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Season is in full gear

By Paul Maddry, General Manager

Hello residents of Pelican Marsh

You can definitely see that season is here. Our tennis, pickleball and bocce courts are now full throughout most of the day along with packed fitness classes and gym activity. Make sure to check out the calendar of events on our website, www. pelicanmarsh.com, and get signed up while there is space still available!

We recently sent out instructions on how to download the Pelican Marsh app on your phone. In case you missed it, the instructions are also included in this issue. This app provides you quick links to sign up for activities and a member ID barcode that you will scan for access to the gym. There are also training classes on the schedule to show members how to navigate and use the new website and app. Please check out those classes.

This time of year, parking at the Community Center can be difficult to find, especially in the mornings. Carpooling with friends, walking or riding

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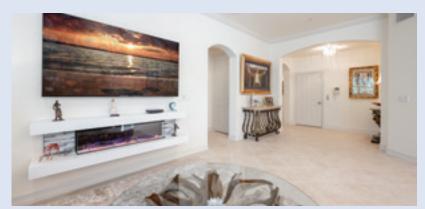


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We have been working with Comcast to make sure your service needs are addressed in a timely manner. To assist you with placing a service call, we have posted step-by-step instructions on our website. Additionally, we are arranging for a Comcast representative to be on site a few days each month this season to answer any questions you may have. Please watch for upcoming notifications on these dates.

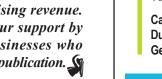
throughout the community. When driving, please make sure you and your guests follow the speed limit and make full stops at all stop signs. Let's keep everyone safe this season!

The staff appreciates everyone's help and support throughout this busy and fun-filled season. All comments and suggestions are welcome so we can make improvements where needed.

Just a reminder: Feb. 14 (aka Valentine's Day) is just around the corner. Don't forget to buy a card, candy and perhaps make dinner reservations to celebrate your better half this year!

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This time of year brings out many residents who enjoy walking, running and biking



What's your favorite 'Marsh' memory?

Have you had a great experience at Pelican Marsh that you would like to share? In the past year, we have received a number of wonderful letters from residents and decided to make an album featuring these nice thoughts. If you would like to contribute, we'd love to include yours. Simply send your letter to us at mrowell@pelicanmarsh.com, and thank you for helping us brag about our wonderful community.

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Pelican Marsh app offers member convenience

On Oct. 10, we launched the new website for Pelican Marsh. Everyone should have received instructions on how to log on to this new website. If you did not receive these instructions, please email website@pelicanmarsh.com.

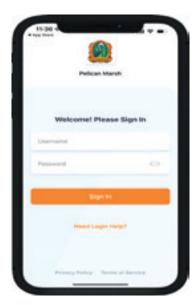
Those who have logged on to the new website can now also download our recently launched Pelican Marsh app that goes with the website. Once downloaded to your cellphone, this app provides you quick access links to sign up for activities, make reservations, check your schedule and receive push notifications for upcoming events. The app also has your member ID number with barcode that you will scan for access to the gym.

The following are instructions of how to download the Pelican Marsh app to your phone (please note that the app cannot be downloaded until you have first logged on to the new website and established your username and password).

1. Go to the App Store (or Goggle Play if you have an Android phone) and search for 'Pelican Marsh' to download the app on your phone.

2. After you have downloaded the app, you will be prompted to enter your username and password, which is the same username and password you created for the new website. Once logged in, you will be asked to allow for notifications. By clicking "Allow," you will be able to receive notifications on your phone for events and other important information Pelican Marsh sends out.







3. Once you have logged on to the app, you will not have to reenter your username and password for future use of the app unless you hit the log out button.

Training classes are scheduled in case you need to be shown how to navigate and use the new website and app. You can see the schedule at pelicanmarsh.com.

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> For more information, call the Pelican Marsh Community Center today: 239-594-7800.

OUR COURT SPORTS FACILITY

Activity is hot on the courts

By Johann Saurbier, Director of Court Sports

On behalf of our staff, I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year on the courts and welcome back our seasonal residents. We are grateful that we have such an active and generous community that participates in our outdoor activities, particularly tennis and pickleball!

As in the past, this time of year is always the busiest. We have over 1,000 court sports players (with over 300 playing both sports) here in Pelican Marsh. With this many active players, it is sometimes difficult to find court time in the mornings. Please be patient with us as we do our best to accommodate your specific needs. I would like to remind everyone that the afternoons and early evenings are beautiful

and a great time to play. With the addition of Courtside, you can now enjoy a drink or meal after play.

We are a busy facility with a plethora of events taking place.

Tri-Court Challenge

We kicked off the season with a campus-wide event: the Tri-Court Challenge to benefit Guadalupe Center. This event combined everything that is great about this community: a passion for pickleball, tennis, bocce and a generous spirit of giving.

Tennis Club Championships

Highlighting our winter season are the Club Championships for both tennis and pickleball. The 2024 Tennis



Club Championships will take place Feb. 16-18 for the singles matches, Feb. 23-25 for doubles and March 1-3 for mixed doubles.

Pickleball Club Championships

The pickleball championships are slated for March 9 and 10 with a ceremony/social after the final matches on Sunday.

Register for both at the Pro Shop or on courtreserve.com. The fee is \$20 per player.

Valentine's Dink & Glow

Also, don't miss out on the everpopular Dink and Glow series on the pickleball courts in February (with a Valentines theme) on Feb. 13 and 14. Registration fee for the 32 available spots each night is \$35 per player for a glow in the dark T-shirt, pizza and pickleball. Sign up at the Pro Shop or on courtreserve.com.

Additionally, we host the Naples Pro League in the first week of March.

