

SAPPHIRE LAKES NEWSLETTER

January 2024

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ACTIVITIES TEAM CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

January Welcome Back: Music by the band "Classic Tracks" - Sunday, January 7, 2024 from 5:00 – 7:00 at Pool 3
January Picnic: Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 1:00 PM
Chili Fiesta: Saturday, February 17, 2024 at 5:30 PM at the Pool 3 Cabana
Bake Sale: Saturday, March 9, 2024 9:00 – 11:00 AM at the Pool 3 Cabana
Bocce Pizza Party: Wednesday, March 13, 2024
March Picnic: Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 1:00 PM

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

January Picnic - Saturday, January 20th at 1:00 pm in the Picnic Area (Rain date: Sunday, January 21st)
Lunch includes hamburgers, hot dogs, Italian sausages, potato salad and cole slaw. If you prefer a veggie burger, please request one or two when you make your reservation. The cost is \$15 and reservations can be made by contacting Debbie Pinto at 508-930-7180 between January 10th – 17th. Please make payments to Debbie in cash. Desserts are also appreciated.

Sapphire Lakes Happy Hour

Join us on Sunday, January 7, 2024 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Pool 3 for a "Welcome Back to Sapphire Lakes Happy Hour". Musical entertainment will be provided by the Naples-based **Classic Tracks Band**, which features our own Sapphire Lakes neighbor, Jeff Chase, on guitar and harmony vocals. The band will be playing tunes from the '60s and '70s that we're sure will have you tapping your foot and singing along. Bring your favorite happy hour beverage and snacks for a relaxing time by the pool. The band members are not being paid, so please be prepared to show your appreciation.

AED/CPR Class

On January 12, 2024 at 11 am at Pool 3 cabana the Greater Naples Fire Department will hold a Hands Only CPR and AED (defibrillator) review for us. This is a great opportunity to review lifesaving skills. As you know, these basic skills have recently saved the lives of 2 sports figures. If you would like to attend, please contact Linda Raftery via text at 774 270 5400 or email linda11raftery@hotmail.com

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

Bocce dates for 2024:

Captain's Meeting	1/8/24	11:00 am at Pool 3
2 nd New Players' Workshop	1/8/24	1:00 pm at bocce courts
Referee Workshop	1/8/24	2:00 pm at bocce courts
Season begins	1/15/24	
Playoffs – 1 st Round	3/6/24	

Playoffs - Semi-Finals 3/7/24
Super Bocce / Pizza Party 3/13/24
Gender Game 3/20/24

[all rain outs will be played the following day.]

Players whose names are drawn from the hat at the Captain's meeting will be contacted by their team captain and notified about the date of their first match. We are still in need of substitutes for the season. Subs are needed on a weekly basis and serving as a "sub" is a good way to get involved in the bocce league without making a definite commitment to one team for the seven week season. Subs can agree to play when it works into their schedule. Contact: Keith Fogel text: 734-751-0589 email: kfogel243078mi@comcast.net

Book Club

The Book Club meets at Pool 3 at 1:00 PM on the second Monday of the month. We are making some changes to our book club for the 2024 season. Each month the member who suggests the book will lead the discussion.

Jan.2024.....The American Dirt by Jeanine Cummings. Leader: Kathleen Licktieg

Feb.2024.....Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus. Leader: Edie Leshaw

Mar..2024.....Lucy by the Sea by Elizabeth Strout. Leader: Liz Dalton

Edie and Sue

Bridge Group

The Sapphire Lakes Bridge Group plays no-stress, fun, party bridge and meets every Thursday starting January 4th from 12:30 – 3:30 PM at the Pool 3 Cabana. Anyone with some experience playing bridge is welcome to attend. You do not need to bring a partner. Contact: Paul Roche email: proche195@hotmail.com

Crocheting

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

GOLF

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 will start golfing January 5th at Hibiscus Golf Club, golfing the back 9 holes with tee times starting at 7:30 am. The cost will be \$52.43 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. Sue Mears 248-231-5792

Men's Golf

The Sapphire Lakes Men's Golf League invites golfers to join us for play at Eagle Lakes Golf Course in Naples. We have guaranteed tee times each Friday morning through March. For more information please contact: Sam Shakespeare 757-615-0050 s.shakespeare@optimum.net or Paul Roche 703-447-1539 proche195@aol.com

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 Tuesday nights at 5:30. Our season will begin on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 and continue through Tuesday, March 26, 2024. 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.

