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Jim Hofman

A Message from the PRESIDENT

January was a brutal month for many Floridians. Snow, record cold weather and days without much sunshine. Obviously, we were warmer than most of the United States and Canada, it was still an unusually cold month. I always feel sorry for families that save all year for a week in Florida and then spend the week in rain and cold. I'm glad the more typical warm weather is back.

Many more homes are being repaired with new roofs, siding and carports being replaced. As you know, the Board has decided that by the 15th of April all owners need to have a signed contract for work to be completed. If you have a home that is beyond repair and is on the market to be sold as is, you will need to have a contract for the sale or have a contract to have the unit removed by April 15. We recognize that some materials may not be readily available, but we do want to know that a contract is in place for repairs.

Another reminder, if you see something suspicious say something! Don't call the office or a board member, call 911! Some of us have received calls in the middle of the night when our phones are silenced! 911 is never silenced! Please call them!



The Banner

Deadline is **10th of Month**

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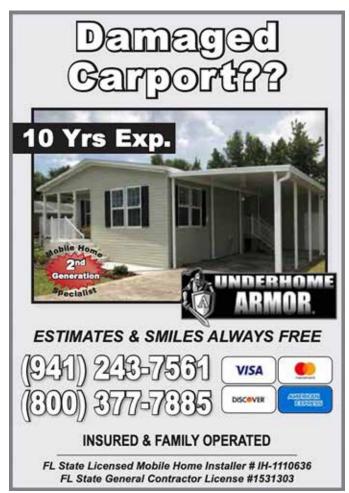


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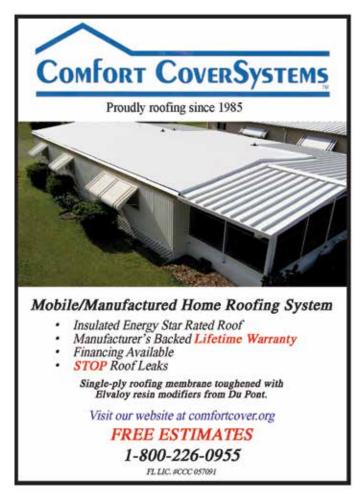
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Tracy Roux, CMCA, AMS

Manager's Report



Hurricane Milton delivered a blow to Golf Lakes like none other. Now that we are five months into recovery the Board of Directors have set expectations for restoration of homes and a deadline for specific tasks by April 15, 2025. For our seasonal residents, this is especially important. Don't leave for the summer if your home is not fully repaired or under contract to be repaired while you are away.

These items below need to be complete by the April 15 deadline....just like paying taxes.

- All storm debris or scrap metal including items currently being stockpiled for use in home repair or use elsewhere MUST be removed from view or stored off site.
- All remaining loose trim, roofing, or siding must be clipped, removed or secured to avoid further damage to other homes from strong winds or blowing debris.
- All tarps must be attached and secured properly. No rocks or blocks are permitted to hold down tarps. All edges sealed to keep debris inside.
- All personal items outside of any unoccupied home must be removed from the property or placed inside of the home.
- Plans and timing for repairs should be provided to the office with a reasonable estimated completion date and a start date of no later than July 1, without specific permission.

Even though the storm wreaked havoc throughout Golf Lakes, routine maintenance is still required from all properties. Please keep the following maintenance items in mind for completion this spring or prior to your leaving for the summer.

Many homes need painting this year. If your home's exterior paint is uneven, chalky, or discolored you will be asked to paint your home before leaving for the summer, if you are a seasonal resident. Please plan now and seek your EDRC approval ahead of time.

- Seasonal residents will be required to move ALL items inside prior to leaving for the summer. Having learned from Milton, blown items cause damage and must be removed for everyone's safety.
- Seasonal residents must also have someone responsible for the upkeep of their property while away. This includes someone to weed your property and take care of any necessary maintenance that might arise.
- If you cover your vehicle, please ensure that someone can keep an eye on it and replace it when blown off or torn.
- All miscellaneous items being stored or not in use, must be properly stored out of view at all times.

Make sure you let the office know when you leave or return to Golf Lakes. Without knowing your location, we mail all correspondence to the address last used.

In closing, I want to congratulate our newly elected Board members. I look forward to another year working with this great community. Many thanks to all who helped with the election efforts, our Golf Lake volunteers are so generous with their time and talents. THANK YOU.



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WHAT IS A COMMUNITY?

A community consists of three things — Culture, Climate, and Communication

Culture consists of the foundational values, beliefs, and behaviors that drive an organization's social environment. Culture exists and is influenced by each and every interaction between community members.

Climate is a representation of how it feels, the sum of the community members perception and experiences. Members thrive when they feel valued, heard, and useful.

Communication is the way communities share and impart information, thought, and ideas. Individuals who are encouraged to give input about an issue and who feel heard are more likely to feel connected to their community.

What are keys traits to a positive community?

A positive community thrives on traits such as trust, respect, collaboration, and inclusivity. It encourages open communication, shared goals, and mutual support among its members, fostering a sense of belonging and well-being.

How does a positive community impact wellbeing?

