



WILDERNESS LAKE PRESERVE

JUNE 2024

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Photo by Barry White

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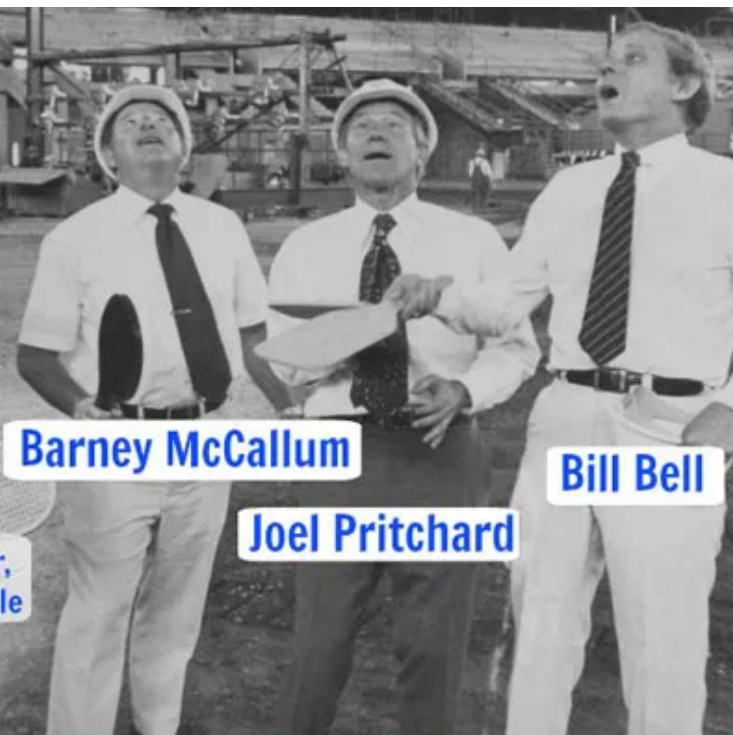
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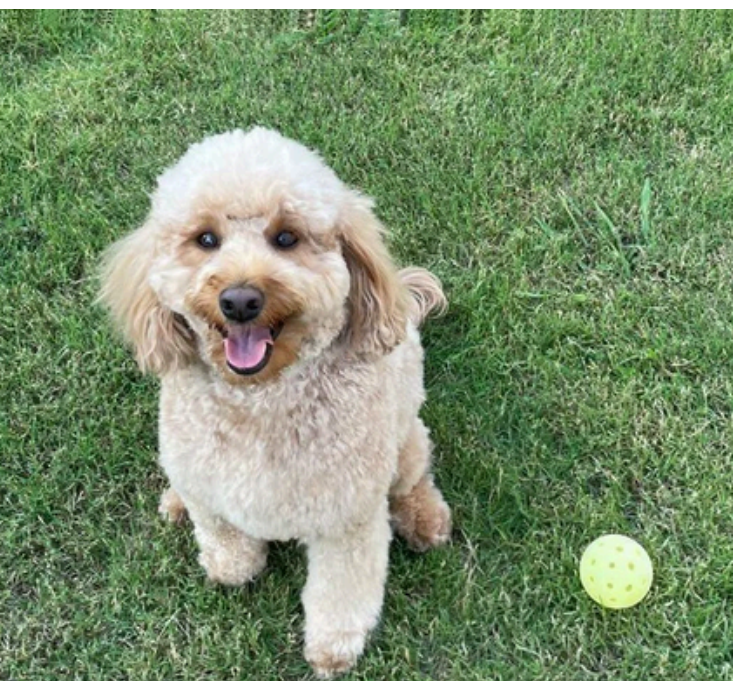


# HOW PICKLEBALL WAS INVENTED

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After playing golf one Saturday during the summer, Joel Pritchard, congressman from Washington State and Bill Bell, successful businessman, returned to Pritchard's home on Bainbridge Island, WA (near Seattle) to find their families sitting around with nothing to do. The property had an old badminton court so Pritchard and Bell looked for some badminton equipment and could not find a full set of rackets. They improvised and started playing with ping-pong paddles and a perforated plastic ball. At first they placed the net at badminton height of 60 inches and volleyed the ball over the net. As the weekend progressed, the players found that the ball bounced well on the asphalt surface and soon the net was lowered to 36 inches. The following weekend, Barney McCallum was introduced to the game at Pritchard's home. Soon, the three men created rules, relying heavily on badminton. They kept in mind the original purpose, which was to provide a game that the whole family could play together. Just as details behind the origin of the sport are somewhat obscure, the reasons behind calling the sport "pickleball" are also often contested. Two main stories exist that explain where the sport got its name. The first story stems from the Pritchard family. Joan Pritchard, who used to be a competitive rower, is said to have come up with the name based off of the pickle boat concept. However, according to the McCallum family, the sport was named after the Pritchard's dog "Pickles" who liked to pick up the plastic ball and run off the court with it. The Pritchards claim that they first got Pickles a couple years after inventing the sport, and that the dog was named after the sport, not the other way around. It seems the verdict is still out on this one!





