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President's Report By Ray Lamoureux #9

olden Acres is quiet now with no summer activities or pool as of this writing. We don't know when anything will get back to some semblance of normal. We don't know what the new normal will be when this virus is put to bed.

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The relining of the pool started July 6th. The board had it done in the summer because it disrupted the least number of residents that use the pool. The only other date offered was in 2021 around the first of the year. We had another maybe date sometime in November if they had a cancelation. The board is not picking on full time residents it is



just the best time to get things done. I was just told by Robert the pool work men working on replacement liner said there were a number of spots on the pool lining that were bad and we could not see them with the water in the pool.

The clubhouse remains closed with the pool being worked on and the floors being waxed and cleaned for the coming year.

The Hardin house is open for inspection and comments on what to do with the property. Please make a point to tour the house and fill out the comment sheet.

We had four sales in the last month. Most were sold without the office knowing they were up for sale. We have two new companies doing our sales. The office had many complaints about the price the last lawyer was charging to do the sales. We interviewed both companies and decided to use both because their prices were about the same. If one is very busy the other can do the sale.

The board will be getting the proposed budget to look at next month. They will go over it and make changes that they feel are needed for the coming year. The process usually takes a month to have everyone on the board to make their suggestions. We have to sit down and make the changes and agree on a budget to send out the shareholders.

The board hopes everyone is safe and virus free.



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From the Editor's Desk

By Sue Bailey #188 suebail@tampabay.rr.com

reetings,

All activities for the month of July were also canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our pool is now closed as of July 6th until August 17th due to resurfacing, and some pool liner issues. Gary Duff #51 and I went to Golden Crest to "beg" if the GA summer residents would be allowed to swim in their pool based on our predicament but were denied because of COVID-19. I think that they would have approved otherwise. We also closed the clubhouse during this time due to the rising of COVID-19 cases in Florida, and the closing of the pool. All activities for August are also canceled. All of us have had similar issues with this virus and are wondering when it will be back to somewhat normal. I hope that we will be able to see all our snowbirds this winter.

Here at Golden Acres we are definitely in the dog days of summer. That hot sultry period of summer when Sirius the dog star rises and sets with the sun between early July and early September. August is the last full month of summer. Most of us at Golden Acres remain indoors unless it's really early in the morning or late in the evening. We are resilient and will persevere through though times.

I want to thank everyone who contributed articles for this newsletter. It is very much appreciated. Read about a monthly article from the Fraud Watch Network; an article from News in Health; the Waldo, Ohio annual bologna sandwich and pie eating contest; Tripping back to Massachusetts; Greetings from NE Ohio; a reminder of 50th anniversary celebration; Hurricane preparedness, and more.

Wherever you are located, please keep in touch with all of us by sending articles and pictures for the monthly newsletter. We love to read about what's going on. Not everyone has Internet access. So, if you want those without Facebook to see what you have been up to, just send me an email with the same posting and I will include it in the Newsletter.

There aren't any national holidays in August for Canada or the USA. Try to stay cool and safe and enjoy your summer.

Until next time,

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Greetings from the Office

By Karin Desmone #1

lease welcome Gerry and Gayle Kavanagh #190 to the park. Congratulations and may you find lots of happiness, fun, and laughter in your new home.

Annual Bologna Sandwich Festival By Jim & Deb Whitney #176

ello to all of our friends at G.A. Once again Jim & Deb Whitney #176 and Eric Duling & Nancy Karhoff #67 got together for the now annual bologna sandwich and pie eating (Look at the size of those pies) at the famous G&R grill in Waldo, Ohio.





This year we added a trip to Alum Creek in Delaware, Ohio for a fun day of boating, swimming, and great music on Jim and Deb's boat "Surveillance, Off Duty".







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2020 Hurricane Preparedness

From Manfred Grasser #178 Member of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission MyFWC@public.govdelivery.com

This hurricane season is predicted to be a very active one. NOAA's Climate Prediction Center is forecasting 13-19 named storms, 6-10 hurricanes and 3-6 major hurricanes. Please take this time to review your hurricane preparedness and evaluate your Critical Incident Disaster Plan, including a plan for what you and your family will do in the event you need to evacuate due to a natural disaster.

