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Rekindle Your Fitness Flame!

The Fitness Center's revamped class schedule and a host of new, state-of-theart cardio and strength equipment offers many opportunities to elevate your performance and achieve your goals. Page 7

Welcome Back Party

The "Party Like a Rock Star" Welcome Back Party will be a night of musical delight, rocking costumes and pure fun, Thursday, Nov. 2 at the Pelican Marsh Community Center courtyard. Page 14

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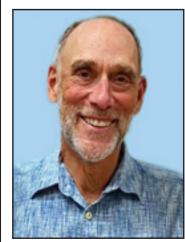
Summer projects enhance community amenities

By Steve Berke, Foundation Board President

By the time you read this, we will be well into October and many of our seasonal friends and neighbors will be returning to Pelican Marsh. It has been a busy summer for the Foundation.

As of this writing, we are expecting that Club Essentials, our new community management software platform, will be up and running in early October. If, as you read this, you have not received an email from the Foundation regarding this conversion, it is very important that you call the Foundation office.

We must have a current and functional email address for every resident in order to ensure that you receive essential updates and access to the



Steve Berke



programs. Additionally, notifications related to our amenities, Courtside specials, fitness classes, bocce events and Court Sports information will be managed by the new system and can only get to you if we have your email address. The new program will also allow the Foundation to send information through push notifications to your phone. Please make sure the office has your cell number if you want to receive this service.

Due to the extreme heat of the past summer, the Board

decided to install two air conditioning units along with roll-down storm screens to improve the climate at Courtside. Even on very hot days, sitting at Courtside was quite comfortable.

Susan, Brad and Bryce have created new food and drink menus for the fall. The new hours as of Oct. 1 are Wednesday-Sunday 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; closed Monday and Tuesday. The hours will expand as we get into season. Come out and watch some football! The CDD is nearing completion of the Vanderbilt gate project. Sometime in October, after the Vanderbilt gate reopens, the Airport gate will be closed for the duration of its renovation. This project is likely to take six months to complete, so the U.S. 41, Vanderbilt and Galleria gates will provide access to the community during season.

We are all looking forward to a great season and seeing our northern friends again. Welcome back!

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FOUNDATION NEWS

Getting ready for season

By Paul Maddry, General Manager

Greetings Pelican Marsh residents.

It's hard to believe that summer is already over and soon many will be returning from their northern habitats. Hopefully, everyone is ready for an active and fun-filled season in Pelican Marsh!

We have been very busy this past summer, working on projects to maintain and upgrade our facilities. Over at Court Sports, the Pro Shop now has a new outdoor coffee and beverage bar along with renovated restrooms. We are also updating the landscaping around the courts, which will include removing the hedge along the east side of court No. 4 and replacing it with a combo of pavers and artificial turf, installing decorative borders around the shoe washing stations and installing new plants in the planters between the courts. Courts No. 2 and No. 3 are also being completely rebuilt to ensure topnotch playability moving forward.

Scheduled in the first part of October, the gym will receive all new fitness equipment! This state-of-the-art equipment will have interactive screens to help monitor and track your fitness progress. Watch your email for notifications on classes to be scheduled for individual and group orientations of how to use this new fitness equipment.

Our biggest project this summer has been implementing a new club management system. This new system comes with an interactive website that allows you to sign up for events, make



reservations at Courtside, book pickleball and tennis courts, update your member profile, and much more online.

Along with the website will be an app you download to your phone that provides quick links to sign up for activities and events, along with a member ID barcode to scan for access to the gym. You will be receiving an email very shortly with instructions on how to log onto the new website and download the app. We will also be scheduling dates for training classes in the Community Center to show members how to navigate and use the new website.

Remember, this time of year brings many residents who

enjoy walking, running and biking in our great Naples weather. When driving, please make sure you and your guests are following the speed limit and making full stops at all stop signs. Let's keep everyone safe this season!

The staff really appreciates everyone's help and support and are looking forward to a busy and fun season. We welcome your comments and suggestions regarding how to better serve the community.

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OUR COURT SPORTS FACILITY

Let the play begin!

