

# The Lakes at Tradition HOA

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## **SECOND QUARTER 2023**

## 2023 NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We start the season with the Lakes at Tradition Annual Meeting of Members that was held on Wednesday, February 8 for the purpose of electing members to the Board of Directors.

Quorum of the Members was reached with over 100 members attending and over 150 proxies . What a great representation of what the Lakes really is.



Jack

Parker and Margaret Borock were elected to fill the 2 vacant seats. They will serve a two-year term.

Following the Annual Meeting, the Directors voted unanimously to appoint the following 2023 Officer positions:

Jack Parker, President Akua Prout, First Vice President Marjorie Forrest, Second Vice President Julie Feldman, Secretary Margaret Borock, Treasurer If you need to contact a Board member, please send an email to LATHOA@GMAIL.COM

We appreciate Judy Slason, Stan Briggs, and Jim Morris, for submitting their intention to volunteer and offering their services to our community.



Special Thanks to the Election Committee members:

Thom Epsky, Carolyn Hammer, Tom Klein, Cheryl Lally, Elise Ross, Nancy Grossman, Suzanne Killeen, Nancy Haughton, Chris Bornstein, Ellen Leyden & Rob Potorski.

In addition to the residents volunteering to observed the election process.



# Resolution of Appreciation, to Thomas Epsky at the February 8, 2023 Annual Meeting.

At the annual meeting, Thomas Epsky, who retired from the Board, was recognized for his achievements and seven years of devoted service.

Thomas Epsky and Brad Guffin purchased their home on Lockhaven Court in February 2010, however, they have been residents of our community since earlier as 2003 when Brad moved and was recognized as the first

resident of Tradition.





Thomas (Thom) has volunteered most of his life in many organizations such as the United Way and other community Boards of Directors.

Back in 2016, Thom submitted his name to fill a midterm vacancy that occurred

on the Lakes at Tradition Board of Directors, where he was appointed to the Board and unanimously elected by his colleagues to be President of the Association and reelected by the Members in 2017, 2019 and 2021.

As President, he helped to institute a number of missing financial control policies to protect the assets and property of The Lakes at Tradition, helped to establish the Finance and Elec-



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 OUR 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.

#### **GUARDHOUSE:**

Please contact the office for access to DwellingLive website.

# 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>



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tion Committees to ensure fiduciary oversight, was instrumental in the recovery of \$50,000 fraudulently stolen from the members, engaged an independent specialized bookkeeping firm to provide accounts payable, accounts receivable, and financial reporting services.

Thom's transparency policies opened all meetings to Members, published meeting minutes and backup material, championed for a new community website to

provide access to information and documents; regularly held

community Town Hall style meetings and one-onone "Talk with Thom" office hours for residents to meet and discuss issues of importance. Thom also invited city leader, such as Mayor Martin, the county appraisal office and The PSL police department to talk to our residents.

Thom has earned the respect, admiration, and highest accolades from his fellow members of The Lakes at Tradition; and it is fitting and appropriate to

commend Thomas for his commitment to The Lakes at Tradition Homeowners Association as he retires from the Board after seven years of faithful service.



#### The Lakes at Tradition awarded a Resolution of Appreciation, to Gregory Snider at the February 15, 2023, Board Meeting.

Gregory Snider was also honored by the community for his accomplishment and nearly 9 years of passionate contribution to the Lakes at Tradition.

Gregory and Carolyn Snider fell in love with the Lakes and purchased their home on Keating Drive over 10 years ago. They love to travel (cruises)

and they are both passionate volunteer workers in many organizations.

Greg was elected to the Board of Directors in 2015, and served as Vice President of the Association, and liaison to the Facilities Committee. He played an important part in the recovery of funds stolen from the members in 2016.

He provided extensive professional experience to improve and maintain the clubhouse and common area amenities; contributed to the expansion of the clubhouse, improved the patio and barbeque area, increased the number of pickle ball courts, updated the bocce courts, repaired the shuffleboard courts.

Greg also established the Security Ad-Hoc Committee to study current issues, created post orders for the community, updated and increased surveillance cam-



eras to protect community property and headed the vendor procurement process which led to a new firm offering betters services at no additional cost to Members.

