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Editorial Note—The Splash is published for the benefit of the community to advise them of the activities available. The Splash is not used as a publication for resident's personal messaging. Thank you for your understanding.

Please send all submissions for the February Splash no later than January 15



### ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

The next Activities Association General Meeting is Thursday, January 8, 2025, at 6:30 pm. As a reminder, the meetings are held the second Thursday of every month from October to May and open to all residents.

Please note that we will vote on the changes to the bylaws at this meeting. According to the current bylaws, we need a quorum of one hundred votes to make any changes to the bylaws, and we haven't had that many people at a meeting for several years. To help facilitate the quorum, people will be allowed to request to vote by proxy or request an absentee ballot (homeowners only). Please send your request for either type to: Cyndi Anspach, 294 La Costa or email her at cdsflowers@hotmail.com. Absentee ballots and proxy votes must be returned by January 8th, prior to the meeting, for the vote to count.

### SPANISH LAKES MOBILE HOME PARK ASSOCIATION MEETING DECEMBER 11, 2025

Krista opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance with all board members present: Mary, Cecilia, Tim, Cyndi, Pat, Judy, Dean and Ron.

The invocation was led by Cyndi with the "Christmas Blessing" Prayer.

**Treasurer:** Tim presented the Treasurers report.  
**1st Vice President:** Cecilia provided the next 30-day activities report.

December 13 - Ugly Sweater Party. 6-9. BYOB, Music, Dancing. Volunteers needed to set up at noon.

December 14 - Christmas Yankee Swap Party. 3:00pm. BYOB and wrapped gift to exchange.

December 18 - Christmas Dinner. 4:00pm. Waterfront Too. Sign up sheet on the board.

December 20 - Christmas Golf Cart Parade. 5:00pm. Meet in front of the Clubhouse.

December 24 - Christmas Luminaries. 4:00 set up at both ponds. \$1.00 bag and tealight. See Bob Caldwell. Volunteers are needed for set up of luminaries.

December 31 - New Year's Eve Party. \$20 per person. 8:30 to 12:30. Tickets are available from all Board members and at the door. Attendees name to be on the back of their ticket for a door prize drawing. Light Refreshments will be provided. Volunteers would be appreciated for set up and cleanup.

January 10 - After Holiday Brunch. 10:00am in the Clubhouse. Volunteers would be appreciated for set up and cleanup.

January 14 Coffee and Donuts at 9:00am.

January 18 - Soup and Sandwich Supper. 5:00pm. Volunteers would be appreciated for set up and cleanup.

January 23 - Karaoke in the Clubhouse. 6:00pm

**2nd Vice President:** Mary reported that the Craft Sale was a huge success. Next year's event is to be determined. She will contact vendors next summer to evaluate interest. Super Seconds will have a Department Head meeting on January 14, 2026, 10:00am.

**Kitchen Director:** Judy reported that the Sloppy Joe Dinner was a big success with 61 people attending. They did run out of side dishes. The Board approved 50/50 drawings at free events. Judy would also like to continue the Sunday evening dinners once a month with the next supper planned for January 18th at 5:30.

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**Sports Director:** Dean advised that she investigated Line Dancing and will title it “A Night of Song and Dance,” January 24th from 6-9.

Bunco dates will be January 16 and 30 and February 13 and 27 from 6-9 for \$5.00.

**Facilities Director:** Ron reported that he is repairing chairs as they are reported to him.

**Communication Director:** Pat reported she has 5 name tags that people have yet to pick up.

### **New Business**

2026 Board position nominations were opened by Diane Hickox. Don Gemmiti accepted nomination for the Facilities Director position. Unopposed therefore, there does not need to be an election. All existing members remain with Dean Fauci moving to 1st Vice President position. The Sports Director position will be closed.

The Association will provide \$100 gift cards for the Administrative and Maintenance Staff. Christmas Cards are on the table if anyone would like to sign them.

The proposed changes to the SL Constitution Bylaws were presented. There was much discussion and questions answered. Any Resident may request a proxy or absentee ballot from Cyndi Anspach. The ballots need to be returned to the Board by January 6, 2026. The changes will be voted on at the January 8th meeting.