League season is in full swing with 15 teams participating in tennis and seven teams in pickleball. Come out and cheer for your fellow players, they

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Embracing gym etiquette at Pelican Marsh Fitness Center

By Patrick D. Webb BS, MBA, CPT, Fitness and Wellness Director

As we stride into February, many of us are steadfast in our New Year's resolutions, with fitness often topping the list. The Pelican Marsh Fitness Center is a community gem, frequented by many of our residents. To ensure it remains a welcoming and effective space for everyone, we'd like to highlight some key gym etiquette practices this month.

1. Respect for equipment and space

Our fitness center is equipped with state-of-the-art machinery and tools designed to cater to a variety of workouts. Please treat them with care. After use, wipe down machines and equipment with the provided sanitizing wipes. Also, remember to return weights and equipment to their designated places.

2. Share the space generously

During peak hours, the gym can get busy. Be mindful of others waiting to use the equipment. Limit your time on machines during these periods and consider allowing others to work in between your sets.

3. Keep noise to a minimum

While motivation and

enthusiasm are always encouraged, please be considerate about noise levels. Avoid dropping weights and keep conversations at a respectful volume, especially as others may be concentrating on their workouts or seeking a peaceful exercise environment.

4. Personal hygiene matters

A fundamental aspect of gym etiquette is maintaining good personal hygiene. Please ensure you're clean before using the gym and avoid wearing strong fragrances, as some members may be sensitive to them.

5. Dress appropriately

For safety and hygiene reasons, appropriate workout attire is essential. Closed-toe sports shoes, shirts and suitable workout pants or shorts should be worn at all times.

gymgoers. If you see someone new at the gym, a friendly smile goes a long way!

7. Safety first

Please adhere to safety guidelines, especially when using heavy equipment. If you're feel free to ask our staff

By following these simple yet essential etiquette guidelines, we can all contribute to making the Pelican Marsh Fitness Center a pleasant, safe and effective environment for our community to stay fit and healthy.

Wishing you all a fabulous and fit February!



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love it! Check out our weekly newsletters and website for the schedule of events.

CourtReserve

We continue to enhance our data collection efforts. We use CourtReserve for all court sports bookings and events. We also use the information gathered from it to plan for the future. We ask that you always input all players playing on a court reservation. Remember that your guests must check in at the Pro Shop and pay the appropriate fees.

Proper footwear

This is also a great time to remind everyone about footwear. For your safety and for the integrity of our courts, we ask that you wear appropriate court shoes. For tennis, please avoid wearing running shoes with a waffle pattern. They will destroy the courts. Specific clay court shoes are ideal, but all court shoes are OK.

For pickleball, it is important to wear non-marking court shoes so that we do not damage our beautiful courts. If you are coming from the tennis courts to the pickleball courts (or the gym), please make sure you clean your shoes thoroughly (or, ideally, bring a second pair). We do not want any clay on our pickleball courts (or fitness equipment). It will damage the surface and make for an unsafe playing environment.

Court shoes (tennis shoes) are designed with more support with lateral movement in mind. Running shoes are designed to go forward only. Investing in a good pair of court shoes will enhance your playing experience and minimize the risk of injury. There are several retailers in the Naples area that have a wide selection of shoes. Let us get out there and show off your court shoes with some fancy footwork. Remember to

always play with a little bit of attitude and lots of gratitude.

Visit our Pro Shop

Lastly, if you have not been to the Pro Shop in a while, stop by and see us. Allie has done an amazing job stocking the shop with a wide variety of Pelican Marsh apparel and merchandise. We even have kids' items!

We look forward to a great season. See you on the courts or in the Pro Shop.





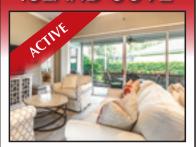
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ISLAND COVE



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Charming ranch style single-family 2 bedroom plus den home in Island Cove at Pelican Marsh. This low maintenance gem has a newer roof (2019), newer a/c, quartz counter tops, plank tile flooring, newer appliances, seamless shower glass, partial lake view, hurricane shutters, 2 car garage, community pool and much more. Pelican Marsh is a premier gated community close to beaches, shopping and dining, and features an active community center including tennis, bocce, pickleball, fitness center, and a restaurant.

TIMARRON



\$985,000 1905 Timarron Way

Lovely 2 bedroom plus den with lake view in Timarron at Pelican Marsh. Some of the many features include: new roof 2022, full home hurricane protection, granite tops, stainless appliances, redone pool in 2022 and much more. Amenity rich Pelican Marsh features a renovated Community Center, new fully equipped fitness center, full-serve spa, active tennis, pickleball and bocce programs, numerous social events, playaround and restaurant; all surrounded by lush landscaping and miles of bike and walking paths. Several levels of membership are offered at the award-winning Pelican Marsh Golf Club.

ARIELLE



\$725,000 2105 Arielle Dr. #2706

Sought after 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage end unit in Arielle at Pelican Marsh! This spacious floor plan offers the largest living area in the complex. Some of the many features include updated kitchen cabinets with quartz tops, redone bathrooms, new A/C, newer appliances, wood staircase, lake views and much more. Pelican Marsh is a premier gated community close to beaches, shopping and dining, and features an active community center including tennis, bocce, pickleball, fitness center, and a restaurant.

MONT CLAIRE



\$1,295,000 2355 Mont Claire Dr. #201

Outstanding lake and golf course views complement this 2748 sq.ft. 2nd floor condominium nestled in the heart of Pelican Marsh at Mont Claire. The well-designed living space has a great room, formal dining room, den/media room, breakfast nook, three large bedrooms, bonus room, storm shutters, private elevator, and a two-car garage. Features include a new A/C, wet bar for entertaining, stainless appliances and granite tops in the kitchen, updated seamless glass shower in the master bath, crown molding, and recessed lighting. The great room opens to the lanai, creating a cozy seating area and entertaining space to complete the Florida lifestyle.

