



The Lakeridge Extra



The President's Message

As we begin the biggest project that we will ever face at Lakeridge, the Board wants to keep you informed with updates on where we are in this project. At the present time, we have signed the contract with Weather Tite and given them the first required payment.

The next steps for them are getting the necessary permits, doing their exact window measurements and ordering the windows. We will continue to give advanced notice if your condo needs to be entered for any reason.

I want to thank Glenn and Cissy for doing a monthly version of our quarterly newsletter to keep all of our residents up-to-date with the window project. In addition, there may be notices on the lobby monitor, or bulletin boards as we receive updates from Weather Tite or our engineer.

Manager's Note

Window Project Update: April 2024

As outlined during the previous board meeting, the deposit payment has been successfully processed to Weather Tite Windows. Representatives from Weather Tite will soon visit Lakeridge to take precise measurements of the windows, enabling them to place the order with the manufacturer.

Anticipate 3 to 4 months for the arrival of the new windows at Lakeridge. Once the order is finalized and permitting is secured, a comprehensive project timeline will be provided to Lakeridge. Owners can expect to receive an information letter at least 30 days before the project begins, ensuring everyone is well-informed and prepared.

The Social Committee reports that donations have been met to pay for the new grill.

HUGE thanks to all those who so generously donated for this purchase. It is Greatly appreciated!

PAINT SURVEY : Deadline to return the survey is May 1, 2024.

Return to mail slot in Russ's office.

NEW ACTIVITY

"Ascended Masters Christ Teachings"

Wednesdays 1 - 3 pm

Community Room

Start Date Wed, 5/8/24

Contact Wallace Tulloch , # 309 for details

**JOIN THE FUN: Coke & Root Beer Floats
Homemade cookies Sat, May 11 2-4 pm**

Hosted by Ladies of Lakeridge DONATIONS

APPRECIATED



UPDATES: David Lane, Safety Committee, will post Hurricane Preparedness Workshop within the next month or six weeks with current Federal, State and local information.

Meet the Neighbors

in this issue, we introduce some of the new residents to Lakeridge

Renee and Richard Bond

When I met with the Bonds, Richard and Renee Bond, the new residents in #708, they were doing what most of us have done while moving in.....waiting for the Cable installer.

The Bonds are Winter Haven residents who were looking to downsize and had their eye on Lakeridge for some time. When the right opportunity presented itself, they took advantage of it.

Both Renee and Richard retired for the banking sector in Michigan and moved to Central Florida 14 years ago.

The Bonds have a son and two daughters, the son living in Seattle and the daughters in Michigan. They have six grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

When asked for their favorite restaurant, Arabella's (a popular choice) is mentioned. There are also two other favorites, Thai Haven and Adler's (something in common with the author

Renee sees herself getting more involved with activities at Lakeridge in time, and the Bonds look forward to becoming part of the Lakeridge family.

Richard is an avid walker, and is on the lookout for routes he can take around Lakeridge. Give him a call if you happen to want a partner to walk with.

Glenn Newland, an abbreviated CV

I was born in Miami, Florida at Mercy Hospital, outside of Coconut Grove.

For over a half century, I lived in Miami-Dade County before moving one county north to the town of Cooper City, where I bought a house and lived there almost 20 years. I loved living there. In February of this year, I became the owner of #404.

I retired from ATT after 31 years as a Systems Designer / Project Manager. I decided to do something I had never done, roll out of bed, put on shorts and flip flops and go to college. While I had been going to school while I worked, I used that time to complete my BA in Marketing. When I retired, my desire was to start teaching. I decided on elementary school where I got my start as a substitute teacher. Shortly after, I got my certifications for full time and decided to complete my Masters. I received a Masters of Elementary Education in 2009.

I taught in Broward, Polk and Suwanee Counties but realized teaching wasn't for me. Although very successful with kids, it was the rules and extra work that did me in. However, over the years, I have tutored readers and taught English language learners online.

Past endeavors included teaching and coaching sailing, playing League softball, playing music, running marathons (4) and different levels of triathlon. In 1999, I won the gold medal in Men's over 40 foil fencing at the Florida Sunshine State Games. For a number of years, I was a casual snow ski bum, skiing throughout the US, Austria and Germany.

When asked where one can find my favorite food spots are, I always refer to Nutwood, and the diners Andrea's and Lake Alfred Diner.

For over three years, I was part of the Guardian Ad Litem program. Currently, I volunteer at Meals on Wheels, serve on LR committees and assist in publishing the LR Newsletter. The future holds continued work with the LR community.

Meri Chase

The other day, I visited with Meri Chase, the new resident in 410. I was greeted by Meri and her black cat Midnight. Meri had been a resident of Winter Haven for 14 years, having moved from Iowa.

Meri has been a motorcycle enthusiast, who unfortunately sold her Harley Nightrain before she moved to Lakeridge. I was impressed to learn when she lived in Iowa, she and her husband attended the motorcycle rally in Sturgis, South Dakota for 11 years straight.

Meri has two daughters, one living in the Chicago area and the other in Polk County.

She enjoys going to dive bars and eating out. When asked to share her favorite spots, Arabella's is mentioned for special occasions and to for pizza for fun.

Once she is settled, Meri feels she could be more active in the community of Lakeridge. I asked what she will bring to Lakeridge, she said "energy, and persistence at a project".

I asked her to describe herself with one word, she replied " I bring the 'pro' to procrastination, but when I get started, I am all in to completion."

So when you see Meri, say hello, shake her hand, and start a conversation, You won't be disappointed.