

# THE FLASH

*Fountain Lakes Newsletter*

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If you have not seen this fabulous tree, take a little detour down Sandy Land to take a look at it. It is at **9011 Broadway E.** This tree germinated or was planted in 1896, which makes it exactly 124 years old. Florida has such interesting trees with its moderate climate.

## "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.

Covenant:

Compliance with Documents. Each Owner and any other individual within Fountain Lakes shall be bound and abide by the Fountain Lakes Declarations, Covenants, and rules. The conduct of any individual shall be considered the conduct of the owner responsible for such individual's presence within Fountain Lakes. Such owner shall be liable to the Corporation and/or the Neighborhood Association for the cost of any maintenance, repair, damage, insurance cost or deductible or copay, or replacement of any real or personal property located on the Corporate Common Areas rendered necessary by his or her act, neglect, carelessness which shall be paid by the Owner as an individual expense Assessment. Failure of the Owner to notify their invitees or lessees shall not serve as a defense to enforcement or liability of the Owner and Owner shall remain responsible for their guests, invitees, delagatees, lessees, tenants, at all times.

## Emails Save Your HOA Money

Because so many people in Fountain Lakes still have not provided their email addresses to the office a lot of wasted money is spent on snail mail. Over 95% of residents have an email address but we have just over half of them recorded in the office.

It costs a lot of money to prepare, print and mail letters these days! In Sunrise alone it will cost over \$2000.00 in 2020 to mail the residents who have not provided us with email addresses. Such a waste of paper, chemicals, time, and

your money! When emails are sent to you by the Master Board or your Community Board, no other residents can see your email address so you don't have to worry that your email address is being spread around. The email is done by BCC (Blind carbon copy) or by a specialized program, neither of which show email addresses to all the recipients of the message. Confirm with the office to make sure they have your email address, and check that your neighbours and friends have done this too. Save a tree, give us your email.

## Remembering Don Schroeder

It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Don Schroeder this month in his 98th year. Don and Lucille Schroeder were two of the original owners in Fountain Lakes and have been active residents here for 30 years. They took part in many of the social activities right up until last year, and loved this community.

They have many friends here and so if you want to drop a note to Lucille or give her a call, her contact information is as follows:  
Lucille Schroeder, 3765 Westwood Drive, Brookfield, Wisconsin, 53005 cell 262-271-4671

## Multi-Level Yoga

- A user-friendly class taught from the base move with optional progressions available
- Wednesdays at 9 – 9:50 AM Fountain Lakes Activity Room
- Taught by Stacey Lima
- 4 week sessions or \$48 Drop Ins \$15 per class pre-registration required – 5 person minimum)
- Must be able to get up and down off the floor
- Contact Janet Hildebrand at ForestRidgeShores@gmail.com with question
- Check the Fountain Lakes Activity Calendar for specific date

### Mardi Gras Dinner Dance

Mardi Gras Dinner Dance at Fountain Lakes  
Come join the fun on February 22, 2020  
Tickets will soon be on sale in the office

### Storage Available

Storage spaces are available for rent in Fountain Lakes. Snap them up before they are gone. Call the Fountain Lakes office for more information.

### Garage Sale

Watch for the Fountain Lakes Garage Sale date in early March. Collect up all the things you don't want anymore, so someone else can carry them away for you and give you money to boot!

### Ladies Golf

Ladies Golf will be held on Mondays at 9:00. Please meet by the first hole at 8:45. Everyone welcome.

### Save the Date!!!

Recreation/Sports Banquet  
March 24, 2020.  
More Information in the March Flash

## Super Bowl

Every year we save The first Sunday of February for watching Super Bowl. This year it is February 2nd, in the Community Center, 4pm to close/end of game.

Bring a snack/appetizer to pass, your own choice of non or alcoholic beverage. Everyone should bring their OWN PLACE SETTING, which includes a plate and silverware and your own beverage container.

Everyone in Fountain Lakes is invited. There is no charge as it is self-run.

Any questions call Casey Monti at 248-345-1122.

## The Fountain Lakes Boutique

The Fountain Lakes Boutique will be held on Saturday, February 29 from 10-4 in the community center. Call Judy Ladd for more information.

