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While you were away, we've been busy

Welcome back to Pelican Marsh

By Joseph Mulcahy, President, Pelican Marsh Foundation

Joe Mulcahy

For those of you who were away for the summer, I think you'll notice quite a few changes when you return. Summer is always an important time for us to tackle projects with less disruption to residents, and this year we took full advantage of that opportunity.

A lot has been accomplished. Some projects are complete, some are nearing completion, and several major initiatives continue to move forward.

Around the community

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notice as you return is the transformation of the landscaping around the Community Center. As you enter the Community Center parking lot, the entrance has a completely different look and feel. We made significant landscaping improvements throughout the entrance, around the flagpole and along the common areas leading toward the Community Center and Courtside.

The change has been dramatic. In fact, several residents who have seen the completed work commented that the entrance now has the look and feel of a resort. I think that captures very well what we were trying to accomplish — continuing to enhance the appearance of our community while maintaining the character that makes Pelican Marsh special.

We also completed new landscaping around the bocce area, another improvement that adds to the overall appearance of this part of our community.

Community Center expansion

We also made substantial progress on the planned Community Center expansion. This project is now well beyond the idea stage. Over the past several months, we have been working extensively with our architects, engineers, interior designers and other professionals to develop the plans and work through the many details associated with a project of this size.

We have an architect. We have drawings. We have been working with interior design professionals and have a clear direction for the interior spaces. We have also been working through engineering, site and permitting requirements and are getting closer to completing the county approval process.

Importantly, we now have a real plan for the expansion and have completed a substantial amount of the planning and design work behind the scenes. And the additional employee parking agreement with the Golf Club gives us the parking capacity necessary to move the expansion forward.

The planned expansion will provide a larger fitness center, a dedicated spin room and additional flexible space that can be used for cards, meetings, activities and social gatherings. The objective is to create additional space that meets the needs of our residents today while giving us flexibility for the future.

Based on our current schedule, we anticipate construction beginning in May 2027, with completion expected by the end of 2027. There is still work to be done before construction begins, but we have made significant progress and will continue to keep the community informed as we reach the next major milestones.

Court Sports

We continue to make significant investments in our Court Sports facilities and programs.

On the north side of the pickleball courts, we will add a new brick-paver patio and sitting area, along with a shade canopy and water fountain. We anticipate these improvements will be completed before the end of October. This will provide a much more comfortable and enjoyable gathering area for residents before and after play.

We have also made significant improvements to our tennis facilities. These include new fencing, grading and laser grading of the courts, new Har-Tru surface material and top dressing, relining and taping of the courts and new nets. The new tennis court lighting previously approved by the Board has now been

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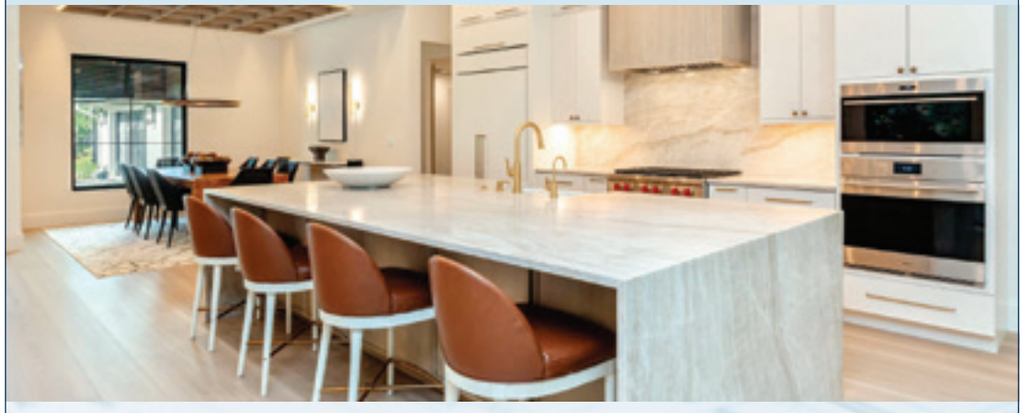

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completed. New windscreens have also been ordered and will be installed upon arrival.

Just as important as the physical improvements, we have strengthened our Court Sports program with the addition of two new professionals — Ransom Braaten in tennis and Ruben Basurto in pickleball.

Both additions are already bringing new energy and excitement to our programs. We are seeing residents signing up for lessons and teams working with our new pros to improve their games and prepare for competition. Ransom and Ruben complement the investments we have made in our facilities and will help us continue to build strong tennis and pickleball programs for players of all levels.

Taken together, the facility improvements and the addition of these two professionals represent a significant investment in Court Sports and in the experience we provide our residents.

Courtside

We are also pleased to have reached an agreement on a five-year extension with Courtside. With one year remaining on our current agreement, the new five-year extension will begin after the existing term expires, extending our relationship with Courtside through 2032. Courtside has become an important part of the social life of Pelican Marsh, and this extension provides long-term continuity while allowing us to continue building on its success.

Courtside is receiving several additional improvements, including new striped awnings and see-through, temperature-controlled drop-down screens.

By the time you read this article, these improvements should be completed or nearing installation. The screens will provide additional protection from extreme heat and cold while maintaining the open feel of the space, and the new awnings will enhance the appearance of the building.

When everyone returns for season, Happy Hour will be from 2 to 6 p.m., providing another great opportunity for residents to gather and enjoy Courtside.

Front gate

Work also continues on the new front gatehouse, a project being completed by the CDD. The new gatehouse will be a significant improvement to our main entrance, both functionally and aesthetically. We currently anticipate the project being completed before the end of October.

