Concrete pad and playground set ribbon curb being installed at swim and racket pool.

Ridgewood Pool leak repairs in progress.

The men’s group out of Mobile just before they played.

Ridgewood Pool, getting there one step at a time.

Braxton’s Landscape crew place finishing touches for Montclair Pool Play Sets.
“Projects, Projects, and More Projects!!”

Friends and neighbors,

Spring finally really arrived and it is looking sunny and warming around the corner. Soon school will be out andsummer fun plans will be underway with friends and families. If you have driven around lately andexplored our pool amenities you should have noticed that they are all under going renovation andtransformation. We have embarked to improve all the pool sites this year for our members to enjoy which willimprove the member experience.

As with all construction projects, sometimes even with proper planning, delays and unplanned addi- tion repair items can arise that cause delays.

Our Ridgewood Pool renovation has experienced a timeline set back due to unplanned repairs. We have had vandalism and will have battled participated plumbing leaks. We have had multiple attempts at vandalism and have had to request Daphne Police to provide additional security patrols in order to prevent any additional incidents. We are asking neighbors to keep a sharp eye out and report any suspicious activity to the police.

Secondly, the leak repairs will delay the application of the final pool deck surface coating known as “spray deck.” Our planned completion date was to be Memorial Day Weekend at the end of May. Our revised best estimate for completion of this project will be on or around 4th of July. The leak repairs are being tested as of the writing of this letter. If successful repairs were implemented, then around July 4th seems like our best revised date for completion. Even though we will be a little later than planned the project will still be transformative for the site. The site landscaping will be transformed from a hard pan site to have new play equipment, sidewalks, additional pavilion for shade and Bermuda sod with irrigation. The curb appeal and site function will be greatly enhanced. Once completed the renovation will provide years of enjoyment for our residents. All good things are worth waiting for!!

Also, other amenity improvements for this year include new play equipment from Play World for our other two pool sites (Montclair and Swim and Racket). The play sets have been installed. For consistency, all three pool sites have had the same style and type of play equipment installed. All three locations had concrete ribbons curbs installed for the soft mulch surface material containment in order to provide a longer lasting and easier maintained material in lieu of the plastic type material. At the Swim and Racket location, the existing pavilion and wooded deck boards have been replaced with a concrete slab base. Both Montclair and Swim and Racket locations are getting finishing touches and will be completed by the time you read this article. Both of these pools are available for use.

Financial Impact to the organization for these projects. All of these projects are cash projects which were planned with the annual assessment used as the base funding source supplemented with minor funding from our capital building fund.

Key Accomplishments since my last note include the following items:

1. Ridgewood Pool and Site Renovation project anticipated completion by 4 July 2018!!
3. Pool Cleaning Contract signed that will provide cleaning services twice daily for all pools.
4. Additional Pool Furniture and Umbrellas have arrived and will be placed.
5. New Playground Equipment from Play World has been installed for all pool locations.
6. New Golf Cart Lease has been signed, spearheaded by Kenny our GM, so all golf carts have been improved for course users and for their enjoyment.
7. Mobile Bay National Estuarine Research Project Drainage improvement project installed on D’Olive Creek near Melanie Loop.

“Projects, Projects, and More Projects!!”

Notes from the President LF POA June 2018
Written by Victoria J. Phelps

Victoria J. Phelps
President, LF POA
Republican Jeff Boyd is the only candidate in this race to refuse special interest money.

On June 5th, 2018 vote for the candidate who won’t be bought!

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY

jected by Jeff Boyd for Senate PO Box 1094, Orange Beach, AL 36561
If there is anyone who hasn’t driven by to see the transformation of Ridgewood Pool during the construction time, you are missing something. To say that this project will complement the entire community and surrounding areas is an understatement. The area looks massive compared to its previous days and the finished product will be something for all ages to enjoy for decades. Even during the off season for the pools the play sets and common areas will be available for everyone to enjoy. Something tells me there will be a lot of activity all year round at the playgrounds.

