

# FLE HOA Happenings

## “YOUR VOICE IN THE PARK”

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Photos courtesy of Debbie Prosser



### I Found This Rock! - The Story of the Painted Rocks

While out for your walk, have you been finding painted rocks? Or while going to your mailbox?? Do you wonder how and why they were left here?? When COVID19 basically shut down our community activities, people were searching for something, anything really to keep them occupied during the down time. There were golf cart parades, music nights in the clubhouse parking lot and rock hunting. Rock hunting??? Did we say rock hunting?? Well for some people it is rock hunting, but for others it is a form of enjoyment and relaxation, painting something that will bring a smile to a neighbor's face.

The story goes like this. Debbie Prosser and Patsy Sokol, sisters and residents of Forest Lake Estates, have this very good friend named Karen, who they kind of adopted as the third “sister.” Karen told Debbie and Patsy about a new hobby she had, rock painting. She said it was a way for her to share and hopefully inspire others to get through these trying times. While Karen does not live in Forest Lake Estates, she did come for a visit. When Karen was there, she brought some supplies to get Debbie and Patsy started on rock painting.

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# Message from the Desk of Carolyn Keithley

Forest Lake Estates Homeowners' Association (FLE HOA) President

Our fall season is coming fast and here we are in the sixth month of our Covid-19 restrictions. The HOA is aware that this has been hard on each and every resident. We have been unable to participate in our many amenities and use of our clubhouse has been extremely restricted. We, as your HOA board, have not been as visible as we have been in the past, but we want you to know that we have been busy at work. Since June we have been meeting regularly (weekly or bi-weekly) with ELS, park manager Peggy Cortes, Regional Manager Sydney Morris, and Stuart Madison, head of maintenance. In these meetings, we have been striving to resolve issues that impact all of our residents. We have also been meeting virtually for our Board meetings.



There has been a lot of unrest and dissatisfaction with how our park looks and how issues are being handled. By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have also had a meeting with the interim Regional Vice-president Leslie Register from Tampa.

Your HOA Board is here to work for you and to assist with issues within the park. However, we can only do this if you make us aware of your concerns and issues. The resident concern form is included in this newsletter on page 8. Concern forms are also available outside the main entrance to the clubhouse. PLEASE complete a form, with pictures if possible, and hand it to one of your HOA Board members. Our phone numbers and email addresses are listed in this newsletter.

We have had many new ducklings this summer. While they are extremely cute, we need to remember that they are wild animals and we should not feed the ducks and ducklings. This is for their safety as well as ours. We don't want pets, we just want the beauty of the animals in our park. The same goes for the cats in our community. If we put food out for them, then they will not hunt the rodents in our park and that could develop into a problem.

Your Board has been busy trying to plan for our upcoming season. I'm sure it is not going to be a normal season, but we are putting our heads together to try to come up with a plan for our activities. We know that we are going to need to be creative and we are planning on making something work. Watch for increased activities as Mike Reid, our Activities Director, is working on a plan. If we continue to follow the guidelines of social distancing and wearing our masks, we should be able to set up some activities.

I look forward to seeing each of you out and about and am hopeful we will see our part-time residents returning for the upcoming season. Stay safe and to those heading our way, travel safe.

Carolyn Keithley  
FLE HOA President

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## From our Social Director—Julie Glenna

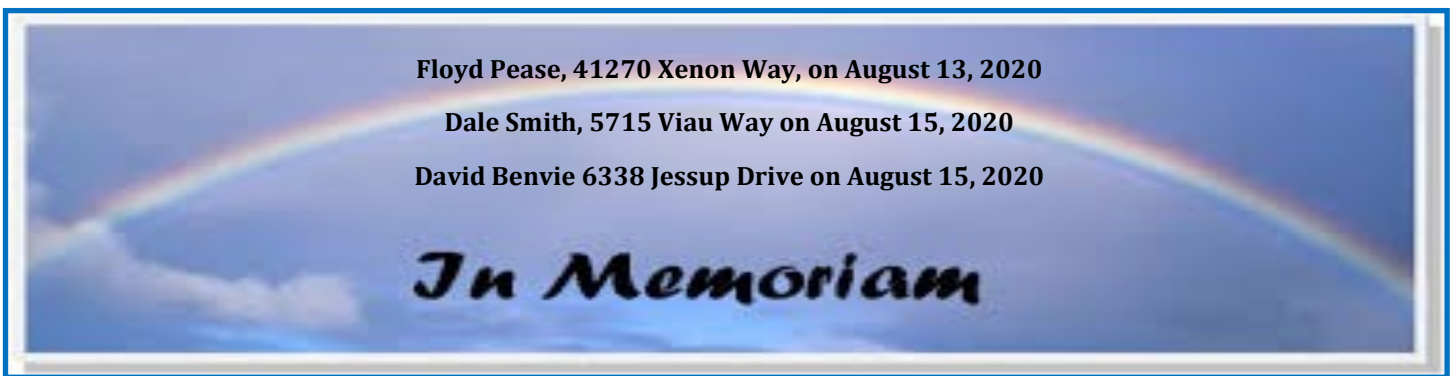
Wow, time is flying and we are approaching September already. At this time we do not have any updates from ELS as to when we might be able to start initiating any of our regular kitchen activities. We are constantly meeting with our Manager to get the latest information.

