

NATURE'S NEWS

THE PRESERVE AT WILDERNESS LAKE

MARCH 2025

Sponsor 
Highlight

Event Photos

**Recipe of the
Month!**

**Calendar of
Events**



Printed Copies Available
at the Lodge.

Photo Credit: Phil Wade



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Sponsor Highlight

A big thank you goes to Nourish'd for their sponsorship of February's Pickleball Tournament! We appreciate you!

NOURISH'D
FOOD TO FEED YOUR SOUL

Serving local and travelling customers at our home base in Land O Lakes, Nourishd's Storefront is conveniently located within the upcoming new venue, That Place Down The Street.

Come visit, and let us talk to your soul by introducing you to our famous Acai Bowls, Supplement packed healthy juices, and more!

At Nourish'd we believe in living a life full of joy, wellness, and good health. These beliefs re-affirm our core mission to provide healthy, natural products that will help our customers improve their lifestyle in more ways than one. Browse our site and come Visit us to learn more about what we can do for your health. diseases.

<https://www.thatplacedownthestreetfl.com/services-4>



Irish Boxty's

Fried Mashed Potato Balls



McGuire's Irish Boxtys

Ingredients

- 16 oz garlic mashed potatoes
- 1 egg beaten
- 1 cup seasoned bread crumbs
- vegetable oil for frying
- guacamole salsa, and horseradish sauce for dipping

Instructions

1. Using a small ice cream scoop, section out mashed potatoes into balls on a large plate.
2. Place the plate in the freezer for 30 minutes so they will be easier to handle.
3. Fill a small saucepan with oil about 3/4 way full and heat over med high.
4. Place beaten egg in one bowl and seasoned bread crumbs in another.
5. Dip potatoes in egg then bread crumb mixture then place in hot oil.
6. Once oil is hot but not smoking, you are ready to fry! {You can test the oil buy dipping the end of a wooden spoon in the oil and see if bubbles form}.
7. Fry for just 30 seconds to a minute, until crispy brown.
8. Drain on a paper towel and serve warm.
9. Serve with salsa, guacamole, and horseradish cream

Notes

Optional: You can mix shredded cheddar cheese in with the mashed potatoes and then scoop into balls and freeze.

Credit:
For The Love Of Food Blog

SOCCER SHOOT-OUT

**SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST
AT 1:00 P.M.
AT THE OAKHURST FIELDS**

JOIN THE COMMUNITY IN A
SERIES OF SOCCER GAMES AND
CHALLENGES. ALL AGES ARE
WELCOME!



Please call (813) 995-2437 or email
events@wlpodge.com to register!

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

WILDERNESS LAKE PRESERVE ART CLASS

**MARCH 8TH
SATURDAY 12-3PM**

THIS MONTH'S PROJECT



INSTRUCTOR JOE BASTASICH
\$30 PER PERSON



TO REGISTER, CONTACT THE LODGE
@ (813) 995-2437

TENNIS SHOWDOWN

**SATURDAY, MARCH 8TH
AT 11:00 A.M.**

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

Please call (813) 995-2437 or email events@wlpodge.com to
RSVP for this event.

PICKLEBALL PICK-UPS

MARCH 9TH AT 5PM

ALL AGES AND SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!



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

Sip & Paint



**FRIDAY,
MARCH 14TH
6PM**

**INSTRUCTOR
JOE BASTASICH**

COST \$30



RSVP @ (813) 995-2437



ST. PATTIE'S DAY HAPPY HOUR

**SATURDAY, MARCH 15TH
AT 6:00 P.M.**

CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY WITH DELICIOUS CORNED BEEF, MUSIC,
AND NON-STOP FUN! YOUR TICKET INCLUDES:

- A CHOICE OF CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE OR A HEARTY SANDWICH
- LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
- ENTERTAINMENT FROM A ROAMING MAGICIAN
- EXCITING GAMES TO TEST YOUR LUCK

DON'T MISS OUT—GRAB YOUR TICKET AND JOIN THE FESTIVITIES.
SLÁINTE!

