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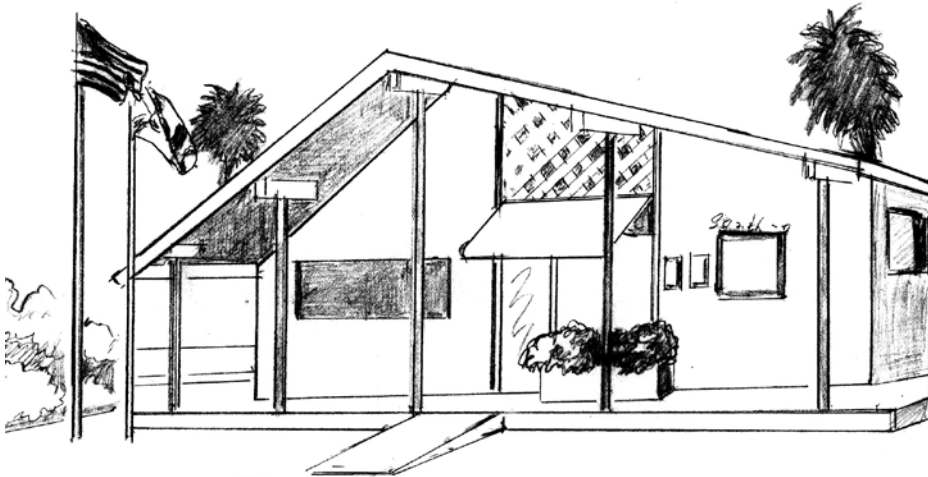
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Message from the President of the HOA



As we welcome the month of April, I want to begin with a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our Annual Street Fair such a tremendous success. This event continues to shine because of the dedication, generosity, and spirit of our community.

A special **congratulations** goes to our **Street Fair Coordinators, Karen Smith and Tina Piper**, for the many hours they devoted to planning, organizing, and bringing everything together. Their leadership and commitment were at the heart of this year's success. I also want to recognize the rest of the HOA Board—**Melissa Hartinger and Dan Gregory**—for their time, support, and monetary contributions that helped make the day possible.

To all of our **volunteers**, thank you for the energy and enthusiasm you brought to every booth, table, and activity. Thank you as well to the many neighbors who made **cash donations**, helping us enhance the event for everyone. And of course, our gratitude to all who donated cakes for the **Cake Walk**, a tradition that continues to be a crowd favorite. A special thank you to **Michael Robinson** for arranging the band that entertained us throughout the afternoon. We also extend our appreciation to the **Lealman Fire Department** for stopping by and spending time with our community.

We invite you to join us in the **clubhouse on April 8 at 6:00 PM** for a safety presentation by the **Pinellas County Sheriff's Department**. This is a valuable opportunity to learn practical safety tips and stay informed about neighborhood awareness.

We are also seeking additional **Crime Watch Block Captains**. If you're interested in supporting the safety and communication efforts within our community, we would be glad to have you participate.

As April arrives, we bid adieu to our friends and neighbors who are heading north for the summer months. We wish each of your safe travels and look forward to welcoming you back in the fall.

April has long been associated with renewal and fresh beginnings. Historically, it marks the return of longer days, new growth, and seasonal celebrations dating back to ancient spring festivals. It's a month that encourages us to refresh our surroundings, embrace change, and look forward to the brighter days ahead.

Remember, **this is your community and your HOA**. If you have suggestions or ideas for things you would like to see in Southernaire, please let us know. Your input helps shape the place we all call home.

Warm regards,

Jim Loomis

President, Southernaire Home Owners Association





Notes from the Park Manager

In the next few months, I will be dispersing a 3-inch Static Window sticker to each resident that has a vehicle in the park. They are to be placed in the bottom left corner of the rear window of your vehicle. This was brought up at the last HOA meeting and requested so we can identify who lives in the park. Your number will be put in your file in the office. You will be given a sticker for each vehicle that you have registered with the office.



I agree with our HOA President when saying all of our Northerners will be heading home and they will be missed. I want to thank each and every one of you that are always willing to help with making our community better. Thank you for all you doing in the clubhouse from decorating to locking up at night. It is very much appreciated.

I see quite a few residents still do not have their 2026 window registration sticker. Is it a law to register your mobile home?

Yes, it is a law in Florida to register your mobile home. The registration process is mandated by the Florida Statutes, specifically Section 320.08, which requires mobile homes to be registered annually by December 31st. Failure to register can result in the withholding of registration until the required license tax is paid. Additionally, mobile homes must display a decal in a clearly visible location on the home to indicate registration.

