



The Lakes Neighborhood Review

It's a great time to visit our local
Rookery behind the Sarasota
County Offices.

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**The Lake of the Woods of Jacaranda, Park Estates,
Lakes of Jacaranda & Grassy Oaks**
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Thank you to . . .

Joanne Falvo for organizing two special events, the Holiday Party and the Casino bus trip. We've grown accustomed to her leadership skills.

Bill Hickman for running the first-ever Classic Car show. Residents got to show off their classics on their own turf.

Jim Falvo for organizing our fall garage sale. A volunteer for the Spring garage sale is needed.

Joan McMahon for hosting a lovely brunch at her home to welcome new residents.

Steve Hafer for organizing the Holiday Decorating for the entrances and the clubhouse, and to Joe & Marie Beima for graciously feeding all the volunteers. (See their recipe for kielbasa & meatballs in section VI.)

All the Board members in all of our communities for their tireless efforts on our behalf throughout the year.

All our activities directors who continue to donate their time weekly so you can enjoy the Book Club, Coffees, Mixers, Cards, Mah Jongg, Pilates, Sewing & Water Aerobics.

All our Committee Chairman who make sure our ponds are clean and functioning properly, our properties are lovely and make us proud to live in this community, and to the teams committed to our safety whether it's patrolling our streets or committing to keep us safe should a disaster strike and professional help is slow to arrive.

SAVE THE DATE

January 26th (Tuesday) @ 7:00 PM

Meet the Candidates Night, Clubhouse (see article inside)

It's a New Year! Think about how YOU can help your Community! Become a volunteer!

Section I – Master Association (LOWofJ)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Joe Beima	Agendas for BOD meetings can be found under www.lowofj.com In the Board of Directors section. NOTE: (New) To contact a Board Member go to the LOWofJ.com website, type their title + @lowofj.com. Example: president@lowofj.com
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Treasurer	Bill Meints	
Secretary	Beverly Weltzien	
Director	Guy Cusumano	
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Board Meetings

Location

February 9 th @ 7:00 PM - Annual Meeting & Elections.	Venice Gardens HOA Hall on Shamrock Dr.
Tuesday, March 2 nd @ 1:00 PM	Clubhouse
Tuesday, April 5 th @ 1:00 PM	Clubhouse

BOD Messages. . .

BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE

Submitted by: Joe Beima, President

To the Residents of Lake of the Woods of Jacaranda, Park Estates, The Lakes of Jacaranda and Grassy Oaks

I sincerely hope that in 2010 this Newsletter finds you and your family in good health and secure financially. We have fewer households in trouble now than at the start of the year, but new foreclosures are being reported almost as fast as the old ones are resolved. Houses are beginning to sell for values that are closer to the former value of the property and many of us can breathe a little easier.

Holiday Party. . .

Thanks to the Social Gala Committee and especially Joanne Falvo for a wonderful time. A record 140 people attended the 2009 December Social Gala. There was music that satisfied the tastes of dancers and listeners alike. The food was excellent and the menu was without peer. The door prize gifts were also very appreciated. I circulated through the crowd and everyone was impressed and happy with the wonderful fun and friendships that were renewed.

Disaster Preparedness. . .

The Disaster Preparedness Planning Group has qualified for a Sarasota County grant that is already being employed to obtain equipment to support the community. One example of this equipment is the two just-installed backup generators for the Club House. These generators will ensure that power is available during any future storm or disaster. The generators are propane powered, thus we have an easier time storing fuel for long periods of time. The generators have been permanently attached to the building and safety switches installed to prevent any cross-over power problems. Two additional smaller propane powered generators are also on hand to provide power for a security watch at each entry point during catastrophic events.

Candidates and Elections. . .

The notice of the pending annual meeting and requests for application to be board members was mailed to every household's current mailing address by Keys-Caldwell. The deadline for application is the end of January. All members desiring to apply, including the current board members, must submit their applications to Keys-Caldwell by the end of this month. Thus far (as of this writing) only one person has applied for the three positions coming open this election.

On Tuesday, January 26th, 7:00 PM at the Clubhouse, we will have an **informal Meet-the-Candidates evening**. You should be receiving a candidate's mailing on or before January 15th. The candidates are: Incumbants, Joe Beima, Bill Meints, Matt Soldano and new candidates Greg Fahey, Denise Sudia and Lisa Kirk. Coffee and cookies will be served.

