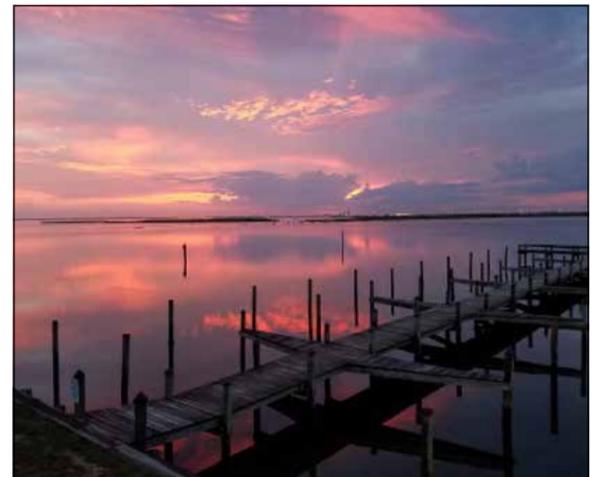
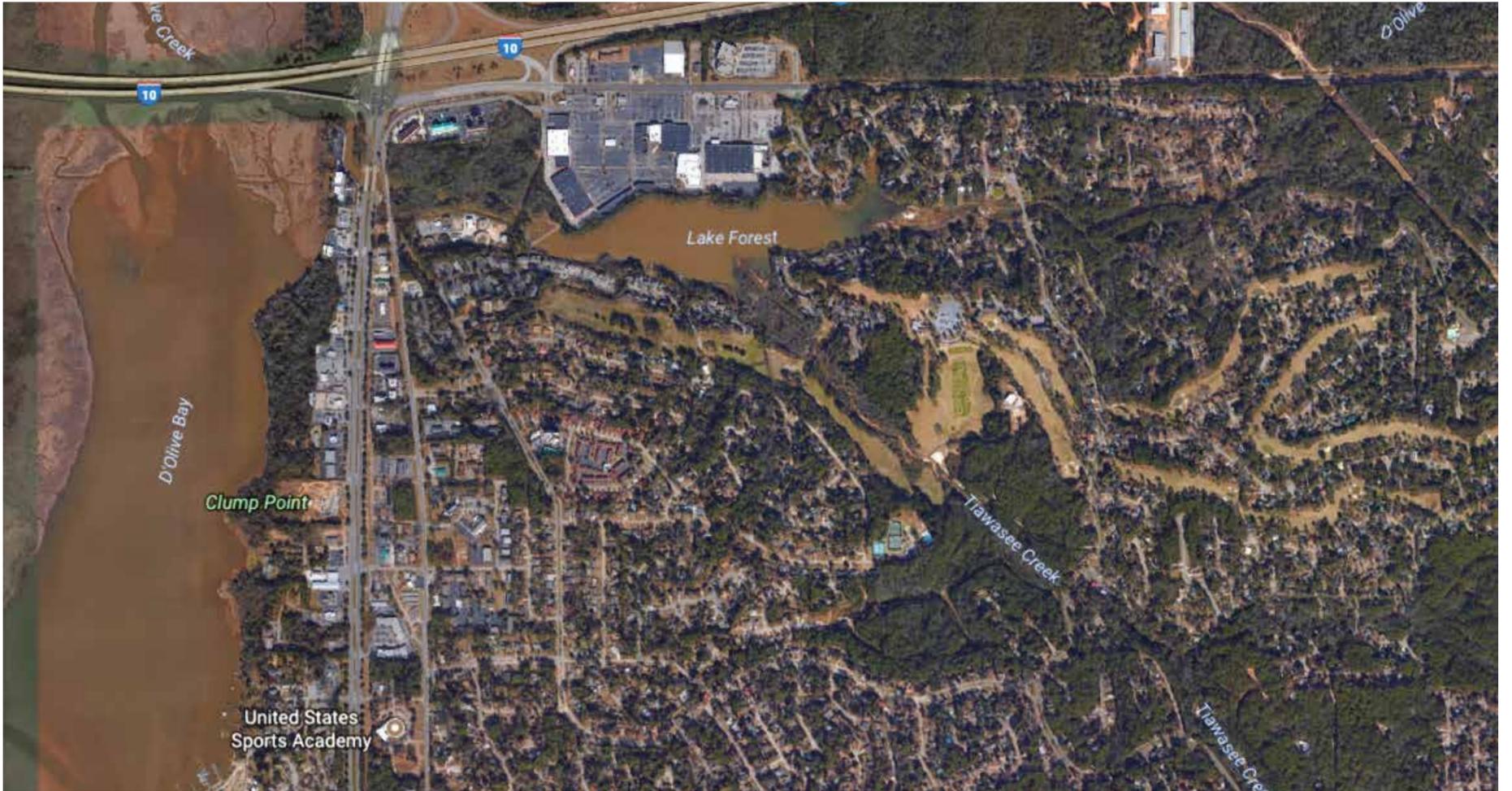




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# “We are Lake Forest!”

