



There was a huge crowd at the 2013 Lakes Festival of Lights

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### From the Editor:

Hi Everyone,

Last month's Lakes Festival of Lights was a huge success thanks to all of you who volunteered to help. As always our residents decorated their homes and boats, turning our community into a wonderland of lights. Check out all the award winners in this issue.

We're very pleased that our management company will soon open a satellite office right here in The Lakes community to better serve our residents.

Following our successful trial of WaterSavr in 2013, the board will now consider an even larger

use of this water saving product in 2014.

I hope you enjoy this issue of The Lakes Newsletter, and as always, please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy 2014.



Greg Toussaint, Editor  
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g2saint@me.com

#### Note:

If you have a photo of our community that you'd like to share, please send it to me. Space permitting we'll be happy to include it in a future issue.

All of our newsletters are available online and **in color** on our website. Visit the address listed below and click on *News at The Lakes*.

### Questions & Comments?

Do you have a question about your community or your homeowners association? Would you like to contribute information for the next Lakes Newsletter?

If so, please drop our Community Manager a line. We'll be glad to answer your questions in an upcoming edition. And we'll do our best to make room for your comments.

### FirstService to Open New Satellite Office in The Lakes

We are very pleased by the news that our management company *FirstService Residential* will soon open a new satellite office right here in The Lakes community to better serve HOA communities on the west side of the Valley.

It will be located near the corner of Sahara Avenue and Crystal

Water Way.

This new office will make things much more convenient for our residents. It will soon be just a 5-minute drive (or even a short walk) to pick up gate remotes, deliver documents, meet with our Community Manager, or attend Association meetings.

We thank FirstService Residential for their commitment to continually improving service to our community.

Details on the new office will be forthcoming.



### Association to Consider WaterSavr Use in 2014

Our 6-month trial of WaterSavr was quite successful. Through November of 2013 we used 8,361,000 gallons of water less than our historical average—as shown on the chart at the right.

Every year is different so it's impossible to determine exactly how much water we would have used in 2013 if we hadn't treated our lake with WaterSavr, but based on the record heat and

persistent winds we experienced during the summer months, we would have expected our water use in 2013 to be significantly higher than average... not lower. We can find no other explanation for last year's water savings other than reduced evaporation due to WaterSavr.

