

SAPPHIRE LAKES NEWSLETTER

April 2022

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ACTIVITIES TEAM CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022 – 2023

Holiday Party - Sunday, December 4th, 4:00 - Pool 3

January Picnic - Tuesday, January 10th, 1:00 PM in the Rec Area

Hand, Foot & Elbow Tuesdays, starting January 17th, 5:30 PM at Pool 3

Logo Sale - Sunday, February 5th, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM at -Pool 3

Chili Fiesta - Tuesday, February 14th, 5:30 PM at Pool 3

Bake Sale - Sunday, March 11th, 9:00 – 11:00 AM at Pool 3

April Picnic - Tuesday, April 11th, 1:00 PM in the Rec Area

Spring Picnic

The last picnic of the season will be held on Tuesday, April 5th at 1:00PM at the picnic area. Lunch includes hamburgers, hot dogs, Italian sausage, veggie burgers, potato salad, coleslaw and chips. Please bring your own beverage of choice and dessert contributions are appreciated. Cost is \$12 per person. Please reserve a spot by calling Debbie Pinto at 508-930-7180. If you prefer a veggie burger, please request it at that time.

Deadline for ticket sales is Friday April 1, 2022

St. Matthew's House

Those of you who are heading North soon can donate your leftover pantry items to St. Matthews. Sue Mears 239-348-3820 or Nan Foster 508-965-1396 have volunteered to pick up any food or other items that you would like to donate and take them to St. Matthews for you.

Telephone Directories

2022 Telephone Directories are available at a cost of \$3 for paper copy or \$2 for an electronic copy. Copies may be purchased by contacting Toni Nicastro 724-681-2789 or Nan Foster 508-965-1396.

If there are any changes, additions or deletions contact Toni.

Calendar of Events for 2022

Spring Picnic – April 5th

Pickle ball numerous events throughout season, See Page 3.

Blue Zone has numerous events throughout season, see page 2

ACTIVITIES

Book Club

The Book Club meets the **second Monday of each month** at 1:00 p.m. at **Pool #3**. The book for discussion on Monday, April 11th will be: **The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion**

Come and enjoy!! Any questions please call Edie LeShaw 239-352-8887

Adventure Walkers

We have come a long way this year!

Thank you to all the walkers who joined us in the fifth year of exploring some of Naples outdoor parks and gardens.

We have explored Paradise Coast Sports Complex, Freedom Park, Golden Gate Community Park, and Naples Botanical Garden. We also had walks in nearby neighboring subdivisions on alternating Wednesday mornings. We have calculated that over the past thirteen weeks we have logged over 30 miles-more than a marathon! Thanks goes out to the Blue Zone Project for reinforcing the importance of our walks and giving us new opportunities of walking venues! But most importantly, **Thank You** for your enthusiasm and commitment! We enjoyed being with all of you and meeting all our new participants! We welcome all levels of walkers and remember the important thing is to just get out there and do your best! Have a great summer and we will see you next season. Keep moving!

Kathleen Lickteig, K.lickteig@icloud.com

Stephanie Roche, rochesteph2008@gmail.com

Blue Zone

Blue Zone is a positive lifestyle which includes eating healthy, being active & social. Our Sapphire Lakes 2022 season has brought growth in activities & social gatherings. Going forward into 2023 kayaking, fishing,

& Craft sessions will be expanded. Your continued support keeps us all growing.

ADVENTURE WALKERS - Wed March 30 - Paradise Coast Sports Complex - celebrate the last walk for season 2022.

MONDAY MORNING BIKERS - March 28 & April 4, 11, 18, & 25 - meet at the front gate at 8am to explore East Naples.

WINE at 5 - Wed March 30 - PICNIC AREA- 5pm - bring your own beverage of choice & a small, light dish to share. Chante Pemberton will update us. She is the Blue Zone Project Director for Southwest FL. Raffle tickets - \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 - will be available. Blue Zone prizes are offered. It's a fun time together & open to all.