Notes from the President LF POA June 2017

Written by Victoria J. Phelps



Victoria J. Phelps  
President, LF POA

Summer fun and vacation activities are well underway. For those of you that attended our 4th of July event at the Yacht Club, you know that we had perfect weather for the event. Other than it being a little warm for some, we had no rain or cloudy weather to disrupt the experience. Views from the deck that night were enjoyed by all in attendance. Having such an outdoor space to visit along the southern

Alabama Eastern Shore portion of Mobile Bay make us unique.

As I travel about our local area and crisscross into and out of different circles some like to say that Lake Forest is a “Blue Collar” neighborhood. Blue Collar usually infers hard working folks that live within limited means. Lake Forest is comprised of many demographic types of family units. Within our residential boundaries, we reflect a veritable diverse buffet of southern charm and widely ranging incomes along all economic spectrums.

In truth, we are not only comprised of “blue collar” folks, but we also have “white collar” professions, engineers, teachers, lawyers, ship builders, restaurateurs, painters, craftsmen, electricians, independent contractors, home business persons, students, sportsmen, retirees, veterans, widowers, seniors, and snow birds. Our residential demographics actually cut across a wide array of age groups and include all types of households such as, single family head of households, traditional family units, non-traditional family units, owner occupied units, and non-owner occupied units. Simply put, we are many things, WE ARE LAKE

FOREST!!

Our board understands our uniqueness and our demographic composition and strives to plan and respond accordingly for any needed amenity repair or improvement. In my letter to you last month I indicated that Lake Forest will be turning 50 years young on 29 July 2021. The 50th year anniversary will be a significant milestone for our community and one we should plan accordingly.

On one hand we will have something to celebrate while on the other hand because of the early date of construction and due to inferior building materials utilized is that many of our amenity items have systemic problems that are in need of major renovations and or possible full replacement. Amenity items that fall into this category are all 3 three pools, 19th hole, Yacht Club, golf course cart paths, pond and irrigation system, tennis center, dam and lake. The 19th hole and Yacht Club were professionally surveyed in Feb 2016 for future viability. The 19th hole structure presents the most urgent capital need with the end of lifespan determined for the structure to be between 2018 and 2020. After that period the 19th hole will no longer be viable for use for any reason.

Over the last three years cost effective and appropriate renovations have been made to two of our three swimming pools. The Swim and Racquet and Montclair Pool location have completed major pool renovation projects which will improve the member and guest experience for years to come.

We are currently planning to provide a complete update and site renovation to the Ridgewood Pool site as soon as economically feasible. The pool shell at this site has deteriorated possibly beyond re-use as well as the plumbing lines may require replacement. We hope to revive the Ridgewood Pool and site to include better defined play zone areas for children under 5 and for children 5 to 12 years of age. We hope to also add additional shade structures, perimeter fencing as well as the addition of water spray features and Kidde pools for our littler residents. We know our members enjoy the pools and we have kept them free for our members

use and plan to continue to do so.

In other news, during the month of May we received a letter from Roberta Swann the Director of the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program (MBNEP) indicating they had frozen all future watershed projects within Lake Forest to include Tiawassee and D'Olive Creeks until the POA had the life span of the dam ascertained. There are watershed projects planned for the fall of this year that are now on hold. By working with all stakeholders, including the City, MBNEP and the Intergovernmental Agency involved we were able to gain a grant to assist us with the cost of this type of inspection work.

The dam inspection results will be presented by Wade Burcham from Integrated Science and Engineering at our 10 August 2017 work session meeting. Those owners interested in the report findings are welcome to attend. Our hope is that by moving so quickly to conduct the inspection that the fall MBNEP Watershed Projects will proceed as planned.