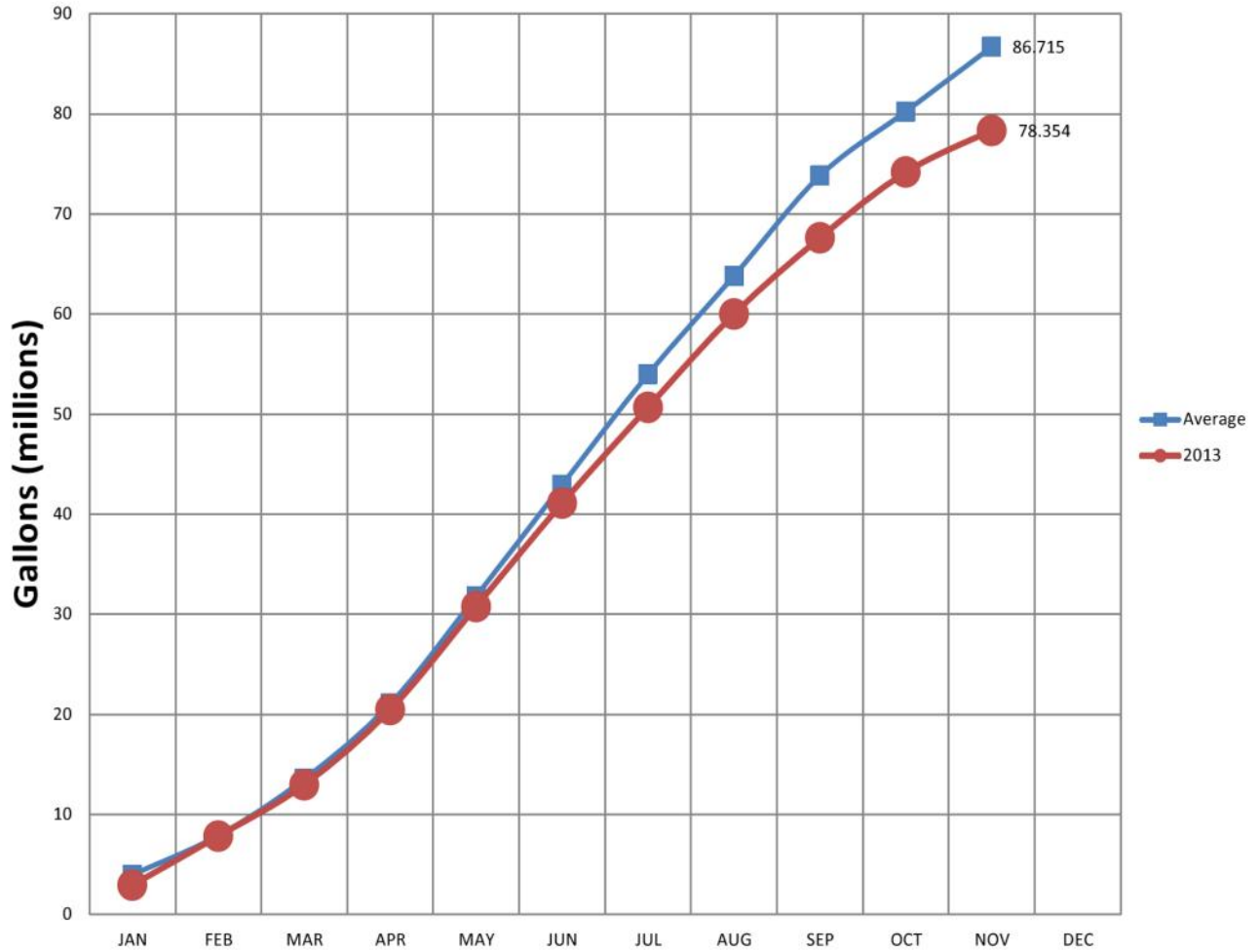
Even when compared to our average usage, we spent

\$28,344 less for water than expected, yet our treatment costs were only \$3,440. These are obviously very encouraging results.

At our January 23<sup>rd</sup> board meeting the Board will decide whether or not to continue the program in 2014 and whether for 6 months or 9 months.



### Cumulative Lake Water Consumption





### **Lake Town Center Businesses**

Always & Forever, Lakeshore Weddings & Events

Associated Business Services

Doggie Oasis Day Care

Elite Cleaners

Go Raw Café

King & I –Thai Cuisine

Lakes Lounge

Lakes Mini Market

Lakeshore Salon & Day Spa

Those Guys Pies – Pizza



Grand Marshal & Weatherman Kevin Janison and Councilman Bob Beers

## Another Fantastic Festival

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Lakes Festival of Lights literally "bubbled" over with fun. An estimated 10-12 thousand people came out on a sunny Saturday in December to kick off the Holidays and enjoy the scenic beauty of The Lakes community. It was awesome!

This free event had everything you could want: a spectacular car show, wonderful crafts and exhibits, scrumptious food (thanks to Outback Steakhouse and our concessionaires), a great entertainment program, Santa's Village, and of course our signature event, the Lakes Illuminated Boat Parade. We also had a petting zoo and pony rides and a huge Bubble Tower... all free for the kids.

**Volunteers.** I'm so thankful to our amazing volunteers who came out on the day of the Festival to help us put on the event. You and everyone who helped out with the park decorations are so generous! (see list of all 54 volunteers on page 7)

**Executive Team.** Our Team Captains (listed on the right) worked many hours to plan and organize the Festival. We couldn't have had a better or more dedicated team. I thank you all so very much for your talents and commitment. I was honored to work with each of you.

