

The Lakes

Lake of the Woods of Jacaranda Newsletter



Messages from Your Board

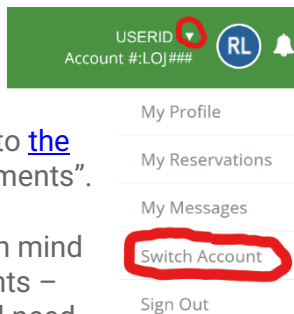
Notes from the Board...

We have received multiple notices of people not having seen the new newsletter. It is being sent to the opt-in email list. You must enable that setting in your master account (LOWLOJ###) on the Keys-Caldwell website to receive the newsletter via email. You can also see the newsletter on lowofj.com

If you have more than one person in your household, PLEASE make sure to share the newsletter with your SPOUSE!

Digital Versions of the HOA Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions

The digital version of the Lake of the Woods of Jacaranda Covenants and Restrictions as well as the associated version for the Lakes of Jacaranda have now been posted to the Keys-Caldwell website. To view these documents, you will need to login to [the Keys-Caldwell website](#) and select "Documents". Then, in the menu that appears, select "Association Documents". Please keep in mind that LOJ homeowners have TWO accounts – one for LOJ and one for LOWOJ. You will need



UPCOMING EVENTS

LOJ Clubhouse Events (LOJ only)

7/12: LOJ Mixer Event (7-9pm)

7/19: Coffee & Conversation (10am-11)

7/26: Sip n' Dip Event (5pm-7pm)

Pilates (every Tuesday 8:30 – 9:30 am)

Tai Chi (every Tuesday 9:45-10:45 am)

Water Aerobics (Mondays & Thursdays 10 am – 10:45)

General Community Events

7/8: LoWoJ Architectural Review Committee Meeting (10am) at the LOJ Clubhouse

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to select "Switch Accounts" back and forth by clicking on the small white down-arrow next to your account name (top right of computer screen after your login).

Information about Policies and Rules

Resident's Use of Easements Designated for Public Service Use and Other Restricted Areas

Recently, there have been increasing concerns about residents using (and activities taking place on) easements for public service use, and other restricted areas in our community. These areas are clearly marked as "no trespassing". You may not enter these areas, nor shall these areas be used by any homeowner for any purpose.

We further ask that you do not infringe on the privacy and enjoyment of your neighbors. Many of our residents purchased property to enjoy a view out over one of our multiple lakes. As the owners of those properties, they have a right to enjoy that view and their privacy. We are asking that their rights be respected.



Activities such as fishing may be conducted from common areas by residents of our community. Fishing from easements for public service, and other restricted areas such as preserves is prohibited. These areas are clearly posted.

The Board also strongly advises that, should you choose to fish, it is NOT RECOMMENDED by the Board of Directors due to the danger presented by the many alligators in our community and that you do so AT YOUR OWN RISK. Our retention ponds are designed to act as a filtration system for runoff and stormwater until it moves on to larger bodies of water. This means that the quality of the water and sediment is questionable – and, therefore, 1) it is very likely that the fish may be contaminated and unsuitable for human consumption and, 2) the water is not safe for swimming. If you decide to fish, the Board strongly recommends that you practice "catch and release" fishing only.

Next Board Meeting

The LOWOJ and the LOJ Board of Directors meetings (originally scheduled for July 5th) have been cancelled due to the holiday weekend and the resulting travel schedule issue.

Announcements and Events

Enjoy a free fireworks display on Independence Day! Launched from the South Jetty at Humphris Park, fireworks are visible from Venice area beaches, North Jetty Park and Snake Island. Humphris Park remains closed during the display.

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 clickable link to a great source of information on fun 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 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

Landscape Committee leader, Jim Schell, recently reported to the Board of Directors on the status of many initiatives that are keeping them very busy.

The Brightview contract has been extended for one year. Depending upon the vendor's performance, the contract may come under review at the end of that period. Our recent lack of rain has given us some clear indications of where inadequacies in the irrigation system exist and/or where repairs are necessary. In the past month, repairs have been made near the North Entrance. All of the irrigation system solenoids are being checked and repaired/replaced as needed, as are the irrigation controllers.

The Landscape Committee is currently reviewing plans for plantings in the monument areas. However, no action will be taken until the irrigation system is running properly.

Sidewalk inspections are also being done with respect to identifying trip hazards and other maintenance requirements. The committee will be looking for over-hanging branches and vegetation that impedes pedestrians on the sidewalks or blocks the view of both drivers and pedestrians at cross streets and crosswalks. The committee will also be investigating the possibility of receiving County grants for next year. Please make sure your sidewalks are clean. Home Depot sells [a rust stain remover](#) that will make the job fast and easy – and it will not require pressure washing!

