



Pennbrooke  
Fairways

### **Memo: Community Reminder for Coexisting with Alligators**

Dear Residents,

There was an incident on Sunday, March 10, 2024, with an alligator and non-resident fishing at the pond closest to the Golf Course Club House. The non-resident sustained an injury, the alligator was euthanized.

### **Once again, we would like to remind our residents and visitors of the danger of encountering wildlife in the community.**

As we cherish the beauty of our community's ponds and wetlands, it is important to acknowledge the presence of alligators in these natural habitats. To ensure a safe and harmonious living environment, we would like to provide some guidelines for coexisting with alligators.

#### **Observe from a Distance:**

- Alligators are most active between dusk and dawn. Please maintain a safe distance when observing alligators.
- Do not approach, feed, or attempt to interact with them.
- Report any potential alligator nesting sites to the HOA.

#### **Pet Safety:**

- Keep pets on leashes at all times.
- Avoid allowing pets to swim or play near the water's edge.

#### **Trash Disposal:**

- Dispose of fish scraps in garbage cans. Do not throw them into the water. Although you are not intentionally feeding alligators when you do this, the result can be the same.

#### **Educational Resources:**

- Familiarize yourself with alligator behavior through educational resources.
- Share information with neighbors, fostering community awareness.

#### **Reporting Concerns:**

- Avoid all interactions with alligators. If you encounter an aggressive alligator or witness unsafe behavior, report it to the FWC and the office immediately. **To report nuisance alligators, call 866-FWC-GATOR (866-392-4286).** Visit [MyFWC.com/Gators](https://myfwc.com/gators) for more information about alligators and the latest nuisance alligator program statistics.

#### **Community Events:**

- When hosting community events near water bodies or having a visitor at your home Inform attendees about responsible alligator interaction.

By adhering to these guidelines, we can coexist with alligators while ensuring the safety and well-being of our residents and visitors. Your cooperation is crucial in maintaining a balanced and serene living environment. Thank you for your understanding and commitment to the well-being of our community.

Sincerely,

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