**City of Las Vegas.** From our start way back in 2001, the City of Las Vegas has given invaluable support to us. We can't thank Councilman Bob Beers enough for all his support and the support of his excellent staff.

**Sponsors.** It takes money to put on a free event, and our sponsors (listed on page 7) played a very important part in making the Festival possible. Many thanks to all of our sponsors for once again coming through for us, despite these difficult economic times. We just couldn't do it without you.

**Lakes Residents.** Our event really gets spectacular once the sun goes down. The Lakes Festival of Lights earns its name only because so many of you decorate your homes and enter your beautiful boats in the parade. Each year we send our judges through the community, and in appreciation of your hard work and creativity, we leave trophies on lots of doorsteps.

Check out the list of trophy winners on page 6. You might just find your name... or your neighbor's.

If our judges somehow missed you, we do apologize. It's pretty dark out there and we sometimes get addresses wrong. Also, if your lights were inadvertently turned off on the night of December 11<sup>th</sup>, our judges would have missed you. But we'll get you next year!

**Photos:** Once again Linda Quackenboss and her husband Jim from *Linda Q Photography* took some fantastic photos of the Festival. Check them out on Facebook at:

[https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Lakes-Festival-of-Lights/166208050114725?sk=photos\\_albums](https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Lakes-Festival-of-Lights/166208050114725?sk=photos_albums)

Click on one of the "2013" albums. You'll see all the photos in the album. Click on a photo for a larger view. Use the right & left arrows on your keyboard to page through the photos. Enjoy.

**Proceeds.** All proceeds from the event will be donated to the charities and the school music programs that participated in the Festival (see lists on page 7).

Happy New Year,

*Greg Toussaint*  
Chairman, The Lakes Festival of Lights

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### The 2013 Lakes Festival of Lights Executive Committee:

- PJ Conte ----- Grounds & Electrical
- Toni Frustaci ----- Craft Show
- Christie Garness ----- CLV Event Coordinator
- Louisa Gray & Cheryl Chapman ----- Ticketing
- Deborah Manning ----- Sponsorships
- Ed Metcalfe ----- Car Show
- Michelle Oshins ----- Boat Parade
- Emma Sanders ----- Volunteer Support
- Burt Steinberg ----- Food Concessions
- Donna Toussaint ----- Entertainment & Awards
- Greg Toussaint ----- Chairman
- Ed Vega ----- Park Decorations
- Valerie Weber ----- Santa's Village
- John Wilson ----- Traffic Control & Parking



Free Pony Rides are always a big hit!

# Congratulations to our Decoration Award Winners!

## Home Decoration Trophies:

### A Trophies:

Robert Cannon ..... Glenview Landing Sweepstakes Award  
 Richard & Alyssa Herman ..... Lakes Estates Sweepstakes Award  
 Rossi & Mary Jo Ralenkotter ..... Beach View Sweepstakes Award  
 Fred & Linda Simione ..... Laguna Bay Sweepstakes Award  
 Jaqueline Taylor ..... South Shore Villas Sweepstakes Award  
 Mel & Laura Tousseau ..... Lakeview Sweepstakes Award

The Aizenstat Family ..... Holiday Decoration  
 Bob & Anna Bailey ..... Holiday Decoration  
 Vincent & Beth Barrett ..... Holiday Decoration  
 Richard & Melody Becker ..... Holiday Decoration  
 Al & Dawn Capanna ..... Holiday Decoration  
 Romero & Arlene Dublin ..... Holiday Decoration  
 David & Sue Dudzinski ..... Holiday Decoration  
 Crystal Eller ..... Holiday Decoration  
 The Enkowitz Family ..... Holiday Decoration  
 The Gialketsis Family ..... Holiday Decoration  
 Eric Ryan & Jaclyn Grennan ..... Holiday Decoration  
 Richard & Betty Newberry ..... Holiday Decoration  
 Steve & Michelle Oshins ..... Holiday Decoration  
 Orlando & Elizabeth Pagulayan ..... Holiday Decoration  
 Sinni Richardson ..... Holiday Decoration  
 Lou & Debbi Somers ..... Holiday Decoration  
 The Stark Family ..... Holiday Decoration  
 Georges Tannoury ..... Holiday Decoration  
 Warren & Michele Volker ..... Holiday Decoration  
 Mark Yacullo ..... Holiday Decoration  
 3004 Waterside Circle ..... Holiday Decoration