Horseshoes

Horseshoe players will meet Monday through Thursday at 9:00 AM in the Rec Area starting in January. Once enough players have shown interest, we will start casual play. If we have enough players, League play will begin on January 22, 2024.

Contact: George Churchill First choice: geochurchi@gmail.com Second choice: 978-618-9373

Ladies Luncheon

Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Place: Vergina's Restaurant

700 Fifth Avenue South

239-659-7008

Time: Noon Cost: \$30.00 All Inclusive - Paid In Advance Reserve By: Friday February 16, 2024

Menu: Avenue Salad (Spinach, walnuts, tangerines, goat cheese and honey mustard)

ENTREES: (Choice to be pre-ordered)

Chicken Parmesan, Pasta and Pomodoro Sauce

Salmon, Rice and Grilled Asparagus

Four Cheese Fiochi with Pear

DESSERT: Tiramisu Cake

BEVERAGES: Coffee, Iced Tea and Soda are included. A glass of house red or white wine \$12.00 tax and tip included. Your entree must be selected when you make your reservation. Thank you.

To reserve, please call Sue Mears 248-231-5792 or Connie Fullerton 239-353-3946. For your convenience you can make your check payable to Connie Fullerton (U.S. Funds) See you there!

Logo Sales: Clothing items with the Sapphire Lakes logo embroidered on them can now be ordered online through our website www.sapphirlakesnaples.net and clicking on "Activities". There will not be an on-site sales event this season. Any questions can be directed to Nan Foster email: NanFoster48@gmail.com

Mah Jongg (American)

Wed. 1-3, Pool 3; open play, no weekly/time commitment. Newcomers welcomed. Temporary cards available.

Contacts: Marie Hueter 570-357-0476 or Cathie Churchill 978-618-4874. Begins 1/10/24.

Mah Jongg (Cantonese)

Mondays, pool 3, from 1:00 to 3:00; starting January 15, 2024 Please note that on the 2nd Monday of the month, play will be from 2:30 - 4:30 after book club. Last day will be March 25, 2024.

It is very similar to Gin Rummy but played with Chinese tiles. You can show up at any time during hours of play, no weekly commitment. Newcomers are always welcomed! If you own a Mahjongg set, please bring it with you. I will be away Jan 30th and Feb 6th but someone will be there to replace me. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Contact: Suzanne Whittingstall - text me at 514-229-6516 or email: suewhitt19@gmail.com

Pickleball

The Sapphire Lakes Pickleball Committee is looking forward to another great pickleball season at Sapphire Lakes. We will have our Opening Day at Pool 3 on Sunday, January 14, 2024 at 1:00 PM. At that time, we will collect the annual membership fee of ten dollars. See the calendar for the upcoming year. We may add events which we will announce ahead of time. It will be a wonderful season. All are welcome!

January 14 Opening Day at Pool 3 1:00 PM

February 4 Brunch on Courtside 10:00 AM

March 26 Pizza Party on Courtside 6:00 PM

April 12 Potluck at Pool 3 6:00 PM

Pinochle

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

POKER

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

Our poker nights will start on Tuesday January 9, 2024 from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Pool #4. Don Schroer 312-404-8620.

Tennis

Tennis for men and women is played at the tennis courts on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 8:00 – 10:00 am if there are enough players available. New male and female players are encouraged to join us for informal tennis with a group that is very welcoming.

Trivial Pursuit

There will be an organizational meeting on Thursday, January 18th at Pool 3 at 4:00 PM for anyone who may be interested in playing Trivial Pursuit sometime this season. This is a planning meeting to gauge interest in this activity. For questions or further information, call Shelley Simpson 724-777-3530.

Yoga

Chair Yoga will again be offered starting Tuesday, January 9th and Thursday, January 12th at Pool 3 at 9:00 AM. Will then be offered every Tuesday and Thursday each week. Come join us to improve your strength, balance, and flexibility. May help arthritis, joint pain, and help reduce falls. Can also improve and benefit our mental health and mindfulness as well. Cost is \$5.00 For more information or questions, please contact Sue Chapin – 239-398-6181.

BLUE ZONE

BIKE OUTINGS - Becky Earney raearney@gmail.com

Jan 8 meet at the front gate at 8am. A local radius of 8- 10 miles is ridden each Monday.