Road improvements

As everyone returning to Naples will quickly notice, there continues to be significant road construction surrounding Pelican Marsh.

The widening of Vanderbilt Beach Road is well underway, with the overall project expected to continue into 2028. Work on Goodlette-Frank Road will also affect the area surrounding Pelican Marsh. The timing of that work is less certain, so we will continue to keep residents informed as more information becomes available.

These projects are outside the control of Pelican Marsh and will undoubtedly create some inconvenience, but when completed they should provide meaningful improvements to traffic flow and access around our community.

Welcome back

After a busy summer, it will be great to have everyone back and see the community return to full activity. Please mark your calendars for our Welcome Back Party on Thursday, Oct. 29. It will be a great opportunity to reconnect with friends and neighbors and kick off another season at Pelican Marsh.

A tremendous amount of work has taken place over the summer, and I want to thank our staff, committees, Board members and everyone involved in moving these projects forward. There is still more to come, but I think you'll be pleased with what you see when you return. Welcome back to Pelican Marsh!

Getting ready for season

By Paul Maddry, General Manager, Pelican Marsh Foundation

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

We were busy over the summer working on projects to maintain and upgrade our facilities. We just finished upgrading the landscaping around the courtyard, front entrance and bocce courts; by the end of this month, we should have our new clear rolldown screens and awnings installed at Courtside to enhance your dining experience. Stay tuned for updates on our planned expansion of the Community Center scheduled to start next summer!

It's that time of year to start scheduling needed cleaning and/or maintenance for your home. The summer rains and humidity cause mold and mildew to build up on walkways, walls and roofs. Remember, the Pelican Marsh rules require that all homes must be kept clean and maintained. Be a good neighbor and do your part in keeping the community looking its best!

This time of the year also brings out many more residents walking, running or biking throughout Pelican Marsh. Please note that those walking/running must stay on the sidewalks and not use the bike lanes (per County ordinance) as this forces bikers to swerve into the roadway. Drivers, please make sure you follow the speed limit and make full stops at all stop signs. Let's keep everyone safe this season!

The best way to keep informed about all the Pelican Marsh activities and events is to make sure you are registered on the Pelican Marsh website and have the Pelican Marsh app downloaded on your phone. If you hear about events from friends that you did not received notice on, please check your profile on the website to make sure you have not accidentally opted out of emails from various departments such as Activities, Court Sports, Fitness, or the Courtside restaurant. If you need help in checking your profile for this, please contact the administrative office.

We want to make sure all residents and their guests have a positive experience when using our amenities and services. If you have an idea or suggestion, please email me at pmaddry@pelicanmarsh.com. The staff really appreciate everyone's help and support and are looking forward to a busy and fun-filled season!

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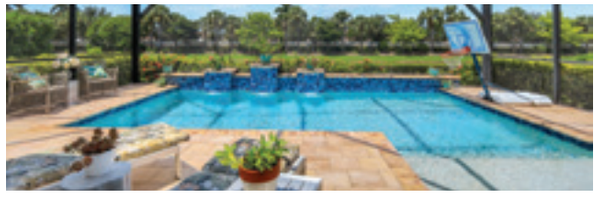

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Welcome back!

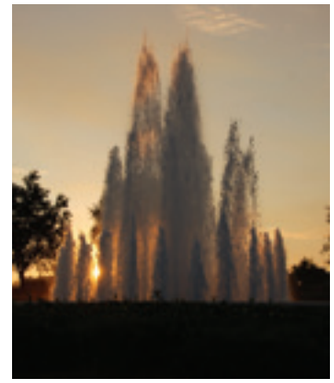
By Monique Rowell, Administrative Services Coordinator

As everyone returns for season, we would like to introduce you to someone you may not yet know. Please join me in welcoming, Mackenna Bryant! Mackenna is our new Front Desk Coordinator, joining the team in April 2026. She is from Naples, Florida and has worked in the club-setting for more than seven years, including Stonebridge and Audubon Country Club.

She is a recent FGCU graduate, graduating cum laude with a B.S. in legal studies and a minor in both English and environmental education. While finishing her undergraduate, she interned at multiple law firms specializing in criminal defense and personal injury law. When not at work, she loves spending time in nature, volunteering and learning new instruments — seven so far!

Also, please take the time to wish Lynn Atzingen, our Director of Activities, a Happy 20th Anniversary here at Pelican Marsh. Please also congratulate Patrick Webb, our Director of Fitness, on his 21st Anniversary.

Lynn and Patrick – Your dedication, leadership and unwavering commitment have made a lasting impact on our organization and the people we serve. We are deeply grateful for your many contributions and proud to celebrate these remarkable milestones



with you. Wishing you continued success in the years ahead! Thank you!

Appointments during season

When visiting the Foundation office, please be aware that if you need to stop by, please make an appointment. This will help us make sure we can take care of each resident and their appointment needs.

Community Development District

The Community Development District (CDD) would like to remind residents with the upcoming season approaching, we are starting to see some car carriers arriving wanting to enter Pelican Marsh. As a reminder, car carriers are not allowed inside Pelican Marsh.

Carriers can come in on Hwy 41/Tamiami Trail and use the Hwy 41 gate roundabout. They can also come to the Airport/Pulling gate as long as they stay on Airport Road and not turn into the community. You can always visit their website at pelicanmarshcdd.com for upcoming information and meetings or contact them at 239-592-5181. Thanks for any assistance.

