



# 4LAKES VERO BEACH

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER




## From the President's Desk

*Dave Cox*

We would like to **welcome the new residents** to the neighborhood. As you get settled into your new home, if you have any questions regarding the Property Owners Association please email [Board@4LakesVeroBeach.com](mailto:Board@4LakesVeroBeach.com). Also note that we have an Architectural Review Committee (ARC) made up of five residents. Any time you wish to make an addition to your yard you must fill out an ARC request, which can be found on the [4LakesVeroBeach.com](http://4LakesVeroBeach.com) website. There are many more reasons for filling out an ARC request which can be found in the ARC Guidelines. This is to ensure that we maintain our neighborhood to the standards set forth in our documents.

We have been doing some investigating into hiring a **management company** to assist our community in maintaining the high standards we all bought into. It appears to the board that there would be many advantages to being under management, like accurate professional advice, enforcement of



our documents, assisting with contractors, accounting, and many other issues.

We have noticed on several occasions that there have been cars parked overnight in the street, which is not allowed. Please park your vehicles in the driveway, or better yet in the garage overnight.

Please take a moment to visit our web site [www.4LakesVeroBeach.com](http://www.4LakesVeroBeach.com) **Keith Roberts** has spent a tremendous amount of time working on providing relevant information to our community. His work on this is greatly appreciated. If you haven't used the web site, please register for access. There is an *optional* homeowner directory as well.

We have received a note from one of our residents volunteering for the Grounds Group. Thank you **Charlie Festo**. We would like to see at least two more people step up to help out.

And, [please let us know](#) if you enjoy the newsletter format and any other useful information you would like to see in future editions.

Let's make our community shine!



*Beautiful Red Hibiscus on the North Lake*



# New Family!

Maribel Mendez



In early April **Evelyn Hernandez** and I were honored to have a pair of Sandhill Cranes build a nest behind our home. The first egg arrived on April 18 and to our surprise another one was in the nest on the 19th. After a long stressful month due to heavy rains and thunder, but with lots of prayers, we are extremely happy to announce that exactly a month later the first baby Crane was born on May 18th and the next day we had our second baby Crane born. *However, sadly, it was too weak and didn't make it.*

This year's Sandhill Crane baby's name is: **Sunshine.**

We are SO SO happy for the entire Sandhill Crane family and we wish them a healthy and long life. I hope that we all can enjoy seeing them walking in our beautiful neighborhood.

**Please remember** - the Sandhill Cranes are protected by Florida law which prohibits feeding them. They are already busy finding grubs and other bugs to nourish their thriving babies.

## Welcome Neighbors



Sally Griffin

April was a busy month in 4Lakes with three closings and the arrival of new neighbors. As you are out and about in our community please give a warm welcome to:

**Tony and Carol Barreiro,**

#4813 (formerly Bauer's)

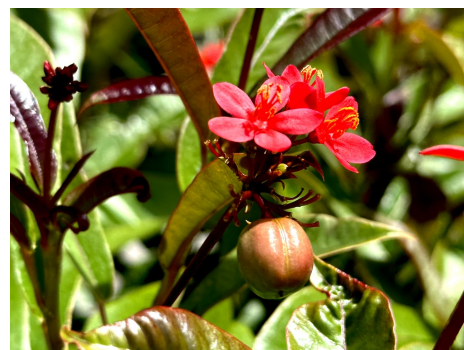
**Valdo and Jean Strenta,**

#4777 (formerly Fawaz's)

**Roger O'Donnell and Sheila Martin,**

#4836 (formerly Antonellie's)

All of our new neighbors are busy getting settled and happy to be in 4Lakes.



Jatropha Make Me Happy 🥰

# Gate Monitor

Don Kraper



We're happy to announce that **Rick Roscoe** has volunteered to help our community by accepting the position of Gate Monitor.

The Gate Monitor will field calls from homeowners and be the point of contact with 1st Fire, the vendor which services our gate. If you find a problem with the gate or keypad system, please send an email to [Gate@4LakesVeroBeach.com](mailto:Gate@4LakesVeroBeach.com)

not be possible without amending the documents with a majority vote from the homeowners.

If you believe a neighbor has an infraction, you could reach out to them directly. In many cases the issue is a simple misunderstanding of our community rules. Please feel free to send an email to [Board@4LakesVeroBeach.com](mailto:Board@4LakesVeroBeach.com) to keep the Board informed.

