

SOCIAL NEWSLETTER

December 2015

*Click on the link for the
Monthly Calendar of Events.*

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Office Hours
Mon-Wed
8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Community Reminders:

Navigate on ThePlantationOnline.net Website



Haven't registered on ThePlantationOnline.net before? Just click "Register" on the upper-right of the page and enter your HOA account number and name - the site will walk you through the rest from there! Forgot your password? Just click "Login" and then use the forgot password link!

Please be sure to visit the website for any amendments to Covenants from time to time. You will also find information about your association, meeting notices, downloadable documents and more.

Create an Ad and Browse the Community Classifieds Web Page



Remember that one of the privileges of being a resident at The Plantation is that you have the opportunity to create your own classified and post it on the community's website. It's easy and quick. Go to www.theplantationonline.net. After you login select Classifieds on the top right hand corner of the page. Once you are on the page you will be able to create your post by clicking the "Create New Ad" link at the top. Select "Category" and then put in all of the information about the item(s). When you want to browse just go to the Classifieds page and choose the category that you are looking for from the "Category" menu on the top left.

Help us Update the Community Directory



Login into the website www.theplantationonline.net.

Then click "My profile" at the bottom left of the page.

Under your account look at your profile and make any necessary updates. Please note that you can choose which information you want to be shown on the website directory by selecting or deselecting the square boxes under "Visible in Directory" on the right side of the page.

Pool

Please help us lower the pool umbrellas when you are finished using them or when you see inclement weather heading your way. We thank you in advance for helping us keep the pool area enjoyable for all residents.



Reservations & Cancellation Policy:

Now you can also RSVP for certain events on the website!



Go to www.theplantationonline.net . After you login select Calendar on the top-middle of the page. Once you are on the calendar you can select any of the events that have the small gold star, fill out the information and you are registered for the event you have selected!

Please be sure to make the payment on time for the events that require pre-payment. If the payment has not been made after the deadline, the reservation does not guarantee a space. Always be sure to read the flyers and monthly e-mail newsletters to stay up-to-date!

Please be aware of the **deadlines** for each event. **No reservations will be accepted after the deadlines.** Because of the high volume of activities and to ensure efficient tracking purposes, payment is required with reservations for most of the activities. Please be sure to **RSVP in advance** if you'd like to attend an event. Advanced RSVPs are vital in planning for the appropriate amount of food and other supplies. Also, **some events have participant limits**, so we ask that you always call or e-mail to **cancel your reservation** if you can't make it. This way, other residents who may have been turned away can participate. Please note that for theater, sporting events and some other special events as specified, **ALL SALES ARE FINAL.** Cancellations for any reason including medical or family-related reasons for these types of events are subject to forfeiture of the entire cost unless the event ticket or space is re-sold, in which case a refund will be issued. We sincerely appreciate your understanding and consideration and we look forward to seeing you at upcoming events!

Miromar Outlet Incentive Program

This program at Miromar Outlets will benefit the community. Special cards located in front of the Lifestyle Director's office can be turned in to the Visitor Information Kiosk, Timberland Factory or Godiva Chocolatier to receive a VIP Brochure. The brochure has discounts and offers for the mall's stores. For each card turned in to one of the above locations, Miromar will put money in to The Plantation account. Every quarter we will receive a Gift Certificate worth the accumulated monies to be used to purchase items for the community or to give as prizes at some of our events. Please pass these out to your family members and friends.



A + 4 Your Donations/Volunteering Committee



December's Drive is FOOD!

Your support helps local homeless individuals get back on their feet!

List of suggested items: Soup, tomato products, PB&J, canned fruit, canned veggies, all would be great! You can drop the items anytime in the assigned bin located outside the offices at Somerset Hall amenity center.



A HUGE THANK YOU For Supporting the drives. Interfaith Charities of South Lee County appreciates YOU! The pantry serves San Carlos Park, Estero and Parts of Fort Myers. This outstanding team runs the Food Pantry, Literacy Program, Income Tax Service, Summer Lunch Program, Utility Assistance, Garden of Hope and Meals on Wheels, etc. For more information call (239) 267-3510. Keep your non-perishables coming to the bin anytime of the year at the amenity center. Thank you for your generous and on-going (yes, we collect ALL yearlong!) support of our food donations here at Plantation!

