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DIRECTOR'S CORNER – FINANCE *Kay Cosgray, Treasurer*



As of this writing, the season is coming to a close. Thank you to all of our snowbirds who have supported our events and amenities to keep our community the best of the best.

The finance committee has worked diligently over the past year to create our Expanded Emergency Fund for the wind damage in the event we have another Cat 4-5 hurricane we should be financially stable for clean-up and repairs. Although we have a strong plan, we are hoping for no hurricanes for a few years. Hurricane Ian was a large burden on our community and several residents are still trying to get repairs done and/or completed. Maple Leaf has been blessed that we have only a few issues still to be completed and have contractor's contracted to get the work done.

The finances for March have been posted on the website, you may notice a new form called the Forecast. This form was created by the finance committee to make it a bit easier to see the budget for the month and the actual revenue/expenses for each month. This form will also assist in the planning for the year due to actual vs budget items and to help identify the months we are slow and revenues are down.

The finance committee has also developed the new 10yr plan which will be discussed and announced at the June 17, 2024 open board meeting which will be by ZOOM for all to see. Also, the golf rates will be announced at that time. The committee has worked this plan closely with all of our revenue areas of the community and we feel this is a great opportunity to move our community forward and to keep our capital budget on track for the future. All of our managers have worked diligently to increase revenues and to keep expenses down, and with the month ending in March, this has been a great season and I would like to thank all of our managers for a great job this season.

Hope all residents have a great summer and I look forward to next season being as successful as this season.

GENERAL MANAGER – *Mitch Krach*



Season in our Maple Leaf community has been closer to a regular season, as we adjusted to the “new normal” in a post Ian and Idalia world. We will continue to provide updates via email blast on Fridays. If you have not been receiving the emails, please send an email to info@mapleleafgcc.net and we will put you on the list.

A brief update of some subjects follows:

SUMMER PROJECTS.

We will be working on many projects over the Summer months. The Woodworker’s shop, rest room building, and general re-configuration of the Maintenance area.

Drainage work will also be done during the off season, with the relining of many of our deteriorating storm drainpipes and rebuilding of drainage structures. Repair to those areas damaged by hurricane Ian will continue to move forward. Resurfacing of the tennis courts, shades for shuffleboard & bocce, and perimeter fence repairs are just a few of the projects we are currently working on.

HURRICANE SEASON.

This August 13th will be the 19th anniversary of Hurricane Charley. It destroyed over 450 homes and damaged almost all the others in Maple Leaf. September 2022’s arrival of Ian is still fresh in all our minds, as we continue to repair/replace areas effected by the storm. We must always be prepared. Have you secured all loose objects on your lot? Do you have provisions if we lose power for a number of days? Do you have a plan to evacuate the Park? **HAVE A PLAN; BE PREPARED. DON’T BE COMPLACENT AND THINK IT WILL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN!**

LOT CARE.

The much hotter weather, humidity, and frequent rains are just over the horizon. The spring and summer months produce a growth rate five times the winter rate. Grass and weeds can grow six inches a week. The Corporation only mows and trims lots; we do not maintain gardens, planters, shrubs, etc. Homeowners are responsible to ensure that your lot is maintained in your absence. Violations will be reported to the homeowner, not those who have been designated to care for the lot.

FISHING

Just a reminder, catch & release is always in effect and please do not use live bait, or nets.

RULES

Please review the Rules & Regulations, these apply to your guests also. Report any violations you observe to the office. If you need a review, a copy is included in the weekly eblast.

MAPLE LEAF 2025 HARDCOPY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY.

Any changes for the 2025 Directory should be submitted by February 1. This deadline is different than in the past, as we have transitioned to in-house publishing. The later printing date does produce a directory that more accurately reflects current information for the season. With the kinks in production worked out, 2025 directories should be out in March.

Have a safe summer. A big thank you to the volunteers who do so much to make our community great.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Kay Cosgray

Hope everyone has a good summer, just an update on our safety procedures this committee has prepared and approved by the board. The request for cameras for security has been planned in a 2-phase process, but with the diligent help of Dave Zakikian and the staff of Maple Leaf both phases have been completed.

Cameras have been installed in the Fitness Center, and outside the fitness center to view the pool area and the tennis courts, cameras in the CanAm post offices, along with internet service in the woodworker's shop in order for the club to install cameras. The front gate has 4 cameras, incoming and outgoing vehicles, bicycle and pedestrian traffic, along with the back gate, there are 2 cameras for incoming and outgoing vehicles and pedestrians. Also, the Charlotte post office and the Charlotte center to view the tennis courts, lawn bowling, maintenance gate and swimming pool.

All cameras will be able to be viewed by security and the front gate along with management. If you see something please say something, we are committed to safety and we have the capability to review specific dates and times for a length of time on the cameras.

The board and the committee have worked hard to bring a sense of security to our community, and with the addition of the security cameras we feel this will be accomplished.

Kay Cosgray, Chair

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE - Jim Harrison



The season is winding down and I would be remiss if I again did not thank all the seasonal residents who support Maple Leaf and its Lifestyle. THANK YOU SO MUCH---YOU ARE APPRECIATED!!!!

We are moving ahead with projects and will try to accomplish as much as we can during the off season. The Park Staff is working diligently and is doing what it can to finish projects and also some other projects that have been put off will be completed this summer.

This park exists the way it is because of all the volunteers that do so much in so many ways. I could not even begin to list all of your efforts, but you know who you are and I thank each and every one of you for making this the best possible place to live.

The new Maple Leaf directories are now available and I want to point out the new park map created by Enid Lunt. This was an outstanding project she took under her wings and will prove beneficial to those trying to find addresses here in the park. Her color coordinating will be extremely positive in finding everyone. Thank you again Enid.

The new Board of Directors is busy and moving forward with the various assigned tasks. Residents are reminded to look for the Zoom Meeting in June when we will be discussing and voting on Lot Fees and Golf fees for the next season. Reminders will be posted in the Leaf and Mitch's eblasts.