# JUNE BINGO

Spent the day at the pool	Saw a movie	Took a photo of local wildlife and sent it to <a href="mailto:events@wplodge.com">events@wplodge.com</a>	Went to the beach
Went on vacation	Went fishing	Went to Universal	Went to a BBQ
Went to a Lodge event	Went to the Library	Took a drive to Disney	Ate a snow cone
Took a photo of a sunset	Tried a new hobby	Went to Busch Gardens	Went on a bike ride





## Old-Fashioned Blueberry Pie

*Showcase summer's blueberry bounty in this traditional pie with a flaky pastry crust.*

### INGREDIENTS

#### Flaky Pie Pastry

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 sticks (6 ounces) cold unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
- 5 to 6 tablespoons ice water

#### Filling

- 4 cups blueberries
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

### NOTES

The pie dough can be refrigerated for 1 day or frozen for up to 1 month.

### DIRECTIONS

#### Make the Flaky Pie Pastry

1. Mix flour, sugar, and salt together in a large bowl. Using a pastry blender, cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse meal. Stir in 5 tablespoons of the water, until just moistened. If dough seems dry, stir in remaining 1 tablespoon water.
2. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface and knead 3 times. Divide dough into 2 pieces, pat into 6-inch disks, wrap in plastic, and refrigerate until chilled, at least 1 hour.
3. Roll out flaky pie pastry into two 12-inch rounds 1/8 inch thick on a lightly floured surface. Fit 1 round into a 9-inch glass pie plate. Transfer other round to a baking sheet lined with wax paper. Refrigerate until ready to use.

#### Make the Filling and Pie

1. Preheat oven to 375°F. Toss berries in a bowl with sugar, flour, lemon juice, and cinnamon. Pour filling into pie crust.
2. Lightly brush rim of bottom pie crust with water. Drape top crust over filling. Press dough edges together and trim overhang to 1/2 inch; fold overhang under and crimp decoratively. Using a sharp knife, make a 1-inch slash in the center of top crust.
3. Bake pie for 1 hour, or until filling is bubbling and crust is golden. Transfer pie to a wire rack to cool before serving.



# THE 2 TYPES OF VULTURES IN FLORIDA

## Turkey Vulture

- Scientific name – *Cathartes aura*
- Lifespan – 16 years (average), 23 years (maximum recorded)
- Size – 25.2 to 31.9 in (64 to 81 cm)
- Weight – 28.2 to 84.7 oz (800 to 2400 g)
- Wingspan – 66.9 to 70.1 in (170 to 178 cm)
- Status – Least concern

The Turkey Vulture is a huge bird of prey with long wings and a relatively long tail. They have a two-toned underwing with greyish flight feathers and a dark forewing. On the rest of the body, the upperside is dark brown, the underside is black, and the under tail is greyish.

The bare head is red, the beak is pale, and the legs are pale. Immature birds look like adults with reddish heads and a pale part of the beak. Juveniles are black overall, with the same two-toned underwing as the adults, and the bare head is greyish.

Turkey Vultures make hisses, usually low-pitched and guttural, at carcasses. In flight, you may hear them make a whine.



## Black Vulture

- Scientific name – *Coragyps atratus*
- Lifespan – 10 years (average), 25 years (maximum recorded)
- Size – 23.6 to 26.8 in (60 to 68 cm)
- Weight – 56.4 to 77.6 oz (1600 to 2200 g)
- Wingspan – 53.9 to 59.1 in (137 to 150 cm)
- Status – Least concern

The Black Vulture is a large, compact bird of prey with broad wings and a short tail. They are almost entirely sooty black, other than the silvery-white wingtips. They have a bare blackish-grey head, while the legs and beak are pale. Immature and juvenile birds are duller than adults.

This species is primarily silent, but they do make a raspy hiss at carcasses.

