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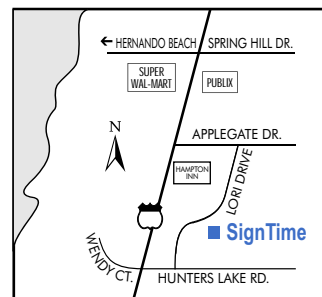
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Children's Tennis Lesson

Date: September 10th & 24th

Instructor: Sam Watson

Contact: (813) 618-1360

Classes at The Lodge

Chat'hers Club

Ladies' Social Club at Wilderness Lake Preserve

This year the Chat'hers are sponsoring Hospice.

For event information,
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Women of Wilderness Bible Study

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Deerfields Meeting

Location: Deerfields Pool

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Although the HOA does not have jurisdiction of our public roads, we have asked Florida Highway Patrol to make a presence at Wilderness Lake Preserve Blvd and Highway 41 on the days they are scheduled in WLP.

As a friendly reminder, the amenities located within the gated sections of Wilderness Lake Preserve are for the gated residents who live there and their guests. In the past few months there has been a handful of our young residents and their friends trespassing, being unruly and causing damage in these sections. The residents have and will continue call the sheriff's department to report trespassing and security camera footage may be used to reimburse for any damages caused by trespassing.

The HOA Board continues to recognize homeowners who go above and beyond with their lawn design (ARC approved) and maintenance. Each Yard of the Month recipient receives a \$50 Lowes gift card. The HOA Board would like to hear from homeowners if there are any other incentives of interest for the community. Our goal is to encourage community enthusiasm and maybe a little competition for bragging rights and a gift card.

Violations - None of us like getting one, but they are necessary. Recently the top 5 violations have been for:

1. Weeds
2. Sod repair/replacement
3. Discolored mailboxes
4. Tree trimming at the street
5. Trash can in view

Did you know you can log into your homeowner account at Greenacre to view the actual photo of any violation you receive? The Greenacre portal is a useful tool for all homeowners to utilize including all community docs, view paint colors, submit an ARC application and more.

The "Ber" months have arrive. This brings cooler weather, pumpkin spice, holiday parties and events. Please plan ahead and contact Pascocountyfl.net to apply for a parking permit if needed.



In addition to the data provided below, you can subscribe to our detailed monthly speed reports. Please email events@wplodge.com to begin receiving these detailed reports. The CDD Board has also agreed to purchase a new speed monitoring radar sign that will be initially placed on Citrus Blossom Drive. These signs are used to provide valuable feedback to Pasco County, as well as serve as a helpful reminder to drivers. If you would like the district to consider a speed study on your street, please email manager@wplodge.com.

Wilderness Lake Blvd		% of Vehicles
Total Vehicles in July	22,801	
Total Speeders	13,170	
Speeders > 15	31	0.14%
Speeders > 10	278	1.22%
Speeders > 5	2483	10.89%
Speeders 4mph & Less	10,378	45.52%

Night Heron Drive		% of Vehicles
Total Vehicles in July	21,402	
Total Speeders	7,560	
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Speeders > 5	714	3.34%
Speeders 4mph & Less	6,792	31.74%

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08/20	7:00 PM	at Tennessee			
08/27	7:30 PM	at Indianapolis			
Regular Season					
09/11	8:20 PM	at Dallas			
09/18	1:00 PM	at New Orleans			
09/25	4:25 PM	GREEN BAY			
10/02	8:20 PM	KANSAS CITY			
10/09	1:00 PM	ATLANTA			
10/16	1:00 PM	at Pittsburgh			
10/23	1:00 PM	at Carolina			
10/27	8:15 PM	BALTIMORE			
11/06	4:25 PM	LA RAMS			
11/13	9:30 AM	vs Seattle			
11/27	1:00 PM	at Cleveland			
12/05	8:15 PM	NEW ORLEANS			
12/11	4:25 PM	at San Francisco			
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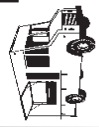
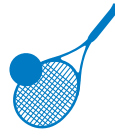

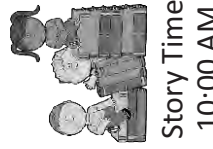

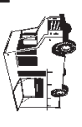


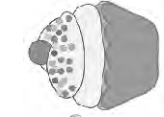
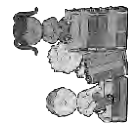


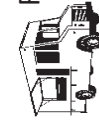


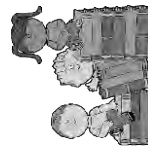



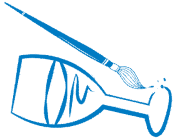
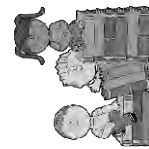