Many summer activities will continue for residents here all year long. Look for fliers so you can join in the events happening. Hopefully this year will be uneventful for weather occurrences, but everyone here should make necessary preparations in case something does happen.

I'm looking forward to staying involved in ongoing projects and seeing all of you during the summer season. The Board stays committed to serving you in the best way that it can. See you all in the fall if you are back north or planning to depart soon.

RETAIL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: SANDBAR, TIKI BAR, AND COUNTRY CLUB- *Gayla Parent, Committee Chair*



DJ Bingo continues to rock the house. Next one is scheduled for **May 3rd**. You can select your table when you purchase your ticket, so there is no need to rush to the door for your favorite seat. The Fish Fry on Friday is still very popular. You can eat in the CC and play DJ Bingo, go out to the veranda and eat enjoying the sunset, go down to Tiki Sun deck and eat with great entertainment. It's a recipe for a great casual evening.

- The Sandbar is open for breakfast and lunch—Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat 8 am to 3 p m. Sun 8 am to Noon, CLOSED on Wed.
- Country Club is open—Tues 3 pm-7 pm (Happy Hour) Dinner & Entertainment/ Wed 4pm-7pm/ Thurs 4pm-7pm Dinner & Entertainment.
- Tiki (Sundeck) hours of operation- Mon 4pm-7pm one dish Entrée & Entertainment, Fri 4pm-7pm Fish Fry & Entertainment, Sat 4pm-7pm Grill Open & Bring Your Play List. The Sound System is set up, so you just need a Bluetooth connection.
- Open-deck is Sunday 10am-6pm. Come and share the deck with neighbors and friends (BYOB)
- The Tiki can be booked for private affairs through Jane in the office. .

The Menus are in the Country Club Lobby, on the Leaf and in the Friday email blast for pre-planning. Please make your reservations on mlgccreservations@gmail.com. Let Jimmy & The Staff know you're coming so they can better serve you.

We wish you safe travels. See you in the Fall.

ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS – *Gayla Parent, VP Activities*

April was a bit slower, but we still had some great things on the calendar. It may will be considerably calmer however, some Great, Fun events are coming up

Please, be sure to make your reservations for Dinner so the Staff is prepared for you.

mlgccreservations@gmail.com.

- May 3rd - DJ Bingo 6:00-8:00pm doors open at 3:30, Dinner served 5:00-700pm.
- May 4th- Kentucky Derby Party at Country Club. Doors open at 4:00 Food and Drink Specials.
- May 7th- Douglas Coventry from 6:00-8:00 pm doors open at 4:00, Dinner served 5:00-700pm.
- May 11th- Marker 5, CC from 6:00-8:00 pm doors open at 4:00, Dinner served 5:00-700pm.
- May 14th- Dan Meadows in CC from 6:00-8:00pm doors open at 3:00, Dinner served 5:00-700pm.
- May 21st - Holly Rae in CC from 5:00-7:00pm doors open at 3:00, Dinner served 5:00-700pm.
- May 28th - Latitude 26 in CC from 5:00-7:00pm doors open at 3:00, Dinner served 5:00-700pm.

It is impossible to put on as many activities and events as we do without having the tremendous support of our volunteer-minded community. It does indeed take a village, and we all have created THE BEST OF THE BEST.

We are looking to expand our Health and Wellness minded Events and Expos for next season. Suggestions of vendors or services you would like considered will be greatly appreciated. The Health Expo is Nov. 18th in Queensway.

Party In the Park will be Nov 3rd. The music is by The Froggs in the Tiki Hut. Clubs and Vendors are asked to email me at jclay432@aol.com with your table location request and product you are planning to sell.

The 150th Running for the Roses Kentucky Derby Party will be held in the Country Club. Doors open at 3:00.



There will be a Buffet for \$16.95++ and Sara will have Mint Julips, Lily for the Filly and other drink specials. Prizes for the Best Hat, The Best Dressed Lady, The Dapperest Dan, and the best dressed pool noodle horse. Horses won't be supplied so please look on Pinterest or Google for great examples of how to make & decorate your Pool Noodle Horses. We will also sponsor a pool noodle horse race. So, dust off your Tiaras, your diamonds, your tuxedos and that outfit you seldom get to wear. Come and have a Mint Julip and a Great time.

We know a lot of our snowbirds will have left Maple Leaf by the month of May. We hope you enjoy your summer. Our reduced population will also bring some schedule changes starting in May.

Please check The Leaf, The Website and the Friday email blasts for the latest updates.

GOLF COURSE & GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT – David Boyce



GOLF COURSE

The Superintendent Revenge tournament was an enormous success, I want to thank Nathan and his staff, along with everyone who participated, as well as all the good comments about the tournament. My team and I had a lot of fun setting up and already thinking about next year and more creative ideas.

Our first Wednesday closer will be on May 15th and continue every Wednesday until the end of September. We will be doing a mole cricket application on May 25th. The first full week closure will be the week of June 3rd through the 9th. We have a few projects we will be doing this summer, like

sodding some of the bunker faces and bare areas on the golf course, along with some drainage work.

GROUNDS

I have met with the NRC committee and have mapped out areas where new trees will be planted throughout the park in the green spaces to replace some that were destroyed by Irma. 21 trees will be planted depending on funds.

The annual ant application was done throughout the park the first week of April. Trimming of the palm trees will begin in July, hedge trimming along fence line will be done three times this year, but we are still waiting for dates.

The mowing crew will be mowing the weeks of May 6th and 20th, then they will begin weekly mows in June. We will be doing some sod work in the park, covering up some of the areas where trees have been taken down and where debris was piled on certain areas throughout the park.

Again, if there are any Irrigation issues, please contact the office so a work order can be made, and you will be added to the list.

I hope everyone has a great summer and we'll see you next year.

