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From The President

Diane McSweeney

Happy New Year! Welcome to the new board members and a smooth transition. I met with the new president and vice president to share any pertinent information they would need. Please

Welcome to these folks! I am sure they will have a lot of success in dealing with our terrific residents as I did in the past. Kudos for all that volunteered their time and energies.

Best Regards,

Diane McSweeney

From The Community Association Manager

Camille Robinson

Happy New Year Holiday Shores Park Shareholders and Residents,
As we welcome 2026, I want to wish every resident, from the newest family in our community to those who've lived in the community, and/or participated in any events, or volunteered their time a very Happy New Year filled with health, peace, and joy.

The turning of the calendar always invites a simple but powerful question: Will this new year leave us Better or Bitter? 2025 brought its share of challenges- construction project headaches, storm repairs, rising costs, differing opinions on rules and projects, and the everyday frustrations that come with living in a close community. We've all felt the temptation to let those moments harden us, to nurse grievances, or to withdraw behind closed doors and drawn blinds.

But we've also seen the opposite: neighbors volunteering to help other neighbors, strangers becoming friends, and volunteers giving countless hours to keep our park beautiful and safe. Those choices—to help, to forgive, to show up—make us better. They remind us that Holiday Shores isn't just a place on a map; it's a community we actively choose to improve every day.

So, here's my hope for 2026: Let's choose Better.

- Better conversations instead of silent resentment.
- Better communication instead of arguments
- Better listening, even when we disagree.
- Better care for our shared spaces, the clubhouse, the roads, the pool, etc. and each other.
- Better memories made in the community also with family and friends under these same stars.

Pondering on 2025, may we look back and say, "We laughed more than we argued. We lifted more than we tore down. We left Holiday Shores a little better than we found it."

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Camille Robinson

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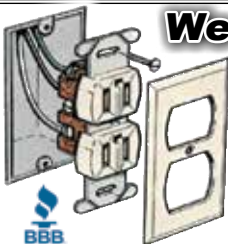
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Coming This Spring: Cheryl's Wedding

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- Performance Dates: March 12–15, 2026
- Rehearsals Begin: Friday, January 2, 2026
- Rehearsal Schedule: Tuesdays & Fridays at 1:00 PM

Get Involved!

This is a large-scale production with opportunities for everyone, on stage, backstage, in costumes, set design, props, and more. Whether you're a seasoned performer or brand new to theatre, we'd love to have you join us.

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David Middleton, President; Linda Dunn, Vice President; Juliette Dudinsky, Secretary;
David Helms, Treasurer

We welcome one and all! Questions or comments? Reach out to David Middleton at jdmiddle78@gmail.com or stop by any rehearsal.

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Theater

David Middleton

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Social

We had our second Koffee Klatch social on Thursday, December 4, 2025. I prepared a basket of goodies that was raffled off with the proceeds going to Activities. Kathy Bornick was the lucky winner of the basket. Rose held a 50/50 drawing for Activities. Sharon Wilson is now \$20 richer.

Special thanks to Rose for always being there for me and preparing the coffee. Nita Anderson provided her famous banana nut bread which was part of the same raffle but given separately from the basket. Cookies, candy and friends met at the social.

Next up is the Christmas Cookie Exchange, which is to take place on Friday, December 12th at the clubhouse. The next Koffee Katch social is scheduled for Wednesday, January 7th at 9:30. There is an exercise class that morning in the main hall of the clubhouse.

We discussed with some of the women who were at the social and exercise at the clubhouse. The social will be held in the south end of the clubhouse so as not to interfere with the exercise class. Thank you, David Middleton, for preparing the beautiful posters for us. I want to wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Judy Matthews
Social

Activities

Thank you, Judy Matthew's and Nita Anderson, for organizing the coffee klutch. Again, we had great turnout. Thank you, John Gramatikas, for doing the cans. January 3rd will be activities election. Anyone who wants to do activities. Get your vote in.

Rose Maiolino
Activities

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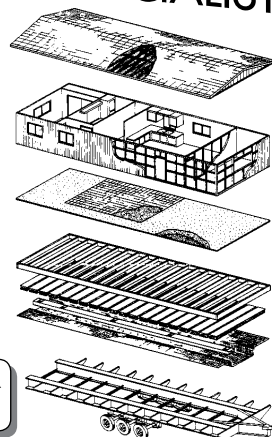


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As always, the brats and hot dogs were fabulous.

