

LAKE CLARKE GARDENS NEWSLETTER



Sunrise at LCG

Photo by Jerry Sauve

OCTOBER, 2018

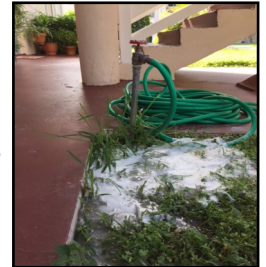


Cleaning Up Is Part of The Job.

by Van Tocket.

As you walk around Lake Clarke Gardens you can't help but notice how there's a good number of contractor trucks and vans in the parking lot of nearly every building. That's because there's a whole lot of work being done. Folks are buying and redoing entire units. Others are updating bathrooms or kitchens or installing hurricane windows. The hammers are knocking, the drills are whirring and the tempo is steady. Ours is a community continually face-lifting itself. As Martha Stewart would say, "That's a good thing".

The downside to all this improvement, however, is what is happening way too often when the work day is done: the messy clean-up. Contractors are leaving scraps of dry-wall, bits of plumbing, and blobs of caulking behind as they leave. Their rubbish can be seen entangled in our shrubs and trees. It's unsightly and, quite frankly, it shows a disrespect for our beautiful home. The picture on the right, taken recently, shows a puddle of who-knows-what that was willfully washed into the grass. The unfortunate thing is this is not an isolated incident.



Carelessly splattered paint

Proper clean-up is part of the job. It's unfair to expect our staff to be reaching into hedges to pluck out a coil of wire that was cast off from a second or third floor catwalk, or to scrub out paint that was carelessly splattered on our staircases. Aless and Gonzalo can not, and should not, be expected to supervise the activities of every painter, plumber or plasterer who's been privately hired to work on improving our units. These contractors work for us and it's our job to see they do it right.

So, make sure those who work on your unit do so in a courteous and professional manner. Remember, work hours are 8AM to 5PM every day except Sunday when no work is allowed. Let your contractors know they need to clean up after themselves. As my mother used to tell me whenever I left a mess, "Why do you make me nag? Just clean up your room!"

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Accounts Receivable as of August 31, 2018:

Total Receivables	\$ 173,624
Outstanding, Special Assessments	\$ 130,978
Maintenance, & Other Receivables	\$ 42,646

Cash Position as of August 31, 2018:

Total Cash:	<u>\$1,417,477</u>
Less: Restricted for:	
Spec. assessment:	(\$87,581)
Building & Common Reserves (includes painting not spent)	(\$299,372)
Hurricane Contingency	(\$201,144)
Cash	\$829,379
Prepaid Maintenance	(\$75,777)
<u>Net Operating Cash</u>	<u>\$741,449</u>

Month August 2018

Monthly Maintenance Due	\$241,634
Maintenance Not Paid (Less than 60 days)	(\$14,502)
Maintenance Collected in August	\$227,133



Association Meetings

Building Rep Meeting	Oct. 18	10:30am	Card Room
Agenda Meeting	Oct. 18	11:00am	Card Room
Board Meeting	Oct. 23	6:30pm	Auditorium

All unit Owners are invited to attend

The Good and Welfare portion of the BOD meeting is limited to those who submit their questions or concerns in writing to the Board by Monday, October 22, 2018 at 12:00 NOON.

Deadline for article submissions for the November Newsletter is October 25.

Email: lcg.sauve@gmail.com
or drop off in the office



Illustration by Chris Gash

Summer has quickly slipped by. We are now into fall.

The sealcoating is scheduled to be done toward the end of October. The permit has been applied for with Palm Beach County. Once The Paving Lady has the permit they will give us a schedule. Everything is contingent on the permit. I will keep everyone informed as best I can for scheduling.

The East Pool deck substructure is worse than expected once the surface boards were removed. We are getting an engineered stamped drawing before the work will start to make sure that the substructure will meet today's building codes. What was going to be a surface board replacement with composite decking has changed the scope of work. The permit has been filed for with the county and work will continue based on the engineer's recommendations. We want to make sure everything is structurally sound for LCG residents for years to come.

