

The Lakes



Welcome to all new residents!

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November Community Events:

HOA Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 28 at 7pm.

Budget meeting immediately follows at 8pm.

Residents are encouraged to attend; a portion of the agenda is set aside for homeowner questions.

Holiday Craft Bazaar and November Meet and Greet

Saturday, November 4th from 9am - 1pm

Fall Community Yard Sale

Saturday, November 11th from 8am-2pm

Thanksgiving Pot Luck

Sunday, November 19th from 5pm-7:30pm

HOA Office Hours

Monday	9:30am - 2pm
Tuesday	9am - 2pm
Wednesday	9am - 2pm
Thursday	2pm - 7pm
Friday	9am - 2pm
Saturday	9am - 12pm

Gym

4am - 10pm

Recreation Room

9am - 10pm

Swimming Pool & Tennis Court

8am - Dusk

Valencia Lakes Contact Information

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HOA Office

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Entry Gate Hotline (leave a message if no-one answers)

HOA Office: 239.352.9213

Vision Management: 239.561.1444

Property Manager

Simon Coulls 239.561.1444

When contacting Mr. Coulls, please leave your name, address, phone number and community name.

Official Website of Valencia Lakes Homeowners Association

www.visionassociationmanagement.com/valencia/

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Letter from the Board President, Jackie Forbes



Dear Valencia Lakes Neighbors,

It is my pleasure to announce the addition of Victoria Whalen as the new Valencia Lakes HOA Administrative Assistant. She comes to us with a strong background in customer service and property management. She is doing a great job!

Residents are invited to use the new pool furniture including chaise lounges, small side tables, and two large rectangular dining tables with chairs at our lovely Community Pool. The additional outdoor furniture will make your visit to the pool more convenient plus they add a sense of pride of ownership.

The pool filter was damaged as a result of Hurricane Irma and was essentially rebuilt from the ground up by the HOA pool maintenance company. Debris and organic material stains were removed. Multiple applications of chemicals over a two week period removed the stains from the pool surface. Then two of the heaters went out and had to be repaired. Kudos to John Rainment for his hard work and restoring the pool to its glistening and safe condition.

As you know, Valencia Lakes is a private gated community so we will not receive Collier County debris removal services until the end of cleanup which could take months. You are encouraged to work with your landscaper or use the regular Collier County Waste Management services to remove debris from your property. A notice was sent out to residents from the HOA office with the County's requirements for yard waste removal. Please do your best to return our community to its pre Hurricane condition as quickly as possible. Thank you.

The HOA Landscape Company removed two downed live oak trees that were blocking the street on Orange Grove Trail the morning after the hurricane. The next efforts were focused on clearing off the ADA accessible sidewalks for the entire community including Randall Blvd. Tree stumps and debris were removed from the common areas.

Many of the plantings in the garden beds were destroyed. Examples of the destruction include the beautiful bromeliads and hanging purple queen in the large planters at the front

gate which were torn out by the strong winds. The crotons and flowering trees at the back gate were also wiped out. To remediate, All American Landscaping Company cleared the debris, replaced many of the plantings and planted an additional 300 or so new plants to spruce up the Clubhouse, front and back gates, and the parking lot.

This was accomplished while the irrigation system was torn apart from the tree roots as they were uprooted. Sincere appreciation goes out to Kevin McKenzie and community volunteers who hand watered the new plants until the irrigation system was repaired.

The gates were inoperable due to hurricane damage and the company is working diligently to fix them. Hopefully they will be in excellent working condition soon.

Reminder to all residents and volunteers that the HOA Board of Directors approved a new Committee Policy Manual that provides structure and guidelines for the purpose and scope of the Committees including an Application, Code of Conduct, Confidentiality Statement, and Code of Ethics. Most HOAs have clearly established policies and now Valencia Lakes has them in place.

This will help the HOA Board of Directors achieve its goals and protect our residents and volunteers. Please consider volunteering to assist your community and submit your application and signed forms by November 21, 2017. The Board will vote on appointments to Committees at the November meeting.

On Saturday, the Social Committee sponsored a fantastic children's Halloween Party. The costume contest was great fun! Thank you to the volunteers for providing such joy to our children.

Welcome to Kathy Schwegel who has agreed to serve as the new editor for the combined HOA and Social Committee Newsletter. A special thanks to Kathy for stepping up.

The proposed 2018 Budget will be distributed to residents for your review. The Budget Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28 at 8:00 pm following the regular HOA Board Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Respectfully,

Jackie Forbes

Regular curbside collection of yard debris.

As we are still waiting to have Collier County come in and pick up hurricane yard debris, this is another option to have it picked up to avoid having it sit out for an extended period of time. There are three (3) ways you can put it out and you will also need to contact Waste Management 24hrs prior to the bulk trash pick-up day to let them know you have it out to be picked up. The number to call is (239) 252-2380 for pick up.

Bundle - must weigh less than 50 pounds, no longer than 4 feet in length and branches larger than 4 inches in diameter. Also must be securely tied with twine.

