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The New Horizons



A Word From Your Manager

Hello Mid Florida Lakes Residents,

As we step into March, I want to take a moment to thank each and every one of you for making this community such a wonderful place to live. Your kindness, involvement, and spirit of neighborliness are what make Mid Florida Lakes feel like home.

March is also **Resident Appreciation Month**, and we are *so excited* to celebrate **YOU** all month long! Be sure to check out the community calendar for a full list of **free events** planned in your honor. We hope you'll join us as we come together for fun, connection, and appreciation for the people who make this community truly special.

I'd also like to highlight an important reminder regarding community guidelines:

Community Reminder: Fences

To preserve the beauty and open feel of our neighborhood, **no fences are allowed on any homesite**, *except* for the following:

- A small **decorative fence along the front walkway to the home's lanai, or**
- A decorative enclosure **covering the air-conditioning unit**
  Both require prior Owner Approval.

Please note that **no fence may be enclosed**.

Thank you for helping us keep Mid Florida Lakes looking its best.

Wishing everyone a beautiful month ahead filled with activities, appreciation, and community pride.

We are grateful for you!

Warmly,
Allie & Me'Shelle
General Manager's, Mid Florida Lakes



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March Home of the Month
Eugene Blakely
107 Pine Tree Drive







Each month, a home in our community is selected by an anonymous committee to receive the **"Home of the Month" Award**
The recipient receives a $25 gift card and a yard sign to display for the month.



(Corrected)
February Home of the Month
Joe & Helen Wentworth
130 Pine Ridge Dr.







The deadline to submit content for the New Horizons is the 15th of each month. Please email all information and updates to: Kathie_lowe@equitylifestyle.com



Would you like to receive the newsletter by email? Please email Steve Helmer at: helmer6@sbcglobal.net

The K. Lowe-Down

Monthly Musings from your Activities Director



While stepping into the role of Activities Director/Clubhouse Manager, I would like to share an important message. I am still becoming familiar with the long-standing norms, traditions, and informal practices that have shaped this community over the years. Some past customs, special arrangements, or unwritten expectations may not yet be known to me unless they are communicated directly.

Your experience, insight, and historical knowledge are truly invaluable. Open communication is essential, and I welcome any feedback that can help me better serve our community. If you would like to discuss what has worked well in the past, share expectations, or simply take time for us to get acquainted, please feel free to contact me at **352-504-2760** to schedule a meeting.

In the interest of maintaining a positive and professional environment, I kindly ask that concerns, questions, or suggestions be brought to me directly rather than through secondhand information, rumors, or community gossip. Direct, respectful conversations ensure clarity, prevent misunderstandings, and help keep our community united and moving forward.

I look forward to working with all of you and ensuring that we remain aligned as a community. Thank you for your cooperation, support, and partnership as we continue building a welcoming and well-connected environment for everyone.

February Event Highlights

Appreciation Dinner Success!

A heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who attended the recent Appreciation Dinner. We are proud to share that **450+ residents were served in just 1 hour and 15 minutes!** This was a huge accomplishment and truly a team effort.

Special thanks to all staff and volunteers whose incredible teamwork, preparation, and positive attitudes made the evening run smoothly. The food was delicious, the fellowship was wonderful, and it was a joy meeting so many of you. Your participation and kindness made the event memorable—thank you for making it such a success!

What's Happening in March

A new month brings a fresh lineup of activities, and March is shaping up to be full of excitement! Inside, you'll find the complete March event schedule and flyers, along with "Save the Date" reminders for upcoming trips, dinners, and performances. Your participation is what keeps our community active, social, and fun!

Our **March Mosaic** brings all of our events together into one beautifully coordinated month—each activity adding its own vibrant piece to a lively and engaging community experience.

Please note: due to limited space, only residents whose names appear on the **numbered lines** of each official sign-up sheet are confirmed for that activity. Names added after numbered spaces are filled—such as below the list or in the margins—cannot be accommodated. This ensures fairness, accurate planning, and a safe, well-organized event experience for everyone.

There's plenty of fun ahead, and I cannot wait to enjoy all the great things happening this month with you!

Get Involved: Your Feedback Matters

Thank you to those who have already shared ideas about:

- Monthly dances
- Potlucks
- New clubs or games
- Clubhouse events







There is a short resident survey-to gather even more feedback. If you'd like to start a club, host an activity, give your suggestions or volunteer, I'd love to collaborate with you!

Warmly, **Kathie Lowe**
Activities Director / Clubhouse Manager
Kathie_Lowe@equitylifestyle.com
352-504-2760

~Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see~
Mark Twain

Seed Library News – March Edition



Thank you to everyone who joined us last year for our Seed Library Kickoff! We hope your gardens—and homes—have been filled with new life. While the recent freeze may have taken a toll on many plants, have no fear—the Seed Library is here to help you start anew this spring.

As with our previous updates, this month's newsletter is meant to be simple, informative, and encouraging as you plan your March garden.

Please ask Gingerlily about the following tools:

- **March "What to Plant" List**
- **Monthly Watering Schedule**
- **Hardiness Zone Map**

You'll also find a few helpful gardening tips and tricks below. And don't forget—our Seed Library is full of resources to help you grow with confidence:

- The **Sign-Up Book**, filled with shared community knowledge
- The **Seed Knowledge Binder**, offering detailed information on each seed variety
- A selection of **gardening books** available for checkout

Just this morning, we enjoyed reading *Florida: Fruit & Vegetable Gardening* by Robert Bowden and *Florida Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition* by Tom MacCubbin—both excellent resources for gardeners of all levels.

If you have questions or ideas for improvement, we'd love to hear from you!

Upcoming Events



Seed Library

Next Seed Library Meeting
March 25th | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Raffle Giveaway: Survival Seed Vault
Recently Raffled: Bleeding Heart Vine
Coming Soon: White Lily Raffle
Plus—don't forget!
We're available **every Wednesday from 10AM–12PM** in the Small Hall to answer your gardening questions.

Tips & Tricks

Seed Starting: If you're starting from scratch (like me!), try one of these easy, reliable mixes—available at Walmart-Jiffy Natural & Organic Seed Starter Mix, Espoma Organic Seed Starter, Miracle-Gro Seed Starting and Potting Mix
Plant Now: Arugula • Chinese Cabbage • Peppers • Kohlrabi • Sugarcane • Spinach
Watering Tip: Water deeply but less often. Always water at a time of day when foliage and soil can dry quickly. Plants that stay wet too long are more likely to develop disease, stem rot, or root rot.
Watch For: Keep an eye out for: leaf miners, aphids, caterpillars, mites, slugs, and snails.
Pest Control: These plant based options are considered safer and effective for most gardens: Pyrethrin, Rotenone, Neem Oil, and Spinosad
Composting: Great additions to natural compost include- Coconut coir • Manure • Vegetable scraps • Fruit peels • Dead plants • Coffee grounds • Egg shells • Old bread
Fun Tricks: Mix marigolds or mint into your veggie beds to naturally deter pests. Aphids dislike aluminum foil—placing strips around plant bases can discourage them. Beer Traps (1 tsp dried yeast + 3 tsps. water) help deter several nuisance bugs.

Favorite Gardening Websites & Blogs
https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/garden-how-to/gardening-by-zone/zone-9-10-11
https://www.epicgardening.com/basics/
https://garden.org/learn/library/pests/
https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/EP450



Favorite YouTube Channels on Gardening & Homesteading: Epic Gardening, Planted in the Garden, TheKiwiGrower, Spicy Moustache, The Gardening Channel, Salty Dawg Homestead & Acre Homestead.