Board nominations were closed.

Meeting adjourned

Cyndi Anspach, Secretary

## **VIOLIN CONCERT**

The Violin Christmas Concert on December 10th was well received, with over forty of our residents and guests in attendance. Christmas favorites had the residents singing, humming and toe tapping. The Violinists were Spanish Lake resident Nadina Prince and her friend Bobbi Rumpf who are both members of the Northport Symphony. A special thanks to Nadina for making the concert a reality and giving those in attendance a meaningful and memorable experience.

## **SPLASH WALKERS (DELIVERY PEOPLE)**

Remember when you or your friends had a paper route? These folks are reliving that dream by delivering the Splash each month. Here's a list of our walkers and their territories. If you would be willing to fill in as a sub when needed, contact Pat Strongarone at (313) 729-1699.

Adams, Debbie & Eric  
191 - 233 Spanish Lakes Dr.

Bensche, Michael  
83 - 102 and 392- 401 Captiva

Caldwell, Bob & Deb  
103 - 118 Boca Ciega and  
119 - 145 Captiva

Fauci, Dean  
342 - 355 Santa Cruz and  
356 - 368 Spanish Lakes Dr.

Harvey, Joan  
49 - 82 LaCosta St.

Houston, Tim & Jackie  
369 - 391 Sanibel

Kaylor, Jill  
234 - 265 San Carlos  
22 - 29 San Carlos

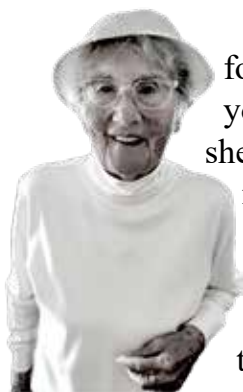
Lummis, Felipe  
1 - 21 Boca Ciega

Richard, Larry (Summer)  
Gens, Patti (Winter)  
303 - 341 DeSota

Thomson, Chris  
266 - 277 Pinta  
28 - 48 Sierra Vista

White, Gerry & Pauline  
146 - 189 Sanibel

## DORIS CALKINS CELEBRATES HER 100TH BIRTHDAY



January 3, 2026 is a special day for Doris as she turns 100 years young. Born in Northwest Chicago, she's been a die-hard fan of Cubs' nation since she was 4 years old.

Doris speaks highly of her first summer job working in a bakery. When asked "Did you taste the baked goods?" she smiled and said, "Oh yes!"

During high school Doris worked for her dad—who was a commercial artist—doing deliveries, and other types of support jobs. One day he threw her the car keys to make a delivery. She had never driven in Chicago, having learned to drive on a relative's farm when she was 14. Even with a stick shift, she made the delivery without a problem.

Doris's mother was a homemaker, and the home was always open to hers and her brother's friends. This is something Doris continued when she started her family.

Every year Doris looked forward to watching her beloved Cubs on Ladies Day for 10 cents. Of course she went to other games as well.

In those days girls didn't go to college, however she attended the Institute of Design in Chicago and pursued photography while working at her dad's business. While at Institute she met a young man in the dark room as they were developing photos. Spence was on a two-year apprenticeship program from his employer in Rochester, NY. Spence and Doris had a lot in common and began dating. As Doris's dad began to grow his business Spence worked for him. Her mother didn't approve because he was 11 years older, and she feared Doris would end up becoming a widow. They were married and Spence lived to the ripe age of 101.

After getting married, they moved to Rushville, N.Y., where Spence worked for Kodak. He and Doris also photographed children. They started a family welcoming 3 daughters—Terri, Barb, and Peggy.

The family moved back to NW Chicago. Spence worked for the school system. Doris went to college

where she earned a degree in Elementary Education and became an art teacher.

They both enjoyed travel and did it in an RV which Doris drove throughout the country, while Spence took photos of the beautiful scenery.

Doris and Spence arrived in Spanish Lakes in 1998, where they rented for 3 months, then bought 205 Spanish Lakes that same year.

Doris has three daughters, Five Grandchildren, and Four Great Grandchildren.

Doris has been active in the past in Talent Shows at the clubhouse. She was part of Shirley's Tap Dancers. She also served as treasurer of the Activities Association Board.