A positive community enhances wellbeing by providing emotional support, encouraging growth, and creating a safe, nurturing environment where members feel valued.

What is the role of leadership in a positive community?

Effective leadership guides the community by promoting fairness, inspiring action, working towards a shared vision, and maintaining harmony among its members. They encourage participation from all members, fostering a shared ownership and responsibility.

A few quotes on a positive community:

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." Coretta Scott King

"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about." Margaret J.

"A community is like a ship, everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm." Hendrik Ibsen

Information Based on an article written by Vanguard XXI Author Anthony Randall.

Submitted by Kimberly Gendron



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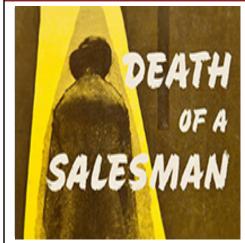
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Resident Updates

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INEW KESPENIS			
NAME	ADDRESS	STATE	
Kavanaugh, Judith	5208 4th B St E	ОН	

MOVED AWAY

NAME	ADDRESS
Martin, Rita	4907 6th B St E
Cluck, Rebecca	5208 4th B St E

CORRECTIONS

COMMECTIONS		
NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE #
Boyer, Charles & Carol		517-784-6496
Gendron, John & Kimberly	4907 6th B St E	
Rosengarten, Rick & Donna	808 49th A Ave E	
Fischer, Mark		989-558-9690

DEATHS		
NAME	ADDRESS	DEATH DATE
Wasko, Michael	5206 5th B St E	, ,
Matthysse, Arlan	714 50th Ave E	12/19/2024
Carignan, Pauline	Former Resident	
Pollock, Cynthia	4806 8th B St E	1/30/2025

GOLF LAKES OFFICIAL RESIDENT FACEBOOK PAGE

Any resident applying for membership to <u>Golf</u> <u>Lakes Official Resident Facebook Page</u> 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.

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



	CHILL IDAYS
1	David Bowersox, Ellen Deets, Lenny Goodie, Paul Taulbe
2	Peggy Cole, Fran DeVries, Craig Goddard, Mark Hazel
3	Johanna Kloosterhof, Rebecca Luloff, Walter Luloff, Janice Mohr
4	Rick Capuci, Douglas Fanti, Jim Hofman, Jim Koschara
5	Allen Leep
6	Patricia Koschara, Louis Meszaros
7	Charles Jaglowski, William Peters
8	Barbara Baker
9	Mary Bird, Jim Dean, Rog Grinwis, Martha Nickelson
10	Deb McLaughlin, Sarah Vickers
11	Richard Wade
12	Georgia Brewer
13	Bill Bierema, Judy Portinga
14	Sheila Snape
15	Mary Hoeksema, Al Rupp
16	Ronnell Baker, Mary Bramel, Jacques Eugene, Sue Harton, Mary Jemiolo
17	Bob Alder, Denny Fielbrandt, Richard Gagne Jr.
18	
19	Betty Eilers, Betty Groff, Linda Newton, Cheryl Smith
20	Tom Frye, Fred Renton, Margaret Ritter
21	Joe Beffrey, Pam Hodder, Karen Kinley, Mary Lenhard, Betty Lutz, Lee Stanage
22	Sharon Kemnitz, Jeanne Kidder, Linda Stannard, Dale Van Dyken
23	Frank Jordan, Marvin Lutz, Sandy Tiell
24	Christy Bramel, Pam Stump, Billy Taylor
25	Patricia Batdorff, Cele Jackson
26	David Forth, Charlene Waliszewski
27	Gerry Ash, Andy Maggio, Marcia Puckett, Bob Seekamp, Linda Zabek
28	Rick Bowersock, Carey Tinholt
29	Bill Gordon, Helen Irwin, Angie Racey, Jim Vowell
30	Patricia Watson, Bob Wenzler
31	Kimberly Heisig, Linda Terwillinger





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Series by Tom Drooger, Banner Committee

This month we will feature: CLUBHOUSE FACILITIES AND KITCHEN RULES.

A. GENERAL

- 1. Members who have sold or are subleasing their homes cede their rights to the use of park facilities.
- 2. When using any facilities, guests, other than overnight guests, must be accompanied by a Golf Lakes resident.
- 3. All residents may use the clubhouse and other facilities available at no cost but are responsible for good housekeeping practices, securing the building(s) and turning off lights and air conditioners.
- 4. Permission for use of the clubhouse is as follows:
 - A. Priority shall be given to those who have been using certain areas at certain times in the past.
 - B. Any park wide or special activity shall have precedence over any weekly activity.

For the use of any rooms – Activities Committee

To reserve the kitchen - Kitchen Committee

To reserve the conference room – Park Office

The library is an unscheduled room.

5. All chairs, tables, or any other equipment in the clubhouse are to remain in the clubhouse or on the immediate clubhouse grounds.

After using any such equipment, the person making use thereof shall promptly restore and replace the same to the storage area.

At no time will any of the equipment be loaned to any resident of the Park.

- 6. Anyone in the clubhouse or recreation areas, must be wearing a shirt, except in the pool area.
- 7. A fob may be purchased by residents at the Golf Lakes office for the clubhouse, swimming pool and fitness center.

