

THE FLASH

Fountain Lakes Newsletter

DECEMBER 2022



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Fountain Lakes Halloween Parade

It was a pleasant day for the Fountain Lakes Children's Halloween Parade. Daisy and Cinda lead the parade for the 40 children and 60 adults who took part in the event. Joe and Joanie Pavich welcomed the children and their families with Halloween treats and lunch. The event was sponsored by JPavich Real Estate.

Notes from Fountain Lakes Master Association President

The Village of Estero Zoning PLANNING ZONING AND DESIGN BOARD meeting was held on November 8TH, 2022. The Marketplace Development Order (District 6) (DOS2022-E001) 8001 Via Rapallo Drive, located east of US 41, north of Sweetwater Ranch Blvd., and south of Via Rapallo Dr. was on the agenda.

This Development Order is for the construction of a mixed-use commercial development, consisting of five buildings with parking, landscaping, and stormwater management.

The site is across the road from Fountain Lakes and Coconut Point Ford. Will it impact Fountain Lake? I am sure it will but not sure just how. We may get the Stop light at our intersection Which we have wanted for many years.

Ryan Willoughby

HO HO HO! BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Dec 10th at 9 AM in the Community Activity Center. Sign up at the Fountain Lakes office. Sponsored by Joe and Joni Pavich.

Covenant Coaching

"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 Convenances protects the value of our property and the integrity of our neighborhoods.

Please note the Amended and Restated Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions:

"Committed Property" homeowners' property.

"Corporate Common Property" Association property such as roads, Cul-de-Sac, and clubhouse area.

A reminder: An Architectural Review Forms (ARC) are required for any external addition, change/modification including paint colors, landscaping changes, pools and enclosure expansions, expansions of lanais, external changes to the residence, antennas/satellite dishes, fences, permanent constructed firepits, altering driveway size or material, Flag Poles, Gardens, Lighting, or outdoor Equipment. (See ARC form for details).

See the Recorded Rules and Regulations for Fountain Lakes Community Association, Inc. on the Fountain Lakes Website - <https://fountainlakesestero.com/>

Amended and Restated Declaration 2020

Loss of Habitat and Invasion of Hogs

For many years, the land west of Fountain Lakes property has NOT been maintained and has been a home for many wild animals. It has always been private property and NOT a preserve.

This land is now being cleared for the new Raptor Bay Golf. Raptor Bay is within Bonita Springs Boundary lines. The loss of habitat has caused the animals to roam further from their normal space.

We continue to have the hogs trapped because of their destruction of resident's property. We have now caught 15 hogs and the next date to hunt is Nov 21st. and will continue to track until they believe they have eliminated the problem.

Florida Fish and Wildlife stated homeowners have the right to remove the hogs. Some residents have placed spotlights and played music in their yards at night which has deterred the hogs from entering their property. Home Depot sells a product called Wild Hog Scram which one resident used to get rid of the hogs. For more information check <https://feralhogs.extension.org/feral-hogs-in-your-backyard/>

Picture Perfect

Our smartphones are usually with us which makes them the best for camera snapshots. Why not learn how to make these pictures the best they can be? Smartphones usually have great cameras. You can maximize the enjoyment of your shots by knowing how to use the camera properly. You are also able to do some post-processing right from your phone.

Anyone who would like to explore the use of their phone for photography, share their knowledge, and share photo challenges with a group, please contact Thelma Jarvis at 705-644-3554.

No cost is involved. Must have a smartphone with a camera. We would start with a plan for 6 weekly afternoon or evening meetings. Meeting dates and times are to be determined.

2022 - 2023 Sports Schedule

LEAGUE PLAY: LADIES GOLF	All residents & renters welcome – Please sign up on the Bulletin Board Monday 9 AM JUDY LADD Studio266@aol.com League starts Jan 1st 2023 Annual Fee \$20	574-276-2942
MENS GOLF	Tuesday 9 AM MIKE MONTI monti.michael@gmail.com League starts Jan 10th 2023 League fee \$10	248-513-0099
LINKSTERS	Thursday 8:45 DIANE MOULTON dmoulton82@yahoo.com W/LUNCH Golf fee \$2 Lunch fee \$5 golf no lunch December 8 golf & lunch Jan 5th & 19th, Feb 2nd & 16th, Mar 2nd & 16th & 30th, Apr 13th	508-916-1943
GUYS & GALS	Thursday 8:45 PAM DIONISE pdionise@comcast.net Golf fee \$2 Dec 1st & 15th, Jan 12th & 26th, Feb 9th & 23rd , Mar 9th & 23rd Apr 6th	925-584-1387
BILLARDS	Tuesday 9 AM REGIS SEXTON League starts Jan 3rd 2023	239-949-8281
CORNHOLE	Tuesday 2 PM MIKE DERNFELD Everyone welcome - Open play	219-545-3278
SHUFFLEBOARD	Wednesday 9 AM MARY CAREY Maryacarey@gmail.com League starts Jan 4th 2023	508-776-4132
BOCCE	Friday 10 AM WES DICKERSON League starts Jan 6th 2023	248-431-1567

Open play for pickleball, tennis, and basketball from 7:30 AM till dusk/9 PM-Except during “drop-in group play”. All residents welcome to join the Drop-In Group. Pickleball drop-in group play: Sat and Sun 8:00 am to Noon. Free clinic: Learn to Play Pickleball: Sundays Noon-1:00 Contact Tom J Parisi 781-603-2222 <parisiland@gmail.com>
Open play for golf and other sports: available from dawn till dusk – except during league play. Pool open from 7:30 till dusk/9 PM.

