

Snug Harbor News

February 2026

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Any requests for items to be included in the next month's Snug Harbor News must be submitted by the 15th of the month

Greetings again from our sunny (although not quite so warm these last few mornings! – brrrrr!) little corner of paradise! I am sure many of us are hearing tales from our friends and relatives in the northland (and probably receiving pictures and videos of the beautiful landscape dressed in white - lots and lots of white!). Aren't we grateful to be here! No worries about driveways to plow, walks to shovel, pipes that could freeze, heating bills to pay- Oh such fun! The early morning walkers may have to put on long pants and jackets, but that is certainly nothing compared to what they are dealing with up north. Once again, how lucky we are to be "snuggled" in ! Let's keep the northerners in our prayers!

This month we need to mark our calendars for:

- Feb. 7th Annual Meeting / Elections 1pm
registration 12noon
- Feb. 14th Valentine's Day (don't forget that one!)
- Feb. 17th Village Board Meeting
- Feb. 19th 6pm Master Board Meeting
6:30pm Lakes Board Meeting

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Happy
valentine's
day



This is where we usually have a recap of our Boards' activities. First, since we are beginning a new year, let's send a thank you out to all of the Board members and other volunteers who served our community over the past year. Without the commitment and dedication on so many levels from these neighbors we would certainly not be able to maintain Snug Harbor as the gem that it is. Next time you see one of them on the street or at the clubhouse, rather than greeting them with a complaint or a criticism, how about first offering them a smile and a handshake for what they do for us. Remember, they are residents just like you, but they choose to go the extra mile and step up and volunteer their time to keep us going. Three volunteers in particular who we know will not be returning deserve special thanks. Valerie Bernazzani and Dave Kilton from the Lakes, and Debbie Haines from the Village are retiring after many years of service on various boards and committees, and they deserve a special shout out! Thank you all!!

Please continue to support our Boards and let them know what you want to see happen around Snug. After all, it is your home, and they are not mind readers. You need to respectfully share your thoughts with them, and hopefully get involved on a committee yourself (several opportunities are detailed in this newsletter), or at least attend meetings so you can know first hand what is happening "around the hood", and you are not relying on the active and ever present "rumor mill". Hopefully more involvement from you will keep us moving in the best direction for us all. May they lead us with transparency, integrity, and foresight, ensuring our community remains a wonderful place to call home for years to come.

MASTER BOARD NEWS

-TEMPORARY RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKING PAD - The new temporary parking pad that was installed at the entrance to the storage area is completed and ready for use. If you are returning from a trip and need a place to park your boat or RV, feel free to use this gravel parking pad until you are able to get to the office and get registered for a space. This parking pad is to be used for up to 72 hour MAX. If the pad is being used, you may park in the clubhouse parking lot until the office opens. In any event, ALWAYS CALL IN ADVANCE so that the office staff is aware you are returning and has record of your vehicle in the common area for this short period of time. COME CHECK IT OUT -- The new floor has been installed with the improvements to the gym. --looking good!



VILLAGE NEWS

No news to report.

CONDO NEWS

You will notice a vacancy on the Board has resulted from the resignation submitted by former Pres. Osterbeck. No action was taken to fill this spot nor was a reorganization done as the full Board is up for reelection on Sat., Feb. 7.

It is refreshing to see an increased turn out at our monthly Board meetings. At the Jan. meeting, 3 new committees were formed by the Board for which we are seeking volunteers. They are : a legal counsel search committee, a financial investment advisory committee, and a committee to investigate moving forward with electronic voting so we can save time, supplies, and postage. We are hoping that 3 people will step forward for each committee. They will report monthly (or as required) to the Board with their findings. Remember, this is your community. It seems reasonable to expect that there would be 9 people out of our 390 or so residents who are not already serving on a Board who would be willing to step forward to help with these projects. Please feel free to contact the office and they will steer you to the person who can best answer any questions you might have about this.

VILLAGE ARC

There was no news to report this month.

CONDO ARC

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UPDATE

OFFICE / GENERAL NEWS

SOCIAL SENIORS

NEWS

Our first event for 2026 will be Easter Dinner on 4/5, 1:30pm-3:30pm, \$10/ticket, plus side. Mark your calendar and watch for flyers for ticket sale dates. Volunteers are needed for cooking, set up and clean up. You can always call Kathy Kelly 914-355-0715 or Patty Kitz (631) 312-1466, leave your name, phone number, how many tickets and what you will be bringing to share.



