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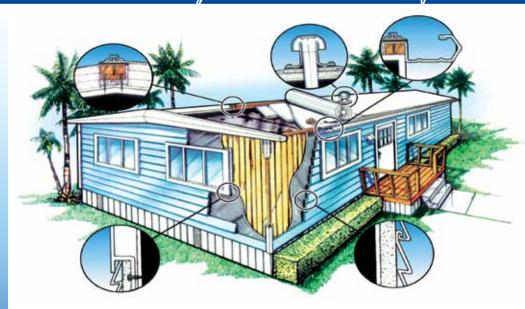
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Editorial Note—The Splash is published for the benefit of the community to advise them of the activities available. The Splash is not used as a publication for resident's personal messaging. Thank you for your understanding.

ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

The next Activities Association General Meeting is Thursday, October 9, 2025. As a reminder, the meetings are held the second Thursday of every month from October to May and open to all residents.

OUR ACTIVITIES BOARD NEEDS YOU!

Your new ideas and fresh energy.... We're looking for people to step up to help plan and execute the activities in the park, as part of the nineperson activities board. We are NOT an HOA and do not participate in any park management decisions.

We hold an election in January every year. Some current members plan to continue to participate, and some do not. Spoiler alert: being on the board is NOT limited to year-round residents. Even snowbirds can make a meaningful contribution. If you would like more information about the board, or are interested in contributing to our fun, please contact Krista Stuttle at (607) 351-6440



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LADIES GOLF

We have a standing reservation for golf at Lake Venice Golf Club at 2 o'clock on Thursdays. Dean Fauci will send a text to the ladies that have played in the past. If you are



interested in being added or deleted from the text, please let her know.

Our first golf outing will be October 2. We will meet in the Lake Venice clubhouse at 1:45 for a 2 o'clock tee off. If you have new neighbors or know someone who would like to join us, please contact Dean at (570) 656–9001.

CHURCH

The Community Covenant Church, with Pastor Jeff Krause, will begin on Sunday October 5th at 11:00 am in the clubhouse.

BOOK CLUB

"Welcome back, all SL Book Club members and any interested readers! Our first meeting of the season is on Wednesday, October 8th, at 2 pm, in the board room at the club house. We will discuss the book, West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge.



This tale is inspired by true events in 1936. Two African giraffes, heading for their final home of the San Francisco Zoo, and their handlers (a man, a boy, and occasionally a girl) endured numerous adventures-including an Atlantic Hurricane while on board ship.

Our November book is We All Live Here by Jojo Moyes. Anyone who has had multiple generations living under their roof, all at the same time, will identify with this book.

Also, the author of February's featured book, Frozen River is Ariel Lawhon, not Lawton....

Any questions? Call Barbara @ 941-350-3865."

BUNCO NEWS

Seventeen people came out for Bunco on September 12. Play was fast and furious as three of the games in round two were ended



by someone at Table 1 scoring a large BUNCO for 21 points, before many competitors even had the opportunity to roll the dice (the length of the game is determined by when a team at Table 1 reaches a score of 21).

The theme of the evening seemed to be to see how many ways we could split the jackpot, with ties in all three award categories. Three people had the Most BUNCOS: Barbara Corbett, Bill V, and Dean Fauci. Judy Jurn and Dean Fauci shared the title for Most Wins, while Lee and Krista Stuttle tied for the greatest number of Small Buncos. Lee Stuttle won Biggest Loser scratch off tickets.

We will have two BUNCO games for October on the 10th and 24th. Entry fee \$5, games start at 6 o'clock. Please bring your own beverage (no glass please). We will not be serving snacks so plan accordingly. For more info contact Judy Jurn at (231) 907-8433 or Dean Fauci at (570) 656-9001.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

This year's Halloween Party will be Friday October 31, at 7 pm. There are prizes for the best costumes, so dress accordingly. We'll also feature music, a 50/50 drawing, and a bucket of brews. There's no cost to attend, but you may bring a snack to share if you choose. Sign up in the clubhouse. Hope to see you there, because



we don't want you to miss out on the fun! Hosted by Gerry and Pauline White.

NEW RESIDENTS

If you know of a resident who recently moved in, or someone who has been here a while but doesn't have a name tag, please contact Pat Strongarone at (313) 729-1699 so she can set up a meet and greet, order them a name tag and officially welcome them to the park.

