

# LAKE CLARKE GARDENS NEWSLETTER

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## Returning to Normal

By Jerry Sauvé

The amenities are unrestricted, the pool furniture has been put back, and the office is finally open. The face mask mandate that has been in place in Palm Beach County since April 13, 2020 is over. Does that mean we are ready to return to normal? The experts tell us that we're not out of the woods just yet. We still need to practice safety measures, even though most restrictions are being lifted.



But what is safe? I was reading an article from *npr.org* about the new normal. Basically, it said is what's safe is an individual perception. Now more than ever, safety is going to look differently for different people, and it's important to respect the boundaries people create for themselves.

For you, going mask-free indoors post-vaccination might be freeing and joyful, but for your neighbor, it could be panic-inducing. Ask ahead of time if you're unsure about mixed social situations. Don't impose your level of comfort on anyone else, and be honest if you feel unsafe — even when that might feel extra hard when friends and family are ready to spread hugs all around.

According to a survey by the *American Psychological Association*, about half of adults are uncomfortable about returning to in-person interactions after the pandemic. Their concerns range from getting COVID-19 to communicating with friends, family and co-workers again.

More and more people are being vaccinated and the restrictions are being lifted. But still, people may be feeling anxiety or fear around potentially returning to normalcy or entering public spaces once it's safe to do so. Once you've been fully vaccinated, you can ease back into social settings slowly. Talk to your family and friends about your feelings regarding what you consider safe. Listen to their fears and concerns. It can ease your anxiety and help everyone take those small steps to the new normal that we can all be comfortable with.

*adapted from npr.org*

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# Treasurer's Report



There is no Financial Report this month. With the transition to a new controller and audit preparations, the report is not ready for publication this month's newsletter. Both the May and June Reports will be published in the August newsletter.

Thank you for your patience as our new controller becomes familiar with our procedures.



## Property Manager's Report

As a reminder the new 2021-2022 Budget takes effect on July 1, 2021. That being said, your maintenance fees will change starting July 1, 2021. Be sure to adjust your payments accordingly.

The coupons for maintenance fee payments were mailed out on June 10th, 2021. Most unit owners have received them. If you have any questions about your new monthly maintenance payments effective July, 2021 please feel free to contact the office (561) 965-8487 or email [Office@LakeClarkeGardens.com](mailto:Office@LakeClarkeGardens.com). Please remember to indicate your building number and unit number on your payment and what the payment is for so that it is properly applied to your account.

The new well has successfully been drilled by Parker Well and Drilling. The total depth of the well is 180 feet. According to Parker Well and Drilling the well is a very good well with lots of water. The new pump that was originally installed by Sullivan Pump & Electric has been hooked up on the new pump.

We have a new technician for Nozzle Nolen Pest Control. Chase, who had been coming to Lake Clarke Gardens for a long time has moved on to other opportunities. The new technician still comes on the regular scheduled weekday (Wednesday). However, he is now servicing LCG in the afternoons.

The Management Office has been opened to walk in traffic since June 7th. We ask that visitors limit the traffic to two (2) people at once to assist with social distance and allow us to properly assist individuals as they come.

Please refrain from putting in maintenance requests or reporting issues to the maintenance staff on property. Maintenance staff are busy handling their day-to-day schedule and addressing other projects. We want to be sure your requests are not forgotten or misplaced. Please be sure to utilize the Work Order process either online or filling out the form located at the Management Office.

We have had a lot of changes in staffing in Office Staff with a new manager (Jennifer Druce) and a new controller (Christine Burzynski). We understand that these changes may disrupt the regular flow of service, and we appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to implement standard operating procedures to help better serve the community.

The Office will be closed for  
Independence Day  
**Monday, July 5**



## With Heartfelt *Sympathy*

**Richard Doezema**, a 17 year resident at LCG, passed away at the age of 96. He was an active member of Lake Clarke Gardens, serving on the BOD for many years. Our condolences to Jan and the family.

### **Editor's Note**

Richard wrote a book called "Pa's Story: A Marine Reflects on War and His Life". There is a copy in the LCG Library.