I hope you have all had a relaxing and fun summer with COVID-19 in place. We must stay safe and enjoy each other as much as possible during these times.

I look forward to being able to move forward as much as you all do. We will look forward to becoming somewhat normal hopefully soon.

Enjoy the time with loved ones and friends. Stay safe and happy. Please travel safely as you prepare to come back to join us. We miss all of you.

Julie Glenna  
Social Director



### **Lending for Little Ones**

It's nice to be prepared for our little visitors. Lending for Little Ones is still here. We currently have people signed up with a variety of items that are available to lend to others. We can meet most needs, we have strollers, porta cribs, car seats, water wings and much more.

We still need volunteers who are willing to lend items to others. If you are able to lend items please contact me so that I can add your items to the list. If you need to borrow something we will try to accommodate you.

Those interested in lending or borrowing, please contact me at 813-753-7099 or email me at [ann.kubiet@gmail.com](mailto:ann.kubiet@gmail.com).

Thank you, Ann Kubiet



**A Few More Rocks from our Talented Residents**



# Let's Talk About the Rules

We have heard some chatter about rules and lack of enforcement. Most of you received a copy of the rules and regulations as part of a mass mailing, sent to all residents by ELS. New residents are given a copy of the rules at the time of the closing on their home. Rest assured that each month when the board meets with ELS, we bring up rules violations which have been brought to our attention. While it is not our responsibility to enforce the rules, there seems to be some lack of "knowledge" of the rules, so we have decided to do a monthly article highlighting the "General Rules of Conduct for Residents" as outlined in our Welcome Package for new residents. This will be our first month and we hope it is well received. If you would like to see specific rules addressed, please send your request to .....EditorFLENewsletter@gmail.com

## Vehicle Rules

1. Operators of vehicles and golf carts must have a valid driver's license.
2. **Speed limit** in the community is **15 MPH**, please obey it. Stop signs are there for a reason, please **STOP**.
3. Pedestrians, golf carts and bicycles have the right of way.
4. Golf carts and bicycles **MUST** observe all traffic rules. (Speed limit **15MPH** and stop at **STOP** signs).
5. Bicycles and golf carts must have front lights and back reflectors if being used after dark.
6. **DO NOT** park on sidewalks or lawns at any time.
7. Vehicles **MAY NOT** be parked on the street overnight (12:00am—7:00am).
8. Campers, motor homes, trailers, boats or delivery vehicles ARE allowed to park in front of the resident's home for a 24 hour period for "loading/unloading" **ONLY**.
9. Guests may use the grass areas on Presidential Circle or Paquette Way (no motorhomes, trailers or commercial vehicles allowed).
10. Mechanical work on vehicles is **NOT** permitted.

## Ask The HOA

**Question:** submitted by Carmella Murphy, Lot 119

I moved to Bream Circle a little over a year ago because I wanted to live on the water. While I understand that they can't run the lawnmowers close to the water, I don't understand why they mow here two or three times before they come back to weed whack the grass near the water. Sometimes the grass is almost a foot tall and it could be anywhere from a foot to 6 feet from the water. Why not weed whack every time they mow, like they do everywhere else in the park?

**Question:** submitted by Julie Smith, Lot 123

Why isn't ELS cracking down on the number of dirty houses? Not a 5 star park if you ride around and see so many that need attention.

**Answer:** The HOA board has been meeting with ELS Park Management over the summer. The HOA board has asked repeatedly about the upkeep of homes and has been told that with all that is going on with COVID, ELS doesn't want to place any additional anxiety on residents. The HOA board does not agree with this approach and we have asked to meet with a regional VP to discuss items we feel need to be addressed. This meeting is scheduled for August 27th and both of these items are on the list of things we want to discuss. We will share any information we receive with you as soon as possible.

Thank you for the questions. Have a question you want answered, submit it by September 15th to

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If we have the answer, we will share it, if we don't, we will work to get the answer for you..

