

LAKE RIDGE *NEWS*

UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

GIVING THANKS

By Michael Albetta

President, Lake Ridge Civic Association

As you are reading this message, the month of November will be half over. Thanksgiving will soon be upon us, marking the traditional start to the holiday season. Speaking of which, please join us for our annual Holiday Party at J. Mark's Restaurant on Wednesday, December 2nd!

Lake Ridge Civic Association is thankful for a very successful year. Many thanks to those who supported our annual fundraiser, Taste of Italy at Cafe Vico this past August 20th. It was an outstanding success by any measure! (Thanks, Juliette R.).

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

November 19
December — See you at the Holiday Social
January 21
February 18
March 17

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *continued from page 1*

Our wonderful volunteers conducted six clean-ups this year — two on Flagler Drive, two on Lake Melva, and two on the street closures (thanks, Ted S. for 7th Avenue). Also we accomplished very extensive tree plantings throughout Lake Ridge (thanks, Ruben F., Erin K. and all the homeowners who provided planting space and water). As always, our Green Queen made Lake Ridge a little more eco-friendly this year, reminding us to Green Our Routine (thanks, Lynn E.).

In cooperation with the City and a consulting firm, and with much effort and input from our neighbors, we produced the Lake Ridge Mobility Master Plan (thanks, Bob O. and everyone who came out and participated in the process). We were the first neighborhood in Fort Lauderdale to complete our plan, which will serve as a model for other neighborhoods' mobility plans. I have appointed LRCA Past President Chuck Black as nominating committee chair for the LRCA January elections. (Thanks Chuck for all of your service.) Finally, I would like to extend thanks to our helpful friends at East Point Towers (who joined Lake Ridge in 2013).

Warmest regards and Happy Holidays to you and your families!



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BE THE POWER OF CHANGE

By Barbara Bennett

As a resident of Lake Ridge for the past 11 years, I have witnessed many changes. We welcomed three high-rise buildings, planted trees, watched a greenway enter our borders, and most recently sharrows color our roads, and the transformations continue.

I too have transformed. I have always been civic minded, attending the association meetings and kept abreast of the things happening in my "hood." I was challenged to become part of the solution when voicing my dissatisfaction with a situation that I found troubling.

Since that time, I have participated in road closure clean-ups, been a board member, and attended city workshops among other things. I have sat in meetings detailing changes to my neighborhood and watched them fall into place. I have had the opportunity to listen to the mayor share his vision for our city, gained knowledge on hurricane preparedness, and the current trends in crime in our area. I have had the opportunity to meet my neighbors and network to help with the upkeep of my community.

Lake Ridge has been moving in a positive direction and I am so glad that I have been a part it. I challenge you as I was challenged to do more than talk the talk. Let us be a community that is willing to put in the sweat equity required to have clean streets, and our voices heard by those that represent us in the county and in the city. General Membership meetings are held every third Thursday (bulk trash day) of the month. Come and find out what is happening in your "hood." Let Lake Ridge be the change for Lake Ridge and continue to make this a place where we want to live.

ELECTION SEASON IS HERE

By Chuck Black

Chairperson, Nominating Committee

Yes, it is time for Elections for your Lake Ridge Civic Association Board of Directors!

If you would like to be a candidate for the Board, here is how you qualify. You are a member of the Lake Ridge Civic Association in good standing* and:

- upon written petition of at least two Regular Members, or
- a verbal nomination and a second at the November General Membership meeting (Nov. 19th)

At our Annual Meeting, January 21st, the Nominating Committee shall present the proposed slate to the General Membership for consideration and vote. All regular members who are in good standing* shall be eligible to vote. Election shall be by a simple majority vote of those regular members present at the January meeting. (*Good standing is defined as having paid membership fees on or before the January meeting, and complied with his or her obligations to the community.)

The Board of directors shall consist of a maximum of seven or a minimum of five elected Directors. The Board of Directors will elect from its ranks the four presiding Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Other members of the Board of Directors will fill At-Large positions.

