

# **OUTDOOR RESORTS NEWS**

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# pring has sprung here at Outdoor Resorts,

and temperatures are rising every day! It is the perfect time for lounging at one of the pools or playing a morning match of pickleball - don't forget the sunscreen!

In this issue, you will find an update on the ORO rental program, our website, and happenings around the park. We also have included a note from our new BOD President, Dave Beaudry.

As the season nears the end, we hope our snowbirds take every chance to soak up the beautiful Florida sun and relax with friends before heading back home. To those who could not make it, we hope to see you next year!

- Kayla

**ORO Front Office** 

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Maintenance 863-424-1066

Fax 863-424-5476

Rental 863-877-4182

Nuisance Wildlife 863-648-3200

Comcast 866-367-6452

Polk County Sheriff 863-298-6200

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#### **Employee Anniversaries**

We would like to recognize the following employees for their years of service to Outdoor Resorts!

Pamela Doel (3 years) Mailroom

Janet Garland (14 years) Mailroom

PJ Ricker (16 years) Maintenance

Alfredo Ventura (14 years) Maintenance

Joe Russo (18 years) Mailroom



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# A Note from the President of ORO

Dave Beaudry, BOD President

#### Hello ORO Owners,

With the annual meeting and elections completed for 2021, your Board of Director Team is getting acclimated to their roles. We are advertising for a park manager and a full-time bookkeeper. The Team has been working diligently to ensure the park is running smoothly. The CPA firm assures us the 2019 audit draft is due to be completed any day. We are researching the feasibility of installing bathrooms in the upstairs clubhouse with Polk County and the Fire Department. The Sewer Task Force Team, David Vice from the FRWA (Florida Rural Water Association), our Maintenance Staff, and the ORO Cert Team recently completed the smoke test of our sewer lines. The smoke testing revealed several issues that need to be corrected. Some are the Park's responsibility, and some are the owner's responsibility. In speaking with Bob McNeely, head of the Task Force Team, they will be mailing letters to owners who need to correct their unit's sewer connection issues.

Our Maintenance Department will be correcting issues for which the park is responsible. Once the full report of the smoke test comes out, the Task Force is planning on having some sewer lines scoped in trouble areas during the September/October time frame. The Task Force Team has done an outstanding job in planning and implementing their plan to find the issues and correct them. Thanks to the whole Task Force Team for their tireless work.

It has been a busy month in the park with vacationers and spring break. Our Maintenance and Landscaping Teams are doing a great job of keeping ORO spruced up and looking great. The Office Team has been busy with this newsletter, owner inquiries, and most importantly, the AGE VERIFICATION FORMS sent to all owners in the annual voting packets. This form is so important to ORO keeping their 55+ designation. We need EVERYONE to submit the form to the office with a copy of the driver's license for each unit's owners and occupants as soon as possible. If you misplaced the form, it is downloadable on the ORO website. If you do not have access to a printer, forms are available in the ORO office. If the office is closed, the Guard House has a supply to hand out. I cannot stress enough the importance of this form being submitted for each unit. Please do your part for ORO.

Safety is always a concern at ORO. All owners are responsible for their actions and the actions of their guests and visitors, whether it is for a day, a week, or a month. When each of us purchased our ORO sites, we agreed to follow the Rules and Regulations. Rules are not just for everyone else; they are for everyone. From time to time, it is good to reread the rules, which are posted on the website, and refresh ourselves about why we bought our lots in ORO.

We are in the process of naming chairpersons for the many committees in ORO. Once we publish the list, and if you are interested in volunteering, please contact the chairperson.

In closing, we hope everyone has a great summer. Be safe, get vaccinated, wash hands, wear a mask, and keep social distancing! We want to see all of you return happy and healthy after summer.

#### Condo Association Fees

Condo Fees are \$530.00 and are due April 1. Feel free to pay online, send in a check, or even stop by the office.

Thank you!

## REMINDER

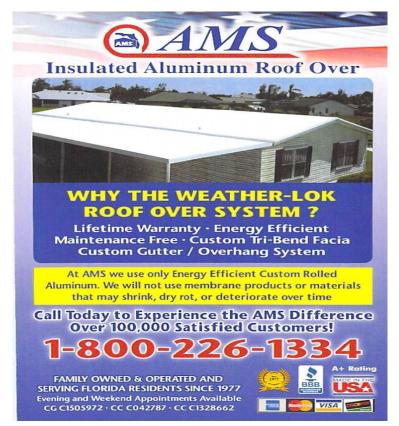
Don't forget to send in your age verification form! If you need another, we have some available at the office, and we can email you one as well.

# **AROUND TOWN**

#### Activities around the Sunshine State

Looking for something to do? Have guests coming and need ideas? See our Around Town section on the website for great places to visit, restaurant reviews, events, and more. We have just started this section, so watch our website and Facebook page for updates as new articles are posted.





# OFFICE UPDATE

Here in the front office, things have started winding down as the season comes to an end. It seems quiet after the hustle and bustle of preparing for the annual meeting!

We are looking forward to our summer projects and preparing for an even better season next year.



