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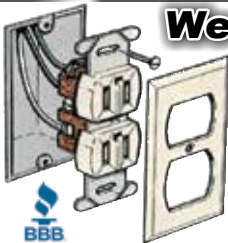
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3	Jim Angle	54
3	Greg Malinowski	19
6	Vivien Ward	64
7	Daniel Johnston	101
7	Jim Kolter	145
19	Pat Rilling	116
22	Pat Mannix	47
22	Frank Ryan	138
24	Cindy Schwartz	52
27	Patricia Otto	179
29	Allen Breen	193
29	Stanley Kellis	72
31	Joan Hunnicutt	153



January Anniversaries

Date	Residents	Lot #
7	Bobbi & Jack Manning	106
15	Betsy & Jim Cannon	154
18	Mardy & Bill Adams	173



Dear Residents,



As I embark on my first year at the park and my journey as your new community journalist, I kindly ask for your patience as I familiarize myself with everyone's names. In this article, I reflect on the past year while looking forward to 2026, and I hope each of you finds a connection within the narrative. I welcome any suggestions for future articles, so please feel free to share topics you'd like me to cover. My goal is to keep our content fun, informative, and focus on uniting us as a community.

I would also like to express my gratitude to Jan Snyder for her support in this endeavor. She will organize birthdays and anniversaries. If yours is not included, please feel free to reach out to her by text or by dropping a note in the community mailbox located in the library.

Finally, I want to start with a brief tribute to our beautiful park-like community, inspired by my favorite moments spent walking my little boy, Spencer.

Warm regards,

Tony, Pesto & Spencer

At 5 a.m.

At 5 a.m., I wander the crisp edges of our drive,
pencil-drawn against the neat green hush of lawns.
The quiet carries me backward—
to the wonder of childhood paths,
forest trails that whispered of beginnings.

Above me, the sky is flawless—
a canvas strewn with silver stars,
a moon so full, so brilliant,
its light washing our cottage lanes,
gilding each familiar turn with enchantment.

The world is hushed,
yet alive with delicate music:
crickets in their hidden choirs,
frogs offering low-throated hymns,
and the soft patter of small, hurried feet—
families of rabbits scattering from their dawn lit feast.



Hope for the New Year, 2026: A Southwind Story

As the year 2026 crept closer, the residents of Southwind Mobile Home Community found themselves filled with a tingly excitement—the friendly anticipation of new beginnings. Nestled in the sun-kissed embrace of Palm Harbor, Florida, Southwind is a serene bubble that echoes with laughter, shared meals, and community camaraderie. Here, everyone knows each other's names, stories, and dreams, and the bonds of affection run deep, awakening every heart to the joys and challenges that lay ahead.



As December faded and the fires of the past year flickered low, the air was thick with the promise of renewal. Hope hung heavy like the scent of fresh blooms during spring—a reminder of the beauty the residents nurtured in both their yards and hearts alike. Southwind, with its charming, cottage-style bungalows, glows with potential as the new year whispers sweetly into the ears of its residents.

Memories of the past year's gatherings danced in the minds of its warm-hearted inhabitants. Together we shared meals at the Veterans' dinner—a heartfelt gesture to honor those who served, where stories were swapped over a filet mignon delight. Each meal was a feast not just of food but of friendship, laughter cascading like music as tales of days gone by weaving the fabric of our community tighter.

The Kentucky Derby offered an exhilarating escapade—hats adorned with colorful ribbons bobbed in the air, while enthusiastic cheers filled the afternoon sky. Southwind's residents gathered in their festive wear, placing friendly bets and reveling in the thrill of the race.

Halloween was a spectacle that transformed Southwind into a canvas of creativity and fun. The park became a playground where the spooky and delightful collided in a creative display of costumes twirled under the gentle moonlight. A whimsical contest where witches cackled and goblins lurked, all while friendly ghosts danced seamlessly through the night, keeping the spirit of community alive. The neighborhood decorations told stories of ingenuity, laughter, and the kind of playful rivalry that made it all the more exciting.

Southwind's events range from raising funds and toys for the children of the area, to bake sales and craft fairs. Their hearts swelled with pride and joy as they watched the toys pile high for donation, knowing they had brought smiles to young faces in need. The clubhouse transforms into a maze of tables draped with bright cloths for the craft fair. Together they organize the craft fair, bake sale, and talent show to more than just events, they are the heartbeat of the community. It's the way everyone came together to create, share, and support something bigger than themselves.

In between these grand events, the simpler pleasures of life were often cherished just as



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deeply. Sunny afternoons by the pool were filled with chitchat and laughter, as neighbors gathered for a casual chat or to soak in the sun's golden warmth. For many, walking their dogs has become a cherished routine—a moment to exchange stories of the day, a time to connect and lose themselves in thought amidst the beauty of the vibrant, floral surroundings of Southwind.

