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LAKE RIDGE NEWS

UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Michael Albetta

Happy New Year Residents of Lake Ridge!

As we approach January and we look upon the year's end, the Lake Ridge Civic Association is grateful for our community's participation in various cleanups in Lake Ridge. Also, we are truly grateful that we escaped a major catastrophe from Hurricane Irma and missed the Catastrophe of Hurricane Maria that wipeout our good neighbors of Puerto Rico, our Prayers for recovery.

New developments have occurred; immediately to our west is 13th Street that has a major transformation. It is here, and we adjust to change. The railroad is getting ready for All Aboard Florida. We had a successful Townhall meeting with Our Congressman Ted Deutch who was joined with our County Commissioner Tim Ryan; Our City Commissioner Dean Trantalis along with representatives of Brightline/ All Aboard Florida; Metropolitan Planning Organization to discuss details on the PowerPoint presentation of this project that occurred in June.

President's message continued on page 3



**WE WANT YOU!
TO RING IN THE NEW YEAR
WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP!**

It is time to renew you membership.

If you are not currently a member, now is a great time to join and support your neighborhood

Your Lake Ridge Civic Association has been planting trees, working to calm traffic and clean up the place we all call home.

Won't you join us in making OUR NEIGHBORHOOD a better place to live?

Membership form is on page 3.

UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

**7pm at ArtServe (3rd Thursday of month)
NE 14th Ave @ Sunrise Blvd**

- **January 18th**
- **March 15th**
- **April 19th (Social Event : TASTE OF ITALY @ Café Vico)**
- **June 21st**
- **August "Candidate's Night": Get to know your Judicial Candidates (Date TBD)**
- **October 18th**
- **December Holiday Party @ J. Mark's (Date TBD)**



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *continued from page 1*

Thank you to all who supported our two main social events; Taste of Italy at Cafe Vico in April.20, 2017 (upcoming one is April. 19, 2018); and Our Annual Holiday Party at JMARKS Restaurant this past December. 11th, with wonderful free plants from the City of Fort Lauderdale, a special thank you to Mark Williams of the City Forestry Division. Both events were huge successes.

I personally am knocking on doors in Lake Ridge canvassing the area for the upcoming City of Fort Lauderdale election on Primary is January. 16th and the General Election is March. 13th. We vote for a new Mayor and our City Commissioner. YOUR VOTE is important. I met many residents, and most were concerned with traffic issues and over development. I brought this to the attention of our City Commissioner Dean Trantalis as well as our County Commissioner Tim Ryan. Their office numbers are posted in the Newsletter.

We are an active civic association and unity is Strength (Unity in the Community), but unity happens only when YOU join our civic association. Please join if you have not yet joined already, and please renew your membership otherwise. Please see the calendar on the front page. Pizza and soft drinks are served. Membership forms are inside this newsletter.

I wish you a very healthy, happy and prosperous 2018.

Peace to All.

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THANKFUL

By Juliette Rocque

Irma rolled in and left us with many felled trees, broken gates and fences, flooded streets and property damage. Still we have so much to be thankful for; through we were impacted we were not devastated. Irma left me with several issues, but she also left me with a renewed love for my neighborhood, our neighborhood.

In her wake, I watched neighbors helping neighbors. On October 28, 2017 a few faithful volunteer came out to try and save as many trees as we could along 11th Street and along N.E. 8th Street along the side of Pet Supermarket.

I am also thankful for the things that were accomplished in 2017. This year we also began an "Adopt a Street Closure" initiative. While we still have a few that need to be adopted, the response has been very positive. We look forward to having all of them adopted in 2018.

We look forward to greater participation in our efforts to keep Lake Ridge clean and safe. How can you participate? Sign up for membership. We are a Civic Association not an HOA so property ownership is not necessary. All are welcome, renters, seniors, property owners and business owners alike (see application on pg.3). Come to a General Membership Meeting held on the third Thursday in the months of January, March, June, and

October. You don't have to be a member to attend. There you will find out what is going on and have the opportunity to bring your concerns and suggestions.

Come out and meet your neighbors, elected official at our annual events; Taste of Italy in April and Holliday Party in December. How else? You can volunteer. We have about four cleanup projects per year.

