

**LAKELAND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION  
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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** Spring has arrived in all of its splendor with flowers blooming, grass beginning to grow and trees and shrubs exhibiting new foliage. Our yard maintenance now becomes more of a priority for most of us.

Please be thoughtful regarding the placement of yard debris at curbside. Our association requires that we have a scheduled/confirmed pickup date from Baldwin County Solid Waste before we place debris at curbside. We should not place any debris at curbside more than three days before pickup date. You may schedule a pickup date by calling 251-972-6878.

Please strive to maintain your property in keeping with the LHOA requirements. Grass should be mowed regularly, plants and shrubs maintained and please edge your lot at curbside. Grass should not be allowed to grow over sidewalks and curbs. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Our **Annual PICNIC** is scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup> at the clubhouse. Food and beverages will be provided. You may bring your favorite food for your family or to share with others. The swimming pool will be open. Plan to attend. Our event will begin at 11:00 am and conclude at 2:00 pm.

**Air guns** are not allowed to be fired in our subdivision. They are deemed a nuisance with potential for causing harm to individuals and damaging property. Please comply with our LHOA covenants in this matter and all other matters.

**Lake Raynagua preservation** should be a priority for each property owner. We previously commented on our lake dam erosion problem. Recently our attorney and representatives from each of the four subdivisions which have deeded access to Lake Raynagua met to discuss the erosion issue. The group voted to proceed with an evaluation of the lake dam erosion by a local professional engineering testing firm. The cost of this service will be shared equally by each subdivision. We will update you with their report and recommendations.

Our **Swimming pool** will open May 1<sup>st</sup>. Times are 8:00am to 9:00pm. Our season ends the day after Labor Day in September. If you have not been issued a key to the gate and need one please contact us through our web site [www.lakeland55hoa.com](http://www.lakeland55hoa.com) or call 251-964-2146 and leave us a message.

**HELP NEEDED:** There are times when we could use some volunteers to assist with additional cleaning of our clubhouse such as with blinds, windows and floors. If you have time and can volunteer please CALL US at 964-2146 OR CONTACT US THROUGH THE WEB SITE [WWW.LAKELAND55HOA.COM](http://WWW.LAKELAND55HOA.COM). Your assistance will be appreciated.

### THE GARDEN NOTEBOOK

By: Diane Alaman, Master Gardener

My fellow Master Gardener, friend and neighbor, Catherine Tiblier, introduced me to a form of fertilizer that I had never heard of before. It is ecological and socially responsible. A liquid plant food, natural, all organic and made from waste. Too good to be true? This discovery started as a project for Catherine's Master Gardener Project. She did some research, ordered some worms, built a habitat for them and watched her experiment grow. The worms survived torrential rains and lots of liquid fertilizer was produced from their waste. Covered in a blanket of newspapers and lodged in plastic boxes on the patio the worms thrived. Viewing Catherine's garden this week, I am convinced that this is a great way to grow healthy, beautiful plants.

After some research, (you can find anything on the Internet) I discovered that in 2001 two Princeton University students, Tom Szaky and Jon Beyer, came up with the liquid fertilizer idea.

They fed rubbish to worms and sold the result in used pop bottles. They have since started Terracycle Plant Food Company.

The worm fertilizer is the core of their success as they branch out into new organic gardening ideas.

Gardening is so much fun as there is always something new to learn and the friendships made with other gardeners is very special.

A word of caution: After last year's peach production, peach tree limbs, heavy with fruit must be thinned or supported. If you fail to do so the limb may snap and your vision of peach jam will just be a fading dream. Experience can be a cruel teacher. I have faith that this year will produce another good yield.