SAPPHIRE LAKES PICNIC- Tue April 5 - PICNIC AREA- please email Becky at raearney@gmail.com if you would like to make a salad. Green salad (peas, broccoli, Asian, chopped etc.) or fruit salad is acceptable. The Sapphire Lakes Activities Committee is sponsoring this picnic. They have offered us a Blue Zone table with our healthy selections of greens or fruit.

NATIONAL WALKING DAY- April 6 - 5:30pm - North Collier Regional Park - bring a friend & enjoy a one mile walk through the park. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 239-624-2312.

RUMMIKUBE- Sunday April 10 from 3-5pm - pool 3

EARTH DAY- Friday April 22- 8am - Fountain by the front gate - we'll celebrate "environmental protection" by picking up litter in our Sapphire Lakes Neighborhood. Wear long pants, long sleeve shirt & gloves. Bring a large plastic garbage bag. It's one hour of exercise & restoring our natural surroundings.

COLLIER COUNTY LIBRARY - "FREE" programs are available. Contact Marie Huester at mhtroy@hotmail.com

We welcome New Sapphire Lakes neighbors & old friends to all Blue Zone activities.
The Blue Zone Committee

WINE AT 5
Wednesday March 30 PICNIC AREA - 5pm. Bring your own beverage & small, light dish to share. This joyful, social outdoor time is relaxed & open to all.

New Sapphire Lakes' neighbors & old friends are always welcome to join Blue Zone activities.
The Blue Zone Committee.
Blue Zone Committee: Nancy, Sue, Becky, Kathleen Stephanie, Bob and Marie.

Yoga

It has been an exciting season this year with our Yoga classes. Our attendance with the 2 classes has been between 20 to 25 yogis. Thanks to our yoga instructor, Roberta Murphy, for being there each week. She taught us that yoga meditation helps us be more mindful and aware of the present. Mindfulness helps us with our well-being mentally, physically, and spiritually.

Our last classes for the season will be held on Tuesday March 29th and Thursday March 31 with our Banquet at 4 PM on the 31st.

We look forward to this fall when we can start again. Keep checking the website for more information on dates. Hoping everyone has a great summer!
Sue Chapin
353-5006

Aquabics

Aquabics are held Monday to Saturday at both Pool #1 and Pool #2. Pool #1 begins at 9:00 a.m. and Pool #2 at 9:15 a.m. Classes are 45 minutes and everyone is welcome. Please practice proper social distancing.

Bocce League

We've concluded a very successful bocce season with 28 teams and over 200 players participating. The Super Bocce match was very close and exciting with the Cardinals defeating the Red Wings before a very large crowd. The pizza party following the game drew a record number of people.

The gender game was won by the Women.

Any new people wishing to play next year contact Bill Sparhawk at 8hearts1796@gmail.com.

We wish to thank Chet Busset for all his years on the committee and all the hard work he and Chris Medford have done and continue to do on the courts.

Your Bocce Committee: Keith Fogel, Bill Sparhawk, Tony Voislow.

Bocce Dates for 2023

Captains meeting, Mon 1/9, 11:00AM Pool 3
New Player workshop, Mon 1/9, 1:00PM Court 1
Referee workshop, Mon 1/9, 2:00PM, Court 2
Regular Season starts

Tennis

Tennis for men and women is played at the tennis courts on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. New players are encouraged to join us for informal tennis with a group that is very welcoming. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday's tennis can be played on the two north courts starting at 8:30 am if those courts are not being used by the Pickleball group. After 10:00 am, tennis or pickleball can be played on any of the four courts on a first come basis. Please join us for some fun, competitive exercise. For more information or any questions contact Bob Foster at rwfoster22@gmail.com

Pickleball

If you have any questions, you can contact Ken Pottel 508-280-3150.

The Sapphire Lakes Pickleball Committee

This year we had a record number of players joining our Sapphire Lakes Pickleball Program. The Brunch on Courtside was a great success. We had over 45 of our pickleball families attending.

Further scheduled events are: March 30 - mini-golf night, April 1 - Pizza on Courtside with music, and April 22 - End of season Pot Luck at Pool 3. Thank you to everyone for making it a successful Pickleball season this year.