He served as liaison to the Block Representative Committee to foster neighbor communication and to address common interests in our community .

Greg and Carolyn also volunteer at the Port St. Lucie Newcomers Club, where in 2018 Greg Snider was elected club president. Greg is committed to making new Port St. Lucie County and The Lakes at Tradition residents feel welcome to the Treasure Coast and the Lakes.



# April 1st- 2023- 2nd 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'

Sene & Association, PA, CPAs 550 Heritage Drive, Suite 180 Jupiter, FL 33458 Office 561-626-8876, and email <u>lathoafee@gmail.com</u>





## BOARD MEMBERS:

Jack Parker Board President

**Community Leadership Team** 



Marge Forrest Board Vice President

Julie Feldman

Board Secretary



Akua Prout Board Vice President

Margaret Borock Board Treasurer

	TOTAL
CAPRI	\$854.00
OAKMONT	\$944.00
CARLYLE	\$1007.00

# **COMMITTEES & CHAIRS**

### **Architectural Committee**

Lucille Wesnofske

### **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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## CONTACT THE BOARD AT LATHOA@GMAIL.COM

BOD	Board of	ACC	ACC	Block REP	Facilities	Finances	Landscape
Workshops	Directors	Meeting	Deadline				
1st Tuesday at 6:30 PM	3rd Wednesday at 6:30 PM	1st Wednesday at 10:00AM	Thursday 14 days in advance	Quarterly 7:00 PM	1st Wednesday at 9:00AM	3rd Monday at 4:00PM	2nd Tuesday at 3:00PM
7-Mar	15-Mar	1-Mar	16-Feb	1-Mar	1-Mar	20-Mar	Cancelled
4-Apr	26-Apr	12-Apr	23-Mar		5-Apr	17-Apr	11-Apr
2-May	17-May	3-May	20-Apr		3-May	15-May	9-May
6-Jun	21-Jun	7-Jun	25-May	7-Jun	7-Jun	19-Jun	13-Jun
4-Jul	19-Jul	5-Jul	22-Jun		5-Jul	17-Jul	11-Jul
8-Aug	16-Aug	2-Aug	20-Jul		2-Aug	21-Aug	15-Aug
5-Sep	20-Sep	6-Sep	24-Aug		6-Sep	18-Sep	12-Sep
3-Oct	18-Oct	4-Oct	21-Sep	4-Oct	4-Oct	16-Oct	10-Oct
7-Nov	15-Nov	1-Nov	19-Oct		1-Nov	20-Nov	14-Nov
5-Dec	20-Dec	6-Dec	23-Nov		6-Dec	18-Dec	12-Dec

### SOCIAL COMMITTEE : 3/2 10:00 AM

This schedule is subject to change.- Check official bulletin board in Mail Room for notice of additional, rescheduled or cancelled meetings

# LAT GUARDHOUSE NEWS!!



# **Security Supervisor:**

# James Crewse



We would like to introduce and congratulate the Site Supervisor in charge of security for the Lakes at Tradition, following the birth of his son. James Crewse is a Navy veteran and has been a member of the Victory Security Team for a year now.

He just returned from a brief paternity leave and is responsible for the security staff and operation here at the Lakes.

Congratulations James and thank you for your commitment and dedication to the residents of the Lakes at Tradition!

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE GATE**

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.

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 changed cell numbers or disconnected landlines and have not updated the contact information on the gate website system (Dwelling live)

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.

Website Access to gatehouse Login to https://community.dwellinglive.com If you need assistance setting the phone app, please visit the onsite office and we will gladly help you.



We apologize 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.

# FRIENDLY REMINDER

Victory Security will be assisting us to identify most common RULES violations.

## DO NOT PARK ON THE GRASS, ON THE DRIVEWAY APRON OR STREET OVERNIGHT.

In addition, remember trash cans must be stored inside the garage.

