

NAPLES GARDENS AROUND THE PARK SNIPPETS

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It is hard to believe that some of us, come next week, have been here a month. We are well on way into our 2009-2010 winter season with some of our activities already in full swing. Bingo, Hot Dog Lunch, Mini-Golf, Saturday Night Movie and Saturday Morning Breakfast have all begun with excellent attendance. Alice Puetz, our new Activities Director has adjusted quite nicely in her new assignment.

Dot (Jim) Greenwood (Site #519) had surgery last Friday and is recovering as well as can be expected. Her elbow was in eight pieces and now all screwed together in which the surgeon described as pretty close to being anatomically correct.

I recently received a note from Betty Weddle who reports that Dale is not eating or drinking well and his overall condition continues to recede.

Our December Calendar is out and available both in the Rec Hall, Office, and the park activity web-page referenced at the top of page.

Alice has been rather busy in preparing next months' activities. I have listed the December activities for the next two weeks.

On Tuesday, Dec 1st, Alice is introducing the first of what may be a new beginning in "lighter fare" lunches. The first menu item is a Taco Salad Plate. It basically consists of all of the regular ingredients found in a Taco sandwich and simply, but generously, served on a plate. Sign-up is required.

Monday, Dec 7th, we ask your assistance in decorating the Rec Hall and Office area for Christmas. We will do this right after the Park Meeting.

Burger Night is also on Dec 7 at 5 PM. See calendar for details and sign-up information.

Tuesday Dec 8 at 11:30 AM Sarah Grosz is introducing a tutorial session in the preparation of unique Salads. All of the ingredients will be provided and you get to eat the results of your labor. This class is open to both men and women. The cost is \$3.50pp with Iced Tea provided.

Wednesday, Dec 9th is our Immokalee Casino Trip. This is a bargain to good to pass up. Cost is \$20 and in return you receive a \$30 "Free Play" voucher, a \$5 food voucher and round trip bus transportation. Please signup by 12/5.

On Friday Dec 11th our monthly "Pool Side" party is on the calendar. Just bring your favorite Hors Devours, Snacks or Appetizer to share. Swimming is optional and you may bring along adult beverages. No glassware permitted in pool area. You may bring your own chairs to enhance your personal comfort.

Other activities in the planning stages is the Joy Bell bell ringing musical show presented last season and attended by a near sellout crowd. Also, a dinner/theater trip to Broadway Palms in Fort Meyers to see "The King and I". Keep checking the calendar and bi-weekly Snippets for updates on these and other activities that may be offered.

Approximately, 70 people enjoyed our annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner. The food was plentiful and delicious and the dessert table was also full of homemade pies. Pictures of the event are posted on the web-page referenced in the header above.

Alice Puetz is interested in getting ideas from you all for future activities. You can drop a note in Alice's Office mail slot with your suggestions.

Kudos is in order for John (Marge) Tunnel (Site #333) for his continuous volunteer effort in keeping our recycle area looking good. Further, we ask your cooperation in taking a little time to placing "Aluminum" cans in the containers inside the dumpster enclosure. We are trying to determine the cost effectiveness of separating the aluminum cans from the regular "tin" cans, crushing, and selling them as opposed to just putting them in the three recycle containers.

Diana Bland, our office manager posted new office hours beginning Dec 1st. The office will be open 9 – 5 every day. The direct phone number for the office is 239.775.0323.

Please try our Saturday Morning Breakfast. 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 will be offered and posted on the Rec Hall bulletin board during the week of the breakfast. Sign-up is Required.

Here are the locations of the newly installed “Red Light Running Cameras.”

- Eastbound Pine Ridge Road at Airport-Pulling Road
- Westbound Pine Ridge Road at Airport-Pulling Road
- Northbound Airport-Pulling Road at Davis Boulevard
- Eastbound Pine Ridge Road at Livingston Road
- Westbound Pine Ridge Road at Livingston Road
- Northbound Airport-Pulling Road at Immokalee Road
- Eastbound Immokalee Road at Airport-Pulling Road
- Northbound Collier Boulevard at Golden Gate Parkway
- Eastbound Golden Gate Parkway at Collier Boulevard
- Eastbound Immokalee Road at Livingston Road
- Westbound Pine Ridge Road at U.S. 41 North
- Westbound Vanderbilt Beach Road at U.S. 41 North

Contrary to rumors Snowbirds will not be given a first time warning. The cost of the citations are \$62.50 for a first offense, \$75 for the second, and \$100 for the third. There are 12 cameras right now with another 12 more installed by Feb 2011. Our Recycle Czar believes he was caught a couple of weeks ago. He said he stopped before the white line but inched past it a skosh, and immediately observed the blinding flash from the red light camera. “Gotcha”

Below is a copy of our 50 – 50 weekly raffle financial statement. We should have the coffee maker, that Alice obtained for us for a mere \$60.00, paid for this week Great job Alice.

We are looking for suggestions on what the next project should be. Suggestions should be limited to those items that would offer greater benefit and general use for our park residents.

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	Angus	\$20.50	\$20.50	Coffee Maker Balance \$39.50
11/23/09	\$42.00	Patrick	\$21.00	\$21.00	Coffee Maker Balance \$18.50

Our WiFi Internet system is up and running and as I have said in past seasons, our system was meant for email, and limited web surfing. Other uses that require more WiFi resources such as Magic-Jack, Skype and large file downloads, need to be kept at a minimum and later in the evening. Imprudent use of these resources results in loss of connection and slow response time.

For connection assistance please refer to the packet of instructions given you when you registered at the office.

Our Naples Gardens Shuffle League is off to a great start. The current league standings as of Nov 28, are shown below. Go Team.

TEAM	GAMES WON	POINTS
Imperial Wilderness	27	6
Naples Gardens	25	5
Enchanting Acres	22	4
Morehead Manor	19	4
Holiday Manor-Green	17	3
Henderson Creek	17	2
Holiday Manor-White	15	2
Naples Estates -Blue	12	2
Naples Estates Gray	11	2
Westwind	12	0

There is another Farmers Market in town. It is located at the North Collier Regional Park on Northbound side of Livingston Rd just south of Immokalee Rd. It is open Fridays from 3 - 7 PM. It's a Farmers Market with fresh fruits and vegetables, soaps, dried pastas, fair trade goods, french bread, green cleaning supplies, kettle corn, live entertainment, prepared foods and sweets with more vendors confirming each day!

The other Farmers Market locations are, New Veterans Community Park – Left on Elkcam Circle at Winn Dixie follow around to corner of Elkcam and Park Ave open Wednesdays 7:30 – 2 PM, Third St South Downtown Naples Wednesdays 7:30 – 11:30, North Naples Green Market - Corner of Vanderbilt Beach Rd. & Airport Pulling - Market is right off Airport Pulling – adjacent to FedEx Office, Saturdays 8 – 1 PM.

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, Dale and Betty Weddle, Jack & Mary Essling, Nancy Mistrater, and all our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.