

# SAPPHIRE LAKES NEWSLETTER

March 2025

## Activities Team

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## ACTIVITIES TEAM CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

### Bake Sale:

Saturday, March 8, 2025 9:00 – 11:00 AM at the Pool 3 Cabana

### Craft / Flea Market:

Saturday, March 15, 2025 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM in the Picnic Area

### Bocce Pizza Party:

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 (after the Super Bocce match (Rain date = 3/20)

### Bingo

Sunday, March 30, 2025 2:00 – 4:00 PM at the Pool 3 Cabana

## BAKE SALE

Our annual Bake Sale will be held on **Saturday, March 8, 2025 from 9:00 – 11:00 AM** at the Pool 3 Cabana. You may drop off your baked goods and shop at the same time. Our terrific Blue Zone group will be serving complimentary coffee. Thanks to our generous bakers and buyers, this event has been a primary fundraiser for the Activities Team, and the monies raised are used to maintain and enhance our recreation area amenities. Please mark your calendars and support this sweet event.

## BINGO

The Activities Team would like to try a Bingo afternoon on **Sunday, March 30, 2025 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM** at the Pool 3 Cabana. Bingo boards are priced at \$15 for one board and \$20 for two boards which will be used to play 5 - 6 games. We will also offer two raffles as well as light snacks and water for \$1.00. Please join us and reserve a seat at the Bingo table by purchasing your board(s) in advance **by calling Kathy McQuade at 716-909-9810 by March 23. Participants can pay by cash or checks that are made out to "Nancy Simonetti".**

## CRAFT FAIR / FLEA MARKET

The Activities Team is planning to hold a Craft and/or Flea Market sale in the Picnic Area on **Saturday, March 15, 2025 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. This event would provide an excellent opportunity for our resident crafters to feature and sell their creations, as well as finding a home for gently used or new items that still have value. The charge will be \$10 per table. Please price your items and be prepared to make change for your customers. We hope to have enough interest to make this event a success! **Please reserve a table(s) by calling Kathy McQuade at 716-909-9810 by March 8, 2025. Vendors can pay their \$10 fee by cash or checks made out to "Nancy Simonetti".**

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### 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.

### Bible Study (Men's)

Any guys that are interested in joining the Men's Bible Study group that meets on Thursday mornings from 10:00 – 11:00 AM at the Pool 4 Meeting Room, please contact Scott Myers: 412-932-5414 or email: rsmyers1@gmail.com

### **Bocce League**

Bocce dates for end of 2025 season:

**March 6<sup>th</sup>** Referee meeting Pool 4 at 4:00pm

**March 10<sup>th</sup>** Semi-Finals (see score board for teams and times) Court 1 and 2 starting at 9:00am

**March 19<sup>th</sup>** Super Bocce / Pizza Party, Game at 3:00 pm followed by Pizza and awards. \$7.00 per person.

Captains: please collect the money from your teammates. Subs are also welcome to attend.

**March 24<sup>th</sup>** Gender Game starting at 10:00am = Please sign up at the score board. All players are welcome including subs. Hot Dogs will be served and donations are appreciated. Names for Men and Women's teams will be drawn at the Pizza Party on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

(all rain outs will be the following day)

We would like to put out a **BIG THANK YOU** to **Keith Fogel, Bill Sparhawk, and Tony Voislow** for their many years of service on the Bocce Committee. The new committee consists of Brian Claire ([b1claire4@gmail.com](mailto:b1claire4@gmail.com)) 603-568-6796, Linda Claire ([elsey Claire@gmail.com](mailto:elsey Claire@gmail.com)), 603-491-4854, Rita Lavalley, [ritalavalley@icloud.com](mailto:ritalavalley@icloud.com), 860-424-1143 and Cathie Churchill [cathiechurchill6@gmail.com](mailto:cathiechurchill6@gmail.com), 978-618-4874.

### **Book Club**

The book club meets at pool #3 at 1 P.M. on the second Monday of the month. We will continue the procedure of having the member who suggests the book to lead the discussion at that meeting.

March 10, 2025....."The Woman" By Kristen Hannah. Discussion Leader: Diane Wietecha.

Join us for this group's interesting discussion and help bring book choices for 2026.

Contact Edie: (239-352-8887) or Sue (239-398-6181) with any questions.

