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Upgrade plans over the summer

By Steve Berke, Foundation Board President

Spring in Pelican Marsh brings beautiful weather and lots of community action! Courtside is bustling and, by all accounts, a very popular amenity. Sunday night music at Courtside has been a big hit and reviews of the restaurant have been overwhelmingly positive. Of course, with this increased activity at the Community Center, our parking lot is occasionally full. Please



consider carpooling for special events or even dining with friends.

Season's end brings a decrease in our population. This is the time of year when we make upgrades and improvements to our infrastructure and systems. This summer, we will implement a new club management system that will integrate all of Pelican Marsh's programs into a single-platform software system.

This new platform will give residents a new, upgraded website with apps that will provide a variety of functions and services, such as a new

courts sports reservations system as well as the ability to sign up for all activities and events and review account status online. Residents will receive email communications and texts on subjects of interest to them including specials at Courtside, court sports events, a schedule of upcoming activities and notifications of special events. The Foundation will provide training for all residents to aid them in the transition to this new system.

We will also be rebuilding tennis courts No. 2 and No. 3 as part of our replacement schedule, which will be

paid from our reserve fund. The Foundation also plans to install a portico "cover" for the patio next to the bocce courts to increase shading for that area as well as upgrade some landscaping around the campus.

The Foundation has a few infrastructure plans in development that include redesigning the Fitness Center for better space utilization with a 500-square-foot addition for a spin room. There are also plans to add more pickleball courts. However, before any new infrastructure can be approved, we must first

show the County that we have adequate parking.

To do this, we have decided to obtain a parking needs analysis. This study will definitively tell us how many additional parking spaces, if any, will be required by the County for any proposed infrastructure projects.

By the time you read this, we will have held the Annual Meeting and the Board will have a few new members. I know that the new Board will continue to work hard on behalf of all the members of Pelican Marsh.



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FOUNDATION NEWS



As season winds down

By Paul Maddry, General Manager

It is hard to believe season is almost over. Time sure flies when you're having fun! It was great to see the Community Center active, with residents enjoying all the amenities and socializing with their friends and neighbors.

Fortunately, we were able to get our food and beverage operation back up and running for most of the season. Courtside has been well received and we want to keep that positive momentum rolling this summer! To assist in that effort, we will be installing outdoor space coolers and extra shade screening to make the bar and patio seating area more pleasant during

the hot and rainy weather that summer can bring. We want to make Courtside your year-round go-to hangout.

For those getting ready to head back north, please make sure all necessary cleaning and maintenance have been completed on your home. It's also a good idea to have a home watch service and/or shut off the water to your home to prevent unforeseen water pipe leaks and other plumbing failures that could cause major water damage. Please consult with your property manager if you have any questions on this process.

Please make sure the Foundation has your current email

and other contact information so we can keep you updated and informed about what's happening in Pelican Marsh.

As general manager of Pelican Marsh, I want to make sure all members and their guests have a positive experience when using the amenities and services of the Foundation. If you have any suggestions or concerns, I want to know about it. Please email me at pmaddry@pelicanmarsh.com and I will do my best to see what can be done.

The staff really appreciates everyone's help and support over this past season. For those heading back north, safe travels and have a great summer!



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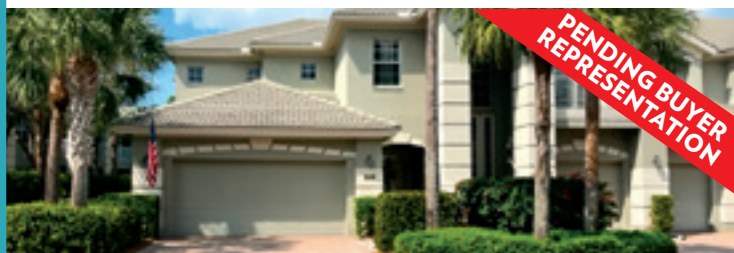
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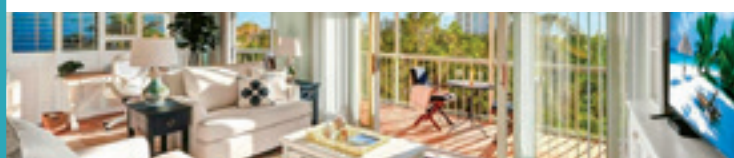


