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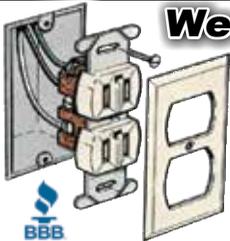
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By: Victoria Greenwood  
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## HOME MAINTENANCE

**G**utters will be the focus for your homes in March. Please take a look around your home and take care of cleaning out the gutters from debris. Of course, we also check for other home issues. With your help we can keep Sugar Creek looking its best. As always, letters will be sent out if you don't comply. Thank you for your diligence in this matter.

## SUGAR CREEK NEW E-MAIL

We have updated our e-mail for the office. Please make a note of the new e-mail; it is office@sugarcreekfl.com. The forwarding of our old e-mail will stop, so please make this update.

## MOBILE HOME INFORMATION

The State of Florida requires a copy of your mobile home titles to be kept in your file in the office. If there is a change in any way to the title for your home, the office must be notified. If you have not already given us a copy, please send one or bring it in and we can make a copy for you.

## THE STATE OF FLORIDA INSPECTIONS

The County Health Department performs inspections in the park, including the pool and spa. They do not let us know when they are inspecting. They do report to us their findings around your homes that will need to be taken care of. One thing, out of many, they look for is "harborage", so look around your home and make sure you do not have any water sitting anywhere or piles of debris.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS MONTHLY REMINDER: HOME SITES

11. Except for loading and unloading, all boats, utility trailers, travel trailers, motor homes, etc. must be removed from the park. Loading and unloading will be limited to eight hours. Repairs or remodeling is prohibited.

If you need another copy of the park rules, please come to the office to pick one up.

## PET OWNERS

This is a reminder to all pet owners: Before taking your dog out to do their waste, please let them do it on your grass rather than other residents who do not have dogs and do not want them to do their business on their lawns. We have residents who take care of their grass so with your help, they can continue to have their lawns look great. Also, bring bags with you to collect the

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waste and do not throw them in other residents’ garbage cans, but throw it your own garbage. There is no need for someone to ask you to keep your dog off of their lawn. Respect your neighbors’ property and be a responsible pet owner.

## **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**

Daylight savings time begins on March 8th. Don’t forget to spring ahead and change your clocks.

## **HOME SALES**

If you know anyone wanting to purchase a home, now is the time to have them call the office and see all the options we have available. Current residents that refer someone who purchases a home from Sugar Creek’s sales team will receive a \$250.00 referral check after closing! Are you considering selling your home? Give Daniel or Vicki a call or stop in the office and we will use the resources at our fingertips to sell your home as quickly as possible. 727-586-2002.

**Happy St. Patrick’s Day!**

# **SUGAR CREEK MANUFACTURED HOMEOWNERS’ ASSOCIATION**

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**T**he HOA held their members meeting on 2/9/26. We are glad to report that Deborah Polchlopek accepted the nomination for the 2026 term as the HOA President, David LaPerriere as Vice President, Philip Hough as Secretary, Terri Carlisle as Treasurer, and Mickey Crocker, Leo Mercier, and Bob Cici as Directors.

Thank you to the residents that stepped up to serve this term on the Board.

Philip Hough contacted Sugar Creek Management in January with concerns about the non-functioning hot tub and the missing credit on our monthly water bill.

They stated that they had difficulty getting the pool repaired. There were multiple parts needed and it was expected to be repaired by January 14th. The repairs have been completed and the hot tub is open.

The missing credit by the water company was an oversight and will be credited on our next bill. Per our February bill, a credit was received for the missed months.

The HOA will be having a membership drive in the near future. The cost of our HOA membership is \$10 a year per household. If you are not currently a member, please consider joining by contacting a Board member.



Thank you,  
Deborah Polchlopek, President

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## SUGAR CREEK SOCIAL CLUB PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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**F**arewell to freezing February and welcome March! Don't forget to change your clocks before you go to bed on Saturday 3/7 it's time to Spring Ahead.

It's time to renew your membership!



We have a fun month planned.

Starting with the 2nd annual Block Party at the pool deck Sunday, 3/8 from 4pm to 7pm. Music by Paul & Richard. Food – Ribs, Baked Potato, Beans, Cole Slaw etc. \$15 members, \$20 non-members Buy your tickets by 2/22. Tickets can be purchased from Nancy Pietro #28 or Diana Williams #218. We are looking for bottle donations for the Liquor Basket Raffle there will also be a 50/50.

Monday 3/9 @10am - Free Pancake Breakfast – sponsored by Dedicated Medical Center. During which they will introduce their Medical Centers in our area. A sign-up Sheet is on the board cutoff date is 3/2.

