

The Lakes

Lake of the Woods of Jacaranda Newsletter



Messages from Your Board

Notes from the Last Board Meeting...

"The Lakes" Newsletter

This is the first issue of our new newsletter. Our plan is to issue a new version of the newsletter monthly. It's going to be available to all master HOA homeowners in one of two ways.

The first distribution mode will be via email. To automatically receive the newsletter via email, you will need to login to the [Keys-Caldwell Website](#) and sign up for the "opt-in homeowner directory." Once you are logged in, you will need to click this down-arrow in the upper right corner of your screen:



A menu will pop out and you should select "My Profile". Then on the page that is shown when you do that, select the "Communications" tab.



UPCOMING EVENTS

LOJ Clubhouse Events (LOJ only)

6/14: LOJ Mixer Event (7-9pm)

6/21: Nibbles and Coffee Event (10am-11)

6/28: Sip n' Dip Event (5pm-7pm)

General Community Events

6/7: LoWoJ Board Meeting (10 am) @ LOJ Clubhouse

6/12: LoWoJ Architectural Review Committee Meeting (10am) at the LOJ Clubhouse

6/26: LoWoJ Architectural Review Committee Meeting (10am) at the LOJ Clubhouse





Finally, look a little lower on the page and you will see a button under the title "Email Notification Preferences" that is labeled "Broadcast Emails". Make sure this button is turned on. Voilà! You will now receive the newsletter by email every time we publish a new edition.

The second way to view the newsletter is to go to the [Lake of the Woods of Jacaranda public information website](http://lowofj.com) (lowofj.com). On the front page, inside the main menu, there is an option to view "The Lakes Newsletter." If you click that menu item, you will be able to view the newsletter there, as well.

[Digital Versions of the HOA Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions](#)

As announced at the May Board meeting, we have created digital versions of the association's covenants and usage restrictions. These new documents will make it much easier to read and find things in those documents that are of interest and use to our homeowners. To access these documents, you will need to login to the Keys-Caldwell website and select "Documents" from the main menu and then click on "association documents."

[Welcome Packet](#)

Now that Sally Green has left the Board and the community, Cathy Inzerillo has volunteered to maintain the Welcome Packet. But we're sure she would be interested in some help. If anyone wants to volunteer to help Cathy, please contact the Board.

Information about Policies and Rules

[Pets Leash Policy](#)

The Board of Directors of the Lake of the Woods of Jacaranda would like to remind all residents of the Rules regarding pets. Pets must always be on a leash when they are not on your property. Additionally, no pets are allowed in entire recreation area within the Lakes of Jacaranda. Please also remember that, if your pet needs to go #2, it is your responsibility to pick up the mess and dispose of it properly.

[Watering Restrictions](#)

LOWoJ residents are reminded that there are currently watering (irrigation) restrictions in effect. Lawn irrigation is allowed only one day per week, depending on your address. Click here for more details: [Unincorporated Sarasota County Watering Restrictions](#). Please keep in mind that many people walk during the early morning or evening hours. Please adjust your irrigation times if your sprinklers spray over the sidewalks.



Announcements and Events

It's "that time of year" again when we enter our annual storm season. I know, we all look soooo forward to that every year! To help us out, Sarasota County has created a very nice resource that assists homeowners in preparing for any potential storms that might be coming our way. You can access this information by clicking this link: [Sarasota County Hurricane Preparedness Site](#).

Are you looking for something fun to do in Venice this month? Here's a link to a great source of information on fund things to do in the Venice area! → [Fun Things to do in Venice](#)

Committee Information and Updates

We have several committees within the Lake of the Woods of Jacaranda master HOA. The most important of these are the ARC Committee, the Landscape Committee, the Lakes and Wetlands Committee, and the Compliance Committee and there are a host of more loosely organized social activities. In each issue of our newsletter, we will try to provide some informative updates from these committees and teams to help our residents understand and be aware of the things going on in our community.

Landscape Committee

At the May Board meeting, the new head of our Landscape Committee, Jim Schell, discussed several initiatives that his committee will be tackling:

The intense sun has been drying everything up. The Lakescene monuments need some care and renovation, and a meeting has been scheduled with Brightview to discuss the necessary steps. The grass on the backside of the decorative walls at the South entrance also needs attention. Irrigation schedules and sprinkler heads need to be adjusted so that common area sprinkler heads are not spraying onto the sidewalks and soaking walkers early in the morning. The Committee will be looking at other landscape companies to see what they have to offer.

