

MAY



2024

THE FLASH



Fountain Lakes is a very special place and we feel very fortunate to call this our home. We have met many new friends, some who have just discovered this oasis to those that have called this community their home for many years. As Summer approaches many will be heading back North to escape the Florida heat, reconnecting with their friends and family back home. Thank you all for the great memories and to all the sports and social coordinators that helped make 2023/2024 a season to remember. I hope you all enjoy the May Flash and "The Season in Review". Suggestions for future editions should be sent to: jaballe166@gmail.com

NOTES FROM FOUNTAIN LAKES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (FLCA) PRESIDENT

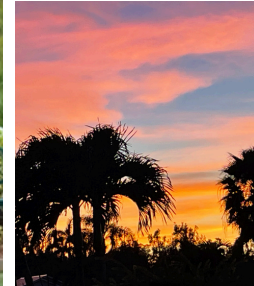
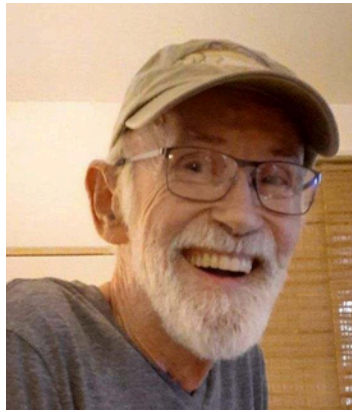
We were approached by Abbiati (ISPD) to work out a settlement structure regarding their project. We have made significant headway but there are still some issues to iron out. We hope to complete the process by the 24th of April. The court has suspended the litigation deadlines to allow us to avoid incurring more litigation fees.

In all likelihood, the gates will move to the west, but we have not determined the exact location. The engineers need time to determine the safest location for Fountain Lakes residents to switch lanes and still conform to the stacking requirements of the Village. Abbiati will bear the cost of construction and work in a manner to preserve the existing landscape to the maximum degree possible. They will replace damaged or destroyed areas with like-kind landscaping.

An important aspect of the agreement is the modification of the existing easement so it only includes the Fountain Lakes entrance from US41 to the west side of the turn lane into Abbiati's property. They will also contribute a modest amount to the maintenance of the easement.

Thank you for your support during this trying time,
Janet Hildebrand

A LOOK BACK ON 2023/2024



SPECIAL THANKS TO PHOTOGRAPHERS ROY MEADER AND RANDY MILLER

FOUNTAIN LAKES ELECTION RESULTS

With an estimated 1.5 million individual condominium units in Florida, and maybe 3 million individually-owned properties within HOA-governed communities, it is safe to say that every year there are millions of Florida property owners who are confused about voting in their Associations. The worst part of all this is that when owners are confused or intimidated by voting procedures and processes, they often do not vote at all. When voting on Association matters any time, or electing Directors to the Board at your annual meeting, if you are a seasonal resident - remember that you are most importantly a property owner. That's why you receive notices about meetings and Association business. Learn all you can about the issues and candidates so you can vote and participate.

The board has made the total vote count available to the Flash for publication along with the audit waive vote count. The apartments executed 148 votes, out of a possible 148, and the residents executed 160 votes out of a possible 900! All the apartment votes (148) were in favor of the audit along with forty one residential votes. The audit must now be ordered, at a cost as stated by the board that night of the election of \$10,000.00. This should concern EVERY homeowner of Fountain Lakes either full time or seasonal. Our dollars and elections are being controlled by a single entity.

When one entity holds a significant portion of the votes, their influence over decision-making can be considerable. This underscores the importance of active participation from other residents to ensure that decisions are made in the best interest of the entire community rather than just a single entity or group. Encouraging high voter turnout and engagement can help balance the influence of any single entity and promote a more democratic decision-making process within the HOA.

Joe Ballerine

PROPOSED NEW ROUNDABOUT ON WILLIAMS ROAD

Robert Wiley, project manager for the Village of Estero, presented to the residents a plan for a proposed roundabout on Williams Rd. The roundabout was designed to provide better access and enhanced safety for West bound traffic leaving the shopping area just North of the Williams which includes Walgreens. The FL Board is negotiating betterments that will include a long awaited crosswalk at Williams & West, by our rear gate, along with possible school bus signage. In return Fountain Lakes will give Estero a small piece of land for the project. The land in question was valued at about six hundred dollars.



MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER & HONOR

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, began after the Civil War, which split the country in two as everyone was forced to take a side. Decoration Day provided an opportunity to start healing as a country by coming together and honoring those who had died. We would also like to take this opportunity to recognize the following Fountain Lakes veterans, who proudly served our country.

Memorial Day celebration will be held at the Community Center Sunday May 26th from 6-9pm. There will be food trucks, fun and an opportunity to honor our veterans.

HONORING FOUNTAIN LAKES VETERANS



JOE DEMEO
SERVED 5/68-5/71
KOREAN CONFLICT
SPECIALIST E-5 8TH ARMY



VICTOR CAMPAU
SERVED 12/65-11/67
VIETNAM CONFLICT
SPECIALIST E-4 ARMY
BAMBERG GERMANY



EDWARD J FITZGERALD.
SERVED 1966-1970
VIETNAM
CREW CHIEF F-4
PHANTOM JET FIGHTER
STAFF SARGENT E-5 USAF



C VICTOR JANVIER
YOUR PARUS ARMY RESERVES
1968-1991
RANK: E8 MASTER SERGEANT
MSG
1968-1978 390 CIVIL AFFAIRS
COMPANY
1978-1981 360 PSYOPS GROUP
1981-1991 2076TH USAR
SCHOOL
INSTRUCTOR ABERDEEN
PROVING GROUNDS
1991 ACTIVATED FOR
OPERATION DESERT STORM
RETIRED 1991.

