# LAKE CLARKE GARDENS NEWSLETTER **MARCH**, 2020



#### Van Tocket, President



As a member of the BOD I will continue to be of service to all our unit owners. We will work to improve our association both physically and financially.

#### **Theresa Knowles, Vice President**



Thanks to all who supported and showed confidence in me. I promise, and look forward to working together with all of you to keep LCG a prosperous and beautiful place to live.

#### Jerome Sauvé, Secretary



I am pleased to be a part of the current Board of Directors. I pledge to do my best for ALL the residents of Lake Clarke Gardens.

#### **Howard Allen, Treasurer**



I am honored to have been reelected to the BOD and very pleased to be your Treasurer. I will work diligently to keep LCG on a continued path of strong financial and physical well being.

## **Your 2020 Board of Directors**



#### **Seamus Brennan, Director**



We, seven board members, must work as one for the good of all. A divided house will never get us anywhere.

#### **Michael Kotis, Director**



No comment received.

#### Vilma Mally, Director



Thank you to all who voted for me. My agenda for the next two years is to listen to you, to bring together our diverse community and celebrate our differences!!

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#### Accounts Receivable as of January 31, 2020

Total Receivables	\$ 84,129
Outstanding, Special Assessments	\$ 37,015
Maintenance, & Other Receivables	\$ 47.114

#### Cash Position as of January 31, 2020:

Total Cash

Prepaid Maintenance

Less: Restricted for:		
Spec. Assessment	(\$	2,432 )
Building & Common Reserves	(\$	159,661 )
Activities	(\$	6,010 )
Hurricane Contingency	(\$	202,985 )

\$ 1,471,809

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#### Net Operating Cash \$1,005,533.00

Monthly Maintenance Due	\$	253,828
Maintenance Not Paid		
(less than 60 days)	(\$	16,539

#### **Maintenance Collected in Jan.** \$ 237,289



All unit Owners are invited to attend
Agenda Meeting Mar. 3 9:30am Card Room
Building Rep. Mar. 5 10:30am Card Room
BOD Meeting Mar. 10 6:30pm Auditorium

#### Note:

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, March 9, 2020 at 12:00 NOON.

Deadline for article submissions for the April Newsletter is March 20.

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



# Property Manager's Report

We are working on quite a few things here this spring. Atlantic Broad Band has thrown us for a loop. I know this is all very confusing, but we will get through it. Please read your emails, watch for notices on the bulletin boards and pay attention to meetings for information.

We are going to be tenting buildings 3, 5, 7 & 22 for termites in June of 2020. If you are leaving, please prepare your food and your unit accordingly. We have the special bags for your food and such in the office. We need everyone to make sure that the keys that we have in the office for your unit are working keys. If we do not have keys a new lock will be installed at the owner's expense. We also need everyone in these buildings to sign a paper provided by Nozzle Nolan that they have read and understand how to prepare their unit. The Special Assessment meetings for these buildings will take place soon, so keep an eye out for notices.

The Landscaping Committee is going to be starting up soon. I have spoken with Ria Heeringa, who is the chairperson. If you would like to be involved, please sign up in the office. They will be working closely with Atlantic Broad Band to make sure any of their damage from the install is taken care of.

The Budget Committee will also be starting their meetings in March. Please watch the bulletin boards if you would like to be involved or observe the process.

The SEE IT SAY IT program has been getting multiple complaints about rugs and mats on walkways. This is a (continued on page 3)

# ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP



#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020**

The 2020 Lake Clarke Gardens
Annual Meeting was held on February 11.
At that time, the three candidates who received the most votes were elected to serve two-year terms on the Board of Directors.

Candidate	Votes
<b>Howard Allen</b>	333
Theresa Knowles	278
Vilma Mally	274
Holly Riordan	249
Diane O'Shea	252
Gilles Roy	221
Joyce Kirkwood	159

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the election on February 11, 2020. It takes about 60 people to do the election. It was not done by just a couple of people. Once again, thanks to everyone. *Jo Ann Mugge* 

#### **Property Manager's Report**

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violation of the Documents. Please remove your mats and rugs from the walkways. You are welcome to place them inside your unit. This is also a Palm Beach County Fire Code violation as well. They become trip hazards and are dangerous in the event of a fire and the need to do quick evacuations or the building.

