🍂 THE SHORES AT BERKSHIRE LAKES

🦃 Thanksgiving Community Newsletter

November 25, 2026 | The Shores & The Preserve

A SEASON OF GRATITUDE

Dear Shores and Preserve Residents,

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, we want to take a moment to reflect on how fortunate we are to live in such a wonderful community.

Whether you are celebrating with family and friends, welcoming holiday guests, traveling, or enjoying a quiet holiday at home, we hope your Thanksgiving is filled with happiness, laughter, good health, and many blessings.

We are especially grateful for our volunteers, committee members, management team, and the many residents who generously share their time and talents to make our community such a special place to call home.

We have so much to be thankful for and so many wonderful things to look forward to this holiday season!

📬 NEW MAILBOXES & A WONDERFUL COMPLIMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY!

IT'S OFFICIAL! Our mailbox replacement project for single-family and villa homes was completed last night, Tuesday, November 24!

Our beautiful new mailboxes have given The Shores a fresh, attractive, and uniform appearance, and the feedback from homeowners has been overwhelmingly positive.

However, perhaps the most rewarding part of this project was a wonderful compliment we received from Charles of Addresses of Distinction (AOD).

Charles shared that, **in his 15 years of working in communities, The Shores was the friendliest and most respectful community he has ever worked in.**

He was truly overwhelmed by the number of residents who stopped to thank him, compliment his work, and simply take a few moments to chat with him.

What a wonderful testament to the people who call The Shores home!

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Charles for his outstanding workmanship, professionalism, dedication, and friendly personality throughout this project. He did a fantastic job, and we have also expressed our appreciation directly to Addresses of Distinction.

Most importantly, **THANK YOU TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL RESIDENTS** for extending such kindness, warmth, and appreciation to Charles and for demonstrating the true community spirit of The Shores.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, this is yet another reminder that what makes our community so special is not just our beautiful surroundings, but the wonderful people who live here.

Now that's something to be thankful for! 💚

Please take a moment to review the mailbox care recommendations included at the end of this newsletter.

🎄 CALLING ALL CHRISTMAS ELVES!

CHRISTMAS TREE & BALLROOM DECORATING

THIS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28
10:00 AM – CLUBHOUSE BALLROOM

Let's turn our clubhouse into a beautiful holiday wonderland!

Everyone is invited to join in the fun as we decorate our Christmas trees and ballroom for the holiday season.

MALE ELVES ESPECIALLY NEEDED TO HELP PUT UP THE CHRISTMAS TREES!

Ladies, bring your husbands, neighbors, and friends! We could use a few extra helping hands.

Whether you can spare a little time or stay until the last ornament is hung, your help will be greatly appreciated.

It's a wonderful opportunity to meet your neighbors, share some laughter, enjoy a little holiday cheer, and make our clubhouse festive and welcoming for everyone.

The more elves, the merrier!

🏡 AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

⛲ CENTER FOUNTAIN UPDATE

We continue working with Advanced Aquatics regarding the replacement of our center fountain.

There are still some installation and Collier County permitting requirements to work through, but we look forward to the day when we can once again enjoy our beautiful fountain.

Thank you for your continued patience!

🌴 KEEPING THE SHORES BEAUTIFUL

We continue working with our landscaping contractor to address turf conditions, weeds, irrigation, and other landscaping concerns.

We are also reviewing our landscaping services and exploring opportunities to improve the overall quality and consistency of maintenance throughout the areas maintained by the MHOA.

Our goal is to keep our community looking its best while being responsible stewards of our Association's resources.

🛠️ CLUBHOUSE & COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

We continue working on several maintenance and improvement projects throughout our clubhouse and common areas.

These include clubhouse repairs, entrance signage, and improvements to our recreational facilities.

While some projects take a little longer than we would like, we are making progress and appreciate everyone's patience as we work to maintain and improve our amenities.

🚰 IMPORTANT COLLIER COUNTY WATER UTILITY REMINDER

SINGLE-FAMILY & VILLA HOMEOWNERS ONLY

Beginning the week of **November 30**, Collier County is scheduled to begin replacing backflow prevention devices and meter boxes.

A few important reminders:

- Temporary water interruptions of approximately one to two hours may occur.
- The County will provide notification of water interruptions.
- A three-foot diameter clearance around backflow devices is required.
- The County will not replace landscaping removed within the required clearance area.
- Newly installed backflow prevention devices must not be painted.

Please refer to our previously distributed announcements for additional information.

This project does not include Preserve condominium homeowners.

🎉 LET THE HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES BEGIN!

Our Social Committee has been busy planning another wonderful season of activities.

We are so fortunate to have dedicated volunteers who work throughout the year to bring our community together.