**Since receiving the MBNEP Letter in May the board has accomplished the following regarding this matter in order to facilitate a proper visual inspection and potential breach analysis to be completed by 31 July 2017:**

1. Developed a request for Engineering Services in order to ascertain life span status information for the LF Dam
2. Completed solicitation interviews for an engineering services group to conduct LF Dam Visual Inspection and Breach Analysis
3. Received Grant Fund Commitment from Mobile Bay National Estuary Program which enabled the Dam Inspection to be completed by 31 July 2017
4. Selected Integrated Science and Engineering, Wade Burcham representative to perform LF Dam Visual Inspection and Breach Analysis by 31 July 2017
5. Lowered level of LF Lake in order to facilitate the dam

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## August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Eri	Sat
		1	2 <u>YC</u> - Burger Special! Buy 1 get 2nd @ 1/2 price! *Purchase 1 @ \$6.95 <u>YC</u> - Rock & Roll BINGO!  <u>Daphne Beautification Committee/DBC</u> - 19th Hole 10am	3 <u>YC</u> - Seafood buffet \$15.95	4 <u>YC</u> - Karaoke 7pm - 10ish **Wing special only \$.50 5pm - 9pm**	5 <u>Golf</u> - MGA Tournament 8:30am
6	7 <u>YC &amp; Golf</u> - Closed	8	9 <u>YC</u> - Burger Special! Buy 1 get 2nd @ 1/2 price! *Purchase 1 @ \$6.95  <u>YC</u> - Rock & Roll BINGO	10 <u>YC</u> - BBQ Buffet \$9.95  <u>LFPOA</u> - Work Session Meeting, 7pm, 19th Hole	11 <u>YC</u> - Karaoke 7pm - 10ish **Wing special only \$.50 5pm - 9pm**	12 <u>Golf</u> - Dog Fight (open to everyone)
13	14 <u>YC &amp; Golf</u> - Closed	15	16 <u>YC</u> - Burger Special! Buy 1 get 2nd @ 1/2 price! *Purchase 1 @ \$6.95  <u>YC</u> - Rock & Roll BINGO	17 <u>YC</u> - Italian Cuisine Buffet \$9.95  <u>LFPOA</u> - Stated Board Meeting, 7pm, 19th Hole	18 <u>YC</u> - Karaoke 7pm - 10ish **Wing special only \$.50 5pm - 9pm**	19 <u>Golf</u> - Dog Fight (open to everyone)
20	21 <u>YC &amp; Golf</u> - Closed	22	23 <u>YC</u> - Burger Special! Buy 1 get 2nd @ 1/2 price! *Purchase 1 @ \$6.95  <u>YC</u> - Rock & Roll BINGO	24 <u>YC</u> - Fried Catfish/ Chicken Buffet \$9.95	25 <u>YC</u> - Karaoke 7pm - 10ish **Wing special only \$.50 5pm - 9pm**	26 <u>Golf</u> - Dog Fight (open to everyone)
27	28 <u>YC &amp; Golf</u> - Closed	29	30 <u>YC</u> - Burger Special! Buy 1 get 2nd @ 1/2 price! *Purchase 1 @ \$6.95  <u>YC</u> - Rock & Roll BINGO	31 <u>YC</u> - Soup/Salad/Potato Buffet \$7.95		

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The Daphne Beautification Committee visit to Lake Forest and Daphne Central Park on August 2, 2017, @ 10:00 am. August meeting for DBC will be held at 19th hole clubhouse to follow tour of north end of Daphne Central Park.

# General Managers Report



**Dale Snellman**  
General Manager

Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed the 4th of July at the Yacht Club. We hope all our association members had a safe and enjoyable celebration with family and friends. Remember to put on your calendar Wednesday nights at the Yacht Club. Half pound hamburgers are buy one get one for half price. This also includes your sides and drink specials from 5pm-7pm. Also, let us host your special event at the Yacht Club. Dates are available so let us help with your anniversary celebration, birthday party or any special event you have in the future. Your association dues help to provide the best pricing on golf rounds in the gulf coast area. For \$25 you

receive your greens fee and cart fee. We also have annual membership packages if you are an avid golfer and will be playing regularly at the club.

The pools are our most utilized amenity during the summer months. We have new signage at each pool to let all the association members know what is allowed at each pool facility. They are consistent from pool to pool so that we can maintain proper standards for everyone's enjoyment. If there are any questions or concerns please call the business office at 251-626-0788 or 251-404-2700.