B. KITCHEN RULES

- 1. Only individuals who are certified food handlers may work in the kitchen.
- 2. Any committee/club, whether serving food to residents or outsiders, using the kitchen is responsible for:
 - A. Getting and returning proper keys from the Kitchen Committee.
 - B. Cleaning the stoves and all appliances.
 - C. Cleaning all counters.
 - D. Sweeping the floors.
 - E. Removing the garbage to outside containers and placing new bags in the containers.
 - F. Taking all recyclables to the recycle center.
 - G. Taking the towels home to wash and returning them promptly.
 - H. Turning off fans and lights and leaving the a/c on at 80 degrees.
- 3. Food and beverages, excluding condiments and butter, stored in the refrigerator must be dated and removed/thrown out within two (2) days.
- 4. Any committee/club with food in the freezer must remove their products at the end of the season.
- 5. Nothing is to be taken out of the kitchen for personal use without authorization from the Kitchen Committee, with the exception of ice.
- 6. Committees/clubs with a locked kitchen cabinet are responsible for checking their own cabinet and cleaning it at least every two (2) months.
- 7. Kitchen will be locked for no more than 5 days prior to any activity or dinner.
- 8. Contact person and phone number should be posted on kitchen door.

Forms available in the kitchen.

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

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Expenses: \$2,823.58 (includes sales tax)

NET SALES: \$12,223.97

The net sales were accomplished thanks to awesome donations and so many folks volunteering to put this huge community event together successfully; and, I would be remiss if I did not mention the generosity of those allowing us to store "product" in their sheds, some folks year after year—where would we store it without their space, I do not know. We fill up that White Elephant Storage Shed pretty quickly. I want to distinguish Lynne Mercier and Pam McFarland in the realty office, and our new Manager, Tracy Roux, for they are instrumental in guiding folks, just moving into the park or those leaving the park — to donate wonderful things for us to sell, things that we would not necessarily receive otherwise. It is those donations that provide us the incredible volume of quality product we receive each year.

In 15 years the Women of Golf Lakes has netted \$178,924.72, which has in turn, helped the Bradenton Community charities a great deal; it has surely benefitted Golf Lakes in so many ways. Everywhere you look, you see improvements in our park thanks to our generous Women's Group. Cande Vermeulen is a great "Badge" producer and I don't know what I would do without her terrific organizational skills and those Chairpersons out there.

Thank you Golf Lakers for your support and cooperation for these past 25 years! You have made it a pleasure to chair this project! Now it is time to pass the wand to someone younger with new ideas that will make the sale even better! This decision is a tough one for me and my husband. We have had so darn much fun doing it!

Submitted by Sheri Wood



Starting this summer—Golf Lakes Board of Directors has voted to allow The Banner to combine the May & June issues along with July & August issues!!

Why is this happening? As we all know, the park is not as active in the summer and it will give the Banner committee a reprieve to enjoy our summer vacations, etc. as well.

What does this mean to you? Deadline for the May/June issue will be April 10. Deadline for the July/August issue will be June 10. We will return to normal business beginning with the September issue with a deadline of August 10.

Feel free to send the Banner your list of all activities and events happening during the summer as well as into the fall. It just might help residents plan their return to Golf Lakes.

Submitted by Fran Spraetz, Editor











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A Brief History of St. Patrick's Day

Submitted by Tom Drooger

St. Patrick's Day, celebrated on March 17th, commemorates the death of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. St. Patrick's missionary work began around 432 AD. He traveled extensively across Ireland, preaching the gospel and establishing churches, schools, and monasteries. His efforts were instrumental in converting the Irish people, and he is often credited with using the three-leafed shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This association with the shamrock has made it a symbol of both St. Patrick and Ireland itself.

The celebration of St. Patrick's Day began in the early 17th century, when it was recognized as a feast day by the Catholic Church. The day became an official public holiday in Ireland in 1903 through the Bank Holiday (Ireland) Act. Over the years, the nature of the celebration evolved, particularly as Irish immigrants began to settle in other parts of the world.

In the United States, St. Patrick's Day became a way for Irish immigrants to celebrate their heritage and culture. The first recorded St. Patrick's Day parade took place in New York City in 1762, organized by Irish soldiers serving in the British Army. By the early 20th century, parades and festivities had spread to cities with large Irish populations, including Boston, Chicago, and Philadelphia.

As the holiday grew in popularity, it adopted elements of secular celebration, including the wearing of green attire, public parades, and the consumption of traditional Irish food and drink. The color green became synonymous with the holiday, partly due to its association with the shamrock and Irish nationalism. In fact, the Chicago River is famously dyed green each year to mark the occasion.

Today, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated worldwide, transcending its religious origins. It has become a day for people of all backgrounds to partake in Irish culture, music, dance, and cuisine. *Happy St. Patrick's Day*—however you choose to celebrate!

How can I help to keep my monthly maintenance fee from going up?

"Every act of energy conservation... is more than just common sense, it is an act of patriotism."

The budget for 2025 projects \$4,714 per month for electricity, this is for all the communal areas, offices, and maintenance areas.