Please remember to prepare your unit if you are leaving for summer. Make sure you let us know who is watching your unit. Fill out a white card in the office and make sure we have working keys in the office.

One last thing. Make sure you turn in your Comcast equipment.

# SPECIAL MEETING TO ADJUST THE BUDGET

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020** 

Due to the delay of the start date for Atlantic Broadband services, the BOD voted to remove the charge of \$46.20 from every unit's maintenance fee. This will be reflected in your monthly maintenance bill for the months of March thru June.

As an owner, you may choose to reduce your monthly payment by \$46.20 or receive a credit to be applied to any future assessments.



#### **Service Your A/C**

All A/C units should be serviced at least once a year by a licensed repairman. While they are on the roof, have them check all of the connections to and from your A/C unit.



No cover on panel

Several have been found to have exposed elements and and/or broken tubing. This can cause water damage inside your unit. It can also cause damage to other units depending on how the wires go and the water flows.

You are responsible for any damage caused by your A/C unit — NOT THE ASSOCIATION.





Exposed wiring

# NOTICE

# Change from Comcast to Atlantic Broadband

As you know, there will be a delay in the start date for Atlantic Broadband (ABB) Services. You have three options for TV service until ABB installation is finalized.



Call Comcast to extend your service. You will be billed at the current retail rate. DO NOT AGREE TO ANY LONG-TERM CONTRACT.



Cancel any extra TV services you may have, and return any equipment to Comcast. If you have internet, you may want to keep that service temporarily.



If you wish to have limited TV service until the ABB installation is completed, you can purchase an indoor antenna (available from Walmart for about \$50) to connect to your TV.

#### **Returning Your Equipment**

Once your service is disconnected, you must return your rented equipment to Comcast. You have three options, but the most convenient way is to go to the UPS Store. The nearest one to LCG is in the Greenwood Shopping Center by Publix. Bring your equipment to the store and a UPS representative will pack and ship your equipment back to Comcast. You will receive a physical receipt with your tracking number so that you can track the progress of your return at xfinity.com/returns or on UPS.com. Please allow up



to two weeks for the return to process and your account to reflect these changes.

You may also initiate your return online if you have an active Xfinity profile. Sign in and visit the Equipment Return page. If you have an email address on file, you will also receive a confirmation email letting you know that the equipment was received and the date that the return was processed.

Another option is to take your equipment to the Xfinity Store. It is located at 2815 State Road 7 Suite 300 Wellington, FL 33414.

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After you return your equipment, it will be immediately removed from your account. Our team at the Xfinity Store will provide you with a receipt confirming your return details.

#### **Comcast Email Address**

If you have a Comcast email address (ex. name@comcast.net), you may keep that address as long as you sign into your account within 90 days prior to disconnecting your service, and access the account at least once every nine months.

#### ABB to host an On-Site Sign Up Event



Sign up to schedule your installation between March 30th and April 8th. ABB representatives will be in the Card Room during those dates Monday – Friday from 10:00am – 2:00pm and 3:00pm – 7:00pm. Installations will begin by the end of April.

#### **Snowbirds**

If you will not be here for the installation period, return your Comcast equipment prior to leaving. At least two weeks before you return, call ABB at (833) 694-6192 to schedule your installation. You may also designate someone to allow ABB to access your unit to install the service. You need to complete a Resident Authorization form to give your chosen representative permission. **NOTE:** Your representative must sign up at the On-site Sign-up Event (March 30 – April 8) to schedule an appointment.



If you have a Comcast home phone and want to keep your current phone number, you must keep your phone service active. Place your phone service on seasonal suspend mode until you return and have ABB services installed. If you don't want to retain your current number, cancel and return all comcast equipment before leaving.

#### **Billing**



You will not be billed by the Association for cable services beginning March 1st, 2020 until ABB completes its installation. Your monthly maintenance bill will be reduced by \$46.20 for the months of March thru June. You may reduce your monthly payment by that amount or your account will be credited to be used for future assessments. Your new monthly rate will begin in July to reflect the changes from ABB.







#### **Rules & Regulations Committee**



Our committee, composed of 8 members and a BOD liaison, has been meeting every Thursday since Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> to update and simplify our

actual Rules and Regulations, as well as prepare a vision statement that will help unite us all to make our community a better, safer and harmonious home for everyone. We intend to put forward certain recommendations at the next B.O.D. meeting.

