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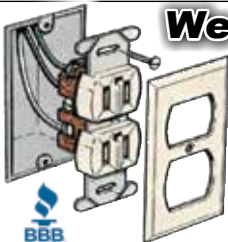
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MESSAGE FROM THE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

Deb Geiler, Lot 610

The official 2025-2026 season has ended, and this is my final monthly message until next season. I received many reports that this was one of the best seasons, even with the limitations of not having a fully functioning Rec Hall at the beginning.

Thank you to everyone who stepped up, in any way, to help with and support the activities. If you have any ideas, questions, comments, etc... RE: our 2026-2027 season, PLEASE feel free to contact me at dageiler@sbcglobal.net.



I am working on getting everyone's e-mail information so that all information can be sent to you directly.

I will be looking for volunteers to head next season's Park Picnic and Parade committees. We also need to pick a theme for next year's Parade. Once I e-mail everyone and get a consensus back, I will let you know the theme.

We will also need volunteers to step forward to take over the Spaghetti Dinner, 50th Anniversary Party, and Mini Golf. If you would be willing to head up any of these activities, please e-mail me.

I sincerely hope everyone has a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you all next season!

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Karen Kirk, Lot 135

This edition of The Gazette is the first one that I will be editing.

If you have any stories, events, or other items you would like included in the June Gazette that you think others would enjoy, please drop me a note by **May 13, 2026**, at ke_kirk@hotmail.com and I will include them in the June Gazette. **Anything received after that date** will be included in the July Gazette.



YT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION FACEBOOK GROUP

If you haven't already, consider joining the "YT Residents Association Of Largo FL" Facebook Group. It is used frequently to remind you of upcoming events, share info about fun places to go or things to do, find someone who has an item you could borrow, or a new home for something you no longer need. Please note that this group is only for residents and is not officially sponsored by the park. If you would like to join, please contact:

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Shirley Murphy, Lot 230

Explore the Lending Library located on the back wall of the Rec Hall (sometimes hidden behind the black curtains) and discover a wide variety of books to borrow. When you finish the borrowed book, please return it to the Lending Library. If you wish to donate a paperback book *in good condition*, just place it in the donation basket. Happy Reading!



EVENTS

2026 ANNUAL PARK PARADE WRAP UP

Kathy & Ray Sibert, Lot 326

We would like to send a huge shout out regarding this season's Annual Park Parade. We honestly cannot thank everyone enough for stepping up to make this one of the most unforgettable Parades we have ever experienced. The creativity was off the charts, and it was so fun seeing everyone's amazing efforts come to life.

Starting with our Queen, Avis Howard, leading with such grace and enthusiasm to Bob Carter's iconic Car 54. Patty and Dave Lytle took us to the jungle as Tarzan, and Terri Langenfeld gave us biker vibes with her Easy Rider entry. The whole Grease gang featuring Kay and Dan Ritchie, Debbie and Jason Day, Ann and Bill Miller, Shirley and Steve Murphy, and Wanda and Bill Astorino, brought pure 50's to the street.



Pam and Dennis Hughes zoomed by with the Hot Wheels World Race, and the fantastic crew from The Muppet Move, Carol and Rich MacLeod, Wanda Baldwin, Rick Adams and Brenda McDonald, Catherine McDonald, and Marion McNeill making us all nostalgic. Sandy and Mark Rassmussen's grandchildren, Jasmine and Oliver, stole the parade as a mermaid and pirate, while Carolyn and Rich Benedict paid tribute to The Pirate's of The Caribbean. The Road Dogs, Jean and Ron Mushala and Brenda and Rob White roared through, and The Sound of Music, Chic Lisitano, Deb Geiler, Alma Martinez, and Mary Rose and Gerry Perlakowski were delightful.

Let's not forget The Spandex Mafia, organized by Sylvie and Rob Levesque and Dave Geiler.

A huge than you to our "partners in Crime", Cindy Fox and Bob Letner for all their hard work behind the scenes.

We are looking forward to next season and cannot wait to see what everyone comes up with!



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VETERANS HONOR DAY

Deb Geiler, Lot 610

Next season I would like to schedule a day to Honor ALL Veterans, US and Canadian. If you or someone you know in the park is a Veteran, please send me an e-mail or a text with the following information:

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Please e-mail the information to dageiler@sbcglobal.net or if you prefer you can text or call me. My number is 1-618-541- 8125. Please leave a message if there is no answer. I will get further information out next season. Thank You!