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



YOU'RE INVITED TO...

SUNDAY SUNDAES!

**SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH
AT 2:00 P.M.**

JOIN US IN THE ACTIVITIES
CENTER TO KICK OFF OUR
SPRING BREAK FESTIVITIES
WITH FREE ICE CREAM
SUNDAES FOR ALL! WE CAN'T
WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE.

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



STORIES! SNACKS! GAMES! CRAFTS! MUSIC!



JOIN US FOR A

LEPRECHAUN SAFARI!

**MONDAY, MARCH 17TH
AT 10:00 A.M.**

CALLING ALL ADVENTURERS! JOIN US FOR A LEPRECHAUN SAFARI, A FUN-FILLED ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENT PERFECT FOR KIDS. GRAB YOUR BINOCULARS AND FOLLOW THE TRAIL OF CLUES AS WE SEARCH FOR MISCHIEVOUS LEPRECHAUNS HIDING AROUND THE LODGE!

Please call (813) 995-2437 or email events@wplodge.com to RSVP!

PUMP IT UP ENTERTAINMENT

KID'S ART WORKSHOP

\$20 PER PAINTER



PAINTER'S CHOICE OF AN AXOLOTL OR SHARK!

UNLOCK YOUR CHILD'S CREATIVITY WITH PUMP IT UP ENTERTAINMENT'S ENGAGING PAINTING COURSE TAILORED FOR KIDS, OFFERING A PERFECT MIX OF FUN AND LEARNING.

MARCH 17TH
FROM 2 PM - 4 PM
IN THE ACTIVITIES CENTER

\$20.00
/PAINTER

COURSE IS AVAILABLE FOR KIDS 5 - 15 YEARS OLD AND ALL SKILL LEVELS!

TO RSVP, PLEASE CALL (813) 995-2437 OR EMAIL [EVENTS@WPLODGE.COM](mailto:events@wplodge.com)



TIE-DYE TUESDAY

**Tuesday, March 18th
at 1:00 p.m.**

Unleash your creativity and bring one of your favorite items—a shirt, bag, blanket, or anything you'd love to transform with color! We'll provide all the supplies you need to create your masterpiece.

Please call (813) 995-2437 or email events@wplodge.com to register.

GAME DAY!

Eat snacks, play old favorites, learn a new game, or bring one to share!

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

**MARCH 19TH
AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE
ACTIVITIES CENTER**

To RSVP, please call (813) 995-2437, or email events@wplodge.com



WILDERNESS LAKE PRESERVE



FIELD DAY

THURSDAY MARCH 20TH 2PM

OAKHURST/WOODSMERE SOCCER FIELDS

SOCCER CORNHOLE KICKBALL

RSVP TO THE LODGE @ (813) 995-2437



Pajamas and Popcorn

March 21st 7:00 p.m.

In the Activities Center!

Join us for a pajama party!

Watch Shrek while enjoying freshly popped popcorn, and don't forget to stop by Piccolo Pizzeta and Ice Dreamm Shop

Food Trucks on your way in!

Piccolo Pizzeta & Ice Dreamm Shop 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



SPRING CHILI COOKOFF!

Saturday, March 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Activities Center



Join us for Our Spring Chili Cookoff! Bring the whole family to enjoy a night filled with laughter, music, and fun all while savoring a variety of delicious chili recipes. Cast your vote for the best in our friendly chili cook-off competition. Don't miss out on this fantastic community event and opportunity to win prizes!