I WANT TO BE A NOMINEE, WHAT DO I DO?

Contact Chuck Black by email at
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chuck.black52@gmail.com.





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LED lights can last up to 10 times longer, use 80% less energy than traditional incandescent holiday lights and are ENERGY STAR qualified. They are also more durable and shock resistant than other lights because they do not have moving parts, filaments or glass. They are now readily available at your local hardware store.

Re-charge it!

Every year more than 15 billion batteries are produced and sold worldwide — 40% of those are sold during the holidays. Many are alkaline batteries that are thrown out after just one use because they aren't recyclable. Replace your alkaline batteries with rechargeable ones. Newer models can charge in as little as 20 minutes! It saves you money and helps the environment at the same time.

Creative Gift Wrapping

Wrapping paper has a high-clay and low-paper content making it difficult to recycle. Instead, get creative and choose a reused/reusable alternative like comics, posters, maps, blueprints or calendars (all recyclable), fabric, reusable paper or cloth gift bags, bandanas, etc. If you're shipping gifts, replace foam packaging or bubble wrap with plastic bags or glossy ads from newspapers (the ink doesn't smear like newspaper).

Stop Junk Mail

With the holidays come unwanted catalogs and other mail asking you to buy, buy, buy — but you can stop them and STAY off mailing lists. As soon as you receive an unwanted publication, call the 1-800 number located somewhere on the piece and ask to be removed from the mailing list and prevent future mailings.

**LAKE RIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION'S
2015 HOLIDAY PARTY
Wednesday, December 2nd 6-9 pm**



1245 North Federal Highway

**Happy Hour
Appetizers will be served**

**\$20 Non-members
\$15 Members**

**Tickets can be purchased online at
<https://lake-ridge-2015-holiday.eventbrite.com>
or at the door.**

**We'll have a membership table at the event where you
can join or renew your LRCA membership.**



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Don't expect a "thank you" that night (in fact, you might hear the opposite) ... but you'll be thanked in the morning, and that awkward moment can be one of the best holiday presents you'll receive.

What to do with O Tannenbaum?

After the drummers have drummed, pipers piped, lords leapt, ladies waited, maids milked (well, you get the point) the City of Fort Lauderdale will collect your Christmas Tree. Simply remove ALL ornaments (including tinsel and "icicles") and put your tree curbside on the same day as yard waste pick up.

The City will pick up your tree during the **two weeks following Christmas**. Wait longer than that, stick a partridge in it and wait for next year....

Share the spirit of the season with folks in need.

The Pantry of Broward is a "one-stop shop" for seniors struggling to live on low fixed incomes and grandparents raising their grandchildren.



Bring canned goods (fruits, vegetables, beans, meats, tuna), pasta, rice, peanut butter or low-sugar cereals to our next membership meetings and we'll deliver them to the Pantry's Food Bank

610 NW 3rd Ave *ThePantryOfBroward.org* 954-358-1431



TASTE OF ITALY

By Juliette Rocque

What were you doing on August 20, 2015? If you are wondering why I ask, then you were not among the more than 100 people at our 3rd annual "Taste of Italy," hosted by Marco Vico of Café Vico. Thanks to our Host, sponsors, and participating businesses, this was our best one yet. Residents had the opportunity to "hobnob" with Mayor Seiler, Commissioners Trantalis and Roberts and Frank Adderley, FLPD Police Chief; and meet some of the merchants that participated.

It was an evening filled with delicious food, laughter, great raffle prizes and awesome pick-a-prize and silent auction items. Wish you had been there right? Well, let me add that this year we put together "goodie bags" that were filled with passes to Orange Theory and Pure Barre and a free pizza from Piola on Federal Highway. Let's not forget the coupons and incentives to visit the participating merchant businesses to all attendees.

