



# Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation Newsletter

Enriching your Lakes Park Experience

## Super Awesome News!

This is the first edition of the [Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation](#) (LPEF) Quarterly Newsletter. In this issue we will update you on the activities of the Foundation and ask for your ideas on things you would like to see in the newsletter. You probably asked yourself why you are receiving this newsletter? The answer is you have supported the Foundation in the past or asked for information about Lakes Park and the Foundation at a Park Event.

## Who Are We?

The Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation was established in 2004 as a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization by a group of Lee County business leaders along with dedicated citizens who recognize Lakes Park as an extremely important green area in Lee County. The foundation is dedicated to helping restore Lakes Park to a native Florida wildlife environment through assisting Lee County Parks & Recreation with the implementation of its \$30 million master plan, which was adopted by the Lee County Board of Commissioners in April 2004.

## Now a word from our President

Hello everyone!

What an exciting time for Lakes Park and the LPEF! We have seen the new Community Garden quickly filling with gardeners and the first Farmers Market that was a huge success with over 30 vendors and a wonderful crowd throughout the day. The foundation has welcomed many new board members and has continued to receive support from the community through their donations of time and membership in the foundation. We continue to reach out to the community members through our new and much improved website and we are also now on facebook and twitter.

Please join me and come enjoy Lakes Park and all it has to offer now and for generations to come,

Wendi Carroll

**FYI**

## LAKES PARK LINKS:

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[Lakes Park Gardners](#)  
[Lee County Bird Patrol](#)  
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## Our new Web Site

The LPEF WEB Site has gone through a complete renovation. The focus of this renovation was to make the site more user friendly, informative, and fun. Check it out [here](#).



## The Community Garden

The [Community Garden](#) (Phase 1 of the Botanic Garden) is open. You can rent a plot and grow your own veggies and/or flowers. The rent is \$50 per year. For more information visit our [web site](#) or contact Austin Tincher: email [GardenPlots@LeeGov.com](mailto:GardenPlots@LeeGov.com) or call him at 239-533-7529. If you would like to see photos of the construction of the Community Garden click [here](#).

Join us Saturday, February 13, for the Community Garden Ribbon Cutting ceremony and Garden Fest Celebration at Lakes Regional Park. The Festival runs from 10AM-3PM with Commissioner Ray Judah. Barbara Manzo, Director Lee County Parks and Recreation, Wendi Carrol, President Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation, Sue Moore, Chairperson Lakes Park Botanic Garden Committee and others are scheduled to speak. Mr. Stephen Brown and others will be there to answer your gardening questions. The Foundation will have a booth at the event so drop by and say hello and bring a friend. We will be sending more information to you as the event nears.



## The Farmers Market

The Friday Farmers Market kicked off on January 29, 2010. The market will run each Friday through Friday 28 May from 9AM-1PM. It features vendors selling home grown fruits and vegetables, including organics and other goodies. Mark your calendars and tell your friends. The 37 vendors sold everything from organic vegetables, pastas, breads, brioches, croissants, soaps, cheese, fresh seafood, fish and crabcakes, dog cookies and treats, asian veggies, pastries, orchids, homemade salads and goulash, quiches, bisque, smoked fish, pickled vegies AND MORE. This market is being put on by the Ladies that run the Sanibel Market in cooperation with the Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation and part of the proceeds will go to the Foundation which will go back into the Park for improvements and toward our plan to build a Botanical Garden in Lakes Park. Music was provided by Cat Country 107.1 and a live performance by One Night Rodeo. Click [here](#) for some photos of the market.

## Did You Know?

Lakes Regional Park was once a rock quarry before it was purchased by Lee County in 1978. The park is also a bird rookery. The islands in the lakes are home to a great number of birds in Lee County. In fact, it is one of the most important nesting rookeries in the county. In nesting seasons you can see over one-thousand nests in the rookery. The nesting species include; White and Glossy Ibis, Great Blue Heron, Little Blue Heron, Green Heron, Anhinga, Cattle Egrets, Great Egrets, the rarely seen Black Crown Night Heron and even a Scarlet Ibis. Oh... we have Gators too.

## PARK SHOTS





## We Need Your Support

Please help us in our effort on continued improvement of the crown jewel of Lee county, a.k.a. Lakes Park, by your donations to the Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation. You can do this becoming a partner, making a donation by buying a brick, tree or a bench, (click [here](#) donate on line) and sharing this newsletter with your co-workers, friends, family and social networks (you can use the buttons on the right).

## Your Feed Back

As stated at the beginning of this newsletter, we want to hear from you. What did you like, dislike and/or what would you like to see in the newsletter? Also we would like you to share your photos of the park with us. We may publish them in the PARK SHOTS section. Send your comments and photos to [lpfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:lpfoundation@gmail.com).



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