

## Sewing Club

Fountain Lakes Quilters and Knitters welcome any resident and their friends to join us on Monday from 9 to noon. We will teach you how to quilt and also supply a sewing machine if needed and supply fabric only if the item is donated to charity, which is what we do mostly. We have donated to our veterans, children, and homeless in Lee County. We had a quilt prize winner come and teach new quilt patterns and methods. Please be advised we do not do alterations or dress sewing. Hope to see new faces!



## Yoga Classes in October 2018

Yoga classes available Wednesdays during Oct 9-9:50 AM at our Clubhouse. 5 person minimum for the classes to run. 4 weeks for \$48.00 or \$15.00 drop in. To register please email: Janet Hildebrand [forestridgeshores@gmail.com](mailto:forestridgeshores@gmail.com) Multi-levels of ability accommodated, but must be able to get on and off the floor. See more information on the Fountain Lakes website, in the library, or the office.



The Lee County Sheriff's office provided a course through FGCU on Fraud and Scams.

Florida is #1 for fraud complaints and #2 for identity theft complaints. It is #1 for credit card theft.

7500 calls came to the Sheriffs office for fraud in 2016

Senior citizens are frequently targeted as they often have significant assets, they may have trouble remembering things, they are from a generation that has a tendency to trust people. They may be socially isolated and have a tendency to be polite and not hang up on the phone, and will talk to people who come to the door.

For your safety we have made a copy of this summary of this course and put it on the Fountain Lakes website ([www.fountainlakesestero.com](http://www.fountainlakesestero.com)) and in the library. If you would like your own copy, we can email that to you for your files.

## Sports & Rec. Winners 2018

Congratulations to all the winners of our Community Sporting Events. It was another wonderful year of beneficial physical activity, sportsmanship, and fellowship.

### Bocce

**1st place** Mike & Kathy Diernfeld  
Ron Johnson & Casey Monti

### Shuffleboard

**1st place** Dick Birch & Fred Carey  
**2nd place tied** Vic Campau & Diane Moulton  
Bob Hopley & Connie Hohman

### Billiards (pool)

**Division 1** Bob Buckley  
**Division 2** Wes Dickerson

### Men's Golf

**1st Low Gross** Mike Palmitesso  
**1st Low Net** Mike Monti

### Ladies Golf

**Club Champion** Pam Thelen Dionise  
**1st Low Net** Melissa Layfayette

### B Flight

**1st Low Gross** Connie Holman  
**1st Low Net** Dot Sullivan

### C Flight

**1st Low Gross** Sally Sexton  
**1st Low Net** Carol Sullivan

### Cookie Noll Putting Award:

Pam Thelen Dionise & Dot Sullivan

## Save Right in Your Neighbourhood Stores

The amount of money that you can save using coupons can add up quickly. You might want to check out these websites, which guide you to saving money at stores that are right in our neighbourhood.

*I Heart Publix*, dedicated to saving at Publix Supermarkets

*Totally Target*, dedicated to saving at Target

# THE FLASH

## Fountain Lakes Newsletter

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## Message from the President



Welcome to the new updated Flash. I want to take a few moments and update you on the current projects going on in Fountain Lakes. The Board has approved several repairs of the storm water system that will be taking place in the next few weeks. Included in these repairs, we will be replacing storm drains giving priority to those in dire need. As you may be aware the front gates were hit, we will begin the repairs shortly and it will be covered by insurance. It has been a little rocky with the bar codes, we addressed several issues and made improvements on getting things to run more smoothly.

Sincerely,

*Ryan Willoughby*

President, Fountain Lakes Community Association

## Fountain Lakes Residents Can Help Save Native Species of Ducks

We may have mottled ducks at Fountain Lakes, which are one of the few last native breeds of ducks in Florida and are becoming extinct due to loss of landscape and hybridization with other types of mallards. They look like a female mallard.

Below is a link from Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) that might help you identify them. Florida Wildlife Commission hopes to find non hybridized pairs. They monitor them. You might like to call Dr. Nora Egan or Dr. Winn Everham at FGCU if you see a pair. But don't feed them.

Go to this link for more info on Mottled Ducks, or go to the Fountain Lakes website for pictures. <http://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/profiles/birds/waterfowl/mottled-ducks/>



## Protect Fountain Lakes

Some Fountain Lakes residents may not be aware that feeding ducks is not good for our community. We are being confronted with a serious public health problem that needs to be overcome, especially for young children and our vulnerable elderly who could be compromised. Infectious disease spread from contaminated feces is not something Fountain Lakes should be encouraging. No wild ducks should be fed, but Muscovy ducks are especially undesirable in the wild because of their potential to transmit diseases to or interbreed with Florida's native waterfowl. Furthermore, Muscovy duck populations can increase quickly, which can lead to excessive nutrient loading in small ponds, and messy sidewalks and driveways. For more information on the prohibition of Muscovy ducks, please see the Federal Control Order below (50 CFR 21.25 (b)(8)(i) and 50 CFR 21.54, paragraph c).

