

LAKE RIDGE *NEWS*

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Please join us for our 4th Annual

Taste of Italy

A fundraiser benefitting Lake Ridge Civic Association

Thursday, June 16th 6-9 pm at

Café Vico Ristorante 1125 N Federal Hwy

\$20 per person at the door

Online tickets available at LakeRidgeCivic.org

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UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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

June 16: TASTE OF ITALY at Café Vico

July 21

August 18

September 15

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Michael Albetta

The months of Summer are upon us... Enjoy and be safe — this means hurricane preparedness for the coming months.

So much is happening in Lake Ridge right now. Our new website is up and running: www.LakeRidgeCivic.org. Check it out for the latest neighborhood news and events.

On Thursday, June 16th, we'll be holding our 4th annual "Taste of Italy" at Café Vico. This is our only fundraiser of the year, and your support helps make our neighborhood a better place to live. As usual, Café Vico will prepare a delicious sampling of great Italian food. Your entry ticket includes a glass of wine or beer, and there will be lots of prizes, a raffle and a silent auction. It's a great opportunity to meet new friends and enjoy good food. Hope to see you there. Why not invite a neighbor to join you? Tickets are available at the door or on our website.

Many more events for the community are planned in coming months. We'll be joining with other nearby civic associations to host a Candidate Forum before the upcoming primary election in August. Plan to come out and hear from those running for judge, sheriff, and others who have a direct impact on our quality of life. Time and location will be

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *continued from page 1*

announced on our website LakeRidgeCivic.org.

Please join and become active in the Lake Ridge Civic Association. There's a membership form at the bottom of this page. Working together we can make our neighborhood a better place to live.

"Unity in the Community!" Unity is Strength.

Respectfully,

Michael A. Albetta

TRIVIA QUESTION? Who hand painted all the Lake Ridge Signs; hint... his picture is in the clean up pictures and has been a LRCA member for a long time. We say a huge THANK YOU.

Answer...in next edition newsletter, or tell you at next meeting.



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I'd like to help with neighborhood efforts: ☐ Public Safety ☐ Beautification ☐ Traffic ☐ Member/Social ☐ Other

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It's hurricane season and now is the time to start your preparations. The removal of debris from routine yard maintenance is vital this time of year. Take advantage of the city's regular trash collections to clear potentially dangerous debris and vegetation from your yard.

The time to cut back vegetation is before storms start brewing.

- Do all major cutting/tree removal as early as possible.
- If you are having trees removed or doing any other major cutting, be sure to have your contractor include the price of debris removal as part of their service. Debris from major cutting or tree removal will need to be transported to a yard waste processing facility; disposal fees may apply.
- Arrange to cut back all trees and weak branches that could contact buildings.
- Be sure to trim coconuts so they don't become dangerous missiles during a storm.
- Have your foliage thinned so wind can flow freely through branches, decreasing the chance that trees and/or plants will be uprooted.
- While you are trimming in anticipation of a storm, consider trimming back vegetation that obscures drivers' sight lines, hides traffic signs or obstructs pedestrian walkways or bike routes.

Use your green Yard Waste cart for weekly curbside collection on Thursdays. If you have more than will fit into your green cart, the city collects Bulk Trash in Lake Ridge on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Place vegetation material from routine maintenance (up to 10 cubic yards – equivalent to 5 standard size refrigerators) at the swale on bulk collection day. Remember each piece cannot exceed 6 ft. in length.

Limited construction debris such as plywood, doors, cabinets, sinks and toilets can be picked up as part of the city's Bulk



Trash collection program. The Bulk Trash program does ***not*** accept vehicle batteries, dead animals, propane, fuels, oil or hazardous waste, tree stumps and paints.

(There are regularly scheduled Household Hazardous Waste Collection events during the year to dispose all unwanted paint, oils, chemicals and electronics. To learn more about our program contact the City of Fort Lauderdale Customer Services Center at 954-828-8000 or visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/gyr.)

Once a Storm has been Named

Do not cut down trees or do major yard work.

Do not begin construction projects that produce debris.

Once a Storm Watch or Warning has been issued

Do not trim vegetation of any kind.

Do not take materials to the curb during a watch or warning period. Services may be suspended and facilities closed early to prepare for the storm.

Mass cutting places a tremendous burden on the collection and disposal processes and there isn't enough equipment or manpower to handle the additional material before the storm makes landfall. You could put not only yourself at risk, but your neighbors as well.



THE MAN BEHIND THE TREESAND HIS COHORTS

By Lynn Elsasser

In September 2011 and September 2012, your Lake Ridge Civic Association submitted NCIP grant proposals to the City of Fort Lauderdale to plant mature native trees throughout our neighborhood. Our goal was to become an eco-friendly neighborhood by creating a majestic tree canopy throughout Lake Ridge. We wanted to attract new homeowners, reduce crime, and encourage neighbors to improve their own landscaping. LRCA was awarded both grants.

