



A message from your Board...

Suzanne Weinstein, President

Just the other day I attended the Tax Day potluck dinner. It was attended by many residents including several who had just moved into our community. The serving tables were so full, that one could not see the tablecloth. The food was varied and delicious and more than plentiful. Thank you so much to everyone who orchestrated, you planned and executed an excellent event. I enjoyed the evening as did all the participants. Thank you again.

By the time you read this, the info session run by the CRC, highlighted Mothers Helping Mothers, and the wonderful work that they do. I, and several other community members, volunteer there and we hope more will join us. It is a totally volunteer run 'store' where those in need can shop without payment. They also support referrals, classes and programs to help the less fortunate in Sarasota and Manatee counties.

At the recent Board of Directors meeting the recommendations of the the pond group were implemented. The report that they had submitted had been approved previously, and this action was an implementation of their conclusions. Therefore, 48 home owners will be getting letters instructing them to bury their downspouts in order to alleviate the erosion adjacent to their homes. I will call an information meeting to assist these residents in complying with this directive so that this work is done correctly.

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Meetings: TBD

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Meetings: 1st Tuesday of the month at 10:00am

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Art League

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Meetings: 2nd Monday of the month at 1:30pm

A message from your Board...

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The board has also been busy inspecting and working on the condition of the guard house. We will be exploring ways to correct the deficits present in that structure. Some work has already begun so that our guards work in a healthy, safe environment.

Several residents have begun the process of replacing their roofs. I would like to give out a huge thank you to a group of residents on Cascade. These homeowners have gotten together to choose a roofing company, tile and time line for replacement of their quad roof. They are a blueprint of how to work co-operatively for the benefit of all, and I and the rest of the board applaud them.

Spring has sprung and many of our trees and plants are in full bloom. So get outdoors and enjoy our fabulous weather.

By the time you read this, many of our residents will have celebrated Passover. However, we can look forward to celebrating Mother's Day and Memorial Day in May. Our flag group would appreciate volunteers to help with the decoration of the community beginning on Memorial Day and extending to June 14th.

Suzi Weinstein
President

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Property Manager Report by Oded Neeman

Community Ponds – As you may know, the Association’s stormwater system, i.e. ponds and a wetland, is operated under permits that were issued by Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). To maintain these permits, the Association is required to follow specific operational guidelines. The requirements are set to ensure proper operation of the stormwater system and responsible usage of water for irrigation purposes.

But before we continue, here is some background. LakeRidge Falls has 16 lakes. However, these lakes are considered retention ponds. These ponds are designed to collect stormwater from the streets, roads, backyards, etc. Their main goal is to slow down the flow of water before it reaches the county’s sewer system. Otherwise, it can overwhelm it causing underground pipes to burst and the street to flood. Most of the ponds in the community are connected. That is when the water level at one pond reaches a certain level, the water is designed to drain to a lower-level pond. Between some of the ponds, there are overflow drainage basins. These are squared concrete structures with a metal wire on top of them. Their goal is to further slow the flow of water down by storing it and releasing it at a slower rate. Eventually, all ponds drain to the large preserve area located in the Stirling Falls Neighborhood. From there, the water drains to a large overflow drainage basin, also referred to as a control structure, and to the county’s drain system.

To ensure proper operation of the stormwater system, and back to our story, the Association contracts with licensed companies, such as Eco-Logic Services, to perform routine maintenance of the Association ponds. This is mainly done to control algae growth, as can be seen in the picture to the right which was taken recently in **Lakewood Ranch** (i.e. this pond is NOT in LakeRidge Falls), invasive underwater vegetation, such as hydrilla, and invasive perimeter



growth, such as torpedo grass. Of course, one of the most important maintenance duties is to ensure the ponds are clear of human-generated waste or any item that may interfere with the proper flow of water from one pond to another.



