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Jim Hofman

A Message from the **PRESIDENT**

It seems as though March has just begun and now April is here already. I guess the old adage that "time flies when you are having fun" is true! It seems as though many in our community were sick during the last month. My prayer is that with the arrival of Spring, the cold and flu season will leave us alone!

This is the month when some will leave for the summer. We trust you will have a safe journey back north and will enjoy time with family and friends who were not able to join you during the winter months. I'm sure Tracy will also remind you to secure all your outside belongings prior to going back home. It's very important to have everything secured as we learned last summer. While we trust that we will not experience another hurricane, safety measures need to be taken. Please let the office know when you are leaving, who is responsible for your unit during the summer and check to see that your summer address is correct in the office records. We will miss you and look forward to seeing you again next season.

The Board will be working this summer with the new activities chair to study the results of the surveys we collected regarding activities you would like to see remain, which ones you might want to see changed or dropped and which new activities you might want to see added. Our community is experiencing changes in demographics and with that comes change. We need your input to determine what activities may need to be improved, added or dropped from our offerings.

One area we hope that never changes is our ability to get along with one another. I hope we will all be able to rise above the current climate in our society and maintain harmony in spite of our varied beliefs. Join with me in making a concerted effort to have our community be a light for others!

Have a great month!



The Banner

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Tracy Roux, CMCA, AMS

Manager's Report



Happy Spring. Tax Day and the April 15 deadline for being under contract for any remaining hurricane repairs is fast approaching. Be sure you have provided the office with your plan and/or contractor's name, preferably in writing and to the following email, tracy@golflakes.com.


If you need any assistance with repair arrangements, please don't hesitate to call the office. If you have a home that is being removed, remember you or your contractor must apply for a "take service" from FP&L which will remove the meter and ensure the electricity is off and safe for the home to be removed. Also, before removing, notify the office so that the water supply can be capped to avoid any water and sewer lines being damaged. All new homes must make sure the new home is not installed over any existing water and sewer lines. All old clay or cast iron piping need to be replaced with PVC prior to the arrival of the new home.

While we have had quite a bit to recover from, don't forget the basics like ensuring your home is clean, painted if needed, and your landscape well maintained, with an overall neat and tidy appearance.

If you plan to leave for the summer, **ALL** outdoor items must be put away before you leave the park. Be sure to check out with the office, so we know where to send mail that we have for you, and provide contact information on who is watching your property and entrusted to treat weeds and perform any needed maintenance.

Let's finish the season strong. I enjoyed meeting so many new residents during our Coffee and Conversations with the Manager, and I plan to continue and look forward to meeting many more of you.

It's an honor to work at Golf Lakes and my goal is to make sure every member feels heard and valued. If there is anything you want to make me aware of or have an issue you need help with, drop me a line at tracy@golflakes.com.



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As you may know, after 16 years of service to Golf Lakes, **Terry Keller** is stepping down as Chair of the Activities Committee. **Thank you, Terry, for your tremendous dedication to Golf Lakes.**

Some activities will be canceled while others will go on as planned. It's a fluid situation at present; however, we do have an Activities Team member that has volunteered to chair. The Board and Activities are working to make a smooth transition and ensure the least amount of disruption while we try and fill Terry's very large shoes. All changes and updates on activities will be posted on the resident Facebook page as well as office E-blasts.

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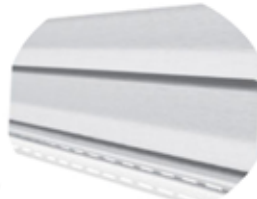


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When Change is Upon Us

According to studies made by psychologists, we humans do not like change. Our brain is responsible for our emotions and interprets change as an immediate threat to our person and the brain reacts in ways to protect us (fight or flight).

Based on studies there are five reasons to resisting change.