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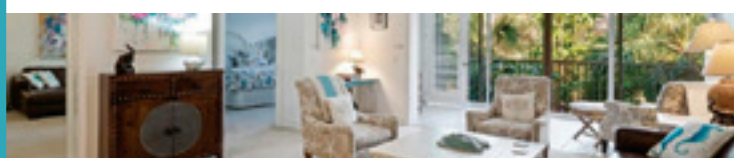
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A Message from your Director of Court Sports

By Johann Saurbier, Director of Court Sports

We are in the middle of our busiest season ever as our court sports program continues to grow. Since the beginning of last year (2022), we have had over 1,100 unique residents play on our courts. That is almost 20% more than last year. Of those, over 300 residents are playing both tennis and pickleball. There are many days when all our courts are at or near full capacity from 6:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. I love to see the activity at night when all the courts, including bocce, are all lit up. I appreciate the hard work and dedication of my staff. We are here to serve you!

Tennis exhibition fundraiser

An exhibition fundraiser was organized by Dave Hoffberg to support the YMCA of Naples. The generosity of our residents helped raise over \$3,000. Thank You! Victor and Johann put on a good show and



were victorious in their match against the YMCA tennis pros.

Mardi Gras pickleball

Pickleball put together another successful two-day Dink and Glow event with a Mardi Gras theme. A big thank you to Tina Mantel and all the volunteers who helped to make this event so incredible.

Winter league winds down

March marks the end of the winter league season, and some of our tennis teams are making a run to the playoffs. We have a

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ladies tennis team, captained by Linda Mushock, that just completed an undefeated season. Not to be outdone, the mixed pickleball team, captained by Gerry Hoffberg, also went undefeated in defending their title. Congratulations to all the teams and players competing this season.

Tennis championships

The tennis club championships are well underway and, by the time you read this, will have competed on Championship Sunday, March 17, with finals, awards and a celebration to follow. The pickleball club championships will also be over, with matches

that were held March 22 and 23, culminating in the finals scheduled on Sunday, March 24. These matches also concluded with an awards ceremony and celebration.

Naples Pro League

On March 10, we hosted the very popular Naples Pro League. This team format featured some of the best tennis professionals in Naples. Those who came to see them play were rewarded with highly competitive and entertaining matches.

Get involved

Even though our courts are very busy, there are still many opportunities to get involved

in tennis and pickleball. Please let us know if you need any assistance with court reservations or finding a game. If you need extra practice time, we now have two ball machines — one for tennis and one for pickleball. They are great practice partners; they rarely miss, and they do not talk to you! They both have the technology to hit a wide variety of shots, so you can practice many facets of each game. If you need extra practice and some instruction, Victor and I are here to help.

Thank you all for your patience this season. I am excited about the future here at Pelican Marsh. You all make this a great community! 🏆

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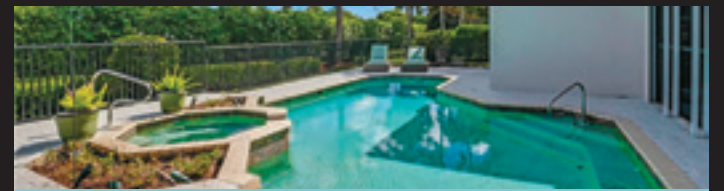
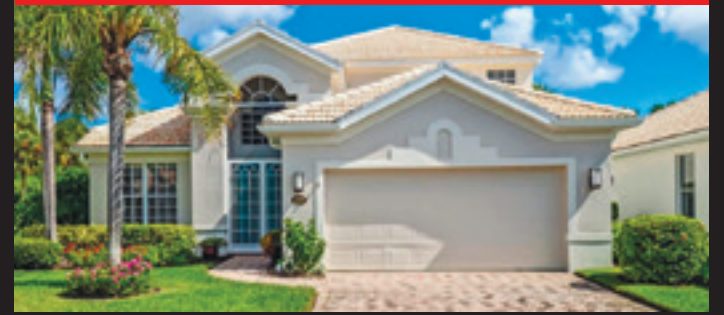
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End-of-season court sports party

By Allie Parker, Pro Shop Coordinator

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Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt or tropical attire and enjoy a barbeque from Rib City.

The cost is just \$25 per person; the fun is priceless! Call the Pro Shop at 239-514-3200 to make your reservation or reserve your spot on Court Reserve.com.