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Condolences to the family of Don and Lorraine for the loss of their daughter.



We lost 2 residents last month, Barb at Lot 313 and Terri at Lot 80. Please keep all these families in your prayers.



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April 2026 features a wide range of awareness and heritage observances, including **Autism Acceptance Month**, **Child Abuse Awareness Month**, **Arab American Heritage Month**, **Stress Awareness Month**, and **Earth Month**.

Editor's Notes

Please have your information in to me no later than April 10th for May Newsletter. If there are any changes or updates, please let Karen know. Thank you all, Karen Nierman Media Editor

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Quirky and Fun Observances

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Spring Veggie Stir-Fry

This vegetable stir-fry recipe comes together in no time! To turn this side dish into a complete meal, serve it with brown rice and your choice of protein, like crispy baked tofu. Recipe yields 4 side servings.

Ingredients

- ¼ cup reduced-sodium soy sauce or tamari (regular soy sauce is too salty!)
- 2 tablespoons honey or maple syrup
- 2 teaspoons arrowroot starch or 1 teaspoon corn starch
- 1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger
- 1 large clove garlic, pressed or minced
- ½ teaspoon crushed red pepper (this is spicy! Use ¼ teaspoon or omit completely if you're sensitive to spice)
- 1 tablespoon coconut oil or your cooking oil of choice
- 1 small red onion, root and tip ends removed and cut into ¼-inch thick wedges
- 3 medium carrots, peeled and cut into very thin rounds
- Pinch of salt
- ½ bunch (½ pound) thin asparagus, tough ends removed and cut into 2-inch long pieces

Instructions

1. In a liquid measuring cup, combine the soy sauce, honey, starch, ginger, garlic and red pepper flakes. Whisk until blended and set aside.
2. Warm the oil over medium heat until shimmering. Add the onion and carrots and a pinch of salt. Raise the heat to medium-high and cook, stirring every 30 seconds or so, until the onions have softened, about 4 to 5 minutes. (If at any point you catch a whiff of something burning while making this stir-fry, dial back the heat a bit.)
3. Add the asparagus and cook, stirring every 30 seconds, until the carrots are starting to caramelize on the edges and are easily pierced by a fork, about 3 to 4 minutes.
4. Pour in the prepared sauce and cook, while stirring constantly, until the sauce has thickened to your liking, about 20 to 60 seconds. Remove from heat and serve as a side dish as-is, or turn it into a main dish by serving it with rice, fried eggs or tofu.

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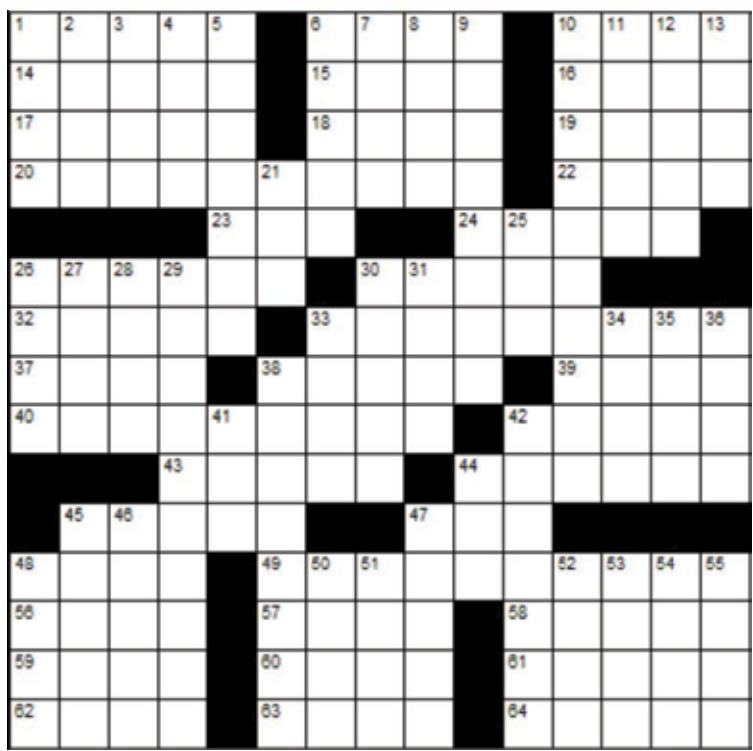
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3. Indian dress
4. Voyage
5. Unseeing
6. Fragment
7. Celestial bear
8. Price
9. Sometimes used by gardeners
10. 10 to the centimeter
11. More aloof
12. Harnesses
13. Rewrite
21. Climbing vine
25. Ever last one
26. Illustrated
27. Overhaul
28. Prefix meaning "Within"
29. Stuffiness
30. Positions in a social hierarchy
31. Terminates
33. In this location
34. Matted cotton for stuffing
35. Asian nurse
36. Depend upon
38. Any unspecified person
41. Roll of bills
42. Gruesome
44. Be mistaken
45. Eagle's home
46. Like most beaches
47. Coral reef
48. Fluid escape
50. One of the Great Lakes
51. Marine mammal
52. Small amount
53. Blockhead
54. Den
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Financial Literacy Month. With taxes due, this may be a good time to learn more about good financial practices. Are you ready to accept responsibility for changing your financial situation? Do you believe that you can and will change the way you make financial decisions? If so, it's time to start.