- 1)**Fear of the unknown.** We do not know the outcome of the change and this causes uncertainty and we go into defense mode. We fear any loss associated with the change. We need confirmation that we will benefit from the change.
- 2)**The "Moral Force."** We become set in our ways and we like our routines. We cling to the familiar. We become sentimental. "We have always done it this way."
- 3)**Fear of Failure** To fail at what is needed to change creates anxiety and uncertainty. We convince ourselves that the change will not work or the change will be a disappointment.
- 4)**Apathy.** Sometimes we resist change due to the lack of enthusiasm needed for change. "It is not worth the effort." No interest in learning a new way to adapt to the change.
- 5)**Lack of faith in Changemakers.** People may resist change due to not having comfort and confidence in those advocating the change. We may doubt the knowledge and the information presented for the change. We have a negative view of a person or persons initiating the change.

All through life we have been met with change. Most times without really thinking about it we go with the flow and other times we become resistant and question the change. The main question is, how will the change make things better? Accepting the change as beneficial is an important step towards managing the change.

It is sometimes harder to accept change during a period of uncertainty. It is during these times that we need to look for a positive in the change to move forward. We are amazing human beings who can learn to adapt in many ways, allowing us to embrace every new day.

Just a few Quotes:

"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you have to put up with the rain." Dolly Parton

"Sometimes good things fall apart so better things can fall together." Marilyn Monroe

"There is nothing wrong with change as long as it is in the right direction." Winston Churchill

"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." John F. Kennedy

"Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds, cannot change anything." George Bernard Shaw

"Always do what you have always done, you'll always get what you've always got." Henry Ford

"It's not change, it's an opportunity for improvement." Tom Drooger

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Lappas, John & Debra	501 49th B Ave Dr E	NH

MOVED AWAY	
NAME	ADDRESS
King, Don Meyer, Meghan	5104 8th B St E
Mailloux, Marc	501 49th B Ave Dr E

DEATHS		
NAME	ADDRESS	DATE
Bumann, Robert	5202 7th C St E	2/2/2025
Wulliman, Curtis	4932 8th St E	1/31/2025
Ingles, Shirley	4908 7th A St E	2/10/2025
Durand, Jeff	4902 1st A St E	2/18/2025



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.

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

1	Mark Niver, David Souder
2	Donald Carver, Isabel Donald, Bob Hurst, Bob Mueller, Rose Patterson, Audi Pedley
3	Linda Baie, Nancy Jeltema, Renee Jemiolo, Phyllis Wise, Wayne Zimmerman
4	Joel Lennon, Cynthia Parker, Smith, John Soto, Mick Vanderbilt, Ken Winn
5	Ginette Bailey, Margaretta Boockfor, Henry Eisses, Bonnie Fox, Sandra Kaechele, Ethel Leep, Terry Schaefer, Sharon Smith
6	Judy Carver, Brenda Howard Bill Stauble
7	Sandra Allison
8	Glory Bierema, Forrest Bone, Stephen Ebert
9	Juliana Burnett, Pamela Spear
10	Robert Bieber, Bonnie Frye, Mark Jacobs
11	Angeline Berg, Robert Buck
12	Kathy Brennen, Jean Cichowski, Joan Harrington, Gloria Ward, Richard Watson
13	Alice Belousek, Mitchell Dykstra, Gina Falbo, Sally Kiekintveld, George McNeff
14	Kenneth Jipping, Natalie Soppitt
15	Karen Boeve, Paul Spear
16	Rita Cassettari, Kim Kinney, Larry Lutz, Stanley Root
17	Frank Jarvis, Megham Meyer, Mick O'Brien
18	Linda Hazelton, Klaas Kloosterhof, Kenneth Pitts
19	Philip Carme, Brian Harrington, Nancy Hooker, Becki Kuse, Thomas Van Wingerden
20	Dorothy Begin, Sharon Crawford, Brenda Curcio
21	
22	Philip Crawford, William Suarez, John Syswerda
23	Shirley Betts, Carol Mulchrone
24	Marlene Bass, Eric Gulbrandsen, Robert Kerhin, Gregory Lacher, Dick Pond
25	John Mattas, Margaret Strawser, Gert Terborg, Cheryl Tietje
26	Marvin Jeltema, Claudia Kellogg, Elmetta Kelly, Vickie Sloan, Paula Voland
27	Jane Brouwer, Jim Groff
28	Sandy Forth, Jane Haggard, Patti Hegdal, Karen Jipping
29	Robert Adamson, Ed Bloxsom, Ricky Yale
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3. The shuffle discs and other equipment may not be loaned or taken to other facilities.
4. Golf Lakes' discs only may be used on courts.
5. Sweep and bead courts before using.
6. No open toe shoes on courts.
7. No food or drink on courts.
8. No walking on courts.