ADVENTURE WALKERS - Kathleen Lickteig k.lickteig@icloud.com 502-235-3892

Jan 10 & 24 local walks to nearby neighborhoods. Meet at pool 3 at 8am.

Jan 17 & 31 Sugden Regional Park - 4284 Avalon Dr. meet at 8am.

Please wear your Blue Zone T shirt on all walks. Email or call Kathleen if you need a BZ Tshirt. This is our 7th season !

RUMMIKUB - Pat Williamson patwilly@live.com

Join us every FRIDAY from 1-3 at pool 3. Begins Jan 5.

BLUE ZONE LUNCHES - Linda Martin lrsjer49@gmail.com

Jan 28 - the restaurant hosting us is "21SPICES" 4270 Tamiami Trail E. Wear your BZ Tshirt. Please RSVP to Linda.

WINE at 4 Sue Chapin SCHAPIN43@aol.com

Jan 31 at 4pm "picnic area" . Bring your favorite small dish to share. We'll sample wine, raffle quality gifts, & enjoy new friends.

CULTURAL EVENTS Marie Huester Mariehuester25@gmail.com

Collier County libraries offer FREE lectures, concerts, movies & more. Go to collierlibrary.org/events for monthly calendars to see what is scheduled.

FISHING Bob Smith birchwoodbob1@gmail.com

Two fishing trips are being organized for March & April. One is a 1/2 day (5hour) ten thousand islands excursion. The other is a full day on the Gulf -50 miles out - prime grouper fishing. More info will follow.

NAPLES PRINCESS Stephanie Roche rochesteph2008@gmail.com

Lunch buffet – Sat. March 16th from 11:30 to 1:00 pm. Cost \$65.00 . We have 25 places reserved. Cruise through Naples Bay & Port Royal to discover the beauty of Naples from a 105 foot luxury yacht. If you would like to attend, email Stephanie & give payment of \$65.00 (cash or check) by FEB 7. Hurry! This will fill up fast.

NETFLIX offers an informative program "LIVE to 100 - Secrets of the Blue Zone"

BLUE ZONE is a community-wide, well-being effort to help us make healthy choices in our lifestyles. We welcome newcomers & everyone to all activities. Contact Becky Earney at raearney@gmail.com to be added to our existing Blue Zone mailing list.

SAPPHIRE LAKES MASTER ASSOCIATION

Condominium Association Presidents/MasterBoard

Amber	Sharon Bonnet
Amethyst	Daria Murphy
Diamond	Kit Ingeme
Emerald	Ken Grissoni
Garnet	Irwin LeShaw
Hematite	Paul French
Jade	Bob Foster
Jasper	John Azzinaro
Malachite	Mike Mears
Opal	Linda Rafferty
Quartz	Charlie Lorenzo
Spinel	Connie Fullerton
Topaz	Suzanne Chapin
Tourmaline	Ken Werra
Turquoise	Marian Vella

Master Board Executive Committee

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
Phone: (239) 649-5526

Sapphire Lakes Property Manager

Suzanne Foster
Gate House Phone: (239)353-2465
Email: SFoster@resortgroupinc.com

President's Corner

I would like to welcome back everyone to the 2023-2024 season. We're looking forward to another great season enjoying a wide variety of activities that you will find detailed in this newsletter as well as on our website www.sapphirlakesnaples.net. One change that you will notice as of January 1, 2024 is that we have yet another new irrigation company. "Irrigation Specialists" have been contracted by the Master Board to replace Stahlman-England who didn't work out to be a good fit for our community. One improvement that you will see in early February in the Recreation Area is that the tennis and pickleball courts will be resurfaced by our contractor U.S. Tennis. The south end of the facility will have six pickleball courts that will be painted with three colors: green, dark blue and light blue in the "kitchen" areas. The two tennis courts on the north end will be only used for tennis and will have the US Open colors of green and blue.

The Master Board will have a regular monthly Board meeting on Wednesday, January 17th at 10:00 am at Pool 3. All unit owners are welcome to attend.

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 fairly good shape. That being said, 2023 has been a tough year from a budget standpoint. As it stands right now with a few weeks before year end, it looks like we could be over budget by around \$28,000. Inflation and irrigation issues are the main causes.

