

# The Lakes

Valencia Lakes Community Newsletter

December 2017

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**Welcome to all new residents!**

## HOA Board Meeting

**Tuesday, December 12th at 7pm**

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

## Social Committee Calendar of Events December 2017

### December "Meet and Greet,"

**Saturday, December 2nd from 9-11am**

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**

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**

Tickets are \$20. \$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](mailto: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

## 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

Valencia Lakes, 2700 Orange Grove Trail, Naples, FL 34120

Office Assistant: Victoria Whalen  
Patti Hatfield (Saturday Only)

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The Lakes Newsletter: [newsletter@valencialakesorangetree.org](mailto:newsletter@valencialakesorangetree.org)

### 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/](http://www.visionassociationmanagement.com/valencia/)

### Board of Directors Contact E-mail

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## Letter from the Board President, Jackie Forbes



Dear Valencia Lakes Neighbors,

The holidays are upon us! Such a lovely time of year to be living in our community. Many of our neighbors have decorated their homes with beautiful displays that are a joy to behold. The Social Committee will hold the Holiday Lights Contest for residents on Sunday, December 17th. New this year to the contest are three judged categories including Best Decorated Single-Story Home, Best Decorated Second-Story Home, and Best Theme. Good luck to all who enter the contest. Thank you to the volunteers who are organizing this festive event.

In November, Valencia Lakes streets received newly painted lines, crosswalks, and slow signs to enhance safety. Collier County hurricane debris clean-up came earlier than expected after a personal visit to Commissioner McDaniel's office as a follow up to numerous phone calls, e-mails, and granting permission to the County to enter our private community. We sincerely appreciate the efforts of Sue Folsom, Aide to Commissioner McDaniels of District 5 and to Delia Camacho, Interim Director of Solid & Hazardous Waste Management Division of the Public Utilities Department for placing Valencia Lakes on their priority list.

The Third Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner was a HUGE success. Held on Sunday, November 19th, a delicious meal was enjoyed by more than 50 residents and guests. Thank you to Donna Sylvester, Susan West, Bernadette Clark, Samantha Bogart, Joan Moran, Karina Mancuso, Jeanne Fiore, Christina and Wes Nosek, and Adrienne Gagliardo and to everyone who cooked!! Great time shared with neighbors.

New waterproof flooring is slated to be installed in the Clubhouse conference rooms, kitchen, and office in early December. Special thanks to resident John Coachuvella for cutting off the bottom of the kitchen closet door. His efforts saved the HOA plenty in labor costs. Thank you John for your hard work and generous donation.

The HOA Has adopted a 2018 budget that will meet the needs and contractual obligations of our community and the increasing demands of our residents. Thank you for your continued support of Valencia Lakes and the staff who work diligently to assist residents. Please consider volunteering to improve the quality of life in VL. Contact Victoria Whalen at the HOA office for an application packet.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to you and your loved ones.

Respectfully,

*Jackie Forbes*

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## Safety Reminders

### Parking Enforcement

The CCSO patrols in Valencia Lakes are issuing parking tickets to any vehicle parked blocking a sidewalk or illegally parked! If you're parking on the grass between the sidewalk and the road, you are parked on community property, may cause damage to irrigation systems and are subject to fines and towing!

No overnight parking in clubhouse parking lot without a permit (obtained through the HOA office). Violators may be subject to having their vehicle towed!

### Power Washing Sidewalks & Driveways

Please remember to keep your sidewalks & driveways clean to provide a safe environment for all of our residents & visitors.

There are many important reasons why it's essential to maintain your driveway and other concrete based surfaces through pressure washing. It can't be stressed enough how important it is to keep those outside surfaces clean and sanitized as much as possible.

- **Curb Appeal:** wouldn't your guests, neighbors & potential home buyers appreciate seeing clean surfaces?
- **Safety Risk:** the micro organisms that grow on sidewalks (black mold, mildew and green algae) tend to look darker and a bit thicker each time it rains; they soak up water and tend to become slippery. The situation is a "slip & fall" just waiting to happen on your property.
- **Health Hazard:** the micro organisms can spread quickly and easily from outdoors to indoors just by walking on them.

### Pool Safety

Owners with damages to a pool fence or lanai cage should take immediate action to secure the pool per the below information from Collier County. Also see page 5.

54.2.17.1 Outdoor swimming pools. Outdoor swimming pools shall be provided with a barrier complying with Sections 454.2.17.1.1 through 454.2.17.1.14.454.2.17.1.1

The top of the barrier shall be at least 48 inches (1219 mm) above grade measured on the side of the barrier which faces away from the swimming pool. The maximum vertical clearance between grade and the bottom of the barrier shall be 2 inches (51mm) measured on the side of the barrier which faces away from the swimming pool.