Just a reminder, we meet on the third Saturday of every month at high noon. Come out and play.

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Pinky Virden & Pam Grimm

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I am behind on the notification so pass the word!!

Kimberly Boyle

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Sharing and Caring

Belle Bushong

Please call me (757-509-8122) if you are aware of any of our friends and neighbors who are ill, have had a death in the family, or have had a surgical procedure. I will keep you posted on any new developments. Please keep these friends and neighbors (and their families) in your prayers. Thank you.



In Memory of....

A Branch Has Fallen from Our Community

Dear Residents of Holiday Shores Park,

It is with a heavy heart that we share some very sad news with our community. In recent weeks, we have experienced the profound loss of our beloved neighbor Mose Workman.

November 28 , 2025 a branch fell from our community as we say goodbye to our cherished resident. Our thoughts and support go out to the family and friends affected by this loss. Mose Workman will be deeply missed by all who knew them here in Holiday Shores Park. Our hearts go out to their families, friends, and loved ones during this difficult time.

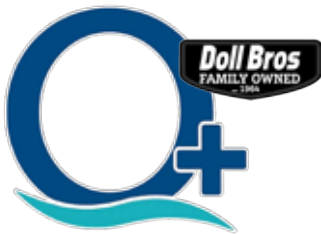
We encourage everyone to hold onto the memories you shared and continue to be a source of strength and comfort for one another.

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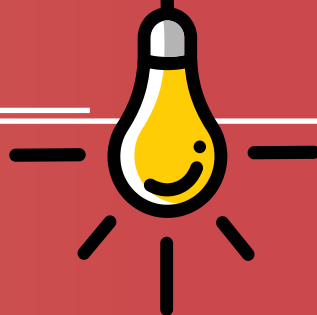
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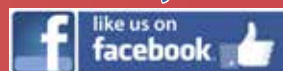
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<p>6</p> <p>Pool/Billiards Games/Cards rds/Euchre</p> <p>Epiphany</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00A: Exercise 9:30 A.M. Coffee Klutch 10:00A: Chair Exercises 6:00P – Cards</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. - Hand & Foot Card Game 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. – Music 6:00 P.M. Bible Study Long & Short & Finance Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00A: Exercise 10:00A: Chair Exercises 6:00P: Cards</p>	<p>10</p>
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Monthly

Book Blitz Month. This is a time for authors of all genres to put themselves out there and promote their work. For the rest of us, it's a time to celebrate literacy, set personal goals to read more, and curl up with a good book.

National Braille Literacy Month. Developed in the 19th century by Louis Braille, this tactile system allows visually impaired and blind individuals a way to read, write, and learn.

International Creativity Month. Whether you're a homemaker, student, employee, employer, or retiree, this is the month to challenge yourself and your usual way of doing things. Try something new, explore, innovate, broaden your horizons of expression, and create something.

Hot Tea Month. Black, white, green, herbal, oolong, Darjeeling, Ceylon, chai—the list can go on for several pages. There are thousands of teas and blends to try. Find a new favorite and warm up with a cup of fragrant goodness this winter.

Self-Love Month. Many of us have already promised to become better at being better this year. Why not start by showing yourself some TLC? Find a way to honor, appreciate, and love yourself this January.

Weekly

Elvis Presley Birthday Celebration Week, Jan. 7-11. If you can make it to Memphis, you can walk in the footsteps of “The King” and visit Elvis’ estate, Graceland, where plenty of activities will honor the legendary singer.

Universal Letter Writing Week, Jan 11-17. Since 1971, the Universal Postal Union has held a letter writing competition for young people age 15 and under. The event is a way to promote both literacy and the development of composition skills throughout the world. The theme of this year’s contest asks writers: “Imagine you are a letter travelling through time. What message do you wish to convey to your readers?”

Healthy Weight Week, Jan. 18-24. This isn’t about diets or the latest weight loss trends. A healthy body image is the key to establishing realistic goals and strategies that will help you to achieve and maintain a healthy weight and body mass. Factors such as age, bone structure, height, and physical ability should also be considered when developing personal health standards. Check in with your physician before making any changes to your diet, nutrition, and activities.