Many of our residents have participated in a 4-year initiative to plant shade trees. A special thank you to former LRCA President Andrew Van Heyden who came up with the idea to plant native trees. LRCA is indebted to Andrew for his many years of service to our community and his fabulous idea. Another special thank you to Orlando Moreno, VP of LRCA for many years. Orlando wrote both grant proposals on behalf of LRCA. Thank you Orlando!

Many of you have seen Ruben Franco, our Tree Committee Chairperson, leading the tree planting charge. Planting began in Fall 2012 and continued through Fall 2015. To say that Ruben is passionate about trees is an understatement! Ruben embraced this initiative from the start. When you see Ruben, please thank him for what he has done for Lake Ridge.

In 2014, LRCA's current secretary, Erin Keenan, joined Ruben as Co-Chair. Erin has helped tremendously in extending the tree canopy to the east side of Lake Ridge by encouraging neighbors like Villa Medici and other apartment complexes to sign up for shade trees and agree to water and care for them.

None of this would be possible without the dedication and commitment of Gene Dempsey, the city's Urban Forester. Gene and Ruben Franco canvassed the neighborhood multiple times identifying areas in need of shade trees.

Gene Dempsey is responsible for tree services and landscape installation throughout our city, including our Parks. When he is not running a "Tree Giveaway" Event for our residents, or teaching summer campers how to build a portable Wildlife



Fort Lauderdale's Urban Forester, Gene Dempsey sharing his knowledge and passion with the next generation.

Habitat, he is leading a group of volunteers to eliminate invasive plants in our parks. Check out "Gene's Green Scene" blog on sustainability. Gene's passion for his work is contagious serving our city and its ecosystem for 20 years.

Five years ago, Gene Dempsey and Adrienne Ehle led the push to become a Community Wildlife Habitat. Becoming a Certified Community Wildlife Habitat helps strengthen the quality of our ecosystem, and gets us further towards other goals outlined in the City's Sustainability Action Plan. In April of this year, Fort Lauderdale was designated the 86th National Wildlife Federation Community Wildlife Habitat. While it truly "took a village" to meet this goal, we owe a debt of gratitude to Gene and Adrienne.

Gene has been a member of the Florida Forest Service, an Advisor on the Riverwalk Trust Sustainability Task Force, and he is currently the Vice President of the Florida Urban Forestry Council.

To quote Broward Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society President, Richard Brownscombe "Gene has extensive knowledge about trees and plants and the heart to seek what needs to be done to serve the public and protect the environment."

Thank you Gene Dempsey for all you do for our city and for your help in enhancing Lake Ridge's urban forest.

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STAY SAFE

By Juliette Rocque

When you think about Public Safety, you expect to hear advice like get to know your neighbors, don't post your travel plans on social media or don't leave items on your car seat that would entice someone to break your windows. Without detracting from those very important tips, I would like you turn your focus and think about your safety in terms of your health during the hot summer days ahead. Here are just a few scattered things for you to keep in mind. Enjoy your summer, but be safe!

- ◆ Stay hydrated, but don't over hydrate. Yes, it is possible to drink too much water. As with everything, moderation is key. The American College of Sports Medicine suggests drinking 16- 20 ounces of fluid one to two hours before an outdoor activity.
- ◆ Don't forget Sparky outside. Animals do not sweat like we do, but they can overheat just the same.
- ◆ Stay away from electrical appliances, electronics like TVs and computers, telephones, doors and windows during a lightning storm.
- ◆ Don't forget sunscreen with at minimum of 15SPF (I don't use anything below 35)
- ◆ Never use an outdoor grill indoors or in any space that isn't well-ventilated like a garage.
- ◆ Protect your eyes, wear sunglasses
- ◆ Do not leave children unattended near the pool, try using a buddy system
- ◆ Eliminate areas that support insect nests like stagnant pools of water
- ◆ Wear bug spray with DEET

You can report untended swimming pools or other mosquito breeding areas to our Code Compliance officer: **Leonard Champagne 954-828-6348** (direct number)

You can also call the Code Compliance division at **954-828-5207**, use the city's mobile app: **Lauderserv**, or email code@fortlauderdale.gov

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Jack.Seiler@fortlauderdale.gov

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CITY HALL INFO **954.828.5000**

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tryan@broward.org

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City Hurricane Emergency **954- 828-8888**
FPL Power Outages **800-OUTAGE**
TECO/People's Gas Co **1.877.832.6747**

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State of Florida
Emergency Management **850.413.9900**
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American Red Cross (So FL) **305.644.1200**

Residential Garbage Pickup Monday & Thursday

Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup Thursday

Bulk Trash Pickup 3rd Thursday of the month



TIRED OF HILLARY AND DONALD?

