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Clubhouse Exterior Renovation in the Home Stretch

The last steps in the exterior renovation of the Lake Forest clubhouse are under way.

The directors of the Lake Forest Property Owners Association on Oct. 23 awarded a \$117,400 roofing contract to Ridgeline Construction, the same company that did the siding on the clubhouse earlier this year.

The work will include installing about 6,600 square feet of 60-mil PVC on the flat roof, about 1,900 square feet of GAF architectural shingles on the decorative wing, 6-inch gutters and 4-by-3-inch downspouts. Damaged structural components, such as the plywood decking, will be replaced as needed.

The re-roofing also will include an improved drainage management system on the surface and re-enforced walkways to the mechanical units.

“We’ve been a long time getting here, but we had to follow our process of getting three bids and then negotiating for the best price,” says LFPOA President Mathew Laws.

“Ridgeline did outstanding work on the siding, and I’m certain we’ll have the same application quality with the roofing.”

Including the Hardie siding, painting, insulation, termite repairs and demolition and provided the roofing price holds -- the clubhouse renovation will come in about \$277,000, General Manager Jeff Arrant says. “If the crew can get started in time and the weather holds, we ought to have everything completed before Christmas,” says Arrant.

The POA was forced to renovate the building’s exterior because the POA’s insurer refused to provide property and casualty coverage on the building due to the poor condition of the cedar shake siding.

The structure was built in 1975 to house the grill, pro shop and POA office as an extension to a larger clubhouse, which was later demolished because of a termite infestation.

“As best as we can determine based on our office records, that siding and the roof were original. There had been roof patches and recoating over the years but never a total replacement,” Arrant says.

Once the exterior is completed, says Laws, the board president, the Infrastructure and Budget committees will begin looking at affordable changes to the interior that will increase capacity and improve kitchen functionality.



The flat surface of the clubhouse roof will be coated with 60-mil PVC



The decorative wing on the back of the building will have new architectural shingles.

Roof (contd)

A key revenue source for the pro shop is tournament play, which typically involves a lunch or dinner for the golfers. If the interior renovations can increase seating capacity from about 85 to 120, the course can seek to attract larger tournaments.

“Once we get the roof finished and closed out, we’ll look at what we have [\$150,000] in the five-year plan for the interior renovation and whether that will work,” says Laws. “We may have to push that back to 2027 in the plan, depending on how we finish building our budget this year.”

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My Lake Forest

Each month, we publish a reader-submitted photo that speaks to the joys or curiosities of life in South Alabama’s largest subdivision. If you see something that says “Now, that’s Lake Forest,” snap a photo and send it to mylakeforestdaphne@lakeforestdaphne.com. While we know that all photos of children, grandchildren and pets are cute, they don’t speak to the general nature of life in Lake Forest, so please don’t submit them.



Allie Flowers (center) celebrates her birthday with family and friends at the Lake Forest clubhouse.

17th Hole Renovation

An iconic hole on the Lake Forest golf course is being restored as part of some overall maintenance.

The classic 17th, a 164-yard, par 3, with an elevated tee and water-guarded green, is the hole you see on Bayview Drive on your right after you pass the northern entrance to Rolling Hills Drive.

For years, it had been the cover photo for Lake Forest promotional brochures and a favorite location for real estate agents to slow down and mention the 18-hole course.



Unfortunately, the pond in front of the green began losing water about a decade ago. A pool that had been 6 feet deep was now measured in inches.

“This was one of our priorities in our expanded golf course upgrade plan, but we had to solve the leakage problem before we could restore the pond,” says Lake Forest General Manager Jeff Arrant.

Previous efforts, he explains, included an attempt in 2018 to use a pool liner, but the moment runoff got behind the liner, it slipped and all was lost.

“It was in danger of becoming a sand trap, but we wanted to make one more attempt because the pond makes driving the green more of a challenge. You can hit into a trap without a penalty, but you have to take a stroke if your shot lands in the water,” Arrant says.

This time, the golf maintenance staff has made sure all leaks are sealed, that the disused city storm sewer is capped and packed on the outside. Next, the crew will use about 2,000 pounds of Bentonite clay to fortify the pond walls.

