

# NAPLES GARDENS AROUND THE PARK SNIPPETS

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Naples Gardens Activity Web-page

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Christmas has come and gone for another season. Our new year got off to a good start with a New Years Eve Trolley tour of Naples and a drop off and pick up near the Naples Pier for the annual fireworks display. The evening was filled with moonlight from the proverbial "Blue Moon." Which occurs "Once in a Blue Moon" when a full moon appears twice in one month. Over 80 park guests and friends enjoyed our annual Christmas Day Dinner.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Marge (John) Tunnell's Mother. Please keep Marge and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

It was sure great to see Betty Weddle back with us for the season. Betty's longtime friend, Judy, will also be spending time visiting with Betty during the season.

Today, after the park meeting it is time to "De-Trim" the park and we are requesting some help immediately following the meeting with the De-Trimming task.

I have placed new pictures in the December Photo Album which can be found in the Naples Gardens Activity Web-page referenced in the header above.

I just discovered another editorial oversight on the front page of the calendar. The Camera Club folks will meet on Jan 5 at 3:00 in the Rec Hall rather than the Computer Club people. The rear of the calendar is correct.

There are a number of park activities happening during the next two weeks which I have summarized below as a reminder. Each week I emphasize the importance of signing up for our activities. In the case of food functions, the sign-up sheet is the only tool we have to gauge the quantity of supplies to purchase. So PLEASE sign-up, and pre-pay, when requested to assure everyone receives the services for which they signed up for. And remember to bring your own table service to ALL food events.

Tuesday Jan 5 Taco Salad Plate luncheon at 11:30. The Shuffle League members will hold a special practice in preparation for the important game with Imperial Wilderness this Thursday.

Today, the Camera Club gets started at 3:00 in the Rec Hall. Bring your cameras and questions.

Thursday Jan 7 Ray McAdams makes his Immokalee Veggie run today so be sure you have indicated your order, and entered your name and Site No., on the sheet posted in the Rec Hall.

There is a "Rummage" sale in the Rec Hall at 8:00. Doors open at 7:00 for bringing in your offerings and table set-up.

Thursday Jan 7 (Cont'd) Today, at 9:00 our Shuffle League Team will face Imperial Wilderness in certainly what must be their most important game of the season. Come over and cheer them to victory.

Line Dancing gets off to a start today at 1:30 under the tutelage of Earle Livingstone

Friday Jan 8 A chicken Dinner will be offered at 5:00 in the Rec Hall. See sign-up sheet and details in Rec Hall.

Monday Jan 11 Burger Night is back at 5:00 – be sure and sign-up.

Tuesday Jan 12 Cooking with Pat Schoonman – Pat will be demonstrating the preparation of a unique chicken dish which of course will be consumed by those participating. Sign-up so we know how much to buy. Everyone welcome to participate.

Computer Club kicks off today at 3:00. Bring your laptop and any questions you need answers for.

Wednesday Jan 13 Immokalee Casino Trip – see Rec Hall sign-up sheet and details. Bus seats are limited and the SIGN-UP CUTOFF IS JAN 6. Prior to Jan 6 you must give Alice your drivers license and players card to enable her to forward the information to the trip coordinator for obtaining making your voucher packet available when you arrive at the casino.

Thursday Jan 14 Genealogy sessions will begin under the guidance of Ray McAdams. Ray will facilitate these sessions providing that 6 or more show interest.

The Bi-weekly Sing-a-long and music fest begins today at 7:00 in the Rec Hall. We welcome all musicians and those just wanting to watch and/or sing-a-long..

Friday Jan 15 We are kicking off our first of the season CiCis Pizza and Sunset at the beach event. See Rec Hall bulletin board for sign-up and details.

We encourage you to sign-up as soon as possible for functions for which we have CONTRACTED the performing talent, such as the Bell Ringing Soloist Kristine Stout.

We have an offer of a VCR with a tuner for the Rec Hall. Ron and Judy Santavicca are bring one down this week. Thanks Ron and Judy.