D. GOLF COURSE RULES

1. Only Golf Lakes residents and their guests are permitted to play.
2. Guests under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older, and follow rules of play shown on scorecard.
3. The golf course is reserved Monday through Thursday for league play.
4. Signs designating "Women/Men League using Executive Course" will be posted during the applicable times.
5. Tees not to be used as a driving range when other golfers are present.
6. Repair all ball marks on greens.
7. Repair all divots.
8. No golf carts allowed on Golf Lakes Executive Golf Course.
9. Residents will enforce the rules.
10. Flagrant abuse will result in loss of playing privileges.

E. PICKLEBALL RULES

1. The Golf Lakes Pickleball Club has reserved court times (See Schedule).
2. Sports shoes are required. No flip-flops.
3. Only pickleball paddles and balls are allowed.
4. Food is not permitted, drinking water only.
5. Roller blades, skates, skateboards and bikes are prohibited.
6. During open resident play, limit play to 30 minutes if others are waiting.

7. Courts are open from 7:30 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.
8. Guests under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult over 18.
9. Paddles and balls are available at the Fitness Center.
10. Use of courts is at your own risk. The Golf Lakes Residents Association and The Golf Lakes Pickleball Club assume no liability for injuries or accidents.

F. POOL & HOT TUB RULES/NOTICE

There is no Lifeguard on duty... Use the Buddy System.

Pool hours: 7 a.m. – 10 p.m. Daily (except on cleaning days).

Pool Capacity: 40; Hot tub Capacity: 9; (max temp. 105)

No one under the age of 12 is allowed in the hot tub.

Persons 12 to 18 allowed in the hot tub only under the supervision of an adult.

1. Shower before entering pool or hot tub. (STATE LAW)
2. Guest using the pool/spa must be in-house guest unless accompanied by a resident.
3. No animals in pool /pool deck or hot tub.
4. Drinks in covered unbreakable containers allowed 4 ft. from pool/hot tub edge.
5. No food or ALCOHOL BEVERAGES inside the pool or hot tub area.
6. Bonafide bathing suit only.
7. No diving or jumping in pool. No diving or jumping off shoulders or throwing of another individual is allowed.
8. No running on pool deck.
9. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a person 18 years or older who is responsible for their safety.
10. No one with open sores or band-aids allowed.
11. Only suntan lotions allowed. (NO OILS)
12. Body lotion must be washed off before entering and re-entering pool or hot tub. (Lotion creates a scum line and will clog the filter system.)
13. A towel must be placed on lounge when using lotion.
14. Furniture must not be removed from pool deck area.
15. No radios unless used with earphones.
16. Only noodles and water weights are allowed. Life saving equipment may be used if fastened to the body.
17. Children 6 months or older, accompanied by parents or grandparents, are allowed to use swim diapers in the pool.

18. Management can deny pool privileges if pool rules are violated.
19. Radios permitted for exercise classes.
20. Any person using the pool facilities shall obey the lawful rules (approved by the Board of Directors) pointed out by residents.

G. FITNESS CENTER RULES

1. Everyone should consult a physician prior to using any Fitness Center equipment, which includes the sauna.
2. Only residents, employees and overnight guests, 18 years and older, are authorized the use of the Fitness Center equipment.
 - All other guests must be accompanied by a Golf Lakes resident.
 - No one under the age of 12 years old is allowed to use any Fitness Center equipment.
3. If you are the last person to leave the Fitness Center, all lights and fans should be turned off.
4. Do not wear wet swim suits when using Fitness Center equipment.
5. Fitness Center equipment should be wiped dry after each use.
6. Do not change plugs or attempt to fix any malfunctioning equipment.
 - Report any problems to the park office or to any member of the Fitness Center committee as soon as possible.
7. Fitness Center or swimming pool users have priority use of Fitness Center showers.
8. Bicycles shall be parked in the provided bicycle rack.
9. If another person is waiting to use the equipment, usage is restricted to thirty (30) minutes.
10. Equipment or supplies can not be removed from the Fitness Center, except for pickleball paddles and balls.
11. Residents are responsible for ensuring that their guests comply with these rules.