The reason we bring this matter to your attention is because this week Eco-Logic Services was onsite performing such tasks. Also while on site, Eco-Logic Services’ tech made sure to install some aquatic plants, mainly spikerush, along the south side of Pond #3, which if you may recall was repaired recently due to significant erosion. The main goal of this aquatic planting is to “hide” the coir used to stabilize the bank while providing environmental benefits such as habitats for animals, mainly fish and birds. To the left is a picture of the recently performed work.

With this in mind, more on the ponds and the Association's responsibilities in next month's Fall Forum.

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Mowing Schedule – We were recently advised by BrightView Landscape, the Association's landscape maintenance company, that weekly mowing are resumed. With this in mind, we would like to remind residents that bed edging, also known as soft edging, and weed whacking around the ponds are done in alternate weeks. That is, one week BrightView Landscape is scheduled to perform bed edging, i.e. cutting grass that grows towards the edges of landscape beds and the following week weed whacking the edges of the ponds. Yes, we are aware that BrightView Landscape's recent edging and/or weed-whacking jobs were less than satisfactory, and therefore made sure to address these issues with them. Judging based on the mows that followed, we are happy to advise that great improvement was noticed. With this in mind, we wish to thank all residents who bring such matters to our attention as it assists greatly in ensuring the community is looking its best.

Yard Waste – Also this month, BrightView Landscape will NOT pick up yard waste they produced, such as pruning materials. Instead, they would leave them in front of the property curbside where the work is taking place for a few days. This is being done in an attempt to reduce costs related to hauling away the debris to the nearest landfill. Thereafter, the responsibility of the yard waste collection will be shifted from BrightView Landscape to Manatee County/Waste Management. Of course, the Association would make sure BrightView Landscape bundles and prepares all yard waste neatly... Sounds unreasonable, right?!

Well, you are correct. This is simply a hypothetical and made-up scenario created to help us better explain the following matter.

In recent weeks, we noticed residents and private vendors, which are hired by residents to perform a job on their lots, placing yard waste at the curbside days before Wednesday, which is Manatee County's designated yard waste pickup day.

First, Manatee County's garbage, recycling, and yard waste pickup schedule are designed for residential purposes, not commercial. Now, you are correct to think that there is no issue for a vendor who works on a lot and produces, let's say, two large bags of debris to leave on the curbside for Waste Management to pick up on Wednesday. After all, it is not important if the garbage was produced by a resident, a relative of a resident, or a privately hired vendor. However, the slippery slope issue begins with the definition of residential vs. commercial. Remember the hypothetical example above? What if there is one vendor who provides services to 40 residents in the community? Even then, can the Association prevent other commercial entities from placing their produced waste on the curbside if it allows another entity to do the same? Do you see how unsightly the community will look when piles of waste are lying throughout from Sunday to Friday?

Secondly, Lakeridge Falls' Initial Restrictions and Rules, Exhibit "C", section (j), prohibits the "accumulation of rubbish, trash, or garbage except between regular garbage pickups, and then only in approved containers." Past Board of Directors established the "regular garbage pickups" to be 6 pm the day before the scheduled pickup day. For example, residents can put their blue recycling bins outside after 6 pm on Wednesday because the recycling collection day is Thursday. The rationale behind the 6 pm time frame is pretty much straightforward. Communities wish to avoid the unsightliness of garbage/waste lying on the streets for a prolonged time. Then, there is the issue of it interfering with the daily community maintenance operation, such as mowing, and the potential damage to sod when a pile of yard waste is left on for some time. The bottom line is that leaving yard waste, or any other type of garbage as a matter of fact, before 6 pm of the night before the scheduled pickup day is considered a violation of the governing documents.

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Please understand that the Association is required to enforce its rules. This is not to make people's lives difficult but to simply promote what is considered to be the best interest of the community as a whole. Therefore, please make sure to place waste on the curbside not before 6 pm of the day before the scheduled pickup day and then only in accordance with Manatee County and LakeRidge Falls collection guidelines. Also, please advise your vendors to dispose of their produced waste at the designated locations instead of placing it on the curbside. We wish to thank you for your help and understanding on this matter.