Please make sure you are on our website: pelicanmarsh.com. It's the best way to stay informed with events, activities and notifications from the Foundation. If you have any issues logging into the website, contact website@pelicanmarsh.com. While on the website, please review your profile and make sure to "Opt In" to the emails you would like to receive on the right hand side of the screen.

We are looking forward to a wonderful season!

OUR COURT SPORTS FACILITY

An exciting season ahead

Plus a little summer recap

By Johann Saurbier, Court Sports Director

The summer of 2026 brought its share of heat and rain, particularly during August and September. While court activity was a little quieter than during our peak season, the summer months provided an excellent opportunity to focus on facility improvements, maintenance and preparations for the season ahead. We were also fortunate to once again avoid any major storms.

This summer has been an especially busy one for improvements throughout our Court Sports area. We replaced all of the fencing surrounding the tennis courts and added a new access door at the back of Pickleball Court 6. We also replaced all of the tennis and pickleball court light posts, further improving both the appearance and functionality of our facilities.

Our improvements will continue with the addition of an expanded, covered patio area on the north side of the pickleball courts. The new space will provide additional seating and gathering space and will include a dedicated hydration station with ice and water. We are excited about this addition and believe it will become a wonderful gathering place for our Court Sports community.

On the tennis courts, Courts 6, 7, 8 and 9 were laser graded to improve drainage and playing conditions. We also completed top-dressing and line replacement on Courts 2, 4 and 5. These improvements have our tennis courts looking and playing exceptionally well, and they are ready for a great season.

Looking ahead

We have put together a robust schedule of tennis and pickleball activities and events for the upcoming season. On Oct. 15, we will host our Third Annual Pink Out Fun Run/Walk, with proceeds benefiting Cancer Alliance Network (CAN), a local organization. This year, we have expanded the event to include a happy hour at Courtside, making it an even more enjoyable opportunity to come together as a community.

On Nov. 20, we look forward to welcoming the Naples Tennis Pro League to Pelican Marsh for what promises to be an exciting day of competitive tennis.

We are also excited about the continued growth of our Court Sports team. The addition of Ruben, our full-time Pickleball Professional, rounds out an outstanding group of professionals. Ransom continues to do a terrific job on the courts and will be adding a new Time Ball Clinic to our programming this season. As always, Allie is doing a fantastic job in the Pro Shop and has everything ready for the busy season ahead.

Our entire team — Allie, Megan, Mary, Christy, Ruben and Ransom — looks forward to welcoming everyone back and helping make this a fun, active and memorable season.

Need a game? Looking for a lesson? Need help with CourtReserve? New strings? Apparel? Whatever you need, please stop by and let us know how we can help. Play with joy and gratitude. I'll see you on the courts!

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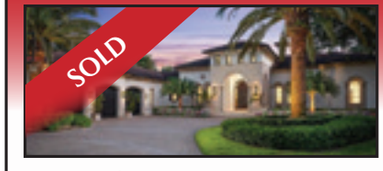

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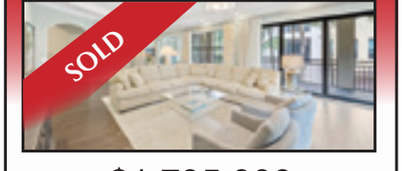

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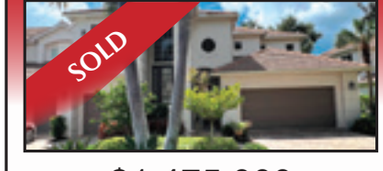

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LES CHATEAUX

$1,325,000
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Located in Les Chateaux within the prestigious Pelican Marsh community. This 3rd-floor residence was completely reimagined and renovated in March 2025 with exceptional attention to detail and quality craftsmanship throughout. The stunning new kitchen features custom cabinetry, quartz countertops, a counter-depth refrigerator, stainless steel appliances, and a sleek induction range. New sinks and designer faucets complete the space, creating a modern yet timeless aesthetic. All bathrooms have been fully redesigned This residence is offered turnkey furnished, making it truly move-in ready.

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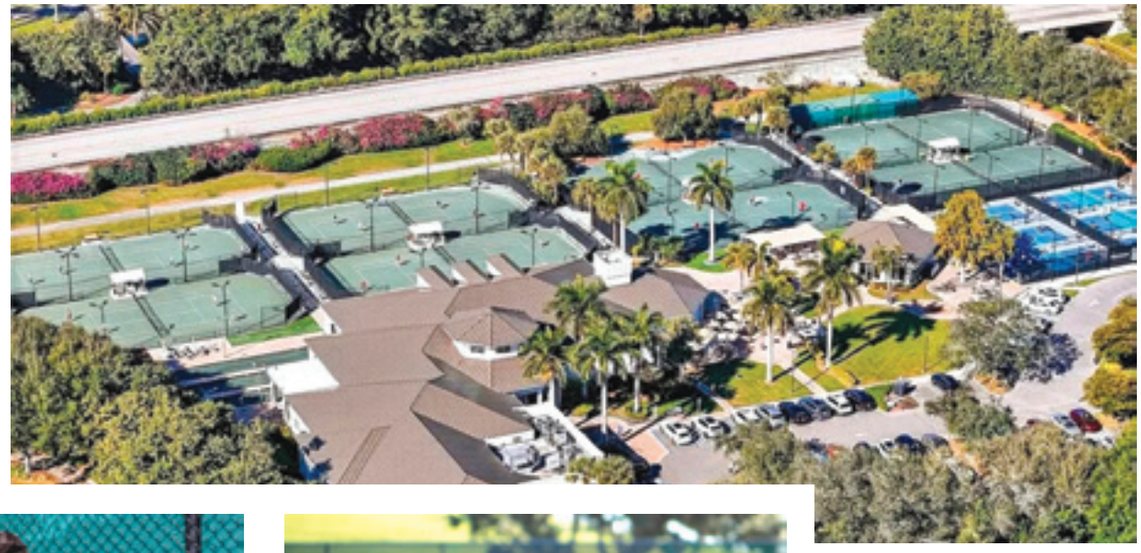
Building momentum for the season ahead

By Allie Parker, Pro Shop Manager

Pelican Marsh Court Sports has been busy improving our facilities and creating more ways for residents to play. Over the summer, all tennis courts were laser graded and resurfaced. New lines and nets were installed, and the fencing and lights were replaced.