GOLF PRO SHOP—*Nathan Wilson*



2024 Summer Golf Membership

- [Valid from May 1st, 2024 – September 30th, 2024](#)
- [Cost: \\$535.00 including tax and trail pass](#)
- [Eligible for purchase starting 4/26/24](#)

April 2024 Hole In One's

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| • Bill Powell | 4/6/24 | Hole # 14 |
| • Silvio Conte | 4/6/24 | Hole # 18 |
| • Bud Lawry | 4/8/24 | Hole # 3 |
| • Maureen Gaffney | 4/21/24 | Hole # 6 |
| • Walt Hammer | 4/22/24 | Hole # 2 |

Upcoming Events

- Memorial Day Scramble May 27th
- July 4th Scramble July 4th
- Labor Day Scramble September 2nd

Deposits Expire

Please remember that the **initial** Players Club deposit that is used for green fees and cart fees, as well as the merchandise deposit, must be spent by May 31st, 2024. Full & Seasonal merchandise deposit was \$75.00, and the Players Club deposit was \$50.00.

Golf Shop Merchandise

The annual fire sale is here! All men's and ladies apparel is 50% off! This includes tops, bottoms, and outerwear only. 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!

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



Season may have ended but the sales office is still open for business. Our volunteers were a great help and we can't thank them enough. We'd also like to thank our resident Enid Lunt for the fabulous new color-coded map of Maple Leaf and for providing us with the QR code for all to scan when visiting the sales office. Even the delivery people that stop in when lost are finding it very helpful.

Have you been watching the real estate market? It changes daily as new sales are recorded and new listings hit the market. As of April 20th, there are 42 Homes and 6 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). At this time last year, we had 18 homes for sale. The Average days on the market for homes sold over the past ninety days was 45, median 16 days. During the same time last year, the average was 39 days, median 21 days. Homes for sale range from as low as \$100,000 to as high as \$318,000. We have something for every buyer.

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? Be sure to start working on your homework. Do you have your two original titles if your home is a double-wide or three if your home is a triple-wide? Do you have your original membership certificate, unless you are a non-certificate home? Do you have receipts for your new roof or other major improvements? Do you know how old your AC and Water Heater are? What type of sub-floor do you have? Is any of your personal property excluded from the sale such as furnishings, appliances, wall art, cookware or golf cart? Having all this information readily available can help us answer buyers' most common questions.

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, Sunday and other hours available by appointment. Check out our ad on the back cover of the new resident directory. 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				
		Built 1976-1979	Built 1980-1989	Built 1990-1999	Built 2000-2009	Built 2010-2019
YEAR SOLD	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
	2017	\$ 98,590	\$ 93,505	\$ -	\$ 130,827	\$ 105,000
	2018	\$ 89,898	\$ 94,890	\$ -	\$ 144,497	\$ -
	2019	\$ 94,028	\$ 95,132	\$ 132,750	\$ 149,462	\$ 150,500
	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	\$ 154,200	\$ 179,111	\$ -	\$ 234,243	\$ 212,000

* Above combines ALL lot classifications - Perimeter / Interior / Premium Interior / Lake & Golf Course
Based upon Closed sales only. As of April 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 **04/20/2024** Prepared by **Shauna Platt**

FINANCES AT A GLANCE					
THREE MONTHS ENDING MARCH 31, 2024					
	PARK	GOLF	SALES	SB/CC	TOTAL
REVENUES	\$1,372,786	\$479,526	\$60,608	\$361,316	\$2,274,236
EXPENSES	\$1,114,857	\$315,653	\$2,099	\$345,393	\$1,778,002
REVENUES OVER/-UNDER EXPENSES	\$257,929	\$163,873	\$58,509	\$15,923	\$496,234
BUDGET	\$235,812	\$169,558	\$51,918	\$41,855	\$499,143
VARIANCE OF ACTUAL TO BUDGET	\$22,117	-\$5,685	\$6,591	-\$25,932	-\$2,909
REVENUES OVER/-UNDER EXPENSES	\$257,929	\$163,873	\$58,509	\$15,923	\$496,234
HURRICANE/ASSESSMENT REVENUE	\$883,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$883,200
HURRICANE EXPENSE	-\$79,388	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$79,388
REVENUE AFTER HURRICANE REV/EXP	\$1,061,741	\$163,873	\$58,509	\$15,923	\$1,300,046
PLUS DEPR/AMORTIZATION EXP	\$246,020	\$339	\$0	\$0	\$246,359
PLUS CERTIFICATE SALES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
LESS MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL	-\$67,183	-\$14,748	\$0	\$0	-\$81,931
LESS CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	-\$985,763	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$985,763
*BALANCE SHEET ADJUSTMENTS	-\$1,030,794	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$1,030,794
CURRENT YR CASH INCR/-DECR					-\$552,083
CASH/INVESTMENTS JANUARY 1, 2024					\$3,319,076
CASH/INVESTMENTS MARCH 31, 2024					\$2,766,993
MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL MARCH 31, 2024					\$6,946,729
NET DEBT MARCH 31, 2024					-\$4,179,736
FOR THE CURRENT MONTH ENDING MARCH 31, 2024					
	PARK	GOLF	SALES	SB/CC	TOTAL
REVENUES	\$453,579	\$160,791	\$16,695	\$137,304	\$768,369
EXPENSES	\$361,115	\$103,574	\$348	\$135,159	\$600,196
REVENUE OVER/-UNDER EXP	\$92,464	\$57,217	\$16,347	\$2,145	\$168,173
BUDGET	\$95,878	\$67,254	\$22,398	\$26,613	\$212,143
VARIANCE OF ACTUAL TO BUDGET	-\$3,414	-\$10,037	-\$6,051	-\$24,468	-\$43,970
HURRICANE/ASSESSMENT REVENUE	\$883,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$883,200
HURRICANE EXPENSES **	\$11,344	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,344
REVENUE AFTER HURRICANE REV/EXP	\$964,320	\$57,217	\$16,347	\$2,145	\$1,040,029
*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 & ACTIVITIES

THE LEAF Mlgcctv.com - Jolene Scofield



When and where is the Coffee Hour Meeting? Who is playing music at the Club Tuesday night? What summertime activities are going on? These are just some of the answers you can find on The Leaf, your go-to 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.

