

NATURE'S NEWS

THE PRESERVE AT WILDERNESS LAKE

FEBRUARY 2025

**Sponsor
Highlight**

**Recipe of the
Month!**

Event Photos

**Calendar of
Events**

Printed Copies Available
at the Lodge.

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Sponsor Highlight

Troy Morrison

MORRISON'S SERVICES

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PROPERTY MAINTENANCE,
CLEANING AND HANDYMAN
SERVICES.**



**Thank you to Troy Morrison of
Morrison's Services for his
sponsorship of the January Hot
Chocolate PJ Party. We
appreciate you!**

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Cheesecake Stuffed Strawberries

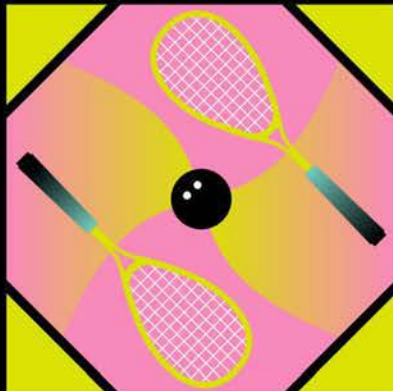
- ♥ 2 pounds of fresh strawberries, washed
- ♥ 8 ounce package cream cheese, softened to room temperature
- ♥ ½ cup powdered sugar
- ♥ 1 tablespoon heavy whipping cream
- ♥ 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ♥ ¼ cup graham cracker crumbs

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1. Slice off the green stems of the strawberries so that they sit flat with the “stem” side, facing down.
 2. On the other end of the strawberry (narrow end) cut an “X” from the tip through part of the base, but make sure to not slice all the way through or your strawberries will fall apart. Repeat with the remaining strawberries and set aside.
 3. In a large mixing bowl, beat the cream cheese with an electric mixer until smooth.
 4. Add the powdered sugar, cream and vanilla to the cream cheese and beat until well combined.
 5. Once mixed together, fill a pastry bag with a tip, or plastic zip-top bag (such as a Ziploc bag) with the end cut off.
 6. Pipe the cream cheese filling into the center of each sliced strawberry, filling it up all the way.
 7. Sprinkle each strawberry with a bit of graham cracker crumbs.
 8. Chill in the refrigerator for one hour or until ready to serve. Enjoy!
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PICKLEBALL PICK-UPS

FEBRUARY 1ST, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

COME OUT AND ENJOY PICK-UP PICKLEBALL GAMES WITH THE COMMUNITY! ALL AGES AND SKILL LEVELS ARE WELCOME. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.



PLEASE CALL (813) 995-2437 OR EMAIL EVENTS@WLPLODGE.COM TO RSVP!

JOIN US FOR

MINUTE TO WIN IT FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Friday, February 7th
6:30-8:30 PM

Fast paced games!

Fun for all ages!

Light refreshments!

Prizes!



RSVP at the Lodge
(813)995-2437

THROWING IT BACK TO THE

2000s

FOR

MUSIC BINGO

Step back into the 2000s and relive the music that defined a decade with Music Bingo! Enjoy an afternoon filled with nostalgia, light refreshments, and exciting prizes awarded each round.

Sunday, February 2nd
at 2:00 PM
in the Activities Center!



Please RSVP by
calling (813) 995-
2437 or by emailing
events@wlpodge.com

FAMILY FIELD DAY!

JOIN US FOR AN ACTION-PACKED DAY!
ENJOY TEAM SPORTS AND INDIVIDUAL
CHALLENGES. DON'T MISS THE FUN!

SATURDAY **8TH** FEBRUARY

1:00 PM

AT THE OAKHURST WOODSMERE SOCCER FIELDS

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- SOCCER GAMES & CHALLENGES
- FOOTBALL GAMES & CHALLENGES
- KICKBALL
- CORNHOLE
- AND MORE!

