

Lake Club COMMUNICATOR



hello November

EDITOR'S NOTE

As we transition from a landscape of bright Fall colours to one that is Wintery white, I have been reflecting on the words of Canadian poet, Rupi Kaur: “.. we are a people who forget what we are made of; a people who talk about the weather as if it's mundane and not magic”. Isn't that so true? The change of seasons really is quite magical; the sky is a vision to behold; mother earth is truly spectacular... and we get to live here! So when you're forced indoors with the extreme cold, trudging around in slippery, icy conditions, putting on layer-upon-layer of clothing, try to remember just how beautiful our northern Winters really are.

We're still keeping our distance, isolating as much as we can; trying to protect ourselves and others. The library is open mornings from 9am to 1pm and some weekday evenings. If you need somewhere to escape to, feel free

to make use of the space during these hours to get some work done, study online, sit and read a book, etc. We do ask that you social distance and wear your mask when visiting the Lake Club and we'll continue to pre-screen and sanitise.

The gym booking system continues to work well and we're happy that with the help of volunteers, we have been able to open up some more time slots. It's been lovely to welcome so many of you back to the Lake Club.

Please keep an eye on the website for important updates, or better yet, sign up to receive news and updates electronically. Also, if you have any suggestions, wish to volunteer or use the Lake Club for an activity, please do reach out to me.

Caroline

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HOA Board

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SIGN UP TO WORK OUT

Online at
www.thelakesatrockyridge.com

- ~ Sign up for the upcoming week is made available every Wednesday around mid-day.
- ~ Only 2 sessions per week per person allowed.
- ~ 45 minute sessions. 2 people per session.
- ~ 24 hour notice required for cancellations.
- ~ Those who do not attend their session ~ 2 times (No Shows) will be 'blacklisted' from signing up for a period of 2 weeks.
- ~ Enhanced cleaning, pre-screening ~ and social distancing rules apply.
- ~ Masks required in common areas.

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

Book Club (Theatre)

First Tuesday of the month at 1pm.

Low Impact Aerobics: Jane Fonda (Theatre)

DVD played 9:30am on Mon, Wed & Fri.

Hatha Yoga (Theatre)

DVD played 10:00am on Tues & Thurs.

Movies (Theatre)

Saturdays at 7pm. Bring your own popcorn or movie-watching treats and enjoy a big-screen experience in a safe environment.



HOA BOARD REPORT

After significant delay due to Covid-19 restrictions, we finally held our Annual General Meeting last month with 25 members attending in person, 20 by proxy and 10 via video conferencing. Meeting minutes will be available on the website in December for those who could not attend.

At the AGM the HOA Board was re-elected for 2020/21 and includes two new names: Haley Rutherford, Statesman Representative and Winnie Silvester, Member at Large. Amber Brown returns as President, Donna MacKenzie as Treasurer and Rod Corbett as Vice President.

An important motion was carried to direct the Board to pursue negotiation with the City to take over maintenance of the median on Rocky Vista Dr. More details about this initiative can be found on page 4, and we'll keep you updated on progress in future issues of the newsletter.

We thank all that participated in the AGM and those willing to serve on the Board for another year.

In the Lake Club, the re-opening of the gym, theatre and library continue to run smoothly with more time slots opened up for the gym as a result of Board members and other residents volunteering additional hours. Thank you to all residents for respecting the protocols and helping to keep the facilities safe and to those who have volunteered their time so that we can extend the gym opening hours.

Check out the HOA website and newsletter for details of the activities and movies scheduled for November. You can also sign up online to have the newsletter and other important communication e-mailed to you every month.

We appreciate your patience and support as we have been going through this re-opening process. If you have any concerns, suggestions or comments regarding the HOA, please send them to lakesatrrhoa@gmail.com, leave a message at the Lake Club Office or phone 587-349-1338.

Your HOA Board of Directors

November Library Hours

9:30am to 1:00pm Monday to Thursday
7pm to 9pm Monday & Thursday Evenings
7pm to 10pm Wednesday Evening

For return and selection of books, puzzles and DVDs.
 Returns are quarantined for 72 hrs before return to shelves and high-touch areas are sanitized frequently.

