To all my Neighbors:

First day of spring occurs this month, specifically, the Northern Hemisphere marks the spring equinox on Monday, March 20, 2017, at exactly 6:29 A.M. Hoping not to jinx it, our winter has been very mild and we’ve had a lot of warmer days than usual for this time of year. I’m very much looking forward to the upcoming spring and summer.

There have been a lot of changes this past year in the community and look forward to the next year to see what changes lay in store. I enjoy seeing the community come together in so many ways: Improving volunteerism, respectfulness of our neighbors, Christmas Party, new look of LFA website, attendance at Board Meetings, Maintenance Committee’s accomplishments and Handbook Committee’s long hours. I challenge all in the community to make a goal of participating in some way in our community, communicate to each other face to face, volunteer in some helpful way or just attend an event in our neighborhood to get to know our neighbors. We love having neighbors attend our meetings to voice a concern or just come to listen and observe the process.

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From President Jim; continued from page one:

I have heard it said that winter, too, will pass, that spring is a sign that summer is due at last. See, all we have to do is hang on. - Maya Angelou

This quote leads me from spring to women’s history month in March. So many of our leaders in the community are women who have devoted time, money and energy to make this community great. Ladies, we appreciate all your hard work throughout the year and can’t say it often enough.

Our ANNUAL MEETING date has been officially set for Sunday, 30 April at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. You should have gotten a separate email with the official information. It is repeated below for your convenience.

- Jim Rudy
President, LFA Board of Trustees

LAKESIDE FOREST ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:

Sunday April 30, 2017 | 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church (corner of Schrock and Otterbein)

During this meeting, we will be electing two LFA members for a three-year term.

We are looking for candidates to fulfill two positions on the Lakeside Forest Board of Trustees.

Those of you who have an interest in serving on the board should submit your names to one of the following election committee members by March 31, 2017 with a short biography and reasons for serving.

David Carey 614-895-2183 dcareyassoc@aol.com
Stella Kane 614-423-7189 Skane50126@aol.com
Board email lfatrustees@gmail.com

Please feel free to contact a member of the Board should you have any questions.

If you wish to consider serving on a committee in this Neighborhood rather than sitting on the Board, there are many opportunities. Committees include: Maintenance, A&D, Communications, Budget, Welcome and Election.

Please let the Board know your interest in serving on a committee.

The Election Committee will be sending to the community the following: List of candidates, the voting process, time deadlines for proxy and absentee ballots, and other information.

Sincerely
James A. Rudy
President Lakeside Forest Board of Trustees
Chairman of the Election Committee.
The Architecture and Design Controls Committee (A&D)

The A&D committee is considered to be a “super” committee, of sorts, because of its special designation called out in our governing documents.

Here are some key points—you can read the rest in the Warranty Deed (starting at line 647)

- The members are appointed or elected by the board and serve at the direction of the board.
- To serve, they must be full time residents for not less than two years.
- They establish, maintain, preserve and interpret specific architectural guidelines and standards as may be necessary or desirable to preserve the beauty, harmony and aesthetic continuity of all improvements which are or become part of the property;
- The committee controls, regulates and restricts the placement of any outdoor furniture, plants, decorations and ornamentation on any part of the Common Property, including any Limited Common Property, or in any window or doorway or on any wall, railing, patio, deck balcony, porch or walkway in a manner that is visible from the exterior of any building on the property;
- They are charged with reviewing evaluating and approving or disapproving proposed plans for the construction of any further improvements on the Property, the alteration or replacement of any such improvements;
- This committee is the one to enforce the Restrictions and its own policies, guidelines and standards and decisions when so authorized or directed by the Board.
- The actions and decisions of the A&D committee are considered conclusive and binding on all interested parties.
- All alterations, changes, additions, excavations, landscaping, tree removal or other work or action which in any way alters the exterior appearance of the Property must not be started until it has been approved in writing.

Read more in the Warranty Deed documents or ask a Board Member.
MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE:

To Fellow Homeowners:
We asked! You responded!

We asked Sheila Carey, Joan McKinney, Al Walters, Christa Metzger, Pam DiMichaelangelo, Jim Rudy and Odella Welch to reach out to you with a list of proposed 3 to 5-year capital improvements developed by the Lakeside Forest Maintenance Committee. We asked that you add your wishes and rank them from 1 to 3 as your priority “wish” list.

43 homeowners responded with a “community wish list” of capital improvement (3 to 5-year) proposals to be submitted to the budget committee. A number of general maintenance requests were submitted as well. Those will be added to the maintenance schedule for spring.

