

### The Lakes at Tradition HOA

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### FORTH QUARTER 2022

-HOLIDAY SEASON— FALL EDITION

## Welcome Back Snowbirds!

Snowbirds, a lot has happened while you have been gone.

### While you were away:

### Bye Bye IAN!

Hurricane IAN appears to have impacted the majority of our state. Ian made landfall last Wednesday, affecting much of West and Central Florida. The storm arrived in Florida with winds of 150 mph, equivalent to a Category 5 hurricane.

The Lakes at Tradition HOA Management office, maintenance supervisor Kevin Navarro, Board of Directors, Community Volunteers, our trusted vendors, The Irrigation Wizard, Above & Beyond Landscape, C&C Environmental, and Residents did an outstanding job preparing the community and their homes for a potential impact on our area. We were extremely fortunate this time; aside from a few minor tree damage and a large amount of landscape debris, our community was not directly affected by the storm.

Our landscape company, Above and Beyond, was on the scene the day after the storm made landfall, assessing damage and clearing roads of large debris. They then work through the weekend to ensure that all landscape debris is removed from the community.



Thank you to everyone who helped with the pre-storm prepa-



rations and to the residents who helped with the cleanup.

Storm season ends on November 30, so we are safe for the time being, but make sure you review your storm plan again before the season ends.

### Things You Probably Didn't

### Know About Snowbirds

A snowbird is actually a person, not a bird.

Where did the term snowbird come from?

It was first used to describe men who enlisted in the armed forces to get food and clothing during the winter months and then deserted as the warm spring weather approached. Not long after, the term was applied to the northern laborers who would flock down south to work as the cold, harsh winter set in up north.

- "Winter visitor" is actually the politically correct term for a snowbird.
- The term "snowbird" has been around for almost 100 years.
- Many snowbirds will eventually become "sunbirds."
- Snowbirds tend to enjoy better health.
- Florida isn't the only popular snowbird destination.
- John D. Rockefeller was one of the very first snowbirds.
- Snowbirds helped push real estate development in the 1970s.
- Snowbirds have a big impact on the economies of many southern states.
- Snowbirds are changing Florida's future demographics.
- Many snowbirds spend up to six months in their sunny winter homes.
- Snowbirds bring their pets too.
- Snowbirds love Pickleball.



Hello and a huge, hearty welcome to all of our new friends and neighbors who moved into The Lakes recently.

We know you will love living here in paradise and we look forward to meeting you. VISIT OUT NEW WEBPAGE LATHOA.ORG

### Lakes at Tradition HOA

Phone: (772) 345-0690 Onsite office Located at the Clubhouse. Monday – Friday 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM Best Time to visit for a vehicle decal is between 11 AM & 3 PM Ingrid.sarmiento@fsresidential.com Managed by FirstService Residential.

*Our Twitter account is : @LAT\_HOA Our Facebook Page is : The Lakes at Tradition Homeowners Association* 

### Lakes at Tradition Accounts Information

René & Association, PA, CPAs' 550 Heritage Drive, Suite 180 Jupiter, FL 33458 Office 561-626-8876, fax 561-626-9411 and email lathoafee@gmail.com The Web-Site URL is: <u>www.renecpa.com</u>



### *Tradition Community Association* Phone: (772) 345-5101 Fax: (772) 345-5104 Monday – Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Managed by Castle Group

### 2022 Has been a busy year!

It been a year since the reopening of the Re Imagined Lakes Clubhouse .

The Lakes at Tradition HOA Board of Directors & Decorating Committee volunteers put a lot of time and resources to reimagine and make a reality our new and improved Clubhouse.



Today the clubhouse house is used daily by many clubs, card games, dance groups, etc. (calendar included on this edition)

We would like to share some of those moments with all the residents that were not able to participate, thus, we have prepared a video for you.