Some electricity use cannot be curbed, but some can. For example, when you are finished in the gym shut off the lights. If you turn on the fans in the laundry, shut them off when you are done. When you turn a light on, turn it off when you are done in the area. If you are in the clubhouse and adjust the thermostat, put it back when you are finished. Playing pickleball at night? Don't forget to shut off the lights. Same with shuffleboard and lawn bowling.



Conserving communal electricity is one way to help keep the maintenance fee down.

Lest we forget, we all pay that bill ... so to conserve is to save!

A Bit Of History On March Madness

Cover Story by Kim Gendron

March Madness became a term in 1939 based on an article that appeared in the Illinois High School Association magazine. Written by Henry V. Porter, a member and a coach of the association, he shared his fascination for the history of an annual basketball tournament.

The Basketball tournament grew from a small high school affair in 1908 to being a statewide event with over 900 schools competing by the late 1930's. Basketball fever spread and Illinois' history of Basketball continued, creating many legendary moments in the sport. One being when in 1963, the University of Illinois had its most famous finish in history when a last second shot by a substitute player won them the game.

By 1973, the IHSA started using the term officially in its programs along with the selling of merchandise. In 1977 the organization hired a Chicago sport writer and a Big Ten referee to write a book named "March Madness": The story of High School Basketball, then in 1989 a video was created. The book and video had national success. During this period IHSA had trademark status added to the term. With March Madness spreading coast to coast other state high schools and many manufacturers were given license by IHSA to produce March Madness merchandise.

Today March Madness is one of the biggest sporting events held in March. NCAA and the term March Madness became synonymous when in 1982 CBS broadcaster Brent Musberger used it to describe the event and the term has been used ever since.

In Porter's original article he stated "A little March Madness may complement and contribute to sanity and help keep society on an even keel coining the phrase March Madness." During WWII the drama of March Madness helped the state of Illinois to unify and Porter commemorated the event with a poem "Basketball Ides of March" which appeared in the Illinois interscholastic in March of 1942.

James Naismith, a Canadian born American who created basketball would agree with March Madness, but would probably say it started in Springfield Massachusetts on March 12,1892, where the first public basketball game was held at the Christian Workers gymnasium. The YMCA School students played against the school faculty. It was recorded that over 200 spectators craned their necks over the gallery railing to watch the game.



Our Own March Madness

Submitted by Kim Gendron

Golf Lakes has a bit of March Madness themselves. Many of the sport leagues are getting ready for their tournament season—from what I hear the participants take it as some serious fun! Hearing the cheers from the players and their fans tells us so.

About 25 years ago a new form of March Madness started right here in Golf Lakes and that is the <u>Sports Mixer</u>. The event was introduced in the park as a way of getting residents out for some fresh air, a bit of exercise, while introducing residents to the many sporting activities available to join in on.

The mixer started with one golf event, shuffle board, lawn bowling, and horseshoes. Just over the past few years, events such as basketball, pickleball, corn hole, and additional golf challenges were added. Horseshoes was eliminated, but might be added again this year. Each of the events have been modified in ways to add a bit more to the fun. Each year the Activities Committee does a great job of figuring out what events are the most enjoyable to the residents.

No super jock experience is needed, only a comfortable pair of shoes and the willingness to try and have some fun. Laughter and adrenaline will be your super powers. It is also a great way to have some shared moments with other residents and to just enjoy the day.

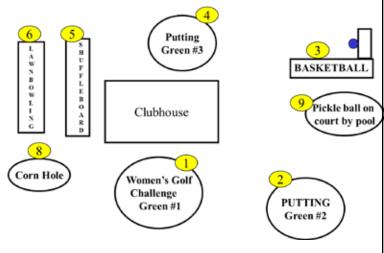
Before 2021, the Sport Mixer would have 300 to 400 people coming to the event. For just \$3.00 you got the best deal in town. Morning coffee, water, and a donut, and lunch consisted of a hotdog, chips, cookie, and a beverage. At present the bargain continues at \$5.00 starting with morning coffee and a donut, but now for lunch you get a Sloppy Joe instead of a hotdog. A beverage cost extra due to sky high price increases.

Unfortunately for the past 3-4 years the mixer participation has declined to less than 200. We have had some challenges with weather causing the event last year to be canceled. In the past the mixer was in January, but at resident's request it was changed to March for warmer weather conditions.

The Sport Mixer requires at least 70 volunteers to run the events. The volunteers make it fun, fair, and exciting. Scoring of the events has been modified in 2020 to prevent any one event having a final score advantage over any other event. This was done by balancing out the max points for each event.

25 years of the Sport Mixer happened by way of residents volunteering and residents participating. Let's keep our own March Madness alive. Join in on the many activities available and especially come join the Sport Mixer. Thank you, Terry Keller, for sharing with me some of the history and facts about the mixer.

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

Vespers—March 2 Dunnemans Music Ministry

The Vespers Committee have invited Reg and Gretchen Dunneman of the Dunnemans Music Ministry to perform at Vespers on March 2. Their music ministry started in 2002 and they travel throughout the U.S. and Canada with this ministry.