**Due to the resignation of Jill Vales, there is a vacancy on the BOD. The Board has decided to leave that position open until the October Board meeting. If you wish to be considered as a candidate to fill that position, notify the Office by October 1, 2021.**

**Deadline for submissions in the August Newsletter is July 20.**

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## WELCOME New Owners

**3-204** Alex and Marina Litz  
*From Pennsylvania*

**14-207** Michael and Rose Badalucco  
*From Michigan*

**16-302** Kathryn Gall  
*From New York*

**17-107** Christopher and Katherine Champagne  
*From Rhode Island*

**19-203** Ali Muhsin & Sundus Muhsin  
*From Florida*

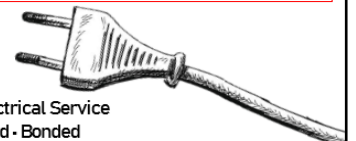
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## LCG Welcomes Our New Controller



### *Editor's Note*

*Christine Burzynski was hired to assume the duties of controller. She is highly qualified as you will read in her introduction. Here's what she has to say.*

I am delighted to be joining the team at Lake Clarke Gardens Condominium Association and to assist in building a better and brighter future for its residents.

My professional background includes experience in Audit, Bookkeeping, Finance, Operations, Human Resources, Management and Consulting. I have more than 20 years of

experience in diverse industries within the Public, Private and Not-For-Profit Sectors. My audit experience in a Big 4 CPA firm was a solid foundation that has led me into various roles that include being a Controller for Private and Not-For-Profit entities.

Originally from Michigan, I have lived in Puerto Rico and have been a Florida resident for the past 23 years. I enjoy music, dancing, reading, and cooking.

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## Arabian Planting Update

In case you haven't noticed, the aging Ficus along Arabian have been replaced by Clusia. The old Ficus plants were cut down and a local contractor was hired to grind the remaining stumps to allow the Clusia to be planted. In all, 663 stumps were removed.

So far, over 300 Clusia plants have been delivered and planted.



**Why Clusia?** It is relatively quick-growing, capable of adding two to three feet in height each year. Its thick evergreen foliage creates a dense hedge when the trees are spaced properly. It tolerates most soil conditions. It is also drought resistant and low maintenance. These plants are perfect to be used as hedges for privacy.



## Well, Well, Well.

Parker Drilling and Well has completed the drilling of the new well behind Building 7. They drilled 180 feet of a very successful well with lots of water. It is anticipated that the Association shouldn't have any issues for many years with the new well. Sullivan Electric has hooked up the existing pump and connected the well.

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# The Essential Guide to Hurricane Preparedness

From StateOfFlorida.com

Each year hurricane season begins on June 1st and lasts 5 months, with storms typically peaking in August and September. As with every hurricane season regardless of forecast, knowing the essentials of how to prepare could truly be a life saver.

**During a watch,** prepare your home and evacuation plan in case a warning is issued.

**During a warning,** carefully follow the directions of officials, and immediately leave the area if they advise it.

It is important to create a kit of supplies that you could take with you if you are forced to evacuate. This kit will also be useful if you are able to stay in your home. Some recommended items to include are:

- ◆ Non-perishable food (enough to last at least 3 days)
- ◆ Water (enough to last at least 3 days)
- ◆ First-aid kit (include any prescription medication you may need)
- ◆ Personal hygiene items and sanitation items
- ◆ Flashlights (have extra batteries on hand)
- ◆ Battery operated radio (again, have extra batteries)
- ◆ Waterproof container with cash and important documents
- ◆ Manual can opener
- ◆ Lighter or matches
- ◆ Books, magazines, games for recreation
- ◆ Cooler and ice packs
- ◆ A plan for evacuation, and for if family members are separated

If winds become strong, stay away from windows and doors and close, secure and brace internal doors.

In the event a storm should leave you without power, there are a few things to consider and help you be ready and stay safe outside of your normal hurricane preparedness.

- **Gas:** Make sure your tank is full in advance of the storm.
- **Cash:** Have extra cash on hand.
- **Cell Phones:** Charge your phone and limit use after power is out.
- **Water:** Fill bathtub and large containers with water for washing and flushing only.
- **Food:** Turn your fridge temperature down and/or freeze any food or drinking water that can be frozen if you expect a power outage.

## KNOW YOUR STORMS

**Tropical Depressions** are cyclones with winds of 38 mph.

**Tropical Storms** vary in wind speeds from 39-73 mph.

**Hurricanes** have winds 74 mph and greater.

## KNOW YOUR ADVISORIES

**Tropical Storm Watch:** Tropical storm conditions are possible in the area.

**Hurricane Watch:** Hurricane conditions are possible in the area. Watches are issued 48 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical storm force winds.

**Tropical Storm Warning:** Tropical storm conditions are expected in the area.

**Hurricane Warning:** Hurricane conditions are expected in the area. Warnings are issued 36 hours in advance of tropical storm force winds.