Automated External Defibrillator (AED) – For those who may not be aware, the Association has two AED devices: one is located in the Clubhouse hallway near the Fitness Center, and the other in the Club Room where the billiards tables, computers, and library are located. For those who do not know, the AED is a portable electronic device that is used in the case of an emergency to automatically diagnose and treat potentially life-threatening situations of cardiac arrhythmias. Why do we bring this issue up? Well, two reasons.

The first is kind of boring as it is related to ongoing maintenance. You see, the machines are composed of several parts, each of which has a specific expression date. This week we replaced the set of pads on both of the devices. The other set of pads, i.e. each device has two sets, is scheduled to be replaced early next year.

The second one, which is the more important one, is to please ask you to make sure to familiarize yourself with the location of these devices. After all, a defibrillator that is used within minutes of a sudden cardiac arrest can significantly increase the chances of survival. However, and with this in mind, **please remember that the cabinets where the defibrillators are located should NOT be opened UNLESS it is an emergency.**

Please understand that once the door of an AED cabinet is opened the cabinet alarm will go off and an emergency signal will be sent to local EMT teams. We are sure no one would like to pay the bill for the false dispatch of an ambulance and a fire truck. Thank you in advance for your attention to this important matter.

Pool – Many of the Association's residents are fully aware of the Association's long-time and unwelcome friend, the notorious Murphy, aka Murphy's Law, who loves to come for a visit during holidays and breaks. Well, it came again during Spring Breaks, but we made sure to kick it out before causing more damage. Reports came in that the pool was colder than usual. After further investigation, it was noted that for some reason the pump that "feeds" the heaters was off. Wasting no time, the pump was turned on, primed, and started to work within a few minutes. This is a good opportunity to thank all pool users for their understanding during the time the heaters were down.

Pool Hours – Please note that the dawn to dusk hours during the time this article is composed are 6:40 am to 8:20 pm. However, as we go more towards summer times these hours will change. Therefore, please make sure to follow our Weekly Reports and periodic announcements to be up to date on the pool's operational hours.

Sidewalk Cleaning – As many know, Mr. Tamas Pataki and his crew started last month cleaning the Association's sidewalks, driveways, and curbs. Currently, they have finished the initial cleaning of the Sandstone Falls Neighborhood (i.e. Ashford, Cascade, Reynolds, and Simpson), LakeRidge Blvd, and significant parts of the Victoria Falls Neighborhood (i.e., Kariba and Victoria). With this in mind, please note that Mr. Pataki's method of cleaning is a little bit different than what some may be used to. That is, Mr. Pataki first cleans the surfaces using water and thereafter cleans them

with a compound of sodium hypochlorite and water. Therefore, it may appear after the first step that Mr. Pataki performed a less than satisfactory job. However, this is not the case because after the second step is implemented the results are superb.

In addition, we kindly ask residents to cooperate with the Association's efforts in cleaning the driveways by removing the vehicles once the vendor is working in their area. Please note that failure to cooperate with this request may cause delays, which may increase the cost of this project. As one can reasonably assume, there is no reason why 398 members would absorb the costs associated with revisiting one's property because a resident failed to move her/his vehicle from the driveway. Please note that the Association reserves the right to charge any additional costs to those members who fail to comply with this request. As always, thank you so much for your understanding and assistance on this important matter.

Civility – Recently we have faced several incidents which involved incivility. Here are a handful of examples of these incidents: a resident who yelled at a fellow neighbor because he didn't drive "fast enough" when entering the gate; vendors who used foul language towards Association's contractors because they felt they should provide services to them as they were residents; residents who argue between themselves while using inappropriate language over committee procedures; a resident who turns off the fans as entering the in Fitness Center with a total disregard to those who turn them on and are still working out; etc. While thankfully those are really rare incidents, the reality is they have no place in LakeRidge Falls.

