



Around The Ponds



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Message From the Board

Golden Ponds is a great community because of the residents who live here. We appreciate our snow birds certainly but at this time of year it is evident there are those of us that call Golden Ponds home year-round!

Your HOA is here to provide activities and events for all residents. Do you have any ideas for activities? Please contact Alice Peck In response to the issues we experienced in the storage trailer area I wanted to touch on security. The first thing is to keep your vehicle and golf cart locked up at night. Our community is safe in part because we look out for each other in many ways. A big thank you to the COPS volunteers, but there are ways we all can be sure to help with safety. A big one is to adhere to the signs at our front gate, when it is down and we are entering the park, remember to wait until the gate drops before proceeding to your home. When you swipe your card, it is for your entry only. I know it seems rude when folks are waiting behind you, but it really protects all of us. Another safety measure is to look out for your neighbors, especially if they live alone. I was told that someone arranged with their neighbor to crack her door every morning when she gets up and this reassures them she is well. What are some ways you help ensure your neighbors are safe? Thank you for helping Golden Ponds stay safe and a desirable community.

Do you know there is a Facebook page for Golden Ponds? This is a great place to find reminders of events, when tickets will be sold, etc. Thanks for taking the time to read!

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HOA Director

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Managers Message

Let's welcome: Gail Murray. She bought 1863 Golden Ponds Dr. and is from VT. Welcome to our community!

It is time to start preparing for Hurricane season.

Make sure to have all trees hurricane trimmed...

Get a supply list and put all supplies in a tote.

Put anything that could blow away and damage someone else's property inside.

CLEAN UP CARPORTS.

Have an evacuation plan in place BEFORE an emergency.

I have put papers for shelters and supply list in the North clubhouse.

I have sent out half of the power wash notices, and will be sending out the rest soon.

Life is only as good as your mindset. A negative mind will never give you a positive life.

Have a Great month!

Yvette Peppard
Park Manager



Greetings Golden Ponders!

We made it safely to NYS with no issues! We got here and the temperature was 94 the first day and 82 the second day!! Then.... cold and rain for the next five days! Welcome to NYS!!!
LOL

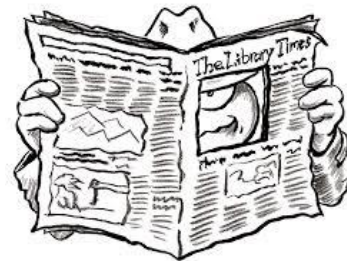
As I was composing the ATP for this month, I was very impressed with the number of activities that are still being held in our park! Even with the fewer numbers, you all keep things going! Thank you for all for your hard work for these activities, and a huge thank you to Alice Peck for organizing everything!

The new pickle ball courts were almost done when we left and after chatting with Jeanne Jean, they are ready to be used. Hope everyone enjoys them and you have good weather to play!

Everyone has been great in sending ATP submissions to the gpatpnew@gmail.com website. I can go in and pull everything from there for editing. That's about all for this month!

Have a great June! Happy Father's Day to all the dads out there!

Mike Richardson Jeanne Jean
ATP Editor Ads Editor



Letter From The Editor

June Holidays

Father's Day

Origins of Father's Day

The campaign to celebrate the nation's fathers did not meet with the same enthusiasm as Mother's Day—perhaps because, as one florist explained, “fathers haven't the same sentimental appeal that mothers have.”

On July 5, 1908, a West Virginia church sponsored the nation's first event explicitly in honor of fathers, a Sunday sermon in memory of the 362 men who had died in the previous December's explosions at the Fairmont Coal Company mines in Monongah, but it was a one-time commemoration and not an annual holiday.

The next year, a Spokane, Washington, woman named Sonora Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents. She went to local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers and government officials to drum up support for her idea, and she was successful: Washington State celebrated the nation's first statewide Father's Day on June 19, 1910.

Slowly, the holiday spread. In 1916, President Wilson honored the day

by using telegraph signals to unfurl a flag in Spokane when he pressed a button in Washington, D.C. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge urged state governments to observe Father's Day.

Today, the day honoring fathers is celebrated in the United States on the third Sunday of June, this year being June 21st.

In other countries—especially in Europe and Latin America—fathers are honored on St. Joseph's Day, a traditional Catholic holiday that falls on March 19th.

During the 1920s and 1930s, a movement arose to scrap Mother's Day and Father's Day altogether in favor of a single holiday, Parents' Day. Every year on Mother's Day, pro-Parents' Day groups rallied in New York City's Central Park—a public reminder, said Parents' Day activist and radio performer Robert Spere, “that both parents should be loved and respected together.”