GAMES

BINGO

Kathy & Ray Sibert, Lot 326

For the month of March 2026, we had 158 folks come out to play generating \$2,100.25 in revenue. From this total, \$132.00 contribution was made to the YT Association.

The following were the winners in March:

Mark, Darley, Wanda, Mary Rose, Lorraine, Pam, Judy, Bev, and Carol winning the 50/50.

Surprise game winners: Bev, Nary C., Barva, and Carol

Champagne glass winners: Beth, Darley, Dave K., Terri, John H., and Diane

Special Game winners: Ray, Dave K., Tony, and Renee

As always, I wouldn't be able to do all of this without my wonderful support team. Special thanks to Barb, Barva, Cindy, DD, John T., Mary Rose, Naomi, and Tom.

PLEASE NOTE: There are no scheduled BINGO sessions in May.



MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOS

Kathy & Ray Sibert, Lot 326

It was great seeing the friendly competition and celebrating our winners in the month of March.

On March 4, Lou took the lead with 248 points with Emily following closely with 284.

On March 11, Kahy, Emily, and Renee scored 222, 240, and 259 respectively.

On March 18, Karen showed off her skills with 178.

Thank you again to all the players for your enthusiasm and for being such great participants.



GAMES, GAMES, GAMES

Do you enjoy playing Games? We've got you covered. Below is a list of all the opportunities that are available to you. Pop in and join the fun and fellowship. Always a fun time!

Sunday	Court Whist/Other Games	Rec Hall	7:00 PM
Monday	Bingo	Rec Hall	7:00 PM
Monday	Hand & Foot	Card Room	7:00 PM
Tuesday	Bid Euchre	Rec Hall	6:45 PM
Tuesday	Billiards (Pool)	Card Room	7:00 PM
Wednesday	Mexican Train Dominoes	Rec Hall	7:00 PM
Wednesday	Cribbage	Rec Hall	7:00 PM
Thursday	Horseshoes/Washer Toss	Horseshoe Pit	1:00 PM
Thursday	Nickel Nickel	Rec Hall	7:00 PM
Thursday	Poker	Card Room	7:00 PM
Friday	Euchre	Rec Hall	6:45 PM
Friday	Hand & Foot	Rec Hall	6:45 PM



Be sure to watch for posters placed in the breezeway by the office, outside the Rec Hall, and on the “*YT Residents Association of Largo, FL*” Group Facebook page letting you know of any other games that may be occurring or if any of the above times or places have been changed due to conflicts with room availability.





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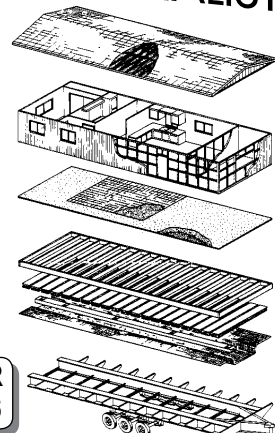
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MEN'S GOLF

Bob Letner, Lot 404

Men's Golf is played every Tuesday at Countryway Golf Course. If you are interested in joining the group, contact Bob Letner, Lot 404.
Below are the results of the games played:

DATE 03/03/26

Low Score	Score	Game: Closest to Pin
Darrell Reboul	65	Steve Skene #2
John Chestnut	68	John Chestnut #8
Gary Frecker	70	Gary Allis #12
Mike Willet	71	John Hayes #15
Bob Letner	72	Darrell Reboul #18

DATE 03/10/26

Low Score	Score	Game: Longest Putt
Ron Moore	61	John Hayes #3
Jim Nelson	78	Ray Sibert #6
John Chestnut	70	Ron Moore #13
Charlie Gladwin	72	Charlie Gladwin #15
Craig Edinger	73	Andre Dion #17

DATE 03/17/26

Low Score	Score	Game: Closest to Pin – 2nd Shot
Ron Moore	66	John Chestnut #3
Charlie Gladwin	68	Craig Edinger #5
John Chestnut	69	Andre Dion #9
Darrell Reboul	72	Steve Gladwin #15
Gary Allis	74	John Hayes #17

DATE 03/24/26

Low Score	Score	Game: Fewest Putts
Ron Moore	67	Darrell Reboul 27
Darrell Reboul	71	Dave Klimala 28
Andre Dion	73	Ron Moore 29
Charlie Gladwin	74	Steve Gladwin 29
John Chestnut	74	Charlie Gladwin 30



MOTHER'S

GENTLE REMINDERS

Turn on your headlights when driving in the park after sunset to help keep walkers safe.