## *"It Won't Happen to Me!" Think again!*

Happy New Year from the Lee County Sheriff's Office! Many of us feel we live in a safe community; however, opportunity invites crime. That is why we want to remove opportunity. We stay safe. Our property stays in our possession. Criminals get nothing! The following are simple ways to secure your property. Residential Safety – How to Deter Thieves Your Home: ~ Take a walk around your home (LCSO offers residential security surveys) ~ Illuminate dark areas with motion-activated lights ~ Keep shrubs and trees trimmed ~ Close garage doors ~ Secure sliding doors with auxiliary locks or pins ~ Lock your doors and windows - always ~ Use deadbolt locks, solid doors, sturdy hinges and peepholes ~ Reinforce strike plates on doors with 3-inch screws ~ Use film on glass doors or windows near doors (consider floor locks) ~ Install and use alarms and/or cameras – advertise security ~ Keep blinds/drapes closed at night and open during the day ~ Keep a light on inside at night (use timers while away) (tvs on timers) ~ Never open your door to strangers or allow strangers inside ~ Be cautious of salespeople and service people ~ Never hide

keys outside ~ Do not mention travel plans on social media (kids too) Your Valuables: ~ Store in (safe) place, other than the master bedroom (guns, cash and jewelry) ~ Keep a record - inventory, list and photograph ~ Shred important documents Your Car: ~ Always lock your car (even in the driveway) ~ Remove valuables, garage door opener Your Neighborhood: ~ Greet people with eye contact ~ Check on your neighbors – form a Neighborhood Watch ~ Let neighbors know when you go on vacation (Vacation House Check) ~ Report suspicious people, behavior, and vehicles (239) 477-1000 ~ Witness a crime-in-progress, call 911 Thieves: ~ Hate light and noise – do not want to risk being caught ~ Dislike dogs, nosy neighbors and look like your "average Joe" If you have any questions or would like to schedule a presentation on residential security, request a free security survey, or start/reboot a Neighborhood Watch program, please don't hesitate to reach out to our Community Response Unit @ (239) 477-1CRU or email us @ CRU@sheriffleefl.org. Thank you for reading! Be safe!

### **F.L.O.P.**

**February 21, 2020 9:30 am**

The Fountain Lakes Olympic Pentathlon (F.L.O.P.) challenge will be a day of fun, food and prizes, open to all Fountain Lakes residents. The F.L.O.P. will consist of GOLF, BOCCE, SHUFFLEBOARD, BEAN BAG & BILLIARDS modified to accommodate all skill levels. Lunch and prizes will be generously provided by Joe Pavich.

### **Awards for women and men's F.L.O.P**

Signup sheets will be available starting January 22 thru February 19 on the board by the billiards room. Everyone is encouraged to participate! A mini version of this event took place last year and it was so much fun and so many laughs.

### **Walking Path through the Golf Course**

The path throughout the Golf Course has been designated a Pedestrian path. Bikes, skateboards, and carts are not allowed. Thank You for your cooperation.

### **Champions Lunch**

Champions Lunch for all in the clubhouse Signup sheet on bulletin board by Billiards room January 19 thru February 19

## *Owners Beware of Native Species in Southwest Florida:*

Alligators, Rattle Snakes, Panthers, Bobcats, Wild Hogs, Raccoons, and Coyotes have all been seen at times in Fountain Lakes. We know our lakes currently have alligators so stay clear of the shoreline and water. Bears are also common in our area but I have not heard of a sighting in Fountain Lakes. Beware of the Cane Toad, which is an invasive species and very poisonous to pets. As more land is developed, we push these creatures into a smaller habitat. Please be aware of your surroundings as you travel around the community. Especially watch out for your pets! Please warn your family and any guests or renters of the possible danger when they are visiting. Let's all stay safe.

## **Successful Event**

In December the Social Committee hosted "Breakfast with Santa" at the clubhouse. The Joe Pavich family actively participated and funded the event. Santa arrived by firetruck to the cheers and smiling faces of 40-50 children and their parents. Continental breakfast was enjoyed by all as Santa passed out gifts, listened to each child's Christmas wishes and had pictures taken. What a great start to the Holiday Season. Many Thanks to the Pavich family.

