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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.

LABOR DAY PICNIC

We're celebrating Labor Day with a potluck dinner featuring broasted chicken from Publix (provided by our association). Bring a dish to pass. Iced tea and Diet Sprite will be provided, as well as bottled water.

4 pm Monday, September 1st

Please sign up in clubhouse so we'll know how much chicken will be needed. For more info, contact Judy Jurn (Kitchen Director) at (231) 907-8433.

OUR ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BOARD NEEDS YOU!

Your new ideas and fresh energy....

This board consists of nine people that plan and execute all the activities we have here. We are NOT an HOA and do not participate in any park management decisions.

Many parks like ours have seen their activities committees dissolve due to lack of volunteers. If that happens, every time anyone wants to use the clubhouse for any reason, it would have to be requested and approved by the park manager.

We hold an election in January every year. Some current members plan to continue to participate, and some do not.

If you would like more information about the board, or are interested in contributing to our fun, please contact Krista Stuttle at (607) 351-6440

ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

There are no Activities Association General Meetings during the summer. As a reminder, the meetings are held the second Thursday of every month from October to May and open to all residents.

BOOK CLUB

Many of our members return to Spanish Lakes in October, so we will hold our first discussion of the season on October 8, in the clubhouse board room. Our book is *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge.

The story is historical fiction based on a true event. Two giraffes—one male, one female—survived a hurricane in the Atlantic Ocean as they were being transported from Africa to New Jersey. From there, they were transported across the country to California, finding a permanent home in a special zoo. Of course, there are some interesting characters, including the two giraffes who develop personalities as they travel across the United States. There are many adventures, sometimes perilous. It was 1938, and many people in the United States had never seen a real live giraffe. It's an easy read and well worth your time to get hold of this special book, possibly at the Sarasota County library system in Venice where there were at least four copies on the shelf when I last checked. Questions? Call Barbara at (941) 350-3865

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LADIES' LUNCHEON

The September Ladies' Luncheon will be held in the back room of Paradise Grill, at noon on Wednesday, September 17th, and hosted by Pat Strongarone.

And if you're wanting to plan ahead, the October Ladies' Luncheon will be Thursday, Oct 16th, (also at noon). It will be at Landy's on the Water, 1400 Aqua View Lane in Englewood.

BUNCO

22 people attended Bunco in August. The winner of the most BUNCOS was Bob Caldwell.

Donna Glaser had the most wins, Kelly (last name unknown) won Most Small BUNCOS, and Diane Hogan was the Biggest Loser.

The next BUNCO will be September 12, at 6 p.m. Sign up in the clubhouse. There is a \$5.00 entry fee, which is divided up to give out as prizes. No experience is necessary—it's easy and you can learn as you go.

For more information, contact Dean Fauci at (570) 656-9001 or Judy Jurn at (231) 907-8433.

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

This monthly feature is suspended until October, when our snowbirds begin returning.

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.

Name badges for NEW HOMEOWNERS in Spanish Lakes are free. Renters (and anyone needing a replacement) may purchase a name badge for only \$10.00 each.

Welcome to the Community!

COOKING CORNER

This month I am featuring a high protein chicken dish. It is easy to prepare, and the recipe can easily be reduced to fit the needs of your household.

This chicken entree combines the flavors of pesto, fresh mozzarella cheese, tomato, and parmesan to enhance the taste of chicken.

Serve with rice or pasta (your choice), and a vegetable or salad.

Enjoy the recipe below!

Happy Cooking!

Linda

PESTO CHICKEN BAKE

4 chicken breasts, slightly pounded
1/4 cup of pesto sauce (any brand or homemade)
6 slices of fresh mozzarella cheese
6 slices of fresh tomato
Italian seasoning to taste
Parmesan cheese to taste



Preheat oven to 350.

Spray a 9x13x2 inch pan with olive oil.

Place the chicken between 2 sheets of waxed paper or Saran wrap and lightly pound with a meat tenderizer or a rolling pin slightly. Place in pan. Spoon one T. of Pesto sauce all over each chicken breast.

Place 1 1/2 slices of fresh mozzarella on each chicken breast, top with 1 1/2 slices of fresh tomato. Sprinkle with Italian seasoning and Parmesan cheese to taste.

