# SAPPHIRE LAKES NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2023

## **Activities Team**

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Bill Stover Kathy Stover

Bob Simpson

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## **Activities Team Calendar of Events 2022-2023**

January Picnic- Tuesday January 10th, 1:00PM in the Rec Area (picnic grove)

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

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

Bake Sale - Saturday, March 11th, 9:00AM-11:00AM Pool 3

<u>April Picnic</u> – Tuesday, April 11th, 1:00PM in Rec Area (picnic grove)

<u>January Picnic</u> – Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 1:00PM. Rec Area (picnic grove). Lunch includes hamburgers, hot dogs, Italian sausage, veggie burgers, potato salad and coleslaw. The cost is \$15, and please reserve a spot by contacting Debbie Pinto at 508-930-7180. If you prefer a veggie burger, please request at time of reservation. Deadline for Ticket sales is Friday January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. A dessert is also appreciated.

## 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. They also assist 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

Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00AM 12:00PM Pool 3. We will be taking orders for clothing with the Sapphire Lakes logo embroidered on them. Only one sale this season, so don't miss out!

## **Telephone Directories**

2023 Telephone Directory are available at a cost of \$3 for paper copy or free for an electronic copy. Copies may be purchased by contacting Toni Nicastro 724-681-2789 tmnicastro@gmail.com or Nan Foster 508-965-1396.

## **Book Club**

Book club will meet the second Monday of each month at Pool 3. January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, will be "Angel Falls" by Kristin Hanna.

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

## **Adventure Walkers**

We are excited to be entering the 6th season of The Adventure Walkers. This group comes together to explore new parts of Naples and to enjoy the company of new and old friends. All levels of walkers are welcome. We will start the season with our local walks to nearby neighborhoods on January 4 & 18th, meet at Pool 3 at 8 am. On January 11th & 25th @ 8 am we will meet at Gordon River Greenway (1595 Golden Gate Pkwy). Please wear your Blue Zone T-shirts on all walks. If you need T-shirt, let us know. If you would like more information, please email Kathleen Lickteig (k.lickteig@icloud.com) or Stephanie Roche (rochesteph2008@gmail.com) for more details or to be added to our reminder emails. We look forward to walking with you.

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## **Blue Zone**

Please join us for the following 2023 Blue Zone January activities at Sapphire Lakes. <u>ADVENTURE WALKERS</u> - Gordon River Pass is the offsite walk on Jan 11<sup>th</sup> & 25th at 8:00 am. Wear your Blue Zone T- shirt. Kathleen & Stephanie have more if you need one. <u>RUMMIKUB</u> - every Sunday from 3:00-5:00 pm pool 3. An instructor will assist with the rules. We're looking for a dedicated player to lead this game. If interested contact Sue Chapin <u>BIKE OUTINGS</u>- meet Monday mornings 8:00 am outside the front gate. It's an easy 5-10

<u>WINE AT 5</u> - Wednesday Jan 25 at 5:00 pm picnic area behind the tennis courts. Bring your own beverage of choice & a creative & healthy hors d'oeuvres to share. We'll Sample Cannonau wine from Sardinia. Plus, door prizes will be raffled for \$1.00 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.00. Music, sharing & meeting old & new friends makes for a fun time. All are invited.

<u>UPCOMING EVENTS</u>- Botanical Gardens in Naples – Feb. 15th at 7:45 am. You must wear Your Blue Zone T-shirt for free entry. Kayaking March 4th at Rookery Bay. <u>Fishing Trips</u> - two are planned for mid to late March. One is deep sea fishing. The other is fishing in the Ten Thousand Islands area.

Be sure to check out the Sapphire Lakes website (sapphirelakesnaples.net). Current pictures are frequently posted for all activities.

#### Yoga

Want to fight stress, find serenity, flexibility, strength, and have 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 Tuesday at 9:00 am and will start on January 10<sup>th</sup> at Pool 3 Floor Yoga is held on – Thursdays at 9:00 am and will start on January 12<sup>th</sup> at Pool 3

Please bring your mat, block, and strap for floor yoga. Cost is \$5.00 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.

