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ELECTION RESULTS – FEB 26, 2024 – *Greg Freeman*

On behalf of the ML Election Committee, it is my pleasure to announce the names of the 4 director candidates who have been acclaimed to the role of Director of the Board for the Maple Leaf Golf and Country Club for the coming year: for the 3-year term in alphabetical order, **PHIL GRAHAM, NORMAN HARRISON,** and **GAYLA PARENT** - for the 1-year term, **GRETCHEN NOLLER**. Many thanks for choosing to serve on the Maple Leaf Board of Directors and we hope you find your term on the Board rewarding.

This year, there were 387 ballots cast for the By Law and Rule changes.

By Law 7.3d – include electronic notification + voting to election process – 369 VOTES 97%

By Law 7.4 – counting of election ballots done prior to the AGM – 370 VOTES – 97%

By Law 12.12 – Emergency Reserve increase from \$1.5 mil to \$2.0 mil – 332 VOTES - 86%

New By Law 12.12a-divert wind insurance premiums to self insured fund -347 VOTES -90%

By Law 9.2 – Process for removal of Board Officer – 364 VOTES – 96%

By Law 9.5 – clarify President's role vs Ombudsman Role – 379 VOTES -99 %

By Law 9.7 – VP – Activities – remove gender reference – 366 VOTES – 96 %

By Law 9.8 – Treasurer – rewritten to reflect the evolution of the role – 371 VOTES – 97%

By Law 12.10 – include insurance as part of bonding requirement of Corp. – 366 VOTES -96%

Rule 13 f - Children and golf carts - comply with current Florida Statutes - 348 VOTES -90%

All the By Law/Rule questions met the 50% + 1 threshold, therefore passing.

I would like to thank my fellow Election Committee members, **Shauna Platt and Sandy Gladman** for their time and effort this year. In addition, I would also like to thank Maple Leaf Board Secretary, **Marti McFadzean** in her role as the liaison to our Committee. Lastly, I would like to thank our Maple Leaf Corporate Admin Assistant, **Diane Eilbacher**, for taking the lead in supporting the committee through the transition to electronic voting.

ELECTRONIC VOTING

This year was the beginning of the transition to electronic voting at Maple Leaf. As expected, there was a learning curve for this process – for all of us. During the next election cycle in the fall, we will make some more changes to support homeowners through the electronic voting process. We received some very good feedback about the process. There were 355 respondents who completed the survey on the voting: 85.35% said they were either satisfied or very satisfied with the voting process, while 1.41% said they were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied – 13.24% were either neutral or had no comment regarding the process. We will use this feedback to improve the electronic voting experience for Maple Leaf Homeowners.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER – TREASURER'S REPORT - Kay Cosgray, Director of Finance



Coming to the close of my second year as your treasurer, I feel the finance committee has put into place new and exciting initiatives to keep Maple Leaf the Best of the Best.

With the improvement to our accounting practices, and identifying GAAP and correct use of depreciation, to enhancing the Emergency Reserve Fund to 2mil and creating the new Extended Emergency Reserve Fund, which will be up to 3mil. We are getting stronger financially. With the recommendation of the Finance Committee, it was unanimously approved that we will not "kick the can down the road" when it comes to infrastructure and we will pay down the debt.

At this writing the Finance Committee is also working on the 10/30-year plan for the park, this new 10-year plan with the HOA fees will be announced at the open board meeting in June. We discussed announcing earlier but would like all the numbers in from a full season, this is a long tedious process to ensure the best results for the community. With this writing I am optimistic that the needed bylaw changes to create the new reserves

and the enhancement to the Emergency Fund have been voted on and passed. With these 2 reserve funds, once completely funded will ensure immediate assistance if we sustain a Cat 4 or 5 hurricane. If the corporation was to purchase wind insurance it would cost the park upwards of \$300,000 for a lesser policy than we had during lan, this was a big step but all felt a necessary endeavor to ensure our residents and this community have the best build back from a catastrophic event.

Just a reminder that the final Emergency Assessment will be due on March 30, with this assessment the Ian repairs will be paid off. Thank you everyone for understanding this large assessment. The end of the year Audit has been completed by Dee's & Dee's and no issues were identified, Tammy and Mitch do an outstanding job keeping the community financially in good health.

It has been a great season, except for the weather, but it is still a great year. For those snowbirds heading north safe travels and we look forward to next year.

PAST PRESIDENT – Mike Rooney



By the time this is published, the 2024 AGM will be over and a new Board will be in place with new officers. I'll take this opportunity to reflect on my four years on the Board, the last three as your President and now as Past President.

I ran for the Board in 2020 with a promise to do what was the best for all. The election was no sooner over, when COVID arrived. It had a devastating effect on Maple Leaf for the next two years. Many of our snowbirds were unable to get to Maple Leaf. Our overall finances and in particular restaurant and golf operations took substantial hits. It could have been worse were it not for the \$384,000 Payroll Protection Plan grant negotiated by our GM, Mitch Krach. Of equal importance to our financial hit from COVID were the effects it had on the social fabric of Maple Leaf. Volunteers are what makes Maple Leaf tick. Without our snowbirds many

functions were severely curtailed or cancelled altogether. Several have yet to return. Many clubs and committees lost valuable intellectual property.

My first year on the Board was spent doing a lot of listening. Although we had been coming to Maple Leaf since 1979 and been owners since 2008, it was quickly apparent how much I didn't know. The learning curve was pretty much straight up. That Board started the year trying to get our heads around COVID's impact. If dealing with that wasn't enough, we had a Board member resign for health reasons, the resignation of the entire Election Committee and a censure of another Board member. Several good things happened. Karen Hamilton was elevated to the Treasurer's role, bringing a calm, measured approach to dealing with our finances. Dave Rowan, who had just finished four years on the Board, was persuaded to return bringing much needed experience. Dave eventually assumed the role of Secretary. Another positive

outcome from COVID was the arrival of electronic communication in the form of ZOOM and the use of Webinars. With the valuable assistance of the Communications Group, ZOOM and Webinars enabled a more efficient means of Board interaction and communication. Indeed the 2021 AGM was facilitated through a Webinar. Both ZOOM and the use of Webinars continues to this day.

Early in 2021, the Board headed by Gary Kobel formed the Infrastructure Committee to come up with a plan to deal with our aging infrastructure. Drew Robertson headed the new committee and shortly thereafter was elected to the Board. His committee defined the infrastructure to be included, identified life expectancies, what needed to be repaired/replaced, when, at what cost, and provided recommendations on funding. The committee's report was added to the Associates Reserve study and was used to further develop the 30-year capital plan and guide strategic planning efforts. It was presented at the December 2021 Homeowner's meeting and is currently being updated.

Things took an unexpected turn in May 2021 with unsubstantiated allegations from severanced staff being circulated within Maple Leaf ultimately requiring a full independent Workplace Human Resources investigation. With the assistance of Board Secretary Jeff Papiez, an outside investigator was sourced and engaged to conduct the investigation. The investigation report was completed in July and the Executive Summary was circulated with the 2021 Summer newsletter. One positive byproduct of the investigation was an overhaul of our Employee Handbook and the engagement of Insperity as our Professional Employment Organization (PEO). Insperity continues as our PEO today.

In mid-2021, Jimmy Dihn was brought on to head Country Club/Sandbar (CC/SB) operations. Up until Jimmy's arrival, the CC/SB had been floundering. I can't say enough about what Jimmy has done to turn things around. The quality, variety, consistency and frequency of the foodservice offerings continue to draw rave reviews. Finances have improved dramatically. Unfortunately, for personal reasons, Jimmy will be leaving Maple Leaf and Florida at the end of this season. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors and thank him for his contributions.

In November 2021 land border crossings from Canada which had been closed due to the pandemic were re-opened allowing Canadian snowbirds uninterrupted access into the United States. Flying into the States had been allowed for those wishing to do so but not driving. Their return after 18 month's absence was welcome.

The year 2022 began relatively quietly. Wade Osbourne retired in January from Maple Leaf after 18 years of service. He was replaced by Patrick Bell. In March Linda Saunders retired after 40 years of service and was replaced by Jane Herbst. In March a revamped Election Committee headed by Greg Freeman was formed. In June Jeff Papiez resigned from the Board for health reasons. Dave Rowan was again returned to the Board to head up Corporate Governing Documents. Walt Van Den Langenberg assumed the role of Secretary. Infrastructure work was proceeding as planned and, having finally received permitting from Charlotte County, work was initiated in the Rampart area. Then Hurricane Ian arrived.

Details of the aftermath are still fresh in most people's minds. Suffice to say that although the damage was extensive, the recovery was impressive. Using our Emergency Reserve to full advantage, our GM Mitch Krach was on top of things arranging for cleanup and aluminum and refuse disposal. Jimmy Dihn jumped in to provide meals, Chris Spence got our golf course back in shape in no time and Patrick Bell's maintenance staff, with the assistance of Wade Osbourne, worked tirelessly on areas too numerous to mention. Year-round residents confronted their own challenges yet jumped in to help neighbours who were thousands of miles away. The spirit of Maple Leaf shone through.

Owners and the Park had many issues dealing with their insurance providers. Some are still awaiting settlements. Contractors were everywhere. Some were legitimate, some weren't. Caution was urged in any dealings. Maple Leaf had many of the same issues as owners. To deal with insurance, an outside adjustor was hired. Even with his assistance, insurance payout of \$1,300,000 on a \$5,000,000 policy was disappointing. The result of that was the need for the assessment initiated in June 2023. Details on lan-related costs and funding for these costs are available on the website.