H. FISHING RULES:

1. Fishing is permitted in all lakes.
 - All guests under 18 years of age fishing in the lakes must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older at all times.
 - Anyone fishing must meet state licensing requirements.
 - Fishing is catch and release only. Fish caught in the lakes should not be eaten.

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

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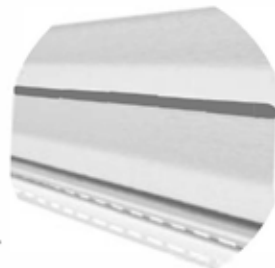
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The History of Easter

Easter is one of the most significant Christian holidays, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is observed worldwide with various traditions and customs, many of which have roots in both Christian and pre-Christian traditions. The history of Easter is a fascinating blend of religious significance, ancient cultural influences, and evolving traditions over time.

Origins in Christianity

Easter commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, an event described in the New Testament of the Bible. According to Christian belief, Jesus was crucified on Good Friday and rose from the dead on the third day, which became known as Easter Sunday. The exact date of Easter varies each year because it is based on the lunar calendar. This means Easter can fall between March 22 and April 25.

Pre-Christian and Pagan Influences

Many Easter traditions have roots in pre-Christian celebrations of spring. The name "Easter" itself is believed to have derived from Eostre (or Ostara), an Anglo-Saxon goddess associated with fertility and spring renewal.

One of the most well-known symbols of Easter, the egg, has long been associated with fertility and new life in various cultures. Over time, Christians adopted the egg as a symbol of Jesus' resurrection, with the breaking of the egg signifying the empty tomb.

Similarly, the Easter Bunny has pre-Christian origins. Rabbits and hares were associated with fertility due to their high reproduction rates. German immigrants brought the tradition of the "Osterhase" (Easter Hare) to America in the 18th century, which evolved into the modern Easter Bunny that delivers eggs and treats to children.

Medieval and Modern Easter Traditions

During the Middle Ages, Easter became a major religious and cultural celebration across Europe. The tradition of Easter feasts originated as a way to break the Lenten fast, and foods such as lamb, ham, and sweet breads became associated with the holiday.

Over time, Easter celebrations spread globally, incorporating new customs. In many countries, Easter processions, passion plays, and egg-decorating remain popular. Countries like Spain and Italy hold elaborate religious parades, while the United States is known for the White House Easter Egg Roll, an event dating back to 1878.

Conclusion

Easter's history is a blend of Christian faith and ancient traditions. While it remains a deeply religious holiday for many, it is also celebrated in a secular way with symbols like eggs, bunnies, and festive gatherings. Whether viewed as a sacred occasion or a cultural celebration, Easter continues to bring people together in a spirit of renewal and joy.



Submitted by Tom Drooger

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



April 1st begins the new season for the Activities Committee.

A few volunteers are needed to fill open positions. The committee has 23 events spread out through the year. The committee's mandate is to be responsible for Social Activities relating to recreation and entertainment for the residents. This is a great committee and has always been known for its excellent teamwork. If interested, contact Duane Frederick at 860-377-3244.



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Use things more than once... use cloth shopping bags... repair...
regift... try travel mugs... compost!

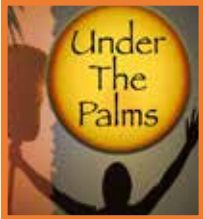
RECYCLE

Separate waste materials so that the recyclable products can be
transformed into something new!



