



WILDERNESS LAKE
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DID YOU KNOW?

FAWN FACTS

- Fawns are born after just 6 months gestation
- A yearling doe will usually birth just one fawn, then two and three as they mature.
- If you see a fawn lying like the one pictured here, it is not lost or abandoned, it's just too young to forage with mom.

THREE FESTIVALS YOU SHOULD SEE

**GET YOUR FILL OF TAMPA AREA
PUMPKINS, BRATWURST AND
HAUNTINGS.**

1

HarvestMoon Fun Farms

Pumpkins, Fall Games, Corn Maze & Petting Zoo. Kid-friendly fall fun the whole family will enjoy.

Wednesday-Friday: 10am-2pm

Oct 11th-Oct 27th

Saturday & Sunday: 10am-5pm

14th, 15th, 21st & 22nd 9am-5pm

with pre-purchased ticket.

<https://www.harvestmoonfl.com>

3

Scream-a-geddon

Not for the faint-of-heart or children scream-a-geddon promises to deliver adult beverages and the scare of a lifetime. Yes, you'll need to sign a waiver.

<https://screamageddon.com/hours/>

2

Oktoberfest Tampa

We'll be celebrating with german cheer, dancing and singing to cooler weather and colder beer along the Hillsborough river downtown at the Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park OKTOBER 13th, 14th, 15th

CURTIS HIXON PARK

[Buy Tickets Online](#)



FOOD FOR HEALING

WILDERNESS VERSION

Over the last month it seems like at any given moment, since back to school someone in my house has a runny nose, a sneeze, a fever or is ailing in some way. When I was a kid, my piano teacher delivered soup to me when I was sick once. That was the first time I had homemade chicken soup. For me, I was a Campbells kid, and while I still crave the red and white can of salty noodles when I'm sick, nothing heals me like the hot broth in that homemade soup recipe.

With all of those back to school germs circling around our community, what better time to share that magical recipe that cures soul and body.

SHOPPING LIST & DIRECTIONS

ONE WHOLE CHICKEN (RAW TO ROAST AT HOME, OR SKIP A STEP AND CHOOSE A PUBLIX ORIGINAL ROASTED OR LEMON PEPPER ROASTED CHICKEN FROM THE DELI)

2 32 OZ CONTAINERS OF CHICKEN BROTH (ANY BRAND)

WANT GRANDMAS SOUP? YOU CAN MAKE THIS YOURSELF BY SIMMERING YOUR CHICKEN CARCASS AFTER YOU STRIPPED THE MEAT AND ADDING 2 WHOLE CARROTS, 1 ONION, 2 OR 3 STALKS OF CELERY (OR CELERY SCRAPS) IN WATER. THE LONGER YOU SIMMER, THE MORE HEALING IT WILL BE. SALT TO TASTE.

2-3 CARROTS CUT TO PREFERRED SHAPES

3 STALKS CELERY DICED

1 LARGE ONION DICED

SAUTE VEGETABLES IN 2 TBSP BUTTER UNTIL FRAGRANT. ADD SHREDDED COOKED CHICKEN, BROTH AND SIMMER FOR ONE HOUR.

ADD PASTA OF YOUR CHOICE. FOR HOMEMADE DUMPLING STYLE NOODLES, USE PUBLIX FROZEN REAMES EGG NOODLES. YOU CAN ALSO USE ANY PASTA, RICE OR FOR GLUTEN FREE, ADD POTATOES.

WANT IT SPICY? ADD SOME CAJUN SEASONING. I'M PRETTY SURE THAT THIS IS THE MAGIC INGREDIENT.

TOO SICK TO COOK? SAN JOSE MEXICAN RESTAURANT HAS THE MOST UNEXPECTEDLY FANTASTIC HOMEMADE MEXICAN CHICKEN SOUP.

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Magic
04

SPECIAL RECOGNITION CORNER

CONGRATULATIONS TO
WILDERNESS LAKE PRESERVE RESIDENT

**ALLISON
PASQUERELLA**

& HER BOWLING TEAM
FOR WINNING SECOND PLACE
IN THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS

WELL DONE!