OUR FITNESS FACILITY

Keeping fit and healthy wherever you are

By Patrick D. Webb, CPT, MBA, Fitness Director

As spring and summer approach, I want to take a moment to thank our residents for your commitment to your health and fitness during this busy winter season. Whether you were a regular at our Fitness Center or you took advantage of our group fitness classes, we hope you leave feeling stronger, healthier and more energized.

While I am sad to see so many of our residents leave for the summer, I would like to remind you that your fitness journey doesn't have to end just because you're leaving the area. There are plenty of ways to stay active and healthy, no matter where you go. Here are a few tips to help you stay on track.

Find a new fitness community

Look for gyms, studios or fitness groups in your area. Many places offer free trials or drop-in rates, so you can try out different options and find a fitness community that works for you.

Get outside

Take advantage of the great outdoors in your location. Go for a hike, run or bike ride, or try a new outdoor activity like kayaking or paddleboarding.

Set new goals

Use your change of location as an opportunity to set new fitness goals for yourself. Whether it's running a new distance, trying a new sport or mastering a new yoga pose, challenge yourself to keep growing and improving.

Stay connected

Keep in touch with your fitness friends from your time here.

Share your progress, challenges and successes with each other, and hold each other accountable for staying active and healthy.

We wish you all the best as you embark on your next adventure. Remember, your health and fitness are important, no matter where you are. Keep up the good work, and we hope to see you back in the fall, fit and healthy!



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Golf fitness

Training in Florida's "off season"

By Patrick D. Webb, CPT, MBA, Fitness Director

Oddly enough, the summer is our "off season" in Florida, and off season is the ideal time to develop a solid physical foundation for your golf swing.

Golf fitness training in the off season can greatly benefit golfers, regardless of age, in the improvement of their skills on the course. Often, golfers will neglect the physical components critical to the execution of a biomechanically efficient golf swing. With little time to develop the physical requirements of the golf swing during the golf season, golfers spend an inordinate amount of time and money on practicing and golf lessons, mostly utilizing compensatory strategies for physical deficiencies, with minimal improvement.

It is important to keep up your fitness routine during the off season. Maintaining strength, flexibility and endurance will not only help improve your golf

game next season, but also prevent injury and keep you feeling your best year-round.

Physical limitations in the areas of mobility, flexibility, stability, strength and power limit the ability of the golfer to execute a biomechanically efficient golf swing. Golfers should remember that it is the kinetic chain of physical events that enables the body to execute the phases of the golf swing properly. For the athletic movements of the golf swing to be performed with efficiency, it is critical that each of these physical parameters be met within the kinetic chain.

Here are a few tips for off-season golf fitness:

Focus on strength training

Building strength in your

core, legs and upper body can help improve your swing and prevent injury. Incorporate exercises like squats, lunges, pushups and planks into your routine.

Work on flexibility

Maintaining flexibility in your hips, shoulders and back can help improve your range of motion and prevent injury. Incorporate stretching, yoga or Pilates into your routine.

Maintain cardiovascular endurance

Keeping up with cardiovascular exercise like running, cycling or swimming can help improve your endurance on the golf course.

Practice your golf swing

Take advantage of indoor driving ranges or simulators to practice your swing during the off season. This can help improve your form and maintain muscle memory.

Stay hydrated and well nourished

Drinking plenty of water and eating a balanced diet can help keep you feeling energized and focused on the course.

Remember, off-season fitness can be just as important as in-season fitness for improving your golf game and preventing injury. Incorporate these tips into your routine, and you'll be ready to hit the links again in no time!



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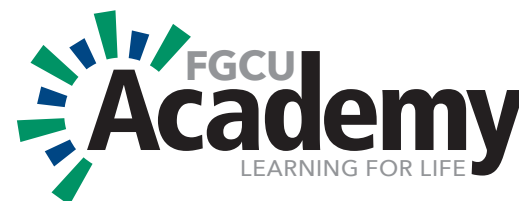
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Bocce

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

It's been an exciting season for bocce and, by the time you read this, the season will have ended! We had 54 teams competing during the winter season. It was a fun time but went by much too quickly!

We will soon be playing spring bocce, which will be

less crowded, more relaxed and less competitive. It's also a good time to join us if you're a beginner and want to get the "roll" of things!

Watch for an announcement in your email.



Here comes Peter Cottontail

Children's egg hunt and party

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

Join us on Saturday, April 8 at 3:30 p.m. for the children's egg hunt, pictures with the Easter Bunny and a visit from Melody the Clown. She loves twisting balloons for the kids! It's sure to be a good time for everyone.

