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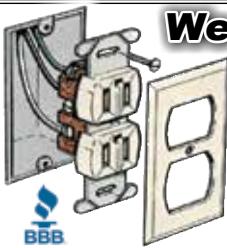
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To: LSR Shareholders

From: Steve Schaefer, President Lasereno, Inc

Subject: December Monthly Report

Pool: Debris in the pool has caused the health department to close the pool. The debris is from the drains. An engineering survey was completed, and one quote has been received to repair the pool. Two more quotes are due in the next couple weeks. The board is looking to release a contract for the pool repair as soon as possible. While the pool is closed, the spa will remain open.

Trees: The county initially did not locate all thirteen shade trees installed by the park during their inspection. The board believes that the county has now rectified their report, and all permits held up are now issued.

Phone Books: Updated phone books are available in the office.

Lift Station Generator: The permit for the lift station generator has still not been approved. A new requirement for a topological survey is now being requested by the county. This survey has been contracted for by the board.

Well System: The well system has caused problems for several years. One of the issues is the well not taking a “prime”. One of the issues is the location of the pump to the well head. The pump is too far from the well head to hold a reliable prime. An outside contractor has been contracted to relocate the pump and repair the plumbing, so the system is more reliable.

Hall Men's Room: The men's room in the hall has experienced some plumbing problems. An outside plumber has been called in to make some minor repairs.

Insurance: The board is working on securing insurance coverage for the Co-Op for 2026.

Fishing Dock: Repairs to the fishing dock are necessary and will be made in the new year.

Hall and Office Painting: The exterior of the hall and office buildings are scheduled to be painted in the new year. The paint will be the same color as the existing exterior.

Men's Room: The poolside men's room will be renovated in the new year. Quotes have been received, and a contractor will be selected right after the new year.

Front Entrance: A town hall is scheduled in January to discuss the front entrance. Once the town hall has been held, the board will select the option for modification to the entrance.

Pool Lights: A pool light committee has been formed and will officially be initiated in January 2026. The committee will be tasked with coming up with options for installing lights in and around the pool to allow nighttime swimming. A shareholder vote will be taken once the committee has made its recommendations. **Board Meeting:** A board meeting was held on 15 December 2025 to authorize emergency funds from the reserves to repair the pool drains and pool room. \$150,000 was authorized to repair the pool.

Financial: The financial reports for December will be posted in the hall. The expense statement for December will be available on the LSR website.

2026 AGM: The 2026 Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for 25 March 2026. Shareholders will be receiving the first mailing in January. There are three board seats up for election.

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Financial Presentation: A financial presentation for shareholders is scheduled for 19 January 2026 in the hall after coffee. The preliminary financial results for 2025 will be presented as well as the preliminary budget for 2026. All shareholders are encouraged to attend.

Regards,
Steve Schaefer
President, Lasereno, Inc.



CHRISTMAS EVE LASAGNA DINNER IN THE HALL

We had a great turnout for the lasagna dinner in the hall on Christmas Eve. Even Santa Claus made an appearance. Thanks to the LSR Social committee for organizing this event and to the many volunteers who set up the hall, prepared the wonderful lasagna, salad, bread, and of course, the fabulous dessert table.

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First Friday Seminole Presents:

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NFL CHAMPIONSHIP PARTY IN THE LSR HALL

The 2026 NFL Championship is happening on February 8th with kickoff at 6:30 PM. Details of the Super Bowl party have not been firmed up as of the deadline for this newsletter, so watch for more information to be posted on the Facebook page or announced at Monday Coffee. As always, this will be a BYOB event.



FISH SPECIES IN LAKE SEMINOLE



We all enjoy seeing the many birds, turtles, and gators that we can see in our beautiful lake. But have you ever wondered what fish also call our lake home? Lake Seminole is home to a diverse range of fish species, making it an excellent destination for anglers. Here are some fish you can expect to catch here.