Month of the Military Child. More than 2 million children in grades K-12 have parents who are serving in our military. Make a difference in the life of a military child by seeking out opportunities to acknowledge their sacrifice, volunteering for organizations that support them, and recognizing their contribution to the nation.

National Autism Awareness Month. A nationwide effort to promote autism awareness, inclusion, and self-determination for all and to ensure that each person on the autism spectrum is provided the opportunity to achieve the highest possible quality of life.

National Garden Month. Gardening grows fun for the whole family. Whether you're digging in the dirt, enjoying the magic of a small seed transforming into a beautiful flower, or observing the bugs, birds, and butterflies, gardening is a delightful way to celebrate the coming of spring.



Weekly

National Robotics Week, Apr. 4-12. The purpose of National Robotics Week is to celebrate the United States as a leader in robotics technology development, educate the public about how robotics technology impacts society, and advocate for increased funding for robotics technology research and development.

Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week, Apr. 12-18. This week recognizes the hard-working men and women who risk their lives and devote huge amounts of personal time and resources while serving the public and helping animals when no one else can.

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National Pet ID Week, Apr. 17-23. Collars and tags are a reliable way to identify your pets should they become lost. Make sure your dog, cat, or other animal friend always wears a current identification tag. Pet supply catalogs, stores, veterinary offices, and animal shelters often have forms to order ID tags.



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Lead your team on the path to innovation

When you're leading a team focused on innovation, you want to spark creative thinking in every member. Try these strategies used by successful leaders in every industry:

- **Build a community.** Look inside and outside your organization for enthusiastic, imaginative thinkers. Use your network to recruit people to your team, brainstorm ideas, test prototypes, and critique results.
- **Experiment.** Don't put all your eggs into one basket. When you come up with an interesting idea, test it on a small scale first. Encourage lots of experiments to find one or two that produce excellent results.
- **Tell stories.** Charts and data aren't very inspiring. To get creative juices flowing, share stories about people and problems. Find out what your customers want and what solutions would make them smile. Recount flashes of genius from the past. You'll get people thinking about the possibilities instead of the obstacles.



Get out of the paralyzing 'I'm not creative' rut

Some people seem to be naturally creative. If you're not one of them, don't fall into the trap of thinking you'll never have an original idea or find an ingenious solution. Try these tips for overcoming a negative mindset:

- **Question your attitude.** The first step in getting unstuck is believing you can do it. Start by asking yourself, "Why do I feel uncreative?" You may discover that your belief is based on mistaken assumptions about your capabilities.
- **Ask "What if?"** Let go of the need to craft a perfect solution right away. Examine the problem from different angles and look for new possibilities without regard to what's easy or practical. Asking, "What if I did this?" can unlock a stream of fresh ideas.
- **Hold onto your momentum.** Don't stop generating ideas too quickly. Once you're on a roll, keep going until you have plenty of options to choose from. First ideas don't always work, and you may be able to combine aspects of different solutions to come up with something new that will dazzle everyone.



Quotes:



Creative confidence is about believing in your ability to create change in the world around you.
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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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Moonlighting strong in the U.S.

Moonlight is romantic, but moonlighting at a second job is a different story. The Bureau of Labor Statistics says that about 7.39 million Americans held more than one job in November 2015. Moonlighting has risen and dipped over the years, from 6.5 percent of working Americans in November 1996 to 5.6 percent during the recession that started in 2008.