Where the top of the pool structure is above grade the barrier may be at ground level or mounted on top of the pool structure.

Where the barrier is mounted on top of the pool structure, the maximum vertical clearance between the top of the pool structure and the bottom of the barrier shall be 4 inches (102 mm). 454.2.17.1.2

The barrier may not have any gaps, openings, indentations, protrusions, or structural components that could allow a young child to crawl under, squeeze through, or climb over the barrier as herein described below. One end of a removable child barrier shall not be removable without the aid of tools.

Openings in any barrier shall not allow passage of a 4-inch diameter (102 mm) sphere.

# December Local Events

## **Naples Snow Fest!**

**Dec 2 · Sat 3-9 PM · Golden Gate Community Center · Naples**

More info: [goo.gl/fwYdr2](http://goo.gl/fwYdr2)

Collier County Parks & Recreation will be hosting their annual Snowfest event at Golden Gate Community Center! No matter what the “real” weather is that day, snow will be in the forecast to celebrate the winter holiday. There will be the snow, of course, and other features include:

- Santa’s Selfies at Santa’s South Pole
- Mrs. Claus’s Kitchen
- Giant Inflatable Slide
- Bounce Houses
- Giant Laser Tag
- Giant Inflatable Rock Wall
- Entertainment
- Carnival Rides and Games

## **Naples Food, Wine and Beer Festival**

**Dec 2 · Sat 5-9 PM · Bayfront · Naples**

More info: [goo.gl/1ryohk](http://goo.gl/1ryohk)

The Rotary Club of Naples will be hosting this event which will feature over 50 premium wines and 30 craft beers, along with food from many of the local area restaurants. The Saturday night party also includes music groups and entertainment all along the street. This year will feature VIP dinners, with special menus and exclusive wines, providing an opportunity for unique dining experiences. Proceeds from the festival benefit a variety of charitable causes. Tickets being sold online ONLY! No tickets will be available on the day of the event!

## **Christmas in the Park At Max Hasse**

**Dec 8 · Fri 6:30-8:30 PM · Max A. Hasse Community Park · Naples**

More info: [goo.gl/5s2rAV](http://goo.gl/5s2rAV)

Max Hasse Park in Golden Gate Estates will be featuring their annual Christmas event in the park complete with arts and crafts, food, Christmas music and pictures with Santa Claus so don’t forget your camera! \$5 per family

## **Naples Live Nativity at Seagate Baptist Church**

**Dec 8 - Dec 10 · 6-8 PM · Seagate Baptist Church · Naples**

More info: [goo.gl/QBwPmP](http://goo.gl/QBwPmP)

Seagate Baptist Church will be hosting their annual Live Nativity at their church for 3 nights. Free to attend!

## **Naples is Rockin’!**

**Dec 9 · Sat 5-10:30 PM · Naples Square · Naples**

More info: [goo.gl/jcV539](http://goo.gl/jcV539)

The Naples Is Rockin’ concert is set to occur at Naples Square on Saturday, December 9th! After a challenging six weeks since Hurricane Irma impacted Collier County, the community is ready to celebrate its commitment and dedication to moving forward! On November 1st, Naples City Council approved “Naples is Rockin’” a collaboration between the County, The Naples, Marco Island, and Everglades Tourism Bureau as well as the “Fresh from Florida” State Agency. All donations and ticket sales will be made directly to the Community Foundation’s Irma Relief Fund. Sugar Ray featuring Mark McGrath! Casey Weston is a singer-songwriter from Naples, Florida now living in Nashville. 20 Ride: A Zac Brown Tribute Band. There will also be surprise performances and special guests!

## **Christmas Boat Parade**

**Dec 12 · Tue 5-8 PM · The Village Shops on Venetian Bay · Naples**

More info: [goo.gl/sD4Fdy](http://goo.gl/sD4Fdy)

Free and open to public. Join us for a Village tradition as we watch the twinkling procession of boats making their way down Venetian Bay. Enjoy live entertainment, a snow show, face painting, balloon art, holiday carolers, stories with Mrs. Claus and a special appearance by Santa Claus. Boat parade starts at 6:30 p.m. and will follow a shortened route so spectators at The Village will see more of the beautifully lit parade!

