

Ripples

By The Lake



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DATES TO REMEMBER



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HOA RESIDENT INFORMATION SEPTEMBER 2025

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I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and staying cool..

Community Yard Sale and also a Bake and Craft Sale on October 11th, 8am to 2pm. I wanted to remind you so that it gives you plenty of time to plan. Please remember what you have left over you maybe can be donated to the HOA for the Decembers Flea Market Event to help support events we have throughout the year. Our next scheduled party event will be Halloween. I believe that one is called Potluck (everyone brings a dish) The dates for both will be decided shortly.

Speeding, please be aware we are not as young as we used to be, getting out of the way may take us longer, please slow down.

Keep checking your sprinkler heads after lawncare is done, report breaks or needed repairs to the office. If your neighbors need repair, report their lot number as well, green grass keeps our place looking nice.

Water Aerobics still going strong, 9am Tuesdays and Thursdays, small but dedicated group.

Bingo, even though the count is low, last week 11 bingo players were present, we will continue to have bingo on Tuesday nights, starting at 7pm. Card sales stop at 645 or so, I believe.

Your guests must be registered at the office for them to use our amenities without the homeowner with them

Walking at night please wear bright clothes and or carry a flashlight. They can't see you!!! Stay safe

Even though we don't have HOA resident meetings through the summer, I will keep residents informed of happenings through this venue every month, otherwise, a note will appear in your mail tube. Next HOA meeting October 6th 2025 7pm

This is your community and the BOARD is here to be your voice and plan your parties. If you have an issue or a question, email the HOA for help. deerfieldlakeresidenthoa@gmail.com

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New Committees

5/1/2024

Hurricane Preparedness Ed Applegate
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Nominations & Elections Linda Caswell, Bob Gross
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..... Joe Dolwig, Michael Napolitano
Bingo
FMO Debra Henson
Facebook Page Linda Caswell
Koffee Klatch Linda Cammallere & Patty Smart
Welcome Committee Tom Holt, Ivette Marron (translator), Nancy Ritchie, Dan Marron



Wildlife has right of way and running over and killing them is not the thing to do. This is their habitat we are only renters for awhile please be kind ... Cameras are everywhere!!!!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All residents must be registered with Office !! And no renters are allowed in any facility without owner present.

Remind all visitors that speed limit is 15 MPH We do not have sidewalks so please be aware of your surroundings Walkers expect you to stop at stop signs..

If you see something suspicious say something, write it down or take picture with phone send to Office... We need volunteers for Neighborhood Watch, 1 hour of your day or evening to walk, ride or travel around through park and report any suspicious activity.

Anything serious call Police Non emergency #954-356-4400

**SPEED
LIMIT
15**

To all new Community Members who are on Facebook we have our own page for residents go to groups and look for Deerfield lakeMFH and fill out questions about residency You will see all goings on in Community. Also we have HOA site as well deerfieldlakehoa.org



RESIDENTS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE!!!



These people walk the community and left business cards inside the mailbox. Erin is aware of this. These people are very dangerous to the residence. Do not call these people. We do not want them back in the community.

WRITINGS OF THE VINTAGE SUNFLOWER

by Patty Smart

I was having my coffee this morning.. scrolling on Facebook..before writing this...and came across a message from a friend of mine back home..as I read it..I cried and a heart full of memories came back to me ..It was a cancer diagnosis.....We all know someone...or we are someone...This friend was a friend and family to my guy Doug .who passed from Cancer almost 6 years agoThe love in the message was so strong...not feeling sorry for anything..but love compassion.. strength and Faith...made this message so filled with ok we know..now let's roll.....with the help and support of family. Friends.. neighbors..a community...and qualified doctors...they will face this head on .they will have tough days. angry days ..sad days...and perhaps some of the best days....Maybe if we all lived for one day. Like it's your last day .the world would be softer..kinder...gentler . forgiveness and positivity would be surrounded...laughing and less

gossip...being relaxed instead of uptight...sitting on the couch with your favorite person.. enjoying that glass of wine .and dining el fresco...However or Whoever you talk to today....you may not know the whole story...be nice be kind.... 🌻🌻🌻🌻🌻

FROM THE EDITOR

We are in the dog days of August and the heat is unending. Most days I take dog out and stay inside all day and do things inhouse. I am hoping and praying that



From the Editor

the hurricanes stay away from us again this year. I know we are in the most critical part of the season and I am praying.