On our new website, www.lakeforestdaphne.com, you have the option of paying your monthly statement online through PlastiQ. The option is listed under the resident & club members tab. When you are registering for the members only portion, you must put your name exactly as it is listed on your statement.

Tennis is a great way to stay in shape and spend time with family. Michael Albrecht has been busy instructing his junior camps and league play so go by and see him and sign up for his events.

Stephanie Cochran is utilizing our new Smart Web technology to let everyone know if they are not in compliance with our covenants. This has allowed us to become more efficient enabling us to get more letters out and problems resolved in a timely manner.

Please pardon our progress at the marina as the city works on the construction of the boat launch.

As always, suggestions and comments are welcome!

Dale Snellman  
General Manager

**Golf Course reminders:**

Check into the golf shop before play so we can track all rounds.

Keep carts on cart paths around the tees and greens.

**Golf tip of the month:**

**Heat.** It is dangerously hot in lower Alabama in the summer time. While working in Tuscaloosa at Indian Hills CC a university trainer told me a good tip to keep your electrolytes up during the round. Take a sports drink and a cup of water and mix them 50/50 together. Sip on the drink throughout the round to keep you hydrated and energized.

## Lake Forest

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inspection as well as to clean debris from the reinforced concrete drain pipe and inlet basket

**Other LF Accomplishments since my last note include the following items:**

1. Sent correspondence to the Mayor of Daphne which thanked Mrs. Becky Hayes, City Clerk for her many years of service, her efforts on behalf of our residents congratulating her on her retirement. Great job Ms. Becky!! We will miss you.
2. Approved and ordered the replacement entrance sign for D'Olive Springs at Lake Forest
3. Operating safely all 3-three pools, revised pool rules and security has been added to better enhance our member experience and enjoyment
4. Approached City of Daphne for additional infrastructure spending for our roads, sidewalks and trail systems.
5. Completed bid process for repair of marina bulkhead.

**"President's Questions and Answers Segment for the Members,"** reflected below some of the more prominent items that seem to be of elevated interest.

1. **Where can our board minutes be found?** Copies of our minutes can be found on the Lake Forest website www.lakeforestdaphne.com
2. **What happens if there is a delinquent dues account?** Our Lake Forest staff notifies the member and we work with the member to bring dues current. As

a last resort a lien may be placed on a member's property if the delinquency cannot be remedied.

**3. Does LF need to update Architectural Covenants and General Summary Guidelines?** Yes, Yes and Yes. In order to strengthen our property values we need to strengthen the enforcement ability to ensure all owner occupied homes and non-owner occupied homes are kept in good repair. Without strengthening enforcement our ability to correct bad actors is hamstrung which will continue to cause a negative effect on our property values.

**4. Does the 19th hole have to be replaced?** Yes. The building structure has been deemed structurally unfit for use after 2018 - 2020 and was also deemed not economically feasible for re-use. A replacement structure that will be more energy efficient, have better functions and have a smaller footprint than the existing structure is being considered. The replacement is still in the planning stages and no final plan has been determined.

If you have not made any hurricane preparations this may be time to consider getting those flash light batteries and 3 days of food and water in place. In other news Daphne Beautification Committee will be joining us for their August meeting at the 19th hole. Always good to plan ahead. In closing, I leave you with the following thoughts, **"We have seen what we need to do. We know what we need to do. Now is the time to do it. Together we can get it done"**

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## Why I moved to Lake Forest

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See below the time and effort involved making the move to Lake Forest for Ginny & Bruce Peterson. Please contact me if you would like to share your story.

### From "Nothing interesting" to "something interesting?" -- Bruce's Dream?

By Ginny Peterson

I grew up near the coast in southern Virginia, then to college in northern Indiana where I met Bruce. We married and moved to Moline, Illinois, Bruce's hometown, then to Davenport, Iowa. As we neared retirement, we spent several vacations scouting places we thought we would be comfortable living and all were along the coast. Many have heard me say that part of our marriage vows was that when we retired, we would move back south, somewhere near the coast. I missed being near the water and Bruce wanted warmer weather so he could play golf most of the year.

While we were spending a month vacation in Long Beach, Mississippi (my mother was from that area), we drove over this way because I wanted to visit the Outlet Mall in Foley. As we left Interstate 10 to drive south, Bruce asked

me what was over along the bay. I looked at the map and said, "Oh, just a couple of small towns. Nothing interesting." But, then a couple who were friends of the family insisted we visit them in Spanish Fort to look around the area. After spending two days over here, seeing housing, walking through the Arts & Crafts Fair in Fairhope, meeting several people, and viewing golf courses, we decided to come this way to look around when we retired.

