

March Facts

March is named after Mars, the Roman god of war.

This was the time of year to resume military campaigns that had been interrupted due to winter.

Stone = Aquamarine Flower = Daffodil

Carnival King

This time is very important for Roman Catholics. In European countries where Rome had the greatest influence (i.e. Italy, Spain, France), a popular feature is the Carnival King. This is a burlesque figure often made out of straw, who reigns over the festivities. When it’s all over, the king is usually shot, burnt or drowned in public, while onlookers cheer. This is said to be a symbolic act to rid the spectators of their sinfulness and folly.

One belief is that the Carnival King is a direct descendant of the old King of the Saturnalia, the ancient Roman festival held in December. This pagan king was chosen to impersonate the Roman agricultural god, Saturn, during the celebration; but at the end he suffered a real death instead of a make-believe one today. Eventually, the custom of putting a fake king to death faded away over time. But, the idea of appointing someone to reign over the festivities has survived in the form of the Carnival King.

Carnival Colors

Although Mardi Gras is very colorful, the official colors of the event are: Purple, Green and Gold. It is believed that these were declared in 1872 by Rex, King of the Carnival. Why those colors?

Purple = Justice

Green = Faith

Gold = Power

Forty Hours Devotion

Pope Benedict XIV in 1748 tried to encourage Christians to make up for their excessively bad behavior during Carnival by instituting a special devotion for 3 days before Lent. He called it “Forty Hours of Carnival” and it is still held in many European and American churches today where carnival celebrations are a long-standing tradition. All day Monday and Tuesday, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed and devotions are held in the evening.

Fried Dough

Most Carnival and Mardi Gras celebrations include fried dough in some form. In New Orleans, they feature the beignet. This is a square doughnut without a hole, somewhat like a fritter. In Germany the Carnival is called Fastnacht, the fried dough is served as Fastnachtuchen, which was later brought to the United States by German immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania. These fried cakes can be found in many German settled areas today.

As I mentioned before, it was the custom on Fat Tuesday to use up all the fat in the house prior to Lent, these fried dough helped use up all the fat so it wouldn’t go to waste.

Lake Fairways
Activities Calendar

Mardi Gras

By Sue Ellen Thompson

The beginning of Mardi Gras will vary from year to year. The season was commonly called Carnival to early Christians. The period went from the Epiphany (January 6) to Shrove Tuesday (the day before Lent). In Latin, carne vale means “farewell to meat.” However, some feel it has a broader meaning and interpret it as a reference to more carnal pleasures that are forbidden during the 40 days during Lent. Carnival is a time for feasting and self-indulgence. The heaviest partying is done the last 3 days before Ash Wednesday, particularly on Shrove Tuesday.

Mardi Gras or Carnival features masked balls, lavish costumes, floats, parades, torchlight processions, dancing, fireworks and feasting on all sorts of foods (usually those that are given up during Lent). Ironically, in earlier times, the pagan spring festivals (to help insure the growth of crops) involved much the same sort of celebrations of processions, feastings and masquerades. It is said that most of the Mardi Gras or Carnival traditions go back to the 14th century.

One of the most famous carnival celebrations in the world is in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The costume balls, pageants, parades and feasting goes on for four days, with the highlight being the parade of the samba schools (on the Sunday & Monday preceding Ash Wednesday). This is taken very seriously. People spend months prior making costumes and learning special dances for this parade. The competition is fierce!

In the United States, the most famous Carnival takes place in New Orleans, Louisiana. It takes place two weeks prior to Ash Wednesday. In New Orleans, the Carnival is called the Mardi Gras, which mean “Fat Tuesday” by the early French settlers. They named it that because the day before the start of Lent was when you just pigged out on all the fat products in the house! People ate up all the milk, butter, eggs and anything else in the kitchen before the start of Lent. Mardi Gras peaks with a series of parades organized by a group called the Krewes. The Mardi Gras parade attracts over a million spectators every year. *Continued back cover...*