They sing a variety of music including hymns, classical, southern gospel, spirituals, swing, bluegrass and more. In the past they have performed at Golf Lakes. So please join us at Vespers to hear their music ministry. A free will offering will be taken that evening.

Submitted by Carol Montgomery



LAWN BOWLING PLAYOFFS

The 2025 playoffs will be the **week of March 4th** to determine our winner of the Winter League.

Come and cheer on your friends & neighbors!! Schedules will be posted on the board at the Courts.

FREE THURSDAY AFTERNOON CONCERTS 2-4PM



March 6 — A Pirate Over 50 - Solo acoustic artist

These concerts are held on the Lawn, outside the clubhouse (weather permitting). Bring a chair, or just sit in your golf cart and enjoy some great music and fun times with your friends.

These concerts are free, but not a bad idea to bring a few bucks to tip the artist, if you so desire.

WEEKLY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE FOR MARCH BOLD denotes new activity to Golf Lakes

MONDAY		WEDNESDAY		FRIDAY	λΑΥ	
Women's Exercise	CH 8:15	Breakfast Club	Fiona's 8:00	Women's Exercise	B	8:15
Women's Golf	GLC 9:00	Women's Exercise	CH 8:15	Art Group	R	8:00
Ceramics	CR 9:00	Shuffle board Lessons	SC 8:00	Water Aerobics	۵	9:40
Water Aerobics	P 9:40	Ceramics	CR 9:00	Line Dancing (beginner)	er) CH	11:45
Women's Bridge	FR 12:00	Water Aerobics	P 9:40	Hand, Foot & Elbow	Æ	12:00
Harmony Notes	CH 12:00	Women's Bridge	FR 12:30	Line Dancing	ᆼ	12:30
Ceramics (1st & 3rd wk)	CR 1:00	Woodcarving	CR 1:00	Shuffleboard	SC	1:00
Clever Creations (2nd & 4th wk)	CR 1:00	Shuffleboard	SC 1:00	Bingo	Э	9:00
Shuffleboard	SC 1:00	Potluck Dinner	СН			
Double Pinochle	FR 6:00	Bunco (2nd & 4th wk)	FR 6:15	SATURDAY		
Feather Your Nest (1st & 3rd wk)	CR 6:00	Euchre	CH 6:30	Social Hour	ᆼ	9:00
				P B & J (3rd wk)	FR	10:00
				BananGrams	FR	1:00
TUESDAY		THURSDAY		Shuffleboard	SC	1:00
Dancing in the Street	4915 2nd A 8:15	Blood Pressure (2nd wk) 7:45-9:45	FR 7:45			
Lap Robes	CR 8:30	Dancing in the Street 49	4915 2nd A 8:15	SUNDAY		
Women's Golf	GLC 9:00	BOD Meeting (2nd & 4th wk)	BR 9:00	Vespers	СН	00:9
Ladies Bible Study	CH 9:00	Handmade Blessings	CR 9:30			
Ten Pin Bowling	Bowlero 9:15	Water Aerobics	P 9:40			
Water Aerobics	P 9:40	Piecemakers Quilt Club	CR 12:00			
Hand, Foot & Elbow	FR 12:00	Mah Jongg	FR 1:00	LEGEND		
iPad Beginner I	CH 12:30	Women of Golf Lakes (2nd wk)	CH 2:00	BR	Board Room	
Mah Jongg	FR 1:00	Under The Palms (1st & 3rd wk)	CHG 2:00	СН	Clubhouse	
Shuffleboard	SC 1:00	Hand, Foot & Elbow	FR 6:00	CHG	Clubhouse Grounds	rounds
iPad Beginner II	CH 1:30	Cribbage	CH 6:30	CR	Craft Room	
i Pad Intermediate	CH 2:30	Lawn Bowling (open play)	TC 6:30	FR	Friendship Room	oom
Hand, Foot & Elbow	BR 6:00	Small Group Bible Study (2nd & 4th wk) Ind Homes	nd Homes 7:00	CLC	Golf Lakes Course	urse
Quilting Ladies	CR 6:00			GOM	Greens of Manatee	natee
Shuffleboard (Open Play)	SC 6:15			LBC	Lawn Bowling Courts	gCourts
Couples Bridge	FR 6:30			Д	Pool	
Lawn Bowling (open play)	PC 6:30			SC	Shuffleboard Courts	Courts

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			MARCH			1 Dancing For Dollars ** 7PM CH
2 Vespers: Dunnemans Music Ministry**	m	4 Lawn Bowling Playoffs**	5 Ash Wednesday Lawn Bowling Playoffs**	6 Lawn Bowling Playoffs** UTP 2-4pm A Pirate Over 50 Night of Music**	7 Lawn Bowling <u>Playoffs**</u> Parking Lot Flea Mkt** 8am	8 Night of Music ** 7pm CH
9 Daylight Savings Time Begins Vespers: Gene Maddox	10 Safety Meeting ** 7 pm CH	11 Lawn Bowling Singles**	12 Lawn Bowling Singles**	13 BOD Mtg 9am BR Lawn Bowling Singles** Home Tours & Brunch** 9:30an CH	14 Lawn Bowling Singles**	15 Ides of March
16 Vespers: Hixon Helton -guest speaker	17 St Patrick's Day Womens Golf Ends**	18 Womens Golf Ends**	19 March Potluck ** 5pm CH	20 Spring Equinox Bulk Trash Day ** Lawn Bowling Banquet ** 12:30 CH Gad-A-Bouts ** 1pm	21 Sports Mixer** 9:15am CH	22
23 Harmony Notes Concert 2pm CH ** Vespers: Dwayne Kitchens	24 Womens Golf Banquet **	25	26	27 BOD Mtg 9am BR	28	29 Beatles Tribute** 7pm CH
30 Vespers: Jonathon Jankovich	31					
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Night of Music Presents....