The top 5 capital improvements are as follows:

- Repair/replace pylons throughout the community
- Replace signage (homes, mailboxes and streets) throughout the community
- Repair/replace lamp posts throughout the community
- Purchase leaf mulching equipment (billy goat)
- Purchase a pool cover for extended island use

A special thanks to those who volunteered to reach out to you; and to you for responding and demonstrating a real “sense of community.”

Working Towards a Better Community For All of Us.... Odella

Re: ANIMALS (as of 2007)

In addition to the deed restrictions governing the rights and responsibilities of all owners and occupants of homes at Lakeside Forest, the Board of Trustees of LFA has adopted the following rules and regulations which must be adhered to by all occupants and other persons coming onto the property for whatever reason. The objective of these rules and regulations is to insure the privacy and security of all occupants while preserving the relaxing atmosphere of an adult community.

1. Animals:
   A. Only house pets of a reasonable size are permitted, and all pets must be kept on a leash and attended by a person at all times while on the common property. They tying or “staking” of a pet outside a home is specifically prohibited.
   B. No structures may be built or placed on the common property to house or enclose pets.
   C. Pets are not permitted on the island or on other recreational areas, such as the (volleyball court).
   D. You are reminded that the Board of Trustees has the power, under Section 3(d) of the deed restrictions to terminate the right to keep a particular pet on the property if it determines, in its full and complete discretion, that the continued maintenance of the animal constitutes a nuisance.

SAVE THE DATES—
During the week of April 23-30, we will have a 12x8x8 trash dumpster down by the other two trash receptacles for the disposal of large trash items.

Other Earth Week activities may be planned—keep an eye on this newsletter!

A friendly reminder:
Large trash items are NOT to be put out in the bi-weekly trash. Disposal of such items is the responsibility of the homeowner. As always, please ask for help before assuming!
Large items left at the curb for pick up—will be left at the curb!!

Thank you.
There are various versions of the life story of St. Patrick but for the most part, it is agreed that having being kidnapped from Wales, a young Patrick worked as a slave tending pigs in Co. Antrim until finally escaping and returning home after several years of intense hardship.

Having returned home, however, he was called back in a dream to save Ireland and convert the Irish people to Christianity, subsequently making it his life’s mission to deter the native tribes from their pagan ways.

Bishop Patrick used the small, simple shamrock as a way to teach the HOLY TRINITY.

There is someone in our neighborhood who has found well over 500 four-leaf clovers in their lifetime... Can you guess?
Here is a really fun site to look at unusual monthly holidays...www.holidayinsights.com. Did you know there are these holidays? March 1 is National Peanut Butter Day. March 10th is Middle Name Pride Day. March 23 is National Puppy Day. March 31 is Bunsen Burner Day! Whatever the day, may all your days be happy ones!
MISSION STATEMENT

The primary focus of the Lakeside Forest Association is first and foremost to treat each neighbor with respect, to maintain and improve property conditions; to maintain and improve neighborhood amenities; and to improve and enhance the quality of life for all Lakeside Forest residents.

BOARD MEETINGS

YOUR LFA Board of Trustees has an open monthly meeting on the third Thursday of every month. March’s meeting is on the 16th and April’s meeting is on the 20th. The meetings are currently held about a mile away at Aurora Exhibit Solutions’ showroom at 929 Eastwind Drive in Suite 223.

ALL members of the community are invited and encouraged to attend the meetings to express any concerns, suggestions or good wishes! All we ask is that you let us know ahead of time so that we can prepare the room accordingly. You can do that through our board email:

lfatrustees@gmail.com.

Additionally, we will attempt to send a meeting agenda before each meeting so that if you have a concern about one of the topics, you can make your voice heard.

Typically, the agenda includes:

- Approval of last month’s minutes
- Financial Reports
- Committee Reports

We attempt to keep these open meetings to 90 minutes; starting promptly at 7:00 pm.

Following the meeting, we will send, via the email you have provided in the current directory, the approved minutes from last month, and the current approved financial statements.

Thank you for your continued support of the Board and your participation in the community!

NEWSLETTERS

The monthly newsletter is the main form of communication from the Board of Trustees to the Lakeside Forest Community (our neighbors!). We are always looking for interesting articles to include in the newsletter! If you ever have anything you want to say—please send it to

Communications Committee Chair:
Joan McKinney, newsletter editor, at joan.mckinney@gmail.com or to
Kathy Mackey, Communications Chair, at kathymackey50@gmail.com

We will make all attempts to keep the newsletter interesting! PHOTOS are especially welcomed. The newsletter will be posted on the website in perpetuity. See below for website information.

WEBSITE

Our website is www.lakesideforestassociation.com.

The website is the window of the community to potential neighbors, realtors, etc. All pertinent governance information is posted here in compliance with Home Owner Association best practices. Please submit ideas for inclusion in the website to kathymackey50@gmail.com.