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THREE AMAZING FALL THINGS

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

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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.

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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.

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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.



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 "gowom-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

1/2 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:

1/3 STICK (30 G) BUTTER
1/1 TBSP ALL-PURPOSE FLOUR
1/2 CUP (250 ML) STOCK - REMAINING FROM COOKING GOŁĄBKI
2/2 CUPS (500 G) TOMATO PASSATA / PURÉE
1/1 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 GOŁĄBKI COOL FOR 10 MINUTES AND THEN SERVE WITH CHOPPED FRESH DILL (OPTIONAL).

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



Reminderi-

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

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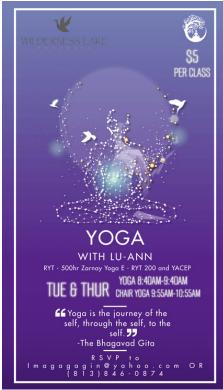


RELAX AT HOME

HAPPENING HAPPENING



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





FIND YOUR
PERFECT
ZEN OR ZIN



ABOR DAY CELEBRATION



HOLIDAY EVENTS

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



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.



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.

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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.

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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.



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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.

WILDERNESS CLICK ON BLUE EVENTS TO VIEW FLYER PAGE



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1	Kid's Tennis 9-11 AM	3
Labor Day Pool Party 1-3 PM	5	CDD Meeting 9:30 AM	7	8 Ladies Night 7–9 PM	Art Class 12-3 PM Blood Drive 9-2 PM	10
ARC Meeting 6:30 PM	12	15	14	15 Sip & Paint 6-9 PM	Kid's Tennis 9-11 AM	Hoops and Scoops
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	50	

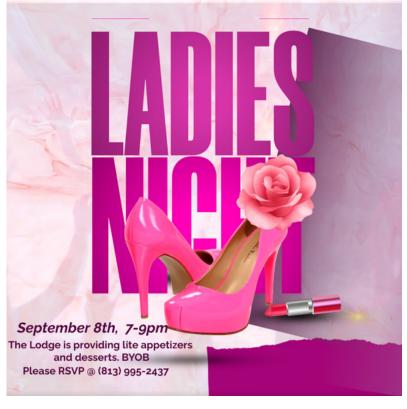




EVENTS TEAM AT WILDERNESS

HOOPING & SCOOPING









O1 Annual Budget Approvals

Board approved annual budget for fiscal year 2023-2024.

O2 Tennis Court Lighting

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

Read Full Meeting
Highlights



CLASSES & CLUBS



Wednesdays 10AM (COST: FREE) Contact Shuyan at: <u>970-978-7568</u> Contact Janice at: <u>727-776-5723</u>



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



Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:45 AM & 9:55 AM Contact LuAnn at: 813–846–0874
Email: Imgagain@yahoo.com
(COST: \$5)



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



Tuesday & Thursday 6:30 PM (COST: FREE) Contact Susan at: <u>602-315-0757</u>



Ladies' Social Club This year the Chat'hers are sponsoring Hospice.

Contact Telicia at: <u>786-301-4506</u>

AROUND THE LODGE



























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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.

AROUND THE LODGE

ART CLASSES









Want to try you 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.

CONTACTS

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TISH DOBSON,
LODGE & DISTRICT MANAGER
TERRI OAKLEY

ASSISTANT MANAGER

EVENT BOOKING & SPACE RENTALS

LODGE HOURS OF OPERATION

SUNDAY: NOON - 9:00 PM MONDAY - FRIDAY: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM SATURDAY: 10 AM - 10:00 PM

FITNESS CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION

OPEN 365 DAYS WITH ACCESS CARD 5:00 AM - 11:00 PM

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GARBAGE PICKUP - WASTE CONNECTIONS

TUESDAY & FRIDAY AM

RECYCLING

WEDNESDAY AM

727-847-9100



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.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

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

1 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

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PROPOSAL APPROVALS

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

SUPERVISOR REQUESTS

- WEEKLY UPDATES
- ADDING LANGUAGE TO NATURAL AREA POLICY

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

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

NEXT MEETING SEPT 6, 2023 9:30 AM