

FLASH MARCH 2025

A NOTE FROM THE FOUNTAIN LAKES MASTER ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



The season is rolling along smoothly. There are many events and sports to keep the seasonal residents and the full-time retirees busy. I hope those residents who are still working full-time manage to find time to enjoy our amenities.

I saw a plat map of Estero Woods the other day and it was dated 1984. That tells me that the infrastructure of Fountain Lakes is over 40 years old. The Master Association Board of Directors continues to plan and schedule the necessary projects to upgrade and improve the Fountain Lakes infrastructure. Sometimes the benefit of these projects is not evident, but they are necessary to maintain the value of our property.

Janet Hildebrand

NIGHT GOLF HITS FOUNTAIN LAKES LINKS

UPGRADES TO OUR SWALES



F.L.O.P

IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT MARCH IS HERE. THAT MEANS IT IS TIME FOR THE FLOP. SIGN UP BY MARCH 11 IF YOU STILL WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN A FUN EVENT. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ALL FLOP PARTICIPANTS BY REALTY WORLD, JOE PAVICH REAL ESTATE. RULES FOR ALL EVENTS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED, CHANGED OR MADE UP. FOR A FUN TIME SIGN UP AND JOIN THE FOUNTAIN LAKES RESIDENTS ON

FRIDAY: MARCH 14, 2025
REGISTRATION: STARTS 9:45 AM
EVENT STARTS: 10 AM
LOCATION: BY CLUBHOUSE
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE PLEASE EMAIL WES DICKERSON
WESD7125@COMCAST.NET

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE 1ST NIGHT
GOLF TOURNAMENT:
BOB, JOANN, JEN, PEGGY, & ANDY**

IMPORTANT UPDATE CONCERNING FOUNTAIN LAKES MASTER BOARD UPCOMING ELECTION DATES

Due to an error with the mailing of First Notice, the Fountain Lakes Community Association Annual Meeting will be rescheduled to Wednesday, April 16, 2025. A new First Notice of Annual Meeting will be emailed and/or mailed no later than February 15, 2025.

Our apologies for the error and any potential confusion.

Pegasus Management

NEW DATES AND EXPLANATION

ELECTION PROCESS OVERVIEW

1. CANDIDATE INTENT TO RUN FORMS - **NOW DUE BY MARCH 7, 2025** IF YOU ALREADY SUBMITTED YOUR INTENT THERE IS NO NEED TO RESUBMIT**
2. FIRST NOTICE OF ELECTION (AT LEAST 60 DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION)- NEW FIRST NOTICE DATE IS NOW FEBRUARY 15, 2025 **THIS WAS NOT DONE ON JANUARY 20TH DUE TO CLERICAL ERROR RESULTING IN A DELAY OF OUR ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED THIS BY FEBRUARY 28, PLEASE CONTACT PEGASUS TO ENSURE THEY HAVE YOUR CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS ON FILE.**
3. CANDIDATE FORUM OR DEBATE -**THIS IS OPTIONAL AND WAS DISCUSSED BY THE MASTER BOARD BUT NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE.**
4. SECOND NOTICE OF ELECTION AND BALLOT/PROXY (14-34 DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION) **NOW WILL BE MAILED ON MARCH 12, 2025**
5. CASTING OF VOTES -"SEE BELOW VOTING OPTIONS"
6. ANNUAL MEETING/ELECTIONS & VOTE COUNTING- **APRIL 16, 2025**
7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS-**APRIL 16, 2025**

On March 12th, management will mail out information sheets and ballot materials to all residents at the address on file. For part-time residents, this may be your summer address. If you haven't received your packet or it was sent to your summer address, please visit the office where a new packet will be available for you.

VOTING OPTIONS

Proxy Voting; Complete a proxy form to allow a designated person to vote on your behalf at the annual meeting. It is advisable and requested that proxy designation be done as early as possible so management can determine participation to establish a quorum for the meeting. This can be done by dropping off your proxy or mailing to the office.