Insurance wasn't done with us. When our renewal came up mid-2023, the premium for the wind portion exceeded \$300,000 for a policy reduced to \$2,000,000 of coverage. A review through the Finance Committee recommended:

- Increasing the Emergency Reserve to \$2,000,000.
- Eliminating wind insurance from our policy.
- Redirecting wind insurance premiums to an Expanded Emergency Reserve (EER) for future disaster recovery.
- Allowing the EER to grow to \$3,000,000.
- Using any surplus from the EER for capital projects and/or pay down debt.

The hurricane did facilitate some great improvements.

- We have high output, low power usage LED lights throughout ML.
- We have a higher, stronger perimeter wall at less than half the cost of replacing the old wall.
- We have a beautiful thatched waterproof roof over our Sundeck that was less expensive than replacing the previous fabric cover.
- Replacement Sunshades ordered at the bocce, tennis and shuffleboard courts have been redesigned to be more functional and stronger.
- We have new railing and decking at the Sandbar.

Golf is an important part of Maple Leaf. It's one of the main reasons people buy. A plan was developed several years ago to increase membership and revenues. The first step in 2018 was a complete makeover of our course. Next steps were revisions to our membership structure and fees. A final step was attracting outside golfers for the shoulder months of April, May, September and October. The plan has worked. Our course has achieved a rating of #14 in the top one hundred short courses in America. In 2023 we had over 38,000 rounds on our course and revenues in excess of \$1,245,000. We are moving in the right direction. Thanks goes to those members of the Golf Committee for coming up with the plan, our grounds crew, headed by Chris Spence and David Boyce and our Pro Shop manager Nathan Wilson.

That brings us to today. The video of the AGM covers my address where I covered successes over the last year, so I won't repeat them here. I would like to thank everyone who trusted me enough to vote for me on the Board twice. There are several individuals I'd like to thank specifically for their support.

- Karen Hamilton, who passed away in 2022, for encouraging me to take on the President's role.
- Dave Rowan for his calm and sage advice in his two terms with me on the Board.
- Jeff Papiez in guiding me through the ins and outs of being a good director and President.
- Drew Robertson for his sound logic.
- Ila Stoffel for her energy and dedication in several roles.
- Walt Van Den Langenberg for his logic and dry wit.
- Diane Eilbacher, our Corporate Secretary, for keeping me on track and focused.
- Mitch Krach, our GM, for being a sounding board for ideas and providing timely and valuable advice and always taking time to meet with me.

Most importantly, I must thank my partner and spouse Nancy. She's had to put up with a lot over the last four years. She's been a sounding board for ideas and gripes. She gave me a kick in the butt when I needed it and provided advice (sometimes unsolicited). She's also had to put up with a lot of outside chaff but, when pressed, gave back as good as she got. Her biggest concern now is what am I going to do. TBD.

We have great staff in Maple Leaf. They do their job professionally and well. I wish them all the best going forward. We have dealt with a lot over the last four years. I encourage the next and subsequent Boards to stay the course. Keep doing the best for all.

Mike Rooney

Past President, Maple Leaf Board of Directors.

GENERAL MANAGER – Mitch Krach



This season is passing by very quickly. It is hard to believe that it is March, and our unwelcome visitor lan is a year and six months behind us now. Thankfully damage repairs are moving along well. We had had more of a "normal year" with many of the annual ML events taking place.

Some of the following topics may be of interest to you. A more detailed update is provided at the monthly homeowner's meeting on the first Monday of each month.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Congratulations to the outgoing Directors; Mike Rooney, Drew Robertson, Ila Stofel, and Pat Palmer. Thank you for all your efforts to make Maple Leaf an even better community and thanks for your support of the staff. Congratulations to the new directors Norm Harrison, Gayla Parent, Phil Graham and Gretchen Noller. We look forward to working with you and returning Board members Jim Harrison, Pat McEnvoy, and Kay Cosgray.

2023 HURRICANE SEASON With the exception of damage to the Tiki Hut, this year was much kinder to Maple Leaf. The possibility always exists that there will be a hurricane that causes significant damage. We must all be prepared, whether you are here all year long or you are a snowbird. Please ensure that all loose material on your lot and outside your home is properly secured by the beginning of May. This includes lanai furniture in screen rooms (screens are not protection and furniture should be placed inside the home), garden hoses, lumber, loose paver blocks/bricks, barbeque grills, etc. This is very important – secure your loose property prior to departing. Those living here all year long should certainly have an evacuation plan as well as appropriate supplies in your home. More briefings and information will be provided in the coming months for those residents residing here during the forecast hurricane season. If Charlotte County orders a mandatory evacuation of mobile home parks, then the clubhouses should not be your choice of shelter. Have a plan for evacuation.

SEVERE WEATHER NOTIFICATION. March can sometimes bring severe weather like tornados. There is always the possibility of tornado watches and warnings. Although this is a frequent occasion during the summer, it is not during the winter and may be worrisome to some snowbird residents. The best warning is to have an app on your cell phone that will alert you or to have a weather alert radio. The radios are available at Walmart, Best Buy, and other stores. The cost is inexpensive – generally between \$15 and \$40. The CanAm and Queensway Clubhouses will remain open during the night when there are severe weather alerts.

FLAG PROTOCOL. There are numerous times when the U.S. Flag must be lowered to half-staff for set dates such as Memorial Day, Patriot Day (9/11), Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, death of an ex-President, death of a Supreme Court Justice, etc. Only the President or a Governor can order the U.S. Flag to be lowered to half-staff for other dates not set in the U.S. Flag Code, established by the U.S. Congress. Some of our Canadian homeowners have questioned why we take the Canadian Flag down. The U.S. Flag Code states that flags of nations will be flown in the United States on separate staffs, at the same height, and are of relatively the same size. If the Canadian Government does not state that the Canadian Flag will be flown at half-staff at the same time as the U.S. Flag then we must take down the Canadian Flag until the U.S. Flag is raised to full-staff.

GUESTS IN THE PARK. Spring Break and the Easter holidays bring many visitors and guests to the community. Please ensure your guests are aware of the rules. Some specifics are:

- An adult shall supervise the activities and behavior of a child.
- No child under the age of 12 can ride a bicycle or tricycle on a Park street unless accompanied by an adult.
- Children under the age of 12 must use the Kiddie Pool.
- No child under the age of 18 can use any sauna, whirlpool bath, fitness center, or billiard room.
- No child under the age of 16 is permitted to drive or steer a golf cart either alone or with an adult.

A golf cart is considered a motor vehicle and should be driven by licensed drivers only.

LOT CARE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. Most homeowners have done so much to improve their lots. Remember that what you planted or will plant will grow four times as fast during the months of May through October due to the heat and humidity. Snowbirds need to prepare now for the care of your lot and plantings during your absence. We strongly recommend that you do not pay whoever cares for your lot in advance – pay after the work is done. We have witnessed many instances of homeowners receiving a lot violation notice when they thought someone was caring for their lot on a

scheduled basis only to find out the contractor/handyman was not going to clean-up your lot until just prior to your return in October or November. If you do not have anyone caring for your lot, we suggest chemical weed control and we have information available in the Park Office. It is very important that the Park looks just as good during the summer as it does during peak season. The community standards must be maintained all year, whether you are here or not. The Corporation only does the lawn mowing, trimming, and edging.

<u>HOME MODIFICATIONS</u>. Any exterior modifications, including painting and landscaping, must be permitted by the Park Office in accordance with the Rules & Regulations, the Bylaws, and the Home Modification Policy. Park permits do not preclude the necessity for a County permit.

GOLF COURSE & PRO SHOP. Membership levels have surpassed all the previous year's, and outside play continues to be brisk. We hope you are enjoying the course. This year's membership ends on September 30th. Membership applications, for the season beginning October 1st, will be available soon. Your Pro Shop has a great selection of apparel and other items.

<u>COUNTRY CLUB DINNERS AND EVENTS</u>. Keep posted on special events in the weekly eblast every Friday. Tuesday Happy Hour continues to be very popular. Look for special menus/events on Wednesdays, Thursday Club Nights with entertainment, and much more in your club until the end of the season. Did you know that you can schedule an anniversary, birthday, and other events in your Country Club or at the Tiki Hut?

SALES OFFICE. There has been a lot of activity. We have two very experienced sales associates for your real estate needs. **SPACE REQUISITIONS**. They should already have been submitted for the 2023-2024 season. Allocations are based on best use of the facilities and not necessarily the date you submitted the requisition. Please pick up your approvals prior to departure.

Many of you will depart in late March or early April. The staff wishes that everyone has a great and healthy summer. You can be assured that we will do the utmost to continue to improve the Park and prepare for an even better next season. Thank you again to the volunteers who do so much for this great community.

GOLF COURSE & GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT - David Boyce



Pencil tinning and wall to wall fertilizing of the golf course was carried out on Wednesday February 21st, after the morning shotgun. The reason we pencil tine in the wintertime is to relieve compaction on the surface due to the increase play, as well as promote air and water movement into the roots to make greens healthier.