We're excited to welcome our new Pickleball Pro, Ruben Basurto, who offers lessons Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. We're also grateful to have Ransom Braaten continuing as our Head Court Sports Pro. Ransom and Ruben have been a wonderful addition to the team, and we're fortunate to have them at Pelican Marsh. If you haven't met Ransom or Ruben, please stop by the courts and introduce yourself!

Players can join level-based Pickleball Round Robins Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. for the 3.0, 3.25, 3.5, and 4.0 levels. Open play is scheduled Tuesday's and Thursday's from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and Saturday's from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Pickleball Ladies Night takes place every Monday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. View the full schedule and register at CourtReserve.com.



Ruben Basurto

Ransom Braaten

We're proud of the 23 tennis and pickleball league teams representing Pelican Marsh in USTA, CTA, and Paddle Wars Leagues against clubs across Southwest Florida. We'll share their weekly league schedules so you can come out and cheer them on! We look forward to seeing you on the courts this season!

Coming together for breast cancer awareness

By Allie Parker, Pro Shop Manager

This October, Pelican Marsh Court Sports invites our community to come together, enjoy time with friends, and support Cancer Alliance Network (CAN) through a series of breast cancer awareness events. We are collecting donations at the Pelican Marsh Court Sports Pro Shop during the month of October. Your donations to CAN will support everyday families in our community dealing with a cancer diagnosis. Every dollar raised for CAN stays in our community, directly benefiting local cancer patients and their families.

On Oct. 15, we'll host our Third Annual Pink Out Fun Run/Walk from 8 to 10 a.m. The first 100 people to sign up will receive a Pelican Marsh Breast Cancer T-shirt! Stop into the Court Sports Pro Shop to register and pick up your shirts! We will also host a Pink Power Happy Hour: Welcome Back Court Sports at Courtside from 5 to 7 p.m. along with the Pink Out Fun Run/Walk!

We'll also offer Tennis and Pickleball clinics throughout the month of October as another way to participate and give back. On Oct. 22, join us for the Pretty in Pink Tennis Mixer and the Pretty in Pink-ball Pickleball Clinic. Our Court Sports program will donate 50% of all Pelican Marsh breast cancer awareness merchandise sales and $100 per clinic to Cancer Alliance Network.

Wear pink, bring a friend and join us on and off the courts. As a community, we can come together and make a difference!

Show off your Pelican Marsh pride

By Allie Parker, Pro Shop Manager

Represent our community on the courts and beyond! Stop by the Court Sports Pro Shop and explore our collection of Pelican Marsh merchandise. We offer T-shirts, tank tops, sweatshirts, polos, hats, sunglasses and more.

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Summer fun on the courts

By Allie Parker, Pro Shop Manager

Pelican Marsh residents enjoyed special events on the courts for some added summer fun!

Fourth of July weekend

Pelican Marsh Court Sports kicked off the holiday weekend with a 3rd of July Tennis and Pickleball Doubles Mixer. Players took to the courts in their red, white and blue, bringing plenty of patriotic spirit to a morning of friendly competition and community fun. The celebration included with music, games, hot dogs and free LMNT samples. Players were also invited to show off their most festive outfits.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the morning a fun way to celebrate together. We look forward to seeing you at our next Court Sports event!

A taste of Wimbledon

Pelican Marsh Court Sports brought a Wimbledon tradition to our courts with a tennis scramble on July 10. Players were invited to wear their best Wimbledon whites and enjoy a morning of tennis organized by level. The event also featured prize challenges, a Babolat demo day where players could try the latest racquets and gear, and strawberries and cream after play.

It was a fun way to bring players together and celebrate one of tennis's most recognizable traditions. Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Wimbledon Tennis Scramble. We look forward to more mornings together on the courts!

OUR FITNESS FACILITY

Welcome back to Fitness and Wellness

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

As fall arrives, it is great to see familiar faces beginning to return to Pelican Marsh. While many of our seasonal residents will not be back until December and January, the Fitness Center is already starting to pick up, and we are looking forward to another active season. This is an exciting time to get back into your fitness routine, try a group fitness class, schedule a personal training session or simply reconnect with friends while staying active.

As activity increases, a few simple courtesies make a big difference. Please wipe down equipment after use, return weights and accessories to their proper places, be mindful of others waiting for equipment and avoid using phones or tablets while occupying strength equipment. A little consideration helps keep the Fitness Center welcoming and enjoyable for everyone.

We also have plenty happening this season. Our group fitness schedule continues to offer a variety of classes for different interests and fitness levels, and we are always evaluating our programs based on participation and resident feedback. Behind the scenes, planning also continues for the future expansion and renovation of our fitness and wellness facilities. There is still considerable work ahead before construction begins, and I will continue to keep residents informed as plans progress.