Please see below a link to see the Lakes at Tradition Clubhouse reopening video https://rb.gy/et6jzq

Or use the QRL Code



More projects completed this year:

- Resurfaced the shuffleboard courts
- Replaced basketball poles, backboards and hoops
- Added wind screens to tennis courts
- Replaced grill outside of clubhouse
- Added mulch to the children's' playground
- Added lighting in parking lot near mailroom
- Added stop signs
- Improve bocce courts with the addition of new interior side rails and Har-Tru for the surface
- Add two permanent pickleball courts
- Add additional Gym free weights in lower denominations

# **October 2022-4th Quarter information**

René& Associates P.A., CPA's handle the community accounting. Please contact them directly with any payment related questions. René & Association, PA, CPAs' 550 Heritage Drive, Suite 180 Jupiter, FL 33458 Office 561-626-8876. and email lathoafee@gmail.com The Web-Site URL is: www.renecpa.com



### VERY IMPORTANT LINKS:

2021 AUDIT : Available at the community website or by request to the LAT office.

2023 Proposed Budget—Full Package available at:

https://rb.qy/oqrzli



### BOARD MEMBERS:



Thom Epsky **Board President** 



Greg Snider **Board Vice President** 



Julie Feldman Board Asst. Secretary



Akua Prout **Board Vice President** 



Marge Forrest **Board Secretary** 



Margaret Borock **Board Treasurer** 

## **COMITTEES & CHAIRS**

### **Architectural Committee**

Jack Parker

### **Facilities Committee**

Ken Perlman

### Landscape Committee

Carolyn Snider

Social Committee

Mollie Adams

### **Block Representative**

Toni Cunningham & Carolyn Hammer (co-chairs)

More information

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**Community Leadership Team** 





The Lakes Pickleball Club is a casual group of players whose goal is to bring all ages and all ability levels together, to have fun and to learn the game at the same time. We also strive to be active, enjoy outdoors, form new friendships, and improve our skills.

All residents of the Lakes are invited to join with an annual do-

nation of \$20 per person. Donations are used for a constant supply of pickleballs stored at the courts and event/tournament costs.

The Club's Open Play scheduled times are for all The Lakes' residents and their invited guests.

Our year-round Open Play schedule:

Mornings~ MON, WED, FRI, SAT starting at 8:00am

Evenings~TUES, THURS, SUN starting at 6:00 pm

There are currently more than sixty residents in the Club.

Any questions, please contact Mary Smit:

### mary1963@centurylink.net



## WHAT IS PICKLE-

## BALL?

Pickleball is a fast-paced version of tennis that will get your kids, family, and friends moving. The sport combines aspects of badminton, table tennis, and tennis. The game is played with either two or four players. Instead of a tennis ball, pickleball is played with a wiffle ball and solid paddles. The pickleball court measures 20 feet by 44 feet for singles and doubles play. If you are ready to take your pickleball game to the next level let us know.







## BLOCK REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE:

The Block Representative Committee met on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse. Approximately 15 Block Representatives, including Toni Cunningham and Carolyn Hammer (committee co-chairs) and our Board Liaison, Julie Feldman met to discuss The Lakes at Tradition happenings that are impacting our community.

The meeting started promptly at 7:00 pm with a discussion about our new community website

and the link that will connect new homeowners to their Block Representative, if they wish. (The website is LATHOA.ORG. (Please contact Ingrid if you have not yet received your sign in and password for this new site.) We discussed that despite the tremendous increase in recent home sales, we have only been contacted by 3 new residents since January to ask for a Block Representative to contact them. If you wish to contact your Block Rep, please email: <u>lathoabr@gmail.com</u> with your contact information.

Next each Block Rep present was asked to discuss any concerns, issues or events happening on their block. Cars speeding on residential streets was talked about, but we were assured by Board member Julie Feldman that the Board is dealing with this issue and possible solutions. It was also brought up that the only block without a Block Representative is Rockingham. If you would like to represent that block, please contact us at <u>lathoabr@gmail.com</u> Being a Block Rep may be the easiest way to get involved in our community! We only meet 4 times per year. Our meetings begin at 7:00 pm, and we strive to complete our business within 30 minutes.