SUMMER COFFEE HOUR - Jolene Scofield, Moderator



The first Summer Coffee Hour (informal homeowners meeting) will be 9:30am, Wednesday, May 1st at the CanAm. I am expecting a large group of residents and I would like to invite you all to come. Refreshments will be served. Please bring your own mug so we can be environmentally friendly. The General Manager, the Restaurant Manager, the Maintenance Superintendent, the Grounds Superintendent, and the Golf Pro will be in attendance. These meetings will continue throughout the summer through October on the first Wednesday of every month except

in June, it will be the second Wednesday. Come and stay informed. These meetings will be videotaped and available on the Corporate website.

MAY MOWING SCHEDULE



**Week of May 6th
and
Week of May 20th**

Weekly mows will begin in June

MAPLE LEAF COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

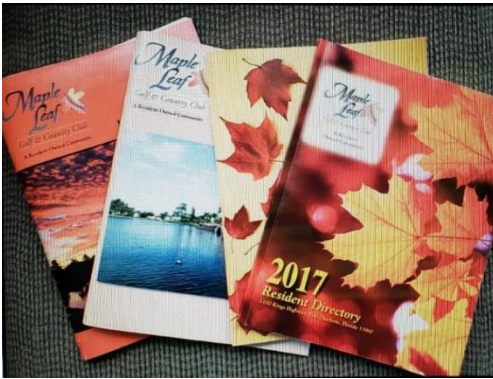


All Audio & Visual Requests can be made at anytime but should be made at least 14 days in advance of your event.

Click the link below for the request form:

[Communications Group Request Form](#)

MAPLE LEAF RESIDENT DIRECTORY



The printed version of the Maple Leaf directory will be available for pick-up on Thursday March 28th. You can also access the on-line version by clicking..... [HERE](#)



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Run For The Roses

COME JOIN US AT THE MAPLE LEAF COUNTRY CLUB FOR THE:

2024 KENTUCKY DERBY
SATURDAY, MAY 4

DOORS OPEN: 3 PM
GAMES START: 4 PM
BUFFET \$16.95++
SERVED: 4 - 6 PM

Events with Prizes:
Break out the hats and dress to impress!
Create your Maple Leaf Pool Noodle Horse for the first Maple Leaf Pool Noodle Race!

CHURCH FROM ORIGIN

Saturday, May 4th

Run for the Roses Buffet
Served 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

- Deviled Eggs
- Asparagus and Prosciutto Salad
- Pimento Cheese and Ham Sliders
- Fried Okra with Remoulade
- Mac & Cheese
- Bourbon Glazed Chicken Thighs
- Smoked Beef Brisket with BBQ Sauce
- Pecan Pie

\$16.95++

PARTY IN THE PARK

SAVE THE DATE
Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024
Time: 2:00 -6:00 pm
Tiki Deck
And surrounding areas



Please save the date of this year's party. *SUNDAY, NOV 3, 2024*

The Frogs will entertain Maple Leaf at the Traditional Party in the Park on Sunday, November 3rd. The Tennis Club, Men's Golf Association, Ladies' Golf Association, Pickleball Club, Shuffleboard, Lawn Bowling, and Fire Club will serve up some great food, snacks, desserts, and beverages. Please plan your return to Maple Leaf early for the November 3rd welcome-back party.

There will be spaces for other clubs to set up tables to provide gift baskets, a service, etc. All table reservations applications need to be submitted to jclay432@aol.com. In the email, please indicate what you want to serve/raffle. We will be accepting applications until August 15 and the tables will be assigned on a 1st come basis.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

MAPLE LEAF GOLF ASSOCIATION - *Gary Bonsteel, President*



The Executive Board of the Golf Association:

President	Gary Bonsteel
Vice President	Steve Lockett
Treasurer	Jeff Stapledon
Social Director	Kathy McCarthy
Secretary	Dave Hodgson
Men's League Captain	Tim Redmond
Ladies League Captain	Lanell Burgsteden
Mixed Leaguer Captain	Heather Chick, Don Bernier

The Executive Board thanks Nathan Wilson our GIF Professional for collaboration with the executive on all our events throughout the year.

GOLF ASSOCIATION EVENTS SCHEDULE 2024 - 2025

November 14th, 2024	Golf Association Meeting and Reception
November 22,23,24 2024	Member-Member Tournament and Social
January 5, 2025	Mixed Doubles Tournament and Social
February 2, 2025	Presidents Cup Tournament and Social
February 12, 2025	Men's Sr. and Super Sr. Championship
February 25, 2025	Ladies Sr. and Super Sr. Championship

February 27, 2025	Annual General Meeting and Reception
February 21,22,23, 2025	Men's and Ladies' Club Championship
March 1,2 2025	Blue vs. Red Match Play Tournament and Social
March 8, 2025	Dinner Dance and Awards GALA
April 6, 2025	Spring Fling/Superintendent's Revenge Tournament

Please note that the above dates are for this year's coming events.

This winter's golfing season was finished off in style with the ever-popular Superintendent's Revenge. It was a great day with enough golfers to fill two shotgun starts, one at 8:30 and the second at 12:30. Following play, everyone came back to the Country Club for cocktails, dinner and awards along with some great door prizes. It was a very warm day and thanks to Cathy McCarthy and Ed Pittman for spending the entire day out at #10 tee box handing out snacks and refreshments, The dinner was excellent again thanks to chef Jimmy and his entire team. The winners of the afternoon session were the team of Cathy Fleiner, Dave Fleiner, Brian Herod and Jane Robertson. The winners of the morning session, and the overall winners for the day were the team of Maureen Button, Lloyd Nelson, Joan Young and Doug Young. Congratulations to all who participated.