#### **Monthly Tip:**

When walking at night please remember to wear reflective clothing or carry a light. Our goal is a happy and safe place for all.



When driving in LCG, please respect the speed limits and keep a sharp eye out for pedestrians, as we must share these roadways and parking lots with our residents who enjoy walking.

Submitted by Gilles Roy



Please adhere to the speed limit and be sure to remind your guests.

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#### **P** Communication Committee

We hope you enjoyed our first international dinner with food from all over the world! The committee would like to invite you to our weekly informational morning coffees. We're open to your suggestions.

We will meet for coffee at 10:00am on Thursday mornings to discuss upcoming activities, newsletter discussions and LCG concerns and questions. Be sure to check the bulletin board for details.

Everyone is welcome! See you there!

# Quote of the Month

The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members... a heart of grace and a soul generated by love.



Submitted by Nathalie Talon

# **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**

Sunday, March 8



Don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour before you go to bed on March 7.



With its warm, humid climate, Florida makes a terrific home for termites of all kinds. If left unchecked, they can cause extreme structural damage to buildings, causing tens of thousands of dollars to repair. LCG has four buildings at this time that need to be tented to effectively eradicate the termites. They are Buildings 3, 5, 7, and 22. It may be necessary to tent others in the future.

What is tenting? Termite tenting is another term for termite fumigation. A large nylon tent completely seals off the structure so that a gas, poisonous to insects, can fill the entire structure and kill off any termites living inside. This insecticide will also kill off most other insects dwelling there.

This process will be done in June, 2020. One building will be tented each week. The approximate cost will be between \$300 and \$340 per unit.

Preparation for tenting includes removal of all living things, including plants. All medicine and tobacco must also be removed. Food must be bagged is special bags available from the exterminator. Complete preparation instructions are available from the office. Nozzle Nolen needs to have access to every unit. You must make sure the office has a working set of keys to your unit. Locks will be drilled at the owner's expense if keys do not work.

The tenting process takes three days. Residents must vacate their unit during this time. Buildings must remain unoccupied until the "all-clear" is given by a Nozzle Nolen representative.

#### Signs of termite infestation include:

- •Winged insects emerging in evenings and night attracted to lights or TV.
- •Discarded wings accumulating around window sills or in spider webs.

Accumulation of wooden pellets

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#### **ATTENTION LCG SNOW BIRDS**

NEED YOUR CONDO OR CAR EXPERTLY

taken care of when away

#### **VERY REASONABLE RATES**

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617-633-5995

LCG <u>year round</u> resident
Building 7 – Unit 401

- •Pellets usually fall into piles as the termites push them out of the infested wood.
- •Surface blisters. Infestations may be detected by tapping the wood every few inches with the handle of a screwdriver. Damaged wood sounds hollow. A papery rustling sound indicates tunnels just under the surface.

If you see any of these signs please contact the office immediately.

#### 85th Birthday Party

Our Board President, Van Tocket, celebrated his 85th birthday with a gathering of family and friends on February 12 in the Card Room. Happy belated birthday, Van.



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#### **Elvis was in the House!**

David Morin (a.k.a. Elvis) kept the crowd of 217 people up and dancing throughout the evening. A Chicken Parmesan dinner was served.



**Love** Was in the Air

Valentine's Day was celebrated in grand style. A potluck dinner along with music and dancing was enjoyed at this annual event. Thanks to all those who made this evening a success.





In Loving Memory

**Bernie Wagstaff** (21-310) passed away on February 11, 2020. He was 90 years old and is survived by his wife Carolann.

R.I.P. Bernie.





name of O'Sullivan proposed to his girl on St. Patrick's Day. He gave her a ring with a synthetic

diamond. The excited young lass showed it to her father, a

jeweler. He took one look at it and saw it wasn't real.

The young lass on learning it wasn't real returned to her future husband. She protested vehemently about his cheapness.

"It was in honor of St. Patrick's Day", he smiled. "I gave you a **sham rock**."

#### Remember Your ID

Last November 2019 while I was doing my early morning walk, I came across a man who had fallen on the road and injured himself. Unfortunately neither of us had a phone and we could not call for help.