There are lots of other issues of interest on the ballot this year

August 30th — Primary

Although it's called a primary election, many non-partisan races will be decided on August 30th. The non-partisan elections, including all county and circuit court judges, are open to all voters, regardless of party affiliation. If a non-partisan candidate receives a majority of the votes on August 30th, they will be elected. (There may be run-off elections, if no candidate receives a majority of the votes.)

Depending on your party affiliation, there are partisan primaries for Broward County Sheriff, Supervisor of Elections, Clerk of the Court, State's Attorney, state legislators, US House of Representatives, US Senator, and others. These are closed primaries — only registered party members may vote. There is still plenty of time to update your party affiliation. Winners of these contests move on to the general election in November

November 8th — General Election

Aside from the US Presidential contest, we'll be voting for Congress, state legislative positions and some county offices.

This year you will see proposals on the ballot to raise the Florida sales tax, which is currently 6%, The county and various municipalities have competing proposals on the ballot — both are asking to raise the tax to 7%.. The county will be asking for a transportation tax, primarily for transit-related improvements. The cities will be asking for an infrastructure tax to fund capital improvements.

Candidate Forum

Once again, the Lake Ridge Civic Association will be teaming up with other nearby neighborhoods to host a Candidate Forum. Candidates for many local offices will join us on **Thursday, August 4th** at **ArtServe**. This gives you the opportunity to meet and question candidates prior to the August primary. Please check with our website **LakeRidgeCivic.org** for more details.. This has proved to be a popular and informative session in the past, and should be this year too.

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If you haven't already registered to vote, there's still time to do so before the primary elections on August 30st (registration deadline August 1st) and the general election on November 8th (deadline October 11th).

You can register online, by mail or in person at the County Governmental Building 115 S. Andrews Avenue Room 102 (one block south of Broward Boulevard).

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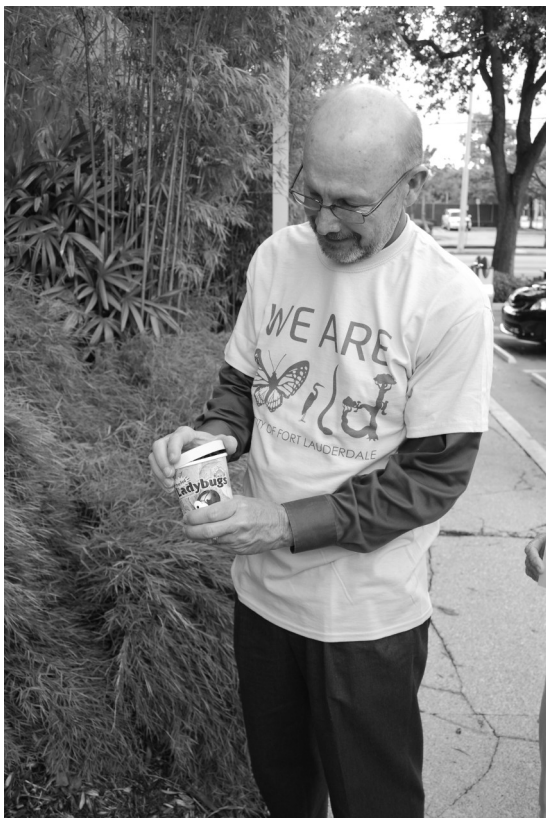
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JUNE 25th

**Join your Lake Ridge neighbors in
reaching out to the community in
preparation of Hurricane Season.**

**Check out LakeRidgeCivic.org for more
details on how you can help make your
neighborhood a safer place to weather a storm.**

Left: Working to make Fort Lauderdale greener and more sustainable. Gene Dempsey, the City of Fort Lauderdale's Urban Forester gets ready to release ladybugs as part of the city's Certified Community Wildlife Habitat initiative. Under Gene's leadership and guidance, the Lake Ridge Civic Association planted over 300 trees throughout your neighborhood. THANK YOU, GENE!



STARLIGHT MUSICAL CONCERTS RETURN TO HOLIDAY PARK

For 38 years, the outdoor Starlight Musicals Concerts have provided a great way to enjoy the summer with family and friends. The series features an exciting line up of bands covering pop, country, rhythm and blues, tropical rock, and more. And it's all just a stroll away.

The shows take place Fridays, June 17 through August 5, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. on the football field at Holiday Park, which is located at 1150 G. Harold Martin Drive in Fort Lauderdale. **There is no admission fee.**

Residents and visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, picnic baskets, and coolers. Please note that pets are not permitted in the park. In order to accommodate all guests the city will continue its No Smoking Zone this year, which is located on the south side of the field.

