



# Lake Forest *at St Lucie West* NEWSLETTER



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## TO ALL RESIDENTS

**The Easter Bunny was a great success.** All of the children had a good time. Thank you Easter Bunny.

April's BOD meeting was the last meeting until September. We have adjourned until then. Not much goes on during the summer months due to the heat. If a need arises for us to hold a meeting, it will be posted at both gates.

**Most of the planting that was planned has been completed.** Any plantings that have not been completed, have not because of availability of plants. Completion is planned for the fall.

Specifically, trees that were going to be planted on the berms behind the lakes and along the turnpike did not do well with the winter cold. **We were not going to buy trees that were in poor condition.**

To all of our snowbirds who will be departing this month and early June, have a safe trip and great summer. See you in the fall.

To everyone who has responded to letters concerning their roof needing cleaning, and have gotten theirs cleaned, or will be, thank you.

**The Board of Directors**

## TREASURERS REPORT

**For the Month Ending March 31, 2011**

HOA Funds are held in the following accounts:

\$ 128,502.00	in our Gulf Stream Operating Account
\$ 369,787.00	invested in various CD, CDAR and MM accounts
\$ 301,069.00	in Reserve Accounts
\$ 188,779.00	is owed to the HOA by delinquent home owners.

Three (3) homes in the community were sold in the month of March. There are sixty-three (61) homes in the community with pending legal action. The HOA now has possession of four (4) homes in the community and should get possession of another shortly.

Regards

**Jim Russello, Treasurer**

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April 27, 2011

Re: Irrigation clocks

Dear Homeowner:

There are two types of irrigation clocks that were builder installed; Rain bird Model E3 and ESP-4. Model E3 (gray in color and door slides up) does not have battery backup and when the power goes out it must be reset. If it is not reset it defaults to a 1996 program and waters everyday at the same time for 10 minutes. If you know how to reset the clock remember that when setting the days, day 1 is Monday not Sunday. After a recent inspection there is over 150 of these clocks and 90 percent were not reset.

Model ESP-4 (clock is square and the door opens to the side) has battery back- up. It requires a rechargeable 9 volt battery. If the battery is no good or is the wrong type this clock will also default to watering everyday at the same time for 10 minutes when the power goes out.

St. Lucie West Service District has been having trouble with irrigation pressure dropping from 80lbs to 39lbs during the daytime. Water flow went from 200 gallons to several thousand during the time all of these clocks came on. Working together we were able to find that the cause of the drop in pressure were these clocks in Lake Forest all coming on at the same time (12:35 DST). This was determined by shutting off the water to Lake Forest at 12:30PM DST. There was no pressure drop. When turning on the water at 12:40 PM DST the pressure dropped. Lake Forest had a power outage on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The sudden drop in pressure causes all of their pumps to come on which will cause damage to the irrigation infrastructure theirs and ours (literally could cause pipes to blow out of the ground). If damage to the irrigation infrastructure occurs in Lake Forest, it would be our responsibility to repair and the average repair cost is three to five thousand dollars per break. This could result in an increase to quarterly fees or a special assessment.

The E3 clock should be replaced with a new clock that has battery backup especially if you are not a full time resident and do not have any one to take care of it in your absence. The ESP-4 should have the correct battery installed. If the issue is not corrected St. Lucie West Service District in order to protect the irrigation infrastructure will have no choice but to turn off all the irrigation water to Lake Forest until this issue is resolved.

Remember to set your clock to the day and time on the sticker on the clock. Watering times in Lake Forest are between 6:00PM and 11:30PM. There is no residential watering allowed any other time unless the Water District has changed your time due to evening pressure problems. Due to the drought we are in, anyone watering outside their allotted time may be fined by the District. And yes they are out checking.

If you have already updated your clock please make sure it is properly set and has new batteries. Any questions please call the Lake Forest office between 8:30am and 12:30pm Monday to Friday 772-878-1944.