#### **Aquatics**

Aquatics are held Monday to Saturday at both Pool #1 and Pool #2. Pool #1 begins at 9:00 am and Pool #2 at 9:15 am. Classes are 45 minutes, and everyone is welcome.

## **Bocce League**

1/9/23. 11:00 am Captains Meeting. Pool 3
1:00 pm New Players Workshop. Court 1
2:00 pm Referees Workshop. Court 2

Mile radius bike ride exploring the nearby area.

1/16/23. Regular Season begins

New players call Keith Fogel: (734)-751-0589, or e-mail at: kfogel243078mi@comcast.net

## <u>Tennis</u>

Tennis for men and women is played at the tennis courts on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 8:00 – 10:00 AM. 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.

#### **Pickleball**

Our Sapphire Lakes Pickleball Opening Day this year will be on Sunday, January 15, 2023, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at Pool 3. We will go over our upcoming events for this season. Please bring a snack to share. There is a ten-dollar membership fee that is used to support the Sapphire Lakes Pickleball Program which we will collect at this time. If you have any question contact Ken Pottel 508-280-3150. Looking forward to another great season. Thank you. The Sapphire Lakes Pickleball Committee

## Horseshoes

Anyone interested in playing horseshoes this season should email George Churchill - <a href="mailto:geochurchi@gmail.com">geochurchi@gmail.com</a>
Phone: 978-618-9373; Casual play will start when enough people are available to play. They will meet Monday through Thursday @ 9:00 am If there's enough interest, as well as enough players, then league play will start Wednesday January 18th @ 9:00 am.

## Crocheting

To those who crochet or knit, or want to learn, please come to pool 4 on Tuesdays at 1:00PM. We have a lively group of crafty yarners.

## **Hand & Foot**

Irwin & Edie LeShaw have retired from hosting Hand & Foot. We thank them for their many years of dedicated service to this wonderful card game. For those who still would like to play every Friday at 1pm, at pool 3. Cathie Churchill and Rita Lavallee will be hosting. The starting date is January 20th. We will have a class on Friday January 13th at 1:00 pm for those who are new and would like to learn the game. Please contact Rita Lavallee at (rita.lav@live.com) or Cathie Churchill at (cathiechurchill6@gmail.com)

## <u>Ladies Golf – Sapphire Swingers</u>

We welcome all lady golfers to our Friday morning Golf League whether you are a new golfer or a seasoned one. We will start golfing January 6th at Hibiscus Golf Club, golfing the back 9 holes with tee times starting at 7:38am. The cost will be \$47.09 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). Please call me if you would like to join us. Thanks, Sue Mears 239-348-3820/248-231-5792

## Men's Golf

Our 2023 season gets underway January 6. Anyone interested in joining us in a fun Friday morning of golf at Eagle Lakes golf course should contact Guy Spina, a Sapphire Lakes full time resident for over 12 years, at 617-835-1281. We always have room for new golfers to join our group. Looking forward to hearing from any golfer, regardless of level of expertise, who would like to play in our Sapphire Lakes Golf League."

## **Sunday Couples Golf**

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

## **American Mah Jongg**

Open Play at Pool 3 on Weds from 1:00 -3pm.

Remember to bring your card, your game (if you have one) and your good luck!

Newcomers are encouraged to start with Cantonese Mah Jongg on Mondays which is a great way to learn the tiles for American Mah Jongg.

Let's welcome in another season of fun and friendship at the Mah Jonga tables!

Contacts: Marie Huester: <a href="mhtroy@hotmail.com">mhtroy@hotmail.com</a> or text 570-357-0476 Cathie Churchill: <a href="cathiechurchill6@gmail.com">cathiechurchill6@gmail.com</a> or call 978-618-4874

### Mah Jongg

First and foremost, we would like to thank Beth and Roxanne for organizing and running the Mahjongg games at the pool on Mondays and Wednesdays for the last 10 years.

<u>CANTONESE MAHJONGG</u> will start <u>Monday, January 23rd</u> @ pool 3, from 1:00-3:00. You can show up at any time during the hours of play and can join at any time during the season, no weekly commitment! Newcomers always

welcome. It is like the card game Gin Rummy but played with Chinese tiles. Please note that **every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month**, **play is from 2:30-4:00**, after book club. I will be sending you reminders.

