



THE VIEW



FROM VANDERBILT LAKES
'WHERE THE SUMMER NEVER ENDS'

June, 2014

**The VLCA (COMMONS)
Board is pleased to report:**



**SECURITY GATE
REMINDERS:**

THE GATE SYSTEM:

The gate system is the responsibility of the COMMONS board (VLCA). Brigitte Vangunten chairs the Security/Gates sub-committee. You can contact Brigitte by email at trustee22@aol.com or phone at 239-947-2629

Joe Herbold also serves on the Security/Gate sub-committee as a non-voting member. He assists with the Smartpass system as well as the Doorking Gate system computers and the Camera DVRs. Joe's email address is pvms@comcast.net. Phone is 239-495-0353.

The MAJORITY of front gate incidents occur from the GUEST/VENDOR Left Lane. Please note that according to the Sheriff's Office the Unit OWNER is ultimately responsible for his GUESTS, RENTERS, or VENDORS. So it is important that you review the DO's and DON'Ts of entrance through the gate system with your GUESTS, RENTERS or VENDORS, or make a copy of this edition of THE VIEW and give to them, highlighting the Gate entrance rules.

If you have a vendor coming to your home for repairs, service or delivery, **PLEASE be sure that you give the vendor your ENTRY CODE**, and be sure that he/she knows that you enter POUND (#) first, and then enter the 4-digit. [Example: #1234]. Also, vendors cannot enter any earlier than 7:30am Mon thru Sat with NO entrance or work done on Sundays. **ALSO, VENDORS and other COMMERCIAL Vehicles may NOT EXIT out the Back Gate.**

Some have been violating this rule regularly. The Lanes are too small, and the landscape trucks etc. could barely exit without

damaging the gates (and some have damaged the gates). Vendors and commercial vehicles **MUST EXIT OUT THE FRONT GATES** onto Vanderbilt Drive where there is plenty of Exit Space (2 lanes). Also, please let any delivery trucks know that they cannot enter at the Meadowlark Back Gates, even if their GPS takes them there. There is no call box and they **CANNOT** tailgate or damage will occur. **FRONT GATE ACCESS ONLY.**

THE "BOTH GATES" CODE will be CHANGED in the DOORKING SYSTEM on the FIRST Day of each Month. Please don't assume that LAST month's CODE will still open both gates. (It Won't!!) If you will be having a LARGE delivery truck arriving, please call Joe Herbold or Brigitte Vangunten or Pam Miller to get the latest "**BOTH GATES**" entry code, so the truck can enter driving down the center.

Also, if you see a large delivery truck (UPS, FEDEX, ADVANCED WASTE DISPOSAL, 18 WHEELERS) entering codes, and ready to drive in **PLEASE WAIT** and **do Not pass that vehicle** as it is opening **BOTH GATES**. And it **NEEDS both gates**. **IF YOU PASS THIS VEHICLE using your Smartpass**, you will end up **CLOSING** the resident gate and pole after your car goes through. Please be patient, and let the large trucks enter before you proceed. Those large trucks need **BOTH GATES to remain open**, and they then drive up the **MIDDLE**. (We have occasionally had a resident PASS THESE large vehicles, forcing the RESIDENT GATE TO CLOSE resulting in damage. Please wait until those LARGE TRUCKS enter. **DO NOT PASS THEM.**

If you have a new "239" local phone number, call or email Joe, and he will enter that data into the Doorking Gate System. Joe's email is pvms@comcast.net.

If you do NOT want your name listed in the guest Call Box Directory, call or email Joe, and that info will be "hidden" (you will still have your entry code, but your name would be "hidden".) And if for some reason, you need to have your entry code changed, call Joe.

