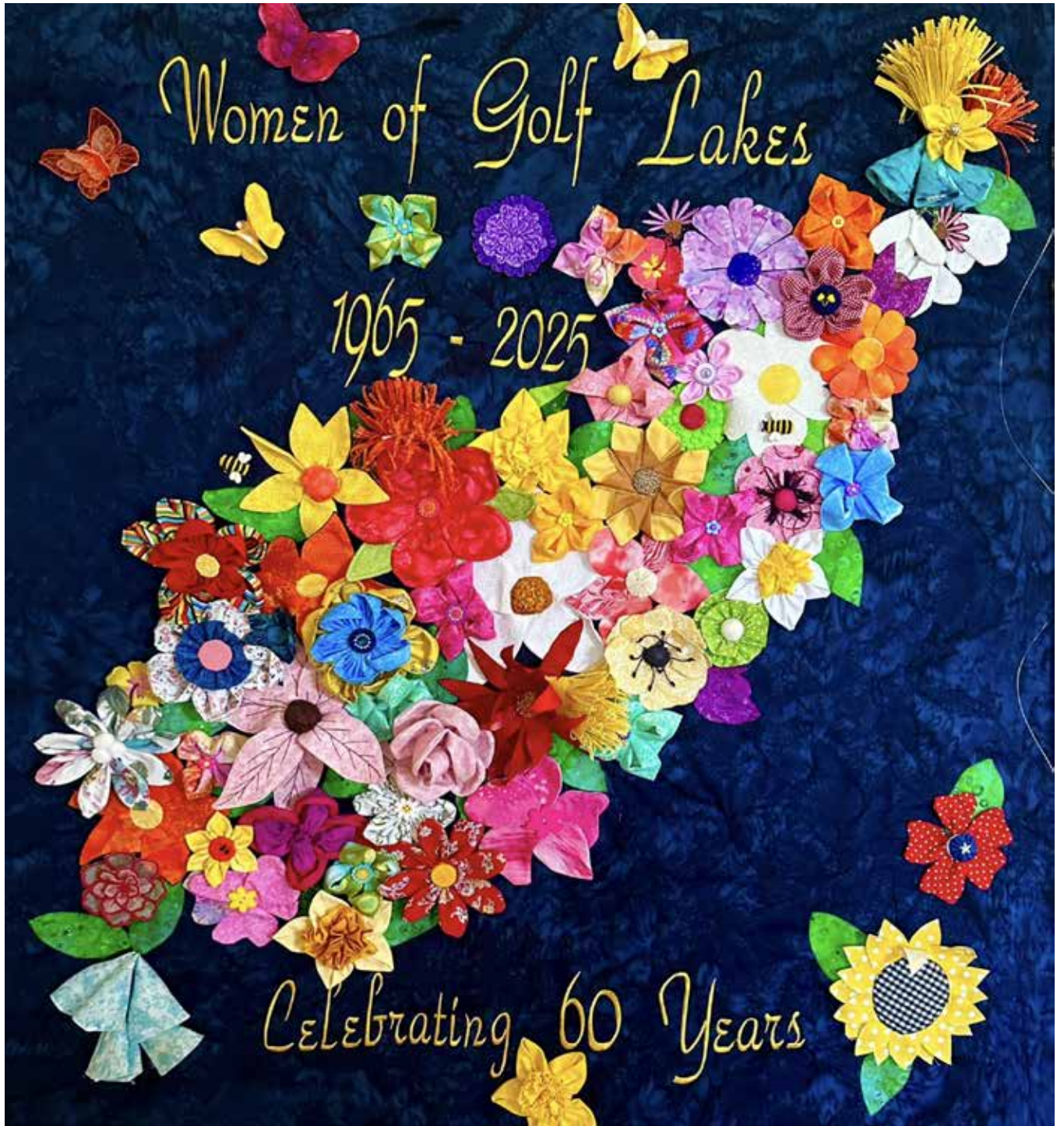


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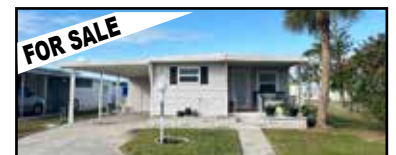
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- ⇒ You can begin posting for your event two (2) months prior to the event. Please include the date, time, location, cost and if the event is a fundraiser – who is it benefiting.
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 - ◆ It will be posted under “Next Month”.
- ⇒ The month of the event: Please consider sending an email to golflakesbanner@gmail.com with a reminder to put the event on the calendar.
 - ◆ It will ONLY be on the CALENDAR.
- ⇒ PLEASE keep in mind, if you miss any of the deadline dates – feel free to utilize the Golf Lakes Friendly Resident Facebook page. Even if you don't miss a deadline, you are welcome to remind residents up to three (3) weeks prior to the event.

Miscellaneous Changes

Since the Banner is published a minimum of four (4) weeks in advance, it has been decided by the committee to utilize the Golf Lakes Friendly Facebook Resident Page for items like scores for games, cards, winners of golf leagues, pickleball leagues, lawn bowling events, etc.

We feel residents would rather see and hear about an event when it happens rather than 4+ weeks later.

The same thing is true when you have summer gatherings – take photos and share photos on our Facebook page. Let everyone enjoy them soon after they happen.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. As a committee, we sometimes forget and miss things. We are human. Reminders will help! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact The Banner Editor.

Submitted by The Banner Committee



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A Message from the **PRESIDENT**

Happy New Year! I trust your Holiday Season has been one filled with family, friends and lots of great fellowship! We can all now begin the process of exercising and returning to a normal diet. A big THANK-YOU to the beautification committee for all the great decorations they put up for Christmas! The park looked fantastic!

