

NAPLES GARDENS AROUND THE PARK SNIPPETS

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Only ten (10) more days until Christmas. I am still surprised at how fast the days are passing us by. The winter solstice will be upon us by this coming weekend and the length of daylight hours will begin to increase.

Ann (Tony Gambardella is feeling poorly. Tony says Ann has been undergoing a lot of tests and may have pneumonia and quite possibly, additional blood clots.

Walter (Marilyn) Kaehler is home after a few days spent at PRMC next door. Walter had a battle with diverticulitis and is on the mend. I believe Walter, who felt good, established a profound precedent by discharging himself and walking back to the park from the hospital next door.

Dot (Jim) Greenwood wishes to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness and cards. She continues to improve rather slowly.

There are a number of park activities happening during the next two weeks which I have summarized below.

Tuesday, Dec 15 Alice's new weekly Tuesday "Lighter Fare" lunch offering. This week's menu features a "Baked Potato Bar." Iced Tea will also be served. Please Sign-up for this event.

Alice is asking for volunteer help immediately following the Baked Potato Bar to assist in baking goodies for our Christmas Gift Exchange and party. Sign-up sheet in Rec Hall.

Wednesday Dec 16 Annual Ladies Christmas Tea. Simply bring "finger type food, salad, dessert and don't forget to bring your favorite teacup. Please Sign-up.

Thursday Dec 17 The Saturday Nite Movie will be shown this evening because of the scheduled Christmas Lights Trolley Ride on Saturday.

Friday Dec 18 Annual Christmas Gift Exchange party. Each person attending, who wishes to receive a gift in return, is requested to bring a \$10 value gift, after 1:00 PM, to the Rec Hall, clearly marked male, female, or unisex. Place the gift under the tree and take and retain one half of the coupon type ticket and deposit

the other half in the container on the table. We ask that you Sign-up so we can plan on the quantity of refreshments to prepare. Those not wishing to participate in the gift exchange but just want to observe, are also invited to attend.

Saturday Dec 19 Annual Christmas Light Trolley Trip. A tour of many of the developments which are known for their elaborate lighting displays will be visited.

Tuesday Dec 22 Weekly Tuesday lunch features a BBQ Sandwich. Iced Tea will also be served. Sign-up is required so we can prepare the correct amount of food.

Friday Dec 25 Annual Christmas Day Dinner. Bring a 6 – 8 serving covered dish (with something in it) to share. Be sure and sign-up and indicate on the sign-up sheet the type of dish you are bringing. There is a \$3.00 charge per person for the Ham.

I have placed new pictures in the November Photo Album which can be found in the Park Activity Webpage referenced in the header above. I also updated the Memoriam page.

A few of our park residents are offering a variety of craft items for sale. The craft-persons are, Sally Johnson, Sarah Grosz, Marge Tunnell, and Tom McDonald. Samples of their crafts and site locations can be seen in the office. The crafts range from handmade greeting cards, shell-crafts and wood-carvings.

The Census folks have issued a plea for workers for the 2010 Census. There is a sign-up sheet in the Rec Hall. Work will be available, to those qualified, during the January through March 2010 time frame. Employment testing will be held at Golden Gate Library on Wed Dec 16 at 2:00 PM and Friday Dec 18 at 2:00 PM. Additional testing sites will be announced later. Contact Recruiting Assistant, Dina Theriac at 239.272.0357 or 239.689.2100 to sign-up for a test or for more information. A valid ID and SSN is required for application. Salary range is \$10 to \$15/ per hour. Required hours range from 20 to 40 hours per week.

We are looking for a used VCR with a tuner for the Rec Hall. This can be the old obsolete analog tuner type but must have a "RF IN" coaxial cable connector on the rear panel. We need this equipment to replace one that failed over the summer. This type of connection is needed so we may play TV programs through the video projector and on big screen.

