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## Community update

By Steve Berke, Foundation Board President

As I write this, the winter holiday season fast approaches and we are seeing many of our friends and neighbors back from points north to enjoy the great weather here at Pelican Marsh. We had a wonderful Welcome Back party, this time with a rock 'n' roll theme. Lynn and her team gave us another amazing night of memories.

### Entry gate construction

As of this writing, the CDD has opened the Vanderbilt gate and closed the Airport gate for reconstruction. We anticipate that Airport will be closed through season. Please advise your visitors to use the U.S. 41 and Vanderbilt Beach Road entrances.

### Road widening status

Collier County has updated the community on the Vanderbilt Beach Road widening project. At this time, they are projecting a construction start date of May 1, 2024. The Airport-Pulling Road project is expected to start construction about 18 months after Vanderbilt Beach Road. We are continuing to speak to



our commissioner, Chris Hall, about landscaping the medians of these widened roads. He has been supportive, but the commissioners have not yet voted on the issue. We will continue to follow this closely.

### Amenity expansion

The Foundation has received some good news from Collier County. After a lengthy evaluation, we have been told that the County will allow us to build three more pickleball courts and a 500-square-foot expansion of the Community Center with our current parking capacity. The Board plans to have a

report regarding construction plans ready for discussion at its January meeting.

### Refresh and renew

We have been improving the landscape around the tennis courts. A combination of pavers and synthetic turf have replaced the shrubbery along the eastern side of the courts. Some of the older pots and urns have been removed, others cleaned and freshly planted. Paul and his crew have done a great job upgrading the look of this area.

### Community restaurant

Courtside has been doing great.

They plan to be open seven days a week just after New Year's Day. The food is terrific and music nights have been super popular.

### Board application deadline

Finally, while the Annual Meeting is at the end of March, the deadline for filing an application to serve on the Pelican Marsh Foundation Board of Directors is Feb. 2. Three seats on the Board will be open. I encourage anyone with an interest in serving the community to run for one of these seats. 🐦

## NOTICE of the Foundation of Pelican Marsh ANNUAL MEETING

March 28, 2024, 7 p.m. in the Community Center

If you would like to be a candidate for one of the Board seats, please complete and return a Candidate Form to Pelican Marsh administration for consideration by 5 p.m. Feb. 2, 2024 .

Candidate Forms are available at the Community Center administrative office and on the Pelican Marsh website, [www.pelicanmarsh.com](http://www.pelicanmarsh.com).

A Meet the Candidates Forum will be held on Thursday, March 7 at 2 p.m.

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## Happy New Year!

By Paul Maddry, General Manager

Welcome back residents. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and is ready for a fun and active season in Pelican Marsh. Let's get started!

January is when the Community Center starts to get very busy, with most residents back for the season. Please make sure that you have registered on our new website so you can check out all the activities and sign up for classes and events before they fill up. If you have not signed up for the new website, please email [website@pelicanmarsh.com](mailto:website@pelicanmarsh.com) to request instructions.



### New menu and entertainment

Courtside is looking forward to a busy and fun-filled season. It features a new menu, and some great bands are lined up for this season. Go to our website, [www.pelicanmarsh.com](http://www.pelicanmarsh.com), and check Courtside's event calendar and new menu, then make a reservation!

### Comcast service

I know there are still people experiencing frustration when trying to schedule needed service with Comcast. We have been working with Comcast over the past few months to get a better process in place so scheduling a service call is much easier. We have now added updated instructions on how to place a service call to the Pelican Marsh website. After a service call is placed, Comcast

should address the problem within 48 hours. If this is not the case, please email the details of your issue and any correspondence you had with the Comcast service representative to [cable@pelicanmarsh.com](mailto:cable@pelicanmarsh.com) or call me at 239-594-7800, and I will escalate the issue with Comcast management for resolution.

### Community appearance

Speaking of resolutions, as part of your new year's resolutions, please make sure you have scheduled the needed cleaning and maintenance for your home. The summer rains and humidity cause mold and mildew to collect and grow on walkways, walls and roofs. Remember, the Pelican Marsh rules require all homes to be kept clean and maintained. Be a good neighbor and help keep the community looking its best!

### Safety for all

This time of year brings out many residents who enjoy walking, running or biking 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 and are looking forward to a fun-filled season. Let's make 2024 a season to remember with friends and neighbors having fun together and enjoying everything Pelican Marsh has to offer.