Welcome back to all the residents joining us for the winter season! We are pleased to have you in our community again and look forward to seeing old friends. Just a reminder that we have installed new stop signs in the hope that this will slow traffic down. While it has accomplished some slower traffic, there are still too many people speeding. Please slow down and watch carefully for residents walking or riding three-wheel carts. We don't want to have any accidents involving property damage or injury.

We are pleased to see so many new roofs going on and seeing repairs done to carports and homes. We anticipate that some repairs will require time due to the Hurricane and the many parks in our community that have had damage to many units. If you haven't seen the video of what the park looked like just after Milton passed through, it can be watched in the link on our website.

There are several important meetings scheduled for January and then again in February. Please look at the calendar in this addition of the Banner. The communication meeting on January 6 will be to meet the candidates who are running for the seats on the Board of Directors. We appreciate the willingness of these candidates to place their names in nomination. The Board will be meeting on January 9 and the 23 this month.

Please mark your calendar for Saturday the 18 when we will have coffee hour followed by the Quilts of Valor ceremony. After the ceremony there will be a short dedication of the new Veterans Garden. We are hoping for a great turnout for all these events!

Have a great month!



The Banner

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Deadline is **10th of Month**

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Manager's Report



Happy 2025 Golf Lakes! Where did 2024 go? Seems to me that although Hurricane Milton made time stand still for a bit, the resilience of man made the clean-up and continuing recovery efforts to speed up the time continuum.

It's election time next month and you should have your voting documents this month....assuming we have candidates. At this writing there are only two people running for the three open positions!

With the budget and Special Assessment behind us, we will now focus on maintaining or reducing costs along with strategic planning for the future.

We now have an Ad-Hoc Committee working on a full scale disaster plan incorporating all of the learnings from Hurricane Milton. We continue to look at aging infrastructure and plan for improvements to ensure Golf Lakes runs smoothly for many years to come.

With only minor inconveniences during the transition to the new gate software and knowing all the work that went into it behind the scenes, it was relatively smooth and successful. With this change, Golf Lakes will have the opportunity to scale the system and incorporate access to both the Clubhouse and the pool/gym using the same platform as needed in the future. More advanced options such as RFID tags are also an option to reduce the time it takes to gain access at the gates . The Safety Committee will continue to research and consider ways to improve the overall performance of the systems available including how to reduce tailgating, unauthorized access by outsiders, and speeding within Golf Lakes.

Let's make 2025 the best year ever! If you haven't had an opportunity to attend a Coffee and Conversation with the Manager, the next one is scheduled for January 7, 2025 at 10:00 am in the Conference Room. See you there.



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2. **Email blasts** are sent through the Park Manager/Office when events such as Pool Closures or Gate issues need to be announced. Residents should verify that the Office has their correct email address. This method of "getting the word out" is careful to not be overused. If you are not receiving these notices, check your spam. Because this method tries to be as timely as possible, residents should tag the sender as trusted.



3. **The Golf Lakes Official Resident Facebook Page** is another method of communication for our Residents. To join the page you need to submit a request to become a member of the private group. All members are required to answer questions and will be verified with the Park Office. The moderators approve all posts submitted to make sure they meet the guidelines as dictated by the Board of Directors. It is a wonderful source of information as well as recommendations.



4. **Bulletin Boards** are located within the Clubhouse. There are dedicated Boards which both inform, capture sign-ups for various events such as Activities, Board of Directors Notifications, Potlucks/Pitch-ins and opportunities to be involved within the community. Residents are encouraged to "check out" the multitude of groups, activities, and opportunities for service and enrichment.



5. **Saturday Morning Social Hour** is often the most interesting method of receiving notices. The announcements segment features individuals expressing events in their own personal style. A chair on Saturday morning costs one dollar. Donuts can be purchased, or you can bring your own refreshments. The advantages of attending Saturday Morning are: you are hearing from the proverbial horse's mouth and you can ask for clarification.



Please be very cautious about information transmitted by "word-of-mouth". The recent events of Hurricane MILTON have demonstrated how inaccurate "somebody said" information can be. Do you remember the "Telephone Game" from elementary school?

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NAME	PHONE #	BIRTHDAY
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Boyer, Charles &	507-784-6496	
Frost, Duane & Ruth		Duane: 1/21 Ruth: 12/18

DEATHS

NAME	ADDRESS	DEATH DATE
Gray, Cathy	5106 8th B St E	10/23/2024
Humes, Nancy	5110 6th D St E	11/9/2024
Tice, Glenedi	5206 6th St E	11/27/2024

GOLF LAKES OFFICIAL RESIDENT FACEBOOK PAGE

Any resident applying for membership to [Golf Lakes Official Resident Facebook Page](#) must answer the 3 questions.

Otherwise the committee cannot verify their standing with the community.

Those not answering all 3 of the questions **WILL NOT BE** considered.