Bake 30-40 minutes, let set for 5 minutes before serving.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

The annual craft fair is scheduled for November 22 this year. Please let me know if you are interested in reserving a space

Mary Ernst

(585) 281-4642

RESTAURANT NEWS

by Neighbor Jill

Each month, Jill will report on a local restaurant, telling us about their specials. This month, the restaurant is Food & Beer located at 301 S Tamiami on Venice Island. Their hours are 11:00am–1:00am Monday–Thursday, 11:00 am–2 am Friday and Saturday, and 10 am–1 am Sunday.

Their weekly specials include:

Monday: Cheeseburger & fries \$6.99

Tuesday: Tacos & Tequila—2 Tacos, chips & Pico \$5.99, plus a Margarita Bar

Wednesday: Trivia 6:30 Winner gets \$50 gift certificate & a bottle of Champagne

Thursday: \$.89 Wings

Happy hour Sunday–Thursday 3-6pm

Weekend Brunch: Saturday & Sunday 10-3

Mimosa Bar on Sundays

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE?

- ***Submit a riddle or short joke***, or even a motivational quote that may be included in the newsletter
- ***Share a day trip***—have you had a great day trip recently that you enjoyed? Whether it was a cruise, state park, or historical site, some of our fellow residents might also enjoy it. Please send the details of your trip and pictures (optional).
- ***Hey Snowbirds!*** We would love to hear from you. How's your summer up north? Drop us a note to let us know what you are up to and how it's going.

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 or text to (513) 833–3334. Please, no handwritten submissions.

Note: If you have an idea, you don't have to write well. I can clean up spelling and grammar issues and even make your words flow better, BUT I can't edit something which doesn't exist.

"CLIMATE CONTROLLED" WALKING

If you walk regularly for exercise (or just to clear your mind), you can avoid the heat by walking in the clubhouse. Check the calendar in the back of the Splash to see when other activities are not going on—afternoons are usually a good time. Invite a friend to walk with you. Let's stay healthy, even when it's too hot to walk outdoors.

PET OF THE MONTH!

This month's featured pet is Shadow, a Tailless Tortie. He lives on Desoto Street with his owner, Betty Beffert, who says he follows her everywhere and is an escape artist. According to Betty, her other cat, Sadie, is their Queen and everything is on her terms. (Sadie couldn't be bothered with having her picture taken for the SPLASH.)



If you would like to have your pet featured in future issues, please send a picture of your pet and information about it to Kathleen Putman at kpSplashEditor@gmail.com or text it to (513)833–3334.

LOCAL INFORMATION

One of our residents, Ken Proudfoot, writes a weekly newsletter, published by Substack, that features the history of Nokomis as well as news and events in the greater Nokomis/Venice area. It's **free** and is published every Sunday evening.

People can sign up by using this QR code, then simply enter their email address.



DID YOU KNOW?

If you are planning to paint your home in Spanish Lakes and have vinyl siding, be sure to choose only vinyl safe paint. It will give your siding the flexibility that is needed for the climate we have in Florida. You should also only use vinyl safe colors because this prevents warping or melting due to heat absorption. Ask any paint specialist at Sherwin Williams what is available for the type of siding you have. They have a color chart for you to look at. This link will also take you to those options: <https://www.sherwin-williams.com/en-us/color/color-collections/vinyl-safe>

Get your activities and events on the calendar - contact the editor for addition to the Splash and calendar.

HALLOWEEN PARTY



You are invited to this year's Halloween Party, to be held on Friday, October 31st at 7:00pm. We will have music, a bucket of brews, 50/50 and prizes for the best costumes. There's no cost to attend. Bring a snack to share, if you want. Please sign up at the clubhouse and come have some fun! Hope to see you there! Hosted by Gerry and Pauline White.

VETERAN'S DAY DINNER

Tuesday, November 11, 6:00 to 7:00 PM in the clubhouse. There is a flyer in this issue of the Splash for Veterans, Widows & Widowers to sign up. Please return it on or before Friday, October 31. Put it in the box marked veteran in the clubhouse.



Residents wishing to attend can sign up in the clubhouse and are asked to bring a side dish (the meat, water & coffee will be provided). No walk-ins please!!

If you have questions regarding dinner reservations, please call dinner co-chair, Jill Kaylor, at (904) 826-7520.

If you are not a Veteran, Widow, or Widower and you wish to serve on the Dinner Committee, please call Donald Gemmiti, Dinner Co-Chair, at (941) 412-5714.

