



THE FLASH

Newsletter JANUARY 2024



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So many of our resident elves worked hard to transform their homes into Holiday Wonderlands! Twinkle lights and beautiful decorations abound! With so many dazzling choices, it was very difficult to choose a winner. We hope all of you were able to ride around our community to enjoy and appreciate the talent and Holiday Spirit exhibited by your neighbors.

Before announcing the winner, we would like to congratulate all of the entrants for brightening our neighborhoods, and we wish our entire community a Happy and Healthy 2024!

Now, drum roll, the winning home belongs to The Smith Family at 22105 Seashore Circle. Congratulations Jeff, Nikki, Coen, Briella, Addilyn!

Thank you, Joe and Joni Pavich, of Realty World, for sponsoring the Christmas Decoration Contest for the Fountain Lakes Homeowners and providing a \$500 gift card!



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR 2023 / 2024 SEASON:

Social Committee Chair Person: Kelly Rhodes / kellyrrhoades@gmail.com / 239-398-1754
If you would like to join the Social Committee or help with an event, contact Kelly Rhoades
Save the Dates for exciting entertainment during the 2023-2024 season.

Get your tickets EARLY for the Social Events – There is a seating capacity for the room.

Western Night Hoedown	Sat Feb 10	6–9pm	Dubious Devils Duo – Diner & Dance
Sock Hop	Sun Feb 25	7– 9pm	Brylcream - Show & Dessert
Jukebox Bingo	Tues Mar 5	6-9pm	DJ Jay, Prizes, & Fun
'Luau'	Sat Mar 16	6-9pm	Pig Roast & Pool Party
"Eggstravaganza"	Sat Mar 30	10am	Easter Egg Hunt, Bunny Pic, & Food Truck
Sunset Social Pool Party	Sat Apr 6	6-9pm	Joe Sassarini & Food Trucks
Karaoke	Fri Apr26	7-9pm	DJ Barry – Potluck & Karaoke
Memorial Day Celebration	Sun, May 26	6-9 PM	Honor Veterans, Fun & Food Trucks

Other Events:

Fountain Lakes Community Garage Sale	Mar 2, 2024	8 - noon
Fountain Lakes Boutique	Feb 24, 2023	

Social Committee will be meeting – new volunteers welcome:

Monday January 15th	9 AM Library
Monday February 19th	9 AM Library
Monday March 11th	9 AM Library
Monday March 18th	9 AM Library
Monday, April 1st	9 AM Library

FUN & GAMES FOR 2023 / 2024 SEASON:

Bingo: Year-Round Community Activity Center \$10 fee for 10 games
 Thursday 6:30 PM Joan Kuehm 239 495-3107 & Arlette Royhl 708-609-8860

Clubs & Activities:

Year-Round Sewing Club – Community Activity Center
 Monday 9:00 AM Rita Hoke 239 947-4508

Cards – Year-Round – Library

Monday 1:00 PM	Canasta & Bridge
Tuesday 1:00 PM	Mah Jong (all levels)
Wednesday	1:00 PM Bridge
Wednesday	6:00 PM Rummy
Thursday	1:00 PM Euchre

Yoga – Community Activity Center Fee per class
 Wednesday 9 AM Janet 239-877-2038

Water Aerobics – Community Pool
 Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30 am Thelma Jarvis

Art Classes Judy Ladd at 574-276-2942.
 Fee some supplies provided

**WESTERN
PARTY NIGHT**

**SAT. FEBRUARY 10TH
6 - 9 PM
\$25 PER PERSON**

WANTED

DEAD OR ALIVE

Wrangle-up your friends for a boot-scootin', wild west adventure! Cowboys and Cowgirls are wanted for an evening featuring a Southern-Country buffet, savory desserts, and a Country Rock duo known as the Dubious Devils. The Dubious Devils will bring a stampede of energy, fun, and your favorite dance hits that will leave you shaking in your boots!

