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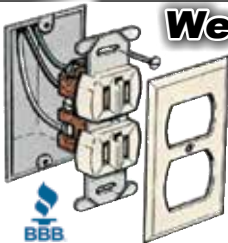
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Dear Southwind Readers

This month, with Jan Snyder’s continued and much needed help and support, and Cookie Pontis’ delicious input, the “Cookie Sheet” ... we are writing to you about the gift of volunteering, the joy of eating, and the care we need to provide to our home... our earth.

I must get a little poetic, and romantic again, so please bear with me. I can’t help it sometimes. But the other morning, while yes walking my energetic little boy “Spencer” I was surrounded by an orchestra of sounds. I think you can envision this too.



Find a serene spot, close your eyes, and let your mind drift to the loudest sounds of the morning. The “augh augh” of the crows fills the air, vibrant and commanding. In the gentle morning glow, the quacks of the ducks ripple across the glistening pond, slicing through the calm. As this symphony unfolds, a woodpecker steps in, marking time with joyous rhythm. Like the drums in an orchestra’s back row, its tapping resonates, awakening everything nearby.

Birdsong flutters through the branches, blending seamlessly with the tempo, creating a choir of sweet notes that rise where sky and trees embrace. The cheerful chatter of squirrels joins the melody, each little scurry bubbling with delight, while a gentle breeze weaves in, crafting soft harmonies that dance all around.

Imagine yourself as the conductor, your hand reaching out toward the front row to invite in the flutes and horns—the gentle sounds of yard sprinklers adding to the ensemble. An overture of nature has begun, setting the stage for a beautifully composed performance that stirs the soul.

Have a beautiful April dear reader...

Tony, Spencer, Jan and Cookie.

The Breezes Team is Seeking Your Help

- **Photographs:** We’d like to include more photos of our residents in each issue. Ideal pictures will be closer up so they are adaptable to black & white for publishing. (Large groups of people in a room don’t come across well.)
- **Articles:** Do you have the writing bug? We welcome your articles.
- **Ideas for Articles:** Even if you don’t care to write an article yourself, we appreciate your ideas for articles of interest to you.



Send your input to Tony Chambers (tony.neurologyassoc@gmail.com) or Jan Snyder (janydogs@gmail.com). Thank you in advance for your help and support.



April Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Date	Resident	Lot #
April 1	Kim Alford	8
April 4	Carole Boardman	75
April 6	John Malloy	84
April 8	Judy Marino	165
April 9	Marsha Rosati	146
April 10	Richard Schwartz	52
April 10	Charlie Lehmann	14
April 11	Mike Jehnzen	184
April 11	Terry Riste	3
April 13	Louise Carlson	43
April 13	Sherry Brown	190
April 15	Ed Siers	121
April 25	Hank Riviera	146
April 26	Tammy Plagge	202
April 29	Karen Ragsdale	206
April 30	Rick Landon	164
April 30	Tom O'Shea	191



Anniversaries

Date	Resident	Lot #
April 4	Terry & Scott Riste	3
April 12	Kim & Colan Alford	8
April 17	Judy & Mike Marino	165
April 20	Sharon & Rick Landon	164
April 24	Rita & Jim Angle	54
April 25	Marge & Carl Mankowski	130





The Cookie Sheet

Another yummy recipe from Cookie Pontis.

Muddy Buddy Peanut Butter Cookies

Set oven to 375°

Makes about 30 cookies

Wet Ingredients: $\frac{1}{2}$ C softened butter

$\frac{1}{2}$ C peanut butter

$\frac{1}{2}$ C sugar

$\frac{1}{2}$ C brown sugar

Cream ingredients until light in color (5 minutes).

1 Egg – add to the above ingredients

Dry Ingredients: 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ C flour

$\frac{3}{4}$ tsp baking powder

$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp baking soda

Add dry ingredients gradually to wet ingredients until combined.

Refrigerate about 30 minutes. Take out and roll into balls. (I use a Tbl each.) Bake on parchment lined cookies sheet (2" apart) for 8 minutes. As soon as done press bottom of a glass to make an indent – they will crack a little which is expected. Let cool 10 minutes and remove from sheet to rack.

Topping: 1 C milk chocolate chips

$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp vegetable oil

Combine then melt in microwave every 30 seconds until smooth.

Spoon $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful onto middle of each cooled cookie.

Let cool until chocolate is firm.

Note: I put my baked cookies in the refrigerator for 30 minutes to set the chocolate.





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- **4/18/26 Crystal Beach RUN /SUP 5K:** 7:30 – 10:00 am. \$35.00 per person, youth runners 50% off! (under 17) A coastal 5K run meets an exciting stand-up paddleboard challenge and a full -on community beach celebration.
Feel the energy as runners hit shady waterfront streets, paddlers glide across St. Joseph Sound, and the community comes together for a fun-filled morning of music, movement, and local spirit. Location: Live Oak Park - 126-198 N Gulf Dr., Crystal Beach
- **4/22/26 Shred Fest:** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Cost is free, donations accepted. Event will be held at The Centre, located at 1500 16th Street in Palm Harbor.