PLEASE RSVP AT THE LODGE FOR PLANNING PURPOSES.



Sunday Crafternoon Valentine's Day Cookies and Cards

Bring your friends, family, or someone special for an afternoon of fun, laughter, and love-filled creativity. Craft your own Valentine's Day cards and enjoy delicious cookies and treats. All supplies provided!

**Sunday, February 9th
at 2:00 pm
in the Nature Center!**

Please RSVP by calling (813) 995-2437
or by emailing events@wlpplodge.com

See you there!



PICKLEBALL Tournament!

February 16th at 11:00 a.m.

Beginner and Advanced Divisions

Sponsored by:

NOURISH'D
FOOD TO FEED YOUR SOUL

Please RSVP by calling (813)995-2437 or emailing events@wlpplodge.com

Please include a team name and all member's names to be included on the roster.



Valentine's Day DINNER

Celebrate Valentine's Day with an unforgettable evening at the Lodge, featuring live music to set the perfect mood, wines available for purchase by Time for Wine, decadent desserts to sweeten your night, and beautiful flowers to share with your loved one.

TICKET PRICE	TICKET INCLUDES:
\$5 EACH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Romantic Setting Italian Dinner & Dessert Water and/or Lemonade Live Music A Carnation

FEBRUARY 15TH AT 6:00 P.M.

HURRY! SEATING IS LIMITED AND PAYMENT IS REQUIRED TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT.

*Adults only. This event is not B.Y.O.B. Alcohol available for purchase. For more information, please call the Lodge at (813) 995-2437 or email events@wlpplodge.com



WILDERNESS LAKE PRESERVE PRESENTS

Movie on the Lawn

Disney BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

FEBRUARY 22ND 07 PM

JOIN US FOR AN OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

RSVP @ (813) 995-2437
OR EMAIL EVENTS@WLPLODGE.COM

KING OF THE COURT

FEBRUARY
23RD

AT
4 PM

EXPERIENCE EXCITING PICKUP
GAMES AND ENJOY LIGHT
REFRESHMENTS TO FUEL YOUR
PLAY!

PLEASE RSVP BY CALLING (813) 995-2437 OR BY EMAILING
EVENTS@WLPLODGE.COM



CALLING ALL SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS!!

In addition to our current sports line up, pickleball and basketball, this spring the Lodge will be launching some new sporting events, including sand volleyball tournaments, soccer shootouts and intramural field days. Our summer additions will include aquatic sports: volleyball, basketball, swimming lessons as well as relay races. If you have a team or want to join a team please contact the lodge.
(813) 995-2437







Swim lessons by Swim Kids USA

SPRITZ & SPARKLE

Our Spritzer and DIY Decor Bars are now open!

Bring your favorite alcohol to mix up custom spritzers or enjoy refreshing mocktails from our bar. Sip on your personalized drink while creating beautiful DIY home décor pieces. Don't miss out on this perfect blend of sipping and styling!

DIY Menu:



Join us on February 28th
at 6:00 p.m.
in the Activities Center!

Please RSVP by calling (813) 995-2437
or by emailing events@wlpodge.com
for planning purposes.