WANT TO RECOGNIZE A NEIGHBOR?
EMAIL EVENTS@WLPLODGE.COM

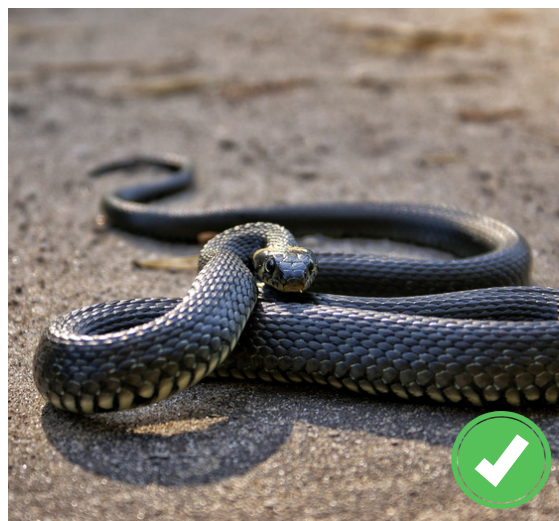
**Great
JOB!**

WILDERNESS

ARE THERE VENOMOUS SNAKES IN WILDERNESS LAKE PRESERVE? YES.

If you can identify with the idea that every snake in Wilderness Lake Preserve is a “nope rope” then this is for you. We are home to four species of venomous pit vipers, venomous coral snakes and over forty species of non-venomous snakes. Most snakes, **even venomous** are beneficial to the local eco-system- controlling populations of insects, rodents, frogs, lizards and occasionally even each other. We have a black racer family near our home, and call them all Sneaky Pete. Would you be interested in a class to help you identify local snakes? Contact the lodge and let us know.

SNEAKY PETE



The best thing to do if you see a snake outside is to stay away and let it slither along. A snake shouldn't be removed unless it is inside your home or garage. Don't get too close to take photos for identification if you are unsure about safety.

KEEP PETS AWAY



Keep pets leashed near wooded areas and if your pet is bitten get them to a veterinary hospital (call ahead) with antivenin as quickly as possible. You can easily identify a pit viper bite by the two fangs, and excessive bleeding.

Reminder!

EASTERN RAT SNAKE



EVENTS TEAM AT
WILDERNESS

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Stay
Spooky!



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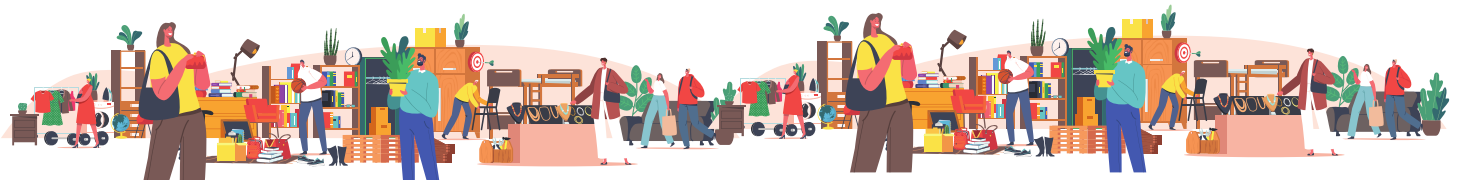
COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE



**Saturday,
October 21st
8:00 AM**

**Registration
Fee: \$5.00**

Stop by the Lodge to register.



SPA SERVICES



BASIC MANICURE

Nails will be shaped, cleansed and pampered. You will receive a hand and arm massage and finished with your choice of polish.

\$15



ISLAND GETAWAY

Enjoy tropical fragrances as you are pampered! After nails are shaped and cleansed, you will receive an invigorating anti-aging hand exfoliation that is completed with a hot towel wrap. A soothing arm and hand massage will relax you and will be finished with polish of your choice.

\$20



BASIC PEDICURE

Shaping of nails and exfoliation begin this pedicure followed with thorough cleansing of feet, a relaxing massage and polish. Aromatherapy will heighten the senses leaving you feeling refreshed and beautiful!

\$28



MILK AND HONEY PEDICURE

After your feet are soaked and cleansed, you will lose yourself in the experience of a mud mask for the feet and long massage for total relaxation.

\$35

SPA SERVICES

NO POLISH PEDICURE

Using a blend of Peppermint and Pine Oils, feet will be soaked, toenails filed and feet exfoliated. A long massage will complete the experience.

\$28

MINI MANI PEDI COMBO

This package is an abbreviated combination of the traditional manicure and pedicure. Fingernails will be shaped, buffed and polished. Feet will be soaked, toenails shaped and buffed and a light massage will be given. Polish will be applied.

\$30

PRINCESS PAMPERING

This is a combination mani-pedi specifically designed for the young ladies! Nails will be shaped and cleansed and polish will be applied to hands and feet. (Ages 14 and under)

\$22

CND SHELLAC MANICURE

14-day wear polish with ZERO dry time which is finished with a hand and arm massage.

