

# Ripples from the Lake

November 2019

## Note from HOA President



I would like to thank all the residents that showed last month for the HOA meeting. It was announced that we will be getting new gates once approved by the city of Coconut Creek. We had a great amount of residents that came. Let's get this turn out again for November's HOA meeting on **Monday the 4th at 7 pm** in the clubhouse. Please come bring your neighbor too! Let's get active in our community.

We will be having a residents yard sale in the clubhouse Saturday November 2nd from 9-3 pm Tables are \$10 and \$20.

Congratulations to our Halloween costume winners! We had a great night for the 1st Halloween party we had in a few years. I want to thank the social committee and all the other's that helped setup and cleanup. We would like to continue this

Let's be **THANKFUL** and look forward to the upcoming season with all our friend's coming back for the winter. We have some new activities starting this month as well! Be on the lookout for special events and our Holiday party date in December. The Fabulons will be the entertainment again



Dear  
**NOVEMBER**  
Be awesome!

## SPOTLIGHT

this year!

I would like to thank Roselle for her lovely article she does every month. These are beautifully written and I would love to encourage more of our residents to explore your creative sides. Do you have photos you take that we could share? Do you write poems? We would love for you to participate in the Ripples. Al-



## HOA Board & Officers

**President** ~ Sandy LaDue 954-425-8500

**Vice Pres** ~ John Ball 954-707-2139

**Treasure** ~ Thomas Gildersleeve 954-290-1118

**Secretary** ~ Linda Cammalleri 732-865-6404

### Directors ~

Deborah Dane 954-420-9090

Mark DiBattista 860-617-4340

Peter Saunders 401-855-1161

### Committees

**Audit Committee** ~ Everett Rosner 954-254-0876

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

**Crafts** ~ Linda Cammalleri 732-865-6404

**Emergency Preparedness** ~ Mark DiBattista 860-617-4340 & Tom Gildersleeve 954-290-1118

**FMO** ~

**FaceBook Page** ~ Dianna Saunders & Linda Caswell

**Ladies Luncheon** ~ Terry Koffer 954-425-8179

**Social Committee** ~ Ginger Recca 954-854-4754

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

**Monthly Cards** ~ Maryann Larkin 954-427-2897

**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

## Neighborhood Watch

Once again our neighborhood seems to be enjoying feeling the safety of our community watch folks. It is so nice to have these volunteers and concerned neighbors watching out for one and other. Remember if you **SEE** something **SAY** something. You can always call the none emergency line when you aren't sure if it is an emergency or not.

Also, are you aware that Coconut Creek offers a Citizen's Academy? Look at the City of Coconut Creek for details. It is a great way to learn more about the city our community is in.



## Reflections by Roselle

*"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life  
and turns what we have into enough"*  
-- Melody Beattie

In the true spirit of Thanksgiving, this is the perfect time of year for counting our blessings with a grateful heart, recognizing that the most meaningful things that enrich our lives are the ones that don't come with a price tag. Family ties and friendship. Health and a place to call home. Love and laughter. Answered prayers. Mother Nature. This country's freedoms. Our daily bread. For the simple pleasures we've been blessed with as well as the sorrows we have been spared, let us be truly grateful. In the midst of this month's feasts and festivities, let's not forget this is a time for thanks AND giving. Tis the season to open our hearts and reach out to others. "You must give something to your fellow man," said Albert Schweitzer, "even if it's a little something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it." In lightening the burdens of others, we lift ourselves up. So, let us all begin today to make small acts of kindness a regular habit. Make a donation to a worthy cause. Pay a compliment. Volunteer. Lend a hand to someone less fortunate. Ralph Waldo Emerson reminds us that there is no time like the present for giving with a willing heart. "You cannot do a kindness too soon for you never know how soon it will be too late." Beginning today, let's put someone else's needs above our own, ever conscious of the fact that 'love thy neighbor' isn't just a nice thought. I leave you with the wise words of John Wesley: "Do all the good you can by all the means you can in all the ways you can at all the times you can to all the people you can as long as ever you can."