# Women's Bocce League

The 2023 Winter/Spring League is proving to be a very interesting. Teams were formed by the drawing of names from a hat. What is very interesting is that the teams are so evenly matched that games are won by a point or two and the difference between the 1<sup>st</sup> place team and the last place team is 2 points. Some of the shots are so amazing that opposing teams applaud each other. Of course, the expected rivalry jeering is part of the fun.



# NEW THINGS TO DO:

MIX Bocce Play time. Mondays 5:00 PM

LIVE Yoga Thursdays 10:00 AM

## FUN FACT:

Bocce, sometimes anglicized as bocce ball, bocci or boccie, is a ball sport belonging to the boules family. Developed into its present form in Italy, it is closely related to British bowls and French pétanque, with a common ancestry from ancient games played in the Roman Empire

# DON'T FORGET



BINGO MARCH 8 & 22





TRIVIA MARCH

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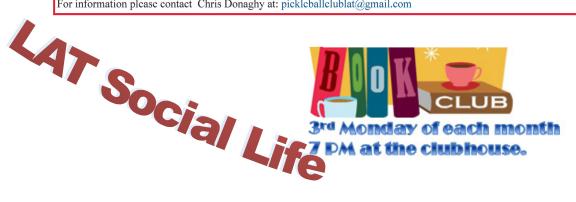


OUR Social events and weekly activity calendar is always available at the Lakes community website LATHOA.org

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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#### THE LAKES PICKLEBALL CLUB

Open Play Schedule Daytime Open Play ~ Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday ~ 9:00AM-12:00 PM Evening Open Play~ Tu/Th/Sun ~ 6-8 PM Special event: Pickle ball 2023 **PADDLES FOR PAWS** Sat. MARCH 18 th 9am- 11pm . (look for the Box in the mailroom from 3/1 to 3/18/2023) For information please contact Chris Donaghy at: pickleballelublat@gmail.com





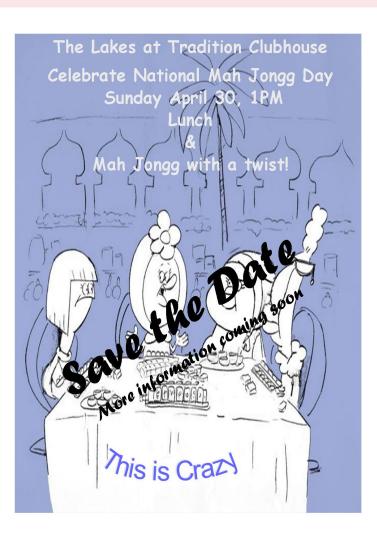
# Mah Jongg at "The Lakes"

Playing Mah Jongg has been an integral part of the "social scene" in The Lakes since the original Clubhouse opened. For many years new residents from across the country gathered once or twice a week to make new friends. A Sunshine Fund was established for birthday, sick, and bereavement cards



and to provide a once-a-month birthday celebration in recognition of the Mah Jongg players marking their special day that month. The Annual Holiday Party was a "must attend" by all!

With Covid and the closing of the Clubhouse in March 2020, those fun afternoons ceased. Then eighteen months later in September 2021, Elise Ross with the assistance of Marty Maguire began teaching Mah Jongg in a neighbor's home and a resurgence of the game began. Upon reopening of the new Clubhouse, Elise organized Thursday night Mah Jongg and the Monday and Friday Mah Jongg games began again. Since the inception of these classes 23 ladies have completed the 4 les-



sons course. The great majority of the "graduates" have continued to play, meeting new neighbors along the way. The class starting in April is already full!

## **FUN FACTS:**

### Is mahjong difficult to learn?

Mahjong is a tile-based game that's been played in Asia for over 300 years and is gaining global popularity. Although the game is hard to master, it's fairly easy to learn the basics.

## What does mahjong mean in English?

Word origin. from Chinese, literally: sparrows.

## Is mahjong Chinese or American?

Mahjong, a game of skill and luck played by four people using domino-like engraved tiles, emerged in China in the 1800s, and in the 1920s it briefly sparked a global fad.



# ACC Committee Spring Newsletter

By Lucille Wesnofske

As spring approaches, you may be contemplating some additions or changes to the outside of your home. Maybe, you want to make changes to your landscaping, add a swimming pool, change your front door, etc.

