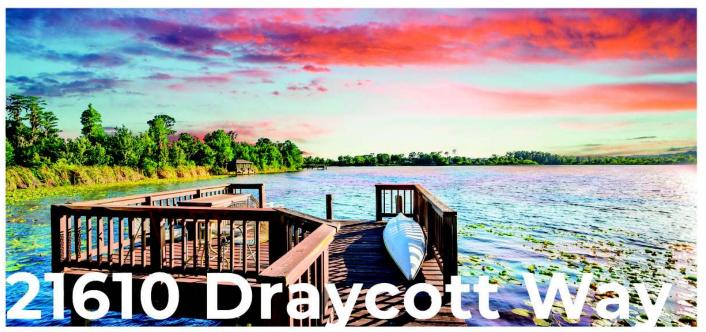


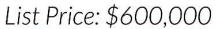


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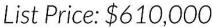
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Important Phone Numbers

EMERGENCY/AMBULANCE	911
Animal Control	813-929-1212
Waste Express / Progressive	727-849-3333
Chamber of Commerce	813-996-5522
Florida Auto Tag & Title - Tax Collector	813-929-6020
Florida Driver's License	813-929-6020
Poison Control	800-222-1222
Duke Energy	800-700-8744
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Recreation Center	
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Health Department	813-558-5173
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Government	813-996-7341
Parks & Recreation Department	813-929-1260
School Board	813-794-2000
Water & Sewer	727-847-8131
Public Information	727-847-8110



Garbage Pickup Schedule

Waste Express / Progressive

TUESDAY and FRIDAY MORNINGS*

*Please bring in receptacles as soon as possible after trash has been picked up.

Recycling Days: Every Wednesday

Water Restrictions

Please visit the Pasco County website (pascocountyfl.net) to obtain the most up-to-date watering information.

Architectural Review Committee

When making changes to the outside of your home, remember to submit your alteration application to the "ARC" prior to beginning your project.

Are You Selling/Renting Your Home?

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Around the Preserve

Fitness & Health Classes

Water Aerobics

9:30am - 10:30am Monday - Friday

Exercising in the water is a fun change of pace and is much easier on the joints than high-impact activities. This is a resident-driven event that is free to participants.

Yoga

Lu-Ann Koegler, a RYT-200hr Zarnay Yoga Instructor for classes.

Tuesday 8:45am - 10:10am Thursday 8:15am - 9:45am

Please RSVP to Lmgagain@yahoo.com or (813) 846-0874. Cost: \$5.00 per class.

Walking, Toning and Strengthening Class

Location: Aerobics Room
Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays
9:30am - 10:45am

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Wilderness Lake Tennis Instruction

Instructor: Blake Mallick

Class: Mon: 5pm - 8pm, Wed: 9am-12pm, Fri: 9am-12pm

Instruction for all ages and all skill levels
Contact Blake for details on classes and pricing.
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Cardiofittennis@yahoo.com

Classes at The Lodge

Zumba

Join us on Saturdays at 9:30am for a fun way to get fit. Classes are \$5 for residents and \$6 for non-residents. For class details, please contact Angeles Barrett at 813-817-1046 or angelesbarrett@yahoo.com.

Resident Clubs

Chat'hers Club

Ladies' Social Club at Wilderness Lake Preserve

This year the Chat'hers will sponsor research for finding cures for Women's Cancers.

For event information, please call Judy at 813-352-9536.

Photography & Bird Watching Club Meets at 7pm on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

The club also goes on outings off property.

If you are interested, you need not be a professional, just have the love for nature. For further information on the club or the monthly outings, please email mcoppola47@hotmail.com.

Family Dinner & Bible Study All Are Welcome!

Dates: TBA Time: 6:00pm

Host: Rich Foster – 813-295-9147 or Carrie Foster – 215-779-0108

Location: Wilderness Lodge (Activities Center)

Women of Wilderness Bible Study Wednesdays at 10:00am

Contact Shuyuan at 970-978-7568 for more information.