National Clean Out Your Inbox Week, Jan. 21-27. This can be a challenge of epic proportions for those who don’t prioritize, sort, and organize incoming emails. Use this week to unsubscribe from or change delivery preferences for electronic communications cluttering your inbox. Save only what’s necessary. Delete, delete, delete.

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What friends are for

Two women were discussing their weight loss goals and dieting strategies. “We should team up. We could work out together, exchange recipes, and support each other,” said one woman.

“Sounds like a plan,” replied the other.

“And when I’m craving a deep-dish pizza with a side of cheese fries, like I am right now—“

“Don’t worry, sister, I’ve got your back,” said the friend. “I could go for a slice myself and know just the place. Come on, I’m driving.”

The meaning of life

Ryan left behind a successful career and all the material trappings his wealth afforded. In his quest for a more meaningful life, he embarked on a pilgrimage to a faraway land to seek the counsel of a sage rumored to live on the summit of a mountain.

Ryan’s journey took him through villages, valleys, and forests; he hiked through rugged terrain and climbed over sharp rocks. He was exhausted once he reached the base of the mountain and camped out there for a couple of days to regain his strength before his ascent.

The climb up the mountain was grueling, but Ryan knew he would be rewarded once he reached the top and learned the meaning of life from the sage.

When Ryan finished his climb, he made it to a tiny hut where he encountered the sage sitting cross-legged in the middle of the floor. Ryan sat cross-legged across from the sage and said, “I have discarded all of my material possessions and traveled thousands of miles to learn the meaning of life from you.”

The sage cleared his throat and said, “Life ... is like ... a—” The sage dropped his head and began to snore. Ryan poked the sage on the shoulder and the sage mumbled, “What was I saying?”

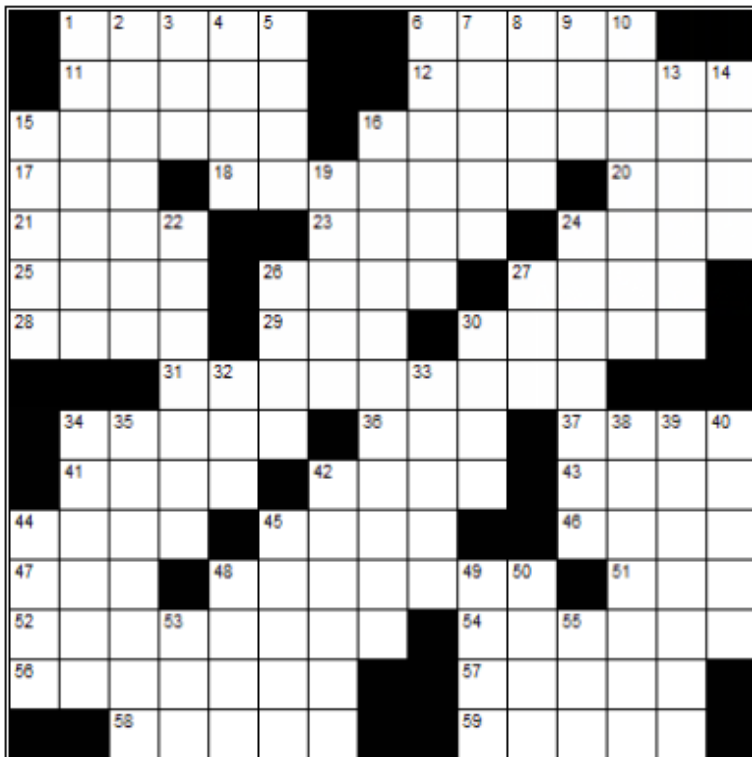
“You were going to tell me the meaning of life.”

“Oh, yes,” the sage said. “Life is like a rock.” He shrugged his shoulders and then coughed.

“That’s it?” Ryan asked.

“Hey, what did you expect? I’m just an old man living alone on the top of a mountain.”

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6. Failures
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18. Wide part of a river
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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
48. Smile
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A changed man

When Fred stumbled home from a night of revelry, he immediately fell on his knees and said, “God, thank you for helping this sinner make it home tonight.”