Cart path rules:

- Keep carts 30' from greens.
- Follow the 90-degree rule unless we are cart path only. 90 degrees means stay on the cart path as much as possible. Exit the cart path opposite your ball. Hit and return to the path in a direct line.
- Always keep carts on cart paths at tees and greens.

<u>Sunscreen</u> – when applying sunscreen please do so in the parking lot or on concrete cart paths. Sunscreen will burn the grass especially on the putting greens.

Park

The irrigation was repaired, and sod was replaced at the Tiki Hut

If you require assistance with irrigation, please call the office and have a work order placed.

REMINDER: PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON GRASS. Staff spend a lot of time and money repairing broken heads and pipes along roadways. This can be avoided if homeowners, guests, and contractors stay off the grass. Thank you for your cooperation.

Lawn Mowing

There will be two mows in March

If you ever have a problem regarding lawn maintenance, please contact the office so a work order can be placed for me to see you. I am the intermediary between residents and the lawn company when it comes to problems. Please do not fix any damage before I and the lawn contractor supervisor have seen it because as per the contract, they must be able to repair the damage themselves. They do not take any responsibility for repairs done without being seen first.

PRO SHOP - Nathan Wilson, Golf Pro



February 2024 Hole In One's

- Suzanne Moore 2/7 Hole # 11
- Joe Szabo 2/12 Hole # 14
- Dieter Steinkraus 2/19 Hole # 11
- Joe Anderson 2/23 Hole # 2
- Brian Herod 2/26 Hole # 6

Upcoming Events

- Club Championship March 1, 2 & 3
- Blue -v- Red March 2 & 3
- Superintendent's Revenge April 7

18 Hole Ladies League Money Leaders – As of 2/23/24

- Joyce Stark \$47.00
- Deanna Moser \$46.33
- Debbie Bedford \$42.00

9 Hole Ladies League Money Leaders – As of 1/19/24

- Peg Dwyer \$58.17
- Wendy Kearse \$51.33
- Margie Brannen \$28.17

18 Hole Men's League Money Leaders – As of 1/19/24

- Keyes, Ron \$169.30
- Redmond, Tim \$125.00
- Joe Emmons \$118.21

9 Hole Men's League Money Leaders

- Bob Cook \$46.67
- Tim Llewellyn \$25.00
- Don Kauffman \$25.00
- Court Wells \$25.00

Mixed League Money Leaders – As of 1/19/24

- Sheppard, Mike \$68.00
- Barbara Drew \$56.00
- Marie Vanderharst \$48.00

Golf Shop Merchandise

Your Maple Leaf golf shop is fully stocked with men's and ladies' apparel, headwear, golf bags, golf ball, tennis towels, pickleball towels, golf shoes, belts, golf gloves, tumblers, koozies and more! There are also still a few items on the 50% off rack, as well as the \$20.00 rack.

Maple Leaf Carts

If you need to use a Maple Leaf golf cart for your round, it is highly recommended you reserve your cart at the time of making your tee time. Tee times can be made up to 6 days in advance and we typically run out of carts 2-3 days in advance. We have had several instances of groups forgetting to reserve a cart and then having to cancel their tee time because carts were not available. Please don't let that happen to you.

Golf Course Ambassadors

Thank you to all the golf course ambassadors that continue to help maintain the course by repairing ball marks, filling divots with sand and removing any limbs and other waste from the course. If you are interested in becoming an ambassador, please email Nathan in the golf shop, at proshop@mapleleafgcc.net

THE MAPLE LEAF SALES OFFICE - Shauna L. Platt, REALTOR® and Maple Leaf Resident



We'd like to thank our volunteers that signed up again this season to help us welcome potential buyers and share their knowledge and what they love about the Maple Leaf lifestyle. We are truly blessed to have them.

Have you been watching the real estate market? It changes daily as new sales are recorded and new listings hit the market. As of February 20th, there are 41 Homes and 7 cleared vacant Lots for sale in Maple Leaf with new listings coming soon. We have 11 homes pending/under contract waiting to close per the MLS (Multiple Listing Service). The number of homes available for sale has certainly increased from the same time last year. At this time last year, we had 20 homes for sale and 1 cleared

vacant lot. The median days on the market for homes sold over the past ninety days was 77 compared to only 6 days last year.

Have friends or family looking to buy? Please direct them to the sales office for more information. Utilizing the sales office is an income generator for your community. Homes FOR SALE can be viewed online using the Maple Leaf website under the real estate tab or you can visit: www.MapleLeafSalesOffice.com It will display ALL homes and lots for sale without having to login or provide an email address. Contact us to be set up to receive new listings by email as soon as they hit the market. It's a great way to learn about new listings and recent sales. The Maple Leaf Sales office can show and sell ANY listing regardless of broker/agent name on the sign.

Thinking of selling your home? Remember to price it just right in the current market, always be ready to allow us to show it, keep it clean and welcoming and please try to fix those small but important issues. These simple steps can make a world of difference in attracting buyers and getting the sale you're hoping for.

You can reach the sales office 7 days a week by phone **941-629-0219**. Our office is open for walk-ins Monday through Friday 10am to 4pm and Saturday 11am to 4pm and Sunday 12pm to 4pm. We can accommodate other hours by appointment. We have two Florida licensed real estate agents in the Maple Leaf sales office, **SHAUNA PLATT** sales associate & resident **(941) 661-7377** and **VICKIE TEEL** Broker Associate and U.S. Army Veteran **(941) 276-6152**. The sales office is located on the west side of the Can-Am building, look for our red/white/blue Open flag. Buying or selling, please give us a call. We would love to earn your business!

		Average selling price over the years*									
		YEAR BUILT									
		Bu	ilt 1976-1979	Bui	lt 1980-1989	Bu	ilt 1990-1999	Bui	ilt 2000-2009	Bui	ilt 2010-2019
	2013	\$	58,357	\$	67,187	\$	-	\$	106,382	\$	84,900
	2014	\$	63,973	\$	71,904	\$	-	\$	92,220	\$	135,500
	2015	\$	72,531	\$	81,005	\$	=	\$	116,022	\$	80,000
	2016	\$	90,491	\$	89,228	\$	-	\$	127,348	\$	135,500
SOLD	2017	\$	98,590	\$	93,505	\$	-	\$	130,827	\$	105,000
SC	2018	\$	89,898	\$	94,890	\$	-	\$	144,497	\$	=
Ä	2019	\$	94,028	\$	95,132	\$	132,750	\$	149,462	\$	150,500
YEAR	2020	\$	103,840	\$	110,431	\$	-	\$	144,364	\$	166,000
_	2021	\$	122,711	\$	128,121	\$	-	\$	159,330	\$	224,900
	2022	\$	149,591	\$	166,216	\$	=	\$	248,285	\$	272,500
	2023	\$	142,852	\$	147,014	\$	85,000	\$	244,702	\$	276,250
	YTD 2024	\$	144,333	\$	178,000	\$	-	\$	225,425	\$	-

* Above combines **ALL** lot classifications - Perimeter / Interior / Premium Interior / Lake & Golf Course Based upon Closed sales only. As of February 20th 11 homes are Pending and not reflected in the figures above. To know what your home is worth based upon year built, size, location and upgrades, contact the sales office Data Source: My Florida Regional MLS dba Stellar MLS As of **02/20/2024** Prepared by **Shauna Platt**

FINANCES AT A GLANCE ONE MONTH ENDING JANUARY 31, 2024

	PARK	GOLF	SALES	SB/CC	TOTAL
REVENUES	\$461,142	\$151,508	\$27,878	\$95,864	\$736,392
EXPENSES	\$380,834	\$90,734	\$672	\$94,596	\$566,836
REVENUES OVER/-UNDER EXPENSES	\$80,308	\$60,774	\$27,206	\$1,268	\$169,556
BUDGET	\$86,237	\$57,746	\$16,673	\$7,077	\$167,733
VARIANCE OF ACTUAL TO BUDGET	-\$5,929	\$3,028	\$10,533	-\$5,809	\$1,823
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HURRICANE/ASSESSMENT REVENUE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
HURRICANE EXPENSE	-\$46,971	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$46,971
REVENUE AFTER HURRICANE REV/EXP	\$33,337	\$60,774	\$27,206	\$1,268	\$122,585
PLUS DEPR/AMORTIZATION EXP	\$75,450	\$113	\$0	\$0	\$75 <i>,</i> 563
PLUS CERTIFICATE SALES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
LESS MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL	-\$21,988	-\$4,827	\$0	\$0	-\$26,815
LESS CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	-\$98,579	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$98,579
*BALANCE SHEET ADJUSTMENTS	\$122,656	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$122,656
CURRENT YR CASH INCR/-DECR					\$195,410
CASH/INVESTMENTS JANUARY 1, 2024					\$3,319,076
CASH/INVESTMENTS JANUARY 31, 2024					\$3,514,486
MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL JANUARY 31, 2024					\$7,001,845
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NET DEBT JANUARY 31, 2024				:	\$3,487,359
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^{*}Balance Sheet Adjustments are a comparison to the Balance Sheet of Dec 31, 2023

^{**}Hurricane Expenses with a life more than a year, were capitalized and added to assets MONTHLY FINANCIALS CAN BE VIEWED ON THE MAPLE LEAF WEBSITE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH - Jim Harrison

The season is moving rapidly We have assigned personnel for each day in February and March. At the present time we do not plan to run this watch during the summer months. We will have a meeting and decide our plans.