\$28



ADD ON SERVICES

Buff and Polish Change \$8
Add a French manicure \$3
Nail Repair \$2
Rhinestones and decals (per nail) \$2

FALL GARDEN TIPS

5 TIPS TO SPRUCE UP YOUR LAWN YEAR-ROUND WITH FALL GARDENING EFFORTS

1

PLANT TREES, SHRUBS, ROSES

October is an ideal time to plant deciduous trees, shrubs, and roses. Tip: If you buy a plant that has already lost its leaves, don't worry. This means it is dormant and won't mind a change in venue.

3

ADD BULBS

Spring-flowering bulbs such as tulips, daffodils, and crocus should be planted in October and November. Larger bulbs are best planted 8 inches deep; smaller bulbs 4 inches deep. For a natural, informal look toss your bulbs over the garden bed and plant them where they fall.

4

REFRESH MULCH

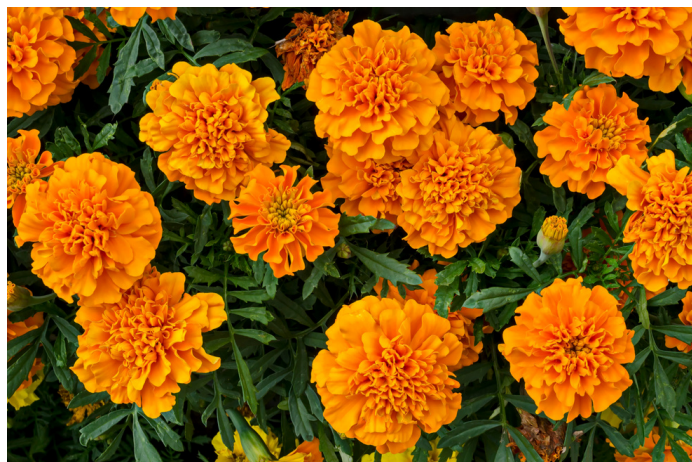
One of the best ways to control weeds and to conserve water is to mulch the beds and tree rings. Tip: If you are mulching newly planted trees, don't spread the mulch right up against the trunk. Leave a 6-inch gap around the base of the tree.



2

DIVIDE PERENNIALS

Many perennials benefit from being divided every few years. Left to their own devices, some plants become overgrown and slowly die out from the center. Tip: Do a little research before you divide your plants. Some species such as peony only require dividing every four to six years, while faster-growing species such as Hosta or Bearded Iris are best divided every two to three years.



5

WEEDING

A lot of gardeners don't realize that weeding is even more important in the fall than it is the rest of the season. Weeds such as crabgrass, lamb's quarters, and thistle all develop seed heads in the late summer and fall. Never let any weeds remain in your garden

CALENDAR OF
EVENTS

WILDERNESS DAYS

CLICK ON ORANGE
EVENTS TO VIEW
FLYER PAGE



October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 STORYTIME 10AM	3	4 CDD MEETING 9:30 AM RECYCLING DAY	5	 GRILL & CHILL 6 PM	7 COMEDY SHOW 7 PM
8	9 STORYTIME 10AM ARC MEETING 6:30 PM	10	11 RECYCLING DAY	12	13	14 ART CLASS 12 PM OKTOBERFEST 3PM
15	16 STORYTIME 10AM	17 TACO TUESDAY 5PM	18 RECYCLING DAY	19	20 SIP & PAINT 6 PM	21 COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE KIDS ART 1 PM
22	23 STORYTIME 10AM	24 HOA MEETING 6:30 PM	25 BEST DECORATED HOUSE DRIVE BY 7PM RECYCLING DAY	26	27	28 HAUNTED HOUSE ALL AGES 5PM OLDER KIDS 7PM
29	30 STORYTIME 10AM	31 KIDS COSTUME PARADE 5PM 				

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE DISTRICT

Photography Credit: Barry White

01

New Cleaning Services

Board approved new janitorial services for lodge areas.

02

New Annual Rotation

New Flowers are now installed at the Wilderness Lodge and entrance areas.