# Enforcement Committee Update

Don Kraper



As you may be aware, our Governing Documents mandate that *a temporary Enforcement Committee of three homeowners be formed to verify and inspect any complaint that is submitted to the Board.* The Board and ARC members as well as their family members are not permitted to be on this committee.

Some suggest the Board simply circumvent the rules and send out a friendly email or letter. This action would

# Sunday Quiet Time



Our 4Lakes Governing Documents restrict contractors from working at your property on Sunday .. which is not to say that a homeowner can't do their own work.

However, *please be considerate of your neighbors and reserve Sunday for quiet activities.*



*Cranes enjoying shade from the Plumeria*



# Accidents Happen

Keith Roberts



There have been four reports of dog feces found on the road at 4Lakes. In these particular instances it appears the poor animal may have had digestive distress. Understandably awkward, however homeowners are still required to clean up after their pets.

If you have discovered an unpleasant surprise in your yard or the street please snap a photo and email it to the Board and describe the situation. It's best that the picture clearly depict the location; *extreme zooms are not necessary.*

## The Uninvited!

Keith Roberts

On Wednesday April 12th around 3pm the Board was alerted that some kids driving a Golf Cart were trying to gain access to 4Lakes.



They attempted to enter a gate code which apparently was no longer valid.

***Demonstrates why we should not hand out our gate codes!*** They drove around the Water Wheel, then headed East on 13th street and shortly after were headed West .. which was all caught on our entrance security cameras.

The real surprise was when they were driving through 4Lakes. It is suspected that they entered from the Diamond Lakes 10 foot clearing at the South-West corner of our community. This would also mean they drove through a homeowner's property to get to Four Lakes Circle.

If you recognize these people, please send an email to the Board. This situation further reinforces why we need to be prudent with not providing our gate codes to people

Please give Guests and Contractors with your **Shortcut code: \* LotNumber #** which will call your phone whereby you then authorize entrance by pressing 9 on your phone.



*Baby Marsh Hen along the North Lake*

# 4Lakes Entrance Maintenance

*Keith Roberts*



The April Board meeting approved a series of Entrance area maintenance projects:

- Replace dying annuals with "Tea Cup" Pink Ixoria: Completed
- Clean the Wheelhouse, pavers and Miami curbs: Completed
- Replace broken lighting with low-voltage LED lights: Gathering quotes
- Gate Actuator replacements ...

The Reserve Study scheduled 2022 the year to replace the Gate Actuators. Initially the Board looked at replacing only the one of the Entrance actuators as it was having the most malfunctions. At the next meeting, the Board will discuss replacing both entrance actuators since they must be replaced in pairs and we have received an updated quote for that work.

And, recently the Water Wheel broke .. **Dave Cox** zipped out there and got it fixed 🙌

## Juniper is the 4Lakes Landscaper

*Keith Roberts*



Have you wondered who is providing the Landscaping at 4Lakes? It is **Juniper** .. they submitted the winning bid for the next three years of our Landscaping services. In general, they have been doing a super job.









If you have an issue with your own property then you need to contact Juniper directly:

- **Online:** <https://junipercares.com/contact-us>
  - Under "Inquiry Type" select "Residential"
- **Email:** [customerservice@juniperlandscaping.com](mailto:customerservice@juniperlandscaping.com) noting your concern
- **Phone:** Customer Service at **(239) 561-5980** to speak with a representative

# Introduction to Google Meet

Keith Roberts

If you have attended any of the last four Board meetings then you've noticed we've replaced Zoom with **Google Meet** (no, not my favorite name either). ***The toolbar at the bottom of the Google Meet window is the key to your successful online meeting experience.*** This is what the buttons do:

	The <b>Mute Button</b> disables your microphone. <i>All Participants will be muted during the Board meeting.</i> During the homeowner comment period you can raise your hand, be acknowledged by the Board and <b>unmute</b> yourself by clicking this button to speak. <u>Please understand, the Board cannot unmute you - that would be a privacy concern.</u>
	The <b>Camera Button</b> (aka, <i>Organ Grinder</i> ) enables your camera. You must click this button to turn on your camera. If told " <b><i>we can't see you</i></b> " then you'll need to click on the Camera Button
	The <b>Closed Captioning Button</b> provides real time Speak-to-Text feature.
	The <b>Reaction Button</b> allows you to send an Emoji for everyone else to see.
	The <b>Present Now Button</b> lets you share your Screen (specific Window or specific browser tab) to the other participants of the meeting.
	The <b>Raise your Hand Button</b> . During the comment period press this to ask a question. You'll be called upon to speak. <i>Be sure to <b>unmute</b> yourself.</i>
	The <b>More Options Button</b> contains other Google Meet features like Visual Effects, Change Layout (display more or less participants) and other Settings.
	The <b>Leave Call Button</b> removes you from the meeting. If you press this by accident, no worries, you can easily rejoin.



