LAKE LUCERNE LEDGER



Get Your Home Ready for Spring

Warm weather comes a little sooner in the South so make sure your home is ready for it by following these 10 tips:

1) Inspect Your Roof For Loose Shingles. Examine roof shingles to see if any were lost or damaged during winter. If your home has an older roof covering, you may want to start a budget for replacement. The summer sun can really damage roof shingles. Shingles that are cracked, buckled or loose or are missing granules need to be replaced. Flashing around plumbing vents, skylights and chimneys need to be checked and repaired by a qualified roofer.

2) Probe The Exterior Trim. Use a screwdriver to probe the wood trim around windows, doors, railings and decks. Make repairs now before the spring rains do more damage to the exposed wood.

3) Take A Look At Your Gutters. Check for loose or leaky gutters. Improper drainage can lead to water in the basement or crawl space. Make sure downspouts drain away from the foundation and are clear and free of debris.

4) Use Compacted Soil. Low areas in the yard or next to the foundation should be filled with compacted soil. Spring rains can cause yard flooding, which can lead to foundation flooding and damage. Also, when water pools in these low areas in summer, it creates a breeding ground for insects.

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Upcoming Events

Lake Lucerne Estates <u>Civic Club Meeting</u>

All area residents are encouraged to attend at the Clubhouse. 7:30 pm, Thursday, Mar 15

<u>Easter Egg Hunt</u>

Open to LLE Children of All Ages. To be held at a time to be determined on the grounds of the Clubouse. 2:00 pm, Saturday Mar 31

Spring Clean-Up

Help keep your neighborhood looking sharp by joining others as we spruce up for Spring! *10:00 am, Saturday, Apr 21*

Neighborhood Yard Sale

Got Stuff? Get Cash! LLECC announces the first-ever LLE Neighborhood-wide Yard Sale! Come to the March LLECC meeting to help plan and fine tune the details. 8:00 am, Saturday, Apr 28

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Happy Valentines Day!!

Officers Still Needed

The 2018 LLEC Board is still in search of candidates to fill the offices of President and Secretary.

Misty Johnson and Lisa Milton have graciously agreed to act as President and Secretary, respectively, until a candidate is nominated and elected to fill those roles. Both Misty and Lisa have remained in the role that they had at the end of the 2017 calendar year.

Between the two offices, duties include attending the LLECC meetings (held every other month), setting the agenda, recording, reviewing the minutes, and making proposals for expenditures. A successful candidate would be willing to dedicate about 2 hours per month to the role.

In the past, Presidents have been actively involved in the fight to improve the water quality in Lake Lucerne; Negotiated for the sale of property owned jointly by the community; Petitioned for speed bumps and safe intersections; Created plans for renovation and improvement of the community club house.

If you are interested in nominating someone (including yourself) simply attend the next LLECC meeting, schedule for March 15. Whether or not you wish to nominate someone your attendance is strongly encourgaged.

Your yearly dues fund the improvements and maintenance of Lake Lucerne Estates common areas. Dues are \$120 per year or \$180 for lakefront homes. If you have not yet paid your dues you may do so by mailing a check to "LLECC, PO Box 870954, Stone Mountain GA 30087" or by logging in to PayPal, clicking on "Send & Request", then "Pay for Goods or Services", and entering "LakeLucerneEstatesCC@ gmail.com"

Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Ms. Jodi Chamberlain, the 2017-2018 Mountain Park Teacher of the Year! Ms. Chamberlain teaches fourth grade, coaches cheerleading for Parkview rec teams has two GCPS students of her own. Ms. Chamberlain believes in the power of her students to achieve more! We are proud to have Ms. Chamberlain represent Mountain Park!



Lake Lucerne is Otterly Ridiculous!



Did you know that the North American River Otter is the only river otter found north of Mexico? Its thick pelt is waterproof and allows these aquatic mammals to regulate their body temperature. Their fur ranges in color from grey and white to brown and black.

River otters can stay underwater for up to eight minutes and can close their ears and nostrils to keep water out. They can also dive to a depth of 60 feet!

They primarily eat fish.but are also known to eat whatever is easiest to find: insects, crayfish, frogs, rodents, turtles, and aquatic invertebrates.

River otters can be found in streams, reservoirs, wetlands and along marine coasts in all states and territories of the United States and Canada as well as right here in Lake Lucerne.

They live in all types of habitats. The only consistency with these habitats is accessible high quality water and an abundant food supply.

River otters like to settle in areas with lots of vegetation or other cover and are very playful animals. They can often be seen playing games, most frequently at night.

Prepping Your Home

(Continued from Page 1) 5) Check The Concrete. Inspect concrete slabs for signs of cracks or movement. All exterior slabs except pool decks should drain away from the home's foundation. Fill cracks with a concrete crack filler or silicone caulk. When weather permits, power-wash and then seal the concrete.

6) Move Your Firewood. Remove firewood stored near the home. Firewood should be stored at least 18 inches off the ground at least 2 feet from the structure.

7) Inspect Your Spigot. Check outside hose faucets for freeze damage. Turn the water on and place your thumb or finger over the opening. If you can stop the flow of water, it is likely the pipe inside the home is damaged and will need to be replaced. While you're at it, check the garden hose for dry rot.

8) Service Your Air Conditioner. Have a qualified heating and cooling contractor clean and service the outside unit of the air conditioning system. Clean coils operate more efficiently, and an annual service call will keep the system working at peak performance levels. Change interior filters on a regular basis.

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