You can find Doris in the pool at 7:00am, depending on the weather. Her doctor says she needs to swim seven days a week.

We plan to celebrate Doris' 100th Birthday at Happy Hour on Friday, January 23 from 4–6pm. Please BYOB and a dish to share. Also, think of a funny and/or interesting memory about Doris to share.

**Happy Birthday Doris!!!**



## NIFTY NEEDLERS



We are a quilting /sewing group that meets on Mondays 1pm-3pm in the club house. Bring your own project or help with donation quilts. What if you don't quilt or sew but want to learn? Or maybe you need help with a project. Join us! We'll help! Questions? Call Mary Ystad (414) 539–1225

## BOCCE

Bocce will be played every Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 am. Please contact Dennis Decker at 614 561-1251 for more information.



## LADIES GOLF

We have a standing reservation for golf at Lake Venice Golf Club at 2 o'clock on Thursdays. Toni Milner will send a text to the ladies that have played in the past. If you are interested in being added or deleted from the text, please let her know.

Our first golf outing of 2026 will be January 8th. We will meet in the Lake Venice clubhouse at 1:45 for a 2 o'clock tee off. If you have new neighbors or know someone who would like to join us, please contact Toni at (618) 980-0522.

## MUSIC BINGO

Join us on Sunday January 11 from 6:00 -8:00. As '60's and '70's music is played, you mark off the title of each song on your bingo card. Get a BINGO and you could win a prize! This is a free event. BYOB and a snack. Sign-up sheet will be posted in the Clubhouse. Questions? Contact Dean Fauci at (570) 656-9001

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### Begins With "Winter Sportfishing on the Gulf" on Friday, January 9th

NOKOMIS, FL – A new year of a monthly series of free Nokomis Beach Talks begins on Friday, January 9th, 2026, with a masterclass on Winter Sportfishing on the Gulf by Captain Joe Cellamare, owner of FishTales Bait & Tackle. Capt. Cellamare is a seasoned charter boat captain, fishing guide, and expert on bait and fishing gear for finding and catching fish in Sarasota County. He has been in the charter fishing business for more than 20 years.

This one-hour workshop will begin at 9:00 am under the Beach Picnic Pavilion at North Jetty Park (1000 Casey Key Road S., Nokomis, FL), rain or shine. Following a brief introduction, Capt. Joe will discuss the key fish species in our local waters during the winter, as well as the best types of rods, reels, lures, and bait to catch these fish.

*Winter Sportfishing on the Gulf* is the first in a 5-month series of free eco-environmental beach workshops. Upcoming workshops are scheduled for the first Friday morning of each month. Future topics include *Shorebirds of the Gulf Coast*, *Favorite Seashells of Southwest Florida*, *Shark Teeth Hunting in the Gulf*, and *Spring & Summer Sportfishing on the Gulf*.

This series is sponsored and supported by the non-profit Nokomis Institute.

All workshops are free and open to the general public. No pre-registration is necessary. Attendees are encouraged to dress for the weather. Parking is free and adjacent to the Picnic Pavilion at North Jetty Park.

For additional information, see updates posted at [www.Facebook.com/Nokomis2021](http://www.Facebook.com/Nokomis2021)

Or call event coordinator, Ken Proudfoot, at (401) 662-5909.



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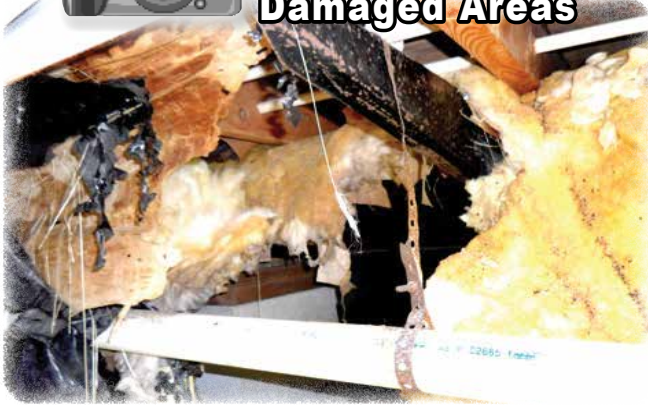
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## BOOK CLUB

Welcome back, Snowbird members and friends! We are looking forward to your participation in our interesting discussions. Our next discussion is on the biography of Vicky Nguyen, an NBC anchor; the book is *Boat Baby*. Thanks to the generosity of our SL Association, we have a few copies of this book available. Call Barbara to reserve a book.