Horseshoes

Horseshoes are played Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9 a.m. It was nice to see some new players (an average of 8) to the group as the season went on. Let's hope next year we might have enough players to have an actual league. We have so many new faces in Sapphire Lakes, don't hesitate to invite those you think might be interested. Looking forward to next season.

For further information, please contact George Churchill at geochurchi@gmail.com or 978-618-9373.

Ladies Golf – Sapphire Swingers

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I am sad to say that our Sapphire Swingers league has come to an end for this season. It has been a good season having as many as 3 tee times a couple of weeks but had to cancel a couple weeks due to low turnout. Some of us plan to keep golfing in April, if you would like to join us give me a call. All ladies are welcome to join us next season in 2023 just give me a call in December. It's been a fun season as usual thanks to all the fun-loving Swingers. Until next season, stay happy and healthy!!

Sue Mears 239-348-3820/248-231-5792

Men's Golf

"On February 18 the Sapphire Lakes Men's Golf League held a Scramble competition with 20 golfers taking part in various tests of golfing talents. Closest to the Pin was won by Carl Lickteig on hole #3, by Brian Jones on hole #8, by Charlie Harwood on hole #12, and by Tom Williams on hole #15. Longest drive competition was held on hole #18 and resulted, can you believe it, in an actual tie. Both Tom Henderson and Charlie Harwood finished with the exact same distance for longest drive, amazing. Team competition was won by Tom Henderson, Sam Shakespeare, Brian Jones, and Ken Runstadler. Second place finishers were Pat Cain, Bill Lafontaine, Steve Vickers, and Tom Kaja. Third place finishers were Carl Lickteig, Mike Culligan, Ted Capraro, and Paul Roche. Congratulations to all our prize winners. A fun day of golf was enjoyed by all participants. Our season is coming to an end in March, if anyone is interested in joining our group next season is encouraged to contact Guy Spina at 617-835-1281. We play from January to March."

Sunday Couples Golf

The Sunday Couples Golf group needs a few more couples when they start play in January. They tee off at 1:00 pm and the course fees are reasonable. If you are interested or need more information, contact Keith Fogel at 734-751-0589 or email kfogel243078mi@comcast.net.

Mah Jongg

Let's welcome in another month of fun and friendship at the Mah Jongg tables.

Newcomers are encouraged to start with Cantonese Mah Jongg on Mondays, which is similar to Gin Rummy and is a great introduction to learning American Mah Jongg.

Cantonese Mah Jongg: Open play on Mondays, Pool 3 from 1-3pm (except on April 11th from 2:00-4:00pm after Book Club).

American Mah Jongg: Open play on Weds. Pool 3 from 1-3pm.

Remember: you can join at any time during hours of play and there is no weekly commitment.

Contacts: Roxanne Sheriffs 239-821-1746 (April - November)

Beth Richards 239-280-0243 (November - April)

Hand & Foot

Hand and Foot is held every Friday at 1:00 pm at Pool #3. April 29th will be the last hand and foot for this season.

Hand, Foot and Elbow

It has been a great season of play! We will begin official play again on Tuesday, January 17, 2023. If you have any questions, please call Debbie Pinto @ 508-930-7180 or Toni Nicastro @ 724-681-2789.

Bridge

Every Thursday 12:30 pm at Pool #3. For more information call-Paula Culligan 239-304-0744

Pinochle

Pinochle is played at 1:00 p.m. at Pool # 1 each day depending on availability of participants.

Wednesday Night Poker

More players are needed for Wednesday night poker games beginning at 5:00 pm on Wednesdays at the Pool #4 Meeting Room. The stakes are reasonable. For more information call: Larry Kurtz (239-352-0407) or Tom Walecki (239-352-0931).

Poor Man's Poker

All are welcome to join us to play poker on **Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 pm** at Pool #3. Don Schroer, 312-404-8620

Communications

Report any change in **telephone numbers** for updating of the entry gate system as well as the telephone directory, by e-mail, to sapphiremaster@embarqmail.com and Toni Nicastro @ tmnicastro@gmail.com

“**sapphire**” is now the password at all pools for internet.