Largemouth Bass: Known for their size and fight, largemouth bass are a favorite among anglers. They are most active late afternoon and early morning. Topwater lures are recommended due to the thick vegetation in the lake.

Panfish: Bluegill, Bream, and Crappie are also abundant and can be caught with lures or worms.

Catfish: Flathead and Channel catfish are popular among anglers and can be caught all year round. They are often found using cut bait, worms, or chicken liver.

Pickerel: Chain Pickerel are found in the lake and can be caught using floating stick lures, or 6" soft artificials.

Exotics: Mayan Cichlids and Blue Tilapia are also found in the lake. Cichlids and Tilapia are both a bit like bass and can be caught using the same bait as bass.

Gar: Gars have elongated bodies that are heavily armored with hard scales, and fronted by similarly elongated jaws filled with long, sharp teeth. This prehistoric fish is not generally harvested and should be carefully released due to the sharp teeth.

A freshwater fishing license in Florida currently costs \$17.00 per year for Florida residents, and \$47.00 per year for non-residents. You can also buy a 3-day non-resident freshwater license for \$17.00 or a 7-day license for \$30.00. Saltwater fishing license prices are similar to the freshwater costs. For more information check out the following website - <https://gooutdoorsflorida.com/>

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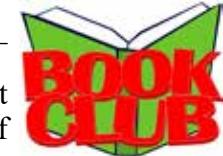
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The Book Club held their first meeting on January 14th at 10:00 AM at Sherry Brown's home. The books discussed were 'The Many Lives of Mama Love' by Lara Love Hardin and 'The Caretaker' by Ron Rash. The date, time and place for the February meeting will be announced at Monday Coffee as well as on the FB page.



FLEA MARKET SHEDS OPEN FOR DONATIONS ON THURSDAY

The March Flea Market is only a few weeks away, but it's too late to donate gently used items for this important fund-raiser. Sherry will be back to work organizing the Flea Market sheds on Thursday at 9:30 if you have donations.



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LAKE SEMINOLE RESORT MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

LSR Ladies Golf League plays every Monday morning at the Largo Golf Course. Participants may play either nine holes or eighteen holes. Dawn Bryan is the contact person for Ladies Golf.



The Men's Golf League meets on Thursday mornings at 8:00 AM in the LSR hall. Anyone interested in playing golf should attend one of these meetings to get more information or to sign up. The league plays at The Landings Golf Course in Clearwater, and because of the league, we get a discounted rate. Tee times for Wednesday golf are usually 7:00 AM. Men's golf is also played on Fridays at the Largo Golf Course. The Friday group gets together at the Thursday meeting to organize for Friday's round.

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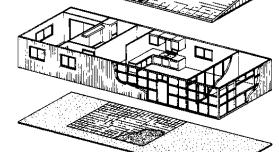
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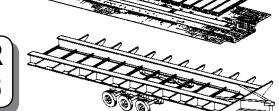
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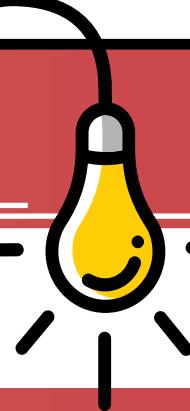
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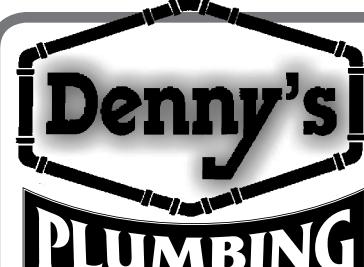
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African American History Month. An annual observance to recognize and commemorate African American culture, African American History Month (or Black History Month) is celebrated annually in the United States and Canada in February, and in the United Kingdom in October.

Dog Training Education Month. Every day of the month, perform one training activity with your dog: jumping, herding, racing, etc. By the end of the month, you'll notice an improvement in your dog's temperament, and you'll share a closer bond.