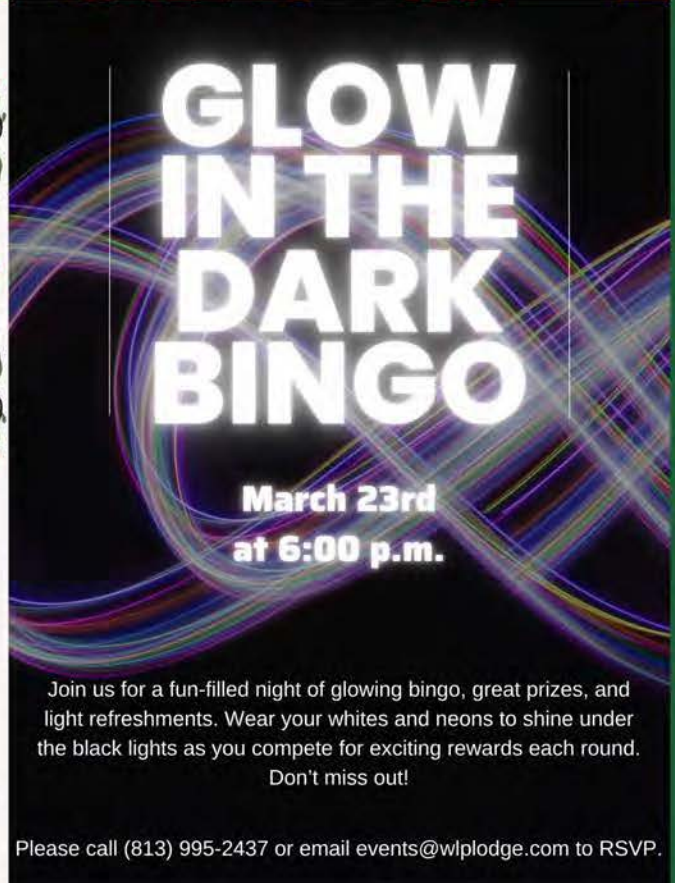
To register to be a chef in the chili cook-off, please call (813) 995-2437 or email events@wplodge.com.

GLOW IN THE DARK BINGO

March 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun-filled night of glowing bingo, great prizes, and light refreshments. Wear your whites and neons to shine under the black lights as you compete for exciting rewards each round. Don't miss out!

Please call (813) 995-2437 or email events@wplodge.com to RSVP.





Disney Day

Date: March 29th
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Activities Center

\$5 per person

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN, FOOD, AND FANTASY!

- DELICIOUS PIZZA & SNACKS
- DISNEY CHARACTER PHOTO OPS
- FACE PAINTING
- GAMES & CRAFTS FOR ALL AGES
- A DAY OF JOY & WONDER

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND DON'T MISS THIS UNFORGETTABLE ADVENTURE!

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



Pickleball Tournament

Beginner and Advanced Divisions

Saturday, March 29th
at 9:00 am

Sponsored by Smoothify Food Truck



Winners will receive free smoothie coupons for Smoothify Food Truck!

Please RSVP by calling (813) 995-2437 or emailing events@wlpodge.com Please include a team name and all member's names to be included on the roster.




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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March 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
23	24	25	26	27	28	1 Soccer Shootout 1 PM
2 Dr. Seuss Day 2 PM	3 Storytime 10AM	4	5 CDD Meeting 9:30 AM Food Truck 5PM	6	7	8 Art Class 12-3PM Tennis Showdown 11 AM
9 Pickleball Pick-Ups 5 PM	10 Storytime 10AM ARC Meeting 6:30 PM	11	12	13	14 Sip & Paint 6 PM	15 St. Patties Day Happy Hour 6 PM
16 Sunday Sundaes 4 PM	17 Leprechaun Safari 10 AM Kids Canvas Class 2 PM	18 Tie-Dye Tuesday 1 PM	19 Game Day 2 PM Food Truck 5PM	20 Field Day 2 PM	21 PJ's and Popcorn 7 PM	22 Chili Cook-Off 6PM
23 Glow in the Dark Family BINGO 6 PM	24 Storytime 10AM ARC Meeting 6:30 PM zoom	25 HOA Meeting 6:30 PM	26	27	28	29 Pickleball Tournament 9 AM Disney Day 2PM
30	31 Storytime 10AM	1	2	3	4	5

The Preserve at WILDERNESS LAKE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT



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.**

CHECK OUT THESE RESIDENT & VENDOR
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 - 3/8, 3/22, 3/29

Tuesday 6PM - 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25

Location: Activities Center



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

Storytime



MYSTERY

AMAZING
STORIES!



