

SAPPHIRE LAKES NEWSLETTER

March 2022

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Bake Sale

Our annual Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, March 5th from 9:00 – 11:00 am at Pool 3. We are going to try a slightly different format this year so that you can drop off your baked items and shop at the same time. You may also call me to drop off items the day prior, or I can pick up your donations. This is one of our primary fundraisers and the monies raised go towards purchasing equipment to maintain and enhance our recreation area and amenities. Please mark the date on your calendar and stop by. 2022 Telephone Directories will also be available for \$3.00.

Nan Foster
508-965-1396

April Picnic Save the Date

Tuesday April 5, 2022. Tickets \$12 per person. Reservation must be made between March 22nd through March 29th. Please contact Debbie Pinto at 508-930-7180.

St. Matthew's House

We will continue to collect non-perishable items to donate to St. Matthew's House. This wonderful organization prepares meals daily for their residents and many others, and also assists needy families with weekly groceries. Please bring items to donate to our Sapphire Lakes gatherings, such as the picnics. Also, I will deliver donations when you may be cleaning out your cupboards. Your past generosity has been much appreciated. Nan Foster 508-965-1396

Logo Sales Because of low inventory there will not be a March Logo Sale. If supplies become available, we will consider having a Logo Sales later in the season.

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

Bake Sale – Saturday, March 5th from 9:00 – 11:00 am
Bocce Semi-Finals-Wed., Mar 9th
Super Bocce Game & Pizza Party – Wed., Mar. 16th
Gender Game/Hot Dog Day – Wed., Mar. 23rd
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 March 14th will be: **The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides**

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

Upcoming Books:

April: The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion

Adventure Walkers

As we close out the season, March will prove to be another exciting month for the Adventure Walkers. We will continue our local walks on Wednesday, March 2nd and 16th, meeting at Pool 3 at 8am and walking our neighboring communities. On March 9th we will explore nearby Golden Gate Community Park. This will be a 4 mile walk from Sapphire Lakes, leaving pool 3 promptly at 8 am. For a shorter walk (1 mile) you can meet us at Golden Gate Community Park in the parking lot at 8:30 am. We are excited to announce that on March 23rd we will be returning to Naples Botanical Garden. Free Admission will require us to wear our Blue Zone t-shirts. If you do not have a T-shirt yet, (provided free of charge by the Blue Zone) and would like to attend, please email us. Then, on Wednesday, March 30th, we will meet at Paradise Coast Sports Complex to walk and celebrate our

accomplishments with a light breakfast and prizes. We look forward to walking with you.
Kathleen Lickteig, K.lickteig@icloud.com
Stephanie Roche, rochesteph2008@gmail.com

Blue Zone

ADVENTURE WALKERS

Wednesday March 2 & 16 local walks. Meet at 8am pool 3.

Wednesday March 9 Golden Gate Community Park.

Wednesday March 23 Naples Botanical Gardens
WEAR BLUE ZONE T-SHIRT FOR ENTRY.

Meet prior to 7:45am at the Garden's entrance. Masks required when indoors.

Wednesday March 30 Paradise Coast Sports Complex. Celebrate the last walk for Season 2022.

MONDAY MORNING BIKERS

Monday March 7, 14, 21 & 28 - meet at the front gate at 8am to explore East Naples.

CARD MAKING & BOOK MARK CRAFT

Friday March 11 - pool 3 - from 10 - 11am - cost \$10.00 - supplies included. Cathy Churchill & Rita Lavalle will lead this group.

HARRY CHAPIN FOOD BANK

Friday March 11 & 18 - 8:30 to 11:30am shift. This opportunity to work a 3 hour shift with Sapphire Lakes' friends is a great way to give back to our Collier community. Contact Kathleen at k.lickteig@icloud.com for registration instructions.

RUMMIKUBE

Sunday March 13 - pool 3 from 3-5pm.

COLLIER COUNTY LIBRARY

FREE programs are available. Contact Marie Huester at mhtroy@hotmail.com for more information.

KAYAKING

Thursday March 24 Rookery Bay from 9-11:30am. We are Partnering with the Pickleball group & will be led by The Rising Tide Explorers. Contact Kathleen at k.lickteig@icloud.com for registration instructions.