## *Dick Shweers*

We have a celebrity living in Fountain Lakes. Congratulations to Dick Shweers on 22 years leading Estero Fire Rescue which he helped build to one of the premier fire districts in our area. We are proud to have a Fountain Lakes resident provide such inspired leadership to such an important service in our community. Dick led the department forward after one of the lowest times in its history. Dick's skills, leadership and oversight made a huge difference to the

department and since his retirement, to show their appreciation, they have awarded him an honorary lifetime position on the Board. Dick Shweers has done a lot to make your community safe, and to grow the Estero Fire Rescue to an efficient organization to be proud of. He also advocated and agitated for years in order to achieve the flashing lights that make our Fountain Lakes entrance safer for us. Thanks Dick!

## Protect Yourself From 'Distraction Burglaries' - Be Alert!

The Lee County Sheriff's Office reminds you to protect yourself from distraction burglary - defined as: "Any crime where a falsehood, trick or distraction is used on an occupant of a dwelling to gain, or try to gain, access to the premises in order to commit burglary."

Victims tend to find they have had money and/or valuables stolen only after the offense has actually been committed. These criminals are often highly organized, they can work alone or in pairs, and operate under an array of guises, including utility company personnel, door-to-door salespeople, builders and landscapers. In most cases legitimate workers will carry ID and relevant paperwork. Most will wait patiently and be willing to answer any questions about their visit. It is also good practice among many companies to make an appointment beforehand, rather than turning up at your door unannounced.

Preventing distraction burglary - When someone knocks at the door, stop and think: Are you expecting anyone? Always ask for an

ID or any associated paperwork. If you have any doubt you should call the company. Ensure your back door is always closed when answering the front door. Criminals intent on gaining access to your property may be working in pairs - while one distracts you at your front door the other may be trying to enter your property via the back. Never keep large sums of money in the house. Keep valuables and items of sentimental value where they are not easily accessible - the use of a small safe might be appropriate. Keep documents containing personal details out of sight, e.g. passport, utility bills, bank statements etc. Keep your keys in a safe place and not on display.

Call law enforcement:

If you are suspicious or feel that the caller may be bogus.

If someone forces entry or enters your home without permission.

If you notice valuables or money have gone missing shortly after someone has visited.

Whenever you think a crime has been, or is about to be, committed.

## Fraudulent Credit Card Alerts

Consumers need to be alert to a recent text scam that advises them a credit card account is restricted and requires that they call to remove the restriction. Upon calling the number provided, scammers make attempts to obtain the following information: Date of Birth, Social Security Number, Mother's Maiden Name, Card Account Number, Expiration Date, 3 Digit Security Code. Credit card companies would not ask for this information when you contact them in response to a text alert. If you receive a suspicious communication about your credit card, you should call the number on the back of your card to verify that it is legitimate. If you think you may be a victim of a scam or that your personal information was compromised, you can place a fraud alert on your credit bureau by contacting one of the three major credit reporting agencies, and change your passwords (Experian: 1-888-397-3742; TransUnion: 1-800-916-8800; Equifax: 1-800-685-1111).

## How Often Does Estero Fire Rescue come to Fountain Lakes

Ever wonder how much we use the fire rescue services in Estero?

There was 1 Building Fire, 105 Emergency Medical Incidents, 15 Calls for public service, 7 Good intent calls, 2 False alarms for a total of 132 calls from Estero Fire Rescue to the Fountain Lake Community in 2019.

## Special Services Especially Good for Seniors

Estero Fire Rescue is proud to assist any resident, regardless of age, with changing out their smoke alarms and/or batteries. (smoke alarms have a life of 7 years so if it has been more than seven years or you are not sure how long you have had your units, it may be time to change them out). You will need to purchase the batteries (long-life also known as ten-year batteries) or the smoke alarm(s) units (must be type with a sealed, long life battery) prior to our arrival. Once you have these items, contact our office at 239-390-8000 to schedule your appointment. This is a free service and no donation is expected. If you have any questions about our program, give us a call.