### Your Block Representative can:

- Answer your community questions, or direct you to someone who has the answer
- Help you get connected with the community website
- Help you find volunteer opportunities on community committees

### **Block Representatives do not:**

- Get involved with neighbor disputes
- Report or offer advice regarding HOA violations
- Provide Security for our community

We closed after discussing the upcoming Veterans Day community parade on November 5<sup>th</sup> where the Block Representatives will help by placing a flag at each vets home that morning. Please be sure to provide Mollie Adams, Social Committee Director, with your vet information when she requests so she can organize flag distribution. This is a wonderful tribute to our residents who have served our country in the military, and hats off to Mollie for organizing this!







# **Circle of Friends**



POP-UP events will be announce in the monthly community calendar.









Veterans Parade NOV 5 We will be honoring our Lakes Veterans with a lunch. NOV 11







**December 2**<sup>nd</sup> will be our "*Elvis' Christmas*" show featuring Jeff Krick.



December 10th is the Holiday Breakfast.



OUR Social events and weekly activity calendar is always available at the Lakes community website LATHOA.org



**BIOLECLUB** 3rd Monday of each month 7 PM at the clubhouse.





### A Tutorial About Ganoderma

Note: information was derived from an article published by the University of Florida's IFAS Extension

Ganoderma butt rot is a lethal disease of palms. The fungus that causes the disease is distributed throughout Florida, as well as Georgia and South Carolina.

There are many different species of this fungus in Florida, however only one is a pathogen of palms: Ganoderma zonatum. The good news is that this fungus does not cause a disease in any other plant family. The other news is that there are currently no cultural or chemical controls for preventing the disease or for curing it once the palm is infected.

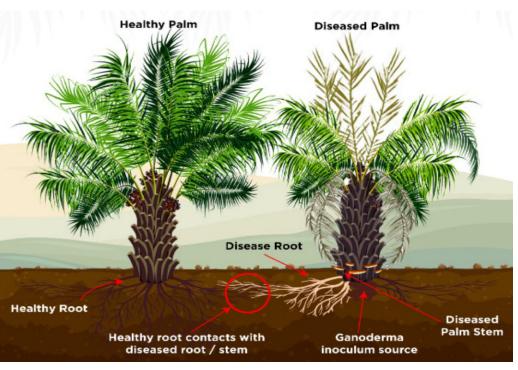
How do you know if your palm has Ganoderma? In general, if you see a conk on a palm trunk, especially if it is still living, it is safe to assume it is Ganoderma zonatum.

Once a conk is discovered, the palm should be removed... primarily for safety reasons. This is especially important during hurricane season. Why? If conks are produced on a live palm it means that a significant portion of the trunk is already decayed. These palms are likely to be the first blown down in heavy winds.

When removing the palm, remove as much of the stump and root system as possible. This will help to limit conk formation on any palm trunk material left behind. The fungus survives in the soil. It's been observed that replacement palms planted in the

same site where a palm died from Ganoderma butt rot also became diseased and died.

Therefore, at the Lakes at Tradition, we do not replace diseased palms with another palm. Depending on the location and other factors, the palm might not be replaced. Or, a nice flowering tree (i.e., hibiscus) is a nice substitute for the diseased palm. Contact our management office if you think you might have a palm affected by Ganoderma.





## Giving

Time for

Contractor/Personnel Holiday Luncheon – December 14

Deadline for contributions is December 8. Please help!

As your landscape committee members begin to plan for this year's holiday luncheon for personnel and contractors, we once again ask for your support. Your contribution of \$10.00 or more per household is now being gratefully collected in order to ensure a successful event.

Cash or checks accepted. Please deposit envelopes (with name and address) into Association drop box outside office door. Make checks payable to Carolyn Snider. She is Landscape Committee (LC) chairperson. If mailing your check, send it to Carolyn at 12125 SW Keating Dr., PSL 34987

### Thank you!



The Facilities Committee was very busy last month closing a number of projects that impacted many different areas of the clubhouse area.

The biggest project was the complete removal of the damaged wall boards of the bocce courts and replacing with new composite lumber to give a smooth and seamless side boards to improve play. Many volunteers from the community took part in the old board removal, replacement of new lumber and the addition of surface material just in time before lan made its appearance.