Soon after, a jogger came to assist as well but neither did he have a phone. I was about to run to my condo for mine when another walker came by. We used her phone to call 911.

The ambulance arrived shortly and after they put the injured man on the stretcher he was asked for his ID He did not have any with him. The attendant advised that he should have because had he been rendered unconscious then he would be named "John Doe" at the hospital.

I've thought of this injured person frequently and do hope that he is ok.

I learned a lesson that day and I now carry my cell phone with me when I walk, as well as a copy of my driver's

license with my condo building and unit number and my husband's name and cell phone number in case of emergency. I'd encourage any other LCG residents to do same.

On a final note, I'd like to thank everyone who stopped and offered to help as we were waiting for the ambulance. It was comforting that everyone is so caring here at LCG.

Submitted by Judy West

#### **RULES &** REGULATIONS REMINDER



#### **Everyone MUST Shower Before Entering the** Pool.



Related article below.

Behavior at the LCG pools has bothered me for some time now. People frequently plunge into the pool without taking a shower first. Some people are wearing adult diapers.

> Some are applying sun lotion just before entering the pool and swimming with shirts on.

Recently, we had most disgusting experience when a good size human poop was found in East Pool. The stool was removed and the pool emptied of swimmers after the incident.

It's time to enforce the rules and educate the people with basic hygiene requirements and common sense.

Submitted by Mika Alve **Editor's Note** The pool was shocked and disinfected immediately.

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# New Owners

- 3-103 Barbara and Zbignew Dobecki
- 7-207 John and Ann Marie Rich
- 18-103 Glenn and Diane Powis
- 20B-105 Thomas and Susan Dillio
  - 24-211 Istvan and Istvanne Kurti
  - 25-310 Jerilyn Donald Davis Donald Jr.
  - 26-205 Barbara Abeare
  - 26-211 Nicholas M Patti

#### Pickleball, Anyone?

If you are interested in joining for a game of Pickleball, meet on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. at the Activities Office to carpool.



For more information contact John Bolch (269) 816-2248

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# Come to the MOVIES at LCG Sunday 1:00 PM in the Auditorium



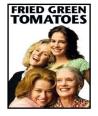
# March 1 For Love or Money

Michael J. Fox, Gabrielle Anwar.
Douglas Ireland has dreams of
building his own luxury hotel and
hopes a wealthy investor will
help.



# March 8 Little Women

Winona Ryder, Kristen Durst. With her husband off to war, Marmer is left to raise their four daughters.



## March 22 Fried Green Tomatoes

Kathy Bates, Jessica Tandy. An unhappy housewife befriends a lady in a Nursing Home.



#### March 29 Arthur

Dudley Moore, Lisa Minnelli.
A rich man must marry a boring blonde within a month or lose his inheritance.

# Dwight D. Eisenhower Lecture March 3 3:00pm Card Room

Come learn about Dwight D.
Eisenhower, the third 5-star
general in American history.
Despite having no political
experience, Ike became the 34th
president of the U.S. serving two
successful terms. President



Eisenhower continued to have an impact on the USA and many world leaders, even in his retirement years.

#### **Mark Your Calendar**

# Lake Clarke Gardens Annual Putting Tournament

Saturday, March 28th 10:00AM Tee Off (9:30 check-in)

Men's & Women's Divisions with winners receiving a trophy and their name on a plaque in the card room.

\$5.00 entry fee includes a post tournament barbeque with hotdogs, hamburgers, beer and wine provided.

Everyone is asked to bring a dish i.e.. chips, salad, beans, dessert to share.

You do not need to compete in the putting tournament to attend the BBQ but you must pay the \$5.00 entry fee to attend.

More details available in the Activities Office.

Everyone welcome - all skill levels are encouraged to participate.

Sign up in Activities by March 27th.



#### In the Meantime...

...bring you putter, a ball and a quarter and come out at 3 o'clock Monday and Wednesday for the 21 Putting contest. It is a great way to make new friends.

#### Hop on the Bus

March 4-12:00 NOON

Visit several local Craft Brewers.

Sign up in Activities. Reserve your spot now as seating is limited to 24.

\$5.00 bus fee. Tastings on your own.

#### LCG Arts & Craft Show



March 28 1:00-2:30 Card Room

Come and browse a collection of works by our own LCG artists and crafters.