Black Vultures do not make a nest, they lay their eggs on the ground in a depression. The eggs are usually laid on sand or debris in caves, hollow trees, thickets, stumps, and abandoned buildings that contain cavities for cover. They reuse the same nesting sites for many years.



EVENTS TEAM AT  
WILDERNESS LAKE

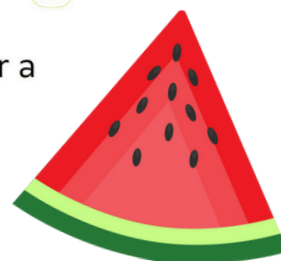
# FUN EVENTS

## WATERMELON BY THE POOL



You're one in a melon! Join us for a refreshing treat by the pool!

June 1st at 3pm  
Location: Lap Pool Deck



**Milkshakes and  
MOVIE  
MATINEE**

**AT THE LODGE**

June 2 | Free to Attend  
Showing: **Shrek**

Milkshakes will served at 3:00 pm.  
Movie will begin at 3:30 pm.

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**SNOW CONES  
BY THE POOL**

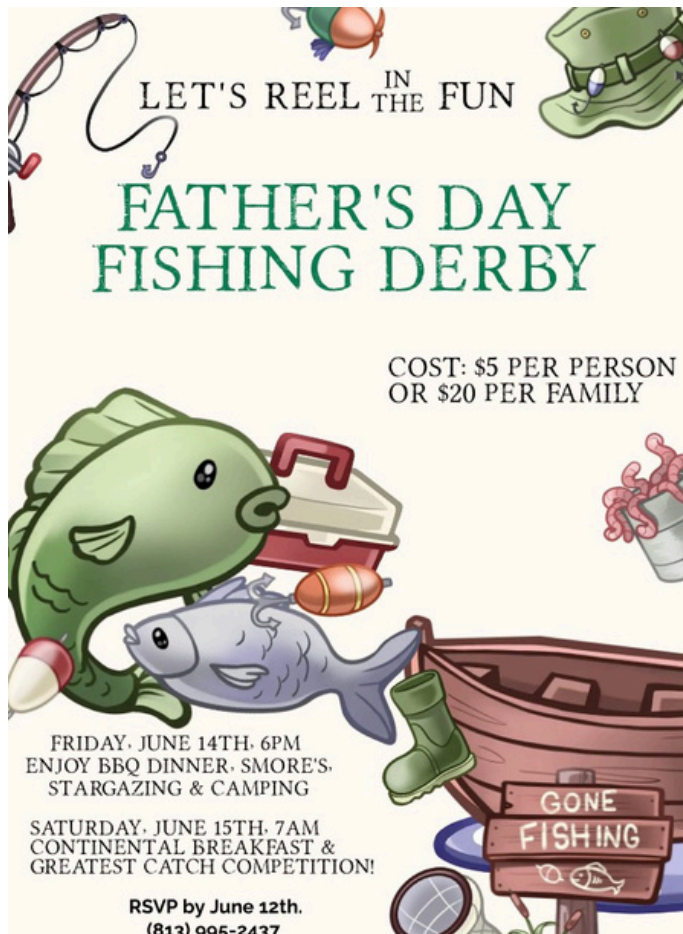
**Icy Treat!**

**FRIDAY, June 21 4pm**

Join us by the pool for a refreshing sweet treat!



# WHAT'S HAPPENING





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**Sign up now to rent a booth at our  
Christmas in July Craft Fair!**



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## PHOTOGRAPHY *Club*

Capture the Magic: Join the WLP Photography Club!

### What to Expect....

- ★ Expert Guidance.
- ★ Craft Stories with Every Click.
- ★ Supportive Photography Community.
- ★ Structured Meetups with Hands on Learning.

### Agenda:

- ➔ Introductions, sharing, and learning goals.
- ➔ Bring your camera gear and show case your work.
- ➔ Explore new photography facets each week.

### Future Prospects:

- ★ Surprise Guest Photographers.
- ★ Offsite Field Trips.

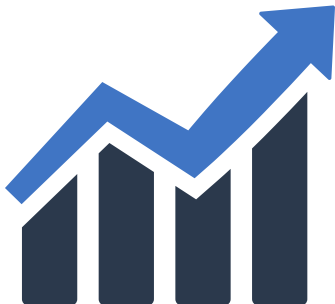
Reserve your spot today! ➔

Meetings:  
1st Wednesday of each month  
6:00 PM  
Location: Theatre



Email: [jaden@nonegatives.pro](mailto:jaden@nonegatives.pro)  
Call/Text: (813) 485-5015

## GROW YOUR BUSINESS



Nature's News is working toward a new print-edition funded by advertisers. We are currently accepting registration of interest at the lodge. Please call or stop in if you are interested in promoting your business to the residents of our community. Specialty pricing does apply to residents of the district. Space is limited.

