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## From the HOA president: William Allen

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**D**ear Residents of Island in the Sun,  
As we move into the summer months, we want to continue encouraging everyone to stay involved and support the many community activities and events taking place throughout our neighborhood. Your participation helps strengthen our sense of community and makes Island in the Sun a great place to live.

We also want to remind everyone that June marks the beginning of hurricane season. Please take time now to review your emergency plans, stock necessary supplies, and ensure you are prepared in the event of severe weather. Preparation today can make a significant difference tomorrow.

Thank you for your continued support, involvement, and commitment to our community.  
Sincerely,  
William J. Allen Jr. (Lot 117)  
President, Island in the Sun HOA

## FROM THE EDITOR

*Cathy Ralston*

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**W**elcome to June, IITS residents!!  
The Cal-Am office advises that the residents are calling to respond to Resident events. Please call Cal-Am only for events they are sponsoring and the flyers they distribute will tell you if you respond to them directly. For all Resident Events please put your names on the sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse.

50/50 Raffles: The lucky winner of the Kentucky Derby won \$115.00. Thank you to everyone who participated.

In our committees section on Page 2, Cindy Sadusky and Nancy Bilcheck have reluctantly resigned from the Library and Co-Chair respectively. Volunteers are being sought to handle the positions.

## Island in the Sun PHONE BOOK

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**T**he 2026 – 2027 Phone Book was distributed to all homes with the May Monthly Media. It has been confirmed that not all of the requested changes appear in the “updated” Media. Should you want to add a phone number to the phone book, or find missing information in your own listing, please e-mail Tammy Blaise at [tammy.blaisse@yahoo.com](mailto:tammy.blaisse@yahoo.com) Please do not telephone or message Tammy please use e-mail only. Additionally, if you are aware of someone leaving IITS please let Tammy know so future editions will not contain incorrect information. New owners should also e-mail Tammy to introduce themselves add their information to the Phone Book.

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## HOA Dues

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Residents annual \$15.00, per household, HOA dues can be paid in cash or check made payable to IITS HOA. Dues can be brought to unit 184 or paid at the next HOA meeting. Last year we offered payment by Zelle and we are able to offer that again this year. You can Zelle your dues to [iitshoatreasurer@yahoo.com](mailto:iitshoatreasurer@yahoo.com)

In order to continue to offer this option it is necessary for you to put your name and lot number in the contact information.

## FROM THE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE:

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The Activities Committee under the leadership of Michelle Allen, meets at 6:30 pm the Wednesday after the HOA Meeting. The June meeting is scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup>.



### 4 Ways to Find Out About All Resident Events:

1. Make sure you sign up for the robocalls as well, as event information is being sent via robocall, too. Contact Chrissie Riley at [chrissieriley@gmail.com](mailto:chrissieriley@gmail.com) with your lot #, telephone number and name to join the list. These numbers are shared with no one.
2. Check out the Marquee at the park entrance by the clubhouse for upcoming events. HOA Events and announcements are located on the front and Resident Sponsored Activities are located on the back, if you would like your activity listed on the back, please let Pattie McDonough know.
3. As well as being the center fold in the Media, the calendar is kept current in the glass case at the Clubhouse.
4. Please join any or all of these IITS Facebook Groups, we post activities on these pages only.
  - a. Island in the Sun Social Group
  - b. IITS uncensored, sort of
  - c. The Official Island in the Sun HOA. This page is only for HOA business.

Please contact the activities committee for activities if you would like to host an event. Until an Activities Committee is formed, please address your concerns to the HOA board.

### Calendar

See the calendar in the Media Guide or on the clubhouse board for upcoming daily activities, HOA activities and Cal-Am activities.

**Please note:** the 2 calendars don't always sync up, so if in doubt, please call Roger Brown for Resident / HOA activities, and the Cal-Am front office for Cal-Am activities.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

We would love to add your birthday and anniversary to our list! E-mail your name and date to [iitshoatreasurer@yahoo.com](mailto:iitshoatreasurer@yahoo.com) so your friends and neighbors can help you celebrate your special days!