TIMARRON



\$975,000 1980 Timarron Way

Charming two bedroom plus den southern exposed pool/spa home in Timarron at Pelican Marsh. This move-in ready beauty is ideally situated on the lake and for your convenience has all the upgrades done! New roof 2021, new pool marcite 2022, new kitchen and tops, new bathrooms, new custom lighting, new paint, new custom wood ceilings on lanai and entry, new plantation shutters on all windows, hurricane protection throughout and much more.

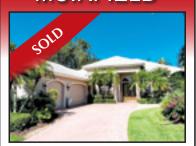
AQUA



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Leave your worries behind and enter the relaxing, low key, amenity rich enclave of Aqua at Pelican Isle. This lovely 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath condo-minium offers 3940 square feet of living space plus an additional 400 square foot, 1 bedroom, 1 bath Cabana. Enjoy the Gulf of Mexico/Bay views to the west and to the east the new Kinsale Golf Course. Fresh paint compliments the wood flooring throughout the living areas and provides a crisp neutral palette for your interior design ideas. The bedrooms have brand new neutral color carpeting, the kitchen boasts fine cabinetry with quartz tops and top end appliances, and the bathrooms are spacious and tastefully done.

MUIRFIELD



\$2,000,000 8844 Muirfield Dr.

Spectacular lake and sunset views complement this 3100 sq.ft. custom built home in the gated community of Muirfield. Features include 4 bedrooms, den, 3 full baths, large kitchen with breakfast nook overlooking the lake, and spacious 3 car garage. Tile floors throughout and wood flooring in the master suite and en-suite bedrooms. Master suite includes a sitting area overlooking the pool, custom closets, soaking tub and separate shower with multiple shower heads. The outdoor living space, with infinity edge pool and spa, is a great space to relax or entertain.

TROON LAKES



\$1,645,000 9288 Troon Lakes Dr.

Immaculate! 2800 square foot 3-bedroom/den single-family home in Troon Lakes at Pelican Marsh. Move right in and start living the Pelican Marsh and Naples lifestyle. This gem has newer roof, a/c units. hot water heater, appliances, pool and spa heater, quartz tops, oversize two car garage, outdoor grill, fresh paint, loft sitting area and so much more. Pelican Marsh is a premier gated community close to beaches, shopping and dining and features an active community center including tennis, bocce, pickleball, fitness center, and a restaurant. Several levels of membership are available at the Pelican Marsh Golf Club.

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Revitalize your beauty and wellness at Pelican Marsh Spa

By Patrick D. Webb, Fitness and Wellness Director

With JJ Unger and Amanda Thomassen ready to serve you, the spa offers something for everyone. We invite you to come for a visit and benefit from their expertise.

A symphony of skin care perfection

JJ Unger, with her extensive knowledge and refined skill set, offers a range of services that are nothing short of transformative. Her approach combines traditional techniques with the latest advancements in skin care, ensuring that each client receives a tailored experience that addresses their unique skin needs. From rejuvenating facials to advanced exfoliation treatments, JJ's touch is known to not only enhance

skin's appearance but also its overall health.

Amanda Thomassen, on the other hand, is a maestro of holistic beauty practices. Her expertise lies in creating a serene and healing environment where clients can unwind and rejuvenate. Amanda's treatments are a blend of modern esthetic technology and age-old wellness practices, making every session with her a journey towards inner and outer beauty.

More than just a treatment

At the Foundation of Pelican Marsh Fitness Center and Spa, the experience goes beyond mere treatments. Unger and Thomassen believe in building relationships with their clients,



focusing on creating a personalized pathway to beauty and wellness. Their services are not just about immediate results but also about educating clients on maintaining and enhancing those results at home.

Book your journey to radiance

Whether you're seeking to rejuvenate your skin, indulge in a luxurious spa treatment or simply escape the stresses of daily life, Unger and Thomassen at

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ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Meet the welcoming women of Pelican Marsh

Front desk staff making a difference

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

If you've ever stepped into the heart of Pelican Marsh, you've likely been greeted by the warm smiles and helpful assistance of our dedicated front desk staff. Let's take a moment to get to know the friendly individuals who make up this essential team: Diane Matz, Sue Calloway, Barbara Keyes and our newest addition, Charmaine Evans.

Leading the charge is Front Desk Coordinator Diane Matz, who brings a wealth of experience and a passion for community service to her role. As the coordinator, Matz oversees the front desk operations, ensuring that everything runs smoothly. She's your go-to person for any questions, assistance with events or general community information.

Working alongside Matz are Calloway, Keyes and Evans. Each of these individuals plays a crucial role in creating a welcoming atmosphere for all Pelican Marsh residents and visitors.

Look at the various ways they can assist you:

1. Faxes and copies: Need a document faxed or copied? The front desk staff is here to help. Just drop by and they'll assist you promptly and efficiently.



2. Event information: Curious about upcoming events or have questions about ongoing activities? Our front desk team is your go-to resource for all event-related inquiries.

3. Community information: Whether you're a long-time resident or a newcomer, if you have questions about the community or need information, Diane Matz, Sue Calloway, Barbara Keyes and Charmaine Evans are ready to assist with a smile.

As an extra bonus, the Community Center is not just a hub of information but also a place to enjoy fresh hot coffee. The aroma of brewing coffee fills the air, providing a

comforting touch to your community experience. Feel free to express your gratitude for this thoughtful gesture that adds a warm and inviting ambiance to Pelican Marsh.