John Tunnell, our Recycle coordinator, is continuing his "crushing cans for cash" cost justification analysis. In the mean time John is appealing for volunteer can crushers. How about this, if everyone, well nearly everyone, who makes a deposit in the dumpster, would step inside the enclosure, select 10 – 15 cans from the container on the right of dumpster, remove the tab, crush, and place the crushed cans in the container at the rear of the dumpster, we will stay well ahead of the incoming cans. No penalties will be issued if you decide to crush more than 15 cans. It takes approximately 15 - 20 seconds to process one can through the crushing cycle.

Please flatten all cardboard boxes and place them in the area on the right side of the dumpster enclosure. non-flattened boxes are finding their way in the dumpster taking a lot of space and rapidly filling the dumpster.

Ray McAdams has made available his huge library of reference books for use by our park residents. Ray has invested a lot of time and money in acquiring and cataloging these books and ask that you follow his instructions for signing out and returning the books. It is essential you return the books in a timely manner and place them in the bookcase from which the book was taken. Unfortunately some of the books were taken without filling out the sign-out sheet and in fairness to Ray, PLEASE RETURN the books.

Continue to check the Rec Hall bulletin board for new items or changes to existing activities.

The Hot Dog Lunch for Dec 24 has been canceled. Please make the change on your calendar.

The park office is now open 9 – 5 every day. The direct phone number for the office is 239.775.0323.

We wish to increase our Saturday Morning Breakfast participation. It is an outstanding value and features table wait service, made to order eggs, hand cut home-fries, bacon, sausage, toast, fruit cup, coffee and juice. In addition to the standard weekly menu, specials, such as, pancakes, french toast, biscuits and sausage gravy, and omelets are offered and posted on the Rec Hall bulletin board during the week of the breakfast. Sign-up is required.

Our current 50-50 weekly Raffle Fund balance is \$20.00. We paid off the \$60.00 Coffee Maker. At our last meeting it was voted/agreed to set \$90.00 aside for purchasing a backup WiFi router. Our oldest WiFi router is 5 years old and keeps on ticking year round. We are interested in other suggestions for the 50-50 raffle proceeds after the WiFi purchase. In case you do not wish to participate in our weekly raffle we do accept anonymous donations and will so note it.

Date	Sales	Winner	Payout	Bal	Comments
11/09/09	\$22.00	Guikema	\$11.00	\$0.00	Donated \$11 To Heart Fund
11/16/09	\$41.00	Anous	\$20.50	\$20.50	Coffee Maker Balance \$39.50
11/23/09	\$42.00	Patrick	\$21.00	\$21.00	Coffee Maker Balance \$18.50
11/30/09	\$37.00	Theriac	\$18.50	\$0.00	Coffee Maker Balance
12/7/09	\$40.00	Guteral	\$20.00	\$20.00	Balance for WiFi Router \$90

Our Naples Gardens Shuffle League is off to a great start. The current league standings as of Dec 14, are shown below. Go Team.

TEAM	GAMES WON	POINTS
Imperial Wilderness	43	9
Naples Gardens	40	7
Holiday Manor Green	30	6
Morehead Manor	29	6
Henderson Creek	33	5
Enchanting Acres	30	5
Naples Estates - Blue	27	5
Naples Estates - Gray	23	4
Holiday Manor White	23	3
Westwind	22	0

We want to reemphasize our concern at the number of cars/trucks that have been noticed speeding in and out of the park. There are folks walking, riding bicycles, and in some cases children walking in the park. PLEASE observe our 5 MPH speed limit.

We are now able to pump our own propane. You first must pay at the office then place your tank in front of your site for pickup and fill.

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers, as each deal with their individual family loss or medical concerns: Ann (Tony) Gambardella, Olive (Mom) Millspaugh, Dot (Jim) Greenwood, Connie Cook, Betty Weddle, Walter Kaehler, Jack & Mary Essling, Nancy Mistrater, Jack Gilles' Sister, and all our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.