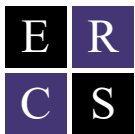
Let's Salute our Spanish Lakes Veterans for their service!!

CHRISTMAS DINNER



The annual Christmas Dinner Party will be held at Waterfrontoo, in Nokomis, on Thursday, December 18th, at 4:00 pm. All couples, and +1's, are invited!

A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Clubhouse at the beginning of November. Any questions, call Pat Strongarone at (313) 729-1699



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SUPER SECOND DONATIONS

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

Please contact Lee Stuttle at (607) 351-6443 or Gerry White at (860) 214-3058 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

Baby equipment

Christmas trees

Candles

Picture frames

Toiletries

Any liquids

Mattresses

Paul Ernst will resume picking up starting in November 2024

Thank you

Mary Ernst



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Kathleen Putman - 513-833-3334

Submissions due by 5 p.m.

the 15th of each month

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ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WATER MAIN BREAKS!

We're sure you're tired of hearing us say it, but **PLEASE DO NOT FLUSH** Q-tips, Kleenex tissue, paper towels, "flushable" baby wipes, or anything else. These cause too much strain on our sewer system. The **ONLY** thing you should put in your toilet is toilet paper (Charmin, Angel Soft, Scotts, Great Value, etc.).

Remember, when you flush something you shouldn't, it doesn't just affect you—it also affects your neighbors. **NOBODY** wants to deal with a boil water mandate.

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Please remember to wear your name tag to all Spanish Lakes official events.



PLEASE NOTE: For safety when walking or riding after dark, **please wear reflective clothing and carry a flashlight.**

SEPTEMBER

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.

ATTENTION



If you witness any unusual activity or see suspicious people roaming in the park, **PLEASE** call the Sarasota County Sheriff's Dept. at **941-316-1201** immediately!! **DO NOT** wait until the morning and **DO NOT** confront any individual.

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.***

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Cindy Waldt, Paul Ernst
- 3 Harry MacAvoy, Tom Meko
- 6 Jim Warren, Frank Conway
- 7 Lee Stuttle
- 9 Paula Johnson, Sue Sabourin, Lori Good
- 10 Jan Frizzell, Joe Knable
- 11 Donna Estle, Traci Timm
- 15 Eric Adams, Thomas Colleton, Mike Podlasiak
- 16 Brink Grismer, Frank Lill, Don McLaughlin
- 17 Doris Bergeron, Jennie Roberts, Mark Edsall, Jimmy Green
- 18 Linda Hathaway
- 19 Barbara Koehler
- 20 Lillian Hallock
- 21 Darniel Carpenter, John Kopolka, Mike Novak
- 24 Donald Sakris, Roger Oldenkamp
- 26 Tom Jones, Brian Haugen
- 28 Jim Baglio
- 30 Connie Williamson



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Jim & Sharri Gifford, John & Debbie Siebert
- 5 Richard & Diane Alvord
- 7 Mark & Teresa Edsall
- 9 Dan & Carole Kelly
- 12 Tom & Cecilia Meko
- 15 Lee & Krista Stuttle, Steve & Gail Roser
- 18 Mark & Pam Eyking
- 22 Dan & Nancy Hughes
- 25 Lou & Jan Frizzell
- 27 Nolan & Ellen Rossi
- 28 Stephen & Sherry Harthill
- 30 Mike & Wendy Novak

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.

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.



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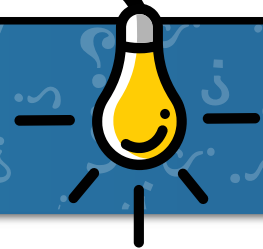
SPANISH LAKES RESIDENTS OFFER SERVICES FOR HIRE

