



Golden Acres R. O. Association, Inc. 2025-2026

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Golden Acres Recreation Committee 2025-2026

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Events

Bingo Committee	Anne Knott, Marilyn McKay, Paula Bunevith
Darts League	
Fun Shuffle	Team Captains
Golf	Ron Tasior and Ed Richtmyer
Health and Welfare	Master of Ceremonies (Coffee Hour)
Indoor Exercise	Elaine Janes
Newsletter Editor	Sue Bailey
Paddling Club	
Pickleball	Staicy Boyd Gunter
Pool Exercise	Debra Farris
Progressive Cards	Dave & Lynn Roselli
Shuffleboard	Rose West

President's Report

By Tammy Davis #21

Hello GA family,

I can't believe how quickly the summer is coming to an end. The board has been busy this summer with the transition to Qualified Property Management. New signs have been posted around the community with their contact information.

Your first monthly maintenance fee with QPM was processed on August 4th. If your payment did not come out of your account, please contact the office to discuss.

The Unity of Title (combining the Hardin lot with 1040 Main Street) is complete. Our attorney has made application to the city and county for a zoning and land use change for that parcel with the anticipated completion of this application and approval during late fall. Stay tuned for more information on this subject.

With the fall approaching, we want to remind members who rent out their units, to please make a copy of our rules available to your tenants. All paperwork for tenants must be completed by the homeowner and submitted to the office for approval PRIOR to their arrival.

Repeat tenants must go through the same process with the necessary paperwork each time they stay in GA. Any questions on this topic, please call the office.

Finally, the board has identified every amendment to our governing documents that has been filed at the state level for Golden Acres. Upon your arrival this fall, you will be receiving a copy of these amendments. You may also view these on our website.

Enjoy the beautiful weather in September and I look forward to seeing everyone in the upcoming season.

Thank you.



Aqua Fit for Summer

By Debra Farris #28

Aqua Fit is paused for the summer month of September. It will be reevaluated in October.

Greetings from the Office

By Karin Desmone

Park Directory – If you want to make changes to your contact information, please contact the office. Changes must be received by September 30th. You may list two telephone numbers or one telephone number and one email address. 2026 directory will be distributed in November.

Effective October 1st – The access code to use the power tools in the workshop has changed. Please stop by the office to sign waiver and receive new code.

From the Editor's Desk

By Sue Bailey #188
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September is here. Where did the summer go? It won't be long, and the park will begin filling up and we'll start another season of friendship, fun, and great conversations.

School will be starting shortly in the north (hopefully some of you will take advantage of the tax free days of shopping). Both the US and Canada will be celebrating Labor (Labour) Day on September 1st and the first day of Fall (Autumnal Equinox) on September 22nd with equal hours of day and night.

Patriot Day is the day the US remembers the terrorist attacks on September 11th, 2001 (commonly referred to as 9-11). President George W. Bush proclaimed September 11th as Patriot Day in 2002. Flags should be flown at half-mast both on US soil and abroad. A moment of silence will be held at 8:46 a.m. (EST) across the nation commemorating the time the first plane struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City.

Established by the United Nations in 1981, September 21st is an International Day of Peace to promote peace among nations and people. On this day the UN urges all hostilities to stop worldwide. With all the hostility around the world, let's hope and pray that this day is recognized for what is intended.

Many thanks to all who provided articles and pictures for this month's newsletter.

Quote of the Month "Sometimes you climb out of bed in the morning, and you think, I'm not going to make it, but you laugh inside remembering all the times you've felt that way." *Charles Bukowski, American Poet and Novelist*

Until next time,
May God bless and keep you well and safe...

Golden Acres has a Facebook Page

By Elaine and Jerry Janes #216

Do you want to see if anyone in the park can use your old bike? Are you wondering when the first dance will be? There's a Facebook page for that. It is a private page created by residents for residents of Golden Acres Mobile Home Park. It is called Golden Acres Resident Owned Fun Group. We invite all homeowners to join.