### B Trophies:

Stephanie Bach ..... Pamela Bell ..... Chichen LLC  
 Cindy Coletti & Dave Fordham ..... Lee & Lois Dinneen  
 Gerald & Camille Duskin ..... Bud & Eileen English  
 Garavuso Family ..... Doug & Martina Geinzer  
 Victor & Linda Gill ..... Frank Howard & Glenda Ninkovich  
 Salvatore & Karen Jeppi ..... Raymond & Kim Lombardi  
 Kate Reich ..... Phil & Stephanie Rodgers ..... John Shaffer  
 Darren & Dawn Soong ..... Jesus & Linda Tirao

### C Trophies:

Jim & Mikey Bilbray ..... Michel & Kyoko Blanc ..... Marel & Joe Germain  
 Don & Sandine Hamilton ..... Jin Jing Lian ..... Ron & Mary Marolda  
 Thomas Patrick & Mabel Walsh ..... Viren & Lisa Patel  
 Dean Peterson ..... Michael & Joan Trofino ..... Daniel Young  
 2801 High Sail ..... 3016 Yankee Clipper .. 3160 Waterside Circle

(As judged on December 11, 2013)

## Boat Decoration Trophies:

### A Trophies:

Richard & Alyssa Herman ..... First Place Boat Decoration  
 Fred & Linda Simione ..... Second Place Boat Decoration  
 Jaqueline Taylor ..... Third Place Boat Decoration

Bob & Anna Bailey ..... Boat Decoration  
 Vincent & Beth Barrett ..... Boat Decoration  
 The Enkowitz Family ..... Boat Decoration  
 Garavuso Family ..... Boat Decoration  
 Steve & Michelle Oshins ..... Boat Decoration  
 Kate Reich ..... Boat Decoration  
 Sinni Richardson ..... Boat Decoration  
 Lou & Debbi Somers ..... Boat Decoration  
 Georges Tannoury ..... Boat Decoration  
 Mel & Laura Tousseau ..... Boat Decoration

### B Trophies:

Richard & Melody Becker ..... Pamela Bell ..... Al & Dawn Capanna  
 Victor & Linda Gill ..... Darren & Dawn Soong

### C Trophies:

Bud & Eileen English

(As judged on December 11, 2013)



# Thank You to All our Supporters

## Sponsors

### Premier Sponsors:

The City of Las Vegas  
Outback Steakhouse  
Jaramillo Landscape & Maintenance Co.

### Sponsors:

Verizon  
The Lakes Lounge  
Citibank  
Associa Nevada South  
FirstService Residential  
Lexus of Las Vegas  
NV Energy—Bubble Tower  
European Wax Center

### Car Show Sponsors:

Hacker's Hot Rods & Customs  
Nostalgia Street Rods

## Festival Volunteers

Aceves, Kirk	Robinson, Senta
Bazaldua, Carmen	Rogers, Stephanie
Becker, Richard	Sanders, Emma
Beers, Councilman Bob	Schweit, Pamela
Cegavske, St. Sen. Barbara	Simione, Fred
Chapman, Cheryl	Sims, Danny
Coletti, Cynthia	Somers, Debbi
Conte, PJ	St. Claire, Sharron
Duskin, Camille	Steinberg, Burton
Fidler, John	Stell, Debbie
Fidler, Joyce	Titus, Dave
Ford, Gloria	Titus, Kayla
Ford, Jack	Toussaint Danielle
Fordham, David	Toussaint, Donna
Frustaci, Toni	Toussaint, Greg
Garness, Christie	Vega, Ed
Geinzer, Doug	Weber, Valerie
Giandomenico, Bob	Wilson, John
Gray, Louisa	Wynne, Linda
Heywood, Jack	
Janison, Kevin	
Lane, Jamie	
Lane, Tina	
Manning, Deborah	
McCoy, Steve	
McDeavitt, Daniel	
Metcalfe, Ed	
Metcalfe, Megan	
Mueller, Monique	
Ortega, Iohan	
Oshins, Michelle	
Pursley, Monica	
Puzia, Drew	
Puzia, Kat	
Riddle, Rewanda	