April 2026 Events in Dunedin:

- **4/9/26 Yappy Hour at the Dunedin Smokehouse:** 5:30 – 8:30 pm Huge outdoor dog-friendly patio, doggy men plus raffles. Special give back menu with 100% going back to Suncoast Animal League.
- **4/11/26 Dunedin Highland Games & Festival:** Held at Highlander Park (1920 Pinehurst Rd), this major event runs from 8:00 AM to 6:30 PM, featuring bagpipe competitions, Highland dancing, sheep dog demonstrations, and heavy athletics. A Friday night opening event occurs on April 10th in downtown Dunedin. New for 2026 is a whiskey master-class and tasting.
- **4/12/26 Art in the Park:** Organized by the Creative Artists Guild of Dunedin, this event takes place at John R. Lawrence Pioneer Park.
- **4/25-26/26 33rd Annual Downtown Dunedin Craft Festival:** A free, two-day event on Main Street featuring a variety of local and national arts and crafts vendors.

You can check the City of Dunedin website at www.dunedin.gov/Community/City-Calendar for the most up-to-date schedule, as event details may change.





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Southwind in April: Honoring Palm Harbor and Our Earth

As April arrives in Palm Harbor, the sun begins to gently warm the air, coaxing vibrant blooms from slumber and wrapping the landscape in a tapestry of greens, deep yellows, vibrant reds, peaches, pinks, and warm golds. In our tranquil community, this coastal paradise, where the waters of the Gulf of Mexico dance with the light of day, the park comes alive with anticipation for Earth Day. This year, the spirit of the month unfolds like the hibiscus flowers, revealing countless ways to celebrate and protect the beautiful planet we call home.



In the heart of downtown Dunedin and Palm Harbor, the local cafés buzz with friendly chatter as residents sip their coffees, gathering for the monthly community meetings. Conversations sway like the palm trees outside, weaving through ideas about how to honor Earth Day. Residents volunteer, and ideas flow into suggestions: “Let’s clean up the beaches!” “We could organize a weekend cleanup at Honeymoon Island.” Nods of agreement ripple through the gathered crowd, each person envisioning the soft sand, the sound of waves, and the joy of working together for a common cause.

As plans form and residents toil in their gardens, fingers stained with soil from their own backyard patches, ideas arise: “We can plant flowers, share tips on gardening, and encourage locals to adopt sustainable practices.” Laughter bursts forth as the people imagine the joys of tending to the earth, hands in the dirt, watching life bloom from their care.

Thus, the seeds of camaraderie and purpose are sown. As the days pass, the community readies itself for a month full of activity and joy. Events are crafted and printed, volunteers gather with excitement, and the spirit that drives Southwind shines brightly as friends and families step forward to join in Earth Day... Earth Month.

As the sun climbs higher, the volunteers marvel at the transformation in their little corner of the park. Each piece of yard debris thrown away is a promise made to the environment, a vow to cherish the beauty that surrounds them. Conversations spark gatherings under the shade of an oak tree, sharing ideas, recipes from “Cookie Sheet,” and resources of locally sourced foods and homemade dishes. Over sandwiches and fresh fruit, laughter fills the air, weaving a sense of unity among them—the shared purpose, the joy of giving back.

Inspired by the success of the park cleanup, the community turns its gaze toward the abundant green spaces of Palm Harbor. Gardens emerge, bringing life to the various lots in the park. Neighbors come together with seedlings and shovels in hand, ready to dig into the earth together. With each spade of soil, stories intertwine—of past times, favorite plants, tips on pest control, and the principles of permaculture. The garden becomes not just a patch of land but a symbol of hope and collaboration, nurturing not only plants but friendships and understanding.

While the flowers bloom and grow, Earth Day itself arrives, and the celebration expands. Various local artisans gather to create an Earth Day festival at the Palm Harbor Community Center. Music floats through the air as local bands play, and participants paint pots for their garden plants. Workshops bring together experts who share valuable knowledge about sustainable living, such as how to reduce waste, use less plastic, and harness the earth’s energy.

April in Southwind, with its bright blooms and warm breezes, becomes a canvas painted with love and responsibility. As the community looks back on the month, residents feel a

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If you are looking for ways to help participate in Earth Day, here are ideas on ways to find resources:

1. **Local Government Websites:** Many cities and counties host Earth Day events and provide information on their official websites. Check the parks and recreation department pages for community activities.
2. **Environmental Organizations:** Organizations like the Sierra Club, Earth Day Network, or local conservation groups often list events, volunteer opportunities, and educational materials for Earth Day.
3. **Social Media:** Follow local environmental groups, community centers, and sustainability advocates on platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to stay updated on events and activities.
4. **Community Bulletin Boards:** Community centers, libraries, and local coffee shops often have bulletin boards with postings for Earth Day events, volunteer opportunities, and workshops.
5. **Event Platforms:** Websites like Eventbrite or Meetup can help find local Earth Day events. Users can search by date, location, and type of activity.
6. **Schools and Universities:** Educational institutions often host Earth Day events, workshops, and volunteer opportunities. Check school websites or local college calendars for details.
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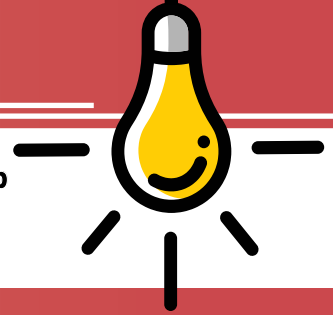
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Salty Soul Foundation beach cleanup at the Dunedin Causeway (example listing for Saturday, April 25, 2026). This group runs regular cleanups you can sign up for on Eventbrite. <http://www.eventbrite.com>