Saturday, March 14 will be a busy day. Breakfast 9a-11a, we will be serving Breakfast Sandwich with choice of Bacon or Sausage served on croissant roll, w/ potatoes, juice & coffee. Free Hot Dogs 5p-7p - A sign-up Sheet is on the bulletin board; cutoff date is 3/6. This is sponsored by JMI Window & Doors and they will do a quick presentation and answer any questions. Music Bingo at 7pm \$5.00 a card.

Saturday March 28 will end the month with Annual Pool Party 4p-7p Music by Tangent. Food Burgers & Dogs etc. \$10 members, \$15 non-members Buy your tickets by 3/14/26. Make sure you say if you want a burger or dog when buying your ticket. We are looking for bakers to participate in the Cake Raffle & we will have a 50/50. Tickets can be purchased from Nancy Pietro #28 or Diana Williams #218.

A lot of you may be leaving soon – so please make sure you relax and enjoy the month.

**MEMBERSHIP S.C.C.C.: The cost is \$10.00 per person per year or \$25.00 per person for 3 years. Remember the members of the S.C.C.C. always get first choice. Please contact Diana Williams to join.**



## **CHAIR YOGA**

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**T**his is a new class is being hosted by Mickey Crocker. It is instructor led and has a \$5.00 fee for the instructor. It will be on Thursdays, 11:00-12:00. I am sure this will be a great addition to the activities offered for the residents of Sugar Creek. Please come by and check it out.

## **EMERGENCY PHONE**

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**T**he Sugar Creek emergency phone number is 727-301-9589. It is listed in the Phone Directory, the front page of the monthly newsletter, and on a sign outside the office. This is NOT an employee's personal cell phone. This is an emergency phone that is in the possession of someone that is available to respond when needed. Please use this number for any Sugar Creek emergency after office hours. In case of a medical emergency call 911.

## **EXERCISE WORKOUT**

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Cheryl Mercier

## **USE OF THE CLUBHOUSE**

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If a resident wishes to start a new recurring event or class for all residents, it must first be approved by the Social Club. Once approved, you must coordinate with Terri Carlisle to confirm availability of the Clubhouse and have the event added to the calendar.

If you wish to host a private function, you will need to coordinate the event with Terri Carlisle, complete a "Clubhouse Use" form at the office, and provide the standard \$200.00 deposit.

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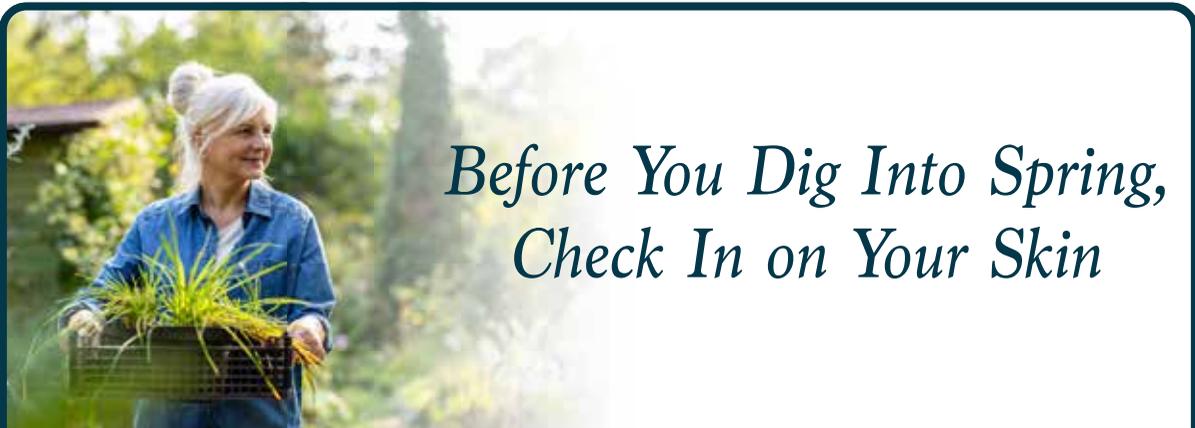
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Yes, honey. All of them." "Even Aunt Lorena?"

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What does the Easter Bunny get for making a basket? Two points, just like everyone else in the game.

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# Happy Anniversary!

