



Lakefield Farms

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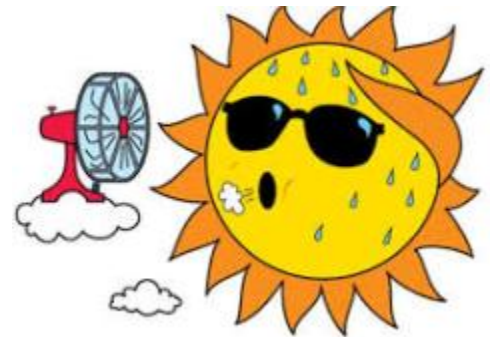
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William Shakespeare

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day? Thou
art more lovely and more temperate: Rough
winds do shake the darling buds of May, And
summer's lease hath all too short a date:

Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines, And
often is his gold complexion dimm'd; And every
fair from fair sometime declines, By chance or
nature's changing course untrimm'd; But thy
eternal summer shall not fade

Nor lose possession of that fair thou owest; Nor
shall Death brag thou wander'st in his
shade, When in eternal lines to time thou
growest: So long as men can breathe or eyes can
see, So long lives this and this gives life to thee



Changing of the Guard:

As you know, the Trust is managed by three Trustees. Each Trustee signs on for three years and the terms are staggered so that each year one Trustee retires and we select an replacement. This year Catherine Spinnelli has been a Trustee for the past three years. Catherine's contribution has been nothing short of huge; significant by her work with the environmental engineering company in the initial planning for our new deck. Our collective thanks goes to Catherine for her work and dedication to the homeowners of Lakefield Farms.

Catherine's replacement is Christine Rice. Christine and her husband Brandon moved into Lakefield Farms in the early part of 2023 and she has been a keen follower of our activities. So we welcome Christine and wish her success during the the next three years as a Lakefield Farms Trust Trustee.

Ron Larrivee, a Trustee, has had some health issues in the past few months. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

For those who frequent the beach, you may notice an new face as a Gate Attendant. This is Colleen Burke who is joining our team this Summer. Sharon and Jeanne will continue their service as well. Please remember that our Gate Attendants are there for your safety; and yes, there are rules that may seem archaic, but they are in place for reasons such as your safety, and the enjoyment of others around you. We have zero tolerance for any kind of abuse directed at our Gate Attendants. Please also remember that our Gate Attendants are not baby-sitters, while children are at the beach they must be accompanied by a responsible adult who is fully responsible for the behavior of the children. Thank you for your cooperation.

New stuff other than the deck:

Our Clubhouse is a great venue for holding your private family events and, at only \$150 per day, it's a fantastic bargain. To enhance your experience when renting the clubhouse, we have added two new gas grills as well as three bistro tables and chairs on the deck. We would ask that when you use the grills, that you clean them after use as a courtesy to the next renter.

The back of the clubhouse has had a fresh lick of paint to match the front.



Protect your Asset:

On several occasions, I have noticed the parking lot gates open and no-one is on the premises. This means the last person out didn't close the gate. This is a direct invitation for non-residents of Lakefield Farms to have access to your facility. Since you pay for the facility and non-residents don't, they have no responsibility to take care of the area. For example, a clean-up after a non-resident "Beach Party" can be costly for all Lakefield Farms homeowners. So, please protect your asset and keep the gate closed. Thank you.

On a second point, when you rent the clubhouse, please use only painters tape, and please remove it all when you leave. Recently someone stuck dozens of plastic hangers to the ceiling beams. The resulting damage will be expensive to repair. So please protect your asset. Thanks.

Finance:

At the time of writing this newsletter, only 215 of the 263 homeowners have paid for 2026. When someone doesn't pay, it means that the rest of us have to cover the missing money. That is not fair. As you know, the Trustees have been constantly working on making sure that everyone pays their fair share of the operating



costs of our fabulous facility. We still have a way to go, so since the bylaws of the Trust allows for the Trustees to impose penalties for late payments, the Trustees have decided to impose a \$10 per month late fee on all accounts that maintain a balance after September 1st, 2026 unless alternate arrangements have been made. This fee is in addition to the standard interest charges that are calculated at 10% per annum. So, if you have a balance, and you wish to avoid the late fee, please send your check for the 2026 assessment and any accrued interest to us before September 1st.

The Beach:

This year we were able to install the swim deck. It is a little further out in order to ensure there is sufficient water depth for it to be safe. Moms, please keep an eye on your kids and please obey directives from the Attendants and Life-guard.

Recently, following a homeowner rental, dozens of beer bottle tops were found in the playground area, as well as glass bottle fragments on the beach. Both these items are extremely harmful. Please do not take glass items on the beach, and put bottle tops in the trash bins provided.

Please remember that the Lakefield Farms homeowner must be present at their clubhouse events.

We Love Our Pets, but.....:

Yes, we love our pets for sure but some of us are more responsible than others. It is for this reason that we must insist that pets are not allowed on Lakefield Farms premises (Excluding Service dogs). Kids run around, often barefoot. It is traumatic when one unexpectedly "meets" with a dog's "Calling card" that has not been picked up. So, when you come down to the beach, please leave your beautiful pets at home. I have also been asked to mention to dog owners who walk their dogs around our neighborhood. Please don't use other peoples lawns as your dog's toilet. Dog pee kills grass and some folks spend a lot of money trying to keep their lawns in good shape. Thanks.

Events:

Well, the Trustees tried, yet again, to hold a community party at the clubhouse but, alas, it was cancelled due to insufficient interest. It begs the question "What are we doing wrong?" Is the community interest no longer alive in Lakefield Farms? Are families too busy? Is there something else we can do to benefit our neighbors and neighborhood? If you have any ideas, please share them with us.

Maintenance and Repairs:

The upstairs toilet has been repaired and is now working properly. And, as I mentioned earlier, the back of the clubhouse has been painted and some rotted wood replaced. The old sliding door (Never used) in the workshop was rotted through so we had it removed and replaced with a new piece of wall. And, the front

steps are in a grave state. As an alternative to repairing the steps, one option is to replace the concrete steps with a wooden and composite staircase to match the new deck. We are accepting quotes for this work.

AGM:

This year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on June 18, 2026. It was attended by 24 people which is a bit disappointing given that we had a serious discussions about how **your** money is used.

The Agenda:

- Trust Membership – What does it Mean?
- Annual Financial Report
- Operating Procedures
- The Deck and its Funding
- Social Activities and Door Prizes
- Q and A
- Trustee Nominations and voting
- Beach Passes

Colin Towers (Trust Manager) gave the slide presentation that drew no significant questions from those present other than a general approval of the new deck, and for the success we have had getting delinquent homeowners to pay their dues. However there was some side discussions on the topic of motorists speeding and not stopping at the stop signs. It was suggested that those

motorists were likely to be tourists cutting through our neighborhood, but one of our homeowners, an active police officer, noted that police records indicate that the motorists in question are most likely to be local residents. So, as we encourage our homeowners to protect their assets, we should encourage them to keep our roads safe as well. Kids play on our streets, let's not make any new statistics.

Three lucky homeowners won the door prizes.

Catherine Spinelli was the retiring Trustee. Christine Rice accepted the nomination to become the new Trustee and was voted to that position unanimously. Thank you Catherine and welcome Christine.

