

Ripples from the Lake

The Official Newsletter of the Deerfield Lake Homeowners Association



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MARCH 2016
HOMEOWNERS
ASSOCIATION MEETING
MONDAY,
MARCH 7, 2016 7:00 PM

Message from Manny Mirailh – HOA President

During the month of February there were a number of areas of improvement within our community.

- Thank You to the Social Committee and their volunteers for the wonderful Valentine's Day Party. We had 107 residents and guests in attendance.
- The work to upgrade our clubhouse kitchen is well underway.
- The tree trimming within our community is proceeding.
- A 2016 Negotiating Team has been established.
- Park Manager made arrangements for mosquito spraying of our community to be done by City of Coconut Creek week of Feb. 22nd. This will be a night fog.
- Accessories for the defibrillator have been approved for purchase by Lautrec.
- Preparations have begun for updating Community telephone directory.
- Park Manager has plans for paving five driveways in community as well as 17 road repairs.
- Park Manager has completed 14 of 70 sewer lining.

Crime Prevention Presentation

At the next Membership meeting on March 7, 2016, there will be a speaker talking with our Community about crime prevention techniques. Hope all will attend-- please plan to attend and be there before 7, as this program will be presented first, before our regular meeting.



DEERFIELD LAKE ANNUAL FLEA MARKET
SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH
Doors Open at 9 AM



The annual Deerfield Lake Flea Market is the biggest fundraiser for the HOA treasury. Last year we brought in over \$2,000.

Please start saving items to donate to the flea market. Items can start being dropped off at the Clubhouse starting SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28th going thru THURSDAY MARCH 3RD. Donations of jewelry or bottles of wine or alcohol may be dropped off at Maryann Larkin's home, lot A-36, or Ginny Freestone's home D-23 NOT THE CLUBHOUSE or call Maryann at 954-427-2897.

At the flea market there will also be food and drink for purchase as well as raffles for gift baskets.

We are in the process of selling raffle tickets. Volunteers will be coming around to your homes to sell raffle tickets, please support your HOA by buying a book for \$5. Contact Maryann Larkin if you need tickets.

Drawing for all raffles will be at the flea market, you do not need to be present to win.

Raffle Prizes are: 1st-\$250, 2nd-\$150 and 3rd-\$50.

Volunteers are needed to help set up and "work" the flea market; please call Maryann if you are available to help.

Maryann Larkin – Flea Market Coordinator
Lot A36 Phone: 954-427-2897

Please visit our HOA Website www.DeerfieldLakeHOA.org.

We continue to update our information links to other websites relative to our lifestyle and community.

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John 954-512-8927

By-laws & Policy and Procedures Committee

There will be a discussion at the next general meeting on March 7th, 2016 regarding an amendment change to selection of members to the board.

The amendment was presented to the board on February 1st, 2016.



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TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

We are in the process of compiling the new telephone and address directory for the years 2016-2017 and will be out in the spring. Please fill out a form that is either in the office or in the clubhouse with any changes or additions you have for the new book.

Please do so prior to the April Membership meeting so that all information can be processed. If you do not wish to be included in this book, please tell us that, as well.

Barry Minnick – Deerfield Lake HOA Board of Directors

MARCH 5TH FLEA MARKET UPDATES

Remember at the March 5th Flea Market we draw the winners of our prizes from all of the sold Raffle Tickets!

I want to thank everyone for your generosity and donations. A special thanks to those who have donated bottles for our gift baskets of CHEER!
This spirit and attitude of generosity and support is what makes the Flea Market a success.