Submitted by Patricia Treinen

Be advised that The Banner is using a new Resident data-base for Birthdays. If your information is missing, incorrect or you do not want it listed—PLEASE contact The Banner—golflakesbanner@gmail.com

1	Jeri-Ann Bone, Robert Carpenter, Gloria Demers, Mac McUmbler, Kristina Theoharis
2	Richard Wilson Jr.
3	Mickey Dean Iden, Gene Ryan, Linda Shouldice, Zinita Welsh
4	David Allen, Les Baumann, Paul Dwyer, Laura Emser, Ruth Krungle, Gerald Schaefer, Robert Seward Jr.
5	Kevin Leshk
6	Darlene Baechle, Claire Coulombe, Diane Dube, Mary Robertson, Brad Seguin, Barry Sting, Rick Whitehead
7	Patty Maggio, Glenn Smith
8	Ruby Bonham
9	Carolyn Bailey, Jim Fulton, Leanne Hahn, Thomas Young, James Herron
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11	William Agee, Paula Ritchie
12	Ricky Strawser
13	Ines Espinosa, Nancy Humes
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16	Ellen Eisses, Mike Ferguson, Jeffrey Welch
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18	Sharon Bennett, Jerry Blackwell, Terry Keller, Lamar Kelly, Beverly Miller
19	Al Aprill, Janet Bundrick, Terrence Gallagher, Debbie Blake
20	Carl Tiell
21	Sylvie Bacskay, Duane Frost
22	Kathy Drooger
23	Bruce Scott Forbes, James Severino
24	Richard Hicks, Steven Jackson, Marilyn MacKay
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Cover Story Submitted by Jane Brouwer

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Ann English became the first President. The dues were set at 10 cents and have now risen to \$1.00 per meeting.

They also adopted this Creed For Living which is still recited at each meeting:

"Keep us, O God from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.

Let us be done with fault-finding and self-seeking.

May we put away all pretenses, meet each other face to face, without self-pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgement and always generous.

Let us take time for all things, grow calm, serene, gentle.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straight forward and unafraid.

Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences and in the big things of life we are as one.

And may we strive to touch and to know the great common human heart of us all, and O Lord, let us not forget to be kind."

Today the Women of Golf Lakes continue to assist in many ways within the park, contributing gifts of time and money where needed. Within the last 10 years, almost \$50,000 was dispersed in Golf Lakes in addition to various needs in the neighboring community.

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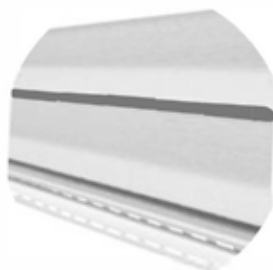
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Submitted by Carol Montgomery

SAFETY TIPS: During night hours all bikes and golf carts must have lights not just reflectors.

Submitted by Bob Mueller

GOLF LAKES (GL) Women's Monday and Tuesday Golf Leagues:

We invite all women residents and renters to join us here in Golf Lakes.

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Come and enjoy being outside, getting exercise and meeting new people.

Pickleball News:

Windscreens

Thank you to those who helped with the windscreens for the pickleball courts. Everyone contributed to the effort at hand, and it made for a quick and efficient job well done.

2024-2025 Dues

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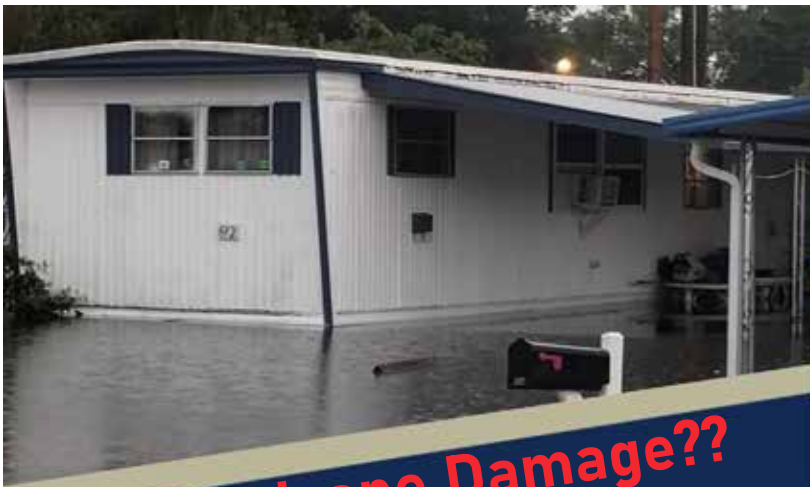
Lessons

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Submitted by: Kevin Hogan (705) 542-6780



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"There are no buts in the Bylaws."

Series by Tom Drooger, Banner Committee

It has been a couple months since an article was published concerning the Bylaws due to the rude interruption of not one but two Hurricanes. Our thoughts go out to all who are still suffering the Impact of the storms. We as a community have banded together to support each other. A special thanks to the Board of Directors and our fantastic Park Manager as they guided us through the storms.

This month we will feature: Vehicles, Traffic and Trailers.

As stated in the Bylaws:

IX. VEHICLES, TRAFFIC AND TRAILERS

1. Speed limit for all vehicles is fifteen (15) miles per hour.
2. Pedestrians, bicycles, golf carts, and motorized wheelchairs shall always have the right of way.
3. Vehicles that are not in operating condition, have tags that have not been renewed or that have no license tag displayed may be towed at the owner's expense.
4. Residents shall park their vehicles on their own driveway and shall not park on the streets overnight. If all available parking space is occupied on one's driveway, visitors and guests may park at the end of the cul-de-sac (provided there is one on their street) but shall not block adjacent driveways.
5. No utility trailers, motor homes, campers, truck campers, converted buses, or originally manufactured vans equipped with water tank or supply hose or 110 electrical hookups or furnace or sewer hookups shall be permitted in the Park at a residence for more than eight (8) hours. Such vehicles are never to be used for sleeping-over purposes in the park.
6. Residents or visitors with utility trailers, motor homes, campers or travel trailers shall park the same in the designated area in the North parking lot (providing space is available) for no longer than seventy-two (72) hours within a ten-day period.

Owners must post the address and phone numbers (on the vehicle) of the resident using the North lot for parking. Vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.