## **Naples Chanukah Celebration at Mercato**

**Dec 13 · Wed 5-6:30 PM · Mercato · Naples**

More info: [goo.gl/AURQqr](http://goo.gl/AURQqr)

The Jewish Federation of Collier County will be hosting a Chanukah Celebration at Mercato featuring the lighting of their menorah. Also featured will be live music, crafts at the kids corner, face painting, folk dancing and live performances. Food will be available for purchase. Sponsored by Mercato. Free to attend!

## **Naples Christmas Trunk or Treat**

**Dec 16 · Sat 6 PM · Cornerstone United Methodist Church · Naples**

More info: [goo.gl/SdaV1P](http://goo.gl/SdaV1P)

Cornerstone United Methodist Church will be hosting their 2nd annual Christmas Trunk or Treat! Wear something festive and bring your stocking to get filled with treats, toys and goodies. There will also be crafts, games, face painting, food and Christmas music! Decorated trunks are welcome! The best trunk wins \$50!

## **Naples Christmas Santa Stroll Glow Run**

**Dec 16 · Sat 5:30-8 PM · Sugden Regional Park · Naples**

More info: [goo.gl/6AZwYo](http://goo.gl/6AZwYo)

Run on paths lined with thousands of lights and dozens of lighted characters and add to the excitement and fun by running or walking with glowing decorations. A true glow run and walk where participants help to decorate beautiful Lake Avalon with their shining movements as they compete in the professionally chip timed 5K. Runners will have the choice of running in the Competitive Wave that has a 30 minute time limit or have fun with family and friends in the non competitive wave. Walkers can walk either one lap or two laps of the 1.5 mile path. The next morning triathletes and duathletes will hit the course and compete in the last of the year in the entire United States Christmas Sprint Triathlon and Duathlon. There is a 100% of snowfall at the finish!

## **National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation**

**Dec 19 · Tue 5:45-8 PM · Mercato · Naples**

More info: [goo.gl/FHVoAM](http://goo.gl/FHVoAM)

As the holiday’s approach, Clark Griswold wants to have a perfect family Christmas, so he pesters his wife, Ellen and children, as he tries to make sure everything is in line, including the tree and house decorations.

# 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 littorals planted along the lake bank

Homeowners, please talk to your landscaper and let them know not to cut, weed whack or remove the littorals 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 littorals 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



## Post-Irma Pool Barrier/Screen Enclosure Repair and Replace Policies

Many pool barrier and screen enclosures were damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Irma. To address this recovery period, the Collier County Building Official has established the following policies for the repair and replacement of these enclosures.

**Please note that the repair or replacement of your pool barrier/screen enclosure should be a priority.** Even a pool that is empty poses a life safety threat when there is no pool barrier in place. Until you can replace or repair your pool barrier/screen enclosure, a temporary contractor safety mesh can be erected. The temporary mesh may be purchased at your local home improvement store.

- No building permit is required for a pool barrier/screen enclosure that was **damaged less than 25 percent**.
- A building permit is required for a pool barrier/screen enclosure that was **damaged more than 25 percent and less than 50 percent**, however, it can be repaired to the Florida Building Code standards that were in place at the time it was constructed (same materials, loading, etc.).
- A building permit is required to replace a pool barrier/screen enclosure that was **damaged more than 50 percent** and the new pool barrier/screen enclosure will be required to meet the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition Florida Building Code requirements.
- Spot surveys will be required before a certificate of completion is issued. Spot surveys that indicate nonconformance with setbacks will be researched by the Growth Management Department and approved on a case-by-case basis.
- No permit is required to re-screen a screen enclosure.



**Building permits addressing damages due to Hurricane Irma will be made a priority.** To apply for a building permit, visit the Growth Management Department at 2800 N. Horseshoe Drive, Naples, Florida 34104 or the Immokalee Permitting Office at 310 Alachua St., Immokalee, Florida 34142. You can also apply for a building permit online at: <http://cvportal.colliergov.net/cityviewweb>.

If you have any questions regarding the level of damage to your pool barrier/screen enclosure or questions regarding permitting, please visit the Growth Management Department, address noted above, or call to speak with staff at (239) 252-2400. Residents of Immokalee can visit the Immokalee Permitting Office, address noted above, or call to speak with staff at (239) 252-5733. All permitting offices are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Please be advised that permitted repair work and the construction of a new pool barrier/screen enclosure must be done by a licensed contractor or as an owner builder, as defined by Florida Statutes. Collier County contractor licenses can be verified at: <http://cvportal.colliergov.net/cityviewweb> and State of Florida contractor licenses can be verified on the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation website: <https://www.myfloridalicense.com/wl11.asp?mode=0&SID>