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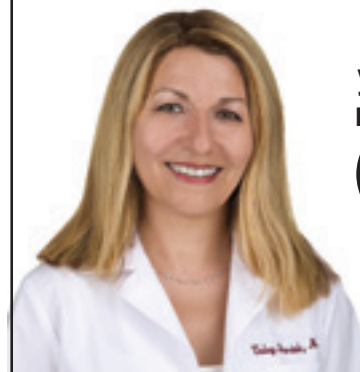
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## OUR COURT SPORTS FACILITY

# Court Sports events and programs

By Johann Saurbier, Director of Court Sports

On behalf of our staff, I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year. We welcome back our seasonal residents, and the courts are all buzzing with activity.

We started out the year with some resolutions to play more tennis and pickleball with cardio tennis, pickleball open play and mimosas. A great time was had by all.

Our apparel and merchandise selections keep growing, thanks to Allie Parker, our new pro shop manager. Come in and check them out.

We have a comprehensive program this year that includes league play, clinics, cardio tennis, round robins, open play, ladder league, club championships and a variety of special events.

### Tri-Court Challenge

The events include the Tri-Court Challenge, a unique three-sport event with proceeds benefiting a local charity. The event takes place on Jan. 18. It is a great reminder that

we have 13 courts, three sports and one awesome Pelican Marsh community.

### Dink and Glow

Then we host the ever-popular Dink and Glow that will take place on two nights, Feb. 13 and 14.

Tennis and Pickleball Club Championships get started in February as well, so find a partner and sign up soon. League season is in full swing, with teams participating in both tennis and pickleball. Check out our weekly newsletters and website for the schedule of events.

Our courts are the busiest they have ever been. We have over 1,000 court sports players here at Pelican Marsh. With that many active players, it is sometimes difficult to find court time in the mornings. I would like to remind everyone that the afternoons and early evenings are beautiful and a great time to play. Nighttime play has been enhanced with our LED lights.

### If the shoe fits...

For the safety of our players and the integrity of our courts, we ask that you wear appropriate court shoes. 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.

Lastly, if you are coming from the tennis courts to the pickleball courts, please make sure you clean your shoes thoroughly. We do not want any clay on our pickleball courts or in the Fitness Center or Community Center. It will damage the surfaces and make for an unsafe environment.

Let us get out there and show off our court shoes with some fancy footwork.

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



## Tri-court Challenge is this month

By Allie Parker, Pro Shop Manager

It's time to sign up for this month's Tri-court Challenge, set to take place Thursday, Jan. 18. With tennis, pickleball and bocce, we will have a different challenge on each court—and we're raising money at the same time!

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By Allie Parker, Pro Shop Manager

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## OUR FITNESS FACILITY

# Welcome to a fitter, healthier 2024!

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

Happy New Year, residents! As 2024 unfolds, it's time to embrace new beginnings, and what better way to do so than by prioritizing your health and wellness? The Pelican Marsh Community Fitness Center is here to support you on this journey with exciting updates and offerings. Let's explore what's new this year and how you can make the most of our facilities.



led by our experienced staff, will guide you through the safe and effective use of our Precor machines. It's a fantastic opportunity to ask questions, learn new workout routines and gain confidence in using the equipment. Sign up online at [www.pelicanmarsh.com](http://www.pelicanmarsh.com).

### State-of-the-art Precor equipment

Once again, I am thrilled to announce the arrival of our latest addition — a range of cutting-edge Precor fitness equipment. Known for innovative design and user-friendly features, Precor equipment is perfect for all fitness levels, from beginners to seasoned

athletes. Come and experience the new treadmills, ellipticals and strength training machines that are now part of your fitness arsenal.

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# New year, new you

Achieving your fitness goals in 2024

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

As the new year dawns, it brings with it an opportunity for personal renewal and growth. Many of us set New Year's resolutions and these often center around health and fitness. Whether it's shedding those extra pounds, building muscle or simply embracing a healthier lifestyle, the journey to fitness is a popular and commendable New Year's resolution. However, maintaining these resolutions can be challenging. Here's a guide to help you stay on track and make 2024 your healthiest year yet.

Fitness is not just about physical appearance; it's about overall well-being. Regular exercise can improve your mood, increase energy levels and reduce the risk of chronic diseases. By setting fitness goals,

you're making a commitment to improve your quality of life.

The key to achieving your fitness resolutions lies in setting realistic and attainable goals. Instead of aiming to run a marathon by February, start with smaller objectives, like a daily 30-minute jog. Gradually increase the intensity and duration of your workouts as your stamina improves.

A balanced fitness routine includes a mix of cardiovascular exercises, strength training and flexibility workouts. This approach not only prevents boredom but also ensures a well-rounded fitness regimen. Remember to listen to your body and allow time for recovery.

Exercise and nutrition go hand in hand when it comes to



fitness. Focus on a balanced diet rich in fruits, vegetables, lean proteins and whole grains. Stay hydrated and consider consulting a nutritionist for a tailored eating plan.