Entertainment
Generously Sponsored By
Big Al's Wedding
Custom Fabrication

Deadline to Register 2/5
Register in Main HOA Office - CASH or CHECK Payable to Members Services

The monthly calendar and much more information is on the website at www.fountainlakesestero.com
 You can get the names and address of all board members by calling the Fountain Lakes Office at 239-495-3555

- Mailing address of the office is 22201 Fountain Lakes Blvd • Suite #1 • Estero, Florida 33928 -

Any Issues or concerns regarding Fountain Lakes Master Board please contact: Ashley Wamble, CAM • 239-454-8568 AshleyW@Pegasuscam.com

Important Numbers

Medical Emergencies	911	Florida Power and Light	239 262-1322
Lee County Sheriff Headquarters	239 477-1200	Waste Pro	239 337-0800
Animal Control	239 432-2083	Comcast	239 432-9277
Fish and Wildlife	863 648-3200	Fountain Lakes Monitors cell phone	239 470-2299
Bonita Springs Utilities Water	239 992-0711	Fountain Lakes Office 8:30-4:30 M-F	239 495-3555

Notes from Fountain Lakes Master Association President

Fountain Lakes representatives will participate in Mediation with Island Paradise Dental Squared (IPDS - Abbiati) at the end of January 2024. During the November hearing, Abbiati gave Fountain Lakes 3 options regarding the front entrance.

First - Move our gates so their clients do not have to wait at the call box, second - they will install a third lane along our fountain area so their clients do not have to wait at the call box, and third - leave our gates open during Peak traffic. We hope to come up with a favorable agreement. If not, it means going to court to have the issue resolved.

Have a wonderful day in Southwest Florida,

Janet Hildebrand

Covenant Coaching

For the benefit of our newer residents and a refresher for those folks who have been busy with life in "Paradise" and may appreciate a reminder. Fountain Lakes has always been a deed restricted community. Abiding by the Covenances protects the value of our property and the integrity of our neighborhoods.

Fountain Lakes is a DEED RESTRICTED community. It has been since September 22, 1987. If you purchased a home in Fountain Lakes, you committed yourself to following the Covenants and Rules and regulation of the Community. You are also responsible to ensure your guest and/or renters abide by the documents as well. Please take the time to review the documents so you are aware of your obligations to the community.

Every Person who purchases a home in Fountain Lakes is given a copy of the Fountain Lakes Documents at the time of closing. If you cannot find your copy, see the **Amended and Restated Declaration 2020** and the **Recorded Rules and Regulations for Fountain Lakes Community Association, Inc.** on the Fountain Lakes Website: <https://fountainlakesestero.com>

Pet Safety & Responsibility

10 Reasons Not to Use a Retractable Leash:

- 1:** The length of retractable leashes, some of which can extend up to 26 feet, allows dogs to get far enough away from their humans that a situation can quickly turn dangerous. A dog on a retractable leash is often able to run into the middle of the street, or make uninvited contact with other dogs or people.
- 2:** If your pet is being approached by an aggressive dog, it is nearly impossible to get control of the situation. It's much easier to regain control of or protect a dog at the end of a six-foot standard flat leash than it is if he's 20 or so feet away at the end of what amounts to a thin string.
- 3:** If a strong, good-sized dog takes off at full speed, the cord can snap. Not only can that put the dog and whatever he may be chasing in danger, but the cord can snap back and injure the human at the other end.
- 4:** If a dog walker gets tangled up in the cord of a retractable leash, or grabs it in an attempt to reel in their dog, it can result in burns, cuts, and even amputation. People have been pulled off their feet by a dog that reaches the end of the leash and keeps going. This can result in bruises, "road rash," broken bones, and worse.
- 5:** Dogs could have terrible injuries as a result of the sudden jerk on their neck when they run out the leash, including neck wounds, lacerated trachea, and injuries to the spine.
- 6:** Retractable leashes allow dogs more freedom to pull at the end of them, which can look like aggression to another dog who may decide to "fight back."
- 7:** The handles of retractable leashes are bulky and can be easily pulled out of human hands, resulting in a runaway dog.
- 8:** Fearful dogs can be terrorized by the sound of a dropped retractable leash handle and may take off running, which is dangerous enough. To make matters worse, the object of the poor dog's fear is then "chasing" her, and if the leash is retracting as she runs, the handle is gaining ground on her - she can't escape it.
- 9:** Retractable leashes have a tendency to malfunction over time, either refusing to extend, refusing to retract, or unspooling at will.
- 10:** Retractable leashes allow the dog to entangle other walkers and can cause injury to the person which in turn can cause lawsuits to the dog owner.