813-995-2437 - ASK FOR TISH





RSVP TO WATCH OR COMPETE: 813-995-2437

PING PONG

June  
22

11  
AM

TOURNAMENT

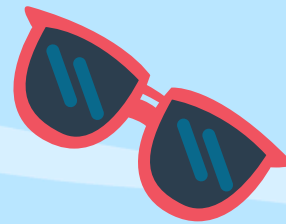
PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE LODGE TO COMPETE!

Trophy for the winner!  
Light refreshments will be served



# POOL SEASON

POOL RULES ARE DETERMINED BY FLORIDA STATUTES AND MUST BE OBSERVED, ENFORCED AND POSTED AT ALL TIMES



## Reminders for Spring & Summer Fun

Pool season is upon us, and the pools are a great place to unwind and enjoy a relaxing BBQ with your family and friends. Upon arriving at the pool, you will notice a pool attendant stationed at the front gate. The pool attendant will ask to see your Lodge Access Card ID; at that point you will sign in yourself, family and guests. After signing in, the pool attendant will issue you a wrist band. The wrist band must be worn at all times. This process ensures compliance with the Board mandated Aquatics rules. (Pool attendant on staff March – September).

POOLS & JACUZZI CLOSE AT DUSK EACH NIGHT.

NO FOOD OR BEVERAGES WITHIN 10 FEET OF POOLS.

SHOWER BEFORE ENTERING THE POOLS OR JACUZZI.

SMOKING IS PROHIBITED.

GLASS CONTAINERS ARE PROHIBITED.

ANYONE UNDER THE AGE OF 12 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

NO RECREATIONAL FLOATATION DEVICES IN THE POOLS.

RESIDENTS AGES 12 - 17 ARE ALLOWED ONE GUEST WITH PARENTAL PERMISSION.

GUESTS MUST BE AT LEAST **12** YEARS OF AGE.

RESIDENTS AGES 12 - 17 MUST CHECK IN WITH THE LODGE STAFF AND OBTAIN A WRISTBAND UPON ARRIVAL AT THE LODGE.



**KID'S ACCESS WRISTBANDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR KIDS AGES 12-15 YEARS OF AGE. THE WRISTBANDS WILL ALLOW DIRECT ACCESS TO THE POOLS AND TENNIS COURTS.**

SAFETY EQUIPMENT IS IN PLACE TO MEET FL. STATUTES AND SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.

EACH WLP FAMILY IS ALLOWED TO BRING UP TO 5 NON-RESIDENT GUESTS.

SWIMMING FROM THE COMMUNITY OWNED DOCKS IS PROHIBITED.



AT THE  
pool

# 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 AT WILDERNESS LAKE

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### 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

HOURS MONDAY - FRIDAY APPOINTMENT ONLY  
PLEASE CALL THE LODGE FOR MORE INFORMATION

# June

2024






SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Watermelon by the pool 3PM 
2 MilkShakes and Matinee 3PM 	3 Storytime 10AM	4	5 CDD Meeting 9:30AM	6 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 6:30PM	7 Sip N' Paint 6PM	8 Pool Party NOON 
9	10 Storytime 10AM ARC Meeting 6:30PM	11	12	13	14 Fishing Derby BBQ 6PM	15 Fishing Derby 7AM
16	17 Storytime 10AM	18	19	20 Dragons and Librarians Storytime 2PM 	21 Ladies Night 6PM	22 Ping Pong Tournament 11AM
23 S'Mores Night 7PM	24 Storytime 10AM ARC Meeting 6:30PM	25	26	27 Donuts For Dads 10AM	28	29 Saturday Sing- along: FROZEN 7PM 
30	1	2	3	4	5	6





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# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE DISTRICT

01

Text Message Notifications  
from the Lodge will be available

02

Three new cameras have been  
approved by the board.

