

THE FLASH

Fountain Lakes Newsletter

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BOCCI BALL IS AVAILABLE TO THE FOUNTAIN LAKES RESIDENTS.

League play is held on Friday at 10 AM. Sign up to join the group.

Open play is available after the league play. Equipment is available for Bocci Ball, Shuffleboard, tennis, golf, corn hole, horseshoes, and pickleball. The equipment is stored in the closet within the entrance to Estero Woods Rental Office or contact a Fountain Lakes Monitor.

Notes from Fountain Lakes Master Association President

Fountain Lakes social events are back in full swing for 2023. We are pleased to see the turnout of residents engaging in these events. A special thanks goes out to the Social Committee for their efforts and making these events happen. Please welcome Kelly Rhoades as the new chair Person of the committee.

The Board is continuing the battle against the wild hogs being pushed into our community. We have residents that have volunteered to work with the board and a committee has been created to assist in our continued efforts for solutions. I will be putting forth my efforts and work with other Board members to get this committee off the ground.

We will continue to keep the community updated at our monthly meetings. Residents are encouraged to attend to stay informed, voice concerns and share suggestions.

Ryan Willoughby

Hogs, Hogs, and more Hogs foraging in Fountain Lakes

The most asked question in Fountain Lakes... What are you going to do about the hogs? The Fountain Lakes Community Association has established a committee to review the hog situation and the viability of a wall around the community.

The current trapper, Alex and his dogs, have 3 or 4 people that help him. He has worked with other trappers and will enlist their help to cover Fountain Lakes. He currently has traps along the Power lines west of Fountain Lakes. He will set additional traps within Fountain Lakes. He is particular about where he sets the trap for safety reasons. He needs a large area away from human traffic. If a couple of the hogs enter the trap, the rest of the group will mingle around the area. It is important that residents stay away from the traps. Residents will be notified before a trap is set in their area. The hogs are usually taken from the traps after dark so there is less interference that may disrupt the process.

Alex and others will continue to hunt with dogs. The dogs are highly trained. If they hear a human voice other than Alex, they will immediately return to his side. They are trained to ONLY go after hogs they will not approach dogs, rabbits, and other animals. As of January 18th, 2023, 92 hogs were caught in the Fountain Lakes area and around another 250 from West Bay & O'Donald's Landscape.

The second most asked question is... Where are they coming from?

The hogs are wild animals who have lost their home for the sake of development. The property to the west of Fountain Lakes was a privately owned preserve area. A new developer took over the property and is building a new Community. Saltleaf on Estero Bay will include 224 Condo units, a Marina, 9-hole Golf Course, 18-hole Golf Course, a Preserve, and nature trails. Check out <https://saltleaf.com/>

Where is Saltleaf Golf Preserve? Currently known as Raptor Bay Golf Club off of Coconut Road. The existing 9-hole golf course is being re-structured as a new short course. Additionally, a new Troon-managed 18-hole course will co-existence with a 144-acre of Florida uplands preserve. This area borders Fountain Lakes on the west property line.

How can you help yourself? We do not know why the hogs choose one area over the neighbor next door. They are looking for food. They eat grubs, earthworms, legumes, fruit, berries, nuts, and not sure what else. Some neighbors have had success with lights or music (make sure your light does not shine in the roadway or neighbor's windows). There is a sprinkling system with a sensor that has had some success. The State of Florida, Lee County, and Village of Estero have various laws regarding the discharge of a firearm. It is each owner's responsibility to repair their own yard.

Committee Meetings:

Fountain Lakes Master Association meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 PM in the Community Activity Center.

Architectural Review Committee meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7 PM in Fountain Lakes Office.

Cane Toad Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM Community Activity Center.