2023 - 2024 Sports Schedule

LEAGUE PLAY: LADIES GOLF

All residents & renters welcome – Please sign up on the Bulletin Board
Monday 9 AM League starts 1/8/2024 Registration Fee \$10
KATE LEWIS katemlewis44@gmail.com 416 886-6942
MELISSA LAFAYETTE 802-318-0211 PAM DIONISE 925-584-1387.

MENS GOLF

Tuesday 9 AM Leagues Practice Round 1/2/2024
League Starts 1/9/2024 Fee \$15 for season
Joe Reed jmreed1809@comcast.net 1-717-575-3868
Open Play after golf league

LINKSTERS

Thursday 8:45 DIANE MOULTON dmoulton82@yahoo.com 508-916-1943
W/LUNCH Golf fee \$2 Lunch fee \$5 Nov 9 & 30th; Dec 14; Jan 11 & 25; Feb 8 & 22; Mar 7 & 21; April 4

GUYS & GALS

Thursday 8:45 Golf fee \$2 PAM DIONISE pdionise@comcast.net 925-584-1387
Nov 2 & 16; Dec 7; Jan 4, & 18; Feb 1 & 15 & 29; Mar 14 & 28; April 11

BILLARDS

Tuesday 4 PM REGIS SEXTON 248-974-5849 regis2001rg@yahoo.com

CORNHOLE

Wednesday 2 PM MIKE DERNFELD 219-545-3278 Everyone welcome - Open play

SHUFFLEBOARD

Wednesday 9 AM League starts 1/10/2024
MARY CAREY maryacarey1@gmail.com 508-776-4132

BOCCE

Friday 10 AM League start Date ??? Fee ???
Thelma Jarvis Thelma@JohnandThelma.com

PICKLEBALL

Mon-Wed-Fri (8:00am – noon) League Competition starts Jan 3, 2024
Sat-Sun (8:00am – noon) Open Play Rotation – recommended for New & Single players
TJ Parisi parisiland@gmail.com 781-603-2222
Michael Monti monti.michael@gmail.com

Tennis and basketball from 7:30 AM till dusk/8:30 PM. Open play for golf and other sports: available from dawn till dusk – except during league play. Pool opens from 7:30 till dusk/8:30 PM.

Committee Meetings:

Fountain Lakes Association - the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 PM in the Community Activity Center.

Architectural Review Committee - 2nd Monday of the month at 7 PM in Fountain Lakes Office.

Invasive Hogs and Wall Committee - 1st Monday of the month at 6:30 in the Community Activity Center. If you encounter hogs, Email: fountainlakeshog@gmail.com with the time place and numbers of hogs.

The Wild Critters

The Cane Toad Committee has not been meeting as a group due to lack of volunteers.

A few residents are still hunting and removing the Cane Toads when they see them. The Wild Hogs are invading Fountain Lakes again. We have 2 trappers with dogs coming into the community a couple of times a week. These trappers are also hunting in West Bay. The hogs they take out of West Bay will reduce the number of hogs that will find their way to Fountain Lakes. It is **important** to send an email to FountainLakesHog@gmail.com if you see them in Fountain Lakes. Please state the

Here Comes Santa Clause

Santa arrived in Fountain Lakes on a fire truck. Blaring sirens and flashing lights announced his arrival to approximately 40 children. They welcomed him with cheers and laughter. Family members joined the children for a McDonalds Big Breakfast. The children visited with Santa, had pictures taken, and chose one of the many gifts.

Thank you, Joe and Joni Pavich of Realty World, for sponsoring Breakfast with Santa for the Fountain Lakes Children. It was a Very Merry event.

Thank You Ladies

The Social Committee is a group of VOLUNTEERS lead by Kelly Rhoades. Take the time to Thank them for the fantastic job they are doing. The committee not only lines up the entertainment and food but they also design flyers, advertise, decorate, and clean up after the events. Not a simple task! Think about joining the committee... it is very gratifying when it is all pulled together and you see the happiness you have helped provide your fellow neighbors.

