

THE R.O.L.L.

Report of Leisure Lake

Still Summer in the South!



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THE PRESIDENT'S POINT



As Labor Day is next week, our summer is coming to an end. I hope you have taken time to get your home pressure washed if needed, shrubs trimmed and yard groomed, and make neighbors proud to say we live in a wonderful community. Driving through our neighborhood, I noticed a few homes

that could use a little tender loving care. If you need your home either pressure or soft washed there are several services on Nextdoor Neighborhood website. If you are living next to a house that looks like it has mold or needs repair, ask if they need help - they may not even know about it, as some elderly neighbors don't get out during hot and humid days. When you cut trees or bushes, do not pile them on other people's property. No one wants grass clippings or tree limbs dumped on their property, so put it on yours, and abide by City of Foley's regulations or it will not be picked up. Also, with the rains the past weeks, lawns can grow inches overnight; please keep mowed as weather permits. We continue to keep watch for the paving for Lakesouth Dr – they say they've not forgotten us, they're just behind schedule. We will stay on top of it. Your Board wants to keep our neighborhood attractive to current and future homeowners. If you get a Notice of Violation and do not understand why, call the HelpLine, leave a message and someone will get back to you. We hope in October the mandatory mask will be lifted and we can soon re-start potlucks and socials, using our newly decorated and furnished club house. **C-U You 'Round the Neighborhood....Pres. Chuck**

REMEMBERING 911

May we pause and remember that Tuesday morning, September 11, 2001.....

Members of the Islamic terrorist group al-Qaeda hijacked airliners as part of coordinated attacks against the United States. The Twin Towers were hit by one plane each, while another crashed into the Pentagon. A fourth was aimed for the White House, but passengers overtook the hijackers and it crashed into a field in Pennsylvania. More than 3000 people lost their lives during the deadliest terror attack on U.S. soil to date. The attack is thought to have been ordered by Osama Bin Laden, who was finally located and killed in Pakistan by U.S. Navy SEAL Team Six in May 2011.

BOARD LOSES TREASURER

Good-bye to Ralph and Joan Pearce, who recently moved away. Treasurer Ralph's capability to budget expenses provided a means to get some extra repairs done, and he always went the extra mile lending a hand with any job that needed doing.

Moving ahead...we all know **A GOOD TREASURER IS CRITICAL!** The position is open and the board members are covering it together while working diligently on recruitment but have yet to fill the gap. They may need to hire a CPA to do the books for the association.

ACTIVITIES

Once Covid is behind us, volunteers will be needed to get our fun going again. Are you interested in Bunko, dominoes, cards, or something new such as book club, coffee klatch, morning exercise, Ladies of the Lake social group or some other activity? Lots of ideas were submitted over the past months, but it takes willing people to organize and get it implemented. So if you want to have fun, then help get something started.

GIVE A HOOT 4 LEISURE LAKE



The lucky winner of the wooden chest raffle was Carol and Klaus Portfors – congrats!

You may be tired of the board's repetitive requests to step up, but without helpers, it would not be possible to take care of what needs to be fixed or replaced, and after 20 years, our age is showing! Of course regular maintenance is in the yearly budget – but unforeseen conditions are not. Several much-needed upgrades were affordable because of those precious volunteer workers - for instance, rather than the expense of removing a tree at the dam, Billy Puckett and Tom Roberts did it. Good neighbors Rick and Jean Smith helped with office work. Chuck Gentry and Jon Hunt cleaned and power washed all the gazebo walkways. Whether it's being on the board, leading an activity, a handyman project or a committee, there is something each can do, no matter your physical ability or limitations. Be a part of the solution – even a couple hours a week – do something for the good of the

community and share the pride keeping Leisure Lake a great place to live.

MEET A VOLUNTEER

This month, meet dog-lover Darlene Lawrence Padgett, our “bag lady” for several years. Darlene keeps the doggie stations stocked at the street corners. She says thank you to dog owners that use the bags and pick up your dog’s waste. Those that do not, please start TODAY...**your dog...your poop...**help yourself to complimentary bags. When you recognize Darlene walking her 2 beautiful black cocker spaniels, give her a shout of thanks for helping out.



at 22724 Tranquil never stopped weeding and watering, and with the help of their dog Max, they’re our final Yard of the Month Winner for this year. Their crepe myrtle and roses are still in full bloom. Thanks to those who made our community so appealing this season. You are all winners! The program will begin again next spring.

OUR BEAUTIFUL LAKE



Dredging the lake’s low areas is under consideration for fall. The dirt removed will be re-used to shore up the seawall breach, saving money not buying dirt for the fill. Our lake has stayed in good shape this year with good color most of the time. The herons visit regularly,

and carp must be doing a good job, as we don’t seem to have many weeds. The lake water is warm now; bass fishing is slow unless its late afternoon or early morning; but you can get a can of redworms, find a shade, and catch bream just about any time. Keep On Fishing...From the Lake Committee

CLUBHOUSE

Work by the Decorating Committee to update the clubhouse was completed, and came in under budget.

The next phase was replacement of the 20-year old tables and chairs. Several chairs were unsteady and torn, and the glass tabletops tended to tip and were unsafe. Thanks to Priscilla Chamblin and Susan Barbian to research the best dining arrangement. They found something attractive and sturdy which will last many years. Six tables with 4 chairs at each were purchased, providing permanent and comfortable seating for 24. They should arrive any day now (folding tables and chairs are available for larger groups.) To help deter the awful noise and echo at events, large rugs were strategically placed adjacent on each side of the room to provide some sound deadening. The old furniture was sold, helping pay for the new. The clubhouse will be available to reserve for private gatherings. There is room for social distanced gatherings with your friends.

YARD OF THE MONTH

As summer winds down, flowers wilt and we grow tired of keeping up yard appearances. But George and Brenda Stone

SWIMMING POOL

The pool will remain open until 8 p.m. daily as long as the weather stays warm. New umbrellas were purchased to provide more shady spots to relax. Even if you don’t get in the water, come enjoy the pool area. New gate access keycards and security cameras are doing a good job at policing problems. As a reminder, lower umbrellas, throw out trash, NO GLASS containers and smoking is only allowed in the designated area on the north side. A few still need to get their gate keycard - it is YOURS and whether you need it or not, it belongs in your possession, along with a door key to enter the clubhouse and restroom. If you are missing your key(s), call the HelpLine.

When leaving the pool, give somebody else a break and empty the trash into the waste container inside the white gate on the north side – somebody has to do it, and they thank you!

MISSING YOUR MONTHLY POTLUCK?

It’s unlikely that carry-in dinners will be re-started until we are all safe from Covid, as it would be difficult under social distancing guidelines. Many are asking, “**What about our traditional Christmas brunch?**” Your board is looking for ideas, and strategizing how to come together and celebrate the holidays with neighbors in a safe way. Call the Helpline with your opinion.

“DID YOU KNOW”

September marks the beginning of autumn in the northern hemisphere (and start of spring in the southern). Traditionally, it is the busiest hurricane month and a transition between seasons. The clubhouse is open during storms with emergency lighting, however there are lots of windows and it is not a storm shelter.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 7 - Labor Day

Sept. 25 - Native American Day

Sept. 13 - Grandparent’s Day

Sept. 22 – 1st day of Autumn