It is worth to mentioned that work was perform under very high temperatures.



Special Thanks to:

Joe Marques					
Tom Klein					
Jerry Fiore					
Ken Perlman					

Stan Briggs Eugene Wesnofske Greg Snider Kevin Navarro

Our pickleball court area was improved with the addition of new permanent nets that required new posts to be installed below the court surface and the provision for nets to be used as barriers between court areas to prevent stray balls from interfering with play.

### Bocce Before



Repairs were delay due to weather, see how the court flooded last week.





The gym area will be receiving three new pieces of equipment to go along with a new set of smaller free weights. The equipment to be added is a new treadmill, a new elliptical and a new recumbent bike. These are items that were requested via various surveys and discussion.





Our children's tot lot will be getting a concrete table and benches that will include an umbrella to protect families during playtime there.

Many areas have contained equipment that is either rusting and not useable or might be considered unsafe. With that in mind we are ordering new resin construction benches and new bike racks for three different areas.



Looking to the future the committee is investigating the replacement of the gym flooring carpet with a composition that is better for that area and a replacement light source fixture for the court areas using LED to provide better lighting with a lower cost of operation and maintenance.

## SHUFFLE BOARD

The Lakes now has newly refinished Shuffle Board Courts.



According to Wikipedia: The full history of shuffleboard is not known. Though there is some

knowledge of its development, its actual origins, the place and date where it was first played, remain a mystery. Inevitably, this uncertainty gives rise to some debate, even disagreement, about which country can claim to have invented it.

However, there is no dispute concerning its age as a form of popular amusement, and in <u>Europe</u> has a history that goes back over 500 years.

In shuffleboard, players try to score, prevent the opponent from scoring, or both. The basic strategy involves both offense and defense. If it is your turn to shoot first, you are automatically on the defensive, because your opponent has the last shot of the frame. If you simply put your first shot into the scoring area, your opponent will knock it off, and if you then score with your second shot, the same will happen, and so on until you have used your last shot, and your opponent will knock that off and probably score.

Regardless of the rules it is a fun activity and if you are interest in playing, we will be forming a mixed league this fall. For more information email. <u>Suffleboardlat@gmail.com</u>



Starting this Fall Mix league Shuffleboard Fridays, 4:30 PM Interested? Contact: ShuffleboardLAT@gmail.com Please indicate your name and playing partner's name

## FOOD DRIVE

### TO BENEFIT THE TREASURE COAST FOOD PANTRY

NOV. 1-7



PLEASE DONATE THE FOLLOWING: CANNED SOUPS/STEWS, TUNA, RICE, DRY CEREALS, BEANS, PASTA, SAUCE, PEANUT BUTTER, JAM/JELLY, CRACKERS, CANNED VEGGIES, CANNED FRUIT, GRANOLA BARS



BOXES WILL BE LOCATED IN THE MAILROOM.

Nov. 1-7

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

## VETERANS DAY PARADE SAT., NOV. 5<sup>TH</sup> 2022 "DRIVE BY" PARADE - 11 'CLOCK LINE UP @ 10 O'CLOCK

ALLER LEVEL

HOMEOFTHEBRAVE

Please decorate your car of golf cart and join in the parade to show our Veterans we appreciate their service of our country.

Look for the flag display on the lawn outside of the clubhouse.



### LET'S HONOR ALL OF OUR VETERANS!

THE LAKES GIRGLE OF FRIENDS PRESENTS OUR 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL HALLOWEEN BASHY OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup> 7PM

AT THE CLUBHOUSE

BYOB AND A FINGER FOOD TO SHARE DANCE TO THE "MONSTER MASH" IF YOU DARE! ENTER YOUR CARVED PUMPKIN TO WIN A PRIZE COSTUMES ENCOURAGED! YOU CAN WIN FOR YOUR DISGUISE

**PARTY WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS** 

MAKE NEW FRIENDS

A HAPPY HALLOWEEN WILL BE HAD BY ALL BEFORE THE EVENING ENDS!

