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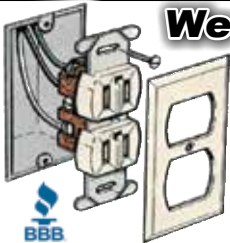
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FROM THE EDITOR

Cathy Ralston



Welcome to April IITS!!
In March IITS residents elected the 2006 – 2007 HOA Board. The Board members and their contact information is on the second page. Please watch the sign board at the front and social media for the time and date for a meet and greet with the board.

Island in the Sun PHONE BOOK



The delivery of the 2026 – 2027 Island in the Sun Phone Directory is still awaiting delivery from the publisher. It will be distributed upon receipt.

From the HOA president

William Allen



“I want to thank everyone who came out tonight (March 10th) to the Cal-AM Townhall and HOA Meeting. A lot was discussed and ideas presented for moving our community forward. Please get with your friends and neighbors to ask them to join the HOA. Stay tuned as we’ll be sharing any progress we make and activities coming up to better our community!!”

From the HOA Vice President

Roger Brown



At the March 10, 2026 HOA meeting, Roger Brown discussed a Mobile Home Tie-Down Program. The information and application are both on the Social Site.
The program is run by Gulf Coast State College and at www.gulfcoast.edu you will find a description of the program and the application. Also provided is e-mail tiedonprogram@gulfcoast.edu or call 448-201-6882 for more information. Since our homes are not eligible for the Individual Application. The HOA would have to apply for the service under a Park Application. If you are interested in applying for this program, please let Roger or Bill Allen know so residents can apply in a group.

DO THESE 9 THINGS TO FEEL SAFER NOW



We are all under assault from scammers, and trying to stay safe can seem like a futile effort. But there are some relatively easy things anyone can do right away to improve security, according to AARP’s fraud prevention experts.

BY AMY NOFZIGER

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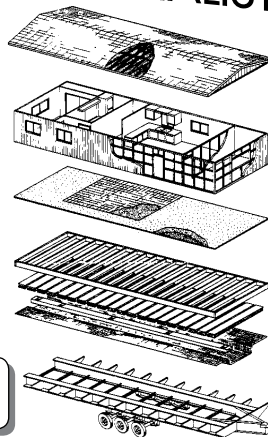
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Change your settings on your smartphone to send all unknown numbers to voicemail. (On iPhones, go to Settings, Apps, Phone, then Silence. Android phones vary, so google it.)

On social media, do a privacy checkup. Under Settings, choose Privacy, and check to make sure only people you choose see your social media posts.

Freeze your credit. This will prevent crooks from stealing your identity and opening new credit cards and other accounts in your name. Unfreeze it when necessary to allow a credit search.

Take your Social Security card out of your wallet, and put it in a safe place. Review your bank and other financial accounts right now for suspicious activity. Do this daily, weekly or monthly, especially for bank and credit card statements.

Delete apps not in use, including those with saved passwords.

Go into your device and log out of all your apps to avoid unauthorized access.

Add the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline (877-908-3360) to your contacts for quick access, if needed.

Visit aarp.org/fraudwatch network for more resources.

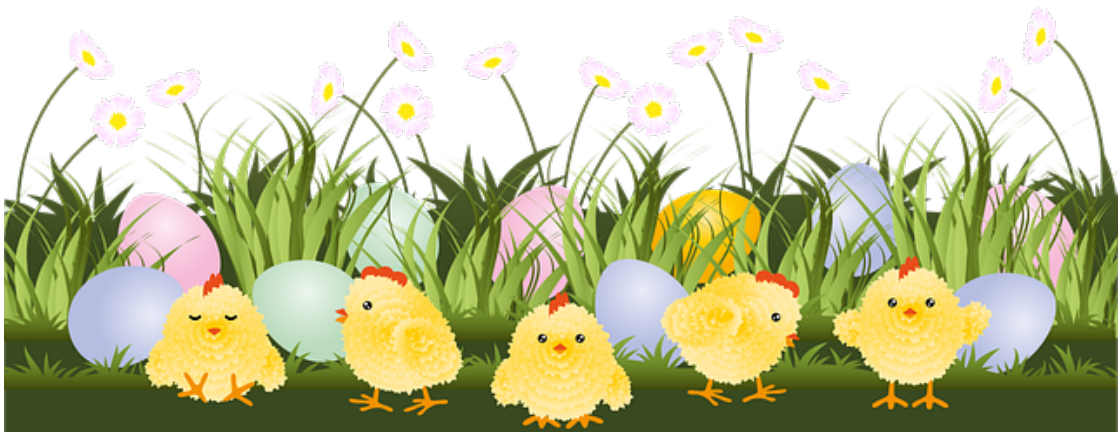
Amy Nofziger is the senior director of fraud victim support for the AARP Fraud Watch Network.