Sapphire Lakes Website

Information about Sapphire Lakes as well as photos from our activities can be found on our website, sapphirelakesnaples.net.

SAPPHIRE LAKES MASTER ASSOCIATION

Condominium Association Presidents/Master Association Board

Amber	Rick Dawson
Amethyst	Daria Murphy
Diamond	Kit Ingeme
Emerald	Ken Grissoni
Garnet	Irwin LeShaw
Hematite	Paul French
Jade	Bob Foster
Jasper	John Azzinaro
Malachite	Gary Vanstone
Opal	Mike Bradley
Quartz	Charlie Lorenzo
Spinel	Connie Fullerton
Topaz	Suzanne Chapin
Tourmaline	Ken Werra
Turquoise	Marian Vella

Sapphire Lakes Master Association Officers

President:	Bob Foster
Vice-President:	Ken Grissoni
Treasurer:	Mike Mears
Secretary:	Sue Chapin
Officer at Large:	Connie Fullerton

Management Company

Resort Management
2685 Horseshoe Dr. S., #215 (239) 649-5526
Property Manager: Suzanne Foster
Gate House Telephone # 353-2465
SFoster@resortgroupinc.com

President's Corner

As the 2021 - 2022 winter season comes to an end at Sapphire Lakes, I would like to wish all of our residents who will be migrating northward a safe trip as well as a healthy and safe summer wherever you may be headed. This season has been a much more normal season for us in terms of our social activities being resumed within the community. It was also a pleasure to have our Canadian residents here again this season after most of them were forced to miss last year's season here.

In just three weeks' time our new Property Manager Suzanne Foster has made a very positive impression throughout the community. She has hit the ground running and is quickly learning how the community operates and the inner workings of her new position. Suzanne has the office at the gatehouse open again, and she is in the process of familiarizing herself with Sapphire Lakes and our residents. She can be reached at the same Gate

House phone number: 239-353-2465 and her email address is: SFoster@resortgroupinc.com

We are very happy that the Master Association has completed the roof replacements of all of the Pool Cabanas, as well as the Gate House. We have had problems with the geo-thermal heaters at Pools 1, 2 and 3 this season, but they are now all operational. We have a few projects scheduled for the first week of April: the sidewalk extension on the east side of Gabriel in front of 186 and 218 Gabriel will be done, as well as some repairs to the south end of the Tennis Courts, where Pickleball is played. We extend our thanks to the many volunteers who rebuilt the three stair cases in the Picnic Area, and the other volunteers who are rebuilding and refurbishing Bocce Court #1 on Gabriel.

If you have NOT been receiving any periodic e-mail updates from me about various community issues (including this newsletter), please e-mail me at: rwfoster22@gmail.com and I will add you to my list. In closing I would like to wish you all a very safe and happy summer season wherever you may be, and I look forward to seeing you again for an even better winter season in 2022 - 2023.

Bob Foster
Master Board President

Treasurer's Report

As reported at the annual meeting, financially Sapphire Lakes is in great shape. We ended 2021 under budget by \$33,557. We now have over \$111,000 in our contingency fund. We ended the year with \$286,875 in reserves.

That being said, 2022 is not off to a good start.

As reported to the Master Board on 3/16 so far we are trending to be over our operating budget by \$10,000. Areas trending over budget are:

1. Special projects by \$3,000 due to adding repairing the curtains at pool 3 to the budget.
 2. Holiday palm tree decorations \$3,400 vendor cost has increased to double what we have paid in the past.
 3. Management Services \$6,500 due to new property manager.
 4. Golf cart \$1,200 unexpected bill to replace all batteries in one of the carts.
 5. Pool repairs \$2,000 pool 1 water leak cost over \$3,000 to repair.
 6. Trash pick-up \$1,000 first three months bills are trending up \$300 per month compared to last year.
- We plan to discuss at the next board meeting how we can offset some of this additional expense.

