

SAPPHIRE LAKES NEWSLETTER

February 2026

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ACTIVITIES TEAM CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026

<u>Bingo</u>	Sunday, February 1, 2026	2:00 – 4:00 PM at the Pool 3 Cabana
<u>Chili Fiesta:</u>	Saturday, February 21, 2026	at 5:30 – 8:00 PM at the Pool 3 Cabana
<u>Bake Sale:</u>	Saturday, March 7, 2026	9:00 – 11:00 AM at the Pool 3 Cabana
<u>Bocce Pizza Party:</u>	Wednesday, March 12, 2026	(after the Super Bocce match (Rain date = 3/13)

COMCAST EQUIPMENT UPGRADE

Our Comcast equipment upgrade began in mid-December and will be ongoing for a few months. There will be **NO INTERRUPTION OF SERVICES** for anyone who has not yet received the upgrade equipment. Each unit will have a new black box installed to replace the current ONU (silver rectangular box with a green light mounted on the wall), and all of your boxes and remotes will be replaced at no cost. The upgrade will result in a much faster internet speed and better reception on your TVs. **To schedule your appointment for a time convenient to you, call 833-501-1928 and an actual live person will answer the phone and help you schedule an appointment for the upgrade which will take from 1 – 3 hours depending on your circumstances. If you experience a problem after your upgrade has been completed, please call their Customer Support number: 833-501-1893.** Contact Bob Foster at rwfoster22@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns.

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

Art Classes “PAINTING WITH PAUL”

Classes are normally held the first two Saturdays of each month at the Pool 4 Meeting Room at 1:30 PM with a limit of 10 people. Participants create paintings using acrylic paints, which are water based but dry permanently. Each finished painting takes two sessions to complete. Subject matter may include seascapes, still life, florals, landscapes and other themes. Paul provides careful, step-by-step guidance to help ensure a successful painting experience for all skill levels. The fee of \$20 per class includes all materials: easels, canvases, paints, brushes, plates, reference materials, water bowls, paper towels and more. To reserve a spot please text (preferred) or call Paul Lowis at: 248-420-2130.

Bingo

The Activities Team is sponsoring a Bingo afternoon on **Sunday, February 1st from 2:00 – 4:00 PM** as well as **Sunday March 29th at the Pool 3 Cabana**. To reserve for the February 1st event, please contact Kathy at 716-909-9810 between January 22nd - 30th. One card is \$15 and two cards are \$20 per person. Two raffles will also be offered and water for \$1.00. Payment can be made by cash or checks made payable to “Nancy Foster”.

Bingo - Nickel Bingo - Come Join the Fun

Come enjoy a lively and social afternoon at Nickel Bingo! Bring your roll of nickels and three \$1 bills and get ready for some friendly competition and lots of laughs. Feel free to bring your own drink or snack Open to all who want to participate. To sign up or for more information, please contact: Sue Abdalla 860-729-5218 Location: Pool 3 Time: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Event Dates:

- Sunday, January 25
- Sunday, February 15
- Sunday, March 22

We look forward to seeing you there for a fun and enjoyable community gathering!

Bocce League

Bocce dates for 2026:

03/09/26	Playoffs begin
03/10/26	Semi finals
03/12/26	Super Bocce Championship (followed by Pizza Party at the Picnic Area)
03/16/26	Gender Games (with hot dog barbecue). All are welcome.

The Bocce League season is underway. We have **26 six person teams**, for a total of **156 players**, as well as 37 Substitutes. With this level of interest, the committee is hopeful it can add more teams in 2027.

The fees have not changed this season; fees are still \$20.00 per team member. If you are able, we are asking for extra money, if folks are able, to help pay for future maintenance costs. If you can help it would be greatly appreciated! Towards that goal, we are now charging subs \$10.00 for the season. **Please contact Cathie Churchill to make arrangements for payment by calling her at 978-618-4874 or email: cathiechurchill6@gmail.com**

Please know that we are always happy to welcome any new players! (no experience is needed to get started) or folks willing to become referees. If you want to join, please contact our Bocce Chairman, Brian Claire; call or text at 603-568-6796 email: b1claire4@gmail.com

DON'T FORGET to check the Bocce bulletin board at court 1 near the end of February. Sign up to play our fun Gender Game on March 16th. We need two Men teams and two Women teams.

