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Welcome Back to Fountain Lakes, Snowbirds!

A warm, sunny Florida welcome to all our northern neighbors returning to our vibrant community! As the temperatures drop up north, we're thrilled to have you back in Fountain Lakes for the 2025/2026 season. We hope you enjoyed the summer edition of our online/email newsletter, which brought a fresh way to stay connected. Your incredible travel photos from Scotland, Ireland, the UK, Portugal, Jordan, and our beloved neighbors in Canada lit up our inboxes, showcasing the adventurous spirit of our community. It's heartwarming to see so many of you exploring the world and visiting fellow Fountain Lakes friends both near and far.

As I write this, I'm enjoying a pint of Guinness at The Hatchett in Andover, England, alongside our dear friends Robin Rolls and Mary Visconti, wrapping up a memorable celebration of love in Amman, Jordan. Three years ago, when we first moved to Fountain Lakes, I could have never imagined forming such cherished friendships. This community truly is a special place.

What's New at Fountain Lakes?

While many of you were enjoying cooler climates, Fountain Lakes has been bustling with improvements. Our team has been hard at work upgrading our aging infrastructure to ensure we're ready for Southwest Florida's frequent rains and storms. These behind-the-scenes enhancements may not be immediately visible, but they're vital for keeping our community strong and resilient.

On the golf course, you may notice a change at the second tee. The large tree that once stood there was removed due to root damage affecting the greens and tee. While we'll miss its shade, rest assured a thoughtful replanting plan is in place to enhance the beauty of our course. We're committed to keeping Fountain Lakes a picturesque and enjoyable place for all.

Looking Ahead

As we kick off the season, we can't wait to hear more of your stories, reconnect over shared experiences, and make new memories together. Whether you're hitting the fairways, relaxing by the pool, or joining a community event, Fountain Lakes is ready to welcome you home with open arms.

Stay tuned for more updates, and don't forget to share your photos or ideas for upcoming newsletters to jaballe166@gmail.com. The November issue will highlight all sporting activities that will be available this upcoming season.

Warm regards,

Flash team



*The FLASH is interested in your stories, submissions, and ideas please send to
jaballe166@gmail.com*



RESIDENT SPOT LIGHT BILL LEWIS



My wife Kate and I have been part of this community since 2010. We love being snowbirds living in the Villas of Fountain Lakes.

Before retiring, I spent 34 years working as a firefighter in Toronto, Canada. I chose the job because I've always liked helping people, and the camaraderie of working on a team was second to none. No two days were ever the same—except for the morning coffee. I retired in 2014, and although I traded in the fire hall for palm trees, the brotherhood and sisterhood of the fire service will always be part of me.

Over the years, I found myself involved in some pretty interesting events. I was a HAZMAT DECON Captain during the G20 Summit in Toronto having to get security clearance to be within the immediate area of all the heads of state. Responded to the massive propane explosion in the city, and have even been roped into appearing in two films that were shot in Toronto (sadly, Hollywood never called me back). One of the most moving experiences of my career was in 2002 marching in New York City with over 50,000 other firefighters from all over the world for the 911 Memorial March—a powerful reminder of the bond we all share worldwide.

Outside of firefighting, I've been married to Kate for 40 years. We have two wonderful children, and I'm lucky enough to be "Papa" to two granddaughters. Kate makes sure I stay busy in retirement—sometimes I think I worked fewer hours as a firefighter!

I'm also a big fan of our dog Whiskey. She is a Hungarian Vizsla and has become very recognize-able around Fountain Lakes.

We feel fortunate to have landed here in this wonderful community full of great people, and we are both proud to call it home.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS



1) The Board has approved new flags for the golf course—The custom design is being paid for entirely with Night Golf donations.

2) Williams Road Roundabout land request being discussed

3) Lake Bank restoration Phase 9 was approved

4) Planting plan for second tee and new tee box sod approved.

******PLEASE REMEMBER TO ALWAYS USE A TEE ON OUR PAR 3 TEE BOXES******

5) Back yard flooding can be an issue in some areas. If you have a storm drain at the rear of your property please check to make sure that it is clear of debris and that water can flow freely.

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

**PLEASE VISIT WWW.FOUNTAINLAKESESTERO.COM FOR IMPORTANT
UPDATES AND ISSUES CONCERNING OUR COMMUNITY**

LIONS AND TIGERS AND BEARS...OH MY!

BY INGRID WALSH PRESIDENT FOREST RIDGE SHORES

Well, we may not have lions and tigers, but along the banks of Halfway Creek in Forest Ridge Shores, we do see our share of bears, bobcats, foxes, coyotes, hogs, gators, river otters, and much more. Our preserve is alive with wildlife, and the views it offers never disappoint.

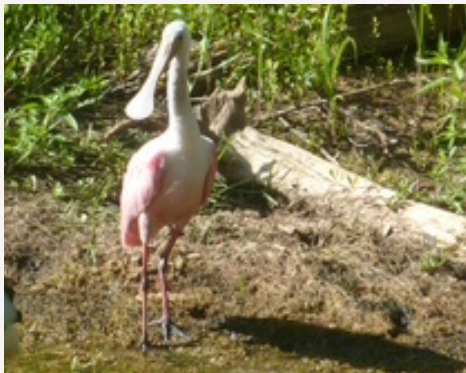
My name is Ingrid Walsh, and I am proud to serve as President of the Forest Ridge Shores community. FRS is the newest neighborhood in Fountain Lakes, now celebrating 25 years. I have lived here from the very beginning and raised my three children in this community. I have always felt safe here and hope it will always remain that way. Neighbors look out for one another, and we don't hesitate to ask questions if something seems unusual—though, thankfully, that doesn't happen very often.