### **Bridge Group**

The Sapphire Lakes Bridge Group plays no-stress, fun, party bridge and meets every Thursday 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: Paula Culligan phone: 920-391-8068 email: [Culliganmd@gmail.com](mailto:Culliganmd@gmail.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 - 2025**

We welcome all lady golfers to our Friday morning Golf League whether you are a new golfer or a seasoned one!! (We do have a few spots for the guys). We golf at Hibiscus Golf Club, golfing the back 9 holes with tee times starting at 7:30 AM. The cost is \$62.54 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/some guys and go out to brunch after (optional). We will be golfing through the month of March and a few weeks into April. Please call me if you would like to join us. Hibiscus Golf Club, 5375 Hibiscus Drive, Naples (239) 774-0088. Thanks, Sue Mears (248) 231-5792

### **Men's Golf**

Sapphire Lakes Golf Association: Our long-running Friday golf group welcomes new members. In the 2025 winter season we will play at Westminster Golf in Lehigh Acres. We have confirmed tee times starting at 10:24 on Friday mornings January through early April. There is no commitment for new members to play a certain number of rounds. We welcome both men and women golfers. For more information please contact: Sam Shakespeare: [s.shakespeare@optimum.net](mailto:s.shakespeare@optimum.net) or Paul Roche: [proche195@hotmail.com](mailto:proche195@hotmail.com)  
Also, we have a golf group that plays on Wednesday afternoons at Westminster. For information on this please contact Sam.

### **Hand, Foot and Elbow**

Hand, Foot and Elbow continues to be played every Tuesday night at 5:30. Come and join the fun! As always, new players are welcome. Our last night of play this year will be on Tuesday, March 25, 2025. If you have any questions, please call Debbie Pinto @ 508-930-7180 or Suzanne Whittingstall @ 514-229-6516.

### **Horseshoes**

Horseshoe players will meet Monday through Thursday at 9:00 AM in the Rec Area starting on January 6, 2025. Once enough players have shown interest, we will start casual play.

Contact: George Churchill First choice: [geochurchi@gmail.com](mailto:geochurchi@gmail.com) Second choice: 978-618-9373

**Logo Sales:** Clothing items with the Sapphire Lakes logo embroidered on them can now be ordered online through our website [www.sapphirlakesnaples.net](http://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](mailto:NanFoster48@gmail.com)

### **Mah Jongg (American)**

American Mah Jongg is played **every Wednesday 1:00 - 3:00 pm at the Pool 3 Cabana**. Newcomers are welcome. Play is open and weekly commitments are not necessary. Contacts are Marie Huester (570-357-0476 or [mariehuester25@gmail.com](mailto:mariehuester25@gmail.com)) and Cathie Churchill (978-618-4874) or [cathiechurchill6@gmail.com](mailto:cathiechurchill6@gmail.com) )

### **Mah Jongg (Cantonese)**

**Mondays, Pool 3 Cabana, from 1:00 - 3:00 (except second Mondays 2:30 -4:30 after book club).** It is similar to Gin Rummy but played with Chinese tiles. Come anytime during hours of play, no weekly commitment. Newcomers always welcomed. If you own a Mahjongg set, please bring it with you. Our last day of play will be **MARCH 24th**. Have a great summer!

Contact: Suzanne W - text me at 514-229-6516 or email: [suewhitt19@gmail.com](mailto:suewhitt19@gmail.com)

### **Pickleball**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our first Sapphire Pickleball Charity Mixer on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. It was a fun day at the pickleball courts with thirty-six Sapphire Lakes pickleball players participating. We received \$450 in donations from mixer players as well as other pickleball group members. This event was organized by committee members: Jessica Rego, Dave Chevalier, Ken Pottel, Joyce Pottel and Linda Chevalier. Thanks are extended to Jamie Chevalier for serving as our scorekeeper.

Congratulations to our Gold medal winners and players who showed excellent sportsmanship and spirit throughout the morning. Gold Medal winners were: Tammy Welker, Tom Hurley, Tony Riello, Peter Bifano, Bill Stover and Patty Garrigan.

On Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> we held our Annual Brunch on Courtside which was a great success. There was a large turnout with over 50 people in attendance. On Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> we will be holding a Potluck Dinner with music at the Pool 3 Cabana.

Upcoming event: Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> - Pizza Party for members and guests which is \$5 per person. The schedule for Pickleball play is daily from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm.

### **Pinochle**

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

### **Poetry Club**

Poetry Club meets **Monday, March 3 at Pool 2 at 1pm**. Join us! We're covering ways we write poems to help others do it. We're also continuing to find people not known to be poets and in professions we never thought would produce poetry. Come share your discoveries and, as usual, no judgmental atmosphere; only an encouraging one. Contact: Liz Dalton-Tuttle (239-231-2585) or [eadalton@alumnae.smith.edu](mailto:eadalton@alumnae.smith.edu)

### **Poor Man's Poker**

Our poker nights are **Thursdays from 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm at the Pool 3 Cabana**.