Container - 32 gallon personal containers may be used. Containers must be less than 50 pounds and yard waste may not extend more than 12 inches over the top of container.

Bag - Use only paper yard waste or paper grocery bags. Plastic bags are not accepted.

Limit yard waste to a combination of no more than 10 bundles, paper bags, or personal containers to be collected at one time. Do NOT place yard waste in your trash or recycle bin. Yard waste will not be collected if not properly prepared.

Upcoming Local Events

Farmer Mike's U Pick Fall Festival and Corn Maze!

Nov 3 - 5 · Farmer Mikes U Pick · Bonita Springs

More info: goo.gl/Q8NeKZ

Farmer Mikes U Pick will be having their 3rd annual Fall Festival and Corn Maze. There will be photo opportunities, games, food and drink available for purchase, a hay ride and the much anticipated corn maze! Costumes are welcome but be aware that the corn maze can be a little dirty. Flashlights, glow sticks and lanterns are welcome. Bug Spray is also recommended.

Naples Fall Carnival in Golden Gate City

Nov 3 - 5 · Golden Gate Community Center · Naples

More info: goo.gl/HVsHmc

A Fall Carnival will be held at the Golden Gate Community Center complete with rides and your favorite carnival food and treats! Discount tickets available at local stores in Golden Gate City area or on day of event at Golden Gate Community Center. Free to attend! Ticket and rides pricing still be finalized.

North Naples Fire Department Halloween Party and Costume Contest

Nov 4 · 5 -8 PM · Veterans Park, Fire Station 45 · Naples

More info: goo.gl/ztKka5

Free to attend! Costumes are strongly encouraged! Come out to the North Collier Fire Rescue District Station 45's annual Halloween costume party and open house! There will be games, prizes, fire demonstrations and food! For more information, please call the Fire Station at (239) 597-3222.

Naples Autoberfest Food Truck Wars

Nov 5 · 11 AM · Vanderbilt Farmer's Market · Naples

More info: goo.gl/vYC9G6

The Naples Pelican Bay Rotary Club will be hosting a Food Truck War at the Shoppes of Vanderbilt! There will be over 40 food trucks competing in categories including: Casual Cuisine, Delectable Dessert, People's' Choice Award, Top Food Sales and Ticket Taker Award. Also at this event will be:

- 100+ Exotic and Luxury automobiles competing for \$500 Cash
- Fire Truck Pull Contest, teams competing to pull an actual truck
- Kids Zone
- Entertainment including live local music.-
- Craft Beer Garden featuring top local brewers
- VIP Wine Cave which include complimentary wine tasting and Stella beer, silent auction, raffle, hand-rolled cigar booth.

Santa's Wonderland Grand Opening

Nov 11 · 5 - 8 PM · Bass Pro Shops · Fort Myers

More info: goo.gl/t63TX3

Santa Claus is making his list and checking it twice, and hanging out with Bass Pro Shops of Ft. Myers to discuss who's been naughty AND nice! Santa Claus will arrive at Bass Pro Shops on November 11th at 5:00pm. Join us at the front entrance as we await his arrival by boat! We will be handing out hot chocolate and cookies, and signing people up for a chance to win a \$25 Bass Pro Shops gift card! Thats right. We will be giving away 5 \$25 gift cards between 5:30pm and 7:30pm to a few lucky moms and dads!! The details are still coming together, so like this post to keep yourself updated on who and what is going to happen!! Trust us....you DEFINITELY want to be here!

Naples Old Florida Festival

Nov 18 - 19 · Collier County Museums · Naples

More info: goo.gl/is2Jdd

Time travel back over 10,000 years of South Florida history at one of the largest and most popular living history gatherings in the state. This two-day festival features over 90 historical reenactors, craftworkers, demonstrators, folk musicians and storytellers depicting everyday life on the Southwest Florida frontier, from Calusa and Seminole Indians to World War II. This year's event includes a Spanish fort and garrison, complete with mounted Conquistadors, cannons, a missionary, displays and a Spanish colonial cooking demonstration. Sponsored by the Friends of the Collier County Museum.

Fort Myers Edison Fall Garden Festival

Nov 18 - 19 · Edison & Ford Winter Estates · Fort Myers

More info: goo.gl/sBbfzT

2 Day Event! Saturday, November 18th: 9am-5pm & Sunday, November 19th: 9am-4pm. Free to the public! Throughout the Edison & Ford Winter Estates public gardens and under the Banyan Tree, the Garden Shoppe will be selling unique tropical heritage plants and trees and will be joined by many vendors from across Florida. Gardeners will be delighted at this one stop shopping for unique garden items including flowering trees, unusual tropical plants and fruits, bougainvillea, orchids, roses, bromeliads, palms, cactus, herbs, bonsai, bamboo, fruit, ginger and butterfly plants as well as garden art, honey, and gardening supplies. For more information, please call (239) 334-7419.

