

# LAKE IN THE WOODS COMMUNITY LETTER

## MAY 2021

### **Dear Lake in the Woods Owners & Residents:**

We hope this letter finds you and your families staying healthy and getting ready for a fabulous Florida summer!

**Annual Meeting Highlights:** As you know, due to the pandemic and health safety precautions, the 2021 Annual Lake in The Woods (LITW) Membership Meeting was rescheduled from January 2021 to April 17, 2021 on the Island, then again to April 24, 2021 because of rain. Approximately 80 owners were either present in person or represented by Proxies. The Board of Directors thanks all LITW owners in attendance for the coming to the meeting and those owners returning their Proxy to the Secretary. Those actions made the 2021 Annual Membership Meeting possible with a quorum. Two (2) thank-you shout-outs:

First: To the new owners joining the LITW Community in late 2019 & 2020 making the effort to attend the meeting for the first time.

Second: To residents Isabelle Maye and Vanessa Zagaeski, for assisting the Board Secretary with setting up and checking-in residents as they arrived and answering any questions. Both helped make the process run smoothly and quickly.

After delivering her opening remarks, President Yvonne Caskey turned the meeting over to the each of the Directors for an update to Owners present on their responsibilities and efforts over the past year. Below are some of the highlights from the meeting:

***Current LITW Projects:*** Information regarding the timing and costs for the front gate entrance and drainage project were discussed. Both projects are close to completion and the Board of Directors thanks all residents for their patience as the Contractors head into the home stretch with both projects.

***2022 LITW Budget Important Date:*** LITW 2022 Budget will be discussed at the October 14, 2021 Board Meeting scheduled for 7:00 PM at Regency Oaks Clubhouse, located at 4445 Breakwater Boulevard. Watch the kiosks for more information as the October draws near.

***Recreation:*** Recreation Committee Chair S. Nielsen informed everyone that the ***LITW Community events are back starting July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021!*** The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration consists of a residential parade, a BBQ on the island, and activities for both kids and adults. There will be more detailed information posted at the kiosks in June. Residents in golf carts, motorcycles, bicycles, and even wagons can join in the celebration parade. Decorations are optional. Participation as a spectator is encouraged as the parade winds its' way around

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Lake in The Woods and River Birch Drives ending at the Island for the festivities. There will be more detailed information posted at the kiosks in June.

All events are everyone-friendly and some include: Family Movie Night (on the Island), Turkey Trot, and other Spring, Fall, and Winter Festivities. There will be more detailed information posted at the kiosks and emailed to residents for each event.

**Board Changes:** There have been no Board member changes since November 2020. At the required Organizational Meeting held immediately after the Annual Membership Meeting, all Executive Board Officers were retained by unanimous vote:

President – Yvonne Caskey  
Vice-President – Paula Morton  
Treasurer – Mary Ellen Caesar  
Secretary – Constance Croak

In an effort to get back to LITW regular scheduling of the Annual membership Meeting in January of every year, the next Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled in January of 2022. More information will be forthcoming.

**LITW Policy Consolidation:** In an effort to identify and consolidate LITW Board Policy enacted through the years, President Yvonne Caskey reviewed the Policy List with residents. **(Attached)** The list will remain posted at the kiosks for residents' review until the middle of May and are also posted online at the LITW Website indefinitely. These policies are NOT outlined in the LITW OA Covenants, however, fall within the Board of Directors purview with a majority vote of Board Members. These Policies were voted on at the April 10, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

\*\*\*\*\*Please note that the most recent addition to the Policy List: **Dusk to Dawn closure of the recreational area and island.** **EXCEPTIONS:** Special events and overflow parking with notice. Planned resident events are welcome to both locations, just let Access Control know if your event will be ongoing after sunset at those two locations. Thank You!

**Neighborhood Watch** – Board of Directors is in the very early stages of exploring and implementing a Neighborhood Watch Program. Stay tuned!



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### **RECURRING REMINDERS:**

**Dog Owner Reminders:** LITW Board and residents want to remind **all dog owners** that in accordance with Hernando County Code: 1. All dogs must be on a leash when outside owner's property. 2. Pick-up any dog poop or other excrement left by your pet in any area of LITW, this includes Resident and Community common areas. The LITW Board suggests residents whose properties are being violated to take a picture (if possible) of the animal, owner, and location of violation. **Call Hernando County Animal Services at (352) 754-6830 and Press 1.**

**Front Gate Reminder:** To avoid a backup at the front gate, please submit a guest list with names prior to your event. Multiple tie-ups regularly occur at the front gate, in addition, residents are having to contact the front gate for guest confirmation on the spot, which can also cause a tie-up traffic for other residents. Thank you!

**General Reminder:** As residents we may see something going on in our Community that seems out of sorts or unusual. Chances are what your seeing isn't normal and may need action. If you see something say something---Call the Sheriff.

### **RESIDENT NEWS SECTION**

**Attention All Motorcycle Riders:** Interested in getting together with other LITW residents for a planned ride? Call Bob Hayward at 727-808-7187 for more information.

**Fund the Fountain Event:** A group of residents have formed an event/funding committee in an effort to fund the cost of a new fountain at the front gate. The first indoor/outdoor fundraiser with silent auction is calendared for early July. The Fund the Fountain Committee is seeking *donated items or services* for bidding by LITW residents to help contribute to the fountain costs. *If you would like to donate or help on the committee, please call Donna McDonald at (678)-710-1948.* If no answer, please leave a message and she will call you back. More information about this event and other ways to donate to the fountain will be posted at the kiosks.

Thank you for following current gate protocols when asked, it helps keep the Access Control gate running smoothly and the personnel safe and healthy!

Your OA Lake in the Woods Board:

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Director - Marty Martino  
Director - Wayne Gardner  
Director - Bob Schneider  
Director - Dan Russack  
Director – Anthony Dedea