ARC Committee

The ARC committee will be distributing new guidelines about the activities that require submission of an ARC approval request. This form will be placed on the Keys-Caldwell website and information about how to access the form will be provided in next month's newsletter.



Member News

Profile: Robert Last, Lake of the Woods of Jacaranda Board of Directors



Since joining the board in 2023, I've spearheaded several initiatives aimed at improving both efficiency and communications within the Board and with our homeowners. As a group, we are looking for ways to improve Board responsiveness to our homeowners.

This new newsletter is one of those initiatives. I am the member of the Board who oversees the newsletter production, with a lot of assistance from a dedicated team of volunteers that we've put together!

I've been a resident of LOJ since 2020. I retired in 2017 after spending 32 years working, initially in engineering and, eventually, as a senior executive in the automotive industry. I also spent 6 years on the Board of Trustees for the SAE Foundation. My wife, Ruth and I live on May Apple Way.

Volunteer Opportunities

The yard sale last month was deemed a success. However, we need a volunteer from our community who can organize the community yard sale in the fall. In the past, the event was organized by Patti Clark, who has now retired. Thank you to Patti Clark for doing such a great job!

If you or one of your neighbors is interested in taking on this volunteer role, please contact Rick Unger on the Board of Directors via the messaging center feature on the Keys-Caldwell website. It is in the left column, after you login.

Upcoming LOJ Clubhouse Activities (LOJ residents)

Every month there a number of activities for LOJ residents in the Clubhouse. These include the Monthly Mixer: BYOB and a dish to share; Sip & Dip: BYOB and a dish to share; Friday Coffee: this group is hosted; just show up and enjoy!

Also included in Clubhouse Activities are The Book Club, Mah-Jongg, Men's Poker, Pilates and Tai-Chi. You can check the LOJ calendar on the Keys-Caldwell website for the days and times for all the activities. Participating in the Clubhouse Activities provides a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and make new friends.



LOJ Social Committee Events

The Social Committee plans special events for the LOJ Community. At the present time they are planning to bring in a food truck in the fall (date is TBD). The entire LOWoJ community is invited for the food truck event. They are also hard at work planning an LOJ Christmas Party and are currently reviewing entertainment for that event.

All of these events are great opportunities to meet your neighbors and make new friends!

If you are interested in volunteering to help with any Clubhouse Activities or Social Committee Events please contact Mike Tighe (mikedeetighe@yahoo.com)

Tips, Health and Well-Being, and DIY Advice

Freeze grapes to chill your drink without it getting watered down

When it comes to DIY hacks, this one is a must-try. The next time you're making a drink that you don't want to be diluted by the water when it melts (such as white wine, lemonade, or orange juice) use frozen grapes instead of ice cubes. That way when it melts, your drink won't be watered down. Added bonus: frozen grapes are refreshing to eat during summer.

Wrap your cheese in parchment paper

Did you know that cheese lasts longer when it can 'breathe'? Rather than wrapping your cheddar up in cling wrap or tinfoil, secure it in parchment paper. (although you might want to put it in a food container to stop it from stinking up your fridge).

Clean your shower head. Tie a bag of vinegar around your shower head and leave it overnight

Simply put some vinegar in a plastic bag and tie it around your shower head with an elastic band, making sure that the shower nozzle is submerged in the vinegar. Leave it overnight and by the time you come back to it in the morning, all the limescale buildup should be gone!

Coming next month: Our new gardening feature!

Quote of the Month

While this quote is frequently attributed to Albert Einstein, the phrase can be traced back to John Archibald Wheeler, a prominent U.S. theoretical physicist whose research included work on general relativity and quantum information. Wheeler stated that he discussed physics with Albert Einstein "from time to time over a span of 21 years". Wheeler published a piece about Einstein in "Newsweek" magazine in 1979.

"In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity."



Wheeler stated that there were three additional rules of Einstein's work that stand out for use in our science, our problems, and our times. First, out of clutter find simplicity. Secondly, from discord make harmony. Thirdly, in the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.

The quotation arises from the third "rule", but these rules were written by Wheeler and not Albert Einstein. Wheeler was describing his reaction to Einstein's' efforts and accomplishments.