There is a long list of projects, action items and work orders that need to be resolved. We are working on this as quickly as possible and we appreciate your patience.

ARC Committee

There are many projects around your home that require HOA/ARC approval before you start working. It's important that our homeowners be aware of this requirement.

The purpose of our Architectural Review Committee (ARC) is to ensure that architectural and landscape improvements in our HOA comply with our covenants and restrictions. The ARC-related rules and restrictions were established to set aesthetic standards and ensure that homes and features in our community comply with existing laws.

The ARC has developed updated guidelines to help homeowners through the process of improving their properties and to avoid potential compliance issues. These guidelines identify the types of improvement projects that require an application from the homeowner as well as the documentation that is required for ARC



approval before any work can begin.

The newly revised ARC guidelines and forms have now been placed on our management company's website. To access this new information via the Keys-Caldwell website, you will first need to login to your master account (see the instructions at the top of this newsletter for how to do that). Once you are logged in, [click on this link \(https://kcl.cincwebaxis.com/cinc/acc-requests/\)](https://kcl.cincwebaxis.com/cinc/acc-requests/) and you will be automatically redirected to the new Architectural Committee content. Alternatively, you can select "ACC Requests" from the menu (on the left side) on the Keys-Caldwell site. You must be logged into your "master" account (labeled LOWLOJ###, LOWLOP###, etc.), not your LOJ### account to do this.

The ARC meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 10:00am at the Clubhouse to review applications. An application must be submitted by the Friday before each meeting to be considered by the Committee. Homeowners are welcome to attend ARC meetings, but your attendance is not required for application approval.

If you are not sure whether your specific project requires approval, or if you don't know exactly what documentation is required to support an application, you can contact the ARC for assistance. The ARC has a mailbox for this purpose at lowojarc@gmail.com to answer any questions you may have.

Did you Know?



What was said during the first phone call ever? The first phone call ever made was short, simple, and to the point. On March 10, 1876, the inventor of the telephone, Alexander Graham Bell, uttered the first message ever transmitted over the phone: "Mr. Watson, come here, I want to see you." Bell's history-making call was to his assistant, the mechanic Thomas Watson, and it was not really a long-distance call; Watson was sitting by a receiver just a few rooms away. But when Watson came into the room and informed Bell that he had heard each word clearly and distinctly, it proved to both men that this groundbreaking new technology was a success.

The power of his innovation was immediately apparent to Bell. In a (click this link to read more) [letter to his father](#) recounting the event, the inventor predicted that "the day is coming when telegraph wires will be laid on to houses just like water or gas — and friends converse with each other without leaving home." Bell's vision, of course, proved to be a remarkable prediction. Bell's short phone call to Watson marked the beginning of a technology that quickly transformed the world. Although that first phone call was only between two people in the same house, the telephone soon allowed people to speak to each other from separate homes, separate cities, and, by 1927, separate continents.



Member News

Profile: Jeff Carman, Lake of the Woods of Jacaranda Board of Directors



Hello neighbors,

I'm Jeff Carman and I am the President of LOWOJ. This is my second year in this role and I have been a Board member for almost four years.

I graduated from Stetson University and began my career as a life insurance agent working in the area of estate and business succession planning. I am still very active in my practice.

When not working, I enjoy playing drums, guitar, and more recently clarinet. I enjoy traveling with my wife Sue across the world. I find the "old world" most fascinating.

This is a beautiful community, and it has been a pleasure serving on the Board. I look forward to working on your behalf in the future.

Volunteer Opportunities

Have you ever thought to yourself, "How can I help the poor and those who are struggling in this beautiful community?"

St. Vincent DePaul Society has a local group of volunteers here in Venice and Nokomis who are committed to helping individuals and families who are struggling to deal with the basics of daily life needing shelter, food, clothing, electricity, and more! In many cases they are without the support of family and friends.

You can help to serve the needs of the less fortunate and share in the joy of being a Vincentian. Volunteers are needed to: respond to telephone messages, schedule appointments with clients, meet with them, assess their needs and help them find solutions to their problems. The Society also needs help with recruitment of volunteers, and with fund raising events.

The job requirements are simple: Compassion, empathy, and a desire to help others.

If you feel like you can commit a few hours each month, please call the St. Vincent DePaul Society hotline number 941-493-2027 and leave a message.



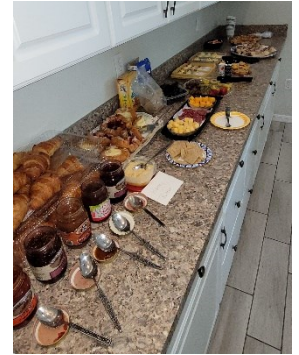
Upcoming LOJ Clubhouse Activities (LOJ residents)



Every month there are several activities for LOJ residents in the Clubhouse. These include the Monthly Mixer; Sip & Dip; Coffee and Conversation.



