



WILDERNESS LAKE
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DID YOU KNOW?

SANDHILL CRANES

- Are monogamous
- Live up to 20 years
- Perform an elaborate pairing dance.
- Who reside in Florida are non-migratory and a protected species.

THREE AMAZING FALL THINGS

SURE WE DON'T HAVE AMAZING FALL COLORS, BUT FALL IN FLORIDA IS TRULY AN AMAZING TIME OF YEAR

1

Manatee Sightings

The peak season for observing manatees is November through April, and the local manatee population swells to its largest size between December and February. You can spot manatees in our waterways all year round, but the population is much smaller during the summer months.

3

Food and Wine Festival

If you haven't made your way to Epcot to eat and drink your way around the world during their food and wine festival, you should give it a try. This makes both a great family activity and a fun getaway for adults. We love to stay the weekend at the Hilton Bonnet Creek and enjoy a pool day one day and Food and Wine Festival the next.

2

Harvest Time

The harvest season in Florida stretches well into the fall months. Combined with milder weather, this makes the September – November months the absolute best time to explore local farmer's markets.

CUTE



TASTE OF POLAND

WILDERNESS VERSION

There is nothing that takes me back to my childhood more than the smell of cabbage rolls coming down the hallway and into my bedroom. There are many versions of these cabbage rolls in various cultures. Notably including Holubtsi from Ukraine, Sou fassum from France, and the version that was found in my home, Gołąbki from Poland.

Gołąbki is pronounced something like "go-wom-key" which I learned from a dear friend who is Polish. My family is not of Polish heritage, but in the Queens, New York neighborhood my grandmother grew up in, the scent of cabbage rolls filled the streets all winter long, and especially on holidays.

SHOPPING LIST & DIRECTIONS

CABBAGE ROLLS:

1 QT (1 LITRE) CHICKEN STOCK
1 HEAD WHITE CABBAGE (3-3.3 LB, 1.3-1.5 KG) OR SAVOY CABBAGE
1.7 LB (800 G) RAW GROUND PORK (E.G. PORK SHOULDER)
1 LARGE ONION (7 OZ, 200 G), YELLOW OR WHITE CHOPPED FINELY
3 GARLIC CLOVES MINCED
½ CUP (100 G) COOKED RICE - COOKED 'AL DENTE' USING
CABBAGE / CHICKEN STOCK
1 TBSP DRIED MARJORAM
SALT, TO SEASON (ABOUT 1 TSP)
GROUND BLACK PEPPER, TO SEASON (ABOUT 1/2 TSP)
HANDFUL OF CHOPPED DILL TO GARNISH

FOR TOMATO SAUCE:

½ STICK (30 G) BUTTER
1 TBSP ALL-PURPOSE FLOUR
1 CUP (250 ML) STOCK - REMAINING FROM COOKING GOŁĄBKİ
2 CUPS (500 G) TOMATO PASSATA / PURÉE
1 TBSP TOMATO PASTE / CONCENTRATE
A PINCH OF SUGAR
SALT, TO SEASON
GROUND BLACK PEPPER, TO SEASON



BRING IT ALL TOGETHER

FIRST, BOIL THE CABBAGE IN CHICKEN STOCK, LET IT COOL, SEPARATE THE LEAVES, AND CUT OUT THE HARD STEM. STIR TOGETHER THE FILLING, AND SEASON AS DESIRED AND KEEP IT IN THE REFRIGERATOR UNTIL YOU'RE READY TO USE IT. THEN, MAKE THE SAUCE AND SPREAD SOME ON THE BOTTOM OF THE BAKING DISHES. NEXT, STUFF AND ROLL THE CABBAGE LEAVES WITH THE RIDGES OF THE LEAF ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE ROLL. COVER THE CABBAGE ROLLS WITH THE REMAINING SAUCE. (AT THIS POINT, YOU CAN COVER THEM AND PLACE THEM IN THE REFRIGERATOR FOR UP TO 24 HOURS OR BAKE THEM). THEN, BAKE THE CABBAGE ROLLS AT 350 F FOR 50-60 MINUTES. FINALLY, LET THE GOŁĄBKİ COOL FOR 10 MINUTES AND THEN SERVE WITH CHOPPED FRESH DILL (OPTIONAL).

ISN'T IT ROMANTIC

WILDERNESS

**FIND YOUR
RELAXING
EVENING RIGHT
HERE AT HOME**

FOOD TRUCKS



Enjoy a Wednesday evening food truck and fire pit cocktail. Each Wednesday night you can put your pots and pans away and hang up your oven mitts while you kick back and relax and let someone else do the work.