A Message from your Director of Court Sports

By Johann Saurbier, Director of Court Sports

This summer has been different than the last few summers. It was hotter, it rained less, and we took on several significant projects to improve our facilities and programs. Luckily, we have avoided any hurricanes and tropical storms. To deal with heat indexes typically in the 110-degree range, we had to watch our hydration, electrolyte replacement and core body temperature. We look forward to our friends returning from up north, and for them to bring some cooler temperatures with them.



This summer, we replaced our coffee station outside the Pro Shop with built-in counters, an outdoor refrigerator and a granite countertop. And to protect the area, we installed a retractable awning. In the bathrooms, we replaced

all the counters, countertops and partitions, repainted the doors, installed new mirrors and artwork, and professionally cleaned the tile floors.





As of this writing, we are rebuilding tennis courts No. 2 and No. 3 from the bottom up, replacing two courts that were no longer functioning properly. By the printing date, the construction of the courts should be completed, and we will be back to full strength. *continued on page 6*



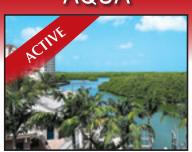








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spacious and tastefully done.

TROON LAKES



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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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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 appli-

ances, wood staircase, lake views

and much more. Pelican Marsh is a

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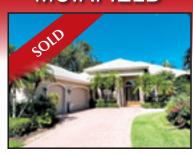
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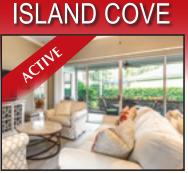
Outstanding lake and golf course views complement this 2748 sq.ft. 2nd floor condominium nestled in the heart of Pelican Marsh at Mont Claire. The well-designed living space has a great room, formal dining room, den/media room, breakfast nook, three large bedrooms, bonus room, storm shutters, private 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.

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.



\$1,195,000 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.



\$1,300,000 9061 Whimbrel Watch Ln. #102

Spectacular remodel in Osprey Pointe is one of a kind! The 3 BR/2.5 BA features Legno Bastone wood floors and solid-core interior doors throughout. The new custom kitchen showcases custom cabinetry, quartz counters and stainless appliances. The redesigned wet bar with wine cooler is ideal for entertaining. All 3 bathrooms have been renovated with porcelain tile, custom cabinetry and Emtek hardware. The large lanai, with new tile, panorama screens and new hurricane shutters provides expansive southern views of the golf course.

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\$1,025,000 1980 Timarron Way

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let the play begin...continued from page 4

Additionally, we will be relandscaping the area in front of court No. 4 by taking out the bushes and installing pavers and AstroTurf.

The last major change in progress involves our club management software. The Foundation has upgraded to a more comprehensive software program. Please be patient with us as we get up and running with it. We look forward to the enhanced member experience this program will bring to our club.

Summer events

This summer, we enjoyed several exciting events. On the pickleball side, we saluted Independence Day with a July 4th Open Play event. Then, we tried a new event and a different format with The Hurricane Challenge.

On the tennis side we, we held a series of triples events in conjunction with the summer tennis majors: French Open, Wimbledon and U.S. Open. We followed each event with treats and a toast!

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Upcoming events

We are excited about the upcoming season, and we expect it to be a busy one. We have scheduled a wide variety of events for both tennis and pickleball. On Oct. 20, we will open with a Welcome Back Party with tennis and pickleball play followed by a barbecue lunch.

We have two significant additions to our fall schedule. For tennis, we will have a Team Tennis event on Nov. 16-17.

On the pickleball side, we will host the Southwest Florida

Pickleball Pro League on Dec. 1 at 4 p.m. The complete list and schedule of events will be posted on the website and in our weekly e-newsletters.

Our staff, Allie, Megan, Mary and Christy, look forward to seeing you and getting you playing. Need a game? Need a lesson? Need help with CourtReserve? Need new strings? Let us know how we can help.

Keep your eye on the ball, I will see you on the courts.



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Welcome back to a revitalized fitness experience

Energize your autumn!

