



WILDERNESS LAKE
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NATURE'S NEWS

**FLORIDA WILDLIFE
LAWS WARNING**

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**5 DECEMBER EVENTS
AROUND TAMPA BAY**

**GINGERBREAD
PANCAKES**

**HOLIDAY EVENT
PHOTOS**

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DID YOU KNOW?

HOLIDAY LIGHTS

- Candles illuminate many religious and cultural December celebrations
- Hanukkah: Jewish families around the globe gather around their menorahs Sunday night to kindle the first of eight Hanukkah candles.
- Christmas: Lighting the candles on a family's Advent wreath serves as a simple reminder of what the light of the candle represents: Love Incarnate coming into a dark world, and how they are to strive to be that love as well
- Kwanzaa's celebrants light seven candles during the seven day celebration. There are three red, three green and one black candle.
- Diwali: In Hinduism, light represents the removal of darkness within us, so we can gain knowledge of truth. It also represents victory of good over evil.



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

Recipe

Title

Gingerbread Pancakes

Ingredients:

- ❄ 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- ❄ 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ❄ ¼ teaspoon baking soda
- ❄ ¼ teaspoon salt
- ❄ ½ teaspoon ground dried ginger
- ❄ 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ❄ 1 egg
- ❄ ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- ❄ ¼ cup molasses
- ❄ 1 ½ cups water

Method:

- 1 Whisk the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, ginger, and cinnamon in a bowl. Beat the egg in a separate mixing bowl with the vanilla and molasses until smooth. Whisk in the water until completely incorporated. Stir the flour mixture into the molasses mixture until just combined – a few lumps are okay.
- 2 Heat a lightly oiled griddle over medium-high heat. Drop batter by large spoonfuls onto the griddle, and cook until bubbles form and the edges are dry. Flip, and cook until browned on the other side. Repeat with remaining batter.



EVENTS TEAM AT
WILDERNESS LAKE

FOODIE EVENTS



Join us for some

Grilling & Chilling!

Bring your favorite grill item(s).
The Lodge is providing sides and refreshments.

Friday, Dec. 8th @ 6:00 PM

RSVP with the Lodge @
(813) 995-2437.

The poster features a black charcoal grill on wheels, a plate of fresh vegetables (tomatoes, limes, basil), a grilled fish fillet, a grilled potato, a fork and knife, and a bowl of roasted vegetables.

Pizza by the Slice!

Friday, Dec. 29th

1:00 - 3:00 PM

\$1.00 per slice

**Chips & cookie
included.**

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



EVENTS TEAM AT
WILDERNESS LAKE

FOODIE EVENTS



Gingerbread House and Holiday Workshop



Friday, December 22nd

6:00 PM

Cost: \$10.00

Includes: Gingerbread house, crafts, and refreshments.

RSVP with the Lodge.

(813) 995-2437



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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BOUNCE in the New Year!

**Bounce houses,
games, pizza, and
tons of fun!**



**Saturday, December 30th
1:00 - 5:00PM**

RSVP with the Lodge at: (813) 995-2437

TAMPA BAY

1

River of Lights

Cruise cheerfully along the Hillsborough River for a festive tour of Tampa Bay's wonderful waterfront holiday lights. Enjoy a visit to "Elf on the Barge," a flurry of snow and even a Christmas Caroler who will perform sing-a-longs as you take in the holiday displays.

November 26 -December 24

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Tampa Riverwalk

Make your way to the iconic Tampa Riverwalk for the start of the holiday celebrations as a 35-foot-tall floating Christmas tree is ceremonially illuminated for the first time of the season! The festivities continue through January 2024 with engaging activities, floating light displays, and even a floating gingerbread display for all to enjoy.

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Holiday Boat Parade

On December 23, the Tampa Riverwalk will shimmer with the sparkle of Tampa Bay's largest lighted boat parade. Stroll the 2.6-mile-long riverside pathway, soak up the spirit of the season, and enjoy a celebration that is uniquely Tampa Bay.

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Snow Days - FL Aquarium

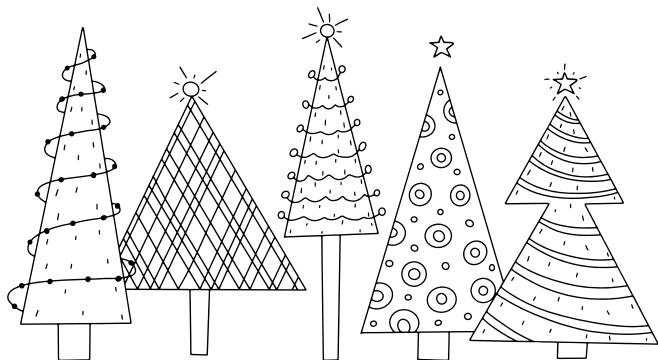
Snow in Florida? You heard that right! Get some gloves and experience a week full of winter festivities and hands-on snow fun. Activities include a snow maze, snowball toss, Winter Wonderland Dance Party and much more. There will be different performances throughout the week.

Dec. 26-30, 2023

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Henry B Plant Museum

A holiday tradition four decades in the making, Tampa Bay's Victorian Christmas Stroll offers a unique glimpse into the magic of Christmas past. A 14-foot tree decked out in stunning antique ornaments anchors rooms and halls bursting with decorations old and new, with complimentary cider and cookies completing the festivities.