You must register in advance by calling 239-594-7800. Or stop by the front desk.



CREW guided walk

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

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Blood drive

Thursday, April 13

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

There are many reasons why people should donate blood. One of the most important is that it can save lives. Every day, blood donations help save the lives of accident victims, cancer patients and others who need blood transfusions. Donating blood also helps children. Each year, thousands of children require blood transfusions to survive life-threatening illnesses or injuries. By donating blood, you can help to ensure that these children have access to the blood they need.

Donating blood not only helps to save the lives of others, but it is also a health benefit to you! Donating blood can help



to improve your overall health by reducing your risk of heart disease and stroke. It can also help to reduce your risk of developing cancer.

NCH Community Blood Center is urging eligible people to donate blood now to offset potential blood supply shortfalls, which often occur this

time of year. The process of donating blood is safe and easy, so don't hesitate to give!

Your donation will make a profound difference to someone whose life depends on it. Your blood will ensure adequate levels of blood products are available and ready for friends or family who suddenly need them. "What's collected here, stays here."

During our February Blood Drive, we collected 13 pints, which helped save 39 lives! Let's top that number this time! Please consider donating on Thursday, April 13!

Denela Desserts!

Save the date!

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

It's always a favorite day at Pelican Marsh when "the bakery ladies" from Denela Desserts come with fresh-baked goods! They are always delicious and made with high quality ingredients!

Come by the Community Center on April 20 and May 15 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. for some yummy treats. It's always good to come early for the best selection.

You won't be disappointed!



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beautiful trails. One of these is the Bird Rookery Swamp Trail, which opened in July 2011. It offers 12 miles of hiking and biking trails, including

a 1,500-foot boardwalk with wheelchair accessibility. And we're going to hike "the loop."

These trails are actually old tram roads that were used when

the area was logged many years ago. The maple cypress swamp is home to alligators, otters, Florida panthers, bobcats, white-tailed deer, and more. There is an

abundance of songbirds that frequent the cypress trees along the boardwalk, as well as the many raptors and wading birds found along the trails.

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World Book Day

Sunday, April 23

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) proposed World Book Day as a day to celebrate the joy of reading. Today, more than 100 countries celebrate World Book Day, originally established April 23, 1995. The date was chosen because it is the anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare and Spanish chronicler Inca Garcilaso de la Vega. Some countries celebrate on different dates.

Here's how you can help us celebrate World Book Day.

Let's begin by talking about Kids 4 A Cause. This amazing local organization was established in 2022 by a local resident, 9-year-old Sutton Shanahan. Its goal is to provide assistance to charitable organizations devoted to helping children, thereby empowering children to make a positive difference in their communities.

Kids 4 A Cause is trying to collect 5,000 new or gently used children's books prior to World Book Day. The books will be donated to kids in

Collier and Lee counties. Any monetary donations will be used specifically to purchase books for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

You can help! We are currently conducting a children's book drive to assist in the organization's efforts. To date, we've collected 150 books, but we'd love to get more.

Books can be brought to the Pelican Marsh Community Center for donation. Thank you for making a difference!



Pelican Marsh award and food drive

Congratulations Pelican Marsh!

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

Pelican Marsh was awarded a plaque that recognizes the community as a Top 10 Food Donor! I'd like to applaud you for your generous donations to St. Matthew's House food assistance program.

Did you know St. Matthew's House feeds over 20,000 households per month via mobile food distributions and local pantry visits? St. Matthew's House has provided food to more than 500,000 households in Collier, Lee and Hendry counties over the past two years.

As you know, the need has increased tremendously in these tough economic times.

Are you about to head back north for the summer and your pantry is full of food you don't know what to do with? Before throwing it away, consider donating it to feed the hungry.

Pelican Marsh is having a **food drive until May 1**. Please bring your nonperishable groceries to the Pelican Marsh Community Center. Just let us know if you need help bringing them in. We'd be happy to assist you!

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Thank you for a great season!

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

As the season draws to an end, many of us are already looking forward to the fun days that season 2024 will certainly bring. But before then, it's important to savor the days of summer and make the most of it, no matter where you are!

One of the best ways to do that is to plan a final summer outing before fall. Whether you go camping, take a road trip or just relax at the beach, it's a great way to make the most of the end of the summer. The fun never has to stop!

