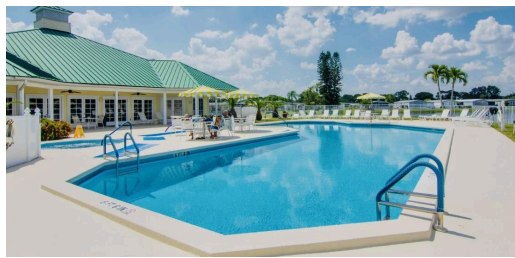


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President's Message

Wow it's hard to believe it is September already. Soon the snowbirds will be coming back and Golden Ponds will once again be full of friends, activities, and a GREAT place to spend the winter. A SUPER THANK YOU to our Activities chairperson, Alice Peck and all the volunteers who hosted the various activities over the summer, including ice cream socials, potlucks, exercise classes, dances, pool parties, bingo, Texas hold'em, shows and more. You are appreciated.

A special thank you also to Jerry and Lynn Griffin for their hard work over the summer collecting (and selling) items for the November bazaar which is set for November 6 – 8.

The Christmas Drive-thru is set for Saturday December 14 th .

Please don't forget coffee plus on the first Saturday of each month beginning at 9:00am in the South clubhouse.

For all our snowbird friends please have a safe trip back to Golden Ponds.

Gary Lange

HOA President



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Copy is due by the 20th of the preceding month.

It is the intent of the ATP staff to deliver the newsletter by the last day of the month. Please be patient as some residents may receive their copy earlier than others. Extra calendars will be available on the table in the north clubhouse. If you have not received your copy, by the first, please contact Frank Forney at 804-491-3104

You can go online to: www.goldenponds.com or <https://goldenpondsfh.hoaspace.com/> for a full version of the ATP.

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MANAGER'S NOTICE

WOW! SEPTEMBER ALREADY!

Let us welcome a few new residents.

*Tina Longhurst has purchased 10116 Mill Creek Ln. and she is from TN.

*Sandra Espinoza has purchased 1876 Bar Harbor Dr. and she is from Florida
Welcome to our wonderful community.

A reminder of yard waste and recycling is due September 1. A separate check from rent in the amount of \$43.64 to Golden Ponds.

*On that note, yard waste will be every other week from now on.

*Do not park in the street or in the yard.

*All guests need to be registered. You can call or text me to register.

*Please check on people you hired to do any kind of work for you. It could affect us all.

Concrete work will be starting soon. Please be kind. It's hot out there.

Now is the time to make all your preparations for a hurricane. The best thing you can do is be prepared. I will continue to do my best to keep all weather related issues to everyone through our FACEBOOK pages.

Have a blessed month.

Yvette Peppard, Park Manager



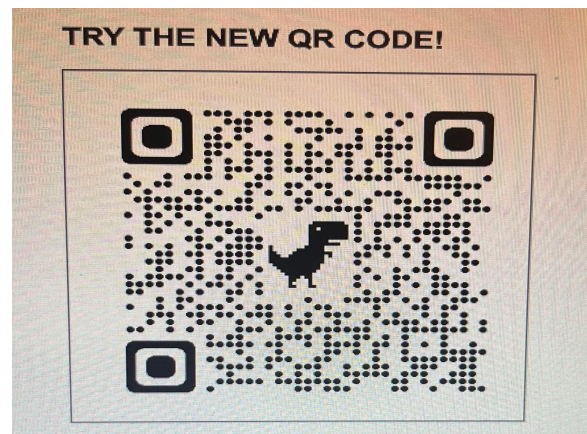
GOLDEN PONDS HOA WEBSITE NEWS! NEED A QUICKER ACCESS TO THE HOA WEBSITE??? TRY THE QR CODE!

How to use:

Open camera app on your phone/tablet
Aim camera at the above QR Code (Don't take a picture) but center QR Code to see on your camera.

A website popup will appear on your screen.

Click on the popup and away you go!!!!



SEPTEMBER DATES/HOLIDAYS

1st	LABOR DAY
11	PATRIOT DAY
11	ROSH HASHANAH BEGINS
13	GRANDPARENT'S DAY
18	NAT'L POW/MIA DAY
20	YOM KIPPUR BEGINS
22	FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN
27	GOLD STAR MOTHER'S DAY

GOLDEN PONDS BOOK CLUB

In our August meeting on the 14th we talked about our book of the month, *The Lost Girls of Ireland* by Susanne O'Leary. It is a novel about a woman, Lydia, who lives in Dublin with her husband, a very successful investor and their young teenage daughter, Sunny. They live a very busy life where Lydia entertains and plans fundraisers. All is good until Barry passes away unexpectedly. When that happens it is discovered that he has been stealing the investors money and the family is broke. Lydia is forced to sell everything in an attempt to make good on the debt. She and Sunny move to a cottage on the Irish coast that was left to her by a maiden great aunt. They settle in to a totally different way of life than they were used to; making new friends and rediscovering themselves in a very small town where everyone knows everyone.

