

# THE FLASH

*Fountain Lakes Newsletter*

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## Message from the President



The Master Board has changed management companies. Pegasus is now the new management company for Fountain Lakes. We would like to welcome Ashley Stevenson with Pegasus as our new CAM.

We are moving forward with needed maintenance and improvements to our community. The rusty front gate has been refinished and repainted, and we are currently exploring options for additional lighting. Coming soon will be a new and larger American Flag for our front entrance which has been donated by Betty Zimbo in honor of her late husband.

One of the more important issues was the discovery of the number of old and outdated contracts that existed for services to our community. As we move forward with our new management company, we have also established a committee to review all old outdated contracts. They will assist the new CAM in tracking and researching all contracts.

An audit of both financial statements and under lying documents for our community has been completed. Errors found in the audit process have been addressed and corrected. The rented storage units bring in revenue to our community. We are pleased to announce they are all nearly rented. There are only a few left open. Anyone interested in renting a unit should contact the office.

Sincerely,

*Ryan Willoughby*

President, Fountain Lakes Community Association

## Don't Be Left Out

The office still does not have the email address for many residents of Fountain Lakes. You need to provide your email address and give permission for the newsletter and other communication to be emailed to you. Two newsletters have been emailed out already but many residents did not get them because the office did not have email addresses or did not have permission to email you. Please make sure you sign the forms at the office to allow communication to be emailed to you.

Previous newsletter can be found on the Fountain Lakes website [www.fountainlakesestero.com](http://www.fountainlakesestero.com) and in the library. The last newsletter had all the dates for sporting and recreational events listed in it.

## Holiday Warning

To keep from becoming a victim of crooks with devious Phishing schemes over the holiday season, the Lee County Sheriff's Office recommends following these safety tips online:



1. Never click on an embedded link or attachment located in an email. Instead, enter the company's official website address in your browser, sign in to your account and check "your orders" to determine if the email you received matches your order information. If you do not have an online account or do not know how to create one, call the number located on the website, not the number in the email.
2. UPS, FedEx, and the U.S. Postal Service do not request payments, personal or financial information, account numbers, or passwords in an unsolicited manner through email, mail or phone.
3. Analyze the salutation. Is the email addressed to a vague "valued customer, ma'am or sir?" If so, watch out. Most legitimate businesses will use a personal salutation with your first and last name.
4. Be on the lookout for unofficial "From" addresses. Fraudsters often use email addresses that are similar to, but not exactly the same as a company's official email address. For instance, if you receive an official email from Amazon, it will always come from @amazon.com.





## *We are a Deed Restricted Community so Make An Application for All Work Done to Your Home*

For the protection of all residents in Fountain Lakes, we are a deed restricted community, with an Architectural Review Board. This is a desirable situation and is to our benefit. Deed Restrictions helps ensure that all residents comply to a standard of care and maintenance that benefits our entire community.

If you are making changes or making repairs to your home, an application form needs to be completed by the home owner detailing the changes to be made. This includes repainting, installing a new roof, repairing a damaged roof, front landscaping, driveway replacement, etc. The application must be filled out and signed off on by neighbors of the property, each community's HOA, and the Architectural Review Board for Fountain Lakes. This may sound like a big hassle, but doing so will preserve our community's appearance, and will enhance the values in our community.

### **Here is an excerpt from the Covenants:**

*"In order to maintain the standards of Fountain Lakes, no weeds, underbrush or other unsightly growth shall be permitted to grow or remain upon any portion of the Committed Property, and no refuse or unsightly objects shall be allowed to be placed or permitted to remain anywhere thereon. All lawns, landscaping, and sprinkler systems shall be kept in good, clean, neat, and attractive condition. The Committed Property and any dwelling units or other buildings or improvements thereto, other than the property owned by the Developer, shall be kept in good, safe, clean, neat, and attractive condition; and all buildings, structures and improvements thereon shall be maintained in a finished, painted, and attractive condition."*

## *Need the Walk In Clinic?*

You don't have to wait in a waiting room at a walk in clinic anymore. If you call and check in, and answer the 5 automated questions, the clinic will call you when it is time for you to come, so that you can wait in the comfort of your own home rather than in an uncomfortable and frequently busy waiting room. Don't forget that you might want to wear a mask to protect yourself during flu and cold season. In Estero a walk-in clinic you can make appointment at is at 239-330-2654 text 2273.



## *Snowbirds from Out of Country*

Snowbirds should make sure you know your insurance company's policy for proving the date you entered the United States. Many insurers want a Visa statement that shows your name and address on it with a purchase made on the date you entered the United States. Might be worthwhile to be prepared in advance and check your VISA statements now and pull out a copy of purchases from both sides of the border. Then it is ready in case you need medical attention.

## Sewing Club

Join us at Sewing every Monday morning 9-12 in the Community Room. The Monday morning sewing group completed 300 Christmas bags which were given to the American Legion and the Elks. These two groups then filled the bags with personal items for our service men.

The sewing group also made 100 quilts to swaddle stuffed toys. These quilts were donated to the Bonita Fire Department to be given to the children at the hospital.



## *Social Committee Dances at the Community Centre*

Make sure you have these dates on your calendar for Fountain Lakes dances

Jan 19, 2019 - Sock Hop 5:30

Feb 23, 2019 - Red, White & Blue 5:30

Mar 16, 2019 - St Pat's Party 5:30

Mar 20, 2019 - LRC Party 11:00 AM \$20.00 each

Lunch & drinks provided - Many Prizes

We will be collecting for Military Support Program

Apr 13, 2019 - Farewell Party 5:30

The cost is \$20 per person for the Dinner Dances & Entertainment. Bring your own bottle. The tickets are on sale in the Office for these dances. Please come out and join us as we have a lot of fun and would like everyone in the community to join in the fun.

## *A new American Flag*

A beautiful new large size American flag at the main entrance to Fountain Lakes on 41 was donated by Betty Zimbo in memory of her husband, who served in the Armed Forces. The current smaller flag will be moved to the Memorial Garden at the lake. Thank you, Betty for this generous donation!



## Sports and Activities

The last newsletter listed all the sports and activities offered in Fountain Lakes. A copy can be found in the office, in the library, and on the website, thanks to Janet Hildebrand generously working to keep the website up to date. Thanks Janet!

## *Chill and Chat Social Activity*

Starting January through April there will be a "Chill and Chat" every Friday (weather permitting), from 3-5pm in the community clubhouse screen room. Your friends/company are welcome to come with you. Bring whatever you want to drink! Hope to see you there.

## Cards for Fun and Socialization

### Rummy and other games

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Library

### Hand & Foot

Mondays at 12:15 pm in the Library

## *The Boutique for Fountain Lakes*

The Boutique for Fountain Lakes will be held on Saturday, February 23rd in the Community Center. If you are interested in an application to sell your work please e-mail Judy Ladd at Studio266@aol.com. Last year the Boutique was a great success and we intend to have another wonderful year.

## Santa Time

Dec 8th - Come for our yearly Breakfast with Santa in the morning, and join everyone for Pot Luck in the evening of the same day.



## *Want to see something in the next Flash Newsletter?*

Any information you want to have put into the Flash newsletter should be sent to Thelma Jarvis or Mary Cameron before the 23rd day of each month. The office has our contact information. We try to get the newsletter out as close to the first day of the month as possible. At this point the Presidents are emailing the newsletter out, so if you are not getting your newsletter, please make sure your President has your email address and permission to email you.