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)

THE HAPPENINGS

AROUND THE LODGE

let's
CELEBRATE
our
HARD WORK

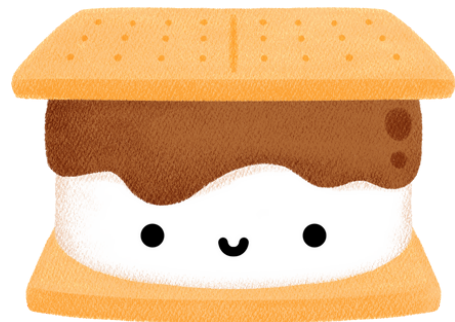
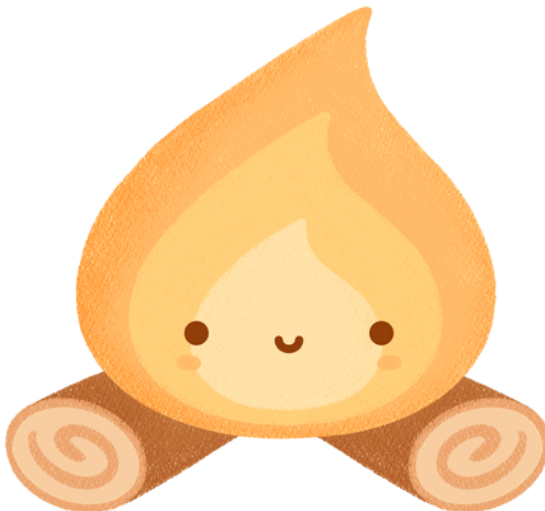
LABOR DAY POOL PARTY



THE HAPPENINGS

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SMORES PARTY



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MONDAY STORY TIME

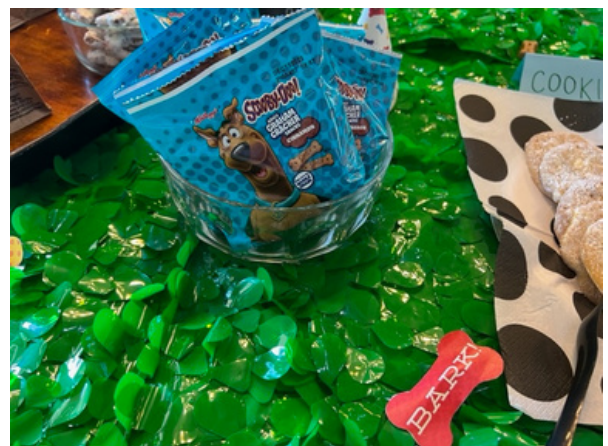


Themed stories, well-conceived art projects, snacks and even song and dance fill the Nature Center every week. Although we will miss our school-aged kids as they return to the books and Summer break comes to an end, we still have many exciting storytime mornings to look forward to. These children are having a fun time snacking and crafting. Storytime is held **Mondays at 10:30am.**

THE HAPPENINGS

AROUND THE LODGE

YAPPY HOUR



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

NAIL TECHNICIAN:

SERVICES AVAILABLE MONDAY - FRIDAY BY APPOINTMENT ONLY



WILDERNESS LAKE
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SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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

DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT WAS HELD AT 9:30AM ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 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:

- SPA SERVICES

03 STAFF REPORTS

DISTRICT ENGINEER

- ROADWAY REPAIR SOD REPLACEMENT
- DRAYCOTT WAY DRAINAGE ISSUE
- MARINE ENGINEER FOR CORMORANT COVE

DISTRICT COUNSEL

- DM/GM VESTA AMENDMENT
- NOV 2022 INJURY AT NIGHT HERON & CALIENTE

COMMUNITY MANAGER

- ACCESS WRIST BANDS 12-15 YEAR OLDS UPDATE
- DIGITAL NEWSLETTER
- SPLASH PAD BOLLARD
- OPEN POSITIONS (EVENTS AND LODGE REP)
- WINTER EVENTS

DISTRICT MANAGER

- EXTRA DUTY SHIFTS
- DEERFIELD VILLAS RESOD REVIEW
- ROOFLINE DRAINAGE AT DRAYCOTT REVIEW

02 SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

- SPA SERVICES DISCUSSION
- SCHEDULING SERVICES
- MARKETING SPA SERVICES
- SPACE UTILIZATION OF SALON AREA

04 BOARD CONSIDERATIONS & APPROVALS

- CONSENT AGENDA **APPROVED**
- NEW CLEANING SERVICES **APPROVED**
- ADA DOOR PROPOSAL, REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION
- NATURAL AREA POLICY **APPROVED**

06 SUPERVISOR REQUESTS

- CIRCULATE FINAL AGENDA NO LATER THAN FRIDAY BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING

Reminder!

NEXT MEETING

OCTOBER 4, 2023 9:30 AM