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| 3 Ann Fontane           | 21 Daryn Maisonneuve |
| 4 Geraldine Truczinskas | Donna Morse          |
| 6 Frank Luongo          | Debra Palma          |
| 8 Mark Gray             | 24 David Bewley      |
| 9 Cary Martin           | 25 David Krueger     |
| 10 Nancy Hazelton       | 27 Nancy Hove        |
| 11 Dennis Sturdevant    | 29 Dick Stafford     |
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<p>8</p> <p>Block Party 4:00-7:00</p> <p><i>Daylight Savings Begins @ 2am</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p>Pancake Breakfast 10:00 HOA Meeting 7:00</p>	<p>Bowling Exercis I Need Texas 6:00</p>
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Please remember, if you need to cancel a scheduled activity at the Clubhouse, post a cancellation notice on the Bulletin Board. Thank you.

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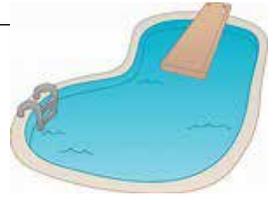




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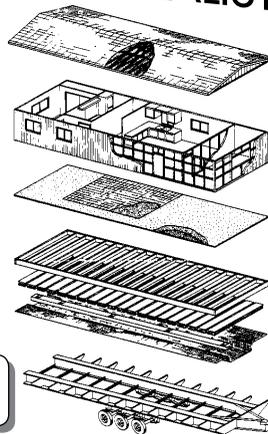
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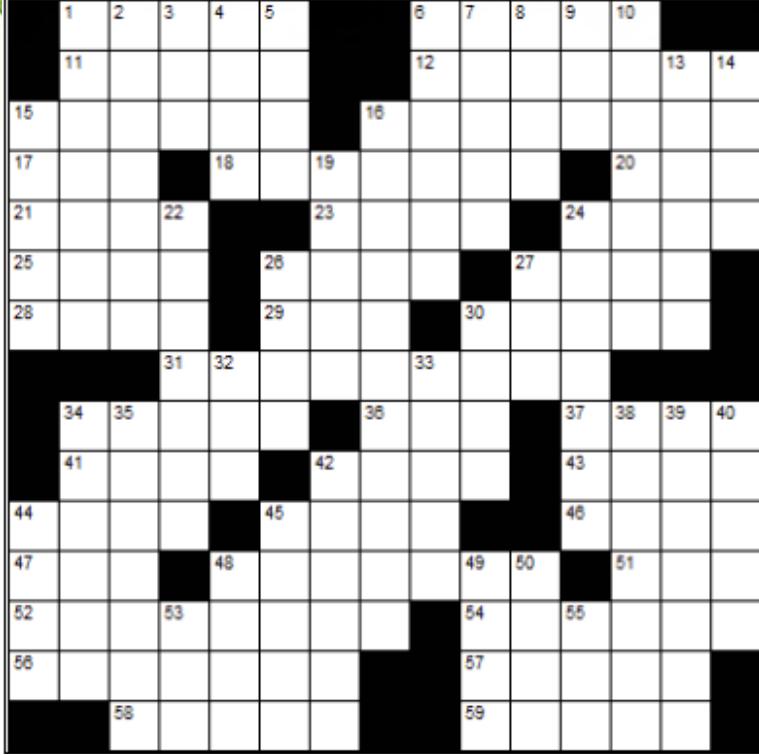


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11. Battery terminal
12. Futile
15. Reply
16. Nasal spray, for example
17. Decay
18. Metal refinery
20. Sticky stuff
21. Distinctive flair
23. Secluded valley
24. Belch
25. One less than 10
26. Dry
27. Puncture
28. Against
29. Animal companion
30. Invoices to pay
31. Flashy
34. Earth tone
36. Small piece of cloth
37. A cooperative unit
41. Jury member
42. Chats
43. Decorative case
44. Darling
45. Carry
46. Tatters
47. N N N
48. Kneecap
51. Destroy the interior of
52. Snobs
54. Blood vessel
56. Nerve junction
57. Tally
58. Color of most grasses
59. Rip up

## DOWN

1. Ointment ingredient
2. Blink of an eye
3. Cut grass
4. Mid-month days
5. Duration
6. Tapped without swinging
7. Pale
8. Towards the back
9. Addition
10. Mostly white aquatic bird
13. Breathes noisily while sleeping
14. Cease
15. Sporting venue
16. Nonreaders
19. Wading bird
22. Not one or the other
24. Fortify
26. Abbey area
27. Not hers
30. Pleads
32. Arrange (abbrev.)
33. Record company
34. Candidly
35. Discontinuing
38. Knickknack holder
39. Foretold
40. Foggy
42. Received
44. D D D
45. Thigh armor
48. Tube
49. Young woman
50. Curve
53. Driveway surface
55. Craggy peak





## Monthly

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**Women's History Month.** Celebrate the achievements of women like Juliette Gordon Low, who founded the Girl Scouts in 1912, before women had the right to vote and despite her severe hearing impairment.