7. No campers, travel trailers, or motor homes shall make use of the South parking lot at any time
8. Any person who owns or operates a golf cart in Golf Lakes shall have liability insurance on said cart and shall assume all liability for driving it on Golf Lakes premises.
No person under the age of sixteen (16) shall operate a golf cart in or on the streets of the park.
9. No trucks owned or operated by residents of the Park may exceed one ton in capacity and must be a pickup style or type.
10. Canoes, kayaks, paddle boards, surf boards and jet skis are allowed if stored in an enclosed solid structure; e.g. under mobile home, in shed or garage.

For additional clarification, please contact Tracy Roux, General Manager, Golf Lakes Resident Association.



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Next Month



Saturday, February 1, 2025
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

Set-up Friday, January 31

Submitted by Sherie Wood, Chairperson



Golf Lakes Health Fair Wednesday February 12 - 9:00 to 1:00



For the benefit of the entire Golf Lakes Community, the **Annual Health Fair** will be in the Clubhouse **February 12**. There will be 15 to 16 organizations to disseminate information on health related issues such as hearing, podiatry, eye health, advanced care, etc. All information is geared toward senior concerns. This is a wonderful opportunity to get answers on many subjects at **no charge**. **A free light breakfast and healthy lunch are provided**. Each vendor will have door prize tickets if you visit their table or display. All information is free to our residents. The drawing for door prizes will take place about 12:30. **A reminder:** Ellenton Discount Pharmacy will be attending and they will providing the 2nd "Shingles Shot" for those that got 1st shot at the Flu Clinic.



Thursday, February 13 2:00 PM

Past to Present Fashion Show

Program

Lisa McKeever & Debbie Siewert

Narrator

Lisa McKeever

Inspirational

Joan Sturgill

Hostesses

Marcella Caskey, Julie Shireman, Debbie Atkinson, and Mary Eash

***"Sometimes you never know the value of a moment,
until it becomes a memory."*** Dr. Seuss

WEEKLY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

BOLD denotes new activity to Golf Lakes

MONDAY

Women's Exercise	CH	8:00
Women's Golf	GLC	9:00
Ceramics	CR	9:00
Water Aerobics	P	9:40
Women's Bridge	FR	12:00
Harmony Notes	CH	12:00
Clever Creations (1st & 3rd wk)	CR	1:00
Shuffleboard	SC	1:00
Double Pinochle	FR	6:00
Feather Your Nest (1st & 3rd wk)	CR	6:00

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast Club	Fiona's	8:00
Women's Exercise	CH	8:00
Shuffleboard Lessons	SC	8:00
Ceramics	CR	9:00
Water Aerobics	P	9:40
Women's Bridge	FR	12:15
Woodcarving	CR	1:00
Shuffleboard	SC	1:00
Potluck Dinner	CH	
Bunco (2nd & 4th wk)	FR	6:15
Euchre	CH	6:30

TUESDAY

Dancing in the Street	4915 2nd A	8:15
Lap Robes	CR	8:30
Women's Golf	GLC	9:00
Ladies Bible Study	CH	9:00
Ten Pin Bowling	Bowlero	9:15
Water Aerobics	P	9:40
Hand, Foot & Elbow	FR	12:00
iPad Beginner I	CH	12:30
Mah Jongg	FR	1:00
Shuffleboard	SC	1:00
iPad Beginner II	CH	1:30
iPad Intermediate	CH	2:30
Hand, Foot & Elbow	BR	6:00
Quilting Ladies	CR	6:00

THURSDAY

Blood Pressure (2nd wk) 7:45-9:45	FR	7:45
Dancing in the Street	4915 2nd A	8:15
BOD Meeting (2nd & 4th wk)	BR	9:00
Women's Bible Study	CH	9:00
Handmade Blessings	CR	9:30
Water Aerobics	P	9:40
Piecemakers Quilt Club	CR	12:00
Mah Jongg	FR	1:00
Women of Golf Lakes (2nd wk)	CH	2:00
Under The Palms (1st & 3rd wk)	CHG	2:00
Hand, Foot & Elbow	FR	6:00
Cribbage	CH	6:30
Lawn Bowling (open play)	LC	6:30
Small Group Bible Study (2nd & 4th wk) Ind Homes		7:00

FRIDAY

Women's Exercise	CH	8:00
Art Group	CR	8:00
Water Aerobics	P	9:40
Line Dancing (beginner)	CH	11:45
Hand, Foot & Elbow	FR	12:00
Line Dancing	CH	12:30
Shuffleboard	SC	1:00
Bingo	CH	6:00

SATURDAY

Social Hour	CH	9:00
P B & J (3rd wk)	FR	10:00
BananGrams	FR	1:00
Shuffleboard	SC	1:00

SUNDAY

Vespers	CH	6:00
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LEGEND	
BR	Board Room
CH	Clubhouse
CHG	Clubhouse Grounds
CR	Craft Room
FR	Friendship Room
GLC	Golf Lakes Course
GOM	Greens of Manatee