MOVIE NIGHT



Reminder!

You don't have to wait for a Lodge-hosted movie night, you can watch a movie any time the theater is free.

JACUZZI



RELAX AT HOME

EVENTS TEAM AT
WILDERNESS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Yappy Hour

Saturday,
September 23rd
6:00 PM

Bring your pups
for prizes &
more!

Admission:
Please bring an
item for the local
animal shelter.



Please RSVP with the Lodge at
(813) 995-2437.

WILDERNESS LAKE
\$5
PER CLASS

YOGA
WITH LU-ANN
RYT - 500hr Zarnay Yoga E - RYT 200 and YACEP
TUE & THUR YOGA 8:40AM-9:40AM
CHAIR YOGA 9:55AM-10:55AM

“Yoga is the journey of the
self, through the self, to the
self.”
-The Bhagavad Gita

RSVP to
Imagagagin@yahoo.com OR
(813) 846-0874

Sip & Paint
Friday, September 15th
6:00 PM
Cost: \$30.00
RSVP with the Lodge at (813) 995 - 2437

**FIND YOUR
PERFECT
ZEN OR ZIN**

LABOR DAY CELEBRATION



HOLIDAY EVENTS

5 EVENTS YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS OUT ON OVER THE UPCOMING SEASON

1

The Haunted Lodge

Whether you're looking for a mild evening among friends or the scare of a lifetime by resident "scarers" you'll find something to entertain you at the Lodge. Scary snacks, spooky costumes and candy abound. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, let us know at the Lodge.



2

Breakfast with Santa

Join your Wilderness Lake family for Breakfast with Santa. Enjoy a hot breakfast after posing for a photo with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. This event is very popular and fills up quickly so make sure to keep an eye out for RSVPs to open up.

3

Turkey Trot

Thanksgiving Day: Earn your turkey dinner at the annual Wilderness Lake Turkey Trot. Pose with "Wilpy" the Wilderness Lake Turkey and win a medal.



4

Lighting of the Menorah

The lighting of the Menorah takes place on the first night of Hanukkah. Traditional games and snacks will be enjoyed by all. This event is for residents of any faith who would like to gather and celebrate and learn about this tradition.

5

Santa's Arrival Parade & Tree Lighting

Have you always wanted to be in a parade? Does the idea of throwing massive amounts of candy to children lining the streets waiting for Santa appeal to you? Contact the lodge to join the parade. Decorated cars, bicycles, motorcycles and golf carts all welcome.






CALENDAR OF
EVENTS

WILDERNESS DAYS

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September 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1	 Kid's Tennis 9-11 AM	5
 4 Labor Day Pool Party 1-3 PM	5	6 CDD Meeting 9:30 AM	7	8 Ladies Night 7-9 PM	 Art Class 12-3 PM Blood Drive 9-2 PM	10
11 ARC Meeting 6:30 PM	12	15	14	15 Sip & Paint 6-9 PM	 16 Kid's Tennis 9-11 AM	 17 Hoops and Scoops 1 PM
18	19	20 Bible Study 10 AM	21	22	25 Yappy Hour 6-8 PM	24
25 ARC Meeting 6:30 PM	26 HOA Meeting 6:30 PM	27	28	29	30	



ANSWER FROM TABLE OF
CONTENTS: THE EPCOT
SPACESHIP EARTH ATTRACTION

EVENTS TEAM AT
WILDERNESS

HOOPING & SCOOPING

HOOPS & SCOOPS



Sunday, September 17th
1:00pm

Dunk Contest, Swish Challenge,
Layup Tournament

Free Icee ice cream to all resident participants

RSVP at (813)995-2437

LADIES NIGHT



September 8th, 7-9pm

The Lodge is providing lite appetizers
and desserts. BYOB

Please RSVP @ (813) 995-2437

Art Class

SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 9TH

NOON - 3:00 PM



COST: \$30.00

INCLUDES SUPPLIES

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE DISTRICT

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01

Annual Budget Approvals

Board approved annual budget for fiscal year 2023-2024.

02

Tennis Court Lighting

Board approves LED lighting system for tennis courts to repair lightning damage & lower energy costs.

