



Ripples by the Lake

Deerfield Lake

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February 2020

HOA & President Report & Spotlight

First this is combined with our usual Spotlight.

Business is that we continue to have wonderful turnout for our HOA meetings. This helps our community to strengthen and assist with safety of our community. Our next HOA meeting is going to be Monday February 3, 2020 at the clubhouse at 7 pm. Please come and meet the new board members and officers. Don't forget to sign up for our Valentine's dinner dance Saturday Feb 15 from 7-10pm. Dinner is by TOO JAYS and is \$15 per person being collected by Sharon Minnick (Lot #B5).

Now for the spotlight. As many of you know we lost Maryann Larkin this past month. She was a member of this park for over 30 years and was very involved in everything that went on here. She loved this park and the residents so much. She made sure that there was always something going on and greeted new people with a smile. She was usually the first person a new resident met and would tell them all about the events that were going on. The turnout for her Celebration of Life was incredible from people that had known her for many years to those of us that had only know her for a few. There will be a remembrance plaque placed on a bench in her honor outside the clubhouse. RIP Maryann, you will be missed by this community!

HOA Board & Officers

President ~ Sandy LaDue 954-425-8500

Vice Pres ~ John Ball 954-707-2139

Treasure ~ Thomas Gildersleeve 954-290-1118

Secretary ~ Peter Saunders 401-855-1161

Directors ~

Ginger Reca 954-854-4754

Committees

Audit Committee ~ Vacant

Bingo ~ Elena "Ellie" DiBattista 860-617-3736

Crafts ~ Linda Cammallere 732-865-6404

Emergency Preparedness ~ Tom Gildersleeve 954-290-1118

FMO ~ Vacant

FaceBook Page ~ Dianna Saunders & Linda Casewell

Ladies Luncheon ~ Terry Koffer 954-425-8179

Social Committee ~ Ginger Reca 954-854-4754

Library ~ Linda Caswell 914-388-4548 & Ellen McDuffee 954-481-2926

Monthly Cards ~ Ellen McDuffee 954-481-2926

Neighborhood Watch ~ Sandy LaDue 954-425-8500

Policy & By-laws ~ Deb Sulany 954-333-8453

Sunshine Lady ~ Terry Koffer 954-425-8179

Web/Ripples ~ Dianna MK Saunders 401-855-3253

Welcome ~ Patty Smart 224-433-9024

Reflections by Roselle

*"The doors we open and close each day
decide the lives we live" ~
Anthony Robbins*

Every day we have choices—what to wear, what to eat, what do, when, where, and with whom. But do we fully grasp what a tremendous gift it is to be able to decide for ourselves the direction of our lives and to do it uncensored and unrestricted? The most important capability we possess is the power to choose. We live in the greatest country in the world, affording us an abundance of personal freedoms the less fortunate only dream of. As individuals, we have the final say in how we build our lives in our own unique ways. You're free to shape your character into the person you want to become. Free to choose the values and beliefs that feel right for you and bring greater meaning to your life. Free to pursue what you love and to develop your particular interests and passions in the pursuit of happiness. Free to choose your attitude about how you act and react to life's circumstances and challenges. We finetune our lives choice by choice, by what we decide to keep close to our heart and what we let go of. When we are true to ourselves in all the choices we make, in our thoughts, words and deeds, we are living life on our own terms. Maybe

NOMINATING/ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Our Annual mandated Organizational Meeting was held Monday, January 20, 2020. Elections were held. Brad Crompton and Everett Rosner had to rescind their nominations to serve on the Board due to their work schedules impacting on the ability to make all required meetings. Ginger Recca was sworn in as a new Director meeting the minimum requirement of five members on the board. The Directors elected officers as follows: President-Sandy Ladue, Vice-President-John Ball, Secretary-Peter Saunders, Treasurer-Thomas Gildersleeve.

We are at a dangerous crossroad with maintaining an HOA Board. A five-member Board means that three members must be present at every Directors Meeting and every HOA Meeting in order to conduct business. Both Sandy and Tom are starting the last year of their second two-year term and will not be eligible to run again. Next year will begin lot rental negotiations and if we are unable to find people to serve on the Board, we will lose the ability to negotiate.