Here are a few things you can do right now to prepare:

- 1. Know the hazards that are present in your area.
- 2. Review your insurance policies and confirm you have adequate coverage against each type of disaster you are vulnerable to.
- **3.** Take a household and animal inventory and store copies in a safe location or online. Cataloging your belongings with a home inventory might sound tedious, but how easy would it be for you to recall all the contents of your home if you lost everything? Taking a home inventory can save you time and headaches when filing a claim following a disaster.
- 4. **Prepare a disaster plan**. Your plan should start with having somewhere safe to go. Think of someone who could house you, your family and your wildlife. Talk to them about what might happen in the event of a disaster. Then talk to everyone who lives in your home about what to do if there is an emergency and you are unable to return in a timely manner.
- 5. Have a communications plan. Consider that your family may not be together if a disaster strikes. How you will get to a safe place? How will you contact one another? How will you get back together? You will be better prepared to safely reunite your family and loved ones during an emergency if you think ahead and communicate with others in advance. Your family should have a list of emergency contact numbers they can phone.
- 6. Have an evacuation plan. In some cases when you need to evacuate, there may not be a lot of time. Plan how to evacuate your home quickly and make sure everyone knows the evacuation plan.
- 7. Supplies. In the event of a natural disaster please ensure that you have enough supplies to cover both your family's needs as well as those of your wildlife.
- **8. Practice** the steps that are needed to disconnect your home's gas, water, and electricity. Test your generators to ensure they are operational and have backup supplies.
- 9. Before any disaster, you should **inspect** your home/facility and eliminate any potential hazards. In an emergency, ordinary items in your home can cause injury and damage. Anything that can move, fall, break, or cause a fire is a potential hazard.
- 10. Community connections are important. Make sure you know your neighbors. Exchange phone numbers and keep an eye on elderly or disabled neighbors, or people with children
 - they might need extra help during a natural disaster. Have your Captive Wildlife



Investigator's phone number in the event of an escape or damage to your facility.

We encourage you to review your Critical Incident Disaster Plan. These plans ensure that you are proactive in preparing for any emergency event that could potentially disrupt the orderly operation of your facility and thus, adversely impact public safety.

Tripping Back to Massachusetts By Paula & Joe Bunevith #202

i Everyone, hope all of you are safe and sound. We left GA on June 25th. Ken and Ellie Hultgren, Joe and I, flew Jet Blue direct from Tampa to Boston. Boarded from . If front to back, 2 1/2-hour flight. Came in half hour early.. What was great about flying, everyone had a mask, stewardess had mask and gloves, every middle seat was empty. Fortyfive minutes into the flight they handed out a plastic zip lock bag with small bottles of water, bag of Chocolate chips, and bag of Cheez-its. Upon landing you stayed in your seat till your row was called, 5 rows at a time, they should do this all the time.. immediately the sanitizer crew came on and started to clean all the seats, belts, trays etc. We went to the Ground Transportation area, that is where Ken and Ellie's daughter Karen and her hubby Donald were picking us up. Upon arrival to the pickup area we were greeted by a stretch limo, and our driver Howie, what a surprise. Karen had sanitizers for us. Then she handed out individual bags of grapes, our appetizer, then came club sandwiches with individual bags of chips, water, soda , Wine and Jack D. were also available , this couple knows how to travel and then came the chocolate you can't end a meal without chocolate. Glad Howie was driving, Boston traffic at 3 pm was backed up and bumper to bumper. Great trip back to Cape Cod. Upon arrival at the camp, folks were surprised to see the stretch limo., We quarantined for 14 days and now are wearing our masks and being safe. Take Care and enjoy your summer .







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Pandemic Scammers Target Older Americans on Medicare

By Sue Bailey #188 as an AARP Fraud Watch Fighter Free Helpline at (877) 908-3360 or https://www.aarp.org/benefits-discounts/all/aarp-fraud-helpline/

riminals are targeting older Americans on Medicare using a variety of fraud schemes tied to the coronavirus pandemic, a government official warns.

In normal times, swindlers try everything from A to Z to deceive, but now many are zeroing in on the letter "C," using COVID-19 as they lie, cheat and steal.

Often the goal is to steal your Medicare number or your money, says Nenette Day, assistant special agent in charge at the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General.

Her office, which fights waste, fraud and abuse in Medicare and other HHS programs, has received 1,500-plus fraud complaints tied to COVID-19 in recent months, Day says.

"When you see a volume like that, you know that the problem is much bigger," Day notes, saying that many frauds go unreported because victims may be embarrassed or not know where to report the crime. Two critical prevention tips to avoid getting ripped off:

- Medicare will never contact you out of the blue in a phone call, email, text message or social media post. Unsolicited communications are a red flag.
- Medicare will never ask you for your Medicare number (it already has it) or other sensitive data, such as a credit card number.

Day urges people to keep a script by the phone and use it to thwart the crooks: "I do not give out personal information in an unsolicited call."

If an unsolicited caller purports to be from, say, your doctor's office, do due diligence and call the office using a phone number that you know is genuine.