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

As the balmy breeze of fall sweeps away the sweltering heat of summer, we are thrilled to roll out the welcome mat and usher our wonderful residents back to the Pelican Marsh Fitness Center! We hope you're as excited as we are to reunite, recharge and rediscover your fitness goals in an environment that's been refreshed and revitalized for your return.

Rekindle your fitness flame!

We hope you've had a delightful and relaxing summer but, as the temperatures drop, it's time to shake off the summer lethargy and rekindle your passion for fitness! Whether you're a seasoned gym-goer or a fitness newcomer, our Fitness Center is brimming with opportunities to rediscover your zest for a healthier lifestyle.

New and revamped class schedule

We've added a variety of new classes to our schedule, catering to all fitness levels and interests. From energizing Zumba sessions to relaxing yoga, there's something for everyone!

Unveiling upgraded equipment

We've listened to your feedback and are delighted to introduce a host of new, state-ofthe-art cardio and strength equipment! From treadmills with personalized workout features to versatile weight machines, our upgraded gear is designed to elevate your workout experience and help you achieve your fitness goals more efficiently.

Group fitness orientations

Learning how to use new equipment, jumping back



into fitness and exploring new workouts can be daunting, but we've got your back! This fall, we are introducing group fitness orientations to help you familiarize yourself with our offerings, meet fellow fitness enthusiasts and find the perfect workout routine that aligns with your goals.

Personalized attention is just a call away

Prefer a one-on-one approach? Individual orientations are available by appointment, offering personalized attention tailored to your unique needs and aspirations. Our dedicated trainers are here to guide you through the equipment, answer your queries and ensure that you feel confident and inspired every step of the way.

Continued commitment to safety and cleanliness

Your safety remains our topmost priority. Rest assured that we continue to maintain rigorous cleanliness standards and sanitation protocols to create a secure and welcoming environment for everyone.

Community spirit

The Pelican Marsh Fitness Center is more than just a place to exercise; it's a hub for community, camaraderie and well-being. We're excited to

The *Pelican Marsh Brief* is supported through advertising revenue. Please show your support by using those businesses who advertise in this publication. welcome you back this fall and are committed to supporting you every step of the way in your fitness journey. So, dust off those sneakers, greet your fellow residents and let's make this season a celebration of health and togetherness!

Autumn signifies a season of change and rejuvenation, making it the perfect time to recommit to your well-being. With our upgraded facilities, diverse orientations and the ever-present community spirit, your fitness journey is set to be more fulfilling than ever. We are excited to welcome you back – let's embrace this season of transformation together! See you at the Fitness Center.



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The critical role of pre-hydration in sports performance

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

As sports enthusiasts, we are often reminded about the significance of staying hydrated during physical activity, but the vital aspect of pre-hydration seldom takes the spotlight. Pre-hydration is the practice of adequately hydrating before engaging in sports or strenuous activity. This simple yet crucial step plays an instrumental role in optimizing performance and safeguarding health.

The physiology behind pre-hydration

Our bodies are composed of approximately 60% water, which is indispensable for various physiological functions, such as temperature regulation, joint lubrication and nutrient transportation. Engaging in sports causes an increase in metabolic rate and, subsequently, the loss of fluids



through sweat and respiration. Pre-hydrating helps in maintaining the fluid balance, ensuring that the body is well prepared to tackle the physical demands and reduce the risk of dehydration.

Pre-hydration boosts performance

1. *Enhanced endurance:* Adequate hydration is directly correlated with increased endurance levels. Athletes who are well hydrated before an activity can perform longer and at higher intensities, as it helps prevent early onset of fatigue.

2. **Optimal muscle function:** Water is essential for maintaining the electrolyte balance in our cells. A balanced state allows muscles to contract more efficiently, reducing the likelihood of cramps and strains.

3. Temperature regulation: Pre-hydration aids in maintaining the body's core temperature, which is critical in preventing heat-related issues, such as heat strokes and exhaustion, especially in high-intensity sports and warm climates.

Pre-hydration preserves health

1. *Prevention of dehydra-tion:* Starting the activity in a well-hydrated state delays the onset of dehydration, which, if

unchecked, can lead to dizziness, confusion and fainting.