It is worth mentioning and recognizing the winners of all the special tournaments for this past season. Here are their names and tournaments below:

2024 Men's Club - Gross Champion	Scott Robinson
2024 Men's Club – Net Champion	Joe Emmons
2024 Ladies' Club - Gross Champion	Debbie Bowe
2024 Ladies' Club – Net Champion	Jane Robertson
2024 Senior Men's - Gross Champion	Scott Robinson
2024 Senior Men's - Net Champion	Tony Stam
2024 Super Senior Men's – Gross Champion	Gary Bonsteel
2024 Super Senior Men's – Net Champion	Jim Iancale
2024 Senior Ladies' - Gross Champion	Carol White
2024 Senior Ladies' – Net Champion	Lanell Burgsteden
2024 Super Senior Ladies' - Gross Champion	Liz Kirkby
2024 Super Senior Ladies' – Net Champion	Shirley Bonsteel

Our Annual General Meeting was a huge success this year with over 95 members in attendance. Some very important membership business was accomplished, including some important By-Law Revisions and the appointment of the 2024-2025 Board of Directors, which can be seen at the top of this article.

We are pleased that Ann Thomas and Don Cormier will continue as Co-chairs of the 'Nine and Dine' for 2024-2025. This program is designed to encourage non-members, especially new golfers and all regular members to enjoy a fun and non-competitive 9 holes of golf, followed by a casual social dinner.

In addition, Larry Cheeseman has volunteered to be the "Hole-in-One" Captain for 2024-2025.

This year's Annual Dinner Dance and Awards ceremony was held Saturday, March 7th. Special thank you to Sharon McDonald who transformed the CANAM into a warm and intimate venue to hold the Dinner Dance. Those in attendance were treated to a delicious meal catered by Chef Jimmy as well as great dance music by "The Royz Band".

The Maple Leaf Golf Association is excited about this year's calendar of events, 2024 – 2025. We hope you will consider membership of the association and join in the fun !

PICKLEBALL - Colette Papineau



For all up-to-date information on ML Pickleball, please go to our website at mapleleafpickleballclub.com .

Another great season comes to an end. Thanks again to the members of the outgoing Board for their dedication and efforts and to all our enthusiastic volunteers who make this such a great club for all of us.

Mike Klatt and Karen Newman attended the April 1 MLE Homeowners meeting. Mike shared with the membership the donations to other clubs made by the Pickleball Club. Donations have been made to the Woodworkers

Club for their help with trophies and the new paddle stacking system, to the Communication Club for their support for meetings and events and to the Photo Club for photos taken of winners of the Club Championship. In addition, a donation was made to the Maple Leaf Corporation. Mike also asked about the retaining wall which has areas of concern and inquired about a plan for repairs. Dave Boyce of Grounds Supervision noted that he has reached out to the company that erected the wall for a consultation. He did not feel that the wall was going anywhere but is taking a deeper look at it. He feels it is more settling than anything. Mike also underscored his concern about the safety of people climbing the berm, who could easily slip and fall off.

There is no formal schedule of play from May thru October, but folks gather and play daily, usually between 7:30am and 10:00am or so. Come join us.

Don't forget to check the Pickleball website for a list of happenings for next season. The next important dates to mark on your calendar are:

- Party in the Park on Sunday, Nov 3rd: Come seek out the Pickleball kiosk where we will be pouring the Sangria.
- Fall Registration, Tuesday, November 12, at the Queensway.

Meet our 2024-25 Maple Leaf Pickleball Club Board



That is all for now. Enjoy Pickleball over the summer wherever you may be, and we hope to see everyone back in November, healthy and ready to pickle!!!

MAPLE LEAF TENNIS CLUB – Naznin Meghji, *Communications*

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

This article will be short and sweet as we come to the end of another successful season of tennis activity and sociability.

The Maple Leaf Cup took place on Saturday, March 23. This was a full morning event filled, as usual, with competition, fun and food! Eight Teams participated with eight members each. The White Team won with flying colors. White Team members included Kelly Robertson - Judy Simser - Sharon Ayotte - Eileen Payne - Jack Harney - Keith McGruer - Silvio Conte - Peter Murphy. Let's extend a huge thank you to Brad McConnell and his hard-working team for doing a superb job!





The AGM & Social was held on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, and, as promised, was informative and productive. The proposed slate for our 2024-2025 tennis executive was approved by the membership and the afternoon concluded with refreshments and finger foods served by the ladies 3.5 “B” Team and the Men’s B5 Team. The Set-up, the food and service were truly excellent!

Your new executive members are:

President:	Brian Johnston
Vice President:	Sharon Ayotte
Past President:	Margie Brannen
Secretary:	Becky Thompson
Communications Director :	Naz Meghji
Treasurer:	Greg Freeman
Social Director:	Sue Lawson/Kate Lilley
Tournament Director:	Brad McConnell
Membership Director:	Peter Murphy
League Liaison – Ladies	Karen VanLeeuwen
League Liaison – Men s	Tim Llewellyn

By the time you read this we are hoping our tennis courts at Can Am and Charlotte are resurfaced. Please remember it can take an additional 5 days to cure before they are usable to play. If you wish to play during that period, please use the public courts close by at Harold Ave and Midway.

Off Season: Court Reserve, our on-line reservation system, will be unavailable over the summer from May 1st to October 31st. Scheduled activities are as follows: Mixed Open Doubles on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. at Charlotte Courts.

Please visit our website at

<https://www.mapleleaftennis.org> for next season’s calendar of events or any updates and notifications. If you need to communicate with us, we can be reached at mapleleaftennis@gmail.com

Thanks again to the members of the outgoing executive for their dedication and efforts and to all our enthusiastic volunteers who offer support where it is needed most; creating a sense of belonging and purpose for the tennis members and the residents of the Maple Leaf Golf and Country Club.