Contact: 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**

A Trivia Team Competition will be held on **Sunday, March 2, 2025 at Pool 3 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM**. There will be 10 six person teams battling it out. Interested groups of six should have their captain contact Shelley Simpson by email: [ShelleyTileGirl@gmail.com](mailto:ShelleyTileGirl@gmail.com).

### **Yoga**

Chair Yoga is every **Tuesday and Thursday at the Pool 3 Cabana at 9:00 am for an hour**. Cost is \$5.00, Please bring a strap and weights that you are comfortable with. The last date for the Yoga classes this year is Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. The group get together will be Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

For more information, please contact **Sue Chapin at 239-398-6181**.

## **BLUE ZONE**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:00 am - MONDAY MORNING BIKERS-** meet at the front gate for a local hour ride each Monday in March. Contact: Rebecca Earney [Raearney@gmail.com](mailto:Raearney@gmail.com)

**March 5<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am - ADVENTURE WALKERS-** will meet at North Collier Regional Park 15000 Livingston Road Naples. This same park will be walked again on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Local walks will occur on March 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Contact: Kathleen Lickteig [K.lickteig@icloud.com](mailto:K.lickteig@icloud.com) or Stephanie Roche [rochesteph2008@gmail.com](mailto:rochesteph2008@gmail.com)

**March 7<sup>th</sup> 1:00 -3:00 pm pool 3 - RUMMIKUB-** join us for a fun game of tiles every Friday in March. Contact: Pat Williamson [P\\_williamson2@icloud.com](mailto:P_williamson2@icloud.com)

**March 8<sup>th</sup> - BAKE SALE – 9:00 – 11:00 am** at Pool 3 - FREE hot coffee will be available at the Zone table. Enjoy your purchased baked goodies with your neighbors along with a cup of coffee. This event is sponsored by the Activities Team.

**March 16<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 pm - SIMIT FRESH MEDITERRANEAN RESTAURANT-** 1230 Airport Pulling Rd. This Sunday lunch is a gathering of friends who enjoy exploring Naples restaurants. **The cut off for reservations is March 6<sup>th</sup>**. Contact: Linda Martin. [lsjer49@gmail.com](mailto:lsjer49@gmail.com).

**March 21<sup>st</sup> - EARLY EARTH DAY- 8:00 am** Sapphire Lakes front gates - the 2025 theme is “Environmental Protection”. We will spend an hour collecting debris within our Sapphire Lakes community. The winds scatter paper and plastic bottles behind the bushes along our roads. Wear your Blue Zone shirts, long sleeves, long pants, gloves and bring a large garbage bag or two. It's good exercise with fun, laughs and a “treasure hunt”. Come join us!  
Contact: Rebecca Earney [Raearney@gmail.com](mailto:Raearney@gmail.com)

**Two fishing expeditions** are being planned by Bob Smith. [Birchwoodbob1@gmail.com](mailto:Birchwoodbob1@gmail.com)

**CULTURAL EVENTS-** [mariehuester25@gmail.com](mailto:mariehuester25@gmail.com) - cultural events are highlighted in Blue Zone e-mails. Events include library offerings, concerts, art shows and more. If you are NOT receiving Blue Zone e-mails, please send your e-mail address to Rebecca Earney [Raearney@gmail.com](mailto:Raearney@gmail.com)

**We welcome owners, renters and friends to our community gatherings.**

## SAPPHIRE LAKES MASTER ASSOCIATION

### Condominium Association Presidents/Master Board

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 Raftery
Quartz	Charlie Lorenzo
Spinel	Connie Fullerton
Topaz	Suzanne Chapin
Tourmaline	Charlie Ferrara
Turquoise	Alex DeSanctis

### 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

As we begin the month of March we can only hope that the beautiful February weather continues for us. Congratulations to the Activities Team for hosting another terrific Chili Fiesta on the evening of February 22<sup>nd</sup> which was attended by about 90 people. The music provided by the Acoustic Daze band featuring Sapphire lakes resident Jeff Chase was fantastic.

The Activities Team is introducing **two new events** in March that you may want to try out. You can read the details of the **Craft Fair/Flea Market** and the **Bingo** event on the first page of this newsletter. They also will be conducting their annual Bake Sale on March 8<sup>th</sup> which is always a big hit. The Bocce League is about ready to start their Playoffs with 8 of the 28 six person teams qualifying for their version of "March Madness". For those of you that don't participate in bocce yet, you may want to stop by the courts on March 10<sup>th</sup> when the Quarter Finals are played in the morning and then the winners play in the semi-finals in the afternoon. The Super Bocce Championship match will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup> and is always one of the big highlights of the month.