What's Happening

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 – April Showers” Saturday, April 5 from 7-10 PM

Please join us in the GL Clubhouse for an evening of FUN – dancing and socializing with friends and neighbors! Feel free to bring snacks and beverages (alcohol permitted).

Donations will support Karen’s volunteer work for **KnittedKnockers.org**.

As one of many of their worldwide registered volunteers who knit or crochet, Karen makes soft, comfortable breast prostheses for women who have had breast cancer and have undergone a mastectomy or lumpectomy. Your donations will help with the cost of materials needed to make the “knitted knockers”. Karen distributes the crocheted prostheses at no cost to anyone who requests them. In addition, she provides them to local hospitals and doctors’ offices. Please check out the website for more information.

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

Submitted by Karen Furnari and Rose Patterson



If your American flag is faded, frayed or ripped, it is time to replace it.

Please do not fly a flag that is not in perfect condition.

Drop off your old flags at my house and I will take them to one of the local Veterans organizations for proper disposal. Barb Jahnke
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WEEKLY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

BOLD denotes new activity to Golf Lakes

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

Lap Robes	CR	8:30
Ladies Bible Study	CH	9:00
Ten Pin Bowling	Bowlero	9:15
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
Shuffleboard (Open Play)	SC	6:15
Couples Bridge	FR	6:30
Lawn Bowling (open play)	LC	6:30

THURSDAY

Blood Pressure (2nd wk) 7:45-9:45	FR	7:45
BOD Meeting (2nd & 4th wk)	BR	9:00
Handmade Blessings	CR	9:30
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	8:15
Art Group	CR	8:00
Water Aerobics	P	9:40
Hand, Foot & Elbow	FR	12:00
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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 APRIL FOOL'S DAY	2	3 UTP 2-4pm** Aaron Kelly	4	5 Dancing for Dollars 7PM CH**
6	7 Safety Mtg** 7pm CH	8	9	10 WOGI Luncheon** Noon CH	11	12 Last BP Check Kaptain Kurt** 7PM CH
13 PALM SUNDAY	14	15 TAX DAY	16	17 Gad-A-Bouts** 1PM Outside Park UTP 2-4** Lisa Noe	18 GOOD FRIDAY	19 Easter Bonnet Parade** 9AM
20 EASTER SUNDAY Easter Potluck** 1PM CH	21	22 EARTH DAY	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

What's Happening



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



Saturday, April 12, 7-9 pm—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.

This is a **FREE "THANK YOU" CONCERT** to everyone that has supported us this inaugural season. Tickets won't be necessary, but we are still limited to the capacity of 225 people.

Hope to see many of our Golf Lakers out enjoying these fun musical events!

~Along with some very special friends ~

Submitted by Under The Palms Committee

Gad-A-Bouts Luncheon

When: Thursday, April 17 @ 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.

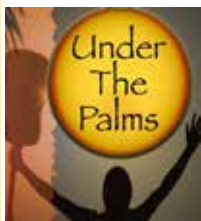
Also indicate whether you need a ride or you can drive.

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



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April 17—Lisa Noe



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

What's Happening

Saturday, April 19 at 9:00 am

Easter Bonnet Parade



It is time again for our annual Easter Bonnet parade.

Get your hat ready and join in the fun (men are also allowed to wear an Easter hat). Glamorously glitzy to fabulously funny are all welcome. Everyone is welcome to participate. Just decorate your bonnet, hat, or whatever and prepare to strut your stuff during Social Hour.

Sunday, April 20 at 1:00 pm
Easter Dinner / Potluck



Bring:

- ⇒ a dish of your favorite food to pass and a serving spoon
- ⇒ your table service
- ⇒ a cup or glass

Provided by the Activities Committee:

- ⇒ ham, coffee, ice tea or lemonade and ice water

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The Annual Memorial Day Celebration will start outside the Clubhouse near the big flagpole in the new and beautiful Veterans Garden.

A short ceremony will take place to remember those we have lost.

A lunch in the Clubhouse will follow the ceremony at approximately noon. As in the past, please bring your box lunch.

Beverages and the desserts will be provided by the Activities Committee.