GAME NIGHT/CARD BINGO



Card Bingo is held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. February dates are the 10th and 24th. We will have a special Valentine's Day drawing on the 10th.



Bring 12 quarters to play. Popcorn available with a donation.

Game Night this month will be held on the 7th and 28th. Usually it would be on the 14th but that being Valentine's Day thought it best to have a week earlier. We will be playing/teaching Pegs and Jokers on the 7th and playing/teaching Nickels on the 28th.

Safety and Security Reminders

It has been brought to our attention by a safety conscious community member that there are approx. 26 homes in the Lakes who have pole lights that are not functioning properly. Please be sure you are not one of them! Check your light to be sure it is properly functioning, and has a **white** bulb. (Colors are not as effective for promoting safety. If it is on a timer, please be sure it is adjusted correctly.) The same resident identified several homes in our community that do not have house numbers that are prominently visible from the street. It is vital that emergency and other service providers are able to see/find your home. If you do not already have your house number attached at the front of your home and it is not plainly visible, please take steps to have this done. Thanks for keeping us safe! (If you need assistance in completing these tasks, consider contacting the "Like A Good Neighbor" group detailed page4! If you have not remedied these issues already, you will be contacted by our Community Manager to help with this.

Are you wondering how to get an item included on a Board Meeting Agenda?

If a unit owner has an item which they would like to request be included on an upcoming meeting agenda, this request must be submitted in writing or preferably via email to the office at least a week prior to the next scheduled meeting. It is important to understand that not ALL items qualify for open discussion at a Regular Board of Directors Meeting. MOST matters can be addressed efficiently and outside of an open meeting.

What to do if you have comments, complaints, or concerns -

As a reminder, your Board is unable to act on verbal or anonymous complaints. If you have a complaint, comment or concern, please be sure to submit the issue in writing, preferably via email to the office, and include as much detail as possible or even photos. Hand written complaints must include the complainant's signature and contact information. This helps our team to verify and take steps to address the matter in a more timely fashion. Keep in mind that your Board and Management will never disclose the identity of a complainant to any parties involved or to any other unit owner.

Look what YOU can get for \$5!-and meet new friends too!



IT's BACK !! The next **Men's Community Breakfast** will be on Sat., Feb 21st. - And it's definitely

NOT just for men! Ladies - they shop for it, cook it, serve it, and clean up after it. Come be a little spoiled! Breakfast will be served from 8:00 am to 9:30 am. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Pay at the door! Coffee/tea, juice, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage and pancakes are on the menu.

Come check it out and enjoy breakfast with your Snug Harbor neighbors.

Parking Reminders



As a reminder, any type of vehicle (RVs, Boats, Trailers included) may not be parked in the street or in grassy areas in excess of 12 hours during the day and parking overnight is prohibited. Several chronic violators of this restriction have been noted. (you know who you are!) **PLEASE** abide by this regulation for the safety of us all. No one wants to have to elevate this to a formal complaint. If there will be any overnight parking in the clubhouse parking lot, please be sure to reach out to the office so that we may have your vehicle on record and cleared for common area parking.

-GUEST REGISTRATIONS REMINDER -If you have a guest staying with you and wanting to use the amenities, please be sure they are registered with the office and issued a guest pass.

Two of the many ways to keep those healthy new year's resolutions in Snug Harbor:

Our certified [Water Zumba](#) Instructor, Dawn Forsman, energetically offers classes at our pool every Tues., Wed., & Thurs. from 10:00- 11:00 AM. Her songs and routines change with the seasons and are sure to bring a smile to your face and heart. Cost is a donation of \$1~\$2 per class. On the days it is too chilly for the pool, Dawn teaches the class in our clubhouse social room. Wear good shoes.

Another popular option is Brenda Fournier's [Water Weights](#) class at 11:00 on Tues.-Fri. and Mon. at 10:00. Brenda works her magic with exercises adding strength and tone to your body. Water weights can be economically purchased through Amazon. There is no cost for this class. Join the fun whenever your schedule gives you time; one or more days a week is all you need to shake up your exercise routine and make your physical and mental muscles think differently. Water shoes, hat and sunglasses will add to your comfort.