Mike George, who remembers when the pond was at full pool, is excited about the hole’s renovation.

“This is the hole everybody knows us for,” says Mike. “With the pond the way it was, it was kind of an eyesore. It’ll be great to have our signature hole back looking the way it should.”

The pond work is just one of the golf maintenance projects at the moment.

Other Course Projects

Another serious repair being examined is just below the tee box on the 10th fairway. A small washout that was exacerbated by the April storm has undermined the cart path. A broken storm sewer pipe is the primary cause of the trouble, because the pipe handles most of the water runoff from Penny Lane and part of a power line easement.

Board President Mathew Laws III, a retired civil engineer, says he and Arrant toured the site with a Daphne assistant engineer, who said it was not the city's responsibility to repair the broken pipe. Laws disputes the city's position.

As you drive through the neighborhood, you also will notice some tree removal on holes 1, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 17.

Some of the work involved removing dead trees. Much of it was aimed at reducing runoff and opening the greens and surrounding areas to sunlight so the areas could be planted with grass that would lessen erosion.

"We had to think long and hard about losing trees, but we had to do what was right, both to be in compliance with the city [about dirt flowing onto streets] and to protect the overall health of the golf course," GM Arrant says. "I think once residents see the result – when we have sodded, planted bedding and installed benches or picnic tables to help residents enjoy the views – everybody will appreciate the changes."



Cookies with Claus



19th Hole Grill
Dec. 13, 2 - 4 p.m.



Get your photo taken with
Santa and other special
winter guests.

Decorate your own cookies!!

Call the office to reserve your spot
251-626-0788



Trunk or Treat

We had another fantastic turnout for our neighborhood's annual Trunk or Treat event! Children filled their bags with candy, enjoyed games, and watched a delightful magic show. It brings us so much joy to see our neighbors participating in events like this.



Retired Soldier Named Liaison to City of Daphne

Army veteran Gilberto Colon has been named to the LFPOA's City Affairs and Liaison Committee as the primary representative for the association's work with the City of Daphne.

Colon, 52, is a retired command sergeant major who specializes in leadership and process management. He holds a Master's in Health Administration. His last position is the highest non-commissioned officer rank unless there is a Sergeant Major of the Army serving at the Pentagon.



The chief tasks for Colon, a Junior ROTC instructor at Williamson High School in Mobile, will be to interact with Public Works on behalf of Lake Forest while keeping an eye on the work of other departments, boards and City Council.

"Interacting with policy-makers and understanding the needs of a diverse population play right into my skill set," says Colon, who served 31 years. "I look forward to working for the good of all Lake Forest residents as the city liaison."

Said Board President Mathew Laws III, who chairs the City Affairs and Liaison Committee: "We're fortunate to have such an experienced and focused community member step up to serve. I know Gil is going to be greeted warmly by the city and be an immediate asset to the Lake Forest community."

Colon's last assignment was as a command sergeant major at Madigan Army Medical Center just outside Lakewood, WA. It is the Department of Defense's fifth-largest medical center, consisting of more than 4,000 health-care professionals and more than 50 academics instructors.

In his spare time, he has volunteered as a youth soccer coach and Scoutmaster.

His family has lived in Lake Forest since May 2024. He joined them upon retirement last July.

He and his wife, Dawn, have six children and three grandchildren. Three are still at home: one attending Daphne High, two attending Coastal Community College.

Prodisee Pantry Food Drive

LAKE FOREST HOLIDAY

FOOD DRIVE 2025

PRODISEE PANTRY



www.prodiseepantry.org

Please help us collect non-perishable foods for donation to the Prodisee Pantry. Items requested are jelly, meats in a can (tuna, chicken, etc.), fruits in a can, cereal, breakfast bars.

DROP-OFF LOCATION

19th Hole, 1 Golf Terrace, Daphne
through Dec. 12



172 Brentwood Takes First Place in our Annual Halloween Decorating Conrest



1st Place 172 Brentwood



**2nd Place
186 Ridgewood**



**3rd Place
608 Ridgewood**

Womens Club News

By Ali FLowerS

The October meeting of the Lake Forest Women's Club was called to order a 10 a.m. by club president, Terre Farlow, Vice President, Mary Loury, welcomed members. There were no guests present. Mary had the Club's booklets ready for distribution.