Name badges for NEW HOMEOWNERS in Spanish Lakes are free. Renters (and anyone needing a replacement) may purchase a name badge for only \$10.00 each.

WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY!



LADIES LUNCHEON

The October Ladies' Luncheon will be Thursday. Oct 16th, at noon. It will be at Landy's on the Water, 1400 Aqua View Lane in Englewood. You won't want to miss this one! Be sure to sign up in the clubhouse

RENTAL PROPERTIES

There is a bulletin board in the clubhouse for rental properties. If you or someone you know is looking for a place to rent for the upcoming snowbird season, you can place your request on a 3x5 card in the "looking to rent" section. Include which months you are looking for, as well as the specifics of what you need (number of bed/bathrooms, etc.) and how to contact you. You may leave it up for a month—please write the date you posted it on the card. If you're still looking at the end of the month, change the date and leave it up. If you find something, please remove your card.

Landlords, there is also space to post the property you have available to rent (also on a 3x5 card, which must be dated). If there is no activity within the month, you may change the date and leave it up. Please take the card down when you find someone to rent your property.

COOKING CORNER

Wow, looks like we blink our eyes and here we are in October already! We look forward to seeing the Snowbirds as they return and welcome the slight breeze to the evening air. It's time for a delicious fall soup.

One of my favorites is Stuffed Pepper Soup. This hearty blend combines beef, tomatoes, onions, garlic, peppers, rice, and Italian seasonings in a hearty broth that tempts your taste buds and satisfies your appetite. It gives you healthy proteins, vitamins, minerals and carbohydrates. Easy to prepare, it can be made ahead and frozen. A real crowd pleaser. Great with an artisan bread (or biscuits) and fruit for dessert. Low on the calorie scale and full of fiber. Try this delicious recipe below.

Happy Cooking Linda

STUFFED PEPPER SOUP

Ingredients

- 1 lb. Low fat ground beef or sausage
- 1 Large, chopped onion or 1 bag of frozen onions
- 2 Cans of diced tomatoes (15 oz)
- 1 Carton of Beef Broth (32 oz) 2 Tbsp of Beef

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- 1 Can tomato sauce (15 oz)
- 1 Tbsp Italian seasoning
- 1/2 tsp. Black pepper
- 3 Diced peppers, any color
- 1 Tbsp Chopped Garlic
- 2 Cups of cooked rice, white or brown Instructions
- 1. In a large Dutch oven or stockpot, brown the meat and the onions.
- 2. Add the tomatoes, broth, beef base, tomato sauce, and peppers. Simmer for an hour.
- 3. When peppers are tender add the cooked rice and all the seasonings.
- 4. Simmer for 15 minutes more and serve.

RESTAURANT NEWS

by Neighbor Jill

Each month, Jill will report on a local restaurant, telling us about their specials. This month, the restaurant is Frankies Pizza and Italian Restaurant, located at 1072 S. Tamiami Trail in Osprey. Phone: (941) 966–4453. They are open Monday–Friday from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm, Saturday from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm, and closed on Sunday.

Happy Hour all day, every day: 2 for 1 select draft beer & house wine

Everyday Lunch Specials 11:00-2:00: 2 slices Pizza & 1 drink \$6.55

Monday: Spaghetti & drink \$11.99 Tuesday: Ravioli & drink \$13.99

Wednesday: Fish & Chips & drink \$11.99

Thursday: Parmigiana & drink \$14.99

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

This monthly feature is suspended until November, when our snowbirds begin returning.

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE?

How about an idea for an ongoing feature in the Splash? I'd love to find contributors, and you don't have to write well. Just send me information I can work with, and I'll help you write it. I can also clean up spelling and grammar issues or make your words flow better, BUT I can't edit something which doesn't exist.

Maybe you've experienced a great day trip recently. If you enjoyed it, we'd love to hear about it—and some of our fellow residents might appreciate the opportunity to plan a similar adventure. Whether it was a cruise, state park, or historical site, please send the details of your trip and include pictures if you have any.

Submit suggestions by the 15th of each month to Kathleen Putman. Please type your submission into an email (preferred) and send it to kpSplashEditor@gmail.com or text to (513) 833–3334.