I would again like to thank everyone who has stepped forward to making this season so successful. Not only did we do the Neighborhood Watch but, also covered the Wall Watch while our fence was being replaced. I believe the Maple Leaf Community was proud and appreciative of all that we did in the protecting of the park. Each and every volunteer is deserving of this recognition. I would again like to recognize the following individuals for stepping up and helping to make this program run so smoothly. I want to thank Kay Cosgray for doing the spreadsheets and working on the scheduling, Paul Smith, Jim Werner, and Cork



Hillinger for putting in so much time organizing and directing the volunteers daily. I would be remiss if I did not recognize the people at the front gate who cooperated in the daily communication with the volunteers and giving out materials each shift.

I look forward to the new season and look forward to seeing many of you again for volunteering. We will be sending out a notice looking for volunteers for the new season. New volunteers are always welcome. Look for the notice asking you to sign up again for the 2024-2025 season.

LOST & FOUND

Maple Leaf has a Lost and Found Bin. It is in the CanAm building, in a room to the left of the bar and is marked LOST & FOUND. The items in this room are accumulating rapidly i.e. keys, sunglasses, umbrellas, hats, gloves etc. Please, stop by and see if any of these items are yours.



THE LEAF Migcctv.com - Jolene Scofield



When is the March Homeowners Meeting? What time does the ML Office close? Who is playing music at Club Night? How do I get tech support from Quantum Fiber? These are just some of the answers you can find on The Leaf, your goto-place for answers.

Available year around from anywhere in the world! So easy. Mlgcctv.com. This is also the location to make an announcement request. Also, on the Corporate website under Our Community.

A special note about death notices: death notices can only be posted on The Leaf by first contacting the Main Office and they will send it to The Leaf for posting.

WHERE MAPLE LEAFERS CALL HOME - by Keith McGruer



Since the July 2023 update and following the many sales in Maple Leaf since then, there has been a slight change in the profile of where our residents call home (by numbers of lots). The snowbirds now represent 70% (up 1.5%) and the permanent residents 30%.

In the snowbirds category, Canadians represent 40% (up 1.3%) and American snowbirds are at 30%. 93% of the Canadian total are from Ontario. Michigan still leads the American totals, followed by Ohio, New York, Massachusetts, Indiana and Maine. 30 states bring us snowbirds while 8 of the 10 Canadian provinces are represented. Ireland, Italy and the UK are represented by the four overseas snowbirds.

No matter where we all call home, Maple Leaf is our common love, based on the great people who share our lifestyle and do so much for each other.

Keith McGruer (resident statistician)

FLEA MARKET FUND RAISERS - Pat McEvoy

FLEA MARKET: it was a huge success this year and we raised just short of \$ 6,000. We finally found a great way to dispose of the items at the end. The dumpster company we paid was very efficient so there was no issue with items in the car park. The furniture was taken to Habitat and the bikes went to a man in Punta Gorda for repair. He then donates them to the veterans. Many thanks go to the 125 volunteers who made it possible.

AMERICAN MADE BAND: The dance was a sell out and very good. All proceeds have gone into the flea market account. FAT TUESDAY/ MARDI GRAS was held on the Tiki Deck. With entertainment by Middle of the Road and dancing to CLIVE LIVE. Again, all proceeds have gone into the flea market fund.

St Patrick's Day is Sunday 17th March. There will be a parade around the park of golf carts, bikes and cars. Meet at our Veterans park as the parade starts there at 2:00 pm. It goes around the Queensway and back to the start. Our very own Leprechaun will be at the front of the Parade.

There will be a party on the deck from 3:00 pm to 5:00pm. Entertainment by our own DIVERSITY. BYOB & snacks. Tips will be collected for the band.

At the March Homeowners Meeting we will be announcing who we are supporting with our funds.

FOUNTAIN & WATERFALL: The flea market is assisting with the improvements to the appearance of the fountain at the corner of Queensway. We have purchased colourful pots with plants around the front of the pond and colourful garden decorations above the waterfall. Many thanks go to Bob Hamilton who personally donated 50% of the cost.



REPAIR CAFÉ - Murray Knights / Woodworkers



WHAT A HUGE SUCCESS. Thank you everyone!

It started off as a wet, cool day, but that didn't stop Our Volunteers from various Clubs making themselves available to the ML residents for this annual Event. In return, our residents turned up with their various treasures to be glued, bicycles, golf carts, knives, tools, sewing, jewelry, electrical, computer assistance, woodworkers, Gate assistance, and enjoyed various refreshments while waiting. They came as steady as the drizzle did but left so happy.

Thank you to all who made this event such a fun, and wonderful day. Until next November.











UPCOMING MARCH ACTIVITIES

MERRYMAKERS SHOW

Announcing the 2024 Merrymakers Show

Lights! Camera! Action!

DATES & TIMES: Feb. 29, March 1 and March 2 at 7 pm, March 3 at 3 pm.

LOCATION:

The Queensway

TICKETS:







Friday, March 1st, 2024

Just \$5 to Play!

Doors Open at 4 PM Bingo Begins 6 PM

Don't forget it's also Fish Fry Friday (Fish, Chicken, Pulled Pork) 4pm to 7pm



Tickets on sale now at the Park Office or purchase at the door.



2024 MLGA Club Championship Tournament

Dates: Friday March 1, Saturday March 2 & Sunday March 3

Times: Successive tee times starting on Friday at 10:17

Saturday and Sunday at 8:30

Individual tee times will be announced Wednesday, February 28

Registration: Open to all Golf Association members with a current GHIN handicap

Cost: Player - \$20 plus any applicable golf fees

Guest (Food Only) - \$20

Format: Three days, 18 holes per day, stroke play

Men's Championship Flight – Black Tees, Prizes for Low Gross and Low Net

Ladies Championship Flight – Jade Tees, Prizes for Low Gross and Low Net

Social: Saturday on the Tiki Hut deck following play - - includes Beer, wine, water, soda

plus some light snacks from 12:30-2:00

Sunday buffet lunch in the Country Club – Following play - Time TBD

Results and Prizes announced at the luncheon



MLGA BLUE vs RED TOURNAMENT

Dates: Saturday March 2 & Sunday March 3, 2024
Times: Shotgun Start 8:30 am each day
Teams and start tee locations to be released Thursday February 29

Socials:

Saturday - Social in the Tiki Hut following play - includes Beer, wine, water, soda plus some light snacks from 12:30-2:00 pm
Sunday - Buffet Lunch in the Country Club following play - Time TBD

Registration is open to all MLGA members with a current GHIN handicap

All 4-somes will have 2 players from the Red team and 2 players from the Blue team, all 4 having similar handicaps.

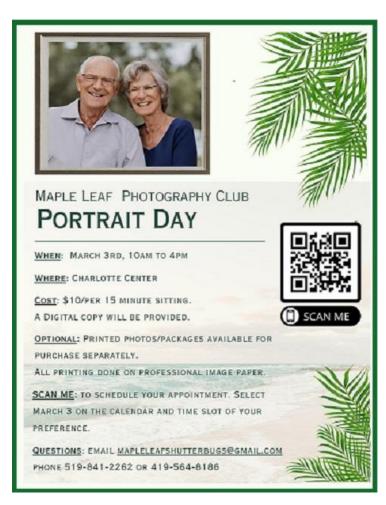
Play format -

This will be a shotgun start, with 4-somes starting on holes #3 through #14. The remaining holes are set aside for those playing in the Club Championship who will all start play on hole #1.

Entry Fee for the Tournament -

- --\$20 per player (player entry subsidized for prizes) plus any applicable golf fees
- -- Cost for guests for Lunch \$20 per guest

Prize money -Winning team members --\$20 per player Results announced at the luncheon









Week of March 4th and Week of March 18th



Golf Association's Awards Dinner Dance Saturday March 9 At the Can-Am



Doors open at 4:00 pm
Plated Dinner served at 5:00 pm

- o Tossed 1905 Salad
- Filet Mignon and Sauteed Chicken Breast with Peppercorn Parmesan Demi Glace
- Au Gratin Potatoes
- Ratatouille
- o Chocolate Temptation Cake

Bring your own wine, beer or other beverage.

Entertainment for the evening by The Royz Band Playing a variety of music beginning at 6 pm until 9 pm

Tickets will be on sale beginning at the AGM on Feb 24

Tickets are \$40 per person

After the AGM, contact Sharon McDonald at 941-624-0727

to get your tickets



Daylight Saving Time Starts March 10, 2024 Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night or Sunday morning the weekend of March 11.

MAPLE LEAF SINGERS

Rama Jensen



MUSIC OF OUR YOUTH CONCERTS

At the Queensway.

Two seatings

Sunday, March 10 at 3 pm Monday, March 11 at 7:30 pm Tickets are \$10.00 each Purchase from any of the singers

MAPLE LEAF STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Sponsored by the ML Tennis Club



Lynn Jenkins, Publicity

The Maple Leaf Strawberry Festival will be enjoyed all around the CanAm facility

Wed., March 13 from 2 - 4 pm.

Feast on delicious, mouthwatering strawberry shortcake, enjoy a wonderful relaxing afternoon with Family & Friends. Dance to Music by "Kokomo Joe" or just enjoy listening. Lorette "ME" The Magician will work her magic and entertain adults & children.