The park speed limit is 15 mph for safety. Report speeding vendors to their companies; notify the office about speeding residents.

Dog owners, please carry a bag and clean up after your pet during walks in the park. Let's keep the yards and streets clean for everyone.

Don't toss cigarette butts—they can take 10 years to decompose and release toxins. Help keep the park clean.

If you use the Rec Hall or Card Room, clean up afterward. Dispose of trash and recycling properly, sweep, and leave the room as you found it.

Please check your mail regularly. Uncollected mail may be returned if not picked up promptly.



RECYCLING

Help the Park recycle! Recycling reduces your carbon footprint, conserves resources, saves energy, and cuts pollution. To help, use the recycling bins at the intersection of Row 1 and Row 7 in the park.

However, always pay attention to where you place your recyclables. Taking a moment to flatten cardboard and sort bottles and cans correctly makes a big difference. *Remember, everything must be clean and dry.*

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- Aluminum, Tin, or Steel Cans
- Glass Bottles and Jars
- Paper Milk, or Juice Cartons

You cannot put Styrofoam or Plastic Bags in this dumpster.

If you bring recyclables in a plastic bag, ***please*** empty them into the dumpster and throw the bag in the green trash bin. Plastic bags clog recycling machines.



CAN CRUSHER

Dave Cowell, Lot 339

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The absent-minded composer

The famous composer Ludwig von Beethoven once went to a restaurant for some dinner, but being very absent-minded he forgot what he actually came there for. A waiter asked him several times what he would like to order, but Beethoven paid him no attention.

After an hour Beethoven called the waiter and asked him, “How much do I pay?”

The waiter replied, “Sir, you haven’t ordered anything yet. What I can do for you?”

Frustrated, Beethoven snapped back, “Oh, just bring whatever you want and leave me alone!”

Einstein: A genius with a human touch

Albert Einstein was a scientific genius, and stories about him are legendary. Three stories illustrate that he was as human as the rest of us:

- When Einstein went to Princeton University in 1953, someone asked what he would need for his office. His reply: “A desk, some pads and a pencil, and a large wastebasket to hold all of my mistakes.”
- A student visited Einstein in his Princeton office one day with a copy of this year’s final exam in his hand. “Professor, all the questions on this year’s test are the same as last year!” “Yes,” Einstein replied, “but this year all the answers are different.”
- After finishing a paper, Einstein and his assistant could find only one paper clip in his office to hold the pages together. Unfortunately, it was bent out of shape and impossible to use. They searched the desk for something to use as a tool to straighten the clip, and found a full box of paper clips in one drawer. Instead of taking one of those clips, Einstein used one as a tool to straighten out the bent clip.

The assistant asked why he didn’t just use one of the fresh clips. Einstein answered, “Once I am set on a goal it becomes difficult to deflect me.”

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A lesson in taking chances

A story from the book *Art and Fear*, by David Bayles and Ted Orland (Image Continuum Press), illustrates the power of taking chances and risking failure when you're trying to achieve something of quality:

On the first day of class, a ceramics teacher announced that he was putting his students into two groups. Half the students would be graded on quantity of works produced, the other half on the quality of just one work. On the final day of class, the instructor looked at the pots from both groups and realized that the best pots—those with the most creative designs and those that seemed most beautiful—all came from the group graded on quantity.

As the authors put it: “It seems that while the ‘quantity’ group was busily churning out piles of work—and learning from their mistakes—the ‘quality’ group had sat theorizing about perfection, and in the end had little more to show for their efforts than grandiose theories and a pile of dead clay.”

Take a fresh approach to solving problems

You don't always want the same old solutions to everyday problems. Sometimes you want to try something different. From the *Fast Company* website comes these ideas for finding a fresh approach:

- **Rephrase the question.** The way you frame the problem may limit your options. Teach yourself to expand the scope. Instead of, “How can we throw a great birthday party for Ted?” Ask, “What can we do to make this a memorable birthday?”
- **Look for bad ideas.** Seeking perfect solutions can put too much pressure on your creativity. Give yourself a break and try coming up with some bad ideas. You'll get them out of the way quickly, and sometimes a bad idea can lead to something new and exciting.
- **Challenge your assumptions.** Take a hard look at your basic beliefs about the situation. Is the customer really always right? Is the lowest price necessarily the best deal? Turning your assumptions on their heads can suggest a different direction to go in.

