

THE LAKE ACRES ASSOCIATION, INC. NEWSLETTER

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We want to wish all of our residents old and new a happy holiday season. It's our hope that 2021 will bring relief from these trying times and bring health and prosperity to your

family. We realize we have not published a newsletter in some time. We hope to do better in the future. If you have any topics you would like for us to address, please forward them to us at lakeacreshoa@gmail.com, or ask us to cover an issue on our Facebook page.

General Meeting

We successfully held a virtual general meeting on 7 December 2020. Thanks to our President-Elect Marie Ventura for pulling this together, and thanks to all those who participated online.

We addressed some important issues. First and foremost, the membership agreed to continue with the current board of directors for 2021.

President – Joseph Drennan President-Elect – Marie Ventura Vice President – Michael Boitnott Secretary – Maureen Lear Treasurer – Kemper Lear

If you are interested in serving in any of the positions in the future, please contact Kemp or Maureen Lear (540) 786-6516.



Annual Dues

The membership approved a board recommendation to maintain the Lake Acres

Association dues at \$25 per year. You can expect to receive an invoice for your 2021 dues sometime in mid-January.

Please Drive Carefully

Again, we repeat the old refrain in Lake Acres: **Please slow**

down and drive carefully in the neighborhood!! The



board continues to receive complaints regarding speeding in the community. There are several families with children that play near the road, and a number of residents that walk their pets on the shoulders. Several have reported incidents that could have resulted in tragedy. At the general meeting on 7 December, the board was asked to contact the Spotsylvania County Sherriff's office to see if we could arrange for periodic speed surveillance in the community. It was also recommended that we contact the Sherriff's office to see if the mobile radar sign that was used once before can be placed in the neighborhood again.



Find Us on Facebook

In addition to our web page (http://lakeacreshoa.com) Lake

Acres has an active Facebook Group that we use to help keep the HOA members up to date on the events and happenings. Anyone can find the group, but only members approved by the administrators can see posts or add posts of their own. The Board will serve as the Administrators of the page and will ensure that only HOA members, their family and approved renters are accepted into the group.

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Pavilion Use and Maintenance

We would like to see more use of the pavilion area. We note that there has been a great deal of foot traffic in the area, and during the past summer the area was used extensively to access the Ni River Reservoir. We would like to make a couple of points:

- 1. Unless you have made prior arrangements with the board of directors, the common area is only open from sunup to sundown.
- 2. The combination to the locks at Ni River Dr. and Shaw Dr. is the same (if you need the combination, please contact Kemp or Maureen Lear (540) 786-6516). Be sure to pay attention to the locking instructions at the Shaw Dr. entrance, as this is a shared entrance with Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, and the locks need to be locked together and not into the chain.
- 3. Open fires are prohibited in the common area.
- 4. No harvesting of live or standing trees is permitted on the common area. Residents are free to gather wood from downed trees with authorization from the board of directors, but cutting standing timber is prohibited.

5. Take your trash with you. If you fish in the area, please take all your discarded tackle and fishing line.



Common Area Planning Committee

At the 7 December general meeting, Steve Ott volunteered to lead a planning committee to investigate better use of the common area. Some ideas put forward included development of walking trails, installation of permanent picnic tables near the water access, and installation of a safe fire ring or charcoal grills outside the pavilion area. Stay tuned for more on this subject in the future. This is a great opportunity to help make the common area more user-friendly. Any ideas would be welcome and can be provided to any member of the board of directors or Steve Ott.