Flag Day

When the American Revolution broke out in 1775, the colonists weren't fighting united under a single flag. Instead, most regiments participating in the war for independence against the British fought under their own flags. In June of 1775, the Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia to create the Continental Army—a unified colonial fighting force—with the hopes of a more organized battle against its colonial oppressors. This led to the creation of what was, essentially, the first “American” flag, the Continental Colors.

For some, this flag, which was comprised of 13 red and white alternating stripes and a Union Jack in the corner, was too similar to that of the British. George Washington soon realized that flying a flag that was even remotely close to the British flag was not a great confidence-builder for the revolutionary effort, so he turned his efforts towards creating a new symbol of freedom for the soon-to-be fledgling nation.

On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress took a break from writing the Articles of Confederation and passed a resolution stating that “the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white,” and that

“the union be 13 white stars, in a blue field, representing a new constellation.”

Over 100 years later, in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson marked the anniversary of that decree by officially establishing June 14 as Flag Day. This year, Flag Day will be on Sunday, June 14th.

It is widely believed that Betsy Ross, who assisted the Revolutionary War effort by repairing uniforms and sewing tents, made the first American flag. However, there is no historical evidence that she contributed to Old Glory's creation. It was not until her grandson William Canby held an 1870 press conference to recount the story that the American public learned of her possible role. It has since been confirmed that Francis Hopkinson, a delegate from New Jersey who was also one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, was the one who designed the American flag.



Say Something Nice Day Monday, June 1, 2026

On June 1, be kind to everyone you meet and say something nice to them because it is Say Something Nice Day. The day aims to encourage people to spread cheer and goodwill by opening up channels of communication and by focusing on the good in everyone.

Be nice to everyone. It's not only good for them, but also beneficial for you as well! Also known as National Say Something Nice Day, this unofficial holiday is said to have originated in Charleston, South Carolina. According to some, the originators of the holiday were inspired by Mitchell Carnell's book, *Say Something Nice - Be a Lifter @ Work*. The book inspires people to be lifters. A lifter is someone who is positive and always says something nice to whoever they meet. The book inspires people to lift others up, not put them down.

How to Celebrate?

Celebrate the day by saying something nice to everyone you meet. Remember, if you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all.

Put aside your petty animosities with people and use this day to try and see the positive in people you usually do not like.

Leave a nice note or do something nice for a friend, family member, or co-worker.

All in all - just be nice to friends, foes, and strangers alike, and you will notice that you feel much better about yourself!

Did You Know...

...that the saying "if you can't say something nice, don't say nothing at all," is often known as Thumper's Law or the Thumperian Principle? Thumper is the fictional rabbit character from Disney's animated movie, *Bambi*. Who knew!

Leave the Office Early Day Tuesday, June 2, 2026

While we all love our jobs (sure, we do), but nothing is more relaxing and fun than leaving work just a bit earlier than one normally does. So, on June 2, pack up your things and get out of the office earlier than usual because it is Leave The Office Earlier Day or Leave the Office Early Day.

Say goodbye to work and leave the office early today. This unofficial holiday is celebrated annually on June 2, unless it falls on a weekend. When it does, the day moves to the following Monday.

The day encourages people to take some time on a workday for themselves and do things that relax them. Another plus side of cutting out of work early? You avoid peak traffic hours!

How to Celebrate?

Get out of the office early. Make sure you inform your managers and co-workers that you will be leaving early.

Do something fun since you are out early from work. Go for a movie or happy hour at your favorite restaurant or bar with your co-workers.

Other Notable Holidays in June

Juneteenth National Independence Day (June 19): A federal holiday marking the end of slavery in the US.

Summer Solstice (approx. June 20-21): The longest day of the year and start of summer.

LGBTQ+ Pride Month: Recognized throughout June to celebrate LGBTQ+ culture and rights.