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September 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Karaoke Night & Open Mic 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM 	3  Labor Day BBQ and Pool Party
4	5 Labor Day Lodge Hours 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM	6	7 Recycling Day  CDD Meeting 9:30 AM  Food Trucks 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM 	8 Road Paving Town Hall 6:30 PM	9	10  Kid's Tennis 9:00 AM  Art Class with Mr. Joe 12:00 PM
11	12  Story Time 10:00 AM	13	14 Recycling Day  Food Trucks 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM  Line Dancing 6:45 PM 	15	16  Time For Wine – Wine Tasting 6:00 PM	17  Kids Cupcake & Cookie Décor Class 10:00 AM
18	19  Story Time 10:00 AM  Bunco 7:00 PM	20	21 Recycling Day  Food Trucks 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM 	22	23	24  Storytime Disney Party 10:00 AM
25  Lodge Stand Up Comedy Night 7:00 PM	26  Story Time 10:00 AM	27  HOA Meeting 6:30 PM	28 Recycling Day  Food Trucks 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM 	29	30  Paint and Sip 6:00 PM	1 OCTOBER
2	3  Story Time 10:00 AM	4	5 Recycling Day  CDD Meeting 9:30 AM 	6	7	8

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Highlights of the CDD Meeting



The official minutes will be posted on our website after they have been voted on and approved by the CDD Board.

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Preserve at Wilderness Lake Community Development District was held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 3, 2022.

Supervisor Requests and Walk-on Items:

Supervisor Edwards requested a staffing report be included in the Community Manager's report, along with updates on purchases. Supervisor Edwards requested an update on grill usage and the purchase and installation of soccer goals. Supervisor Ruhlig will be the point of contact for the soccer goals and will meet district engineer onsite to review field locations on August 11.

Landscape Report:

Supervisor Edwards asked for confirmation that final plant selection has been made for annuals and installation is still on target for the first week in September. Supervisor Edwards asked that the PSA Done report be emailed to the Board once it is received.

District Engineer's Report:

District Engineer, Mr. Brletic reviewed three proposals received for the Ranger Station repairs and the projected timeline for the beam and a discussion ensued. The Board approved the proposal from CMS, not to exceed \$20,000.00, for the Ranger Station repairs. District Management, District Counsel, and the District Engineer will coordinate the execution of the agreement and processing of the down payment to CMS.

District Counsel's Report:

A discussion ensued regarding the drainage structure on the soccer field, charitable Bingo events at the lodge, and revisions to the District Management and Amenity contracts. Further discussion was held regarding setting a policy for CDD owned protected/densely wooded areas. Mr. Straley advised that the District has the right to set policies for any District owned property.

GHS Environmental Report:

Ms. Cooper presented two wetlands management

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Highlights of the CDD Meeting continued



proposals from GHS for the remainder of FY 21-22 & 22-23. The Board approved both proposals in the amounts of \$20,063.00 and \$96,280.00 respectively.

Lodge Manager's Report:

Sean Craft presented the report. Supervisor Edwards requested that future reports be more detailed and include updates of current and future projects and events. Mr. Craft will email his report template to the Board for review and will provide both weekly and monthly reports moving forward.

Public hearings on FY 2022-2023 Final Budget & Special Assessments:

There were no questions or discussion from the Board or audience members. The Board approved FY 2022-2023 Final Budget as presented as well as the levying of assessments for FY 2022-2023.

Proposals for Additional Security Cameras

Mr. Huber will reach out to a consultant for a comprehensive review of the current security system and a proposal for his consulting service on upgrades/improvements.

Allowing Commercially Bottled Water in Plastic Bottles on the Pool Deck

A brief discussion ensued regarding updates to pool signage to include allowing commercially bottled water in plastic bottles on the pool deck. District Management and the Community Manager will coordinate with Cooper Pools on the update.

Meeting Schedule

Several revisions were made to the meeting schedule. District Management will amend the schedule and disseminate it.

Dock Application

The board reviewed a dock application and had no objections. District Management will contact the resident and disseminate it to the HOA for final approval.

Consideration of Meeting Minutes from July CDD Meeting

Ms. Cooper presented July 6 meeting minutes. No objections and the board approved the minutes.

Operations and Maintenance Expenses:

Ms. Cooper presented the Operation and Maintenance expenditures for June 2022, and the Board ratified the O&Ms.

District Managers Report:

Ms. Cooper presented the report and reminded the Board of the next regularly scheduled meeting and presented the Financial Statements from June 2022 as well as the Reserve Study. There were no questions from the board.

Paving Project:

A discussion ensued regarding a town hall style meeting regarding the pavement assessment with the Pasco County Chief Project Manager for Pavement Management. Ms. Cooper and Mr. Huber will coordinate two dates and times with Mr. Caldwell and Mr. Craft. Mr. Craft will send out an eblast to the community with the dates and times.