HOA Dues

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.

Reminder to pick up your doggie poop and help keep our community clean. Waste stations are located all around the park for your convenience.





FROM THE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE:



At this time the Activities Committee is reforming with new leadership. All residents are encouraged to join. An announcement will be made with the pertinent information for a meeting.

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 chrissiegriley@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. 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 you would like to start at mcdonoughpattie@gmail.com, chrissiegriley@gmail.com We will provide you with help to get started.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

We would love to add your birthday and anniversary to our list! E-mail your name and date to linda.olone@gmail.com so your friends and neighbors can help you celebrate your special days!

April Birthdays

- 7 Jack Oosterhuis
- 9 Kathy Stevens
- 9 James Smith
- 14 Jasmina Forcan
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RESIDENT ACTIVITIES ANNOUNCEMENTS

These activities are not HOA or Cal-Am sponsored activities. They are resident led.

- **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
- **Bingo** – Every Monday at 7 pm, played in the clubhouse. Hosted by Linda Olone
- **LRC (Left, Right, Center)** – 1st and 3rd 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.

Anyone wanting a resident activity to be spotlighted in the Media Guide please contact Cathy Ralston

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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.

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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.

Bingo News!!!!!!

Bingo is back! Every Monday night at 7 pm! Bring your friends, bring your neighbors, bring your family!

If you are looking to get involved in something, come join us for Bingo.

Let's get our crowd up so we can pay more money! Participation is sure way to keep this event going. Please feel free to bring your family and friends.

See you all soon! Thank you ~ Linda Olone

Ladies Lunch – Cindy Sadusky

PLEASE NOTE IN APRIL THE LADIES LUNCH WILL BE ON THE FOURTH THURSDAY!

Ladies Lunch. The ladies of Island In The Sun get together on the 3rd Thursday of every month, at noon, to enjoy lunch together at various restaurants around the Clearwater area. I love choosing one of many locally owned restaurants, hopefully allowing us to experience restaurants that we may not have chosen ourselves. There are many that we have visited that have become favorites! I also welcome suggestions from the group. It should be a restaurant that can accommodate a group between 8-14 women, accept reservations and will do separate checks.

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.

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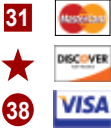
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WELCOME WAGON CORNER

by Rusty (Rosalind) Leslie



Welcome to my little corner of the world.

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 April

Rusty (Rosalind) Leslie

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Submitted by Pattie McDonough



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Elder Abuse Prevention Program

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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BY KEN BUDD



The caller said he worked for a company helping people recover lost benefits. “Our records show you may have \$5,286 waiting in a federal assistance check,” he said in messages to phones nationwide. The call directed people to a website—where they were deceived into revealing personal data used to steal their identities. Over two months in late 2025, the Better Business Bureau received more than 800 complaints about the calls. Relief-check fraud is just one of the scams to watch out for this year. Here are five more scams to avoid.

EMPLOYMENT SCAMS

U.S. employers laid off more than 1.2 million workers in 2025, the most since the 2020 pandemic. With so many Americans seeking work, employment scams are surging, and desperate job hunters may be more susceptible than in the past to fraud, including bogus jobs in online ads, on job search websites and on social media. Some scammers impersonate real recruitment agencies and companies. Their goal: to obtain personal information or money by requiring you to pay a fee.