Please sign up on the sheet on bulletin board #2 in the Clubhouse.



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THIS & THAT

NIGHT OF MUSIC—STAGE AND STORAGE

Our committee is very appreciative of the fine job our "show folks" put together for this year's Night of Music, "Comedy Plus" what a show! The Committee of Jane Brouwer, Jo Rupp, Marge Whitehurst, Nelson Kellogg, Cliff Wilson and Sherie Wood did it again. Yep – it's time for a family photo shoot – it's been 50 years – NO MA – 2 years..... WHAT FUN WE HAVE!

A huge thanks goes out to the cast, sound specialist – GREAT JOB JULIE FOR FIRST TIME AT BAT, lighting guys, mic coordinator, stage hands, camera guys, media girl, parking attendants, voucher coordinators, program producers, seating set-up and tear down, make-up team, prop GUYS, costume designers, writers and anyone I missed – I hope none. You wonder why I listed all of them....well it is because without every one of them, the show would not go on. It surely takes a village to put it together.

Finally, your attendance and contributions are what enables the Stage and Storage Committee to improve the Stage, Sound, Lighting and Media Preparedness for any event that might be deemed desirable here at Golf Lakes. That is our ongoing goal.

Our Committee wishes to thank David and Ginette Bailey for the years they put into the show; David you will be missed on the sound board and thanks for doing such a terrific job of training Julie!

We hope you had as much fun attending the show as we had presenting it. We also hope this show inspires you to join in the fun next year; come on out unknown talent. We welcome you!

Thank you everyone for your support!

Submitted by Sherie Wood

*Just a
Reminder!*



#1—As your activity ends for the season, please contact The Banner - golflakesbanner@gmail.com so we can update the weekly activities.

#2—The May and June Banner will be combined!!

Please make sure any/all events and news articles are turned into The Banner by the deadline, April 10 at 5PM.