TREASURER'S MESSAGES

Submitted by: Bill Meints, Treasurer

It is VERY IMPORTANT that EVERY HOMEOWNER read this article

The Lake of the Woods of Jacaranda (LOWofJ) and Lakes of Jacaranda (LOJ) Rules and Regulations clearly states that *no living tree shall be removed without the prior written approval of the Architectural Review Committee (ARC)*. In addition our community has restrictions established by Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) and Sarasota County relating to protected preserves, mitigation areas and surface water management areas. County's Land Development Regulations states all activities involving filling, excavation, disturbing native vegetation (trees or causing a tree or trees to be removed) or storing material shall be prohibited within conservation, preservation and buffer areas.

The question has been asked what is a Mitigation Area? Mitigation means minimizing impact and compensating for remaining unavoidable losses of wetlands in exchange for their replacement elsewhere. Federal agencies may require mitigation so that an applicant will receive a permit only after agreeing to substitute replacement wetlands to offset an unavoidable loss of a wetland and its function. Recognized wetland functions include; (1) Groundwater recharge and discharge; (2) Pollution control including nutrient and waste retention; (3) Flood water storage and conveyance; (4) barriers to erosion; (5) sediment trapping and control; (6) fish and wildlife habitats.

What is a Preservation Area? This is an area that is protected and managed in order to preserve a particular type of habitat and its flora and fauna. Our lakes and other areas within the Lake of the Woods of Jacaranda Community have many of these areas. Reference the Lakes and Wetlands Committee Report for additional information in this newsletter about our lakes. This is what makes our community special.

This past year, LOWofJ and Park Estates (P.E.) received Notice of Violation letters from Sarasota County. In one situation, an inspection was done by a third party hired by the Association. They researched the county plat plans and various documents relating to the area in question. Measurements were made based on the plats to verify the location of the violation. If required, a draft restoration plan is provided with pricing for the services required for review and approval by the Association's Board. Once approved by the Board, the plan is submitted to Sarasota County for approval.

In the situation above, a homeowner removed a tree without any written approval. The location of the tree required approval not only from the Association but from Sarasota County as the tree was in a protected wetland buffer area. Since no permit was granted for the removal, Sarasota County Resource Protection

staff subsequently issued a Notice of Violation and Order to Correct, to the Master Association. Briefly, the violation requires a restoration plan that usually requires a 2:1 replacement ratio. Cost of the two trees, taxes, restoration survey, written restoration plan, county approval and two monitoring reports will cost the Association \$2,426.80.

LOWofJ Covenants, Article 7 addresses the issue of damage repairs, stating any damage caused by any owner shall be repaired at such Owner's expense. Article 10 outlines the procedure to be followed regarding the collection of assessments. ALL expenses incurred by the Association in connection with the correction of any failure, plus a service charge of ten percent (10%) of such expenses, and all expenses incurred by the Association in connections with any legal proceedings commenced against any owner, shall be assessed as an additional special assessment against the applicable Owner and shall be due upon written demand by the Association. In two separate situations occurring this year, each homeowner was assessed for all costs incurred by the Association.

These rules were accepted by the developer when our community was developed. We as members of Lake of the Woods of Jacaranda Homeowner's Association agreed to follow these rules and regulations when we purchased our property. We all want to preserve the aesthetic quality of our community. Hope this article is informative and thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

NOTICE. . .

This is the time of year that our Association's due are payable. All 2010 dues, payable in full, were due January 1, 2010.

Please use your coupon that was mailed to you. If you have not received your coupon book, please notify Keys-Caldwell (408-8293) immediately. If you belong to LOWofJ and LOJ, please use each appropriate coupon, with two separate payments. Each association has their own accounts, therefore please do not combine the two payments.

As instructed, mail payment to Lake of the Woods of Jacaranda HOA, Inc. and/or Lakes of Jacaranda HOA, Inc., Keys-Caldwell Inc., P. O. Box 30061, Tampa, Florida 33630-0061. Payments may also be dropped off at Keys-Caldwell's office. Remember, the office will be closed at times during the holidays.

Trash Issues. . .