2. *Reduced risk of kidney stones and UTIs:* Adequate hydration is essential for renal function. It assists in flushing out toxins, thereby reducing the risk of kidney stones and urinary tract infections.

3. *Healthy skin:* Proper hydration contributes to maintaining skin health and elasticity, preventing dryness and promoting overall well-being.

Strategies for effective pre-hydration

1. *Timing is key:* Start hydrating at least 2 to 3 hours before the activity, allowing enough time for the body to achieve optimal fluid balance. 2. *Balanced electrolytes:*

Incorporate beverages with electrolytes, such as sodium and potassium, which help in

maintaining cellular function and fluid balance.

3. *Avoid caffeine and alcohol:* These substances can lead to increased urine output and, subsequently, dehydration. Opt for water, sports drinks or diluted fruit juices instead.

4. *Individualize your intake:* Every individual has unique hydration needs based on body weight, metabolism and environmental conditions. Tailor your fluid intake to suit your specific requirements.

Conclusion

Pre-hydration is not just a preparatory step but a foundation for achieving peak performance and maintaining overall health. As we tie our laces and get ready to step into the game, let's remember the significance of filling our water bottles first. After all, in the realm of sports, every drop counts!

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	AUG 2023	AUG 2022	% CHANGE
New Listings	901	878	+2.6%
Total Closed Sales	702	689	+1.9%
Total Active Listings (Inventory)	2,618	2,443	+7.2%
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ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Embracing the return of residents and our community spirit

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

As the days grow shorter and the air becomes (somewhat) crisper, the community of Pelican Marsh gears up for a special time of the year — the return of its cherished residents after a summer away. With open arms and a warm welcome, this thriving neighborhood welcomes back its seasonal occupants, celebrating the rekindling of friendships, the revival of community events and a shared love for the place we call home.

As you know, the summer months in Pelican Marsh, like many other snowbird destinations, often see a temporary exodus of residents seeking cooler climates or traveling to second homes. We had a brutally hot summer down here while many of you enjoyed your summer with family and



End of Season party. We're ready to see you at the Welcome Back party!

travel or just relaxing in preparation for another busy social season! While the tranquility of the off-season in Florida is cherished by some, the anticipation of your return never wanes among those who remain.

Pelican Marsh kicks off the season with a "Welcome Back Party" outside at the Community Center and Courtside. Residents gather to reconnect and share stories of their summer adventures! One of the unique aspects of Pelican Marsh is the deep sense of community. While residents may come from diverse backgrounds and locations, they all share a love for the place and the people who call it home.

This sense of belonging is palpable as residents return after a summer away and it's what makes Pelican Marsh more than just a neighborhood — it's a family.

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Join the new Walking Moai for weekly adventures

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

Pelican Marsh residents, get ready to lace up your sneakers and embark on a journey of discovery! The community is abuzz with excitement as a brand-new walking group, known as a "Walking Moai" has emerged. This spirited group is all about embracing the joy of walking while fostering connections among its members.

For those unfamiliar with the concept, a Walking Moai is a group of individuals who come together with a shared goal: to enjoy the benefits of walking while building meaningful connections with one another. The Pelican Marsh Walking Moai is a fresh initiative that encourages residents to explore the picturesque surroundings of their community, one step at a time.

One of the highlights of the Pelican Marsh Walking Moai is its commitment to variety. Every week, the group selects a new and exciting location to



explore. Whether it's strolling along scenic trails, admiring the lush landscapes or taking in the serene waterfront views, each week offers a fresh perspective and a new adventure.

The Pelican Marsh Walking Moai has set its rhythm to meet once a week, creating a regular and enjoyable routine for participants. These meetups provide an opportunity not only for exercise but also for social interaction. As walkers share stories, laughter and the beauty of their surroundings, connections naturally form.

One of the defining features of the Pelican Marsh Walking Moai is its inclusivity. Whether you're a seasoned walker, someone looking to improve your fitness or simply interested in exploring your community, this group is open to all. It's about coming together as neighbors and enjoying the simple pleasures of walking and companionship.

