

## President's Report

## April 1, 2025

Time flies and Spring is here as we are officially going into our second quarter! A lot has been changing so I have some updates. As you may have seen from the newsletter as well as Facebook and Townsq, the Board has decided on its Operations Manager. I'm honored to be chosen, and I will do my absolute best to help make this neighborhood run optimally. Thank you to my fellow board members for choosing me and I won't let you down. An official notice to homeowners is on its way via mail. Because I am a board member, before I can take my position as OM, the neighborhood can contest the contract by signing a petition with 20% of the membership within 20 days of receiving the notice. If this is done successfully, it moves to an election where 51% of the neighborhood is needed to disapprove the selection. If a petition is unsuccessful, then I may on the 21st day step down from the Board and resume my position as Operations Manager.

This will mean there will be a vacancy to be filled on the board. I implore you, if you have interest in joining to please email <a href="info@lakewoodprairiehoa.com">info@lakewoodprairiehoa.com</a> with a little bit about yourself and why you think you would make a good candidate. Our next board meeting is May 20th, which is when the seat will officially be filled. In that same meeting the Board members will decide on what positions they would like. Please consider joining the team, we'd love to have you!

We have two events coming up, one is our Easter egg hunt and pictures with Mr. Bunny which is on April 6 from 12-3pm. The egg hunt will be first, followed by timed slots for pictures. Tomorrow is the last day to get tickets so be sure to sign up. There will be a craft, prizes, as well as a special door prize to be won that was donated by my son Jacob. He's such a sweet boy. The second event is a Line Dancing instruction with fellow neighbor Tonya Bew on April 8 at 7pm. Tonya is a line dancing instructor whom many of you may know from her classes at Wesmere. She has graciously agreed to a free instruction at our clubhouse. This will be a BYOB adult event. Please wear comfortable clothes and shoes so that we may boogie the evening away. Tips to Tonya are welcome and appreciated. Hopefully we can make this a regular occurrence and Tonya can be our resident dance fitness instructor!

Another event on the horizon will be a neighborhood summer bash at the clubhouse July 19. This will not only be for family fun but will help support our voting initiative for the Amendments we so desperately need for our Bylaws and Declaration. The Amendments Commission has been meeting twice a month and has completed the Bylaws and are up to Article 5 of the Declaration. The plan is to have the ballot ready to vote by the end of Spring beginning of Summer. We plan on having the ballot be live for an extended period so that we can garner as many votes as possible to reach that 67% of homeowners voting "yes" to the changes. To help fund this huge bash, I have informed the other Board members that I will forgo the \$750 year end bonus that was budgeted for the Operations Manager and instead add it to the Events budget to make this an epic party. If you would like to help with this event or be part of our voting team that will be coming up with ways to get engagement for the ballot, please email the Board at the info@ address.

I'd like to welcome our new Pool company Chicagoland Pool Management. Kurtis Bailey the President and GM pulled through with a contract on short notice. He worked with the Board on extending the pool hours as well as accommodating our wishes to be lifeguard free with an attendant instead. He is also coming in and finishing our skimmer job and we trust he will do stellar work. Please see the flyer posted on our socials and newsletter for job opportunities through them to be an attendant. Thank you to Kurtis and CPM, we can't wait to work with you!

A big thank you to neighbor and fireman Bryan Gallup for offering free hands only CPR classes. He has two classes coming up on April 4<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the clubhouse. If you'd like to sign up, please email him at **smokeater322@hotmail.com** This is a great opportunity to learn life saving skills not just for the pool season, but for every day. I had the pleasure of going to his first class and it was very informative. This is not an official certification class, but it can still help you save lives.

Lastly, the Board decided on Brightside Painting to paint the entire interior of the clubhouse! This is scheduled for May 5-9<sup>th</sup>. We are also looking into new furniture options and décor to give the clubhouse a nice facelift. We can't wait to show it off during the opening of the pool season.

This may be my last President's Report but I won't be far. It has been a privilege and honor to serve the community. Now I'll get a chance to serve it from the clubhouse. Come over and see me sometime!

Warm Regards,

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