Help us put a smile on the faces of children whose anticipation of receiving a gift on Christmas morning may not be fulfilled. A new toy can mean everything to a needy or homeless child. It provides fun and enjoyment and gives a child a sense of pride in having something of their very own.

Volunteer Opportunities

Represent a child. Guardian ad Litem program is in need of volunteers age 21 and older who are Florida residents. Represent abused, abandoned or neglected children in the child welfare system and the community. An application is available on the website. A training course and a criminal background check screening are required. Volunteering is done on volunteer's own personal schedule, other than court dates, which are set far in advance. Call 533-1441 for details.

Be a senior companion. The Senior Companion Program provides volunteer opportunities to seniors 55 years or older to offer companionship and friendship to frail elderly individual who are homebound and generally living alone. These volunteers serve 20 hours each week and receive a small non-taxable stipend, of \$2.65 per hour and .40 a mile for travel, on-duty insurance, as well as annual health screening. Call the Dr. Piper Center at 332-5346 and ask for Jonah or Lourdes.

If you know of any organizations looking for volunteers please contact Sandra Reynolds at sreynolds@evergreen-lm.com.

Social Committee Meeting
Monday, November 30
Time: 10:45 a.m.
Somerset Community Room



You don't have to be a member of the Social Committee to get involved with the community activities!

We are looking for volunteers to help out with the different events we are having. Join us and have fun with your neighbors while we put decorations together or while we are setting up. There are always different events and many aspects of these need volunteers that are willing to help. Each job by itself is not hard and collectively they add up to great events for the residents.

Do you have any ideas for new events at The Plantation? New members and ideas are welcome. It's the volunteers who make the events successful.

If you are interested in volunteering for any event or in being a part of The Plantation Social Committee please contact Colleen Benson at colleenbenson@comcast.net.



The Plantation is Going to Italy!

(Monday, April 18 - Tuesday, April 26 2016. With the additional Amalfi Coast extension starting Tuesday, April 26 - Friday, April 29.)

Tuesday, December 1

Time: 10 a.m.

Somerset Community Room

Have you reserve your spot? Hurry, there are only a few left!

(This is a special small group tour for 18 or less)

Meet the tour director and have your questions answered.

- You get the personal attention and support that you deserve and pay for! Think about it...18 VS 53 people!
- We go places the big motor coaches can't!
- We dine in small, authentic local restaurants.
- We stay in the historical district in FIVE star hotels in the heart of the city VS the suburbs where the large mass tour groups stay due to their group size.
- We travel by high speed rail service not a bumpy motor coach.
- We skip the long lines and move to the front.

We hire only the best English speaking local guides that are graduates of the prestigious Italian Tourism Ministry Guide Program many of whom have PHDs and 20+ years of experience.

Please RSVP on the [Website!](#)

Holiday Lighting Ceremony

Thursday, December 3

Time: 6 p.m.

Somerset Community Room

Join us for our Annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony. **Bring a dish to share.** Bill Regel of Fletcher Music Centers will be playing the organ. He will take you on a musical tour of the U.S. playing the Lowrey Virtual Orchestra. **Don't forget to BYOB!**



Please RSVP on the [Website](#) no later than Monday, November 30

Pen and Ink Watercolor Note Card Art Class

Bella Art...Beautiful Art Made by YOU! Art Classes that come to YOU with Jenny M. Licht, Art Instructor! www.facebook.com/WissotaArt

Friday, December 4

Time: 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Price: \$30 per person (includes all supplies for completion of 4 water color note cards with envelopes)

Somerset Community Room



If you do a lot of e-mail and texting you know how special a hand drawn and hand painted water color note card will be when it is received. When sending the note card your frame able artwork is an extra special gift.

