stories of our adventure. Looking forward to our first cocktail party at the West Pool!

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Summary Financial Report As of August 31, 2021 (Unaudited)

LIQUID ASSETS	Operating Unrestricted	Special Assessments	Hurricane Restricted	Activities	Reserves Restricted	Total Cash In All Bank Accts.
Cash & Investment Accounts	\$ 1,068,062.65	\$ 25,490.73	\$ 204,701.43	\$ 6,059.08	\$ 682,410.12	\$ 1,986,724.01
Less: Prepaid Assessments (All)	\$ (244,417.79)	-	-	-	-	-
Plus: Prepaid Utilities	\$ -	-	-	-	-	-
Restated Cash Accounts	\$ 823,644.86	\$ 25,490.73	\$ 204,701.43		\$ 682,410.12	-
Accounts Receivable	\$ 101,248.99	\$ 7,938.52	-	-	\$ 4,640.67	-
Net Liquid Assets by Type	\$ 924,893.85	\$ 33,429.25	\$ 204,701.43		\$ 687,050.79	\$ 1,986,724.01

Association Meetings

Agenda Meeting Oct. 13 10:00am Via Zoom
 Board Meeting Oct. 19 10:00am Auditorium and via Zoom
 All unit Owners are invited to attend

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, October 18, 2021 at 12:00 NOON.

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Property Manager's Report

It is officially fall! We are rolling into what is shaping up to be a busy season!

The annual tree trimming of all palms and hardwoods has been completed. The work began the week of September 6th and was completed on September 17th. S2F Landscaping did a wonderful job. Trees are trimmed to ensure they do not become a hazard, but also to ensure the integrity of the trees. They need to be cut in accordance with specific standards. S2F is owned and operated by a licensed arborist and they trimmed according to "ANSI (A300) Standards" which is the accepted industry standard for tree care practices.

As you all know, we have a new controller, Marie. She is working to streamline the ACH payment program to make it easier for you to make payments. ACH is done through your checking account only. We are encouraging everyone to sign up for the ACH program. Marie has updated the ACH form, which is available from our office, and from the website once you log in under the ACH Form tab, or you may email controller@lakeclarkegardens.com to request a form. Credit cards are accepted for one-time payments only. If you would like to use your credit card to make a one-time payment, please log into your account on the website or you may call the office at (561) 965-8487.

Pool Areas are being refreshed. The west pool area surface has been repainted. The west pool grill area has received some improvements too. Maintenance has built a new planter box to replace the rotting one outside the grilling area and a new stainless steel rolling cart has been ordered to replace the old wooden one. Seven new patio tables have arrived to replace the ones that were broken. All the furniture is being cleaned and repaired as necessary.

Fresh new mulch will be going down throughout the community. Mulching isn't meant to be done randomly; there is a correct time to do it. There are two times per year where it is ideal to spread mulch: spring and fall. Laying down mulch in the fall allows us to get an extra layer of insulation during the colder months. Many plants don't do well with cooler temperatures and that extra layer of mulch gives them the necessary insulation to survive the winter.

As a reminder: A running toilet isn't just a minor annoyance. All that water trickling down the drain might as well be money. Increase in water bills can mean an increase in maintenance fees or a possible special assessment. That's why it's so important to replace your toilet's flapper as soon as it fails. If you hear the water continuously running in your toilet tank or if it seems to take too long to fill, most likely you need the flapper, or the flush valve seal replaced. If the toilet occasionally flushes on its own, that too, can be a result of a worn-out flapper. If you have concerns regarding this, please contact your local plumber or the management office for a recommendation by the maintenance team.

Please remember if your unit is to be unoccupied for a period of time, (30 days or more) the LCG Office must be notified, and arrangements made for the monthly inspections. This is in the best interest of all unit owners. If you cannot coordinate a monthly inspection with someone, you can have the LCG staff perform the monthly inspection for \$10 a month which we can apply to your LCG account. Monthly inspection in your absence is a requirement of the Association.