The community, an intricately woven family, thrives on love, kindness, and understanding. Yard work isn't just a chore but a bonding experience, as residents join forces to maintain the beauty of their shared home. Each bloom, blade of grass, and meticulously swept pathway is a testament to their collective dedication. People often joke about the occasional disagreement that arises between neighbors, but through it all, a radiating love shines, illuminating their little haven.

With Honeymoon Island—a jewel of Florida's coastline—beckoning nearby, the residents feel lucky to call Southwind home. The island's sugar-white sands burst with opportunity, welcoming families, friends, and furry companions to explore its beauty. Each wave crashes merrily against the shore, echoing with promises of sun-drenched adventures and heartwarming gatherings.

The yearly events scattered across the nearby regions of Tampa Bay, Clearwater, Tarpon Springs and Dunedin keep life vibrant for the residents. From delightful seafood feasts to the beloved local burger joints, there is something to satisfy every craving. The Pinellas Trail beckons to cyclists and walkers alike, offering long stretches that intertwine the charming landscapes of the area. Their home is a magnet for visiting friends and family; the lodge, a dwelling of shared laughter and reminiscing, is filled with the aromas of homecooked meals and the exhilaration of catching up.



Adventure often finds its way into the lives of Southwind's residents. Groups form spontaneously, embarking on day trips to explore everything from museums like Dali and Ringling to exhilarating local festivals. Each journey unfurls a tapestry of stories, new experiences shaping their lives as they venture just beyond the familiar confines of their community.

Life's simpler joys fill their days with wonder, like the delightful surprise of encountering friendly fauna. Squirrels dart through trees, bunnies leap through grass, and the occasional black racer snake weaves its way through the underbrush, nature's whispers of companionship and beauty. Ospreys glide above, surveying their domain and reminding everyone of the richness of the world around them.

As the seasons change, the festive atmosphere wraps Southwind like a comforting blanket. With the turn of the calendar, holiday lights adorn every corner of the community, casting a warm glow that makes spirits soar. As the winter holidays approach, neighbors join in the delightful task of decorating, weaving strands of twinkling lights and adorning homes with ornaments that reflect their unique personalities. The night air shimmers with laughter, magic, and the sweet notes of holiday tunes drifting through the breeze, reminding everyone that

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togetherness is the heart of the festive spirit. They even come together to decorate the light poles that stand at attention throughout the park.



As New Year's Eve approached, the warm glow of fireworks began to fill the Pinellas air. Residents enjoy the excitement palpable as they toasted to the memories of the past year—each laugh, every struggle, and every triumphant celebration encapsulated in shared joy. The delightful sparkles of pyrotechnics mirrored their hopes: vibrant, bright, and filled with potential. Outside, bursts of color illuminated the night as fireworks erupted over Dunedin, Clearwater, and Tarpon Springs, a display that seemed to narrate their collective dreams. Each explosion of light beckoned for renewal and affirmation—a promise of everything to come. Friends, family, and neighbors gasped as their hearts aligned as they celebrated what they had accomplished together and what lay ahead.

2026 ushers in a wave of possibility, each resident stepping into the new year with open arms and a sense of adventure. The memories from the past year, like cherished photographs, filled their hearts but did not weigh them down; instead, they served as stepping stones, guiding them toward an even brighter tomorrow.

As they get ready to settle into the new year, the residents and HOA of Southwind begin planning their future gatherings, excited about the countless events ahead. With a common love for life and nature, the community discusses the many ways they contribute to beautifying their already picturesque surroundings. They become gardeners, digging up the soil to plant vibrant flowers and native plants that attract butterflies and bees, reinforcing the connection they share with nature and each other. Those little moments—digging in the earth together, laughing at shared memories, and discussing gardening tips—manifest into beauty, solidifying their home as a sanctuary.

As months roll on, every passing day scatters more tender moments throughout Southwind. The rustle of leaves in the breeze becomes part of the community's rhythm. On weekends, people bundle up their pets, and those walks become a ritual of sorts—a time to escape the hustle and bustle and check in with one another, sharing life updates, a good joke, or simply soaking in the beauty of their surroundings.

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At the intersection of Southwind's charm is the harmony instilled by the cultural richness of nearby Tampa Bay. The adventures don't end at the beach; with Ruth Eckerd Hall and the Straz Performing Arts Center just a short drive away, they frequently attend concerts and performances that stir the soul and bring joy. Sharing experiences of art and culture deepens their connections, as laughter and applause ring out together, becoming part of their collective tapestry of community life.

Even trips to museums, like the Dali and Ringling, turn into memorable occasions. Fascinated conversations and interpretations of artwork stir minds and hearts, blending creativity with community spirit. Every outing nourishes their desire for exploration and discovery, fostering friendships that transcend mere urban living.

As spring approaches, the park erupts into a riot of color, transforming into a seasonal masterpiece that mirrors their growing hopes. Flora flourishes in every corner, and with it comes the promise of brighter days; their lives paint anew in vivid hues. The sounds of nature fill the air—like a soft symphony—of chirping birds and rustling leaves—as if the world around them was alive and engaged in the same beautiful dance.

