



2017 LOWofJ September / October Newsletter

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The LOWofJ & LOJ BUDGET MEETINGS were held at Keys-Caldwell on October 27th beginning at 4:00 PM.

The NEXT BOARD MEETING FOR LOWofJ will be held at 9:30 AM on November 3rd at the LOJ clubhouse.

Agendas are posted on bulletin boards and the www.lowofj.com website two days before each meeting.

BOARD BUSINESS

1. **2018 Budget:** The Board met to discuss the budget for 2018. Please note that agendas for all planned meetings are posted as required two days before the meeting. You will find the agendas on the www.lowofj.com website under BOARD.
 2. **Sinkhole:** A depression was detected in front of [714 Silk Oak Drive](#). There is dialog with the County to determine financial responsibility. However, for safety reasons the Board voted to move forward and have the depression repaired.
 3. **Tree Removal:** Ecological Clearing was awarded the contract to clean up the downed and unstable Australian Pines in the mailbox and pump house area.
 4. **LOW Mailbox Area:** Bids are being received and reviewed to paint / coat the concrete surface at the mailbox area. Bids for landscaping have not yet been submitted.
 5. **Pump house:** Renovation of the pump house is scheduled for the first week in November.
 6. **Entrance Signs:** The Board will move forward to refresh our entrance signs.
 7. **Debris:** Artistree is working on common grounds across our community to clean up the debris from Hurricane Irma.
 8. **Wasp Nest:** The nest was located under a walkway bench and has been removed.
 9. **Covenant Violations:** There were 43 letters that went out reminding residents to clean their roofs and pull the weeds in their shrub beds. This was not unexpected due to the recent rains.
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The association's attorney has begun legal action against three properties in our community.

10. **Community Garage Sale:** The community garage took place last weekend. Hopefully those who participated were able to sell before the rain began.

11. **Road Resealing:** Bids are forthcoming regarding the planned resealing and maintenance of our private roads. Watch for future communications regarding this effort.

12. **Noise Ordinance:** This is a reminder that there is a County Noise Ordinance in affect from 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM. Since we live in close proximity to each other, we need to be mindful of this ordinance.

COMMITTEE NEWS

ARC (Architectural Review Committee):

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS: No report.

LAKES AND WETLANDS:

Over the years we have received many questions from residents concerning the plants growing along the shoreline in our lakes and wetlands. The areas these plants are growing in are littoral zones. They are shallow, down-sloping shelves of the lakes in our neighborhood designed to support aquatic vegetation and remove pollutants from the water that will drain from Lake of the Woods of Jacaranda's storm water drainage system into Alligator Creek Conservation Area and ultimately into the Gulf of Mexico. The vegetation in the littoral zones absorbs the excess nutrients, prevents shoreline erosion and helps clean the water released into the water shed and shades the bottom of the lake to prevent the growth of algae.

Sarasota County requires 30 percent of the surface area of storm water retention ponds (our lakes) to consist of vegetated littoral zones. The county also requires a monitoring plan, a maintenance plan and a guarantee that 85 percent of the plants survive or that replanting be done. Littoral plants are not to be removed, mowed, or sprayed with herbicides. In some lakes the littoral shelves do not currently cover 30 percent. Aquatic vegetation is depth dependent and cannot grow in deeper areas of a lake. Therefore, the vegetation in a shelf may take years to propagate and fill in the boundaries it was designed to grow in. However, the vegetation cannot grow beyond the designated area due to the water depth.

If you have any questions please e-mail the Lakes and Wetlands Committee at suniparadise42@msn.com. Submitted by: Art Bradley

LECTURE SERIES:

PLEASE BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND NOTE CHANGES.

Color Your World, by Barbara O'Brien

RESCHEDULED: This lecture originally scheduled for October 19th was canceled due to the temporary shutdown of the LOJ clubhouse. We have rescheduled this event to Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 1:00 PM at the LOJ Clubhouse. Hope you can join us. Barbara's last lecture on color was well received and residents are still talking about how much they learned.

Flower Arranging in Your Home, by Judie Gollwitzer

This lecture is planned for Wednesday, November 8th at 1:00 PM at the LOJ Clubhouse. The focus will be on using silk flowers to enhance your personal decor. Flowers don't have to be a one-design-fits-all arrangement. Silk flowers can be expensive, so you'll want to learn how to buy them and how to arrange them so you can enjoy them in your home for a long time.