Most importantly, take some time to appreciate the summer season. Go for a walk at sunset, have a picnic in the park or just enjoy the warmth of the sun on your face. It's a great time to reflect on the past several months and appreciate all the wonderful memories and new friendships that were created during season 2023!



I am so grateful for those of you who have helped me, for those who have participated in activities and for those who have shared their kind words. Your support has been invaluable, and I am deeply appreciative. The success of Pelican Marsh activities can be attributed to all of you!

It was an extremely successful season, with a record number of participants! I thank you for your enthusiasm and energy. I thank you for your generosity in supporting the local charities that benefit our area. Your encouragement, kindness and support will keep me smiling all summer!




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What to do, what to do!

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

The traffic gets lighter, and stores and restaurants are less crowded. There are spinning bikes available for classes and, chances are, you won't end up on a waiting list for an event. This is what summer in Naples is like. We miss our friends but enjoy some of the benefits the off season brings us.

So, my question to you is "What kinds of events and activities would you like to have at Pelican Marsh in the off season?" Something to consider is that, because of the fewer number of people available to attend events, the cost to you could be higher. For instance, an entertainer who is \$3,000 is going to cost you much less per

person in the season, when 200 people are attending an event versus 80 in the off season.

Nevertheless, there's lots to do in and around this area and I'd love your suggestions! Email LAtzingen@pelicanmarsh.com. And, if you're leaving for the summer, may your time away be happy, healthy and safe!



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PELICAN MARSH WOMEN'S LEAGUE

And just like that, Naples season is coming to an end!

By Emilia Libers, PMWL

The Pelican Marsh Women's League enjoyed an exciting season full of interesting and engaging events, organized by Programs Director Diane Romano, as well as small interest group activities.

Our most popular event of the season, a luncheon and a fashion show by Rebecca's Fashions, was a great success. Over 85 League members and guests attended this event in February. In March, League members enjoyed a cooking demonstration with Artichoke & Company. It was another very popular and well-attended event.

We will conclude this season on April 20 with a special luncheon at the Pelican Marsh Golf Club, where Naples resident and author Ms. Mojgan Rahbonoff will present her book "Escape to Tehran." This book is a powerful true story about the author's family.

Our popular Coffee and Conversation gatherings will resume in the fall. Keep an eye on the October newsletter for a new schedule. Our heartfelt thank you to Susan Boyd for providing home-baked delicious goodies, coffee and beautiful decorations. Your kindness is greatly appreciated!

Our Small Interest Groups continue to flourish with a variety of activities. All three book clubs are very well attended and busy reading and discussing interesting books.



PMWL member Teresa Trebbien displays her Moto Ikebana Flower arrangement at the Pelican Marsh Art Show.



***Our Mission:** To provide the opportunity for all women residents of Pelican Marsh to enjoy cultural, social, educational and charitable activities in the spirit of friendship and community.*

The League's golfing group, Ladies on the Links, has been enjoying fun outings at the Quail Run golf course. It is not a formal league, but a fun group that likes to golf every two weeks, then get together for a quick meal or drink afterwards.

The Walking Group is growing in numbers; join this group if you like to stay fit and enjoy sightseeing in our beautiful Pelican Marsh community.

In addition to Hand and Foot card games and MahJongg lessons, one of our league members will be offering a series of Canasta lessons in April.

A big thank you to JoAnn Kirbuz for coordinating all Small Interest Group activities as well as leading the Movie and Happy Hour, and Lunch Bunch groups. Please note, the Movie

and Happy Hour group meets in the summer months as well.

The Pelican Marsh Women's League offers monthly events from October through April. The annual membership fee is \$40. Our dues are utilized to make charitable donations to worthy institutions in our area at the end of the season. We will be accepting new membership applications in October 2023.

Please remember, this league is for you and suggestions from members for activities they would like to pursue are always welcome. Feel free to contact League President Elaine McIntyre at Elaine.mci58@gmail.com if you would like to have more information about Pelican Marsh Women's League.

Have a great summer! 



PMWL Walking Group enjoyed our beautiful community while getting a great workout and chatting with friends.



PMWL members modeled at the luncheon and fashion show by Rebecca's Fashions.



PMWL Ladies on the Links enjoy fun outings at the Quail Run golf course.



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CLACK & YAK

Clack & Yack

By Linda Enright

We have enjoyed a wonderful season of clacking and yacking here in Pelican Marsh!