Meet the 2020/21 HOA BOARD

The five members of the HOA Board are elected annually at the HOA Annual General Meeting in May. This year, due to the pandemic, the AGM was postponed and the new Board was elected at the meeting in October. While four of the HOA Board Members are elected from HOA members at large (you must be a home owner to vote) the fifth Board Member is designated by Statesman, the company who developed the Lakes at Rocky Ridge community and wrote up the original HOA bylaws. Questions regarding how the community is organised and how the HOA operates for home owners can be directed to the HOA Board at lakesatrrhoa@gmail.com.





TRANSFORMING THE MEDIAN



For the past year and a half, Board member, Donna MacKenzie has kept a diary documenting the Board's efforts to attain care for our median from the City. We thought that this record would be of interest to residents as it details the many steps taken by the Board and the resultant vote by residents at the AGM for the community to assume care of the median. The median is the center island on Rocky Vista Dr (located West of Rocky Ridge Rd) between the Georgetown and Brownstone communities.

May 2019

Attended the AGM. We heard concerns about the dead pines along the median. We were advised to ask for removal of these pines through the City's 311 service.

June 2019

The median was assessed by the City's Urban Forestry Dept. I received a call from them and was told they are recommending that the median be "clear cut" as most of the vegetation is unhealthy and that we can apply for replanting through the City's Replanting Dept. We, the Board, decided to have just the dead pines removed at this time.

June 2019

I called the Replanting Dept. and was told that the earliest we can have replanting is the summer of 2021. I scheduled the replanting for 2021.

July 2019

Gosh! This is still 2019 and 2021 is such a long time to wait for replanting. I wondered if the HOA might be able to do this ourselves. I know this is City property so I phoned City Hall to inquire. After several phone calls, I contacted the supervisor of the Parks NW division who told me this may be possible provided the HOA signs an agreement with the City to provide care on an ongoing basis. We, the Board, decided to have a vote with our members before taking this step. We will have this vote at the next AGM in May 2020.

July 2019

After I found out that the HOA may be able to look after the median; we, the Board, wondered if the HOA could afford to assume the responsibility of the median, so we had one quote – just to get an idea of the cost. I met with the

landscaper and stressed that our median has no watering capabilities and I wanted a quote that had drought resistant shrubs and rockery. The quote was for \$25,000 and included excavating the median, several limestone boulders of varying sizes, a variety of hardy shrubs and the service of a water truck for two weeks daily until roots take.

January 2020

One of our \$50,000 GIC's matured. We, the Board, want to be prepared financially in the event that our members vote to proceed with the care of the median. So we put \$25,000 in a high interest savings account and the remainder, reinvested in a GIC. If members do not want to assume the care of the median, the \$25,000 will be reinvested in a GIC.

May 2020

AGM cancelled due to the Pandemic. We are unable to have a vote on the median.

August 2020

I phoned the City's Replanting Dept. to ask if our replanting could be moved ahead as we were having more trees die and the median has become a thistle patch. I discovered that our median had been assessed and is classified as a "utilities corridor" and therefore they cannot plant trees on the median. Since the Replanting Dept. plants only trees, they had removed our median from their replanting list.

I realize that we are back at square one. We, the Board, will wait until we can have an AGM to receive guidance on how to proceed with the care of the median.

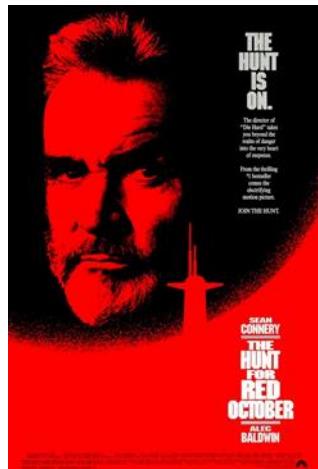
October 2020

Attended the AGM. Members were informed that the HOA and DMS are currently having discussions with the City's Parks Dept. and it does seem possible that the HOA will be able to assume the responsibility for care of the median. There was discussion with members and questions answered. A motion was put forward: "For the Lakes at Rocky Ridge HOA to assume responsibility of the median located on Rocky Vista Dr directly west of the intersection with Rocky Ridge Rd". Members voted to accept this motion. The HOA will now pursue an agreement with the City.