HOPEFUL

By Juliette Rocque

I am hopeful. Hopeful that 2018 will be the year that we see many more neighbors get involved. Hopeful that our love for our neighborhood will continue to blossom as we help each other like we did after Irma. Many hands lighten the load – in the end we all benefit. Let's work together to lift up our motto "Unity in the community because Unity is strength".



Join the L.R.C.A.

All Lake Ridge residents (homeowners and renters) and business owners are welcome to participate in LRCA Events and attend our General Meetings. We invite you to join LRCA and become part of an active group of neighbors working to bring Unity to the Community. You can join online at www.LakeRidgeCivic.org or fill out the application on page 3 and return it with your membership check to Lake Ridge Civic Association, PO Box 4506, Ft Lauderdale, FL 33338

ALERT!

Immediate Openings For Volunteer Opportunities.

Seeking all cheerful, brilliant, courageous, optimistic, devoted, energetic, open-minded, enthusiasts who are passionate about our community.

Utilize your creative energy and be a part of our active civic association volunteers that believes in "Unity in the Community", because "Unity is Strength".

Together, we are Committed to enhancing the well-being of our neighborhood.

For more information contact:

- Michael Albetta: albettam@icloud.com or 954-560-8649
- Juliette Rocque: luze052@gmail.com

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Quarterly Tree Giveaway

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Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event

Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Drop-off Events are held throughout the year. City of Fort Lauderdale residents may participate in events taking place in Fort Lauderdale, Coconut Creek, Coral Springs, Lauderdale Lakes, Pompano Beach and Tamarac.

The next Drop off Event in Fort Lauderdale is: January 13, 2018 at Mills Pond Park from 9 am to 2 pm.

HHW Drop-Off Guidelines:

There are several opportunities throughout the year for you to bring virtually any form of household hazardous waste (HHW) and dispose of it for free. You will see these events advertised on the city's website, on your utility bill and in our neighborhood

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE, ELECTRONICS, CLOTHING & HOUSEHOLD GOODS DROP-OFF EVENT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018
9 A.M. – 2 P.M.

MILLS POND PARK
2201 NW 9th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

For more information,
visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/hhw.

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RESIDENT TREE GIVEAWAY!

PLANT A TREE AND HELP US GROW A GREENER COMMUNITY!
Summer days will be cooler, greener and more beautiful in the City of Fort Lauderdale as our tree canopy coverage increases. Residents can help by participating in our free Resident Tree Giveaway.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2018
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM | OSSWALD PARK
2220 NW 21st Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Proof of Fort Lauderdale residency required (e.g., driver's license, utility bill, etc.).
Two trees per household on a first come, first served basis while supplies last.

Save time with on-line registration available at that following website:
www.fortlauderdale.gov/freetrees

For details, contact Mark Williams, Urban Forester, at
954-828-5785 or mawilliams@fortlauderdale.gov.

newsletter Currents. You can also call our 24-hour Customer Service Hotline at 954-828-8000 to get information about drop events.

Household hazardous waste generally includes products with toxic ingredients or components which require special disposal to prevent pollution to waterways, groundwater, air and soil, as well as to prevent poisoning or otherwise endangering humans, pets or wildlife. Many of the products we use for cleaning, painting and gluing, and automotive, pool and lawn maintenance fall into this category, as do medications and electronic components.

Household hazardous waste does not include industrial waste or construction debris which must be disposed according to specialized regulations and are not accepted at drop-off events.

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MEET THE CANDIDATES

**JANUARY 9th, 2018
6:00 PM
THE FORT LAUDERDALE
CANDIDATE FORUM**

The Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations is hosting a Candidates Forum for all the Mayoral Candidates and Commission District Candidates. Brittany Wallman from the Sun Sentinel will moderate. All the seats on the City Commission are in play. This is your chance to shape the City's future. The Forum will be broadcast on Channel 78 and on the City's Website City Hall, Commission Chambers 100 North Andrews Avenue Fort Lauderdale FL. 33301 SAVE THE DATE JANUARY 9, 2018 6:00 PM THE FORT LAUDERDALE CANDIDATE FORUM They can be contacted at www.CFLCA.org.