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• **Any event (birthday/anniversary/wedding, etc.) that is scheduled and not hosted/sponsored by** •
• **the HOA or other ELS vetted group (Men’s Club/Tennis/Golf, etc) will be required to comply with** •
• **the Single Event Insurance requirements. Please see Raina at the sales office for paperwork/** •
• **requirements Single event paperwork MUST be in hand prior to putting event on the calendar.** •
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YEAR ROUND ACTIVITIES						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8:00-6:30 Open Tennis <div>Lake Fairways</div>	8:00-12:30 Men's Tennis 9:00-10:00 Aqua Babes/Pool 10:00-11:00 Pool Walkers/P *11:00-12:00 Noodle Aerobics/Pool	8:00-12:30 Ladies Tennis 9:00-10:00 Aqua Babes/Pool 10:00-11:00 Pool Walkers/P	8:00-12:30 Men's Tennis 9:00-10:00 Aqua Babes/Pool 10:00-11:00 Pool Walkers/P *11:00-12:00 Noodle Aerobics/Pool *1:00-4:00 Bunco/LB	8:00-12:30 Ladies Tennis 9:00-10:00 Aqua Babes/Pool 10:00-11:00 Pool Walkers/P *1:00-4:00 Dominoes/Card Room	8:00-12:30 Men's Tennis 9:00-10:00 Aqua Babes/Pool 10:00-11:00 Pool Walkers/P *11:00-12:00 Noodle Aerobics/Pool	8:00-12:30 Ladies Tennis Resident vehicle stickers are back at the gates.
<div>March 2025</div> <div><div></div><div></div></div>					<div>L.F. CLUBHOUSE ROOM ABBREVIATION CODE</div> <div>M: MEN W: WOMEN L: LOUNGE P: POOL K: KITCHEN CR: CERAMICS ROOM CH: CLUBHOUSE LB: LIBRARY MH: MAIN HALL</div> <div>MH & K: MAIN HALL & KITCHEN RMH: REAR MAIN HALL ST: SAND TRAP SP: SCREENED PORCH SR: SIDE ROOMS BR: BILLARDS ROOM PR: POKER ROOM</div> <div>a.m. regular • p.m. bold</div>	<div>LFGA CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 1</div> <div>9:00-10:00 Coffee 11:00-3:00 Bridal Shower/L/SP (set up 10am)</div> <div></div>
<div>LFGA CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2</div> <div></div>	<div>3</div> <div>9:00-10:00 Tai Chi/MH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 2:00-4:00 Card Crafting/MH (set up 1:30pm) 6:00-8:00 Left Right Center/LB 6:30-9:00 Pay Me Cards/RMH 7:00-10:00 Post Game Gathering/L</div> <div></div>	<div>4</div> <div>9:00-10:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 9:30-12:00 HOA Bd Mtg/L 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing @ PL 12:00-3:00 Quilting/MH/RMH/PR 12:30-3:00 Glass Fusing/CR 5:00-? Taco Tuesday/MH/K (set up 2pm) 6:30-8:30 Euchre/LB 6:30-9:30 Billiards/BR</div> <div></div>	<div>5</div> <div>12:00-1:30 Ladies 18-hole Golf Gen Mtg/MH 12:00-2:00 90's Lunch Group /L/SP (set up 11am) 12:00-2:00 LFTA Bd Mtg/LB 1:00-3:00 Michigan Rummy/PR 6:30-9:00 Hand & Foot/PR 7:00-9:00 Gator Races/MH/RMH (set up 6pm) 7:00-10:00 Post game gathering/L</div>	<div>6</div> <div>LFGA Meet & Greet @PL 9:00-12:00 LF Women's Club TOPS/RMH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 10:00-12:00 Bible Study/L 11:00-12:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 1:00-2:30 CERT Mtg/L 6:30-9:30 Texas Holdem/RMH 7:00-9:00 LFWC Mtg/LB/CR</div> <div></div>	<div>7</div> <div>LFGA INNER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP @ PL</div> <div>9:00-10:00 Tai chi/MH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 10:00-1:00 Watercolor Class/RMH 2:00 Bowling @ Bowlero 6:00-10:00 LF Bingo/MH/RMH/K Doors open at 4:00pm Sales close at 5:15pm Games Start between 5:35pm and 5:45pm 6:30-7:30 Men's Prayer/L</div> <div></div>	<div>8</div> <div>LFGA INNERCLUB CHAMPIONSHIP @LF</div> <div>9:00-10:00 Coffee</div> <div></div>
<div>9</div> <div>5:00-10:00 Men's Club Appreciation Dinner/All Rooms (set up 3pm) 6:30-8:00 Book Club/L</div> <div></div>	<div>10</div> <div>9:00-10:00 Tai chi/ MH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 2:00-4:00 Card Crafting/MH (set up 1:30pm) 6:00-8:00 Left Right Center/LB 6:30-9:00 Pay Me Cards/RMH 7:00-10:00 Post Game Gathering/L</div> <div></div>	<div>11</div> <div>9:00-10:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing @ PL 12:00-3:00 Quilting/MH/RMH/PR 12:30-3:00 Glass Fusing/CR 5:00-7:30 LFTA Gen Mtg/MH (setup 4:30pm) 6:30-8:30 Echre/LB 6:30-9:30 Billiards/BR 6:30-9:30 Texas Holdem/RMH</div> <div></div>	<div>12</div> <div>12:00-3:00 Aqua Babes End of Season Party/MH/RMH/K (set up 11am) 1:00-3:00 Michigan Rummy/PR 6:00-9:00 HOA Karaoke/MH/RMH (set up 5pm) 6:30-9:00 Hand & Foot/PR 7:00-10:00 Post Game Gathering/L</div> <div></div>	<div>13</div> <div>10:00-10:00 Fashion Show/All Rooms 10:00-12:00 Bible Study/L 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing @ PL</div> <div></div>	<div>14</div> <div>9:00-10:00 Tai chi/ MH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 10:00-1:00 Watercolor Class/RMH 2:00 Bowling @ Bowlero (Last for Season) 6:00-10:00 LF Bingo/MH/RMH/K Doors open at 4:00pm Sales close at 5:15pm Games Start between 5:35pm and 5:45pm</div> <div></div>	<div>15</div> <div>9:00-10:00 Coffee 9:00-11:00 Men's Group/L 5:00-9:00 CERT Fundraiser/All Rooms (set up 2pm)</div> <div></div>
<div>16</div> <div>1:00-4:00 Private Event/L 2:00-6:00 Celebration of Life for Jim Eggers/All Rooms (set up 12)</div> <div></div>	<div>HAPPY ST. PATTY'S DAY 17</div> <div>9:00-10:00 Tai chi/ MH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 2:00-4:00 Card Crafting/MH (set up 1:30pm) 6:00-8:00 Left Right Center/LB 6:30-9:00 Pay Me Cards/RMH 7:00-10:00 Post Game Gathering/L</div> <div></div>	<div>18</div> <div>9:00-10:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 10:00-1:00 HOA Liaison Mtg/L 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing @ PL 12:00-3:00 Quilting/MH/RMH/PR 12:30-3:00 Glass Fusing/CR 5:00-? Taco Tuesday/MH/K (set up 2pm) 6:30-8:30 Euchre/LB 6:30-9:30 Billiards/BR 7:00-8:30 Men's Club Mtg/RMH (set up 6:30pm)</div>	<div>19</div> <div>1:00-3:00 Michigan Rummy/PR 5:00-7:00 LFGA Awards & Gen Mtg/MH 6:30-9:00 Hand & Foot/PR NO Gator Races 7:00-10:00 Post Game Gathering/L</div> <div></div>	<div>20</div> <div>9:00-12:00 LF Women's Club TOPS/RMH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 10:00-12:00 Bible Study/L 11:00-12:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing @ PL 5:00-10:00 Bowling Awards/L 6:00-8:00 Men's Golf Awards/MH (set up 5:30) 6:30-9:30 Texas Holdem/RMH 4:00-5:30 Ent committee Mtg/L</div> <div></div>	<div>21</div> <div>9:00-10:00 Tai chi/MH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 10:00-1:00 Watercolor Class/RMH 6:00-10:00 LF Bingo/MH/RMH/K Doors open at 4:00pm Sales close at 5:15pm Games Start between 5:35pm and 5:45pm</div> <div></div>	<div>22</div> <div>8:00-9:30 Pancake Breakfast/All Rooms 10:00 Kitchen Reserved 7:00-9:00 St. Patrick Dinner Show (Paul Todd Lagergren)(set up 1pm) All Rooms +L</div> <div></div>
<div>23</div> <div>5:00-8:00 Softball Finally Party (set up 4pm) MH/RMH/K 1:00-3:00 FISH Memorial Service/RMH (set up 12pm) 1:00-3:00 Marathon Bridge Finale/L/SR (set up 12:30pm)</div>	<div>24</div> <div>9:00-10:00 Tai Chi/MH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 12:00-8:00 US/Canadian Tournament Dinner/MH/RMH/K (set up 3:30pm) 6:00-8:00 Left Right Center/LB 6:30-9:00 Pay Me Cards/PR 7:00-10:00 Post Game Gathering/L</div>	<div>25</div> <div>9:00-10:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing @ PL 12:00-3:00 Quilting/MH/RMH/PR 12:30-3:00 Glass Fusing/CR 7:00-9:00 HOA General Mtg/MH (schedule nothing else)</div> <div></div>	<div>26</div> <div>8:30-1:30 LF Ladies League Member/Guest/MH/K (set up 6:30am) 1:00-3:00 Michigan Rummy/PR 6:00-9:00 HOA Karaoke/MH/RMH (set up 5pm) 6:30-9:00 Hand & Foot/PR 7:00-10:00 Post game gathering/L</div> <div></div>	<div>27</div> <div>8:30-10:00 Ladies 18-hole Bd Mtg/L 9:00-12:00 LF Women's Club TOPS/RMH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 10:00-12:00 Bible Study/L 11:00-12:00 Stronger Senior Workout/MH 11:00-7:00 Line Dancing @ PL 11:30-2:00 LFWC Appreciation Lunch/Mtg/K/MH/RMH(set up 11am) 6:30-9:30 Texas Holdem/RMH</div>	<div>28</div> <div>9:00-10:00 Tai chi/ MH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 10:00-1:00 Watercolor Class/RMH 6:00-10:00 LF Bingo/MH/RMH/K Doors open at 4:00pm Sales close at 5:15pm Games Start between 5:35pm and 5:45pm</div> <div></div>	<div>29</div> <div>9:00-10:00 Coffee 6:00-10:00 Party Pals Benefit for Johnsons/MH/RMH/K (set up 4:30)</div> <div></div>
<div>30</div> <div>12:00-4:00 Ladies 18 Hole League Awards/Lunch/MH/RMH/K (set up 9:30)</div> <div></div>	<div>31</div> <div>9:00-10:00 Tai Chi/ MH 9:00-1:00 Ceramics/CR 2:00-4:00 Card Crafting/MH (set up 1:30pm) 6:00-8:00 Left Right Center/LB 6:30-9:00 Pay Me Cards/RMH 7:00-10:00 Post Game Gathering/L</div>					