Bingo has been slowing down with a lot less people coming to play, If there is anyone in our park that would like to come play let me know and I can pick you up in my golf cart on Bingo evening . I have been away from Bingo for a few weeks due to Sinus infection ,Something is going around this park and it has struck every one in my family and all my close friends. It's been a rough couple of weeks.

We could use a few more volunteers also to help sell Bingo cards . We have new chairs and tables in clubhouse and are very comfortable and nice looking. If Any one has anything they would like in ripples let me know by E-mailing me.

I would like to let Residents know they must be very careful whom they hire to do work in park. We have had problems with people Soliciting in our park.

IT IS NOT ALLOWED !!! some are very bad people!

Have a safe rest of your Summer Folks and Don't forget to please know who you are letting in our gates!!

AI Overview

PET OWNERS



Pet owners in Coconut Creek, FL, have several options for aftercare, including cremation and burial, with cremation being the more common choice. Cremation offers flexibility with options like private or communal cremation, and the possibility of receiving ashes. Burial can involve home burial, pet cemeteries, or even burial with the owner.

Cremation: I am unable to list the places that do this because it is promoting said companies and this must be paid for. Just research this service on your phone or ask your veterinarian, they can tell you who they use or offer others.

Notice. We have noticed a lot of people walking at night without reflective clothing or light colors and or flashlights. This is a very dangerous practice as I cannot see as well as I used to so please folks make it easier to be seen when walking after the sun goes down.!!



SUBMISSIONS FOR RIPPLES

**October 2025 issue:
Cut off is September 10th**

If anyone has something they would like in the Ripples please send me an E-mail with article @ Lc212@mac.com.



BEST SALAD RECIPES: EASY GREEK SALAD

Prep Time: 10minutes mins

Cook Time: 5minutes mins

Total Time: 15minutes mins

Serves 4

One of our favorite salad recipes! This easy Greek salad recipe is a flavorful, refreshing side dish!



Ingredients

- ¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- ½ teaspoon dried oregano, more for sprinkling
- ¼ teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 English cucumber, cut lengthwise, seeded, and sliced ¼-inch thick
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped into 1-inch pieces
- 2 cups halved cherry tomatoes
- 5 ounces feta cheese, cut into ½ inch cubes
- ½ cup thinly sliced red onion
- ½ cup pitted Kalamata olives
- ½ cup fresh mint leaves
- ¼ teaspoon sea salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

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Instructions

1. In a small bowl, whisk together the olive oil, vinegar, garlic, oregano, mustard, salt, and several grinds of pepper.
2. On a large platter, arrange the cucumber, green pepper, cherry tomatoes, feta cheese, red onions, and olives. Drizzle with the dressing and very gently toss. Sprinkle with a few generous pinches of oregano and top with the mint leaves. Season to taste and serve.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergency 911

24-hour Helpline for Crisis, Health, and Human Services Support

Broward County Hurricane Hotline 311 or 954-831-4000 / TTY 954-831-3940

Broward Emergency Management For Special Needs Shelter Registration 954-831-3902 / TTY 954-831-3940 Broward County School District Hotline 754-321-0321

FEMA Hotline 1-800-621-3362 / TTY 1-800-462-7585

Broward County Emergency Management 954-831-3900 Broward County Animal Care and Adoption 954-359-1313

Insurance State of Florida Department of Financial Services Hurricane Helpline 1-800-22-STORM (78676) / TTY 1-850-413-3089

Price Gouging Hotline 1-866-966-7226

Broward County Environmental and Consumer Protection 954-357-5350 Broward County Solid Waste and Recycling Services 954-765-4999

Broward County Paratransit Services 1-866-682-2258

Broward County Transit 954-357-8400 / TTY 954-357-8302 Homeless Information 954-563-HELP / 954-563-4357

FROM THEN TO NOW

By Geronimo Mena, Jr.