Fraud prevention is critical because arrests and prosecutions won't stop the cons emanating from call centers in the U.S. and foreign countries, Day says.



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From NIH (News in Health) newsinhealth.nih.gov

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Researchers looked at the daily activity of 17,000 women averaging 72 years old. The women wore a device on their hip for seven days that tracked the number of steps they took each day. The team tracked any deaths among the women over the next four years. More than 500 died during this time. The women who took about 4,400 steps per day were 41% less likely to die during the study than those who took 2,700 steps.

The risk of death continued to decrease with more steps until about 7,500 steps. Beyond that, the effect leveled off. The women who reached 10,000 steps each day had no added benefit.

"Taking 10,000 steps a day can sound daunting," says lead researcher Dr. I-Min Lee from Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School. "But we find that even a modest increase in steps taken is tied to significantly lower mortality in older women."

Greetings from NE Ohio By Roz Frabotta #72

reetings from the NE Ohio corner of the Twilight Zone! Seems like forever since I took flight in mid-March to return to my slice of pandemic life at home. Life has been surreal... who would have ever guessed that mask accessorizing would become the norm?

The only real "norm" that has remained constant In life has been my daily walking!

Otherwise, it's been stay at home with minimal/necessary shopping, limited carry out, and socially distanced outside small group events. I've been avoiding all public places, although I couldn't



wait to have the Covid hair sheared, which was even further delayed because my hairstylist of over 30 years did not reopen...not a good time to find another stylist accepting new clients!

There's been a lot of "Zooming" to stay connected with friends and family. And I've expanded my in person "bubble" to include like-minded, precaution taking neighbors and friends for outside socially distanced activities on a limited basis.

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One such event was a socially distanced parking lot carry-out lunch with dear friends, Leigh & Anita Herington (#83). I've always enjoyed hosting my neighbors for our usual fire pit nights. Now they've become "socially distanced" with BYOB, snacks and masks—no more shared goodies or s'mores!!

Although the cancellation of my trip to Italy/Mediterranean cruise in May was a huge disappointment, my travel mates and I were able to escape for a brief respite to Leigh & Anita Herington's Findley Lake, NY, cottage. Lake life was calm and relaxing, and there was no shortage of fun and frolic. And it was delightful having lunch with Anita & Leigh as we checked out/they checked in!

One of our outings was to Panama Rocks where we enjoyed the serenity of nature as we kept cool hiking through the woods and marveling at the rock formations. It was slightly daunting signing the waiver for injury...and potential death!

I've been spending a lot of therapeutic time weeding, digging, planting, and mulching my yard. It's a work in progress...maybe I'll actually get if finished by fall. I've given up on the lawn, which was regrettably burned by my lawn service company! My annual battle with the deer rages on and I have to protect all of my flowers with wildlife netting to keep my nemesis form devouring all of my blooms. They are so bold and unafraid that they actually scare me!!

I've also had tree tenants that have taken up residence in my arbor vita tree. Momma Robin has become quite territorial and becomes annoyed when I have the audacity to work in that corner of the yard.

My saving grace has been retaining some connection to my hospice work. We clearly are NOT permitted to have any in person volunteering...that has been reduced to making phone calls and sending cards. And I'm super disappointed that there's no grief camp for the kiddos this year. But we have started virtually offering our training classes for new volunteers, so I've been able to teach online 2-4 times a month using a Microsoft platform. It's not quite as user friendly as Zoom, but once we figured out how to get me right side up on the screen (I ended up sideways & upside down in prep meetings multiple times) we've been good! It's been somewhat of a learning curve to be on screen in a Brady Bunch square while sharing my screen/managing the power point, keeping up with the chat box, and being tethered to my camera. Not quite the same as the live classroom...good thing I'm retired!!

And the beat goes on...with the spike in Coronavirus around the nation and particularly in Florida, I'm becoming a bit anxious about what's around the corner for fall and winter. Hopefully, we'll all be able to reconvene for our annual "senior summer camp" at Golden Acres as usual. In the meantime, stay home, wear a mask, wash your hands, sprinkle in a sense of humor...and maintain an adequate supply of wine and chocolate!

Everyone, please stay safe and well.

Golden Acres 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

By Paula Bunevith #202 & Kathy Schmitt #217

Hello Community members, every year we celebrate those community members who will be celebrating their 50th wedding Anniversary. On Sunday Feb 14, 2021 we will have our annual celebration in the clubhouse. If you are celebrating your 50th in 2021 or did so in 2020 and were not available for that celebration. Please let us know and come and let us celebrate you. Kathy Schmitt # 217 and Paula Bunevith #202 are the coordinators for the 2021 event. Please let them know if you would like to join

us. Kathy's email is golfer13335@yahoo.com and Paula's is capecodpj@msn.com. We would love to hear from you.

