

NAPLES GARDENS AROUND THE PARK SNIPPETS

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January sure had a cool start. I cannot remember when it stayed cold for so long. Propane sales were astounding and it was extremely difficult to purchase electric heaters or warm sweaters at Wal-Mart. It appears we are now getting back to a more average and not so dry weather pattern.

Park Management has added John and Kathy Golino to our maintenance staff. John replaces Rod Theriac who left the park last week. Kathy will assist with various park duties including the office. Although I missed last week's Sing-along Music Fest, I hear that John plays pretty good piano and Kathy sings as well. Welcome to our park John and Kathy.

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.

Monday Jan 18 Pot Luck at 5:00 PM. Open to everybody – just bring an entree covered dish (with something in it), or a salad or dessert. Oh, bring your own table service too.

Tuesday Jan 19 This week's "Lighter Fare" lunch is served up at 11:30 AM, and features Cheese Bread and Chili, and Iced Tea for \$3.50 Sign-up and bring your own table service.

Thursday Jan 21 Hot Dog Lunch Today, at 11:30 The lunch is all Ala-Carte pricing and don't forget your own table service.

Friday Jan 22 Ladies Mystery Lunch 11:15 at the Bocce Court for driver/passenger check and driving instructions.

Saturday Jan 23 Ladies Marco Island Tea 1:00 PM. Sign-up for this month's tea is closed. Be sure and sign up for next month's tea early. Check Rec Hall bulletin board for further info.

Monday Jan 25 Thrifty Shopping 9:30 AM see Rec Hall bulletin board for Sign-up and driver assignment list.

Tuesday Jan 26 This week's "Lighter Fare" lunch is served up at 11:30 AM, and features the "Baked Potato Bar", and Iced Tea for \$3.50 Sign-up and bring your own table service.

Wednesday Jan 27 Kristine Stout renowned hand bell ringer returns this season. This is an excellent musical performance. Sign-up required. Check out Kristine's website at <http://www.joybelltheater.com/> to see her in action playing the bells.

Thursday Jan 28 Join us for the bi-weekly sing-a-long and music fest at 7:00 in the Rec Hall. We welcome all musicians and those just wanting to watch and/or sing-a-long..

Friday Jan 29 Island Fever Theme party 7:00 PM in the Rec Hall featuring a live Caribbean style steel band. Sign-up required. A variety of finger type food will be offered. You may bring your own adult beverages.

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 still have a few, selected size and color, Naples Gardens Tee Shirts for sale in the office.

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.

In response for volunteers in the last newsletter, we did managed to get some folks to assist with Bingo and Hot Dog Lunch. We are in need of help with Saturday Morning Breakfast and ALL food type functions. Please contact Alice Contact Alice at 608.434.5579 or after the Monday Morning park meeting with your thoughts and suggestions. We are still interested in two volunteers for the February Ladies Mystery Lunch.

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

I have analyzed the traffic flow in front of our park and Publix and determined the best way to head south on Collier is not to turn at the Hospital light, which takes an inordinate amount of time to change, but proceed up a little further and use the next U turn lane in front of the hospital. The same process applies to Publix. Merely go past the Publix light and take the very next turn lane which brings you right into the Publix parking lot. Further, use the reverse to exit Publix and you will be surprised how much easier the preceding approach is.

Our current 50-50 weekly raffle available balance is \$38.00. We paid off the \$60.00 Coffee Maker, and a \$59.00 backup WiFi Router. We are soliciting 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	Comments
12/7/09	\$40.00	Guteral	\$20.00	\$39.00	WiFi Router Purchase
12/14/09	\$36.00	Wiegand	\$18.00	\$21.00	WiFi Router Purchase
12/21/09	\$30.00	Contreras	\$15.00	\$6.00	WiFi Router Purchase
01/04/10	\$30.00	Parsons	\$15.00	\$9.00	Available for new project
01/11/10	\$58.00	Aubut	\$29.00	\$38.00	Available for new project

Our Naples Gardens Shuffle League continues to dominate second place over Enchanting Acres and second to the elusive but not unbeatable, Imperial Wilderness. The current league standings as of Jan 17, are shown below. Go Team.

TEAM	GAMES WON	POINTS
Imperial Wilderness	77	16
Naples Gardens	70	14
Enchanting Acres	60	11
Henderson Creek	63	10
Holiday Manor Green	50	7
Holiday Manor White	44	7
Morehead Manor	44	7
Naples Estates - Gray	43	7
Naples Estates - Blue	43	6
Westwind	46	5

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 and 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.

We have scheduled a presentation, by Barbara "BJ" Baker on her book writing experiences and the things that lead up to being a published author. The presentation is scheduled for Sunday Feb 7 at 3:00 PM immediately after the Ice Cream Social. Information on Barbara's book "Pete On Ice" can be found at <http://peteonice.com/>

We are in need of Life Experiences Presenters for the remaining three weeks in February. I will provide assistance

for using the video projector if required. These presentations can be a slide show of some exotic place you may have visited like the Galapagos Island. I may have to reprise my growing Live Maine Lobsters work experience slide show presentation I gave a couple of years ago if we don't acquire enough applicants for the remaining weeks of our season.

Our park is nearly full and ask that you please continue to observe our posted park speed limit of 5 mph. We have a number of folks including children who are walking and/or riding bicycles both during daylight and night time hours so please be careful. Note that bikes require lights when riding at night.

Our WiFi continues to experience slight interruptions due to a number of variables such as, surrounding demographic changes when a new motor-home or trailer slides next to you or between you and the router, heavy activity on a particular WiFi router, or some other unknown anomaly.

There a few of us that walk to the Edison College down Cultural Drive on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, We leave the Recycle Center (Dumpster) at 7:00 AM SHARP. The walk is approximately 3.5 miles round trip and is done at a brisk pace. We stop midway at the college cafeteria for needed nourishment for the walk back and arrive back approximately 8:23 AM. Feel free to join us, but remember we leave at 7:00 PM SHARP.

Don't forget our Saturday Morning Breakfast. The breakfast is served at 8:00 AM and is all Ala-Carte priced. Be sure and Sign-up and bring your own table service.

Here is the latest on the infamous "Red Light Cameras" According to last week's paper, the following intersections are scheduled for Red Light Cameras in February – Southbound Airport Rd at US 41, East Bound Seagate Drive at US 41, Northbound Airport Rd at Pine Ridge Rd, Southbound Airport Rd at Pine Ridge Rd, Eastbound 111th Ave at US 41, Westbound Immokalee Rd at US 41, Westbound Immokalee at Airport Rd, and Northbound Airport at Radio Rd.

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, Ernie & Mary Contreras, Jack Gilles, and all our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.