The other week, a survey was made of our community. This was a Thursday morning, between 9 AM and 10 AM. There were twenty-one (21) homeowners that had garbage, recycling and yard waste at the curb. Many more homes had items in the front, but not at the curb. In two instances, the items were completely in the street. All items should be at the curb, not in the street.

The LOWofJ Covenants has a section (7.21.05) relating to trash which states that you can put out your trash no more than twenty-four (24) hours in advance. As the Attorney has noted, just because the Covenants say one thing with respect to trash pickup, the County Ordinance would take precedent.

Ordinance 2006-001 states garbage, recycling and yard waste can be place out *after* 5 PM the day before pickup. The items must be at the curb at 6 AM the morning of pickup. Any cans or bins must be removed by 10 AM the day after. We are required by the Covenants to follow this schedule. We all want to preserve the aesthetic quality of our community. The Board will be asking our management company to do some spot checking to make sure we all comply.

Thanking you in advance, Bill Meints, Treasurer.

Watering. . .

You've seen the ads on TV about watering every other week. They say that watering too much in cooler weather encourages pests and diseases. See their ad

http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/download/saw_ad_color.pdf. If you want to interact with the county or have questions, go to their Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/WaterMatters> and find out where they stand on water conservation.

Committee News. . .

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Submitted by: Joe Wojtak, Chairman

- During October, 2009, nine (9) ARC applications were reviewed and disposition made.
- During November, 2009, fourteen (14) ARC applications were reviewed and disposition made.
- Please remember that meetings are held on the first and third Monday of the month. All meetings are held at the clubhouse. All meetings start at 10:00 AM and finish when disposition is made of all ARC applications that have been submitted.
- When submitting an ARC request form, please be sure to include any and all pertinent information relative to the proposed project including sketches. Any ARC request submitted without a sketch will not be reviewed and sent back for more information.
- Make sure that work does not start before the proper approval and paperwork is received from the ARC Committee. It is a violation of the rules and regulations of LOWofJ to start work without the proper ARC approval. Obtaining a permit from the county does not constitute approval to start work.
- Please make sure that all requests are submitted on official ARC request forms. There is a form for driveway work and there is a form for all work that is not driveway related. Please use the correct form when submitting requests. The ARC committee cannot make disposition of any submittals that do not include the ARC form. The forms may be picked up at Keys-Caldwell on Indian Hills Blvd. or they may be downloaded from the LOWofJ website.

Please note that the ARC Committee is not the responsible committee for code and regulation violations. All violation reporting should be made to Keys-Caldwell Management Company.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE (DPP)

CERT members and DPP attendees received training in the use of the backboard, at our DPP November meeting. In our series of Disaster Preparedness training programs, LOWofJ residents received special training in how to care for a victim with possible neck and/or back injuries. Members of the Sarasota Fire Department EMT team from Station 22 gave instruction to our CERT team on how best to care for an injured person.

CPR/AED classes will soon be scheduled for February and March. The February ***DPP meeting will be at 6:30 on February 4*** and will be a triage training session. All in the community are welcome.

Submitted by: Joe Thiel, Chair DPP& Liz Sharp

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LAKES AND WETLANDS

Submitted By: Arthur and Barbara Bradley

The Lakes and Wetlands Committee December 2009 Report . . .

In last month's report we mentioned that Sarasota County was preparing to remove excessive plant growth on each side of the Alligator Creek drains that go under Venice East Blvd. This work is important to our community because any overflow from our lakes will eventually run through those drains on it's way to the Gulf of Mexico. In the case of unusually heavy rains we could experience a back up of storm water into our community if these drains are not clear. The work is now complete and the drains have been cleared of all the excessive plant growth.

During the heavy rains early in December, the Lakes and Wetlands Committee checked the street drains in our neighborhood to ensure they were clear and water was not standing in the street. We did not find any drains that appeared to be blocked and the water from the rain is flowing into the lakes as it is supposed to.

Occasionally we get a request from a resident of our community to remove plant growth that is in the lakes or wetlands near their home. In these cases we refer them to the permit issued by South West Florida Water Management District that states:

No property owner within the subdivision may construct or maintain any building, residence or structure, or undertake to perform any activity in the wetlands, buffer zone areas, and upland conservation areas described in the approved permit and recorded plat of the subdivision unless prior approval is received from SWFWMD pursuant to Chapter 40D-4. F.A.C.