We wish everyone a healthy and happy summer and look forward to the 2024-2025 season.

ARTS & CRAFTS – Linda Wiltfong, President



Good News! We are again offering a summer class for the year-round residents of Maple Leaf. Arts and Crafts Open Studio will be offered Sundays from 1:00-4:00 at Rampart. Join other artists/crafters for an afternoon of work on your unfinished work. Working around others and sharing the same interests helps motivate us to try new things

If you are interested in joining this group, go to Rampart during this time and any of the teachers, Jeanne Gaston, Laura Provost, or Cathy Sheehan, will answer your questions. This class is open to all Maple Leaf Arts and Crafts members for a class fee of \$30. If you are not a member of Maple Leaf Arts and Crafts, the teachers will connect you with the person that can complete your membership.

We are encouraging everyone to post photos of your summer creations and projects on the Maple Leaf Arts & Crafts Facebook page so that we can stay in touch during the summer months. If you are uncertain on how to post your photos send them to our Communication Director, Sue Ren, at sueren1953@gmail.com and she will post them for you. We always take delight when others in Maple Leaf learn about the fun and positive activities taking place in the art program.

And on a final note, It is never too soon to start getting ready for December's Holiday Bazaar. More details will be published in the upcoming Accents.

FIRE CLUB - Kevin Nivala President

Another great season comes to an end. The Fire Club wants to take this opportunity to thank the Maple Leaf community for your support. Through your generosity of aluminum, scrap, and cash, we have opportunity for several initiatives to enhance the beauty of our Florida home:

Completed

- New shades on the back veranda of the Country Club
- New lights over humpback bridge

Funded, for summer completion.

- Replacement fountain in the small pond near the CanAm building.
- Replacement lights on the wall at the entrance gate
- Repairs to the putt-putt golf course (Repairs to the pond, the roof over the pond, pressuring washing and fresh paint)

Medical Equipment

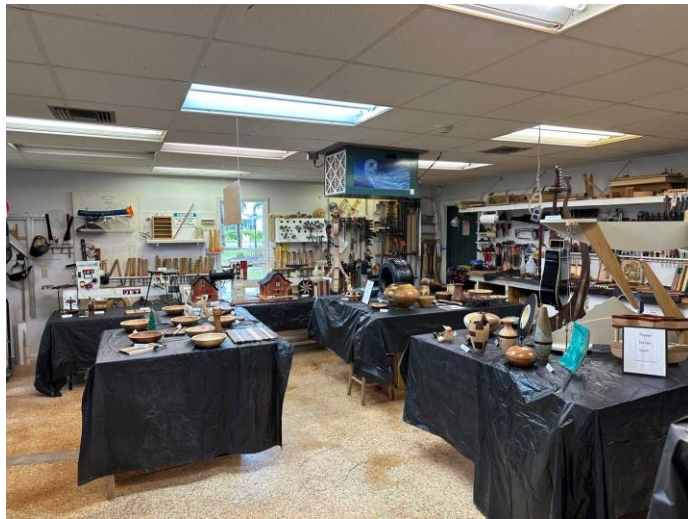
The Fire Club still provides medical equipment for residents in need. This includes shower seats, walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, commodes, and canes. Please contact Bob Lambiase 941-629-1371 if you need medical equipment.

We are committed to helping the park with metal disposal and medical needs. As always, donations are not expected, but truly appreciated when received.

WOODWORKERS CLUB – *Linda Arbogast and Frank Didomizio*

The Woodworkers shop will be fairly quiet during the summer months as many of the club members have headed north. For those who remain and continue to use the shop, please keep it as clean and tidy as it was during the busy winter season. We hope to see progress on the new woodworkers building in the Rampart area and look forward to moving into there in the fall.

The Woodworkers exhibit during the Arts and Crafts Show on March 22 and 23 was well attended with many coming to see all the pieces our club members had on display. Thanks to many of our members for bringing in their pieces for display and donating pieces for the silent auction and the draw prizes. And a special thanks goes out to the members who volunteered to help during the show.



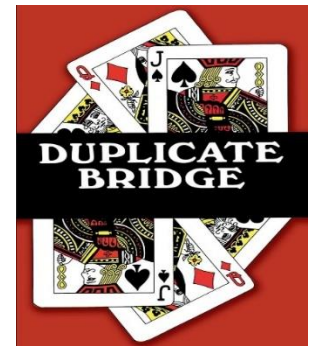
MAPLE FLORIDA KEYS - *Helen Neal*



At our March 25, 2024 Annual General Meeting, it was voted to make contributions to the following: Bereavement Group, Beautification Fund, Communications Group, and the Computer Club.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE – *Pam MacIntyre*

ML Duplicate Bridge concluded a successful season on April 3, 2024. A new season will start Monday, November 4, 2024. All are welcome!



LINE DANCING – *Denise Holland*



Line dancing continues through the summer months, thanks to Nadia Johnson!
Moves from Queensway to the CanAm in May. Watch "The Leaf" and Maple Leaf Community Facebook for times and place.



Remember, keep the Feet Happy!
A Safe and Happy Summer, from your Line Dance Team.
Corrine Brownridge, Nadia Johnson, Jane Pauls, Denise Holland
Special thanks to Lise Gladman and Jackie – our Contra Instructor.

LATIN CARDIO – *Denise Holland*

The Season is over, for Latin Cardio, however, we look forward to another fun filled season next November every Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 9 am – 9:45 am at the CanAm.



It will be here before you know it! Looking forward to seeing you all again soon!

COMPUTER CLUB – *Denise Holland*



Thank you, Gracias, Merci, Danke, Grazie, NO MATTER how you say, Thank You, we, the Computer Club are incredibly Thankful and Grateful for the support we have received. At the time of this posting, we have almost reached our goal of \$12,000 through so many generous donations. An incredible feat!