The month of March is always our busiest month of the season with many of our activities wrapping up by the end of the month. Many of them are described in this newsletter and all of them are detailed on our website [www.sapphirlakesnaples.net](http://www.sapphirlakesnaples.net) as well.

We ask that everyone be aware, especially after dark, as we continue to have wildlife within our property. There is still evidence of bears on the property and they will continue to remain as long as they find food sources. We ask everyone to close the dumpster fence gates after disposing of your trash, and please be particularly aware of your surroundings after dark, especially when walking pets.

**The next Master Board meeting is our Sapphire Lakes Master Annual Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Pool 3 Cabana. All owners are welcome to attend.**

### Treasurer's Report

The final numbers for 2024 are in. There have been a few changes from my last news article but they still look really good. We are under budget in operating by \$26,318. Again, this is only because of the newly signed contract with Comcast that Bob Foster negotiated. This new contract reduced our cost of Cable and Internet in the second half of 2024 by 8% saving us \$31,900. Without that we would have been around \$5,530 over budget.

Listed below are the areas where we were way over budget:

1. Trash Removal \$5,446
2. Irrigation Repairs \$11,132
3. Tree Maintenance \$8,853

4. Pool Repairs \$6,926
5. Pool Furniture \$2,632

The good news is most of that expense was offset in other accounts by the hard work of our Property Manager Suzanne Foster.

As part of the new 10 year Comcast contract we also received a signing bonus of \$118,000. In order to save from paying taxes on this money we will only be booking one tenth of it each year. In the meantime the rest of the money is sitting in a CD paying 5.16% this year. This means we will also have an additional income of \$13,100 in 2025 from this Comcast money. We also had an additional \$3,116 in operating interest thanks to making better use of our cash on hand through money market accounts paying over 4% rather than a checking account paying less than 1%. All of the saving from this year's budget will go in our contingency account taking that back up to around \$96,199 to start 2025. 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 if some unforeseen expense comes up.

For 2025 the Master budget increased by 2.30%. Operational Maintenance fees went up 7.25% but due to the decreases of 5.6% in Internet & Cable fees the total fees only went up by 2.4% in 2025. Thank you, Bob Foster.

We have good news in the Operating budget to start 2025. Our insurance which is billed in January came in way lower than expected. Our agent gave us an estimate of \$52,000 but the actual number came in at \$35,931 which means we will start the new year with an extra \$16,000.

The 2025 Contribution to Reserve dollars went up from \$102,000 to \$112,000. Again, this is due to inflation. The cost of many of the Reserve items have been coming in higher than projected. As far as interest on our Reserves, we earned \$19,310 in interest for 2024. We expect to be getting over 4.5% on CD'S and 4% on money market accounts in 2025.

In 2024 we spent around \$39,000 out of our reserve account on the following items:

1. Fountain Repairs \$1,720
2. Irrigation Pumps \$10,899
3. Tennis/ Pickle courts \$16,300
4. Pool resurfacing \$10,080

For 2025 the plan is to spend around \$74,000 in the following Reserve items:

1. Sealing Black top streets \$55,000
2. Irrigation Pumps \$14,000
3. Resurface pool decks \$ 5,000

If you have any questions, I will be at the Annual Meeting in March going over these same numbers.

Thanks,

Mike

## 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](mailto:SFoster@resortgroupinc.com). Also, please send Suzanne your email address if you are not receiving the periodic email blasts from her and/or President Bob Foster 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: [sapphirlakesnaples.net](http://sapphirlakesnaples.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**

We no longer have landline telephones at our four pools and instead we have replaced them 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 the people that are 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 always 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!!!** 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 members or email it to [nanfoster48@gmail.com](mailto:nanfoster48@gmail.com) with "for the newsletter" in the subject line. **"One person's junk is another's treasure!"**



## March 2025 Activities

**Adventure Walkers:** Wednesdays, 8:00 am (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](http://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 pm 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:** Daily at the pickleball courts from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm.

**Pinochle:** Weekdays at Pool 1 at 1:00 pm

**Poor Man's Poker:** Thursdays at Pool 3 at 6:30 pm

**Rummikub:** Fridays at Pool 3 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm

**Tennis:** see newsletter article for details or go to: [www.sapphirlakesnaples.net/activities/tennis/](http://www.sapphirlakesnaples.net/activities/tennis/)

**Trivia:** Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Eight teams of 6 will compete at Pool 3.

**Yoga:** Tuesday and Thursdays at Pool 3 from 9:00 – 10:00 am

# **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**