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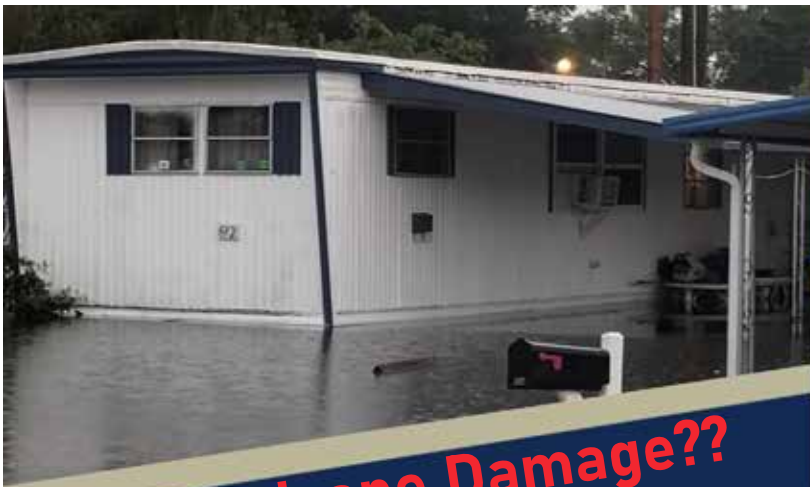
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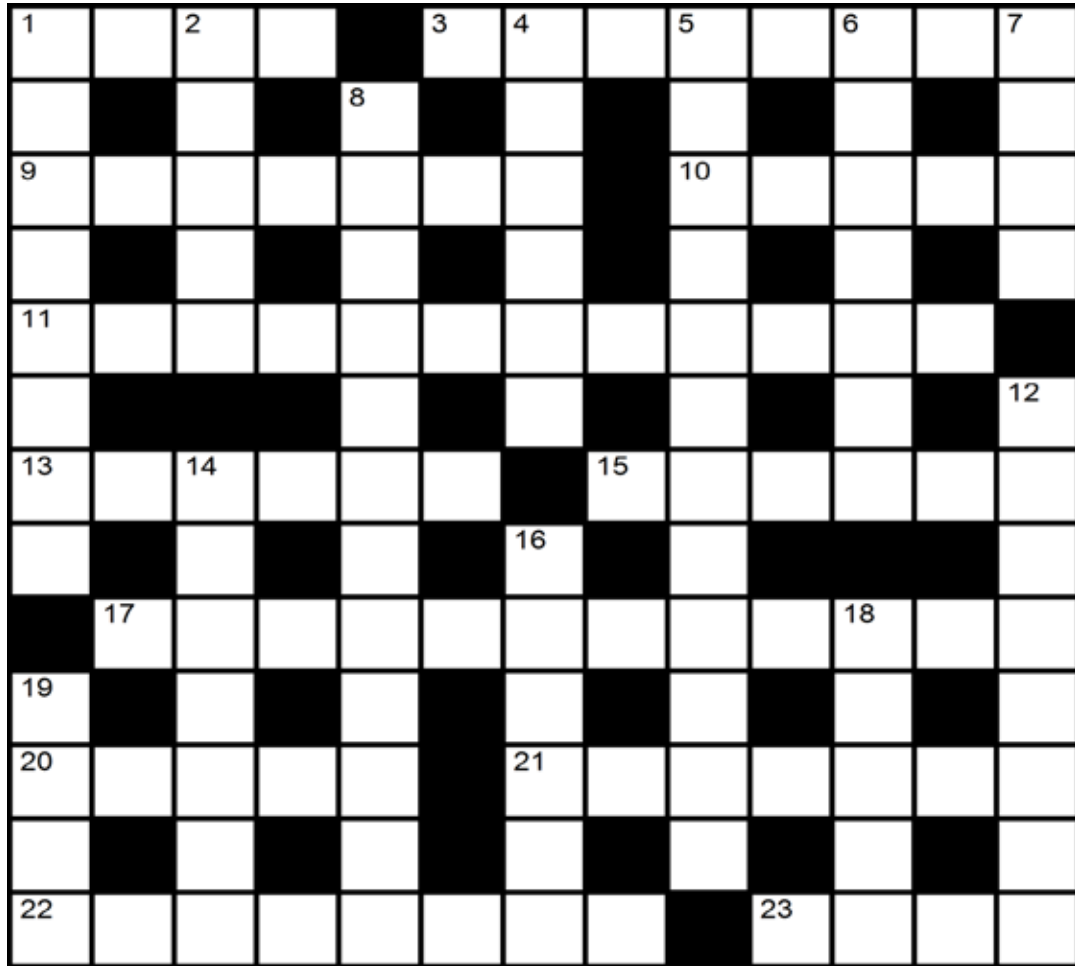


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(solution on page 34)

Puzzle compiled by Bianca Morè

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Clues:

Across

- 1 Hazard
- 3 Sample
- 9 Church devotions
- 10 Taboos
- 11 Accomplishments
- 13 Compare
- 15 Helix
- 17 Massive grocery stores
- 20 Sharp
- 21 Last name
- 22 Sloping side of a hill
- 23 Legumes

Down

- 1 Supersedes
- 2 Bang up
- 4 Shoved
- 5 Conforming to modern trends
- 6 Ogre
- 7 Bird's home
- 8 However
- 12 Groups
- 14 Strange
- 16 Entertained
- 18 Rub out
- 19 Solemn promise

Greens of Manatee Golf Course Information



Greens of Manatee Golf Course

(The family friendly golf course)

SPRING 2025

Moving in to the 2nd half of the official golf season, the weather has finally returned to normal. Play throughout the week has been strong and the driving range is as busy as ever. The course is now having a great season and everyone's support is appreciated. The rebuilding from Milton continues. It is estimated the maintenance building and cart barn will be complete by April-end.

For All Residents - The Greens of Manatee is open for everyone, not just the golfer in the family. The Golf Lakes gate opens at 6:00am and the course closes at 6:00pm. Breakfast and lunch are served throughout the year, so stop over for a breakfast of bacon & eggs or try the McGreen breakfast sandwich. Lunch is great with your choice of a chili, a grilled cheese, sloppy joe, hamburger or a monster hot dog.

