



December



Fountain Lakes Is Buzzing with Activity!

Things are really picking up here in Fountain Lakes! Just a week ago, it was hard to fill two pickleball courts, and now all four courts are busy with a full bench of players waiting their turn. It's wonderful to see everyone back, reconnecting with friends and enjoying the Florida sunshine.

This weekend will bring another wave of residents returning from up north—trading snow shovels for sunscreen! Over the past couple of weeks, we've also noticed a surge in new construction around the area. It seems every project is getting off the ground at once!

The corner of U.S. 41 and Coconut Road is beginning to show the true scale of that enormous development, which will undoubtedly add exciting new shops, restaurants, and entertainment options—along with, yes, a bit more traffic.

The old driving range site is finally moving beyond dirt work, with High 5 Entertainment breaking ground this month. And if you head down to Old Bonita, you'll see new shops and revitalized spaces transforming the charm and atmosphere of that historic area.

Back home at Fountain Lakes, there's a brand-new event on this year's calendar that promises to become an annual tradition!

On December 20th, join us for our FIRST EVER Golf Cart Christmas Parade & Pet Parade!

Lineup begins at 10:30 AM, and the parade starts at 11:00 AM along Fountain Lakes Boulevard back by the storage shed on Sand Dune Lane.

Santa himself will be part of the festivities, and don't forget to dress up your furry friends—the best-dressed pups will be crowned King and Queen for the day!

The parade will end at the Clubhouse, where the Social Committee is putting together a fun and festive celebration for all to enjoy. So, get those carts, strollers, bikes, and scooters polished and decorated—it's time to put the U back in FUN this holiday season!



Breakfast



Event Details:

- **Date:** Saturday, December 13, 2025
- **Location:** Fountain Lakes Community Center, Estero, FL
- **Time:** 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
- **Admission:** Free for all ages
- **Registration is required by December 1st at the Fountain Lakes office**

Don't miss this festive morning of fun, food, and holiday magic!

Thank you to Realty World J. Pavich Real Estate and Joe & Joni Pavich for making this event a holiday highlight year after year

Meet the Gulfshore Business 40 Under 40 Class of 2025



Our very own Ashley DeBoer from the Greens

Founder & Consultant, CX Consulting Group

Co-Owner, Apex Painting Group

Growing up in a small Midwestern town, Ashley DeBoer learned early on the value of hard work, community and making every dollar count. After earning two undergraduate degrees at Florida Gulf Coast University and serving in the Peace Corps, the pandemic led her toward her own executive coaching and consulting firm.

"When the pandemic disrupted everything, I had the opportunity to work alongside my stepfather, a 30-year industry veteran, to transform a wholesale automotive operation into a full-service dealership. He encouraged me and believed in me to stretch beyond my comfort zone and fully embrace the work," DeBoer says. "That experience lit a fire in me

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• This is a reprint of the September 1st Gulf Shores Business Magazine article by BILL WASINGER. It should be also noted that Ms DeBoer is the granddaughter of Mike and Kathy Dernfield of Timberlake shore, The FLASH congratulates Ms DeBoer on her achievements.

Your ARC: Keeping Our Neighborhood Beautiful!

Ever wonder who helps keep our community looking cohesive and welcoming? That's our Architectural Review Committee (ARC)! Guided by Florida Statute §720.3035, the ARC reviews exterior changes—like new fences, paint colors, or landscaping—to ensure they match our HOA's vision, as outlined in our governing documents (CC&Rs). The ARC is all about protecting what makes your neighborhood special. It keeps our homes looking harmonious, which boosts curb appeal and property values for everyone. By ensuring changes meet local codes and our community standards, the ARC prevents headaches and keeps disputes to a minimum. ARC does its best to be open and transparent—meetings are open to the public, decisions are clear, and responses come within 45 days after receiving sub-association approval. Before you start that exterior project, reach out to your sub-association HOA/COA board for guidance and approval. They are your first step and will help you navigate the ARC process. Forms and contact information are available @ www.fountainlakesestero.com. It's quick, easy, and keeps our amazing community looking its best!

Architectural Review Committee - Meets the 2nd Monday each month 6 PM in Fountain Lakes office.
Chairman- Warren Cameron, wcam222@aol.com

Election Education: Important 2026 Election Dates & Voting Information

- First Notice – January 19, 2026
- Election notices will be mailed to the address on record (may be a summer address for part-time residents).
- Intent to Run Deadline – February 8, 2026
- Last day for potential candidates to submit their Notice of Intent to Run forms.
- Candidate Information Sheets – February 13, 2026
- Candidates forum February 16, 6pm Community Center
- Second Notice – February 18, 2026
- Includes ballots, proxy forms, envelopes, and candidate information sheets. If you don't receive yours, copies will be available at the office.
- Board Meeting Agenda Posted – March 6, 2026
- Available on the Fountain Lakes website and at the community center.
- Annual Meeting & Election Night – March 20, 2026
- To be held at the Community Center.