We, the people, have come a long way when compared to the beliefs and practices of thousands of years ago. Imagine yourself living in the era of Mesoamerica and going about your daily routine, when all of a sudden, the sunlight begins to diminish. Minute by minute, the sun's rays begin to disappear. After a while, there is no more sunlight.

This, of course, is the result of a solar eclipse. However, although we now know what an eclipse is and what causes it, the people of that era did not, and their reactions prove that they did not understand the nature of an eclipse.

Thousands of years before Christopher Columbus discovered America, the leaders of the Aztec culture regarded the spontaneous disappearance of the sun's light as an abnormality that required immediate action. Within the darkness of missing sunlight, their leaders grabbed unsuspecting individuals and prepared for human sacrifice.

The intended sacrificial victim was placed high on the pyramid, then held down by each limb over a convex-shape rock as people watched nervously.

With the victim's chest protruding upwards, another chosen leader would thrust an obsidian knife into his upper abdomen, ripping open and exposing his inner chest as blood splattered everywhere.

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Saturday February 14, 2026
Crystal Cimaglia
Saturday February 28, 2026
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Saturday March 7, 2026
Anthony Nunziata
Saturday March 21, 2026
Frankie Scinta
Saturday February 29, 2026

Reaching deeply into the victim's thoracic cavity, he would grab the victim's heart and sever all of its blood vessels. He would then yank the heart outward and raise the beating organ toward the direction of the darkened sun in a display of solemn reverence and majestic ritual. At that point, the crowd would cheer wholeheartedly as the butchered victim's slaughtered body would be thrown down the pyramid stairs.

The Aztec people, by brilliant application, were able to come up with a complex calendar that required knowledge of the revolving planets, they were also skilled agriculturalists who developed fruits and vegetables, and were also capable of erecting complex structures, such

as pyramids and playing courts. In spite of their noted brilliance, they nonetheless, due to their lack of knowledge in the field of solar eclipses, failed to understand that there was nothing they could do to counteract the darkened sky above. We must not judge their sacrificial aions as being monstrous. We must, however, embrace their behavior as a reflection of their beliefs at the time. They believed that sacrificing someone would bring back the sun's rays.

The one factor we must keep in mind is that with knowledge comes growth, and with growth we progress as a species. This is why it is imperative that we never pass judgement due to the beliefs and practices of others. What may seem awkward to you may be a blessing to others, so let people be themselves. There's no doubt that as far as humanity is concerned, by letting individuals pursue their own paths we forge ahead collectively. Although perfection does not exist among humans, our chosen route will steer us in the right direction. Lastly, the one thing that must be prevented and avoided altogether is anything that may bring about turmoil upon or against anyone else. One must never perceive oneself from an elevated point of view.

In other words, an egotistical stance can ultimately bring about an inner destructiveness. I have met most of our Deerfield Lake residents Deerfield Lake

and I can honestly state that each and every one of them has entered my heart. I never have nor will I ever perceive myself as being better or above any one of them. In so doing, I have polished my open-mindedness and set the foundation for a future of equality among my fellow human beings. Thank you for your time and May God Bless You.

By Geronimo Mena, Jr.

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HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS.

From Ed Applegate

BE READY.

BE SAFE

The Atlantic Hurricane season lasts From June 1 -November 30th,so use this handy guide to get ready now-just in case.

BUILD YOUR DISASTER KIT

Pack one and have it ready incase you have to evacuate.

First aid kit and essential medications (14 day Supply)

At least one gallon of water per person per day (3 day supply for evacuation.

Additional Water & supplies for pets.

Protective clothing Rainwear

Bedding or sleeping bags

Battery powered Radio and Flashlights plus extra batteries

Special items for infants and ederly,or people with disabilities

Have cash on you incase ATM's aren't working

Road atlas or paper maps

Cell phones and chargers

Family/ emergency contact information

Copies of personal Documents

Review your insurance policies and keep a copy in a watertight container

Obtain written instructions on how to turn off electricity,,water, gas, in case authorities advised you to do so.