Whether you have been here all summer or are just returning, welcome back. I look forward to seeing you in the Fitness Center and to another healthy, active season at Pelican Marsh.

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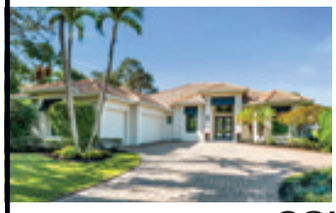
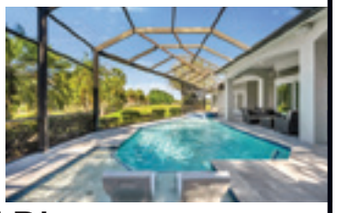

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Finding the right class for you

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

One of the best things about group fitness at Pelican Marsh is that there really is something for everyone. Whether your goal is to improve strength, cardiovascular fitness, flexibility, balance or simply add some variety to your routine, our October schedule offers plenty of ways to get moving.

Looking for cardio? Cardio Spin provides an energetic cardiovascular workout that can be tuned to your individual fitness level. If you prefer your cardio with music and movement, Zumba combines an aerobic workout with Latin-inspired dance.

Want to get stronger? Fitness with a Difference combines weights, stability-ball exercises and core work for a total-body strength and conditioning workout. Kim's Fit Lab mixes cardio, strength, stretching and core work, while Fusion 45 offers another challenging total-body option.

Looking for core strength and mobility? Mat Pilates focuses on core strength, posture and mobility. Our new Pilates Fusion class with Sabrina combines traditional mat Pilates with elements of barre, yoga, dance and stretching for a low-impact workout centered on core integration.

Need more flexibility and balance? Gentle Yoga combines traditional yoga poses with breath-work, stretching and mindful movement. Chair Yoga provides many of the same benefits while using a chair for added support. Golf Stretch is another excellent option, particularly for golfers looking to improve functional flexibility, mobility and range of motion.

If you are looking for a lower-impact combination of strength and cardio, Sit-N-Fit uses a chair, weights, tubing and other equipment to provide an accessible full-body workout.

Not sure where to begin? Try something new. You may discover that a class you had not considered becomes one of your favorites.

Please remember that **online registration is required for all classes**. Check the Pelican Marsh website or mobile app for the most current schedule, cancellations and instructor substitutions.

Returning to exercise after a summer away

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

As residents begin returning to Pelican Marsh, many are also returning to their regular fitness routines. If your exercise schedule was a little less consistent over the summer, resist the temptation to immediately pick up exactly where you left off.

Fitness comes back but give your body a little time to adjust. Start by reducing the intensity, duration or amount of weight you normally use. You don't need to make up for lost time during your first week back. A few moderate workouts will help your muscles, joints and cardiovascular system readjust to regular exercise.

The same principle applies to group fitness. You might begin with Gentle Yoga, Chair Yoga, Sit-N-Fit, Mat Pilates or Pilates Fusion before adding more demanding strength and cardiovascular classes. If you're returning to Spin, Fitness with a Difference, Fit Lab or Zumba, work at a comfortable pace and gradually increase your intensity.

Most importantly, consistency matters more than intensity. Two or three manageable workouts each week are much more valuable than an overly ambitious first week that leaves you exhausted, excessively sore or unable to exercise for several days. Include a combination of cardiovascular exercise, strength training, flexibility and balance in your weekly routine, and don't underestimate recovery. Hydration, adequate sleep and rest days are all part of a successful fitness program.

If you're unsure where to start, stop by the Fitness Center and talk with me or one of our fitness professionals. We can help you identify an appropriate starting point and build from there.

Welcome back! I look forward to seeing you in the Fitness Center this season.

Welcome back to Courtside

By Susan Cousins, Courtside at Pelican Marsh Operator

As the season returns, so do our favorite faces, and all of us at Courtside are thrilled to welcome you home. We've been busy over the summer, and we can't wait to show you what's new.

To our year-round residents: **Thank you!** Your continued support through the quieter months keeps Courtside going, and we're grateful to have neighbors like you who make this place feel like home year-round.

You'll notice some big changes the moment you arrive. Our patio has been transformed with new landscaping and warm uplighting, creating a relaxed, inviting atmosphere from lunch through the evening. The Foundation of Pelican Marsh has also added clear roll-down screens for climate control, so you can enjoy the patio comfortably whether it's a warm afternoon or a breezy night, along with new awnings for added comfort, shade and a polished finish.

Our kitchen has refreshed the menu with new dishes alongside the favorites you know and love. We are open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., with Happy Hour daily from 2 to 6 p.m. Join us for a late lunch, an early cocktail or a relaxed dinner with friends.

Live music continues every Thursday, so bring your friends and enjoy a great night on the patio. And whether you follow college football or the NFL, Courtside is the place to catch your favorite games with a cold drink and a game-day bite.

We're expecting a busy season, and we want to make sure we can take great care of you. Whether you're joining us before or after Bingo, Trivia, Bocce, or another Pelican Marsh activity, please make reservations whenever possible by calling 239-260-7400 or booking online through the Pelican Marsh portal. Walk-ins are always welcome, but guests with reservations will receive priority seating.

Welcome Back Party

If you do not have a reservation at Courtside for the Welcome Back Party, please remember to purchase your drink tickets. Having your tickets ready will help keep things running smoothly at the portable bar and allow our team to serve you promptly.

For those who **do** have reservations at Courtside for the Welcome Back Party, dinner service will operate as normal, and our team looks forward to taking care of you throughout the evening.