## June Birthdays

- 1 Bobby Ray Bower
- 1 Charles Nolfo
- 2 Bruce Logan
- 7 Laura Vlismas
- 8 Helen Dennison
- 9 Frank Arnold
- 9 Thomas Stone
- 9 Helen Straka
- 19 Jim Manchester
- 30 Debbie Frier



## June Anniversaries

- 18 Ed & Helen Dennison
- 29 Mike & Cindy Malliet
- 29 Linda & Steve Olone



## SIGN UP FOR IITS ROBOCALL TO STAY INFORMED

Cal-Am has a new way of communicating information to the residents. Would you like to receive text messages? Just go into Rent Café and edit your profile and select text messaging. (no texting and driving please)

HOA will continue to use Robo call.

**The phone messaging service is used to:**

- Remind residents of HOA meetings
- Announce/Remind/Poll activities and events
- Communicate information to specific groups (Bocce, Shuffleboard, etc.)
- Announce safety concerns in the community and surrounding area
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## **RESIDENT ACTIVITIES ANNOUNCEMENTS**



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- **The Men's Breakfast** - meet monthly. The restaurant, date and time are announced on various IITS Facebook pages, sign up is online or at the Clubhouse. The participation is typically 6-12 men. All guys are welcome including people visiting the community. It's a great way to meet your neighbors! Hosted by Ron Holzer
- **The Ladies who Lunch** - meet monthly. The restaurant, date and time are announced on various IITS Facebook pages, sign up is online or at the Clubhouse. Hosted by Cindy Sadusky
- **8 or 9 Ball Pool** - Like to shoot pool? Every Saturday at 10 am there is a group who play 8 or 9 ball at the clubhouse. They are always looking for new players. Hosted by Elliot Lipford
- **Texas Hold'em Poker** is played in the clubhouse on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 6:30 pm. Come prepared to have fun. Hosted by Rick Morabito
- **LRC (Left, Right, Center)** – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month – bring your dollars! Hosted by Nancy Bilcheck. LRC begins at 7 pm in the Clubhouse.
- **Pickle Ball** – Played Monday and Tuesday night at 6:30 – Join Dave and Malissa St Clair.
- **Bingo!! Bingo!! Bingo!!**

Bingo is on Monday nights at the clubhouse. Bingo starts at 7:00, get there early to get your cards purchased.

It costs \$18.00 to play. The packet is all inclusive for every game. Extras can be purchased. Daubers are also available for purchase.

Bingo is a self-funded, resident run activity. It is not sponsored by the HOA, nor Cal-Am.

Come to Bingo, bring your neighbors/friends! Everyone is welcome! More people, bigger payouts! Must be 18 to play.

**Bingo will be closed during the summer months, June, July and August, and will resume the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September.**

**Anyone wanting a resident activity to be spotlighted in the Media Guide please contact Cathy Ralston at [iitshoatreasurer@yahoo.com](mailto:iitshoatreasurer@yahoo.com)**

### **Communications**

Notice: Cal-Am will be communicating information to the residents via texts. Would you like to receive text messages? Just go into Rent Café and edit your profile and select text messaging. (no texting and driving please). If you need help setting this up, please contact Katy at the office.

HOA will continue to use Robo call.



## WELCOME WAGON CORNER

by Rusty (Rosalind) Leslie

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**W**elcome to my little corner of the world and a beautiful June here at IITS. If you are new to our community and manufactured home living, I will be happy to answer any questions you might have. Our activities are listed in the center of this media guide.

If you have lived here awhile and have any questions, don't hesitate to ask.

I hope you take advantage of all the activities we offer and that you love living here as much as I do

Have a wonderful month of June

Rusty (Rosalind) Leslie

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**W**e need your help!!!! Which local businesses do you recommend?

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8. Michaels - Get your craft on at Michaels, where anyone over 55 can receive 10% off their purchase every day. Bonus: The discount includes sale items. Make sure to register to get your discount, which can be used in store and online.
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Here's how to request a free smoke alarm installation:

1. Visit the American Red Cross website: Go to the Smoke Alarm Request page for South Florida.
2. Complete the form: Fill out the online form with your information.
3. A Red Cross team will follow up: A member of the Home Fire Campaign team will contact you to schedule a free smoke alarm installation appointment.
4. Learn about home fire safety: The Red Cross also provides valuable information and resources on home fire safety.