Walking offers numerous health benefits, from improved cardiovascular health to reduced stress levels. By joining the Pelican Marsh Walking Moai, residents not only enhance their physical well-being but also nurture a sense of belonging and camaraderie within the community. It's a win-win situation that strengthens both bodies and bonds.

If you're eager to join this exciting new Walking Moai in Pelican Marsh, keep an eye out for announcements and meeting details. It's an opportunity to explore the community's hidden gems, stay active and make lasting friendships — all one step at a time.

Welcome back, bocce enthusiasts!

Fall league is rolling in

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

As the vibrant foliage and cooler breezes of autumn settle in, the Pelican Marsh community gears up to welcome back its beloved bocce players for another exciting season. The Fall Bocce League, set to commence the week of Oct. 16, promises an array of thrilling matches, social nights and even a heartwarming Thanksgiving tournament and food drive.

There's something truly magical about the thud of bocce balls rolling across pristine courts, and it's a sound that



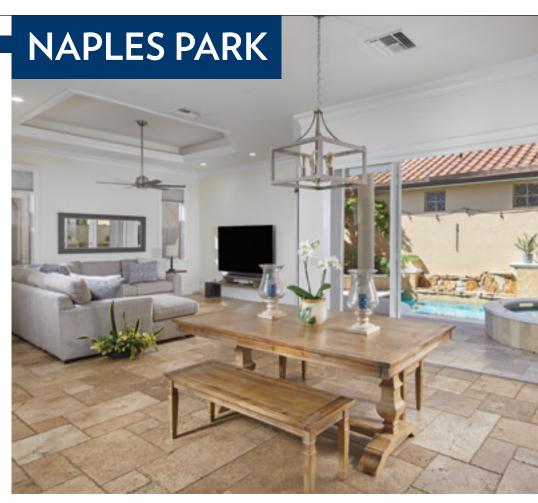
Bocce end-of-season party

warms the hearts of many in Pelican Marsh. With the fall season comes the return of the Fall Bocce League and, this year, the anticipation is palpable. To make this season even more special, two dedicated social nights have been added to the league calendar. It's not just about the competition; it's *continued on page 12*

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The return of residents to Pelican Marsh after a summer away is a celebration of community, shared experiences and the beauty of this idyllic corner of Florida. As you reunite with old friends and make new ones, the spirit of Pelican Marsh shines brighter than ever. The welcome back festivities remind all of us of the enduring charm and camaraderie that define this remarkable place.

Welcome home, Pelican Marsh residents. Your community is whole again, and the best times are yet to come!











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Retrain your brain

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

As we navigate the journey of life, one thing becomes abundantly clear: our most valuable asset is our mind. It's the wellspring of our wisdom, our decision-making hub and the keeper of our memories. But just like any other part of our lives, our cognitive abilities may need nurturing and guidance, especially as we age.

In an effort to empower our community members, Pelican

Marsh is proud to present the free seminar "Retrain Your Brain: How to Age-Proof Your Most Valuable Asset" on Oct. 17, 3 p.m. at the Pelican Marsh Community Center. The seminar will be led by the esteemed Stephanie A. Petrosini, CFP®, CRPC®, CLTC, Vice President at Morgan Stanley, Insurance Planning Director.

Petrosini brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the

table. With her extensive financial background, including her role as a vice president at Morgan Stanley, she is well versed in the intricacies of financial planning, wealth management and insurance. Her commitment to helping individuals make informed decisions about their financial futures extends beyond traditional financial matters and encompasses holistic wellbeing, including brain health. "Retrain Your Brain" will explore various facets of maintaining cognitive health and financial well-being as you age. Enjoy a relaxing and informative evening with complimentary cocktails, fostering a convivial atmosphere for discussion and learning.

This invaluable seminar is open to all and is offered free of charge. To ensure that we can accommodate all attendees comfortably and provide an enjoyable experience for everyone, we kindly request that you register in advance. Registration is easy; simply call the Pelican Marsh front desk at 239-594-7800. Our friendly staff will assist you with registration and answer any questions you may have.

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about the camaraderie and connections forged through shared experiences. These social nights promise a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere for players to mingle, make new friends and celebrate the spirit of community. Behind the scenes.