"Comedy Plus"

Thursday, March 6 and Saturday, March 8

Show Time is 7:00pm Both Nights

Come join the fun because the cast is ready to make sure you understand:

"laughing is the best medicine in the world"

The show is, once again, full of surprises and we have been having a great time getting it ready for you. You don't want to miss it!

Doors open at 6:15 pm. Vouchers may be obtained at the Office – or Bert & Ria Buitenhuis and Herman & Martha Buitenhuis will have them available during Social Hour – or you can get what you need at the door, that is, if we are not sold out! Folks ask me: so what is a voucher? It is your ticket to an evening of fun and enjoyment! It is neat to find out what wonderful talent lives here in Golf Lakes; sometimes folks laugh with us and sometimes they laugh at us. You all come on down! There will be a concession stand too!

Donations are appreciated as this is the only fund raiser the Stage and Storage Committee does each year.

Submitted by Sherie Wood



PARKING LOT FLEA MARKET Friday, March 7 8am—12:30pm



The Annual Golf Lakes Flea Market / Parking Lot Sale will be held in the North Parking Lot.

The marked off parking spaces will cost **\$10.00 each**. (Golf Lakes residents ONLY!). Spaces will be sold at Social Hour February 15 and will continue until all spaces have been sold.

Don't attend Social Hour, contact Terry Keller 269-953-2431 (call or text).

As a reminder, no overnight vehicle parking is allowed in the North lot Thursday night March 6.



SAFETY PRESENTAION HURRICANE SEASON PREPARATION Monday, MARCH 10 7:00pm CLUBHOUSE

Sponsored by MANATEE PUBLIC SAFETY and DEDICADED SENIOR HEATH.

This is a presentation EVERYONE SHOULD ATTEND!





The Men's and Women's Singles Lawn Bowling Tournament will be held the week of March 11th.

Sign up is in progress, sheets located at the courts.

Schedule will be displayed at the lawn bowling courts.

So come on down to the courts to watch and support your friends and neighbors at these fun events, hope to see YOU there!!



Thursday, March 13 **9:30 to 10:30 AM**

Home Tours & Brunch

Tour homes and enjoy brunch in the Clubhouse!

Rotating Schedule – Tickets \$6



We hope you will enjoy viewing the variety of homes and décor found here in Golf Lakes.

Chairperson – Sherry Termaat / Co–Chairperson – Donna Gastier

"The power of finding beauty in the humblest things makes home happy and life lovely." Louisa May Alcott



GOLF LAKES WOMEN'S MONDAY AND TUESDAY GOLF LEAGUES

It's hard to believe that our season is almost over. Our last days of golf will be **March 17 and 18**. On those days we will have a short meeting, awards and finish with a scramble. The banquet for both Monday and Tuesday Women's golf leagues will be held **March 24**.

More information will be posted on the golf board by the North parking lot.

March Potluck

March 19 at 5:00pm in the Clubhouse

Hosted by the Activities Committee

Please bring your table service, your favorite dish to pass, a serving utensil as needed, and a glass or cup for your drink. (\$1.00 donation per person is requested). Activities Committee provides the drinks, usually coffee, iced tea or lemonade, and ice water.

The Signup sheets can be found on Board 2 in the Clubhouse. <u>A Host is needed for this event</u>. If interested, the list of duties is on Board 2 under the Potluck sign.







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ANNUAL SPORTS MIXER 2025

(Fun activities for all ages)
The Annual Sports Mixer will be held on Friday, March 21, in the Clubhouse.

Breakfast and registration start at 9:15am and the games begin at 10:00. The cost is \$5.00 for breakfast and lunch. Coffee/donut will be served in the morning and sloppy joes, chips and drinks for lunch.

For those who have never participated in one of these fun-filled events, **NO SKILL whatsoever** is needed to participate. "Sports Mixer" is truly an appropriate title.

The events held are modified activities <u>similar</u> to Lawn Bowling, Shuffling, Corn Hole, Basketball and Putt-putt golf. Luck is usually more important than skill! Door prizes awarded after lunch.

If you would like to volunteer to help, there will also be a volunteer signup sheet on Board 2. Approximately 80 volunteers are needed for this event. Time required is about 30 minutes and a "fast pass" is provided for the events. Please sign up in the Clubhouse on Board 2.



Bulk Trash Day is Thursday March 20

Items must be out—end of day on Wednesday March 19
No hurricane damaged items.
No more than five items.

LAWN BOWLING BANQUET!

We will have a Subway Luncheon ...

