

SAPPHIRE LAKES NEWSLETTER

March 2026

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ACTIVITIES TEAM CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026

Bake Sale: Saturday, March 7, 2026 9:00 – 11:00 AM at the Pool 3 Cabana
Bingo Sunday, March 29, 2026 2:00 – 4:00 PM at the Pool 3 Cabana
Craft / Flea Market: Saturday, April 11, 2026 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM in the Picnic Area

COMCAST EQUIPMENT UPGRADE

Our **FREE** Comcast equipment upgrade has been going on for several months now and about 60% of our units have been completed, but now we need the other 40% of you to make an appointment and get this done. This is NOT optional, each unit must get it done. 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.

BAKE SALE

Our annual Bake Sale will be held on **Saturday, March 7, 2026 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 is sponsoring a Bingo afternoon on **Sunday, March 29, 2026 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 6 - 7 games. We will also offer two raffles. 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 from March 20 – 28th**. **Participants can pay by cash or checks that are made out to “Nancy Simonetti”.**

CRAFT FAIR / FLEA MARKET

The Activities Team is planning a Craft and/or Flea Market sale in the Picnic Area on **Saturday, April 11, 2026 from 9:30 AM to 12:00 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 from April 1 - 10, 2026. 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.

Art Classes "PAINTING WITH PAUL"

Classes will be held on Saturday March 7th and 14th 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 Lewis at: 248-420-2130.

Bocce League

We hope that everyone is enjoying playing Bocce together in this sunny weather these past few weeks. It is lovely to see so many folks watching and cheering teams on @ 2 & 4pm generally scheduled Mon-Thurs.

Upcoming dates for Bocce:

Monday 03/09/26 Playoffs begin

Tuesday 03/10/26 Semi finals

Thursday 03/12/26 Super Bocce Championship (followed by Pizza Party at the Picnic Area) @ 3:00 pm

Monday 03/16/26 Gender Games (with hot dog barbecue). All are welcome.

Tuesday 03/17/26 Post-season Captains meeting, Pool 3 @ 11:00 a.m

Tuesday 03/17/26 Post-season Referee meeting, Pool 3 @ 12p.m (to follow)

Starting March 1st, the Captains will be collecting money from players interested in the pizza party that will immediately follow the Bocce championship game. There will be a 50/50 raffle as well as picking Gender Games players from the sign-up list & our "awards presentation". The times and teams playing in quarter finals, semi-finals & championship games will be posted on the bulletin board (at court 1), as soon as we get final tallies from all games played.

Don't forget to sign up for the **Gender Games** if you are interested in playing. We need two men's teams and two women's teams. First games will be played in the morning: a women's playoff game and a men's playoff game. The men vs women's game will follow, including a hotdog barbeque during play. Cold water bottles, chips & a few sweets will be provided for donations at that time. Look for specific game times on the bulletin board soon.

**Come and watch to see if the Men can unseat the
2025 Women reigning Gender Games winners !!**

Book Club

If you like to read come join us for our Book Club that meets every second Monday of the month. We pick a book and someone leads the discussion. March 9th is our next Book Club discussion and am asking everyone to bring suggestions for our books for 2027 of which we will choose 3. (Jan/Feb/March) You do not necessarily have to lead the discussion unless you wish to.

March 9th book is: "The Secret Life of Sunflowers"

by Marta Molnar-Leader Liz Dalton

Any questions, please call 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

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 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 31, 2026. 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

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 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

Pickleball

Our recent "Brunch on Courtside" was a great success. Our upcoming events are the Annual Pizza Party on Sunday February 22, 2026 at 5:00 PM and the Round Robin Mixer on Saturday March 7th. I would like to thank the Pickleball Team for all of their efforts on overseeing our program.

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 on Monday, March 2nd at **Pool 2 at 1pm**. Share any poet's work that inspired you during the past year or any written poetry or even thoughts 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. or 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 9 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

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

March 2 - BUNCO - 5:30pm - pool 3 Contact Kathleen to reserve your place. Kathleenauroara88@gmail.com

March 3- Habitat for Humanity Bus Ride 9:30 - Noon Explore some of Collier Counties Habitat neighborhoods Contact Sue CHAPIN to reserve your seat. Schapin43@aol.com

Meet the bus prior to 9:30 am . The bus will park in the tennis court circle. A \$10. Per person donation will be given to the Collier County Habitat for Humanity organization

March 4 - ADVENTURE WALKERS- rochesteph2008@gmail.com kathleenauroara88@gmail.com March 11 - local walk, March 18 - Sugden Park, March 25 - local walk

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

March 7 - BAKE SALE - pool 3 - 9-11 am Complimentary COFFEE will be offered at this fund raising event sponsored by the Activities Committee. Donated pastries, your friends & social time all go together. The funds raised go to enhance our Sapphire Lakes neighborhood.

March 21 - BELLY BLISS NATURAL CAFE – 2 pm 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Rd. Join us for healthy food, reasonable prices, separate checks, & fun social time together. Reserve by March 17 please by contacting Linda at Lrsjer49@gmail.com

March 27 - EARLY EARTH DAY “ Our Power Our Planet” 8 am - Front Gate Bring a large garbage bag or two . Wear your Blue Zone T- Shirt, long sleeves, long pants, & gloves. We'll spend an hour collecting debris within our beautiful Sapphire Lakes. The winds scatter paper & plastic stuff behind the bushes. It's a treasure hunt & good exercise. Join us! Rebecca Earney Raeearney@gmail.com

FISHING TRIP 1/2 DAY (5 hours) EXCURSION among the ten thousand islands . Contact Bob Smith birchwoodbob1@gmail.com

FYI - NAPLES ART DISTRICT - Explore this unique area with 100 plus artist's & their studios. It is located between Airport Pulling & Pine Ridge Rds. Between Shirley St & J& C Blvd. The studios are open weekly on Thursday & Saturday from 1-5pm. After Dark the studios are open the first Wednesday of the month from 5-8pm. These are FREE times open to the public. On March 14 "Wings of Wonder" celebrating the monarch butterfly migration to Mexico will be happening.

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	Nick DiClaudio
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
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 21st which was attended by about 90 people. Thanks are extended to Jeff Chase and the Acoustic Daze Trio for providing live music for that fun event.

The Bocce League is about ready to start their Playoffs with 8 of the 26 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 10th when the Quarter Finals are played in the morning and then the winners play in the semi-finals in the afternoon. The Super Bocce Champion-ship match will be held on March 19th and is always one of the big highlights of the month.

At the Master Association Annual meeting on March 4th Mike Mears will be stepping down as the Treasurer of our Association and giving his final Treasurer's report. Mike has been the Treasurer for the past 17 years and I couldn't have done my job as President of the Association during that time without his dedicated help. I extend my deepest thanks to Mike for his expertise and dedication to the position. Most people have no idea the amount of time that his position takes in order to do the job correctly. I wish him the best going forward and I know that he will be available to mentor his successor.

Our Vice-President of the Master Board, Ken Grissoni, is also stepping down from his position on the Executive Committee, and I want to thank him for his many years of service in this position. However, Ken will remain on the Master Board in his position as the President of the Emerald Association.

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.sapphirelakesnaples.net as well.

The next Master Board meeting is our Sapphire Lakes Master Annual Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 4th at 6:00 pm at the Pool 3 Cabana. All owners are welcome to attend.

Treasurer's Report

2025 Financial Performance

The final numbers for the 2025 fiscal year have been calculated. We concluded the year \$19,454 under budget. This positive variance is due to additional income generated from Certificates of Deposit (CDs) and Money Market (MM) accounts, which together contributed \$10,349 additional income. In addition, we achieved significant savings in operating expenses, totaling \$9,105.

Areas Over Budget

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

- Trash Removal: \$3,675 over budget
- Lake Maintenance: \$9,686 over budget
- Golf Cart Repairs: \$3,265 over budget
- Gate Repair: \$4,436 over budget
- Special Projects: \$5,070 over budget

Areas Under Budget

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

- Insurance Costs: \$15,795 under budget
- Irrigation Expense: \$5,215 under budget
- Building Maintenance: \$6,483 under budget
- Exotic Plants: \$3,500 under budget

Contingency Fund Status

All savings realized from this year's budget will be transferred to the contingency account. At present, the contingency fund stands at \$99,927. With the addition of these savings, we anticipate beginning the new year with a balance of \$119,381 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 planning for the 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 3.25% on Money Market reserves. The issue regarding bond purchases reported last month has been resolved.

Reserve Account Activity

During 2025, a total of \$73,544 was expended from the reserve account for the following projects:

1. Sealing and repairs to streets: \$65,850
2. Irrigation pumps: \$7,704

No reserve account projects are planned for 2026.

Closing Remarks

The board remains committed to diligent expense management. Suzanne and Bob partnered with me to control costs despite the challenges presented by our aging community and inflation.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mike Mears

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.

"New to You" - Free Items

Laurie Hoffman and Paul Freismuth have a king size tempurpedic memory foam mattress topper that is in really good condition, about a year old. We no longer need it. Hopefully someone can make use of it. If interested, contact Laurie at Laurieshear@aol.com

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 with "for the newsletter" in the subject line. ***"One person's junk is another's treasure!"***

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.

CONDOLENCE LIST

Ann Noyes, 515 Gabriel Cir #1 (Opal) passed away on February 9, 2026 after a period of declining health. Cards can be sent to her sister Linda Serdy, 515 West Hill Rd., Worcester, NY 12197

Lillian Boesch, a former longtime resident of the Spinel Association, passed away on February 13, 2026. Donations in her memory can be made to Plattduetsche Home Society 1150 Hempstead turnpike Franklin Square, NY 11010. Condolences can be sent to her son Henry Boesch 6 Eastwood Lane Valley Stream, NY 11581

March 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 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/

Trivia: Sunday, March 1st . Nine teams of 6 will compete at Pool 3 at 4:00 PM.

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**