David from Pelican Marsh maintenance has been hard at work ensuring that the bocce



courts are in top-notch condition. His dedication and attention to detail mean that players can look forward to a smooth and enjoyable bocce experience.

One of the highlights of the fall season is the Thanksgiving Bocce Tournament and Food Drive, scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 21. It's a time when the Pelican Marsh community comes

can Marsh community comes together not only for some friendly competition but also to give back to those in need. Participants are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items to support local families during the holiday season.

The fun doesn't stop with the Thanksgiving tournament. Throughout the season, there will be plenty of opportunities for bocce enthusiasts to come together and enjoy the game. Whether you're a seasoned player or a newcomer, these social events are a chance to unwind, connect with neighbors and revel in the joys of fall.

So, dust off the bocce balls, lace up your shoes and get ready for a season of sportsmanship, laughter and giving back. The Fall Bocce League is back, and Pelican Marsh is rolling out the welcome mat for all its enthusiastic players. Let the games begin!

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Navigating the future

A seminar on 2024 Medicare updates with Mary Plummer

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

Medicare plays a crucial role in the lives of countless Americans, providing essential health care coverage for seniors. Understanding its ever-changing landscape is vital for making informed decisions about your health.

To help you stay up to date and well informed, Pelican Marsh is thrilled to present a seminar featuring Mary Plummer, the CEO and president of Medicare Mary LLC on Monday, Oct. 30, 11 a.m. at the Pelican Marsh Community Center. Join us for this free informative session, where Plummer will cover 2024 Medicare updates, individual plan analysis and the oftenoverlooked Medicare benefits for the coming year. Enjoy complimentary Publix subs provided for lunch.

Plummer is a respected authority in the field of



Medicare. As CEO and president of Medicare Mary LLC, she has dedicated her career to simplifying the complexities of Medicare for individuals and families. With her wealth of knowledge and experience, Plummer is the ideal presenter to guide you through the intricacies of Medicare coverage.

During this enlightening seminar, three essential topics will be covered to help you make informed decisions about your Medicare coverage:

Topic No. 1: 2024 Medicare updates and costs

Stay ahead of the curve by learning about the changes and updates in Medicare for the year 2024. Plummer will provide insights into how these changes may affect your coverage and expenses.

Topic No. 2: Individual Medicare plan analysis

Understand the importance of selecting a Medicare plan that aligns with your unique health

care needs. Plummer will guide you through the process of analyzing and choosing the best plan for your situation.

Topic No. 3: Don't overlook 2024 Medicare benefits

Discover the often-overlooked benefits that Medicare offers for the upcoming year. Plummer will shed light on how to maximize your Medicare coverage to ensure you receive the care you deserve.

Attendance to this valuable seminar is free. To ensure we have enough seating and lunch options for all participants, we kindly request that you register in advance. To reserve your spot, please call the Pelican Marsh front desk at 239-594-7800. Our friendly staff will be happy to assist you with registration and answer any questions you may have.

Save the Date for Holidazzle!

Wednesday, Nov. 1

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

Start your holiday shopping early and join us for a delightful afternoon of festive fun Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2-5 p.m. at the Pelican Marsh Community Center. Details coming soon! See you Nov. 1!







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"Party Like a Rock Star"

Welcome Back Bash brings an unforgettable evening of music, costumes and fun!

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

The spirit of fall is upon us. What better way to embrace the season than by welcoming back our beloved community members with a bang? Pelican Marsh presents the "Party Like a Rock Star" Welcome Back Party, a night of musical delight, rocking costumes and pure fun, Thursday, Nov. 2, 6 p.m. outside at the Pelican Marsh Community Center courtyard.

Before the main event kicks off, or during the event, treat your taste buds to an exquisite dinner experience at Courtside restaurant. Enjoy a delectable meal and savor the culinary creations of their talented chefs. To secure your dinner reservation, call 239-260-7400. Anyone dining or drinking at Courtside after 5 p.m. that evening must purchase a ticket for the party (\$15 per person) by calling 239-594-7800.

