



WILDERNESS LAKE
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FUN FACTS ABOUT
NOVEMBER

COCA-COLA
CHICKEN WINGS

UPCOMING HOLIDAY
EVENTS GUIDE

LET'S TALK TURKEY



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DID YOU KNOW?

LET'S TALK TURKEY

- Turkeys can recognize each other socially by voice
- Baby turkeys stay with their mother for the first year of their lives.
- The skin that hangs over their beak (snood) and on their neck (wattle) changes color depending on their mood.
- Wild turkeys can be found in every state in the contiguous United States.



WARNING FROM THE FL STATUTES



**STEER CLEAR OF THESE
COMMON MISTAKES & AVOID
FINES AND CIVIL PENALTIES.
WILDERNESS LAKE PRESERVE
DISTRICT STAFF **MANDATORILY**
REPORTS VIOLATIONS OF THE
CH 379 FL WILDLIFE STATUTES.**

Never Feed Alligators

Feeding alligators, whether intentionally or unintentionally is not only illegal and potentially a felony, it's dangerous to the animal itself. Most alligators that are under 4' in length pose no risk to humans or pets, unless handled. When fed, alligators can overcome their natural wariness and learn to associate people with food. When this happens, some of these alligators have to be removed and killed. Dispose of fish bait in garbage cans at the dock or inside your home. Do not ever throw them, or any meat into the water. Although you are not intentionally feeding alligators when you do this, the result can be the same.

Never Feed Sandhill Cranes

People may inadvertently put sandhill cranes at risk when they attract them with feed. This includes "accidental feeding," such as when bird seed is spilled from bird feeders onto the ground below. In 2002, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission made it illegal to intentionally feed sandhill cranes. When cranes are fed and learn to associate people with food, they can lose their fear of humans. These "habituated" cranes may approach people closely and even grab food out of a person's hand. In rare instances, cranes have been reported pecking people.

In Florida, any feeding, intentional or otherwise, of bears, coyotes, foxes, raccoons, pelicans, **alligators**, crocodiles, **sandhill cranes**, and wild monkeys is illegal and subject to civil penalties.

Adapted from FL Statutes & FWC Living With Alligators and Living with Sandhill Cranes Brochure

COCA COLA WINGS

WILDERNESS VERSION

What a fun use of soda, pop, coke, cola... whatever your regional name is for the bubbly brown stuff. As huge fans of good wings, my household loves this recipe. It's quick, fun and SO TASTY!

SHOPPING LIST & DIRECTIONS

2 LBS CHICKEN WINGS
2 TBSP MILD OIL (LIKE CANOLA OR VEGETABLE)
3 SLICES OF GINGER
1 CAN COLA (REGULAR)
1 TBSP WHITE WINE
3 TBSP SOY SAUCE
1 PIECE OF DRIED ORANGE PEEL
1 SMALL CINNAMON STICK

- Wash and clean the chicken wings. Cut the wings at the joint and pat the chicken with a paper towel.
- Preheat the wok or cast-iron pan. Add the oil and spread to coat the bottom. Now, add the ginger and the chicken wings. Spread out the wing pieces in a single layer, and lightly brown them for a few minutes on each side over high heat.
- Add the cola, wine, soy sauce and orange peel and cinnamon stick. Bring to a boil, cover and reduce heat to medium. Let simmer for 12-15 minutes until the sauce thickens.
- Finally, Stir the wings and add salt to taste. Increase heat to caramelize remaining sauce and coat the wings and serve.



JOIN US FOR OUR

Caring & Sharing FEAST



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

5:00 PM

*The Lodge is providing roasted chicken
& refreshments.*

Bring your favorite dish to share!

**DONATIONS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD WILL BE
ACCEPTED DURING THE EVENT. ITEMS TO BE
DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL FOOD BANKS.**

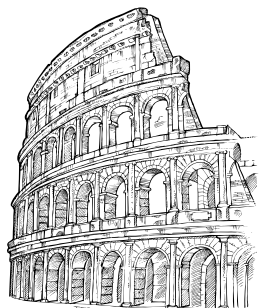
GIFT CARD DONATIONS WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED.

**RSVP WITH THE LODGE AT
(813) 995-2437.**

NOVEMBER

A NAME FOR ALL THE AGES

November's name has remained unchanged since the ancient Roman calendar, which was in use until 45BC. The first Roman calendar was only made up of ten months, with November being the ninth. November translates rather appropriately into "ninth month" in Latin. When the Julian calendar was adopted in 45BC, two new months were added, which pushed November back to the 11th month. Despite its change in position, The month of November was never renamed.

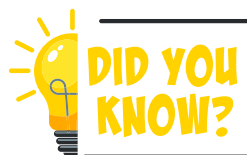


BEAVER MOON



The full moon in November is traditionally called the Beaver Moon in the US. The tradition goes back to North America's early colonial years, as it was during this time of year that hunters would set their beaver traps for the last time before the lakes and water sources they lived in froze over.