Facts about the Black-Billed Magpie

- Black-billed Magpies add much to the western landscapes, both with their flashy appearance and with their big bushel-basket nests in trees.
- Black-billed Magpies are slightly larger than Jays with much longer, diamondshaped tails and heavier bills. In flight, their wings seem to be too short to support their graceful flight.
- These birds are black and white overall with blue-green iridescent flashes on the wing and tail. The upperparts are mostly black with a white patch on the outer wing and two white stripes ("backpack straps") on the back.
- Black-billed Magpies are social, inquisitive birds that frequently gather in large flocks. Magpies move in groups and give a variety of trill, cackle, and whistle calls. They flap steadily in flight, alternating deep and shallow wingbeats, and use their very long tails to negotiate abrupt turns.
- Black-Billed Magpie's are omnivorous.
- Their diet is quite varied, but they usually feed on insects more consistently than most members of the crow family. These Magpies also enjoy grasshoppers, caterpillars, flies, beetles, and other insects. Sometimes they even like carrion, rodents, eggs, the young of other birds, and small snakes. Vegetable matter such as berries, seeds, and nuts may be eaten more in winter.
- Foraging mostly consists of walking on the ground.
 They may also use their bill to flip over items in search of food.
- Black-Billed Magpies have been known for stealing food from other birds and even following predators to pick up scraps that they drop or leave behind.
- In courtship, males pursue females, often flashing their white wing patches.
- Pairs first form in the fall or within wintering flocks.
- Nesting sites are found among the branches of trees or large shrubs.
- The nest is typically a huge structure, a big globular canopy of sticks about three feet in diameter, with entrance holes on either side. Inside the canopy is a cup-shaped nest with base of mud or manure and lining of weeds, rootlets, grass, and hair.



Both sexes help build the nest in deciduous trees.

- Both parents bring food to nestlings.
 The young leave their nest in about 25-29 days after hatching. The have one brood per year.
- A Black-billed Magpie usually lays 6-7 eggs, sometimes 5-9, but rarely more than that. The eggs are greenish gray in color, and heavily

spotted with brown.

- The incubation time by the female Black-billed Magpie is 16-21 days. During the egg-laying process and incubation period, the males will feed the females.
- Black-billed Magpies are widespread in towns, fields, and stream corridors of the West. They also concentrate in flocks at feedlots and other areas where food is easy to find.
- They are a species that inhabit the western half of North America, from Colorado to southern coastal Alaska, to Central Oregon, to northern California, northern Nevada; northern Arizona, northern New Mexico, central Kansas, and Nebraska.
- Black-billed Magpies are year-round residents across their range, but occasionally undergo post-breeding movement's upslope into the Cascades and the Blue Mountains.
- East of the Cascades, one can find Black-billed Magpies in open habitats year round. This is one of the most common and widespread birds of eastern Washington. Black-billed Magpies are very abundant in Yakima County and the Columbia-Snake River lowlands. They are extremely rarely reported in the western Washington lowlands in winter.
- They are protected in the United States but not in Canada, where they are still killed in some areas.
- Pesticides are of concern, especially those used on livestock since Magpies often perch on livestock and eat those pests that are being poisoned by the pesticides.

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Black-billed Magpie. (n.d.). *Audobon.* Retrieved July 13, 2020.

North American Birds. (n.d.). In Wikipedia. Retrieved July 13, 2020.

Harmful Effects of Dumping in the Storm Drains

Think twice about dumping anything into a storm drain! It is a common misconception that storm drains lead to a wastewater treatment plant. In many urban settings such as Wilderness Lake Preserve, the water entering storm drains goes into a nearby stormwater pond, most likely behind or nearby your house. You can help with the water quality and aesthetics of your stormwater ponds:

- Never dump anything directly into a storm drain.
- Lawn Materials such as grass and tree clippings should never be swept into a storm drain or onto a street. They provide excess nutrients and promote unnecessary algae growth which, in turn, can cause severe negative impacts to the rest of the ecosystem.
- Pick up After Your Pets Rain washes parasites and bacteria from pet waste into local waterways and also

unbalances nutrient loads. This poses harm and also degrades the aquatic system.

- Sweep Pesticides and Fertilizer off of hard surfaces and onto your lawn—These applications will encourage the growth of algae blooms and/or negatively impact the aquatic system.
- Wash Vehicles on Lawn Washing vehicles on a grassy surface allows the dirty and soapy water to be absorbed by plants and soil, filtering the water and preventing it from washing into a storm drain.
- Properly Dispose of Chemicals Some things like motor oil and batteries can be recycled. Other products that should be brought to a facility for proper disposal include paint, herbicides, pesticides, and swimming pool chemicals. Be careful to clean up after any spills and avoid allowing them to enter the storm drains.

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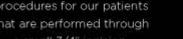
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Recipe of the Month Buttermilk Cake with Blackberries



Active Time: 20 MIN / Total Time: 1 HR

Serves: Makes one 9-inch cake

Light and moist, with an irresistible crispy top, this buttermilk cake has sweet-tart berries in every bite and takes just 20 minutes to prep. It will become your go-to cake whenever blackberries (or even raspberries) are in season.

