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President's Report

By Tammy Davis #21

Congratulations and welcome to returning member Jim Schmitt and new members, Dan Perry and Steve Robertson, to the Board of Directors. As a community, we were fortunate to have six candidates this year for our elections. Hopefully this trend of volunteering for these critical positions will continue as seats rotate off every year.

Congratulations to Don Webb and Dick Donnelly on their retirement from the Board. Thank you to the 1050 Main Street committee for all their hard work assisting the Board in gathering information so we can make an informed decision on the uses for our vacant lot. The Board will continue to work through the necessary evaluation process over the next few months.

The keyless entry system is up and running. In order to gain access to the clubhouse and pool, you will need a FOB. If you haven't already done so, residents may pick up their FOB in the office. As we work through some minor issues with the new system, we thank you for your patience.

I hope you and your families have a beautiful Easter.

Tammy Davis

Greetings from the Office

By Karin Desmone

Please welcome Lance & DeNae Norman, Unit #77 Norman, to the park. Congratulations and may you find lots of happiness, fun, and laughter at your new residence.

From the Editor's Desk

By Chris Rainsforth

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Greeting Golden Acres: May those who have journeyed home arrived safely and may the snow be replaced by warmth and sunshine. For those still to make the journey, enjoy your drive and may all the drivers on the road be as courteous and kind as you are.

Aprils printed Newsletter is lacking substance on events as many groups are gathering at the end of March. Please send your wrap up articles with lots of pictures so that they may be included in the Web and emailed version of the Newsletter.

April is a month for reflection. We gather our thoughts to begin our new spring growth. May your Easter Eggs be filled with wonderful people, lots of love, family, good health and kindness to share in this world.

We have arrived home in Ontario. The sun is shining, still waiting for the heat. Lol.

Happy Easter

Chris Rainsforth

Rec Committee Report April 2026

By Maureen Shannon, Chair #200

As we get ready to start the next month, many events are coming to an end for this season. It has been a fabulous year. Wednesday Weekly, Meet & Greet, Bingo, various card games, Jammin, 3 breakfasts, 3 dances, Anniversary party, and CanAm to name a few. Also, events held off site, golf, shuffleboard, bowling and pickle ball. We couldn't do it without all YOUR help. Thank YOU! Again, it takes a village.

Easter dinner will be Sunday, April 5 in the club house hosted by Anne & Bob Knott. Please see sign up sheet in the club house.

We are trying to finalize next seasons 2026-2027 calendar. Please consider hosting an event. Opportunities are posted in the clubhouse. If we don't get hosts, we won't be able to have them. The Summer Rec Committee will be available again this year. Deb & Gina Douthit will Co-chair the events again this summer. If you're around, please join in the fun.

As people prepare to head home, safe travels, be safe, and see you next season!

Recreation Committee 2026-2027 November 2026-April 2027	
Chairperson	Maureen Shannon
Vice-Chairperson	Richard Barnes
Treasurer	Anne Knott
Secretary	Tina Sinclair
Newsletter	Chris Rainsforth
Bingo (Sub Committee)	Glenda Spafford
Kitchen	Deb Pollard
Recreation Committee 2026 May -October 2026	
Co-Chair	Debbie Douthit
Co-Chair	Gina Douthit

Debbie Douthit and I (Gina Douthit) are pleased to act as the Summer Rec Committee again this summer. We know throughout the summer many "year rounders" travel to visit family. The luncheons and craft events were enjoyed by those who were still in the park. Sometimes the luncheons were well attended and sometimes only just a couple of us. Regardless, it was good to get together. We welcome any ideas you may have and look forward to serving again this summer. Please share your email and phone number with the Summer Rec Ladies to ensure you don't miss out on summer Golden Acres Events.

Event Contacts 2026-2027 Winter Season

Wednesday Weekly	Richard Barnes
Bingo Committee	Paula Bunevith, Kevin Rainsforth, Glenda Spafford
Progressive Cards	Lynn and Dave Roselli
Bowling	Jack Terry
Golf	Ron Tasiar, Ed Richtmyer
Indoor Exercise	Nancy Karhoff, Claudia Burke
Walking with Belinda	Belinda Sezbenski
Ping Pong	Lori Barnes
Jamming with Jim	Jim Davis
Pickle-ball	Staicy Boyd Gunter
Fun Euchre	Jim and Tammy Davis
Shuffle Under the Stars	Rose West
Shuffle League	Rose West

Tuesday Night Fun Euchre Group - Event Coordinators Tammy and Jim Davis
 Photo Submitted by Gina and Deb (Photographer) Douthit



Valentine's Dance

By Steve and Linda Swann (219)

The Valentine's Day Dance was held on February 12, 2026. We had a nice crowd with 82 residents and guests! Dancers were treated to familiar tunes performed by Soul Fish. The band was a big hit! The dance floor was graced with many high-quality dancers dancing to familiar 70's and 80's tunes! The color red was in full swing out on the dance floor. The kissing booth was a hit with several Valentine couples taking pictures.