Our group enjoyed the book scoring it from 3 to 5 with an average of just under 4. We liked it because it was an easy read, had good descriptions of the scenery of that part of Ireland and interesting characters. The book is in the library, donated by Linda Merrill.

Our selection for September is *Angry Housewives Eating Bonbons* by Lorna Landvik. It is a novel about five very different friends who meet life head-on with strength and humor. Our next meeting will be on September 11th. We always welcome new members.

Keep on reading!

Alice Peck

Thank you!

If you visit the library to take out books or movies or if you go there to play cards or games, you will notice a nice

improvement. We have six new comfortable chairs with arms and very stable legs. Let's all give a grateful shoutout to Yvette and Mr. Barding!

"Ask and ye shall receive ". I'm not going to press my luck. 😊

LIBRARY

We continue our hot, humid rainy season here at Golden Ponds. With September here, maybe it will cool down a bit and we will have a nice Fall. We continue to be busy in the library organizing all the books plus your wonderful donations. We wanted you to know we have five of Robyn Carr's novels that Sullivan's Crossing is based on. It is a wonderful series on TV at the moment.

#1 *What We Find*; #2 *Any Day Now*;
#3 *The Family Gathering*; #4 *Best of Us*;
#5 *Country Guest House*

These are found on the paperback shelves as you come into the library on your right. Take a moment and check them out if you have missed seasons 1-3 on TV. Also please check your shelves and see if you still have Book 3 of Stuart Woods Holly Barker series: *Blood Orchid*. This book has been out for several months and we have several people who would like to read it. Thanks again for helping us keep our library in order. Until next month,

Happy Reading.

Linda Merrill

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Hello Ponders, I can't believe the summer is already coming to an end! Here is a list of the cards which have been sent out on behalf of the HOA over the summer. Special thanks go out to Kathy Flanagan-Olson, who very kindly filled in for me during my summer absence.

Sharon VanDell & Kathy Flanagan-Olson
For the Sunshine Committee

Get Well Cards:

- *Janine Lange, sent to: 29052
Scarborough Dr., Warren, MI 40888**
***Judy Smagula, sent to: 420 Hookset
Rd., Auburn, NH**
***Ronnie Nadeau, 1776 Golden Ponds Dr.**
***Phil Rebholz, sent to: 11628 S., 700W.
Amboy St., Indiana 46911**
***Bunny Dearcop, 1697 Golden Ponds Dr.**
***Kim Krause, 1751 Golden Ponds Dr.**

Sympathy Cards:

- *Christine Onink, 1704 Walden Pond Dr., on the passing of her husband Jeffrey. Donation from the HOA has been made to Dogs and Cats Forever, in honor of Jeff.**
- *Richard Prowan, 1101 Military Trail, Apt. 162, Jupiter, FL, 33458, on the passing of his Mom, Raymonde Sullivan, Golden Ponds Dr.**

Thank you.

c: 772-979-0571 (I text)

My email is: sharonvandell@yahoo.com.



A group of us are working on organizing a Celebration of Life sometime in January after most of our residents are back in the park. The date and details are a work in progress and we will keep you updated in future ATPs. If anyone has any photos or memories they would like to share that would be the time to do it. She lived here a long time and must be one of our oldest residents. She needs to be remembered.

CARING 4 CAREGIVERS

For the interest of General Caregivers, please get with me so I can arrange with Laura, we need more than 2 attendees. At the moment Laura can do one on one or Zoom. Please let me know. Otherwise I will revisit Laura in the October Health Fair, since she will be here.

Please join us on September 11 at 10:00.

Any questions do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Ruth Chuqui-Conder 772-475-4638

Marylou Meenan 815-546-8235

Remember you are not alone.



Raffle Basket Requests
November Annual Bazaar

It is never too early to start making baskets for our November Bazaar Drawings. As of now, we have a few items for Chair Yoga, Kitchen. We wish to create many more but need your help:

- Dog Lovers -Cat Lovers -Wine -Liquor
-Bathroom -Beach -Bingo -Quilting & Craft
-Survival Kit -Gamesetc

If you would like to create one of these suggested baskets, one of your own or simply donate/ \$ or purchase items to be included into one of these baskets, please let our Committee know. As always, we appreciate your generosity and sharing your talents with our community.