Golf Lakes January 2025 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 NEW YEARS DAY OFFICE CLOSED	2 OFFICE CLOSED UTP begins 2PM CHG	3	4 Lawn Bowling launch mtg 10:15AM CH
5 Harmony Notes Meet/Greet 2PM CH Vespers 6PM Jonathon Jankovich	6 Lawn Bowling season starts Harmony Notes Rehearsal 12PM CH Night of Music Mtg 2:15PM CH Meet the Candidates 7PM CH	7 Coffee & Convo w/Tracy 10AM BR iPad classes start 12:30PM CH	8	9 BOD Mtg 9AM CH Women of Golf Lakes 60 th Ann. 2PM CH Small Group Bible Study begins 7PM	10	11 Jimmy Buffet Tribute 7PM CH
12 Vespers 6PM Gene Maddox	13 Women's Golf begins 9AM GLC Harmony Notes Rehearsal 12PM CH	14 Women's Golf begins 9AM GLC Ladies Bible Study begins 9AM CH	15 Potluck Dinners Begin 5PM CH	16 Pancake Breakfast 8AM CH RESCHEDULED	17	18 Quilts of Valor and Memorial Garden dedication 10AM CH Dancing for Dollars 7PM CH
19 Vespers 6PM Paul Helton	20 MLK DAY Harmony Notes Rehearsal 12PM CH Safety Meeting Crime Prevention 7PM CH	21	22	23 BOD MTG 9AM CH Ice Cream Social Community Forum 1PM CH	24	25 Cahal Dunne-Activities Fundraiser 7PM CH
26 Vespers 6PM Dwayne Kitchens	27 Harmony Notes Rehearsal 12PM CH	28	29	30	31	

Next Month

Saturday, February 15

****7:00 PM****

Concert with "Dave & Daphne"



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Golden Butterflies Dinner / Potluck Wednesday February 19 **5:00 PM**



All couples married 50 years or more **as of February 19 and living in Golf Lakes** will be honored at the February Potluck dinner. An evening of entertainment has been planned in your honor.



Bring the love of your life and enjoy the evening with others who have made this wonderful journey. The Activities Committee will provide ham, coffee, and other drinks for the meal. A signup sheet will be posted on Board 2 the first of February.

Signup is required to prepare the Golden Butterflies nametags and the program. The deadline for signup is February 15. **Non-Butterflies are welcome to attend** and also requested to signup. A donation is requested for non-butterflies attending.

"DANCING FOR DOLLARS"

SAVE THE DATE!!!

SATURDAY, MARCH 1



Please join us in the GL Clubhouse from 7-10 PM for an evening of FUN - dancing and socializing with friends and neighbors!

Donations will benefit the GL Beautification Committee.

PLEASE NOTE: Signup sheet is on Bulletin Board #2.



Annual White Elephant Sale
Saturday, February 1st 8AM to 3PM
PLEASE SAVE YOUR RESALEABLE ITEMS FOR THE SALE!

This exciting event is a month away; the Women of Golf Lakes sponsors it each year. We have been busy picking up stuff, the white elephant sale shed is full. We are doing very nicely with presale donations especially with so many new residents moving in. The hurricane damage to some homes has also increased donations. We hope you will keep the White Elephant Sale in mind when cleaning out saleable stuff you no longer need or want.

We are in desperate need for space to store all of those presale donations. If you are even able to supply maybe enough space to stack three or four plastic tubs, it would really help. **Please let Sherie Wood know if you are able to spare some space.**

Please start saving plastic/paper bags for the sale, newspaper to wrap breakable items also. We are going to need a lot of both.

I continue to be very selective about our furniture donations especially because of space issues and the lack thereof. I hope you will understand; I simply have very little space to keep it and then there is also the matter of the guys cannot lift heavy things like they did when they were younger. If you are able, it would be most helpful for you to hold on to your donation until the pick-up day; however, if you are unable to do so, PLEASE call Sherie Wood (**Lenny Goodie is no longer available**); I will come to your home and together we will make a decision how to proceed! This department did very well at our last sale and we intend to do likewise this year with your help and patience! Please remember: items need to be saleable, if it is worn out, it probably will not sell we will just have to haul it away.

We are a little low on donations in the Jewelry Department this year so please clean out those jewelry boxes. Janet Eisses, Vicki Williams or Sherie Wood are available to receive jewelry donations. You may drop them off at Social Hour, or place them in the jewelry box (located on the right side of the stage) until the sale starts. If you cannot get up to Social Hour, Sherie, Janet or Vicki will pick it up at your home.

There will be more information coming your way via Social Hour, the Banner, and Facebook. If you still have questions call Sherie Wood.

Remember, we do not accept: old large microwaves, mattresses, mobile home doors and windows, sofas, sofa beds, fiber board furniture of any kind (including room dividers and computer tables), no clothes, and no hangers. If you have something and are not sure if you should donate it or not, call Sherie Wood, we can decide together.

We will need lots of volunteers for this FUN work bee and believe me – we do have fun! New residents or renters, we want you to also be a part of this experience and welcome you to join us in the effort. The last sale required 318 workers...bet that tells you how big an event this really is. There is a signup sheet on the Bulletin Board for **new folks**; please signup. We will really appreciate your participation and it will give you a nice opportunity to get to know more folks in our Golf Lakes family. If you worked last year's sale, don't worry – we got your name and number and we will be contacting you, forever!

Submitted by Sherie Wood



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Stargazing News to kick off 2025

January gives us the first of many celestial events to enjoy this year. With the beauty of the night sky and the excitement of a new year get inspired to stargaze in 2025.

January 1st Quadrantids Meteor Showers start to be seen on the 1st and continue until the 5th. On the 3rd night the showers will be at peak (40 meteors per hour). You will have better viewing due to dark skies. Find a dark location after midnight and start looking for big bright fireballs.

January 10th Venus will be at its highest point above the horizon in the evening sky and will be very bright in the western sky after sunset. Venus will be brighter than the stars and will not twinkle as only stars twinkle.

January 13th will give us the first full moon and due to the moon's position, its full face will be fully illuminated. Early Native American tribes called this the Wolf Moon as they would hear hungry wolves howling outside their camps.

January 16th Mars will be at its closest approach to Earth and its face will be fully illuminated by the Sun. Mars will be visible all night long and will be its brightest of the year.