Our season is in full swing and all amenities are loaded with activity. Tennis Professional Mike Allrecht has a full slate of tennis available for beginner to advanced. Take advantage of Mike’s tremendous experience and Professional Qualifications and learn the game from one of the best in the South East. You’ll be glad you did.

I had a meeting at the Yacht Club recently and there was not an open seat in the house. Everyone of all ages enjoying the food, atmosphere and of course the sunset on the bay. After a busy day at work it doesn’t get much better than the late afternoon view on the back deck. Hopefully dredging will commence in the not too distant future and we will see the return of the Lake Forest Armada and all they bring to the waterways.

Our “Unlimited Play With Lunch” Golf Special has brought the golf crowd in full force, especially on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We have gone from a 70-80 round day to over 170 players on Saturdays! A majority of the play is from non home owners but also presents a great opportunity to sell new memberships to these active golf enthusiasts. We have a new fleet of golf cars on the way and we have increased the size of the fleet to make sure we do not run out of carts for the rest of the season. These are good problems to have and means the patrons are being treated well and like their total golf experience. The growing season is finally getting here and we will be able to add great definition to the golf course along with other conditions that can only be done while the turf is in its full growing mode. The phone is constantly ringing with inquiries about hosting someone’s golf event here. This is a sign that the course is in good shape, the service and practice facilities are above normal and groups want to play their tournaments at Lake Forest. Kudos to all the Golf Operations Team involved who make this happen on a daily basis. In reality, the busy days are the most fun, especially when you see so many people enjoying the things that Lake Forest has to offer.

Many 1 Putts,
Kenny Szuch, PGA
General Manager

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YOU WILL MAKE A DECISION ON JUNE 5th.

Whether to let the SPECIAL INTEREST groups CONTROL our State senator for the next four years or elect someone who will represent you and ALL of the citizens of Baldwin county equally.

I am the only candidate that has not accepted contributions exceeding $250 per person/ or group, while my opponents have all accepted contributions running into the thousands and even tens of thousands of dollars (this can be verified by researching campaign reports filed with the Alabama Secretary of State @sos.alabama.gov and going to the Elections section and then to the PACs report. Then look up Senate District 32 and you can review the contributions and expenditures of each candidate.

So who would you be voting for if you voted for Bill Roberts?

1. I am a retired Vice President of Human Resources for a company that employed 4600 employees.

2. I served four years in the Alabama House of Representatives before moving to Baldwin county. Voting record on my web site. www.billrobertssatesenate.com

3. What do others that I worked with have to say about me?

From a former Business Unit President of CMI International where I was employed. “Bill not only ran the Human Resources for the company (4600 employees), he also filled any need with a whatever it takes attitude. I have rarely seen an individual who truly cared about the best interest of both the employees and the company.”

From a current member of the Alabama legislature with over twenty years of service to the people of Alabama writing, “I do not believe I have served with anyone who I held in higher regard than you. You epitomize public service.”

VOTE for the people of Baldwin county, not the special interest groups.

VOTE FOR BILL ROBERTS ON JUNE 5TH!

SENATE DISTRICT 32

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Bill Roberts to Alabama State Senate
By Melinda Youngblood

You’ve heard it a thousand times, location, location, location! My husband Terry was working downtown at the time and so was my brother who had recently moved to Lake Forest. He encouraged us to move here because it was quick to get to downtown. And there was also the added benefit of getting to see his 16 month old nephew. My parents had also recently moved to Lake Forest and of course they wanted to be near their grandson.

Like most families with young children the ideal home is on a cul-de-sac with a fenced in back yard and Lake Forest has more of them than any neighborhood to choose from. The mature trees were a real attraction in addition to the varied architecture of the homes.

It wasn’t long before the amenities began to play a part in our lives. We have had over 7 watercraft during the over 20 years we have lived here. Using the boat launch, gassing up, and use of the dry dock was very convenient — another location check mark.

