

# Lakeside Insider

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From Bill Clay

Let's give a very special "Thank You" to **Bill Vita** for all his help with the mailbox project. Bill has spent hours and hours help people with their mailbox and post. He has designed fixes for problems along the way. He designed all the necessary equipment for the installation and the surround for the protection of the post. He has made many trips to the WWTP to get boxes and post for owners, even delivering to their homes. We are very grateful for all his hard work to make Lakeside a better-looking community.

We have been looking into our reserves, a group of owners are reviewing our current levels of support and are determining typical life of each item. We do not currently have a reserve for **swale clean** out which we might have to start funding.

We have been having an increase in complaints about **parking in the street** and blocking driveways so owners cannot get into or out of their driveway. Is it just me? Why would you block your neighbor's driveway? Why would you leave your car in the street. Why do people leave cars on the street overnight? Does this just fit into the I do not care about anyone but me attitude?

Several owners have gotten Violation letters from the Matanzas office for cutting down **vegetation inside the bulkhead** and along the edge of the pond (lake). This is not permitted and in violation of the Doc. Why don't owners follow the rules? Must be the rules are not for them!

We still have a few mailboxes and posts that owners have not picked up. We have the storage space for August, after that the remaining inventory will be returned and owners can purchase them from Home Depot. Call Bill V or Bill C to arrange a pick up. If you are not around, get a neighbor to pick them up for you, or make other arrangements.

You need to protect the base of the new post from the weed whackers, Again, why do we have to send out Violation notices to get this done? Same answer I guess.

## The Matanzas Board of Directors

This was the annual budget review. This budget will be approved at the annual meeting in Sept., so these notes are subject to change.

Currently the monthly assessment is only going to be up by four dollars and the quarterly wastewater assessment is going to remain the same. So \$84.00 per month and \$51 per quarter is the proposed new fee subject to final approval.

The camera situation continues to be very frustrating to me. The money has been approved. Surf Club III has theirs installed and Surf Club II is in process. Bill Strawn, who is responsible for this project cannot seem to get over the hump on the project. He has promised to have a proposal ready for the Sept. Board Meeting. We will have to wait and see if it happens.

The repairs to the **WWPT** have begun and should be completed in ninety days. I guess they will find additional areas that will need attention. The plant is not running very well and we have to haul more sludge that we would like, we are looking to find the reason for this problem.

We are trying to get a **portable generator**, so that we can operate the lift stations in case of an extended power outage. We have a big generator at the WWTP to run it, but no way to run the lift station if necessary. If the lift stations fill up and are not pumped to the WWTP, the sewage could back up into the houses, so I think this is important.

I find it quite interesting that the other side of the street is finding that the guard is being overrun by people and this is causing long lines, not a problem for us right? Well, the answer is to put the guard back, part time and not when we could use them, but it is a move in the right direction. I think we can work on the hours of coverage. I think with the cameras, we can get things under control. We are the best way to control problems, **please report abuses, bad behavior** to the guards and they will call 911 or you can call.

All the **remodeling for the Beach Club** has been approved, at least the dance floor, carpet and the recovering of the cushions, additional painting will be done as normal maintenance.

Stay cool and have a great summer.

Bill Clay

## **Factoid**

Lakeside Insider fielded 227 in box emails regarding the mailbox and post install. The end result was new mailboxes and post replacing many that were original to the early days of this community.

Also note the installers are not planning to return to the community unless they get more then ten requests . The last call went out last week

## **Warning Ocean Lovers**

### **OBSERVED SURF** **HAZARDS (updated 7/25)**

*From the Surf Station Surf Report*

*Strong side shores and off shore rip currents were observed on the mid-break sandbar on outgoing tide on both 7/24 and 7/25. A large bait school accompanied by a spinner shark feeding frenzy was observed late in the day (7/24) in south NSB. Scalding hot beach sand above the high tide line found 11 am -*

**Editor Note** This rip current situation can occur between high and low tides and between the two sand bars. One sandbar is out about two hundred feet at high tide the other closer to shore. In between, a very strong current can run north at a good clip. This month that condition has existed almost everyday. Be careful! My buddy and I pulled two children into shore this past month. Re the sharks they are common in the slew between the two sandbars. They spin out of the water when feeding.

**News Flash**-Boat Dock will be replaced complete with new pilings and decking

The regular edition of the newsletter will return in the fall complete with the "From a Lakesider" jokes, quips and info.
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