Keeping a record of your progress can be incredibly motivating. Use fitness apps or a simple diary to track

your workouts, dietary habits and how you feel. Celebrate the small victories, like running a mile faster or lifting heavier weights.

It's normal to hit a plateau or face setbacks. The key is to stay flexible and adjust your goals as needed. If you're feeling stuck, try a new workout, revise

your diet or seek advice from a fitness professional. Staying motivated can be challenging, especially when progress seems slow. Setting mini goals, finding a workout buddy or joining a fitness community can help keep you motivated. Remember why you started and the benefits you're working toward.

View your fitness journey as a long-term lifestyle change rather than a temporary fix. Be patient with yourself and recognize that lasting change takes time.

As you embark on your fitness journey this new year, remember that the goal is not just to achieve a temporary change but to embrace a healthier lifestyle for years to come. Here's to a fitter, healthier and happier you in 2024!

## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

### Exploring the infinite

*Pelican Marsh men's nondenominational Bible study on heaven*

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

Embark on a spiritual journey this coming year with the Pelican Marsh men's nondenominational Bible study, which, each Tuesday morning beginning Jan. 2, becomes an opportunity for profound exploration.

From 8 to 9 a.m. for six enlightening weeks, participants will delve into the captivating study titled "Heaven ... Forever, For Real, For Sure." Led by Ken Vitor, this study

promises to uncover the profound truths about heaven as presented in the Bible. Get ready for an enriching experience that might just change your life.

The Pelican Marsh men's nondenominational Bible study on heaven offers a unique opportunity for spiritual growth, fellowship and a deeper understanding of the promises found in the scriptures.



Join your fellow community members on Tuesdays as you explore the timeless truths about heaven. It's not just a study; it's a journey that may well change your perspective on life and eternity. Contact Ken Vitor today to secure your spot and begin this transformative experience. [Kenvitor@aol.com](mailto:Kenvitor@aol.com), 314-807-4793.

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# Original members of the band Chicago unite

Harmony for a cause benefit concert for Avow Hospice Jan. 13

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

Prepare for an evening of timeless melodies and classic hits as two original members of the legendary band Chicago, Jeff Coffey and Keith Howland, come together for a special benefit concert on Jan. 13 at Pelican Marsh. This musical extravaganza not only promises an unforgettable experience for fans of Chicago's iconic sound but also serves as a heart-warming endeavor to support Avow Hospice. Join us for an evening of music, meaning and philanthropy at this remarkable concert.

## Mark your calendars for Jan. 13!

In the spirit of giving back, this concert is dedicated to



benefiting Avow Hospice, which has been a pillar of support, providing compassionate care to those facing life-limiting illnesses and their families. By attending this concert, you not only immerse yourself in the music of Chicago but also contribute to a cause that makes a significant difference in the lives of individuals during challenging times.

Known for their musical prowess and contributions to

Chicago's distinctive sound, Coffey and Howland promise an evening filled with soul-stirring performances and a trip down memory lane with the band's most beloved hits.

Tickets for this benefit concert are available now, and early purchase is encouraged to secure your spot for a night of musical magic. Visit [www.pelicanmarsh.com](http://www.pelicanmarsh.com) to purchase your tickets and contribute to this worthwhile cause.

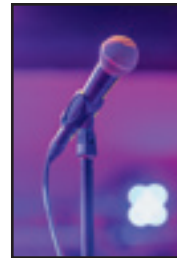
As we step into the new year, purchase your tickets, invite friends and family and join us for a night that not only resonates with the classic hits we all know and love but also resonates with the spirit of giving back to our community.

# Open Mic Night

Harmony in the air Jan. 17

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

Get ready to be swept away by captivating performances at the upcoming Open Mic Night hosted by the talented residents of Pelican Marsh on Wednesday, Jan. 17.



This complimentary event promises an evening of entertainment, camaraderie and community spirit that you won't want to miss. With table reservations available, you can secure your spot for an unforgettable night of live performances right in the heart of Pelican Marsh.

Pelican Marsh is home to a diverse community of talented individuals, and this Open Mic Night is the perfect opportunity for them to showcase their talents. The stage will come alive

with residents' unique talents and attendees can look forward to a variety of performances that reflect the richness and diversity of the community.

## Want to entertain?

For those who feel the urge to share their talents with the community, whether it's singing, playing an instrument, reciting poetry or performing stand-up comedy, the stage is open for you! If you want to be a part of the entertainment lineup, simply reach out to Tom Enright, the contact person for the event, at [Tom.enright@enrightconsulting.ca](mailto:Tom.enright@enrightconsulting.ca). Tom can provide details on available time slots and help coordinate

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# Understanding neuropathy: A beacon of hope

Complimentary presentation Jan. 19 at Pelican Marsh

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

In the pursuit of knowledge and well-being, Pelican Marsh is proud to present a complimentary and insightful session on neuropathy treatment, diving into the nuances of peripheral neuropathy. This presentation aims to shed light on this often-misunderstood condition and provide hope for those grappling with its challenges. Mark your calendars for Jan. 19 at 11 a.m. and register at [www.pelicanmarsh.com](http://www.pelicanmarsh.com) to ensure your spot in this enlightening event.