WIND MONTH



The Anglo-Saxons had quite a fitting name for November. It's usually this time of the year in the Northern hemisphere that cold winds start to chill you to the bone, and as such, they called it "Wind Monath" or wind month.

SHORT AND SWEET

November is the last of the four months which have 30 days. The other months are September, April and June.



EVENTS TEAM AT
WILDERNESS LAKE

WHAT'S HAPPENING

**THE LODGE
SHOW**

A Stand Up Comedy
Show Featuring

FREE

Al David

Kandace August

Mary Kate Beck

Jerod Walker

James Hollingsworth

**PRESENTED BY
DEANDRA BOLDEN OF
LPT REALTY**

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7PM NOVEMBER 18TH

21330 Wilderness Lake Blvd. Land O'
Lakes, FL 34637

Talk to Staff or Call (813) 995-2437
to RSVP

**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 11TH**

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**DONATE
BLOOD**

Location: Lodge Parking Lot

Register @: <https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive-schedule/1321307>



EVENTS TEAM AT
WILDERNESS LAKE

WHAT'S HAPPENING

WLP ANNUAL **TURKEY TROT**
THANKSGIVING
5K FUN RUN



PLEASE BRING A DONATION
FOR THE PASCO COUNTY
ANIMAL SERVICES
THEY ARE ACCEPTING CAT AND
DOG FOOD, BLANKETS, TOWELS,
TOYS, AND TREATS!

WALKERS & STROLLERS WELCOMED!!

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23RD
RACE 8:00AM
RSVP BY NOVEMBER 22ND

GET A GOOD START TO YOUR
TURKEY FILLED DAY....
RUNNERS WILL MEET AT THE
RANGERS STATION AT 7:45AM
RUN TO CORMORANT COVE AND BACK
EARN THAT PIE!



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Yum Yum!

ICE CREAM

★ SOCIAL ★

FUN TOPPINGS

\$1.00 PER BOWL

RSVP @ (813) 995-2437

Saturday,
Nov. 18th
1:00 PM



Save
The
Date

DECEMBER HOLIDAY EVENTS

WILDERNESS LAKE PRESERVE

חג חנוכה שמח!



Happy Hanukkah

Thursday, December 7TH
6-8PM IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER

Join us as we celebrate Hanukkah by singing traditional songs, sharing holiday foods, and playing traditional games with your family and friends.

RSVP to the Lodge @ (813) 995-2437

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THE CLAUS COMMUNITY
PRESENTS TO YOU



Breakfast with Santa

GET A FREE PHOTO WITH SANTA!

**SAT, DECEMBER 16TH
TIME: 10AM-12PM**

WLP Residents- \$5 per person/ \$20 per family/ Under 4 years old is free
Non- Residents- \$6 per person/ \$25 per family/ \$2 per person under 4 years old
Crafts and photos with Santa, WITHOUT breakfast- \$3 per person/ \$5 per family

Includes: pancakes, sausage, fruit, orange juice, hot cocoa, and coffee.

Please register at the Lodge by Tuesday, December 15 @ (813) 995-2437

HURRY, seating is limited to 300 guests and payment is REQUIRED to reserve your spot!

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SANTA'S ARRIVAL

Holiday Tree Lighting

MUSIC

PRIZES

S'MORES

HOT COCOA

PARADE AT 4PM

TREE LIGHTING

AT 6PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

RSVP @ (813)995-2437

Get into the Holiday spirit and add your vehicle to the parade! If you'd like to join Santa, please call the Lodge (Must be 18 or older) We will line up on the right side of the Blvd to wave Santa and his Elves through

Santa will arrive at the Lodge by a fire truck. Before coming to the Lodge, Santa will lead our Holiday parade down the right side of the Blvd to Caliente Blvd and back to the Lodge for some pictures!!

CRAFTY EVENTS



WILDERNESS LAKE
PRESERVE

SNOWMAN

craft event

THURSDAY
NOVEMBER
30TH AT
6:30PM

AT THE LODGE-
21330
WILDERNESS
LAKE BLVD.
LOL FL 34637

REGISTER AT
WWW.MYWILDFLOWERDESIGN.COM
LOOK FOR WILDERNESS LAKE PRESERVE UNDER
EVENTS



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PAINT**



Friday, November 17th, 6-9PM

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RSVP @ (813) 995 -2437

Wilderness Lake Preserve

SMALL BUSINESS & EXPO

**Nov. 4th
10:00AM**

HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Roofing	Wood Working
Solar	Jewelry
Painter	Hand Bags
Irrigation	Stationary
Plumbing	Mary Kay
Travel	Photography
Cooling & Heating	Crafts
Life Coach	Wreaths