- The City of Dunedin runs eco/education events (for example the Gulf Coast Fest and other sustainability programs); their Events/Meetings page and Sustainability & Environment section list current city-sponsored activities and volunteer opportunities. dunedin.gov
- Honeymoon Island / Friends of the Island Parks traditionally host “Island Earth Days” around Earth Day (check Friends of the Island Parks and Florida State Parks pages for this year’s schedule).

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A roseate spoonbill — the pink wading bird with a long, spatulate (spoon-shaped) bill



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Eastern gray squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*) in a red-reddish color phase — could be mistaken for a fox squirrel, but most likely a red-phase gray squirrel



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April is National Volunteer Month

In addition to being the month that includes April Fool's Day, Easter holidays, Earth Day and Autism Acceptance Month, April is National Volunteer Month. Its purpose is to celebrate and recognize the people who give their time and skills help others and strengthen communities. The modern volunteer movement in the U.S. gained momentum during World War II and was reinforced in 1974 when Richard Nixon established the first National Volunteer Week, which later expanded into a month-long recognition.



Volunteering has changed greatly in recent years as technology, work patterns and social attitudes evolve. Today, people volunteer online rather than only in person, performing such tasks as online tutoring, remote mentoring, data entry or research projects. Many people prefer one-day service projects, weekend volunteering or event-based volunteering. Others volunteer in areas using their professional skills such as lawyers or IT professionals. Lots of people today are more likely to volunteer for specific causes they strongly care about, such as climate change, social justice, community health, etc.

Another change in volunteering is the significant number of people who volunteer within their families. In the “sandwich generation” individuals find themselves taking care of parents, grandchildren or both. This allows little time for undertaking additional roles.

Two of our Southwind neighbors who volunteer in the community are Marie Komar who volunteers with Feast Food Pantry, and Cheryl Hudecek who is a volunteer with the Sherriff's Ranches Thrift Store. When asked for comment, Marie shared “It’s very rewarding because you never know what people are going through. It makes me very thankful for what I have.” Cheryl commented “Volunteering gives me a sense of fulfillment, purpose and giving back to the community. It’s the right thing to do!”

My own volunteering experience upon retiring was a volunteer failure. But what I learned from the experience has better prepared me for the next time. First and foremost, know my boundaries and limitations beforehand. Get a clear description of the job expectations to ensure they align with what I’m able and willing to do. Even though flattered when I was asked to do more, I should have said “no” to taking on more responsibility that would be stressful. Knowing these things, I’m better prepared to make my next venture into volunteering a success.

Sending a heartfelt thank you to all volunteers in our Southwind Community who make this such a wonderful and caring place to live.

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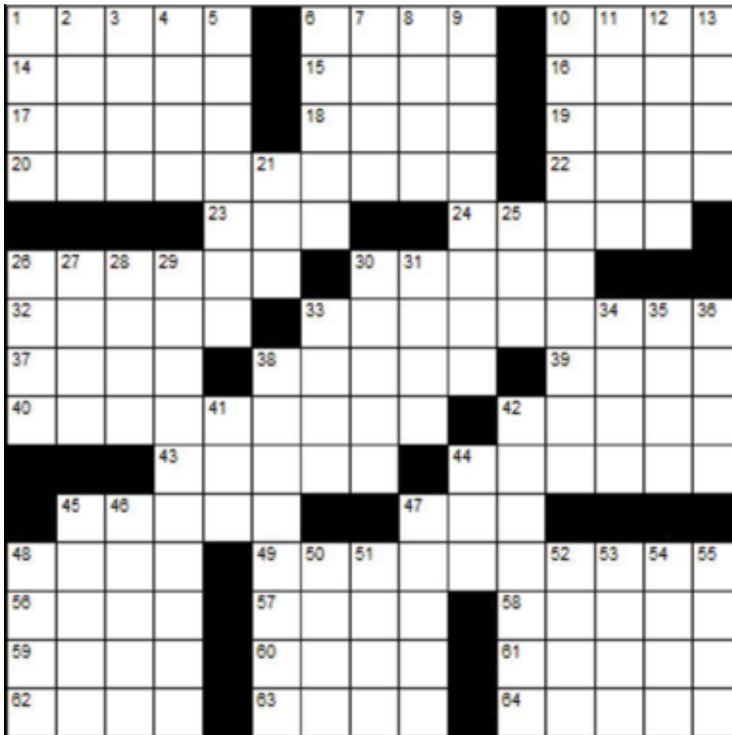
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