What sets our front desk staff apart is their commitment to service with a smile. Approach any member of the team, and you'll be met with a friendly demeanor and a genuine willingness to assist. Their dedication to creating a positive and helpful environment reflects the community spirit that defines Pelican Marsh.

Next time you're passing through the front desk area, take a moment to say "Hi!"



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What's a reservation?

Read this brief article!

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

If you call Courtside or any other of your favorite restaurants and make a reservation, you know what to expect. If you made a reservation for 10, you show up, you have a table for 10 and at the end of the night, you pay your bill. With 10 people, it just might be a big one!

But at the Pelican Marsh Community Center, reserving a table simply means that you would like to sit together with a particular group of people, but it's only reserved when it's paid for. If you want to reserve a table of eight for your trivia team and you want to guarantee that you have all eight spots, you need to pay for them immediately. Because, if Cindy Lou Hoo comes along and needs a place to sit, and your "reserved" table has unpaid seats, we may have to seat her at your table.



If you want to sit with your four best friends at the comedy show on Feb. 9, reserve those seats and pay for them, otherwise, the following scenario could happen that night.

Hi. I'm Spidey Man and I reserved a table for four.

Hi, Mr. Spidey Man. Unfortunately, we saw that you only paid for two, so we have placed you at another table.

But what are our friends going to do? They were going to pay tonight.

I'm sorry, Mr. Spidey Man. If they would like to wait and someone doesn't show up, I will gladly place them in those seats. Otherwise, we are completely sold out. There's no more room!

We all hate when this happens. It turns a fun evening into an embarrassing, less-than-fun night. So, remember, a reservation without payment is an incomplete reservation and doesn't mean a lot.

One more bit of information — sometimes, if you reserve a table for four, as an example, we may have to combine your table with another in order to accommodate everyone. If you prefer for this not to happen, please use the comment section of your reservation to specify such. We can't always guarantee to be able to do this, but we'll try our best.

Unveiling the perks: the benefits of Florida residency

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Events

On Feb. 1 at 1 p.m., we are hosting a highly anticipated event, "The Benefits of Florida Residency," presented by the esteemed Dustin C. Rinaldi, certified financial plannerTM and tax advisor. This informative session being presented at the Pelican Marsh Community Center promises to shed light on the myriad advantages associated with becoming a Florida resident, making it a mustattend for those looking to optimize their financial standing.

Rinaldi is a recognized expert in the field, having been formerly acknowledged by the Department of Treasury as an Enrolled Agent tax advisor. With a wealth of experience and a strong educational background, including being a former instructor for Florida Gulf Coast University, Rinaldi is well equipped to guide attendees through the intricacies of Florida residency and its substantial financial benefits.

One of the key focal points of Rinaldi's presentation will be the tax advantages that come with establishing Florida residency. Florida is renowned for being a tax-friendly state, with no state income tax and favorable estate tax laws. Rinaldi's expertise in tax matters, honed over more than a decade of educating retirees, ensures that attendees will gain valuable insights into how Florida residency can positively impact their financial well-being. In addition to tax considerations, the presentation will cover various aspects that make Florida an attractive choice for retirees.

As the founder of Rinaldi Wealth Management, Rinaldi brings a wealth of knowledge and a reputation for providing valuable financial guidance. This event is one of the most popular presentations at Pelican Marsh, reflecting the widespread interest in understanding the benefits of Florida residency.

To ensure you don't miss out on this invaluable opportunity, be sure to reserve your seat at PelicanMarsh.com. Whether you're considering a move to Florida or are already a resident looking to maximize your financial advantages, "The Benefits of Florida Residency" with Dustin C. Rinaldi is an event that promises to enlighten and empower attendees on their financial journey.

Event details

What: The Benefits of Florida **Residency presentation** When: **Feb. 1, 1 p.m.** Where: Pelican Marsh **Community Center** Reservations: pelicanmarsh.com.



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Interior designer and contractor: the perfect combination

An exclusive talk at Pelican Marsh Community Center

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

On Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 3 p.m., the Pelican Marsh Community Center will host an exclusive and insightful talk that promises to redefine the way you approach home design and renovation. Sponsored by the Biernat Team of William Raveis, "Interior Designer and Contractor - The Perfect Combination" will be presented by two distinguished experts in the field, Travis Smith and Renee Gaddis. This event is an opportunity to discover the magic that unfolds when these professionals collaborate to transform and enrich your living space.

Smith and Gaddis bring a wealth of experience and expertise to the table. Smith, known for his prowess as a contractor, and Gaddis, a renowned interior designer, join forces to



showcase the symbiotic relationship between their respective fields. Together, they will reveal the secrets of seamlessly integrating interior design and renovation, creating a harmonious and aesthetically pleasing environment within your home.

In this exclusive talk, attendees will gain valuable insights into the collaborative process that goes into crafting a home that is not only visually stunning but also structurally sound. Smith and Gaddis will share real-world examples and case studies, illustrating how their combined efforts have resulted in transformative home makeovers.

Refreshments will be provided during the event, creating a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere for attendees to engage with the presenters and fellow design enthusiasts. Whether you're considering a major renovation or looking for subtle ways to enhance your living space, this talk is sure to provide inspiration and practical tips.

To secure your spot at this exclusive event, be sure to register on pelicanmarsh.com

by Feb. 4. This is a unique opportunity to connect with experts in the field and gain valuable insights into the synergy between interior design and renovation. Whether you're a homeowner, aspiring designer or simply someone with a passion for creating beautiful spaces, "Interior Designer and Contractor – The Perfect Combination" is an event that you won't want to miss. Join us for an afternoon of discovery and inspiration.