We are a small neighborhood of 64 homes, but we are very active in Fountain Lakes life. Monthly HOA meetings are always well attended, and our residents are committed to keeping Forest Ridge Shores a desirable and welcoming place to live. As you pass through our streets—Snaptail Court, Springside Drive, and Fountain Lakes Boulevard—you'll notice that our 25-year-old homes look as good today as when they were built. Our residents chose a deed-restricted community, and we take pride in maintaining our properties in pristine condition.

Many of our homeowners are original residents, and our newer neighbors have embraced the same philosophy: home is where the heart is. Together, we work to preserve a peaceful, beautiful atmosphere that we are proud to call home. Neighbors here are quick to volunteer when help is needed, especially for maintenance tasks, which helps us keep our quarterly fees low. With little overhead, our five dedicated board members work closely with Property Management to enforce rules and regulations, conduct quarterly inspections, and follow through on anything that requires attention.

We welcome you to reach out to me or any of the FRS Board Members if you'd like to learn more about how we maintain our wonderful way of life here in Forest Ridge Shores.

The FLASH invites each Sub-HOA President to share an article about your community—what makes it unique, the challenges you face, and the successes you've had. Help us showcase the spirit of Fountain Lakes! Send your submissions to jaballe166@gmail.com.



BEYOND OUR GATES

T.J. PARISI



Many local projects that were in the discussion/design/permitting/development phase have begun the actual sitework and construction phase. We are seeing a lot of land clearing and heavy equipment replace the pastoral fields of cows we have become so accustomed to.

This summer we have seen a few of these projects start to take shape:

VIA COCONUT: Via Coconut's mixed-use development of 330 apartments comprising three 4-story buildings, 29,600 square feet of commercial use across four buildings, and a 10,000-square foot church, and a one-acre public park on Via Coconut Point across from Genova. The public amenities include a dog park, pocket park, meandering multi-use path, fishing pier with bike rack, and the one-acre park being donated to the Village.

At this time the land has been cleared and sediment ponds are in place. Sewer, utilities and a retention pond seem to be underway. Construction of the first of the three apartment buildings will probably begin in the fall.

WOODFIELD: On the corner of Coconut and 41 a mixed-use development, Woodfield Estero, is planned for 596 residential dwelling units, offices, retail, restaurants, and related uses. In local reporting they are comparing this to the Mercato in Naples and are touting it as a "high-end" or "luxury" offering in conjunction with the new Ritz-Carlton residences being built at the west end of Coconut.

The site has a preserve area along the western and northern boundaries and some existing street infrastructure, including one access point from Coconut Road at Walden Center Drive, constructed as part of a previous development plan.

This area was already largely cleared and was a holding area for debris after hurricane Ian but it has recently been cleared again and sediment ponds have been built.

BROADWAY: (From esterotoday.com) The Village Planning, Zoning, and Design Board approved a residential development on 34 acres east of U.S. 41 in Estero, north of Broadway Avenue, East and west of the railroad tracks, in 2023. Land clearance is now virtually complete, which has led to many questions from residents about what is being planned for this site!

The developer, Buckingham Co., is building three multistory buildings with 100 units each and ten townhomes with 310 units. Several years ago, Lee County approved two hundred thousand square feet for nonresidential use and a 125-room hotel.

The developer plans to use just 30,000 square feet of the nonresidential land-use entitlement. Two buildings will be mixed-use, with 5,000 square feet of non-residential use on the ground level. The third building will include community amenities, a public pocket park, two pickleball courts, a pool area, and a public passive park at Broadway Avenue. To avoid confusion for residents, the development will no longer be called "Downtown Estero."

The company hopes to begin construction by March/April 2025.

A great resource to keep up with local development is the Engage Estero web site:

<https://esterotoday.com/development-summary/>

Lee county also maintains a Development Activity Map:

<https://maps.leegov.com/search?tags=development>



Fountain Lakes Annual Spooktacular Halloween Breakfast

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Dear Ghosts and Goblins,

The Annual Spooktacular Halloween Breakfast is one of Fountain Lakes favorite traditions and marks the official start of the holiday season! We're excited to gather once again for this fun community celebration.

Proudly sponsored by Joe & Joni Pavich of J. Pavich Real Estate, long-time residents and supporters of our community.

WHEN: Saturday, October 25th at 10:00 AM Join us for a festive breakfast!

WHERE: Breakfast will be held in the Fountain Lakes Community Center for all participants.

A sign-up sheet is available in the office—please RSVP by October 15th so we can prepare for everyone.

We look forward to kicking off the season together with costumes, laughter, and plenty of Halloween spirit!



H A L L O W E E N



FOUNTAIN LAKES IRRIGATION CO-OP: YOUR IRRIGATION SOLUTION

As a Fountain Lakes resident, you can join the Fountain Lakes Irrigation Co-op (FLIC) for your irrigation needs or choose Bonita Springs Utility. Learn more at Your paragraph text.

About FLIC

FLIC is managed by a board of elected Fountain Lakes volunteer residents. The co-op leases the community's irrigation system (wells, pumps, and main water lines) from the Fountain Lakes Community Association. FLIC contracts JRC Landscape for system maintenance and Pegasus Management Company for billing and ACH payment processing.

Responsibilities

- **FLIC:** Maintains wells, pumps, and main water lines.
- **Residents:** Responsible for maintaining control boxes and irrigation lines on their property. Regular inspections and repairs are recommended to ensure proper operation.

Contact Information

- **Maintenance Questions:** Contact JRC Landscape.
- **Billing Questions:** Contact Pegasus Management for inquiries about invoices or ACH payments.
- **Join FLIC:** Email fliccoop@gmail.com to become a member.

Join FLIC today to take advantage of our community-driven irrigation services!