We've had several new ladies join this fun drop-in group of yarn crafters, in addition to many long-time members. Most weeks, there have been 10 to 12 of us! As always, the chatting is as important as the handiwork. We are grateful for new friendships, help

and advice on our current projects, and recommendations for a good book, movie or restaurant.

We meet at the Community Center lobby every Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and welcome you to come out and be a part of the fun.

We will continue to meet into the month of May, and will resume in the fall.



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	JAN 2023	JAN 2022	% CHANGE
New Listings	1,338	1,297	+3.2%
Total Closed Sales	555	839	-33.8%
Total Active Listings (Inventory)	2,699	1,212	+122.7%
Average Days on Market Until Sale	54	24	+125.0%
Median Closed Price-All Properties	\$600,000	\$540,000	+11.1%
Pending Sales	1,092	1,373	-35.1%

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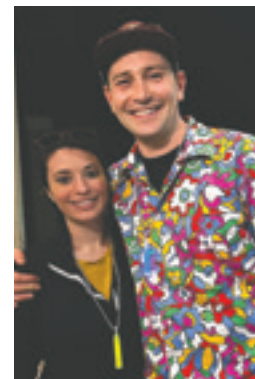
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THE GABLES



\$2,230,000
965 Spanish Moss Tr.

Spectacular outdoor living space with long lake views complement this 3 bedroom/den, 3 bath, immaculate home in the Gables at Pelican Marsh. The indoor features include 10' ceilings, extensive millwork, fireplace in the living room, custom cabinetry, desk in den/office & wet bar in family room. Large primary suite has a cozy sitting area and 2 walk-in closets, pull-outs in all kitchen cabinets, and multiple access points to the spacious lanai. Outside, a spacious seating area complements the pool/spa and a summer kitchen with poolside bar. New Roof (2020), main A/C and pool heater (2022).

WATERCREST



\$2,295,000
2305 Cassia Ct.

This gracious and immaculate home enjoys fabulous sunsets with golf and lake views. Situated on a large quiet cul-de-sac lot in Watercrest at Pelican Marsh, this property creates a perfect setting for relaxing and entertaining. Some of the many features include a 3 car garage with storage area, new roof May 2022, newer A/C, hot water and pool heaters, Sub-Zero Refrigerator April 2022, newer stainless appliances including induction cooktop, fresh exterior paint, and much more. As a bonus, this residence is fully protected with storm shutters.

OSPREY POINTE



\$1,250,000
9061 Whimbrel Watch Ln
#201

Welcome Home! Enjoy breakfast on the 13th fairway in this 4 bedroom + Den/3 bath, 2769 sq. ft. condo. This well-designed unit features large lanai with electric roll down storm shutters, elevator, 2 car garage, vaulted and tray ceilings, crown molding, large primary suite with generously-sized walk-in closet, and split bedrooms to comfortably accommodate family and guests. The enclave of Osprey Pointe offers a community pool, spa, gym and community room for neighborhood events.

MONT CLAIRE



\$1,150,000
2375 Mont Claire Dr.
#102

Panoramic lake and golf course views compliment this 3 bed/2.5 bath first floor unit in Mont Claire at Pelican Marsh. This 2060 sq.ft. condo offers generous and functional living space incorporating a great room, formal dining room, morning room, roomy master bedroom suite and two additional guest rooms. Additional features include crown molding, LED lighting, kitchen pantry, granite tops and backsplash. Mont Claire has a pool, spa, exercise room and community room.

OSPREY POINTE



\$1,215,000
9065 Whimbrel Watch Ln.
#102

Renovated to perfection, this 2+Den, 2.5 bath condo is ready to move in. A few of the many updates include wide-plank LRV flooring, custom paint, brushed gold hardware and 6.5 inch countertops throughout. Updated bathrooms feature "touch-less flush toilets." Designer chandeliers, sconces, lanai fans and LED lighting create a bright living space. New cabinetry throughout the kitchen and re-designed bar area, new washer and dryer and room darkening shades in the primary suite. Oversized 2 car garage. Additional storage. Spacious lanai with panoramic views of the 13th hole at Pelican Marsh Golf Club.

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\$1,195,000
9009 Whimbrel Watch Ln.
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Spectacular lake and golf course views from most every room in this spacious 3 bedroom/3 bath condo with media room, den/office and 2 car garage. Notable features include newer A/C and Water Heater, new carpeting, hurricane shutters, tray ceilings and gorgeous Naples sunsets from your lanai overlooking the lake and 10th and 11th holes of Pelican Marsh's pristine golf course.

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