As the summer sun streamed down, the vibrant poolside became the epicenter of gathering and fun. Loungers sprawled out reading books, laughter filled the air and the aroma of grilled picnic treats wafted lazily through the community. Pool parties became cherished events, where everything from a pool ball game, Jello shots to poolside trivia brought residents together—friendly competitions that turned strangers into friends.

With the symphony of summer again came the anticipation of the fireworks displays across Clearwater, Dunedin, and Palm Harbor, where families gathered on beach blankets, eyes glued to the sky. The warm salt-scented breeze wrapped around them as they shared stories and laughter, celebrating not just the explosions of light but the joyful moments spent together. Residents gasped at each brilliant burst of color, their faces illuminated by the shimmering lights in the night sky. In those moments, unity thrived—the collective awe and wonder shared among neighbors made the community feel like more than just a collection of homes. It was a sanctuary built on love, laughter, and lasting company.

As fall arrived and Thanksgiving approached, the harboring spirit of gratitude enveloped Southwind. The tradition of sharing a meal fostered yet another reason to give thanks for the blessings they shared—the beauty of their surroundings, the laughter of friends, the warmth of community love. A shared Thanksgiving dinner burst forth with aromas that tickled the senses, as residents brought their family recipes to the table. Hearts swelled alongside plates piled high with savory dishes, decadent pies, and smiles all around as stories unfolded over delicious morsels.

As the year progresses, thoughts turn towards the holidays. Residents eagerly plan for the Christmas festivities, transforming Southwind into a dazzling wonderland filled with sparkling

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The holiday season also sparks reflections for the upcoming year. In quiet conversations held under the stars, whispers of hope drift through the community. What new adventures lie ahead? What dreams long held finally take flight? Each resident shares a common goal—joy, love, and the aspiration to lift one another up.

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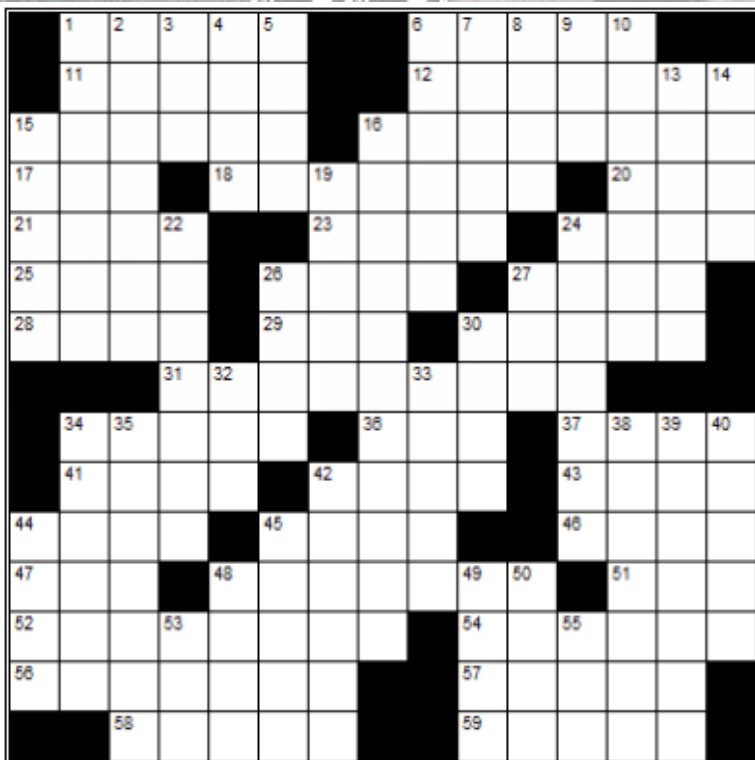
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16. Harvesting
17. Snake-like fish
18. Wide part of a river
20. Sprocket
21. Chutzpah
23. Picnic insects
24. Broadcasts
25. Chills and fever
26. Workshop gripper
27. Fair attraction
28. Bird home
29. Type of tree
30. Harps
31. Amounts per unit size
34. Underway
36. One plus one
37. Make well
41. Scattered seed
42. Not fat
43. Inactive
44. Blackball
45. Tibia
46. Tube
47. Term of endearment
48. Deny
51. Distant
52. Making menu requests
54. A plan of action
56. Abounding
57. Genus of heath
58. Leases
59. Where clouds are

DOWN

1. Land
2. Male genitalia
3. Uncooked
4. Small island
5. Not more
6. Arrive past due
7. Utilizers
8. Neuter
9. 2000 pounds
10. Kill oneself intentionally
13. Breathes noisily while sleeping
14. They come from hens
15. Started
16. Gun repairing
19. Dogs wag these
22. Anticlimax
24. Blimp
26. Opening
27. Deli loaf
30. King of the jungle
32. Anagram of "One"
33. They can be fraternal or identical
34. On land
35. One who establishes
38. Building
39. Mammals like camels
40. Apprehensive
42. Objects
44. Fired a projectile
45. Holy person
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