If you are interested to help. Please call Fawn Persuitti 971-2053 or Ruthie Chuqui-Conder 475-4638 with any questions. Thank you again to those who donated for the baskets.

PAINT AND SIP

Just a little more information about our Paint and Sip On September 3rd at 3:00 in the South Clubhouse. This is a FREE event sponsored by the Agency on Aging and the piece we will be doing will have a fall theme. Please, sign up on the bulletin board in the north clubhouse so that they can bring the amount of supplies. Both men and women can come and paint a decoration to hang up in your home.

Don't forget to bring something to Sip!

HEALTH FAIR
OCTOBER 22nd

Signup sheets in the North Clubhouse
for Flu and Shingles shots.

See more information in the October ATP



VETERAN'S DAY

Veterans Day is November 11. If you HAVEN'T filled out a form that has your name and address please do so.

Forms are at the north clubhouse.

Also if you have a picture of yourself in uniform, there is a 2nd form with name branch, years served and rank at discharge. We will be having a slide show of the pictures on November 11 at 11:00 after a short ceremony. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony. Please plan on coming to support your Veterans.

Return forms to:

Pat Lake

10106 Gaslight Ct.

Lakestaple@yahoo.com

POTLUCK SUPPER

Saturday, September 27th at 5:00

South Clubhouse

**Please bring something to share and
your beverage of choice.**

Plates, tableware, napkins and cups

As well as ice will be provided.

**Mark it on your calendar and come enjoy
the good food.**

Alice Peck

🍦 ICE CREAM SOCIAL 🍦

Come and join us on

Saturday 9/20 at 2:00

Four flavors of ice cream

& at least a dozen kinds of toppings

Only \$5.00 at the door

A great way to cool off.



**The 10:00 am water exercise class with
weights will be held throughout the
season, weather permitting!!**

COMING SOON!!

**ALL YOUR FAVORITE GOLDEN PONDS
ACTIVITIES!!**

**IF ANYONE HAS AN ACTIVITY IDEA OR
WANTS TO PLAN AN EVENT, PLEASE
CONTACT ALICE PECK, ACTIVITY
DIRECTOR TO GET IT SCHEDULED!**

THANK YOU!



PIZZA PARTY

**On Saturday night, September 13th,
tie on your bib and bring your
appetite to the South Clubhouse at
5:00 for a Pizza Party hosted by Jeff
and Mary Green. We will be
purchasing the pizzas at Sam's Club
and Jeff will be baking them in the
kitchen of the North Clubhouse so
they will be fresh and hot. There will
be several different selections to
choose from guaranteeing that there
will be one to your liking. As in all of
our meals, tableware and napkins will
be provided and please bring
whatever you would like to drink.**

**The Ticket Sales Team will be at the
North Clubhouse from 9-10:30 on
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of
that week and the cost will be \$6.00
per person. The first two days are for
homeowners and renters and the
third day can include guests.**

We hope that you plan to join us.

Alice Peck

**It never hurts to volunteer...we are
always looking for folks to help!**

REMINDER:
LABOR DAY LUNCH
September 1 at 1:00
In the South Clubhouse
\$5.00 per person

MENU
Barbecue Sandwiches
Macaroni Salad, Cole Slaw, Jello salads,
pickles/olives

Various sheet cakes for dessert

The lunch is hosted by the HOA Board
and we are looking for volunteers to
help.

Please bring whatever you would like to
drink.



In the United States, Grandparents Day
2025 will be celebrated on Sunday,
September 7, 2025. It is officially
observed on the first Sunday after
Labor Day.

This day is an opportunity to honor and
appreciate grandparents and the
important role they play in families.
Hopefully yours is full of blessed time
with your grandchildren!