Advance door to door ticket sales will take place from: Wednesday February 21 to March 6. Pre-Sale Tickets \$5, Tickets day of event \$7.00. That's right - \$2.00 more.

Please make every effort to Purchase Tickets in Advance as the purchase of Berries is based on the Ticket Sales. Sharon Ayotte will sell tickets from March 7 to March 12 from her home. Call 941-380-3395 Last minute tickets will be available "Day of Event" at the CanAm Door for \$7.00

The Strawberry Festival is the Tennis Club's biggest fund raiser & together with our Club membership fees has helped us donate substantial funds to the Corporation. Much of these funds have been applied to maintenance, repair & upgrading the tennis facilities, an amenity for all ML residents. We also donate yearly to various Clubs & Organizations within the Park and last year we were able to donate \$2,000 to The Tree Fund.

We wish to give warm thanks to the following local businesses who have kindly offered to Sponsor:

CORPORATE SPONSORS

All Florida Weatherproofing and
Construction Inc. - 1-877-572-1019

AMS 1-800—522-3134

Cart City 941-627-1669

Harlan R. Domber, Law Firm 941-923-9930

Mobile Home Depot - 941-621-8800

Pest Eliminators 941-766-0902

R & L. Construction 941-815-0404

Tommy Tie Downs LLC 941-628-6840

StormStoppers 941 -677- 8813

Tri-County Air Conditioning and
Heating 941-485-2222

Join us for a Hull of a Party



Help us hull strawberries, while enjoying the tunes of DJ Croskey and some Strawberry Sangria.

When: Tuesday March 12th at 1:00 pm

Where: CanAm

What to bring: paring knife, medium-sized bowl and your crisper.

Whether you play tennis or not, We Invite You to help in this activity. It takes about 60-90 minutes depending on the number of volunteers and is a great chance to visit with your neighbors. Tennis players, please sign up on Court Reserve. This will give us an idea of the number of helpers.

CONTACT: Sharon Farrow - 905-244-5420 or don.farrow@sympatico.ca

Bring labelled Crispers - (do not use address labels they are too small)

Bring Small knife, medium bowl and a CRISPER from your fridge.

<u>Crispers</u> are so important to the success of our Strawberry Festival.

(What is a Crisper? - holds your fruit/vegetables in the bottom of your fridge.) Crispers hold a lot of berries when full. We cover it with plastic film for you to slide back into your fridge overnight.

YOU return filled Crisper to CanAm Wednesday morning between 9 am -11 am.

On a strip of masking tape or similar PRINT in LARGE letters your name, lot, street, Phone #

example: JANE DOE 123 Queensway 941-###-####

YOU pick up your Crisper on Wednesday, between 4 & 5 pm.

MAPLE LEAF COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

All Audio & Visual Requests should be made 14 days in advance of your event.

Click the link below for the request form:

Communications Group Request Form

St. Patrick's Brunch Buffet ** March 17, 2024











Served 11am to 3pm
Soup and Salad Bar
Buffet



Eggs Benedict / Omelet Station



Corn Beef Brisket with creamy horseradish sauce







Bangers, Bacon, & Sausage
Irish Zucchini Potato Pancakes
Boiled Cabbage









Cost: \$24.95

Price is subject to 20% gratuity and 7% Florida sales tax

















Sunday March 17 The Flea-Market Parade

1:30 pm - Parade Staging Veterans Park

2 pm - Parade Starts

Decorate Cars, Carts,

Bikes, and "Dress Up"

3 pm - 5 pm - Diversity will be Playing at the Tiki Hut

BYOB and Snacks









The route of the parade: starting at Veterans Parks, turning right on Queensway, passing the CanAm, Country Club, Queensway Center and back to the Veterans Park.

For Information contact Pat McEvoy (941) 624-6702



ARTS & CRAFTS

Friday, March 22nd from 4pm ~ 8pm.
Saturday, March 23rd from 10am ~ 4pm.
2 Locations – Queensway & CanAm
Drawings for one~of~a~kind creations made by

students and teachers. Tickets for the drawings can be purchased at the door in both locations.





Free Special Spring Repotting Orchids Class

9am, Saturday, March 30th CanAm

Presented by Noreen Chevinski

All residents are welcome!

See March Accents for what you need to bring.

Call Jolene 941.769.3559 if interested in purchasing potting mix.

EVENTS COMING IN APRIL





TICKETS \$25 P/P (CASH WHEN: FRIDAY APRIL 05, 2024

WHERE: QUEENSWAY BLDG

TIME: 3:30 - 5:00 PM - GAMES

5:00 - 6:00 - DINNER 6:00 - 9:00 LIVE MUSC

TICKETS GO ON SALE MARCH 5TH @ 9:00 AM

NOTE: ALL EMAILS SENT PRIOR TO THIS DATE AND TIME STAMP WILL BE DELETED!!!



EMAIL: MLONTARIOPARTY@GMAIL.COM EMAIL MUST INCLUDE:

- TICKET QUANTITY (max 8 per email request)
- **NAMES OF ALL ATTENDEES** 2.
- 3. CELL NUMBER
- 4. LOT NUMBERS
- 5. ONTARIO RESIDENCE CITY FOR ALL ATTENDEES

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

MAPLE LEAF GOLF ASSOCIATION - Gary Bonsteel, President



The Executive Board of the Golf Association:

President Gary Bonsteel
Vice President Steve Luckett
Social Director Debbie Bowe
Treasurer John Anderson
Secretary Dave Hodgson
Men's League Captain Tim Redmond
Ladies League Captain Tina SHEREE

Mixed League Captains Heather Chick, Don Bernier

The Executive Board thanks Nathan Wilson, our Golf Professional, for collaborating with the Executive on all our events throughout the year.

GOLF ASSOCIATION EVENTS SCHEDULE 2023 - 2024

November 30, 2023	Golf Association Meeting and Reception	- COMPLETED
December 1,2,3, 2023	Member-Member Tournament and Social	- COMPLETED
January 7, 2024	Mixed Doubles Tournament and Social	- COMPLETED
February 4, 2024	President's Cup Tournament and Social	COMPLETED
February 14, 2024	Men's Sr. and Super Senior Championship	COMPLETED
February 24, 2024	Annual General Meeting and Reception	COMPLETED
February 27, 2024	Ladies' Sr. and Super Senior Championship	
March 1,2,3, 2024	Men's and Ladies Club Championship	
March 2,3 2024	Blue vs. Red Match Play Tournament and Socia	I
March 9, 2024	Dinner Dance and Awards GALA	
April 7, 2024	Spring Fling/Superintendent's Revenge Tourna	ment

As we approach the end of this winter session, the Golf Association can look forward to 2 events to close out the winter term, but also look back on a very successful 2023-2024 season.

The Annual Dinner/Dance will be on March 9. This is always a fun evening with good food, good music and good friends.

The Spring Fling, also known as the Superintendent's Revenge, is scheduled for April 7. This fun event allows the Maintenance staff as well as those in the Pro Shop, to set up the course to challenge all players. Fun is the main objective of the day.

At the same time, we can look back at a very successful year. We started out with the ever-popular Member/Member, a 3-day competition that was enjoyed by all who played. The Devils Double Tournament event in January was almost a complete3 sell out with 86 players in the morning shotgun and 80 players in the afternoon! The President's Cup was unfortunately rained out, but roughly the same number signed up to play. Finally, early in March the Annual Club Championship is being played concurrently with the new event called the Blue vs. Red Tournament that is based on the same format as the Ryder Cup.

A special thanks to all those that have contributed to the success of the year and we look forward to more good fun in the 2024-2025 season. The Executive strongly recommends that those of you who love the game of golf join us, we would love to have you come along.

GOLF - MIXED FUN LEAGUE - Heather *Chick*

The Mixed Fun League plays on Thursday mornings starting on November 2 and ending on March 21. This is an enjoyable social league and a great opportunity for new golfers to have fun and meet some neighbours. It is open to golf members and non-members, residents and non-residents.

Player membership is \$25 per person for the season. This covers the cost of prizes each week. Men and lady players may join as partners OR individuals can sign up and will be placed on a team. Sign-up sheets will be available at the Starter's Shack each Thursday OR later, on the bulletin board on the lake side of the Pro Shop. Deadline for sign-up is Sunday at 12 noon. Tee times and teams are posted online and on the bulletin board on Tuesdays. Any changes must be made through the Pro Shop.

PLAY

Most of the games will be the scramble format. Each player tees off and the team selects the best shot. All players shoot from that position. This continues until the ball is in the hole. Once a month there will be a "special" FUN format with extra prizes.

PRIZES

There will be 4 ladies' and four men's "closest to the pin o" prizes each week as well as 4 top team prizes based on team handicaps. All players are encouraged to have an official handicap in order to determine accurate net scores. NOTE: You may have to, on occasion, play with others who do not yet have an established handicap.