People can get frustrated and upset over things that are out of their control. It is therefore understandable, not to mean acceptable, that such frustration can lead individuals to act in unpleasant ways. After all, we are all human. When facing incidents as mentioned above, I always remember what LakeRidge Falls' former resident and president, Mr. Grover Young, wrote in one of his Now You Know articles at the Falls Forum: Respect others. Pay attention. Think positively. He urged residents to practice respect and civility throughout the community by sticking to these three simple ideas. We ask you to please do the same. As Mr. Young once summarized one of his articles using a quote from Matt Ridley's book, *The Rational Optimist*, "[n]o charity ever raised money by saying things are getting better. No journalist ever got the front page writing about how a disaster was now less likely. Don't be browbeaten—dare to be an optimist!"

Fishing – Not once did we hear that Florida offers the best vacation experiences in the United States. Therefore, it is not a surprise to see many young visitors in the community during this time of the year. However, and with this in mind, we recently received a report about a couple of young guests touring the community for a spot to fish.

There are a few reasons why fishing is not permitted in the community. First, liability. The safety and well-being of the Association's residents and their guests is a top priority. Secondly, legal. Per the [Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission](#), "Florida residents and visitors are required to possess a Florida hunting, freshwater fishing or saltwater fishing license when engaged in fishing and hunting activities." Thirdly, and the less known reason, the Association's governing documents.

You see, Articles 8.11, Waterways; Water Level and Use, and 13.1, Conservation Easements, were established to ensure the preservation of the Association's habitats. For example, years ago most of the retention ponds in the community were stocked with 200 Grass Carps to control the growth of Hydrilla. For those who may wonder, Hydrilla is an aquatic plant that is a serious ecological threat because it tends to out-compete native plants. Therefore, fishing in the Association's ponds, even if it is for catch and release purposes, can impact the ecosystem in the community.

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For these reasons, fishing in the community is prohibited and the Association will take all necessary enforcement actions to ensure residents and their guests follow this rule. We appreciate your cooperation on the matter and remember that together we can enhance a peaceful coexistence with the community's wildlife.

Raccoons – It is not uncommon to receive a report from a resident regarding a raccoon sighting. Therefore, it is important to once again advise residents of some important safety tips related to raccoons in particular and wildlife in general:

Do not feed them – artificially feeding wildlife may result in larger animal families that their natural food supply can't support. Therefore, they become more and more dependent on humans. As a result, they may lose their natural fear of humans which may lead to property damage and endangers surrounding neighbors.

Do not leave your garbage outside unsecured – raccoons are pretty smart animals as they can figure out a way inside an unsecured garbage container. Therefore, please make sure to use a garbage container that has a locking/clamping lid.

Do not leave pet food outside or in the lanai – this also means not to leave your pet outside unattended as raccoons may attack dogs or cats if they feel threatened by them.

Do not handle raccoons yourself if you feel threatened – instead, please immediately contact nuisance wildlife professionals. A nuisance animal may be removed from the property as long as the professional follows Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) 68A-9.010.

For more information about raccoons, please take a moment to read the attached pamphlet by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission called "Living With Raccoons," which can be found on the Association website or by using this web address

<http://www.lakeridgefalls.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/livingwithraccoons-1.pdf>

We kindly ask for residents' cooperation on this matter. Please help us to protect LakeRidge Falls' wildlife.

Sandhill Cranes – Speaking of wildlife and Spring Break, several residents shared with us pictures of the new family of Sandhill Cranes who are visiting the community. To the right are a few pictures taken by Mrs. Fern Rouleau, Dr. Paul Urbanick, and Mrs. Barbara Weintraub. This is a great opportunity to thank all for sharing with us these beautiful pictures.



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Manatee County Utilities Department/Invoices – The Board of Directors wanted to bring to the attention of the residents the important change that recently took place with the Manatee County Utilities Department (MCUD) all-new billing system.

While it was said that the new change should improve customer experience, a few residents recently reported that they found themselves in arrears because their recurring payments, i.e., auto-pay, didn't go through. The reason is those residents failed to set up a new payment schedule on the new system as directed by MCUD.

If for some reason you have yet to set up and/or reset your auto-pay schedule on MCUD's new billing system, please use the following web address to see a quick tutorial on how to register for the new billing system

<https://youtu.be/GnPaPhsjnnM?si=jMTme95tJ8jjmHfo>

and use the following web address, to see the answers for the most frequently asked questions on this issue.