Our son Nick took swimming lessons at the Montclair pool perfect for small children with the large shallow end. A couple of years later we were at the Swim and Racket pool for the Lake Forest Swim Team Meets. Yep, location was great!

We started "Youngblood Home Improvements and Handyman Service" over 20 years ago right here in Lake Forest serving the Eastern Shore which is still thriving today. We are fortunate to be centrally located near the majority of our customers.

In 2007 I founded the “Lake Forest Home School Club” a support and activities group for our families. When I passed the administration baton over in 2012, after Nick graduated, our club had 145 families and over 400 children with 70 activities per month in which to participate. August 2011, I co-founded “Gamma Xi” the Baldwin County National Chapter Home School Honor Society. Some of you may recall reading the LFHSC articles I wrote from 2007 – 2013 in the “Lake Forester” and the biannual articles in the “Jubilee Breeze” both of which facilitated exposure to the community and making all this possible. Location priceless!

I still manage the YHI office but I now have time to enjoy my favorite pass time too, Mah jongg, a Chinese skill and luck tile game, which I teach and play on Mondays and Thursdays. Anyone interested in joining me call or text me at 626-8805 for dates times and complimentary lessons. I'm always interested in meeting new neighbors and making new friends.

Why I moved to Lake Forest

I enjoyed reading the story of why this month’s neighbors, Melinda & Terry Youngblood chose to live in Lake Forest. This month’s family is similar to two other families who recently expressed their pleasure in finding the “convenience of location” and being able to live on a cul-de-sac to be a plus in their choice. You will see they found other benefits for their young son, Nick, which probably influenced their thinking living here would be a wise choice.

Choosing the right location at the right time for the right reasons – Living in Lake Forest!
June and summer is finally here and the fishing is great. The water temps are in the upper 70’s and finally beginning to clear up in the bay. We had some pretty good rains in April and May which had put a damper on fishing in the upper Delta. 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.

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 Mirror lure Top Dog or Top Pup will work just as well.

The Flounder should start showing up this month in good numbers, so look around sandy points and pilings around docks along the bay. Fishing with bull minnows on a Carolina rig is the best 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 70 to 80 degree range. By early July the water will start to get warm and slow the trout fishing down for the summer.

Also, when out fishing be aware of the weather conditions this time of year and let someone know your float/trip plan. The winds can get up quick out of the south and can make for a uncomfortable trip back to the dock. A good target time to be back to the dock or Marina is 3:00 in the afternoon because the winds this time of year peak at their highest this time of day.

Till next month, keep a tight line. Billy Harrell Harbor Master

Lake Forest property owner John Immel at the marina with Joe Connor and Ed Clark with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla # 38, performing a vessel inspection on Mr. Immel’s boat.

Billy Harrell
Harbormaster

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Early Summer evenings on Mobile Bay are incredible at the Yacht Club. Come check one out and enjoy a cool drink and a great meal with the family. June is shaping up to be a typical month, you all know what to expect by now. Hot, sticky, and lazy afternoons are the perfect time to come and enjoy a great amenity you have living in Lake Forest.

Wednesday’s Rock n Roll bingo and BOGO half off burger night is sure to bring a smile to your face. You can play inside or on the deck and prizes are awarded for the winners. Thursday’s we have a different buffet to suit anyone’s taste, check your Lake Forester and EBLASTs for the weekly buffet themes. Friday’s karaoke is a fun time and don’t forget the $.50 wings from 5-9pm on Friday’s as well. Happy hour is 4-7pm nightly.

Please watch your step as you enjoy the areas around the Yacht Club. We do have the occasional snake and we would like to make sure everyone is aware to be on the lookout when near the water.

I would also like to invite everyone over and meet our staff. We have Caitlin and Ross behind the bar. Tori, Jenna, Corey, Jeff, Gabby, Adela, and Jeri are the outstanding servers that will get you what you need. Nadine and Curtis are responsible for the fine meals that come from our kitchen. Stop by and meet them if you haven’t yet. They are an incredible bunch of folks that love to see smiling faces.