SWFWMD will require any plants that have been removed or killed that are in this category to be replaced. In some cases they will also levy fines on the Home Owners Association that are significant and ultimately the responsibility of the homeowner that violated the permit. Aquatic Systems technicians are the only people authorized to manage the plants that grow in and around our lakes and wetlands.

Please notify us if you have questions or see anything unusual regarding our lakes and wetlands at suniparadise42@msn.com.

Social Activities for all Residents. . .

Thank You to:

Holiday Party – Organizer: Joanne Falvo

I would like to say thank you to everyone for attending this year's **Community Holiday Dinner Dance** at the Venice Yacht Club. A special thank you to those who helped on the committee. Without your help it would not have been as successful. A special thank you to Pat Young for being our sponsor for this year's event.

I have next year's Holiday Party all lined up. It will be December 16th at Jacaranda West with Jay Smith for your entertaining pleasure. I thought we'd try a different place, and Jacaranda West has done a nice job for event's I've run in the past. *Yours truly, Joanne Falvo*

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Watch for Something New:!



Cooking with Chef Michel. . .

I'm working with Chef Michel LeBorgne to entice him to do another cooking demonstration this Spring. Michel is a French-trained chef who was co-founder of the New England Culinary Institute (NECI) in Montpelier, Vermont. Many of his students have gone on to become great chefs, restaurant owners, and even a famous personality on the Food Network. . . Alton Brown of *Good Eats*. NECI was awarded the Vocational Cooking School of the year in 2004 by the International Association of Culinary Professionals.

Chef Michel has written his memoirs in a book titled *No Crying in the Kitchen*, where Michel takes us from his days in France during WWII to his culinary apprenticeship in Paris to coming to America, surviving in a country where he did not speak English, to rising to the top and becoming a teacher of which he is proud to have educated and influenced the lives of so many. Watch for date, details and sign up information in the March/April Newsletter.

LOWofJ ONGOING ACTIVITIES

LOWofJ & COMMUNITY-WIDE ACTIVITIES

WHAT	WHEN	CONTACT	
Architectural Review Meetings	10:00 AM the 1 st and 3 rd Monday of the month	Joe Wojtak	493-0728
Bowling	AMF Bowling Alley in Venice 2 days per month	Warren Major Chris Alfonso	496-8622 497-7280
Disaster Preparedness (Watch for speaker announcements)	First Thursday of every month @ 6:30 PM	Liz Sharpe	492-5638

LOWofJ (only) ACTIVITY

Women of the Woods (WOW) Are now dining out.	3 rd Thursday @ 6:30 pm	Beverly Johannes	493-8474
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WEBMASTER REPORT. . .

December 2009 and December Annual Report

Overview:

The December statistics set another new record for the amount of site hits within a one month period. Clearly, visitors were familiarizing themselves with the newly updated LOWofJ.com website.

For the year 2009, the statistics show that the website continues to supply the community, and visitors alike, with information about LOWofJ. Also the statistics showed a somewhat surprising amount of visitors from outside the United States. The website was accessed from over 29 different countries including Canada, Great Britain, Japan, Russian Federation, Netherlands, Germany and China, just to name a few. This statistic shows that residents traveling abroad are using the LOWofJ website to stay in touch their community.

The Statistics Show LOWofJ.COM had:

<i>For December 2009</i>		<i>For the Year 2009</i>	
VISITORS	546	VISITORS	8,375
PAGES VIEWED	12,402	PAGES VIEWED	49,382
SITE HITS	43,693	SITE HITS	207,895

Changes, Improvements and Requests:

- 1.) Project 'NEW LOOK' for LOWofJ.com has been completed.
The new, streamlined source code is now active.
- 2.) A total of 10 requests were submitted and processed and all are up to date.