Peripheral neuropathy is a complex condition that affects the peripheral nerves, resulting in discomfort, pain and a range of symptoms that can significantly impact one's quality of life. The upcoming presentation is dedicated to unraveling the mystery of this condition, offering participants a deeper understanding of its causes, symptoms and available treatments.

The overarching message of this presentation is one of hope. While living with

peripheral neuropathy can be challenging, advancements in treatment options have provided newfound hope for those affected. Participants will gain insights into how they can proactively manage their condition and improve their overall well-being.

Securing your spot for this complimentary presentation is easy. Visit [www.pelicanmarsh.com](http://www.pelicanmarsh.com), navigate to the event page and complete the registration process. See you there!



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your participation in Open Mic Night.

Sign up today for this complimentary night of entertainment.

You can register at [www.pelicanmarsh.com](http://www.pelicanmarsh.com) or by calling 239-594-7800 for an evening of community, creativity and connection.

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# Calling all Canadians

A happy hour extravaganza hosted by Tom and Linda Enright on Jan. 22

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

Get ready to experience a taste of Canada right here in Pelican Marsh! Tom and Linda Enright are hosting a lively happy hour event that's not just for Canadians — it's for everyone who enjoys good company, laughter and the spirit of camaraderie. Whether you're a proud Canadian or simply someone who appreciates the warmth of a welcoming community, this event is open to all. Join in the fun, share your stories and

savor the delightful atmosphere at Pelican Marsh.

Date and Time: **Monday, Jan. 22**

Location: **Pelican Marsh Community Center**

Hosts: **Tom and Linda Enright**

RSVP: **Register on [www.pelicanmarsh.com](http://www.pelicanmarsh.com)**

BYOB and appetizer to share: To add a personal touch to the event, guests are encouraged to bring their favorite

beverages (BYOB) and a delectable appetizer to share with fellow attendees.

Ensure your spot at this happy hour by registering on [pelicanmarsh.com](http://pelicanmarsh.com). It's a simple and convenient way to let the hosts know you'll be attending, allowing them to prepare for a fantastic evening filled with laughter, connections and perhaps a touch of Canadian charm. Head to the website, click on the event and follow



the registration process — it's that easy!

While the event is playfully named "Calling All Canadians," it's essential to emphasize that this happy hour is open to everyone, regardless of nationality. Tom and Linda Enright

extend a warm invitation to all Pelican Marsh residents and their friends, no matter where they hail from. The goal is to celebrate diversity and create an inclusive space where everyone can feel at home ... and to have a lot of fun!



# The Britins Tribute Band set to rock your world

A night of nostalgia Jan. 23

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

Prepare to step back in time and immerse yourself in the iconic sounds of The Beatles

as The Britins, a renowned tribute band, take center stage for an unforgettable concert on

Jan. 23. This musical journey promises to transport audiences to the heyday of the Fab Four, recreating the magic that defined a generation. With the added convenience of table reservations, this promises to be a night to remember for both die-hard Beatles fans and music enthusiasts alike.

The Britins, coming to you from Milwaukee, are no ordinary tribute band; they are dedicated musicians committed to capturing the spirit, energy and charisma of The Beatles. Known for their attention to detail, The Britins flawlessly replicate the timeless tunes and



The Beatles' discography with unmatched authenticity.

To enhance your experience and ensure you have the best seats in the house, table reservations are available for The Britins concert. Reserving a table for The Britins concert is a breeze. Simply visit [pelicanmarsh.com](http://pelicanmarsh.com) or call 239-594-7800 to secure your spot. Tables are limited, so act fast to guarantee an unforgettable night filled with music, nostalgia and camaraderie.

stage presence that made The Beatles a global phenomenon. From the early days of "Love Me Do" to the revolutionary sounds of "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," The Britins cover the entire spectrum of

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# Health Fair extravaganza

Kickstart your wellness journey Jan. 29

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

As we step into the new year, what better way to prioritize your health and well-being than by attending a spectacular Health Fair on Jan. 29? This complimentary event at the Pelican Marsh Community Center is designed to empower and inspire individuals on their wellness journey. Packed with free giveaways, door prizes, raffles and

health screenings, this health fair promises to be an exciting and informative experience for all.

Participants will have the opportunity to gather valuable resources to kickstart their journey toward a healthier lifestyle. The event organizers understand the importance of fostering healthy habits, and these complementary items are

just the beginning of the support offered at the fair.