<u>CONTACT:</u> January 24 – March: Suzanne Whittingstall - text me @ 514-229-6516. NOTE: this is a Canadian cell number; you can also email me if you prefer: suewhitt19@gmail.com *Looking forward to seeing you!* 

## Hand, Foot and Elbow

We are excited to begin a new season of Hand, Foot and Elbow! This fun card game will be played at Pool 3 on Tuesday nights at 5:30. Our season will begin on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, and continues through Tuesday, March 28, 2023. As always, we love to meet new players so come and join the fun! If you have any questions, please call Debbie Pinto @ 508-930-7180 or Toni Nicastro @ 724-681-2789.

EUCHRE, a quick card game, Thursdays @ pool 3, from 3:00 - 5:00 pm, starting January 19th.

Newcomer's welcome, we'll be happy to teach you. Show up any time, any week – no commitment!

Contacts:

January - March: Sheri Martin: 513-218-8832

January - February: Suzanne Whittingstall: Text @ 514-229-6516 (Canadian cell; you can email me

@suewhitt19@gmail.com)

March: Angela Dunkel: Text @ 647-294-7319 (Canadian cell; you can also email me @

angeladunkel@rogers.com

#### <u>Bridge</u>

Every Thursday at 12:30 pm at Pool #3. For more information call - Paula Culligan 920-391-8068.

## **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)

## 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.

#### **Ladies Luncheon**

We are happy to announce that there will be a February Ladies Luncheon. We have always tried to find lovely venues that we may not have had the opportunity to frequent. If we do not have a nice showing, we may have to forgo any future events. Please call and place your order in advance.

Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 Place: Countryside Country Club

Time: Noon

Cost: \$30,00 all inclusive – paid in advance (price locked in this past spring)

Reserve By: Friday, February 16, 2023

<u>Directions</u>: Radio Road to left on Santa Barbara. At Davis Blvd turn right and proceed to the countryside community on your right. At the call box announce that you are with Sapphire Lakes Ladies Luncheon. There is plenty of parking. Proceed to the Club House Dining Room. Phone 239-353-1780

#### Menu:

Mixed green salad w/balsamic vinaigrette and ranch on the tables.

Entrees: (choice to be pre-ordered)

Chicken Caprese-Balsamic tomatoes and fresh mozzarella over sauteed chicken with garlic roasted potatoes.

Sesame Ginger Teriyaki Salmon with basmati rice and stir fry vegetable garnish.

Black and Blue Tips: tenderloin, mushroom, asparagus in a blackened blue cheese sauce over cavatelli pasta.

## Desert:

Apple blossoms with cinnamon ice cream caramel drizzle.

## **Beverages:**

Coffee, iced tea and soda are included. A glass of house red or white wine \$7.00 tax and tip included. Cash only Please. Your entrée must be selected when you make your reservation.

To reserve please call Nancy Deeney 239-353-0598 or Sue Mears 239-348-3820. For your convenience you can make your check payable to Connie Fullerton (US Funds). Please do not drop the money off at Connie's house. Payments are collected by Sue and Nancy. See you there.

## Condolences are extended to all of the families of the following residents/ former residents who have passed since last April:

**Bob Barker**, 515 Gabriel Cir. #11 (wife, Linda Raftery)

Tom Walecki, 515 Gabriel Cir, #8 (wife, Nancy)

**Jerry Howard**, formerly of 448 Gabriel Cir. #2

Rene Stocker, 720 Luisa Lane, #1 (remembrances can be sent to Kellie Stocker, daughter same address)

**Warren Heideman**, 249 Gabriel Cir, #10 (remembrances can be made to Marlene Heideman 35625 Ostlund Ave., #9 Crosslake, MN 56442)

Alma Lee Leonhardt, 228 Belina Dr. #1 (remembrances can be sent to husband Granville, same address)

**Robert Maffei**, 452 Belina Dr. #2 (remembrances can be sent to his wife, Laura Maffei 150 Lakewood Ave., Lanoka Harbor, NJ 08734, passed July 31, 2022)

Marlene Califano 295 West Naomi Dr. #1 (remembrances can be sent to husband Lou at the same address. Passed November 2022)

**Paul DeAngelis** 548 Belina Dr. #7 (remembrances can be sent to wife Kathy DeAngelis 54 Rope Ferry Rd. 1-147, Waterford, CT 06385, passed November 16, 2022).