Mark your calendars, invite your neighbors, and come join the fun!

🦃 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

THANKSGIVING DINNER

We wish everyone participating in our community Thanksgiving dinner a wonderful celebration filled with delicious food, friendship, and laughter.

A special thank-you to Social Committee Member Sheila Degan, Kathy and Skip Ruch and all who have helped organize this holiday gathering.

🎄 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

CHRISTMAS TREE & BALLROOM DECORATING

10:00 AM | Clubhouse Ballroom

Come help us spread some holiday cheer. Christmas elves needed!

💜 NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 12

COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE

Benefiting The Shelter for Abused Women & Children.

Organized by Girl Scout Troop 410.

Donation drop-off bin located in the clubhouse lobby.

🎷 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

GULF COAST BIG BAND REHEARSAL

6:00–8:00 PM | Clubhouse Ballroom

We are delighted to welcome back the Gulf Coast Big Band, Naples' oldest and largest jazz ensemble.

All Shores and Preserve residents are welcome to attend this working rehearsal and enjoy an evening of wonderful music.

No tickets or reservations required!

🕎 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

HANUKKAH BEGINS AT SUNDOWN

We extend our warmest wishes to all our neighbors celebrating Hanukkah.

May your Festival of Lights be filled with peace, happiness, love, and many blessings.

🍹 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

THIRSTY THURSDAY

4:00–6:00 PM

Come relax, socialize, and catch up with your neighbors!

Thirsty Thursday takes place on the second Thursday of every month.

🎬 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

MOVIE NIGHT – THE HOLIDAY

7:00 PM | Clubhouse

Enjoy a heartwarming holiday favorite with your neighbors!

🎅 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

CHRISTMAS TRIVIA NIGHT

5:30 PM | Clubhouse

Get ready to put your thinking caps on for an evening of festive fun!

- All ages are welcome.
- Form teams of four to six people.
- Sign up individually if you would like help joining a team.
- Dessert and coffee will be served.
- $5 per person.

Sign up now in the clubhouse lobby!

🎄 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

Merry Christmas to all our residents celebrating!

Please note that regular community activities will not be held on Christmas Day.

🎬 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

MOVIE NIGHT – THE MAN WHO INVENTED CHRISTMAS

7:00 PM | Clubhouse

A wonderful way to continue enjoying the holiday season!

🌴 LOOKING AHEAD TO 2027

Our Social Committee has an exciting lineup of events planned for the upcoming season.

Date	Upcoming Event
January 1	New Year's Day Brunch
January 29	Night at the Races
February 1	Bocce Ball Tournament
February 20	Dinner & Dance – Beach Theme
March 11	New Orleans-Themed Fashion Show
March 28	Easter Dinner
April 10	It's a Wrap Dinner & Dance

Additional details and sign-up information will be announced as each event approaches.

For more information, please contact our Social Committee at **socialcommittee@shoreshoa.com**.

💚 STAY ACTIVE, STAY CONNECTED!

Don't forget our many regularly scheduled community activities:

- 🎾 Tennis
- 🏓 Pickleball
- 🟢 Bocce Ball
- 🏊 Water Aerobics – Weather Permitting
- 🪑 Chair Exercise
- 💃 Dance Exercise
- 🀄 Mahjong
- 🃏 Hand & Foot
- 🃏 Joker Card Game
- 🃏 Pinochle
- 🃏 500 Card Game
- 🎲 Dominoes
- 🍿 Movie Nights – Second and Fourth Sundays
- 🍹 Thirsty Thursday – Second Thursday of Each Month

Please refer to the attached **December 2026 Community Calendar** for scheduled dates and times.

Whether you are a longtime resident, a returning seasonal resident, or new to our community, we encourage you to come out, participate, and make new friends.

There truly is something for everyone!

📋 UPCOMING BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC)

Thursday, December 3, 2026
7:30 PM | Clubhouse Card Room

The ACC will review Modification Requests and make recommendations to the MHOA Board of Directors.

The submission deadline for completed Modification Requests for this meeting was Monday, November 23.

The MHOA ACC process applies to Single-Family and Villa homeowners.

MHOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, December 9, 2026
6:00 PM | Clubhouse Ballroom & via Microsoft Teams

All MHOA homeowners, including our Preserve condominium homeowners, are encouraged to attend and stay informed about our community.

PRESERVE (PHOA) BOARD MEETING

Monday, December 14, 2026
6:00 PM

Preserve homeowners should refer to their Association's official meeting notice for additional information.

📬 THE SHORES MHOA – CARING FOR OUR NEW MAILBOXES

Now that our mailbox replacement project is complete, we would like to share a few helpful tips to keep our new mailboxes looking beautiful for many years to come!