03

Read Full Meeting Highlights

READ MORE



CHECK OUT THESE RESIDENT & VENDOR
CLASSES AND CLUBS AT WILDERNESS

CLASSES & CLUBS



Ladies' Bible Study

Wednesdays 10AM (COST: FREE)
Contact Shuyan at: [970-978-7568](tel:970-978-7568)
Contact Janice at: [727-776-5723](tel:727-776-5723)



Yoga

Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:45 AM & 9:55 AM
Contact LuAnn at: [813-846-0874](tel:813-846-0874)
Email: imgagain@yahoo.com
(COST: \$5)



Water Aerobics

Monday - Friday 9AM - 10AM (COST: FREE)



Walking

Walking, Strength & Toning
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30AM -
10:45 AM (COST: FREE)



Pickleball Rocks

Tuesday & Thursday 6:30 PM (COST: FREE)
Contact Susan at: [602-315-0757](tel:602-315-0757)



Chat'hers Club

Ladies' Social Club
This year the Chat'hers are sponsoring
Hospice.
Contact Telicia at: [786-301-4506](tel:786-301-4506)

AROUND THE LODGE



AROUND THE LODGE



MONDAY STORY TIME



Themed stories, well-conceived art projects, snacks and even song and dance fill the Nature Center every week. Although we will miss our school-aged kids as they return to the books and Summer break comes to an end, we still have many exciting storytime mornings to look forward to. These children are having a fun time snacking and crafting.

Storytime is held Mondays at 10:30am.

THE HAPPENINGS

AROUND THE LODGE



ART CLASSES



Want to try your hand at some painting, but not sure where to start? Art classes are a great way to dip your brush for the first time. Guided instruction will help you create your first masterpiece in no time.

Art classes are held on various days throughout the month. Check the calendar for details.

GET IN TOUCH WITH US

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LODGE HOURS OF OPERATION

SUNDAY: NOON – 9:00 PM

MONDAY – FRIDAY: 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM

SATURDAY: 10 AM – 10:00 PM

GARBAGE PICKUP - WASTE CONNECTIONS

TUESDAY & FRIDAY AM

RECYCLING

WEDNESDAY AM

727-847-9100

FITNESS CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION

OPEN 365 DAYS WITH ACCESS CARD

5:00 AM – 11:00 PM



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AUGUST 2, 2023

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE PRESERVE AT WILDERNESS LAKE COMMUNITY

DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT WAS HELD AT 6:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2023.

THE OFFICIAL MINUTES WILL BE POSTED ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE, ONCE THEY ARE APPROVED BY THE CDD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DURING THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING.

01 AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

- INCREASE IN BUDGET
- MEETING TIMES
- INVESTING
- POOL SERVICE AND PRICING
- ROADWAY PROJECT

02 CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2023-03, ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

- ADOPTED THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET.
- APPROVED THE COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

03 LANDSCAPING DISCUSSION ENSUED REGARDING WARRANTY WORK

- REPLACE 5,800 SQUARE FEET OF TURF
- MAPPING DAMAGED AREAS OF TURF
- REPLACEMENT OF DEAD SHRUBS

05 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR MEETING SCHEDULE MEETING DATES APPROVED WITH FOLLOWING EVENING MEETINGS SELECTED

- NOVEMBER 2023
- FEBRUARY 2024
- MAY 2024
- AUGUST 2024
- BUDGET WORKSHOP - DATE TBD

04 STAFF REPORTS DISTRICT ENGINEER

- THE ROADWAY REPAIR IS COMPLETE.
- DISCUSSION OF DRAYCOTT WAY FLOODING

COMMUNITY MANAGER

- REPLACEMENT OF POOLSIDE SHADE STRUCTURES.
- ACCESS WRISTBAND FOR AGES 12-15.
- DEBIT/CREDIT CARD PAYMENT SYSTEM UPDATE.
- DIGITAL NEWSLETTER.

DISTRICT MANAGER

- UPDATE ON THE OPEN POSITIONS.
- DISCUSSION ENSUED REGARDING TISH DOBSON ASSUMING THE COMBINED ROLES OF COMMUNITY AND DISTRICT MANAGER

07 SUPERVISOR REQUESTS

- WEEKLY UPDATES
- ADDING LANGUAGE TO NATURAL AREA POLICY

06 PROPOSAL APPROVALS

- HIMES ELECTRIC TENNIS COURT LED SYSTEM
- ILLUMINATIONS HOLIDAY LIGHTING PROPOSAL

Reminder!

**NEXT MEETING
SEPT 6, 2023 9:30 AM**