Feeling left out? Not to worry. Our 4th annual "Taste" is scheduled for June 16, 2016. It is slated to be even better, so mark your calendar. Can't wait that long to join your neighbors for a fun filled evening? Come on out to the Annual Lake Ridge Civic Association Holiday Party at J. Mark's, December 2, 2015 from 6pm to 9pm.



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Download the City of Fort Lauderdale's **Lauderserv app** to submit a customer service request right from your mobile device. You can report a streetlight outage, clogged stormdrain, pothole, or broken waste cart; find out your sanitation pick-up days or how to pay your water bill; and more. You can also use Lauderserv to access the City's social media accounts and get beach conditions.

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The Lake Ridge Civic Association extends its sincere thanks to all of our sponsors of the 3rd annual Taste of Italy.

We could not have done it without you!

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County Hurricane Hotline	954.831.4000
TTY Hurricane Hotline	954.831.3940
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FEMA	800.621.3362
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Residential Garbage Pickup Monday & Thursday

Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup Thursday

Bulk Trash Pickup 3rd Thursday of the month

GREENER HOLIDAYS

By Lynn Elsasser

If Santa brings you new electronic toys, you may be wondering what to do with your old ones. TVs, cell phones, computer monitors and other electronic components contain heavy metals such as lead, mercury and arsenic. Tossing those into the trash means they will end up in our landfills and toxic chemicals will seep into our drinking water. Recycle them instead.

Fort Lauderdale is holding an Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste collection event from 9 am to 2 pm on **Saturday, January 23rd, at Mills Pond Park** (entry off Powerline Road north of NW 16th St). Drop off your unwanted electronics, paints, solvents, cleaners, and other household chemicals. Also consider disposing of expired or unneeded prescription drugs. Some of these items can be repurposed; others will be disposed of in a safe manner to protect our environment. Be sure to bring proof of residency (driver's license, utility bill, etc.)

Fort Lauderdale has teamed up with other neighboring cities to offer hazardous waste collections during the year. Check out FortLauderdale.gov/GYR-home-page for other collection dates and locations.

HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

January 23: Fort Lauderdale 9-2 Mills Pond Park

February 6: Coral Springs

March 5: Coconut Creek

Please discard your paints, fuels, medications & household chemicals responsibly

Check out fortlauderdale.gov for locations, times and more details.

BE SURE TO BRING PROOF OF RESIDENCY



SAFE & HEALTHY HOLIDAYS

By Juliette Rocque

ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS, DON'T BECOME A VICTIM

The holiday season is upon us; unfortunately that also means that crime steps up. This is the time of the year that will call for massive shopping in-store and online. People will come knocking on your door, both literally and figuratively with their hands out looking for donations for the hungry, the poor and downtrodden. Our hearts break and our hands dig in our pockets, pens whip out to write checks. I am not here to knock "goodwill" out of your heart, talk you out of buying gifts for your loved ones or to brand all requests for charity as bogus, but I am here to remind you to be prudent. I am also not going to re-invent the wheel. The following is a list of Crime prevention Tips I found on Broward County Sheriff's Office website as well as a tip posted on WSVN.com, November 5, 2014, for you on-line shoppers:

- When parking your vehicle to go shopping, remember where you parked it! Always park in a well lit and well traveled area. Do not park in a remote dark area.
- When you return to your vehicle, scan the interior of your car to be sure no one is hiding inside. Check to see if you are being followed.
- Have your keys in hand when approaching your vehicle. You will be ready to unlock the door and will not be delayed by fumbling and looking for your keys.
- When storing items purchased at the stores, place them out of sight. The best place is in a locked trunk.
- Do not leave your purse, wallet, or cellular telephone in plain view.