TOP 10 Most Viewed Pages:

<i>For December 2009</i>	<i>For the Year 2009</i>
Community News	Board of Directors, Home Page
Calendar	Community News
Home Page	Calendar
Board of Directors, Home Page	Home Page
Site map	Board of Directors, Documents
Board of Directors, Minutes/Agendas	Homeowners Contacts
Disaster Plan News	Disaster Plan News
Links	Board of Directors, Minutes/Agendas
Homeowners Contacts	Search
Disclaimer	Links

Direct Address / Bookmarks / Email Links:

<i>For December 2009</i>	<i>For the Year 2009</i>
Direct = 98 %	Direct = 95 %
Search Engines = 1 %	Search Engines = 3 %
Other = 1 %	Other = 2 %

Most Active Day (by visits):

<i>For December 2009</i>	<i>For the Year 2009</i>
December 2 nd , 2009	Tuesdays (between 2am & 10am)

Duration of Visits:

<i>For December 2009</i>	<i>For the Year 2009</i>
1hour + = 2.6 % of total	1hour + = 1.7 % of total
30 minutes to 1 hour = 2.8 % of total	30 minutes to 1 hour = 2.3 % of total
15 minutes to 30 minutes = 12 % of total	15minutes or less = 82.6 % of total
15 minutes to 30 minutes = 3.9 % of total	15minutes or less = 92.1 % of total

Your Comments and suggestions are always welcome.

Submitted by: Bob Valenziano, Web Master RJValen@LOWofJ.com

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Section II – Park Estates

PARK ESTATES (New) BOD MEMBERS

CONTACT INFORMATION

President	John Cullinan	jfcullinan1@verizon.net
Vice President	Mark Schiefer	budweberoh@yahoo.com
Secretary	Les Miller	dlunder@verizon.net
Treasurer	Jan Molin	ejbmolin@msn.com
Director	Bud Weber	schiefer5@netzero.net

As prescribed in the By-laws, the Park Estates Board of Directors met on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 to reorganize its officers for the 2010 calendar year.

Park Estates Homeowners Association Board of Directors - Meeting Schedule 2010

Whenever possible, the Board will attempt to meet at 7:00 pm on the **second Wednesday** of each month except the Annual Meeting. Location will rotate among the Directors and be announced the prior meeting.

Board Meetings

Location

Board Meetings	Location
January 13, 2010 - Wednesday	To be determined
February 10, 2010 - Wednesday	To be determined
March 10, 2010 - Wednesday	To be determined
April 14, 2010 - Wednesday	To be determined
May 12, 2010 - Wednesday	To be determined
June 9, 2010 - Wednesday	To be determined
July 14, 2010 - Wednesday	To be determined
August 11, 2010 - Wednesday	To be determined
September 8, 2010 - Wednesday	To be determined
October 13, 2010 - Wednesday	To be determined
November 10, 2010 - Wednesday	To be determined
December 1, 2010 - Annual Meeting	To be determined
December 8, 2010 - Reorganizational Meeting	To be determined

The current Committees and Chairs are as follows:

Architectural Committee	The entire board
Decorating Committee	Debbie Loza
Directory Committee	Bill & Rita Chamberland
Disaster Preparedness Committee	Pat Weber
Landscape Committee	Barbara Hockett
Maintenance Committee	Mark Schiefer
Roads Committee	Bud Weber
Social Committee	Jan Beech
Welcome/Sunshine Committee	Joan McMahan

BOD Messages. . .

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to take this opportunity to wish all the residents of Park Estates a very Happy and Healthy New Year. This will be the last year of my second two-year term and I am beginning my fourth term as President. This position would not be possible without the help of all of the current and past members of the Board of Directors, as well as all of the chairs and members of our various committees. It is easier to get things done when everyone works together.

The Board had a busy 2009 as we continued to address neighborhood issues. The economy has not really improved, and unfortunately, we have had several more homes go into foreclosure or pending sales fall through. On the flip side, we have had three homes in Park Estates sell. So even in this tight housing market, it is gratifying to see that folks are still attracted to our neighborhood for the very same reasons that we chose to live here!

Some highlights for 2009. . .

- we were able to re-surface all of our roads much earlier than we had anticipated and without having to raise the assessments drastically
- the Landscape Committee added more plantings and edging around the drainage pit by the South Entrance; replaced the stones around all of our sign posts and added new edging; and repaired the bottoms of those posts that were rotting
- the Maintenance Committee re-painted all of the sign posts; the concrete drain miters in the pond were reinforced and 10,000 lbs of riprap stone was added around them; the mailboxes were repaired and painted; the north entryway sprinkler system was repaired; and the four entryway signs were power washed and painted.
- the “Spring Fling” and “Fall Picnic in the Park” attracted the largest turnout in recent years giving our residents the opportunity to enjoy some excellent food and good company

These are just some of the highlights of the past year. I want to thank all the members of the various committees, as well as the many residents who just see something that needs to be done and do it! Together we will continue to maintain the quality of life we have come to expect in Park Estates -- our own small piece of paradise on the Suncoast!