SOCIALS

Our last social will be a final bbq lunch at the Tiki Hut on Thursday March 21. It will be a shotgun start at 8am that day and only 104 golfers will be allowed to play. EVERYONE, however, is invited to lunch and the ensuing shenanigans . More information regarding sign up, tickets, games etc will be communicated early in March. Non-playing spouses/significant others may join us for lunch for an additional fee. If you have any questions, please feel free to give us a call. Heather Chick – Lot 916 – 416-998-9979 heather.chick17@gmail.com

Don Bernier – Lot 865 – 416-573-3200 dbernier55@gmail.com

LADIES GOLF LEAGUE - LaNell Burgsteden, Vice-Captain



Can you believe it? This the last month of the season! Hasn't it all been wonderful? We had on and off days of weather; a little cold, a little wet, and occasionally sun and warmth but it sure was a whole bunch of fun!!!! We were so happy to host the Ladies Invitational again this year, the ladies league golfers and the outside golfers really enjoy this event. It was a cool and breezy day, but we layered up and headed to the course. The men handling bag drop and shuttle service were great, the continental breakfast was

yummy, the luncheon was delicious, and the decorations in the Country club and on the tee boxes were lovely! The refreshments on the course, the pro on the 9th hole, and the extra ball on 17 were really nice added touches. There were many happy winners, but the big winners were chairperson Carol Hewitt and her committee; Janet LaDuke as Breakfast Coordinator, Barb Bauldry and Laurie Lequyer for the luncheon, Kate Lilley for registration, Beth Hesson as Guest Liaison, Betty Staples as advisor and prize sourcing, Linda Colgan and Ada Gardner for course decoration and games, and Rita Robinson for gifts and giveaways. We also offer thanks to Dave Staples and his crew for the shuttle service and bag drop, nice touch as always!

Unfortunately, weather forced the cancellation of the Cart Wash on Feb 18th, we hope to offer that one day in March. This year's Club Championship plays on March 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Good luck to all players!

Our last Shotgun Scramble, luncheon and AGM will be on **Tues. March 19th** at which time we will announce the Executive team for next year. Sadly, our last day of league play will be on **Tues. March 26th**, but it will be a **"Fun Day"!**

To all the women of our LGL, we hope everyone has enjoyed their golf season this year. Please let your executive know of any questions or suggestions for next year. We are here for you! To those ladies who did not join this year, we hope you will consider us for next season.

NINE & DINE – Ann Thomas, Don Cormier



The Golf Association will be having its last "Nine and Dine" event for this season. It will be held on

March 10

If you are new to golf or new to Maple Leaf, we highly encourage you to sign up. This is the <u>perfect</u> event for you to enjoy the game and meet new friends.

Format: Four-person Scramble with "closest to the line" and "closest to the pin" contests, for men and ladies together.

No Handicaps.

Cost: Non-Members and Players Club cost is \$35 for 9 holes of golf and dinner.

Full and Seasonal Member's cost is \$25 for dinner.

Dinner-only, guests of players will pay \$25.

Three delicious menu options are offered and will be published prior to each event. <u>Please remember to make your meal selection at the time of signup (and please only select one!).</u>

No pressure, just fun! Don't miss out!

HOLE IN ONE - Ray (Tuke) Matukewicz



FELLOW GOLFERS - HERE'S TO US!

Remaining HIO CELEBRATIONS DATES 23-24 QUEENSWAY 4:00- 6:00

MARCH 13TH

Memberships may be purchased at the door for \$25.00.

The February's celebration was a Valentine's theme and seemed very much appreciated and was well attended. The

celebration included three members receiving HIO awards. The recipients included:

Pat O'Leary, Jim Gorman, Brad James

Congratulations on your good fortune.

Those attending the March meeting will turn in their membership cards at the door for the annual giveaway, as this is the last meeting until next season. HIO members that obtain a HIO between now and October 31, 2024 will receive their award in November.

Kathy and I thank all the "HELPING HANDS" and "Culinary Artist" along with volunteers that brought appetizers and desserts to the previous meetings, they were outstanding and displayed voluntarism at its best. Please turn in the cost of your items for reimbursement from the HIO.

Members bringing a guest*... YOU must "sign in" your guest at the door. The guest privilege is for someone visiting at your house.

Please! No need to bring your own cup to the meetings, we have plenty of cups. Thank You.

Thank you in advance for your consideration to volunteer. HIO Captain- Ray (Tuke) Matukewicz 570-640-4478 ...Kathy 570-617-4323

ARTS & CRAFTS – Connie Bush



SAVE THE DATES! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Arts & Crafts Club is busy preparing for an exciting month! First our Annual General Meeting and Social Event are scheduled for March 16th at the CanAm from 12:30 until 2pm. We'll be voting on new officers for next season as well as discussing what's on the horizon for our club. Door prizes will be drawn for students and teachers. Yummy refreshments for all. Please join us for this member event.

The slate of officers recommended by the Nomination Committee are as follows:

President	Linda Wiltfong	Membership	Jolene Scofield
Vice President	Jeannine Robinson	Communications	Sue Ren
Past President	Lisa Oliver	Special Events	Kathy Cheeseman
Treasurer	Fara Stalker	Show Convener	Denise Holland
Registrar	Donna Karg		

ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW - Our main event for the season is our ever popular "Arts & Crafts Show"! A must see for all in Maple Leaf!

WHEN: New this year....Friday, March 22nd from 4pm until 8pm.

Saturday, March 23rd from 10am until 4pm.

Also new this year is pickup of all items and tear down on Sunday, March 24th at 10 am in both locations.

WHERE: Queensway and CanAm. Please plan to visit both locations.

Back this year by popular demand will be drawings for one-of-a-kind creations made by students and teachers. These will be in both locations. Tickets can be purchased at the door in both the Queensway and CanAm on both event days!

Additionally, the Woodworkers and Shutterbug Photo Club will have exhibits.

Please plan to join us and enjoy all the fabulous, handcrafted works of art created by our very own residents! Limited items will be available for purchase.

GARDEN CLUB - Norman Harrison, President



The March meeting of the Garden Club will be held at the Can-Am on Sat., March 9th. Our annual memorial service will begin at 9 AM, at the Tiki Hut (CanAm if raining) to acknowledge all those for whom contributions have been made to our Beautification Fund through remembrance of birthdays, anniversaries, special events, or bereavements Refreshments will follow. The club's AGM will then be held at the CanAm to approve a budget for 2024-2025, and election of officers for the ensuing year.

On Mar. 30, at 9 AM in the Can-Am, a Master Gardener will share how to separate and repot orchids. Newspapers, some potting soil, pots, and some styrofoam will be needed. Plastic gloves are recommended as you will be playing in the dirt.

BILLIARDS – Dave Parker



Below are the upcoming dates for Billiards:

Tuesday March 5, Nine Ball tournament 1-3 pm
Sign up in the Billiards Room by Saturday March 3

Friday March 8, 7-9 pm Couples night
Contact Dave Parker at daveparker002@gmail.com

Saturday, March 9, 11:30 am Club Championship Day

Tuesday March 19, 1-3 pm 8 Ball Tournament,
Sign up Billiards room by Saturday March 17

Friday March 22, 7-9 pm Couples Night
Contact Dave Parker at daveparker002@gmail.com

Tuesday, March 26, Billiards Club AGM. Time TBD

Club Championship ladders are ongoing throughout the month at various times, see the tournament ladders on the bulletin board for details.

Monday night 8 ball league runs every Monday night from 7-9 pm for more info contact Dave Parker (daveparker002@gmail.com)

MAPLE LEAF WOODWORKERS CLUB – Linda Arbogast and Frank Didomizio

Our next General Meeting will be at 9:00 am, Tuesday, March 5 at the Can Am building. Our new Board of Directors has been established after the February Annual meeting last month. Board members are listed on the bulletin board outside the shop and on the woodworkers club page on the Maple Leaf website.

February continued to be busy with classes, including pen making on the lathe, cheese boards, bowl turning and working with epoxy. Our Toys for Tots initiative has been started up again, led by David Smith.





COMPUTER CLUB - Denise Holland



THANK YOU so much for your support & your contributions. We are moving along, still a long stretch to go, but we will get there.

50 % / 50(30)(20) Draw means there will be 4 winners, one will be 50% to Computer Club, the remainder divided per %. We have over \$500 in sales so far. What's your lucky sign?

Selling tickets up to and including March 11 Computer Club meeting. ANYONE can buy tickets, purchase from Dan LaHaise, Barry/Denise Holland John Lock, Jane Pauls, Bev Murray. **10 tickets for only \$5.00** You do not have to be present to win.

We also wish to thank Mike Dwyer for joining the Computer Club to assist in our Trouble Shoot events. Mike is a MAC user and has been very helpful to the CC in the past.

If YOU have an android device, and would like to provide help to others with same, there is no further commitment other than 2 hours once, or twice a month. That's it!

MEMBERSHIP renewal can be purchased now.

Contact Bev Murray 941 743 4396 This allows you access to the directors for assistance, printing, shredding, classes. **Price \$25 for 1, \$35 for 2 in the same household.** After March 30, you will need to make an appointment, call 941 391 6394.

We have plans for courses next season.

What do YOU need to learn?

What do YOU need help with?

Write those things down, email to Holland1_4@hotmail.com

PRINTING CLASS: LEARN HOW TO PRINT - FEB 28 CanAm 10 am - noon, cost \$10

HOW to change from black and white/ to color

HOW to print only the page YOU WANT, and not all the extra sheets, wasting money, ink, paper.

HOW to print from your device, cell phone

HOW to take a picture, and print. Do you know how to do a Print Screen?

PRINTING FOR OTHERS?

Printing for Business, friends, other Clubs? **Please make a donation.** It all helps to keep costs down. Talk to a Director we would love to help with your print jobs, we are reasonable.