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

Want to fight stress, find serenity, flexibility, strength, and better posture? Join our Gentle Yoga classes. If you have trouble getting up and down off the floor or other disabilities, then Chair Yoga is for you.

Chair Yoga is held on – Tuesdays at 9:00 AM Pool 3
Floor Yoga is held on – Thursdays at 9:00 AM Pool 3

Please bring your mat, block, and strap for floor yoga. Cost is \$8.00 for both classes. You can also join us for some fun at our banquet before everyone leaves for their northern home. More information when the time gets closer.

For more information, please call Sue Chapin – 239-353-5006.

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

The regular Bocce season will conclude on Wednesday, March 2nd. We've had over 200 regular players and substitutes contest for the playoff spots and just have a good time. Eight of the 28 teams will compete in the playoffs which will be held on Wednesday, March 9th starting at 9:00 AM and conclude around 4:00 PM. Two teams will then advance to play in the Super Bocce Game which will be played on Wednesday, March 16th starting at 3:00 PM. The game will be followed by the annual Pizza Party and award presentations in the Picnic Area. The cost for the Pizza Party will be \$7.00 per person (regular players, subs and friends). The pizza money should be given to the team captains as soon as possible (deadline – March 11th). The names will be drawn for the Gender Game after the awards ceremony (the sign-up sheet for regular players and subs is in the Bocce bulletin board near Court 1).

The annual Gender Game will be on Wednesday, March 23rd. The women's game will begin at 10:30 AM, and the men's game will follow at about 11:15 AM. Hot dogs, water, sweets and chips will be available for \$1 each at 12:00 noon (all proceeds will go to the Activities Fund). The Men vs. Women Championship match will begin at 1:00 PM. Contact Keith Fogel at 239-353-8369 or 734-751-0589.

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

The Sapphire Lakes Pickleball program had a very successful Valentine's Day Social on February 11 at Pool 3. We had almost 70 people attend, and Jim Baio did a great job supplying the music. Thank you to Kirk Conrad for building a special easel to hold our white board. The implementation of the white board has been highly successful facilitating organized play.

Here are some dates for upcoming events:

March 13 10:00-12:00 Brunch on Courtside

March 24 Joint Kayak trip with Blue Zone

April 1 5:00 Pizza Party Social

April 15 End of Year Potluck Social

A beach party for everyone will be announced for some time in April.

If you haven't started playing pickleball yet, it's never too late! Come join us! Contact Ken Pottel for more information- 508-280-3150.

Horseshoes

Horseshoes are played Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9 a.m. starting January 3rd.

George is always happy to see new faces and hopes that all that played this year will return next year.

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

Ladies Golf – Sapphire Swingers

Ladies Golf-Sapphire Swingers

We welcome all lady golfers to our Friday morning Golf League whether you are a new golfer or a seasoned one!! We have been golfing 8 weeks now at Hibiscus Golf Club, golfing the back 9 holes with

tee times starting at 7:38am. The cost will be the same as last season \$41.73 including cart and tax. We are not an official league so you don't have to come out every week, just when you can or want to. As always, we are a fun group of girls and go out to breakfast/lunch after (optional). Only one more month left for some, time is flying!!

Please call me if you would like to join us.

Thanks,

Sue Mears 239-348-3820

Men's Golf

The Men's Golf League plays at Eagle Lakes Golf Course. The annual membership fee is \$30. We play on Friday mornings from January through March at about 7:30 am.

For further information or if you would like to join us, please contact Guy Spina at 617-835-1281.

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 a month of fun and friendship at the Mah Jongg tables.

Newcomers (women and men) are most welcome and become enthusiastic players on the first day! Start with Cantonese Mah Jongg on Mondays, which is easy (similar to Gin Rummy) and is a great introduction to learning American Mah Jongg. For this season, please note the new times below:

Cantonese Mah Jongg: Open play on Mondays, Pool 3 from 1-3pm (except on March 14th 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 the season and hours of play. Also, there is no weekly commitment.

Contacts: Beth Richards 239-280-0243

Roxanne Sheriffs 239-821-1746

Hand & Foot

Hand and Foot is held every Friday at 1:00 pm at Pool #3. Those who will miss a day of league play are asked to call Edie LeShaw at 352-8887 so tables can be set accordingly.

