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# LAKE RIDGE NEWS

UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Michael Albetta

Hello Residents of Lake Ridge.

June. 21st is the official day of Summer.

As we know, Hurricane Season is upon us. We have been spared for the past 11 years ( Matthew was a very close call). Lake Ridge Civic Association asks , please prepare and we hope we are spared another year of hurricanes.

LRCA has changed its general membership meeting dates to the following quarterly schedule: January, March, June and October. The meetings are held at ArtServe at 7 pm on the third Thursday of the month

We also have two social meetings each year: Taste of Italy is in April and the Winter Holiday soiree is in December. (This year on December 7th at 6pm at JMark's Restaurant; be sure to attend and get your free holiday plant)

It was great to see all at this year's Taste of Italy at Cafe Vico. We broke all records. It is LRCA only fundraiser; we did quite well. We packed the house with 120 residents and elected officials ( please see enclosed pictures of event) ;

Our Townhall meeting with our Congressman Ted Deutch at ArtServe was brilliant with Brightline/All Aboard Florida to explain what is really going to happen. LRCA will post on our website [Lakeridgecivic.org](http://Lakeridgecivic.org) a PowerPoint presentation of this project. Our representative's were present as well as county and city officials; County Commissioner Tim Ryan; City Commissioner Dean Trantalis; Metropolitan Planning Organization's Greg Stuart; City Of Ft Lauderdale Transportation Direc-

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## WE WANT YOU!

**It's time to renew your membership.**

**If you aren't currently a member, now's a great time to join & support your neighborhood.**

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

**Please join us in making YOUR 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

**October 19th**  
**December 7th HOLIDAY PARTY**  
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for Diane Alarcon and thank you Chief Rick Maglione Fort Lauderdale Police Department.

Have you discovered Lake Ridge's hidden secret: we HAVE A PARK. It is Tranquility Park located at Satori Apartments ( NE 11th Street & NE 11th Avenue ) its access by pedestrians can walk to it; driving entrance is from E. Sunrise Blvd n NE. 11th Ave. Check out the picture on the inside back cover.

Another hidden secret is ArtServe & the Stomewall Museum and Library right across Sunrise Boulevard. ALL IS FOR FREE!!

Please join, please renew your membership ( see attached form). We need VOLUNTEERS & your help. Lake Ridge Civic Association it taking it to the next level, but, we NEED YOU!

Happy 4th of July, have a safe and wonderful Summer, great Labor Day weekend in September and see you in October at our next meeting. Watch for the signs. I wish you all peace.



2017 Membership Application

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## STAY SAFE

By Juliette Rocque

It's time to celebrate the 4th of July — time to have fun with family and friends. Whether it is at the beach, on the boat, grilling in the backyard or setting off a firecracker or two, **PLAY IT SAFE.**

### SPARKLER & FIREWORKS SAFETY

More than 50,000 fires are caused by fireworks every year. Take the proper precautions when operating fireworks.

- ◆ Never disassemble or try to make your own fireworks.
- ◆ Don't point sparklers, or fireworks at yourself or others, especially while they're being lit.
- ◆ Only light fireworks on the ground and in areas that are dry and fire resistant.
- ◆ Don't attempt to light multiple devices at the same time or re-light a "dud".
- ◆ Never allow young children to handle fireworks or sparklers.

**Always keep a portable fire extinguisher close by. Also keep a water hose or buckets of water nearby to put out fires.**

### WATER ACTIVITY SAFETY

July is one of the hottest months of the year, and many families turn to water activities to beat the heat. However, even fun water activities have serious risks if you don't follow proper precautions.

- ◆ Never consume alcohol while driving a boat or swimming.
- ◆ Before boating, always check that there are enough life preservers on hand for every passenger.
- ◆ Keep alert for local weather conditions at the beach. Check to see if any warning signs or flags are posted.
- ◆ Protect the neck — don't dive head first.
- ◆ Pools should be enclosed completely with a fence to restrict access to the area.
- ◆ Use waterproof sunscreen.

**Keep a first aid kit near the pool.**



### GRILLING SAFETY

Enjoy grilling your favorite meals this summer while also keeping your family safe.

- ◆ Check gas grill hoses for cracks, holes and leaks, which can cause fires and explosions..
- ◆ Keep children away from grills.
- ◆ Don't leave the grill unattended.
- ◆ Never grill indoors, in the garage, in any enclosed area or on a surface that might catch fire.

**Keep the grill at least two feet away from decks, siding, branches and any outdoor equipment that can catch fire quickly.**

If you follow these simple 4th of July safety tips, your entire family will be sure to have a safe and memorable holiday.

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By Erin Keenan

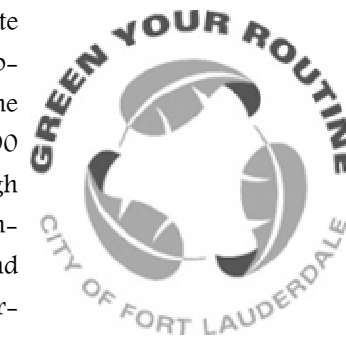
### Lake Ridge has MATURE FREE TREES for your front yard!