Event details

What: "Interior Designer and Contractor – The Perfect Combination" When: Feb. 7, 3 p.m. Where: Pelican Marsh Community Center Reservations: pelicanmarsh. com by Feb. 4.



Chill thrills: Florida Everblades Hockey Game Feb. 7

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

Gear up for an evening of icy excitement as the Florida Everblades take center stage at Hertz Arena on Feb. 7. This hockey spectacle promises not only thrilling on-ice action but also a premium viewing experience from Club Level seats close to the ice. With cushioned seats and cup holders providing extra comfort, and the enticing offer

of \$3 hot dogs and \$3 beer, this event is a must-attend for sports enthusiasts and casual fans alike. Act fast as tickets are limited. You can secure your spot by reserving your seat on pelicanmarsh.com.

The Florida Everblades will be facing off against Adirondack, promising a showdown



filled with skill, strategy and fierce competition. As both teams vie for victory, spectators can anticipate a gripping game that will keep them on the edge of their Club Level seats. Witness the athleticism and precision of these talented athletes as they battle it out on the ice.

Tickets are limited. To ensure you don't miss out on this electrifying hockey experience, reserve your seat promptly on pelicanmarsh. com. The online reservation process is quick and convenient, securing your spot for an unforgettable night of sports and camaraderie.

Event details

Date and Time: Feb. 7, 7:30 p.m. Location: Hertz Arena Opponent: Adirondack Price: \$38 **Seat Reservations:** Limited tickets available,

reserve your seat on

pelicanmarsh.com



An extravaganza of laughter, comedy and entertainment

Join us for The David Malmberg Show

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

Get ready for a night of uproarious laughter and unforgettable entertainment as The David Malmberg Show takes center stage at the Pelican Marsh Community Center on Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. This comedy extravaganza promises to be an evening filled with comedic genius, voice tossing, storytelling and music that will leave the audience in stitches, talking about it for weeks to come.

At the heart of the show is the multitalented David Malmberg, a seasoned performer known for his unique blend of humor, wit and versatility. Malmberg's show is not just about stand-up comedy; it's a carefully crafted experience that incorporates various elements of entertainment, ensuring a diverse and engaging evening for all.

One of the highlights of the night is a side-splitting performance by Simon Spencer, a lovable character whose wisecracking antics are sure to leave the audience in fits of laughter. America's grouchiest farmer, Leonard Cribble, adds another layer of humor with his grumpy yet endearing persona. And for those who enjoy a touch of cluelessness, Lars Gunderson's totally oblivious and hilarious antics will have everyone roaring with laughter.

The comedy isn't limited to verbal wit alone — Malmberg continued on page 14



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Dive into fun: The ultimate trivia night at Pelican Marsh

Hosted by Ken and Susan Schwinn

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

Pelican Marsh is buzzing with excitement as trivia enthusiasts eagerly anticipate the most popular night in the Marsh—Trivia Night hosted by dynamic duo Ken and Susan Schwinn. This thrilling event brings together the community for an evening

filled with knowledge, camaraderie and the chance to win some fantastic cash prizes.

Get ready to flex your mental muscles as Trivia Night at Pelican Marsh invites teams of eight people to join the competition. Gather your friends, family or even coworkers to form a formidable team. If you're flying solo, no worries, the organizers will happily add you to a team for a night of shared fun and challenge. Participating in the ultimate Trivia Night experience at Pelican Marsh

comes at a pocket-friendly cost of only \$10 per person. This nominal fee unlocks a world of knowledge and entertainment, making it an accessible and enjoyable event for all.

Compete for glory and cash prizes! The top three teams

at Trivia Night win cash rewards, adding an extra layer of excitement to the already thrilling atmosphere. Whether you're a seasoned trivia veteran or a newcomer to the scene, the chance to win some continued on page 15

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weaves engaging and humorous stories that captivate the audience's imagination. His storytelling ability transcends the traditional standup routine, creating a connection with the audience that goes beyond the laughter. But the entertainment doesn't stop there. The show incorporates music, adding a delightful rhythm to the evening. Malmberg seamlessly integrates musical elements

that complement the comedic atmosphere, ensuring a well-rounded and entertaining experience for all attendees.

To secure your spot for this laughter-filled extravaganza, be sure to make reservations at pelicanmarsh.com. Don't miss out on the chance to witness The David Malmberg Show live at the Pelican Marsh Community Center on Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. Prepare yourself for a night of comedy,

voice tossing, storytelling and music — a veritable cornucopia of entertainment that will have you talking and laughing for some time to come.

Event details

What: **The David Malmberg Show**When: **Feb. 9, 7 p.m.**Where: Pelican Marsh
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cash makes the night even more enticing.

Such is the popularity of Trivia Night at Pelican Marsh that two additional dates have been added to the calendar. Mark your calendars for Feb. 19 and March 19, in addition to the already scheduled dates of Feb. 8, March 7 and May 9. With 20 tables available per night, the organizers ensure that everyone gets a chance to join in the trivia frenzy.

To secure your spot at Trivia Night, simply call 239-594-7800.

The doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the trivia adventure begins at 6 p.m. Don't miss out on the chance to be a part of Pelican Marsh's most popular night! BYOB and snacks if you wish!

Event details

What: Trivia Night
When: Feb. 8 & 19, March 7
& 19, May 9, 6 p.m.
Where: Pelican Marsh
Community Center
Cost: \$10
Reservations: 239-594-7800

"Sweet seasons: A nostalgic musical journey celebrating Carole King"

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Events

Get ready to step back in time and immerse yourself in the timeless melodies of Carole King as "Sweet Seasons: A Celebration of the Music and Life of Carole King" takes the stage at the Pelican Marsh Community Center on Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. This smash-hit musical performance, returning to enrapture audiences nationwide, pays homage to the legendary two-time Hall of Fame inductee and promises a night filled with the iconic tunes that shaped a generation.