Ingredients

- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened, plus more for greasing
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup plus 1 1/2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 large egg, at room temperature
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup buttermilk, at room temperature
- 1 1/4 cups blackberries, plus more for serving
- Sweetened whipped cream, for serving

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 400°. Butter a 9-inch round cake pan and line the bottom with parchment paper. Butter the parchment.
- 2. In a small bowl, whisk the flour, baking powder,

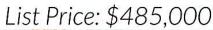
baking soda and salt. In a large bowl, using a handheld electric mixer, beat the butter with 2/3 cup of the sugar at medium-high speed until fluffy, 3 minutes. Beat in the egg and vanilla. At low speed, beat in the buttermilk and dry ingredients in three alternating batches, ending with the dry ingredients; do not overbeat. Gently fold the batter just until blended, then scrape into the pan; smooth the top.

- 3. Scatter the 1 1/4 cups of blackberries over the batter; lightly press them in. Sprinkle the remaining 1 1/2 tablespoons of sugar over the cake. Bake for about 30 minutes, until a cake tester inserted in the center comes out clean.
- 4. Transfer the cake to a rack to cool for 10 minutes, then turn out the cake and remove the paper. Turn the cake right side up and let cool completely. Serve the buttermilk cake with whipped cream and more blackberries.





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Adult Art Class

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Join us at the Lodge for a complimentary breakfast before the sendoff back to school!

Monday, August 10th 9am

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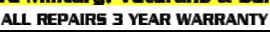
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5/19/2020	1130	562	36	36	49.73
5/20/2020	1161	539	42	42	46.43
5/21/2020	1158	577	38	38	49.83
5/22/2020	1243	550	40	40	44.25
5/23/2020	535	258	39	39	48.22
5/24/2020	955	499	42	42	52.25
5/25/2020	915	460	39	39	50.27
5/26/2020	1176	598	37	37	50.85
5/27/2020	1199	583	42	42	48.62
5/28/2020	974	434	37	37	44.56
5/29/2020	1290	595	38	38	46.12
5/30/2020	1161	566	38	38	48.75
5/31/2020	1079	538	45	45	49.86
6/1/2020	1137	553	46	46	48.64
6/2/2020	1216	596	72	72	49.01
6/3/2020	1162	554	37	37	47.68
6/4/2020	1155	575	59	59	49.78
6/5/2020	1253	611	37	37	48.76
6/6/2020	986	496	37	37	50.30
6/7/2020	1010	543	39	39	53.76
6/8/2020	1153	612	37	37	53.08
6/9/2020	1235	543	43	43	43.97
6/10/2020	1199	565	41	41	47.12
6/11/2020	1189	593	40	40	49.87
6/12/2020	800	418	39	39	52.25
6/13/2020	1059	535	44	44	50.52
6/14/2020	1071	559	35	35	52.19
6/15/2020	1149	572	37	37	49.78
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5/21/2020	855	279	34	19.22	32.63
5/22/2020	830	238	52	18.37	28.67
5/23/2020	808	246	35	19.19	30.45
5/24/2020	680	209	36	18.91	30.74
5/25/2020	652	191	37	18.73	29.29
5/26/2020	855	301	35	19.27	35.20
5/27/2020	876	237	47	18.94	27.05
5/28/2020	184	52	36	18.88	28.26
5/30/2020	564	190	40	19.42	33.69
5/31/2020	691	250	49	19.56	36.18
6/1/2020	837	260	36	19.08	31.06
6/2/2020	825	275	41	19.25	33.33
6/3/2020	842	281	80	19.09	33.37
6/4/2020	822	253	33	18.24	30.78
6/5/2020	540	182	41	19.06	33.70
6/6/2020	750	235	37	18.21	31.33
6/7/2020	669	225	51	19.28	33.63
6/8/2020	831	278	36	19.19	33.45
6/9/2020	853	268	35	18.98	31.42
6/12/2020	312	109	33	19.02	34.94
6/13/2020	759	285	69	19.03	37.55
6/14/2020	714	220	41	19.04	30.81
6/15/2020	812	271	38	19.31	33.37
6/16/2020	896	275	36	18.94	30.69
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6/18/2020	509	156	32	19.06	30.65
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End of Summer Down

The Bacon Boss food truck will be here serving to-go orders and a DJ will be outside providing the entertainment! Don't forget to stop by the Activities Center for a cool and refreshing beverage as well as a sweet treat!

Saturday, August 29th 5pm - 8pm

Please RSVP by Thursday, August 27th.
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From the CDD Board of Supervisors

The "Meeting Highlights" are not intended to replace the meeting minutes.

Meeting minutes will be published on the WLP website after
they have been approved and voted on by the Board.

Mr. Huber read for the record the ability of the Board to meet telephonically and through multi-media technology means.