Also included in Clubhouse Activities are The Book Club, Mah-Jongg, Men's Poker, Water Aerobics, Pilates and Tai-Chi. If you are interested in joining in on the fun, here is some contact information:



Water Aerobics

Monday & Thursday 10-10:45 am. Bring a noodle. At the clubhouse pool. (Summer only, May-November: when water temp is greater than 78 degrees)

Contact: Helmine (helmine.junger@gmail.com)

Yoga /Pilates

Tuesday & Thursday 8:30-9:30 am bring mat, strap and weight, if you have them. At the clubhouse.

Contact : Patty (patricia2br@gmail.com)

Tai-Chi

Tuesday 9:45 - 10:30 am at the clubhouse.

Contact : Patty (patricia2br@gmail.com)

Book Club

First Thursday of the month 1 – 2 pm (October – May)

Contact: Lisa Gold LHGold246@gmail.com

Summer Contact: Joyce (jkl770@comcast.net) schedule varies in summer

LOJ Mixer

Every month on the 2nd Friday, potluck & BYOB at the clubhouse 7 – 9pm.

Contact: Joyce (jkl770@comcast.net)

LOJ Coffee and Conversation

Every month on the 3rd Friday, at the clubhouse 10:00-11:30 am, bring a mug. This event is hosted; just show up and enjoy!

Contact: Lynn (l.gnaegy@comcast.net)

LOJ Sip & Dip

Every month on the 4th Friday, 5 -7 pm. Potluck and BYOB at clubhouse.

Contact: Patty (patricia2br@gmail.com)

You can also check the [LOJ calendar on the Keys-Caldwell website](#) for the dates/times for all the activities.



Participating in the Clubhouse Activities is 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 a LOJ Christmas Party and are currently reviewing entertainment for that event.

These events are great chances to meet your neighbors!

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



How much do you know about our Sand Hill Cranes?

Greg Sanders, from our newsletter team, has prepared a great informative article for you!

We have two kinds of Sandhill Cranes in our community. The ones that are here year around are the Florida Sandhill Crane (*Antigone canadensis pratensis*), a subspecies which the state designates as threatened, with perhaps 5,000 individuals in the world. Then from the end of fall through around March or April they are joined by about 25,000 migratory Greater Sandhill Cranes (*Antigone canadensis tabida*) that overwinter here. The two kinds look identical but do not interbreed.

Florida Sandhill Cranes mate for life. They nest once a year, in the spring, with both parents building the nest in the grasses and marshy plants along our lakes and islands. They lay usually two eggs, taking turns incubating the eggs for about 30 days. If flushed from the nest, the parents may abandon it. Within a day after hatching, the young can leave the nest, walk, and swim. Their feathers are sufficiently developed to be able to fly after about 90 days. The young become independent of their parents after about ten months. They form breeding pairs at age two or three years, but rarely reproduce successfully until about age five. They can live for up to 20 years.



Although being hit by cars (they are fearless) or entangled in fences is a problem, the main threat to the survival of the species is loss of suitable habitat, when shallow marshy areas and lakes such as we are fortunate to have in our community get drained and developed to use for housing, towns, and farm fields. It is illegal to feed or disturb the cranes, including by scattering food or via birdfeeders, and hand-fed birds can become threatening. Cranes are placid, uninterested in people walking around. But if children or dogs disturb or threaten their young chicks, the parents will give chase and can do serious, even fatal, damage with their long sharp bill.



Recipes to Try

Are you looking for a tasty recipe for the hot, July weather in Venice? Here is a tip for a tasty [Greek Cucumber Salad](#) that might fit the bill!

July is a great grilling month! Here's a tasty grill recipe if you want to try something a little different. [Grilled Shrimp & Veggie Skewers](#)

Looking to do something different with chicken this month? Try this [Crunchy French Onion Chicken recipe!](#)

Quote of the Month

“If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants.” – Isaac Newton

Sir Isaac Newton, the renowned physicist and mathematician, wrote this famous quote in a letter to his colleague Robert Hooke in 1676. The quote reflects Newton's humility and recognition of the contributions of those who came before him. However, the story behind this quote takes an interesting twist. Newton had a complicated relationship with Hooke, with the two engaging in intellectual disputes and exchanging harsh criticisms. Some historians speculate that this quote intended to be a sarcastic remark, implying that



Newton's accomplishments far surpassed those of his contemporaries.