Snug Harbor [Mahjongg](#) meets every Tuesday from 12:30-2:30 in our clubhouse card room. If you are an established player, please join our friendly group whenever you can and bring your 2025 card. For people wanting to learn the game, lessons are taught on the first two Tuesdays of the month. Lessons run from 11:00-12:30. It usually takes two sessions to feel comfortable playing. We have cards and tiles available for you to use.

2026 Mahjongg teaching schedule:

Feb. 10 & 17 (2 & 3 rd Tuesdays due to teacher unavailable on Feb 3 rd)

Mar. 3 & 10



Attention Lakes Residents: A New Group in the hood: “ **LIKE A GOOD NEIGHBOR**”

As the new year gets underway, a reminder from this group of your neighbors that we will be here to help you with tasks that you are unable to complete without a helping hand. Examples of things we could help with: house numbers; pole lights; paint light post/flag pole; replace a flag; move furniture within the home; assemble/disassemble furniture; remove or move a tv; plant or remove a planted item (with ARC approval); shovel snow 🤪 Contact us at 616 970 2259 (leave a message please) to schedule work or to learn if we are qualified to meet your need. (You supply all materials, we'll supply the labor!)

IMPORTANT REMINDER – DUES INCREASE

As of Jan. 1, 2026, the dues are as follows: Lakes \$75/mo./lot; Village \$80/mo./lot; Storage Area \$165/qtrtr (Remember to double the amount if you own 2 lots ie Lakes, \$150, Village \$160)

If you use automatic funds transfer through your bank, remember to notify them of the change!

Valentine Dance - Friday, 2/13 7-10pm at the Clubhouse-- FREE admission

byob, bring a snack to share for the table, water & plates provided.

Entertainment from MUSIC by Dicc



PET GUIDELINES – Several questions have come up in the last month on the subject of pet restrictions in the park. Each unit is allowed a maximum of 2 pets, and all must be registered with the office. Dogs must be leashed at ALL times. There is a weight limit of 20 lbs. You MUST clean up after your pet. You must make every effort to be sure Fido or Fifi is not creating a disturbance when you are not home because he/she has separation anxiety. **Properly registered** service dogs (documentation **must** be provided to the office) are permitted. FL Statutes, Chapter 413.08 .1.b states as follows: “Individual with a disability” means a person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities of the individual. As used in this paragraph, the term:

1. “Major life activity” means a function such as caring for one’s self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working.

2. “Physical or mental impairment” means:

a. A physiological disorder or condition, disfigurement, or anatomical loss that affects one or more bodily functions; or

b. A mental or psychological disorder that meets one of the diagnostic categories specified in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders published by the American Psychiatric Association, such as an intellectual or developmental disability, organic brain syndrome, traumatic brain injury, posttraumatic stress disorder, or an emotional or mental illness.”

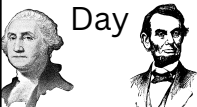
413.08.2.(d) further states: **“Service animal” means an animal that is trained to do work or perform tasks** for an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. The work done or tasks performed must be directly related to the individual’s disability and may include, but are not limited to, guiding an individual who is visually impaired or blind, alerting an individual who is deaf or hard of hearing, pulling a wheelchair, assisting with mobility or balance, alerting and protecting an individual who is having a seizure, retrieving objects, alerting an individual to the presence of allergens, providing physical support and assistance with balance and stability to an individual with a mobility disability, helping an individual with a psychiatric or neurological disability by preventing or interrupting impulsive or destructive behaviors, reminding an individual with mental illness to take prescribed medications, calming an individual with posttraumatic stress disorder during an anxiety attack, or doing other specific work or performing other special tasks. A service animal is not a pet. For purposes of subsections (2), (3), and (4), the term “service animal” is limited to a dog or miniature horse. The crime-deterrent effect of an animal’s presence **and the provision of emotional support, well-being, comfort, or companionship do not constitute work or tasks for purposes of this definition.”** 413.08.3b finally clarifies : (b) Documentation that the service animal is trained is not a precondition for providing service to an individual accompanied by a service animal. A public accommodation may not ask about the nature or extent of an individual’s disability. To determine the difference between a service animal and a pet, a public accommodation may ask if an animal is a service animal required because of a disability and what work or tasks the animal has been trained to perform. “