Before you get too far into your plans, remember any changes to the outside of your home, with the exception of maintenance ("like to like" replacements) will need approval from the HOA Board.

If you have not already done so, please register for access to The Lakes Website

**LATHOA.ORG**. Once you have access to the Homeowners site, you can review the **LAT ACC Guidelines** located under "Bulletins". This website also contains the necessary ACC application (s) needed for your project.

It is important to remember that the information requested on these forms is essential to having your project reviewed by the ACC Committee. Incomplete applications can and most likely will delay the processing of your application for Board approval. There is a convenient checklist on each application. **Please make sure that every item on the checklist is included with your application**.

It is suggested that you attend one of the ACC Meetings. Because the sole purpose of the meeting is to review existing applications for recommendations to the board, we cannot answer questions from spectators during the meeting. However, it is to your advantage to observe the process and discover what is needed on an application in order for it to be forwarded to the HOA Board for approval.

Extra Tips –

The ACC is very conscious of Community Wide Standards – Keeping your project in line with HOA standards as spelled out in the updated ACC Handbook and maintaining community wide standards are very important factors when the ACC reviews your application.

Deposit return - It is your responsibility to contact Ingrid to let her know that your project is complete and ready for inspection. Once the inspection is complete and complies with the conditions of your application, your deposit return will be processed.

# REMINDER OF ACC MEET-INGS.

All applications for review must be received by the office no later than noon, 2 weeks prior to the meeting. If you missed the deadline, your application will be presented to the ACC members at their next meeting in 4 weeks.

All applications must be complete, with all required attachments, **and the \$25.00 processing fee plus the \$100.00 or \$500.00 refundable deposit** payable to The Lakes at Tradition upon submission, in order to be reviewed by the committee.

Lot surveys are required with every application.

If there are any questions regarding required attachments, please contact the office prior to submission...772-345-0690

For your convenience, the Current LAT ACC application and Handbook are available at the community website.

You can obtain the survey of your home at the City of Port St Lucie Public Records Center



The Lakes Pickleball Club has been very busy. We started off the new year with a fun mixed doubles tournament on January 28th. The tournament was followed with a potluck social on the terrace.



Recently, the Lakes Pickleball Club banded together to give a much-needed makeover to two of **our courts**.



The HOA provided the club with the materials and the club provided the labor. A win-win for the entire community. We now have four permanent pickleball courts.

### The club will be running our first fundraiser for the Humane Society, "Paddles 4 Paws".

We encourage all Lakes residents to donate to this worthy cause. The Humane Society has a wish list of items that are needed at https:// hstc1.org/Wishlist .

A box will be placed in the mail room March 1 - March 18th. The wish list link mentioned above has convenient links to Amazon, Walmart, and Chewy.

This fundraiser will end on March 18th with a pickleball tournament open to all club members. We welcome everyone to come watch the games and participate in the 50/50 raffle with proceeds going to the Humane Society. We know how generous the Lakes people are!





Nancy Abrahante, Kathy Sebade, Teri Donaghy, Sandy Eichstadt, Pam Mest

Fred Sebade, Eran Edri, Joe Martin, Not in the picture: Mike Roach, Chris Donaghy

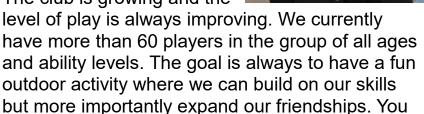
# **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

The Lakes Pickleball Team captured the title for the fall Treasure Coast Pickleball League in the 3.0 division! This league competes with various neigh-

borhoods along the Treasure Coast such as PGA Village, PGA Verano, Riverland and many more.

Currently the team is competing in the winter Treasure Coast Pickleball League at the 3.5 level. We hope to field more teams in the other divisions next year.

The club is growing and the



can find the Pickleball Open Play scheduled times on the community calendar!

Any pickleball club questions, please contact Chris Donaghy at pickleballclublat@.gmail.com





By Ken Perlman

The Facility Committee is responsible for everything in our community which does not grow.

