

LAKE CLARKE GARDENS NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year



2018

JANUARY, 2018

Happy New Year to all!

By Joyce Kirkwood

Maybe, in the year 2018, you will include in your resolutions to get involved in volunteering for our community and attending events sponsored by the Activities Committee.

It is also a time to thank all those who have volunteered in 2017. There are many who help in ways that some unit owners are unaware of, such as:

- * Library (books/puzzles) helpers
- * Morning exercise in the auditorium
- * Morning exercise at the west pool
- * Money counters for washer/dryer machines
- * Planners for shuffleboard, golf, movies
- * Trips to museums, plays, and concerts
- * Bridge/cards coordinators
- * Building representatives
- * Christmas sing-alongs, New Year's Eve get-together
- * Valentine's Day program/dance, karaoke
- * Atrium decorators, cruise planner
- * those who decorated their buildings for us all to enjoy
- * Bingo and Bingo dinners
- * Pool chairs/lounges repair group
- * Members of Board appointed committees
- * Board members



The Activities Office also provides breakfast and lunch bus trips, a monthly dinner/dance during "the season", bus trips to various Malls, a Fall and Spring Flea Market, as well as a Memorial Day and Fourth of July cookout celebration. Many volunteers help at these events.

These are just some of the ways volunteers are willing to give their time and effort for all unit owners. There is always a need for more help to provide these, and other activities for the LCG community.

Thanks to all of you for helping to make Lake Clarke Gardens a great place to live.

Hope we all have a great 2018.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Condominium Documents, sometimes known as Declarations, Bylaws, & Rules and Regulations are the self-governing documents for LCG's Association. At our November monthly meeting, the BOD voted to seek unit owners' vote to amend, or not to amend, the current Declaration regarding unit rentals at LCG.

For longer than twenty years LCG has allowed renting for a minimum of three months and a maximum of six months. Although the original LCG Declaration does not allow for renting, LCG has been following this protocol developed by a former BOD. Now we need to put this to rest. **The owners at LCG must officially amend, or not amend, the Declaration to either keep the HARDSHIP clause (meaning NO renting) or remove the HARDSHIP clause (to allow renting).**

What your vote means.
Remove hardship from the documents.

YES (YES allows renting)
NO (means NO renting)

What are some legitimate reasons to change the Declaration?

While most documents & bylaws are written thoughtfully and with the entire community in mind, the fact remains that at some point, many condos find it necessary to review their documents & bylaws, and change them if they're obsolete/outdated, unenforceable, or universally disliked.

The Proxy you will be receiving in January will ask you to vote on this. Please do not disregard your Limited Proxy. Your vote is NECESSARY to have a quorum to finally bring closure to this situation. Thank you for your consideration.

A **YES** Vote
Allows renting

A **NO** Vote
Means No renting

Association Meetings

All unit Owners are invited to attend

Building Rep.	Jan. 4 10:30am Card Room
Agenda Meeting	Jan. 4 11:30am Card Room
BOD Meeting	Jan. 9 6:30pm Auditorium

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, January 8, 2018 at 12:00 NOON.

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST RESULTS

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the LCG building decorating contest. The property looked better than ever this year. I'm happy to say that there were no reported injuries during the decorating.

First Prize
\$100.00
Bldg. 20A



Second Prize
\$50.00 Tie:
Bldgs. 15 & 21



Third Prize
\$25.00
Bldg. 24



Honorable Mention

Buildings 6, 14, 17, and 20B

Can't wait to see the creativity next year!



Property Manager's Report

The Christmas lights are up and LCG looks quite festive. We are having trouble with some buildings over powering their timers and breakers. Please check with Gonzalo when adding more lights to the systems. He will let you know the best places to plug in lights and will help you test that they are not going to blow a breaker.

We did an inspection of all the units in building 5 for leaking faucets and running toilets. Their water bill was high last month. We found no issues. **Please remember if you use the outside spickets on the building to shut them off, don't just rely on the sprayer at the end of the hose to stop the water.** If the washer on the hose is worn, the water continues to run. Also, if the hose decides to break in the middle of the night water will run all night. Save your water bill and be smart.

The First Notice of the annual meeting is out, so keep an eye on the information included in the letter, especially if you have intensions of running for the Board. Remember the staggered terms started, so there will only be 3 seats available for the election this time.

The Annual Meeting is February 13, 2018. Please make sure if you want to run for the board that you have the necessary paperwork in the office by January 4, 2018.

We have had a few vehicle break ins. People are stealing your change. Please lock your doors and remove any loose change from sight. If you notice any suspicious people please call the police.