- Don't resist if someone tries to take any of your belongings. Don't chase someone who robs you, they may have a weapon. Instead call 911.
- Lock your vehicle and put up your windows even while you are driving.
- If you go to an automatic teller machine for cash, check for people around and make sure it is well lit and in a safe location.
- Carry only the credit cards you need and avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- If you make a purchase with your credit card, be sure to obtain the carbons or see that they are destroyed in front of you.
- Beware of the "a good deal" scams. Things are not always what they appear to be.
- If you are purchasing toys for small children, be sure that they are safe. You will be surprised what a small child can swallow or what can injure them.

Drive defensively. Traffic is heavier during the holidays. Drivers may also have indulged in too much holiday spirits.

On-line shoppers should request signature confirmation upon delivery; that way a package cannot be left on your front step. You can also contact the shipping company and arrange for delivery at a time you'll be home or, if you can, have your packages delivered to your place of business.

LIGHT UP LAKE RIDGE

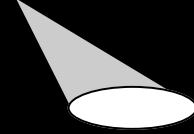
By Bob Oelke

With the change from Daylight Savings Time and the approach of winter, our streets will be darker for the next few months. In some areas of Lake Ridge, street lights don't provide adequate lighting for pedestrians and cyclists after sunset. One of our neighborhood's greatest assets is our expanding tree canopy, but in places, that can leave many shadowy areas for those on foot or bike, especially during long winter nights.

Some of the brightest spots in the neighborhood are those areas where our neighbors leave their porch lights on -- or perhaps keep their holiday lights up a little longer. That lighting, at the pedestrian level below the tree canopy, can make a big difference in the walkability of our streets after dark and helps us combat crime too. If you have a porch light or landscape lighting, please consider leaving it on a little longer during the evening hours. If you use newer, energy efficient bulbs you can provide a lot of light for pennies. Solar powered landscape lighting is even cheaper and more eco-friendly. We can make the existing street lights more effective by trimming back trees and foliage near lightpoles. Your neighbors will appreciate the light you provide during their evening strolls -- and better lighting helps us combat crime, too.

Be sure to wear lighter-colored or reflective clothing when taking a walk after dark. In many parts of Lake Ridge you have to walk in the street. If you do, please walk or jog facing traffic. If you're biking, be sure you have reflectors and a headlight. For those who prefer a musical accompaniment to their nightly stroll or ride, please turn the volume down in your earbuds so that you can hear oncoming traffic. If you are driving after dark, please slow down and pay attention to pedestrians

LIGHT UP @ NIGHT



**A little light makes
a BIG difference**

and bicyclists sharing the road. At dawn and dusk, the low rising and setting winter sun can impair your vision, so exercise a little extra caution when driving then. After dark, turn your hi-beam headlights down while driving on city streets so oncoming drivers aren't blinded by your lights. And please be kind to your pets if you're walking your dog after dark or in the early morning, be sure Rover is on his leash so you can keep him safe.

Wishing everyone a happy and bright holiday season and the very best in the New Year. Remember: Don't Text & Drive.

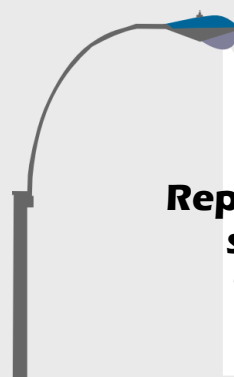
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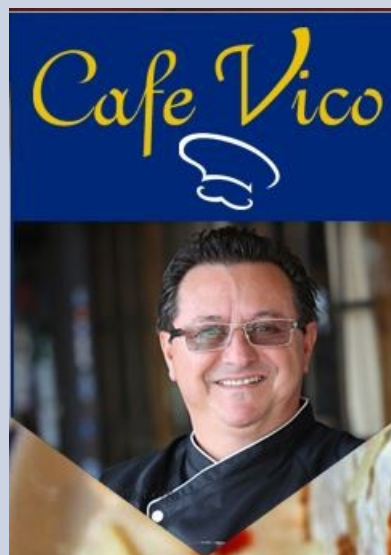
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LRCA's 3rd Annual *Taste of Italy* was a big success



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Taste of Italy
JUNE 16 2016



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