IF YOU ARE TOLD TO EVACUATE.....

If an evacuation order comes often from officials and or the Governor remain calm put your emergency plan into action and ready your family and home here's what you need to do:

Check your phone number evacuation orders will be broadcast using that number

Red Cross shelters will be open for people with nowhere else to go don't head to a shelter until the

Red Cross has announced that it's open

Prepare emergency water storage sterilize bathtubs, jugs, cooking utensils, and containers scrub thoroughly sponge with bleach rinse and let dry then fill with water. Leave early to avoid traffic or early flooding turn off electricity water and gas before you leave

Unplug major appliances

Remember your disaster kit. pack supplies in your vehicle leave immediately on your pre planned route.

Clear your yard of loose objects such as bicycles, lawn furniture and trash cans. anchor objects no matter how heavy or large that cannot be moved inside secure your boat lash it to your trailer securely let the air out of the trailer tires and attached to something sturdy in the ground if you keep your boat in the Marina check your contract some require that you move it when the hurricane watches issued you are responsible for your boat. Close all windows and doors and board wherever possible taping glass will not prevent breakage.

Do not drain your pool completely lower water levels 6 to 12 inches and add extra chlorine to prevent contamination turn off electricity to equipment and cover pool pump if exposed store documents and valuables in waterproof containers and secure in the highest possible spot.

Turn your refrigerator and freezer to the Highest setting opening only when absolutely necessary.. freeze water in plastic jugs and containers and use them to fill empty spaces between refrigerator contents to keep the food cool.

STORM TERMS TO KNOW

Tropical wave: a cluster of clouds and slash or thunderstorms with little or no circulation more strong wind

TROPICAL DEPRESSION

An organized system of clouds and or some thunderstorms with some circulation at surface;

highest winds less than 39 mph

TROPICAL STORM

An organized system of strong thunderstorms with stronger circulation than tropical depressions highest wind speeds 39 to 73 mph. These storms can accelerate quickly when they reach tropical storm strength and become hurricanes. Storms are named when they reach this level

Hurricane An organized system of strong thunderstorms with a very forceful, pronounced circulation; Winds of 74 mph or more

Tropical storm or hurricane watch: tropical storm or hurricane conditions pose a possible threat to the area within 36 hours

tropical storm or hurricane warning :tropical storm or hurricane conditions are expected within 24 hours a storm is categorized by its circular wind intensity

PLAN FOR AN EVACUATION

Prepare for an evacuation in advance so you're ready. A low rise hotel motel or a friend or relative zone outside the storm area or a few possible places to go here's what to do: Make a list of important phone numbers and put in your disaster kit. .Plan your route and alternate and have a current paper map of the route on hand. Notify family and friends of your plans if you need special consideration to evacuate because of age, physical disability, medical needs, etcetera register in advance with your county civil defense and office of Emergency Management. Discuss emergency plans with your agency representative and your physician if you receive home health care or depend upon electric life support equipment make arrangements with a hospital if necessary.

AS THE STORM APPROACHES.

Remember, mobile homes and factory built or prefabricated homes are unsafe in hurricane conditions, no matter how firmly they may be attached to the ground. High rise apartments and Deerfield Lake

condos must also be evacuated because they are susceptible to conditions that may cause fires during high winds when it's impossible to get emergency help. Hurricane winds are stronger at higher elevations

KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE

Look into options for pets now so you can rest assured they'll be safe when a storm comes. Keep these things in mind;

Most shelters do not accept pets. identify those that do ahead of time. Boarding kennels, veterinarians, friends ,relatives or motels that allow pets are possibilities your local Humane Society or veterinarian can provide more information about emergency pet care.

SECURE YOUR HOME

Buy and store materials such as plywood and duct tape necessary to secure your home properly pre drill holes and cut plywood so you're ready should a storm occur

Keep trees and shrubs trimmed note once a hurricane watch all morning has been issued do not attempt to trim trees and or shrubs trash pickup will be suspended and your trash can become dangerous missiles in the storms high winds



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