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)
Tina Bacharach	941-780-3519	Haircuts for Ladies and Men.
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)
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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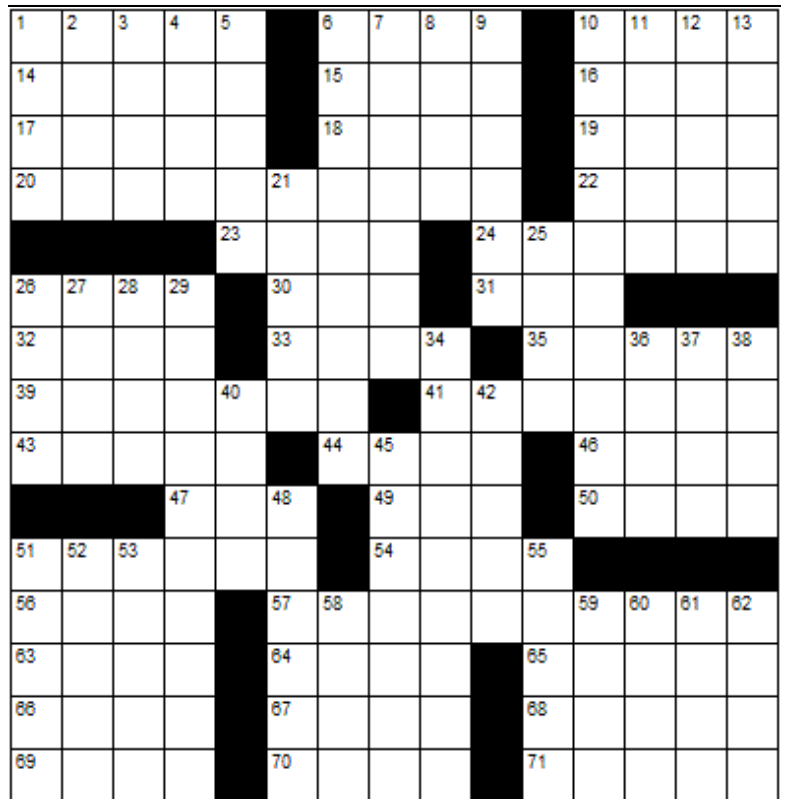


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September Crossword

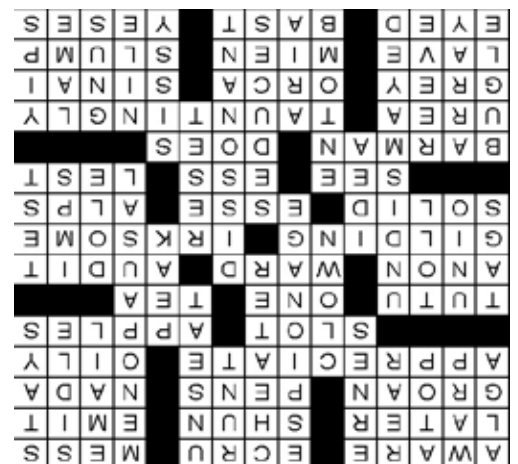
ACROSS

1. Cognizant
6. Beige
10. Clutter
14. Not earlier
15. Blackball
16. Broadcast
17. Moan
18. Writing styluses
19. Nil
20. Value
22. Greasy
23. Coin opening
24. Granny Smiths and Red delicious
26. Ballet attire
30. Half of two
31. Anagram of "Eat"
32. Any minute
33. Voting district
35. Scrutinize
39. Coating of gold
41. Annoying
43. Not liquid
44. Being
46. European mountains
47. Observe
49. S
50. In order that not
51. Mixologist
54. Female deer (plural)
56. Fertilizer component
57. Teasingly
63. Between black and white
64. Whale
65. Red Sea peninsula
66. Wash
67. Bearing
68. Economic down time
69. Got a good look at
70. Strong fiber
71. Affirmatives



DOWN

1. Seaweed
2. Distort
3. At the peak of
4. Backside
5. Anagram of "Sneer"
6. Spying
7. Deceiver
8. Litter member
9. Oust
10. Relating to menopause
11. Electronic letter
12. Move furtively
13. Doesn't go
21. Buffoon
25. Summit
26. Anagram of "Stag"
27. Freshwater mussel
28. Fee
29. Undaunted
34. Disharmonious
36. Handout
37. Little devils
38. Exam
40. Bright thought
42. Adjust again
45. Lures
48. Bury
51. Army brass instrument
52. Impressive display
53. Female ruff
55. Pantywaist
58. Diva's solo
59. Egyptian river
60. Wildebeests
61. Hardly believable
62. Puppy sounds



September Word Search



beautiful
begin
blame
braid
canyon
carve
consequence
curl
dance
eagle
guitar
heel

house
inset
inventory
jumps
lasting
laudable
music
nerve
night
pause
peat

pierce
playlist
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ruins
silly
sludge
stick
strum
trace
wallboard
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