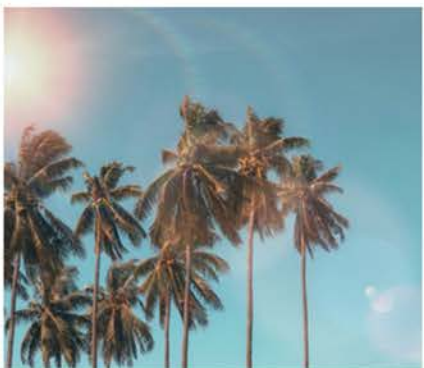
SPA SERVICES



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

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

SPA SERVICES AT WILDERNESS LAKE

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

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February 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Pickleball Pick-Ups 11 AM - 2 PM
2 2000'S Music Bingo 2 PM	3 Storytime 10AM	4	5 CDD Meeting 6:30 PM Food Trucks 5PM	6	7 Minute to Win It Game Night 6:30 PM	8 Family Field Day 1 PM
9 Sunday Crafternoon Cookies and Cards 2 PM	10 Storytime 10AM ARC Meeting 6:30 PM	11	12 Food Trucks 5PM	13	14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY ♥	15 Blood Drive Valentine's Day Dinner 6PM
16 Pickleball Tournament 11 AM	17 Storytime 10AM	18	19 Food Trucks 5PM	20	21	22 Movie on the Lawn 7 PM
23 King of the Court 4 PM	24 Storytime 10AM ARC Meeting 6:30 PM zoom	25 HOA Meeting 6:30 PM	26 Food Trucks 5PM	27	28 Spritz & Sparkle 6 PM	

Egg My Yard

Fundraiser!

**Book Your
Spot Today!**

All proceeds will go
towards purchasing an Xbox
gaming system for the
Theater and be available for
resident use!

Order your pre-filled eggs
to be hidden in your yard
bright and early Easter
morning along with a
special note from the
Easter Bunny!

We appreciate your support!

**30
Eggs
\$25**

**50
Eggs
\$45**

**70
Eggs
\$60**



For more information, please call the Lodge at
(813) 995-2437 or email events@wlplodge.com

WILDERNESS LAKE PRESERVE

Aqua Zumba

with

Cathy Winters

* A Licensed Zumba Instructor

**JUST ADD WATER
& SHAKE!**

**JOIN THE
party**

STARTING IN MARCH/APRIL

 **AQUA ZUMBA®**

**SPLASH YOUR WAY INTO SHAPE
WITH THE INVIGORATING
LOW-IMPACT POOL PARTY.
GET WET. GET DOWN. GET FIT.**

**FOR CLASS DETAILS
CONTACT CATHY**

catwinster@gmail.com

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 (COST: \$5)



Water Aerobics

Monday - Friday 9AM - 10AM

On hiatus until March.



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.**

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CLASSES AND CLUBS AT WILDERNESS

CLASSES & CLUBS



Rummikub

Thursday 1PM

Location: Activities Center



Mahjong

Monday 1PM

Location: Activities Center



Photography Club

Every 1st Wednesday of the month

Location: Theater @ 6PM



Core Health

Saturday 10AM - 2/8, 2/15, 2/22

Tuesday 6PM - 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25

Location: Activities Center



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

Storytime



Join us every Monday
at 10:00 a.m.!

BOUNCE IN THE NEW YEAR!



Snowball Extravaganza



HOT CHOCOLATE PJ PARTY!



