

# LAKEPOINTE GARDENS

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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### FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:

In an effort to improve the financial reporting of the association, the Board of Directors has made the decision to return to the basics established by Mr. Ranger with the use of "Quick Books Software," effective January 1, 2018. The financial responsibilities have returned to an in-house operation, managed by Michael O'Meara. Mike, a nine-year veteran of the Board of Directors, has recently resigned his position on the Board in favor of applying his skills to the new job. Our best wishes to Mike and our thanks to Lee Ranger for the tutoring he has afforded Mike in getting him started.

Also, effective January 1, 2018, Mike O'Meara's position as Director on the Board of Directors has been filled by Dejuan McDuell. Dejuan and his wife Jennifer are expecting a third member to the McDuell family this summer. Best wishes to Dejuan and Jennifer.

### LESSON LEARNED:

Alright, so the "Away with Geese" solar lights aren't the answer. They seemed to work fine all summer but when you have the only open water for miles and all else is frozen over, the geese have learned to ignore the lights. So far, the rubber coyotes, the fence around the lake, and oiling the eggs have failed to deter the onslaught of the geese.

Does anyone have the answer? Obviously, if we turn off the aerators the lake will freeze over thus eliminating the geese for three months. Then we run the risk of another total fish kill (lack of oxygen), but with only a half dozen avid fishermen in our community, maybe it's worth the risk. We certainly can't afford restocking every few years and this won't keep them out of the community the other nine months of the year except at night when the solar lights are on.

## **INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW RESIDENTS:**

Michael and Susan Doria have moved to 1608 Geranium Circle. Linda Canada has moved to 3025 Columbine Circle. Richard Matney has purchased the home at 1512 Aster Avenue and Junichi and Naomi Yamawaki have moved into 1603 Gardenia with their two sons, Taiga and Ryoma both attending Valparaiso High School.

We welcome our new residents to Lakepointe Gardens and offer our assistance with any questions they may have regarding our community.

## **PROJECTS FOR 2018:**

- 1) Replace south half of east fence line from Vale Park to Gardenia Drive. Total replacement will be a two (2) year project.
- 2) Investigate installation of surveillance cameras at the entrance on Lakepointe Drive.
- 3) Request city to begin sidewalk repairs throughout the community.
- 4) Improve lighting at the entrance to Lakepointe Drive.
- 5) Work with city and owner of adjacent property at north end of Lakepointe Drive to establish an agreeable procedure for maintaining the storm water channel that drains into Wildflower Lake.

## **SNOW REMOVAL:**

For 2017, we budgeted \$24,675.00 for total snow removal which includes salting, driveway clean-up, etc. We spent a total of \$9,725.00 finishing up \$14, 950.00 under budget.

For 2018, the budget was reduced slightly to 22,050.00 based on the two (2) previous mild winters and to make room for other anticipated expenditures in 2018, such as replacing the east fence line.

To date, as we close out the first month of 2018, we have spent \$6,325.00.

## **REMINDERS:**

1. Keep your vehicles off the street. Reduce your speeds in the community and make an effort not to drive over mail boxes and lamp posts.
2. Don't feed the geese and clean up after your pets.
3. Be especially careful walking to your mailbox or taking out the trash.

Wishing everyone a safe and healthy 2018. 😊

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