PET OF THE MONTH



Akula is Kathy Opel's service dog, and they are new in the park. He is a very special boy, who loves to swim at the beach. Kathy rescued Akula from the Humane Society as a three-month-old puppy and started service dog school when he was seven months old. He will be 4 years old next month and his favorite things to do are sleep, or just hang out with his mom, no matter where she goes. He is a very happy boy!

If you would like to have your pet featured in future issues, please send a picture of your pet and information about it to Kathleen Putman at kpSplashEditor@gmail.com or text it to (513)833–3334.

Get your activities and events on the calendar—contact the editor for addition to the Splash and the calendar



MOVING FORWARD...

The Lord willing, *Bible Study* will resume Tuesday, November 4th at 9 AM. We will be studying the book of John. All are welcome to attend.



Bingo will start up in our Clubhouse, on Wednesday, November 5th at 6:30 pm, in the clubhouse. Carol



Bobby & Jan Erickson will be your Hostesses. Also, they are looking for volunteers to call Bingo. Please let them know if you're interested. It's easy to learn!

The Veteran's Day Dinner is Tuesday, November 11, at 6:00 pm in the clubhouse. If you are a Veteran, or the widow or widower of a veteran, don't forget to turn in the form (found in the September



Splash) to sign up for the Veteran's Day Dinner if you haven't already done so. The deadline to return the forms is Friday, October 31.

Residents who aren't veterans may attend and are asked to bring a side dish (the meat, water and coffee will be provided). Please sign up in the clubhouse. If you have questions, please call Jill Kaylor at (904) 826–7520.

Non-veterans who wish to help on the dinner committee should call Donald Gemmiti, Dinner Cochair, at (941) 826–5714. *Let's salute our Spanish Lakes Veterans!*

Our Spanish Lakes *Fall Festival Dance* is November 15th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm, in the clubhouse. It will feature the fabulous Whiskey Beach Band!







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We're sure you're tired of hearing it, but PLEASE DO NOT FLUSH Q-tips, Kleenex tissue, paper towels, "flushable" baby wipes, or anything else. These cause too much strain on our sewer system. The ONLY thing you should put in your toilet is toilet paper.

Remember, when you flush anything you shouldn't, it doesn't just affect you—it also affects your neighbors. NOBODY wants to deal with a boil water mandate.

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HELLO

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Yard Waste: Tuesday & Friday mornings

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any medications that you are no longer using can be disposed of at the Venice Police Department on East Venice Avenue.

DO NOT PUT them in the TRASH or FLUSH them in the TOILET.

REMINDER DON'T MISS OUT

Watch channel 2 (our community channel) for announcements such as emergency water shut-offs, etc. Other community events and important notices can also be found there.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

(The goose is getting fat...)

Beth Hoffman is looking for Elves to help decorate the trees in the Clubhouse on Friday, November 28th. If you can help, please come to the Clubhouse at 10:00 Fri. morning.

There will be a Yankee Swap style gift exchange on Sunday, December 14th at 3:00 pm. Please bring a wrapped gift, (valued between \$15–\$20) and an appetizer to share. A sign-up sheet will be posted, in November.

Our annual Christmas Dinner Party will be at Waterfrontoo, in Nokomis, on Thursday, December 18th, at 4:00 pm. All couples, and +1's, are invited! (This dinner party is in lieu of the monthly Women's Luncheon.) A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Clubhouse at the beginning of November.

For questions about the Yankee Swap or the Dinner Party, call Pat Strongarone (313) 729–1699.

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ATTENTION



If you witness any unusual activity or see suspicious people roaming in the park, PLEASE call the Sarasota County Sheriff's Dept. at 941-316-1201 immediately!! DO NOT wait until the

morning and DO NOT confront any individual.

DO YOU HAVE A SERVICE TO OFFER?

Are you a Spanish Lakes resident that has services/talents to offer to other residents? We are compiling a list for our Splash publication to assist our residents when looking for services to hire, such as bike repair, hairdresser, handyman, home watch, house cleaning, rides, sewing, etc.

We do not endorse or recommend any of these services but will publish the information for residents to use at their own discretion. You MUST be a resident to be included in the list. If interested, please contact the editor with your information.