Class fee includes all supplies. Provided are four (4) special 140# water color notecards with envelopes, use of waterproof archival pens of different size nibs, water colors in a wide array of hues, use of brushes, pencils and erasers. Students will be provided a variety of card samples as well as instruction in the art of drawing and illustration along with an introduction to painting with watercolors. Included in your Florida designs you could add a Santa hat to your flamingo and give it some holiday spirit!

Please RSVP on the [website](#)!

Everglades Day Safari

Saturday, December 5

Time: 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Depart: Somerset and Bridgetown Amenity Centers

Price: \$140 per person (Includes Round trip transportation - A well-educated, highly-trained, naturalist guide - Awesome Airboat Ride - Wildlife Drive - Southern Lunch - Nature Walk - Scenic Boat



Cruise - Gratuity).

Join Captain Bob on the funmobile for a full day ecotour of the Everglades. Start this ecotour with a nature walk which is a leisurely stroll into the cypress swamp forest of the Everglades. The 90-minute scenic boat cruise departs from Everglades National Park and navigates through the mangrove estuary known as the 10,000 Islands. Southern lunch will be enjoyed at the Seafood Depot where you'll start with gator nuggets and choose from 5-6 different entrees. The adventure will continue with a wild life drive that ventures into the sawgrass prairies and open savannahs of the "Big Cypress," a 780,000 acre National Preserve in the Everglades. We will be ending with a thrilling one-hour ride on a small airboat deep in the swamps surrounded by alligators and birds.

Limited spaces available!

[Click here](#) for more information about the Everglades Day Safari.

How Has The New Budget Deal Affected Your Social Security Benefits?

Tuesday, December 8

Time: 3 p.m.

Somerset Community Room



Due to the new budget deal passed in late October, there are significant changes being made with respect to the available claiming strategies for Social Security retirement benefits. These changes will be effective the middle of 2016 giving potential Social Security recipients a limited window of time to maintain their current eligibility. This timely workshop will outline the changes, who it impacts, and what options recipients may have.

As a third generation financial advisor, Matthew J. Ruttenberg has been a financial advisor for over 10 years. He is one of the Partners at Conte Wealth Advisors leading the Fort Myers office. He enjoys focusing on the complexity of planning and investment support required to properly serve high net worth individuals and business owners.

Nathan E. Imboden knew at an early age that he wanted to help guide and educate individuals into financial freedom. He has been a financial advisor for over 7 years specializing on comprehensive financial planning in the areas of retirement planning, investment portfolio analysis, and estate planning.

Please RSVP on the **[website](#)**!

FROND ZOO

Artwork created from recycled palm fronds.

Friday, December 11

Time: 10 a.m.

Price: \$40 (Includes all the supplies.)

Somerset Community Room

A minimum of 4 participants is required for this class.



Choose from a variety of tropical or African themed animal masks to paint and keep or give away! The masks are made from recycled palm fronds.

Teacher and artist Heidi Saletko will bring the cleaned and prepared fronds, the paints that you need and will show you how to paint a professional-looking finished mask to take home.



You get to choose your mask.

Please RSVP on the [Website!](#)

Florida Concealed Carry Permit and Personal Protection Class

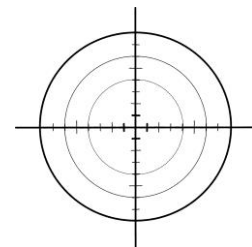
Saturday, December 12

Time: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Somerset Community Room

Price: \$135 (Includes: Range Fees, Firearms, Ammunition and Certificate needed to obtain Concealed Carry Permit.)

Spaces are limited.



This class is not meant to promote the sale of firearms, the main purpose is to educate and inform the basics of safety.

Sara Ryan a NRA Certified Instructor will be hosting this class that exceeds the requirements for a Florida Concealed Carry Permit.

It was designed to teach the basics of safe pistol handling and function to everyone from experienced shooters to those who have never handled a firearm. We will learn basic situational awareness and personal protection. She will also demo a wide range of products on the market designed to help you safely protect yourself. No past firearms or personal protection training needed.