Fred Rakoncay 320 Gabriel Cir. #11, (remembrances can be sent to wife Carole Rakoncay at the same address.)

## **Special Remembrances Benito Raia**, (130 Asaf Dr. #2, passed March 6, 2022)

Mrs. Joanne Raia has sent us a letter:

"I want to sincerely thank everyone for being there for me at such a difficult time. Your kindness, friendship and generosity were and is still appreciated more than you know. I am so thankful for such wonderful neighbors and friends, what a blessing. Thank you."

## **Communications**

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

## Internet at the 4 Pools

"sapphire" is the password at all of the 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**

Rick Dawson Amber Amethyst Daria Murphy Diamond Kit Ingeme Emerald Ken Grissoni Garnet Irwin LeShaw Paul French Hematite 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:

Vice-President:

Treasurer:

Secretary:

Officer at Large:

Bob Foster

Ken Grissoni

Mike Mears

Sue Chapin

Connie Fullerton

## **Management Company**

Resort Management

2685 Horseshoe Dr. S., #215 (239) 649-5526 Property Manager: Suzanne Foster

Gate House Telephone # 239-353-2465

SFoster@resortgroupinc.com

## **President's Corner**

I hope that everyone had a terrific holiday season, and I am happy to welcome you to the 2023 season in our beautiful, active community. Unlike much of Naples and Fort Myers, we were very fortunate to escape any major impact from Hurricane Ian in late September. We have many new unit owners and seasonal renters this season who will have their first opportunity to enjoy the full slate of activities that we offer at Sapphire Lakes. I encourage you to use our community website: <a href="https://www.sapphirelakesnaples.net">www.sapphirelakesnaples.net</a> to view our complete list of activities and other information about our community that will help you enjoy your time here.

As we prepare to start the 2023 winter season at Sapphire Lakes, our Property Manager Suzanne Foster has been in her position for nine months and has endeared herself to the community. You can always email or call her with any concerns about the common property (pools, recreation area, landscaping, roads, etc.). You can also see her at her office at the Gatehouse for any swipe cards or bar codes that are needed. The Activities Team has planned several special events, such as the January Picnic and the Chili Fiesta (February) that you can read about in other sections of this newsletter. The Bocce Committee is looking for a few more players to substitute in the Bocce play which starts in mid-January.

One change that the Master Board has instituted for this season is that **all Master Board meetings will be held at 6:30 PM at the Pool 3 Cabana**. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 21, 2023. All unit owners are welcome to attend.

Lastly, as far as the wildlife situation within the community: from time to time, we have bears who have been spotted on the property, usually after dark and often times near a few of the 18 dumpster enclosures. They are looking for food, and the biologists at Florida Wildlife tell us that they have a very strong sense of smell, but if they don't find food sources, they will move on. We are asking all residents to please not throw food waste into the recycle bins, to put as much food waste as you can down your garbage disposal, and if you have chicken or turkey carcasses, please put them into your freezer and then throw them out on Thursday morning before the dumpsters are emptied later that morning. FWC tells us that these bears have been displaced by all of the local construction and are actually very docile. There have been no reports of any instances where a bear has been aggressive towards anyone.

I hope that you all have a wonderful January in Sapphire Lakes and the Naples area, and please STAY SAFE and HEALTHY!

Bob Foster, Master Board President

## Treasurer's Report

First of all, I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope everyone had a Merry Christmas. Financially Sapphire Lakes is in good shape.

That being said, 2022 has been a tough year from a budget standpoint.

As it stands right now with two weeks before year end, it looks like we could be over budget by around \$10,000. However, we could have been \$30,000 over budget had we not cancelled the sidewalk project and delayed the mail boxes for Spinel to 2023.

Areas where we are over budget:

- 1. Management service \$6,000 due to up grading to a new manager.
- 2. Electricity \$6,000 due to FPL increasing rate 14% over LY.
- 3. Hurricane Ian \$12,000.
- 4. Building Supply & Maintenance \$9,000 due to past neglect.
- 5. Christmas decoration \$4,000 due to increase in cost.
- 6. Pool repairs \$5,700.