We left Illinois and Iowa on January 6, 2000. At first, we planned to be snowbirds and rented a condo in Gulf Shores for three months. Bruce started looking online for houses in Lake Forest, after he discovered the golf fees were reasonable and he could have his own cart - his dream. After two months, we made an offer on a house in Lake Forest, sold our condo and spent the third month living in our new home with a few pieces of borrowed

furniture while we cleaned and painted. It was a true fixer upper. But we worked on it for ten years before moving to our current house where we can get around easier.

I joined the Garden Club because someone invited me. Bruce found a group of men who invited him to join them for regular play. I learned to play golf and we have been part of Senior Couples Golf. We became part of a group who decorated the club house and the Yacht Club. I became a Master Gardner to do something with a deficient landscape at our first home. We have been blessed with our many friends here. Because of the people in Lake Forest, we could feel a true part of the community. Yes, the house and the golf course were the initial attractions, but the people around us, our friends, and neighbors, are what have made Lake Forest our home.



Bruce & Ginny Peterson with their sweet friend, Sophie.



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Lake Forest Residents Tomasina Werner, Victoria J. Phelps with former District 7 Councilperson Angie Phillips spent time with Becky Hayes at her retirement ceremony held June 30, 2017, at Daphne City Hall as she enjoyed her new rocking chair. A good time was had by all and we wish Becky and her family all the best as she enters retirement.



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# The Fishing Hole

## FISHING SUMMER TIME PATTERNS

August and summer is finally here and the fishing is great. The water temps are in the upper 80's and finally beginning to clear up in the bay. Strong southern winds have pushed the cloudy water north and brought in some salinity in the upper delta along the Mobile River and Point Clear to Daphne. Specks are scattered out from Point Clear to Daphne and all along the ship channel into the Mobile River.

So, try and find some clear water and work the docks and fishing reefs along the bay. Speckled trout and reds will be looking for a quick meal and the best thing for them is a live shrimp under a popping cork. If you can't find shrimp, artificial baits such as a soft plastic on a jig head, or a top water plug such as a Mirrorlure Top Dog or Top Pup will work just



Billy Harrell

as well.

The Flounder have started showing up in good numbers along the western end of the causeway so look around sandy points that face into the current. Another good place to look will be around pilings of the docks and boat houses along the bay. Fishing with bull minnows on a Carolina rig is the best bet but a soft plastic on a jig head works great also.

Now is the time to get out and catch fish while the water temperatures are in the 80 degree range.

By August the water temperatures will start to get hot and slow the trout fishing down for the summer.

Also, I would like to mention that the City of Daphne has a contractor working on the boat ramp, so stay clear of the construction work and do not drive past the barricades across the road going to the ramp. This phase of the project which includes a new boat ramp finger pier is expected to be completed within the next 45 days. Also, in other planned work for the marina the Lake Forest POA has hired through competitive bid process Asphalt Services to repair 256 LF of the bulkhead located from A - Dock to the corner of the Yacht Club. This work should commence within the next 45 days.

Till next month, keep a tight line.

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# Tennis News

## AT THE LFRC

Submitted by:  
 Michael Albrecht,  
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Summer is coming to an end and we will soon be switching to our school schedule for lessons and clinics. Please check our website for updated times for classes at [www.lakeforestdaphne.com](http://www.lakeforestdaphne.com). What a great summer we had at the Lake Forest Racquet Club. We had a record number of campers this year. All in all we had

over 150 kids visit our summer camps. What a great group of campers this year and every year. We want to thank all the parents for their support this summer.

Summer is here and the Lake Forest tennis and swim camps are in full swing. It's never too late to sign your child up for the number one tennis and swim camp on the Eastern Shore. We offer 7 weeks of camp throughout the summer. Our camps run Monday through Thursday from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM. It is a great camp for beginner tennis kids. We

hit the courts at 9:30 AM, feed them lunch from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM and then off to the pool for some fun swimming. Lastly, pick-up is at 2:00 PM.

Attention all ladies, we have 2 classes a week for you to sharpen your tennis skills. Tuesday's at 8:30 Am is our ladies 3.0 clinic. It runs for an hour and a half and the cost is \$15. On Friday's from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM we have an open ladies class and the cost for that is \$10.