Class Outline:

- Basic Firearm Function
- Safe Firearm Handling
- Ammunition Knowledge
- Shooting Fundamentals
- Purchasing your Firearm
- Maintaining your Firearm
- Situational Awareness
- Personal Protection
- Safe Gun Storage
- Florida Law Outline
- Range Time: We will go to Shoot Straight for the shooting portion of the class.

Ku-ku Trolley, Dinner at Sasse's and Edison & Ford Winter Estates Guided Tour

Monday, December 14

Pick-up Time: 4:15 p.m. Bridgetown Community Room

4:30 Somerset Community Room

\$45 per person (Includes Round Trip Transportation and Holiday Nights Guided Tour at Edison and Ford Winter Estates. Dinner on your own)

Returning around 9 p.m.



Come and enjoy this spectacular holiday event, you do not want to miss it!

We will start the evening with dinner at **Sasse's** restaurant. After dinner we will be attending a guided tour at Edison & Ford Estates. The 40th Annual Edison



Ford Holiday it has become a "must see" holiday tradition in Southwest Florida. The homes and gardens of the Edison and Ford families are seasonally decorated with millions of lights and historic decorations.



See more at: [Edison & Ford Winter Estates](#).

Spaces are Limited! Please RSVP to Sandra Reynolds at sreynolds@evergreen-lm.com, no later than Monday, November 30. Reservation without payment does not guarantee your spot. A minimum of 30 participants is required for this event.

Holiday Luncheon

Tuesday, December 15

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Price: \$25 (Includes soft drinks)

Address: 8985 Tamiami Trail N, Naples, FL 34108

Phone: (239) 598-2424

Fleming's



Join us for this great Holiday Luncheon. Only a few spots left!

Starter

MODERN CAESAR: Romaine lettuce, fried capers & crispy

prosciutto chips

Entrée (choice of)

PETITE FILET MIGNON

Our leanest, most tender beef

BARBEQUE SCOTTISH SALMON

Sautéed in a light glaze

FREE RANGE BRICK LEMON ROSEMARY CHICKEN

Sautéed in natural juices

Sides

CREAMED SPINACH & TRUFFLE MASHED POTATOES

Dessert

CHEESECAKE

For more information and to RSVP please contact Sandra Reynolds at sreynolds@evergreen-lm.com no later than Friday, November 27.

Heart Smart, Weight Wise: 7 Tips for Improving Heart Health Naturally

Wednesday, December 16

Time: 3 p.m.

Cost: \$20 per person or register with a friend and pay \$30 for 2 people, save \$5 each!

Somerset Community Room

Wellness workshop with Suzanne Jeffreys, MS in Ed, Certified Nutrition Therapist



- Want to look and feel younger, longer?
- Curious about attaining your healthiest weight, and reducing your risk of disease?
- Seeking ways to create a more energized, happier life?

Despite advanced technology, heart disease and obesity continue to escalate. But

did you know that 80% of heart disease in women and 90% of type 2 diabetes is preventable? Many people are concerned about heart disease and have important questions! If you know someone who suffers from heart disease or wants to maintain their heart health, and is looking for safe, natural alternatives with side benefits rather than side effects, this workshop is for you! Learn about 7 simple changes we can make to improve our heart health and overall well-being naturally. You'll leave with a list of life-changing tips to help you and you loved ones thrive!

Please RSVP on the [Website](#)! Payment is required at the time of your reservation. Please make check payable to Suzanne Jeffreys.

Chocolate Indulgence- Cooking Class

Saturday, December 19

Time: 3 p.m.

Somerset Community Room

Price: \$55 per person or register with a friend and pay

\$90 for 2 people, save \$10 each!