Sincerely, The Board of Directors

# CLUBHOUSE EVENTS

Monday	May 2	9:00am	Water Aerobics*
		12:30pm	Knitting and Crocheting
		7:30pm	Mah Jongg
Tuesday	May 3	1:00pm	Poker
Wednesday	May 4	9:00am	Water Aerobics
		12:30pm	Mah Jongg
		7:00pm	Relay for Life
		7:00pm	Poker
Thursday	May 5	1:00pm	Poker
		7:00pm	Architectural Committee
		7:00pm	Mah Jongg
Friday	May 6	9:00am	Water Aerobics
		12:30pm	Mah Jongg
Monday	May 9	9:00am	Water Aerobics
		12:30pm	Knitting and Crocheting
		7:30pm	Mah Jongg
Tuesday	May 10	9:30am	Board of Directors Workshop
		1:00pm	Poker
		7:00pm	Covenants and Restrictions
Wednesday	May 11	9:00am	Water Aerobics
		12:30pm	Mah Jongg
		7:00pm	Poker
Thursday	May 12	9:00am	COP Meeting
		1:00pm	Poker
		7:00pm	Mah Jongg
Friday	May 13	9:00am	Water Aerobics
		12:30pm	Mah Jongg
Monday	May 16	9:00am	Water Aerobics
		12:30pm	Knitting and Crocheting
		7:30pm	Mah Jongg
Tuesday	May 17	1:00pm	Poker
Wednesday	May 18	9:00am	Water Aerobics
		12:30pm	Mah Jongg
		7:00pm	Poker
Thursday	May 19	1:00pm	Poker
		7:00pm	Architectural Committee
		7:00pm	Mah Jongg
Friday	May 20	9:00am	Water Aerobics
		12:30pm	Mah Jongg
Monday	May 23	9:00am	Water Aerobics
		7:30pm	Mah Jongg
Tuesday	May 24	9:30am	Board of Directors Workshop
		1:00pm	Poker
		7:00pm	Covenants and Restrictions
Wednesday	May 25	9:00am	Water Aerobics
		12:30pm	Mah Jongg
		7:00pm	Poker
Thursday	May 26	1:00pm	Poker
		7:00pm	Mah Jongg
Friday	May 27	9:00am	Water Aerobics
		12:30pm	Mah Jongg
Monday	May 30	9:00am	Water Aerobics
		7:30pm	Mah Jongg
Tuesday	May 31	1:00pm	Poker



*Sunday,  
May 8th*

\*Please note  
time change for  
water aerobics



## WITH SYMPATHY

It is with sadness we report on the passing of Carl Monge who passed away on April 17th. Carl and his wife Barbara moved to Lake Forest from California seven and a half years ago. Carl was very active in the community, serving on the Board of Appeals and was a member of the Lake Forest COP Team. Our sympathy is extended to Barbara, and the entire Monge family.

## TIPS ON PUMPING GAS

With the price of gas expected to reach \$5.00 a gallon by summer, **here are some tips to help you get more for your money.** These tips come from a person who has been in the petroleum business for about thirty one years. He offers these tips so you can get more of your money's worth for every gallon.

**Only buy or fill up your car or truck in the early morning when the ground temperature is still cold.** Remember that all service stations have their storage tanks buried below ground. The colder the ground the more dense the gasoline. When it gets warmer gasoline expands, so buying in the afternoon or in the evening, your gallon is not exactly a gallon. In the petroleum business, the specific gravity and the temperature of the gasoline, diesel, ethanol and other petroleum products, plays an important role. A 1-degree rise in temperature is a big deal for the petroleum business. Service stations do not have temperature compensation at the pumps.

**When you're filling up, do not squeeze the trigger of the nozzle to a fast mode** If you look you will see that some triggers have three (3) stages: low, middle, and high. You should be pumping on low mode, thereby minimizing the vapors that are created while you are pumping. **If there are no trigger stages, hold the nozzle and pump the gas at a slow rate of speed.** All hoses at the pump have a vapor return. If you are pumping at the fast rate, some of the liquid that goes to your tank becomes vapor. Those vapors are being sucked up and back into the underground storage tank, so you're getting less worth for your money.

**One of the most important tips is to fill up when your gas tank is HALF FULL.** NEVER allow your tank get more than 1/2 empty! The reason for this is the more gas you have in your tank the less air occupying its empty space. Gasoline evaporates faster than you can imagine. Gasoline storage tanks have an internal floating roof. This roof serves as zero clearance between the gas and the atmosphere, so it minimizes the evaporation.

**And lastly... an important reminder.** If there is a gasoline truck pumping into the storage tanks when you stop to buy gas, DO NOT fill up. Most likely the gasoline is being stirred up as the gas is being delivered, and you might pick up some of the dirt that normally settles on the bottom.