Count: 54

## Entertainers:

Fred Simione & Violet Marcheset (Santa & Mrs. Claus)  
Creative Studio Dancers

### Schools:

M. J. Christensen Elementary School Choir  
Hyde Park Middle School Choir  
Lawrence Junior High School Orchestra  
Myron Leavitt Middle School Choir  
Meadows School Music Program  
Ober Elementary School Choir

## Participating Charities:

Foreclosed Upon Pets  
Goodwill of Southern Nevada  
Safe Nest  
So. Nev. Reg. Housing Authority - Family Self-Sufficiency Program

## Dignitaries:

City of Las Vegas Councilman Bob Beers  
KSNV Weatherman, Kevin Janison — Grand Marshal  
KDWN Director John Shaffer — Emcee

## Vendors Recommended by Your Neighbors



People often ask who they should use for various home services. *The Lakes Association* doesn't qualify or recommend any vendors, but some homeowners have sent us a list of vendors that they like. As a service to our members, we publish a list of such vendors below.

*The Lakes Association* accepts no responsibility for the actual performance of these vendors. We're merely passing along

recommendations made by our neighbors.

Do you have a vendor that does great work for you? Why not recommend them to your neighbors? Just send us their name, phone number and what their specialty is. We'll be glad to list them in our next issue.

Please note we do not accept minors on the list. All vendors must be 18 years or older.

Please email the information to: [g2saint@me.com](mailto:g2saint@me.com)

**Important note.** We maintain this list on an *honor system*. We'll list any vendors that a homeowner recommends, however if any homeowner sends us a complaint, we'll unconditionally remove that vendor from future lists.

### Air Conditioning & Heating:

Rebel Air Conditioning & Heating  
734-7750

United Air Conditioning and Heating  
560-1377  
[www.wantcleanair.com](http://www.wantcleanair.com)

### Boat Washing & Detailing:

Michael Walter  
215-9916

### Boat Repair:

Lakes Marina Company  
(ElectraCraft & Duffy)  
Ann Sims  
[cdmlmc@cox.net](mailto:cdmlmc@cox.net)  
871-8792

Gerry's Marine  
Gerry Mullins  
856-0370

Lynch's Mobile Boat Service  
Gary Lynch  
928.486.6260  
[capt.lynchs@gmail.com](mailto:capt.lynchs@gmail.com)

### Car Washing & Detailing:

Marquez Mobile Detail  
Jose & Maria Marquez  
807-2078

### Damage Repair

Aftermath Restoration 24-Hour  
Steffen Kaiser  
523-7771

### Decorative Rock:

Boulders Flagstone Decorative Rock—Boulder Placement Landscape Supply  
896-2070

### Dock Construction & Rework:

West Craft Inc.  
Chanlee Hall  
382-6167

### Handyman:

PMP Handyman  
Pedro Martinez  
622-5582  
[pmphandyman@yahoo.com](mailto:pmphandyman@yahoo.com)

Val Dimitro  
286-0323

David's Handy Man Services  
David Ross  
985-8829

Kurt Field  
768-7587  
[fieldkurt@gmail.com](mailto:fieldkurt@gmail.com)

### Housekeeping:

Emmajean Kinnett  
375-3808

Mary Jean Virgadamo  
818-4682

### Installation Services:

Eric Pitchure  
610-4845

### Interior Design:

Design Details Inc.  
Tamara Fletcher  
326-4093  
[designdetailsinc@cox.net](mailto:designdetailsinc@cox.net)