Please note we have approximately \$31k worth of unpaid Special Assessment money for the paving & \$10k for Security Lights. We will be sending these to collections this week. So, if you want to avoid attorney fees please come to the office and pay your assessment.

Again, this month we spent unnecessary money on legal fees with frivolous questions that can be answered by the office. These letters are a total waste of time and attorney fees. Not that I enjoy researching but I'm cheaper than the attorney.

Please utilize the Website, Newsletter, Calendar, Channel 63 & the Bulletin Boards to keep yourselves informed on the happenings here at LCG!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Accounts Receivable as of November 30, 2017:

Total Receivables	\$ 135,743
Outstanding, Special Assessments	\$ 66,625
Maintenance, & Other Receivables	\$ 69,117

Cash Position as of November 30, 2017:

Total Cash:	\$1,054,688
<u>Less: Restricted for:</u>	
Spec. assessment:	(\$24,666)
Building & Common Reserves	(\$152,712)
Hurricane Contingency	(\$200,080)
Cash	\$677,230
Prepaid Maintenance	(\$89,351)
<u>Net Operating Cash</u>	<u>\$587,879</u>

Month

Monthly Maintenance Due	\$236,081
Maintenance Not Paid (Less than 60 days)	(\$13,058)
Maintenance Collected in November	\$223,023

2018 ANNUAL MEETING

- The LCG Annual meeting is set for **February 13, 2018 at 7:00pm** in the auditorium. At that time three people will be elected to the Board of Directors for a two year term. This year, you may vote for **NO MORE THAN THREE.**

If you vote for more than three, your ballot will not count!

In 2017 staggered terms were approved for the BOD. At that time four candidates were elected for two year terms. They are:

**Diane O'Shea
Jerry Sauve
Van Tocket
Ellen Varella**

WELCOME New Owners

6-306 James & Kathleen McLaughlen
16-106 Joan Tavalaro
19-305 Aaron E. Cohen

January 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Dec 31	Jan 1, 18 Administrative Office Closed 8:30am Fitness Walk (Auditorium) 9:00am Yoga (AUD) 3:00pm Putting Green	2 8:30am Fitness Walk (Auditorium) 10:00am Water Aerobics (West Pool)	3 8:30am Free Weights 9:00am Yoga (AUD) 9:30am Wal-Mart & 3:00pm Putting Green 5:00pm BINGO DINNER 7:00pm Bingo (Aud)
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Also available: Putting Green- ShuffleBoard Courts- Billards Room-Exercise Room-Woodworking Shop-Ping Pong

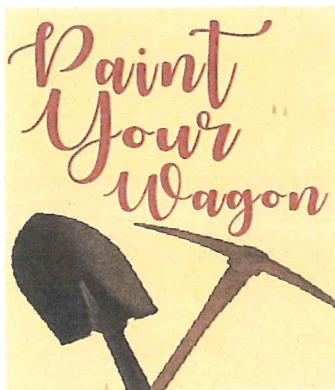
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	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p>4</p> <p>(AUD) 8:30am Fitness Walk (Auditorium)</p> <p>Publix 9:30am Breakfast Club (Mulligans on the Beach)</p> <p>10:00am Water Aerobics (West Pool)</p> <p>10:30am Bld Rep Meeting - Agenda to follow (Card Room)</p> <p>1:00pm Canasta (Card Room)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:30am Free Weights (AUD)</p> <p>9:00am Zumba/Finnish Zumba (Auditorium)</p> <p>9:30am Wal-Mart & Publix</p> <p>12:45pm Bridge (Card Room)</p> <p>1:00pm Mexican Train Dominoes (Card Room)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:30am Fitness Walk (Auditorium)</p>
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What's Happening

- January 4  Bus leaves 9:30AM
- January 9  9:30 Departure
- January 11  12:15 Departure
Lunch at the Paddock
- January 18 Breakfast club; 9:30 Departure
Cup and Saucer Bagel Shop
- January 21 Lake Worth Theater 1:00 Departure
"Paint Your Wagon" Dinner afterwards
- January 23  9:30 Bus leaves
- January 25  Bus leaves 1:00
- January 29 Neil Zirconia
- February 1 Breakfast Club; Eggscetera Café 9:30

**Trips require a \$5.00 Refundable deposit.
No refund for cancellation within 24 hours of trip.**



THEATER SHOW LAKE WORTH PLAYHOUSE (Dinner following the Play is optional)

PAINT YOUR WAGON

In California in 1853, Ben Rumson strikes gold and establishes a community in his own name. The show follows the progress of the town as hundreds of men come to dig for gold. But there's a problem, the town has no women! This is soon remedied and the town competes for the affections of too few women. Filled with gorgeous standards such as "They Call the Wind Maria," "I Talk to the Trees," and "Wind'r'n Star," Paint Your Wagon is Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe's sweepingly ambitious and surprisingly realistic take on freedom and family in the Gold Rush happy America of 1853.