In-Person or Early Drop-Off Voting: Submit your ballot that you received in the mail to the office or mail to Pegasus anytime after receiving the second notice of March 12th, 2025. *****BE SURE TO SIGN YOUR BALLOT ENVELOPE AND INCLUDE YOUR ADDRESS for without that information your vote will not be counted*** IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE SECOND NOTICE AND BALLOT IN THE MAIL THEY ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE.**

ANY SUGGESTION FOR CONTENT OR COMMENTS PLEASE FORWARD TO
JABALLE166@GMAIL.COM

"RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT" JANET HILDEBRAND'S 1000 MILE ADVENTURE ON THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL

Have you ever dreamed of hiking the Appalachian Trail? Spanning over 2,178 miles from Georgia to Maine, it's an adventure that challenges even the most seasoned hikers. But for Fountain Lakes resident Janet Hildebrand, this daunting journey became a personal mission—a testament to perseverance, grit, and a love for nature.

Janet's journey began in 2008, with a goal to hike the trail in segments, ultimately reaching 1,000 miles to Harpers Ferry Historical Park in West Virginia. Over the years, she spent countless hours hiking alone, sleeping under the stars in her tent, and surviving on a humble diet of ramen noodles, oatmeal, and tuna, all prepared using the gear she carried in her pack.

Her husband, Mike, was her support system, driving her to trailheads and exploring nearby towns while she hiked. Whenever possible, they would meet up for dinner before Janet returned to the trail for a night in her tent.

The journey wasn't just about endurance—it was also about the beauty and wonder of the trail. Janet encountered wild ponies, stunning wildflowers, and other natural marvels that made each mile unforgettable.

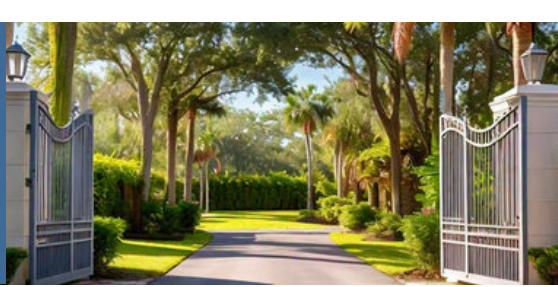
But the trail wasn't without its challenges. In her eighth year, Janet suffered a serious fall, breaking her leg and arm. Alone and injured, she managed to call a shuttle driver, who came to her rescue and rushed her to the hospital. For most people, this would have been the end of the adventure. But not for Janet.

In year nine, at the age of 73, Janet returned to the trail to finish what she started. She hiked over 200 miles to Harpers Ferry, completing her remarkable journey with the same determination that carried her through every mile. Janet's story is an inspiration to us all—a reminder that age, setbacks, and challenges are no match for perseverance and passion. Congratulations, Janet, on your incredible achievement!



**DO YOU HAVE AN INTERESTING STORY OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES?
PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE FLASH @ JABALLE166@GMAIL.COM**

Beyond



our gates

Estero-Fest

ESTERO FEST 2025: A DAY OF
FAMILY FUN, MUSIC, AND
COMMUNITY
MARCH 15, 2025 | ESTERO
COMMUNITY PARK | 1-8 PM



Join us for Bingo for BackPacks. A fun time that will help local kids receive backpack and school supplies. The event is at Ocean Church on Thursday, April 3, 2025 5-8pm. Sign up by calling Fountain Lakes resident Jayne Johnson at 763-843-6776 for more details and to reserve a spot.



CAPTURE THE MAGIC OF THE CELEBRATION!

MASQUERADE Ball

SATURDAY
MARCH 15, 2025

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

TICKETS \$25

B.Y.O.B
Entertainment by: Joe Sasserini
Dinner by: Haneys Catering
Sponsored by: JRC Landscaping



*WHITE NIGHTS
PICTURES: ROY MAEDER
SPONSOR: PEGASUS MGT*



REMEMBER TO VISIT THE FOUNTAIN LAKES WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON EVENTS AND ISSUES IMPORTANT TO OUR COMMUNITY.
WWW.FOUNTAINLAKESESTERO.COM

FOUNTAIN LAKES OFFICE IS OPEN 8:30-4:30 M-F 239.495.3555

MASTER BOARD MEETING 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 6PM COMMUNITY CENTER