As many of you know, the City of Fort Lauderdale has put together an Adopt-A-Tree Program over the last few years to encourage the planting of trees in the neighborhoods around the city. There are many benefits to having more tree canopy in the neighborhoods as it not only beautifies the area but also shades the sidewalks and roads helping to "cool the city" and it significantly slows traffic along neighborhood roads.

The Lake Ridge community is excited to welcome Mr. Mark Williams to the City of Fort Lauderdale staff who will be heading up the Adopt-A-Tree city grant program replacing our dear friend the late Gene Dempsy. The Adopt-A-Tree program has been very successful over the last 3 years in Lake Ridge where over 200 trees have been planted! Strolling through Lake Ridge you can see many Royal Poinciana Trees, Live oaks, Bulnesias and Crepe Myrtles planted along many different streets offering vibrant colors and new shade as they grow.

The great news is Lake Ridge has been advised by Mr. Williams that we still have some trees available to us through our grant with the City of Fort Lauderdale, all we need is spots to place them with the commitment they will be watered. There are Live Oaks, Jacarandas, Royal Poincianas, Bulnesias among others. The City of Fort Lauderdale not only gives you a lovely, good size tree, but they also come and plant it for you staked, fertilized and mulched in your front yard for **FREE!!**

This is a wonderful opportunity to help Lake Ridge create more shade, slow our neighborhood traffic and beautify our community.



**S**omeone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago. Warren Buffett

If you would like a tree planted in your front yard please complete the Adopt-A-Tree form and email it to **LRCA33304@gmail.com**. Forms can also be picked up and dropped off at our general meetings, or email us at and we will send you a form to complete.

If you don't have room in your front yard but see somewhere that could use a beautiful blooming tree around the neighborhood, please ask the homeowner if they would like

to Adopt-A -Tree or get their email and we can send a note along with the form!! We need to create shade, beautify the neighborhood and calm the traffic through our neighborhood streets. Many people would love to have a FREE blooming tree planted in their front yard, they just don't know anything about the free tree program. Please help us spread the word and get as many trees as possible planted in Lake Ridge in 2017!

Thanks Neighbors!!

### HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

**July 29: Fort Lauderdale Mills Pond Park**

**August 5: Lauderdale Lakes**

**September 9: Coconut Creek**

**October 7: Coral Springs**

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

**Check out [fortlauderdale.gov](http://fortlauderdale.gov) for locations and more details. All events 9 am—2 pm**

**BE SURE TO BRING PROOF OF RESIDENCY**



# TRAFFIC NOTES

By Bob Oelke

## SUNRISE BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENTS

You may have seen recent detours on Sunrise Boulevard. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) recently closed traffic in the overnight hours to remove the overhead signs spanning the road near 10th and 18th Avenues. This is part of a project to improve pedestrian safety along Sunrise. The large footprints of these overhead signs obstructed the sidewalks, leaving only 2 feet of clearance — far less than is needed for a wheelchair to pass comfortably.

FDOT has also announced plans to install crosswalks across Sunrise in front of the Gateway Theater and along the south side of Sunrise near Searstown. No date has been announced for installation to begin, but don't be surprised if you see more detours on Sunrise. LRCA has been asking FDOT to address pedestrian safety and comfort along this busy roadway, and it's nice to see results.

As part of the plan for redevelopment near the Galleria, FDOT has been studying ways to improve vehicular traffic flow along Sunrise. They recently issued a conceptual plan. One idea is to replace the existing Gateway intersection with a traffic circle. Another proposal is to "add" a second left turn lane from eastbound Sunrise to northbound NE 15th Avenue into Lake Ridge. This so-called "dynamic left turn" would have a changeable signal that would direct traffic in a current straight-through lane into a left-turn movement instead. This would only be activated during peak hours. Currently, the left turn lane is too short to handle all turning traffic, when it backs up it clogs straight-through travel lanes. Both of these concepts have some operational difficulties. We'll keep you posted on the discussions between the state, county and city, and the plans as they develop.



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Contact Bryan Sawchuk for more information  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Bank of America Starlight Musicals Return to Holiday Park for the 39th Year

**Fridays, June 16 - August 4**  
**7:00 a.m. - 10 p.m.**

Join us for the Bank of America Starlight Musicals, a **free concert series** on Friday nights, June 16 - August 4, from 7 to 10 p.m. on the Holiday Park football field, 1150 G. Harold Martin Drive

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, picnic baskets, and coolers. Upcoming performers include:

- ♦ Jaded (June 16);
- ♦ Tim Charron Band (June 23);
- ♦ Jimmy Stowe & The Stowaways (June 30).
- ♦ The RD Project (July 7).
- ♦ Across the Universe (July 14).
- ♦ Classic Rock Therapy (July 21).
- ♦ The Fabulous Fleetwoods (July 28), and
- ♦ Brass Evolution (August 4).

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