The page has been very helpful to residents. It provides an outlet for selling or giving away unneeded belongings. The Recreation Committee announces activities happening in the park. Residents often share photos of family, fun up north, and vacations.

If you are already in the Golden Acres Facebook group, great! Continue to use it and share news about your summer. If you are not in the group, do a search for Golden Acres Resident Owned Fun Group and request to join the page. We have about 200 members. We hope you will be a member soon, too.

Florida Musings

DID YOU KNOW...

The Dry Tortugas National Park, located about 70 miles west of Key West, is known for its **crystal-clear waters**, abundant marine life, and Fort Jefferson, a massive 19th-century coastal fortress that was used as a prison during the Civil War.

Great Visit with Old Friends From Golden Acres

By Paula and Joe Bunevith #202

We had a great visit and picnic at Gil and Gail's summer home in Lakefield, Ontario, Canada, on beautiful Buckhorn Lake. Joe & Paula Bunevith #202, Gil & Gail Callingham (former residents #159), Wayne & Moya Bettridge (former residents #147), Connie & Al Woodlock (former residents #71), and Jean & Ed Morin #134.



Surprise Activities Fun Day on July 17

By Summer Recreation Committee

Card game is "Trash". They also played dominos and had eclairs for dessert.



A Wonderful Visit This Summer

By Anna Lisa and Denis Deluca #186

What a wonderful visit we enjoyed with our friends and Golden Acres neighbours, Cindy and Dan Guggi #184!!



Protect Your Lung Health

From NIH (News in Health) [newsinahealth.nih.gov](https://www.newsinahealth.nih.gov)

- Quit smoking, or don't start. Get free help at [smokefree.gov](https://www.smokefree.gov), 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669), or text QUIT to 47848.
- Avoid secondhand tobacco smoke. Stay away from places where smoking is allowed. Ask any friends and family members who smoke to do it outside.
- Be physically active. Physical activity can help strengthen your heart and lungs, so they work better. Talk to your doctor about what level of physical activity is right for you.
- Limit exposure to air pollution. Check the Air Quality Index ([airnow.gov](https://www.airnow.gov)) before outdoor activities. Make sure your home is aired out and cleaned regularly.
- Stay up to date on vaccines against diseases that harm the lungs. These can include flu, COVID-19, and pneumonia.
- Use protective gear if your work exposes you to dust, silica, allergens, chemical fumes, or other pollution sources.
- Make good sleep a priority. Poor sleep can cause lung disease symptoms to worsen. Sleep is also critical to overall health.

Medicare Scams

By Sue Bailey #188 as an AARP Fraud Watch Fighter
Free Helpline at (877) 908-3360 or
<https://www.aarp.org/benefits-discounts/all/aarp-fraud-helpline/>

HOW IT WORKS

- You get unexpected and urgent communications from someone claiming to be from Medicare.
- They may say you need a new card or that your birth date doesn't match their records.
- They may warn that you're about to lose benefits if you don't act immediately.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

- Criminals often use caller ID spoofing to make a call appear as if it's coming from Medicare or another trusted source.
- They may sound legitimate and even reference some of your personal details, but their goal is to steal your personal information or your money.
- Medicare will not call you unless you first receive a letter that you will be contacted or if you called and left a message.
- Medicare does not issue plastic cards or call to offer new ones.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- The only people who you can safely share Medicare information with are your health providers.
- If you're concerned there might be a problem, contact Medicare directly at [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov) or 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).
- You can also reach out to the Senior Medicare Patrol in your area to report Medicare fraud or abuse and to seek assistance.

Knowledge gives you power over scams. AARP Fraud Watch Network equips you with reliable, up-to-date insights and connects you to our free fraud helpline so you can better protect yourself and loved ones. We also advocate at the state, federal and local levels to enact policy changes that protect consumers and enforce laws.