Reserves we ended to year with \$286,874.

For 2022 the plan is to contribute \$73,000 but spend only around \$46,000 leaving around \$316,000 in reserves at yearend.

List below are what is planned to be spent out of reserve for 2022:

1. Parking lot repairs \$3,000
2. Concrete repairs \$2,000
3. Pumps/Fountains \$12,585
4. Sewer clean out \$500
5. Tennis court repairs \$2,200
6. Reroofing 4 pools and Gate house only \$6,498 due to insurance settlement
7. Pool heaters \$19,000

SAPPHIRE LAKES INFORMATION

Please contact the Sheriffs' Office at **239-774-4434** to report any suspicious activities.

Pool Telephones

The landline telephones have been removed from all four pools and replaced with 911 Emergency Cell Phones.

Rental of Cabanas

Any resident wishing to use any of the cabanas for personal gathering must apply fourteen (14) days in advance. Applications can be obtained from Suzanne Foster, Property Manager. This applies only to cabanas. Pools and pool decks are always open to all residents and may not be reserved or rented. A deposit of \$50 is required which will be refunded if the area is cleaned up property.

Attention Walkers, Bikers and Drivers

Walkers: please make sure that you walk AGAINST the traffic when walking the streets at Sapphire Lakes and wear light colors and/or reflective clothing when walking in non-daylight hours. **Bikers:** please make sure to ride WITH the traffic and to have reflectors and/or lights on your bicycle. We want everyone to be safe!!

And vehicles, please obey the Stop signs **including those at the driveways. Please be aware of those on the street walking or biking in these areas.** We have been fortunate that no one has caused an accident yet but the potential is there. Please do this for the safety of all!

Entrance Gates

Unit owners may purchase additional gate access cards and vehicle bar codes at a **cost of \$20.00** by check or money order only and are available from our Property Manager, Suzanne Foster.

Pool Umbrellas

All pools have umbrellas on the decks. If you are the last to leave the pool area, please be responsible and lower any umbrellas that are open. Thank you.

Defibrillator

An Automated Electronic Defibrillator (AED) is installed at the cabana at the Recreation area restroom and all four pools.

Before using the AED machine, assure that **911** has been called. Turn on the AED and follow the audio prompts.

Central Car Washing Area

There is an area located near the recreation area washroom facility for residents to wash cars.

It is **mandatory** for boats to be washed only in this area. Boat rinsing should be limited to 15 minutes after it has been in saltwater.

Comcast

Any Comcast related issues should be addressed with Comcast by calling 1-800-XFINITY stating you are part of the Bulk Services Contract at Sapphire Lakes. It is also important to note that every Sapphire Lakes unit has a Comcast account. If you sell your unit, please be sure your name is removed from the account to assure you are not billed in the future. It would also be prudent to turn in your equipment to Comcast allowing the new owner to set up their own account with Comcast.

Your Pets

Please report any violations of the pet rules that you witness or observe to our Property Manager Suzanne Foster (353-2465) so that proper action can be taken against offenders.

Reminder –Please do not feed the wild animals including feral cats, squirrels and ducks! They are creatures of the wild and should fend for themselves. After Association meetings at the Pools or gatherings at the Picnic area, any garbage should be removed and placed in a dumpster nearby.

Garden Waste

Plant debris should be piled or bagged and placed along the street, not at the dumpsters or parking lots,

for pick up by the landscaping company on Tuesdays and Fridays.

You are urged to please help the environment by recycling whenever possible. Newspaper, flyers, flattened small cardboard boxes, catalogs, magazines, telephone books, paper grocery bags, clear, green and brown bottles and jars, aluminum and steel/tin food and beverage cans, all plastics #1 through #7 can all be placed in the recycle bins.

Please, please, do not put plastic bags or garbage into the re-cycling bins!!!!

Before placing large cardboard boxes in the garbage bins, please **break them down** to ensure that the dumpsters are not filled before the garbage truck arrives. Small boxes should be collapsed and placed in the recycling containers.