Want to Join the Seed Library?

If you would like to join, **sign-up is located at the "Seed" Library in the Small Hall.**
For more information, please contact **Gingerlily: 352-782-2718 or gingerlily_mines@equitylifestyle.com**

Together, let's make Mid Florida Lakes flourish! With Gratitude, **Gingerlily Mines**

Neighborhood Safety & Essentials



Safety First – Golf Cart Rules: The Lake County Sheriff's Office reminds residents that golf carts must stay within community boundaries and are NOT allowed on or across Highway 44. Violations may result in a $185 citation.



See a Sign, Follow the Rule: Let's work together to keep our streets safe by following: Speed limits, Stop signs, Pedestrian & bicycle rules. These guidelines protect drivers, walkers, bicyclists, and golf cart users.



Motorcycle Gate Exit Tip When exiting the community, please **stay on the far□right side** of the exit lane so the gate sensors detect your motorcycle properly.



Shine Bright, Stay Safe! Free **reflective safety tape** is available in the Activities Office.
Use it on: Clothing, Bikes, Golf carts Enhance visibility when outdoors at night. *Provided by the MFL HOA.*



Clubhouse Rentals Available: Our clubhouse facilities are available for your next event!
Clubhouse Halls: $50 fee + $50 refundable deposit **Small Rooms:** $50 refundable deposit only
All reservations require a **signed contract**, and some exceptions may apply. To learn more or to book a space, please contact Kathie at: **352-504-2760 Kathie_lowe@equitylifestyle.com**



Lift Assistance Available: Lake County Fire Rescue provides **non-emergency lift assistance**, transfer help, and guidance on medical needs.



Protect Your Home: Lake County Fire Rescue will: Test detectors, Replace batteries, and install new units if yours is **10+ years old.** Schedule at **352-343-9450**.



For clubhouse or grounds emergencies outside business hours, call: **352-669-8300**
The answering service will contact on□call personnel. *For fire, police, or medical emergencies, always dial 911.*



Laundry Facility Update: The laundry room will be closed every Wednesday from 8:00–9:00 AM for deep cleaning. Please remove laundry promptly. Items left behind may be donated.



Notary Services Available—Appointments available with:
Lorraine Van Hoesen: 305-972-2210 Jeff Beardsley: 425-708-9796



St. Johns River Water Management District Watering Days
Odd or No Address-Wednesdays & Saturdays
Even Address-Thursdays & Sundays
Non-Residential-Tuesdays & Fridays
Key Rules Limitations: No watering between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
Duration: Maximum 1 hour per zone |
Exceptions: New plant material/reclaimed water often have different, less stringent rules.



ATTENTION MFL RESIDENTS: Grow Your Business Locally! Turn your neighbors into customers and put your business in the spotlight! We are officially renting ad space in the newsletter to residents who want to promote their professional services or local businesses. Whether you're a contractor, a consultant, or a creator, this is your chance to reach your community directly.
Monthly Rates: Business Card: $45 ~ 1/4 Page: $85 ~ 1/2 Page: $110 ~ Full Page: $160



Your Photos Could Be Published! Send your club events, community fun, or those gorgeous sunrise/sunset shots—plus a caption—to kathie_lowe@equitylifestyle.com and you might see your masterpiece in our monthly newsletter!

Neighborhood Safety & Essentials

We're dedicated to ensuring seniors and veterans receive the essential services they've earned. From daily wellness checks and in□home support to protection against financial scams, here's a quick overview of key local and statewide resources available to you and your loved ones.

For daily living support, contact the Lake County Elder Options Helpline at 1□800□262□2243 (Mon–Fri, 8AM –5PM). They provide Meals on Wheels, housekeeping help, caregiver support, and free Medicare counseling through the SHINE program. This helpline serves as the main gateway to local aging resources.

Lake County Senior Services (352-326-3540): Your main contact for general senior service inquiries and local program information.

Veteran Benefits & In-Home Care: Lake County Veterans Services (352-742-6585) helps veterans navigate Florida and federal benefits, file VA disability claims, request military records, and obtain ID cards—ensuring access to all earned entitlements.

Veterans Care Coordination (855-380-4400): Provides support with the VA Pension with Aid & Attendance benefit, helping veterans and surviving spouses with the application process and coordinating Homemaker Home Health Aide Care.

Personal Safety & Wellness–Senior Watch Program: The Senior Watch Program (352-343-2101, LCSO Non□Emergency Line) offers daily check-in calls for individuals living alone or with medical issues. If a participant does not call in, operators will attempt contact and dispatch a Deputy Sheriff if needed to ensure their safety.

Seniors vs. Crime Hotline (1-800-203-3099): A dedicated resource for seniors facing scams, fraud, or deceptive practices, helping victims reclaim their money and restore their peace of mind.

Attorney General Fraud Hotline (1-866-9-NO-SCAM / 1-866-966-7226): For reporting consumer fraud, scams, and deceptive business practices throughout Florida.

Durable Medical Equipment (DME): Christine Daily – 352□217□8517 (Call before 10 PM)
Provides a wide range of mobility and personal care equipment—including wheelchairs, walkers, and shower chairs—readily available for resident use throughout the community.

Wildlife & Animal Services Know who to call for domestic and nuisance wildlife issues:

Service	Contact Number	Pertinent Information
Lake County Animal Service	352-343-9688	For reporting animal abuse, stray, aggressive dogs, or domestic animals in distress.
FL Nuisance Alligator (FWC)	1-866-FWC-GATOR (1-866-392-4286)	For alligators 4 feet or longer that pose a threat to people, pets, or property.
FL Nuisance Bear (FWC)	850-265-3676 (Regional) 1-888-404-FWCC (24-Hr Alert)	For reporting problem or nuisance black bear activity to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).
FL Wildlife (General/Other) (FWC)	1-888-404-FWCC (1-888-404-3922)	FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline for general wildlife issues, violations, or reporting sick/injured non-domestic animals.

Waste Collection Notice: Mid-Florida Lakes Pick-Up Procedures

Regular Collection Schedule (Mid Florida Lakes):
***Garbage/Trash:** Every **Tuesday** and **Friday** ***Recycling:** Every **Monday**

Missed Pick-Ups & Bulk Item Collection: If your trash is missed or you need a bulk item picked up, **contact the Mid□Florida Lakes Office immediately** at **352-589-8300**.

When Calling, Be Ready to Provide:

- Your name
- Address
- Phone number
- Details of the missed pick-up (which day) **or** type of bulk item

Bulk Item Reminder:
Furniture, appliances, and other large items must be placed at the curb **no more than 48 hours before** the scheduled pick-up.

Mid Florida Lakes Welcome Wagon

There is something truly special about the first few weeks in a new home— the excitement of a fresh start, the beauty of our lakeside views, and the anticipation of new friendships. If you have recently moved in, or if you see a moving truck pulling in down the street, we want you to know that you aren't just moving into a house; you're joining a vibrant, active family. The **Welcome Wagon of Mid Florida Lakes** is a dedicated group of volunteers whose sole mission is to ensure every new neighbor feels right at home from day one.