We will meet on Wednesday, January 14th at 2 p.m. In the clubhouse board room.

Questions? Call Barbara @ 941-350-3865.

## ATTENTION ALL DEPARTMENT HEAD VOLUNTEERS FOR THE SUPER SECOND SALE:

There is a meeting on Wednesday January 14 10:00am in the clubhouse. If you are no longer planning to head your department, please let me know ASAP. I am excited for another SUPER SECOND SALE

### All Other Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer for the Super Second Sale and have not joined a team, please let me know and we can find a way for you to help. It takes a village to make this sale a success. Remember "Many hands make light work."

Mary Ernst

585-281-4642

## AFTER THE HOLIDAYS BRUNCH

Saturday, January 10 at 10:00 am. Please bring a dish to share and join us for some fun and fellowship (and good food). There will be a 50/50 raffle—8 tickets for \$5.00. Questions? Call Pat Strongarone (313) 729-1699.

## LADIES LUNCHEON

This month's Ladies' Luncheon will be at 12 noon on Thursday, January 15. It will be held at the Clever Monkey, 1272 S Tamiami Trail in Osprey. Sign-up in the Clubhouse. Questions? Contact Pat Strongarone (313) 729-1699.

## SOUP AND SANDWICH SUPPER

Sunday January 18th @ 5:30pm. Sandwiches provided by the Activities Association. Bring your favorite pot of soup, side dish or dessert. Signup sheet is in the clubhouse. If you can't get to the clubhouse, please have a friend or neighbor sign you up. For more information, contact Judy Jurn at (231) 907-8433.

## BUNCO NEWS



Results from November 21 Bunco

Most large BUNCOS: Dick Grant and Margie Harris

Most small BUNCOS: Sue Coolack, Donna Glaser and Diane Hickox

Most Wins: Janie Lee

Biggest Losers: Arthura Martinelli and Judy Jurn  
BUNCO Results from December 5

Most Large BUNCOS: Carol Ritsma

Most Small BUNCOS: Linda Hathaway

Most wins: Diane Hickox

Biggest Losers: Judy Jurn and Dean Fauci

The BUNCO games this month are on January 16th and January 30th. Entry fee is \$5, games start at 6 o'clock. Please bring your own beverage (no glass, please). We will not be serving snacks so plan accordingly. Come join the fun! For more information call Judy Jurn at (231) 907-8433.





## A NIGHT OF SONG AND DANCE



Bridget Phillips, a bluesy powerhouse vocalist with boundless energy and line dance moves, will entertain us nonstop with music and dancing on

January 24, 2026, from 6 to 9 pm. \$5.00 per person. Bring your own drinks and a snack to share. Instead of a signup sheet in the clubhouse, text Donna Glaser at (513) 256-3080 to reserve your place and you can pay at the door. Or call Dean Fauci at (570) 656-9001 for more information.

It promises to be a fun night. You might even learn a new dance move or two.

THE SUPER SECOND SALE IS  
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## NEW RESIDENTS

If you know of a resident who recently moved in, or someone who has been here a while but doesn't have a name tag, please contact Pat Strongarone at (313) 729-1699 so she can set up a meet and greet, order them a name tag and officially welcome them to the park.

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## COOKING CORNER

Happy New Year Spanish Lakes!

I hope that everyone had some joyful and fun times with family and friends during the 2025 holiday season.

As we begin 2026, some of us may want to make some changes to our meal plans. Below I have included an old favorite recipe from Weight Watchers. It's a variation of traditional Cabbage Rolls. This recipe uses the same ingredients of the beloved traditional recipe; however, the casserole is unstuffed. Give this healthy and filling high protein casserole a try. Who knows, it could become one of your favorites. It's flavorful and filling, plus it feeds many and freezes well.