<https://www.mymanatee.org/departments/utilities>,

Please make sure to act on this important matter without delay as usually late payments are accommodated with unnecessary late fees. Your attention to this important matter is appreciated.

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE



Be a Part of the New LakeRidge Falls *Flag Brigade!*

LakeRidge Falls is a community with many rich traditions. One of those traditions has been the displaying of small American flags throughout the property on various days of national commemoration. This task is one of the many activities organized by the Community Relations Committee (CRC). We'd like to

continue this tradition but, in a more formal way, recognize the residents who participate by establishing a special group of volunteers who install and remove the flags on designated days. This group will be called *The LakeRidge Falls Flag Brigade*.

What's involved you ask? If you choose to volunteer for this elite group of LRF volunteers, you will be the group responsible for the installation and removal of 150+ stick flags (12" x 18") along the streets and pathways in the LRF community. The proposed days of display are as follows:

- Presidents Day (February)
- Memorial Day (May)
- Flag Day (June)
- Independence Day (July)
- Patriots Day (September)
- Veterans Day (November)

Depending on the number of people involved, the time commitment will be 30 – 60 minutes/action (either display or removal). As a group, you will determine the flags placement throughout the community. You may also recommend that we increase the number of displayed flags as well determine when tired or damaged flags need to be respectfully retired. Since residents do come and go throughout the year, we do not expect volunteers to be available for all of the above days, thus the need for at least 25 – 30 people to become a part of the Flag Brigade. CRC member, Susan Tucker will be the flag captain and will oversee the tasks of the group. Dwayne Lamprecht (a Cascade Falls volunteer) will assist Susan as her co-captain.

Are you ready and willing to join the LRF Flag Brigade? We hope so! Please contact:

Susan Tucker

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(270-227-6913)

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LakeRidge Falls *Art* League

Upcoming Events

Art League Meeting
May 13th
1:30pm
Multipurpose Room

Exhibits Photos



ART LEAGUE

Art League Reminder:

See the Spring Exhibits: Artists' Choice, the Challenge Project - Sea Shells, and the Featured Artist-Fern Rouleau's photographs in the Multi-Purpose and Activity Rooms. Also the Sea Shell collection of Barbara Weintraub in the Grand Salon.

Thanks to all Community members who supported our Scholarship Fund with their donations. We have sent \$100.00 checks to four different organizations who offer Summer Art Camps for kids. We also donated three boxes of gently used art supplies collected from members.

The Art League is open to all LRF residents as Active Artists or supporting Patrons. We meet on the second Monday of each month at 1:30 pm. Join us!

Becky Stevens, President



BINGO

Looking to get out of the house for a fun evening?

Last one for the season!

May 13

Cards go on sale at 6:30pm.
1 - \$2, 3 - \$5, 6 - \$10
Lucky Ball Sticker \$1
Chips are also available for sale \$3/bag of 100

Signup in Clubhouse

MEMORIAL DAY

All American Potluck

Thursday, May 30th, 5:30pm to 7:30pm, Grand Salon

Sign up on the bulletin board in the clubhouse

BOOK CLUBS

History Book Club: Reading List & Discussion Schedule



A history book club is open anyone with an interest in discussing American and global history. Monthly 1-hour meetings are held from 2 to 3pm East Coast Time. Our “Zoom meetings” will normally occur on the third Tuesday of each month. Everyone is encouraged to recommend history books and facilitate our discussions. Members are encouraged to pursue their interests and curiosity, while selecting books that are both well written and not overly lengthy. Participants will receive a Zoom link about two days prior to the meeting. Anyone interested in joining should contact Stu Sutin at: sutindoc@gmail.com.