☛ Please remember to vote in 2018. Primary is January 16th & the General Election is March 13th. Mark your calendars.

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RECYCLE RIGHT! SOME OBSERVATIONS

By Gail Jacobson

As time permits on Thursdays, I walk our neighborhood and check your recycling bins. Though I applaud about 20% that are perfect, the other 80% are not. I'd like to remind our Lake Ridge neighbors of one important fact. Once the truck gets back to the recycling processing facility, if 40% of the load is contaminated with the wrong items, the entire load becomes trash and none of it is recycled! So much for all our efforts. Let's learn to recycle right.

Following is a list of what I found and pulled out on my walks.

- Plastic bags or wrapping. If you collect recyclables in them, empty them and then throw away.
- Styrofoam. I found huge packing pieces and cups. Toss it.
- Lids and caps left on cartons. Remove and throw away.

YES. RECYCLE THESE.

- CLEAN paper, milk cartons, cardboard, books, magazines, newspaper
- Plastic bottles, dairy tubs. Look on the bottom for a triangle with a number inside
- Aluminum, steel and tin cans
- Glass bottles

NO. DO NOT RECYCLE THESE.

- Dirty pizza boxes, paper plates
- Aerosol cans
- Garden hoses
- Plants
- Toys, plastic storage bins
- Dishes, cookware, utensils
- Juice boxes
- Styrofoam



- Clothing, textiles, carpet
- Batteries
- Plastic bags
- Glass vases, window panes, etc.
- Electronics

Please take electronics, batteries, medicine and hazardous materials to the city's frequent collection site. For a list of the Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Event dates and locations, visit the City's website at <http://gyr.fortlauderdale.gov/greener-government/recycling-waste-reduction/solid-waste-events/household-hazardous-waste-drop-off>.

The next event to be hosted by the City of Fort Lauderdale will be at Mills Pond Park on Saturday January 17, 2018.

So, if you find a recycling flyer by your home, it's from your neighborhood tree-hugger. Any questions, please call the city at

954-828-8000 or email me at inknpen1@gmail.com

Gail Jacobson

Lake Ridge resident since 1990 and it's first Recycle Corps




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BOARD ELECTIONS

Thursday January 18, 2018, 7pm, at Art Serve. We have excellent candidates vying for the seven board seats! Here they are, in alphabetical order: Michael Albetta, Joan Booz, Lynn Elsasser, Steve Jacobson, Erin Keenan, Juliette Rocque & Chris Toomey. Good luck to everyone! If you are interested, please submit. Your name to derekmaingot@gmail.com. You must be a paid member 45 days prior to January. 18th



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Bulk Trash Pickup 3rd Thursday of the month

TRAFFIC NOTES

By Bob Oelke

The increasing traffic flows on NE 15th Avenue have divided our neighborhood in half. One of the main goals of Lake Ridge's master traffic plan is to try to overcome that division and knit our residential neighborhood together. One way for us to calm traffic on 15th Avenue is to narrow the travel lanes, add a bike lane and install a median between 11th and 13th Streets, much like the median north of 13th Street. This should remind drivers of the residential nature of our neighborhood. In addition to the median, we are hoping to mitigate the traffic snarls that are caused by the Publix and Walgreens driveways south of 11th Street.

The 15th Avenue plans have been on the drawing board for many years – but finding the funds to pay for this expensive project has been an ongoing problem. Back in 2008, the city promised to use gas tax funds for these improvements, but that funding dried up during the Great Recession. So it was on to "Plan B" instead. The city promised to apply monies from its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), which are federal funds earmarked for economically-challenged areas. The good news: due to new construction and changing demographics in Lake Ridge we are no longer "economically challenged". Bad news: we no longer qualify for CDBG funding. So now on to "Plan C" – grant money from Broward County's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

Recently, our plans just got a nudge in the right direction. City staff ranked Lake Ridge's NE 15th Avenue improvements as the highest priority on the city's MPO grant application -- and in December, the City Commission agreed. The application is in and now the ball is in the MPO's court. We should hear back in early 2018. Keep your fingers crossed.

Wishing everyone all a very safe and healthy New Year!

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