### UNSTUFFED CABBAGE CASSEROLE

#### Ingredients:

- 2 TBSP Olive Oil
- 1 small head of cabbage cut into bite sized pieces
- 1 very large onion chopped
- 1 pound of ground round, turkey, or chicken
- 1 can of tomato sauce (15 oz.)
- 2 cans of plain diced tomatoes (15 oz. each)
- 3 TBSP of tomato paste
- 1 tsp Jane's Crazy Mixed Up Salt or other Seasoned Salt
- ½ tsp Black pepper
- 2 cups cooked rice—white or brown
- \*Adjust seasonings to your taste

#### Instructions

1. In a large Dutch Oven heat oil on medium heat. Add meat and onion. Brown well.
2. Add cabbage and stir. Cover and reduce heat to simmer for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.
3. When cabbage is soft add sauce and tomatoes. Continue to simmer uncovered for 5 minutes.
4. Add paste and seasonings and stir. Add 2 cups of rice. Simmer 5 more minutes.
5. Remove from heat and place into a large casserole dish. Bake in a 350F oven for 15 minutes.

\*Serve with applesauce and one or two of the following sides:

Cornbread, Peas, Pickled Beets, Whole Grain Rolls, Crunchy Bread Sticks, or Green Beans. This meal may be too filling for dessert.

Remove from microwave and top with cheese and pepperoni. Microwave for one more minute.

Cool, serve and enjoy.



## RESTAURANT NEWS

by Neighbor Jill

Each month, Jill reports on a local restaurant, telling us about their specials. This month, we have a new restaurant near us. Located at 1095 N Tamiami Trail, Suite A, Hibachi Express is between Paradise Grill and Publix. It seats about 60, so you can eat in or take out. They also cater. Their hours are Monday-Thursday 11:00–9:00; Friday–Saturday 11:00–10:00; and Sunday Noon–9:00. Their lunch special runs daily from 10:30 to 3:30 and includes the entrée along with a free drink for \$9.95.

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## SUPER SECOND DONATIONS

It's not too early to start donating for the February 2026 Super Second Sale. Just a few reminders:

Please contact Paul Ernst (585) 967–9879 for a pickup. **Please do not drop off any donations at the clubhouse or at the shed itself.**



We accept clean, gently used items in working condition. Also, saleable items such as collectibles, jewelry, and antiques are appreciated. We would appreciate all glass ware to be wrapped in paper etc. Unfortunately, we had glass items break during transit from the shed to the clubhouse.

We do **NOT** accept:

Couches or very large furniture  
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Christmas trees  
Candles  
Mattresses  
Picture frames  
Toiletries  
Any liquids

Thank you,  
Mary Ernst

## DO YOU HAVE A SERVICE TO OFFER?

Are you a Spanish Lakes resident that has services/talents to offer to other residents? We are compiling a list for our Splash publication to assist our residents when looking for services to hire, such as bike repair, hairdresser, handyman, home watch, house cleaning, rides, sewing, etc.

We do not endorse or recommend any of these services but will publish the information for residents to use at their own discretion. You **MUST** be a resident to be included in the list. If interested, *please contact the editor with your information.*



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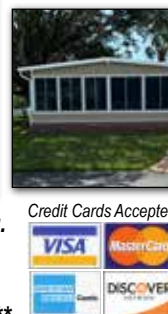
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## HELPFUL INFORMATION

Trash Day: Tuesday  
Recycle: Tuesday  
Yard Waste: Tuesday & Friday mornings  
*No Plastic bags, use brown bags or tied bundles*



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Any medications that you are no longer using can be disposed of at the Venice Police Department on East Venice Avenue. DO NOT PUT them in the TRASH or FLUSH them in the TOILET.**

## REMINDER .... DON'T MISS OUT

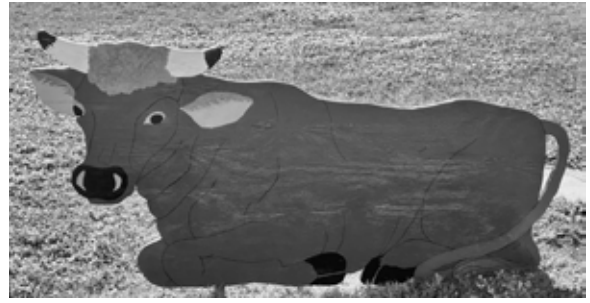
**Watch channel 2** (our community channel) for announcements such as emergency water shut-offs, etc. Other community events and important notices can also be found there.

## DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE?

**How about an idea** for an ongoing feature in the Splash? I'd love to find contributors, and you don't have to write well. Just send me information I can work with. I can clean up spelling and grammar issues or make your words flow better, BUT I can't edit something if it doesn't exist.

**Maybe you've gone on** a great day trip recently. If you enjoyed it, we'd love to hear about it—and some of our fellow residents might appreciate the opportunity to plan a similar adventure. Whether it was a cruise, state park, or historical site, please send the details of your trip and include pictures if you have any.

Submit suggestions by the 15th of each month to Kathleen Putman. Please type your submission into an email (preferred) and send it to [kpSplashEditor@gmail.com](mailto:kpSplashEditor@gmail.com) or text to (513) 833-3334. **Also include your name and phone number so I can contact you if we have any questions.**



*If you would like to have your pet featured as Pet of the Month in future issues, please send a picture of your pet and information about it to Kathleen Putman at [kpSplashEditor@gmail.com](mailto:kpSplashEditor@gmail.com) or text it to (513)833-3334.*

**Get your activities and events on the calendar.**  
**Contact the editor for addition to the Splash and calendar.**

### Coming Events

- February 14, 2026: Valentines Party 6:00 to 9:00 pm DJ Bradley Hendrix
- March 28, 2026: "Last Dance" Party 6:00 to 9:00 pm Beat Street Band



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## SPANISH LAKES RESIDENTS OFFER SERVICES FOR HIRE

*This is a list of Spanish Lakes residents offering services to other Spanish Lakes residents for hire.*

*We do not endorse or recommend any of these services. Please use your own discretion.*

Pat Strongarone.....313-729-1699.....	House Sitting, anytime! Vacation Pet Care: (Small) dogs – my house; Cats – your house
Chris Thomson.....941-232-8442.....	Carpet and Furniture Cleaning, Power Washing & Painting
Kathleen Putman .....513-833-3334.....	Bicycle repair (by appointment), graphic design, pet nail trims (by appointment)
Lori Good.....636-279-5064.....	House Sitting, Airport transportation to and from Sarasota and Punta Gorda airports
Bill Johnson .....517-896-2702.....	Insurance and Annuities agent
Kurt Groggel .....941-539-8658.....	Installation and repair of flooring (hardwood, laminate and vinyl plank), also sub flooring
Deb Adams.....269-208-5742.....	House sitting, pet sitting, and transportation to/from doctors, grocery, and airports
Eric Adams.....269-208-0820.....	House sitting, pet sitting (cats in your home), and transportation to/from doctors, grocery, and airports
Randy Timm.....727-644-4371.....	Handyman (Jack of All Trades) Carport tie downs
Karen Asbrock .....513-254-4606.....	Pet/house sitting, transportation for errands, doctor's appointments, etc.
Sue Coolack .....281-692-1517.....	Women's & Men's haircuts. Also coloring and highlights!
Tom Wannop .....941-875-8301.....	Vehicle washing & detailing, Housework, Weeding, Trimming, Edging; Rides (airports, Dr appointments, shopping)
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## POOL RULES



- Pool Hours – Sunrise to sunset
- No Lifeguard on Duty. Swim at your own risk
- Shower before entering the pool.
- No food, glassware, or beverages allowed in the pool or fenced area. Commercially bottled water in plastic bottles are allowed in pool fenced area.
- Children not potty trained are not allowed in pool.
- **No diving or jumping** into the pool.
- No animals allowed in pool or pool fenced area.
- Pool capacity **16** persons.
- Persons under 16 may use pool between 11 AM – 3 PM and 5 PM – 7 PM with adult supervision.
- No smoking in the pool area.

POOL MAXIMUM DEPTH: 6 FEET

### NO DIVING

1. Please put down the umbrellas and clean up all trash.
2. If you take down the rope to swim laps, please put it back after you are finished.
3. Please shower before going into the pool. Sand is accumulating and damaging the filters.