## Next Door Fountain Lakes

If you have not gone on this website, you might want to try it. <https://nextdoorfountainlakes.com>. This is not our Fountain Lakes Subdivision website, which is [www.fountainlakesestero.com](http://www.fountainlakesestero.com).....this is a private social networking service that has sites available in communities all across the United States. Almost 300 residents from Fountain Lakes are on the Fountain Lakes branch already, and are sharing information. I got the name of a fantastic electrician, and shared the name of a hairdresser who I think is reliable and well-priced. People in our community have reported lost pets and found them through this site. It is worth taking a look at this website to see if you might want to join.

## Easy Weight Loss Hint

Old fashioned plates are smaller than the ones you buy currently, so if you use plates from before the 80's you will automatically scale down how much you eat. The size of wine glasses has increased by 7 times in the last 30 years, so pour accordingly!



## A Deed Restricted Community

For the protection of all residents in Fountain Lakes, we are a deed restricted community, with an Architectural Review Board. This is a desirable situation and is to our benefit.

Deed Restrictions helps ensure that all residents comply to a standard of care and maintenance that benefit our entire community.

If you are making changes or making repairs to your home, an application form needs to be completed by the home owner detailing the changes to be made. This includes repainting, installing a new roof, repairing a damaged roof, front landscaping, driveway replacement, etc. The application must be filled out and signed off on by neighbors of the property, each community's HOA, and the Architectural Review Board for Fountain Lakes. This may sound like a big hassle, but doing so will preserve our community's appearance, and will enhance the values in our community.

### Here is an excerpt from the Covenants:

"In order to maintain the standards of Fountain Lakes, no weeds, underbrush or other unsightly growth shall be permitted to grow or remain upon any portion of the Committed Property, and no refuse or unsightly objects shall be allowed to be placed or permitted to remain anywhere thereon. All lawns, landscaping, and sprinkler systems shall be kept in good, clean, neat, and attractive condition. The Committed Property and any dwelling units or other buildings or improvements thereto, other than the property owned by the Developer, shall be kept in good, safe, clean, neat, and attractive condition; and all buildings, structures and improvements thereon shall be maintained in a finished, painted, and attractive condition."

### The covenants further state that (paraphrased):

It is the responsibility of each Owner(s) to maintain their property consistent with the community standards. Failure to maintain the premises/property to the satisfaction of the Fountain Lakes Covenants and/or the Neighborhood Association Covenants may result in a written notice to the Owner(s) of the property advising of the need to comply by making the necessary improvements or corrections to the property within 30 days or be assessed a penalty for noncompliance.

It should be noted that a written notice does not have to be given in case of emergency. The Community of Fountain Lakes and/or the Neighborhood Association may, without any prior notice, enter upon such premises

and make landscaping improvements as may be necessary in such emergency. The cost of making these landscaping improvements shall be paid for by the Fountain Lakes Community, the Neighborhood Association or the Owner(s), as the case may be. Failure to make reimbursement payment to the Community or Neighborhood Association within 15 days will result in a lien being filed against the property in the amount of the payment requested.

### Why do we have Covenants?

- To maintain the attractiveness of our community for all of us to enjoy.
- To preserve our property values.
- To put more money in our pockets should we need to sell our home.



## Fountain Lakes Real Estate Report

Thanks so much to Joe and Joni Pavich for keeping us up-to-date on real estate statistics about Fountain Lakes. If you have any questions you can call them at 239-470-7837.

There have been 33 listings in Fountain Lakes since January 2018 ranging in price from \$259,000 to \$445,000. There have been 17 sales from January 2018 to June 2018. The highest number of days on the market for a listing that sold is 496 days, while the lowest number of days on the market was 1 day.

Nine of the houses that sold since January 2018 had to take a price reduction to attract a buyer. The original list price to sale price ratio in Fountain Lakes ranged from a low of 1% to a high of 11%, with the average being 4%. The average sale price was \$327,053.00. The average list price was \$347,825 for sold properties.

This helps you to understand how long it might take you to sell your home, should that need arise, and lets you know what percentage of your list price you may get as profit. The better condition your home is in and the more updated it is, the faster it will sell and the better sale price you will get. The tidiness and condition of the entire community will have an impact of the speed and profit of your sale, so we all need to make sure that we are paying attention to the condition of our homes and our yards.