

WEEKLY MANAGER'S REPORT

TOWN OF LADY LAKE, FLORIDA

By Bill Lawrence, Town Manager

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DEPARTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT (William Lawrence):

No report this week.

CLERK'S OFFICE (Carol Osborne):

No report this week

COMMUNICATIONS (Elisha Pappacoda):

This week, we spent time planning and writing communications that will be released at a later date.

On Tuesday, we had the final safety meeting regarding the Big Bang. The team is on the same page and ready to go! We are all hoping the weather cooperates. The best way to get up-to-date event information and weather alerts is to text **TheBigBang25** to 38276. Communications will be on site gathering content and communicating any important messaging to the public during the event on Saturday.

Some updated information the community should be aware of includes:

Oak Street from Rolling Acres Road to Clay Avenue will be closed beginning at 5 p.m. until the fireworks are cleared.

Teague Trail, a dead-end, will be closed beginning at noon.

No parking will be allowed on Oak Street surrounding the event.

Handicapped parking is available at the event site at the Guava Street Athletic Complex.

No public parking will be available at Town Hall.

Free shuttle service courtesy of Lamers is available to and from the event! Park at Rolling Acres Sports Complex and catch a ride to Guava Street Athletic Complex.

We have over 1,400 RSVPs on Facebook and had additional coverage this week in [The Daily Sun](#), [The Daily Commercial](#), [The Villages News](#), and [The Triangle Sun](#).

A Villages Daily Sun reporter toured the Children's Library and interviewed Aly. We coordinated and provided background information.

To combat some misinformation in the news, we re-shared our educational video on Illicit Discharge - [“Only Rain Down the Drain.”](#)

We completed the Centennial timeline.

On Thursday morning, we will attend the Lake County Communicators meeting on the importance of transparency in government and have a discussion on the county's current "Growth Management" series. In the afternoon, we will meet with IT about Bright Sign player training.

FINANCE (Joella LeDonne)

No report this week.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT (Thad Carroll):

A building permit application and plans were received for the Reserve at Hammock Oaks community clubhouse, pool cabana, and dumpster enclosure located at 840 Sunshower Drive. Staff also received revised plans for the interior demolition of the La Reina Building located at 1000 Main Street.

An application and plans were received to remove, relocate, and replace an existing security corridor door for Lady Lake Senior Living located at 930 Highway 466.

Ninety-eight building permits or revisions were received this week, and fifty-two permits were issued. One hundred and ninety-three inspections were completed in the field.

This week, code enforcement opened eight new cases, closed five cases, and conducted thirty-four inspections.

Legislative Update

On June 20, 2025, Senate Bill 784 (SB 784) was signed into law by Governor Ron DeSantis. This piece of legislation fundamentally changes how plats and replats are reviewed and approved by local governments. All plat and replat applications are now subject to administrative review and approval by designated staff of the local government. Senate Bill 784 eliminates the requirement for public hearings or votes by elected or appointed boards.

The Town of Lady Lake is currently processing five plats in various phases. Prior to the enactment of SB 784, preliminary plats and final plats were presented, first to the Planning and Zoning Board for a recommendation, then to the Town Commission for a final consideration of approval. Both meetings are open to the public; however, plats will no longer be presented in this forum.

Going forward, please follow the weekly Town Manager's Reports as the Growth Management Department will continue to provide updates regarding the status of plats and the approval of

plats as they are processed. You may also monitor the Growth Management webpage or email planning@ladylake.org to inquire about development activity.

HUMAN RESOURCES (Tamika DeLee):

The Human Resources team attended the HR Summit presented by Lake Economic Area Development Partner and CareerSource Central Florida on June 17th in Tavares. This was an opportunity to connect with local professionals and dive into key topics like the Lake County workforce landscape, talent management, and best practices.

The final wellness presentation was on June 18th. The last presentation focused on starting the summer season with a better understanding of finance. The wellness topic was “Money Management.” The presenter was Joel Gonzalez, Seacoast Bank Vice President and Financial Wellness Program Facilitator. A total of 30 employees attended this presentation.