## Contacts

**Fountain Lakes Office** 239-495-3555

**Fountain Lake website** [www.fountainlakesestero.com](http://www.fountainlakesestero.com)

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**Non Emergency Police** 239-477-1000

**Non Emergency Fire** 239-390-8000

**Call 911 in an Emergency**

# February Calendar

Forest Ridge Shores Association, [ftlakesmonitor@gmail.com](mailto:ftlakesmonitor@gmail.com)

Feb 2020 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 9 am - Pickleball 11 am - Perkins	27 8 am - TENNIS @ 9 am - Ladies Golf 9 am - Pickleball 9 am - Sewing Club 1 pm - Canasta/Bridg 6 pm - Poker @	28 9 am - Mens Golf @ 1 pm - Mahjong @	29 8 am - TENNIS @ 9 am - Pickleball 9 am - Yoga @ 1 pm - Bridge @ 6 pm - Cards Rummy 8:45 pm - Shuffle	30 9 am - Guys N Gals 2 pm - Beanbags @ 7 pm - Bingo @	31 8 am - TENNIS @ 9 am - Pickleball 9:45 am - BOCCE 3 pm - Chill & Chat @	1
2 9 am - Pickleball 4 pm - Superbowl	3 8 am - TENNIS @ 9 am - Ladies Golf 9 am - Pickleball 9 am - Sewing Club 1 pm - Canasta/Bridg 2 pm - Social	4 9 am - Mens Golf @ 1 pm - Mahjong @	5 8 am - TENNIS @ 9 am - Pickleball 9 am - Yoga @ 1 pm - Bridge @ 5 pm - Sunrise 6 pm - Cards Rummy	6 9 am - Linksters Golf 2 pm - Beanbags @ 7 pm - Bingo @	7 8 am - TENNIS @ 9 am - Pickleball 9:45 am - BOCCE 3 pm - Chill & Chat @	8
9 9 am - Pickleball	10 8 am - TENNIS @ 9 am - Ladies Golf 9 am - Pickleball 9 am - Sewing Club 1 pm - Canasta/Bridg 6 pm - Poker @	11 9 am - Mens Golf @ 1 pm - Mahjong @	12 8 am - TENNIS @ 9 am - Pickleball 9 am - Yoga @ 1 pm - Bridge @ 6 pm - Cards Rummy 6 pm - Forest Ridge	13 9 am - Guys & Gals 2 pm - Beanbags @ 7 pm - Bingo @	14 8 am - TENNIS @ 9 am - Pickleball 9:45 am - BOCCE 3 pm - Chill & Chat @ 3 pm - Southshore	15
16 9 am - Pickleball	17 8 am - TENNIS @ 9 am - Ladies Golf 9 am - Pickleball 9 am - Sewing Club 1 pm - Canasta/Bridg 2 pm - Social	18 9 am - Mens Golf @ 1 pm - Mahjong @	19 8 am - TENNIS @ 9 am - Pickleball 9 am - Yoga @ 10 am - Forest Ridge 1 pm - Bridge @ 6 pm - BOD Meeting	20 9 am - Linksters Golf 2 pm - Beanbags @ 7 pm - Bingo @	21 8 am - TENNIS @ 9 am - Pickleball 9:30 am - FLOP Ftn 9:45 am - BOCCE 3 pm - Chill & Chat @	22 4:30 pm - Mardi Gras
23 9 am - Pickleball	24 8 am - TENNIS @ 9 am - Ladies Golf 9 am - Pickleball 9 am - Sewing Club 1 pm - Canasta/Bridg 2 pm - Social	25 9 am - Mens Golf @ 1 pm - Mahjong @	26 8 am - TENNIS @ 9 am - Pickleball 9 am - Yoga @ 1 pm - Bridge @ 6 pm - Cards Rummy 8:45 pm - Shuffle	27 9 am - Guys & Gals 2 pm - Beanbags @ 7 pm - Bingo @	28 8 am - TENNIS @ 9 am - Pickleball 9:45 am - BOCCE 3 pm - Arts & Craft 3 pm - Chill & Chat @	29 7 am - Set up 10 am - Arts & Craft