At the heart of the Health Fair are the health screenings, offering participants the chance to assess their current health status and receive valuable insights. These screenings are essential for understanding individual health needs. Knowledgeable health-care professionals will be on hand to discuss results

and provide personalized advice, empowering attendees to make informed decisions about their well-being.

Mark your calendars for Jan. 29, 1-3 p.m., and don't miss the opportunity to attend this Health Fair! With complementary goodies, free giveaways, door prizes, raffles and essential health screenings, this event is a one-stop-shop for anyone

committed to making positive changes in their health. Come join us for a day of inspiration, information and empowerment as we embark on a collective journey towards a healthier and happier future.

Your well-being deserves the spotlight, and the Health Fair on Jan. 29 is here to make it shine!



## "State of the Market" seminar

Exploring the financial landscape presentation Jan. 30

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

In the dynamic world of finance, staying informed about the current state of the market is crucial for investors and financial enthusiasts alike. To cater

to this need, Morgan Stanley is hosting an insightful presentation for Pelican Marsh residents titled "State of the Market" on Jan. 30 at noon. You can register

online at pelicanmarsh.com or by calling 239-594-7800.

Commencing at noon, the seminar provides attendees an ideal midday break to delve into

the intricacies of the financial world along with a complementary lunch provided by Courtside.

The presenter will be the esteemed Stephanie A.

Petrosini, a Certified Financial Planner (CFP®), Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor (CRPC®), and Certified

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Long-Term Care (CLTC) specialist. With a wealth of knowledge and experience in financial planning, Petrosini is well-equipped to guide participants through the complex landscape of the market. Her expertise and insights are sure to provide attendees with a deeper understanding of current market trends and investment strategies.

The "State of the Market" seminar will cover a range of topics, including:

1. Today's markets are subject to forces that are often difficult to decipher and impossible to predict. As market conditions change, new

investment opportunities emerge. Please join us at this seminar to discover some of the most important investment themes, opportunities and risks in today's outlook.

2. The last few years of ups and downs, low rates and global realignments all complicate the question: Where do I put my money? At this timely seminar, discussion will address the economy, where it may be headed and which sectors may be best positioned to potentially benefit.

Join us for what promises to be a stimulating and insightful discussion on where you can be investing this year!



# 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.

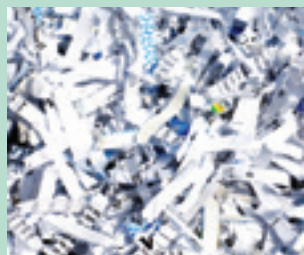
### Event details

Date and Time: Feb. 7, 7:30 p.m.

Location: Hertz Arena  
Opponent: Adirondack

Price: \$38

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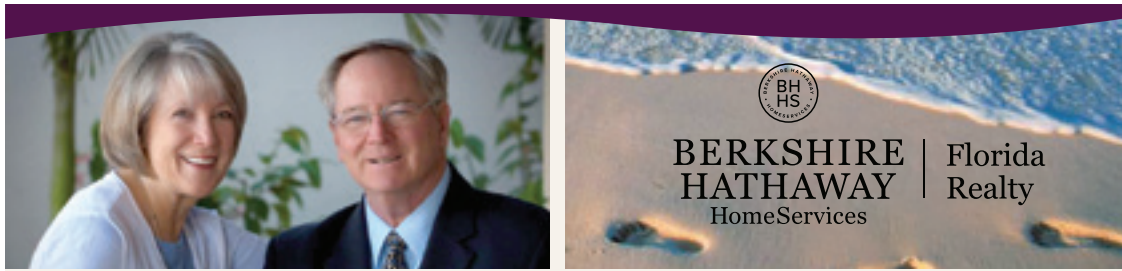
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<b>Total Closed Sales</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>-12.8%</b>
<b>Total Active Listings (Inventory)</b>	<b>3,367</b>	<b>2,597</b>	<b>+29.6%</b>
<b>Average Days on Market Until Sale</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>+36.6%</b>
<b>Median Closed Price-Single Family</b>	<b>\$705,000</b>	<b>\$756,953</b>	<b>-6.9%</b>
<b>Median Closed Price-Condominiums</b>	<b>\$439,500</b>	<b>\$439,000</b>	<b>+0.1%</b>
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## PELICAN MARSH WOMEN'S LEAGUE

### Ringling in the New Year!

By Emilia Libers, PMWL



***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.*

Let's ring in 2024 with happiness in our hearts and the hope of wonderful things to come. Happy New Year from the Pelican Marsh Women's League!