Areas where we are over budget;

1. Electricity \$2,000
2. Trash Removal \$4,000
3. Water \$5,000
4. Irrigation \$29,000
5. Building Maintenance \$4,000
6. Gates \$3,000

The \$28,000 we are over budget will come out of our Contingency/Emergency account so we will end the year in that account with around \$81,000 in funds. The board agreed that the minimum we want in this account should be no less than \$75,000. So, we are getting very close to that. I just want to remind everyone this money is sitting in a special account to be used as an emergency should we get hit by another hurricane or an unforeseen expense comes up. This also helps our cash flow, especially in the beginning of the year when we have to pay our insurance bill in full which is around \$50,000. We are also getting an improved rate on this money market account which is now paying 4%.

For 2024 the Master budget will increase by 7%. That includes an increase of 9% in operating expense, 4% in cable fees and 4% in internet fees, and 15% in reserve contribution. All basically due to high inflation. Our contribution to reserve dollars went up by \$13,000 to \$102,000 from \$89,000. Again, this is due to inflation. As far as interest on our reserves, we expect to be getting over 5% on CD'S and 4% on money market reserves.

In 2023 we spent around \$36,000 out of our reserve account on the following items:

1. Fountain Repairs \$3,600
2. Irrigation Pumps \$14,400
3. Asaf Drive \$18,600

For 2024 the plan is to spend around \$54,000 in the following reserve items:

1. Tennis/Pickleball courts \$32,000
2. Pumps/Fountains \$15,200
3. Resurface pool decks \$7,000

These are only estimates, we will give the final numbers in the next newsletter and at the annual meeting in March. I want you all to know that your board is working very hard to control expenses. It is really tough times right now with the age of our community and the way inflation is hitting us.

Mike Mears, Treasurer

SAPPHIRE LAKES INFORMATION

Front Gate Phone Number

Some residents have had problems letting visitors in through the front entrance and in some cases they have "blocked" the phone number probably thinking that it was a telemarketer calling. To avoid this from happening, we suggest that you add the "Front Gate" phone number into your contacts on your phone: **239-304-1893**

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 Also, please send Suzanne your email address if you are not receiving the periodic email blasts that include community updates.

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. Please contact Sue Mears 248-231-5792 or Nan Foster 508-965-1396.

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**.

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 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. 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.

Defibrillators

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 Issues

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 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Recycling and Trash

Residents 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 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

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 nanfoster48@gmail.com 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!"**

Condolence List Since the April 2023 Newsletter

Bob Filarowski (Malachite) passed away on March 23, 2023. Condolences can be made to his wife Angela at 511 Joseph Ct. #1.

Dominic Zurlino (Hematite) passed away on May 2, 2023 at home. Condolences can be sent to his wife Sandy at 236 West Naomi Dr. #1.

Larry Ollett (Garnet) 154 Gabriel Cir #2 passed away on May 25, 2023. Condolences can be sent to his wife Pat at that same address.

Jean Molyne (Hematite) 235 West Naomi Dr. #2 passed away on June 11, 2023 at home. Condolences can be sent to his wife Carol at that same address.

Mary Catherine Geoghegan (Hematite) 110 Asaf Dr. #1 passed away on June 14, 2023. Condolences can be sent to her husband John at the same address.

Ed Flynn (Malachite) 519 Joseph Ct. #2 passed away on July 9, 2023 after a lengthy illness. Condolences can be sent to his wife Sandie at the same address.

Roxanne Sherriffs (Spinel) 281 Gabriel Cir #1 passed away peacefully at home on July 11, 2023 after a long illness. Notes of condolence can be sent to the same address.

Elizabeth "Betsy" Barclay 750 Luisa Ln #2 (Tourmaline) passed away on July 19, 2023. Her husband David Barclay predeceased her in December 2019. Condolences can be sent to her daughter Meg Barclay 49 Castle Ave, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

Jean Grimme (Turquoise) 249 Gabriel Cir #11 passed away in late August 2023. Condolences can be sent to her stepson Bob Grimme 1533 Wexford Ct., Eagan, MN 55122.

Doug Claire (Garnet) former seasonal resident and father of Brian Claire passed away in New Hampshire on September 12, 2023 after a brief illness. Condolences can be sent to Brian Claire at 250 Gabriel Cir #4.

Robert (Whitey) Cutter, 760 #3 Luisa Lane (Tourmaline) passed away on September 23, 2023. He is survived by his wife Shirley. Condolences can be sent to her at the same address.