We know that all chocolate is not created equal... So we will be cooking with Raw Cacao straight from the Amazon! Raw Cacao is chocolate in its purest form before all the sugar and milk is added! Cacao (or cacao pod) is the fruit of the cacao tree, a small, handsome evergreen grown in the rainforests of South America and the West Indies. Ancient societies came to revere this tree for its wonderful fruit that was used for medicinal purposes, as well as, sweet drinks and desserts. The Aztec and Mayan Indians used the beans as money and the word "cacao" actually means 'food of the Gods'. Raw Cacao tastes amazing and contains powerful anti-oxidants, as well as, having maximum nutrient content. This class will demonstrate the versatility of raw cacao as well as, show you how amazing it can taste in a variety of dishes. It's actually good for you!

Menu:

Pumpkin Soup with Dark Chocolate Curls

Field Greens with aged chocolate balsamic dressing with a Chocolate Brittle

Chicken with Mole Sauce

Chocolate Smoothee Delight

Decadent Gluten Free Chocolate Brownies

NOTE: This class is NOT Vegetarian, but it is dairy and gluten-free.

Suzanne will demonstrate each dish, share recipes, shopping lists, tips and you will enjoy a delicious sampling/happy hour at the end of class! You will cook too, so bring your apron! Please RSVP on the [Website](#) .

Event Recap...

Masquerade

With 120 participants this party was a success. This event was full of magic and intrigue. Everybody had a great time with DJ Dany, tasty food from Frisco's and excellent entertainment. [Click here](#) to view the pictures. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped decorate. [Click here](#) to view the pictures of how much fun the volunteers had while they put everything together.



Fashion Show

The Social Committee would like to thank all of the attendees who supported this great cause. Over \$2,000 will be donated to the Wounded Warriors Charity. A special thank you to Janis Mason and all the other members of the Social Committee who made this event a great success!



[Click here](#) to view the pictures!

Upcoming Events..

Click on the link for an overview of the [Calendar of Events 2015-2016](#).

Please note the calendar may be subject to change. Keep reading the monthly newsletter for updates.

Please remember the importance to RSVP for ALL of the Lifestyle Events.



Events at the Club...

Italian Night- Wednesday, December 2

We will be having brand new Italian favorites. The sauté pans will be sizzling with pasta and your selection of ingredients. Reservations will be accepted from 6 - 8 p.m. This is always a sellout so make your reservations early. **Reservations are required.**



Chillin' and Grillin'- Wednesday, December 16

Come join us for the premiere of our new event this season. Chef Kevin will be firing up the grill with a variety of items. We will have live music and seating inside or outside. Reservations will be accepted between 6 and 8 p.m.



New Year's Eve Party- Thursday, December 31

Ring in the new year with your friends and neighbors. We will begin celebrating at 7 p.m. all the way until the ball drops at midnight.



We will be closing the clubhouse on Thursday, December 24 at 3 p.m. We will also be closed on Friday, December 25.

Contact Angi Eberhard for more details: (239) 561- 8650 ext. 3617 or email her at fandb@plantationgolfcc.com.

Club Hours of Operation:

Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Bar available from 3 to 5 p.m.

Community Room Policies, Reminders & Reservations

If you would like to reserve the Community Room for a private gathering, contact the Lifestyle Director's office to see if the date you are looking for is available. **It is recommended to follow the 15 day reservation policy in order to ensure a guaranteed date. It is very important to follow the Rules and Regulations regarding the community room at the time of your event.**



\$500 refundable security deposit is required at the time of your reservation. Deposit will be returned upon reasonable clean-up of your event. Residents and designees are required to make reservations in advance for all activities and special events for the Community Room. All other areas of the Amenity Center are not available for reservations. These areas may not be reserved by sectioning off or pulling furniture together to create private areas.

Somerset Hall Community Room has been reserved for private parties on:

Saturday, December 12 from 5- 9 p.m.

Tuesday, December 29 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Wednesday, December 30 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The room will be unavailable for general use during this time.

For reservations or questions, please call (239) 225-1480 or email at sreynolds@evergreen-lm.com.

**Amenities Center
Hours of Operation**

Pool Hours

Dawn to Dusk

Fitness Center Hours

5:00 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Amenities Center Hours

6 a.m. to 9 p.m.



Plantation Contact Information

Lifestyle Director: (239) 225-1480

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Plantation Clubhouse: (239) 561-8650

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