If you are a member, you can get yours at the November meeting or contact Mary directly. Membership dues are \$25.

Shelia Small provided the inspiration with an anecdote about her father.

Hostesses, Tanya Tregre and Michelle Morvant, provided a delicious and seasonal spread.

Treasurer, Kathy Schuman, gave her report.

A motion to accept the report was made by Sheila and seconded by Eve Gray.

Terre moved to accept the minutes from the September meeting and second Sheila seconded the motion.



Yard Sale

27 houses participated. Total donations collection \$80. In light of the small amount of donations, Alli moved to make \$5 a fee rather than a donation to have your house listed on the map moving forward. Mary Loury seconded, and the motion carried.

All the women decorated faux stained glass Halloween ornaments. It was great fun!

50/50 Raffle – Winner: Alli

Door Prize – Winner: Terre

Prizes were awarded for costumes:

Most Artistic: Alli

Most Colorful: Tanya

Most Creative: Renée

Funniest: Terre

Scariest: Kathy

Best overall: Renée



You can view all the photos from the October meeting on our Women's Club website at

<https://sites.google.com/view/lfwcdaphne/?pli=1>.

October Bingo Winners



Game 1, Rusty



Game 2, Harold



Game 3, Amber



Game 4, Harold



Game 5, Bev



Game 6, Daris



Drawing Winner
Richard



Drawing Winner
Rob



Drawing Winner
Matthew

**Catch the next
Burgers and Bingo
night Nov. 19.**

Garden Club News

By Jane Spicciani

Around 20 garden club members enjoyed talking about our own favorite flowers and fruit. We then shared how that choice connected to our life story.

Pictured from the Left is Terri Farlow, Jane Spicciani, Dana Sawyer, Diane Foster and Judy Simpson in the foreground.

The November meeting is all about insects on November 6th at 10 am at Hole 19.



Committee Meetings

Here are the times and dates for committee meetings.

Architectural Review: 9:30 a.m., first Friday of the month

*City Affairs and Liaison: 11 a.m., second Tuesday

*Communications: 5:15 p.m. Monday before work session week (or before stated meeting when there is no work session)

*Events, Food and Beverage: 6 p.m., first Tuesday (Next meeting is Oct. 7)

*Infrastructure: 6 p.m., Monday before work session week (or before stated meeting when there is no work session)

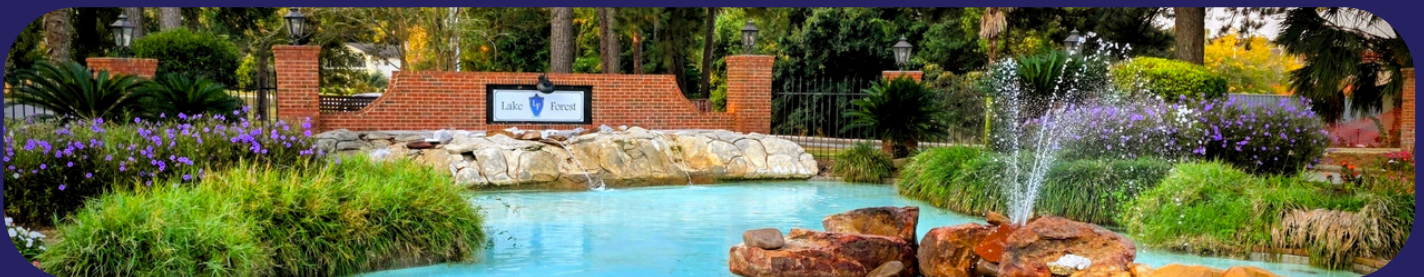
*Lake and Environment: 10 a.m. second Thursday

*Welcome: As needed

Elections: (directors only): As needed

Finance: (directors only): As needed

*Open to members by prior arrangement with committee chairperson.



What's Happening at the 19th Hole?



ARE YOU READY?
BURGERS AND
BINGO

NOV 19.