Your Guide to the Neighborhood

Navigating a new community can be overwhelming, but we're here to make it easy. Our volunteers provide every new resident with an **Informational Packet**. Inside, you'll find our comprehensive booklet, which serves as your "owner's manual" for life at Mid Florida Lakes. It includes details on:

- **Clubs & Activities:** From hobbies to fitness, find out where you fit in.
- **The Community Clubhouse:** Your hub for social gatherings and events.
- **Amenities:** Everything you need to know about our pools, docks, and more.

If you have questions or concerns that aren't covered in the booklet, our volunteers are happy to refer you to the proper source to get the answers you need.

Pro Tip: Keep an eye on the *New Horizon*, our monthly community newsletter, for the specific dates and times of these upcoming meetings!

Come Say Hello!

We would love to meet you in person. Whether you have a question, need a packet, or just want to see a friendly face, stop by and see us:

- **When:** Every Wednesday morning
- **Time:** 10:00 am – 11:00 am
- **Where:** The Smaller Community Room

Get in Touch

Can't make it on Wednesday morning? No problem! For more information or to request a packet, please feel free to reach out to our coordinators:

- **Carolyn Griffith:** 231-510-9518
- **Judy Silver:** 570-472-4505

We look forward to meeting you and helping you discover why Mid Florida Lakes is such a wonderful place to call home.

Welcome New Residents!





American Legion Auxiliary



Resident appreciation dinner



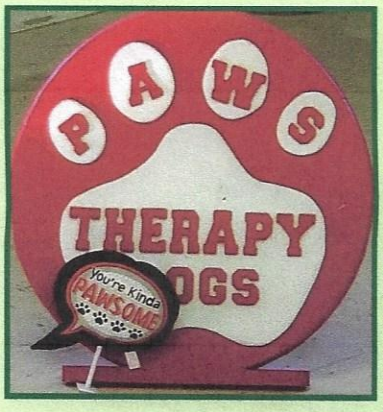
We ♥ our residents!







10 Community Moments and Warm Welcomes



PAWS Therapy Dogs, Inc.

Serving Lake County, Florida and Surrounding Areas

All Volunteer • 501(c)(3) Nonprofit • Since 2004



Who We Are

PAWS Therapy Dogs, Inc. is a dedicated all volunteer organization committed to sharing the healing power of the human–animal bond. Our certified therapy dog teams provide comfort, companionship, and emotional support to seniors, children, families, and community members throughout our region. Founded in 2004, PAWS has grown from fewer than 20 teams to a thriving nonprofit serving numerous facilities and events each month.

Community Support

PAWS volunteers proudly assist other charities & participate in special events-especially during the holiday season.

Interested in Becoming a Therapy Dog Team?

We welcome individuals interested in learning more about therapy dog work.
There is no charge to learn about what we do or to get started.
Each therapy dog team consists of **one handler and one dog**.



Our History at a Glance

- **2004:** PAWS founded by Therapy Dogs Inc. –certified teams
- **2011:** Joanne & Joe Rittenhouse join; Humane Education Program created
- **2011–2019:** Membership expands; visits include Disaster relief support
- **2020:** PAWS adapts during COVID 19 and continues service
- **Oct 2020:** PAWS becomes a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with Joe Rittenhouse as President

Special thanks to longtime member Kitty Wayne for preserving PAWS history.

Join Us!

We offer membership to:
Potential therapy dog teams
Support volunteers
Community members who believe in our mission
We are an all volunteer organization and do not maintain set business hours.
We respond to emails and voicemail as time allows.

What We Do

Therapy Dog Visits

Our teams visit many locations, including:

- Nursing homes & retirement communities
- Schools & children's programs
- Bookstores
- Fire & law enforcement departments
- Community events, special programs, and parades

Visits are always by invitation.

Humane Education

We provide educational programs on:

- Responsible pet ownership
- Kindness & compassion toward animals
- Safety around dogs
- Animal behavior basics





We also welcome volunteers who do not have a dog but want to support our mission.

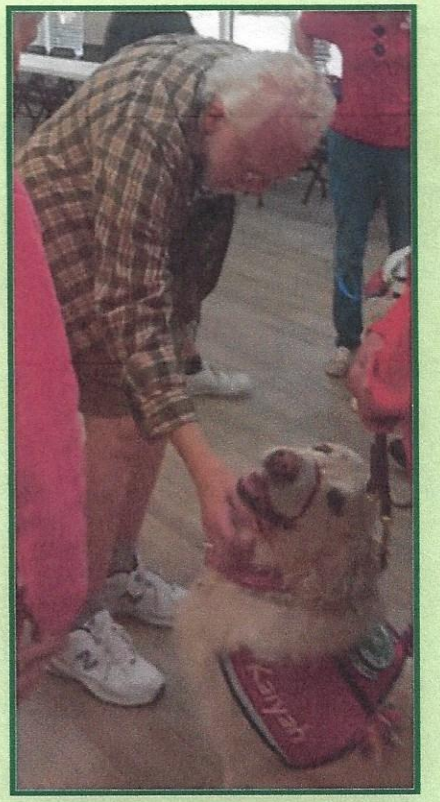
Contact Us

Therapy Dog Questions: president.pawstherapydogs@gmail.com
Membership Information: membership.pawstherapydogs@gmail.com
Mailing Address: PAWS Therapy Dogs, Inc., PO Box 1289, Eustis, FL 32727-1289
Phone: 352-530-6433
PAWS Therapy Dogs, Inc.
Bringing comfort, connection, and joy—one wag at a time.



PAWS Therapy Dogs'

Joanne Hart-Rittenhouse was the ***paw-sitively*** delightful guest speaker at our February coffee social . We were ***fur-tunate*** *that* she brought along several volunteers and their ***tail-wagging*** sidekicks , who ***happy-wiggled*** their way right into everyone's laps and hearts. We truly had a ***paw-some*** time!













COFFEE TIME

March's Coffee Social Guest Speaker will be Elder Affairs on March 12 at 9:30AM in the Large Hall. See you there!

MFL HOA Happenings

Here we are in the third month of the year. Thanks to all the volunteers we appreciate all you do for the community. We need more volunteers to help so no one gets burned out. The coffee code has been changed, please do not pass the code to non-HOA members.

Have you ever wondered what the HOA does for the community:

Mid Florida Lakes Homeowners Association
Who WE are and What We Do

Throughout the year, for the most part "behind the scenes," the HOA has contributed to the betterment of the community as follows:

- Maintain an open, ongoing dialogue with ELS Management monthly and negotiate for the residents on rent increases
- Provide pancake breakfast each month, free to members in good standing
- Provide coffee in the small hall, and for activities in the clubhouse
- Provide notary and copy machine
- Provide Bingo each week
- Provide New Year's Eve, Super Bowl, and July 4th along with ELS
- Provide Christmas Dinner, Thanksgiving Dinner, and Easter Dinner at minimal cost
- Provide Lunch by the pool and Food before Bingo
- Provide E-mail program, the blast and a Website
- Providing a yearly Flea Market
- Reduced admittance fees for HOA functions and some food meals
- Assist and/or represent all residents of MFL on various issues, complaints, or concerns
- Provide funds to Friends Helping Friends, our in-house neighbor assistance program
- Provide information about what FMO is & what they do
- Promote all clubs associated with the HOA
- Keep an attorney on retainer to advise the HOA on legal matters

Please join the HOA and help us help you
Mid Florida Lakes HOA Board

HOA Bulletin Board Rules -

***MFL Homeowners Only,**
***4 inch x 5 inch limit,**
***Must be dated,**
***No soliciting.**

Notices that do not meet this criteria will be removed. (The board by the coffee

MFLHOA.COM



Make the website (mflhoa.com) part of your daily habit! The website is designed to have the most current info on what's going on inside Mid Florida Lakes. You'll always find the latest version of New Horizons in there and changes to New Horizons that can't be updated in the printed version are updated in real time on the website. You'll also find lots of need-to-know information available to you 24/7 with just a couple of clicks on your pc, tablet or phone. The HOA is working to make sure that the website is your online information resource!