Our new mailboxes feature a durable **powder-coated finish**, designed to withstand Florida's outdoor conditions while maintaining their appearance.

Charles from Addresses of Distinction (AOD) has shared several recommendations for protecting this finish.

Please note: Cleaning your mailbox is entirely optional. These suggestions are simply being provided for homeowners who wish to occasionally clean their mailboxes and help preserve their appearance.

🧽 OPTIONAL CLEANING TIPS

Charles recommends using a glass cleaner such as **Glass Plus, which is ammonia-free**, to remove fingerprints, dust, and dirt.

- Glass Plus is available through retailers such as Walmart and hardware stores.
- Spray the cleaner onto a soft microfiber cloth and gently wipe the mailbox.
- Mild soap and water may also be used for routine cleaning.
- Avoid abrasive pads, bleach, harsh chemicals, and pressure washing.

🐾 PROTECT AGAINST PET DAMAGE

Please discourage pets from urinating on mailbox posts. Over time, repeated exposure to pet urine may discolor or damage the finish.

🌿 PREVENT LANDSCAPING DAMAGE

Weed trimmers and other lawn equipment can scratch or chip the powder-coated finish.

Homeowners may wish to consider a small, neat border of decorative stones or mulch around the base of their mailbox to help protect the post.

Please avoid piling mulch against the post or obstructing drainage, and maintain a neat appearance consistent with our community's landscaping standards.

🎀 DECORATING YOUR MAILBOX

With the holidays approaching, we know many residents are looking forward to decorating their homes and mailboxes!

Homeowners are welcome to decorate their mailboxes for holidays and special occasions.

However, please remember that **all mailboxes and posts are the property of The Shores MHOA.**

Decorations must not damage or permanently alter the mailbox or its finish.

Please do not drill holes or use adhesives, screws, nails, wire, or other fasteners that could scratch, chip, or damage the powder-coated surface.

We encourage homeowners to use gentle, non-damaging methods to secure decorations and to ensure that decorations do not interfere with mail delivery or access to the mailbox.

🔧 REPORT DAMAGE

If you notice significant scratches, chips, or other damage, please notify the management office so the Association can evaluate whether repairs are necessary.

💚 A LITTLE CARE GOES A LONG WAY!

Our new mailboxes represent a significant investment in the appearance of our community.

With proper care and everyone's cooperation, we hope they will continue looking beautiful for many years to come.

Once again, thank you to Charles and Addresses of Distinction for their excellent workmanship and to our residents for helping us protect this wonderful improvement to The Shores!

🍁 A SPECIAL THANK-YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY

As we reflect on this past year, we are reminded of how many people contribute to making our community such a wonderful place to live.

To our Social Committee, ACC members, Board members, volunteers, management team, and all those who quietly lend a helping hand whenever needed — **THANK YOU!**

To the neighbors who look out for one another, welcome new residents, participate in community activities, support charitable causes, and take pride in their homes — **THANK YOU!**

And to our returning seasonal residents — **WELCOME HOME!** We are happy to have you back and look forward to another wonderful season together.

Charles's recent compliment about our residents is a beautiful reminder that the true value of our community cannot be measured simply by our amenities, landscaping, or beautiful homes.

It is measured by the kindness, respect, generosity, and friendships we share.

Let us continue to carry that wonderful spirit throughout the holiday season and into the new year.

🦃 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

May your home be filled with laughter,
Your table surrounded by loved ones,
Your heart filled with gratitude,
And your life blessed with happiness and good health.

From our community to your family, we wish everyone a safe, peaceful, and very Happy Thanksgiving!

Warmest holiday wishes,

The Shores at Berkshire Lakes MHOA Board of Directors and MAY Management

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DECEMBER 2026

THE SHORES AT BERKSHIRE LAKES | COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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6 6:00 Pickleball	**7** 7:30 Tennis 10:30 Chair Exercise 11:30 Water Aerobics 1:00 Mahjong 6:30 Tennis 6:45 Joker Card Game	**8** 10:30 Chair Exercise 11:30 Water Aerobics 6:00 Pickleball 6:45 Pinochle **6–7 Girl Scouts**	**9** 7:30 Tennis 10:30 Chair Exercise 11:30 Water Aerobics 1:00 500 Card Game 6:30 Bocce 6:30 Tennis **6:00 MHOA Board Mtg**	**10** 10:30 Chair Exercise 11:30 Water Aerobics 1:00 Hand & Foot 6:00 Pickleball 4–6 Thirsty Thursday	**11** 7:30 Tennis 8:00 Bocce 10:30 Dance Exercise 1:00 Mahjong 6:30 Tennis	**12**
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Season's greetings! • No activities Christmas Day (Dec. 25) • Hanukkah begins at sundown Dec. 4; first day Dec. 5