And finally, from the website of Herb Milgrim, PA, Condo atty in Hallandale Beach FL: “In order for an emotional support animal letter to be valid in Florida, it must be signed and dated on the licensed healthcare professional’s official letterhead. HUD has recently issued a Guidance ([FHCO-2020-01](#)) discussing what is and is not considered reliable documentation to support an accommodation. Some websites sell certificates, registrations and licensing documentation for assistance animals to anyone who answers certain questions or participates in a short interview and pays a fee. HUD has indicated that this type of documentation obtained from the internet is not considered reliable documentation to establish that an individual has a disability or disability related need for an assistance animal. In addition, Florida laws have changed and now make it a crime to misrepresent an animal as an ESA. It can also be considered a crime under Florida law for a healthcare provider to issue a letter in support of an accommodation if they do not have personal knowledge of the individual’s disability.”



February 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Happy Groundhog Day 	3	4	5	6	7 Annual Meeting/ Elections 1pm Game Night 6:30pm
8	9	10 Card Bingo 6:30pm	11	12	13 Valentine Dance 7-10pm	14 Happy Valentine's Day 
15	16 Presidents' Day 	17 Village Board mtg 6 pm	18	19 Master Board mtg 6:00pm Condo Assn Board mtg 6:30pm	20	21 Community Breakfast 8-9:30am
22	23	24 Card Bingo 6:30pm	25	26	27	28 Game Night 6:30pm
BE MINE YOU & ME TRUE LOVE LOVE YOU KISS ME						

February riddle: Which month of the year has 28 days?

February joke: Why should you eat pork sausage on Feb. 2?

February trivia: What year did conversation hearts make their debut?

ANSWERS:

Trivia: Conversation hearts evolved from 1840s medicinal lozenges made by Boston pharmacist Oliver Chase, who invented a candy machine for them, leading to Necco Wafers; his brother Daniel later added printed messages around 1860, first on larger "cokle" candies with longer phrases, before morphing into the familiar small, heart-shaped treats with shorter, modern sayings in 1901

Joke: to celebrate ground hog day !

Riddle: All of them !

	ONGOING ACTIVITIES		
BILLIARDS	TUESDAY	6:30 PM	
BOCCE-COED	WEDNESDAYS	2:00 PM	
GAME NIGHT	2nd & 4TH SAT.	6:30 PM	HARRIETTE ROZELLE
CARD BINGO	2ND & 4TH TUES	6:30 PM	HARRIETTE ROZELLE
CARDS - HAND & FOOT	MONDAYS	6:00 PM LIBRARY	STEPHANIE BELL
CORN HOLE - COED	TUES & FRI	9:00AM	NANCY SWEET
EUCHRE	WEDNESDAYS	6:30PM	AUGUST KOVACIC
EXERCISE	MON - THURS	10:00 - 11:00AM	VICKIE JENKS
LINE DANCING	THURSDAY	2:00 - 3:00PM	DEBRA MOSTKIEWICZ
MAHJONG	TUESDAY	12:30 - 2:00PM	JENNY LUGIBIHL
PICKLE BALL - COED	MON - SAT	7:30 - 9:30AM	
POKER	TUESDAY	6:30PM	
POKER (Hi-Low)	MON & THURS	6:00 - 9:00PM	RICHARD MAMONE
SHUFFLE BOARD (WOMENS)	MON & THURS	9:00AM	
WATER WALKERS	EVERYDAY	9:00 - 10:00 AM	
WATER WEIGHT CLASS	MON - FRI		BRENDA FOURNIER
	(10:00AM MON & FRI / 11:00AM TUES - THURS)		
ZUMBA - WATER EXCERSISE	TUES/WED/THURS	10:00AM (POOL)	
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			NEED VOLUNTEERS
COMMUNITY BREAKFAST			DAN BELL
SOCIAL SENIORS			KATHY KELLY
SUNSHINERS			AUGUST KOVACIC
WELCOME COMMITTEE			NEED VOLUNTEERS
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