If you haven't checked it out for yourself yet you really should!

The H.O.A. Office

We are open on:
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays 10AM-Noon
352-589-8305

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Volunteering is a term used to describe someone, who offers to do something that you do not have to do, often without having been asked to do it and/or without expecting payment. But
maybe you're not sure of how you can volunteer. At Mid Florida Lakes there are plenty of options. Contact committee members: Elise (717-599-6412) or Sheila (812-664-6064) who will surely be able to list some specific positions you could address.

There are always ways to help:
*Volunteers cultivate unity within the HOA.
*Volunteers make life easier for the HOA board members and community events.
*Simply put, volunteers make the community a better place to live.

To help you brainstorm, here are a few quick suggestions for HOA volunteerism:
1. Serve on an HOA committee! Your board members will surely have some ideas for how you can do this.
2. Ask your HOA board members about any big projects that are underway—projects where an extra set of hands might come in handy.
3. Sell tickets for HOA events.
4. Volunteer as prep workers and/or servers for events.
5. Cleaning up after events is always welcome.
6. Consider running for a position on the HOA board! That's the best, most effective way you can make yourself an asset to the community.

There are always ways in which you can help out. The first step is just making the decision to get involved. In fact, volunteering is an important and interesting way to meet people who you might not normally connect with: people from different age groups, ethnicities or social groups. Because volunteering is open to everyone, it allows you to meet a wide variety of people from all sorts of walks of life, something that can only broaden your life experience further.

Like us on Facebook.com/MidFloridaLakes

LET'S eat

The MFL HOA food program is offering food prior to Bingo and Lunch by the Pool.

This month schedule will be as follows:

Dinner before Bingo: 3/11 & 3/25 @ 4PM
Lunch by the Pool: 3/5 & 3/19 @11:30AM

If there is a 5th Wednesday of the month, the HOA will take offers form MFL Clubs to provide food services. Please contact HOA for more information

MFL Name Tag

A great way to meet new folks without the awkward "What was your name again?" The name tag has a magnetic attachment so your clothes will not be spoiled by pin holes. They are $7.00 each (our cost). Please fill in the attached coupon (print please) and mail it to The HOA Office, 188 Forest Drive, Leesburg, FL 34788 or drop off the coupon with your check in the HOA office.

MFL Name Tag Order Coupon
$7.00 each name tag

Name:_____

Address:_____

Phone number:_____

Send to MFL HOA
188 Forest Drive, Leesburg, FL 34788
Or
Drop off at the HOA Office

Save the Date

DICE, CARDS & BOARD GAMES WEEK at a GLANCE

SUNDAY	•1:00PM: Wizard •5:30PM: Dominos
MONDAY	•5:00PM: Double Pinochle •5:00PM: Backgammon •5:30PM: "313" •6:00PM: Euchre
TUESDAY	•12:00PM: Double Pinochle •5:30PM: Dominos •5:30PM: Pitch
WENESDAY	•1:00PM: Wizard •5:30PM: "313"
THURSDAY	•1:00PM: "313" •5:30PM: Dominos •6:00PM: "313" •6:30PM: Cribbage
FRIDAY	•12:00PM: Single/Double Pinochle
SATURDAY	•12:00PM: Double Pinochle •6:00PM Wizard

Anyone interested in Hand and Foot, please Contact: Lasie Smith at 352-901-8936

Is our Week at a Glance missing something? For all corrections, updates, or new event additions, please reach out to Kathie:
352-504-2760
Kathie_lowe@equitylifestyle.com



Grab Your Tickets Before They're Gone!

Don't miss a single moment of the fun! From community celebrations to club activities, securing your seat has never been easier.

Three convenient ways to purchase your tickets:

- **Wednesday Mornings** Stop by the **Small Hall** between **10:00 AM and 11:00 AM**.
- **Wednesday Evenings** Find us right before

Our most popular events sell out quickly! We encourage you to purchase your tickets early so you don't miss out on the magic.

Clubs!

Want to get the word out about your club or group?



We have a promotional display 3 cabinet available in the corner of the small Hall. This is a great, highly visible spot to showcase your activities, membership drives, and upcoming events! If your club is interested in utilizing this display space, please contact one of the following people to reserve your spot and coordinate setup: Gingerlily: 352-782-2718



MFL s 10th Annual Classic Car Show

Feat. Robert Yost

IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE



13th

Come Support the HOA!

Plenty of Parking!

Mid Florida Lakes
188 Forest Drive | Leesburg FL, 34781

Friday, March ~~th~~ 13th
11AM to 3pm

Door Prizes
Trophies
50/50 Draw

For More Info Text: 407-393-8544

Park Players Present



Tickets on Sale Beginning February 6
Price: $8.00 — includes drink & chips
Bonus: Door prize drawing at each show!



Show Dates & Times
March 6 & 7 — 7:00 P.M.
March 8 — 2:00 P.M.





Wine & Cheese March 9th

Large Hall @4:30PM-6:00PM

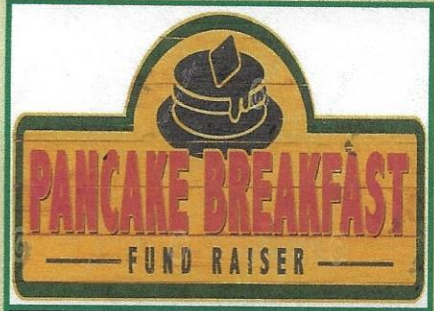
Succulents

Feat. Gingerlily & Kathie

Wednesday, March 11th | 11AM-2PM | Large Hall

- Provide about 6 hours of direct sunlight a day
- Rotate sides from direct sunlight frequently
- Water according to seasons, overwating can kill the plant
- Fertilize during the summer time to get rid of bugs

If you weren't able to sign up in time, have no fear—the Seed Library Club is here! We meet every month on Wednesdays during 10AM-12PM, and we raffle off plants as well as gardening essentials.