Items available for purchase during the show.



## St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance

#### Featuring Bill DeRenzo

Monday, March 16 5:00 - 9:00pm Reservations required \$14.00 per person

Dinner served at 5:00 pm Sign up in Activities by March 13



**Door Prizes and Basket Raffle**Must be 18 to attend (Limited to 200 guests)



#### **BASKET RAFFLE**

There will be many gift baskets on display at the dinner. Buy a page of 25 tickets for \$10.00 and enter to win your favorite baskets.

Advance Raffle tickets available in the Card Room on Monday, March 2, 9 and 16 between 9:00am and 11:00am.

#### Tour of the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center and Butterfly Garden

March 17, 2020

Bus leaves at 9:30— Return about 2:00



#### Tour donation is \$5.00—Non-refundable

Join us at the Nature Center and be inspired by the South Florida's Coastal & Marine Ecosystems.

- Learn the importance of the sand dunes and the Mangrove Trees.
- Observe the researchers from FAU working with the sea turtles.
- Visit the Butterfly Garden and sit in an authentic Seminole Chiki.
- We'll ride to Red Reef Park so bring a picnic lunch.
- We'll walk a short distance to the Atlantic Ocean to view the Red Reefs.

### What's Happening in March

## Ongoing Events

**MONDAY** 

MUNDAY		
8:20am 8:30am 9:00am 9:00am 10:00am 3:00pm	Fitness Walk Free Weights Yoga Arts and Crafts Bus to the Beach Putting Green	AUD AUD AUD CR
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
8:20am 9:00am 10:00am	Fitness Walk Tai Chi Water Aerobics	AUD AUD WP
WEDNESI	DAY	
8:20am 8:30am 9:00am 9:30am 10:00am 3:00pm	Fitness Walk Free Weights Yoga Walmart/Publix Bus Shuffleboard Putting Green	AUD AUD AUD
1:00pm 7:00pm	Chinese Mah Jongg Bingo	CR AUD
<b>THURSDA</b>	Υ	
8:20am 9:00am 10:00am 1:00pm	Fitness Walk Tai Chi Water Aerobics Canasta	AUD AUD WP CR
FRIDAY		
8:20am 9:00am	Mix Weights/Walk Yoga	AUD AUD
9:30am 12:45pm 1:00pm	Walmart/Publix Bus Bridge Mex. Tr. Dominoes	CR CR
SATURDA		
8:20am 1:30pm	Fitness Walk Int'l Mah Jongg	AUD CR

#### **KEY**

AUD-Auditorium CR- Card Room WP- West Pool EP-East Pool

#### Also Available:

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

PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDARI
Special Activities

DA	TE ACTIVITY	<b>DEPARTURE</b>
MAF	RCH	
2	Happy Hour/Early Bird Callaro's	4:00pm
3	Outlet Mall	10:00am
3	Dwight D. Eisenhower Lecture	3:00pm <b>CR</b>
4	Brewery Run	12 NOON
5	Newport Cafe	12 NOON
6	Taste of Lake Worth	6:00pm
7	Life Expo Convention Center	10:00am
9	Paint Night	6:00pm <b>CR</b>
10	Early Dinner/ Agliolio	4:30pm
11	Baseball Game	11:45am
12	Isle Casino	10:00am
14	West Palm Green Market	10:00am
16	St. Patrick's Dinner	5:00pm <b>AUD</b>
<b>17</b>	Gumbo Limbo Nature Center	9:30am
18	Melinda Sing-a-long	2:00pm <b>CR</b>
19	Gulfstream	11:00am
24	Brightline	8:30am
26	Gardens Mall	10:00am
28	Putting Tournament	10:00am
28	Art Show	1-2:30 <b>CR</b>
31	Delray Shopping/ Happy Hour	1:00pm
APR		
2	Festival Flea Market	10:00am

Weather permitting, bus trips to and from **Lake Worth Beach** will be available on Mondays. Must sign up in advance in the Activities Office. Bus departs at 10:00am
Minimum 6 people required.

Bus trips require a \$5.00 refundable deposit.

Bus will go to **Aldi's** on the third Friday of each month.

FOR ACTIVITIES WITH REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT,
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For further information contact the

**Activities Office** 

Mon., Wed., Fri. 9:30am—11:30am (561) 965-6221