# Heard around the Circle

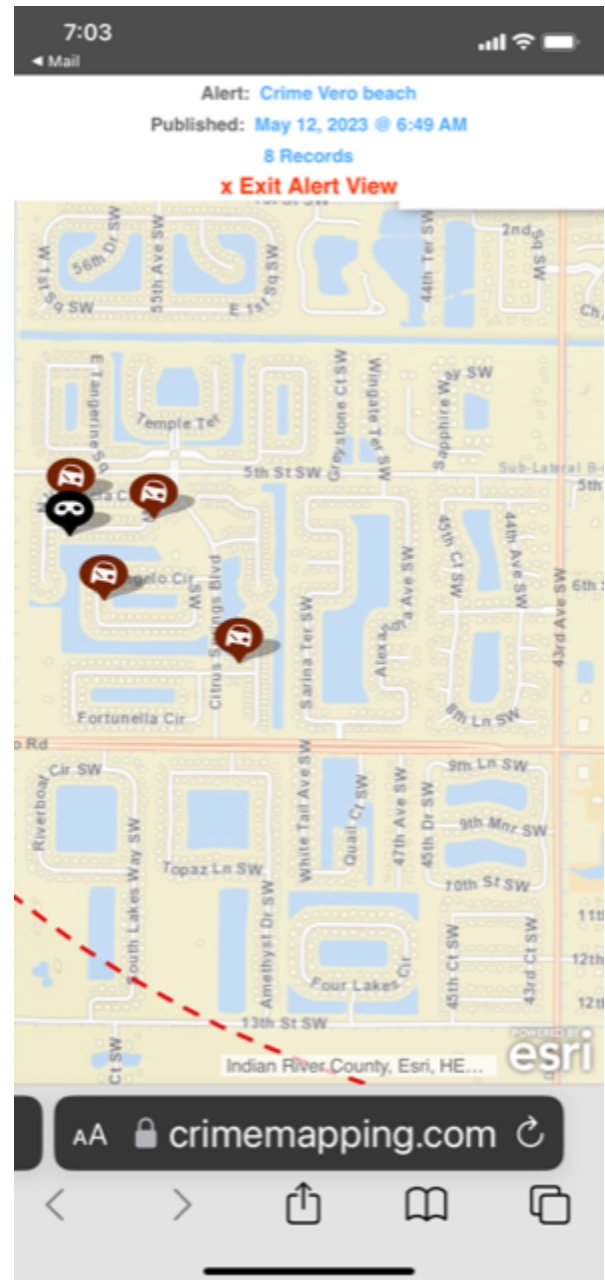
*On 5/8 and 5/9 there were several car break-ins and 1 house robbery in Citrus Springs. This all happened during the day! .. Remember to lock your cars and houses. This type of crime seems to peak in the summer.*

<https://www.crimemapping.com/>

Paula MacNeil



Planting Plumeria along the North Fence



# The Grass is always Greener ...

Keith Roberts



- Who is your yard professional?
- Would you recommend them?
- What are you paying?

**Please send an email to the Board** at [Board@4LakesVeroBeach.com](mailto:Board@4LakesVeroBeach.com). Your answers will be anonymized and the results sent back to the community.



*"Tea Cup" Pink Ixoria replace the Wheelhouse annuals*



North Fence Plumeria;  
1 of a dozen colonies

## Just the FAQs

- [Trash](#) cans go out no sooner than Sunday at 5pm .. back in Monday by 7pm
- County [irrigation schedules](#) must be observed. BTW it is summer now.
- [Landscapers](#) mow on Tuesday. Summer time they are here every week.
  - And, they will collect your yard waste [on days they mow](#).
- Dogs must be leashed at all times while in the community and please pick up after them.
- [Florida laws restrict feeding the wildlife](#), which can become a nuisance and attract rodents.
- You are required to submit an ARC Request when changing the color of your house.



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