Get ready to groove and dance the night away with an electrifying performance by the Wendy Renee Band. Known for



their dynamic stage presence, this band promises a night of musical magic that will have you tapping your feet and singing along to your favorite tunes. The Wendy Renee Band will have something for everyone, ensuring that the dance floor remains packed throughout the evening. It's the perfect way to celebrate the return of our residents and embrace the fall season with great music.

What's a rock star party without some rock star attire? Dress to impress and participate in our Rock Star costume contest (optional, of course). Whether you channel your inner Elvis Presley, Freddie Mercury or simply bring your unique rock

star flair, we want to see your creativity shine. An exciting prize awaits the winner, and the best-dressed rock star will be crowned.

This event promises to be the highlight of the fall season in Pelican Marsh that you won't want to miss. Secure your spot at the "Party Like a Rock Star" Welcome Back Bash by purchasing your tickets in advance. Tickets are available for \$15 per person and can be purchased at the Pelican Marsh Community Center by calling 239-594-7800. "Party Like a Rock Star" is set to be a night of unforgettable memories.

Join fellow residents in celebrating the return of friends and neighbors, all while immersing yourself in the magic of music and costumes. Don't forget to reserve your spot at Courtside for an exquisite dinner, and get ready to dance, sing and party like a rock star!

We can't wait to welcome you back with open arms and an epic celebration. -51

Let your talent shine at **Pelican Marsh's Open Mic Night**

Join us for a night of entertainment and community spirit

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

Mark your calendars and get ready for one of Pelican Marsh's most anticipated events of the year — Open Mic Night! Hosted by the talented Tom Enright, this evening promises to be a showcase of our community's diverse talents and a celebration of the arts. Join us Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 5:30 p.m. for a night of music, laughter and camaraderie.

Tom Enright, renowned for his passion for music and community, will be your host for the evening. His energy and enthusiasm are infectious, setting the stage for a memorable night of entertainment.

Open Mic Night is all about celebrating the incredible

talents within our Pelican Marsh community. Whether you're a seasoned performer or trying your hand in the spotlight for the first time, this event is your chance to shine. We welcome a wide range of performances, from

musicians and singers to comedians, poets and storytellers.

For those who prefer, table reservations are available. Gather your friends and family, reserve a table and enjoy the performances with great



company. We are also happy to place you at a table! Participation in Open Mic Night is open to all Pelican Marsh residents and attendance is free.

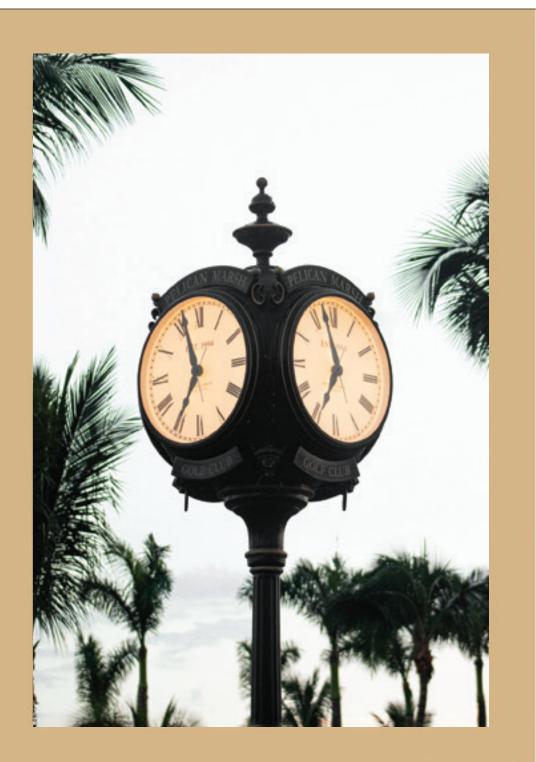
If you'd like to perform, please contact Tom Enright at tom. enright@enright

consulting.ca to secure your spot in the lineup. For general attendance, table reservations or any other inquiries, feel free to call the Pelican Marsh front desk at 239-594-7800.

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Join us for a night of music and giving

Save the date – Saturday, Jan. 13!