Audience Comments:

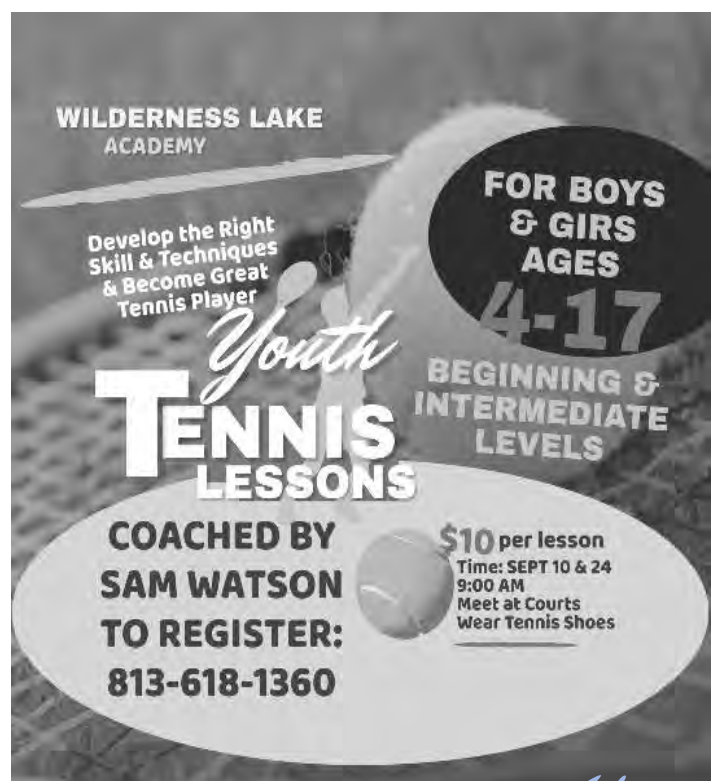
None.

Supervisor Requests and Walk-on Items:

Supervisor Evereth brought up resident-owned businesses renting the lodge for free and a discussion ensued. Supervisor Evereth will write up a summary of what was discussed for District Management to disseminate to the rest of the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 9:30 am on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.



WLP's Critter Corner: The Birds of Wilderness Lake



The Wilderness Lake conservation areas provide habitats for just some of the 196 species of birds known to call Florida home. In fact, this area is so popular for birds that we even have some streets and neighborhoods named after them (Cormorant Cove & Night Heron Drive). All of Florida's wetlands provide breeding and wintering grounds for both resident non-migratory species and migratory birds. There are over 500 species of birds that have been recorded in the state at least once. That makes this neighborhood in particular a great place to take up birdwatching, without going to the trouble of traveling away from home to sit at a nature preserve.

Sandhill Cranes, our most notorious and endearingly monogamous bird neighbors are the greeting committee that is responsible for slowing traffic on WLP Blvd. This honorary neighborhood watch traffic division team comes out during busy times and serves to stop cars, gather admiring looks and remind us all that we live in a beautiful habitat for both humans and birds. Of course, these friends do not know the work they do for us is so useful but enjoy their morning and evening strolls all the same. There are many sandhill cranes throughout the world, but those found in Florida are listed as threatened and they are protected by law.

Roseate Spoonbill (pictured also on cover)

The roseate spoonbill is less common and far more colorful than other birds you're likely to spot in our wetlands. This bird has unmistakable pink plumage and bright red



legs and shoulders. The spoonbill is named for the shape of its bill which it uses when wading. This bird locates prey by swinging its bill left and right and feeds primarily on small fish, invertebrates, aquatic insects, mollusks, slugs and... occasionally some plant material.

Wood Stork The beautiful wood stork looks much like a sandhill crane in color but is slightly smaller and lacks the defining red face markings. This bird is mostly a greyish-white but when they take flight, their wings are all black. The wood stork generally travels about with a flock and enjoys wading in our shallow wetlands. There are approximately 1,000 mating pairs of wood stork in the Tampa Bay area, which plateaued in 2019. There are likely to be similar numbers in the Pasco county wetlands as well, as this species continues to slowly migrate north from South Florida.

How can we best help wild birds we love? Let them stay wild. If you enjoy bird watching, consider a bird feeder with seeds. Over 100 species of birds supplement their natural diet with bird seed. Bird feeding benefits birds and provides a great opportunity for sightings. Different birds are attracted to different varieties of seeds so consider trying different mixes in separate feeders. You can also create homemade bird foods by soaking raisins overnight and offering them to bluebirds, or stuffing holes in trees with peanut butter and cornmeal mixtures (1 part peanut butter to 5 parts cornmeal) to attract woodpeckers.