THE LODGE SHOW

A Stand Up Comedy Show
Featuring

FREE



Kye Saunders



Michael Oldroyd



Sean Harper



PRESENTED BY
DEANDRA BOLDER OF
LPT REALTY



7PM JANUARY 6TH

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

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Talk to Staff or Call (813) 995-2437

BYOB

Wilderness Lake
Preserve

Christmas DECORATING CONTEST



**WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 20
7PM**

Get into the holiday spirit and enter your house in our annual decorating contest! Unleash Your Decorating Skill & Win the Top Prize

**PLEASE RSVP WITH THE LODGE BY
TUESDAY DECEMBER 19TH.**

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

DECEMBER

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
27	28	29 	30	1	2 SANTA'S ARRIVAL	3
4 STORYTIME 10:30AM	5	6 CDD MEETING 9:30 AM FOOD TRUCKS 5PM	7 MENORAH LIGHTING 6:00PM 	8 GRILLING & CHILLING 6PM	9	10
11 STORYTIME 10:30AM ARC MEETING 6PM	12	13 FOOD TRUCKS 5PM	14	15 	16 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA 10-12PM	17
18 STORYTIME 10:30AM	19	20 DECORATING CONTEST FOOD TRUCKS 5PM	21	22 GINGERBREAD HOUSE 6-8PM	23	24 LODGE CLOSES AT 3PM
25  LODGE CLOSED	26 HOA MEETING CANCELED	27  FOOD TRUCKS 5PM	28	29 PIZZA BY THE SLICE PARTY 1-3 PM	30 BOUNCE IN THE NEW YEAR 1-5 PM	31  LODGE CLOSED

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THE FLYER





IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE DISTRICT

01 **Aggressive Alligator Policy**

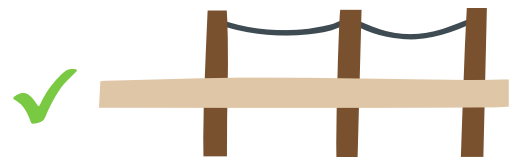
The board agreed to include information about alligator safety in a public educational campaign (this newsletter)

02 **Seasonal Decor**

The seasonal decor and seasonal landscaping changes are complete and looking beautiful.

03 **Dock Safety**

Wilderness Lakes Docks are being inspected for safety and upgrades.



04 **Read Full Meeting Highlights**

READ MORE



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.**

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)

COSTUME PARADE



CRAFT SHOW AT THE LODGE



The Wilderness Lake Preserve is a biannual event showcasing crafts and items for sale from small businesses in the community. **The next craft fair will be held in July 2024.**

THE HAPPENINGS

AROUND THE LODGE

SHARING AND CARING FEAST



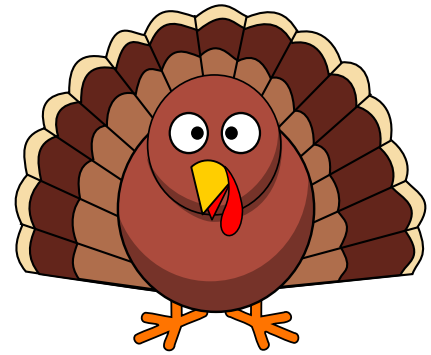
Let's
Feast



THE HAPPENINGS

TURKEY TROT

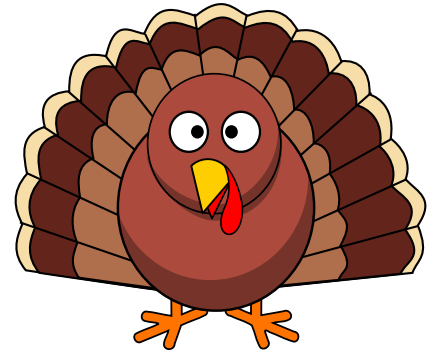
THANKSGIVING DAY



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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

NOVEMBER 1, 2023

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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

DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT WAS HELD AT 6:30PM ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 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:

- MINNOW BROOK WAY BUFFER AREA

02 STAFF REPORTS

LANDSCAPING REPORT

- IRRIGATION REPLACEMENTS NEEDED
- 20 PALLETS OF SOD
- DISCUSSION ABOUT ROTATIONS

AQUATIC SERVICES

- DISCUSSION REGARDING ALLIGATORS AND PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE CAMPAIGN IN NEWSLETTER

DISTRICT ENGINEER

- ROADWAY PROJECT IS COMPLETED (ACPLM)
- BOARD APPROVED DRAYCOTT DRAINAGE PROJECT
- REVIEW DOCK INSPECTION
- PINE KNOT DRAINAGE ISSUE DISCUSSION

DISTRICT COUNSEL

- REVIEWED AGGRESSIVE ALLIGATOR CONCERN

MANAGERS REPORT

- SEASONAL DECOR
- BRANCHES OVER ROADWAYS
- STAFFING UPDATE ON LODGE REPS
- REVIEW WINTER EVENTS

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

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

03 BOARD CONSIDERATIONS & APPROVALS

- CONSENT AGENDA **APPROVED**
- GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE **APPROVED**
- LODGE TO BE LOCAL RECORDS OFFICE FOR VESTA **TABLED**

04 DISCUSSION OF SPA SERVICES

- VERIFICATION OF SERVICES PROCESS
- ADVERTISING
- SUPPORT SERVICES (TOWELS, ETC)
- MARKETING DISCUSSION

Reminder →

**NEXT CDD MEETINGS
JANUARY 3, 2023 9:30 AM**