SUNDAY CRAFTERNOON

SLIME MAKING





WINE TASTING

by Time for Wine



COUNTRY NIGHT





CHILDREN'S GASPARRILLA CELEBRATION

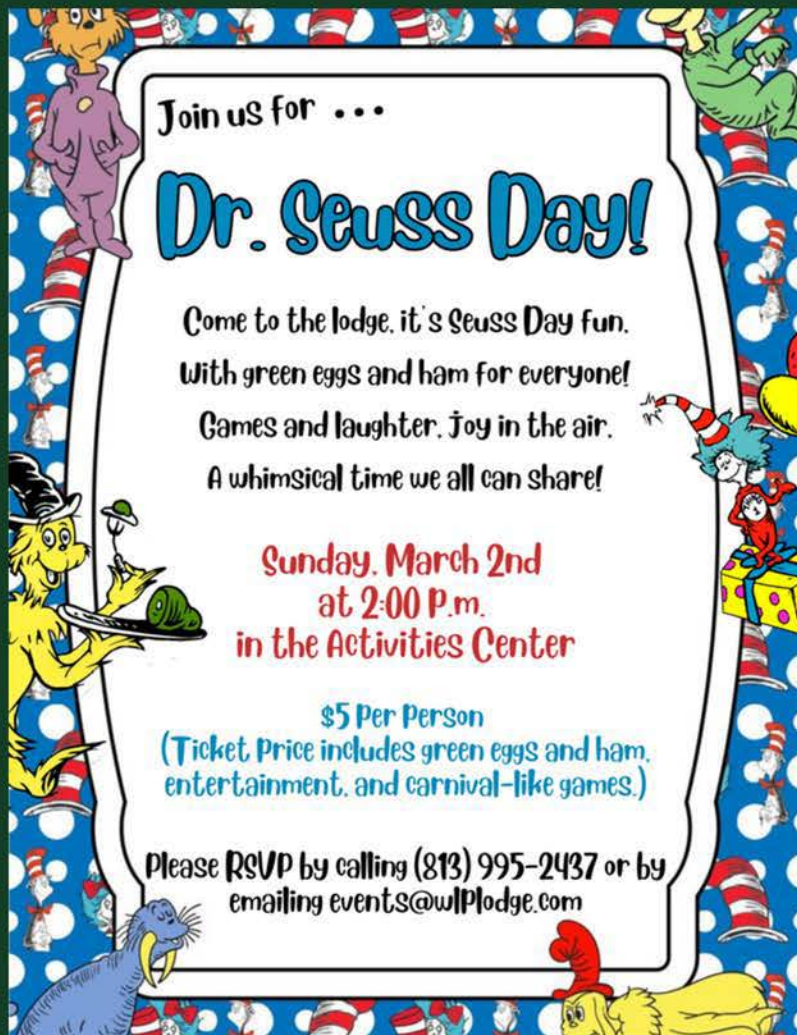
with face painting by Pump It Up Entertainment!



SAVE THE DATE



Disney Day
Date: March 29th
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Activities Center
\$5 per person
...
ENJOY DELICIOUS PIZZA AND SNACKS WHILE CREATING UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES WITH DISNEY CHARACTER PHOTO OPS, FACE PAINTING, GAMES, AND CRAFTS FOR ALL AGES. LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN WILD WITH ENCHANTING FACE PAINTING, AND SPEND THE DAY IMMERSSED IN JOY AND WONDER. DON'T MISS THIS MAGICAL EVENT—MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PREPARE FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE DISNEY ADVENTURE!
TO RSVP, PLEASE CALL (813) 995-2437 OR EMAIL EVENTS@WLPLODGE.COM



Join us for ...
Dr. Seuss Day!
Come to the lodge, it's Seuss Day fun.
With green eggs and ham for everyone!
Games and laughter. Joy in the air.
A whimsical time we all can share!
**Sunday, March 2nd
at 2:00 P.m.
in the Activities Center**
\$5 Per Person
(Ticket Price includes green eggs and ham,
entertainment, and carnival-like games.)
Please RSVP by calling (813) 995-2437 or by
emailing events@wlpodge.com



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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

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Preserve at Wilderness Lake Community Development District was held at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, January 8, 2025. 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.

Aquatics Report

- Discussion ensued regarding the Grass Carp and permitting.

District Engineer

- Discussion ensued regarding a potential rate increase.

Landscaping Report

Updated the Board on the following:

- Condition of the landscape.
- Cooler temperatures and the impact on the annuals.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- Pruning of the Crape Myrtle trees.
- Mulching.
- Stump removal proposal.
- Funding options for the mulching program, enhancement proposals, and tree removal ratification invoices.

District Counsel Report

- Discussion ensued regarding the front entrance repairs and reimbursement.

Community and District Manager Report

Discussion ensued on the following:

- Removal of a large alligator.
- The feral hogs in the Deerfields.
- Request to add additional lighting near the sanitation dumpster.
- Lodge playground light pole repair.
- Speed bumps.



NEXT CDD MEETING:
Wednesday, February 5th at 6:30 PM