In order to be a viable HOA we must prove we have a Board of Directors. As the nature of those living in the park has changed from fulltime retirees to a mix including working folks, the HOA recognized that fact and changed our By-Laws for Directors Meetings being flexible, rather than the original Tuesday mornings, to attract working residents. We also changed our By-Laws to reflect the difficulty in getting people to serve, changing from the hard seven member board to a flexible minimum of five/maximum of seven. Frankly, there are no more changes to be made, we just need people to understand there is a certain responsibility that goes along with living in a regulated community with By-Laws, Rules & Regulations. In 2021 if the eligible Board members remain, we will need, at a minimum, two people just to maintain a five-member Board. Ideally, we should have a seven-member Board.

Please attend meetings, find out what Board members do on your behalf, which is way more than just negotiating lot rental agreements, which is extremely important. We are also in need of an FMO Representative. FMO is an important part of keeping the Florida Legislature and the Park owners throughout Florida in check. They lobby on our behalf, they negotiate with the Park owners on our behalf. They've got our backs and we need to have theirs by joining FMO for just \$25 per household a year, or \$65 for three years. These dues help pay for one lobbyist - the Park owners have several. PLEASE go to WWW.FMO.ORG to find out more.

We have lost many vibrant activities because residents are not participating. Our



<p><u>Hand & Foot</u> Every Wednesday at 7pm & Saturday (unless a party has been scheduled) at 1pm in Clubhouse</p>	<p><u>Dinner & A Movie</u> Held the last Sunday of the month in the clubhouse. There will be a sign-up sheet in clubhouse. Cost is \$5</p>	<p><u>Ladies Luncheon</u> Wednesday February 18 @ 12:30pm Hibachi Buffet on Hillsboro sign-up in Clubhouse</p>	<p><u>BINGO</u> Bingo at 7:00 on Tuesday evenings, at the clubhouse</p>	<p><u>Bicycle Group</u> Friday's from 6-7pm meet at clubhouse to do laps around the park. Please make sure you have lights on your bicycles. Thank you!</p>
<p><u>MONTHLY CARD PARTY</u> The <u>2nd Friday of every month</u> a card party is held at the Clubhouse. This is a social gathering for \$2 a person and refreshments are served. We are always looking for more people to attend, so feel free to come with your friends-there's plenty of room for more games. The hours are from 12-4. A table must be reserved by contacting Ellen McDuffee</p>	<p><u>Koffee Klatch</u> Every Tuesday at 9 am join us for coffee, goodies and great conversations. Meet new neighbors and enjoy each other's company. All are welcome!</p>	<p><u>Crafts</u> Crafts are usually held Tuesday's from 10-noon. Please contact Linda Cammalleri for details</p>	<p><u>Neighborhood Patrol</u> Deerfield Lake neighborhood watch meetings are conducted the last Monday of the month in the clubhouse @ 6:30 pm ALL are welcome to attend.</p>	<p><u>Flag Disposal</u> Anyone replacing a worn American Flag should have the old flag disposed of properly. Please bring old flags to Dick Dabb at Lot D-18 for coordinating the proper disposal.</p>

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL RESIDENTS

According to the State of Florida, statute 723, The new by laws, policies and procedures are now available for all residents to pick up on the following days:

Monday, February 3, 2020 at the HOA Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at the Club House between 2:00p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Friday, February 7, 2020 at the Club House between 2:00pm till 4:00p.m.

Saturday February 8, 2020 at the Club House between 2:00p.m till 4:00p.m.

After picking up your new copy at the clubhouse you must destroy the edition from 2015 and keep the new edition with your Prospectus. These booklets must stay in the house even if you

Neighborhood Watch

Officer Zombeck attended our January 27 Neighborhood Watch meeting along with 3 other officers that patrol this neighborhood. We had a great turnout for this meeting. We received valuable information. One of the most important is to make sure you are LOCKING your car doors and taking key fob's and valuables out. At 9 pm every night is a good time to check your locks as a reminder. Another big point is if you see something say something to the police.