For those units that have individual trash and recycling tote bins, please call Collier County **239-252-2380** for disposal of larger items such as TV's mattresses, furniture, etc. For those using large dumpsters please contact **Roberto at 239-316-6452**. There is a charge for special pickup.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ARTICLES BESIDE THE DUMPSTERS!!

For hazardous wastes such as paint, oil or solvents, they may be taken to the Waste Disposal site at 2640 Corporate Flight Drive with no fee. They are open Tuesday to Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Collier Area Para Transit

After approval, this service is provided to residents of Collier County needing assistance mainly traveling to medical appointments or nutrition sites. Information regarding this service can be obtained by calling Para Transit System at 239-252-7272.

"New to You" - Free Items

Anything you wish to **"give away"** may be listed in the newsletter. This does **not** include items you wish to sell. Just give the information to one of the Activities Team or email it to kamcquade16@aol.com "for the newsletter" in the subject matter.

Male and Female bikes
Portable singer sewing machine
Rotisserie oven cooker
Call Barb 630-660-6461

Snowbirds Leaving Early !

We sometimes have items left in our pantry at the end of the season that we cannot take home with us. **Sue Mears** has again graciously volunteered to pick up any foods or other items you would like to donate

and will take them to St. Matthew's House for you. Just give her a call at **239-348-3820**. Thanks Sue! Please remember before leaving to bring in bicycles, flowerpots, birdfeeders or any other loose articles you have outside. They can become missiles during the hurricane season. Any seasonal flowers which have been planted must be removed as they become very unattractive during the summer months.

Water: Also, it is **very important** that the main water shut off of your unit is turned to the off position before you leave. To assure it is totally closed, test by turning on a kitchen or bathroom faucet.

left in freezers it spoils very quickly.

Avoiding these problems will certainly be appreciated by your condo watcher!

Perishables: Please do not leave any perishables in your refrigerators! During severe storms, and especially hurricanes, there is always a risk of losing power for long periods.

Crafty Yarners

If you enjoy or would like to learn how to crochet or knit, please join us. It's a lively gathering of crafty enthusiasts that share and support one another. We meet every Tuesday at 1:00PM at pool #4.

Thank You

The Activities Team would like to thank everyone who has assisted in making our events successful, enjoyable, as well as welcoming social times! We really appreciate our generous volunteers who have prepared food, set up and cleaned up at events, cooked, baked and donated their time as well as made monetary donations. Thank you for making Sapphire Lakes such a unique, wonderful community!

Condolences

Sympathies are extended to the family of Gretchen Jarvis 281-2 Gabriel Circle.

Sympathies are also extended to Joanne Raia 130 Asaf Dr. #2 on the passing of her husband Ben Raia, the long time President of the Hematite Association.

SAPPHIRE LAKES ACTIVITIES

- ADVENTURE WALKERS:** Every Wednesday 8:00 a.m. Contact Kathleen Lickteig 502-235-3892 or Stephanie Roche 703-447-7935
- AQUABICS:** Pool # 1 Monday-Saturday 9:00 a.m.
Pool #2 Monday-Saturday 9:15 a.m.
- HORSESHOES:** Open play on Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 9:00 a.m. Contact George Churchill 978-618-9373
- TENNIS:** Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 8:00 – 10:00 AM.
Contact Bob Foster 508-965-1399
- PICKLEBALL:** Monday & Wednesday 8 a.m.-10 a.m. Friday 8 a.m.-10 am (6 courts)
Tuesday-Thursday-Saturday 8:30 – 10:00 if not be used by the tennis players.
Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM.
If you are a Beginner and would like to learn to play, call Ken Pottel 508-280-3150
- BOCCE:** 2022 league begins January 17th. Contact Keith Fogel 239-353-8369
- YOGA:
CHAIR YOGA:** Contact Sue Chapin 239-353-5006
- GOLF:** Friday morning. Ladies call Sue Mears 239-348-3820
Men – Guy Spina 617-835-1281

76% of Americans think the ears of a chocolate bunny should be eaten first.