Renee St. Amand (Tourmaline) 770 Luisa Lane #3 passed away on May 13th.

Arthur Pinto, 348 Gabriel Cir #1 (Jade) passed away on October 6, 2023. Condolences can be sent to his wife Debbie at the same address.

Mario Guarino, 164 Belina #11 (Amber) passed away on October 25, 2023 at the age of 93. Mario was one of the original owners in Sapphire Lakes, having purchased his unit in 1992.

Joe Persechino, a longtime seasonal renter in several associations here, passed away on November 1, 2023. Joe is survived by his wife Carol and she now lives in Pennsylvania with her son and daughter-in-law. Cards can be mailed to her at: 9 Eastburn Drive, New Hope, PA 18938

Doug Lewis, 516 Belina Dr. #5 (Emerald) passed away on November 1, 2023. Doug was a full time renter in Emerald for over 20 years. Condolences can be sent to his wife Belinda at the same address.

Pat Ollett, 154 Gabriel Cir #2 (Garnet) passed away peacefully on November 10, 2023. She was predeceased by her husband Larry on May 25, 2023.

Mary Rita Greiner, 655 Luisa Lane #1 (Jasper) passed away unexpectedly on December 12, 2023. Condolences can be sent to her family at the same address.

Maurice Waddick, 249 Gabriel Cir #7 (Turquoise) passed on December 20, 2023. Condolences can be sent to his wife Kay Waddick at the same address.

January 2024 Activities

Adventure Walkers: Wednesdays, 8:00am (see newsletter article for details)

Aquatics: Pool 1 Monday – Saturday 9:00 am Pool 2 Monday – Saturday 9:15 am

Biking: Mondays at 8:00 am, Meet outside the front gate

Blue Zone Events: (See newsletter article for details)

Bocce League: Team events as scheduled (see website for details: sapphirlakesnaples.net/activities/bocce-2) or see newsletter for upcoming events

Book Club: Second Monday of the month, at Pool 3 – 1:00 pm:

Bridge: Thursday at 12:30 at Pool 3

Crocheting/Knitting: Tuesdays at 1:00 pm at Pool 4

Golf: See newsletter articles for Men's and Women's Golf details

Hand, Foot and Elbow: Tuesdays at Pool 3 at 5:30 pm

Horseshoes: Open Play on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:00 am at the Recreation Area

Mah Jongg: American is at Pool 3 on Wednesdays from 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Cantonese is at Pool 3 on Mondays from 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Pickleball: See newsletter article for details or go to: www.sapphirlakesnaples.net/activities/pickleball-2

Pinochle: Weekdays at Pool 1 at 1:00 pm

Poker: Wednesdays at the Pool 4 meeting room at 5:00 pm

Poor Man's Poker: Wednesdays at Pool 3 at 7:00 pm

Rummikub: Sundays at Pool 3 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Tennis: see newsletter article for details or go to: www.sapphirlakesnaples.net/activities/tennis/

Trivial Pursuit: Organizational and planning meeting on Thursday, January 18th at Pool 3 at 4:00 PM.

Yoga: see newsletter article for details

SWIMMING POOL RULES

NO SMOKING

ON THE POOL DECK OR IN THE CABANA, CAPACITY OF THIS POOL IS
23 PERSONS

Children 12 years of age and younger must be accompanied and supervised by a parent or other responsible person 16 years of age or older.

- Swimming is only permitted between dawn and dusk.
- All persons using any pool must be appropriately attired.
- All persons must shower before entering the pool.
- Pool safety equipment and cables should be kept in place and are not to be used except for their intended purpose.
- No inflatable devices over 2 feet in diameter are allowed. Noodles and swimming aids are allowed.
- No glass or animals in the fenced pool area (5 feet / 15.2 meters from unfenced pool.)
- Running, jumping, skating, bicycling or throwing any kind of item or any other activity that creates a danger or annoyance in the general pool area is prohibited.
- No food or beverage in the pool or on the wet deck. Commercially bottled water in plastic bottles is allowed on pool wet deck for pool patron hydration.
- Incontinent persons and infants not yet potty trained must wear pants specifically designed for use in the water, such as "little swimmers" while in any pool.
- Only radios with headphones may be used at the pool.

NO DIVING

Do not swallow the pool water

Pool MAXIMUM depth: **6 FT**