So far, so good on Hurricane season! We have a couple of months left so keep your fingers crossed that we continue to stay out of the path of the storms this year! Please say a prayer for those in the Carolinas that are not as fortunate!

The year end audit is complete. You will be able to get a hard copy from the office if you wish. The audit is posted on the website and I emailed those, whose emails we have, a PDF version. The auditor will be at the December 11th meeting to answer any questions. Please plan on attending.

Remember to stop in the office when you return to property for season. Your FOB may need to be reactivated. They were all turned off on May 31st. The Board asks that you fill out a survey to have them reactivated. Also, please feel free to check on the balance of your account in case you have missed a payment or a special assessment.

The Board will have a meeting on October 23, 2018 at 6:30pm. Please feel free to attend and stay informed as to what is happening here at LCG!

Notice the new picture on the front page?



I'd like to use **YOUR** pictures on the front page. Take a picture somewhere at LCG and send me a copy. I'll use as many as possible in future editions.

They can be scenes, events or anything else you choose. The only limit is your imagination.

Pictures must be digital and in landscape orientation. Please include a brief description, if necessary.

Be sure to include your name, building and unit number so I can give you credit for the picture.

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If you have an article of interest to the entire community, feel free to submit it for consideration. Submission does not automatically mean acceptance, but it will be considered. Please know that articles are subject to editing for length.

Articles will be published on a space available basis. Material must be signed with your building and unit number included. The newsletter is meant to provide information and highlight the many positive aspects of LCG.

In keeping with the established guidelines of this publication, anything accusatory or inflammatory will not be considered. Ditto for articles of an editorial or political nature.

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Channel 63 is up and running.

Check out the new look.



That's right, beginning October 3rd, at 7:00pm in the auditorium, your favorite Wednesday activity returns to LCG. So dust off your daubers and come enjoy an evening of fun with your friends and neighbors. Who knows: you might end up the big winner! But remember, you must be at least 18 years old to enter the auditorium during BINGO.

No Need to Cook On Wednesdays



Also returning on October 3rd are those fabulous dinners hosted by Shawn and Valerie McMahon and crew.

Why would you cook when you can enjoy a good meal with friends? Dinners are served beginning at 5:00pm.

Here's the October menu.



OCTOBER WEDNESDAY DINNER SPECIALS

- 3rd Spaghetti and Meatballs with Salad and Bread**
- 10th Baked Chicken with Rice Pilaf and Vegetables**
- 17th Baked Ham with Mac and Cheese and Vegetable**
- 24th Roast Pork with Beans, Rice and Vegetables**
- 31st Baked Ziti with Bread and Vegetables**

Dinner Special	\$5.00
Hamburger	\$2.00
Cheeseburger	\$2.00
Hot Dog	\$1.00
French Fries	\$1.00

WELCOME New Owners

12-104 RISTO RAUTIAINEN AND
SINIKKA RAUTIAINEN

24-204 JANINE AND JOSEPH
SALTALAMACCHIA

Sealcoating Information

As most of you know, the sealcoating of the parking lots and roadways is scheduled for later this month or early November. Watch your bulletin board for notices of the exact dates for your building.



It is important that you do not walk on the wet sealcoat as it will stick to your shoes and you will track it onto the walkways and into your unit.

WARNING

DO NOT WALK ON THE SEALCOATING UNTIL IT IS COMPLETELY DRY AND THE CAUTION TAPE IS REMOVED.

(see above)

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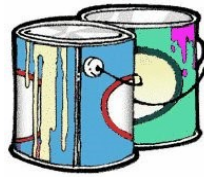
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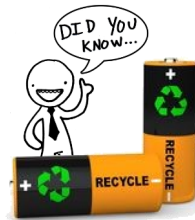
LCG recycles paint. Bring any unwanted paint to the office or the maintenance workshop where it can be disposed of properly.

DO NOT PUT PAINT IN THE DUMPSTERS.