The March edition of The FLASH will include candidate information sheets and voting instructions.



Date: Saturday, February 21, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location: Fountain Lakes Community Clubhouse

The Fountain Lakes Community Craft Fair is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the creativity and talent of our residents! This annual event highlights handmade crafts, art, and unique projects created by members of our community. All types of crafts and projects are welcome — from art, woodworking, and jewelry to sewing, photography, and more. The fair will be open to the public, so guests are invited to come browse, enjoy, and purchase locally made crafts. If you're interested in participating as a vendor, please send your name, email address, and a brief description of your project or craft to:

Csonka117@gmail.com



Fountain Lakes PRESENTS... **FIRST EVER GOLF CART CHRISTMAS PARADE & DRESS YOUR DOG CONTEST!**

**FOUNTAIN LAKES CLUBHOUSE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2025**

10:30 AM - 2:00 PM

PARADES BEGINS AT 11:00 AM ON SAND DUNE LANE (NEAR THE STORAGE LOT) AND ENDS AT THE CLUBHOUSE, WHERE FOOD, DRINKS, AND FESTIVE FUN AWAIT!

COME SEE SANTA CLAUS!

BEST-DRESSED DOGS WILL BE CROWNED KING & QUEEN!

DECORATE YOUR RIDE!

GOLF CARTS, STROLLERS, SCOOTERS, BICYCLES AND TRICYCLE ARE ALL WELCOME – BUT NO CARS OR TRUCKS, PLEASE!

NOT IN THE PARADE? NO PROBLEM!

LINE YOUR CHAIRS ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE AND CHEER ON YOUR NEIGHBORS!



JOIN THE FUN!

SIGN-UP SHEET WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
DIANA BAILY – MOMA2LULU@YAHOO.COM

****MASTER BOARD MEETING 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 6PM COMMUNITY CENTER****
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BEYOND OUR GATES



Sizzling Up Tradition: Get Ready for LaBelle's 14th Annual Smoke Under the Oaks Rib Fest!

Hey there, flavor adventurers and oak-shade seekers! Can you smell it already? That irresistible waft of smoky ribs, hickory, and pure Southern charm is calling your name. We're thrilled to share that one of LaBelle's most beloved traditions is firing up once again—the 14th Annual Smoke Under the Oaks Rib Fest—and it's happening sooner than you think!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 10, 2026, when the fun rolls in from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the picturesque Barron Park. But don't be late—the day kicks off with a Opening Ceremony at 10:30 a.m., right under the canopy of ancient oaks along the Caloosahatchee River.

Let me tell you about my own "aha!" moment at last year's fest. I wandered over from Fountain Lakes (just about an hour's drive inland) and stumbled upon a crew slinging some seriously stellar BBQ. Who were these rib wizards? None other than our very own Rick, Beau, and Casey from Fountain Lakes, as the Bonita Bay BBQ Boys! Their ribs? Fall-off-the-bone perfection, smoked to smoky heaven. They racked up a ton of votes from the crowd for People's Choice, and honestly, I wasn't surprised one bit. If you're a BBQ fan, keep an eye out for them—they might just steal the show again!

This fest isn't just about the food it's your ticket to a genuine taste of old Florida. Nestled in vibrant downtown LaBelle, it's the perfect excuse to escape the everyday, soak up those timeless traditions, and wander hand-in-hand with the ones you love. Free admission means zero barriers to the fun—grab the family, your best walking shoes, and let's make some memories!

What's Cooking at the Fest?

Expect a rib-tastic lineup that'll have your taste buds dancing:

- **Rib Cook-Off Galore:** Dozens of teams battling it out with their secret sauces and smoking techniques. Sample away and cast your vote for the People's Choice Champion—your ballot could crown the king (or queen) of ribs!
- **Judges' Picks:** A panel of experts will dish out trophies and cash prizes to the top three teams. Who will take home the glory?
- **Vibes & Goodies:** Thousands of fellow foodies mingling with local vendors, cold drinks flowing, and live music keeping the energy high. Shop for unique finds, picnic under the oaks, or just kick back and people-watch—it's all on the menu.

More LaBelle Magic Awaits

Once you're hooked on this rib fest, don't stop there! Keep your radar tuned for LaBelle's next big bash: The Swamp Cabbage Festival. And if you're feeling lucky, head over to the armadillo races run by the local Rotary Club—you could snag a hat just by picking the speedy winner.

**** MASTER BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF
THE MONTH 6PM COMMUNITY CENTER ****

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