Annual Meeting Held. . .

Park Estates held its Annual Homeowners Association meeting on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at Woodmere Park's Community Room.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President John Cullinan.

After attendance was verified and proxies were certified, it was determined that there was a quorum with 22 households represented in attendance with an additional 23 proxies. Board members and residents each introduced themselves and new residents were warmly welcomed. Normal business was conducted including the approval of the 2009 minutes and the rollover of any surplus monies from the 2009 budget.

There were three vacancies on the Board. One member, Secretary Kit Barbour chose not to run again and was thanked for her service to the community. By acclamation, Les Miller was elected to the Board for a two year term while Jan Molin and Bud Weber were re-elected to two year terms. The new Board met the following week to elect officers.

Treasurer Jan Molin gave the 2009 financial report, explaining all expenses especially those relating to roads. The 2010 Budget and annual assessments were discussed in detail. The assessment will be \$325 for the 2010 year. All Committee Chairs gave brief reports and an update was given on the continuing discussions with the Board of the Lake of the Woods of Jacaranda regarding mutual concerns.

There was discussion regarding two proposed amendment changes to the Covenants and By-laws concerning rentals and landscaping regulations. Because these require a 2/3 majority vote, ballots are still being collected from residents who did not attend.

There was an opportunity for residents to speak on any other issues for “the good of the Association.” The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Fall Gathering. . .

Park Estates held its Annual Fall Social on Saturday, October 24, 2009 in Willow Rest Park. It was an opportunity to welcome new residents to the community as well as welcome back our returning “snowbirds.” It was a picture perfect fall day in “Paradise” and more than 65 residents took the opportunity to enjoy the wonderful “pot luck” appetizers, entrees and desserts.

The Chair for the event was Jan Beech and her committee was comprised of Kit Barbour, Bob Beech, Al & Judi Bidwick, Barb Hockett, Pat Hunt, Lynne Kloss, Nancy Lacktman, Wanda Lange, Marly Loebig, Dee Miller, Judy Nichols, Ed Skiptunas, Kathy Trzepacz, Jalna Vaughan, and Bud Weber. The Board wants to take this opportunity to thank all of them for their hard work in providing such an enjoyable afternoon.

Submitted by: John Cullinan, President Park Estates

Section III – The Lakes of Jacaranda (LOJ)

LOJ BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Contact them through the www.lowofj.com website

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by: Joe Beima, LOJ President

For Lakes of Jacaranda, the pool was repaired within budget and the resulting electrical bill is much lower than anticipated, thanks to the efforts of Guy Cusumano and members of the community that assisted him in creating the new electrical plan. A new security system is being ordered to ensure that club members are the only users of our facilities, unless they bring guests.

The Board is currently investigating strengthening the Club House for Emergency Preparedness, since it does not meet Miami/Dade standards at this time. We have obtained two quotes for installing shutters on the building to prevent window blow-outs and ensure that the interior is secure for shelter and medical emergencies that could occur during catastrophic events and wind forces up to 150 mph. However, we intend to investigate further before investing the money this improvement would require, especially getting an engineering review and analysis of the feasibility and cost effectiveness of such an endeavor since this will involve changes to the existing roof.

Social Activities. . .

Friday Night Mixers or Game Night. . . 7:00 PM

January: Let's play **Trivia** again. We had a great crowd at the Mixer in November. Why not try it again. You can come as a team of 8 –10 or form a team when you arrive. If you think you won't know any of the answers, you might surprise yourself. Besides, if you don't know the answer someone on your team may. Give it a try. Your team just may win! *See you Friday, January 8th at 7:00 PM.*

February: If someone would like to volunteer to host this mixer, please contact Judie at 497-6368. It's real easy to do and YOU get to set the agenda. You could make it a mixer, a game night, a sock hop. . . .or. . . .whatever you wish.