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

### **FROM the NOMINATING/ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

Our By-Laws allow for a Board with a minimum of 5 & maximum of 7 Directors. We currently have a 7 member Board. Board members may hold two 2-year consecutive terms, for a total of 4 years. After that they must wait 2 years before requesting to run again.

As per our By-Laws elections will be the 3rd Monday in January, which is January 20, 2020. Thomas Gildersleeve and Sandy Ladue have another year left on their final 2-year term. Deborah Dane is completing the 2nd year of her 2nd two year term & is ineligible to run again. That is an open seat.

Linda Cammalleri and Mark DiBattista are completing the 1st year of their 1st term. Peter Saunders is completing the 2nd year of his 1st term. Peter is eligible to run for another 2- year term and has agreed to run again, for a final 2-year term. John Ball took over a Director's seat that concludes at the end of this year. John is eligible to run for another 2-year term. John has agreed to run for a full 2-year term.

In order to run for the Board one has to be a bona fide resident which means their name must appear on the manufactured home registration. All new Board members are mandated to go to a training session within 90 days of taking office, as per Florida Statutes. As of this writing we do not know when or where a local training session will take place. Our HOA does pay the registration fee.

The FMO is looking into on-line training and hopefully that will be in place and another option to meet the mandate. We are still in need of someone wishing to serve on our HOA Board to have a full compliment of 7 members. If more than one person steps forward we will have an election and the top 3 vote getters will be on the Board. If no one steps forward there will be an election between Pete and John with the top vote getter taking the 5th spot on the Board. Rather than lose a good Board member, we encourage someone to consider becoming a Board Director on our HOA.

The HOA does not decide on who will be President, V.Pres, Secretary or Treasurer. That takes place at the organizational meeting where the Directors decide amongst themselves who will hold those positions. Anyone interested in being on our Board of Directors can contact a member of the Nominating & Elections Committee, Linda Caswell (Chair) D-15, Susan Edwards L-12 or Steve Yakin A-26.

The December HOA meeting is the last day for someone to be nominated from the floor.

**BOWLING NEWS!**

Deerfield Lake did not have enough bowlers for a league this year. But that doesn't mean we aren't bowling! We have joined up with the bowlers from Tallowood Isles. We bowl every Tuesday at Margate Lanes, 12:30 PM. It is very informal, not a "league" so you can come whenever you can and you only pay for the days you bowl. It costs \$8 to bowl three games, shoes are extra if you do not have your own. It's a friendly group and all are welcome, any bowling ability, from beginner to experienced. So come and try your hand at bowling, the more the merrier.

<p><b>Hand &amp; Foot</b> Every Wednesday at 7pm &amp; Saturday (unless a party has been scheduled) at 1pm in Clubhouse</p>	<p><b>Men's Breakfast</b> Wednesday November 20th @ 8:30 am. Meet at clubhouse</p>	<p><b>Ladies Luncheon</b> Wednesday November 20 @ 12:30pm Deer Creek Country Club. sign-up in Clubhouse</p>	<p><b>BINGO</b> Bingo at 7:00 on Tuesday evenings, at the clubhouse</p>	<p><b>Bicycle Group</b> Friday's from 6-7pm meet at clubhouse to do laps around the park. Please make sure your have lights on your bicycles. Thank you!</p>
<p><b>MONTHLY CARD PARTY</b> 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 Maryann Larkin at 954-427-2897</p>	<p><b>Koffee Klatch</b> 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><b>Crafts</b> Crafts are usually held Tuesday's from 10-noon. Please contact Linda Cammalleri for details</p>	<p><b>Neighborhood Patrol</b> 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><b>Flag Disposal</b> 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>

**Looking for Ideas and Activity Suggestions**

Do you have a suggestion for an activity? Is there an activity you want to join or have? Let us know and we will add it to the calendar. We are looking into having Yoga once a week. Let us know your interest. Is there an event you are participating in or a family member and could use support in the audience? Let us know! Maybe we can get dance instructions or line dancing. Maybe some karaoke?