Many Thanks. On Behalf of the Directors, Denise & Barry Holland, Bev Murray, Jane Pauls, Dan LaHaise, John Lock,

LATIN CARDIO - Denise Holland



Monday: Cardio: 9 am - 9:45 am at the CanAm Wednesday: Cardio: 9 am - 9:45 am at the CanAm

Friday: Light Weights and Cardio: 9 am - 9:45 am at the CanAm

On Fridays, after class, we socialize at the Sandbar, meet your neighbors, learn about places to go.

DO you like to laugh, do you like good music, then this is where you need to be. FUN, FRIENDLY, LIVELY MUSIC, WHAT a great combination.

Bring water, wear good shoes, and DANCE, DANCE, DANCE, to the beat of the music, you won't think you're working out.

TRAVEL CLUB – Court & Eden Wells

The Maple Leaf cruisers had a wonderful time on our January 24th Caribbean Cruise. We visited six exotic islands in the southern Caribbean and had great fun onboard the ship with each other making new friends.



Next year's 2025 cruise will be on the Celebrity Eclipse cruise ship. This 11-day cruise sails from Fort Lauderdale to Tortola, B.V.I., Antigua, Barbados, St. Lucia, and St. Kitts. A roundtrip custom motor coach from Maple Leaf to the port is included as well as many perks.

If you would like to join us on our 2025 Caribbean Cruise, please contact Donna, our travel consultant at 646-738-8470.

LINE DANCING - Denise Holland



Keep the Feet Happy, Dance, Dance!

Queensway, Wednesdays, 6:30 pm - 8 pm

Beginner lessons, dances, from 6:30 pm - 7 pm

If you wish assistance, learning steps, ARRIVE 6 pm at the Queensway, WED,

All this information will be on:

The Accents, The Leaf, ML Community & ML Ladies Facebook for updates. If you have internet, you have The Leaf, Type in: mlgcctv

Be Patient with yourselves, we all had 2 left feet



at one time.

Experienced Dancers, we welcome you all the time AND we love to STARE at your feet:) Your Line Dance Team: Corrine Brownridge, Naida Johnson, Jane Pauls, Denise Holland

MAPLE LEAF LAWN BOWLING – Guy Montanaro



February was a month loaded with activities, fun tournaments, and events:

On January 27, 2024 the **COMBO FOURS TOURNAMENT** was held:

FIRST PLACE WINNERS: Bert Visscher, Deborah Parker, Martin Gray, Dave Burrows SECOND PLACE WINNERS: John McBain, Laura Morrison, Wilma Visscher, Kathy Smith THIRD PLACE WINNERS: Mike Ballard, Cheryl McBain, Sophie Burrows, Guy Montanaro

On Sunday January 28, 2024 we had 7 teams head up to Sun 'N Fun in Sarasota for a friendly match. They were extremely generous with their hospitality and we had a great time.

THE MEN'S AND WOMENS' SINGLES TOURNAMENTS were held for the 2023-2024 Lawn Bowling Season at the Charlotte Center green on February 3. There was some very impressive bowling with close games on both sides. It was a great tournament, leaving all the spectators in awe throughout the games.

Women's Singles Champion: Kathy Smith Men's Singles Champion: Phil Payne Women's Singles Runner-up: Cheryl McBain Men's Singles Runner-up: Mike Searby

The Lawn Bowling Club held its Annual AUSSIE PAIRS TOURNAMENT on February 8, 2024:

1st PLACE WINNERS: Kathy Smith & John McBain 3rd PLACE WINNERS: Sophie Burrows & Dave Burrows 2nd PLACE WINNERS: Cheryl McBain & Phil Payne 4th PLACE WINNERS: Susan Butler & Brian Butler

On February 21, the Lawn Bowling Club held its annual **SUPER SENIORS TOURNAMENT**. All those 74+ were able to participate. It was great to see these "veteran" lawn bowlers show their skills. The WINNERS were Dave Burrows, Bev Nelson, and Al Misener. Joelle Russell was recognized as our special Super Senior this year. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all the "super seniors" who participated in the tournament.





Below are more tournaments and events that took place in February. The results will be in the APRIL ACCENTS:

- February 22: Maple Leaf at Kingsgate
- February 25: Maple Leaf vs Sun & Fun Tournament at Maple Leaf

MARCH TOURNAMENTS AND EVENTS:

- March 1: Maple Leaf Trophy Tournament
- March 7: Kingsgate at Maple Leaf
- March 9: Club Championship
- March 20: AGM Farewell Party at the Queensway (10:30 am)
- March 23: Fun Day & BBQ at the Charlotte Center (9:30am-1:00pm)

Anyone interested in learning how to lawn bowl can contact Heather Comba(Instruction Coordinator) at https://heather.comba@bell.net OR call (941) 627-6971.

PICKLEBALL CLUB – Katie Gove



The pickleball courts rehab project is taking longer than expected. We are still waiting for cement and have been busy sweeping shells off the courts and digging them out of the tread in our sneakers.

But.....

In addition to the new courts, the Club has added tables and benches and has started with sunshades. We have also revealed the new logo and mission statement. The colorful additions add a sense of pickleball fun to the Rampart area. Thanks to the Fire Club, Computer Club, Arts & Crafts, and Library for sharing.

We have completed the Club Championship. Check out the results on the MLPC website. The weekly ladders will be running until the last week of March. Pro Clinic with Bob White has completed his Spring Clinic, but Bob is always available for individual and group lessons all year. The graduate students are invincible! See the MLPC webpage for more info.

With our team of volunteers, we power our Club. THANK YOU!!! We have openings for MLPC board positions for the following year. If you are interested, contact Tony Stam.

Many are ready for a break. Please keep your eyes and ears open and check our website for positions open. Having a voice and helping rather than sitting back and complaining is so fulfilling.



Club Championship February 25, 2024

BOCCE - Gilles Paquette, Interim President

Hello everybody.

The Maple Leaf Bocce Club had over 160 members this season.

To date we have enjoyed such activities as a free social Wine & Cheese, a Santa Rumble and a hot luncheon, which were enjoyed by all. By the time you read this, we will have enjoyed our "Fun Day" on Feb 21st, with many fun games including a free BBQ.

The next upcoming event will be the Competitive Playoffs, which occur every Thursday at 1:00pm. Eight teams vying for final bragging rights and the right to call themselves "Club Champions". With only one regular season game left, we still do not have a clear winner for our new trophy "The Al Ritchie Memorial President Trophy" presented to the team with the best record of the season. The Club Championship playoff rounds will begin Feb 29th and end on March 14th with our championship party.

Our last event of the season will be on March 21st with our annual AGM at the Queensway between 11am and 2pm, which will include nominations and elections for our next season's executive, and finish with a free lunch.

A fond farewell to past presidents Joe Costa and Tom Dodd, as both have now moved out of the park. We wish them well and thank them for their services.

The club has completed the rebuild of the courts, as well as new safety handrails. At this time, we are still waiting on the park to provide replacement shade covers. Hopefully we will get them soon and complete our first-class facility.

As interim president, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our executive and all volunteers for all their good work in making the club successful and a fun place to be.

Also, I would like to invite everybody to come out and join us next season, when bigger and better things are planned. Membership sign-up for next season is set for Nov 7, 2024 at the Queensway. Come bocce with us.



MAPLE LEAF TENNIS CLUB – Naznin Meghji, Communications Director

For more information, please visit our website at https://www.mapleleaftennis.org

The past few weeks have been a busy and enjoyable time for the tennis club members with events like tournaments and ladders as well as the usual activities enjoyed on a daily basis.

Our **Women's Doubles Tournament** was held on January 21. As usual, our Tournament Committee did an outstanding job. They kept us organized and fed! The new format was awesome and well received by the participants and the spectators. The winners of the "A" Flight were Carolyn Wright and Kelly Robertson. The "B" Flight winners were Bonnie Johnston and Brenda Puddy.





The **Men's Doubles Tournament** was held on February 3. Division A winners were Frank Grano and Tim Bochner, and Division B winners were Len Gregoire and Werner Eichberg.





"The President's Dinner/Dance" took place on February 16 and was a sold-out event. The theme being "HOLLYWOOD". Many thanks to Sue Lawson, Kate Lilley and their very hard-working committee for a wonderful event. Thanks also to our dedicated photographers and their very creative Photo Booths. Who knew Brad Pitt and Sandra Bullock would make a surprise appearance along with some stars from the movie "Grease". Please visit our website for more photos.









<u>Ladies Doubles Championship</u> commenced January18 and continues weekly on Thursdays from 3-5 for 9 weeks ending on March 14 at Charlotte Courts with a **grand finale championship on March 18, 2024.** Contact: Judy Simser <u>Men's Doubles Championship:</u> started on January 22. This is a team event with 8 rounds of round robin ending in a <u>Championship Day on March 18.</u> Two flights will be fighting for the right to be the men's champions for 2024. Contact: Lindsay Brannen at 941-627-2225 or email at: <u>Ibrannen@rogers.com</u>.

The <u>Mixed Doubles Championship</u> started Jan. 20 and ends March 16. **Championship Day is on March 18. Contact**: Michael Pitz at <u>MPitz07@gmail.com</u>

Our Future Events:

<u>Pro Invitational</u> - March 9, 6:00 p.m. Under the Lights at Can-Am Courts. Hot dogs, Drinks, Entertainment. \$5.00 includes draws as Well.

