



LW Reader

Your Community e-Newsletter

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Welcome to the New LWR Website

Its finally here! After months of planning, designing, and hard work, the new Lakewood Ranch governance website is finally finished—well, almost. Thanks to the elegant graphic designs of Michelle Qualley of qdesign and the site development work of Marvin Levin with MSL Consulting Services, Inc., the residents of Lakewood Ranch have a “one-stop” center for information. New features will be rolled out periodically so check back with the site often. Or, you can even make us your home page for convenient access. Enjoy!



We Are a Safe Sender!

Many residents request to do business with Town Hall and may be on any number of e-mail distribution lists. Also, as the new website becomes an integral part of our communication network, such as our e-Notification system we are currently developing, you will be receiving more automatic messages and notifications. Therefore, please make sure that our domain...@lwrtownhall.com...is added as a “safe sender” in your email application. This will alleviate any lost or misdirected mail.

Living with Alligators: It’s the “Nature of Florida Living”

We have all heard the Lakewood Ranch motto—“The Nature of Florida Living”. For many of us, that is exactly why we moved here. The green space, the trails, and the natural beauty. Therefore, we need to realize that these majestic creatures call LWR their home too and it is up to us to live in harmony with them. So, let’s review the keys to our success:

- Alligators are most active between dusk and dawn.
- Never allow small children or pets near water by themselves.
- Do not allow pets to swim, exercise, or drink in waters that may contain alligators.
- Observe and photograph alligators only from a distance.
- Never feed or entice alligators—it is dangerous and illegal. When fed, alligators overcome their natural wariness and learn to associate people with food. Feeding alligators is a second degree misdemeanor and is punishable by up to \$500 fine and/or 60 days in jail.
- Alligators will only be removed if they pose a threat to human or property. When alligators are removed, they are not re-located—they are destroyed.

In conclusion, alligators are important part of Florida’s natural history as well as an integral component of our freshwater ecosystem. Let’s make harmony our goal.

www.myfwc.com/alligator



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Lakewood Ranch Town Hall
(941) 907-0202

LWR Operations Department
(common area maintenance)
(941) 727-899

Braden River Utilities
(941) 755-1637

Manatee County Utilities Dept.
(potable water)
(941) 792-8811 x 5216

Manatee County Sheriff’s Office
(non-emergency)
(941) 747-3011

Schroeder Manatee Ranch, Inc.
(941) 755-6574

Neal Communities
(941) 328-1111

New Irrigation Schedules Issued by Braden River Utilities

Earlier this month, Braden River Utilities issued a new watering schedule for most of Lakewood Ranch, Phase I. This includes CDD1, CDD2, and CDD5. There were no changes in CDD4.

Please adjust your irrigation timers to coordinate with the new schedule if your neighborhood had a change in times. Not all neighborhoods will have to change their schedule so please look at the new schedule carefully. You can find a copy of the schedule on the front page of our website www.lakewoodranchgov.org.

If you have any questions about the change in schedule, please contact BRU directly at (941) 755-1637.

FY2013 CDD and IDA Budget Workshops

Each of the Community Development Districts and the Inter-District Authority are finalizing their FY2013 budgets.

The Boards have been working with staff over the last several months to develop a responsible budget that addresses the operational needs of the Districts and identifies any specific maintenance requests or enhancements.

One particular item of note that each of the Districts are currently deliberating is the impact of the irrigation water rate increase. Braden River Utilities announced last month that they are increase-

ing rates to its customers by 50%. Ultimately, this increase will be reflected in your annual Lakewood Ranch CDD assessment.

Budget Workshop Schedule

CDD1: May 21st at 7:00pm
CDD2: May 24th at 3:00pm
CDD4: May 22nd at 7:00pm
CDD5: May 24th at 10:30am
IDA: May 14th at 10:00am



Lakewood Ranch Town Hall will be closed on Monday, May 28, 2012 in Observance of Memorial Day. We will re-open at 7:00am on Tuesday morning.