*Less than five months to go!
There is still time to book if you would be
satisfied with an inside cabin. I received
an email from Christi at Omni Tours this
morning and I'm going to include part of
it here:*

*Anyone who signs up now can
pay the initial deposit but they don't
have to pay the 2nd deposit. There is no
cancellation penalty until October 7th.
Final payment is due October 8th. With
regards to the insurance, TripMate is
having a big rate increase effective
September 1st. If people want to
purchase insurance, I strongly
recommend they do it by August 28th as
I am out of the office from August 29th
until September 2nd. If someone has a
problem purchasing the insurance, they
won't be able to reach me and there will
be no exceptions on the rate change.
Insurance premium is non-refundable
but the insurance company will allow the
traveler to use the policy for a different
trip.*

*For those of you who are planning
on doing excursions, I recommend that
you book them as soon as possible
before they are sold out. Those are done
directly with Norwegian Cruise Lines. I
hope that everyone has spent some time
checking out the Joy and some of the
dining experiences that are available as
well as the entertainment and all the
other attractions. I'm planning on having
a meeting with our group sometime in
November and I'm hoping that those who
have traveled with Norwegian before will
come and share information and
suggestions.*

Until then.....Alice Peck

September Anniversaries

Ed & Karen Kuhn.....9/1/72
 Randy & Sandy Amadon.....9/2/77
 Philip & Rita Glesser.....9/2/83
 Ron & Terry Nadeau.....9/3/78
 Richard & Anne Brown.....9/4/65
 Dave & Molly Shaddock.....9/6/86
 Robert & Theresa Amanna.....9/9/73
 Ned & Sue Larkin.....9/12/76
 Lynn & Nancy Leiterman.....9/12/21
 Jerry & MaryBeth Grace.....9/13/86
 Paul & Beverley George.....9/14/13
 Bill & Janet Gimbel.....9/16/67
 Arnold & Diane McLaughlin.....9/17/93
 Walter & Violet Kerstetter.....9/18/65
 Paul & Frances Lamothe.....9/18/76
 James & Connie Juliano.....9/25/71
 Rick & Yvonne McAllister.....9/25/98
 Jim & Paulette Reich.....9/27/03
 Bill & Nancy Soroka.....9/28/91
 Neal & Karen Plante.....9/29/64
 Mike & Kay McCoy.....9/30/89



September Birthdays

2 Lenore Bailey, Florence Barr, Gregg Ley
 4 Linda Haineault, Joe Michael
 5 Terry Nadeau, Wanda Turley
 6 Susan Tureski, Marvin Waxberg
 7 Dennis Hutchinson
 8 Karen Johnson
 9 Janet Bender
 10 Gordon Fish
 11 Pat Belcher, Don Berube, Bill Clark
 15 Calvin Campbell, Anna Frechette, Joe Montella
 16 Bunny Dearcop, Patricia Rist
 17 Kay McCoy
 18 Barbara Harrison, Ed Poole, Douglas Speck
 19 Ray Lemieux, Donna McGee
 20 JimSmith
 23 Bill Breese, Donna Kral, Janine Lange, Nancy Murphy
 25 Fawn Persuitti
 27 Robert Amanna, Mike Harter, Verna Simpson
 28 Charles Eshleman
 29 Darline Delaurentis
 30 Ed McCurry, Pete Schuder, Diana Wilka

RUBBING ELBOWS WITH THE ELITE

By Frances T. Morneault

Quite a few years ago, we were invited to the Archbishop's Charity Ball being held at St. Joseph' College in West Hartford, CT. The hosting couple was from Simsbury, CT, a rich town. We were from Enfield, CT, a blue collar town. We were 4 couples. It is a long story on how we were picked.

The cost was \$50 a couple. We hemmed and hawed as should we go. It was quite expensive for us. We decided it was a go. It was probably a once in a lifetime chance.

When we entered the lobby, we noticed expensive dresses, mink stoles and mink capes and men in tuxedos. That was our first hint that we were out of our league. We made a mad dash to the coat room to hang my crochet white shawl and the other gals their best jackets. I wore a long black dress with white plaid taffeta trim. Phil wore a black suit, bow tie and a cummerbund matching my dress. The men's shoes were very polished. In our eyes , we all looked pretty spiffy.

We were escorted to our elegant table. Each table had 2 bottles of wine, a red wine and white wine. We felt better about spending \$50 for this event. After the bottles were opened, a priest came to our table with his empty wine glass. Of course, he was poured a glass of wine. None of us knew this priest. He was very friendly.

Then, a well-dressed wine steward came to our table and stated that the wine cost was \$20 a bottle. Between the eight of us, we came up with the \$40. That was unexpected. The priest quickly disappeared.

Then, it was the Receiving Line to be introduced to the Archbishop and other dignitaries. We never saw so many priests in black velvet suits and wearing their white Roman Collar. It was quite impressive. The Archbishop was very cordial. He was well liked. He was known as the people's bishop.

We had all decided to be on our best behavior and act dignified. Knowing Phil, that did not last long. We looked like the only table enjoying the evening.