Book Club – Submitted by Kay Davis

<i>Date</i>	<i>Book Title</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Leader</i>
January 7	The Great Gatsby	F. Scott Fitzgerald	Mickey Skarvi
February 4	Still Alice	Lisa Genova	Marcia Barnell
March 4	The Jungle	Upton Sinclair	Joan Cusimano
April 1	The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society	MaryAnn Shaffer & Annie Barrows	Kay Davis
May 1	Book Club hosts the Lakes of Jacaranda Coffee		
May 6	A Walk on the Beach	Joan Anderson	Barbara Miller

*******AT A GLANCE ONGOING ACTIVITIES*******

Some of the Activities below are seasonal. Contact the leaders for information on activities.

LOJ ACTIVITIES @ CLUBHOUSE

WHAT	WHEN	CONTACT
Book Club	1 st Thursday @ 10 am	Kay Davis 493-3720
Friday Night Mixer or Game Night – Hosts needed for 2010!	2 nd Friday @ 7 pm (unless noted)	Judie Gollwitzer 497-6368
LOJ Women’s Coffee	1 st Wednesday @ 10 am	Liz Sharpe 492-5638
Mah Jongg	1 st Monday of each month @ 7 pm	Judie Gollwitzer 497-6368
Men’s Cards	Wednesday’s 6:30 – 10: 30 pm	Rich Krepela 493-3339
Stretch & Tone (was Pilates) <i>(Bring your own Mat & an old belt)</i>	Every Tuesday & Saturday 9:00 to 10:00 AM @ the clubhouse	Instructor: Felicia Scherrer To sign up e-mail Felicia at scherreerr@yahoo.com
Sewing	Tuesdays @ 10 am	Betty Gloudeman 492-3686
Water Aerobics	Starting May 5th	Joanne Falvo 497-0715

Section IV – Grassy Oaks II

GRASSY OAKS II BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	John Pestana	January 21st @ 7:00 PM Elections – Two Positions Open
Vice President	Gordon Heidelberg	
Treasurer	Peter Cocolla	
Secretary	Sharon Blick	
Director of Lawn Maintenance:	Woody Lynch	

GRASSY OAKS 11 - MAINTENANCE FREE HOME OWNERS’ ASSOCIATION

Submitted by: John Pestana, President & Sharon Blick, Secretary

Elections. . .

This is a friendly reminder that we have our annual meeting and elections coming up on **January 21st at 7:00 PM at the clubhouse**. At this time we have two openings and two candidates. We look forward to seeing you there.

Section V – Grassy Oaks III

GRASSY OAKS III BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Joe Wojtak	Elections January 14th at Clubhouse 7:00 PM
Vice President	Rich Krepela	
Secretary	Herman Proetze	
Financial Officer	Dave Sampson	
Treasurer	Janice Truedel	

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GRASSY OAKS III RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Submitted by: Joe Wojtak

Grassy Oaks III will hold an association meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2010 in the clubhouse at 7:00 PM. All Grassy Oaks III homeowners are invited to attend.

Subjects to be discussed:

- Review of 2010 budget
- Election of new Board of Directors
- Review of quotes regarding management company involvement in GO III

Section VI – General Information

Donations. . .

Herbert and Irene Esswein planned to have a garage sale and then thought they would donate their things to residents. They donated a large amount of paper goods to the Clubhouse along with a DVD player. They still have a typewriter, a coffee pot and a portable table if anyone is interested in taking the things off their hands. Call them at 497-7989 if you wish to check things out.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY – Typos or Updates

McPherson, Meg, 686 Silk Oak Dr., 493-0780, Lot #J498

Correction is: Phone number.

Hasul, Gary & Pat, 864 Dahoon Circle, 941-882-0019, Lot # J317

Correction is: Phone number.

Sprague, Robert/Marlene, 514 Purslane Point, 492-4209, Lot # J199

Correction is Street name and Phone number.

Fay, Paul/Mary, 825 Wood Sorrel Lane, 445-5827, Lot # J345

Correction is Phone number.

Loeffler, Jack/Jean, 760 Fringed Orchid Trail, 445-4207, Lot # J565

Corrections are Jean, address & phone number

Recipe from Joe & Marie Beima. . . . It's delicious!

Three rings of sausage or two pounds meatballs (They used kielbasa and meatballs together.)

1 6oz jar apple jelly

1 6oz jar Dijon mustard

1 6oz jar red currant jelly

Cook all ingredients for 2 hrs in a crockpot

Enjoy

LOWof J Golf Tournament



Antique Car Show



Thank you to all who have helped to make 2009 a year to remember!

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