Invasive Hogs and Wall Committee being formed

2023 Sports Schedule

LEAGUE PLAY: LADIES GOLF	All residents & renters welcome – Please sign up on the Bulletin Board Monday 9 AM League starts Jan 9th, 2023 Registration Fee \$10 KATE LEWIS katemlewis44@gmail.com. 239-789-0804 MELISSA LAFAYETTE 802-318-0211 PAM DIONISE 925-584-1387		
MENS GOLF	Tuesday 9 AM League starts Jan 10th, 2023	MIKE MONTI monti.michael@gmail.com League fee \$10	248-513-0099
LINKSTERS	Thursday 8:45 W/LUNCH golf no lunch golf & lunch	DIANE MOULTON dmoulton82@yahoo.com Golf fee \$2 Lunch fee \$5 December 8 Jan 5th & 19th, Feb 2nd & 16th, Mar 2nd & 16th & 30th & Apr 13th	508-916-1943
GUYS & GALS	Thursday 8:45 Golf fee \$2	PAM DIONISE pdionise@comcast.net Jan 12th & 26th, Feb 9th & 23rd, Mar 9th & 23rd & Apr 6th	925-584-1387
BILLARDS	Tuesday 9 AM League starts Jan 3rd, 2023	REGIS SEXTON	239-949-8281
CORNHOLE	Wednesday 2 PM	MIKE DERNFELD Everyone welcome - Open play	219-545-3278
SHUFFLEBOARD	Wednesday 9 AM League starts Jan 11th, 2023	MARY CAREY Maryacarey@gmail.com	508-776-4132
BOCCE	Friday 10 AM League starts Jan 6th, 2023	Need a coordinator for Bocce Contact WES	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.

Barcodes & Gates

To gain entrance to Fountain Lakes: Owners and Renters needs fill out a registration form. They must verify their Association, Address, Owner’s Name, (and Renter’s name if appropriate), and Phone Number on the registration form. An Entry Code, a Directory Code and a Bar Code(s) will be issued. The monitor must install the bar code. The Key Fob is used to access the Fitness Center, Library, and Billiards room.

Never had a bar code: Each new owner is entitled to 1 free bar code and 1 free key fob. After that, they are charged \$10.00 each. It takes at least 24 hours to update the barcode on the system.

Renter (including Estero Woods) – A lease agreement is required by the Property Manager to obtain codes: Typically, those who are renting for less than 60 days will not be issued a bar code or key fob. The owner of the rental unit should have an entry code and key fob for access to Fountain Lakes. If not, they can be obtained at the office for a fee of \$10 each.

The US 41 Gate System responds to a Bar Code, Entry Code, or Directory Codes.

The **Bar Code** is placed on the passenger window and scanned on the inbound right lane.

The **Entry Code** (one per address) is your personal code to be entered at the Call box on the Inbound left Lane of the US 41 entrance. The person presses # (pound sign) plus the 4 digits to activate the gate. This can be given to your trusted family and friends for entry.

Directory Code (one Per address) is to be used at the Call Box on the Inbound Left Lane of the US 41 entrance. Visitors can use the call box to find your name and press the Call Button. Or, you can give the visitor your Directory code to enter followed by the Call Button (looks like a phone handset). This will call your phone number as you have listed on the account. If you want to allow the person to enter, you press 9 on your phone and the gate will open.

The William’s Road gate only responds to Bar Codes. When having workers or deliveries, instruct them to use the US 41 Entrance. Tell them GPS will take them to the wrong gate.

One Vehicle at a time – wait until the gates are fully open. There are working cameras that track all vehicles both inbound and outbound at both gates. If you damage the gate system in anyway, you will be expected to pay for damages and you may be issued a violation and fine. The Swing Gates are opened from 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM daily. The Arm Gates are functional at all times. Please be Patient and Considerate.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR 2023 SEASON:

Social Committee Chair Person: Kelly Rhodes / kellyrrhoades@gmail.com / 239-398-1754

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

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 Thursday 6:30 PM \$10 fee for 10 games
 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

Swim Classes – Community Pool

Thelma Jarvis NO Fee
 Tuesday & Thursday - 8 AM

Photography Club

Thelmas Jarvis 705 644-3554 NO Fee
 Tuesday 3 PM



Jewelry, Paintings, Sculpture, Pillows, Ceramics, Cards, Wearable Art, Photography, Purses, & Books. 22201 Fountain Lakes Blvd, Estero. West of Coconut Point, South of the Ford Lot. Free Admission



*Annual
 Fountain Lakes
 Community Wide Garage
 Sale*

Saturday, March 4, 2023.
 between 8 AM and Noon.

Please register at the office. A \$2 fee to offset the cost of the advertising is greatly appreciated.

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