Interviews are scheduled for today for the assistant finance director position. Conditional offer of employment letters were accepted for the following positions: town clerk, public works operator I, and youth services-library assistant I.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (John Pearl):

Staff are involved in multiple ongoing enterprise software, infrastructure and information security projects.

The Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Implementation Team (Joella, Debbie, Dawn, Michelle, Andy and John) continue to prepare for go-live week rapidly approaching.

We anticipate the completion of this year's FiberWAN construction project next month.

Patrick completed a stormwater data collection effort this week to document the total length of Town pipes, culverts, ditches, and swales requested by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for our initial notice of intent submission.

Administration training for a new digital signage service is scheduled later this afternoon.

LIBRARY (Aly Herman):

The day finally arrived—our new Youth Library had its soft opening on Tuesday! We've now been open for two full days, and it's been amazing to see so many familiar and new faces coming through to check it out. The response has been overwhelmingly positive—everyone loves the new space. One of my favorite comments came from 10-year-old Brantley: *“Mrs. Aly, I love this new library so much more—there's so much more room for more books!”* We're planning a grand opening in the coming months, once all the furniture arrives and our new lobby is complete. Stay tuned for updates and announcements.



Figure 1 Children's New Library

Thank you to Elisha for coordinating an interview with me and the *Villages Daily Sun* to showcase our new Youth Library and the labor of love that brought this project to life.

We had a special visit from Lake County Fire Rescue Station 52 during Storytime on Wednesday! The kids had a blast exploring the fire truck and asking tons of questions. To top it all off, the firefighters sprayed the kids down with the water hose—making it a fun and refreshing end to a great visit. Thank you again to Station 52.

Today, we will be hosting Zoo Mom. It will be located in our new meeting room on the 2nd floor at 10:30 am.

Here are the youth program stats for this week:

-Storyteller Windell Campbell: 54

-Lego Master: 32

-Craft Corner: 35

-Tiny Tots: 31

-Family Crafting: 18

-Lake County Fire: 91

-Reading with Scarlett: 10

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PARKS AND RECREATION (Mike Burske):

The Parks and Recreation Department has been performing routine maintenance this week with Sam and Vicky performing concrete repair at the Guava Street Athletic Complex while Brad mowed and worked with the soccer fields. Scott and Thomas mowed and did insulation work at the Log Cabin.



Figure 2 Lighting at Sports Complex

The lighting project at the Rolling Acres Sports Complex is coming along well. As mentioned, we will have to have the contractor come back as we will have to wait for the Osprey to abandon the nest. Unfortunately, she seems quite content right now and will have to wait for the baby to fly the nest.

Amy hosted a meeting with the Parks and Recreation Staff concerning the Big Bang Fireworks. We are coordinated! I spoke to Ernie with Zambelli Fireworks this morning to confirm that they will have a backup power supply and appropriate clothing for the event. We are ready for the event this weekend and have coordinated with all the departments involved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT (Chief Steve Hunt):

Officers made a significant seizure while investigating a suspicious vehicle parked in an area where parking is prohibited after dark. The investigation led to the discovery of 27 grams of

fentanyl, 14 grams of methamphetamine, and prescription narcotics. Two individuals were arrested, with additional charges possibly forthcoming.

Over the past weekend, several individuals were arrested or charged in connection with various crimes, including Retail Theft, Driving While Intoxicated, Domestic Violence, Criminal Trespassing, and an outstanding warrant arrest.

Officers also recovered a stolen golf cart this week and made an arrest in connection with the case.

Last week, I had the opportunity to attend the Florida Police Chiefs Association (FPCA) Summer Conference. These sessions have consistently provided valuable insights as we continue to grow and evolve as a department. While there is no shortage of conferences available, the FPCA stands out for its meaningful and relevant content that directly addresses the challenges law enforcement agencies face across Florida and beyond. I am grateful for the opportunity to attend and hope to bring back useful information to support the continued development of our department.

Again, it is an honor to work alongside so many amazing members of our team. I am fortunate to watch great work being completed on a daily basis. We are thankful for the support of the community and will continue to work diligently to maintain it.

PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES DEPARTMENT (C.T. Eagle):

Administration (C.T. Eagle — Director and Peggy Smith – Admin Assistant to Director):

No report this week.