From interest groups to special events to luncheons, Pelican Marsh Women's League is growing in numbers and is offering a variety of interesting, educational and engaging events. Our December luncheon had an interesting speaker and was well attended. Prior to the luncheon, Pelican Marsh Women's League sponsored a Christmas Toy Drive for Fostering Success, formerly Friends of Foster Children Forever. A heartfelt thank you is in

order to League members who donated toys. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Fun and educational events await League members this winter and spring. Our league will be hosting a tour of Naples Botanical Garden in January and, in February, we will enjoy a cup of a proper English tea at Brambles Tea Room in beautiful downtown Naples. In March, the Women's League will be sponsoring our most popular event of the season, a fashion show hosted by Casual Connection. Our final luncheon this season will take place at the Pelican Marsh Golf Club in April.







The exact dates of these events will be listed in our monthly newsletter. Only PMWL members are eligible to participate in the league's events and small interest groups, so do not wait, join our Women's League! New member forms are available at the Pelican Marsh Community Center. The yearly membership fee for the Pelican Marsh Women's League is \$40, with monthly events running from October to April. Some interest groups meet in the summer as well. This membership fee becomes a charitable donation to worthy institutions in our area at the end of the season. If you are already a league member, please renew your membership by Jan. 31.

Small interest groups are the backbone of our league. We currently have many interesting and engaging interest groups. Suggestions from members for activities they'd like to pursue are always welcome.

Our very popular Coffee and Conversation events take

place at the Pelican Marsh Community Center and are scheduled from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 9 and Wednesday, Feb. 14. This event is 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. Come out and meet current members and other interested newcomers and learn more about this terrific organization. Please RSVP to Susan Boyd at susann2525@aol.com if you would like to attend Coffee and Conversation. New membership forms will be available, and you can pay your membership dues at that time as well.

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



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## OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

### Clack & Yack 2024

By Linda Enright

Happy New Year to all, especially to our wonderful group of needle crafters.

As the high season begins here in Pelican Marsh, we expect to see more and more people arriving. We want to extend a very warm welcome to any who enjoy yarn crafting (knitting, crochet, needlepoint,

embroidery) to join us each Wednesday afternoon in the Community Center lobby area, from 2 to 4 p.m.

We are a fun and friendly group, who chat as much as we do needle work! Make new friends while discussing your favorite books, movies or restaurants. Get a helping

hand with your latest project or refresh your skills. Even learn a new skill!

We hope to see you soon.

Feel free to reach out to me at [Linda.enright@rogers.com](mailto:Linda.enright@rogers.com) with any questions or concerns.



### Pelican Marsh women's Bible study begins in January

Offering both morning and afternoon sessions

By Julie Vitor

You are invited to join us on Thursdays **beginning Jan. 11** at either 9:30 a.m. or 2:30 p.m. in the Community Center. The winter 8-week study uses a study guide titled "Hebrews: An Anchor for the Soul," by Michael J. Kruger, published by The Good Book Company.

This is an interactive, discussion-oriented, nondenominational group. The book of Hebrews was written to keep us walking with Jesus on the right path — the path to life. It ranges across the Old Testament and shows us how Christ fulfilled it all. Please

register by emailing [vitorjulie@yahoo.com](mailto:vitorjulie@yahoo.com).

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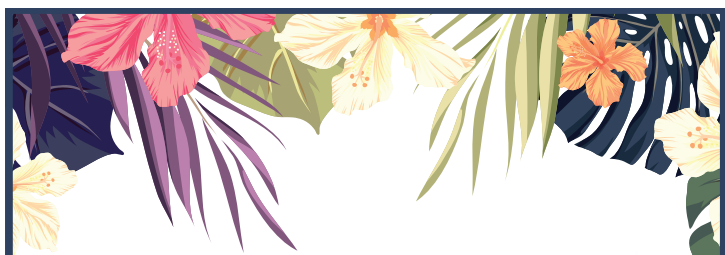
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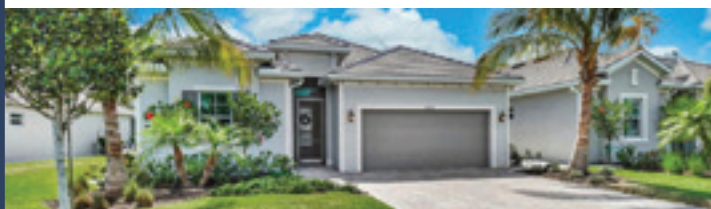
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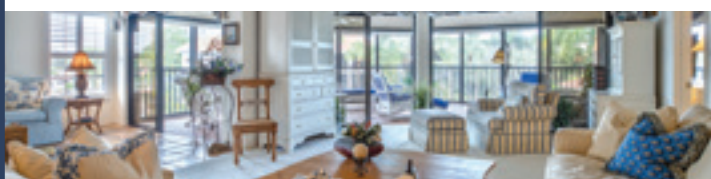