Naples Mystic Faire

Nov 25 · 10 AM · Études De Ballet & Co · Naples

More info: goo.gl/88FtJj

The Mystic Faire is a bi-annual event that features over 60 exhibitors with more than 25 wonderful psychics offering mini readings in mediumship, tarot, palmistry and astrology. There will be vendors selling unique crystals, jewelry, goddess clothing, candles, flower essences, angel art, body products, healing tools and other gifts. There will also be a group of healers offering reiki, massage, energy work and other unique healing methods. There will be an aura photographer taking pictures and giving and interpretation of your aura all day. Free lectures will be taking place throughout the day and raffle drawings will be held every hour. Food and beverages will be available for purchase including a vegetarian selection of soups and sandwiches. We're having a food drive for a local food bank, please bring your non-perishable foods to donate. Our food banks need your help. For more information, please call: (239) 949-3387 or email: canbria@aol.com

Community Rules/Reminders

Nuisance & Vandalism

If you experience vandalism or have a nuisance issue such as excessive noise by a neighbor, notify the CCSO (Collier County Sheriff's Office) at 239-252-9300, the non-emergency number. **Do not call 911 unless it is a true emergency.** Once reported to CCSO, notify the HOA office where your information will be forwarded to Vision for a Nuisance Violation Letter. Upon the third visit to a residence for a complaint, CCSO will issue the occupants a ticket. The HOA is not a law enforcement agency.

Do not cut the littorials planted along the lake bank

Homeowners, please talk to your landscaper and let them know not to cut, weed whack or remove the littorials planted along the lake bank. The plantings are part of the lake bank erosion project. Since this is a lake bank mitigation issue, the homeowner will be held responsible for the cost of replacement of any littorials being removed.

WARNING: Do not let your children or pets play near the lakes

If an alligator becomes a nuisance, **you**...the resident must call the Florida Fish and Wildlife at 866-FWC-GATOR / 866-392-4286. They will ask **you** questions about size and nuisance issues.
<http://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/managed/alligator/nuisance/>

Key Fobs

Upon selling your home in Valencia Lakes, the Key Fob may be transferred to the new owners, whether purchased from you or simply passed on as part of the real estate transaction. However...upon the sale of your home, the Key Fobs will be deactivated and then reactivated upon the new owners registering with the HOA at the Clubhouse office.

Read & Heed

Have you noticed the 5 MPH sign that has been added on the right side of the street, when exiting at main exit at Randall? When the exit metal gates are open, please drive 5 mph when passing through. This gives the loop detector sensor time to determine there is a vehicle passing by the exit metal gates and to open up. If you exceed the speed limit, your vehicle may be damaged by the metal gate.

Please be a responsible dog owner; pick up after your pooch

The HOA office has received several complaints about residents not cleaning up after their dog leaves a "present."

Packages being stolen from homes after delivery.

We have received a few reports on UPS packages being stolen from homes after delivery. Here are a few tips to deter this sort of crime from happening.

- Choose a shipping option so you have to sign for delivery.
- Ship the package to another location if you aren't generally home such as your office or a neighbor/friends' home.
- Leave special instructions where to deliver packages if you are not going to be home.
- Choose "delivery pick up" so they hold your package rather than leave it on your doorstep.
- If you live in a building, set up a way to have neighbors hold each other's' packages rather than leave them in a common area.
- Insure your packages, just to be safe.
- Get a mailbox at the post office or a local shipping store

If a package is stolen please call the Collier County Sheriff's Office at 239-252-9300 and report the theft.

SEE IT, SAY IT, MAKE THE CALL

Upcoming Community Events: December 2017

December "Meet and Greet," Saturday, December 2nd from 9-11am at the Clubhouse

Meet your neighbors and enjoy complimentary coffee, tea, muffins, juice, and other breakfast goodies. For a fun holiday twist, wear your "ugliest" holiday sweater and bring a few homemade cookies to share.

Children's Holiday Party, Saturday, December 9th from 12-3pm at the Clubhouse.

There will be snacks, hot chocolate, holiday crafts, games, music, and a very special visitor from the North Pole with an extra special surprise for each child.

Comedy Show, Saturday, December 16th from 12-3pm at the Clubhouse.

Tickets are \$15. \$300 of the ticket sales will be donated to charity. The Social Committee will provide appetizers. BYOB. This event is sponsored by Kevin E. McKenzie & All American Landscaping Services. To purchase tickets, please contact Kevin at akmbco@gmail.com or 239-216-0232.

Holiday Lights Contest, Sunday, December 17th.

Celebrate the season and show off your inner Clark Griswold! Winners will each receive an American Express Gift Card and a lovely lawn sign to display. Winners will be judged on the following categories:

- Best Decorated Two-Story Home
- Best Decorated Single Story Home
- Best Theme

Christmas Caroling, Date and Time for this Event to be Determined.

Please look for a future e-mail blast for more information on this event. Meet at the Clubhouse and enjoy some cookies and hot chocolate before we start caroling.