Maryann

Committees

Audit Committee	Open	
Bowling	Maryann Larkin	954-427-2897
Crafts	Rosemarie Lopa	954-798-0680
Emergency Preparedness	Diana Saunders	
FMO	Open	
Koffee Klatch	Open	
Ladies Luncheon	Terry Koffer	954-425-8179
Social Committee	Barb Pummill	309-287-4121
Library	Ellen McDuffee	954-481-2926
	Linda Caswell	
Men's Breakfast	George Gwinn	954- 734-0913
Monthly Cards	Maryann Larkin	954-427-2897
Policies, Procedures & By-Laws	Deb Sulany	954-333-8453
Sunshine Lady	Ginny Freestone	954-531-0950
Water Aerobics	Ellen McDuffee	954-481-2926
Web/Ripples	Allen Pummill	309-287-8223
Welcome Lady	Darlene Marcusson	954-363-4509

NOTE TO ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

IF YOU ARE A COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON PLEASE MAKE SURE A COPY OF YOUR MEETING MINUTES ARE EMAILED TO:

ALLEN PUMMILL – ALPUMM1@MSN.COM

THESE MINUTES WILL BE POSTED IN THE COMMITTEE SECTION OF THE WEBSITE. I WILL BE SUBMITTING ALL MINUTES TO THE WEBMASTER THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH.

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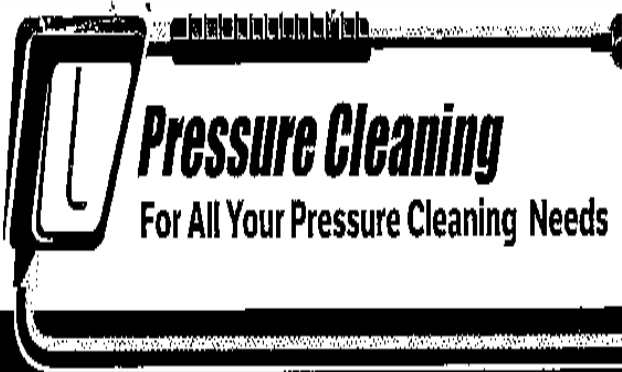
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BOWLING

League Bowling at Margate Brunswick Bowling Alley at 2:00 PM every Thursday.

Please contact Maryann Larkin at 954-427-2897.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Bingo Report

Bingo continues to have good attendance which means that we are giving away about \$500 every week. Play starts promptly at 7:00 on Tuesdays at the Clubhouse, so please plan to come between 6:30 and 6:45. The main card costs only \$8.00 with most players spending about \$11.00 for cards for all the games. We have lots of fun and there's free cake and coffee too. Hope to see you this Tuesday! Questions?

Call Darlene at 954-363-4509.

Koffee Klatch

Come join us every Tuesday morning at 9:00 AM for coffee, a treat, and good fellowship. We discuss upcoming events and all are encouraged to attend. Come meet your neighbors.

Ladies Luncheon

Ladies Luncheons are very well attended. Come and join in the fun! The MARCH Ladies Luncheon will be 12:30, MARCH 16TH.

Sign-Up Sheet in Clubhouse

FREE FLAG DISPOSAL SERVICE

Do you have a United States Flag that you want to have disposed of in the proper manner?

Dick Dabb will facilitate the delivery of flags for disposal to a local military affiliated organization for proper disposal.



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Hand & Foot

Join Us:
Every Monday 1 PM
Every Wednesday 7 PM



APRIL RIPPLES SCHEDULE

ARTICLES, ADVERTISING, AND ACTIVITY UPDATES FOR THE APRIL 2016 RIPPLES ARE DUE BY MARCH 20TH. THIS INCLUDES CALENDAR UPDATES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Allen Pummil – Lot E-5

Email: alpumm1@msn.com Ph: 309-287-8223

Sunshine Lady Report
Ginny Freestone 954-531-0950

Get Well Cards Sent Too:

- Rob Zuchowski
- Dave Pipe
- Wayne Caswell
- Dorothy Stefanski

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- Conway Family
- Gwinn Family

MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

There were 12 men in attendance at our February breakfast. The March Breakfast is scheduled on March 16th.

We meet at the clubhouse at 8:30am. Please make sure you sign up at the clubhouse.