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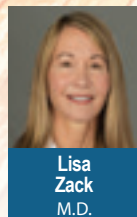
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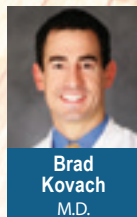
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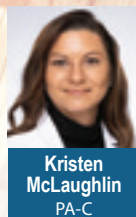
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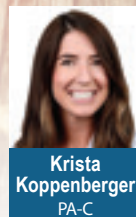
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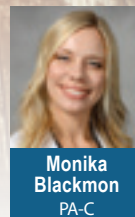
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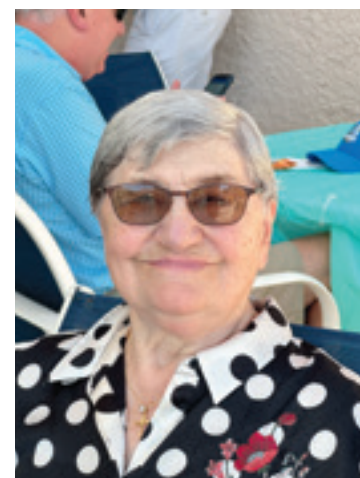




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*Pelican Marsh's 2nd Annual Art Show*

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

Art has the incredible power to transcend boundaries and bring communities together. Pelican Marsh is excited to announce its 2nd Annual Art Show. This event, set to take place on Sunday, Feb. 18, promises to be a celebration of creativity and compassion, all in support of Guadalupe Center, a local organization dedicated to empowering underprivileged children through education.



education for underprivileged children. Your participation will directly contribute to the betterment of these young lives and their futures.

If you're an artist residing in Pelican Marsh and would like to showcase your artwork at this prestigious event, we encourage you to reach out to me at [LAtzingen@pelicanmarsh.com](mailto:LAtzingen@pelicanmarsh.com) to express your interest and learn more about the submission process. The 2nd Annual Art Show is open to various forms of artistic expression, including paintings, sculptures, photography, and more. We welcome a diverse range of styles and themes to create an eclectic and visually stunning exhibition.

Art has the unique ability to bring people together, fostering connections and conversations. This event is not only an opportunity to appreciate the artistic talents of our neighbors but also a chance to bond with fellow residents over a shared love for creativity and compassion.

Mark your calendars and prepare to be captivated by the artistic treasures within our community. Whether you're an artist, art enthusiast or simply someone who wants to make a positive impact, we invite you to join us in this celebration of art and charity.

Your participation can help change lives, one brushstroke at a time.



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# Knife sharpening at Pelican Marsh Community Center

*Revitalize your culinary arsenal*

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

Prepare to rediscover the joy of effortless cooking and precision cuts as Pelican Marsh Community Center introduces a monthly knife sharpening service, offered every first Tuesday of the month from 1 to 4 p.m. The service, expertly managed by the esteemed Steven Banks of Kitchen Kutz,

takes place conveniently at the Pelican Marsh Community Center parking lot. It offers the opportunity to breathe new life into your kitchen tools and revitalize your culinary experience.

Amidst the bustle of modern-day life, the importance of maintaining sharp kitchen knives often goes overlooked.

Sharp knives not only enhance the efficiency of food preparation but also ensure the safety of the chef. Dull blades, on the other hand, can lead to imprecise cuts, increasing the risk of slips and accidents in the kitchen. By availing yourself of the professional knife

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sharpening service at Pelican Marsh, you not only ensure the longevity of your culinary tools but also prioritize safety and efficiency in your cooking endeavors.

Join us at Pelican Marsh Community Center parking lot on the first Tuesday of every month, from 1 to 4 p.m. to embrace the art of efficient cutting and a safe culinary experience. Let the skilled hands of Steven Banks from Kitchen Kutz breathe new life into your kitchen knives, ensuring they remain sharp, reliable and ready to assist you in creating culinary masterpieces with ease and precision.

Simplicity lies at the core of the knife sharpening service at Pelican Marsh Community Center. With the same-day drop-off and pickup feature, your kitchen knives undergo expert sharpening within the span of a few hours, allowing you to conveniently incorporate this essential maintenance



step into your routine without any hassle. Bid farewell to the inconvenience of managing dull knives for days or weeks, and embrace the ease of a swift, same-day turnaround for your sharpening needs.

Transform your cooking experience by taking advantage of the knife sharpening service at Pelican Marsh Community Center, where culinary excellence is just a sharpening away — and just in time for the holidays!!

Can't get here in time for drop off? Leave them with us at the Community Center with your name and phone number and we will take them out to be sharpened!