January 22th a planetary alignment occurs after sunset with Mars, Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune, Venus, and Saturn. This alignment is also called a Planet Parade. Neptune and Uranus will need to be viewed with a telescope but the rest will be bright enough to be seen with the naked eye.

January 29th a new Moon will be on the same side of the Earth and Sun but will not be visible in the night sky allowing for viewing of other celestial objects such as galaxies and star clusters.

There are two Apps you can download on your phone allowing you to point your phone to the sky to find planets, constellations, satellites, and other objects. The APP gives information on what you pointed at and how you can view them. Download the App Sky Tonight, Starwalk 2 or download both for even more information. Stay Bright and Twinkle.

Submitted by Kim Gendron

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E-scrap and Household Hazardous Waste Announcement

Electronic Scrap

Household Hazardous Waste

The **Green Committee** is proud to announce an E-scrap/HHW day here at Golf Lakes.

We will be collecting items during the week of January 15th to the 19th and taking it to the landfill on the 20th. Text Richard at 401-556-6972 for a pickup starting on the 15th.

Please see below for the only items we will be taking.

COMMON E-SCRAP ITEMS

The term "E-Scrap" is applied to consumer electronic equipment that is no longer wanted. Many components in electronics equipment contain hazardous materials such as lead, cadmium, mercury and arsenic. While in use, these hazardous materials do not present a problem, but if discarded improperly pose an environmental threat.

- Battery Chargers
- Cell Phones & Cords
- CD Players/Recorders
- Circuit Boards
- Copiers
- DVD Players / Recorders
- Fax Machines
- Game Hardware
- Hard Drive / Central Processing Units (CPUs)
- Keyboards
- Microwaves
- Personal Audio Systems
- Printers
- Radios
- Scanners
- Small Computer Peripherals (mouse, cable, game hardware, cords, etc.)
- Terminals / Monitors
- TVs
- VCR's



SMALL APPLIANCES ACCEPTED:

- Hairdryers, AM/FM Radios, Headphones, Calculators, Cell Phones, Digital Cameras, Cable Boxes, Battery Chargers, Irons, Speakers

SMALL APPLIANCES **NOT** ACCEPTED:

- **Toasters, Vacuums, Mixers/Blenders**

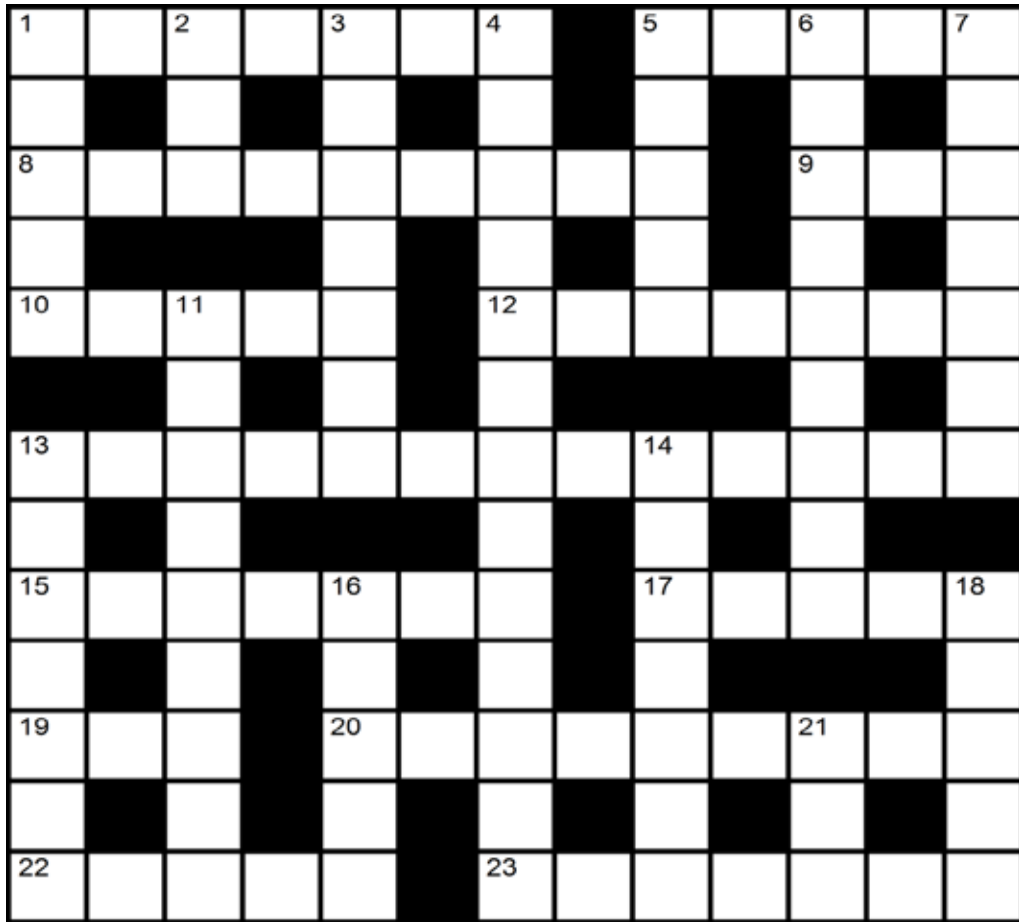
HHW

Common products found in your home that are labeled as flammable, toxic, corrosive, reactive or explosive are common household hazardous waste (HHW). You can tell if a product is hazardous if words such as **POISON**, **DANGER**, **WARNING** and **CAUTION** appear on the label. The most common products include:

- Aerosols (non empty)
- Antifreeze
- Ammunition
- Batteries
- Cleaning Compounds
- Diesel Fuel
- Fertilizers
- Pesticides
- Fluorescent Bulbs
- Fungicides
- Gasoline
- Herbicide
- Weed Killer
- Insecticides
- Motor Oil
- Paint, Stain and Varnish
- Propane Tanks
- Rechargeable Batteries



CROSSWORD



(solution on page 38)

Puzzle compiled by Bianca Morèl

Clues:

Across

- 1 Leafy vegetable
- 5 Movie star
- 8 Pulled with a magnetic force
- 9 Chafe
- 10 Disreputable
- 12 Lights out
- 13 Shortened forms of words
- 15 Egotistical
- 17 Regal
- 19 Gallop
- 20 Height above sea level
- 22 Clothe

Down

- 1 Category
- 2 Smidgen
- 3 Examine in great detail
- 4 Large institution
- 5 Extra
- 6 Tract of land
- 7 Thieves
- 11 Hospital vehicle
- 13 Guaranteed
- 14 Twister
- 16 Don't get any funny ___!
- 18 Like some eclipses

SPOTLIGHT ON COMMITTEE SERIES—BUDGET & FINANCE

Submitted by Don Raymond

With Apologies to Lewis Carol . . .

... The time has come the Walrus said to speak of "Grasshoppers and Ants". The Aesop's fable speaks about the difference (and consequences) of planning or the lack of it for times ahead.

Here at Golf Lakes we have a diligent committee of ants who watch out for our best interests. In expenditures, there are two schools of thought. One method of spending looks for bargains, makes a purchase and spreads the payments over a period of time. For the privileged of buying now, the lender charges a lending fee which ultimately increases the cost of the item purchased. Another method puts funds aside in preparation for the purchase. The funds set aside for the future earn interest until used. The Finance and Budget Committee positions our assets in the manner of the second method through a system we refer to as "reserves". Each annual budget funds both the immediate costs such as labor and equipment and positions the association for future expenditures which can be anticipated.

Resident co-op owners are apprised of the budget each year around November 1st through printed copies that are either retrieved from the Office or are mailed to the address on record for the unit. While less than exciting reading, the data was carefully accumulated into a financial plan. This hard-working committee is charged with an almost clairvoyant task of not only seeing costs 12 to 15 months in advance, but also allowing for the unimaginable events such as this fall's Milton. Their findings are communicated in detail at an all resident Communications Meeting in early December.

As owners (and prospective buyers) describe what separates Golf Lakes from many of the surrounding communities is the financial health which is the direct result of the Budget and Finance Committee. Regardless of any individual concerns, the overall product of the Budget and Finance Committee is to be commended.

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The Days of Auld Lang Syne

"Auld Lang Syne" meaning "old long since" or the modern meaning "for old times sake" can be traced back to 1648 during the Scottish Reformation Era, when Puritans and Presbyterians restricted Christmas festivities that were considered superstitious and indulgent for the puritan people. Although the Christian celebrations were banned, the coming of the New Year was celebrated by way of a winter festival. The Scottish people call this celebration "Hogmanay" .

In 1788 "Old Lang Syne" was written by Scottish poet Robert Burns. Burns got his inspiration from a poem dating back to the 1600's by poet Robert Aytoun. Between 1600 and 1700, Aytoun's poem was sung in different melodies throughout Scotland communities until song writer James Watson used the poem to form a folk ballad. This ballad was sung to celebrate passing of friends and the beginnings of the new year.

Robert Burns sent his poem to the Scottish Musical Museum because he felt the previous ballad was mediocre. He worked with composer James Johnson and came up with a compilation which Johnson published but the words of the poem were rewritten. In the 19th century, the song was rewritten by George Thomson who made a compilation that was closest to the poem Burns wrote. This song became the traditional song of the Scottish people for Hogmanay.

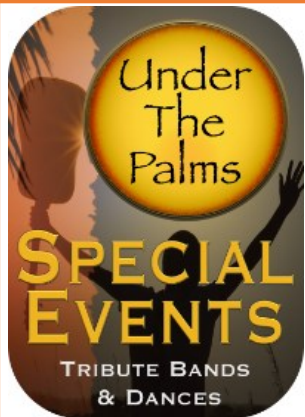
Guy Lombardo, a famous bandleader, helped to make the song "Auld Lang Syne" a New Year's Eve tradition here in the United States. In 1929 Lombard had a popular radio broadcast and had his band play the song just before the turning of the New Year. He continued this event for over 30 years. Lombardo's version is played in Times Square every New Year's Eve right after the drop of the ball.

The first recording of the song was played in 1898 on a Phonograph cylinder (created by Thomas Edison) used to demonstrate the new technology. You can hear this recording online through the British Library Sound Archive website. To hear a beautiful rendition of "Auld Lange Syne" look up Rod Stewart singing the song. You will hear bagpipes in the background along with other famous singers joining in.

Even though the song does not mention New Year's Eve, the song makes us reminiscing of the previous year and it gets us excited for the year to come. There is controversy as to what the lyrics to the song mean. A note was found from the 1800's. that was thought to explain Old Lang Syne—*On the approach of twelve o'clock, a hot pint was prepared with a spiced infusion of spirits. When the clock had struck the knell of the departing year, each member of the family drank this mixture with a generous handshake and a dance around the table singing the song.* Author unknown. Happy New Year!

Submitted by Kim Gendron





Music to soothe your soul



NEW FOR 2025...

Once a month on Saturday evening in our Clubhouse, we'll be featuring some of the very best Tribute Bands & Dance Bands!