Just a reminder that we have a ball machine that can be placed on any court for use and it is free to LFRC

members. It is a great way to practice up on your strokes. We can help set it up for you and give you a quick tutorial on how to use it as well. Call 251-648-3952 to reserve a time.



Photo by: Michael Albrecht

Coach Ann Mac

## Tennis Tip

### OF THE MONTH

When approaching the in doubles make sure you stop at the service line. Make your first volley and move forward to finish the point, while having your partner back you up on the opposite service line. Always remember, doubles is won at the net



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Nothing like a game of skittles



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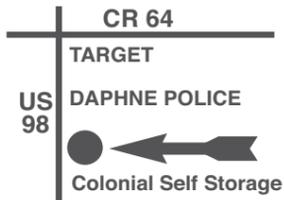
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# Lake Forest Yacht Club

Is it August already? It seems like only yesterday we were throwing Moon-



Noel Riley  
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pies and begging for beads. Time flies; but, you can slow it down on the back deck of your Lake Forest Yacht Club. One of the best ways to get some relaxation is to come by and enjoy a cool drink on our deck along with a good meal.

The kids are getting ready to head back to school so come by for

the last free days of the summer and check us out. Bingo and burgers are still going strong on Wednesdays. Buffets offer a different taste each Thursday. Don't miss the seafood buffet on August the 3rd; it will be amazing as usual. Friday karaoke and \$50 wings from 7-10pm offer good, weekly fun for kids and adults alike.

One more thing to mention, did you know that the 19th Hole offers lunch daily? Burgers, dogs, homemade chicken salad, and all the fixins' are available to you six days a week. Stop by and see Deanne and let her cook you lunch. She promises to have you back to work on time full and happy.

Don't forget that the Yacht Club is a great place to host your private functions. We can provide

for and help assist any of your needs. We offer custom menus, drink specials and all the basics for weddings, reunions, birthday parties, etc. As a LFPOA resident, you qualify for a discounted room charge and won't find a better bang for your buck. Stop by and say hello and let's talk about your needs and what we can offer you.

Lastly, we would like to thank everyone who came out to the Yacht Club for our big 4th of July celebration! We had a great turnout. There was good food, friends, games, fun, fireworks & music for all to enjoy! A good time was had by all who attended. If you were unable to attend this year, make plans to come next year! With each passing year, this celebration gets better and better!

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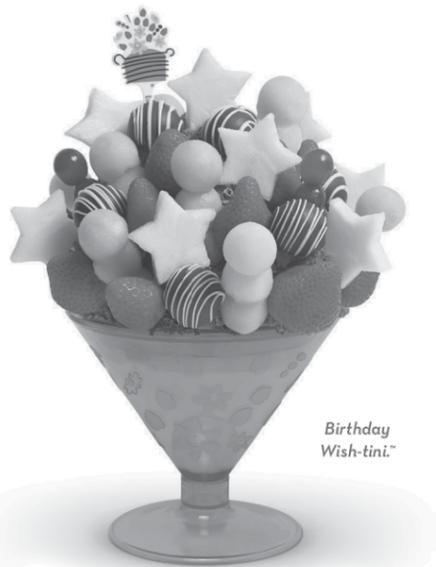
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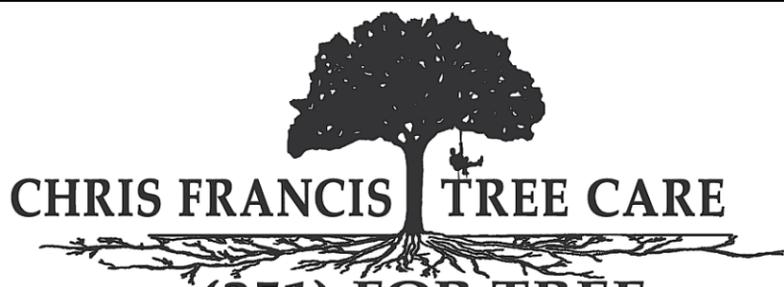
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of a lifetime. Each kid has walked away from our clinics more knowledgeable about the swing and the rules of golf because of what we have taught them. On the other hand, they've also taught us why we love the game and why we grew up playing this game at an early age. This summer we offered our juniors 4 golf clinics to enhance and enrich their minds about the game of golf!