For the Golfer - The 2 per month scrambles continue the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. As mentioned in the past, the scrambles are open to golfers of every skill level and are a great couples event. Stop over to the Clubhouse and sign up for a great Saturday morning of fun and friends. Any questions give the course a call at 941-755-8888.

See you at the Greens!

Submitted by Terry Keller, President

Greens of Manatee - History and Benefit to Golf Lakes

Greens of Manatee has a wonderful par 61 golf course just north of the park. Access is west on 49th Avenue to the end then right on 1A Street and go thru the gate. (Be sure to bring your gate fob for the gate.)

The course was purchased in 2010 by a group of Golf Lakes residents, and surrounding parks, to prevent possible building of low-income housing, to maintain a wonderful green space and increase the value of our homes.

The course has become a great asset to Golf Lakes providing golf at reasonable rates and a layout friendly to golfers of all ages. The course features 2 scrambles a month (2nd & 4th Saturdays) for golfers of all ages and skill levels. In addition, it has a fantastic snack bar with breakfast, lunch and your choice of drinks at very reasonable prices (Be sure to check out the McGreen sandwich and the great sloppy joes).

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The season is winding down for many of us and it is time to think about preparations for closing our home. Florida weather can be brutal on a home especially during hurricane season and anything we do now can lessen the chance of problems next season.

- ◆ Here are a few suggestions before closing your home.
- ◆ Check your gutters and make sure they are clear of any debris.
- ◆ Inspect doors and windows, check weatherstripping and caulk, repair as needed.
- ◆ If you suspect any problems with the roof, have a professional check it before you leave.
- ◆ HVAC should be checked to make sure it is clear of any debris. Test AC on Humidistat setting for reliability. Annual inspection and cleaning by a professional are recommended.
- ◆ Algae, mold, or any discolorations on the home should be cleaned with products made for these issues.
- ◆ Check clam shells, make sure hinges are secure and bolts are tight.
- ◆ If using any propane tanks, check for leaks or corrosion.
- ◆ Outdoor furniture and décor should be washed, dried, and stored away.
- ◆ Check your shed. Address any issues that could cause problems to items being stored. Any chemicals should be closed tight and safe from spilling. Rags used with chemicals should be thrown away.
- ◆ Have the home treated for insects. It is recommended that Florida homes be treated quarterly. If you see any signs of critters contact pest control right away.
- ◆ Security of your property should always be considered. Management asks that you leave yard lights on while you are away, so check sensor and bulb. Having exterior motion sensor lights can be an inexpensive way of adding security. Cameras have come down in price and with Wi-Fi these cameras can be installed inside and out allowing you to monitor your property on your smart phone or tablet. Buy "camera in use" window stickers and place where they can be seen.
- ◆ Giving the inside of your home a thorough cleaning helps reduce the chance of mold and helps deter pests. Go crazy with the vacuum in every room.
- ◆ Cover furniture with clean sheets. Avoid dryer sheets on furniture as chemical coating can yellow or stain.
- ◆ Wipe down the kitchen with a mild vinegar and water solution. Clean all counter appliance. Clean dishwasher per manual, wash drain filter.
- ◆ Clean refrigerator with vinegar solution. Clean drip pan. Prop doors open.
- ◆ Discard perishables in cabinets. Clean inside cabinets where needed.
- ◆ Wash trash cans.
- ◆ Clean bathroom with products that kill mold. Discard plastic shower liner. Wash fabric curtain.
- ◆ Run washer on small cycle with a cup of vinegar. Leave lid up. Clean dryer filter and block vent to keep pests out.
- ◆ Using desiccants like Damp Rid in the home to reduce moisture should be placed in cabinets and closets. Place where they cannot be knocked over and check containers for cracks.

Submitted by Kim Gendron

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Another great Lawn Bowling Season in the books!

Carol Vautour, Robert Carpentier, Janis/Kevin Hogan came out on top over Paula/Don Raymond, Jackie/Kurt Barto - it was neck and neck till the very end.

Thanks to all participants and the Lawn Bowling Committee this year for such a fun season!

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