Over the past eighteen months in response to a community survey use increased the pickleball courts, refurbished the bocce and shuffleboard courts, replaced the basketball court poles, backboards, and hoops.

New equipment was added to the Fitness center, new benches and bike racks were added around the clubhouse and recreational area and lighting was added by the mailroom.

For the future the committee is discussing and evaluating the equipment in the fitness center, the lighting around the recreation courts, painting of the houses, road replacement, and resurfacing of the recreation courts.

The Facility committee also oversees the security company and security camera placement.

The committee meets the first Wednesday of the month at 9:00AM in the clubhouse. any changes to the meetings schedule if noted on the monthly calendar. Based upon consensus of the committee recommendations are made to the Board of Directors.

The members of the committee are:

Ken Perlman Chair Eugene Wesnofske Roy Perconte Stan Briggs Rich Mancinelli Tom Klein

# Pending for 2023

- More Courts improvements
- Sport courts New LED conversion lights



- More Gym Improvements
- Sidewalk Cleaning



Sidewalk Repairs





# A Message From Your Landscape Committee

# Hard Trims and Turf Cuts

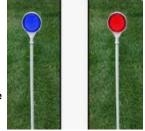
There have been a lot of comments about the recent hard trim of the crepe myrtle, oleander and hibiscus... especially the beautiful and colorful hibiscus we have throughout the community.



Why the hard trim? According to our landscape company, they are trimmed once a year in order to maintain their health. Also, if they are allowed to grow too big, they become top heavy and their shallow root system won't hold them up, and they can easily topple over.

For homeowners that don't want the landscapers to trim, place a blue reflector by the tree. This indicates that you will be responsible for its health and care.

Placing a blue reflector next to a bush or palm is a signal to the landscaper not to trim that bush or palm.



Placing a red reflector in a planting bed is a signal to the landscapers not to trim anything in that planting bed.

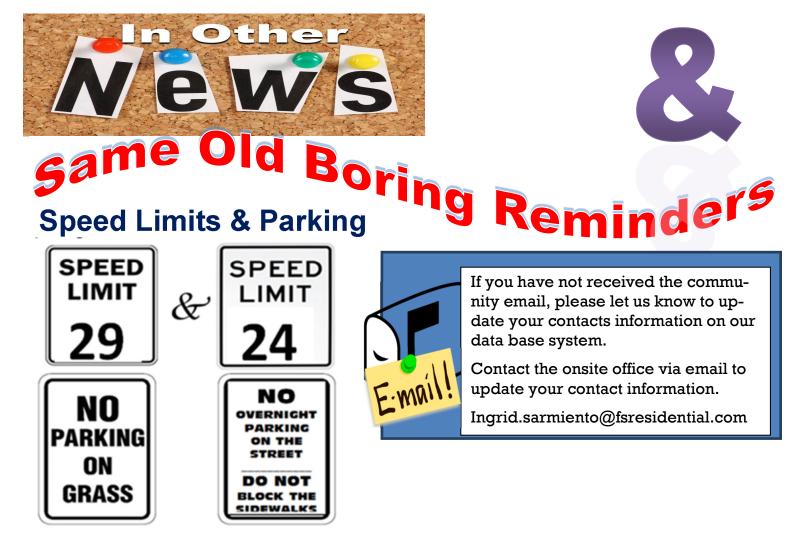
Bushes in some planting beds (the alcove of a Capri is an example) are shared by both homeowners. Both homeowners must agree before placing a reflector there. Blue and red colored reflectors for this purpose can be purchased at Home Depot. On another topic, here's the 2023 turf cut schedule: (Calendar is on the mailroom bulletin board )

In the winter, St. Augustine cuts occur every other week. When the "wet" season begins, mowers are here every week. This year, the weekly schedule begins on April 17, Monday through Wednesday. When there's a holiday, mowing continues into the week. Bahia cuts are twice a month, usually on a Thursday.

Carolyn Snider Landscape Committee Chair



Starting this Fall Mix league Shuffleboard Fridays, 4:00 PM Interested? Contact: ShuffleboardLAT@gmail.com Please indicate your name and playing partner's name



# "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 directly from the community website lathoa.org