(No advance reservations required. Open to all Lakes residents and their guests. )



## What is the ACC and What does it do? ALL EXTERIOR CHANGES MUST BE APPROVED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE "ACC"

PART 2

As per last month's newsletter the ACC will continue to write an article in the newsletter with updated information that we hope, you the homeowner, will find helpful.

So for this month's article we put together a little Q & A section that will cover some frequently asked questions in regards to applications.

We will continue to provide more Q & A's after you have had a chance to review the text of the updated *Lakes at Tradition HOA ACC Standards and Guidelines – October 2022 Edition.* Check your mailbox mid-October for your delivery of this important document. This updated Handbook will be on the agenda for the Lat HOA Board of Director's meeting October 26, 2022.

## **Q)** How do I know which projects require an application?

A) Applications are required to be submitted for all exterior alterations or modifications to a home. This process is not limited to major additions or alterations, such as adding a lanai enclosure, pool, or patio. It includes such minor items as simple changes in landscaping. Applications are also required when an existing item is to be removed.

To the extent your project impacts the exterior of you home, it most likely requires an ACC application. When in doubt, please reach out! The current applications can be accessed on the new website at <u>https://lathoa.org/</u> <u>login-portal/</u>. After logging in, select **Public Documents**. Next select **ACC**  **Forms**. There you will find all the applications and other information and you will be able to download the applications.

If you need login information please contact the Management office by telephone at (772) 345-0690 or email at lathoa@gmail.com or directly to Ingrid Ingrid.Sarmiento@fsresidential.com

### **Q)** How do I know where to find information for specific design standards and guidelines for a project?

A) There is a handbook that provides information that has been adopted by The Lakes at Tradition Homeowners Association Board of Directors. It explains the application and review process. The handbook can be found at www.lathoa.org

Or request a copy to the office.

**NOTE:** An updated HOA ACC Guide/ handbook will soon be released and, when approved by the Board, it will be put on the new Lakes website.

Application Deadline	Meeting Date
October 20	November 2
November 23	December 7
December 22	January 4, 2023



### Q) Once my project has been completed when will I get my deposit back?

*A)* Once your project is completed, you will need to notify Ingrid by email at In-

grid.Sarmiento@fsresidential.com Ingrid then notifies the ACC com-

mittee to inspect the completion of your project. The ACC will then do the inspection and possibly take photos as needed for your file and then send a report back to Ingrid. When the project has passed inspection, Ingrid will start the refund deposit reimbursement process.

ACC Committee

Have you submitted your request and have written approval from the ACC?

# Port St. Lucie - Residential Waste & Bulk Collection LAKES SCHEDULE

## **FRIDAY Pick Up Bulk FRI-4**



Disclaimer: This schedule begins the week of Sept. 5, 2022. Garbage, recycling and yard waste is collected once a week and bulky waste is collected once a month on the same designated day.

Holidays: Independence Day (July 4), Thanksgiving and Christmas affects regular collection schedules. All collection days will be pushed back one day, excluding Sunday.

## When disposing of yard waste curbside, residents can help collection crews by:

Cutting tree limbs and branches to a manageable size, not exceeding 4 feet, excluding palm fronds. Limbs, logs and stumps cannot exceed 6 inches in diameter or 4 feet in length and cannot exceed 50 pounds per piece.

Piling yard waste so it is neatly stacked.

Containerizing or bagging yard waste by using paper bags instead of plastic; paper bags can be mulched up along with the debris; plastic cannot.

Placing yard waste along your right-of-way area in front of your swale and avoid placing debris in a vacant lot orneighbor's home. Yard waste cannot be obstructed or too close to powerlines, mailboxes or other obstruction(s).