We now have a few, selected size and color, Naples Gardens Tee Shirts for sale in the office. We will be ordering additional shirts later, and looking into hats as well..

John Tunnell, our Recycle coordinator, is continuing his “crushing cans for cash” and is renewing his appeal for volunteer can crushers. It takes approximately 15 - 20 seconds to process one can through the crushing cycle. The cans to be crushed are in the Aluminum Can container inside the dumpster enclosure on right.

On the subject of volunteers we are looking for two people to coordinate the February Ladies Mystery lunch. Have you eaten at a place you feel would make an ideal location for a Mystery Lunch? Contact Alice at 608.434.5579 or after the Monday Morning park meeting with your thoughts and suggestions.

Other volunteers we need are for Bingo on Tuesday evenings, and grilling Hot Dogs for our Hot Dog lunch on Thursday. We need three people for Bingo. Two to run the games and one to call the numbers. Our desire is to have two “Teams” for a total of six volunteers who will rotate every other week. Except for the caller, the two game volunteers are still able to play bingo. The Hot Dog Grille Master duties involve approximately 1½ hours/week and if we had three Grill Masters you would only need to pull duty once every three weeks.

Our current 50-50 weekly raffle WiFi payoff balance is \$5.00. 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. I found the WiFi router on sale at Costco for \$59.00 and purchased it. After today's raffle the WiFi it will be paid off. We are interested in other suggestions for the 50-50 raffle proceeds. 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	Balance Left	Comments
12/7/09	\$40.00	Guteral	\$20.00	\$39.00	WiFi Router Purchase
12/14/09	\$36.00	Wiegand	\$18.00	\$20.00	WiFi Router Purchase
12/21/09	\$30.00	Contreras	\$15.00	\$5.00	WiFi Router Purchase
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Our Naples Gardens Shuffle League is off to a great start. The current league standings as of Dec 19, are shown below. Go Team.

TEAM	GAMES WON	POINTS
Imperial Wilderness	54	11
Naples Gardens	47	9
Enchanting Acres	40	7
Holiday Manor Green	36	7
Morehead Manor	35	7
Henderson Creek	35	5
Naples Estates - Blue	28	5
Naples Estates - Gray	28	4
Holiday Manor White	23	3
Westwind	24	0

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 note that we can no longer fill tanks that do not have the new type of fitting. The new type fitting has threads on the outside of the fitting. The old type has internal threads. Motor-home fills are done on Wednesdays by L & B Gas. Leave money with name and site number at office prior to Wednesday.

The park office is now open 9 – 5 every day. The direct phone number for the office is 239.775.0323. Our Activities Director Alice Puetz, can be reached at 608.434.5579, in the Rec Hall or in her office inside the park office. Feel free to contact her with ideas for new activities, and/or volunteering for Rec Hall activities.

We are asking for people wishing to share interesting life experiences such as foreign country or island tours like the Galapagos, work experiences, and/or anything else you think that may be of interest to our guests. We can make our video projector available for slide show presentations. We have one hour available from 3:00 – 4:00 after the Sunday Ice Cream Social for these presentations or discussions. Contact Alice Puetz, our Activities Director, for scheduling.

Please observe our posted park speed limit of 5 mph. We have a number of folks including some children who are walking and riding bicycles both during daylight and night time hours so please be careful. Note that bikes require lights when riding at night.

I just received the following email from Jack (Mary) Essling with some terrific news;

*CT Scan shows large cancer cells being destroyed. Chemo treatments will be continued to address the remaining small cancer cells. Rather nice Christmas present. We plan to head for Naples on January 11th and arrive around the 18th. I have an appointment in Naples on the 20th to setup chemo treatments in Florida. My activities will be limited so I guess I will be spending more time sitting in the sun. Ice and snow are my enemy since my equilibrium is very bad. All the prayers have been beneficial and we certainly appreciate your continued support. God Bless.*

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 and family, Walter and Marilyn Kaehler, Jack & Mary Essling, Nancy Mistrater, Jack Gilles' sister Nancy, Marge Tunnel and family, and all our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.