HOW TO STAY SAFE

- ▶ Never pay. If you're required to pay for a job interview, it's a scam.
- ▶ Distrust big promises. Guarantees of great pay and few hours while working at home are probably red flags not to ignore.
- ▶ Scrutinize the source. If a so-called recruiter contacts you, check the company's website and see if they're hiring for that particular position—and if the person actually works there.
- ▶ Be careful about posting your résumé. Criminals can use information included there to manipulate you.

RECOVERY SCAMS

Being victimized is awful. Being re-victimized is even worse. That's what happens with recovery scams: Criminals promise to help victims recoup their losses, then charge fees for nonexistent services or ask for personal or financial information. Recovery scammers might be the same criminals who victimized you initially, but this time they claim they're from a government agency, a consumer advocacy group or a law firm. “I think we're going to see a lot of recovery scams [in 2026],” says Amy Nofziger, senior director of victim support with the AARP Fraud Watch Network.

HOW TO STAY SAFE

- ▶ Reject upfront fees. Criminals charge you in advance and ask you to pay with gift cards, cryptocurrency or Venmo.
- ▶ Beware of phony checks. Scammers might send a counterfeit check, often for more than what you lost. Then they'll say they overpaid and instruct you to return the balance.
- ▶ Do your homework. Search the recovery firm's name using keywords such as “scam,” “fraud” or “complaint.”

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criminal charges, sending AI-generated phony arrest warrants and pressuring you to pay settlements or fines. “It’s a terror-based scam that involves holding a person digitally captive. They’ll get you in a video call, and they won’t let you go,” says Frank McKenna, chief innovation officer with Point Predictive, an AI technology company in San Diego. Digital arrest is a major problem in India (in September 2025, a retired doctor there died from a heart attack after enduring nearly 70 hours of harassment), and it’s spreading to the United States, McKenna reports.

HOW TO STAY SAFE

▶ Hang up. “Law enforcement doesn’t call people and threaten to arrest them,” McKenna says.

▶ Know how the system works. Court orders and arrest warrants are not delivered through phone calls, emails or social media.

“HELLO, PERVERT” SCAMS

In this insidious scam, criminals claim they’ve hacked your computer and recorded you visiting porn sites. If you don’t pay them, they’ll share evidence of your naughty behavior with your email contact list. They might even spoof your email address so it appears that the blackmailer is contacting you through your own account. The AARP Fraud Watch Network reports a spike in these scams; people can be very fearful of getting a bad reputation if someone believes they are watching porn or sending nude photos. Scammers exploit that fear. Pervert scams also tend to follow data breaches. Crooks use your info to create highly personalized messages, making the threat seem more legitimate.

HOW TO STAY SAFE

▶ Never respond. If you reply, scammers will likely send more messages.

▶ Don’t open unsolicited attachments. Blackmail messages are frequently sent as PDFs to bypass phishing filters.

▶ Stay calm. Ignore deadlines to pay money. Urgency is a scam tactic to force rash decisions.

SELF-PUBLISHING SCAMS

There is a growing market among older Americans to write their memoirs and seek a publisher for their life story, to share with friends and family. That can be a satisfying pursuit. But be careful: Publishing scams are growing. Some scammers pose as literary agents. Others create fake publishing companies that take your money but never publish your work. In a complaint to the AARP Fraud Watch Network, a victim said she wired \$6,000 to a self-publishing company but never received the book. When she called, the number no longer worked.

HOW TO STAY SAFE

▶ Know how talent agents operate. Writers never pay agents to represent them. Agents receive a percentage of advances and payments.

▶ Ignore unsolicited emails. Legit agents and publishers will not contact unknown authors.

▶ Scrutinize URLs. Fake publishers often use variations of real company names to seem respectable, so study the web links.