Active Duty Soldiers to Remember

- Please take a moment to offer a prayer of thanks and remembrance to all those who help to protect our way of life. Keep them in your prayers until they return safely to their loved ones.
- Adam Coburn (British Army) serving in Afghanistan, Nephew of Mildred and David Todd, Lot #2.
- Justin T. Drescher (Sgt. USMC), stationed at Twentynine Palms Base, Grandson of Marie Looby Danielle, Lot #170.
- Damien Fitzpatrick (Staff Sgt. USAF) Grandson of Judith Fitzpatrick, Lot #87.
- Eric Fitzpatrick (PFC US Army) Grandson of Judith Fitzpatrick, Lot #87.
- Sean Fitzpatrick (Captain US Army) Grandson of Judith Fitzpatrick, Lot #87.
- Daniel Jones (US Navy) Grandson of Carol Diniz, Lot #25.
- Matthew Jones (US Navy) Grandson of Carol Diniz, Lot #25.
- Brian Karhoff (US Army Major) Son of Nancy Karhoff, Lot #67.
- Jeffery Richardson (USN Color Guard) in Bremerton, WA, serving on the USS Nimitz. Grandson of Kathleen Gilliam Lot #204.
- Stanley Sweeny (US Army) Nephew of Ruth Marino, Lot #225.
- John Wilson (PFC lst Class USMC) Iraq Grandson of Jean Key, Lot #138.
 So that we might get to know these courageous soldiers better, I would like to add their

pictures to this section. Please forward any photos to Sue Bailey suebail@tampabay.rr.com

For changes to the list of soldiers, please contact Sue Bailey suebail@tampabay.rr.com









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Birthdays and Anniversaries By Norma Moore #54

Golden Acres August Birthdays

We want to mention all those who are celebrating this month and send them our very best wishes.

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Bruce Dagsvik	August 5
Theresa Quinn	August 5
Gail Callingham	August 6
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Bruce Gunter	August 8
Leigh Herington	August 8
Linda Johnson	August 8
Janet Moose	August 8
Louis Belanger	August 9
Steven Toner	August 9
Dianne Lemon	August 12
David Watson	August 12
Rick Lane	August 13
Paula Bunevith	August 15
Donna Outhouse	August 15
Linda Wittenbols	August 15
James Schmitt	August 17
Chuck Conyers	August 18
Eleanor Devine	August 20
Donna Bramante	August 22
Glenda Spafford	August 22
Mary Rita Spooner	August 22
Peg Vanbeveren	August 22
David Forster	August 25
Susan Toner	August 25
Anita Herington	August 26
Norma Moore	August 26
Monica Alexander	August 29
Connie Woodlock	August 29
Michael Battiston	August 30
Linda St. Peter	August 30
Steve Pollard	August 31
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Golden Acres August Anniversaries

Richard and Lori Barnes	August 2
Louis and Paulette Belanger	August 3
Larry and Deborah Douthit	August 4
Manfred and Debbie Grasser	August 4
John and Paule McLaughlin	August 16
Curtis and Martha Reeves	August 16
Jim and Tammy Davis	August 17
Craig and Kathy Houston	August 21
Kevin and Christine Rainsforth	August 21
Ron and Gail Tasior	August 21
Joe and Paula Bunevith	August 22
Brian and Mary Rita Spooner	August 24



Condolences

Gene Binette #132 passed away peacefully on June 18th, 2020. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.











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-Monthly Media Staff

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Eloise Barrett \$10Air Masters of Pinellas	Randy Cirksena \$5Heller's Mobile Home Washing	
Joseph Palmer	Kathleen Sweetman \$5Battleline Termite & Pest Control	
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Gabby & Ernie Ebner \$10Royal Enterprise	Kammie Tipton \$51st Class Handyman Service	
Sharon Sklar \$10 Jones & Sons Plumbing	Delores Calonita \$5Heller's Mobile Home Washing	
Frank Komar \$10 Bob's Mobile Home Washing	Donald Peters \$5BugginOut Pest Control	
John Tucker \$10BugginOut Pest Control	Eleanor Cooke \$5 Boss Electric	
Thomas Inferrera \$10 Discount Computer	Kathy Huffstutter \$5Air Masters of Pinellas	
Rhoda Correira \$10 Ron Wyngarden Mobile Home Wash	Linda Edington \$5 Discount Computer	
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Shirley Hoel \$5 Jones & Sons Plumbing	Linda Quinn	
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