Quotes

There are painters who transform the sun to a yellow spot, but there are others who with the help of their art and their intelligence, transform a yellow spot into sun.
—Pablo Picasso



Report: Fiber may prevent breast cancer

Parents and young women concerned about breast cancer may want to take note of a study from the journal *Pediatrics*: Scientists have discovered that adolescents and young women can significantly reduce their chances of getting breast cancer later in life by eating a high-fiber diet early on.

Researchers tracked more than 90,000 women over a period of years. Women 27-44 answered questions relating to their diet as adults and in high school. The data they collected about fiber consumption, after screening out other factors like race and family history of breast cancer, showed that women who had eaten high amounts of fiber had a 12-19 percent lower chance of getting breast cancer. In addition, women who reported a high fiber intake during their high school years were found to have a 16 percent lower risk of suffering breast cancer overall, as well as a 24 percent lower risk of being diagnosed before menopause.

Fiber from fruits and vegetables appear to offer the most health benefits.

Keep your workplace a healthy zone

From Ebola to the Zika virus, new diseases seem to be rising every day to threaten our health. If you're a manager, you should do everything you can to keep your workforce safe from illness. Take these steps to minimize the risks:

- **Adjust absentee policies.** Many organizations still penalize workers for taking sick leave. Let your employees stay home when they're sick rather than risk infecting others.
- **Promote hygiene.** Post restroom signs urging workers to wash their hands frequently. Instruct cleaning services to wipe down telephone receivers as well as desk surfaces.
- **Plan ahead.** Consider how you'd respond if your department experienced a 30 percent absentee rate. How can you ensure that essential functions are covered? You can't stop bad things from happening, but you can take steps to keep them from crippling your organization.

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Healthy citizens are the greatest asset any country can have.
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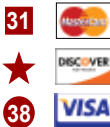
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Try these year-round common cold remedies

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- **Honey.** Honey mixed with tea or warm lemon water can relieve coughing and sore throat.
- **Zinc.** Zinc supplements taken within the first few days of having a cold can shorten your illness and could prevent a cold in the first place.
- **Hot liquids.** Hot tea or water can loosen up congestion in your chest and sinuses.
- **Salt water.** Evidence suggests that rinsing your mouth with salty water can clear up nasal congestion and unclog your sinuses.
- **Vitamin C.** Evidence that vitamin C can help you avoid or shorten colds is mixed, although research does hint that it may be effective for those with a vitamin C deficiency.



Exercise: More isn't necessarily better

Losing weight is just a matter of exercising, right? Actually, that may not be the case, according to a study of exercise and weight loss reported on the CNN website.

Researchers looked at 332 adults in the U.S., Jamaica, and Africa, measuring their activity level over a week. The volunteers displayed a variety of exercise levels from sedentary to active. Although those who exercised and were active more burned away more calories than the others, their activity tended to hit a plateau—after a certain level, more exercise didn't produce more weight loss.

Switching exercises helped a little, since using different muscles can make your body use more energy. But in the long run, a combination of exercise and a reduced-calorie diet may be your best bet for losing those unwanted pounds.



Antilock brakes: Use them properly

Antilock braking systems in cars are designed to improve safety, but they won't do the job unless drivers know how to use them correctly. Here's the right way to use the ABS when you need to stop quickly:

- **Apply steady, firm pressure.** Never pump or “feather” your brakes. The ABS regulates the braking pressure so the brakes don't lock up. If you pump or slightly release pressure on the pedal, it confuses the computer system and shuts it off.
- **Don't let up.** The grating noise you may hear is the sound of the ABS working.
- **Don't yank the wheel.** You can steer your car safely, but if you yank the wheel, you could lose control.
- **Be prepared for skids.** Remember that the ABS doesn't prevent skids. Nor does it allow for shorter stopping distances than conventional brakes.