### Iron Work:

A.G. Iron Works  
Lalo  
506-4485  
[agironworks@yahoo.com](mailto:agironworks@yahoo.com)

### Landscaping:

Green Guru Landscaping  
Nick  
914-5955  
[greengurulandscaping@gmail.com](mailto:greengurulandscaping@gmail.com)

MTG Landscaping  
Manuel Garcia  
540-8340

### Landscape Design:

Allen Berry  
743-6666

### Masonry, Brick Face & Pavers:

Install Pro  
642-6669  
Matt 205-0821

### Nurseries:

Moon Valley Nursery  
Don or Juan  
735-8733  
[www.moonvalleynursery.com](http://www.moonvalleynursery.com)

Turner Greenhouse Cactus  
Dave & Kris Turner  
645-2032

### Painters:

Brad Fisher  
338-7982

Deco Plus Custom Painting  
Julian Lovas  
304-1053 or 810-6537

Greg Jimenez  
742-9177

### Paint & Stucco Repair:

Al Kuhlman Painting  
325-5450

### Patio Furniture:

Ortiz Brothers LLC  
602-490-9777

### Somers Furniture

837-1717  
[www.SomersFurniture.com](http://www.SomersFurniture.com)  
[debbi@SomersFurniture.com](mailto:debbi@SomersFurniture.com)

### Pest Control:

Pro-Tech Pest Service  
898-7677

### Sudden Impact Pest Control

John  
477-0808

### Pet Sitters:

Pet Angels  
Myrna Byrd 271-2484  
Diana Byrd 271-3928  
[www.petangels.biz](http://www.petangels.biz)

### Plumbing:

C&B Plumbing  
498-5377  
[cb3plumbing@yahoo.com](mailto:cb3plumbing@yahoo.com)

### Pool Repair:

Pool Sharks  
477-7665

### Pool Re-plasterers:

BND Pool Plaster Specialist  
644-8980  
[www.bndplastering.com](http://www.bndplastering.com)

### Pool Service:

AA Best Pool Service  
Ron  
480-7705

A Blue Pool  
858-8303  
[abluepool@aol.com](mailto:abluepool@aol.com)

### Home Remodel & Repairs:

Nesco Construction  
Mike Rasmussen  
281-1080  
[nescoone@aol.com](mailto:nescoone@aol.com)

### Sprinkler Installation:

Moon-Sun Landscapes  
Mark Brightwell  
464-6780

### Tree Trimming:

Chris Tree Trimming  
423-6035

First choice Tree Service  
564-1998

### Upholstery & Canvas Repair:

Somers Furniture  
837-1717  
[www.SomersFurniture.com](http://www.SomersFurniture.com)  
[debbi@SomersFurniture.com](mailto:debbi@SomersFurniture.com)

### Window Replacement:

Dan Bradley's Glass Shop  
368-2687

### Window Washers:

Sue Prue  
405-7495

Steffen Kaiser  
702.655.7941

### Wood Floor installers:

Classic Floor Covering  
John Black  
353-5374



## Boat Sales & Services

Residents often ask where they can buy a boat. We have two companies that are authorized by *The Lakes Association* to sell boats on Lake Sahara: *Duffy Electric Boats* and *ElectraCraft*. Both companies offer excellent boats and they have local representatives.

Important note. This information is offered as a service to our members. The Lakes Association accepts no responsibility for the quality of any product or service offered by these companies.

### Duffy Electric Boats

17260 Muskrat Avenue  
Adelanto, CA 92301  
(800) 645-1044  
www.duffyboats.com

Local: Doug Geinzer  
604-5627

### ElectraCraft

2251 Townsgate Road  
Westlake Village, CA 91361  
(800) 221-2083  
www.electracraft.com

Local:  
*The Lakes Marina Company*  
www.jimnann.com/electricboats  
Email: cdmlmc@cox.net  
Ann Sims (871-8792), or Danny  
Sims (461-0477)

## Lose Something?

Our windy weather often blows things away. When our lake maintenance crew finds personal property floating in the lake, they store it for 90 days. If you've lost lawn furniture, seat

cushions, pool toys, etc. you may be able to get them back.