Saturday
March 14th @ 8AM
Large Hall

Golf Banquet



March 14th @ 5:30
in the Large Hall

Wellness



Wellness Retreat
March 16th
9:30AM to 11AM

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 MFL Church-LH 9:30AM Fellowship 10AM Service, Communion, Fellowship luncheon, Board Meeting 1:30PM Park Players 5-8PM Karaoke-LH	**2** Bagged Breakfast 7:45AM Ladies Golf 8AM Yoga-LH 9AM Shuffleboard 10:30AM Catholic Mass-MR 11-3PM Produce-WSPL 12PM Sew Bee It-MR 2PM HOA Meeting-LH 7PM Bible Study-MR 7PM Golf Meeting-MR	**3** 8AM Pickleball-Beginner Line Dancing 9:30AM Absolute Beginners 10:45AM High Beginners 5PM Shuffleboard 6:30PM Park Players-LH	**4** 7:30AM Pickleball-Experienced 8AM Yoga-LH 9:30-12PM Painting-MR 10-11AM Welcome Wagon-SH Ticket Sales-SH 1PM-Stained Glass-MR 6:45PM Bingo-LH	**5** 8AM Pickleball-Beginner 11:30-1PM Lunch by Pool-LH 11:30-2PM Bake Sale-LH ~~11AM One-Blood~~ 2PM Card Bingo-LH 5PM Park Players Rehearsal 6PM Loomers-MR	**6** 8AM Yoga-LH 9AM Shuffleboard 10AM Woodshop ~~11-3PM Car Show~~ 10:45AM Line Dancing-LH 11-3PM Produce-WSPL 1PM Stained Glass-MR 1PM Stations of the Cross-HS 7PM Cornhole 7PM Park Player presents Mostly For Laughs DATE CHANGE	**7** 7:30AM Pickleball-Experienced 8AM USCG-MR 10AM Woodshop ~~5:30PM Bunco-LH~~ 7PM Cornhole 7PM Park Player presents Mostly For Laughs DATE CHANGE
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Key

CH-Clubhouse
HS-Hospitality Room
LH-Large Hall
MR-Meeting Room
PL-Parking Lot
SH-Small Hall
WS-Woodshop

ELS Event
Special Club Event
Club Meets

Ceramics Room: 7:30AM-9PM	Library: Tues, Wed, Thurs 10AM-12PM | Wed 3/11 & 3/25 5-6:30PM | Sun 4PM-5:30PM
HOA Office: Tues, Wed, Thurs: 10AM-12PM	Cards & Games Schedules — See Week at a Glance, Pg. 14

Save the Date

FREE FOOD!

Coffee Social

March 12th @9:30AM

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Elder Options' mission is to ensure that communities have a trusted and unbiased place to turn for information, resources and assistance. We advocate for and co-operatively work with communities to strengthen support systems and create new and innovative service options that focus on personal choice and independence.



Phone: 1-800-262-2243
Email: options@agingresources.org
Fax: 352-378-1256

FREE RAFFLE!

- **Concert Tickets**
- **Donated Gift from MFL Woodshop**
- **& More. . .**

2025 Resident Appreciation Month!

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Birthdays &Anniversaries

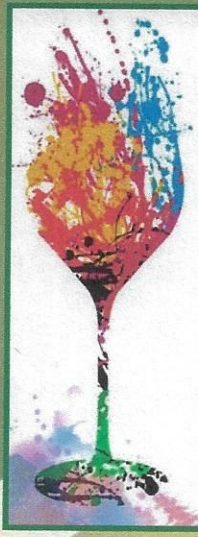
March 20th @1PM - Large Hall



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WIN PRIZES

RAFFLE PRIZES



Paint & Sip

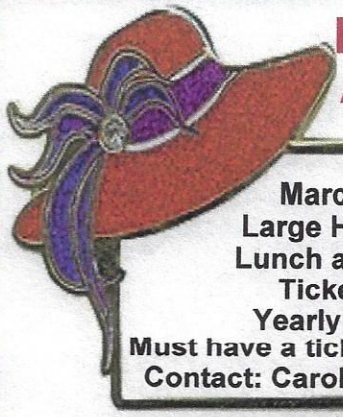
With Thia Malenchik

March 18th | Large Hall
@10AM-12PM OR @1PM-3PM
You MUST Have Signed Up Prior

If You Were Unable to Sign Up—Have No Fear!
Thia offers weekly Painting Classes
Wednesdays @9:30AM-12PM
Small Hall Meeting Room
$3 Per Class
Contact her @847-971-0097 if you're interested!



New England Pot Luck Gathering
Sunday, March 22 · 4:00 PM
Tickets: $5



Red Hat Luncheon Anniversary Party

March 23, 2026
Large Hall • 12 Noon
Lunch and 'Boutique'
Tickets: $12.00
Yearly Dues: $3.00
Must have a ticket. Guests welcome.
Contact: Carol Tucci 856-981-4927





Breakfast & MIMOSAS

Large Hall | March 30th | 9:30AM



FRIDAY
MAR. 13TH 2026 7:00 PM

Tickets Available NOW | Individual $24 or Season $85
All Seats Reserved

Save the Date



Third Annual
Golf Cart Poker Run
(To benefit Loomers Club)

WHEN: Saturday, March 21
(staging @10:30 am)

WHAT: A fun scavenger hunt/poker run within the park
COST: $5:00 per person—optional purchase of up to 2 extra cards @$1 each

POKER RUN

PRIZES: ***Cash*** *prizes for top 3 poker hands*
[1st place: $100, 2nd: $50, and 3rd: $25], Chinese Auction, and 50/50 raffle

TICKETS: Available on Wednesdays from 10-11am and before BINGO

QUESTIONS? Ask a Loomer! (We meet on Thursdays @ 6PM!)

LOOMERS
WEAVE. CREATE. CONNECT.

Pulled pork lunch, soda, and baked goods will be available for purchase after the run while you wait for contest results!

NO POKER EXPERIENCE NEEDED TO PLAY THIS GAME OF CHANCE!

17th Annual
St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance

Bagpiper from 5:00 – 6:00

All MFL Residents Are Invited – Tickets Are Limited

Saturday, March 21, 2026

Doors Open 5:00 pm / Dinner 5:30 pm / DJ 6:00 pm



Corned Beef & Cabbage
or
Breaded Chicken Tenders
and
Boiled Carrots & Potatoes
Irish Soda Bread
Holiday Cupcakes
Green Beer
Bring Your Own Beverage
(including water)



DJ, Music, Dancing and Door Prizes following dinner

$25 per person

Tickets on sale February 4 – March 18, on Wednesday's, in Small Hall 10:00 - 11:00

Sponsored by the MFL Boat Club

MFL Shuffleboard Tournament

March 24th 5PM

**Teams consist of 2 players—chosen by blind draw—must be MFL residents*
Winners of the tournament: 1st, 2nd, 3rd place will receive awards selected by ELS & the Cornhole Club
Must Have Already Signed Up

Call Steve Clark for Info!

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Mid Florida Lakes Shuffleboard Club

MFL Cornhole Tournament

March 24th 5PM

**Teams consist of 2 players—chosen by blind draw—must be MFL residents*
Winners of the tournament: 1st, 2nd, 3rd place will receive awards selected by ELS & the Cornhole Club
Must Have Already Signed Up

Call Celeste Richter for Info!

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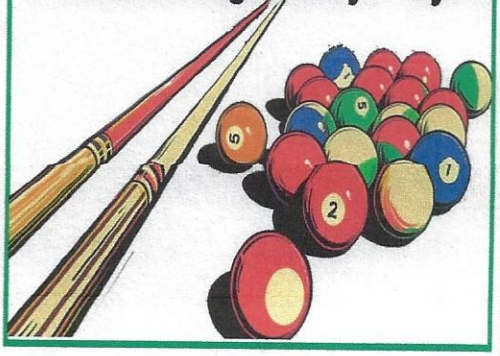
MFL Billiard's Tournament

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March 24th 5PM

**Teams consist of 2 players—chosen by blind draw—must be MFL residents*
Winners of the tournament: 1st, 2nd, 3rd place will receive awards selected by ELS & the Billiard's Club
If you *didn't* sign up, you *can't* play

Call Pete Anagnostou for Info!



We're Back!!

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GROW YOUR OWN!