Clubhouse at 12:30pm on March 20

Sub, chips, cookie and water for \$10 per person. See your team captain for tickets or Contact Pat Mandjack 941.755.8514.

Bowlers, spouses, family, and all Golf Lakers are welcome!



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Gad-A-Bouts Luncheon

When: Thursday, March 20 at 1pm Where: Scarpino's 6152 14th St W

Bring: Wear your Name Tag

RSVP: Sign-up Sheet Bulletin Board 4.

Be sure to print your name and phone number.

Also indicate whether you need a ride or you can drive.

Call Gloria Slowiak at 941-727-0672 with any questions.



An Invitation from Harmony Notes Sunday, March 23 at 2pm in the Golf Lakes Clubhouse

Mark your calendar to reserve the date, invite your friends and join us as we share the joy of song. (no ticket required)

The women of Harmony Notes are pleased to invite you to their annual end of season concert. Harmony Notes has been a part of Golf Lakes for over 30 years. We continue to meet each week as a group of women who love music and enjoy singing together. This year we are making a bit of a change and instead of the traditional Saturday evening performance, we are inviting you to join us for a Sunday afternoon concert!

Submitted by Mary Hoeksema





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FREE THURSDAY AFTERNOON CONCERTS 2-4PM

April 3—Aaron Kelly Returns



These concerts are held on the Lawn, outside the clubhouse (weather permitting). Bring a chair, or just sit in your golf cart and enjoy some great music and fun times with your friends.

These concerts are free, but not a bad idea to bring a few bucks to tip the artist, if you so desire.

"DANCING FOR DOLLARS" SATURDAY, APRIL 5

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



Donations will benefit *Prodigal Daughters Journey Home, INC*, a Manatee County program for women recovering from addiction, human trafficking, domestic violence and other life changing circumstances. The residential faith-based program is 100% funded through donations.

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

Submitted by Karen Furnari and Rose Patterson



Women of Golf Lakes Luncheon Thursday, April 10, 2025 **12:00 PM**

(Bring an appetizer, salad or dessert)

Honoring Our Past Club Presidents / Installation of New Officers 2025-2026

"Jump into Spring" and let Gayle Lesch show you how to make a spring floral arrangement

Inspirational: Jane Brouwer

Hostesses: Karla Blevins, Joan Sturgill, Lisa McKeever, Debbie Siewert

Spring: A lovely reminder of how beautiful change can be." Unknown



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Puzzle from https://www.printable-puzzles.com/

(solution on page 38)

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~Along with some very special friends ~

Saturday, April 12, 7-9pm we will feature Kaptain Kurt & friends. Tables and chairs will be set-up. As well as a dance floor! Bring in snacks and beverages as you wish.

AS A THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT - this special appreciation concert will be **FREE** to all Golf Lakes Residents and their quests.

Submitted by Under The Palms Committee

Gad-A-Bouts Luncheon

When: Thursday, April 17 at 1pm
Where: Beef O' Brady's 4925 Cortez St W

Bring: Wear your Name Tag

RSVP: Sign-up Sheet Bulletin Board 4.

Be sure to print your name and phone number.

Also indicate whether you need a ride or you can drive.

Call Gloria Slowiak at 941-727-0672 with any questions.

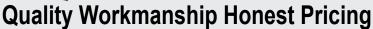


April 17—Lisa Noe

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INDOOR WATER (TOILET) CONSERVATION REBATE PROGRAM



Toilet Rebate Program

Manatee County Water Conservation Program will rebate up to \$100 per toilet* when you replace your 1994 or older high-flow toilet (3.5 gallons or more per flush) with an ultra-low flow toilet (1.28 gallons per flush or less).

Apply online: www.mymanatee.org/rebateprogram, call (941) 792-8811, or email water.conservation@mymanatee.org

Rebate Program limited to Manatee County water account customers (includes customers in Anna Maria, Bradenton Beach and Holmes Beach)



*Restrictions Apply
Visit website for details at
www.mymanatee.org/rebateprogram

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You may be eligible for a rebate of up to \$100 per toilet (limit 2 toilets per property) if you:

- Are replacing a toilet that was installed in 1994 or PRIOR (older) (3.5 gallons per flush or higher)
- Replace your old 3.5 or higher gpf toilet with a new 1.28 gpf HET (high efficiency toilet) or less
- Receive your water directly from Manatee County or from the Cities of Anna Maria, Bradenton Beach and Holmes Beach
- Do NOT dispose of your old toilet until application is verified and processed
- To confirm eligibility, email, or call 941-792-8811 ext. 5327

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A TOILET REBATE?

Single-family, multi-family, or commercial customers may apply directly through their account portal by selecting "Requests". Please click <u>HERE</u> for the CSS Portal. You may also apply <u>online</u> or by <u>downloading the printable application</u> and emailing it to <u>water.conservation@mymanatee.org</u>, or mailing it to Toilet Rebate Program, Water Conservation, 4520 66th Street West, Bradenton, FL 34210.

All toilets for which rebates are applied must be available to be verified by an on-site inspection that a new high efficiency toilet (HET) of 1.28 gpf (gallons per flush) or less toilet has been installed and is replacing a 3.5 gpf or greater toilet. You must retain the old toilet until your application is approved for payment to qualify.