Just call Danny Sims at 461-0477 and he'll let you know if he has your item.

## The Lakes Community Calendar

January 23<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.

### Board of Directors meeting

Excellence Community Management, Twain Office

February 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.

### Board of Directors meeting

Excellence Community Management, Twain Office

March 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.

### Board of Directors meeting

Excellence Community Management, Twain Office

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.

### Board of Directors meeting

Excellence Community Management, Twain Office

May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 p.m.

### Board of Directors meeting

Excellence Community Management, Twain Office

June 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.

### Board of Directors meeting

Excellence Community Management, Twain Office

July 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.

### Board of Directors meeting

Excellence Community Management, Twain Office

## Boat for Sale

2003 ElectraCraft 18' LS (Red)  
(702) 499-0679  
8780 Carlitas Joy Court  
[severinvavra@cox.net](mailto:severinvavra@cox.net)

Also, a 2012 standup paddle board.

## Join a Lakes Committee

Those who serve on the various Lakes Association Committees provide a valuable service to all of us. They volunteer their time and talents to help improve our community and we really appreciate their contributions.

If you're interested in serving on any of these committees, please send a letter, fax or e-mail to our Community Manager. Contact information is listed on the back page of this newsletter.

Let us know which committee interests you, and then tell us a little about yourself and why you'd like to be on the committee. We'll be glad to add your name to a

list to fill an existing or future committee opening.



## Lakes Committees:

### Architectural Review Committee:

Jerry Duskin  
Deborah Manning  
Lisa Nelson  
Larry Robbins, Chair  
Wayne Schmidtberger

### Beach View Estates Landscape:

P. J. Conte  
Jack Heywood  
Donna Toussaint  
Ed Vega  
John Wilson

### Lake Oversight Committee:

P.J. Conte  
Doug Geinzer  
Jim Palmer  
Wayne Schmidtberger  
Greg Toussaint, Chair  
John Wilson

### Lakes Estates Landscape:

Larry Robbins  
Nancy Slitz

### Lakeview Landscape:

Louisa Gray

### North Shore Estates Landscape:

Brian Garavuso  
Dawn Soong

# Lakes Association Board of Directors Meeting Notice

## Board of Directors Meeting Notice

**Day:** The fourth Thursday of each month (except November and December). Check the community calendar in this issue for specific dates.

**Time:** All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

### **Location:**

FirstService Residential  
10155 W. Twain Ave. #100  
Las Vegas NV 89147  
(inside law offices of *Goodsell & Olsen*)

In accordance with NRS 116.31083, this shall serve as notice of the Board of Directors meetings of The Lakes Association. The Board of Directors will meet in Executive Session one hour prior to each regular Board Meeting.

Meeting agendas are available starting the Friday before each meeting. To obtain a copy, call or e-mail our community manager, Jamie Lane, at 255-1002 or [Jamie.Lane@fsresidential.com](mailto:Jamie.Lane@fsresidential.com).

## Board of Directors

Greg Toussaint, President  
Harry Kallick, Vice President  
Burt Steinberg, Secretary / Treasurer  
Larry Robbins, Director  
Deborah Manning, Director

Board meetings are open to all members of the Association, and you are welcome to speak to the Board of Directors during the homeowner open forum periods. Please reserve your comments for that portion of the meeting. We encourage you to attend.

As an owner, you have a right to request a copy of the audio recording and/or the minutes of any regular board meeting. The minutes can be provided in electronic format by email at no charge, or in paper format at a cost not to exceed 25 cents per page for the first 10 pages, and 10 cents per page thereafter. The minutes may also be downloaded at no cost from the Association website.



## Important Contacts:

### **Our Community Manager:**

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255-1192 (fax)  
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### **Roving Patrol:**

**(6 p.m. to 4 a.m.)**  
Securitas Security Services  
210-8377



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