The National Audubon society does not recommend feeding bread to birds, or any meat products that may attract birds that would otherwise forage for protein.

This article is written in memory of "Tweeters" beloved lodge pet who sadly passed away in the very early morning hours of August 9 surrounded by her human friends.



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Recipe of the Month



LENTIL STEW Submitted by Teresa Harvison

Have a recipe you'd like to share? Email: events@wplodge.com

A rich and hearty medley of vegetables, lentils, and herbs makes this freezer-friendly Lentil Stew the perfect comfort food.



Ingredients

- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 yellow onion
- 4 cloves garlic
- 4 carrots (about 1/2 lb.)
- 4 stalks celery
- 2 lbs potatoes
- 1 cup brown lentils
- 1 tsp dried rosemary
- 1/2 tsp dried thyme
- 2 Tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1.5 Tbsp soy sauce
- 1 Tbsp brown sugar
- 6 cups vegetable broth
- 1 cup frozen peas

Directions

Dice the onion and mince the garlic. Add the olive oil, onion, and garlic to a large soup pot and begin to sauté over medium heat.

While the onion and garlic are sautéing, dice the celery, then add it to the pot and continue to sauté. As the celery, onion, and garlic are sautéing, peel and chop the carrots into half rounds. Add the carrots to the pot and continue to sauté.

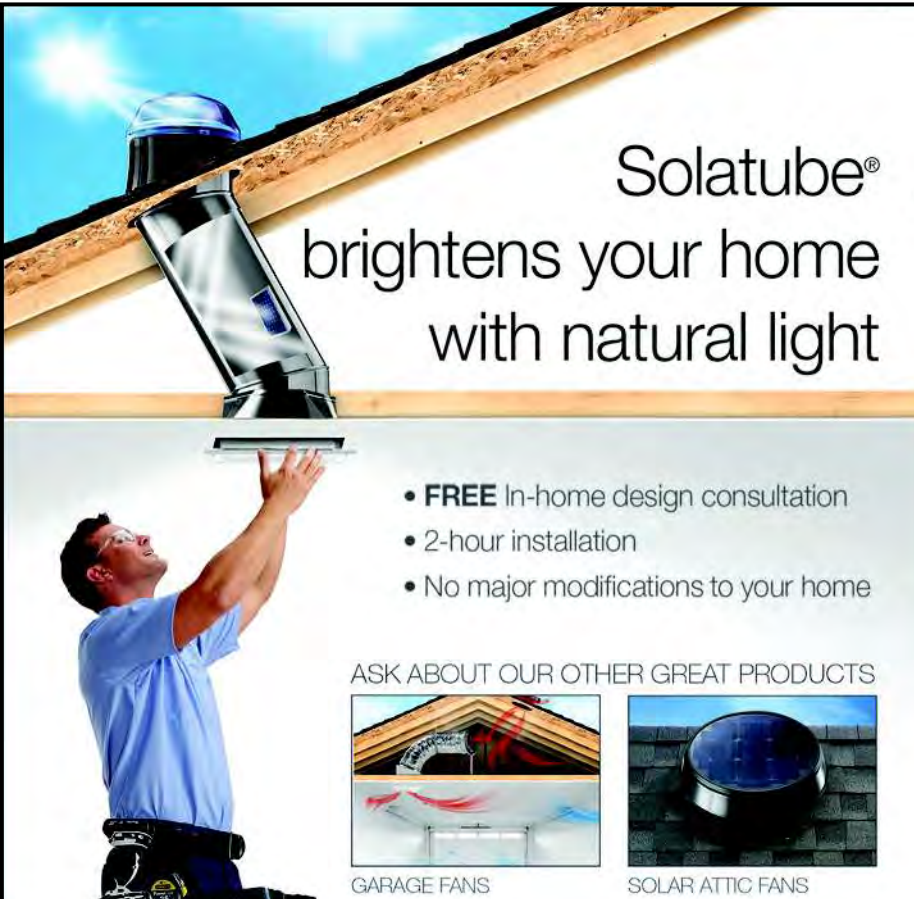
As the onion, garlic, celery, and carrots are sautéing, peel and cube the potatoes into 3/4 to 1-inch pieces. Add the cubed potatoes to the pot along with the lentils, rosemary, thyme, Dijon, soy sauce, brown sugar, and vegetable broth.

Briefly stir the ingredients to combine, then place a lid on the pot, turn the heat up to high, and bring the stew up to a boil. Once it reaches a boil, turn the heat down to low and let it simmer for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Toward the end of the simmer time, when the potatoes are very soft, begin to mash the potatoes a bit as you stir. This will help thicken the stew.

Finally, after 30 minutes, stir in the frozen peas and allow them to heat through. Taste the stew and add salt if needed. Serve hot with warm and crusty bread. Enjoy!







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