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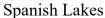
- Pool Hours Sunrise to sunset
- No Lifeguard on Duty. Swim at your own risk
- Shower before entering the pool.
- No food, glassware, or beverages allowed in the pool or fenced area. Commercially bottled water in plastic bottles are allowed in pool fenced area.
- Children not potty trained are not allowed in pool.
- No diving or jumping into the pool.
- No animals allowed in pool or pool fenced area.
- Pool capacity 16 persons.
- Persons under 16 may use pool between 11 AM 3 PM and 5 PM 7 PM with adult supervision.
- No smoking in the pool area.
 POOL MAXIMUM DEPTH: 6 FEET

NO DIVING

- 1. Please put down the umbrellas and clean up all trash.
- 2. If you take down the rope to swim laps, please put it back after you are finished.
- 3. Please shower before going into the pool. Sand is accumulating and damaging the filters.

The pool is there to be enjoyed by all. Thank you for your respect of your neighbors and your Association.





SPANISH LAKES RESIDENTS OFFER SERVICES FOR HIRE

This is a list of Spanish Lakes residents offering services to other Spanish Lakes residents for hire.

We do not endorse or recommend any of these services. Please use your own discretion.
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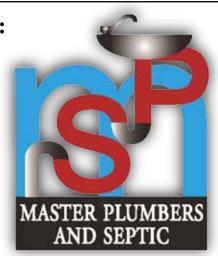
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It's not too early to start donating for February 2026 Super Second Sale. Just a few reminders:

Please contact Lee Stuttle at (607) 351–6443 or Gerry White at (860) 214–3058 for a pickup. Please do not drop off any donations at the clubhouse or at the shed itself.

We accept clean, gently used items in working condition. Also, saleable items such as collectibles, jewelry, and antiques are appreciated. We would appreciate all glassware to be wrapped in paper etc. Unfortunately, we had glass items break during transit from the shed to the clubhouse.

We do NOT accept:

Couches or very large furniture

Baby equipment

Christmas trees

Candles

Picture frames

Toiletries

Any liquids

Mattresses

Paul Ernst will resume picking up starting in November 2024

Thank you

Mary Ernst

FROM THE OFFICE:

Please remember there is a 2-month minimum for any rentals (as stated in your lease agreement). All renters must have background check completed by the office. Also, please remind your renters to check in with the office when they get here.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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- 4 Derwood Lash
- 5 Leo Kinast
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- 9 Michael Slomski
- 10 Tim Houston
- 13 Carol Kinder
- 14 Ed Noble
- 15 Doretta Irwin, Roger Aston
- 17 Ann Bezemer
- 18 Jim Milner
- 20 Jane Jones, Molly Crawford, Tom Cappadona, Sheri Noble
- 22 Bob Oliver, Barbara Corbett, Diane Kapolka, Chris Keel, Tony Cordeiro
- 24 Don Bromley, Michelle Thurston
- 25 Rosemary Sell, Chris Pedersen, Jose Flores, Jason Jones
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- 30 Ken Lee

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- 12 Gerry & Pauline White, Tom & Donna Glaser
- 16 Frank & Diane Lill
- 23 Don & Barb Bromley
- 24 Chris Ladd & Jojo Burkholder
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HAPPYANNIVERSARY!

Please advise the communications director if there are any people missing from birthdays or anniversaries- or names of individuals that have left Spanish Lakes.

October Word Search



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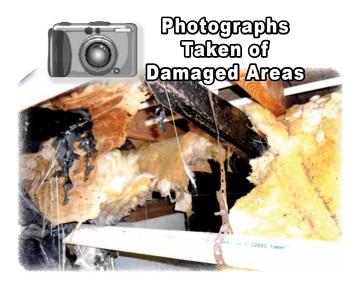
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Next month will be the voting for Best of Venice. As a small business. owner this is one of the few ways we can feel honored for being in business. If you can please vote for your

favorite local businesses. You can go to the website YourSun.com/BestofVenice to give a shout out to us.

I want to say thank you to everyone who voted for us in the Best of Venice awards from Venice Gondolier. I appreciate all the support and everyone who took their time to vote for us.

Your support and continued encouragement resulted in us being awarded Best of Venice, multiple titles and multiple years as both winner and finalist, Reader's Choice multiple years, and Small Business of the Year.

I am proud to have consistently offered service that is recognized by you and honored to receive so many awards over the years that our wall of awards has expanded onto another wall. Thank you for entrusting me with your hearing, I am glad I earned your respect.

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