Y2K BINGO



FAMILY FIELD DAY!



Valentine's Day Cookies and Cards



MINUTE TO WIN IT FAMILY GAME NIGHT



Valentine's Day DINNER



PICKLEBALL Tournament!



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SWIMMING LESSONS

For children of all ages

Starting at 1 Years Old



We are excited to announce that
SWIMKIDS USA
swim lessons at our community
pool again this summer!

Classes Taught include:
Infant Swimming, Beginner Swimming,
Survival Swimming and Stroke Technique!

Registration is **NOW**
OPEN!



Both Weekday &
Weekend classes
available!

WILDERNESS LAKE

Register Online or by calling



813.991.6258

www.swimkidsusa.com



WILDERNESS LAKE PRESERVE

BUSINESS *expo*

SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH
10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.



Join us for a vibrant showcase of local talent and entrepreneurship. Discover a variety of artists, craftspeople, small businesses, delicious food, and much more! Booths will be located in the Lodge, Activities Center, and Nature Center. Whether you're looking to support local artisans or indulge in tasty treats, there's something for everyone!

VENDOR
SPOTS
AVAILABLE!

\$10
PER
BOOTH

CONTACT THE LODGE @ (813) 995-2437 OR EVENTS@WLPLODGE.COM
TO RESERVE A BOOTH!

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH
8:00 A.M.

PLEASE REGISTER FOR THE COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE WITH THE LODGE. YOUR \$5 REGISTRATION FEE WILL COVER:

- A LARGE BANNER AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE.
- MAPS FOR SHOPPERS AT THE RANGER'S STATION.
- A HANGER FOR PARTICIPANT'S MAILBOXES.
- A TEMPORARY SIGN PERMIT.
- ADVERTISEMENTS IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.

SPRING PICNIC & EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY
APRIL 19TH

SPRING ACTIVITIES AT THE
LODGE: 12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

- PHOTO OP WITH THE EASTER BUNNY
- CAKE WALK
- PETTING ZOO
- FACE PAINTING
- BALLOON TWISTING
- BOUNCE HOUSE
- DJ
- CRAFTS/GAMES
- AND SO MUCH MORE!

AGES 0-5:
STONLEIGH/
FOXGROVE
PARK
10:00 A.M.

To RSVP, please call
(813) 995-2437 or email
events@wplodge.com

AGES 6-11:
OAKHURST/
WOODSMERE
PARK
11:00 A.M.

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

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Preserve at Wilderness Lake Community Development District was held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, February 5, 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.

Landscaping Report

Updated the Board on the following:

- Annuals – One Lodge entrance bed was replaced due to freeze damage.
- Mulch was delivered on Wednesday, February 5th.
- The installation of the Landscape Enhancement project is underway.
- Incident regarding the crew encroaching onto private property.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- Freeze damage.
- RedTree's access to common areas.

District Counsel Report

Updated the Board on the following:

- The demand letter to Ajax Building for reimbursement of repairs resulting from the May 2024 construction incident.
- Amending the District Engineer's agreement with the new rates.
- The incident with RedTree encroaching onto private property.

Aquatics Report

Updated the Board on the following:

- Grass Carp permit.
- Woodline cutback on Wilderness Lake Blvd., across from Water's Edge.
- Discussion ensued regarding the storm debris and fallen trees in the woodline.

District Engineer Report

Updated the Board on the following:

- Rate increase.
- Roof repairs and proposals.
- SWFWMD Phase 1 Permit Inspection Report.

Community and District Manager Report

Discussion ensued on the following:

- Removal of feral hogs in the Deerfields.
- The Budget Workshop date: Tuesday, April 8th at 2:00 PM

NEXT CDD MEETING:

Wednesday, March 5th at 9:30 AM



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