NOVEMBER MOVIES

(All movies begin at 7pm)



November 7, 2020

Hunt for Red October

Starring: Sean Connery, Alec Baldwin, Sam Niell
Director: John McTiernan
Distributor: Paramount **
Rated: PG
Time: 137 min.

Based on the popular Tom Clancy novel, this suspenseful movie tracks Soviet submarine captain Marko Ramius (Sean Connery) as he abandons his orders and heads for the east coast of the United States. Equipped with innovative stealth technology, Ramius' submarine, "Red October," is virtually invisible. However, when an American sub briefly detects the Russians' presence, CIA agent Jack Ryan (Alec Baldwin) sets out to determine Ramius' motives, fearing he may launch an attack on the U.S.

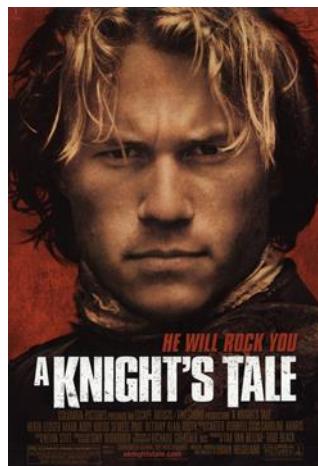


November 21, 2020

Sherlock Holmes (2009)

Starring: Robert Downey Jr., Jude Law, Mark Strong
Director: Guy Ritchie
Distributor: Warner Bros. **
Rated: PG-13 (Intense Sequences of Action / A Scene of Suggestive Material / Intense Sequences of Violence/Startling Images)
Time: 128 min.

When a string of brutal murders terrorizes London, it doesn't take long for legendary detective Sherlock Holmes (Robert Downey Jr.) and his crime-solving partner, Dr. Watson (Jude Law), to find the killer, Lord Blackwood (Mark Strong). A devotee of the dark arts, Blackwood has a bigger scheme in mind, and his execution plays right into his plans. The game is afoot when Blackwood seems to rise from the grave, plunging Holmes and Watson into the world of the occult and strange technologies.



November 14, 2020

A Knight's Tale

Starring: Heath Ledger, Paul Bettany, Rufus Sewell
Director: Brian Helgeland
Distributor: Columbia *
Rated: PG-13 (Sex-Related Dialogue / Action / Violence / Some Nudity)
Time: 132 min.

Peasant-born William Thatcher (Heath Ledger) begins a quest to change his stars, win the heart of an exceedingly fair maiden (Shannyn Sossamon) and rock his medieval world. With the help of friends (Mark Addy, Paul Bettany, Alan Tudyk), he faces the ultimate test of medieval gallantry -- tournament jousting -- and tries to discover if he has the mettle to become a legend.



November 28, 2020

Bandits

Starring: Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton, Cate Blanchett
Director: Barry Levinson
Distributor: MGM Studios *
Rated: PG-13 (Some Sexual Content / Language / Violence)
Time: 122 min.

Joe (Bruce Willis) and Terry (Billy Bob Thornton) have escaped from prison. Cutting a swath from Oregon through California, these fugitives rob banks in order to finance their scheme for a new -- and somewhat legitimate -- life south of the border. Unfortunately, things get more complicated when they meet Kate Wheeler (Cate Blanchett), who runs into Terry with her car. Kate joins the bandits on their cross-country spree, and eventually she steals something, too: their hearts.

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View the new show suites, learn about our resident-centred protocols and approach and discover what sets us apart as the community with heart!



The Manor Village is located within The Lakes at Rocky Ridge at 450 Rocky Vista Gardens NW.