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## For Veterans

*Submitted by Pattie McDonough*

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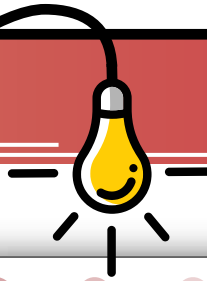
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Submitted by Pattie McDonough



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The DOEA Elder Abuse Prevention Program supports programs and services to protect elders from abuse in all forms, physical, emotional, and financial. In partnership with the Department of Children and Families Adult Protective Services, DOEA and the Aging Network work to protect disabled adults or elderly persons from further occurrences of abuse, neglect or exploitation. Services provided may include protective supervision, placement, and in-home and community-based services.

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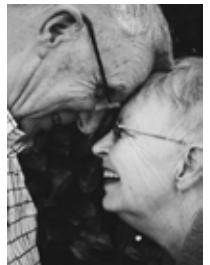
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## English Tea Rooms

Hi everyone. I just love going to tea rooms for a traditional English afternoon tea. Afternoon tea is usually a 3 tier affair, with finger sandwiches on the bottom tier, on the middle tier scones with either clotted cream or Devonshire cream (it is an English thing sort of like whipped cream only better ... well, in my opinion ) and strawberry jam or other preserves, and on the top tier little desserts often petit fours, cream puff, macarons, a small piece of cake. The sandwiches are often the traditional cucumber sandwich, a chicken salad, maybe turkey or tuna or egg salad etc. They are often on different kinds of bread including croissants. The average price per person can run anywhere from \$25 to \$50 per person depending upon the tea room. There are so many in this area that it is amazing. It is just a wonderful experience unlike any other. If you have any questions just ask.

I can recommend two local tea rooms as my favorites in the area:

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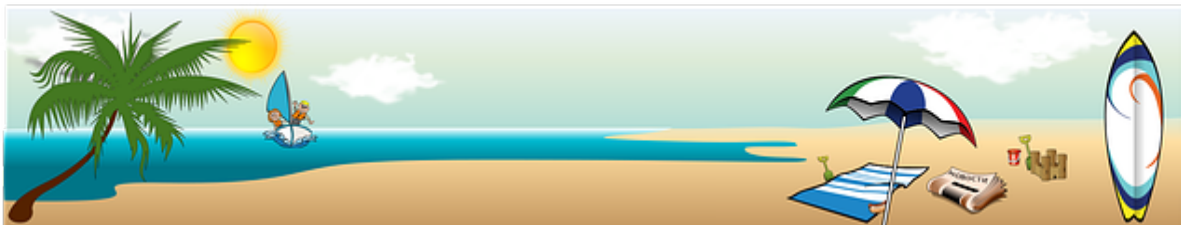
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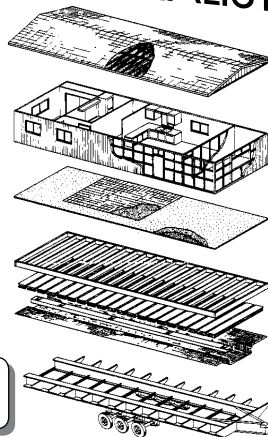
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# The Month of June



**J**uno is the ancient Roman goddess of marriage and childbirth. And the month of June is still a popular month for weddings today!

Juno, in Roman religion, was the chief goddess and female counterpart of Jupiter, similar to the relationship between the Greek Hera and Zeus. Perhaps not surprisingly, given her role of protector of women and children, this powerful queen of the gods was also considered the fierce protector and special counselor of the state and guardian angel warning those in times of danger.

- June 5<sup>th</sup> is World Environment Day
- June 14<sup>th</sup> is Flag Day
- June 19<sup>th</sup> is Juneteenth On this day in 1865 Union General Gordon Granger read the Emancipation Proclamation aloud in Galveston, Texas.
- June 21<sup>st</sup> is the Summer Solstice which heralds the start of summer in the Northern Hemisphere. It is the day with the most hours of daylight. In the Southern Hemisphere it is the start of winter.
- June 21<sup>st</sup> is Fathers Day
- June 21<sup>st</sup> is National Indigenous Peoples Day in Canada recognizing the contributions of the many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit peoples.
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> is Midsummer Eve
- June 24<sup>th</sup> is Midsummer Day, also St. John the Baptist Feast Day. Traditionally this was the midpoint of the growing season between planting and harvesting.
- June 28<sup>th</sup> is the anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall Riots

## “Just for Fun” Days

- June 1<sup>st</sup> – Say something Nice Day
- June 6<sup>th</sup> – National Yo-Yo Day
- June 8<sup>th</sup> - Upsy Daisy Day
- June 30<sup>th</sup> - Asteroid Day

## June Astronomy

June 29<sup>th</sup> is the full moon and in June this is the Full Strawberry Moon. It reaches peak illumination at 7:56 PM EDT in the evening.

