

The Oak Grove Reporter

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Thank you to everyone who submitted your renewals for next season. Our family looks forward to seeing everyone next year.



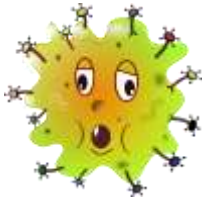
Community Hero's

Everyone once in a while a story comes to us in the office that just amazes us. Recently, one of our residents and his wife arrived at Oak Grove for their winter stay. This gentleman recently had a serious medical procedure and his wife requires additional assistance from him. The resident loves his winter stay in Florida so much he did not want to stay home, even though he medically should have waited a few more weeks. Unfortunately, his wife fell and he was not in a position to help pick her up. He called out for help and Jerry and Diane Struvwe heard his call. They were able to assist his wife to a chair.

Once, they were there they discovered that the gentleman had not been to the grocery store yet, as he was not feeling well and they needed food. Dianne quickly realized that they maybe needed a little more help. She called Cindy Blackburn to come and use her nursing skills to assess the situation. It was determined that the guest really was not up to caring for his wife by himself at this time due to his medical issues. The guest agreed and needed to return to Ohio, but was not well enough to drive back himself. Cindy stepped up and went to the grocery store to ensure they had food.

Rick Slater, Rodney Gray and Jerry Struvwe all stepped up to the plate. These incredible men woke up at 4 am and drove the guest to Charlotte, North Carolina where they met another friend of the guest who drove them the remaining way to Ohio. These men selflessly took their time and money to ensure another one of our residents made it back home to the medical care he so needed.

These actions by Diane, Jerry, Cindy, Rodney and Rick exemplify what an community hero is. If you see them stop them and tell them Thank You.



This past month has been a challenge for many of us in the community, as well as the office staff due to illnesses. There has been a rise in Influenza A, Covid and Strep in the Hendry and Lee County areas. We ask that if you are ill or have any symptoms, please do not participate in activities or come into the front office until you are symptom free.

While most of us can quickly recover from illness, we have guests that may be immunocompromised due to heart conditions, pulmonary conditions, cancers, etc. For those guests it can become a severe illness. We as a community are working diligently to ensure that surfaces and buildings are kept sanitary. Help us keep everyone healthy.

Alcohol: *Just a reminder that outside alcohol is not permitted within 500 feet of the Community Center when the bar is open. It has been brought to our attention that guests are bringing in coolers with outside alcohol. Our alcohol license does not permit outside alcohol.*

Activities Update

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We would like to take the time to thank our wonderful volunteers for their hard work.



Thank you to Lynn Sliger, Kim Miller and Agnes Zinn for a wonderful Pasta Dinner. The dinner raised \$256.00 for the activity fund.

The recent Poker run was amazing. This year's volunteers that put together their sites and the events went over the top. Site 137 Crew: Bev and Jerry Patrick, Janet and Stosh Wisniewski, Tammie and Andy Haines, Mike and Cindy Smock, Rob and Patty Wyant, Brenda and Jim Cate. Site 138—Mike and Karen Farrell Site 138P. Fran and Chuck- Site 74, Kathy and Fred Weston, Site 47, Jan Freeman and John Knowlton- Site 75, Barb and Terry Dorazio- Site 77, Bob and Stacy Severson— Site 95L, Rita and Len Buck—Site 94L, Bob and Cristy Delany— Site 83 , Rick and Chris Kottke— Site 93L, Rick and Roberta Slater—Site 6L, Charley and Cindy Powell Site - 10L, George and Dottie Cochran -Site 8L, Mike and Pam Mallard—Site 88.



Activities Update

Activities and Special Events Board: In addition to the newsletter and calendar, detailed information on activities and special events is now available on the bulletin board in the Community Center. Questions and comments may be sent to OGActivities2025@gmail.com



Attention Returning Guests: We are looking for returning guests for the 25/26 season interested in sharing ideas for activities. We are also looking for anyone interested in helping to locate music groups/entertainment for next year. If you are interested in providing feedback and help, please come to the community center on March 12th at 1pm. Pizza and Pop will be provided.