**National Nutrition Month.** The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics wants you to develop good eating habits and make better food choices. The theme of this year's campaign is, "Go further with food."

**National Craft Month.** Paint a picture, learn to scrapbook, piece together a quilt, develop a new hobby, but most important, create something. **Optimism Month.** Find the silver linings amidst the clouds, shed the negativity, and improve your "uplook."

**Expanding Girls' Horizons in Science and Engineering Month.** This is a time to promote education, diversity, and future career opportunities for girls in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math. Take your daughters, nieces, and little sisters to a science center for a day of exploration and fun.



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## Weekly

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**Girl Scout Week, March 8-14.** Founded to help create a network of girls and experiences that foster their individuality, intellect, and growth, the Girl Scouts celebrate the organization's birthday every March 12. Visit [GirlScouts.org](http://GirlScouts.org) to learn more.

**International Brain Awareness Week, March 16-22.** It's the time of year to shine a spotlight on the advancements in the field of brain research. Check out the websites for The Dana Foundation and the Society for Neuroscience to find out about lectures, events, and exhibits in your area.

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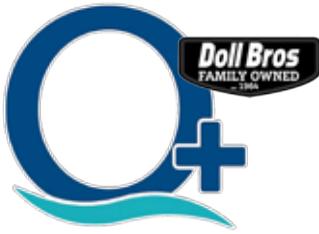
## Daily

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**National Day of Unplugging, sundown March 6-sundown March 7.** Remember what life was like before everyone had a smartphone? Somehow we managed to have meaningful face-to-face conversations and get to places on time without getting lost. Unplug and live authentically for these 24 hours.

**Learn About Butterflies Day, March 14.** With spring just around the corner, take time out to learn about these fascinating and beautiful creatures and take steps to attract them to your gardens and yards this year. First day of spring, March 20. Herald the season of new life and possibilities.





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## Sunny days ahead

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Sam was the worst meteorologist in the history of the science. When he forecast sunshine it would rain, if he said it would rain it would snow. After a miserable run on a local TV station in the Pacific Northeast, Sam decided to apply for a job in a small town in Arizona.

“So, what prompted your decision to leave Washington?” the Arizona station manager asked.

“The weather didn’t agree with me,” Sam replied.



## Just the music

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When a famous violinist told a wealthy patron that his fee to perform at her upcoming party would be \$5,000, she balked at the price, but agreed to pay it.

“Please keep in mind,” she added, “I do not expect you to mingle with the guests.”

The violinist replied, “In that case, it will only be \$4,000.”



## Dan’s lucky night

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Dan had a bad case of stage fright and was nervous about a presentation he was to give at the community business forum. He’d rushed there after supper, and as he took his seat, he realized he’d left his dentures at home.

“I don’t know how I’ll get through this,” he lamented to the man seated next to him. “Without my teeth, people might have a hard time understanding me.”

“You’re in luck,” the man replied. “I happen to have a pair of dentures in my pocket. They won’t be an exact fit, but it’ll be better than nothing.”

Dan tried the dentures and they weren’t too bad a fit. He made it through his presentation and afterward found his new friend. “This was my lucky night, forgetting my dentures and meeting a dentist with an extra set.”

“Oh, I’m not a dentist,” the man replied. “I’m an undertaker.”



## Quotes

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If you can find humor in your own troubles, you will actually begin to see them in a different light.

Kristine Joy Escarilla

If you could choose one characteristic that could get you through life, choose a sense of humor.

—Jennifer Jones

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## Be contrary to plumb new ideas

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Following the crowd is usually a safe bet, but it doesn't usually lend itself to creative thinking. If you want to be creative, sometimes you have to go against the grain. The trick is figuring out when you have a situation that calls for you to stand out from the crowd and take a contrary point of view from the majority.

The first thing to do before launching your career as a rebel is ask yourself whether you have a good reason for your contrary opinion. Just going against the conventional wisdom for the sake of taking the other side isn't usually smart. For instance, if you think your organization should change the color of a product, but it has a long history of making the product in only one distinct color, you have to be able to back up your opinion with reasons why you think this will benefit the organization. You might believe, for example, that your product needs to be rebranded—that it has grown stale with time and overexposure. Even if you don't ultimately succeed, you'll stretch your creative muscles and show an ability to think independently, which can only boost your career.



## Careers for creative types

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You may consider yourself a creative person, an innovative thinker, an unconventional performer—but you're not cut out to be a starving artist or wait tables while waiting for your big break. What are your options? Look into these careers:

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## Quotes

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It's easy to come up with new ideas; the hard part is letting go of what worked for you two years ago, but will soon be out of date.

—Roger von Oech

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