## June Weather (per the Farmer’s Almanac)

It looks like this summer will be another hot one.

## Weather Folklore

If June be sunny, harvest comes early  
June damp and warm does the farmer to harm

June’s Birth Flowers are the Honeysuckle and Rose  
June’s Birthstone is the Pearl as well as the Alexandrite and Moonstone

Ah, happy day, refuse to go!  
Hang in the heavens forever so!  
Forever in midafternoon,  
Ah, happy day of happy June!

Harriet Elizabeth Prescott Spofford, American writer 1835-1921

**\*\*The Month of June 2026, Holidays, Fun Facts, Folklore/The Old Farmers Almanac**



## UPDATE ON MEDICARE'S EFFORTS TO REDUCE PRESCRIPTION COSTS

Medicare has chosen 15 prescription medications for price negotiations this year, building off a first round of negotiations for 10 drugs whose lower prices take effect in 2026. The newly selected medications are among the costliest for Medicare's prescription drug program — accounting for about \$41 billion in total Medicare Part D spending — and are used by about 5.3 million enrollees to treat common conditions such as cancer, diabetes and asthma.

Negotiations with drug manufacturers on this second round of medications will take place throughout 2025 and the new prices will take effect in 2027. The negotiated prices will be announced by Nov. 30, and soon after, Medicare will select additional medications for a third round of negotiations, with more to follow.

On the new list are Ozempic, Wegovy, and Rybelsus which use the same active ingredient (semaglutide) and are prescribed to treat type 2 diabetes, weight loss and cardiovascular disease. Several cancer drugs were also selected, and so were medications that treat asthma and COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease).

### **The 15 prescription drugs picked by Medicare for price negotiations are:**

- Ozempic; Rybelsus; Wegovy (type 2 diabetes, other indications)
- Trelegy Ellipta (COPD, asthma)
- Xtandi (cancer)
- Pomalyst (cancer)
- Ibrance (cancer)
- Ofev (chronic lung diseases)
- Linzess (inflammatory bowel disease)
- Calquence (cancer)
- Austedo; Austedo XR (Huntington's disease)
- Breo Ellipta (COPD, asthma)
- Tradjenta (type 2 diabetes)
- Xifaxan (irritable bowel syndrome, diarrhea)
- Vraylar (depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia)
- Janumet; Janumet XR (type 2 diabetes)
- Otezla (psoriasis, psoriatic arthritis)



For a number of older adults, these negotiations are a “big deal,” said U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra. “Some folks have to cut their pills in half or skip a dose in their prescription so that they can make their prescription last longer until they can afford to buy the next batch of drugs,” he said in a news briefing.

A 2024 survey from AARP found that nearly half of people report not filling a prescription due to its cost, or knowing someone who has done so. On average, prices for several of the 15 medications selected by Medicare for negotiation have nearly doubled since they first became available (an average of 11 years ago), a new report from AARP finds. Many of their price increases have exceeded the rate of inflation.

This announcement marks the second time Medicare will enter negotiations with drugmakers — an authority given to the vital health care program for older Americans in the 2022 prescription drug law, backed by AARP.

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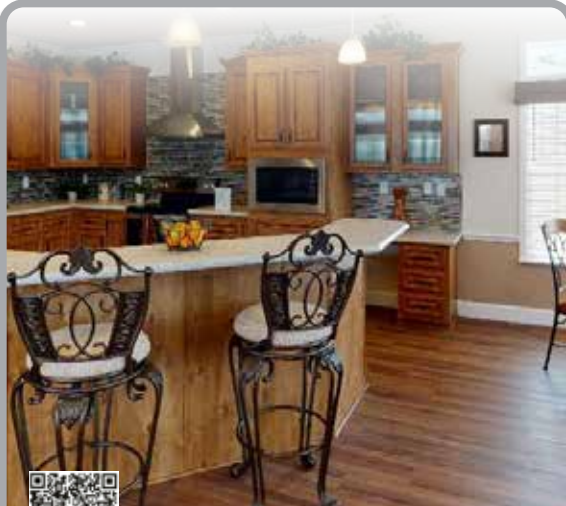
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*Rachel Nania is an award-winning health editor and writer at AARP.org, who covers a range of topics including diseases and treatments.*

## **How to Complain Like a Pro, Get the good customer service you deserve when things go wrong..**

**U**nexpected fees. Faulty merchandise. Promises of service that fall short. These things happen. And so does subpar service when you try to get matters fixed. Companies' growing use of automation to handle customer support makes it especially challenging and confusing for consumers who need to reach actual human beings to get legitimate complaints resolved.

