

THE R.O.L.L.

Report of Leisure Lake



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THE PRESIDENT'S POINT

Pres. Garry recently submitted his resignation from the Board, as he pursues other interests. We thank him for his work and leadership over the past few years. He leaves with these encouraging words:

During Pandemic we have been spending more time at home. Home is a good place to protect our health & renew interest in hobbies, reading or binging on internet. We are fortunate to be surrounded by outdoor activities in our own community that will not place our health at risk. Would you walk thru the neighborhood, wave at neighbors, swim, fish, or play an outdoor game in the rec area.

President Garry



WHAT ABOUT A FENCE?



If you are thinking about fencing refer to the specifications in the covenants.

We're an open community, thus barrier-style fencing is not allowed. Metal picket fence is

permissible, such as the example pictured. If your intention is to create a little seclusion, privacy panels in the side yard may be the answer - again read the covenants. Before ever starting any modification, get written permission from the Architectural Review Committee (known as ARC). Request forms are in the clubhouse or on the website. ARC will help get your project underway!



FERAL FELINES

Under the clubhouse & drainage pipes has become a breeding ground for feral felines. A feral is NOT the same as a stray cat. Feral is born in the wild with no human interaction. Humans are viewed as harm & often attack. Without shots, they often carry fleas, rabies or disease. We are investigating Baldwin County Humane Society's program to catch & relocate them. If you are a cat lover (or not), DO NOT FEED OR INTERACT WITH THEM.

To clarify, a stray was once a pet & until it was either lost or was abandoned. Sadly, they struggle to survive in the outdoors, previously taken care of by humans. Sadly, often it's hard to distinguish between them.



GAZEBO

Check out the breathtaking summer sunsets over our Lake at the gazebo. Enter from the LakeSouth boat launch driveway or behind the pool. OWA will shoot fireworks at 8:45 both 3rd & 4th, & the gazebo might be a good place to watch. The reflections off our lake

should be spectacular, so bring a chair and watch the show. As we are in the city limits, it is unlawful to shoot fireworks in our community.

Photo by neighbor Paula Page

POTLUCK

On the side of safety, the monthly potluck remains postponed. We all hunger for chicken and dumplings, collards, fried chicken, peach cobbler... and remain hopeful to resume them in the fall.

CLUBHOUSE

Roof repairs are complete, and during the recent heavy rain, there were no more leaks. The ceiling was repaired and the interior was repainted.

The ladies that responded to the request for volunteers to redecorate have been busy giving the clubhouse a facelift with furnishings and decor. We all will be proud to have a modern, updated place to socialize and have fun. Work will finish soon. As we come back from Covid-19, and the remodel get finished, why not schedule a get together? There's plenty of room to social distance and enjoy your friends. To check availability, call Priscilla at 251-609-0111. The reservation



is free, with a \$75 refundable damage deposit. The kitchen is available for your event.

POOL DAYS

The pool is sparkling & refreshing on these hot days. If you've not been recently, come take a dip. The steps allow easy access directly to an underwater bench in the shallow water that is safe for all. And, don't forget water aerobics on M/W/F- a great way to start your day.

Distribution of gate access keycards has ended. Unclaimed cards were returned to the association. If you missed getting yours, call the HelpLine for pick up. We want every owner to have it, whether using the pool or not.

YARD OF THE MONTH



With the hot days of summer, It takes perseverance to maintain a beautiful bed of colorful flowers. Joyce & Paul Eskins at 22946 Lakesouth

managed to pull it off with a mix of yellow, red & pinks. Hey, it looks like Paul lost his shoes!

RECRUITMENT FOR BOARD MEMBERS

New faces are needed for next year, & hunt is on! There are no special skills needed, just a desire to serve the community. If you would consider it, call the Helpline & we'll meet to answer your questions. Next, you can observe a board meeting, which helps you decide if you are a good fit. As a new member, you are teamed up with someone to gain experience & work with. Please consider this opportunity to serve Leisure Lake.

OUR BEAUTIFUL LAKE

Submitted by Ryland Murden, Lake Committee Chairman



Water birds often seen around the lake include Great Blue Herons, Green Herons, White Herons (Or Great Egrets), Sea Gulls, Kingfishers, Canada Geese, Pied-Billed Grebes (in winter), Wood Ducks & Black-Bellied Whistling Ducks. The biggest characters are the Whistling Ducks (funny looking birds & wings make

whistling sounds), the Green Heron (hard to see any green on that bird & their nests look like disaster areas) & the Great Blue Heron (as folks fishing the lake often have one follow them, looking for a free meal) Pelicans, however, are a rare sight. Even though we are less than a mile from Wolf Bay close to the beach, the only Pelicans we ever see look like this photo.

PROPERTY VIOLATIONS



We all know Leisure Lake is great place to live, & everyone...well, **almost everyone**...abides by the covenant regulations & takes pride in their home There is

new Violation Tracker process in place to address the infrequent violations that are called to the board's attention. It's fair & confidential, & allows time to correct the problem before a fine is assessed. Hot topics that keep cropping up are bins left at the curb or at garage – & unsightly mailboxes. Take a peek at yours today.

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A community literature rack was added in the library. It contains the Covenants, R.O.L.L. newsletter, commonly used forms (Property Modification, Parking Permit, Fishing/Lake guidelines.) Please help yourself. These & other forms are also on the website to download.

PAVING

LakeSouth Drive is still on City of Foley's list for paving mid to end of July. An email will be sent when scheduled. When alternate parking is needed, arrangements can be made to get a permit to park at the clubhouse.

“DID YOU KNOW”

July is the month in which 7 US Presidents have died in – more than any other month. And, Happy Independence Day - On July 4, 1776, 13 colonies claimed their independence from England, an event which led to the formation of our United States.

DATES TO REMEMBER

4th – Independence Day

14th – Board Meeting

19th – National Ice Cream Day

Hottest month of the year in the northern hemisphere
July Birthstone: Ruby