We plan to hold a Draw in February and are very happy to advise we have received a variety of Donated Items for the event. For example: quilts, gift baskets, gift cards, keyboard player, jewelry case (4 ft high) Should you wish to donate, please contact Denise Holland or any one of our directors; John Lock, Dan LaHaise, Bev Murray, Jane Pauls and Barry Holland.

We look to the future, for a bigger and better Season with our eager Directors preparing new and informative sessions, monthly meetings and return of "Trouble Shooting" on Alternate Saturdays. Dates and Times will be posted at the next Accent posting, also on "The Leaf".

Until then, stay safe, be Happy, and we'll meet again soon. 😊

Denise Holland, President, Directors: John Lock, Dan LaHaise, Barry Holland, Bev Murray, Jane Pauls



ACCENTS REMINDER This edition of the Accents includes May, June, July & August. Another issue will be published September 1st, which will combine September & October. If you have input for the Fall edition, please submit to mlaccents623@gmail.com before August 20th. Have a safe and wonderful summer.

Joan Clayton, Accents Editor



MEMORIALS



David Hebert
Formerly 402 Sumac Cres.
Passed March 25, 2024



Rita Allen
976 Sherbrooke Cres
Passed March 31, 2024



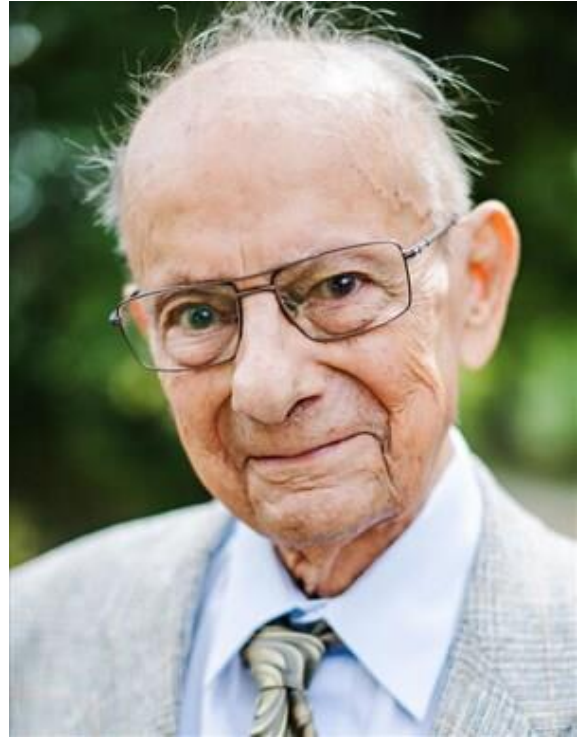
Sandi Handyside
439 Trillium Cres
Passed March 31, 2024



Phyllis Brunelli
748 Nipigon Trail
Passed April 1, 2024



Vicki Cheeseman
Formerly Skirk Lane
Passed April 1, 2024



William (Bill) Ostapachuk
Formerly 680 Queensway
Passed April 11, 2024



Janet Assunto
326 Queensway
Passed April 11,



Betty Puleo
Formerly 908 York Trail
Passed Aril 14, 2024

A Funeral Mass for Janet Assunto will be held at 11:00am, Monday, April 29th, 2024, at St. Charles Barromeo Catholic Church in Port Charlotte followed by Internment of Ashes. A Celebration of Life will also be at 1:30pm at the Maple Leaf Golf and Country Club in the Queensway.



Sunday	Arts and Crafts Open Studio 1-4 pm - RP Men's Bible Study 6:00 pm- RP
Monday	Water Aerobics 9:00 am-Qw & CA pools Shuffleboard 6:00 pm – Qw Courts
Tues.	Water Aerobics 9:00 am - Qw & CA pools Yoga from the Heart 10:30 am - CA Mahjong 12:30 pm - CH Pinochle 7:00 pm - CH
Wednesday	Water Aerobics 9:00 am-Qw & CA pools Darts 1:00 pm - CH Wed. Cards 6:30 pm – CH Line Dancing 6:30 pm - CA Cribbage 6:30 pm – CH
Thursday	Cornhole 8:45 am - CA Water Aerobics 9:00 am - Qw & CA pools Horseshoes 9:30 am – pit Mahjong 12:30 pm – CH Karaoke 5:30 pm - CA Bingo 7:00 pm – CA
Friday	Water Aerobics 9:00 am - Qw & CA pools Chair Yoga 9:00 am CA Yoga from the Heart 10:30 am – CA
Saturday	Water Aerobics 9:00 am - Qw & CA pools

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



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

May

- May 1 Coffee Hour 9:30 am – CA
- May 3 DJ Bingo & Fish Fry - Doors open at 4:00 pm - CC
- May 4 Kentucky Derby Party – Doors open at 3:00 pm – CC
- May 12 Mother’s Day Brunch – Doors open at 11:00 am - CC
- May 19 Rounders Dinner 5:00 pm - CA
- May 27 Memorial Day Buffet – Doors open at 4:00 pm – CC

June

- June 7 DJ Bingo & Fish Fry - Doors open at 4:00 pm – CC
- June 16 Rounders Dinner 5:00 pm - CA

July

- July 3 Coffee Hour 9:30 am – CA
- July 4 4th of July Golf Scramble
- July 4 4th of July Golf Cart Parade – Line up at CC parking lot by 5:00 pm – Parade starts 5:30 pm
- July 5 DJ Bingo & Fish Fry - Doors open at 4:00 – CC
- July 21 Rounders Dinner 5:00 pm - CA

August

- August 2 DJ Bingo & Fish Fry - Doors open at 4:00 pm - CC
- August 7 Coffee Hour 9:30 am – CA
- August 18 Rounders Dinner 5:00 pm - CA

September

- Sept. 3 Coffee Hour 9:30 am – CA
- Sept. 5 DJ Bingo & Fish Fry - Doors open at 4:00 pm - CC

Country Club & Sandbar Happenings

This list may change so please refer to The Leaf and Friday Blast for updates.

