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LakeRidge Social
Committee Mission

Statement

The LakeRidge Social Committee is comprised of a group of LakeRidge residents whose goal is to promote and plan neighborhood social functions thus developing good relationships and increasing the friendliness, safety and well-being of our community. Membership on the committee is voluntary.

Upcoming LakeRidge
Events:

Preston Village Yard
Sale

Saturday, March 29

Carolina Mardi Gras

Saturday, April 5,
5:00PM

In the Street
Great Lake Drive

Dining Group

Bonefish Grill
2060 Renaissance Park
April 15, 7PM

Summer Kick-Off

Pot Luck

May 31
PV Picnic Shelter

**Let me listen
to me
and not to
them.**

Gertrude Stein

Created by the LakeRidge Social Committee



LakeRidge Ledger

Dining Group for April

Last month's dinner at **Vines Restaurant** was a rollicking success. The whole gang let loose with show tunes and entertained the staff and patrons alike. Should they have paid us??

The April group will be going to Bonefish Grill located in Renaissance Park in Cary. The date we've chosen is **tax day, April 15** at 7:00PM. If you are one of those people who waits till the last minute to mail your

taxes, come by and fortify yourself before you stand in line at the Post Office.

The menu is varied and includes wood-grilled fish, steaks and chops as well as specialties like Pistachio Crusted Rainbow Trout and Mahi Mahi or Tenderloin Portabella Piccata. Their appetizers can serve as a small meal, as well. Try the Bang Bang Shrimp.

So bring your appetite, a friend and your taxes and join us in April. The more the merrier.

Need Help Getting to Mardi Gras?

We realize it might be tough for some of you to get yourselves, your chairs and appetizers to the Mardi Gras. So we have several volunteers who will be happy to bring you and your

belongings over to Great Lake Dr. They are: Dodi & Don Jennings, Barb & Steve Ferrell and Greg & Debbie Salley. Their numbers are in the directory. Please give one of them a call. They are waiting to help you.

Mardi Gras is Coming

April 5th is coming soon!! That means the LakeRidge Mardi Gras is almost here and you don't want to miss it!! **It kicks off at 5PM** and there will be fabulous Creole food, music and fun. It will be held **Rain or Shine!!** We even have that covered too. No pun intended—okay, yes it was!

We want everyone to attend, so it will be held in the street at the Lake end of Great Lake Dr. We know that some people have a tough time negotiating the rough terrain when we hold it on the grass and hope this will allow more of you to join in the fun. If you need help getting there with your chairs, appetizers, etc see the article above for some help.

As always we will have beer on tap and will also be serving main dishes and desserts inspired by the Creole influence of the real Mardi Gras such as Jambalaya, Muffaletta sandwich, Kickin' Pork Ribs, Vegetarian Creole Rice, corn bread, salads and LakeRidge's version of the traditional King Cake.

Put on your best Mardi Gras costume (or not) and join in the fun. There will be Bocce to play and boat rides on the lake with the Captains Bob—great for the kids, or the kid in all of us!! We'll have New Orleans jazz to get you in the mood and a few surprises as well.

Oh, and we know that is also when March Madness games are being played. But we have even taken care of that. We'll have a TV set up so you can watch the game and still enjoy all the food and fun.

We ask that you bring a chair, a drink of your choosing (if you don't drink beer), an appetizer to share and \$5 for adults, \$2 for children under 12 to help defray our costs.

Oh, and don't forget to bring a couple of extra dollars for our famous 50/50 raffle. There will also be a drawing for free goodies too.

Please spread the word and bring your family and friends.... The more the merrier!! Hope to see you there!! **Come by at 2PM to help us setup if you are available.**

Been to the Lakefront Recently?

If you haven't walked the lakefront path recently, you should make a point to get down there. The weather is just right now for a stroll along the lake and the LakeRidge Property Enhancement Committee has been hard at work. They have placed benches along the path so can you take the time to sit and enjoy the lovely view, watch the birds, read a book etc.

As we have mentioned in the past, our lakefront is a strong selling feature for our properties and these types of additions and updates help to increase that value. But rather than thinking about the day we will sell and reap the rewards, why not wander down there and soak up the beauty we have around us. You might even run into a neighbor you haven't seen in awhile. Get out and enjoy!!

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LakeRidge Property Tidbits

There are 4 floor plans available in LakeRidge . They range from 1500 to 2400 sq ft. The plans are known as: The Gaston, Tillery, Jordan and Norman (smallest to largest). Data taken from the 2007 MLS listings shows that the average sales price in our neighborhood was \$248,888, with a range from the low

\$220,000's to the low \$300,000's. The average price/sq. ft. was \$126 and the average days on the market was 54. This is the best part - the most frequently mentioned features were **open floor plans, rear privacy** and our **walking path along the lake.** What a great place to live!!

Summer Kick-Off Pot Luck

Your Social Committee is working on a Summer Kick-Off Pot Luck dinner for 5/31 from 5-8PM. We will be holding it at the Picnic Shelter on Preston Village Way. We haven't gotten all the details ironed out yet, but there are 3 grills available for us to cook up some hamburgers and hot dogs.

We will be working on the remainder of the particulars and post them in next month's newsletter. But we wanted you to make sure to put the date on your calendars and start thinking about what you might bring as a pot luck dish to share. And rest assured we'll come up with some fun ideas.

Tables for Rent

The **Preston Village Yard Sale** is coming up on March 29. Do you have enough tables to display all of your treasures? The Social Committee has several lightweight but sturdy tables that we use during our parties. They are available to rent for a fee of \$5 per table. We

currently have (7) six foot tables and (3) eight footers. Contact anyone on the committee to arrange for their use. The only time they would not be available is during a Lake-Ridge social event.

Ready to Conserve More Water?

Did you know that the Town of Cary will give you efficient showerheads or faucet aerators for the bathroom or kitchen for **FREE?** That's right. Just go to their Operations Center at 400 James Jackson Avenue

(off Cary Parkway) and pick them up. They will also give you a water flow bag to test the efficiency of your showerheads and faucets. For that call 469-4090. We may be easing out of the drought now but there's no telling what's ahead. Let's be prepared!



There is always a lot to be thankful for. For example, I'm sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt.