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HEY SNOWBIRDS AND FULL-TIMERS,

Working Together: Why Communication Between Boards Matters

In last month's FLASH, we touched on the role of the Master HOA in relation to the rules and regulations of the various SUB-HOAs within our community. This month, let's take the next step and explore how our boards can communicate more effectively—and why this communication is vital to our shared success.

Understanding Common Dues

Every homeowner contributes to the Master Association through quarterly dues, currently \$350.00 per door. However, your total assessment may differ depending on your housing type—whether you live in a condo, villa, apartment, or single-family home. Each SUB-HOA has its own rules, responsibilities, and cost structure. These differences are reflected in your assessment and how it is allocated. That's why it's so important that we all work together to better understand each other's needs and challenges.

Start with the Balance Sheet

A good starting point for every homeowner is to review your SUB-HOA's financials. Understand how your assessment dollars are spent. This knowledge is key to becoming an informed and active member of your community.

MASTER BOARD MEETING 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 6PM COMMUNITY CENTER**
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Why Communication Matters

Recent projects such as the swale restoration and bank stabilization involved coordination across multiple SUB-HOAs. Clear and timely communication ensured that affected communities were informed and aligned. This kind of cross-board collaboration is essential for efficient project planning, minimizing disruption, and fostering a sense of shared responsibility.

Elections and Engagement

Currently, only about 25% of our residents participate in our local elections. That's a missed opportunity, given that these elections directly impact the services, budgeting, and direction of our shared investment in Fountain Lakes.

One way to boost participation is by empowering SUB-HOA board members to rally their neighbors. When a message comes from someone familiar—a neighbor rather than a distant voice—it carries more weight. Explaining the importance of upcoming votes, community projects, or governance decisions can help bridge the gap between apathy and engagement.

To foster a vibrant and connected community, we must invest in both infrastructure and meaningful relationships. The foundation of this lies in open communication—among boards and neighbors alike. In line with this vision, The FLASH is excited to announce that Ingrid Walsh, President of the Forest Ridge Shores community, will contribute a featured article in our October edition. Over the coming months, we will invite other Sub-HOA presidents to share their insights through articles in The FLASH, strengthening our community's bonds and sparking meaningful dialogue.



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AND DECLARATION DOCUMENTS**

THE FLASH GOES TO AMMAN JORDAN FOR JUSTIN AND RASHA'S WEDDING AND SOME AMAZING SIGHTS WERE DISCOVERED



BRIEF HISTORY OF JORDAN

The land now known as Jordan has a rich history spanning thousands of years, shaped by its strategic location at the crossroads of the Middle East. In ancient times, it was home to civilizations like the Ammonites, Moabites, and Edomites, mentioned in biblical texts. The region saw the rise of the Nabataean Kingdom around the 4th century BCE, famed for the rock-cut city of Petra, a key trading hub on ancient caravan routes. By the 1st century CE, Jordan fell under Roman rule, with cities like Jerash flourishing as part of the Decapolis.

In the 7th century, the Islamic conquest brought Jordan into the Umayyad and later Abbasid empires, fostering cultural and religious development, with sites like Qasr Amra reflecting early Islamic art. The region experienced shifts under Crusader, Ayyubid, and Mamluk rule, followed by centuries of Ottoman control from the 16th century, during which Jordan remained a quiet backwater.

The modern state of Jordan emerged after World War I when the Ottoman Empire collapsed. In 1921, the Emirate of Transjordan was established under British mandate, with Abdullah I as its first ruler. It gained full independence in 1946 as the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, named after the Hashemite dynasty. King Hussein, reigning from 1952 to 1999, navigated the young nation through regional conflicts, including the Arab-Israeli wars and the influx of Palestinian refugees, shaping Jordan's identity as a stable mediator in a turbulent region.

Today, under King Abdullah II, Jordan balances modernization with its cultural heritage, maintaining its role as a beacon of stability and hosting millions of refugees. Its ancient sites, like Petra and the baptism site of Jesus, continue to draw global interest, tying its past to its present.



AND NOW THE WEDDING

JUSTIN AND RASHA LIVE IN THE GREENS OF FOUNTAIN LAKES



BEAL CITY MICHIGAN AND THE REIHL FAMILY FARM TURNS 150 YRS OLD



**FRANK AND MARIANNE
REIHL RESIDENTS OF
THE VILLAS OF
FOUNTAIN LAKES**

The Settlement Story of John Reihl Sr. in 1871

In 1871, John Reihl Sr., a determined farmer from Westphalia Michigan, embarked on a new chapter in Beal, Michigan alongside his friend Matt Doll. Together, they purchased 80 acres of land, laying the foundation for a legacy that would span generations. This land, rich with promise, marked the beginning of a family's enduring connection to their new home.

Not long after their arrival, Matt Doll sold his share of the property to John Reihl Sr., giving him full ownership of the 80 acres. Around 1875 or 1876, John Sr. married Regina, and the couple settled on the land that would later become the home of their son, John Reihl Jr. To establish their roots, they built a modest log cabin, a testament to their resilience and commitment to carving out a life in this new frontier.

As the years passed, the Reihl family grew, and so did their ambitions. By 1896, they expanded their home, constructing the front portion of a frame house that offered more space and comfort. This marked a significant milestone, as the family moved into the new structure when John Reihl Jr., their son, was just one year old. Born around 1895, John Jr. would grow up on the land his parents had worked so hard to develop, inheriting a legacy of perseverance and determination.

The story of John Reihl Sr. and his family reflects the spirit of countless settlers who transformed challenges into opportunities. From a simple log cabin to a lasting family home, their journey is a snapshot of life in late 19th-century America, where hard work and vision built the foundations of a new future.





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THE FOODIE'S FIND: BONITA'S BEST-KEPT SECRET

This month, The Foodie is letting you in on one of Bonita Springs' best-kept secrets—hidden in plain sight on Old 41: The Bonita Springs Moose Lodge #1454.

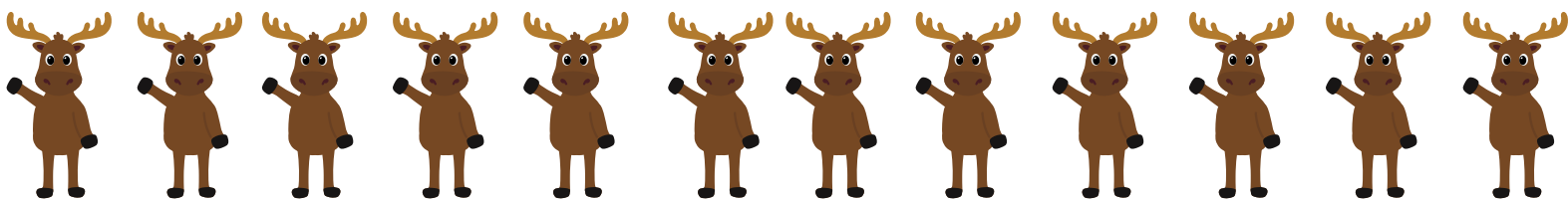
For just \$55 a year, you can become a member of this vibrant, welcoming lodge—and the value you get is incredible. Think affordable dinners every night of the week, games galore like Bingo, Show Me the Money, and my personal favorite: Shake of the Day.

The Moose boasts one of the nicest Tiki Bars in the area, with some of the friendliest bartenders around. Sundays are especially lively with Sunday Funday, featuring a bags (cornhole) tournament starting at 2 PM—just \$5 to enter, with teams drawn at random. It's a blast, and the crowd proves it—the place fills up almost every night.

Important note: You must be a Moose member to enter or participate in any of the fun.

But here's what really makes the Moose special: It's not just about good food, cold drinks, and making new friends. It's also a charitable organization that supports two incredible causes—Mooseheart, a residential childcare facility, and Moosehaven, a retirement community for seniors. So while you're having fun, you're also contributing to meaningful, life-changing programs.

So if you're looking for a great time, great people, and a way to give back—The Moose Lodge should be your next stop.





IMPORTANT REMINDER: SAFE GATE ENTRY PROCEDURES



Since the removal of the bollards at the front entrance, we've seen an increase in both residents and non-residents attempting to tailgate through the front gate by following too closely behind the car in front of them.

This practice is dangerous, potentially damaging to vehicles and gate equipment, and entirely unnecessary if the proper procedures are followed.

Please keep the following in mind:

- Each vehicle must use its own gate access (WINDOW DECAL or entry code) to enter the community.
- Do not attempt to follow another vehicle through the gate without properly activating the system—this is unsafe and considered a violation of community rules.
- Guests are the responsibility of the resident they are visiting. Please ensure your guests understand how to use the callbox or any gate code you provide and instruct them to follow the directions below.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE, SECURE, AND RESPECTFUL FOR EVERYONE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

NON-RESIDENT ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS:

- Use the left-hand lane at the gate.

Entry Options for Non-Residents:

1. With Entry Code:

- Press the # key, enter the provided Entry Code, and the gate will open if correct.

2. With Directory Code:

- Press the CALL button, enter the owner's Directory Code, and the system will call the owner, who presses 9 on their phone to open the gate.

3. Without Entry or Directory Code:

- Press A or Z to scroll through the directory, find the owner's name and Directory Code, then press CALL. The owner will be contacted to open the gate by pressing 9.

Owner Responsibilities:

- Know your Entry Code and Directory Code in the system.
- Register one phone number (e.g., cell phone) for gate access.
- Share the Entry Code with family or trusted friends.
- Share the Directory Code with vendors or delivery personnel to protect your account.