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Try this uncommon career advice

Read enough self-help books, and you'll run across a lot of the same repetitive career advice: Work hard, be helpful, go the extra mile. If you're already doing this, and want to add oomph into your career, consider this advice from the Fast Track Promotion website:

- **Develop your emotional maturity.** Focus on staying calm no matter what happens at work. Treat everyone with respect. Learn to choose your words carefully—and more important, recognize when it's best not to speak at all.
- **Negotiate in good faith.** Find out what the other person wants, and work toward a mutually satisfying agreement instead of one with winners and losers. In other words, seek solutions, not victories. Negotiate as if you're both on the same side.
- **Shift your point of view.** Support your organization's goals, not your own. When you make a decision, ask yourself whether it's one your manager or CEO would make. If not, reconsider your priorities.
- **Provide real value.** Instead of just doing your job, find out how your work supports your organization's objectives, and then give a little extra to help your it thrive. Talk to your manager about what you've done and what you can do to add to the organization's success.
- **Listen to feedback.** Praise is fun to receive, but often we learn most from criticism. Make a point of listening to and considering other people's points of view, and incorporating their feedback into your performance. You'll show that you're a team player committed to improvement.



Don't be afraid to ask for help

Many people avoid asking for advice from fear of being seen as ignorant or incompetent. But soliciting guidance from others can show that you're open to new ideas and focused on success. Here's how to ask for help and look good doing it:

- **Be sure you really need help it.** Don't interrupt a colleague for something you can figure out on your own with a little more time and effort. Save requests for problems that are truly difficult to solve.
- **Ask the right person.** Identify the person who can really help you. You'll irritate your co-workers by asking for help on something that's outside their area of expertise.
- **Be direct.** Don't beat around the bush when you need assistance. If you don't know the person, introduce yourself and explain why you think he or she is best person to help you out. Most people are happy to lend a hand, and they'll feel flattered that you think highly of their skills.





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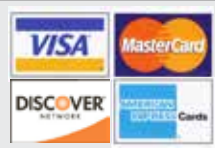


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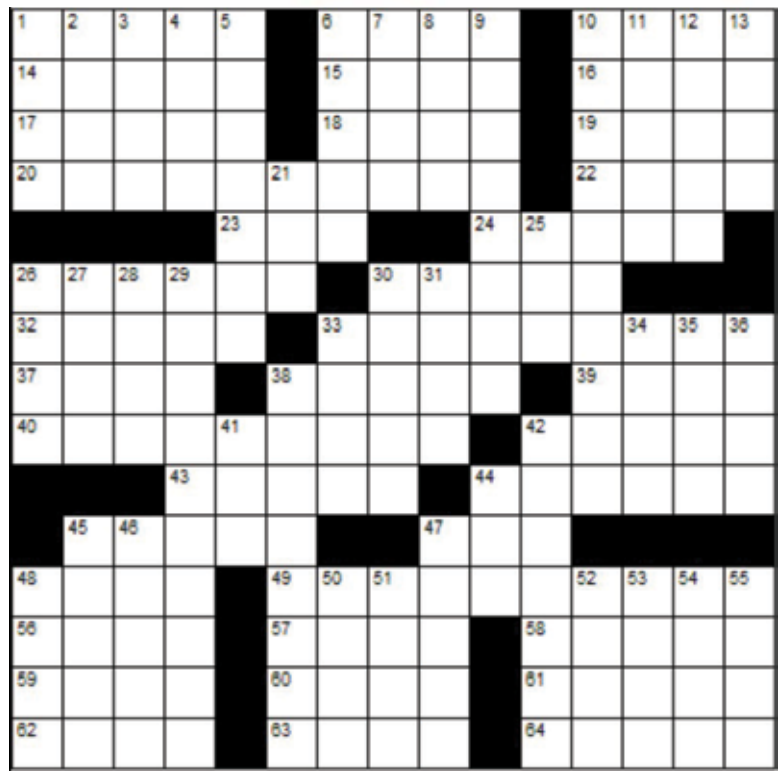


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33. Mustache style
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8. Price
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13. Rewrite
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27. Overhaul
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31. Terminates
33. In this location
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35. Asian nurse
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45. Eagle's home
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51. Marine mammal
52. Small amount
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55. Countercurrent





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