We're here to stay

We're proud to share that Courtside has signed a new agreement to remain your neighborhood restaurant through 2032. Serving the Pelican Marsh community is a privilege, and we're committed to being your go-to spot for great food, cold drinks and good company for years to come.

Where community comes together to savor Naples' finest flavors, meet friends and have fun with neighbors. We've missed you, and we look forward to seeing you soon. Welcome back to Pelican Marsh, and welcome back to Courtside!

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Welcome home, Pelican Marsh!

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

We hope you had a wonderful summer filled with sunshine, relaxation, travel, family and plenty of time to recharge. Now it's time to dust off those golf clubs, pickleball paddles, bocce balls, and maybe even your dancing shoes, because another exciting season is just around the corner!

As we get ready for another busy and fun-filled season, now is a great time to log on to PelicanMarsh.com and update your resident profile. Taking a few minutes to make sure your contact information, phone numbers, local and northern addresses and emergency contact information are current will help ensure you receive important community updates and that we can reach you if an emergency arises. Be sure to check your Opt-In Groups as well, so you're receiving the communications and information that are most important to you.

If you need assistance updating your profile or have any questions, please let us know. We're happy to help! Keeping your information up to date helps all of us stay connected and makes our community even stronger.

The season ahead promises a wonderful variety of activities, events, classes, clubs, sports, entertainment and opportunities to connect with friends and neighbors. Whether you're a longtime resident or new to Pelican Marsh, there is something for everyone, and we hope you'll take advantage of all that our community has to offer.

So, welcome back! We're excited to see familiar faces, meet new ones and share another memorable season together. Come out, get involved, try something new and be an active part of the Pelican Marsh family. We're so glad you're here!

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Welcome back, bocce players!

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

The balls are polished, the courts are ready and it's time to get rolling! We are excited to welcome everyone back for another season of bocce at Pelican Marsh. Whether you're a seasoned player who knows exactly how to roll that perfect shot or someone who still isn't quite sure which ball is theirs, there's always room for you on the courts!

Our Fall Bocce League is a shorter season, giving everyone a chance to get back into the swing of things without a long-term commitment. The Fall League begins Oct. 12 and runs through Nov. 19. And if you didn't register for a team this season, don't worry — you can still be part of the fun!

Bocce without the commitment

Are you looking for a little bocce without the commitment? Consider becoming a substitute! We are always looking for people who are willing to fill in when a regular team member can't make it. If you've been thinking about giving bocce a try, becoming a substitute is a great way to learn the game, meet new people and see what all the fun is about. Or, if you simply don't want the commitment of playing on a team every week, substituting might be just the thing for you!

Bocce is easy to learn, wonderfully social and doesn't require you to be a professional athlete —thank goodness! It's a game where a little strategy, a little luck and a lot of laughter can go a long way. If you're interested in becoming a substitute, please email me at latzingen@pelicanmarsh.com.

Thank-you to our Bocce Committee

A successful bocce program doesn't happen by itself. Behind every season, tournament, event and freshly prepared court is a group of dedicated volunteers who give their time and energy to make it all happen. We are incredibly grateful to our Bocce Committee for their enthusiasm, hard work and commitment to making Pelican Marsh bocce the wonderful program it is.

Please join us in welcoming our committee members: Bocce Committee Chairperson Dino Lauricella; Mario Acosta; Kevin Aselstine; Kathy Farias; Paige Giannetti; Denise Lauricella; and Christopher Russell.

And, of course, a special thank-you to Board Liaison George Kustas for his continued support of the bocce program and our committee.

A very special thank-you

We also want to take a moment to recognize someone who has given many, many years to the Pelican Marsh Bocce Committee. Tina Mantel has decided to step down from the committee, and while we completely understand, we certainly aren't ready to say goodbye!

Tina's dedication to bocce has been extraordinary. Over

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the years, she has given countless volunteer hours, worked behind the scenes and on the courts, helped organize events, supported fellow players and always seemed to find a way to lend a hand wherever one was needed. She brought energy, enthusiasm and a genuine love of the game to everything she did.

But perhaps even more important than all the work she accomplished was the spirit she brought with her. Tina helped make bocce about more than keeping score or winning a match. She helped create the camaraderie, laughter and sense of community that makes our courts such a special place to be.

Tina, thank you for all the time, heart, hard work and enthusiasm you have given to Pelican Marsh bocce. Your countless hours of volunteering have made a difference, and we are truly grateful for everything you have done.

Fortunately, this isn't really goodbye! Tina isn't going far — you'll still find her out on the courts, enjoying the game and visiting with friends. And she has promised that she'll still lend a helping hand whenever she can. We have a feeling she may be stepping down from the committee, but she's not getting away that easily!

More than a game

At the end of the day, bocce is about so much more than bocce. It's about friendships, laughter, a little friendly competition and having a reason to get together with neighbors. It's about meeting someone you might not otherwise have known, cheering for your teammates, celebrating a great shot, and occasionally blaming a bad one on the court!

Some of the best memories are made between the games: the conversations, the laughs, the celebrations and the friendships that continue long after the last ball has been rolled.

So whether you're returning for another season, joining a team for the first time or thinking about becoming a substitute, we hope you'll come out and be part of it.

The courts are waiting, the friends are waiting and there's always room for one more. We'll see you on the courts. Let the bocce begin!

Pelican Marsh residents at the Bocce End of Season party

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Bingo, Trivia and plenty of fun

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

If you've ever wondered which events at Pelican Marsh have the biggest following, look no further than Bingo and Trivia! These two crowd favorites consistently bring out the smiles, the friendly competition, and of course, the possibility of going home with a little extra cash in your pocket. What's not to love?