Book Club

Please join us for our February Book Club being the second Monday of the month at pool 3 at 1 PM. Had a great discussion on January's book. Our book for February is "The Island of the Sea Women" by Lisa See led by Sharon Abella. If you would like to be included on our email list, contact Sue Chapin 239-398-6181.

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

Chili Fiesta

Date: **Saturday, February 21st**

Place: **Pool 3 Pavilion and Pool Deck 5:30 PM**

Cost: **\$15 per person**

Menu: a variety of chilis, cole slaw, corn bread and desserts. Music will be provided by the Acoustic Daze Trio, featuring Jeff Chase, a Sapphire resident.

Offers to make chili or corn muffins and reservations and payment can be made by calling Cathie Churchill at (978)-618-4874, from February 11th – 18th, Dessert donations are appreciated. We will also be holding a 50/50 Raffle.

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 at Hibiscus Golf Club on January 3rd, 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). 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 2026 winter season we will play at Quail Run Golf in Naples. We have confirmed tee times starting at noon on Fridays, January through March.** There is no commitment 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 or Paul Roche: proche195@hotmail.com Also, we have a golf group that plays on Wednesdays at Westminster Golf in Lehigh Acres. For information on this please contact Sam

Hand, Foot and Elbow

Hand, Foot and Elbow has started it's new season and everyone is enjoying playing! On our opening night, 28 people came to play the game!! Everyone had a great time. We welcome new players and there is always someone available to answer questions. Come join us anytime! If you have any questions, please call Debbie Pinto @ 508-930-7180 or Suzanne Whittingstall @ 514-229-6516.

Horseshoes

Horseshoe players will meet on Wednesdays at 9:00 AM in the Rec Area, and at that time we decide whether anyone wants to play on Thursday or Friday.

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

Ladies Luncheon

Date: Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Place: Vergina's Restaurant

700 Fifth Avenue South

239-659-7008

Time: 12:00 PM

Cost: \$30.00 All Inclusive - Paid In Advance Reserve By: February 9, 2026

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

ENTREES: (Choice to be pre-ordered)

Chicken Parmesan w/pasta and Pomodoro Sauce

Salmon w/rice and grilled asparagus

Lasagna

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.sapphirelakesnaples.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)

American Mah Jongg is played **every Wednesday 1-3 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) and Cathie Churchill (978-618-4874) or cathiechurchill6@gmail.com)

Mah Jongg (Cantonese)

Mondays, Pool 3 from 1:00-3:00.. Please note that on the 2nd Monday of the month play will be from 2:30-4:30 after book club. Therefore, on February 2nd we will meet at 2:30 instead of 1:00. Last day will be March 23rd. It is similar to Gin Rummy but played with Chinese tiles. You can show up any time during hours of play; no weekly commitment. Newcomers always welcomed! If you own a Mahjongg set, please bring it. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me. Suzanne Whittingstall - text me at 514-229-6516 or email suewhitt19@gamil.com

Pickleball

The Sapphire Lakes Pickleball Season is off to a great start with almost 70 members. If anyone is interested in learning to play pickleball, let us know by calling or texting Ken at 508-280-3150. **The schedule for play is from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM every day**. We will be holding the following activities this year:

1. Feb. 7 Saturday - Brunch on Courtside at 10:00 AM (Rain date: Sunday, February 15th)
2. Feb. 22 Sunday - Pizza Party 5:00 PM Cost = \$5.00 (Rain date: Sunday, March 1st)
3. March 7 Saturday - Round Robin Mixer 8:00 AM (Rain date: Sunday, March 8th)

Pinochle

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

Poetry Club

Our Poetry Club will meet twice, once on Feb. 2nd and once on March 2nd, both Mondays, at Pool 2 at 1pm. Share any poet's work that inspired you during the past year or any written poetry or even thought about the subject you may have. Maybe we can help the process. Come share your discoveries and, as usual, no judgmental atmosphere, only an encouraging one. Contact: Liz Dalton, at 239-231-2585. sor eadalton@alumnae.smith.edu. New members welcome.

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

Any male or female players interested in playing tennis on our two dedicated tennis courts are asked to contact Bill Sparhawk at 8hearths1796@gmail.com

Trivial Pursuit

A Trivia Team Competition will be held on **Sunday, March 1, 2026 at Pool 3 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM**. There will be 8 six person teams battling it out. Interested groups of six should have their captain contact Shelley Simpson by email: ShelleyTileGirl@gmail.com.

Yoga

Chair Yoga will be every **Tuesday and Thursday at the Pool 3 Cabana at 9 AM for an hour**. Cost is \$5.00, Please bring a strap and weights that you are comfortable with. You can join us in improving your strength, balance and flexibility. For more information, please contact **Sue Chapin at 239-398-6181**.

BLUE ZONE

February 2 "Raisin Cane" 7 am bus at tennis circle - currently filled - a reserve list is available for any cancellations. Raearney@gmail.com

February 2 BIKE OUTINGS - Becky Earney - raearney@gmail.com 8 am Mondays . Meet at the front gate for a local hour bike ride exploring east Naples

February 4 ADVENTURE WALKERS - Stephanie Roche rochesteph2008@gmail.com kathleenaaurora88@gmail.com
Sugden Park Naples - an email will be sent regarding the meeting time & location. February 11 Naples Botanical Gardens - 4820 Bayshore Drive - 7:45am meet at the front entrance to the gardens. Wear your Blue Zone T-shirt for free entry. This is a very popular yearly walk the gardens host for us at no charge. February 18 - local walk. 8am meet at pool 3 . February 25 - local walk. Meet at pool 3 at 8am for a mid-season celebration walk. Wear your Blue Zone TShirt on the walks .

February 6 RUMMIKUB- Pat Williamson- pattywilly@live.com from 1-3pm. Join us every Friday for a fun game of tiles.

February 19 - ROOKERY BAY KAYAKING please join us for a day of kayaking. We will navigate through hidden corridors of mangrove tunnels while exploring the estuaries of southwest Florida with a biologist guide from Rising Tide Explorers. Our tour , " mangrove tunnels & mudflats", is \$55.00 and the duration is 2.5 - 3 hours. Contact Kathleen Bowden Lickteig to reserve your spot & to obtain additional details . [Http://rookerybay.org](http://rookerybay.org) kathleenaaurora88@gmail.com

February 25 WINE at 4 - "Picnic Area" at Sapphire Lakes - 4pm . A special live DRONE presentation will be offered by the Collier County Sheriff's department. You will witness drones in action & learn how they're used for mosquito control, police work & county surveillance.
Please bring a light, healthy dish to put on our food table & your own beverage of choice. It's a treat for everyone to taste your creative dishes. Music, raffle tickets, (\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00) , quality door prizes (including gift certificates) & wine tasting will occur.

FYI - Explore the Everglades. There are 3 FREE Tamiami Trail East areas of interest. Check them out on the internet before meandering this unique area. BIG CYPRESS BEND BOARD WALK, LOOP ROAD SCENIC DRIVE, CLYDE BUTCHER BIG CYPRESS GALLERY.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 7th - BAKE SALE - pool 3 - FREE hot coffee will be available. Donated pastries, your friends, & social time all go together to raise funds for the Activities Committee.

CULTURAL EVENTS- 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. Those who are on our blue zone email list receive regular e-mails highlighting selected events in Naples.
ALL are welcome to attend Blue Zone activities.

SAPPHIRE LAKES MASTER ASSOCIATION

Condominium Association Presidents/Master Board

Amber	Sharon Bonnet
Amethyst	Daria Murphy
Diamond	Kit Ingeme
Emerald	Ken Grissoni
Garnet	Bob Smith
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	Charlie Ferrara
Turquoise	Alex DeSanctis

Master Board Executive Committee

President:	Bob Foster
Vice-President:	Ken Grissoni
Treasurer:	Mike Mears
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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

Well the month of January is behind us, and although the weather wasn't as warm as we usually expect it to be, we did have a great start to the 2026 social season at Sapphire Lakes. Congratulations to the Activities Team for hosting a terrific picnic on January 18th which was attended by 140+ people. It turned out to be one of the best weather days of the month. We have many new owners and renters here this season and we met many of them at the picnic. There are a number of social events scheduled for the month of February that you will read about in this newsletter and I encourage all of you to participate in as many of them as you can. All of them are detailed on our website www.sapphirelakesnaples.net as well.