The Humble Tortoise:

Aesop’s Fable tells the story of the tortoise who beat the hare with its slow and methodical determination. Fountain Lakes has its own colony of Gopher Tortoises. The mound they call home is located on Sand Dune Lane. In the past, the mound has been allowed to grow wild and has become unsightly. Upon research with Florida Fish and Wildlife, it was discovered the proper way to maintain the Tortoise Mound. **Please do NOT feed the Tortoise... human food draws other animals to the food and can disrupt the Tortoise.**

The following information was supplied by:
Jillian LeVasseur, CAD Compliance Biologist
Division of Habitat and Species Conservation,
Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission

Routine vegetation maintenance, vegetation removal, and landscaping near tortoise burrows do not require a permit or relocation of gopher tortoises, FWC does recommend taking steps to minimize or avoid disturbance to gopher tortoise burrows. Here are a few steps we recommend taking:

1. Set mower blades as high as possible to avoid injuring small tortoises which may be difficult to see in taller vegetation.
2. If you are using a heavy sit-on-top lawn mower, avoid mowing near the mouth of the burrow by approximately 10-15 ft in all directions. If you wish to trim the vegetation closer to the mouth of a burrow, we recommend using a weed whacker.
3. Use flagging tape and/or wooden stakes to mark locations of known burrows. Flagging burrows will help create visual awareness so that you can better avoid the burrows.
4. If you are mowing a smaller area, we recommend briefly scanning the area on foot in case small tortoises are actively foraging.
5. If you are using herbicide to control invasive plant species, we recommend direct application rather than broadcast application.

For information, <https://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/wildlife/gopher-tortoise/>



SEW MANY GOOD DEEDS

The club sews projects for various charitable organizations. The ladies provide the material for the projects they make. They make wheelchair covers, blankets, quilts, fidget quilts for memory care, tote bags, and shawls to name a few items. Some of the organizations that benefit from these items are: Veterans, Nursing Homes, Organizations for Children, and Abused Women.



They also celebrate the member's birthdays and a Christmas party.

Fountain Lakes Sewing Club meets every Monday from 9 – noon in the Activity Center. You are welcome to join them.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR 2022 / 2023 SEASON:

Social Committee Chair Person: Vickie Miller bivi70@centurylink.net

The social events will be held at the Community Activity Center or Pool Area

Dinner / Dances – Cost \$20 per person Tickets are on Sale in the Office

Dinner served & Entertainment provided - Bring your own Drinks

Do you enjoy the dances and social events organized by the Fountain Lakes Social Committee? A Committee Chairperson and committee members are needed in order to continue providing Social Events for Fountain Lakes. Next Social Committee meets on Jan. 5th, 2023 at 1 PM. Contact Vickie Miller or leave your name and phone number with the monitor at the office for more information.

Breakfast with Santa	Saturday December 10th, 2022 9:00 am
Dinner Dance – Taste of Italy	Saturday January 21st, 2023 6:00-9:00 pm
Dinner Dance – Enchanted Evening	Saturday February 18th, 2023 6:00-9:00 pm
Music and Dance at the pool	Saturday March 11th, 2023 3:00-6:00 pm
Music and Dance at the pool	Saturday April 1st, 2023 3:00-6:00 pm

Bingo:

Year-Round - Community Activity Center
\$10 fee for 10 games

Thursday 6:30 PM

Contact: Joan Kuehm 239 495-3107 & Arlette Royhl 708-609-8860

Other community activities include:

Community Wide Garage Sale	Saturday March 4th 2023	8 AM – Noon
Fountain Lakes boutique	Saturday, February 25th 2023	8 AM – 5 PM Contact: Judy Ladd Studio266@aol.com

Clubs & Activities:

Year Round Sewing Club – Community Activity Center

Monday 9:00 AM

Contact: Rita Hoke 239-947-4508

Cards – Year-Round – Library

Monday	1:00 PM	Canasta & Bridge	
Tuesday	1:00 PM	Mah Jong (all levels)	Reda 239-273-5180
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bridge	
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Rummy	
Thursday	1:00 PM	Euchre	

Yoga

Community Activity Center \$18 Fee per class
Wednesday 9 AM Janet 239-877-2038 January – April of 2023

Art Classes

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

The monthly calendar and much more information is on the website at www.fountainlakesestero.com
You can get the names and addresses 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