At the heart of this enchanting tribute is the remarkable Michelle Foster, a 26-year-old lead singer and piano prodigy whose vibrant and nuanced sound breathes new life into Carole King's classic repertoire. Foster's passion for King's music shines through in every



note, delivering a performance that captures the essence of the original compositions while infusing them with her own unique flair.

Sweet Seasons offers a journey through Carole King's illustrious career, featuring her chart-topping No. 1 hits, including the soulful "It's Too Late." Audiences can expect

to be swept away by renditions of songs that King wrote for other famous artists, such as "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman," showcasing the breadth of her influence on the music industry.

However, the magic of the evening extends beyond the well-known hits. Sweet

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"Spot a scam, stop a scam"

Protecting against elder fraud

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Events

In an effort to empower the community against the rising threat of elder fraud, the Pelican Marsh Community Center is hosting a crucial event, "Spot a Scam, Stop a Scam," on Feb. 27 from noon to 1 p.m. This educational session, focusing on elder fraud prevention, will be led by the esteemed Stephanie A. Petro-

sini, CFP®, CRPC®, CLTC, vice president, financial advisor, insurance planning director and financial planning specialist. Sponsored by Morgan Stanley, the presentation also includes a complimentary lunch from Courtside, making it an informative and nourishing event.

As the host, Petrosini brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the discussion. She is dedicated to educating the community on safeguarding their financial well-being,



particularly against the prevalent issue of elder fraud. Attendees can expect insights into recognizing the signs of scams targeting seniors and gaining practical tips on how to avoid falling victim to fraudulent activities.

The "Spot a Scam, Stop a Scam" event is not just about imparting knowledge; it's a call to action for community members to become vigilant against financial exploitation targeting older adults. With

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Seasons is set to unveil some of Carole King's hidden gems, ensuring that even the most devoted fans will discover new and delightful aspects of her musical legacy. It's a testament to the depth and richness of King's catalog, promising a memorable experience for attendees of all ages.

This musical journey invites the audience to relive the simpler times of Sweet Seasons, where the power of music served as a soundtrack to countless memories. Whether you are a lifelong Carole King fan or new to her timeless tunes, this celebration promises an evening of nostalgia, emotion and musical brilliance.

To secure your spot for this reminiscent evening, be sure to register on pelicanmarsh.com. Don't miss the opportunity to experience "Sweet Seasons: A Celebration of the Music and Life of Carole King" on Feb. 21, 7 p.m. at the Pelican Marsh Community Center. This musical event will leave you humming the tunes and cherishing the memories for days to come.

Event details

What: "Sweet Seasons: A Celebration of the Music and Life of Carole King" When: Feb. 21, 7 p.m. Where: Pelican Marsh Community Center Reservations: pelicanmarsh.com



Weekly bocce games for beginners

Embrace the fun

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

If you're looking for a delightful way to spend your Wednesday mornings, consider joining our weekly bocce games at Pelican Marsh! Bocce, a timeless Italian sport that combines strategy and precision with a healthy dose of socializing, is the perfect activity for beginners and seasoned players alike. Every Wednesday at 10 a.m., the Pelican Marsh bocce courts come alive with laughter and friendly competition, offering a fantastic opportunity for you to enjoy some outdoor fun without the need for prior registration.

For those unfamiliar with bocce, fear not! It's a simple yet engaging game that can be picked up quickly. The objective is to throw or roll bocce balls towards a smaller target ball, called the "pallino." The team or individual whose ball is closest to the pallino at the end of the game wins. Sounds easy, right? Well, it is! And that's what makes it so accessible and enjoyable for everyone.

One of the best things about our weekly bocce games is



that there's no need to register in advance. Simply show up at the Pelican Marsh bocce courts on Wednesday at 10 a.m., and you'll be welcomed with open arms. Whether you're a beginner or a complete novice, our friendly community is ready to help you learn and enjoy the game. Beyond the game itself, our weekly gatherings are a great opportunity to meet new people and foster a sense of community. Bocce is as much about camaraderie as it is about competition. So, come prepared to make friends, share some laughs and perhaps even engage in some friendly banter on the courts.

information, are conveniently available on pelicanmarsh.com.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to "Spot a Scam,

Stop a Scam" on Feb. 27 and

stay tuned for the upcoming

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Event details

Stephanie A. Petrosini.

To ensure you have a fantastic time, there are a few things you might want to bring with you, like comfortable clothing and sturdy shoes. That's it! We look forward to seeing you on the courts!

Event details

What: Weekly bocce games When: Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Where: Pelican Marsh

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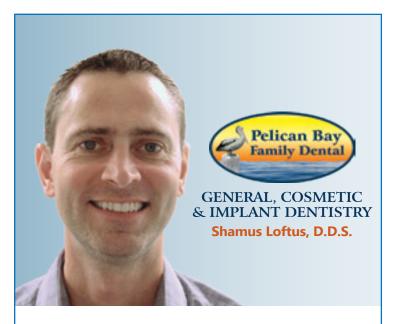
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elder fraud on the rise, this presentation becomes a crucial step in arming individuals with the information they need to protect themselves and their loved ones.

To attend this eye-opening session, interested individuals are encouraged to register on pelicanmarsh.com. The added bonus of a complimentary lunch from Courtside makes this event both informative and enjoyable. Additionally, participants can mark their calendars for Petrosini's upcoming presentations: "Behavioral Finance" on March 27 and "Things I Learned: A Caregiver's Journey" on April 24.