Mr. Huber advised that the Board would suspend audience comments until the discussion of the pool coping repairs was finalized.

Mr. Huber moved to update on pool coping repairs, with Chris Gamashe updating the Board on their reports and stated they had received five proposals for the work. Mr. Gamashe reviewed their recommendations for vendors and a Board discussion ensued. Upon discussion, a motion was made to approve Romaner Graphics to perform the repairs on the Lap and Lagoon Pools with the CDD purchasing the pavers/coping materials directly from the supplier.

A second motion was made in case there were any issues with the first vendor, with the Board specifying that Pro7 and Challenger Pools revise their proposals to match exactly the scope of work to be performed by Romaner Graphics in case there was a need to go to the next bidder to perform this work.

Mr. Huber presented the audit report for fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, the Board accepted the audit as presented.

Under the landscape report: Mr. Lucadano updated the Board on RedTree's most recent progress and asked the Board if they had any questions, discussion ensued, with no action taken.

Under the GHS report, the Board had no comments or questions.

Under the Lodge Manager's report, Ms. Dobson gave the Board an update on her report and asked if there were any questions, no action was taken.

District Counsel indicated they would assist with the review of Romaner Graphic's license and insurance for the upcoming pool repairs.

District Engineer gave the Board an update on their review of the Wetland T and discussion ensued regarding the best approach to treat this

area.

Mr. Huber presented the minutes from the regular meetings held on May 28th and June 3rd; the Board approved with Mr. Diver's changes included.

Mr. Huber presented the operation and maintenance expenditures for May 2020, in the amount of \$80,828.30, the Board approved these as presented.

Mr. Huber presented the May 2020 financial statements and there were no comments or questions. Mr. Huber presented the reserve study report, the Board had no comments or questions.

Under District Manager's report, Mr. Huber mentioned an email from a resident concerned about the increase in traffic off Ehren Cutoff due to the new construction in that area. Mr. Huber reminded the Board their next meeting is on August 5th, 2020 at 6:30pm.

Under Supervisor Requests, Mr. Watson asked that a discussion of a dog park be added to the next agenda. Ms. Edwards mentioned that a draft of the minutes from the June CDD meeting were circulated as a meeting summary. Ms. Edwards went on to discuss how other Chairs have handled the meeting highlights that are sent out via eblast to the residents. Mr. Diver mentioned that Social Media is not the official means for communicating CDD related items.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 12:28 pm.



Natural Areas and Environmentally Sensitive Areas

Everyone plays a role in helping to protect and sustain Florida's wetlands and preserves: the government, developers, environmental groups, scientists, and YOU! Here at Wilderness Lake Preserve, Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) vested The Preserve at Wilderness Lake CDD with the legal responsibility of protecting and maintaining all conservation land. This includes both CDD owned land and the numerous conservation buffer areas on residents' property. SWFWMD has mandated that the preserves remain untouched so that they will continue to serve their natural purpose, except in special circumstances.

Sometimes there are instances when it makes sense to help the preserve maintain its natural balance. So the CDD, at the request of numerous concerned residents, developed a Conservation Maintenance Policy. To summarize the policy, if you have wooded and/or wetland areas adjacent to your home, PLEASE DO NOT trim or disturb these areas yourself, regardless of whether they are on CDD owned land or YOUR OWN LOT. Instead, notify the Lodge or District Management, who will make an appointment with you. Prior to your meeting, please review our Conservation Maintenance Policy, which is available on the community website, www.wildernesslakecdd.org.

Because our CDD Board takes our environmental responsibilities very seriously, they will strictly enforce the Conservation Maintenance Policy to ensure we are in compliance with all SWFWMD regulations and are in no way damaging our environment. If you feel the wooded and wetland areas surrounding your home need attention, please first review our community's policy and contact the Lodge to arrange for your inspection.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact the District Office to discuss any questions you may have, 813-994-1001.

**Please do not dump yard clippings or trimmings in the wooded and/or wetland areas adjacent to your home.

AS A REMINDER...

The wetlands and wetland setback areas, on both CDD property AND resident property, are part of the SWFWMD CDD wetlands permit. This means that residents may only remove invasive species AND must have CDD permission / supervision to do so. Residents must contact the Lodge prior to the removal of any plant material. The CDD wetlands vendor will review the area and provide guidance as to what may and may not be removed or cut back. Residents must receive written permission from the CDD prior to removal / cutback of any plant material on CDD property. The Lodge Manager will provide residents with the proper forms that must be completed prior to any work being done. Any non-authorized removal of plant material in areas falling under the SWFWMD CDD permit will be replanted at the offending resident's expense. All legal costs associated with the violation will also be charged to the offending resident.





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