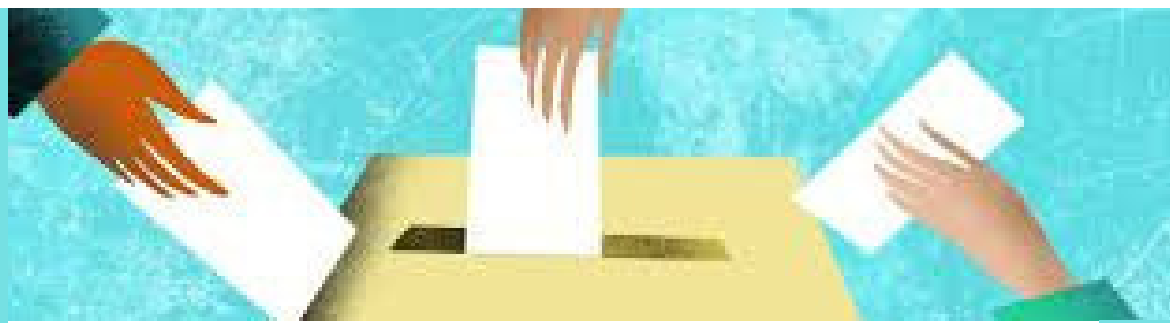


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ELECTION EDITION

A note from the Fountain Lakes Master Association President

We are drawing to the end of the 2024-2025 season. The Fountain Lakes Events for the season include Dinner Dances, Sporting Events with an awards dinner, Craft Fair, Community Wide Garage Sale, FLOP, and Bingo. The Fountain Lakes Crafters Fair and Night Golf were new this year and very successful and well attended. Hopefully we will see these and other new activities next season. The events were available to all residents who wished to participate thanks to the many volunteers who coordinated and managed them. Thank You and Congratulations to all those Volunteers for jobs well done.

A special "Thank You" to our Fountain Lakes Monitors and Sherri for the dedication and personal attention they give us every day of the year.

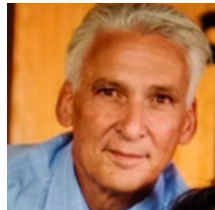
I hope the seasonal residents have safe travels to their other homes and I hope all of us have a happy and healthy rest of the year.

Janet Hildebrand

ALL CANDIDATES WERE OFFERED THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT A CONDENSED BIO FOR THE FLASH-FULL BIOS WILL BE MAILED OUT WITH THE ELECTION PACKET

JOSEPH BALLERINE

With 30 years of public service in Riverside, IL, including roles as commissioner, trustee, and village president, I bring expertise in zoning, budgeting, and board leadership.



Since moving to Fountain Lakes in 2023, I've worked to enhance community engagement, including revamping the FLASH publication. As we approach Fountain Lakes' 35th anniversary, I'm committed to ensuring our community remains vibrant, competitive, and well-maintained through strong HOA leadership and collaboration.

JOSHUA BRATZ

I reside in the Sunrise neighborhood with my family. We have three boys, 6, 8, and 10 years old. We have lived here for 3 years as fulltime residents. I work from home as a Cybersecurity Program Manager for a healthcare company. We moved here from the Midwest where I was born and raised on a dairy farm



GREG CLANCY

I have been a full time Fountain Lakes resident since 2022 with prior careers in commercial real estate in Boston and fundraising for the Harry Chapin Food Bank here in Florida.



I have extensive experience in negotiating contracts, and I have worked very closely with property managers overseeing maintenance, budget planning, and capital planning as well. As a member of the Architectural Review Committee since 2023, I enjoy serving Fountain Lakes. As a Board member I will be an advocate for improved maintenance, managing our finances and preserving and enhancing our community

WES DICKERSON

Metallurgical Engineer | Full-time Resident, Villas of Fountain Lakes
I have been an active member of the Villas of Fountain Lakes community, serving as President and Member at Large on the Villas Board. Currently, I serve on the Master Board and act as the board liaison for the ARC Committee. Additionally, I am a board member of FLIC and have organized FLOP since its inception.



My focus has always been on maintaining and improving our community. I am committed to fostering a well-maintained and vibrant environment for all residents. I have worked to ensure responsible decision-making that enhances our shared spaces and preserves the integrity of our community

JANET HILDEBRAND

I have been a full-time resident of Forest Ridge Shores since April 2002 and have served on the Fountain Lakes Community Association Board since 2019 as Director, Vice President, and President



Since 2020, I have led critical infrastructure projects, including drainage system repairs, sinkhole restoration, swale improvements, and lake bank renourishment to meet Florida Southwest Management requirements.

FARRELL THEALL

I am a seasoned telecommunications professional with 17+ years of experience, currently Director of Operations at Summit Broadband. Proven success in network development, complex deployments, and securing critical infrastructure. Passionate about innovation and the future of telecommunications. A strong communicator, listener, and problem-solver, dedicated to achieving high standards and effectively leading teams to meet objectives.



ELECTION UPDATE

The final notice for the Master Board election should be arriving in your mailbox shortly. Your packet will include a complete bio from each candidate (if submitted), a ballot, a proxy, and a return envelope.

You have three ways to vote;

1. Early Voting: Fill out your ballot, place it in the provided envelope, following the instructions and submit to the the management office.

2. Proxy Voting: Complete the proxy form to designate a representative to vote on your behalf on election night.

3. In-Person Voting: Attend the Board meeting on April 16th to cast your vote.

Your participation in this election is crucial—please take the time to vote!