**Home
Improvement
Experts**

**Gift Ideas For
All Ages!**

**Location: 21320 Wilderness Lake Blvd.
Land O' Lakes
Activities Center, Lodge, & Nature Center**

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




CALENDAR OF
EVENTS

WILDERNESS DAYS

CLICK ON ORANGE
EVENTS TO VIEW
FLYER PAGE



November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday 	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 FOOD TRUCK 5 PM – 8 PM CDD MEETING 6:30 PM	2	3	4 BIZ EXPO 10AM – 4PM
5	6 STORY TIME 10 AM	7	8 FOOD TRUCK 5 PM – 8 PM	9	10	11 BLOOD DRIVE 9AM – 2PM
12 CARING & SHARING FEAST 5PM	13 STORY TIME 10 AM	14	15 FOOD TRUCK 5 PM – 8 PM	16	17 SIP & PAINT 6PM – 9PM	18 ICE CREAM SOCIAL 1PM COMEDY SHOW 7PM
19	20 STORY TIME 10 AM	21	22 LODGE CLOSING 3PM FOOD TRUCK 5 – 8 PM	23 THANKSGIVING DAY LODGE CLOSED TURKEY TROT 5K 8AM	24	25
26	27 STORY TIME 10 AM ARC MEETING 6:30 PM	28 HOA MEETING 6:30 PM	29 FOOD TRUCK 5 PM – 8 PM	30 SNOWMAN CRAFT 6:30 PM		



THE GOAL OF NO-SHAVE NOVEMBER IS TO GROW AWARENESS BY EMBRACING OUR HAIR, WHICH MANY CANCER PATIENTS LOSE, AND LETTING IT GROW WILD AND FREE. DONATE THE MONEY YOU TYPICALLY SPEND ON SHAVING AND GROOMING TO EDUCATE ABOUT CANCER PREVENTION, SAVE LIVES, AND AID THOSE FIGHTING THE BATTLE. YOU CAN DONATE TO ANY CANCER ORGANIZATION THAT YOU CHOOSE.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE DISTRICT

01

ADA Doors to be added to the Nature Center

Board approved unanimously

02

Splash Pad Fully Operational

The Splash Pad is now fully operational and open for pleasure.

03

The Heat is On



The Lap pool has now begun it's seasonal heating to a comfortable 82 degrees.

04

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

FALL FESTIVAL & OKTOBERFEST



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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.**

THE HAPPENINGS

AROUND THE LODGE

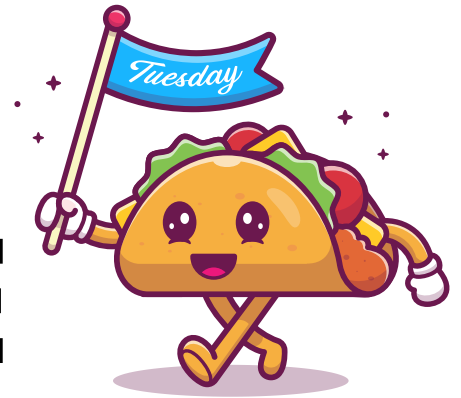
PAINT AND SIP

sip sip
hurray



THE HAPPENINGS

AROUND THE LODGE



TACO TUESDAY



GET IN TOUCH WITH US

CONTACTS

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LAND O' LAKES, FL 34637

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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
P R E S E R V E

OCTOBER 4, 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, OCTOBER 4, 2023.

THE OFFICIAL MINUTES HAVE BEEN POSTED [ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE](#), AND WERE APPROVED BY THE CDD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DURING THE MEETING.

01

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

- SPA SERVICES (2 RESIDENTS)
- SEATING ARRANGEMENT OF CDD BOARD
- EROSION CONCERN ON PINE KNOT LANE

02

STAFF REPORTS

LANDSCAPING REPORT

- INSPECTION REVIEW
- OAK BED RENOVATION
- POOL PLANTER POTS NEED NEW SOIL & IRRIGATION

AQUATIC SERVICES

- UPDATE ON REVIEW TO DETERMINE IF A FENCE IS IMPEDING THE FLOW OF WATER

DISTRICT ENGINEER

- ACPLM TO FIX SOD AND CURBING FROM PAVING PROJECT AT NO CHARGE

DISTRICT COUNSEL

- REVIEWED TWO ADDENDUMS TO VESTA CONTRACT
- ADDENDUMS APPROVED BY BOARD

MANAGERS REPORT

- SEATING ARRANGEMENT
- SPLASH PAD TOUCH PAD UPDATE
- LAP POOL HEATING TO 82 DEGREES
- WETLAND BUFFER CONCERNS

02.5

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

- RECRUITING LODGE REPS & EVENT PROFESSIONALS UPDATE
- SPA SERVICES DISCUSSION
- LANDSCAPE & PROJECT TRACKER

03

SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO THE SUPERVISORS

- IKARE PUBLISHING NEWSLETTER COMPANY

04

BOARD CONSIDERATIONS & APPROVALS

- CONSENT AGENDA **APPROVED**
- ADA DOOR PROPOSAL **APPROVED**

05

SUPERVISOR REQUESTS

- SUPERVISOR EDWARDS COMMENTED REGARDING LANDSCAPING AND IRRIGATION CONCERNS

Reminder!

NEXT CDD MEETINGS

NOVEMBER 1, 2023 6:30 PM

DECEMBER 6, 2023 9:30 AM

ARC MEETING

NOVEMBER 27, 2023 6:30 PM

HOA MEETING

NOVEMBER 28, 2023 6:30 PM