All events, including registration details and additional

What: "Spot a Scam; Stop a Scam" presentation When: Feb. 27, noon Where: Pelican Marsh Community Center Reservations: pelicanmarsh.com



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Winter Bocce League takes Pelican Marsh by storm

Record-breaking participation a result of its growing popularity

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

Excitement is in the air as Pelican Marsh proudly launches its Winter Bocce League, boasting a remarkable 61 teams, the highest number yet! This unprecedented number is a testament to the growing popularity of the sport within our community. Whether you're a seasoned bocce veteran or a rookie, the league offers an inclusive and engaging platform for all.

Bocce enthusiasts and new-comers alike will gather to partake in this spirited league, showcasing their bocce skills across nine different time slots until March 14. The anticipation builds as we look forward to the league playoffs scheduled for March 18 at 5:30 p.m., which promise to be an evening of intense competition and camaraderie.

In response to the growing demand for more casual play, the Winter Bocce League has introduced additional "social bocce" times. These friendly matches provide an ideal



setting for those who wish to enjoy the game in a more relaxed atmosphere, fostering social connections and casual fun on the bocce courts.

Become a substitute

Join the fun! For those eager to be part of the action or willing to lend a hand as a substitute in the league, we welcome you with open arms! Please contact me at LAtzingen@pelican marsh.com to express your interest and become a valuable part of the Winter Bocce League community.

For more fun bocce player photos, go to the photo gallery on page 26.



The crucial role of keeping your profile updated on pelicanmarsh.com

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Events

In our digitally connected world, maintaining accurate and up-to-date information in your online profile has become more important than ever. This holds particularly true for platforms like pelicanmarsh.com, where your profile is not just a personal space but also a gateway to events, communication and emergencies. Here's a closer look at why it's vital to keep your profile information current on PelicanMarsh.com.

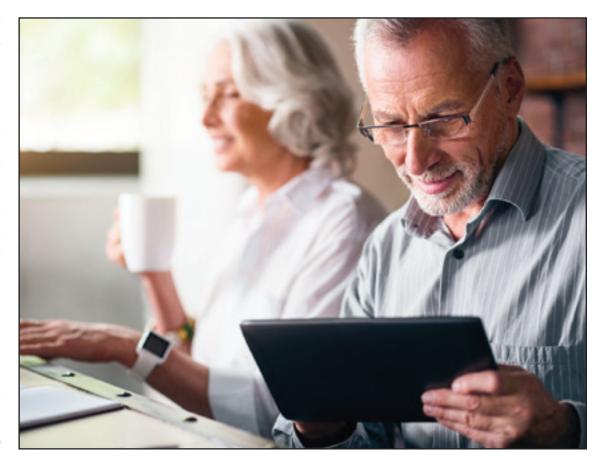
1. Event communication

When you sign up for events on pelicanmarsh.com, your email address becomes a key channel for communication. Event organizers often use this information to keep participants informed about any changes, updates or important announcements related to the event. It ensures that you stay in the loop and don't miss out on crucial details that might have an impact on your participation.

2. Emergency contact

Your phone number on pelican marsh.com serves not only as a means of communication but also as an emergency contact. In unforeseen situations where the foundation urgently needs to get in touch with you, having an accurate and easily accessible phone number is critical. Participants are encouraged to designate their emergency contact number explicitly by adding the word "emergency" next to it. This simple step can make a significant difference in responding promptly to unexpected situations.

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Save the Date — Shred Truck event at Pelican Marsh parking lot on March 7!

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

We are excited to announce a special event that is not only convenient but also crucial in safeguarding your sensitive information — the Shred Truck event! Mark your calendars for March 7 from 2 to 3 p.m., right here in the Pelican Marsh parking lot.

In today's digital age, protecting your personal and confidential information is more critical than ever. Identity theft and data breaches are on the rise, making it essential for everyone to take proactive measures to secure sensitive documents. Shredding documents containing personal details, financial information or any other confidential data is an effective way to prevent identity theft and unauthorized access to your private information. The Shred Truck

event provides a secure and convenient way for you to dispose of these documents, ensuring that they are completely destroyed and cannot be misused.

Gather all those old bank statements, medical records, credit card statements and any other documents containing sensitive information that you no longer need. The Shred Truck will be on site to securely shred these

documents, giving you peace of mind and a clean start.

Simply bring your documents to the Pelican Marsh parking lot during the specified time. You don't even need to get out of your car! The nominal charge will



be collected at the time of drop-off. It's that simple. All shredding is done on premises before the truck leaves our site.

Don't miss this opportunity to take a proactive step in securing your identity. Join us on March 7 for the Shred Truck event and enjoy the peace of mind that comes from knowing your confidential documents are safely and thoroughly shredded.

Save the date, spread the word, and let's make this

Shred Truck event at Pelican Marsh a resounding success!

Event details

What: **Shred Truck**When: **March 7, 2-3 p.m.**Where: Pelican Marsh

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3. Opting in or out of emails

We understand the importance of privacy and personal preferences. By keeping your pelicanmarsh.com profile updated, you have the flexibility to choose whether you want to receive emails from the platform. This feature empowers you to tailor your experience according to your communication preferences. Whether you prefer regular updates or a more streamlined communication approach, having control over your email notifications is a key aspect of a personalized user experience.

4. Adding a photo

Adding a photo to your profile on pelicanmarsh.com is more than just a cosmetic feature. It adds a personal touch and helps organizers and fellow participants recognize you at events. In a community-driven platform, visual identification fosters a sense of connection and community. Additionally, it enhances the overall user experience, making interactions more personable and engaging.