Don't get zapped at work (or home)

Electrical hazards at home and in the workplace injure thousands every year from burns and shocks. Faulty or overloaded wires cause the majority of accidents, so protect your family and your co-workers by following these guidelines:

- **Get inspected.** If your electrical panel hasn't been inspected for more than 10 years, get a qualified electrician to look it over.
- **Unplug heat appliances after use.** At home, that includes toasters, hair dryers, and irons, among others. In the office, unplug space heaters or anything else that can cause a fire.
- **Use the correct wattage.** Putting a 75-watt bulb in a 60-watt light socket is asking for trouble.
- **Use surge protectors.** They'll keep computers and other appliances safe from overloaded circuits.
- **Keep appliances away from water.** If an appliance that's plugged in falls into water or gets wet, unplug it before you reach for it.
- **Don't yank cords.** When unplugging an appliance, always grip the head of the cord. Yanking and tugging can damage the cord's wire and insulation, which can lead to an electrical shock or fire.



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Teens and social media: What's really going on?

If you think your kid is checking his or her smartphone every 30 seconds, you may not be far off. A study of more than 200 eighth-graders reported on the CNN website found that the heaviest social media users check the Internet more than 100 times daily, even when they're in school. What are they looking for?

- Checking their online posts for comments and “likes”: 61 percent.
- Seeing whether friends are doing things without them: 36 percent.
- Making sure friends aren't saying mean things about them: 21 percent.



Fifteen percent of teens in the study reported receiving inappropriate photos. And 94 percent of parents were unaware of the amount of fighting that occurs on social media.

The workplace is becoming more flexible

Flexible working arrangements have caught on big time in the United States. A study by Flexjobs, an online service specializing in telecommuting and flexible jobs, reported the following trends:

- **Employers are fairly casual about productivity.** Although 89 percent of employers support workplace flexibility, 64 percent have no formal policies regarding telecommuting and flexibility programs, and only 3 percent actively monitor such factors as performance, engagement, and productivity.
- **Health factors are a major driver of flexibility.** Flexjobs found that 32 percent of respondents to their survey believe flexible working arrangements would benefit their health; 29 percent are interested in flexibility in order to have more time for exercise.



Caregiving has its rewards

As Americans live longer, families are feeling a heavier burden in the caregiving area. The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that some 40.5 million Americans are acting as unpaid caregivers for older family members. Most just help one person, but 22 percent are responsible for two people and 7 percent provide help to three or more. Most caregivers are between the ages of 45 and 64 (23 percent), but 17 percent of people older than 65 act as caregivers as well.

The demands may be high, but many Americans find the work worthwhile. Yes, 32 percent describe caregiving as stressful, but 88 percent say helping out an elderly loved one is a rewarding experience.



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Space Station experiment points to possible life on Mars

Fungi from the dry, frigid environment of Antarctica took a trip to the International Space Station to determine their ability to survive under the harsh conditions of the planet Mars. Their endurance suggests that primitive life may indeed be viable on the red planet's surface.

As reported by the NBC News website, scientists took samples of the fungus from the McMurdo Dry Valleys in Antarctica, then had them sent up to the ISS, where the crew placed them on a sealed platform outside and exposed them to various types of conditions, including one which simulated the sparse atmosphere and the exposure to radiation present on Mars.

After a year and a half, the fungi had retained 60 percent of their cells, providing evidence that simple forms of life can survive under the toughest conditions in space and on distant planets.

Robot cockroaches could save lives

Few animals are as maligned as the lowly cockroach. But scientists have found something worth emulating about them—their ability to squeeze into even the tightest spaces. Cockroaches on the run are about ½ inch tall, but they're able to compress their bodies to a 10th of an inch when they're trying to hide. Scientists at the University of California-Berkeley have been able to adapt that flexibility in a small, soft, multi-legged robot dubbed CRAM (Compressible Robot with Articulated Mechanisms). Constructed with an “origami-like” manufacturing technique, CRAM is seven inches long, three inches tall, and 1.6 ounces, and it's able to compress itself just like a cockroach to get inside tiny spaces. The scientists hope that CRAMs could be deployed in swarms to search for survivors inside collapsed buildings.

Tarantulas have their own ‘Man in Black’

A new species of tarantula has been identified by a postdoctoral researcher at the Florida Museum of Natural History. Actually, Chris Hamilton discovered 14 previously unidentified species during his Ph.D. research at Auburn University, but only one of them was named after one of his favorite entertainers: country singer Johnny Cash.

Aphonopelma johnnycashi can be found, appropriately enough, near Folsom Prison in California, the setting of one of Cash's most famous songs and the site of several concerts the “Man in Black” performed during his lifetime. Tarantulas have more than 50 different species, and Hamilton examined more than 3,000 specimens, narrowing the field initially to 29 possibles and finally to 14 completely distinct species. Given that Hamilton has a tattoo of Cash himself, the name came naturally.