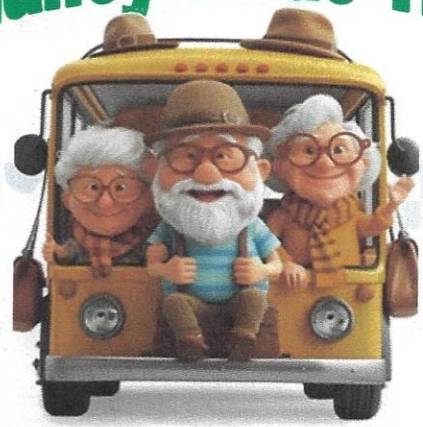
Where?
Wednesday, March 25th, 10AM-12PM
Small Hall of the Clubhouse

Why?
To enjoy FREE refreshments, take home a few FREE giveaways, and help us create a community driven resource!

Do you take donations?
If you have seeds to donate, please contact us at:
Gingerlily.Mines@equitylifestyle.com
@352-241-8068, Mon-Fri, 8am - 4:30pm

Next attachment

Nancy's Bus Trip



Reach out to Nancy Tynan
for more information
516-480-8467

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MARCH 28, 2026
MFL CLUBHOUSE

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BAKED POTATO or Sweet Potato Bar

Thursday, March 26 5pm to 6:30pm

Includes Regular or sweet Potato. Meat is pulled pork, chicken or chili. Then add sour cream, cheese, green onion, chives, broccoli, bacon, marshmellow, brown sugar, cinnamon butter, pecans, chocolate chips and more!

HOA Members $7 Non-Members $9
Drinks and deserts available for $1 each

Tickets available until Friday March 20th

Tickets go on sale Wednesday February 18 in the small hall from 10 am to 11am and in the large hall before bingo from 4pm to 6:30pm. Tickets will be sold every Wednesday at these times until March 18th. They will also be available in the activitiy office until Friday March 20th. No tickets will be sold after that date.



Save the Date

Let the Good Times Roll St. Paddy's Style!

Get Ready for the Annual St. Patrick's Day Golf Cart Parade!
Tuesday, March 17th at 5:30 PM
Line-up begins at 5:00 PM

Rev up those wheels and bring your most festive, decked out golf cart for an evening of shamrock

Head over to the laundry/woodworking building to register and pick up your official parade number. Then cruise your lucky ride past our panel of judges at the clubhouse for a chance to snag 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in the Decorated Cart Contest!

After judging, we'll parade through the park to show off all your creative, colorful, and downright magical designs. When the route wraps up, roll back to the clubhouse for refreshments and the big announcement of our winners.

Come join the fun—the more carts, the merrier the magic!



For more information, please contact **Ginny Stump.**





Sew Bee It
Meets every Monday
1:00pm in the Meeting Room, when there is an HOA meeting they meet at 12:00.
For more information, call Carol at 352-348-5111



Tuesday + Thursday 8am
Beginner to Novice
Wednesday + Saturday 7:30am
All Others Front Courts



Shuffleboard Practice
Every Monday & Friday
at 9:00am,
Tuesday at 5:00pm
Come learn about the game!



1:00pm Wed & Fri In the Meeting Room

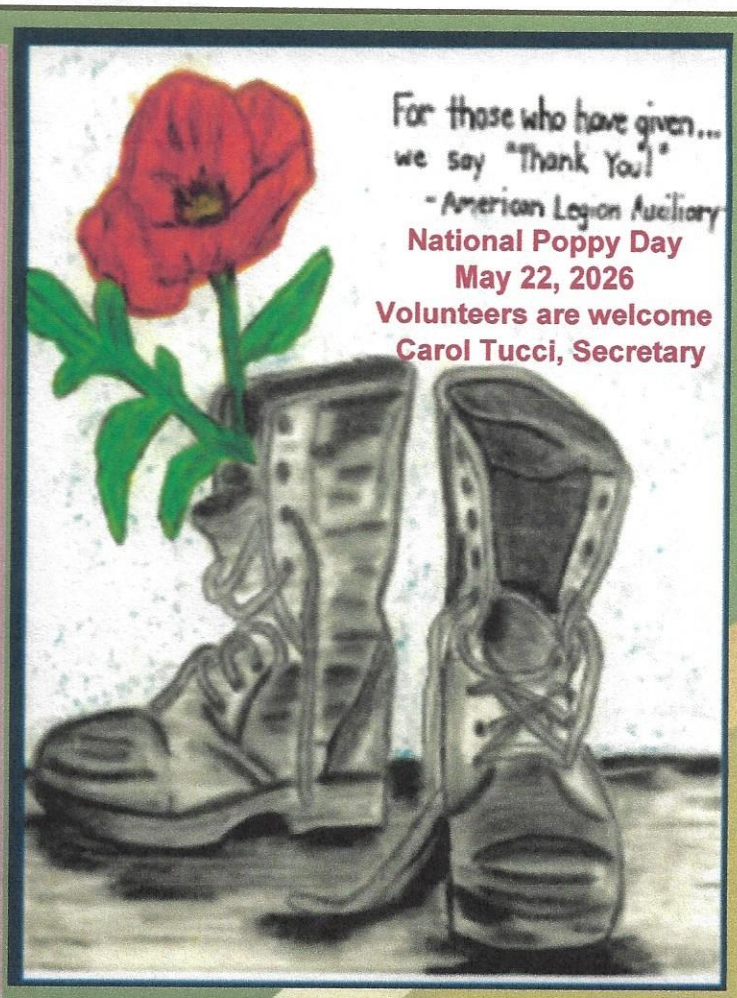
Anyone interested in playing Croquet or Bumper Ball pool?

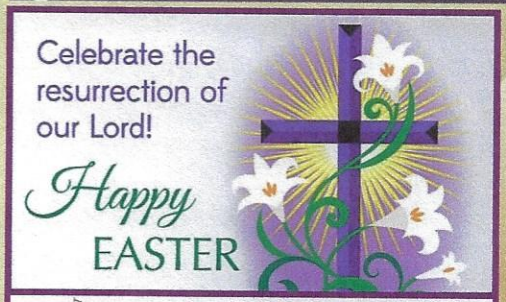




Games supplies are in the small hall by the puzzles.











Dance the Night Away with Butch & Pam
April 25th @ 5PM
In the Large Hall





The MFL Carport Sale is on the horizon!
Start prepping your items now!
Don't miss your chance to participate!

American Legion Post #330

Your American Legion Post #330 has placed a container for old flags at the Clubhouse. It is located adjacent to the shuffleboard courts, beside the water machine. Please feel free to use this container for all unserviceable flags, but do NOT put trash or plastic bags in with the flags. *Thank you for your cooperation.*

Honoring our heroes, one flag at a time.

American Legion Post 330 and Auxiliary Unit 330 are proud to continue our tradition of honoring our deceased veterans through our Memorial Flag program.

At the veterans' memorial, we fly a service flag representing the veteran's specific branch of service beneath the American flag. Each memorial flag is flown for one month and receives full honors during both the raising and lowering ceremonies. Along with the flag, a dedicated placard featuring the veteran's name, important dates, branch of service, and photo is displayed.

Interested in honoring a loved one?
To coordinate a memorial or for more information, please call Bob Colyer at 352-630-3990.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 330 *Service Not Self* FOR VETERANS, MILITARY & FAMILIES

We are already heading into March, and we have begun accomplishing our goal of raising funds through our events to support our veterans and our community. Many activities are planned for the coming months.