The \$10,000 we are over budget will come out of are Contingency/Emergency account so we will end the year in that account with around \$100,000 in funds.

This money is sitting in a special account to be used as an emergency should we get hit by another hurricane or if some unforeseen expense comes up. Having this fund also frees up the Reserve money that we sometimes borrow due to cash flow. This allows us to invest more of the Reserve dollars in CD's. We are also getting an improved rate on this money market account due to the Fed raising interest rates.

For 2023 the Master budget will increase by 7%. That includes an increase of 10% in operating expense, 4.83% in cable fees and 4.00% in internet fees, basically due to high inflation.

Contribution to reserve dollars went up by \$16,000 to \$89,000 from \$73,000. This was due to changing our parking lot reserve line from patch & repair to repaying the parking lots starting in 2028.

As far as interest in our reserves, with the Fed raising interest rates we expect to be getting over 4% on all reserve money by midyear 2023 as our old CDs mature.

In 2022 we spent around \$49,000 on the following items out of the reserve.

- 1. Fountain Repairs \$5,450
- 2. Irrigation Pumps \$8,593
- 3. Pool Heaters \$21,000

- 4. Pool pump \$1,360
- 5. Resurface pool 4 \$3,360
- 6. Black topping \$1,050
- 7. Tennis court \$2,095
- 8. Roofing \$6,498
- 9. Sewer cleanout \$600

For 2023 the plan is to spend around \$15,000 in the following reserve items:

- 1. Concrete Repairs \$2,000
- 2. Pumps/Fountains \$12,500
- 3. Sewer cleanout \$600

These are estimates we will give the final numbers in the next newsletter and at the annual meeting in March. Hope to see everyone around.

Thanks, Mike Mears

## SAPPHIRE LAKES INFORMATION

## **Thank You!**

Many thanks are extended to the volunteers who have worked so hard on making over the two Bocce Courts: Chris Medford, Chet Bussert, Peter Bifano, Carl Licktieg, Tom Henderson, Brian Claire & Kirk Conrod.

## **Collier County Lift Assistance**

If someone falls and needs assistance getting up, but not to go to the hospital, one can call **239-252-9300** for assistance.

#### **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 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. **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. Helmets are recommended. 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 \$25.00** by check or money order only and are available from our Property Manager, Suzanne Foster. Credit cards are now accepted but there is a \$1.06 service charge. NO CASH.

## **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 ensure that 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!!!** And also -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 Tuesday and Friday.

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 places 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 at 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.

## **Suspicious Activity**

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

## "New to You" - Free Items

We have a used Schwinn SR23 recumbent stationary bike on Belina Drive in perfect working condition free to a good home. Here are the details, digital display with heart rate monitor, manual or automatic settings, comfortable reclined seating position, with integrated casters on the front and it is simple to move about. If interested, please contact Paul Subject at <a href="mailto:paulwsubject@gmail.com">paulwsubject@gmail.com</a>

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 <u>kamcquade16@aol.com</u> with "for the newsletter" in the subject matter. Unknown email addresses will not be opened without the subject line completed. "**One** person's junk is another's treasure!"

## SAPPHIRE LAKES ACTIVITIES

**ADVENTURE** Every Wednesday 8:00 a.m. Contact Kathleen Lickteig 502-235-3892 or Stephanie Roche

**WALKERS:** 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:** Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8:00 a.m. Friday 8:00 a.m. - 2 courts.

**PICKLEBALL:** Monday & Wednesday 8 a.m.-10 a.m. Friday 8 a.m.-10 am (6 courts)

Tuesday-Thursday-Saturday 10 am-noon Contact Ken Pottel 508-280-3150

**BOCCE**: 2023 league begins January 16<sup>th</sup>. Contact Keith Fogel 734-751-0589

YOGA: Contact Sue Chapin 239-353-5006

**CHAIR YOGA:** 

GOLF: Friday morning. Ladies call Sue Mears 239-348-3820

Men – Guy Spina 617-835-1281

Life isn't tied with a bow, but it is still a gift