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February 8 - Monkey Finger (70's/80's Dance Band)
March 22 - Glass Onion (Beatles)

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Submitted by Ron Emser



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News You Need to Know~



As Albert Einstein once said, "Intellectuals solve problems, geniuses prevent them."

I was checking on some lighting that was not working on the edge of my carport. In the process I ended up looking on the top of the carport and noticed that the screws holding the carport roof on were corroded and pulled through the roof. The roof of the carport was not being held down at all for about eight feet, every screw was as the screws above. I was able to lift the roof up off of the supporting structure. It was free floating.

I am shocked that Hurricane Milton spared my carport, but quite grateful. I suspect the damage must have been cumulative during the past years of water corrosion and the winds flexing the roof. I believe that the next hurricane it would have been "my turn" to lose my carport.

Don't let "your turn" be during the next hurricane. Although we have six months to prepare, it would be best to start soon.

This cannot be unique to my home so I implore you all with older homes to please be geniuses and prevent this by inspecting your screws and be intellectuals by correcting any issues you see. Call a professional or call someone in the park to help you if you cannot do the inspection yourself.

Submitted By Richard Horton

As my Junior High School Vice Principal used to say, "A word to the wise should be sufficient."



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Medication : Name of medication & dosage

NAME OF EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

RELATIONSHIP : _____ TELEPHONE: _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gad-A-Bouts Luncheon

When: Thursday, January 16 @ 1PM

Where: Bob Evans Restaurant
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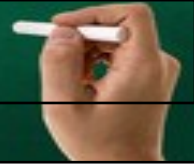
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Noon Dec 31 through Jan 2

A little history about Quilts of Valor

Quilts of Valor was started in 2003 by Catherine Roberts. Her son was deployed in Iraq at the time. She had a dream...she pictured a soldier sitting on his cot hunched over and appeared to be in utter despair. Then like watching a movie, her dream picture changed to a soldier wrapped in a quilt and his demeanor changed to one of hope and well being. So to Catherine, the dream meant a Quilt equaled Healing, and Quilts of Valor was born.

What is a Quilt of Valor? It is a quality handmade quilt that is machine or hand quilted. It is awarded to a Service member and says unequivocally "Thank You for your Service and sacrifice in serving our nation." To use the term *Quilt of Valor*, the quilt must be a specific size, must have a label with required information and it must be awarded. It must meet these requirements and then it must be recorded. There is data base that holds this information for all Quilts of Valor in the United States.

Golf Lakes Quilters made a Quilt of Valor and donated it 3 years ago. It was given to a service member in a very moving ceremony in Ellenton. Because of this, our quilt group in Golf Lakes decided to have our own ceremony each year to recognize and award our quilts to Golf Lakes service members. Our lady quilters decided that the fairest way to select recipients receiving a Quilt of Valor each year, would be by age. Maintaining an updated list of service members in Golf Lakes and choosing 10 folks each year is an ongoing task. Not all service members are interested in participating in this ceremony, therefore we select the oldest members first and call them to confirm they would like a quilt.

Our next ceremony will be January 18, immediately following Coffee Hour with retired Master Sargent Air Force Tammy Arnold from Lakeland, Florida presenting these quilts. Tammy has ladies who do the actual long arm quilting to finish these quilts while the ladies at Golf Lakes put all the tops and pieces together. We take donations to purchase the fabric for these quilts and many of the ladies use their own money to make them. Our group purchases the 108" wide backing for the quilts and the ladies make the pillow cases for each quilt for storage. Tammy Arnold's ladies does the quilting and adds the batting and label. We send Tammy money to help defer her costs of batting and thread. The time and love making these quilts are always free.



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Greens of Manatee Golf Information



Greens of Manatee Golf Course

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Winter 2025

Happy New Year to all Golf Lakes residents, renters and guests. As mentioned in the previous Banner article, Hurricane Milton was not kind to Golf Lakes or the Greens of Manatee Golf Course. However, the course is now in good shape and we are looking for great golf weather this winter. As we move into 2025, let's hope the New Year is nothing like last year!

As a reminder, the Scrambles are the 2nd and 4th weekend of the month through April. Be sure to stop over and signup. The scrambles are a fun event regardless of your skill level. Also, it is an opportunity for couples to golf together on a team.

With the New Year, we see a growth in the league size and the course gets quite busy. Don't miss your chance to signup on a league or group. There are numerous small leagues / groups available to join during the week. For the Golf Lakes leagues, be sure to check the signup sheet for the Men's League in the Clubhouse.

Regarding the hurricane and damage sustained, current estimate is \$300,000. This does not include the cost of tree cutting and removal or hauling off tons of debris from the course. The course has wind insurance but, as many of us have already experienced, insurance will only cover part of the cost of needed repairs. **If you would like to contribute to the cost of repairs, stop at the course and talk to either Tom Ladd or me. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated!!**

For the Golfers and Non-Golfer- If you have not been over to the snack bar, be sure to stop over and check it out. Breakfast and lunch are both great and prices are very reasonable. Stop in with friends or family and enjoy a hearty breakfast. Lunchtime offers you hot dogs, burgers, sloppy joes, chili and drinks. The staff will treat you as royalty and you can get away without a traffic jam or a bill that breaks the bank.

See you at the Greens!

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Veterans Garden Dedication Ceremony January 18

The "official" dedication of the new Veterans Garden will take place on January 18 immediately following the Quilts of Valor ceremony that is scheduled from 10:00-11:00am in the Clubhouse. A military Color Guard will be presenting the colors within the garden. All residents are invited to attend as we respect and honor our veterans for their service to our country.

Please contact Steve Pandiscio at 508-450-5663 with any questions. Thank you for your support and we hope you enjoy the beautiful garden.

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