The pool is there to be enjoyed by all. Thank you for your respect of your neighbors and your Association.

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## FROM THE OFFICE:

The new front gate has been in operation for almost a month, and the temporary code is 2025. You can give this code out to any visitors or vendors you use. We will have dedicated codes for all our residents, and we will be distributing these over the next month or so. Once you receive your individual code you may start using it instead of 2025. This temporary code will be left in place to use until we are sure every resident has received their personal code.

- **Resident Access:** Press **Enter Code**, then type in – **2025** – then press **Enter**. The gate will ding and say access granted and you can pull up to the gate and enter. (**Editor's Hint:** for some of us smaller people with short arms, you can use a stylus taped to a longer stick to punch in the code.)
- **Guest Entry:** Guests can use the temporary code of 2025 to enter the park. Or they may call you from the gate directory; you will need to answer your phone and once you know who they are, press **9** on your phone to grant access.
- **When Exiting:** There is a sensor in the street designed to open the gate when a vehicle approaches. Pull up (slowly) as close as you can to the sign and wait for the gate to open.
- **Report Issues:** If you experience problems, contact the office at **941-488-1636** or email [spanishlakesparkmanager@nremgmt.com](mailto:spanishlakesparkmanager@nremgmt.com).

Bar code stickers that attach to the passenger side headlight and prompt the gate to open, when scanned, will be available for a cost of \$25.00, payable by check or money order ONLY. Stickers should be available by the end of January.

## RENTAL PROPERTIES

If you or someone you know is looking for a place to rent, don't forget to check the bulletin board in the clubhouse. You can put your request on a 3 x 5 card, or check to see what properties are available (also posted on 3 x 5 cards).

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kathleen Schonauer  
Cindi Fitzgerald  
Lynn Pouzar
- 3 Doris Calkins  
Bill Vierson  
Cecilia Meko
- 4 Vicki Oller
- 8 Tina Jordan
- 11 Louise Markarwicz,
- 12 Tom Pouzar
- 13 Pat Nave  
Jeff Pickering  
Andrew Beagen
- 14 Beth Hoffman
- 15 Kathleen Jacob
- 16 Sharon Small
- 19 Pat Schaecher
- 21 Russ Ystat
- 24 Lynn Modica
- 27 Dennis Hughes  
Debbie McCormick
- 28 Randy Timm
- 30 Barbara Dailey  
Pamela Phelan



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 16 Larry & Karen Richards
- 27 Roy & Pat Simms

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

*Please advise the communications director if there are any people missing from birthdays or anniversaries- or names of individuals that have left Spanish Lakes.*



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recall talking into his pocket where he carried his body aid.

I started working with hearing aids in 1999 and I loved it from the beginning. I took all the classes and extra accreditations including Board Certification and designation from the American Conference of Audioprosthology.

Since I was raised in a hard of hearing household, I have firsthand experience with frustrations and misunderstandings. I watched my own father, Ed, get frustrated whenever he had to repeat himself. I watched my Mom, who loved social events, choose to avoid very noisy situations due to her hearing.

When Karen married into our family, I saw her get her feelings hurt since she thought my Mom wasn't listening. It was accurate but not on purpose. Both my Mom and Karen enjoy cooking, but a kitchen is an acoustical nightmare.

When they cooked together for our holiday meals, I would have to stand in the middle of the kitchen and translate what Karen was saying to my Mom. It is much easier to hear a deep male voice than Karen's higher pitched voice. Add in an exhaust fan, a clang of a pot and a clink of a dish and this is not an easy place for conversation.

A few years after I got into this industry, I was able to re-fit my Mom with appropriate technology for her very social life-style. I gave insight to Karen about her feelings of being ignored. I gave awareness to my Mom about her frustrations and feelings of isolation.

I thoroughly enjoy being able to share these personal experiences so you can see you aren't alone. I truly do understand the frustrations. These insights enable me to help you ease the strain that does exist when living with someone with a hearing loss.

I am so very grateful that I get to do what I love doing every day. I get to be of service to other families who struggle with hearing loss and improve their life and connections with their families. If you or a family member struggle to hear well, call for a free consultation.



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