# Prioritizing pedestrian and bike safety in paradise

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

Nestled in the heart of tranquility, Pelican Marsh boasts not only stunning landscapes and exquisite natural beauty but also a community that thrives on the essence of togetherness. Residents of this idyllic neighborhood revel in the enchanting weather that graces this haven throughout the year and an increasing emphasis on sustainable and healthy living has more residents opting for walking and cycling as their preferred modes of transport.

However, amidst the allure of Pelican Marsh's picturesque surroundings, the safety of pedestrians and cyclists has emerged as a crucial imperative for this community.

Recognizing the significance of establishing dedicated bike lanes and sidewalks, Pelican



Marsh is taking bold steps to weave a tapestry of security, convenience and environmental consciousness, fostering a neighborhood that harmonizes with the natural rhythm of life. Dedicated bike lanes and

sidewalks not only encourage physical activity and eco-friendly transportation but also cultivate a culture of safety, inclusivity and accessibility, ensuring that every resident

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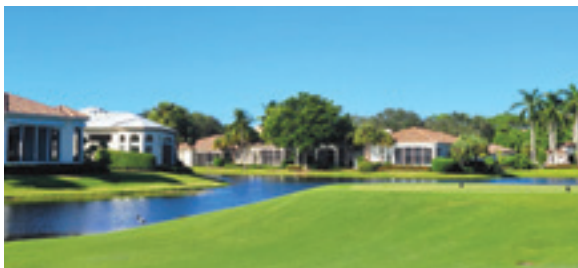
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# Saving lives in Pelican Marsh

Understanding AEDs and their vital presence in community spaces

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

Nestled within the serene beauty of Pelican Marsh, a crucial set of lifesaving devices quietly stand ready to serve the community in times of need. Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) have become an essential component of any community's safety infrastructure, capable of providing critical assistance during sudden cardiac emergencies.

With Pelican Marsh's commitment to the well-being of its residents, the strategic placement of AEDs throughout the community — by the tennis courts, bocce courts and fitness center — exemplifies the neighborhood's dedication




to proactive health and safety measures.

Understanding the significance of these devices is paramount to appreciating the

profound impact they can have on preserving life within the community. An AED is a portable electronic device designed to administer a therapeutic shock

to a person experiencing sudden cardiac arrest (SCA). These devices are equipped with intelligent sensors and voice prompts that guide the user through the steps of providing potentially life-saving treatment, making them accessible even to those without specialized medical training. By analyzing the heart's rhythm and delivering a controlled electric shock, if necessary, AEDs play a critical role in restoring the heart's natural rhythm and increasing the chances of survival during a cardiac emergency.

While the presence of AEDs in key community areas serves as a crucial safety measure,

empowering residents with the knowledge of how to operate these devices is equally important. Offering periodic training sessions on basic life support and AED usage can equip members of the community with the confidence and skills needed to effectively respond to cardiac emergencies. By fostering a culture of preparedness and proactive intervention, Pelican Marsh cultivates a community where residents are not just beneficiaries of safety measures but active participants in ensuring the well-being of their neighbors. Stay tuned for future AED classes at Pelican Marsh! 

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can traverse the neighborhood with peace of mind and a sense of belonging.

In Florida, bike lanes are designated portions of the roadway intended for the exclusive use

of bicyclists. These lanes serve a pivotal role in facilitating safe and efficient cycling, providing cyclists with a dedicated space that minimizes conflicts with motor vehicles and pedestrians. With the aim of enhancing overall road safety and fostering a culture of shared road usage, the creation and maintenance of bike lanes underscore the state's commitment to promoting sustainable and healthy transportation alternatives.

Florida law stipulates that bicyclists utilizing bike lanes possess the same rights and responsibilities as drivers of motor vehicles. This includes

adhering to traffic signals, yielding to pedestrians when crossing sidewalks or crosswalks and following designated rules of the road. Additionally, motorists must yield to cyclists when merging into or crossing bike lanes, ensuring a seamless and secure flow of traffic. By understanding and respecting these right-of-way regulations, both cyclists and motorists contribute to a safer and more harmonious road-sharing environment.

In addition to adhering to the established bike lane laws, Florida encourages cyclists to prioritize their safety through

the use of appropriate safety gear such as helmets and reflective clothing. It is also recommended that cyclists equip their bikes with front and rear lights to enhance their visibility, particularly during low-light conditions. Furthermore, maintaining a vigilant awareness of their surroundings and exercising caution when navigating intersections and crosswalks are essential practices that contribute to a secure and enjoyable cycling experience.

Safety first, Pelican Marsh. Enjoy the beautiful weather! 

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## 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.

## ISLAND COVE



**\$1,075,000**

2255 Island Cove Cir.

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, playground 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## AQUA



**\$4,795,000**

13665 Vanderbilt Dr. #402

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 condominium 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.

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## TROON LAKES



**\$1,645,000**

9288 Troon Lakes Dr.

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