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

On Saturday, Jan. 13, Pelican Marsh will host an evening of music to benefit AVOW Hospice. Mark your calendar for this unforgettable night of music and charity, when Keith Howland and Jeff Coffey, formerly of the legendary band Chicago, are back at Pelican Marsh.

Don't miss this chance to enjoy their incredible talents and support a great cause.

Stay tuned for more details!

A canvas of creativity for a cause

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.

Save the date!

Pelican Marsh boasts a wealth of artistic talent within its community. This annual art show, held this year on Sunday, Feb. 18, is a golden opportunity for residents to showcase their artistic prowess. Whether you're an established artist or an aspiring creator, we invite you to share your art with fellow residents and art enthusiasts.



The 2nd Annual Art Show at Pelican Marsh is more than just an exhibition; it's a fundraiser with a noble cause. All proceeds from this event will benefit Guadalupe Center, a charitable organization committed to breaking the cycle of poverty through 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 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.



PELICAN MARSH WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Gearing up for season!

By Emilia Libers, PMWL

And just like that, the summer is almost over! At our April luncheon we thanked outgoing President Elaine McIntyre for her leadership and for her many years of service on the PMWL Executive Board. We extend our warm welcome to two new members of PMWL Executive Board — President Diane Romano and Programs Chair Michelle Doyle.

Our league's executive board is hard at work scheduling a new and exciting 2023-2024 season. Here is a quick summary of upcoming events. Mark your calendars for our first luncheon of the season on Thursday, Oct. 26 at the Pelican Marsh Golf Club. Our guest speaker will be Maria DeMarco, a tour coordinator at the Trendy Tours company.

League members will have an opportunity to tour the Naples Historic Palm Cottage on Nov. 9 and attend our annual Christmas luncheon on Dec. 7. We plan a visit to Naples



Botanical Gardens in January, and we will host our very popular Tea at Brambles Tea Room in Old Naples in February. The exact dates for these events will be published in upcoming PMWL newsletters.

Small interest groups are the backbone of our league. These special interest group activities are suggested and organized by our members with the support of the Women's League. We encourage everyone to take part as an organizer, participant or both! We currently have three book clubs, mahjong and Hand & Foot games, Movie and Happy Hour, walking groups, Ladies On the Links Golf group and our Lunch Bunch group. Suggestions from members for activities they'd like to pursue are always welcome. You have to be a member of the Women's



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.

League to participate in small interest groups.

Our very popular Coffee and Conversation events are scheduled from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Pelican Marsh Community Center on the following dates: Tuesday, Nov. 14; Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2024; and Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2024. Come out and meet current members as well as other interested newcomers and learn more about our terrific organization. Please RSVP to Susan Boyd at susann2525@aol.com if you would like to attend.

If you are already a member of the League and know of a new Pelican Marsh resident interested in joining the Women's League, please bring her as a guest. New Membership Forms will be available at Coffee and Conversation. These forms are also available at the Community Center; please feel free to stop by to pick up a copy. The yearly membership fee for the Pelican Marsh Women's League is \$40, with monthly events running from October to April. Some of our small interest groups meet in the summer as well. The membership fee becomes a charitable donation to worthy institutions in our area at the end of the season.

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

We missed you. Welcome back!



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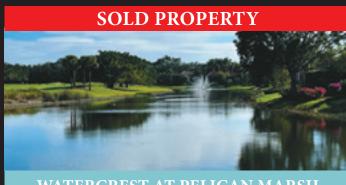


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CLACK & YAK

Welcome back to Clack & Yack

By Linda Enright

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We are a lively, friendly bunch of knitters, crocheters, needle pointers, etc., that meets every Wednesday in the Community Center from 2 to 4 p.m. We encompass all levels of experience, so come on out



if you are working on a project or even if you want to learn a yarn craft. You will be warmly welcomed!

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to reach out to me at linda.enright@rogers.com.

On a less happy note, we are saying goodbye to our dear friend and founding member, Muriel B, who has moved to Indiana to be closer to her family. We will miss her cheery conversations and her wise advice on knitting projects. We are grateful that she began this group so many years ago as many close friendships have formed within the group over the years.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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