As always, we look forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting new members. Thanks to all for coming down and letting us serve you.

Noel Riley  
Food & Beverage Director/Assistant General Manager

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Tennis News

AT THE LFRC

Submitted by: Michael Albrecht, USPTA Head Tennis Professional

We had our first ladies morning social with all the new lady players out here and they had a blast. In fact they had so much fun that we have decided to do it once a month. Come on out and join us on a Friday morning at 9 a.m. for some social tennis and mimosa’s. Free to members!!

The hard courts are now resurfaced and playing like brand new courts. Come check them out and bring your racquets!!

We have all the dates and registration forms out for our famous summer tennis and swims camp. Here are some dates and info on the camps. Check out the website for more details.

Dates of Camp for 2018
June 11 – 14
July 9 – 12

June 18 – 21
July 16 – 19
June 25 – 28
July 23 – 26
July 30 – Aug. 2

Info
Ages: 4 ½ and up
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Days: Monday through Thursday
Lunch: provided
Cost: $135/week

Sample Day
9:30 – 11 a.m.: tennis
11 a.m. – noon: lunch
Noon – 1:45 p.m.: Swimming
1:45 – 2 p.m.: pick up

NO REFUND will be given for cancellations made less than 1 week prior to the beginning of camp.

Check out our website for more details at www.lakeforestdaphne.com.

Here is a list of our junior classes every week. There are some good things happening on the courts here at Lake Forest. Contact Mike Albrecht to get your child started in lessons at 251-648-3952.

• Monday and Wednesday: 5 – 6:30 p.m. Junior advanced
• Wednesday: 4:30 – 6 p.m. Junior intermediate
• Tuesday: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Advanced 10 and under

Attention all ladies we have 2 classes a week for you to sharpen your tennis skills. Tuesday’s at 8:30 a.m. is our ladies 3.0 clinic. It runs for an hour and a half and the cost is $15. On Friday’s from 9 – 10:30 a.m. 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 it. Call 251-648-3952 to reserve a time.

Get involved in your racquet club. Come out and use the clay courts!!

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The beautiful white sands of Alabama will be the theme for our next Senior Couples Golf Association play day on Sunday, June 3rd. With Laura Pitre and Ginny Weber in charge with many helpers, it sounds like a real winner. Just think sand, sun glasses, sandals, sunscreen and straw hats to envision a great summer party. Final details will be coming at our May play days. Hope all of our social members will join us for a day to thanks for our wonderful area.

Laura Pitre and Ginny Weber are hosting the Senior Couples Golf tournament and dinner on June 3rd. The theme is ‘Beach and Golf’. Should be fun!!

Senior Couples golfers say goodbye to Collin Farrell, LF golf pro with a cake and gift card. He will be missed, but we wish him the best of luck!
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The program for the April meeting was provided by our own Connie Mahoney. Her program centered on two areas. The first addressed several issues that members had requested clarification of. The second dealt with distribution and best use of excess funds in the clubs account. Recommended but not limited to were The Ronald McDonald House, Salvation Army, The Lighthouse, Exceptional Foundation, Prodisee Pantry (women helping women) and Mary’s Shelter. Donation amounts will be finalized at the May meeting. Hope to see them.

Lake Forest Women’s club discussing Service projects for the new year to begin in September. We encourage like minded women to join us on the third Thursday of each month, at 11 a.m. With catered lunch at Lake Forest yacht club.

Lake Forest Women’s club invite you to join our service club. We have speakers from various organizations as well as from our own Lake Forest POA board.

Lake Forest Women’s Club
Submitted by Kathryn Springman • Photos by Karola Buysse
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- June 11th – Core Aerification for Tee Tops(Tee Boxes)
- July 9th – Second Core Aerification
- July 16th – Possible start date for Second Fairway Aerification
- Sept. 10th – Possible Third Core Aerification
- Oct. 8th – Over-seed Tee Tops, Driving Range and Target Greens

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