Men's Health Month Focuses on encouraging men to implement healthy living decisions

🕒 June Anniversaries 🕒

6/01/13 David & Kathleen Deganich
6/03/72 Sonny & Darline Delaurentis
6/05/81 Ed & June Poole
6/06/86 Mike & Donna Bartolucci
6/09/67 Douglas & Linda Speck
6/11/77 Bob & Jean Kennedy
6/11/77 Mike & Mary Timmons
6/11/83 David & Marcia Tyler
6/13/81 Terry & Kim Ayers
6/13/64 Lee & Linda Bonhamer
6/14/69 Galen & Karen Johnson
6/15/91 Charles & Krystal Eshleman
6/15/91 Nick & Lynnette Moffee
6/18/83 Moe & Barbara Chenette
6/19/04 Bob & Mary Hornic
6/22/96 Jack & Jeanne Elliott
6/24/61 Sam & Betty Eleuteri
6/25/66 Ray & Sue Ruckdeschel
6/25/83 Calvin & RuthAnn Campbell
6/27/70 Floyd & Nancy Draper
6/27/81 Pat & Cindy Hummer
6/27/87 Bob & Linda Dusanek
6/29/86 Robert & Judith Cerreto

🎂 June Birthdays 🎂

1 Grace Gray
5 Eva Gingras, David Habegger
7 Ted Shaw
9 Connie Galfo, Lynn Griffin, Donald Loveland, Denise Monica Ryce
10 Janice Brown, Cheri Noble
11 Paul Lamothe
12 Paul George
14 Marylou Meenan, Pete Smithie, Tonya Partin Sanchez
15 Mitch Cook
17 Sharon Finch, Judy Huffington, Barbara Knight
18 Mildred Bullock
19 Bev Atkinson
21 Doug Lafley
22 David Tyler
24 Dave Shaddock
25 James Juliano
26 Carol Wilson
27 Terry Hamilton, Carol Heisey, John Ryce
29 Kristin Boudle, Rocky Whiteside
30 Dick Huffington, Dee Price, Bob Evans

Trivia Question

What US president was the only one to have held a bartender's license?

Look in the ads for the answer!

Just a reminder.....

Yard waste pickup for the month of June will be: June 3rd & June 17th
Garbage: Every Monday & Thursday
Recyclables: Every Thursday
Barring any issues with Waste Pro!



June Weather & Nature in Florida

- **Lightning Capital:** June kicks off intense summer thunderstorms, specifically along the I-4 corridor between Tampa and Orlando, which is a global hot spot for lightning.
- **Longest Days:** Floridians enjoy nearly 14 hours of daylight, offering maximum sunshine for beaches and outdoor activities.
- **Turtle Nesting:** June is prime time for sea turtle nesting along Florida beaches.
- **Hurricane Season:** June 1st marks the official beginning of the Atlantic hurricane season.

Iconic Music Released in June

- **June 1, 1969:** John Lennon and Yoko Ono recorded "Give Peace a Chance".
- **June 1, 1973:** Paul McCartney and Wings released "Live And Let Die".
- **June 2, 1967:** The Beatles released *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*.
- **June 3, 1972:** The Eagles released "Take It Easy".
- **June 4, 1984:** Bruce Springsteen released the album *Born in the U.S.A.*
- **June 16/23, 1990:** Roxette's "It Must Have Been Love" hit #1.
- **June 22, 1971:** Joni Mitchell released her landmark album *Blue*.

- **June 24, 1967:** Procol Harum's "A Whiter Shade of Pale" entered the US charts.

Classic 1960s June Hits

- **The Beach Boys - "I Get Around" (1964):** Their first number-one hit in the US.
- **Johnny Horton - "The Battle Of New Orleans" (1959):** Hit #1 on US Country and Pop charts, with a notable peak in early June.
- **The Doors - "Light My Fire" (1967):** Gained massive popularity during the summer of 1967.

Notable Album

Carole King - *Tapestry* (1971): Hit #1 in the US on June 19, 1971, starting a 15-week run at the top of the charts! Carole King's *Tapestry* album has sold an estimated **25 to 30 million copies worldwide**. It is one of the best-selling albums of all time and has been certified **14 times platinum** in the United States!



CHANGE IN TICKET POLICY

Due to increasing costs all around us, event costs are impacted as well. Because of this, the Golden Ponds HOA board has voted on and approved a change in the policy regarding the sale of paid event ticket pricing effective for the sale of tickets **starting with the July 4th Picnic.**

To maintain event pricing for our HOA members, the change in pricing policy is as follows:

- Non-HOA Residents & or Renters without an HOA Guest Pass will pay a \$5.00 up charge on the cost of all event/function tickets.
- Guests of Residents or Renters with an HOA card: Friends or family from outside the park will pay a \$5.00 upcharge per ticket, to each event/function as well.

Examples to clarify:

- Event Ticket price to HOA Members (up to 2 per household), \$10.00
- Event Ticket Price to any NON-HOA individual, \$15.00
- If the event is free (specifically the "Till We Meet Again" Party)
 - Tickets are free for HOA Members (up to 2 per household)
 - Tickets are \$5.00 for any NON-HOA individual.

All other event purchase policy elements remain the same.