Lake Clarke Gardens Bus will be used for transportation. Twenty (20) Mezzanine level seating tickets have been reserved for this show and will be available in the activities office on a first come/first served basis.

WHERE: Lake Worth Playhouse
DATE: Sunday, January 21, 2018
TIME: 2:00 PM (Bus departs at 1:00 PM)
COST: \$30 per person - (Includes show ticket and bus driver tip)

advance reservations required
sign up in the activities office by January 12, 2018.

KARAOKE NIGHT FRIDAY, JANUARY 12TH - 7 PM



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THIS IS ONE YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!!!

WHERE: Lake Clarke Gardens Auditorium
DATE: January 29, 2018
TIME: 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
COST: \$12 per person by January 24th
\$15 per person for late sign-up

Dinner will be served at 5:00 PM
Menu: Smothered Pork Chops over Rice, Vegetable
Dessert, coffee and water. BYOB

advance reservations required - sign up in the activities office by January 24th.
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The 16th Annual Finnish Singalong was attended by about 100 residents on December 14, in the cardroom. Keyboard music was provided by Thomas Lainkari, and several vocalists also performed.

During the break, coffee and "goodies" were served by several women volunteers. Santa even stopped by to wish us all a Merry Christmas.

Submitted by Joyce Kirkwood

Tour of the Palm Beach Historical Museum

Nov. 30, 2017

A group of LCG Residents wanted to learn more about the county in which they are residing currently, so they signed up for this museum tour. Our driver, Yuri, took us on the scenic route along Flagler Drive so we could view the elegant homes and yachts on either side of the Intracoastal Waterway and view the SAND Christmas Tree at the foot of Clematis Street.



The exhibit was "Shipwrecks along the Florida Coast". The Gulf Stream is the superhighway for ships along the coast. Stormy weather sometimes brings the ships too close and they wreck. Hence the name "Treasure Coast". This gave the Jupiter Lighthouse great importance.

We saw many artifacts and heard stories of Indians, mosquitoes and alligators. We learned about the early pioneer families; the Barefoot Mailman, who travelled the 136 miles along the beach from Palm Beach to Miami, (80 on foot and 56 in small boats) every week. We also learned the importance of our unique ecosystem.

Submitted by Sylvia Raftery



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Thank You



Exercise group wishing Susan Herbert a Merry Christmas and thanking her for all her work. Susan standing front right.

Submitted by Linda Numella



Interested in Arts & Crafts?

The LCG Arts and Craft club will begin weekly meetings on January 8, 2018 from 9:00 to 12:00. Come and join us for a time to work on your favorite craft. There is a one-time cost of \$5.00 which goes toward the Arts and Crafts show in the spring. Questions? Contact Lorraine Petroza at 561 357-3269 Or Elizabeth Wendler at 315 520-2548.

RULES & REGULATIONS *REMINDER*

LCG is a 55 and over community. In order to ensure our status as such, all owners must adhere to the LCG Declaration of Condominium, Article XIII which states:

"At least one person fifty-five years or more must be a permanent occupant of each dwelling unit, while any person occupies said dwelling unit. Persons under the age of fifty-five (55) years and more than fifteen (15) years of age may occupy and reside in a dwelling unit as long as at least one of the permanent occupants is fifty-five (55) years of age or older."

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JANUARY WEDNESDAY DINNER SPECIALS

- 3rd** Chicken Casserole with rice
- 10th** Ham, Mac & Cheese, Veggies
- 17th** Spaghetti and Meatballs
- 24th** Stuffed Chicken Breast, Potatoes, Veggies
- 31st** Polish Nite: Golumpkis, Kielbasa

Dinner Special \$5.00

And finally...

My New Year's Resolutions Through the Years

- 2012:** I will get my weight down below 180.
- 2013:** I will watch my calories until I get below 190.
- 2014:** I will follow my new diet religiously until I get below 200.
- 2015:** I will develop a realistic attitude about my weight.
- 2016:** I will work out 5 days a week.
- 2017:** I will work out 3 days a week.
- 2018:** I will drive past a gym at least once a week.