When the dumpsters are emptied into the trash trucks, the contents must be compacted to make room for more refuse. During this process, any containers are smashed and the contents are released. Excess liquid leaks from the truck and onto the roadway. Notice the white blotches and streaks on the road in the pictures. That's not from the birds—it's paint.



The red line in this picture is also paint. Do your part to help keep our new pavement looking good.



Speaking of recycling, did you know that you can also recycle dead batteries? There is a recycle box for batteries near the ping-pong table by the office.

One more recycling reminder:

When you bring your bottles and cans to be recycled, **PLEASE EMPTY THE CONTENTS INTO THE BLUE BIN AND PUT THE PLASTIC BAG IN THE TRASH.**



RULES & REGULATIONS REMINDER

Cooking and/or grilling of any kind is not allowed on balconies, lanais or walkways. It is a violation of the fire code.



Also, by order of the Fire Marshall, nothing is to be kept on walkways. They must remain clear at all times.

HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH

Halloween		Y	W	I	T	C	H	D	Y	R	A	C	S	J	W	K
October		W	J	A	C	K	O	L	A	N	T	E	R	N	C	D
Spooky		L	H	E	G	G	H	O	S	T	H	S	K	A	R	E
Scary		N	R	E	T	S	N	O	M	A	P	K	L	O	E	I
Ghost		O	O	S	U	E	D	R	L	I	R	B	J	P	B	B
Vampire		T	O	U	V	M	R	L	D	P	S	E	Z	V	O	M
Werewolf		E	B	O	Z	V	O	E	G	B	G	H	C	A	T	O
Witch		L	A	H	L	W	R	I	E	N	A	W	F	M	C	Z
Zombie		E	T	D	E	Y	A	R	A	Y	E	Y	J	P	O	S
Skeleton		K	S	E	T	A	E	R	T	R	O	K	C	I	R	T
Monster		S	N	T	K	K	O	Q	E	Y	I	O	T	R	J	O
Black		I	Y	N	X	L	U	W	D	P	X	O	Z	E	O	Q
Orange		K	M	U	E	S	O	N	T	I	N	P	S	K	F	B
Candy		M	N	A	U	L	A	L	V	C	M	S	X	K	C	P
Trick or Treat		J	E	H	F	C	T	F	J	K	T	G	B	N	N	B
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Jack O' Lantern																
Boo																
Spider																
Bats																

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SIGNS YOU'RE TOO OLD TO TRICK OR TREAT



-  You get winded from knocking on the door.
-  You ask for high fiber candy.
-  When someone drops a candy bar in your bag, you lose your balance and fall over.
-  When the door opens you yell, "Trick or....." and can't remember the rest.
-  You have to carefully choose a costume that won't dislodge your hairpiece.
-  You keep having to go home to go to the bathroom.

RULES & REGULATIONS *REMINDER*

DO NOT FEED THE WILDLIFE.
(especially ducks)



Thanks for not feeding us.

Here's Why...

...It's Not Healthy for Ducks

You might think you're being kind to our web-footed friends, but you're actually harming them.

Bread and similar products such as crackers, chips, crisps, donuts, crusts, cereal, and popcorn are great sources of carbohydrates but they offer little nutritional value for ducks, geese, swans, and other birds.

In fact, they are the equivalent of junk food for birds. Just like humans would suffer from a diet of nothing but candy, it can lead ducks to excessive weight and malnutrition as well as many other problems.

Not only can people food be fattening to ducks and make it harder for them to fly and otherwise evade predators, feeding ducks can also lead to other serious problems. The most significant include:

Duckling Malnutrition: Ducklings require a varied diet and plenty of natural plants and insect proteins to mature properly. If ducks are regularly fed bread and such, ducklings will not receive adequate nutrition for proper growth and development. Furthermore, because ducks will eagerly seek out an easy food source such as human handouts, ducklings will not learn to recognize or forage for natural foods as they should.