Whether you come with a group of friends, join a team or walk through the door as a solo player, you'll fit right in. You don't need to know anyone and you certainly don't need to have a team already assembled. Just show up ready to have a good time, meet some fellow residents and see what all the excitement is about.

Bingo brings the anticipation of waiting for that winning number, while Trivia brings out the competitive spirit — and perhaps a few questionable answers along the way! Both offer cash prizes and plenty of laughs.

So, gather your friends, or come on your own, and see what all the excitement is about! You might come for the fun, but you just might leave a winner!

Bingo & Trivia 2026-27

These events are so popular during season that they will sell out, so don't wait until the last minute to register. Call the Front Desk at 239-594-7800 to reserve your spot.

Bingo dates
2026: Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15
2027: Jan. 19, Feb. 23, March 16, April 20

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Blackout at the Marsh

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

It's time to kick off another fabulous season at Pelican Marsh, and we're doing it in style! Join us for Blackout at the Marsh, Thursday, Oct. 29, 6 p.m., for one of the biggest and most anticipated parties of the year.

This year, we're taking the celebration outside to our newly and beautifully landscaped courtyard, creating the perfect setting for an evening of great food, great friends and plenty of dancing. Get ready to enjoy an evening of music and fun with the Wendy Renee Band bringing the party to life. So shine up those dancing shoes, grab your friends and get ready to dance the night away!

Black attire is requested but certainly not required. Come dressed in black if you'd like to join the theme, but the most important thing is that you come ready to have a great time.

Dinner options are available that evening at Courtside, where you can make your own dinner reservation. Prefer to bring your own food? No problem! You're welcome to sit at one of the non-Courtside tables and bring in your own meal. However you choose to dine, just make sure you're there when the music starts.

Register at PelicanMarsh.com — $25 per person — and make plans now to join your neighbors and friends for an unforgettable night under the stars. Blackout at the Marsh is the perfect way to welcome everyone back, so put on your dancing shoes and join us!

Mind, Body & Wellness

Take a little time for yourself

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

Wellness isn't just about staying physically fit, it's also about taking care of your mind, finding a little balance and giving yourself permission to slow down.

This season, Pelican Marsh is offering three wonderful opportunities to do just that: Qi Gong, Meditation, and Sound Bath with Guided Meditation.

Something for everyone

Together, these programs fall beautifully under Mind, Body & Wellness, with each offering its own unique way to help you feel your best.

Sound Bath with Guided Meditation – A calming experience designed to promote relaxation, reduce stress, and create a peaceful mind-body connection. Sound Bath with Guided Meditation will be offered monthly at Pelican Marsh, providing a wonderful opportunity to pause, relax and recharge.

Qi Gong – A gentle mind-body practice that combines movement, balance, flexibility, breathing and relaxation. Qi Gong will be offered as a six-week session beginning in October. This gentle practice is suitable for a variety of fitness levels and focuses on connecting movement and breath while encouraging balance and relaxation.

Meditation – A wonderful way to practice mindfulness, reduce stress, relax and clear your mind.

Meditation will also be offered weekly beginning in October, giving you a chance to make mindfulness and a little quiet time part of your regular routine.

Whether you're looking to improve your balance, stretch and move your body, quiet your mind, reduce stress or simply carve out a little "me time" in your week, there's something here for you. So take a break from the hustle and bustle, give yourself a little time to breathe, move, relax and recharge. Your mind and body will thank you!

Registration for all three programs is available at PelicanMarsh.com. Come give one (or all three) a try and discover your own favorite way to find a little more balance and wellness this season!

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The String Showdown is coming

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

If you liked Dueling Pianos, you're going to **love** The String Showdown! Get ready for an evening of music, laughter and a little friendly musical competition when Adam Bohanan and Greg Byers bring their sensational dueling strings performance to Pelican Marsh on Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 6:30 p.m.

These two musical luminaries are ready to take us on a melodic journey through the decades and across just about every musical genre you can imagine. From the groovy tunes of the '60s to today's chart-toppers, their versatile repertoire is sure to have you singing along, tapping your toes and perhaps wondering why you didn't bring your dancing shoes. Their incredible instrumental talent provides the perfect foundation for their effortless vocal harmonies.

But this isn't the kind of show where you simply sit quietly and listen. The String Showdown is interactive, humorous and just a little bit unpredictable. The audience gets in on the action as Adam and Greg incorporate spectator requests, musical games, the Applause-O-Meter and other musical shenanigans into the performance. Who knows, you might even find yourself becoming part of the show!

Professional musicianship meets a whole lot of fun in this high-energy performance that has entertained audiences across the country. So gather your friends, come ready to sing, laugh and maybe settle a few musical scores along the way.

The String Showdown — Tuesday, Nov. 10, 6:30 p.m. — is one musical battle you definitely want to be part of! Come see what all the strings are about. Register at PelicanMarsh.com.

100 Women Who Care Naples

Small commitment, big impact

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

What can happen when women come together, pool their generosity and put their dollars to work in our community? A whole lot of good!

100 Women Who Care Naples is a local giving circle that makes supporting local nonprofits simple, meaningful and fun. Launched in 2024 by Pelican Marsh resident Shelly Santos, the group brings women together three times a year to learn about local charitable organizations and make a collective impact.

The concept is wonderfully simple: Each member commits $100 per meeting. At each gathering, three local nonprofits are selected to give brief presentations about their organizations and the needs they are addressing. Members then vote, and the winning charity receives the group's collective donation — potentially $10,000 in just one hour!