FREE ENGLISH LANGUAGE HELP

Want to improve your English? Join us for fun and learning:

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Questions? Please Call:

- 1) Darlene at 954-363-4509 or e-mail at Marcussons@yahoo.com;
- 2) Lorri at 386-689-9783 or e-mail at lorri.h@live.ca



MONTHLY "CARD PARTY"

The 2nd Friday of every month a "card party" is held at the Clubhouse. This is a social gathering for \$2 a person; which includes refreshments. We are always looking for more people to attend, so feel free to come with your friends-there's plenty of room for more games. The hours are from 12-4. A table must be reserved by contacting Maryann Larkin at 954-427-2897. We hope to see you there.

Maryann

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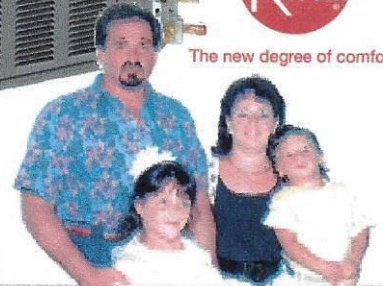


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FMO UPDATE – JAN KLAFFKA

The FMO (Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida) is the only organization in Florida that watches over and helps protect the interests and rights of residents who live in manufactured/mobile homes. Chapter 723 of the Florida Statutes clarifies the rights and responsibilities of both the homeowner and the owners of the park.

Many homeowners spend \$2 to \$5 (or more) per day to have Homeowners Insurance to protect their homes. Wouldn't you be willing to spend less than 7 PENNIES a day to support an organization (FMO) that fights for your right to live this beautiful, quiet, pleasant, affordable lifestyle? The FMO needs your support! Your \$25 a year includes a bi-monthly news magazine full of important and useful information. It also helps support a lobbyist in Tallahassee who monitors and responds to a multitude of bills submitted during each legislative session--protecting our rights, and welfare. Application forms are available at the clubhouse.

Prior to 1984 (when Chapter 723 became law), it was mostly "every homeowner for himself" when it came to dealing with park owners, the FMO has had many successes, but now homeowners take these rights and protections for granted and some have become complacent. We can't afford to let this happen. There is strength in numbers! Please become a member of the FMO and also support and participate in the Deerfield Lake Homeowners Association (HOA). A strong community needs BOTH!

The next FMO District Meeting will be on Wednesday, March 9, at Everglades Lakes. ALL ARE INVITED! Free coffee and donuts from 9:30-10:00; meeting begins at 10:00.

Effective immediately, I am resigning as the FMO rep here at Deerfield Lake because of health issues in my family. Therefore, I am looking for someone to fill this position. I am willing to help the new rep any way I can. Please contact me or the HOA board.

I have enjoyed doing this, found it challenging and enlightening.