Golden Ponds HOA Board

USED/EMPTY CARTRIDGES RECYCLE

There is a basket in the Card Room in the North Club House for empty ink cartridges. The HOA receives Rewards Credits from Staples for our paper supply orders. Your recycling is appreciated.

Thank You.
Ruthie Chuqui-Conder

June Birthday Cake

If your birthday is in the month of June, bring a friend and come to the South Clubhouse at 4:00 on Sunday, June 7th for a piece of yummy cake in honor of your day.

Please put your name on the signup sheet in the North Clubhouse if you plan to attend.



Library News

The park is very quiet now that our friends have all gone home for the summer. Days are getting warmer and our rainy season will be starting soon. Why not stop by the library and pick up a book to read in your air-conditioned home.

New to the library is Shelby Van Pelt's book *Remarkably Bright Creatures* (2022).

It's a bestselling novel about the unlikely friendship between Tova Sullivan, a recent widow working as a cleaner at an aquarium, and Marcellus, a highly intelligent giant Pacific octopus. The octopus helps Tova unravel the mystery of her son's disappearance decades before. The book is praised for its heartwarming tone.

Last month, Netflix released the movie on its streaming service. The movie stars Sally Fields and Marcellus' voice by Alfred Molina. The movie was a hit, and you can still stream it. They always say the book is better than the movie. If the book isn't in our library. Try the movie.

Thanks again for returning your books and DVDs.

Till next month, stay cool and Happy Reading.

Linda Merrill



POTLUCK BY THE POOL

On Friday, June 5th let's join with friends and neighbors for a potluck supper by the pool. This time I'm thinking of appetizers, sandwiches, sliders, cool stuff and desserts. We will start it at 6:00 this time to give the sun a little more time to drop behind the clubhouse and give us a some more shade.

As usual the HOA will provide the tableware, ice, etc. Remember to

bring your favorite beverage (**please keep in mind.... No glass in the pool area.**)

What a good way to start the weekend off right.

Alice Peck



BRATS AND HOT DOGS

IN THE SUMMER KITCHEN

SAT. JUNE 13TH

4:00 TO 6:00 PM

\$3.00 each

Any question see

Gary Lange

4th of July Picnic

Please join us on the 4th of July at 1:00 pm for our Annual 4th of July Celebration.

We will be serving fried chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls, and dessert. Please bring your own beverage of choice.

Ticket price will be \$10 per person. Tickets will be on sale June 22 and 23 for HOA members (must have HOA card) from 9 to 10:30am and June 24 for everyone. New ticket sales policies apply

Hope to see everyone

Kim Krause



FATHERS DAY WEEKEND BREAKFAST

SATURDAY JUNE 20TH N. CLUBHOUSE
9AM OR 10AM
\$10.00 PER PERSON

MENU:

BISCUITS AND GRAVY
HOME FRIES
SCRAMBLED EGGS
HAM AND SAUSAGE
ASSORTED BAKED GOODS
FRESH FRUIT
COFFEE, JUICE, MILK

YOU CAN PURCHASE TICKETS

9:00 to 10:30 AM

MONDAY JUNE 8TH w/ HOA membership card

TUESDAY JUNE 9TH w/ HOA membership card

WEDNESDAY JUNE 10TH - everyone

*Father's Day
Breakfast*



YUM! ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Saturday, June 27

Come to the South Clubhouse at 2:00 for our monthly Ice Cream Social.

At least four flavors of ice cream and over a dozen toppings.

Dig a \$5.00 bill out of your pocket and get out of the heat for a while!

See you there!!

"Imagination is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited, whereas imagination embraces the entire world."

Albert Einstein

CARING 4 CAREGIVERS

ACTION STEPS

WRITE a “Diagnosis Reflection Letter” to yourself:

Take 10-15 minutes to write a private letter to yourself telling how you felt when you first received the diagnosis.

Be honest, raw, and gentle. This is not for anyone else to read. It’s a way to release what you’ve been holding inside.

CREATE A PERSONAL GROUNDING PRACTICE:

Choose one small thing you can do each morning to ground yourself -whether it’s a short walk, a 3-minute breathing exercise, journaling one sentence about how you feel, or simply making your coffee without rushing. Let it be a moment of YOU before the day begins.

SHARE ONE HONEST FEELING WITH SOMEONE YOU TRUST:

Pick a friend, partner, or counselor and tell them one honest, vulnerable thought you’ve been carrying. Saying “I’m scared,” “I feel lost,” or “I don’t know what to do” aloud helps lessen the isolation and opens the door for support.