He went to the medicine cabinet for aspirin and gasped when he glimpsed his reflection in the mirror. His eyes were bloodshot, his hair was matted to his head with some unknown sticky substance, his skin looked like sandpaper, his knuckles were scraped, and his clothes were ripped and disheveled. “That’s it,” he proclaimed to his reflection. “I’m going to turn my life around.”

Before he passed out that night, Fred mumbled, “God, I’m going to mend my wicked ways.”

The next day Fred awoke a changed man. He stopped drinking and started juicing. He became a vegetarian. Instead of partying all night, he rose early and went for runs, started lifting weights. He rode his bicycle just about everywhere and was in the best shape of his life. Friends remarked that he looked 20 years younger.

One day, while crossing the street to go to the health food store, Fred was hit by a car. As he was dying on the curb, he said, “God, why now? I was doing so much better.”

God replied, “Fred? Is that you? Oh, man, I didn’t recognize you.”

Stage one

Joe asked his friend Dan for a cigarette.

“I thought you made a resolution to stop smoking this year,” Dan replied.

“I did,” Joe agreed, “but it’s a process with many steps that must be completed before you actually quit. Right now, I’m working through stage one.”

“You mean to

“I mean to start by not buying them

JANUARY

The courage to try

Life lessons can come from the most unlikely sources if we are open to receiving what they have to offer us. For Tricia Goyer, a wife, mother, and accomplished author, a lesson in bravery came from her twentysomething son Nathan.

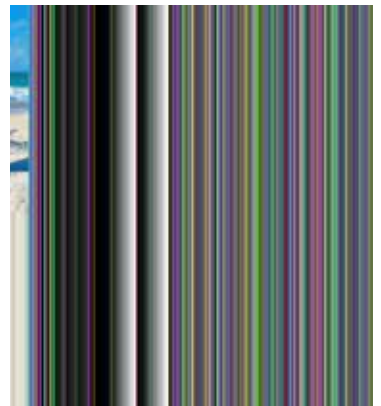
When he announced his plans to write a book, Goyer encouraged him and even promised to edit it once the manuscript was completed. With 500 magazine articles bylines and more than 50 published books of nonfiction and fiction, Goyer knew her insight would be beneficial. She also knew that Nathan had a gift for creating and telling stories, which had been a favorite pastime since his childhood.

As Goyer edited Nathan's rough draft she realized that her son had a talent for writing and decided they should hire a professional editor to review the text. The editor also liked Nathan's work and offered the aspiring novelist some constructive feedback.

After the rewrites were finished, Goyer told her son to start weighing his options about next steps in the publishing process. He could go the traditional route and work with a publisher, or self-publish. Nathan told her he'd need time to think things over and then excused himself to run an errand. He returned a short time later and announced that he would self-publish his work as an e-book. The next day his novel *Bask* was for sale on Amazon.com. It has even received a few positive reviews.

For Goyer, taking those next steps in the process of publishing one of her many books has never been something she could act on with that kind of certainty or efficiency. She says she would first share copies with as many as 20 friends and consider their feedback. Next she might attend a workshop or conference to solicit even more feedback and advice before deciding which route to take.

Nathan has inspired Goyer to believe that "sometimes we just need to roll up our sleeves and do what we've been afraid to try."





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A farmer on his way into town pulled over to pick up a young man thumbing for a ride. The two men began to talk, with the younger man sharing his experiences of his solo hiking and camping adventures.

“So what do you plan to do when this is over?” the farmer asked.

The young man mapped out his plans of a university education, graduate school, a job with a fancy title and a huge salary, future board positions, his own company, and more money than he could spend in three lifetimes. “You know what they say,” the young man remarked. “You should dream big or not dream at all.”

“It’s a pretty big dream,” the farmer said, “but little more than that.”

The farmer continued, “It seems to me that if you wanted to accomplish any of those things you wouldn’t be hitchhiking through small towns. You’d be somewhere else working and building on the knowledge and skills required to help you achieve your goals.”

“Right now, I’m figuring out who I am,” the young man said.

“Why don’t you try figuring out who you want to be?” the farmer replied.

LOOK
TO THE
FUTURE

Quotes

We are, as a species, addicted to story. Even when the body goes to sleep, the mind stays up all night, telling itself stories.
—John Gottschal

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