Burger, Fries and a Fountain Drink
 only \$5. Double Cheeseburger \$7.50

Burger Special Night 4 pm to 8 pm. BINGO 7 pm to 9 pm
 Bingo Cards are for LFPOA Members Only

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 WEDNESDAY**

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 FRIES AND A
 FOUNTAIN DRINK**

**ALL THIS
 FOR → \$5**

Weekend
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\$8.99 A BOWL

OCT. 31 TO NOV. 2
 SHRIMP AND CORN CHOWDER OR
 LOADED POTATO SOUP

NOV. 7 TO NOV. 9
 CHILLI OR BROCCOLI AND
 CHEESE SOUP

19th Hole GRILL

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Dec. 17 Christmas Themed

BURGERS AND

BINGO

Burger Special Night 4 pm to 8 pm. BINGO 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
 Bingo Cards are for LFPOA Members Only



Meet the Directors

The LFPOA Board has seven directors. Four seats will be up for election in March: two open and two expiring terms. Directors serve a three-year term unless they were appointed or elected to fill an uncompleted term. There is no stipend.



Mathew Laws III, President
Term expires 2028
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Sharon St. Laurent, Treasurer
Term expires 2026
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Charlotte Graham, Secretary
Term Expires 2027
cgraham@lakeforestdaphne.com



Tom Opdyke, Sergeant-at-Arms
Term Expires 2026
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Mallory Tapley, Director-at-Large
Term Expires 2027
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Board meetings, which are open to members, are held twice per month, except in limited cases where holidays dictate schedule changes. The third Thursday is a work session. Matters are discussed, but no votes are taken. On the fourth Thursday, decisions are made, votes are taken and members' comments are invited.

Nov. 20 - Combined work session/action meeting because of the Thanksgiving holiday
Dec. 18 - Combined work session/action meeting because of the Christmas holiday
Jan. 15 - Work session
Jan. 22 - Action meeting

How to Run for the LFPOA Board

Four seats on the seven-member LFPOA board will be up for election at the annual meeting on March 26.

Members may begin submitting candidacy declarations on Dec. 15. The deadline to apply is the end of the business day on Dec. 31.

You may obtain the necessary documents at the office, 1 Golf Terrace, in the building that contains the pro shop and the 19th Hole grill. Not all forms are online.

All documents must be submitted to the office.

To qualify, you must:

1. Be a member in good standing.

This means:

- Have paid all dues, fines and assessments.
- Not be under disciplinary action or architectural suspension.
- Not be involved in any legal action against the LFPOA or its board.

2. Maintain good standing throughout the election period.

3. Submit a signed candidate information form that includes:

- Full name
- Member number
- Address and contact information
- Qualifications (a brief work description or attached resume)
- A signature verifying your good standing
- A photo is requested

4. Sign and submit within three business days of filing as a candidate:

- Code of Ethics
- Rules of Conduct
- Conflict-of-Interest Policy

Failure to submit these documents disqualifies you.

5. Submit a resume by Dec. 31.

6. Pass a background check by the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Golf Pro's Corner

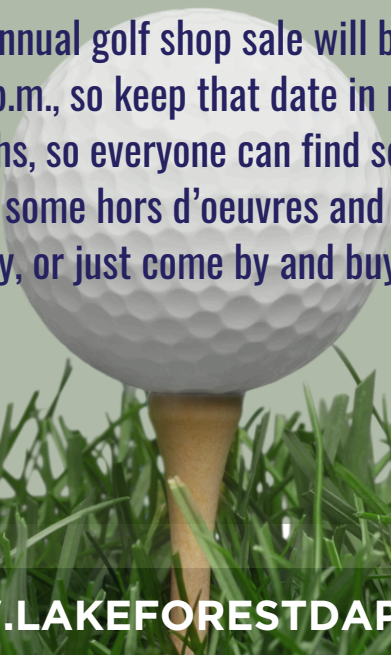
By, Todd Bailey

This is absolutely my favorite time of year to be on the golf course. The Bermuda grass growth is under control, the temperatures have cooled down a good bit, and course conditions are the best of the year. Jake has done a wonderful job getting the course in fantastic condition, and with his determination, our course will only get better. Tree removal will continue next year to allow turf to thrive in some of the shaded areas including a couple of tee boxes, as well as laying down rye grass on the tee boxes and practice tee. Thank you all for your hard work!



