

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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### **LANDSCAPING & SNOW REMOVAL:**

For those that are not aware, we lost our landscaper that has been maintaining our lawns and plowing our snow for the past sixteen (16) years. He (Goetz) cited an inability to retain a workforce. After two months of interviews with a half dozen other contractors, and in an effort to keep costs at a reasonable level we have contracted a new company. Ramos Landscaping is a family owned business located in Valparaiso. They began in late March with the spring clean-up followed by residential mulching in April. To-date, we have had 3 mowings. Their equipment and procedures are somewhat different than what we are accustomed to seeing and hopefully less invasive to the landscape.

Realizing that they are new to our subdivision, I ask that you have patience with them and let me know of any practices that you observe that don't appear normal. I want to get them broken-in properly. They have a two year contract and will also handle the snow removal.

### **ANNUAL GARAGE/YARD SALE:**

The Activities Committee has tentatively selected Friday, July 16 and Saturday, July 17 as the dates for this year's annual garage /yard sale. Also, the hours of operation have been reduced to 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on both dates. The committee will send out an additional reminder prior to the event dates. Take advantage of this great opportunity to get rid of some old treasurers or clutter.

#### **Some rules of engagement:**

- Households may combine efforts or hold their own sales. You may even include your friends/family to create a larger sale.
- Everyone participating will need to place balloons or some other type of marker on their mailbox to direct customers to their home.
- You may also place a sign on your property during the hours of the sale. All signs are to be removed on July 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Common areas are not to be used to display sale items.
- The association will place a sale sign on the corner of Lakepointe Drive and Vale Park Road during the sale. The association will also place an ad in the newspaper and on our website and Facebook prior to the sale.
- Other than the community-wide sale, no other garage/yard sales are permitted without approval by the Property Values Committee.

### **ENTRANCE IMPROVEMENTS:**

Evorik Electric will be working at the entrance. They will be supplying the power for A.D.T. to install security cameras and at the same time they will replace the four (4) spotlights that were lighting our Lakepointe Gardens' signs that were vandalized last fall. Hopefully, this will put a stop to all vandalism at the front entrance. This can be very costly!

### **FOR NEW RESIDENTS:**

We've had a 12% turnover of homeowners in the past two (2) years and I'm willing to bet the majority have not bothered to open their "Welcome Folders" since the day it was left with them by one of our greeters. It's important that you know what you can do and cannot do. For instance how to file a variance request and what are the requirements for this request.


When you are an association member, there are rules to follow that if violated, can result in fines. It is of the utmost importance that you are aware of the "Covenants" and "Rules and Regulations" of Lakepointe Gardens.

### **SOME OF THE MOST COMMON OFFENSES ARE:**

1. Not cleaning up after your pet.
2. Leaving trash containers in view.
3. Parking in the streets.
4. Not maintaining your property.
5. Making changes to the exterior of your property and not filing a variance request to obtain permission.

Take time to read through your "Welcome" packet. It will help you make decisions regarding future projects and goals.

The Board of Directors and Managers are here to assist you with answers to your questions. Take care, stay healthy and enjoy your summer. Hope to see you at the garage sale.

  
Bob Wirtz  
Operations Manager