Please do not Tailgate, even in the Smartpass lane. Come to a complete stop and cars enter one at a time. Please be sure your guests also understand that they **must WAIT at the Call Box until the car ahead of them enters the gate and the POLE starts closing BEFORE entering their entry code.**

After ONE car enters the Guest gates and drives over a SENSOR that is buried inside the asphalt the POLE will drop down. IF there is a tailgater following that car, the pole will come down on top of the 2nd car. **PLEASE DO NOT TAILGATE and WAIT the extra 10 seconds or so for the POLE to begin to close BEFORE you enter your entry code.** The Guest/Renter Delivery **MUST WAIT** until the pole starts to close (This means the system has been RESET and is ready to accept a new number. IF ENTERED before the RESET, the system would not even know you have entered a number. **WAIT UNTIL the gate starts to close , and then you can enter the entry number.** Ten Security cameras record all entry and exit at the front gate and at the back gate, and any damage is billed by the COMMONS Board

And for BOTH Guest Lane (Left) and Resident Lane (Right) please do **NOT CROSS THE CENTER WHITE LINE.** (Very Important) In each lane is a SENSOR buried in the pavement. When a vehicle travels OVER that sensor, it signals the Gate Operator to CLOSE. If you cross the white line, you or your guests will be closing the WRONG GATES. Please change lanes, if needed AFTER the center white land ends. We have witnessed many a close call when Guests, Renters, Vendors, or Residents CROSS over that line.

SMARTPASS:

If you are trading in your auto for a new one, please try to remove the Smartpass and fill out the transfer form (found on the website www.vanderbillakes.net) and give the form to Joe Herbold or Brigitte Vangunten. (There is **no transfer fee if using the same smartpass.**) We only need to edit the data in the computer) If you lose the Smartpass, you will need to reapply with the owner fee being \$30. (Annual Renters(with Owners written permission), Owners' children, non-owners, will pay \$45 (only with the owner's permission). (Other forms are on the VLCA/ COMMONS Website www.vanderbillakes.net) The SMARTPASS cannot be issued for seasonal rentals, and the SMARTPASS will be installed to the windshield by Brigitte, Joe or Pam after viewing the registration.

PLEASE DO NOT USE the Plastic Pouch that was given out years ago. **That was a MISTAKE.** The SMARTPASS must make contact to the GLASS windshield which acts as an antenna. Too often we see cars going back-and-forth, trying to get the TRANSPONDER to read the Smartpass. **That Plastic Pouch is the PROBLEM.** Take it OUT and stick the Smartpass to the GLASS and problem is solved!!

For **ENTRY CODE** (New or to change); **CALL BOX DIRECTORY** (Local Phone, New or Changed;) **ADD or DELETE Name in the CALL BOX DIRECTORY;** **ADD or CHANGE Email Address:** (Call Joe Herbold)

For **LARGE TRUCK DELIVERY "BOTH GATES OPEN CODE"** (BOTH GATE code is Changed on the 1st Day of Each Month.) (Call Brigitte, Joe. or Pam.)

AND on another COMMONS issue, a special "Thank You" to Drew Roberto and Todd Hendrickson for all their help with installing the new landscape lights in the front entrance. An additional 15 lights were added. Thanks Todd and Drew!!

REPORT FROM THE LAKE COORDINATOR:

(Hank Fox)

Swimming in the lakes is prohibited. Many fish and animals make their homes there, and the presence of an alligator is always a possibility in Florida. Both lakes also contain mechanical equipment for the fountains and the electrical lines that power them. We also treat the water with a combination of chemicals in order to control the algae, which can cause an adverse reaction in humans. But the main reason is that life-threatening freshwater parasites and microbes can be present, especially during the summer when the water is warmer and the water levels lower. Last year a La Belle boy died after exposure to one of these amoebas, Naegleria fowleri. It takes only a drop of water to kill. Please exercise caution while boating and warn your children to do the same while boating or playing near the lakes.

In a related matter, our lakes are "catch and release." Please do not eat any fish you catch while fishing in our lakes.

CONTACTS:

For a **SMARTPASS:**

(Applications are on the VLCA/ COMMONS Website)

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The VCSA Board is pleased to report:

The VCSA Board has had a busy and productive time since our last newsletter in June 2013.

Last summer all single-family mailboxes and lamp posts were replaced, and the entryway/guardhouse redesign was completed. Stop signs were replaced and all street signs were lowered to improve night time visibility.