The Society Editor and the photographer of one of Hartford's newspapers were taking pictures and interviewing each table. It was a grand night.

On our way back to the car, we passed a girl's dorm. There was a girl undressing by her window. Our friend Jeanne stopped and sang "Pull the Shade Down Maryann". We had a good laugh. That was us, no pretending.

Much to our surprise , guess who made the Society Section of the newspaper? It was the 4 couples from Enfield, CT. It was all worth the \$50 per couple. It has given me good memories,

God is Good!

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITY LIST

Monday September 1
Labor Day Lunch 1:00-3:00

Wednesday September 3
Paint and Sip 3:00-5:00

Saturday September 6
Coffee Plus 9:00-10:00

Monday September 8 - Wednesday 10 Pizza Party Ticket Sales 9:00-10:30

Wednesday September 10
Bazaar Store Open 9:00-11:00

Thursday September 11
Caregivers Support Group 10:00-11:30 Book Club 1:00-2:00

Saturday September 13
Pizza Party 5:00-6:00

Saturday September 20
Ice Cream Social 2:00-3:00

Wednesday September 24
Bazaar Store Open 9:00-11:00

Saturday September 27
Potluck Supper 5:00-6:00

Need Help with benefits or any general questions regarding veterans affairs?

- St Lucie County Veterans Service: 714 AVENUE C; Fort Pierce, FL 34950; This office is by appointment only: Please call 772-337-5670, choose option "zero" to reach the receptionist to schedule your appointment**

OFFICE IS CLOSED EVERY DAY 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Tim Klock, US Army Veteran

GOLDEN THREADS WITH THE GOLDEN GIRLS

Once again we are being offered an opportunity through the Treasure Coast Hospice. This time it is for anyone who has ever wanted to learn to crochet. (And we're never too old to learn.) In the month of September we are invited to attend up to four classes to learn this skill. The following is a message I received from Antoinette, our contact at the agency.

For the Golden Girls Crochet Classes, transportation can be provided, if we have at least 5 people interested in coming. If transportation is provided, the residents will be picked up around 8:30am. Residents must call to pre-register for meals to reap the benefit of free transportation. The registration is quick and done over the phone. Car Pooling is the other option if less than 5 residents are interested in participating. The class is open to any skill level, but since it's a beginner class the project for the first class will be a pot holder. Then working on granny squares that will be the other classes.

The classes will be given on four consecutive Tuesdays from 10:00-11:30. The dates are the 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th. If you call and register for the transportation, lunch will be served at the Senior Center on Orange Avenue. The number to call is 772-336-8608 and space is limited.

ST LUCIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS PROUD TO ONCE AGAIN PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 7, 2025

This annual community building event will be held between 1:00 to 3:00 pm. following the same format as in previous years. All residents are invited to this event luncheon at no charge. Members of the Sheriff's Office Command Staff, along with Deputies, will be visiting . Doors will open at 12:30. There will be a sign in sheet in both clubhouses to help us plan for the food. If you have any questions or like to help, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Ruthie Chuqui-Conder

Editor's Message:

Welcome Back and Happy Fall! It's that time again that our snowbirds will be flying back and I hope everyone has a safe trip! I would like to remind folks that there will be many activities and events coming soon and we would encourage everyone, even new residents, to offer to help and volunteer! We are a community that helps each other in so many ways that I'm sure you will find something that suits your personal talents! Please contact Alice Peck, Activities Director to schedule any activity or event!

Please let me know if you see any errors or omissions in the newsletter and I will make every effort to correct it. Also, to those that have returned to residence, please contact an HOA board member or your local ATP carrier to help you obtain a copy of the ATP and to resume delivery. I am unable to give out any phone numbers or addresses, so please check your GP phone book or ask a neighbor for contact information, if needed.

Also, I do ask that if anyone would like to have anything published, that you submit the information to me in an editable format by the 20th of each month so there is adequate time for handling. Please note that items for submission are subject to final approval for content. Some clip art, text boxes, photos and inserts may be edited for printing and are only printed in black and white. Please visit our GP website (address is on the first page) to see our ATP in all its beautiful color! I can be reached anytime at debbeliveau@gmail.com. All submissions must be in writing to me by email. If you need to, please contact an HOA Officer and they can assist you with getting in touch with me. My number is in our phone directory. Please leave me a message and I will return your call as soon as I can. Thank you.

Sincerely, Deb Beliveau: Editor/Publisher

**Patriot Day
9/11/25**