**Storm Surge:** An often underestimated and deadly result of ocean water swelling as a result of a landfalling storm, quickly flooding coastal areas and sometimes even further inland.



Tropical storms get a name when the wind speed near the storm's center hits 39 mph or greater. The storm becomes a hurricane when sustained winds around the center reach 74 mph or greater. It becomes a major hurricane, a category 3 or higher, when winds near the center reach 111 mph.

The names for the 2021 Atlantic hurricane season include Ana, Bill, Claudette, Danny, Elsa, Fred, Grace, Henri, Ida, Julian, Kate, Larry, Mindy, Nicholas, Odette, Peter, Rose, Sam, Teresa, Victor and Wanda.

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

### Edelmiro Roig



Edelmiro, or “Eddy” as he likes to be called, has been a janitor on the LCG staff for 23 years.

Eddy lives with his wife, a son, and the family dog. Watching movies, going to the beach, and listening to music are a few of his favorite pastimes. He also enjoys computers and the internet.

He describes himself as friendly, kind, and helpful. So be sure to say hi to Eddy when you see him on the grounds.

### Zacharie Dorristil



Zacharie, aka Zac, has been at LCG for just over a month. At the present time, he is responsible for cleaning buildings 15, 16 and 21–26.

He has a wife and son who live in Haiti and a daughter in France.

When he’s not working, he likes to read the news, take long walks and exercise at the gym.

Zac says, “I love all kinds of food, and I love ice cream”.

### Angel Riera



Angel is another one of our new employees. He has also been working at LCG just over a month. He has one married daughter and two beautiful granddaughters. The rest of his family is in Cuba.

When he’s not at work, he likes to rest, enjoy his family and spend time with his granddaughters.

Angel says he’s a hardworking man who likes to focus on his work. He adds, “I am of a very good character, responsible, respectful and I like to do my job”.

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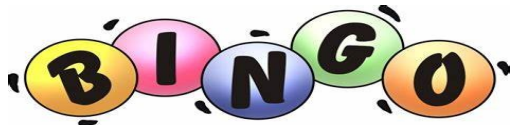
### Little known facts about the 4th of July

- The *Declaration of Independence* was not signed on July 4, 1776. That’s actually the day it was formally adopted by the Continental Congress, but it wasn’t signed by most signatories until August.
- John Adams believed that American independence should be celebrated on July 2, as that’s the actual day the Continental Congress voted for independence in 1776. Annoyed that Independence Day wasn’t celebrated on July 2, Adams reportedly turned down invitations to July 4 celebrations throughout his life.
- Americans typically eat 150 million hot dogs on Independence Day, “enough to stretch from D.C. to L.A. more than five times,” according to the National Hot Dog and Sausage Council.

4th of July



# What's Happening in July



Wednesdays at 7:00pm  
in the Auditorium

Face covering not required for those  
who are fully vaccinated.



The bus will continue to  
make trips to the grocery  
stores at the regularly  
scheduled time,  
Wednesday and Friday at  
9:30am, however seating  
capacity will be limited to  
adhere to social  
distancing guidelines.

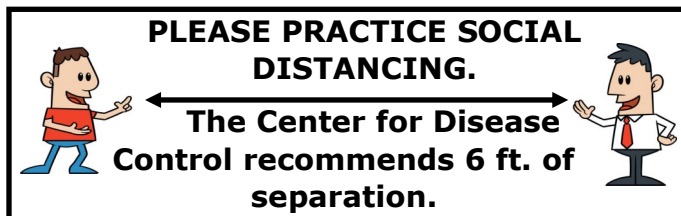
## Bus to the Beach

The LCG Bus will be  
going to the Lake Worth  
Beach on Mondays  
(weather permitting).  
The bus leaves at  
10:00am.



Anyone interested in  
going must sign up on  
the sheet posted on the  
Activities Office door no later than the Friday  
before the trip. A minimum of 6 people must  
be signed up for the trip to take place.

To adhere to social distancing guidelines, a  
maximum of 15 people will be allowed on the  
bus.



### Also Available:

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

## Special Activities

DATE	ACTIVITY	DEPARTURE
July		

8	Lunch at Ocean One <i>You are responsible to make reservation</i>	12 NOON
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15	Festival Market Place	10:00am
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20	Gulfstream Park Casino	10:00am
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22	Boynton Beach Mall	10:00am
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27	Lunch at Al Fresco's <i>You are responsible to make reservation</i>	12 NOON
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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.