#### We would like to take a moment to welcome our new homeowners!

Dawn Arquiett & Noah Andersen	Lot 005	David Levison	Lot 858
David Lafave	Lot 83	Nancy and Micheal Schmit	Lot 105
Deborah and Jeffery Rodgers	Lot 371	Patricia and Gregory Tworek	Lot 419
James Dyre	Lot 545	Elaine and James Wells	Lot 712
Kathy and Dennis Golder	Lot 638	Sarah Likly/Bob McGowan	Lot 875
Rose and Kenneth Cline	Lot 675	Karen and Chris LaMora	Lot451
Roger E Robb	Lot 51	Barbara Fields	Lot 793
Kimberly and Troy Bechtel	Lot 172	Susan Ruston	Lot 935
Lorilee and Michael Giesecke	Lot 202	Shirley Burdo-Derr	Lot 783
Karen and Edwin Santo	Lot 668	Carmen and Angel Resto	Lot 835
and Anthony Burdo		Dennis Sullivan	Lot 918
Penny and John Lawrence	Lot 672		



## Learn Something New!

There are many online resources to learn new skills, try a new language, or learn about something you have always wanted to know more about. Take a course on sociology or even dinosaurs! Keep your mind sharp by utilizing some of the resources below.

**Coursea.org** - Offers FREE courses from Yale, Sanford, John Hopkins, and other well-known universities. Take a history course, learn more about wellness, or try something new entirely, like the Japanese language!

**Thegreatcoursesplus.com** - This is a paid subscription to video lectures. You will find everything here; religion, photography, biology, animal tracking, and watercolors. There is something for everyone to try.

**YouTube.com** - Need to know how to fix something around the house? Want to learn a new stitch? Not sure how much water to give your new houseplant? YouTube is a fast, FREE, and easy way to learn a quick skill. With millions of videos available, you will indeed find what you are looking for here. I recently used YouTube videos to learn how to crochet and how to fix my AC line!



# WEBSITE UPDATE

We are excited to announce the launch of our new website! Board Secretary Paul Mueller has been working tirelessly to make a faster, easier to navigate website for our owners.

At outdoorresortsorlando.com, you will find a wide range of information, including

the latest park news, our activity calendar, and alerts regarding the park. We have also included various forms you may need to access to print at home, such as the new Guest Registration Form and the Construction Permit Form.

There is now a section of the website dedicated to our rental program, where you will find rental rates, cancellation policies, and a list of properties for rent.



ORO also has a wonderful page on Facebook. You can access this by searching @OutdoorResortsOrlando on Facebook or by navigating to the bottom of the website. This website and FaceBook page allows you to stay up-to-date with park news, whether you're right here in Clermont or on the other side of the world!

#### Watering Schedule

You may water your lawn up to two (2) days a week between the following hours: 12:00 am to 10:00 am 4:00 pm to 12:00 am

If your unit is an even number, you may water your lawn on Thursday and Sunday.

If your unit is an odd number, you may water your lawn on Wednesday and Saturday.

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## **Events and Activities**

**POOL HOURS:** The pool is open 10 am-9 pm. Please allow the pool cleaners to finish before entering the pool.

**LEARN TO PLAY PICKLE BALL:** Free Beginner Pickleball Clinic. Learn to play a physically active sport for a healthy lifestyle. Contact Don V. (Lot 341) at 716-812-0196 to schedule your time!

HORSESHOES: Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30 am to 12 pm

**SHUFFLEBOARD:** Shuffleboard has started! Meeting daily at 8:50 am! New players are welcome!

**CORNHOLE:** Every Wednesday, 1 pm to 3 pm, in front of the clubhouse. Everyone is welcome!

**GOLF:** Golfers will be meeting in the parking lot by Number 1 Green at 9:30 am. Remember to stay six feet apart and stay safe! If you want a certain captain, please arrive with them. Currently only playing best ball. MAX 36 PEOPLE **CHURCH Services:** Every Sunday through April 2021, at 8:30 am outside at the

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**BLANKETS FOR VETERANS**: Donate your talents and use up that scrap yarn for a good cause! Simply Knit or Crochet 6 inch squares that will be stitched together to create a one-of-a-kind blanket for elderly and disabled vets! Please reach out to Kay Groeger (Lot 115) at 407-414-4628

**LIBRARY:** The Library is open Monday 3-4 and Thursday 1-2. Now that the library is open two days a week, please do not leave books outside the office. Thank you! **PRODUCE WAGON:** The Produce Wagon on 192 near our entrance (not on ORO property) is out there on Saturdays and Sundays, approximately 10-6.



Happy Easter! The ORO fence committee keeps the park entrance festive all year long!

#### Love Is in the Air for Florida's Scaly Mascot!

Florida's 1.25 million American Alligators start their courtship rituals in April, each year. This means alligators are more active and more aggressive than usual. Big



male alligators will be on the move to mate with several females over the season, and you do not want to get in their way!

American Alligators mate in May and June, after which females will build nests above the waterline to protect and incubate their eggs. They are very protective of their offspring, and

females will defend the nest. Use extra caution around ALL waterways and keep children and pets away from banks and shorelines.