You will notice all the staff in fresh new uniforms. They all look great in matching logoed uniforms. Their shirts are dry fit to keep them cool and dry in the heat, They also provide UV protection, as a majority of the time our staff is working outside.

We are looking forward to seeing residents coming back! Stay Safe!

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RULES & REGULATIONS

REMINDER

Our Security company has been instructed to focus on parking violations. Please remember:

- All Lease/Renters must register their vehicles with Lake Clarke Gardens Management Office and obtain a hang tag to place over the inside rear-view mirror of the vehicle.
- All Overnight Guests must register his/her vehicle with Lake Clarke Gardens Management Office and obtain a hang tag to be placed over the inside rear-view mirror of the vehicle. **UNIT NUMBER AND EXPIRATION DATE MUST BE FACING TOWARD THE WINDSHIELD.**

Failure to comply may result in the vehicle being towed at the owner's expense.



Sadly, the Pandemic is Still with Us

by Peter Toland



As I write this in early September, the pandemic in Florida is worse now than it has ever been. We have hit new records for deaths, hospitalizations and new cases. It begs the question: what happens if any one of us has a stroke, a heart attack, has an emergency from some other disease, or is involved in a car accident? Where would they put us if there simply is no more room?

We all know that there is a simple answer to this continuing pandemic: Get vaccinated. Unfortunately, Florida is among the many states that has a low vaccination rate, and many of us live in fear of the consequence of the decision so many have made to exercise their right not to be vaccinated. The sad reality is that many of our snowbird friends may not return until this pandemic subsides in Florida. Until it is safe. And many year rounders may not feel very safe in staying in harm's way.

May we all pray for protection from this dreaded disease not only for ourselves, but for each other, that soon our lives will be back to normal and that we can enjoy our wonderful LCG without fear of getting ill.

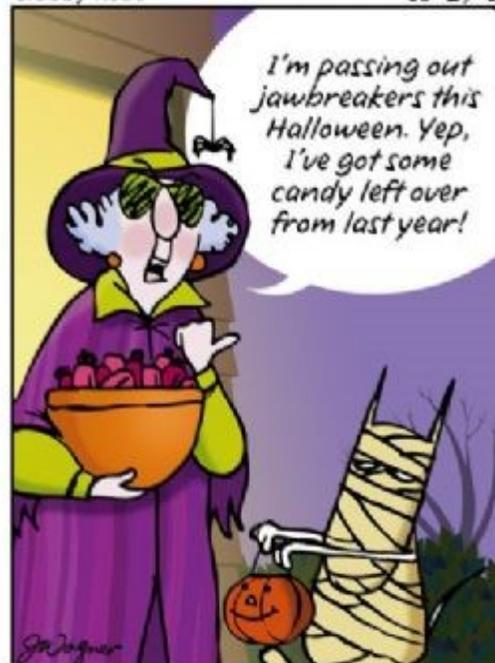
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Never Forget

Our flag was lowered on September 11 in memory of the victims of September 11, 2001 and the many people who responded heroically, including first responders and members of the military.

A joint resolution was passed on December 18, 2001, designating September 11 as Patriot Day and directing that flags be lowered to half staff.

Thanks to **Duane Burbank** for remembering.



Who Gives a Hoot?

Several owl decoys have been placed around the lake to discourage ducks and geese from "fowling" our walkways.

As a fairly regular walker in this area, I have noticed fewer droppings on the sidewalk. Is it a perfect solution? No, but every little bit helps.

In addition to the owls, several pinwheels have also been added. The motion is supposed to discourage them from landing.



Important Announcement

There have been many complaints about plastic bags in the recycle bins.

IF YOU BRING YOUR RECYCLABLE ITEMS IN A PLASTIC BAG, PLEASE EMPTY THE BAG INTO THE BIN AND THROW THE BAG IN THE TRASH.

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Looking forward to the fall/winter season, we are hoping this season brings more of our friends and neighbors back to the neighborhood!