National Haiku Writing Month. Write one haiku a day throughout February—the shortest month for the world's shortest genre of poetry. Don't think writing a good haiku is easy, though. As French philosopher and literary theorist Roland Barthes once observed, "Haiku has this rather fantasmagorical property: That we always suppose we ourselves can write such things easily."

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. A national effort to raise awareness about abuse in teen and 20-something relationships and promote programs that prevent it. One in three teens in the United States will experience physical, sexual, or emotional abuse by a partner in a relationship before they become adults. Spread awareness, and stop dating abuse before it starts.

Weekly

Burn Awareness Week, Feb. 1-7. Observed the first full week in February, Burn Awareness Week is intended to provide an opportunity for burn, fire, and life safety educators to share the message of burn awareness and prevention in communities around the nation.

National School Counseling Week, Feb. 1-5. This year's theme, "School Counseling: Helping Students Realize Their Potential," will focus public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors and highlight the tremendous impact they can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

Children of Alcoholics Week, Feb. 8-14. A campaign led by the National Association for Children of Alcoholics (NACOA) to raise awareness of children affected by parental alcohol problems. Children of Alcoholics Week is celebrated internationally each year during the week in which Valentine's Day falls.

National Invasive Species Awareness Week, Feb. 23-27. Raise awareness and identify solutions to invasive species issues at local, state, tribal, regional, international, and national levels. Participating organizations include the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, the Environmental Law Institute, and the Nature Conservancy.

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Meeting of minds

The famous movie actor/director Charlie Chaplin once met the world-renowned physicist Albert Einstein at a public event. According to the Storypick website, Einstein told the comedian: “What I most admire about your art is your universality. You don’t say a word, yet the world understands you.”

To which Chaplin replied, “True. But your glory is even greater. The whole world admires you, even though they don’t understand a word of what you say.”

Mistaken identity

Even Queen Elizabeth II sometimes goes unrecognized. A story from the Hello magazine website tells of a time when the queen’s car drove up to the Royal Windsor Horse Show in 1991. A guard walked up and told her, “Sorry, love, you can’t come in without a sticker.”

Unfazed, her majesty answered, “I think if you check, I will be allowed to come in.”

He did, and she was. The guard admitted later that he’d thought the queen was just “some old dear” who was lost.

Penalty box

Gordie Howe was one of the greatest hockey players of all time. One night his team, the Detroit Red Wings, was playing the Toronto Maple Leafs at Maple Leaf Gardens. Howe believed one referee was favoring the home team, so he skated over and asked, “Hey, refer, what would you do if I called you a homer?” (a sports official who makes obvious calls for the home team.)

“I’d have to give you two minutes in the penalty box,” the ref replied.

“What would you do if I only thought you were a homer?”

“I couldn’t do anything. Your thoughts are your own.”

“Good, because I think you’re a ----ing homer!”

And yes, Howe got two minutes in the penalty box.



A little praise

As a speechwriter for presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush, Peggy Noonan introduced such phrases as “a thousand points of light” into the vernacular. But she derived her greatest personal satisfaction from a simple note of praise.

As recounted in her book, *What I Saw at the Revolution* (Ivy Books), four months into her job as Reagan’s speechwriter, Noonan had yet to meet the boss. Then he returned the draft of one of her speeches bearing the hand-scrawled words “Very Good.”

Noonan was overjoyed—so overjoyed that she cut out the note, taped it to her blouse, and walked the halls beaming with the pride of a schoolgirl who’d suddenly discovered she was teacher’s pet.

Handling the press

Rock star David Bowie knew how to charm reporters. According to the Digital Spy website, when a magazine ran a series on some of the journalists who’d interviewed him over the years, they discovered that he’d played the same trick on them over and over again:

Bowie would schedule a 45-minute interview. When his aide came in to show the reporter out, he’d say, “Look, I know we’re on a schedule, but we’re having such fun here, could we do an extra 15 minutes?” Every journalist felt flattered by the attention, which usually resulted in a positive review of whatever album Bowie was publicizing. Only years later did they realize that he’d scheduled them for a full hour all along.

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