We look forward to seeing you out there this summer!

June 17 – Chain Reaction – The Ultimate Journey Tribute Band
June 24 – The Valerie Tyson Band (Classic R&B & Soul)
July 1 – Jimmy Stowe & the Stowaways
(Tropical Rock/Jimmy Buffet)
July 8 – Shane Duncan Band (Country with some pop)
July 15 – Mr. Nice Guy (Classic Rock)
July 22 – Solid Brass (A tribute to Horn Bands, Classic Rock)
July 29 – Suenalo (Latin Funk)
August 5 – Pocket Change
(Motown, Soul & Funk)



Help someone in need Food donations for people and animals will be collected at each Starlight performance. Non-perishable food donations will benefit The Pantry of Broward and Life Net 4 Families. Pet food donations will benefit Abandoned Pet Rescue.

For your safety Please remember to lock your vehicle and never leave valuables inside. Better yet, avoid vehicle parking and just stroll or bike over to Holiday Park to enjoy the tunes.

Call the **Parks and Recreation Special Events Hotline (954) 828-5363**, to check on the event status in case of inclement weather.

Protect yourself from mosquito bites



Daytime is most dangerous
Mosquitoes that spread chikungunya, dengue, and Zika are aggressive daytime biters. They can also bite at night.



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Wear protective clothes
Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants and use insect repellent. For extra protection, treat clothing with permethrin.



Mosquito-proof your home
Use screens on windows and doors. Use air conditioning when available. Keep mosquitoes from laying eggs in and near standing water.

For more information:

www.cdc.gov/chikungunya • www.cdc.gov/dengue • www.cdc.gov/zika



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YOUTH & TEEN SUMMER CAMPS 2016

COMMUNITY CAMPS

Our summer community camps are action-packed with playtime, creative expression and friendly competition. Children will express their imagination with arts and crafts. Sports, fitness activities, and swimming will build strength, coordination, and teamwork. Field trips are included. Lunch provided.

AGES: 5-11 years old (Grades K-5. Birth certificates are required for 5-year-olds. Must be age 5 by June 20, 2016.)

SESSION I: June 20 - July 15

SESSION II: July 18 - August 12

TIME: 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

AFTER-HOURS CARE: 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. (additional cost)

DEADLINE

Space is limited at all camps, so register early!

March 28: Resident registration begins at 8 a.m.

April 4: Online resident registration begins.

April 11: Non-Resident registration begins.

COST

Residents - \$280.00 per session, \$530.00 both sessions

Non-Residents - \$490.00 per session,

\$980.00 both sessions

Y.E.S. - \$70 per session, \$132.50 both sessions

AFTER-HOURS CARE

Residents/Non-Residents - \$40.00 both sessions

Y.E.S. - \$10 both sessions

COMMUNITY CAMP LOCATIONS

ACTION KIDS CAMP

Croissant Park
245 W. Park Drive
(954) 828-6154

CAMP EXPRESS

Joseph C. Carter Park
1450 W. Sunrise Boulevard
(954) 828-5411

SUMMER CAMP ADVENTURE

Osswald Park
2220 N.W. 21st Avenue
(954) 828-6455

CAMP RIVERSIDE

Riverside Park
555 S.W. 11th Avenue
(954) 828-5408

BASS SUMMER BLAST

Bass Park
2750 N.W. 19th Street
(954) 828-8498

CAMP MANORS

Lauderdale Manors Park
1340 Chateau Park Drive
(954) 828-5412

CAMP RIVERLAND

Riverland Park
950 S.W. 27th Avenue
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SUPER STAR KIDS

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1000 N. Andrews Avenue
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COMMUNITY POOLS

Jump into your neighborhood swimming pool this summer. Swim lessons, swim teams, and fun are available at each of our pools. For more information, please visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/aquatics or call your neighborhood pool. Get swimming and have fun!

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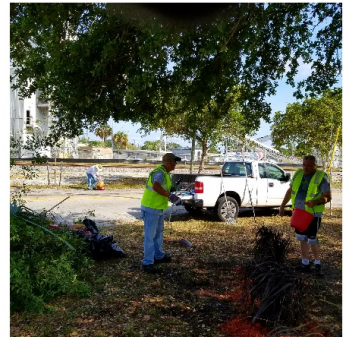
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JOIN US



April 30th was Lauderdale Cares Day. Lake Ridge volunteers did their part by trimming back overgrown vegetation, picking up litter and sprucing up landscaping near our entryway markers. A good time was had by all....and Lake Ridge keeps looking better.

Why not join us for our next neighborhood clean-up?

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Community garden

Rooftop park with community center

Outdoor yoga classes

Dog park

Public artwork displays by local artists

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