But do not fret! If you have a complaint about a cellphone provider, auto dealership, airline or other merchant, you can use this handy guide to get refunds and other forms of satisfaction.

Be AI savy, Increasingly companies are ceding operations to AI-driven chatbots, both online and over the phone. If you're getting no help from robotic replies in a call or online chat, using these phrases may help you reach a real person: "representative," "customer service," "speak to human," "talk to professional," "live support," "supervisor," "complaint," "account issue" or "escalate."

**Be polite.** If you reach a human being, that person usually isn't the one who caused your problem. "For the benefit of your own soul, remind yourself that there's another human being at the other end of the phone line," says consumer affairs journalist Bob Sullivan, who hosts AARP's The Perfect Scam podcast. "This is a person who might have a choice to either benefit you or not benefit you."

**Be clear.** Be upfront about what you expect to get. "Don't just be mad," Sullivan advises. "Have a resolution in mind. Say things like 'You charged me this fee. I don't deserve to pay it. I should be refunded this amount.'"

**Use your time wisely.** Make sure the end goal is worth it before you begin — for example, that you're willing to spend three hours to claw back a \$10 overcharge. And early on, ask representatives you're speaking to whether they have the authority to give you what you want. If not, say you want to talk to the person who does, Sullivan says: "This way, you're not wasting your time."

**Document, document, document.** Keep a record of all interactions (and attempts to interact) with the merchant. That might include notes of phone conversations, such as the date, time, person spoken to and promises made; screenshots of online chats; and copies of emails sent and received. Should your problem escalate, having all this material on hand can help support your case with company higher-ups, regulators and other government officials.

**Be quick.** Whenever possible, speak up about your concerns in person. By addressing the issue in real time while you're still on vacation or on the car lot, you give the business



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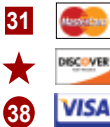
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more options for fixing it. If your complaint involves calling or emailing a company after you've noticed a problem, give the other party no more than a week to 10 days to resolve it before escalating the issue, advises Teresa Murray, Consumer Watchdog director for the Public Interest Research Group. "As time drags on, you lose some of your rights," she says. "Do it while the details are fresh."

**Climb the company ladder.** Christopher Elliott, a journalist and consumer advocate, maintains a list of customer service emails and phone numbers for scores of national companies. If those don't get you satisfaction, he also has contact info for key executives at many of those companies. Keep emails brief, polite and factual, he advises.

*Laura T. Coffey long-running column 10 Tips for Keeping Your Money in your Wallet for the Tampa Bay Times.*

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1. Bother
5. Start
10. Not us
14. Decorative case
15. Sporting venue
16. Part portrayed
17. Passing from place to place
19. Celtic language
20. Mesh
21. Metric unit of length
22. Beginning
23. Vibrating effect
25. Avoid
27. Hog's home
28. Cow milkers
31. Master of ceremonies
34. Not solids nor liquids
35. Anger
36. Nonclerical
37. Reveals
38. Make a sweater
39. 54 in Roman numerals
40. Satisfies
41. Chomps
42. Slandered
44. Encountered
45. Reluctant
46. In a constricted manner
50. Decree
52. Drama set to classical music
54. Hasten
55. Fluid escape
56. Warranties
58. Ruination
59. Utilizing
60. Desire
61. Formerly (archaic)
62. On edge
63. Stinging insects

## DOWN

1. False move
2. Absolute
3. Hotel apartment
4. Transgression
5. Scarcely
6. Muse of poetry
7. Heredity unit
8. Becomes larger
9. No
10. Voguish
11. Wild bergamot
12. Otherwise
13. Encounter
18. Overact
22. Paddles
24. Milliseconds
26. Contends
28. Took a chance
29. One of the Great Lakes
30. Trawling equipment
31. L L L L
32. Cripple
33. Non-military people
34. Castle entrance
37. Thai currency
38. Friends and acquaintances
40. "Go away!"
41. Started
43. Missile
44. Illusion
46. Sea swallows
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