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Get promoted with this career-savvy advice

Chances are good you don't want to stay in the same job forever. Whether you dream of moving up to the CEO's office someday or you're just looking for a bump in your salary, understanding how to get promoted is vital to your career success. Keep this advice in mind as you climb the workplace ladder:

- **Get to know your boss.** Find out what your boss likes and doesn't like, both in and out of the workplace. Do your best to adapt your style to fit his or her personality.
- **Keep the drama down.** Make a solid effort to get along with everyone in your workplace. Pitch in to help, support your co-workers, and show that you're a team player.
- **Pay attention.** Don't force your boss or co-workers to repeat themselves. Take notes if necessary, but concentrate on remembering instructions and priorities so you don't have to bother people over and over again.
- **Record your results.** Your boss may not remember everything you've accomplished at review time—or when looking for someone to promote. Document your successes and share them with higher-ups to show what you're capable of.



Smart advice for success

Hard work alone won't guarantee a successful career. Although the phrase “work smarter, not harder” has become a cliché, you can flourish in your workplace by focusing your efforts on smarter strategies. Keep these in mind:

- **Challenge yourself.** Take on projects that force you to learn new skills and confront important challenges. You won't get anywhere doing the same job over and over.
- **Overprepare.** Take time to plan. The more information you have at the start of a project, the better you'll be able to deal with problems and obstacles.
- **Listen.** Don't do all the talking. Make a point of asking questions and paying attention to what co-workers, bosses, and customers have to say. Learn as much as you can from the people around you.
- **Know who your friends are.** Don't assume that your co-workers are all on your side. This may sound cynical, but remember that other people have their own agendas. Be discreet and keep relationships on a professional level.
- **Be positive.** Bosses and co-workers like to work with colleagues who are cheerful and upbeat. Project a positive attitude in everything you do, even when problems erupt.



Make sure people understand your words

Good communication skills are vital to your success in any job or career. Here's one tactic to keep in mind when you're talking to a co-worker, your boss, or a customer: Resist the urge to ask, "Do you understand?" You want to check their comprehension of what you're saying, but they may feel offended, thinking that you're questioning their listening skills or intelligence. Instead, try asking questions that prompt them subtly to demonstrate their awareness. To a co-worker: "How do you think we should go about this task?" To a customer: "How will this information help you make a decision?"

Career advice for recent college grads

If you or someone you know is just starting out after college, you're probably aware that the road ahead can be challenging and difficult. These tips can help anyone segue into a long and successful career:

- **Decide on your own path.** You don't have to live up to other people's expectations, just your own. Choose a job and a career that can enjoy and where you can contribute something positive.

- **Do some informational interviewing.** Before settling down to a specific job (or while you're getting your footing in your first job), start exploring organizations and industries that interest you. Meet with managers there to find out about opportunities and expectations.

- **Seek greater responsibility.** Whatever job you start out in, show your commitment by asking for responsibility. Don't push too hard, especially before you've proven yourself, but show that you're ready and eager to go beyond your starting job description.

- **Keep learning.** You're not in college anymore, but your real education is just beginning. Focus on mastering new skills and learning as much as you can about your organization and industry so you're positioned to advance when the opportunity comes.

Quotes

Do not sit still; start moving now. In the beginning, you may not go in the direction you want, but as long as you are moving, you are creating alternatives and possibilities.
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20. Stuporous
22. Detail
23. Not new
24. Low point
26. Worldwide
30. Stash
32. Scrutinize
33. Pomp
37. Pretentious person
38. Desert watering holes
39. You (archaic)
40. Idioms
42. Offering little or no hope
43. Twiddled one's thumbs
44. Purchasers
45. Chocolate source
47. Not thin
48. Roman robe
49. Hyperactive
56. Wicked
57. Knockout
58. Custom
59. Peddle
60. Distinctive flair
61. Genus of heath
62. 3
63. Break
64. Adjust again

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6. Planet
7. African sheep
8. Nerd
9. Flavoring extracts
10. Without intention
11. Hindu loincloth
12. Scuba user
13. Flower stalk
21. Addition
25. Revelation response
26. Sharp intake of breath
27. Moon goddess
28. Scent
29. According to the Bible
30. Enclosed
31. Anagram of "Sage"
33. Rate
34. You (archaic)
35. Big laugh
36. Guffaws
38. Witness
41. American Dental Association
42. Meat retailer
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