We had a week long, all day camp in early June, and now have had 3 mini clinics during the mornings to focus on growing the game of golf. It is a high priority for us here at Lake Forest to spend as much time as we can to introduce the game of golf to our young kids because those kids will be the ones coming through our doors in the years to come. Starting in late August we'll be offering juniors clinics once a week after school from 4:00pm-5:00pm, day and dates have yet to be determined. These clinics will focus on the basics of a golf swing (grip, stance, posture and alignment), putting & chipping and the rules & etiquette of golf.



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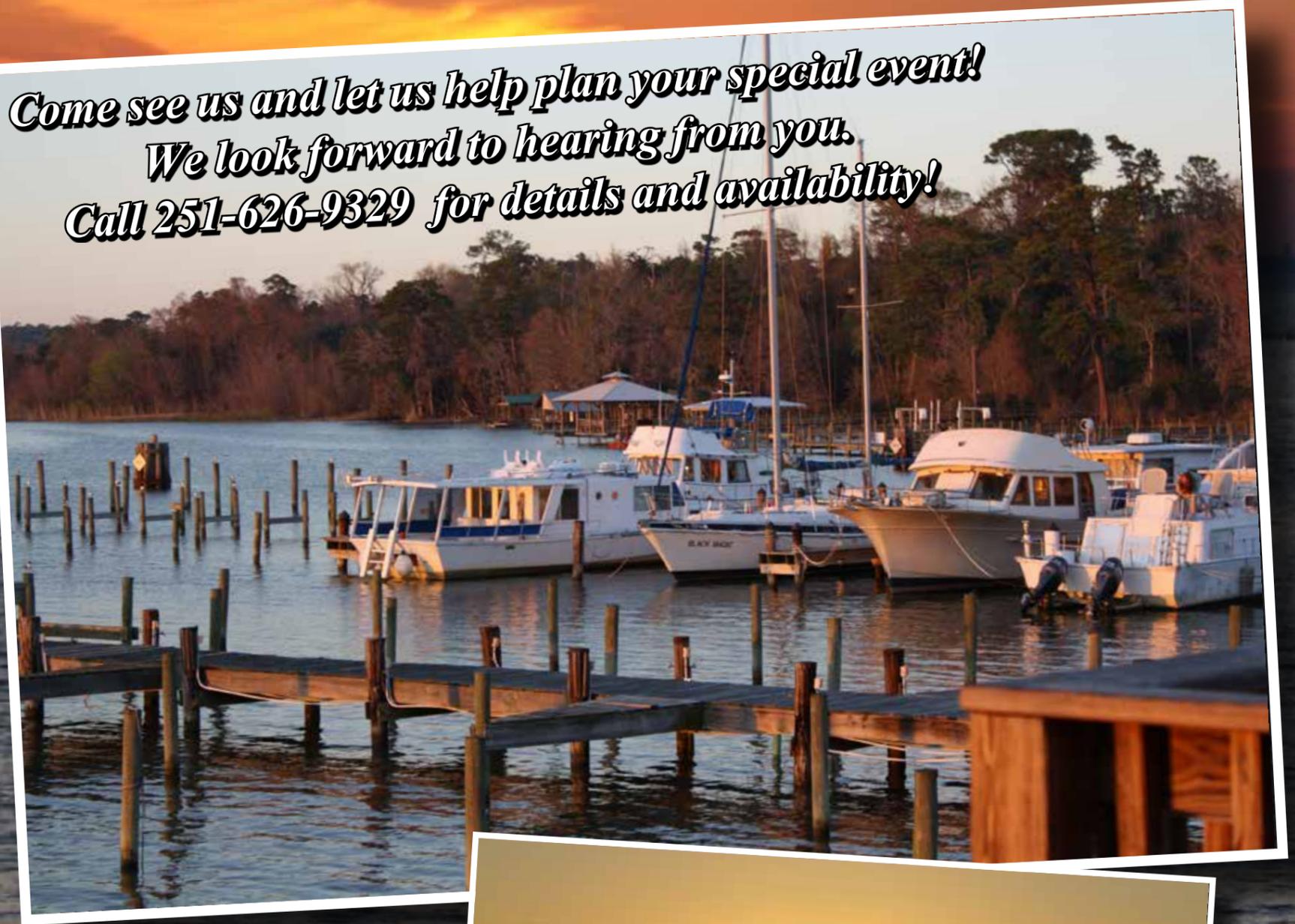
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