03

**Read Full Meeting  
Highlights**

READ MORE 

CHECK OUT THESE RESIDENT & VENDOR  
CLASSES AND CLUBS AT WILDERNESS

# CLASSES & CLUBS



## Ladies' Bible Study

**Wednesdays 10AM**

**Contact Shuyan at: 970-978-7568**

**Contact Janice at: 727-776-5723**



## Yoga

**Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:40AM & 9:55AM**

**Contact LuAnn at: 813-846-0874**

**Email: [imgagain@yahoo.com](mailto:imgagain@yahoo.com) (COST: \$5)**



## Water Aerobics

**Monday - Friday 9AM - 10AM**



## Walking

**Walking, Strength & Toning Monday,  
Wednesday, Friday 9:30AM - 10:45AM**



## Pickleball Rocks

**Tuesday & Thursday 6:30PM**

**Contact Susan at: 602-315-0757**



## Chat'hers Club

**Ladies' Social Club - This year the  
Chat'hers are sponsoring Hospice.  
Contact Telicia at: 786-301-4506**



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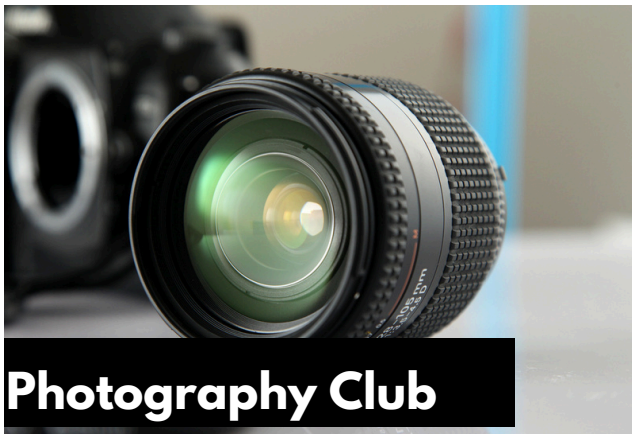
## Rummikub

**Thursday 1PM  
at the Activities Center**



## Mahjong

**Monday 1PM  
at the Activities Center**



## Photography Club

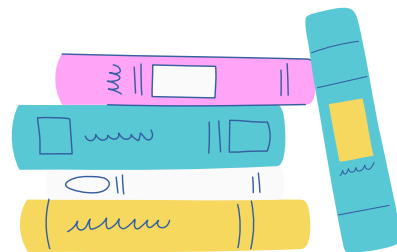
**Every 1st Wednesday of the month in  
the Theater 6:00PM**

Interested in starting a club?  
Contact the Lodge today at (813) 995-2437  
or email us at [events@wlplodge.com](mailto:events@wlplodge.com).

THE HAPPENINGS

# WELCOME TO

# Storytime



**JOIN  
US!**

Meet us in the Nature Center every Monday at 10:00 AM for a morning filled with reading, singing, making crafts, and a delicious snack.

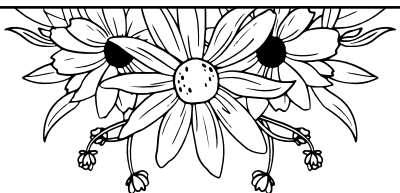
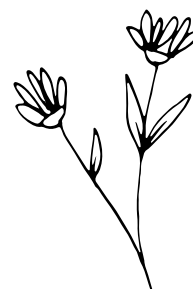


# Memorial Day Barbecue





# Art Class





# CINCO DE MAYO





# Trivia Night





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: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

## **GARBAGE PICKUP - WASTE CONNECTIONS**

**727-847-9100**

## **RECYCLING:**

WEDNESDAYS

## **FITNESS CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION**

OPEN 365 DAYS WITH ACCESS CARD

5:00 AM - 11:00 PM

## **EVENT BOOKING & SPACE RENTALS**

CALL THE LODGE

## **NAIL TECHNICIAN:**

SERVICES AVAILABLE MONDAY - FRIDAY BY APPOINTMENT ONLY



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# MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Preserve at Wilderness Lake Community Development District was held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, May 1, 2024. 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.

## District Engineer

- Updated the Board on the water mainline break cleanup process.
- Pasco County requested a Maintenance Bond on the paver roadway replacement.
- The SWFWMD pond permit repairs were completed.

## District Counsel

Discussion of text messaging notifications.

## Aquatics Report

- Updated the Board on the turbidity of Pond 1 and Wetlands A & B.
- Pasco County, Ajax Building, and Dallas 1 are in the process of repairing the damage at the front entrance of the community.
- District service invoices related to the water mainline break will be submitted directly to Ajax Building and/or Dallas 1

## Community and District Manager

- Lightning strike claim update.
- Incidents and security cameras.
- Discussion of open positions.

*Reminder* →

**NEXT CDD MEETING Wednesday,  
June 5th  
9:30 AM**