At our first meeting of the season our board attorney, Rob Samouce, gave a presentation about the document revisions that a special committee worked on for close to two years. They were passed at a very well-attended special meeting held in January, by a margin of 310 to 31. The most significant changes that result from revising the documents are that the weekly rentals of single-family homes are no longer permitted; that the time a boat or RV can be kept in a driveway has increased to 48 hours, and commercial vehicles have been defined and guidelines written limiting their presence in driveways. We also passed a motion restricting vendor hours to 7:30-5:30, Monday to Saturday in order to conform to the Commons Board and VLII work hours.

At our annual meeting in February President Gary McKinney and Secretary Pam Miller were elected to another two-year term. At the March meeting, Vice-President Betty Lou Myers resigned in order to move to North Carolina and John Gass, a VCSA ARB member, was appointed to take her place. At the same time Peter Gunn became Vice-President and at the April meeting Eric Johnson was appointed to the ARB to replace John.

Our lake permit has been issued, with the VCSA and VLII named as joint permit holders.

The single-family community directory was updated and distributed last November.

We had a successful Spring Fling, Fall Festival, Christmas Concert and a good turn-out for holiday decorating.

We are considering the addition of trees on every street next season in order to enhance our community landscaping.

For those of you who don't have email, these reminders went out recently:

1) According to Lee County guidelines, if your house number ends in an odd number – 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9 – you can water on Wednesday and Saturday from 12:01 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. or from 5:00 p.m. to midnight. No watering is allowed between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. If your house number ends in an even number – 2, 4, 6, 8 or 0 – you can water on Thursday and Sunday from 12:01 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. or from 5:00 p.m. to midnight. No watering is allowed between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. No watering is ever allowed on Monday, Tuesday or Friday. Newly planted sod or landscaping is exempt from these regulations and watering is allowed until the plants are established or for 60 days.

2) All recycling is picked up on Wednesday and can be put out Tuesday night after 4:00 p.m. Glass, paper and plastic can be mixed together in the blue can. Yard waste should be put in a separate can or bundled and will be picked up by a different truck. Yard waste must be removed by landscapers unless it is left after 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday or on Wednesday morning before the recycling truck picks it up. Please let your landscapers know about this rule to avoid having yard waste on front lawns for as long as seven days.

Regular trash is picked up on Thursday and can be put out after 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday night.

3) Homeowners whose assessments haven't been paid will have their SmartPasses deactivated. If this occurs, you will receive a letter from us letting you know. It will be reactivated after your overdue assessment is paid.

The Vanderbilt Lakes email list and webpage are great ways to keep up with community news. Meeting notices and minutes, social event announcements and photos and other important information is sent out by Joe Herbold, our

Webmaster. If you're not yet on the list, please contact him at webmaster@vanderbiltlakes.net to add your name, or visit us at www.vanderbiltlakes.net.

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**The VLII Board
is pleased to report:**

Hello Vanderbilt Lakes II Residents!

Another winter has gone by and we have had new residents move in and old friends move out. It has been a busy year for the board we have one new board member Pam Ziegler who is our treasurer. We also have a new Commons Representative - Lisa Weegar.

We have had several rentals/ sales in our community, just a reminder that if you are renting or selling your home we have a Rental/Sales application that must be

completed. To get a form you can contact Ashley at Resort Management at 1-239-461-8700 or go on line at www.vanderbiltlakes.net . A fee of \$100.00 is charged to the renter or new owner. This form allows us to know that the person we see going in and out of your home is supposed to be there. Please make sure you complete this form for a rental or at the time of a sale, your realtor will know to have it completed. This is common practice in the gated communities, and will not affect your rental or sale.

With the help of the community of Vanderbilt Lakes II we would like to get the Resale Capital Contribution Amendment passed. This amendment allows the community to receive a fee from the buyer for the sale of a home this fee brings additional income into Vanderbilt Lakes II HOA. Please watch for more information on the Resale Capital Contribution Amendment in the near future.

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