See you on June 11, at 10:00 am.
Marylou Meenan 815-546-8235
Ruthie Chuqui-Conder 772-475-4638



Sunshine Club

Happy Summer Golden Ponders!

Here are the cards which have been sent out to our residents in the past month, on behalf of the HOA.

Get Well Cards:

Marylou Meenan, 9800 Booth Bay Drive
Krystal Eshleman, 10109 Gas Light Court

Sympathy Cards:

Sandy Landt & Family, 1561 Marsha Lane,
Woodruff, WI 54568, on the passing of her
husband Russ (former GP resident)
The Lemieux Family, 1780 Walden Pond
Drive, on the passing of Janet Lemieux.

Sharon VanDell
Sunshine Committee



“When one door of happiness closes, another opens, but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us”

boredpanda.com

Golden Ponds Book Club

Marriage At Sea by Sophie Elmhirst was a non-fiction story written from notes, journals and letters by Maurice and Maralyn Bailey who attempted to sail from England across the Atlantic through the Panama Canal to New Zealand in a sloop named the Auralyn. Just two people, without even radio contact, from port to port. Our group was not surprised when it didn't go perfectly and their boat sank somewhere in the Pacific. The things they did and went through to survive 117 days at sea is unbelievable.

They sold everything they owned in 1972 and built a boat with the wild dream of sailing by themselves from England to New Zealand. Along the way they stopped at various ports in places like Spain, the Canary Islands, and the Caribbean making friends in the beautiful clubs and beaches that they visited. They sailed on their way through the Panama Canal to Barbados and into the Pacific. Before long, tragedy struck in the form of a whale hitting their boat creating a large hole and as they are preparing a life raft and a dingy and gathering as many supplies as they could, they watched the Auralyn sink under the waves. This is only the beginning of the rest of a very interesting story.

They say that truth is stranger than fiction and that certainly applies in this case. The members of our group who were able to get and read the book gave it a 4.65 out of 5. A very good rating. If you would like to give it a try, you should be able to find a copy in our library.

Next month, join us in reading *How The Penguins Saved Veronica* by Hazel Prior. A heartwarming novel about Veronica McCreedy, a prickly, 85-year-old millionaire who finds new purpose, family, and joy after traveling to Antarctica to study Adélie penguins. Sounds like an interesting read.

Alice Peck



Are You Interested?

This article certainly won't be of interest to everyone, but I hope that a few of you might like to give it a try. There has been an idea running through my mind for several months that I would like to put out there. Is there anyone who would like to be part of some kind of weight loss group? At this point I have no idea of what form it might take. If you would be willing to come and talk about sharing some ideas, please join me in the card room in the north clubhouse at 11:00 on Monday morning June 1st. If it feels right, I hope to see you there.

Alice Peck

HELP WANTED

Once again, we have cleaning projects to be done. Gary Lange and helpers have already completed work on the area to the right of the stage in the south clubhouse.

On Wednesday June 3rd, I am looking for at least five or six people to work on cleaning and organizing the backstage area on the left side.

We will be going through the totes and boxes of party supplies and labeling them as well as eliminating some things that are the worse for wear. If you have some totes that you are no longer using, we would appreciate having them so that we can eliminate some of the boxes.

This year we are planning on donating the large number of costumes, that haven't been used in at least ten years, and are hanging in closet taking up space that could be utilized in other ways.

Depending on how many volunteers we get the project should take three or four hours.

If you can lend a hand, give me a call, 407-346-0993.

Alice Peck



Cruise News!!

Looking ahead to January 27, 2027, I spent part of the afternoon checking out the ports of call we will be visiting on our Royal Caribbean Explorer of the Seas 9-night cruise. Oranjsted Aruba, Willemstad Curaçao and Cabo Rojo DR all look wonderful with white sand and light blue waters. Oranjsted and Willemstad are both capitals of their respective countries and seem to be very good at hosting the tourists that visit daily. Cabo Rojo offers a free lazy river and a pool with a swim up bar. Royal Caribbean's private island Perfect Day Coco Cay has miles of beaches, including an all adult one, pools, watersides and several restaurants. Lots of fun in the sun! Currently we have 15 people who have signed up with Omni Tours. We need a total of 36 to be able to take advantage of the complimentary bus to Port Canaveral and back which is a big plus.

There are some application forms in the north clubhouse or if you are in your home up north, I would be happy to mail one to you. If you have questions you can email me at alicepeck46@yahoo.com or call me 407-346-0993.

Until next time...smooth sailing!
Alice Peck