Hand, Foot and Elbow

Hand, Foot and Elbow continues to be played every Tuesday night at 5:30. Come and join the fun! Our last night of play will be Tuesday, March 29, 2022. It has been a great season of play! We will begin official play again on Tuesday, January 10, 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: Karl Forsman
Gate House Telephone # 353-2465
sapphiremaster@embarqmail.com

President's Corner

I thought that I would address an issue that I have been questioned about over the last few weeks around the community. Many of you have heard about the local property management company, American Properties that absconded with the funds of over 30 local HOA communities. The owner of the company has fled the country in his new jet and hasn't been located. We have discussed this situation with our management company, Resort Management, as well as our IRMS insurance agent Dave Sumner. The short answer is that even if something like that were to happen to our community, we are fully insured for such an occurrence. Further, we are confident that we have enough safeguards in place, as well as checks and balances with the financial procedures that we use with Resort Management that our funds are very safe and secure.

The Master Association received some very positive news in mid-February from our attorney who represented us in our insurance claim for the roof damage from Hurricane Irma that we suffered on the four pool cabanas as well as the Gate House starting around March 1st. The project will only cost the Master at the front entrance. Many of you have been concerned about the poor condition of two of these roofs, but they will all be replaced for a total cost of \$6,498 which represents the cost of our deductible. We have those funds in our Roof Reserves account.

In March we plan to begin Phase II of our sidewalk extension on Gabriel Circle which will continue from where Phase I left off near 250 Gabriel Circle and then continue south to connect with the current sidewalk in front of 154 Gabriel Circle. This will allow walkers to be off the road for a long stretch of Gabriel, and make it safer for everyone. We ask that drivers be respectful of walkers, as well as bike riders as they travel throughout the community.

Bob Foster

Treasurer's Report

As previously reported

We ended 2021 under budget by \$33,557.

Listed are the accounts where most of the savings came from: Insurance \$7,900,

Water \$2,500, Irrigation Repairs \$5,500, Lake

Maintenance \$5,000, Building Maintenance \$8,000 & Gate Repairs \$3,400.

\$13,000 of the savings was booked as part of the

2022 budget, the rest of the savings will go into our

contingency fund bringing the total up to \$111,591.

Remember this fund was set up in case we get hit by another hurricane.

These funds also solve some of the cash flow issues at the beginning of the year when we have to pay our insurance bill in full.

Regarding our Reserves, we ended 2021 with \$286,874 in reserves.

Currently we have 1 CD for \$223,409 paying only .40%.

Unfortunately CD rates are not paying very much but we should see this turn around in the next few months as the Fed is supposed to raise rates 3 to 4 times this year.

Listed below is what was spent out of the reserves in 2021: 1. Pool heaters \$19,919

2. Painting \$460, 3. Storm sewer clean out \$500 4. Irrigation and Fountains \$10,071

5. Concrete \$375, we also got a credit for \$2,385 from the associations for black top under carports. Total \$28,945

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I will be giving a more detailed report at the Annual meeting in on March 9.

Thanks,

Reg (Mike) Mears

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 gatherings must apply fourteen (14) days in advance. Applications can be obtained from Karl Forsman, 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 properly. **Social distancing and hygiene plans will be reviewed with applicant before approval.** Further details are available in the application.

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, Karl Forsman.

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 Karl Forsman (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.

Snowbirds Leaving Early !

We sometimes have items in our pantry at the end of the season we cannot take home with us. Sue Mears has graciously volunteered to pick up any foods or other items you would like to donate and she will Take them to St. Matthew's House. Call Sue at **239-348-3820**

Condolences

Sympathies are extended to the family of Reba Gurley 379-9 Gabriel Circle.

Thank You

After 29 enjoyable years in Sapphire Lakes the time has come for us to leave and begin a new chapter of our lives. We wish we could have personally said goodbye to more but our presence there in January was too short. It was my honor to be a member of the Activities Team from its inception. As a team, so much has been accomplished over the years and know they will continue to provide for the community. We will miss all of the wonderful people and the beautiful community of Sapphire Lakes, especially our friends and neighbors in Turquoise Association! Hopefully we will meet again.....stay safe, healthy and happy!
Jack & Ann Morrison

Thank You

To all that delivered the Sapphire Lakes News Letters throughout the years.

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

What do you get when you cross poison ivy with a four leaf clover? A rash of good luck (author unknown)