We started the year with our Winter Card Party held in February. It was not only a fun day of games, but also a great success for our organization. Desserts were served, prizes were won, and everyone enjoyed themselves. Thank you to our Chairlady, Amy, for organizing such an enjoyable afternoon. Thank you as well to our members for providing delicious desserts and helping ensure the event's success. And a big thank-you to our residents for participating. Prior to the Card Party, many of our ladies assisted the Post with their Spaghetti Dinner by donating dessert. Their dinner was a success as well. We have selected a high school girl from Leesburg to represent us at Girls State this spring in Tallahassee. Participants learn about our state government and take part in activities that help them understand how it works.

In May, we will participate in National Poppy Day on May 22, 2026. Volunteers are welcome to help with this important day. We will be offering poppies at Publix the weekend before Memorial Day. We will also join the men of Post 330 at our annual Memorial Day services, where poppies will be available.

July marks the start of our 2026–2027 fiscal year. Our nominating committee is currently seeking members to run for office. The Auxiliary has been part of Mid Florida Lakes for over 30 years, and our goal is to continue the work started by our founders—but we need your help. The roles are rewarding, and we encourage anyone interested to contact a fellow member.

We recently installed a new member at our February meeting, and we are always happy to welcome new members. Anyone with a connection to the military is eligible to join the Auxiliary. Potential members may provide proof of military service for any family member to qualify.

Please join us at our meetings. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 PM in the Large Hall.

Carol Tucci, Secretary

COME JOIN OUR BIBLE Study

Looking for a place to dig deeper into God's Word and share meaningful conversations? Come learn with us!!!! We are a group of many denominations and levels of knowledge, coming together to read and explore God's Word. We will be reading the Book of Revelation. Whether you're new to the Bible or have studied for years, please come form a more personal relationship with our Lord and Savior as we read from the Bible together. Hope to see you there for fellowship and fun.

We will meet in the Meeting Room on: Mondays from 7:00-8:00PM. Usually in the hospitality room and sometimes in the meeting room if our group is too big.

***Refreshments will be provided. Please contact Alecia Barker at 585-519-3627 if you have any questions.**

Boat Club Events for March

Our Club is so excited, and looking forward to being able to share our March Social with our Community! We hope to see all of you there. Come and enjoy the delicious food and kick your heels up with dancing and of course the Irish Jig. See details below and in our flyer in this issue of the New Horizons.

Wednesday, March 18th - Board Meeting
Our Board Meeting is March 18th at 11:00, in the Hospitality Room, (the one with the piano), which is to the left of the small hall, first door on the right. Board Members and Executive Committee Members should attend, if possible. All other members are welcome to attend.



Saturday, March 21st - March Social
For our **Social Event**, our theme this month is **St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance.**
This is a community wide event - **All MFL Residents** Are Invited - Tickets Are Limited! It is on **Saturday, March 21st - Doors open** at **5:00 / Dinner** at **5:30 / DJ at 6:30.** There will be a Bagpiper from 5:00 - 6:00PM. This event is organized by Sid and Judy Silver & Helpers.
The **MENU** this month includes the following: **Corned Beef and Cabbage OR Breaded Chicken Tenders, Boiled Carrots & Potatoes**, **Irish Soda Bread**, **Holiday Cupcakes** & **Green Beer.**
Bring Your Own Beverage, including water. The cost is **$25.00** per person. DJ, Music, Dancing and Door Prizes Following Dinner

Monday, March 23rd - General Meeting
Our General Meeting is on March 23rd at 6:30 in the Large Hall. Come and spend time with your fellow club members, eat donuts, and learn about things going on the club. The meetings are packed with information.



Thursday, March 26th - Boat-A-Cade
For our March Boat-A-Cade we will be enjoying a nice ride on Lake Eustis. The date is Thursday, March 26th. We will be going to Fish Camp. If you are coming by car, the address is 901 Lakeshore Blvd -Tavares. It is Captained by Buck Todd (772) 284-1870. If you have questions, reach out to him. We are meeting in Lake Melody, the Clubhouse Lake. Arrive at 12:00 - Depart at 12:15 - Lunch at 1:00. There will be a Captain's meeting before departing . Ticket sales ended on Feb. 25.

If you have questions, reach out to Debbie Todd,
MFL's Boat Club's Communications Director at lildeb444@bellsouth.net

LADIES GOLF

I have been told that there are ladies here in Mid Florida Lakes who are interested in golfing. We do have a small group of women who golf every Monday Morning at 7:45 at Pennbrook Fairways. We are part of the Men's Golf Club here at MFL but we only golf with the Ladies and golf 9 holes. We have a great time together, no one is upset how we play but we always cheer for each other and offer encouragement to all the other ladies. You don't have to be a good golfer, but if you are, the rest of the golfers who are trying to learn, including myself, are always open for suggestions. After we have some laughs and hopefully golf fairly good we go to breakfast . We carpool to the course so you don't have to drive every week or go by yourself. Our winter rate if 23.01. (We are not sure of why there is the .01 but that is the fee set by the course.)
If you are interested in joining us, and we would love to have you, please call myself Jean Bales at 614-569-1011 or if you know any of the other ladies Linda Ailing, Nancy Culver, Lisa Mitchell, LuAnn Davis just let them know you are interested and we will make it happen.
Hope to hear from you and see you on the course. ~Jean Bales



New England Pot Luck Gathering
Sunday, March 22 · 4:00 PM
Tickets: $5

Get your tickets Wednesday in the Small Hall during ticket sales from 10-11 am, and at Wednesday Night Bingo Thursday at Card Bingo. Ticket sales will be available until 3-18-26. For more details please contact Linda Rosati At 860-230-7247

Mid Florida Lakes Church

Church News

During the month of March our church will conclude our 40 Days of Prayer that we began the last week of January. We have experienced God move in many different ways through several people. We also had a really good time at Movie Night on Sunday night February 22.



This year March has 5 Sundays! Palm Sunday March 29th is the last Sunday in March. On this Sunday, your church will continue our annual tradition by celebrating Christ in the Passover. For more than four thousand years, the Jewish people have celebrated Passover as an annual event. Over the course of that time, the special Seder celebrating the first Passover itself has changed extraordinarily little, ***but many people do not realize Passover is not only for Jews, it is for Christians as well.*** This is our way of following the traditions of the Old Testament while also celebrating the Christ of the New Testament.

Our Seder is a celebration of Passover that includes a "play by play" description of the events of the "Last Supper." Traditionally, a Seder is an evening or supper meal, however, due to scheduling we hold our Christian Seder as part of our Sunday service. The event begins at 10 am on Sunday, March 29 and will last for two hours. Our church makes every effort to make sure that the meal features traditional Jewish food items.

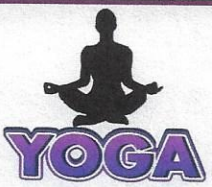
Please arrive a few minutes early (we start promptly at 10:00) so all can be seated, and plan to stay for the entire event. ***This is a free event however, to help us plan the special food required for the Passover service, we request that you RSVP by March 23.*** People can sign up any of the following ways: First by contacting any of Mid -Florida Lakes church regular attendees. Secondly, by signing up at one of the church Sunday morning gatherings. Finally, by contacting Gay Connors at 352-400-0456.