Also, I'd like to thank all that participated in our MGA 6-6-6 event which was contested on Saturday, October 18th. The players had a devilishly good time in a unique and challenging format of scramble, four ball and foursomes. Congratulations to our A flight gross winners, MGA president and PGA assistant Preston Carroll, and GCSAA grass growing champion Jake Maske with their score of 71. Net division winners were Mike Schulz and Mike McKown. In the B flight, the "Officer and Gentleman" team of Steve Scarcliff and Shaun Carroll won the gross division in a scorecard playoff over "Team George", which consisted of Mike George and Rob Pote, who won the net category. Both teams had a gross score of 79. The next event will be the Veterans Day tournament on Tuesday, November 11.

Our annual golf shop sale will be held Thursday, December 4th from 4:00p.m. – 6:00p.m., so keep that date in mind. The golf shop is well stocked for the winter months, so everyone can find something perfect from golf balls to winter wear. Come enjoy some hors d'oeuvres and beverages while you spend that hard earned credit book money, or just come by and buy a gift for that special someone.



Tennis News

By, Michael Albrecht



The Lake Forest Racquet Club fall leagues are off to a great start. We are fielding five ladies' teams for the fall season. All of our ladies' teams are competing great and working hard at practice. A big thanks to all our team captains for volunteering their time to help make all this happen.

Congratulations to Sophia Stoner for winning the Treasure Oak Junior Tournament in Ocean Springs, MS. Sophia is 14 years old and competed in the 16-and-under division. Way to go Sophia. Sophia is one of our junior players who travel along the Gulf Coast to compete in junior tournaments. She is ranked #19 in the 14-and-under division in Alabama.

Way to go Sophia, and a big thanks to your parents and all the other tennis parents who support their child's tennis goals.



Carry and Bret getting some practice on early for Saturday morning men's play



Sophia holding the first place trophy from the Treasure Oaks 16 and under division.

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26. Burger Special 10am to 5pm	27.	28.	29. Burger Special Night 4 to 8 pm	30. Garden Club 10am	31.	1.. Toys for Tots and Food Drive Begins Burger Special 10am to 5pm
2. Burger Special 10am to 5pm	3.	4.	5. Burger Special Night 4 to 8 pm	6.	7.	8. Burger Special 10am to 5pm
9. Burger Special 10am to 5pm	10.	11.	12. Burgers and Bingo 4 -8:30pm	13. Womens Club 10am	14.	15. Burger Special 10am to 5pm
16. Burger Special 10am to 5pm	17.	18.	19.  Burger Special Night 4 to 8 pm	20. Combined work session and stated meeting 6 pm	21.	22. Burger Special 10am to 5pm
23. Burger Special 10am to 5pm	24.	25.	26. Burger Special Night 4 to 8 pm	27. 	28.	29.
30.	31.		251-626-0788 www.lakeforestdaphne.com			



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with Toys for
Tots this year.

Donate new/unwrapped
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through Dec. 11.



DAPHNE SOLID WASTE Holiday Schedule 2025

HOLIDAY

New Years Day 2025
Martin Luther King, Jr Day
Memorial Day
Juneteenth
Independence Day
Labor Day
Veterans Day
Thanksgiving Day
Day After Thanksgiving
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day
New Years Day 2025

NO PICK UP

Wednesday, January 1
Monday, January 20
Monday, May 26
Thursday, June 19
Friday, July 4
Monday, September 1
Tuesday, November 11
Thursday, November 27
Friday, November 28
Wednesday, December 24
Thursday, December 25
Thursday, January 1

ALTERNATE DAY

Thursday, January 2
Wednesday, January 22
Wednesday, May 28
Wednesday, June 18
Wednesday, July 2
Wednesday, September 3
Wednesday, November 12
Wednesday, November 26
Wednesday, November 26
Friday, December 26
Friday, December 26
Wednesday, December 31

There will be NO alternate days for Trash/Yard Debris.

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