We are starting our third month of the Comcast Upgrade project which is expected to continue for a few more months. There is an article on page one of this newsletter that provides the details that everyone needs to know, such as the special phone numbers for this project. It is important to understand that this upgrade isn't optional. The time will come where all units will have to have been upgraded or their services will be shut off, so please help us get this completed as smoothly as possible. As always, contact us with any questions about special circumstances that you might face or assistance that you may need in this process.

We ask that everyone be aware, especially after dark, that we continue to have wildlife within our property, just as most communities in Naples experience. 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.

Treasurer's Report and 2025 Financial Summary

As we approach the close of the 2025 fiscal year, please note that all figures presented are estimates and may be subject to slight adjustments as the books are finalized in the coming weeks.

We anticipate ending the year approximately \$15,300 under budget. This positive variance is largely attributed to additional income generated from Certificates of Deposit (CDs) and Money Market (MM) accounts, which together contributed an estimated \$8,800. Additionally, we project savings of about \$6,500 in operating expenses.

Areas Over Budget

Despite our overall strong financial position, several expense categories exceeded their allocated budgets. The following areas were over budget:

- Trash Removal: \$3,700 over budget
- Bushes Replacement: \$4,000 over budget
- Lake Maintenance: \$9,800 over budget
- Golf Cart Repairs: \$3,200 over budget

- Gate Repair: \$4,000 over budget
- Special Projects: \$3,000 over budget

Areas Under Budget

Fortunately, these overruns were offset by significant savings in other categories, including:

- Insurance Costs: \$15,700 under budget
- Irrigation Expense: \$5,300 under budget
- Building Maintenance: \$6,300 under budget
- Exotic Plants: \$3,200 under budget

Contingency Fund Status

All savings realized from this year's budget will be transferred to the contingency account. Currently, the contingency fund stands at \$100,000. With the addition of these savings, we expect to begin the new year with a balance of \$116,000 in the contingency fund. This account is held in a special Money Market account and is reserved exclusively for emergencies such as hurricane recovery or other unexpected expenses.

2026 Operational & Reserve Outlook

Looking ahead to 2026, the Master operational budget is set to increase by 3.90%. Our annual contribution to reserve funds will rise from \$112,000 to \$130,000, reflecting higher anticipated costs for reserve items and preparations for the planned repaving of parking lots in 2027.

Regarding interest income, rates for CDs and Money Market accounts are expected to decrease in 2026 due to projected rate cuts by the Federal Reserve. We anticipate earning approximately 3.5% on CDs and 3% on Money Market reserves. There is an outstanding issue related to a \$149,000 bond purchased by Edward Jones from our Reserve funds. There is an ongoing dispute regarding the authorization of this purchase. Complaint letters have been filed with Edward Jones' main office, the Securities & Exchange Commission and the Office of the Attorney General Florida. As of December, the bond incurred a loss of \$9,612. Edward Jones has advised holding the bond, viewing the loss as a temporary paper loss with potential for recovery. We will continue to monitor this closely.

Reserve Account Activity

In 2025, approximately \$73,500 was expended from the reserve account on the following projects:

1. Sealing and repairs to streets: \$65,850
2. Irrigation pumps: \$7,899

No reserve account projects are planned for 2026.

Closing Remarks

All numbers provided are year-end estimates. Final figures will be shared in the next newsletter and at the annual meeting scheduled for March. The board remains committed to diligent expense management. Suzanne and Bob have worked closely with me throughout the year to effectively manage costs, particularly in light of the challenges presented by our aging community and ongoing inflationary pressures.

Thank you all for your continued support.

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. 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: 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

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.

DISPOSING OF BULK ITEMS

Pete Roth, a Sapphire Lakes resident, will dispose of your bulk items such as television sets, washers and dryers and furniture for a reasonable fee. Pete can be reached by calling or texting 239-529-8720.

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.

February 2026 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) 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 Wednesdays 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

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/

Trivia: Sunday, March 1st . 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**