Calendar for March: First Sunday – Communion followed by our monthly luncheon and Board Meeting; 2nd Sunday – Birthdays; 5th Sunday March 29th is Psalm Sunday and our celebration of a Christian Seder. A quick additional note. Easter Sunday, April 5th we will celebrate with a sunrise service and a regular service both in the small hall.

If you have never attended one of our services come check us out. We begin our Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the large hall with a fellowship breakfast followed by service at 10. Our services have been and will continue to be broadcast on our Facebook page. The beauty of the Facebook broadcasts is all the lessons are available, so people can go back and catch up on any week that they might have missed. If you can't visit in person, look us up on Facebook, we broadcast there weekly (Mid Florida Lakes Church).

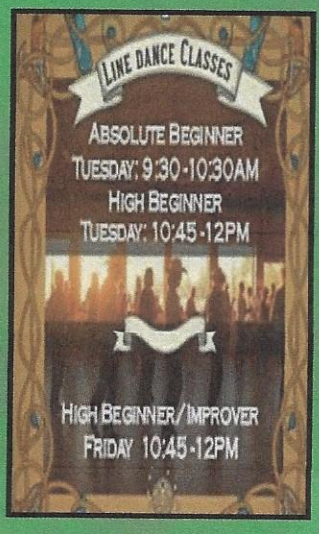
May God continue to bless you and give you peace. Amen





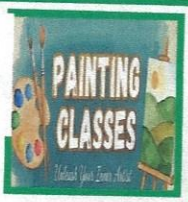
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8AM to 9AM
in the Large Hall

For more info call
Carol Borst
414-412-4691





Wednesdays 9:30AM-12PM
$3 Cost for Instruction, Per Class
No Experience Necessary



Supplies are provided for your initial painting.

You are encouraged to purchase your own supplies.

Supply List Available Upon Request. *Beginners Welcome!*

Thia Malenchik attended "The American Academy of Art" in Chicago. From her studio she taught all oil, painting, drawing, and pastels. She has sold her paintings throughout the country and taken numerous awards.



ALL JEEPS WELCOME!

MFL Jeepers, Do you own a Jeep?
Want to have fun, socialize, go on rides?
Join MFL Jeepers Club!
Contact us at **352-497-9456** or email **robynreeder@hotmail.com.**



Come Join us on the 2nd Thursday of every month for our LGBTQ and Friends at the Clubhouse in the meeting room at 7pm. You may bring a snack to share (not required) For more information please Email Robyn at robynreeder@hotmail.com Everyone welcome.

MFL LIBRARY NEWS

Looking for fast paced and action packed adventures set in the American frontier?
Come check out the western collection at the MFL library.
Popular authors include William Johnstone, Frederick Chiaven tone and Luke Short.
These authors write larger than life heroes skilled in gun and knife fights who possess honor and individualism and a strong sense of justice.
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Look for "new to the library, but not brand new" puzzles at the end of the month as we add to our puzzle collection.

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Wood Shop News!

The shop is getting organized! Thanks to Charlie Downing for fixing all the shelves on the back wall. Thanks to Mike Daley all the tool drawers will soon be getting new labels to help you find the tools you need faster. The Uncle Sams are getting a much new needed overhaul thanks to Charles Green, Jan Hines, Gayle Frankenberg and Guy LaRocque. Guy's also been cleaning the shop and fixing the dust system! Now for something new from the shop! Available Now! New! New! Available Now! "Glow In The Dark" number plaques are now available to MFL Residents! Too many homes don't even have a number! Emergency Vehicles are having trouble finding some addresses! Call 352-391-0626 For Details!

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We are excited to announce that **MFL is officially offering ad space in the community newsletter** for residents who want to promote their services or local businesses. Whether you're a **contractor, consultant, crafter, creator, or service provider**, advertising in the newsletter is the perfect way to connect with your neighbors and grow your customer base.

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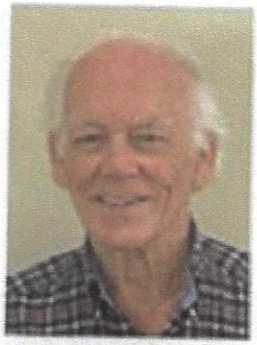
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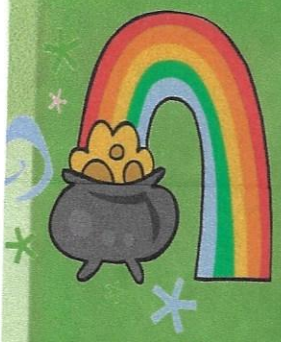
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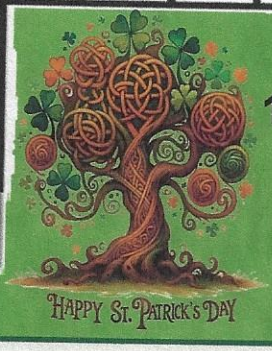
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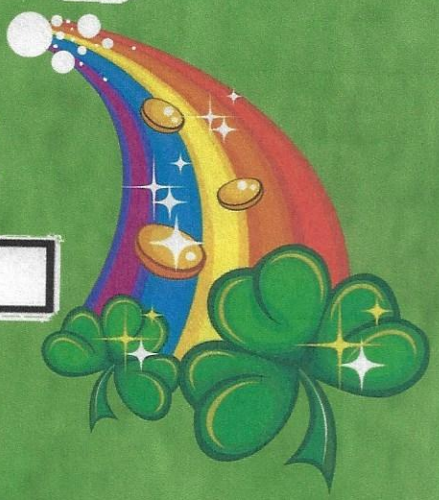
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Across

6. Saint Patrick was the patron saint of which country?

7. Saint Patrick banished this reptile from Ireland

9. A "fake" "Stone"

10. Stone that is good luck to kiss in Ireland

12. If you catch one, they have to give you all thier gold

14. The original color of Saint Patrick's Day

Down

1. Hope to find this at the end of a rainbow

2. Phrase that means "Ireland forever"

3. 4 leaf clover brings good

4. Month Saint Patrick's Day is in

5. If you dont wear green people can do this to you

8. You can be this nationality for a day on March 17th

11. Capitol of Ireland

13. Irish nickname for Patrick







New Season, New Ideas!
Tell me your thoughts!

Name: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

PLEASE NOTE: Providing your contact information will allow me to reach out if I need additional details, clarification, or would like to follow up on your suggestion. Your insight helps me better understand what has worked well in the past and how we can continue building a strong, vibrant activities program together.

Help us shape the events and activities for the upcoming months.
- What new clubs would you enjoy?
- What events or games should we introduce?
- Have a favorite event you want us to bring back?
- Would you like to have monthly dances?
- Our potlucks are always a great time—should we host them more often?

Help Us Shape Upcoming Events and Activities!

We're considering adding a regular dance night to the schedule! Let us know if you'd join the fun.
Would you attend? ☐ Yes ☐ Maybe ☐ No

What kind of band do you enjoy?

	Country
	Jazz
	Swing
	Big band

	Tribute bands
	'50s–'80s
	Motown
	Classic rock

Concert Suggestions: Please list Artist/Band/Show you'd like us to bring in.

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_____

Comedy nights (clean comedy)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Occasionally

Would you like potlucks held more often? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Occasionally

New clubs, events, or games you'd like to see:

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_____

Bring Back a Favorite: Which past events should return?

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Other Comments or Suggestions: _____

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Your feedback helps us make the community better for everyone!
(Please return this form to Kathie Lowe)