Strawberry Hulling Day - Tuesday, March 12 - Can Am Strawberry Festival - Wednesday March 13 - 2-4 p.m. Can Am See Separate details for both these events in the Accent.

<u>Championship Day</u> on March 18 at Charlotte Courts at 2:00 p.m. Food and drink will be available

Maple Leaf Cup - Saturday March 23 at 8:00 a.m. Charlotte Courts

AGM - Wednesday, March 27 - 2-4 p.m. - QUEENSWAY



SHUFFLEBOARD - Carol Misener

Thankfully the weather co-operated on Saturday, February 17th and we were able to have our Shuffleboard Singles Tournament.

FIRST-PLACE WINNER - Werner Eichberg RUNNER-UP - Steve Fortier CONSOLATION WINNER - Lydia McGee





Congratulations to the winners!

We had a BBQ for lunch. It was a great day and everyone had fun. Thank you to all the participants for coming out.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the AGM on March 16th at the Country Club.







ARRANGEMENTS

Funeral Mass will be at San Antonio Catholic Church 24445 Rampart Blvd Port Charlotte FL Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon will follow the Mass, in the Ministry Building at the Church.

Tom Dezensk Formally #501 Seneca Cresent Passed February 15, 2024

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – Brenda Lance

Shawls, for centuries, have been a universal embracing symbol of an inclusive, unconditionally loving God. They wrap, comfort, cover and give solace.

This is a nondenominational group who knit or crochet shawls. The prayer shawls are given out to show members of our community that they are thought about and prayed for in difficult times.

Want to join? Know someone who could benefit from the comfort of a prayer shawl?

CONTACT:

Brenda Lance(seasonal)- fanniebuno@ gmail.com
Barb Dunsmore (seasonal)- 519-574-4856
Lori Davis- 513-505-1155



NOTE: Sundeck (Su) has been replaced with Tiki Hut (Tk)

Below is a weekly schedule of activities and classes.

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Sunday	Free Weights 7:45 am – CA Partners Bridge 7:00 pm – CH	
Monday	Aqua Fitness 7:45 am – Qw pool Water Aerobic 9:00am – CH pool Latin Cardio – 9:00 am – CA Keyboard Practice 1:00 pm - Qw	ML Singers 6:00 pm - Qw Duplicate Bridge 6:30 pm – CA Shuffleboard 7:00 pm – CA courts Euchre 7:00 pm CH Pool Room
Tuesday	Aqua Fitness 7:45 am – Qw pool Water Aerobic -9:00am – CH Pool Ladies Bible Study 9:00 am - CH Yoga from the Heart 10:30 am - Qw	Mahjong 12:30 pm - CH Pinochle 7:00 pm - CH
Wednesday	Free Weights 7:45 am - CA Aqua Fitness 7:45 am - Qw pool Latin Cardio - 9:00 am - CA Water Aerobic -9:00 am - CH pool Social Duplicate Bridge 12:45 pm - CA	Darts 1:00 pm – CH Cribbage 6:30 pm – CH Duplicate Bridge 6:30 pm - CA Line Dancing 6:30 pm - Qw Shuffleboard 7:00 pm – CA courts
Thursday	Aqua Fitness 7:45 am- Qw pool Cornhole 8:45 am CA Water Fitness – 9:00 am - Qw pool	Water Aerobic -9:00 am – CH pool Horseshoes 9:30 am – pit Mahjong 12:30 pm – CH Karaoke 5:30 pm – CH Bingo 6:45 pm – CA
Friday	Aqua Fitness 7:45 am- Qw pool Gentle /Chair Yoga 9:00 am - Qw Latin Cardio – 9:00 am – CA Water Aerobic 9:00am – CH pool	Yoga from the Heart 10:30 am - Qw Shuffleboard 1:00 pm - Court Bid Euchre 7:00 pm - CH Billiard Couples Night 7:00 – Pool Room (3/8 & 3/22)
Saturday	Aqua Fitness 7:45 am- Qw Pool	

CC- Country Club/ CA- CanAm/CH-Charlotte Center / Qw- Queensway/ RP - Rampart Center/SB - Sandbar/ Tk-Tiki Hut



Special Events

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Below are events that do not occur every week. See all retail specials on the next page.

March 1	DJ Bingo – Doors open 4:00 pm – Bingo starts at 6:00 pm – CC
March 1-3	Merrymakers Show (see poster on pg. 13 for further information) - Qw
March 1-3	Golf - Club Championship and Luncheon - CC
March 2-3	Golf - Blue vs Red Tournament and Social
March 3	Shutterbug Portrait Day 10:00 am - 4:00 pm - CH
March 4	Homeowners Meeting 9:30 am – Qw
March 5	Woodworkers Annual General Meeting 9:00 am - CA
March 5	Shutterbugs Photo Club Meeting 7:00 pm – CA
March 6	ON-SPOT Dermatology testing – CC parking lot
March 7	Women's Breakfast 9:00 am – SB
March 9	Garden Club Memorial Service 9:00 am – Tk Meeting following – CA
March 9	Golf – Dinner Dance Doors open at 4:00 pm / Dinner served at 5:00 pm – CA
March 10	Golf – Nine & Dine
March 10	Rounders Dinner 5:00 pm – CA
March 10-11	Maple Leaf Singers Concert (see poster on pg. 17 for further information) – Qw
March 11	Computer Club Monthly Meeting 9:00 am – CA
March 12	Strawberry Festival Hulling Party 1:00 pm – CA
March 13	Strawberry Festival 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm - CA
March 13	Hole in One Club 4:00 pm – Qw
March 17	St. Pat's Parade – Meet at Veteran's Park by 2:00 pm
March 17	St. Pat's Party on the Deck with Diversity Band 3:00 pm – Tk
March 18	Tennis – Championship Day 2:00 pm – CA Courts
March 19	Shutterbugs Photo Club Meeting 7:00 pm – CA
March 21	Golf - Mixed League BBQ - Tk
March 22-23	Arts & Craft Show - 2 locations CA & Qw (see poster on pg. 22 for further information)
March 23	Tennis – Maple Leaf Cup 8:00 am – CH Courts
March 23	Lawn Bowling – Fun Day & BBQ 9:30 am - CH
March 28	One Blood drive 12:30 – 5:00 pm - CC parking lot
March 30	Garden Club Orchid Presentation (all residents invited) 9:00 am – CA

CC- Country Club/ CA- CanAm/CH-Charlotte Center / Qw- Queensway/ RP - Rampart Center/SB - Sandbar/ Tk-Tiki Hut



Dining Hours

Breakfast

Mon., Tues., Thurs.- Sat. 8:00 am - 11:00 am

Sunday 8:00 am – Noon Lunch

Monday - Saturday 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Dinner

Tuesday (Happy Hour) 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Wed. Thurs. & Friday 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm When making reservation for the Country Club...
Please don't call.
Instead Email:
mtreservations@gmail.com



Country Club & Gandbar Happenings

03/01 Friday	DJ Bingo (Fish Fry)	03/17	Sunday	St. Pat's Brunch (11-3)
03/02 Saturda	ay Marker 5	03/19	Tuesday	Steve Haines
03/05 Tuesda	y Ed Maryon	03/20	Wed.	Fried Chicken
03/06 Wed.	Fried Chicken Night	03/21	Thursday	Robert & Wolfie
03/07 Thursd	ay Country Express Band	03/22	Friday	Jimmy Mazz Legends &
03/08 Friday	Fish Fry			Laughter Dinner Show
03/12 Tuesda	y Rob Rolleri	03/26	Tuesday	Kenny Giordano
03/14 Thursd	ay Simply 60s	03/27	Wed.	Pasta Night
03/15 Friday	The Frog Band (Fish Fry)	03/28	Thursday	The Dubious Devils

Tiki Hut Happenings

Playing 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Unless otherwise posted

Below is the entertainment that has been scheduled so far.

Diversity Band Plays Every Monday (4:30-6:30) **Middle of the Rode** Plays Every Tuesday (1:00-4:00)



March 2 - Kokomo Joe

March 8 - Jim Blain

March 9 - Skunky Ron

March 16 - Paul Cottrell

March 17 - St. Pat's Party (3:00-5:00)

March 22 - Rockin Rick

March 23 - Gatormoon

Country Club Entertainment for March



Friday, March 1st, 2024

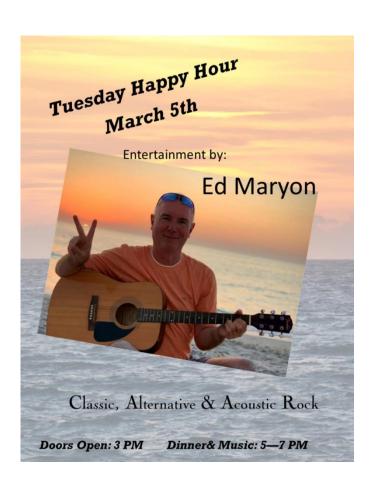
Just \$5 to Play!

Doors Open at 4 PM **Bingo Begins 6 PM**

Don't forget it's also Fish Fry Friday (Fish, Chicken, Pulled Pork) 4pm to 7pm



Tickets on sale now at the Park Office or purchase at the door.





Saturday Event





Rob Rolleri



Tuesday Happy Hour: March 12

Doors Open: 3 PM

Music: 5 - 7 PM

Playing for Tips