# Now For Some Friendly Reminders

## Memorial Park

This sign is posted at the entrance to our Memorial Park. Although the sign is small, it is there for a reason. This is an area of respect and we would appreciate you complying with the rules.



## Be Weather Ready

Just a couple quick things regarding hurricane preparedness.

Make sure to put away any outside items you may have. This includes furniture, gas grills, knick knack type things and flags and banners. High wind has the potential to turn these items into airborne dangers to homes and people.

Have enough supplies, including prescriptions, to get you through any time without electricity.

Make sure you have fuel for your car in the event that you must evacuate.

EVAQUATE when instructed to do so.

Most importantly, STAY SAFE and assist your neighbors when you can.

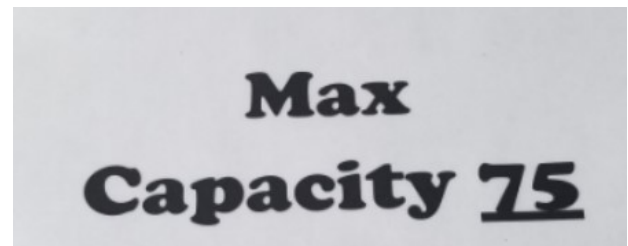


## Pool Rules During Covid

Below are the rules posted at the pool by front office management. These are the rules in place as of the date this newsletter was prepared. We will keep you abreast of any changes as they occur. Please be respectful of the rules to avoid losing pool privileges for all. Thank you.

- The pool is open to residents only. Visiting family members and friends are not allowed until further notice.
- Those using the pool will be responsible for maintaining social distancing protocol. A limited amount of seating will be provided and spaced according to recommended distancing. Please DO NOT relocate the chairs. Congregating within distances of less than six feet may occur between members of the same household only.
- Anyone who is not feeling well and/or displaying any symptoms such as fever, cough or headache is prohibited from using the pool. Please stay home and self quarantine.
- Capacity will be limited for the pool area and spa in order to facilitate social distancing. Signage will be posted in these areas accordingly.
- The pool area will be closed every two hours to allow our maintenance team to clean high touch surfaces and to allow others an opportunity to enter the pool.
- Pool hours of operation will be 9AM—5PM Monday through Saturday.

The current capacity for the pools is listed below:



**From the Editor**— Thanks for your newsworthy submissions. Please keep them coming. Articles, questions or announcements for the newsletter should be submitted by the 20th day of the previous month” ie. October newsletter items should be submitted by September 20 Send all items to

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# Happy September Birthdays



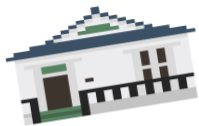
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| 2 Tom Borsh<br>Geraldine Phelps<br>Sandra Kirkenmeier | 13 Donna Polinski<br>Richard Nenning<br>Robert Branquet<br>John Mann              | 22 David Pelfrey  |
| 3 Katie Willock<br>Marilyn Hutchings                  | 14 Katie Fanson   | 23 Tina Stritch<br>Jeffrey Hewes<br>Sara Birch                      |
| 4 Dan Perrier<br>Alfred Rossell<br>Emily Lemke        | 15 Richard Fougere  | 24 Dennis Armillotti  |
| 5 Jim Forsaith  | 16 Larry Childress  | 25 Ambrose Pittman<br>Dave Peters                                   |
| 7 James Messano<br>Gary King                          | 17 Vea Scollan<br>Sharon Miller   | 26 Elizabeth Lyon   |
| 8 David Hewitt  | 18 Heather Blaszczyk<br>Drew Park<br>Ken French<br>Tracey Thorpe                  | 27 Chris Strong   |
| 9 Frances Kellner                                     | 19 Loren Lemon<br>Rita Jandrey  | 28 Donna Camiller<br>Harry Schutte<br>Jeff Jividen<br>Tammy Schnitz |
| 10 Phyllis Fisher<br>Manju Paul<br>Tim Bean           | 20 Jerry Wilson<br>Nancy Pumfrey<br>Connie MacKay<br>Erna Pittman<br>Mavis Bryans | 29 Dan Pope   |
| 11 Linda Siegreest<br>Roz Hill<br>Bonnie Krasnuik     |   |   |