... buying in the afternoon or in the evening, your gallon is not exactly a gallon

## FOR SALE

**OAKWOOD CABINET and/or  
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**871 6457**

## **LAKE FOREST DIRECTORY**

The Lake Forest Directory is available free of charge  
at the clubhouse.  
Stop by and pick up your copy.

# **HAPPY HOUR**

## **Cocktail Party and Fun Evening**

**SPONSORED BY THE**  
**LAKE FOREST**  
**RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM**

**DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED**

**HOSTED BY**  
**Hosts to be**  
**Announced**

**FOR INFORMATION**  
**Check kiosks for information**

**\$3.00 per person donation. BYOB and an**  
**appetizer. Raffles, 50/50, Treasure Table**

***SNACK A LITTLE. LAUGH A LITTLE***  
***MAKE NEW FRIENDS... HELP A WORTHY CAUSE***



All Proceeds Benefit the  
American Cancer Society's  
Relay For Life!

Interested in joining the Lake Forest Relay for Life Team?  
The team meets the first Wednesday of every month. Come, join us.

# SNOWBIRD CHECKLIST

1	Yard - Trim/Cut/Fertilize Shrubs & Palms	
2	Yard - Take in Reflectors that Prevent Native from Weeding	
3	Yard - Clean Up Annual Plants	
4	Yard - Clean Irrigation Filter	
5	Yard - Check & Repair Sprinkler Heads	
6	Yard - Check Sprinkler Program Setting	
7	Yard - Treat for Bugs	
8	Yard - Store Hoses in Garage	
9	Lanai -Clean & Store BB Q Grill	
10	Lanai - Store Lanai Furniture in Garage	
11	Lanai - Store Lanai Assessories Inside	
12	Lanai - Lock Outer Lanai Door	
13	Garage - Store any Humidity Sensative Tools Inside	
14	Garage - Secure Fishing Equipment Inside	
15	Garage - Secure Wheelbarrow to Garage	
16	Garage - Check Tire Pressure/Change Oil/Wiper Fluid	Lead
17	Garage - Fill Auto Gas Tank	Time
18	Paperwork - Change Post Office Address	20 days
19	Paperwork - Give Notice to Turn on TV Reception up North	10 days
20	Paperwork - Change Delivery for Newspapers	10 days
21	Paperwork - Change Fl. Tel. to Basic Service	2 days
22	Paperwork - Change Address on Credit Cards	2 days
23	Paperwork - Plan Travel vs. Rain Forcast along Route	
24	Pack - Clothes/Jackets/Shoes	
25	Pack - Check Book/Camera/Atlas/Phone Numbers	
26	Pack - Toiletries/Travel Clothes/Vitamins	
27	Pack - File Folder/Computer	
28	Pack - Golf Shoes/Clubs	
29	Pack - Lunch/Drinks	
30	House - Provide for Last Trash Disposal	
31	House - Tape Overflow/ Stop Sink/Shower Drains	
32	House - Clean Frig/Drip Tray/Oven	
33	House - Raise Ice Maker Bar on Frig	
34	House - Place Multipul Ant Cups	
35	House - Close Blinds/Cover Furniture/Slider & Lock	
36	House - Leave All Closet Doors Partially Open	
37	House - Secure Flour Based Products to Frig.	
38	House - Take Down Hanging Kitchen Plates/Mirrors/ etc.	
39	House - Unplug Unused Electricity	
40	House - Turn Off House Water/Release Pressure	
41	House - Pull Dryer Plug/Turn Off Washer Water	
42	House - Turn Hot Water to Vacation Mode	
43	House - Set Humidistat for Humidity Control	
44	House - Cover Toilets Bowls with Saran Wrap	
45	House - Lock & Pull Garage Door Plug	
46	House - Be Sure all Door are Locked	
47	House - Set Alarm System	


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This year, we have four unusual dates. Two of them have already occurred: 1/1/11 and 1/11/11. Two remain: 11/1/11 and 11/11/11.

For some fun, try this: take the last two digits of the year you were born. Add them to the age you will be this year.

Your answer will be 111.  
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## EXCLUSIVE PEST CONTROL FOR THE LAKE FOREST COMMUNITY

 Above & Beyond Pest Control would like to extend our professional service to the residents of the Lake Forest community. Above & Beyond Pest Control is currently offering an every-other-month perimeter treatment, with interior guarantee for \$35.00 per service. We will guarantee no inside pests at no additional charge.

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Thursday, May 26th**  
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