Remember, it is illegal and dangerous to feed Florida Alligators. Keep your distance and never approach. American Alligators can go from sleepy to sprinting up to 20MPH in the blink of an eye. Stay safe out there and take the time to admire our own little nature show, right in our own backyards.



efore parking on another owner's driveway, please be sure to obtain permission from the owner. The number of rentals in our park continues to rise as travelers look forward to enjoying some Florida sun. More owners are placing their RV lots and units in the ORO Rental Program each day. While inspecting some of these RV lots for incoming renters/guests, we have found cars parked on a few properties. Please help us make sure these properties are ready for our incoming renters/ guests. The office can also assist you with a three-day common area parking pass, allowing your vehicle to be parked at a bathhouse near your lot.



# **SAFETY**

Here at ORO, our resident's safety is our number one priority. We have implemented speed limits on all our roads within the park to ensure both our residents and our guests can safely travel on the roads. There are stop signs installed at the necessary intersections as well. We ask that you abide by these rules to keep our wonderful park as safe as possible.

### **MAINTENANCE**

Maintenance does such a great job keeping our park looking great! This past quarter, they resealed the marina dock and repainted all the curbs and stop lines, painted the lake house, and more. They have also been a great help to the storage committee in getting the new storage area set up and moving many trailers. They recently assisted the Sewer Taskforce with the smoke test of the sewer lines.

Alfredo did a wonderful job with all the spring blooms bringing color to our office and clubhouse!

The Maintenance team has been busy assisting homeowners with work orders from stump grinding and lawn care to delivering tables and setting up tents.

Thank you, Maintenance, for all you do!

#### Sun Protection in the Sunshine State

With the arrival of spring, many of us will be spending more time outdoors and by the pool or stretched out at the beach. We have to remember to protect our skin from the harmful effects those golden rays can have on our skin! Here are some tips for sun safety.

- Remember to wear your sunscreen. You need more than you think!
- Dut on more after getting out of the water or at least every two hours.
- Take breaks in the shade (with a cold cocktail?).
- Wear a hat and sunglasses for added protection.

# so how much sunscreen should you uses

Skin Cancer risks

increase with age. A tan
is not a healthy glow
but a sign of damage!



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# That Darn TV Station!

Our resort TV channel is down again. We are working with Comcast to get this back up and running as quickly as possible.

If you ever need information about anything happening in the park, please visit the website, call the office at (863) 424-1407, or send us an email at info@oro-orlando.com.

## RENTAL PROGRAM REOPENS

As of May 1, 2021, our Rental Program will fully reopen so our Rental Coordinator, who is dedicated to the success of our Rental Program, can provide complete services to owners with properties in the Rental Program and guests calling to reserve those properties. Now is the time for us to increase our inventory of rental properties so we can meet the demand. If you have a property you would like to put in the Rental Program, please contact our <u>Rental Coordinator</u> at 863-877-4182.

The Rental Program introduces ORO to guests who may become owners or regularly-returning guests in the future. The program also gives existing owners a way to offset some of their ownership expenses. Historically, the Rental Program has earned about \$20,000 (in excess of related expenses) for ORO each year, sometimes more and sometimes less, which helps to offset maintenance and improvement expenses for the community. The program also helps our community focus on higher-quality rentals and identify ways to avoid problems that private rentals can incur. For more information, see <u>Renting Your Property Through the Rental Program</u>.

We have been receiving several calls a day from guests looking for properties to rent in our resort. These rental inquiries are for dates in the near future and over the upcoming 18 months. From these calls, we can see how popular our resort is with visitors to the central Florida area.

Our rental season is usually busiest from Jan 1 to April 15 each year, but this year could be different. Many people have delayed travel due to Covid-19, so as more are vaccinated, we could see more rental demand this summer. We are also hearing from people who are looking to work remotely from attractive locations, such as our beautiful resort.

We need quality properties to increase our rental inventory. Our Rental Coordinator is inspecting homes and helping owners get them prepared for upcoming rentals through the Rental Program. Once a property is ready for guests, our Rental Coordinator will work with you to sign the rental agreement and identify when the property is available for rent (and when you want to reserve it for private use). Then, our Rental Coordinator cares for each rental property by inspecting the property before a guest arrives, and then again after a guest departs at the end of the rental period. For homes, ORO retains a security deposit until the home is inspected in the rare case that something is damaged during a rental. Our Rental Coordinator is focused on delivering high-quality customer service to both the owners with properties in the Rental Program and to guests who rent properties in our resort.





**IN MEMORY** 

Words will never heal a broken heart, but from the bottom of ours, we hope you find comfort in your memories and find peace as time passes.

Kathryn Greenwood	Lot 386	November 2020
Roy R Smith	Lot 725	November 28, 2020
Dorothy Moore	Lot 242	January 2021
Dianne Moody	Lot 812	January 1, 2021
Bill Moeller	Lot 249	February 9, 2021
Sam Eversole	Lot 406	February 27, 2021

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