Note: Some sub-associations have already held their board elections, but this should not be confused with the Master Board election, which requires your vote as well.

Packets were mailed out March 17th 2025—please note that packets go to your registered address. If you have not received your packet, extra packets, ballots, and candidate bios are available in the office.

KAREN VAUGHN

Hello Residents! I recently retired from a career in public service as a Deputy City Manager where I oversaw the Community Development and Public Works departments. I managed multi-million dollar budgets, contracts for infrastructure improvements, land development and permitting, and public outreach. I believe my experience can be an asset to our community and hope to earn your vote.

Thank you,
Karen Vaughn



NEW PEGASUS SUB-ASSOCIATIONS PROPERTY MANAGER FOR FOUNTAIN LAKES

Heather Stock will be stepping into the role of Community Association Manager for the sub-associations with Pegasus Property Management.

Over the past year, Heather has worked in Pegasus' accounting department, and before that, she spent 12 years as a project manager for the State of Texas at Harlingen Irrigation District.

Going forward, she will be our main point of contact—feel free to reach out anytime (email is preferred for easier follow-up).



Heather@pegasuscam.com
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OUR GEM OF A LIBRARY

DISCOVER THE FOUNTAIN LAKES LIBRARY!

Looking for a poolside read or a great novel for a cozy evening? The Fountain Lakes Library has hundreds of books available for loan, all lovingly maintained by dedicated resident volunteers.

Hosting little ones? There's a children's play and reading area, plus free WiFi. It's also a perfect spot to relax, play cards, or catch up with friends. And rumor has it—new furniture is on the way to make this hidden gem even better!

Stop by and find your next great read today!



RESIDENT "SPOTLIGHT" KEITH CHEW



MEET KEITH CHEW: FOUNTAIN LAKES' OWN RENAISSANCE MAN

Did you know we have a nationally recognized radiology leader in our community? Keith Chew has spent his career tackling big issues in healthcare, earning a nomination for Innovative Thought Leader of the Year.

But Keith isn't all business—he's a dedicated volunteer, former Villas of Fountain Lakes president, and current community board member. He's cooked for Ronald McDonald House, mentored Boy Scouts, and even shoveled snow with Luciano Pavarotti (true story!).

When he's not serving others, Keith enjoys fishing, smoking meats, and playing Santa—beard and all. He's also swapped stories (and maybe drinks) with John Candy, Harrison Ford, and Paul McCartney.

With a heart for service and a lifetime of great stories, Keith is someone worth knowing in Fountain Lakes!

FOUNTAIN LAKES CRAFT FAIR 2025



Margaritaville
LAST TOAST ON THE COAST

NO CHARGE
April 12 6:00-9:00pm
Bring your own food & drinks
Seated outside on the pool deck.

Entertainment by: Nevada Smith
Sponsored by: Joe & Joni Pavich - Realty World J Pavich Real Estate.



PLEASE REMEMBER NO
GLASS BOTTLES ON
THE POOL DECK AT THE
MARGARITAVILLE
PARTY

Beyond



our gates



Nestled in the heart of downtown Bonita Springs, Sugarshack Downtown is far more than a restaurant –it’s a full-fledged entertainment experience. This vibrant venue combines incredible food, refreshing drinks, and top-tier live music, making it a must-visit destination for residents and visitors alike

With a capacity of up to 750 guests, Sugarshack Downtown boasts a state-of-the-art music venue, two fully stocked bars, and a full-service restaurant. Whether you’re there for dinner, drinks, or a show, the welcoming atmosphere ensures a memorable experience.

Inspired by the renowned Sugarshack Sessions YouTube channel, the venue celebrates live music in a big way. Featuring live performances five nights a week and national acts twice a month (advance tickets required), it’s a hub for music lovers across Southwest Florida.

- **Delicious Food:** The menu pairs perfectly with the venue’s lively vibe, offering options to satisfy every craving. All ingredients sourced locally with an eye on healthy prep.
- **Refreshing Drinks:** From craft cocktails to local brews, the bar menu complements the vibrant energy of the space.
- **Community Connection:** Sugarshack Downtown isn’t just a restaurant or a music venue—it’s a place where people come together.

Open seven days a week, this is the ultimate spot for entertainment, dining, and connection in Southwest Florida. Check out sugarshackdowntown.com for their live music schedule and menu.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR KEEPING WILD HOGS AT BAY

Please note: There is no true way to eliminate wild hogs entirely. Like bobcats, coyotes, and other displaced wildlife, they are part of our environment, often affected by ongoing development. That said, sightings and damage have been minimal over the past year.

If you encounter a hog in your yard, please report it by emailing fountainlakehog@gmail.com with the following details:

- Address where the hog(s) were seen
- Time of day
- Description of any damage

This information is forwarded to our trapper, who visits the property regularly.

Prevention Tips:

- **Use Motion-Activated Lights & Sprinklers** – Many residents have had success with these deterrents.
- **Keep Your Yard Clear** – Remove loose debris, underbrush, and anything that could serve as shelter.
- **Eliminate Food Sources** – Hogs are attracted to bird feeders, fruit trees, pet food, and trash.
- **Keep Lights On from Dusk to Dawn** – This has helped deter them in the past.

Safety Reminder:

Hogs are generally not aggressive unless confronted. Their movement and feeding patterns are unpredictable, and they tend to run rather than attack.

By staying vigilant and keeping your property uninviting to hogs, we can continue to reduce their presence in our community.