The dance was hosted by Steve and Linda Swann (#219). Several nice door prizes were generously donated by local businesses. They include a decorative stepping stone from Ace Hardware along with restaurant gift cards from Eddie's Bar & Grill, Clear Sky Draught Haus, Country Boy, Carmelita's Mexican Grill & Cantina, and Pinehurst Pub. Please mention Golden Acres and thank them when visiting these businesses.

The night was capped off with the singing of both the Canadian and American National Anthems. Many thanks to the Recreation Committee for scheduling the dance and coordinating and communicating with the band. Thanks to the volunteers who helped with decorating, set-up, and clean-up. In addition, thanks to all for supporting our fun dance and Golden Acres!



Valentines Hosts Linda and Steve Swan
Unit #219



Grooving and moving to the beat of "Soul Fish"

Paint and Sip

Photos Submitted By Gina Douthit Unit 55



CanAm (Nancy Baker - former resident)

Originally, the CanAm celebration was begun by Canadians to thank Americans for their hospitality. At the beginning, all the skits were created by Canadians but the American residents, seeing how much fun we were having, asked to join in. Unfortunately, CanAm was begun so long ago that the founders are now gone and present residents are unaware of their identity.

While Randy and I were in the park, we saw many changes in the ceremony. Bob Mickle (#29) did the photography- even DVDs as a record of events - and a calendar of the Golden Girls which we still keep. Mary Ellen Hearn (#18) did everybody's make-up so it looked more professional. For a while, a dance instructor, Lynn Perron, planned and choreographed all the acts.

All in all, the Irvings, Marlene Scott, and I agree it was great fun and a real time commitment but everyone loved it. We had great fun and it brings back wonderful memories on snowy nights now that we are unable to come south to the sunshine. Thanks for the memories!!

Last Friday morning as I was surveying the kingdom from our front deck across from F Avenue I saw what I thought was a lynx. Ed came along with his golf cart and went up thru the park until he found it going thru the Harding property and out to the Mexican restaurant. Below is an online pic of what I saw. Probably the reason there are not many rabbits in the park.
Submitted by Chris Sprague



Summer Recreation Co-Chairs
Gina & Debbie Douthit Unit 55 and 60
Tuesday APRIL 7th, 2026

DONNA STURBLE "HOMELESS MATT'S"
JOIN US AT THE CLUB HOUSE
4/7/ 2026 9:00 – 11:30 A.M.

- BRING PERSONAL SCISSORS / PLASTIC (WAL-MART SIZE) BAGS'S , RULERIF YOU HAVE ONE

AFTER MOVING TO HOT SPRINGS, AR, DONNA WAS LOOKING FOR PURPOSE AND FRIEND'S . SHE HAS A HEART FOR HOMELESS AND ENVIORMENTAL WAISTE . DONNA FOULD "HER PEOPLE " MAKING HOMELESS MATT's!

- DONNA EXPANDED THE IDEA WHILE ADDING STRAPS FOR EASY TRANSPORT" & PILLOW'S FROM LEFT OVER SCRAP'S.
- IN JUST A LITTLE OVER ONE YEAR Donna EXPANDED MATT MAKING FROM AR TO:IN, IL, TX, IA & NOW FL.
IF YOU HAVE A FEW HOURS & CAN USE SCISSOR"s "PLEASE JOIN US"

Summer Recreation Co-Chairs
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Monday, May 4th, 2026
SIGN UP IN CLUB HOUSE FOR LUNCH

2nd STURBLE "HOMELESS MATT'S"
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Box Lunch - Please signup in the Clubhouse

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Birthdays and Anniversaries by Norma Moore

Golden Acres April Birthdays

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

Wendy Modny	.....	April 2
Michael Kirkey	.....	April 5
David Merriam	.....	April 5
Jeff Zehnder	.....	April 5
Ed Richtmyer	.....	April 7
Ronald Vito	.....	April 8
Rita Syroteuk	.....	April 9
Linda MacDonald	.....	April 10
Kevin Rainsforth	.....	April 10
Vincent Anton	.....	April 11
Mike Frederick	.....	April 12
Gerald Baker	.....	April 13
Christine Sprague	.....	April 14
Paul Colby	.....	April 15
Rose Franco	.....	April 16
Carole Doyon	.....	April 17
Belinda Sezbenski	.....	April 19
Staicy Boyd	.....	April 20
Denis DeLuca	.....	April 20
Lori Barnes	.....	April 21
John Cobb	.....	April 21
Kevin Pursell	.....	April 21
Phyllis Cullen	.....	April 22
Elaine Mackey	.....	April 23
George Moore	.....	April 23
Jeanette Bambach	.....	April 25
David Todd	.....	April 26
Jack Bailey	.....	April 27
Jack Terry	.....	April 27
Linda Clark	.....	April 28
Stephen Cockerill	.....	April 28
Anna Karlnoski	.....	April 28

Golden Acres April Anniversaries

John and Margaret Sannachan	.....	April 4
Alan and Barbara Zurich	.....	April 6
Bruce Gunter and Staicy Boyd	April 11
Tod and Heather Blanchard	April 30

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			April Fool's Day	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Easter						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		
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