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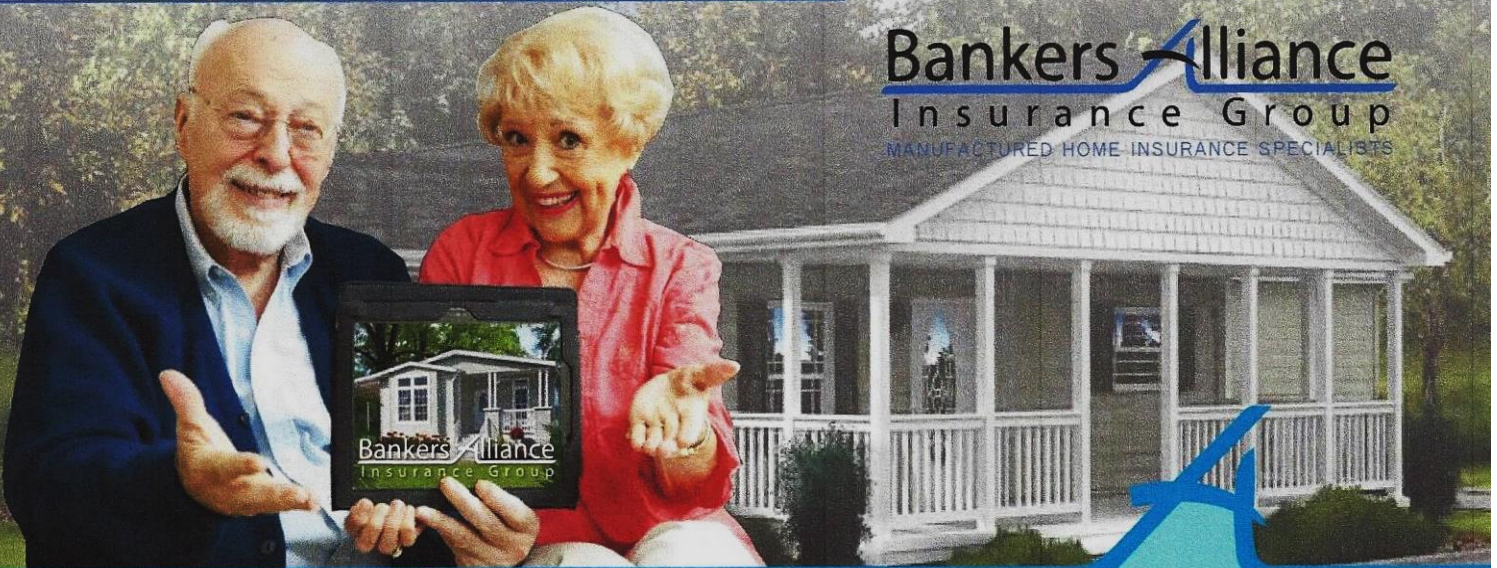


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Entertainment 7pm - 10pm

Menu:

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The person who was to become St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was born in Wales about AD 385. His given name was Maewyn, and he almost didn't get the job of bishop of Ireland because he lacked the required scholarship.

Far from being a saint, until he was 16, he considered himself a pagan. At that age, he was sold into slavery by a group of Irish marauders that raided his village. During his captivity, he became closer to God.

He escaped from slavery after six years and went to Gaul where he studied in the monastery under St. Germain, Bishop of Auxerre for a period of twelve years. During his training he became aware that his calling was to convert the pagans to Christianity.

His wishes were to return to Ireland, to convert the native pagans to Christianity. But his superiors instead appointed St. Palladius. But two years later, Palladius transferred to Scotland. Patrick, having adopted that Christian name earlier, was then appointed as second Bishop to Ireland.

Patrick was quite successful at winning converts. And this fact upset the Celtic Druids. Patrick was arrested several times, but escaped each time. He traveled throughout Ireland, establishing monasteries across the country. He also set up schools and churches which would aid him in his conversion of the Irish country to Christianity.

His mission in Ireland lasted for thirty years. After that time, Patrick retired to County Down. He died on March 17 in AD 461. That day has been commemorated as St. Patrick's Day ever since.

Much Irish folklore surrounds St. Patrick's Day. Not much of it is actually substantiated.

Some of this lore includes the belief that Patrick raised people from the dead. He also is said to have given a sermon from a hilltop that drove all the snakes from Ireland. Of course, no snakes were ever native to Ireland, and some people think this is a metaphor for the conversion of the pagans. Though originally a Catholic holy day, St. Patrick's Day has evolved into more of a secular holiday.

One traditional icon of the day is the shamrock. And this stems from a more bona fide Irish tale that tells how Patrick used the three-leafed shamrock to explain the Trinity. He used it in his sermons to represent how the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit could all exist as separate elements of the same entity. His followers adopted the custom of wearing a shamrock on his feast day.

The St. Patrick's Day custom came to America in 1737. That was the first year St. Patrick's Day was publicly celebrated in this country, in Boston.