The Communication Committee was formed in 2018 to keep our residents informed of events, activities and current news in and around LCG. Two separate surveys showed that most residents received most of their news via the newsletter.

With that in mind, when a new committee began meeting in 2021, some new ideas were introduced. We talked with Jerry, the editor of the newsletter, and decided a "Communication Corner" would be a great place to supply information. An email, **LCG.fyi@gmail.com**, was developed for residents to submit suggestions and ideas.

The committee is planning some town hall educational meetings with diverse subjects such as the importance of property insurance, detecting water leaks and available senior services in and around our community.

We would also take this opportunity to let you know that the Board of Directors is planning a food drive in the month of November to benefit the Palm Beach County Food Bank. This is a local agency that works to reach nearly 100,000 individuals in need every month. As the details are confirmed we'll keep you updated. There will be a collection box in the office. A list of the most needed items will be posted next month.

We're all looking forward to a healthy happy winter season!



Corner

Communication

WELCOME New Owners

- 9-212 Victorino, Sulina & Kathie Mendez**
From Florida
- 14-207 Cesar Costales**
From New Jersey
- 15-310 Xiodan Song**
From Florida
- 18-112 Emma Soler**
From Florida
- 19-311 John & Nilda Hatzigiannis**
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It's as easy as ① ② ③

① When you enter the site, you'll see this screen. Click the button labeled **Login/Sign up**



② You will now see a screen like the one on the right. Fill in the information under **Sign Up**, create a password, and click the **Sign up** tab. The office will then verify your information and send you a welcome email. Your account is now activated.

Already a member? Click here: **Log In**

Sign Up

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Password _____

Email _____

Sign up

③ Once your account is activated, when you log in you will see the same screen as in step 1. Click the **Login/Sign up** button. On the next screen click on **Log In**. The next screen will prompt you to enter your email and password. Once you do that, you're in.

On the opening page you'll find a row of tabs. When you click on a tab, a drop-down menu will appear like the example shown below. One of the most used tabs is the one labeled "MORE". This is where you can contact the office or send a work order.



We hope you'll take a few minutes to explore all it has to offer!

What's Happening in October

Ongoing Activities

MONDAY

10:00am Bus to the Beach

WEDNESDAY

9:30am Bus to Publix/Walmart

7:00pm Bingo

AUD

FRIDAY

9:30am Bus to Publix/Walmart

SUNDAY

1:00pm Sunday Movies

AUD

KEY

AUD— AUDITORIUM **CR**— Card Room

WP—West Pool **EP**— East Pool

Special Activities

DATE	DESTINATION	DEPART
7	Lunch at Josie's Restaurante Make your own reservation	NOON
14	Wellington Mall	10:00a m
21	Coconut Creek Casino	10:00a m
28	Lunch at Ocean One Make your own reservation	NOON

Sign up Sheets will be posted at Bulletin Board by the East Pool located by the Activities Office
Min. of 6 People—Max. 15 people.

Also Available:

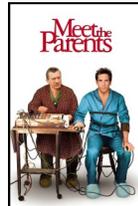
Putting Green, Shuffleboard, Sauna, Billiards Room, Woodworking Shop, Library and Computer Room, Ping-Pong.

OCTOBER MOVIES



Come to the MOVIES at LCG

Sunday 1:00 PM in the Auditorium



October 3

Meet the Parents

Robert DeNiro, Ben Stiller

A comedy about love conquering against all odds.



October 10

RV

Robin Williams

A road trip that becomes a bumpy and hilarious ride.



October 17

The Odd Couple

Jack Lemon, Walter Matthau

Two divorced men decide to share a New York apartment.



October 24

Murder on the Orient Express

William Defoe, Michelle Pfeiffer

Everyone is a suspect of murder on a lavish train ride.



October 31

Sweet Home Alabama

Reese Witherspoon

A married woman returns home to Alabama for a divorce, but finds this might not be what she wants.



PLEASE PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING.

The Center for Disease Control recommends 6 ft. of separation.