Avoid mixing garbage and yard waste. The waste must be free of items such as metal, food waste, garbage, soil, sod and stones

### Garbage, Recycling, Yard & Bulk Day: Monday (Mon)

Tuesday (Tue) Wednesday (Wed) Thursday (Thu)

Friday (Fri)

### Bulk Waste Day:

- 1 = First week of the month
- 2 = Second week of the month
- 3 = Third week of the month
- 4 = Fourth week of the month



YARD WASTE

Place garbage carts and green recycling carts at the curb no later than 7 a.m. on your pickup day, but no earlier than 6 p.m. the evening prior to collection. GARBAGE CANS MUST BE STORED IN THE GARAGE EXCEPT ON SCHEDULED. On the same day, after service, all carts must be removed from the curb.



NEW Garbage cans will be deliver to our community soon, if you know of a neighbor that is not in town, please help us by moving the can closer to their garage. Or let the office know.

NEW garbage cans and recycled bin must be stored inside the garage .

NEW Service will not pick up anything that is not inside the garbage or recycling container, they will not pick up plastic bags or boxes. NO LOOSE ITEMS

### "What do I do with my old garbage containers?" There are three options available:

- 1. Repurpose the old can as a yard waste can or as a storage container for yard/garden tools, sports equipment, pool toys or pet supplies.
- 2. Residents can print a "Take Me for Disposal" tag (or tape a note to the can), and it will be collected for disposal from the curb on your designated bulk waste day.

3. Garbage Can Recycling Roundup: As recycling collection resumes with the new service, residents are encouraged to recycle their old garbage can. Take the cans, emptied and rinsed, to the Voluntary Drop-off Center on Saturday, Sept. 17 or Saturday, Sept. 24, from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., at the northeast corner of Cameo Boulevard and Crosstown Parkway, behind the green, fenced-in area, just west of the turnpike.

## **MPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE**



During high traffic days, such as the holidays, we noticed a larger number of vehicles making the visitor line to get access to the community. We wonder, why it takes so much time to allow the visitor access to the community.

The courtesy officers have post order to follow and in summary, are as follow:



Management and our community volunteers noticed that most of the delays are caused by owners not listing the visitor on the Dwelling live system, or not answering the phone calls from the guardhouse when their visitor arrived.

In some instances, the owners have change cell numbers or disconnect landlines and not update the contact information on the gate website system (Dwelling live)

The Lakes at Tradition HOA is providing all the residents with access to the online Visitor Management System powered by dwellingLIVE. With this system, you have the ability to manage your visitor list for the front gate, view your guest history, manage your user's information, update your phone numbers, receive real-time text/email notifications, and much more!



dwellingLIVE Frontsteps Designed for iPad

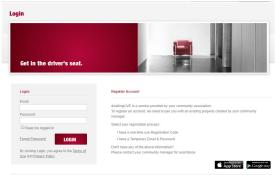
Website Access to gatehouse Login to https://community.dwellinglive.com (If you need assistance to register in the gate website Dwellinglive, please contact the management office, we will help you to set your account.)

This system can be accessed from your home computer or from your smartphone. It is the owner's responsibility to make sure the information is correct and accurate.

If you need assistance setting the phone app, please visit the onsite office and we will gladly help you.

Guests				Tem	porary 📔 Perm
Last Name	First Name	Company/Party	Start / End Date	Entries	
ня	Tom		8/29/2019 - 8/29/2019		0
Hilton	Samuel		8/29/2019 - 8/29/2019		0
Noid	Ben		8/29/2019 - 8/29/2019		4
Nelson	Foggy			P	3
Page	Karen			P	6

During the holidays, we anticipate a high volume of friends and family to visit the community.



To expedite the traffic through the gate for the holiday, please add your family and invitees to the guestlist for the extent of their stay or inform the

Gatehouse with the information as soon as possible.

We apologized beforehand for any inconvenience, but visitors or vendors that are not in your list or if the resident does not answer the primary phone number to grant access will be turned away to expedite the line.