Scheduled discussions for 2024 include:

- May 14. Timothy Snyder. **The Road to Unfreedom**. Ed Grood, facilitator
- June-August no meetings
- September 19. J. Furman Daniel III. **Patton Battling with History**, Lee Kitchen, facilitator
- October 22. Jamin Ansery. **Destiny Disrupted**. Paul Urbanick, facilitator
- November 19. Andrew Roberts. **Churchill**. Peter Smerd, facilitator
- December 17. Jonathan Philips. **The Fourth Crusade & the Sacking of Constantinople**, Orlando Rodriguez, facilitator



Wine and Fiction Book Club

LakeRidge Falls Wine and Fiction Book Club March Selection:

The Sisterhood: The Secrets of the Women of the CIA
by Liza Mundy

Created in the aftermath of World War II, the Central Intelligence Agency relied on women even as it attempted to channel their talents and keep them down. Women sent cables, made dead drops, and maintained the agency’s secrets.

Despite discrimination, women who started as clerks, secretaries, or unpaid spouses rose to become some of the CIA’s shrewdest operatives. Unlikely spies because they were seen as unimportant, pioneering female intelligence officers moved unnoticed around Bonn, Geneva, and Moscow, stealing secrets from under the noses of their KGB adversaries.

In the post Cold War and 9/11 eras, it was this close-knit network of female analysts who spotted the rising threat of international terrorism and proved that data analysis would be crucial to the national security landscape.

Please join us as Marion Ferry, our discussion leader for the evening:

Tuesday, May 28th - 7:00 PM in the Grand Salon

Book clubs - continued



LRF Book Club

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 11:15am in the **Grand Salon**.

The LRF Tuesday morning book club had a very lively and informative discussion on AI from Dr. Fei - Fei Li's book. Our next book for May is **The Postcard** by **Anne Breset**. We will meet on Tuesday May 14 th at 11:15 AM. All are welcome.

Note: The book club will not meet over the summer.

The next book will be **The Reluctant Fundamentalist** by **Mohsin Hamud**. We will meet on September 10th.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST & DINING DIVAS

Please Join us! We are having Breakfasts and Lunches at different places each month during the entire year. Our dates are the 3rd Tuesday of the month for Breakfasts and Lunches at the 1st Friday of the month. Come meet your neighbor, bring a fellow neighbor, chat with old friends and make new friends. Please sign up on the clubhouse bulletin board. If you have a favorite place for lunch or breakfast please call us at 941-360-1457 or email to irenebill1978@verizon.ne



Seasons 52
University Town Center
Friday, May 3th
11:30am



**new
date**

3130 53rd Ave E,
Bradenton, FL
Tuesday, May 21
9:30am



Four Florida **FOODIES** Restaurant Ratings

Ratings by Fern & Bob Rouleau and Linda & Gunner Lorenz. These are our opinions for the particular day and time we went, which may change with different chefs and/or servers on a different day. In fact we HAVE found that the food has varied and would get different grades on different days, even ones we loved.

Cipriano Cucina & Bar - A- 3561 53rd Ave W, Bradenton

- Service is excellent - ask for Michael
- Mussels are from Prince Edward Island - very large and good
- Large portions
- Chicken parm was very good
- Very casual plain atmosphere

Gianni's (formerly APizzaAPizza) - B 6392 N Lockwood Ridge Rd. Sarasota

- Sausage spicy
- Pizza good
- Service ok
- Prices reasonable

Mona Lisa Restaurant - B 4989 Ringwood Meadows, Sarasota

- Small but quaint -10 tables
- Need reservations
- Food is made to order which
- means longer waits
- Service is so so
- Food is good

Ed's Tavern - B 10719 Rodeo Dr, Lakewood Ranch

- Wings good \$1 on Wed
- Burgers good
- BLT good
- Sports bar - can get very noisy

Modern Chophouse - B+/A 1830 59th St W, Bradenton

- Need reservations in season
- Upscale, can be pricey
- Service good
- Pasta is good
- Burgers excellent
- Steaks tasty

May 2024

May 2024						
GS – Grand Salon		AR – Activities Room			MPR – Multi-Purpose Room	
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
WVB = Water Volleyball	SDE = Self-Directed Exercise	SBY = Stretch-Balance-Yoga	WA = Water Aerobics	CRC = Community Relations Committee		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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