Overcrowding: Where an easy food source is abundant, ducks and other waterfowl will lay more eggs and the pond or lake will become overcrowded. This makes it more difficult for the birds to seek out healthier food sources and increases the likelihood of territorial aggression. In overcrowded areas, predators can also thrive and will impact other bird populations, and diseases can quickly spread through large flocks as well.

Pollution: When too many treats are offered to ducks, not all of it will be eaten. Soggy, uneaten leftovers are unsightly and rotting bread can create noxious odors as well as lead to greater algae growth that can clog waterways and crowd out more desirable plants. This concentrates the pollution and can eventually eradicate fish, amphibians, crustaceans, and other life in the vicinity, making good food sources even more scarce.

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Diseases: Feeding ducks can increase the spread of diseases in two ways. First, a carbohydrate-rich diet leads to greater defecation, and bird feces easily harbor bacteria responsible for numerous diseases, including avian botulism. Second, moldy scraps can cause aspergillosis, a fatal lung infection that can decimate entire duck and waterfowl flocks.

Pest Attraction: Rotting food leftover from sated ducks will attract other unwelcome pests such as raccoons, rats, mice, and insects. These pests can also harbor additional diseases that can be dangerous to humans and threatening to other wildlife. food.

Adapted from *the Spruce*

East Pool Deck Project Update

Editor's Note

Most projects take twice as long to complete and become more involved than expected. This one is no exception. I know when I do a home project it always ends up taking twice as long with at least three unplanned trips to Home Depot. You read some of the details in Aless's report but, as they say, "A picture is worth a thousand words".



From a distance, the old decking didn't look too bad. However, the years have taken a toll on the deck. Several boards have been replaced but it was a constant battle to keep up with the cracking and splintering wood.

The old deck boards were removed to allow our crew to examine the understructure for any needed repairs. With the old decking removed, the men were able to assess the condition of the understructure.



They found that the pool deck base was extremely rotted. New wood supports are needed underneath. They had to be special ordered due to their size.

Due to the extensive deterioration of the understructure, an engineer has been hired to provide the current code and safety specifications for the project. This is added protection to make sure the deck is safe and sound for many years to come.

Photos by Diane O'Shea, Ralph Valentine, Aless Hall

Sunrise after Irma

Thank you for your patience during this project.



AUDIT
06/30/2018

The year end audited financial statement for 06/30/18 is posted on the LCG website.

Hard copies are available in the office.

The auditor will be at the December 11, 2018 Board meeting to answer any questions that you may have.

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What's Happening in October

Ongoing Events

MONDAY
 8:30am Fitness Walk AUD
 9:00am Yoga AUD

TUESDAY
 8:30am Fitness Walk AUD

WEDNESDAY
 8:30am Fitness Walk AUD
 9:00am Yoga AUD
 9:30am Bus -Walmart/Publix
 5:00pm Bingo Dinner AUD
 7:00pm Bingo AUD

THURSDAY
 8:30am Fitness Walk AUD
 1:00pm Canasta CR

FRIDAY
 8:30am Free Weights AUD
 9:00am Finnish Zumba AUD
 9:30am Bus -Walmart/Publix
 12:45pm Bridge CR
 1:00pm Mex. Train Dominoes CR

SATURDAY
 8:30am Fitness Walk AUD



Special Activities

DATE	ACTIVITY	BUS DEPARTURE
TUESDAY Oct. 9	 FESTIVAL FLGA MARKET MALL	9:30am
THURSDAY Oct. 11	 The Beach Club On the Waterfront	12:00 NOON
TUESDAY Oct. 16		10:00am
TUESDAY Oct. 23		9:30am
THURSDAY Oct. 25		12:00 NOON

Coming in November



If the schedule allows, TAI CHI will begin in November, Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00am.

KEY
 AUD—Auditorium CR—Card Room
 WP—West Pool

Also Available:
 Putting Green, Shuffleboard, Sauna, Billiards Room, Woodworking Shop, Library and Computer Room, Ping-Pong.

All Breakfast, Lunch, Green Markets, Street Painting Festival and Shopping Malls require advance registration and a \$5.00 Refundable deposit.

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