Active-Duty Soldiers to Remember

Please take a moment to offer a prayer of thanks and remembrance to all those who help to protect our way of life. Keep them in your prayers until they return safely to their loved ones.

Adam Coburn (British Army), Nephew of Mildred and David Todd, Lot #2.

Damien Fitzpatrick (Tech Sgt. USAF) Grandson of Judith Fitzpatrick, Lot #87.

Sean Fitzpatrick (Major US Army) Grandson of Judith Fitzpatrick, Lot #87.

Reid Forster (Master Corporal with the 4th Royal Canadian Regiment) son of Dave Forster & Colleen Collins #128

Tim Joy, US Army Special Forces Green Berets, Fort Bragg, NC - Nephew of Jack Terry, Lot #141.

Daniel Jones (US Navy) Grandson of Carol Diniz, Lot #25.

Matthew Jones (US Navy) Grandson of Carol Diniz, Lot #25.

Brian Karhoff (US Army LTC) Son of Nancy Karhoff, Lot #67.

Colleen Terry, US Navy, Petty Officer 3rd class, Naples, Italy - Daughter of Jack Terry, Lot #141.

Joshua Ryan Torres Air Force National Guard Staff Sargent (EOD unit) deployed – Son of Susan Franco, Lot #17

John Wilson (PFC 1st Class USMC) Iraq – Grandson of Jean Key, Lot #138.

So that we might get to know these courageous soldiers better, I would like to add their pictures to this section. Please forward any photos to Sue Bailey suebail999@gmail.com

For changes to the list of soldiers, please contact Sue Bailey suebail999@gmail.com

Birthdays and Anniversaries

By Norma Moore #54

Golden Acres September Birthdays

We want to mention all those who are celebrating this month and send them our absolute best wishes.

Dan Guggi	.....	September 1
Cathy Hollenback	.....	September 1
Marie Hutchison	.....	September 1
Lena Bergstrom	.....	September 3
Lynnmarie Kolenko	.....	September 6
Steven Walsh	.....	September 6
Scott Meka	.....	September 7
Judith Fitzpatrick	.....	September 8
Michelle McGaughy	.....	September 8
Richard Barnes	.....	September 9
John Kamerer	.....	September 9
Rose West	.....	September 9
Sandy Franco	.....	September 11
Richard Kinzie	.....	September 12
Deborah Matthews	.....	September 13
George Vander Schelde	.....	September 14
Shannon Kamp	.....	September 15
Ann Shibley	.....	September 18
Don Webb	.....	September 19
Donna Hickey	.....	September 20
Nadine Templeton	.....	September 20
Nancy Armeli	.....	September 21
Linda Swann	.....	September 23
Patty Kirkey	.....	September 24
Frank St. Peter	.....	September 24
Mary Lou Webb	.....	September 25
Beverley Wood	.....	September 25
Sandra Guptill	.....	September 27
Gayle Kavanagh	.....	September 27
Gina Douthit	.....	September 28
Pete Chorba	.....	September 29
Patricia Higgins	.....	September 29
Charlotte Vaughn	.....	September 29
Doug Walsh	.....	September 30

Golden Acres September Anniversaries

Stephen and Patricia Cockerill	.....	September 2
Gerald and Eleanor Saunders	.....	September 7
Scott and Penelope Meka	.....	September 8
Karl and Patricia Deering	.....	September 9
Rick Lane and Micheline Roy	.....	September 11
Gordon and Glenda Spafford	.....	September 11
Michael and Donna Hickey	.....	September 15
Don and Mary Lou Webb	.....	September 19
Mario and Kathy Spadafore	.....	September 19
Paul and Maureen Shannon	.....	September 20
Thomas and Suzanne Fleming	.....	September 24

Obituary - Jean Hall #44



January 23, 1945 – July 26, 2025

September – 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	8	6
7 National Grandparents Day	8	9	10	11 Deadline for October Newsletter	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 .	22 Fall Equinox	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				