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Greens of Manatee Golf Information



Greens of Manatee Golf Course

(The family friendly golf course)

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.

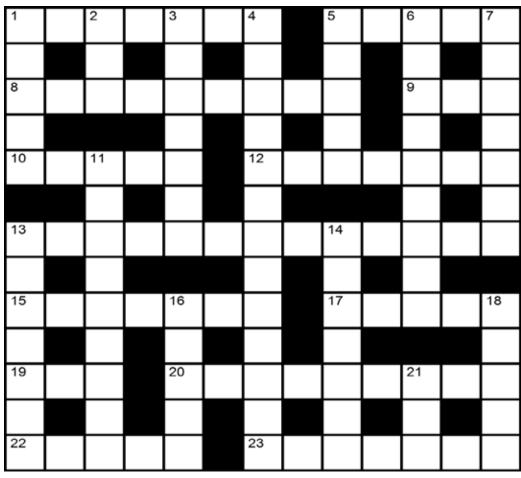
Regarding the hurricane and damage sustained, current estimate is \$300,000. This does not include the cost of tree cutting and removal or hauling off tons of debris from the course. The course has wind insurance but, as many of us have already experienced, insurance will only cover part of the cost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

Submitted by Terry Keller, President

CROSSWORD



(solution on page 38)

Clues:

Puzzle compiled by Bianca Morèl Puzzle from https://www.printable-puzzles.com/

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- 1 Definitive
- 5 Sped
- 8 Medleys
- 9 Martini ingredient
- 10 Give or take
- 12 Stockpile
- 13 Salutes
- **15** I, for one
- 17 Dead tired
- 19 Holiday ___
- 20 Principal church
- **22** Ivory
- 23 Decorates

Down

- 1 Hot beverage
- 2 Upper limb
- 3 More deficient
- 4 Complimented
- 5 Ascends
- 6 Camel, e.g.
- 7 Fancy meals
- 11 Skin medication
- 13 Composed
- 14 Takes heed
- 16 Contests
- 18 Utters
- 21 Tease

A day in the life of a Golf Lakes recycler. . .

Meet Merrick Soylent, a retired executive from Omni Consumer Products, who resides some where in Golf Lakes. Mer (as his friend calls him) is a conscientious recycler and will help us understand what and how to be a good environmentally aware resident.

For breakfast, Mer has a bowl of Frosted Shredded Wheat with milk and blueberries. It is the last of all three items in his refrigerator and cupboard. He pulls out the waxed bag from the box (it goes in the trash) and puts the light cardboard in his recycling box. This is the box that his golf balls which he ordered from Amazon came in yesterday. He kept the box and the brown paper that prevented the box of balls from moving around during shipment. Next, he adds the empty clear plastic clam shell from the blueberries to his recycling trove. Since it is the end of the milk, he rinses the plastic jug, loosens the cap and puts the empty jug aside. He used to read the Bradenton Times while he ate breakfast, but alas, newsprint is a thing of the past.



It is now lunch time, and Mer is going to drink a Diet Coke while he finishes the half-rack of ribs that he got from Cody's Roadhouse last evening. He always orders a full-rack and brings half home for lunch the next



day. Look at the menu prices and you will see how Mer became an executive at OCP. Mm-mm, those ribs and sweet potato fries taste good. When he is finished, the empty aluminum can goes to the recycle box, but he tosses the bones and the white Styrofoam take-home container in the trash. It is not possible to recycle Styrofoam, also known as polystyrene foam, in regular recycling bins because Styrofoam is a type of plastic that is not easily recycled; it can contaminate other recyclable materials and it is too much air (not enough mass to

make it worth while to recycle).

For dinner, Mer is going to cook a rib-eye steak from Walmart, have parsley buttered new potatoes, pickled beets, and a large Margarita. This will be the last of both the Margarita Mix and Tequila. Two more items he will rinse, toss the caps, and sequester the containers into his Amazon box. The can of new potatoes

must have the top removed and drained before putting the potatoes into a bowl. He'll add way too much butter and put the bowl in the microwave. (Mer isn't as health conscientious about cholesterol as he is about recycling). The empty tin can and its lid can join the milk carton from breakfast. Grilling his steak, Mer has to add the plastic plate that Walmart packaged the meat in because again ... it was Styrofoam! As the steak is grilling, he thinks he should have bought two and invited the neighbor lady to dine with him. He is not lecherous, just friendly.



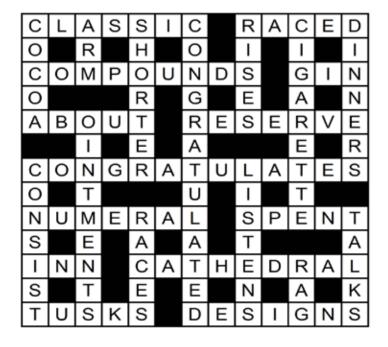
Pictured below is the Golf Lakes Recycle Center. Note where each of the items he has collected ends up.



Submitted by Don Raymond

CROSSWORD

SOLUTION





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