The Rise and Fall of Russia, and What They Want, by Dr. Boeke

TIME CHANGE: This lecture is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13th at 10:00 AM at the LOJ Clubhouse. Please NOTE the TIME Change. With

Russia dominating the news, you don't want to miss this lecture.

Weaving, by Donna McGinnis

NEW: Donna is a weaver and is interested in doing a demonstration for us in January. This lecture is developing. Watch for more information in the November / December Newsletter.

Mold Remediation without using Harsh chemicals

NEW: Richard LaPierre, from Bio-Science, an environmental services company gives lectures all over the country to both air-conditioning service companies and physicians. His message is for safe and effective mold remediation. His method has been proven to eliminate mold and leave the property safe to occupy after remediation. We are looking at March to invite Richard to speak to us. Watch for more information in the January / February Newsletter.

SOCIAL:

Game Night - Mexican Train

We had our first game night at the LOJ Clubhouse on Thursday, October 26th at 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Thursday seems to be a bad night for those who wish to play. After looking at the clubhouse calendar [Tuesday evenings are available](#). If you wish to play, call Judie Gollwitzer [941-497-6368](tel:941-497-6368), and I will make the change.

Holiday Dinner Dance

As you all know by now the dinner dance was canceled. If anyone wishes to plan one for next year, please let me know and I may be able to give you some suggestions. Usually events of this size are planned a year in advance, especially if you want a Saturday night or a great band. Since we did not receive any funding from the community to defray the cost of this event, next year you will need to think about having a fundraiser and earmark the profits for Social in the budget. Without holding a fundraiser to defray costs, I recommend not holding this event at a

country club because the cost of food, although delicious, is too high with the added cost of a \$600 band. If you want more information give Judie Gollwitzer a call at [941-497-6368](tel:941-497-6368).

THE HISTORY BENEATH OUR FEET

THE PALEO AND ARCHAIC PEOPLE:

In the July / August Newsletter we talked about how the land we call Florida readied itself for the coming of man. Evidence such as spear points, knives, victims' bones and the bones of the Paleo people themselves showed a migration to North America from northeastern Asia during the final Pleistocene epoch as it was called. These people became known as the Paleo Indians and inhabited our Venice area from as far back as 8200 B.C. Watering holes, now the areas we know as Venice Gardens, Higelville and Venice Beach, once made hunting doable for the Paleo Indians. With the spear's design (a hand-held, spear-fitted weapon with a trigger on one end) and their skill for throwing, they successfully hunted large pray such as mastadons and cave bears.

Archaeologists named the later Paleo remains they found, the Archaic People because their remains dated back to the Archaic period, from 6500 to 1200 B.C. As the climate grew warmer and the seas rose to what we know today, the food options changed. The Pleistocene animals became extinct and nuts and fruits were added to their diet. Descendants fished, collected shellfish and hunted the wild animals available. The coastal lands allowed plants and trees to grow producing berries and fruits.

About 2000 B.C. pottery would begin to cause cultural changes on the Florida peninsula. Archaeologists discovered an early and crude version made from sandy clay, tempered with fibers of Spanish moss or palmetto. Over time clay

tempered with sand, crushed limestone or shells was fired to create useful and attractive vessels. Decorations on the pottery through time, helped archaeologists learn about their culture.

Resource: (Janet Snyder Matthews book, Venice Journey From Horse and Chaise, published by Pine Level Press, Inc., Sarasota, Florida, 1989.)

Look for the NEXT HISTORICAL ARTICLE in the November / December Newsletter. Together we'll discover the land beneath our feet.

UPCOMING EVENTS

30th Annual November Arts Festival

DATE: November 4th to November 5th

TIME: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM both days

LOCATION: West Venice Avenue

<http://www.artfestival.com/festivals/downtown-venice-art-festival-venice-florida>

Concert in the Park

DATE: Friday, November 10th

TIME: 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

PLACE: Gazebo in Downtown Venice

FEATURED: Robin and the Retros

Annual Chalk Festival

DATES: November 10th through the 13th

PLACE: [610 Airport Avenue East](#)



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