Your profile on pelican marsh.com is not just a static representation of who you are but a dynamic hub that connects you to events, emergencies and the community. Keeping your information updated is a responsible practice that ensures seamless communication, enhances safety measures in emergencies and contributes to a more enriching online experience.

So, the next time you log on to pelicanmarsh.com, take a moment to review and update your profile—you never know when that information might be crucial.

Visit our website at PelicanMarsh.com

Rolling convenience: The Mobile Bike Medic at Pelican Marsh

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Events

Get ready to experience a new level of convenience and care for your beloved bikes with the arrival of the Mobile Bike Medic! This fully equipped mobile repair service wheels into the Pelican Marsh parking lot once a month, providing a range of services that cater to all your biking needs. To make the most of this fantastic service, be sure to check the Pelican Marsh calendar or visit pelicanmarsh. com for upcoming dates when the Mobile Bike Medic will be stationed in the parking lot. This monthly visitation ensures that residents have regular access to professional bike maintenance and repair.

Whether you're a road cyclist, mountain biker, touring enthusiast, cruiser rider or even a fan of recumbent bikes, the Mobile Bike Medic is equipped to handle it all. From simple repairs and tuneups to full overhauls, their skilled mechanics bring the expertise needed to keep your bike in optimal condition.

In addition to repair services, the Mobile Bike Medic also offers a selection of accessories for purchase. Enhance your biking experience by exploring the range of accessories available, carefully curated to complement your cycling needs.

Making an appointment with the Mobile Bike Medic is a breeze. Simply check the



available dates, schedule your appointment and drop off your bike at the designated time. The convenience of this service allows you to seamlessly integrate bike maintenance into your schedule without the hassle.

Pelican Marsh residents who have already availed themselves of the Mobile Bike Medic's services are singing its praises. The convenience, professionalism and quality of work have garnered rave reviews, establishing the Mobile Bike Medic as a trusted partner in keeping Pelican Marsh bikes in topnotch condition.

Maintaining your bike is not just about keeping it looking

good; it's about ensuring a safe and enjoyable riding experience. Regular maintenance contributes to the longevity of your bike, prevents unexpected breakdowns and, ultimately, enhances your overall biking enjoyment. The Mobile Bike Medic makes it easier than ever to prioritize the well-being of your two-wheeled companion.

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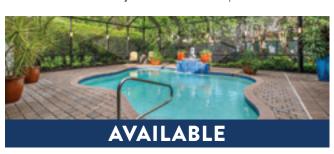
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PELICAN MARSH WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Welcome February!

By Emilia Libers, Pelican Marsh Womens League

"In February, there is everything to hope for and nothing to regret." ~ Patience Strong

Fun and educational events await Pelican Marsh Womens League members this upcoming season. On Jan. 25, our League hosted a tour of Naples Botanical Garden to enjoy its breathtaking orchid and epiphytes collection. With the help of a guide, we took a 60-minute walking tour to learn about the biology, history and beauty of these unique plants.

League members will enjoy a cup of proper English tea at Brambles English Tea Room on Feb. 22. Tucked away in a beautiful flower-covered passageway, Brambles Tea Room offers an oasis of tranquility in a busy world where we will enjoy tea in the best English tradition.

Our March luncheon is scheduled for March 21 at the Pelican Marsh Golf Club. Don't miss this most popular event—a luncheon and fashion



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.

show — as our very own league members will model clothes from Casual Connections, a leading specialty retailer offering contemporary women's fashion apparel and accessories.

Our final luncheon this season will take place at the Pelican Marsh Golf Club on April 11. More details and updates will be listed in our monthly newsletters.

Our small interest groups offer a variety of activities. We currently have three book clubs, Movie and Happy Hour group, Walking group, Lunch Bunch group and Ladies on the Links group. Additionally, League members will enjoy learning and playing mahjong,

hand & foot and canasta games, and a new contract bridge group is being formed. Suggestions from members for activities they'd like to pursue are always welcome.

Our next very popular Coffee and Conversation event is scheduled at the Pelican Marsh Community Center from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 14. This event is for new members and for women residents in Pelican Marsh who would like to learn about our organization. If you are already a member of the Women's League, please join us for coffee and bring a friend, a neighbor or a new Pelican Marsh resident.

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Come out and meet current members and other interested newcomers and learn more about this terrific organization. Please RSVP to Susan Boyd at susann 2525@aol.com if you would like to attend

Coffee and Conversation. New membership forms will be available at the event.

Only PMWL members are eligible to participate in the League's events and small interest groups. So don't wait, stop by the Community Center and pick up a copy of the new member form and join our league! The yearly membership fee for the Pelican Marsh Women's League is \$40, with monthly events running from October through April. This membership fee becomes a charitable donation to worthy institutions in our area at the end of the season.

Feel free to contact PMWL President Diane Romano at dmroma53@gmail.com if vou would like more information about Pelican Marsh Women's League.

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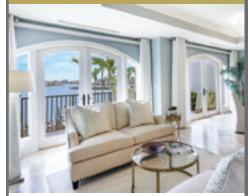
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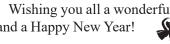
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By Guadalupe Center

On behalf of the team and families at Guadalupe Center, we would like to thank the members at Pelican Marsh for

all your kindness this holiday season! With toy donations and much more, you all made it possible again this holiday.

Wishing you all a wonderful and a Happy New Year!

















Children's Holiday Party















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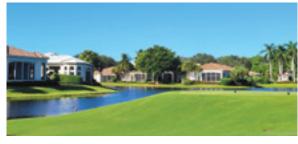


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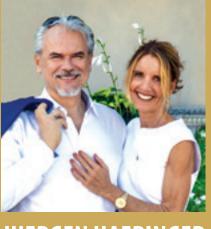
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