It's a terrific way to discover the many organizations making a difference in Southwest Florida while connecting with other women who share a passion for giving back. And the best part? 100 Women Who Care Naples meets right here at the Pelican Marsh Community Center! The next meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 11, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., with time to socialize before the presentations begin.

Whether you are ready to become a member or simply curious about what the group is all about, come join them for the evening, see how it works, meet some wonderful women and experience the fun and impact firsthand. There's no commitment required to come check it out.

Join us — you may just discover that 100 Women Who Care Naples is a perfect fit for you! As they say, "We are better together."

Get ready to rock

The Players are coming to Pelican Marsh

By Lynn Atzingen, Director of Activities

We are thrilled to welcome an incredible supergroup, The Players, to Pelican Marsh on Friday evening, Feb. 5, 2027, for a private show! Get ready for a night of legendary music, incredible musicianship and some of the greatest classic rock songs ever recorded.

This extraordinary band brings together an impressive collection of musical talent. The lineup features Keith Howland and Jeff Coffey, former members of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame-inducted band Chicago; Ed Toth, longtime drummer for The Doobie Brothers; and Rob Arthur, Peter Frampton's longtime musical director, keyboardist and vocalist. They are joined by a talented three-piece horn section to create a full, dynamic sound that promises to have the Pelican Marsh stage rocking!

The Players will perform iconic music from Chicago, The Doobie Brothers, Peter Frampton, and other timeless classic rock favorites that have entertained generations of music lovers. With this powerhouse lineup of musicians, you can expect the songs you know and love, perhaps with a few surprises along the way!

This promises to be a spectacular, can't-miss concert experience and a night to remember right here at Pelican Marsh. Gather your friends, mark your calendar and get ready for an evening filled with great music, great memories and plenty of reasons to sing along!

Space is sure to fill quickly, so don't wait! Register early at PelicanMarsh.com and make plans to join us for this very special evening with The Players.

Pelican Marsh Women's League

Who are we?

By Emilia Libers, PMWL

The Pelican Marsh Women's League is an organization of just over 200 Pelican Marsh women. We provide activities year round including lunches, speakers, book clubs, golf and philanthropic events. Our mission is "To bring together the women of Pelican Marsh through friendship and shared experiences, and to provide opportunities for cultural enrichment, lifelong learning, social connection and community service."

Our team has been busy pulling together a fun calendar of events and activities for our 2026–27 season. Here are just a few of our upcoming events:

- **Welcome Back Luncheon**: Thursday, Oct. 22, at Pelican Marsh Golf Club
- **November Wine Tasting**: Monday, Nov. 9, at Old Vines Mercato
- **November Coffee & Conversations**: Wednesday, Nov. 11, 10 a.m., at the Pelican Marsh Community Center
- **Holiday Luncheon**: Thursday, Dec. 3, at Pelican Marsh Golf Club

How to learn more and/or to join!

We are looking to grow our membership. New members can sign up on our foundation site: pelicanmarsh.com. Simply go to the calendar, and then to Dec. 1, 2026, to see the sign up information.

Our November Coffee & Conversations is a great place to meet current members and learn more about the league. You can RSVP directly to esther.fusco@hofstra.edu.

At $60 for a year of membership — which includes access to dozens of activities and events with friends and neighbors — it is a great value. And keep in mind a significant portion of those dues goes directly to charitable giving for community partners, many of those that support women and girls.

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.

If you would like to learn more feel free to reach out to any of the Board members. You can also email us at pmwlnaples@gmail.com.

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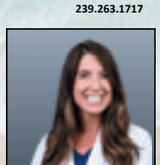
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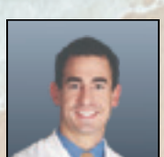
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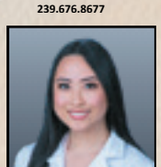
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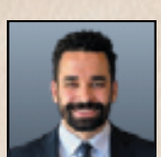
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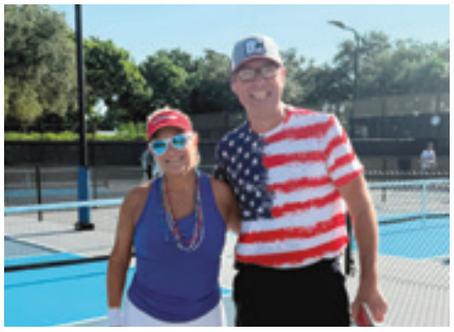

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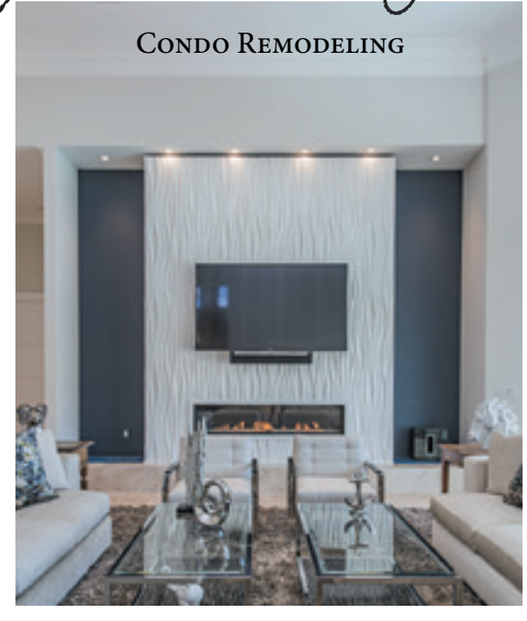

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