# Happy September Anniversaries



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| 1 John Mullin & Tina Mulholland<br>Dan & Michelle Deibel                                    | 9 Clarence & Kathleen Wirsing<br>Denis & Donna Denommee                            | 22 Richard & Janet Fougere                              |
| 2 Floyd & Sue Piepenburg<br>Alfred & Sharon Rossell   | 11 Charles & Leoneda Wembley   | 24 Bob & Sue Nolin<br>Wilson & Deb Sandlin              |
| 3 Larry & Lena Shaw<br>Paul & Donna Camiller<br>Peter & Louise Rose                         | 12 Daniel & Bonnie Valline<br>Tommy Campbell & Glenda LeBlanc<br>Ted & Sue Melonas | 25 Gordon & Barbara Reynolds                            |
| 4 Tom & Bonnie Bertrand   | 15 Jack & Andrea Emery<br>Blaine & Karen Bouchard                                  | 27 Jerry & Julie Glenna                                 |
| 6 Allan & Beverly Bryce<br>Vern & Ann Parsons<br>Sam & Tari Herron<br>David & Debbie Wright | 17 Dave & Ruth Wagner  | 28 George & Deborah Tetreault<br>Harold & Carla LeMieux |
| 7 Allan & Beverly Bryce<br>Bruce & Michelle Smith   | 18 Bill & Loula Banks<br>Scott & Ruth Kinden                                       |   |
|   | 20 Thomas & Mary Estes   |   |
|   | 21 Roy & Kay Smith   |   |



# Welcome New Residents

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Michael & Terri Dillman | 6143 Forest Lake Drive |
| Dan & Sharon Rennaker   | 6401 Jessup Drive      |
| Laura Lozzia            | 5652 Benz Place        |
| Larry & Shirley Carter  | 6019 Twilight Drive    |



# A Few Fun Things to Ponder

## National Days for the Month for September.....Plan your days accordingly.....

September 1 - National No Rhyme or Reason Day  
September 2 - National VJ Day  
September 3 - National Welsh Rarebit Day  
September 4 - National Food Bank Day  
September 5 - National Cheese Pizza Day  
September 6 - National **Coffee Ice Cream** Day  
September 7 - National Labor Day  
September 8 - National Ampersand Day  
September 9 - National Teddy Bear Day  
September 10 - National Swap Ideas Day  
September 11 - National Make Your Bed Day  
September 12 - National Chocolate Milkshake Day  
September 13 - Uncle Sam Day  
September 14 - National Cream Filled Donut Day  
September 15 - National Double Cheeseburger Day

September 16 - Mayflower Day  
September 17 - National Monte Cristo Day  
September 18 - National POW/MIA Recognition Day  
September 19 - National Clean Up Day  
September 20 - National Fried Rice Day  
September 21 - National New York Day  
September 22 - National Voter's Registration Day  
September 23 - National Great American Pot Pie Day  
September 24 - National Quesadilla Day  
September 25 - National Lobster Day  
September 26 - National Pancake Day  
September 27 - National Scarf Day  
September 28 - National Good Neighbor Day  
September 29 - VFW Day  
September 30 - National Love People Day



### **I Found This Rock! - The Story of the Painted Rocks** (continued from Page 1)

Debbie tells me that she had no artistic drawing ability and was hesitant to try rock painting. But one night they decided to give it a try and based on what I have seen, her artistic ability just needed a nudge. Debbie says "I am amazed at how enjoyable it is to put feelings, hope, and encouragement on a little thing like a rock and share it with others by hiding them and letting others find them. Something as simple as a little game of hide and seek can bring joy and encouragement to others."

Once the artistry was in play, they needed a way to make people aware of what they were doing. So the Facebook Group "Sister's Rock" was hatched. When and if you find a rock, they only ask that you take a photo of it and post it to the Sister's Rock Group page. You then decide if you want to keep the rock or hide it again for someone else to find. It seems that people have been making rocks to be found by a specific person based on that person's likes. I have seen rocks painted with ocean scenes, flowers, Mickey & Minnie, Inspirational Sayings, dots, designs and more .

If you would like to get involved in the painting part, get in touch with Debbie or Patsy, they can help you get started. Once things get back to "normal," whatever and whenever that will be, Debbie would like to hold a couple of workshops in the clubhouse to get more people involved. Give it a try. During our conversation on this subject, I was so pulled in I went and got supplies and hope to get started on some painting. I will bring them with me when I return and hide them, hoping to bring a smile to someone's face.

We would be remiss if we did not mention that people have found rocks painted by The Monroe CT Rocks Facebook Group and by a mysterious unknown JP. If you find rocks with their markings, in addition to posting a picture on Sister's Rock, please post a picture on Monroe CT Rocks so they know someone is enjoying their work.

(Wendy Coache— based on information provided by Debbie Prosser )

# FOREST LAKE ESTATES

## Resident Concern Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Resident Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address and Site Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Incident of Problem Detail

Date of Incident or problem: \_\_\_\_\_

Resident(s) or Person(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Location(s) of Incident or Problem: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Incident(s) or Problem(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Resident Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Received in Management Office \_\_\_\_\_

Received By: \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

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Community Manager's Signature \_\_\_\_\_