CPR Classes: We will be offering a “Hands Only” CPR/AED class. This class will teach the lay-person how to do CPR in an emergency and utilize our AED units. This class is not a certification class. The cost is FREE.



The class sizes are limited to 12 per class. Sign up sheet will be in the community Center. We are offering several classes on Saturday, March 1st and March 22nd at 10 am in the Community Center. Additional Classes will be offered based on demand.



Music Trivia—March 1st at 7pm—Community Center. Join Tim Marcus for an evening testing your music trivia. Hamburgers and French Fries will be available for purchase.



Mardi Gras Event—Come celebrate Fat Tuesday with us. Event begins at 3:00pm. 3:15 pm Cupcakes to determine King and Queen. Festivities will include Music by Florida Keys Band playing 4:30pm to 7:30 pm. Meal at 5:00pm—Jambalaya—2 types, Chicken and Sausage and one with Chicken only or Ham and Cheesy Potatoes, Bread will be cornbread. Come dressed for a Mardi Gras party (Family friendly please). Prizes will be awarded for Best Outfit and Best Mask. King and Queen will be selected after dinner and will have their own Royal Table. The Bar will be open. Tickets are \$20 per person, includes 1 drink of choice at the bar. Please, purchase prior to February 28th.



Mardi Gras Auction: Third Annual Mardi Gras Auction will be March 4th throughout the event. Preview of items will be on March 3rd—6:00—7:00pm in the Clubhouse. Raffle tickets available to purchase that night and from 10am—1:30pm on March 4th.



Pancake Breakfast—The pancake breakfast will return on March 7th and March 17th 9am—10:30 am. Breakfast will be served in the clubhouse.

BLOCK PARTY—March 8th, Featuring Kick Start Band and Hungry Pony Food Truck. 1—4pm.

Trivia Night - Test Your Knowledge. Saturday, March 15th—7:00 pm in the Community Center. Create your own team of up to 6 members and join us in a 7 round trivia match. Top 3 teams at the end of the 7 rounds wins cash prizes. Cost per person \$5.00. Bar will be open.



Ice Cream Social—March 9th at 3pm in the Community Center.

Meet and Greet —Friday's @4:30 pm. Main Street Bar will be open. Come meet some new friends and reminisce with old friends.

Potluck will be on March 14th and 28th. In honor of St. Patrick's Day the theme for our March 14th is St. Patrick's day themed. If you are bringing a dish to share please bring serving dish and serving utensils that are needed. Special thank you to Donna Ashton and Agnes Zinn for setting up and organizing the potluck.



Cornhole Tournaments—The dates for March are the 14th and 28th at 1pm in the activities field. The bar will be open.

50/50—Tickets are 6 for \$5.00 or 13 for \$10.00. The losses for each week go in a bucket and the last bingo of the year we draw 1 ticket for \$500 dollars off of next year's rent.



Crafts:

The Final Craft of the season will be held on Monday, March 10th at noon. It will be alcohol paintings. It will be in the community center. There will be a limit of 15. The cost is FREE!



Sewing/Needlework: Do you enjoy knitting, quilting, macrame, crocheting, embroidery or needlework? Or do you have a special sewing talent that you could share with others? On Thursdays at 1:00pm those interested will be meeting in the community center to work on their own individual projects and to enjoy time together.



Golf—Tim has set up Golf tee times at the Clewiston course. Tee Times are Thursday's at 8:30 am. The cost is \$50 per round and includes golf cart. Sign up sheets by front office on table.

Fitness Corner

Line Dancing: Calling all line dancers. Beginning Wednesdays in the Community Center at 10 am. All levels from beginners to advanced are welcome.

Chair Yoga: On Mondays at 10 am, Chair Yoga (DVD) is offered in the Community Center. Bring a yoga mat or a towel.

Walking Aerobics: Every Thursday, at 11am. Walking Aerobics (DVD) will be offered in the Community Center.

Tai Chi : Every Tuesday at 10 am, in the Community Center. Tai Chi is a recommended exercise for older adults due to its gentle, low impact nature. It offers numerous benefits for seniors, including improved balance and stability, reduced risk of falls, increased flexibility, and muscle strengthening.