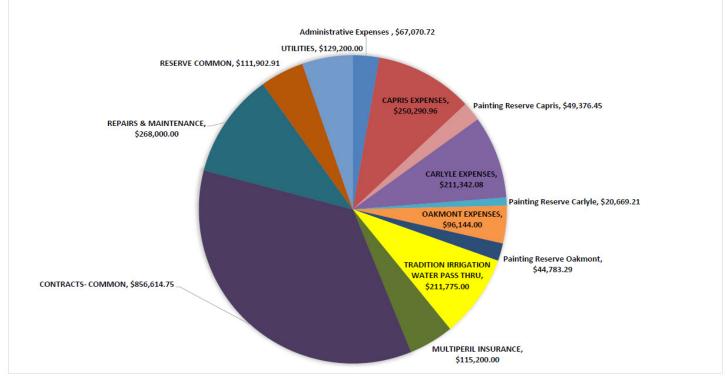


This week the office will mail out the 2023 Proposed Budget package, Enclosed you will find, The Notice of Meeting of the Board of Directors for October 26, 2022 at 6:30 PM—at the Clubhouse and the Copy of the proposed Budget of The Lakes at Tradition Homeowners Association for the fiscal year January to December, 2023.

Below is a snick preview of the proposed budget mail out.

	HOA	CDD1 Pass Thru	Reserve	TOTAL		
	Assessment	irrigation water	Funding			
Capri- 376 homes						
CAPRI Assessment 2022	\$688.35	\$78.24	\$35.41	\$802.00		
CAPRI Assessment 2023	\$736.21	\$77.07	\$40.72	\$854.00		
Oakmont- 226 homes	•					
OAKMONT Assessment 2022	\$772.35	\$78.24	\$35.41	\$886.00		
OAKMONT Assessment 2023	\$826.21	\$77.07	\$40.72	\$944.00		
Carlyle - 85 homes						
CARLYLE Assessment 2022	\$833.35	\$78.24	\$35.41	\$947.00		
CARLYLE Assessment 2023	\$889.21	\$77.07	\$40.72	\$1,007.00		

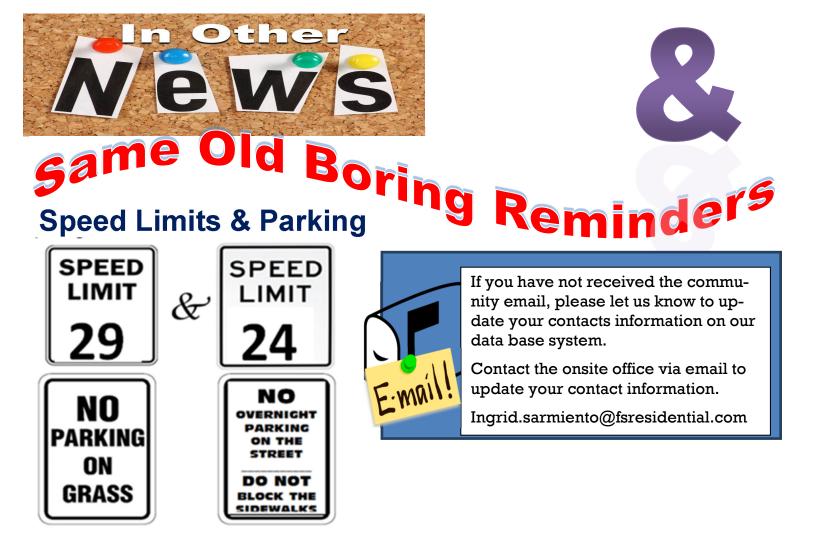
ALL QUARTERLY ASSESSMENT TOTALS WILL BE ROUNDED FOR ACCOUNTING PURPOSES.



2023 PROPOSED BUDGET

Full Package available at: https://rb.gy/oqrzli or





## "The Lakes at Tradition Community Connections."

The email communication system for the Lakes Residents' social, sports, and volunteer activities in our community. "The Lakes at Tradition Community Connections."

This platform of communication is an annex of the official HOA email blast .

The emails are intended for the Lakes residents only, you will be asked for your address to confirm residency.

Communications regarding the Lakes Social Events and HOA Board meetings and activities will remain the same.

To subscribe, please follow the link or use the QRL.

http://eepurl.com/hOYIE5

You can also registered directedly from the community website lathoa.org