Please use mlgcreervations@gmail.com to make dinner reservations

April

04/28 – Sun. Royz Band – Doors open 4:00
Entertainment starts at 6:00

04/30 - Tues. Jonny Puma

May

05/01 - Wed. Fried Chicken Night

05/03 - Fri. DJ Bingo & Fish Fry

05/04 - Sat. Kentucky Derby Party
Doors open at 3:00

05/07 - Tues. Douglas Coventry

05/08 - Wed. Spaghetti Night

05/11 - Sat. Marker 5 - Doors open 4:00
Entertainment starts at 6:00

05/12 - Sun. Mother's Day Brunch
Doors open at 11:00

05/14 - Tues. Dan Meadows

05/15 - Wed. BBQ Night

05/21 - Tues. Holly Rae

05/22 - Wed. Pasta Night

05/27 - Mon. Memorial Day Buffet

05/28 - Tues. Latitude 26

05/29 – Wed. Stir Fry Night

June

06/04 - Tues. Ed Maryon

06/06 - Wed. Fried chicken Night

06/07 - Fri. DJ Bingo & Fish Fry

06/08 - Sat. Jeff & Savannah - Doors open 4:00

06/11 - Tues. Maria Nazzaro

06/13 - Wed. Spaghetti Night

06/18 - Tues. Kenny Giordano

06/20 - Wed. Pasta Night

06/25 - Tues. Holly Rae

06/27 - Wed. Pizza Night

July

07/02 - Tues. Mark Gorka

07/05 – Fri. DJ Bingo & Fish Fry

07/09 - Tues. Latitude 26

07/16 - Tues. Joe Guerzo

07/23 - Tues. Holly Rae

07/30 - Tues. Steve Haines

August

08/02 – Fri. DJ Bingo & Fish Fry

FISH FRY - EVERY FRIDAY at 4:00 pm

Tiki Hut Happenings



Mon 4pm -7pm

Fri 4pm -7pm

Sat 4pm -7pm

1-Pan meals are served on Mondays, the Fish Fry is on Fridays and the grill is open on Saturdays. The Sound System is set up so bring your Playlist. All you need is a Bluetooth connection.

The Royz Band

Sunday, April 28th
In the Country Club
6:00 - 9:00 pm

Tuesday Happy Hour
April 30, 2024

JONNY PUMA
 A.K.A. Jon Wilson

Doors Open: 3:00
Dinner & Music: 5 - 7 pm

Plays for Tips

Prizes for each game!

DJ BINGO

Music and Bingo what a great combo!

Friday, May 3rd, 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.

Run For The Roses

COME JOIN US AT THE
 MAPLE LEAF COUNTRY CLUB FOR THE:


2024 KENTUCKY DERBY
SATURDAY, MAY 4

DOORS OPEN: 3 PM
 GAMES START: 4 PM
 BUFFET \$16.95++
 SERVED: 4 - 6 PM

Events with Prizes:
 Break out the hats and dress to impress!
 Create your Maple Leaf Pool Noodle Horse for
 the first Maple Leaf Pool Noodle Race!

CHURCH
 FROM ORIGIN

Tuesday Happy Hour: May 7th
 Doors Open: 3:00
 Dinner/Music: 5 - 7 pm
 Featuring:
DOUGLAS COVENTRY



Playing for Tips

Acoustic Pop Rock & Country

Maple Leaf Country Club Dance
Featuring:
MARKER 5



Tickets on sale at Park Office - \$10
 Doors Open: 4 PM
 Concert Menu Served 4 - 6 pm
 Music: 6 - 9 PM

Saturday, May 11





Mother's Day Brunch Buffet
 May 12, 2024
 Doors open at 11 am
 Country Club closed at 3pm

Soup & Salad Bar
 Seafood Display with Smoked Salmon,
 Oysters on the half shell,
 & peel n' eat shrimp
 Carved: Roast New York Strip with Pinot Noir Demi Glace
 Made to order Omelet Station
 Eggs Benedict
 Bacon and Sausage
 Roasted Potatoes / Yellow Rice
 Fresh Lemon Garlic Asparagus
 Honey Soy Seared Salmon
 Chicken Marsala
 Assorted Dessert Table

Cost: Adults - \$32.95
 Children (10 & under) \$14.95
 Unlimited Champagne or House Wine for only \$14.95
 Prices are subject to 7% Florida Sales Tax and 20% gratuity

Tuesday Happy Hour:
May 14, 2024
Dan Meadows



60's—Today
 Requests

Doors Open: 3:00
 Dinner & Music: 5 - 7 pm
 Playing for Tips

**Tuesday
Happy Hour**

Holly Rae

May 21, 2024
Doors Open: 3 PM
Dinner Served: 5—7 PM
Music: 6 - 8 PM

Playing for Tips

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2024
Memorial Day
Buffet
May 27th
Served Noon to 2pm

Caprese Pasta Salad
BBQ Baby Back Ribs
Italian Roasted Chicken
Lemon Garlic Grilled Asparagus
Steak Fries
Baked Beans
Caramel Raisin Bread Pudding

Cost: \$25.00 Inclusive

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**MEMORIAL
DAY**
☆☆☆☆☆

Happy Hour

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Latitude 26

Playing for Tips

Doors Open: 3 PM Music: 5—7 PM

**Tuesday Happy Hour
June 4**

Entertainment by:
Ed Maryon

Classic, Alternative & Acoustic

Doors Open: 3 PM Dinner & Music: 5—7 PM

Playing for Tips


Tuesday Happy Hour: June 11

Plays For Tips

Maria Nazzaro




Doors Open: 3:00
Music: 6—8 pm



Kenny Giordano

Plays For Tips

Tuesday Happy Hour: June 18
Doors Open: 3 PM
Music from 5—7 PM

Tuesday Happy Hour

Holly Rae



June 25, 2024
Doors Open: 3 PM
Dinner Served: 5—7 PM
Music: 6 - 8 PM

Playing for Tips