Women tend to be more likely to hold two or more jobs—5.5 percent of working women, compared with 4.7 percent of working men. Among younger workers ages 20-24, 5.8 percent worked multiple jobs in 2014, compared with 4.4 percent of workers 55 years or older.

Almost 90 percent of today’s moonlighters plan to keep working two or more jobs during 2016. A survey cited by the *U.S. News & World Report* website found that although some are dealing with changing family situations or exploring other careers, more than half maintain a second job in order to meet living expenses.



Tech sector rates highly within the U.S.

We may complain about texting, “listicles,” and viruses, but most people actually have pretty positive opinions about technology. A survey by IT staffing organization Modis, for example, found that 61 percent of us consider the U.S. to be a global leader in tech, a trend that 79 percent think will continue for at least the next five years. And 94 percent believe that technology education is the most important factor in sustaining U.S. leadership in the tech industry.

With 19.8 million people working in the technology sector today (a figure expected to rise 1.8 percent a year), tech jobs are highly sought after. Seventy-four percent of respondents in the Modis survey think that tech jobs are more lucrative than those in other fields. Money isn’t the only consideration, though: Flexible hours are drawing workers to the field (50 percent consider this a valuable benefit) along with the unlimited vacation time offered by some organizations (named by 21 percent).



Quotes:

God made the integers; all the rest is the work of Man.
—Leopold Kronecker

They are simply numbers and cannot thus be right or wrong.
—Neil Gaiman





Google answers your health questions

People turn to Google for all kinds of information. Health is always a concern, so naturally the search engine fields a lot of questions about diseases and symptoms of illness. Take a look at some of the top health-related inquiries people typed into the Google search bar in 2015 (as reported on the CNN website):



- **“Is bronchitis contagious?”** Answer: Maybe, if it’s the result of a bacterial infection.
- **“Is pneumonia contagious?”** Answer: It can be, because most cases of pneumonia are caused by bacteria.
- **“How much water should I drink per day?”** Answer: About half as many fluid ounces as your weight in pounds. For example, if you weigh 140 pounds, you should be drinking about 70 fluid ounces per day (nine cups), although factors like heat, exercise, pregnancy, and other considerations should be taken into account.
- **“How many calories should I consume?”** Answer: Check with a dietician to get advice tailored to your physical needs.
- **“What is Lupus?”** Answer: Lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease. Symptoms include headaches, fatigue, joint pain, fever, and rashes.

Watch for signs of mold allergy

Mold can grow anywhere, and if you’re allergic, it can lead to major health issues. Stay alert to these signs of a potential mold allergy:

- Runny or stuffy nose
- Excessive sneezing
- Frequent coughing or wheezing
- Itchy throat, ears, or eyes
- Trouble breathing



Quotes:

Healing is a biological process, not an art. It is as much a function of the living organism as respiration, digestion, circulation, excretion, cell proliferation, or nerve activity.
—Herbert M. Shelton





Assess the risk before taking on the assignment

Carelessness is the cause of many accidents at work and at home, and one cause of carelessness is misunderstanding the risks involved in the tasks you carry out. Be on the lookout for these potential pitfalls:



- **Overestimating your abilities.** Performing a task once or twice may not really provide the experience to do it safely. Make sure you have the proper training and tools, and get help if it's necessary.
- **Taking shortcuts.** You may think that because you've done a job for a long time, you can take shortcuts to speed your work. Don't get complacent about safety measures when you undertake any sort of risky task.
- **Overconfidence in equipment.** The proper tools are important, and keeping them in good shape is vital. Check on all equipment before starting a job to ensure that it's in good repair and capable of holding up under stress.
- **Depending on rescue.** Sometimes people assume that if an accident happens, a co-worker or friend can just call 911 and make everything all right. Remember that small problems can snowball while you're waiting for assistance. You may suffer serious injury before anyone can show up to help.
- **Poor role models.** A manager or co-worker may skip safety measures, but that doesn't make it right. Take responsibility for your own welfare in everything you do, and don't take chances even if other people do.

Hold to these safety standards



The Occupational Safety and Health Act requires employers to provide a safe workplace for their employees. Although many OSHA regulations target specific industries, they're good rules for any organization that wants to ensure the safety and health of its workforce. Here are a few general areas to monitor:

- **Injuries and illnesses.** Document and report occupational injuries and fatalities, as well as work-related illnesses.
- **Walking and working surfaces.** Your hallways, workspaces, storage rooms, and other areas should be kept clean, organized, and sanitary. Stairs must have railings.
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