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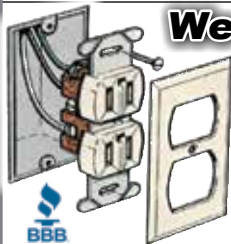


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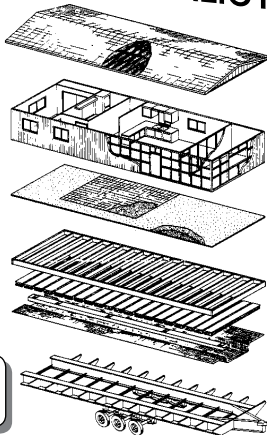
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President's Report

By Tammy Davis #21

Hello GA family,
I hope you are having a great summer!

As we continue to transition over to Qualified Property Management (QPM), please make sure you have completed your paperwork for your monthly maintenance fee. There are several options available to make your payments. If you have questions regarding this topic, please reach out to the office.

As a reminder, we ask that when you are away for the season or a lengthy period of time, please remove and store all items from your carport, front porch, yard and garbage and recycling bins. This rule is in place to protect all property within our community during a bad storm, hurricane or tornado. The last thing we want is for those items left out to take flight and cause damage. If this applies to you, please make the necessary arrangements to take care of them.

As of this writing, we have two units for sale.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

From the Editor's Desk

By Sue Bailey #188, suebail999@gmail.com



August, the eighth month of the year and the last full month of summer. Although the dog days of summer will be upon us this month, here at Golden Acres we have had a very hot summer, so it's felt like dog days of summer all summer! I am looking for a respite for some cooler weather and am hoping that it will start to cool off at least a little bit. I hope that everyone in the northern clime has had a very nice summer (not too hot and not too cold).

In spite of the hot weather, we have managed to get together for some fun activities. On June 19th was Activities Day at the clubhouse where we made beaded stakes for our flowerpots. On July 10th we met at Julian's Little Italy for lunch and some good conversations. Many thanks to all that provided articles and pictures for this month's newsletter.

There are no official holidays in August. Probably because many take their vacation during this month to enjoy the great outdoors, beaches, picnics, or just sitting out at the pool. Enjoy the rest of your summer and before long we'll all be reunited at our favorite place, Golden Acres!

Quote of the Month: "Instead of worrying about what you cannot control, shift your energy to what you can create." – Roy T. Bennett, *author*

Until next time,

May God bless and keep you well and safe...

Greetings from the Office

By Karin Desmone

Please welcome Jeffrey & Tracy Scharf #103, and Norm & Shelly McGaughey #211 to the park. Congratulations and may you find lots of happiness, fun, and laughter at your new residence.

Amazing News to Share

By Karin Desmone #1

The park has been awarded the Best of Dunedin award for Mobile Home Parks for 2025. This is six consecutive years since we have been presented with this award. Congratulations to every member for this incredible recognition.



Aqua Fit for Summer

By Debra Farris #28

Aqua Fit is paused for the summer months of August, and September. It will be reevaluated in October.

Summer Recreation Committee

By Debbie Douthit #60

It's a busy, warm summer in Golden Acres!

A huge thank you to our host Elaine James for June's fun filled afternoon making creative beaded plant sticks! Elaine knows how to facilitate, while keeping the laughter and conversation flowing. Ice cream treats were served, and Fran Clark finished the event with grab bags. Thank you to Elaine and all attendees.

Pineapple Jacks monthly luncheon drew a small crowd in June due to various scheduling issues; however the food and conversation were nothing short of time well spent.

July luncheon was delicious and enjoyable! Walking distance from our park, Julian's Little Italy Restaurant is worth giving a try if you enjoy an authentic Italian food.



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Aug. 21 @1:00 P.M. “fun activity” featuring Rock Painting! Please sign up at the club house no later than August. 17 @ 12:00 P.M. to allow ample time to purchase supplies for all who commit to attend.

It was decided to leave the Missing Soldier display in place, allowing all residents to view and pay respect at leisure. (Date of removal TBD) A big thank you to Gina Douthit for this suggestion, along with her years of military service and each of your family members who serve and have served.

We look forward to welcoming new and old residents to Golden Acres with summer activities. Your presence enriches the fabric of our community, and we are committed to exceeding your expectations at every opportunity throughout the summer season!

We extend our sincere gratitude to our residents for your support and engagement, contributing to the vibrant atmosphere at Golden Acres.

Summer Recreation Members: Elaine Mackey #59, Gina Douthit #55, Fran Clark #47, and Debbie Douthit #60

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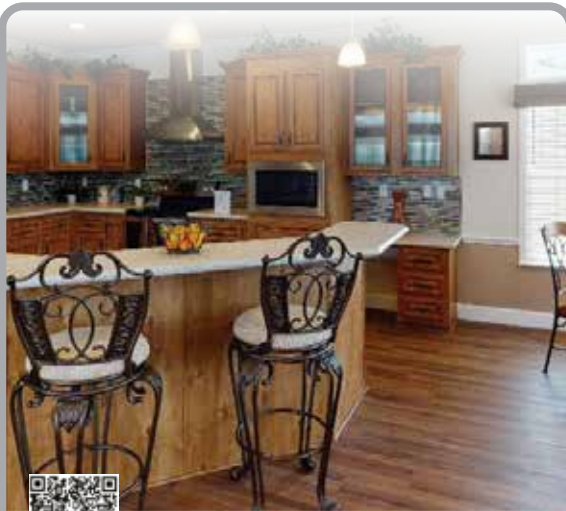
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Florida Musings

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From NIH (News in Health) newsinhealth.nih.gov

Do you often find that you're clenching your jaw or rubbing your teeth together? Do you tend to wake up with a sore jaw, ear pain, or headache? If so, you may have a condition called bruxism. That's the medical term for clenching your jaw or teeth or grinding your teeth.

Mild or occasional tooth grinding or clenching may not cause problems. But frequent or severe bruxism can lead to jaw pain, fatigue, and headaches. It can damage your teeth and make them crack, loosen, or even fall out.

Bruxism is more common in children than adults. Many people with bruxism don't realize they have it, especially if it occurs during sleep.

The causes of bruxism are not fully understood. But the condition has been linked to stress, depression, smoking, alcohol, caffeine, certain medications, and other factors.

If you think you may be grinding or clenching your teeth, talk to a health care provider. They might suggest ways to reduce stress, relieve depression, or improve sleep. They can also suggest how to protect your teeth and break the habit of tooth grinding.

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A New Way to Stay Safe From Scams: Pause. Reflect. Protect.

By Sue Bailey #188 as an AARP Fraud Watch Fighter

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Keeping up with all of the latest scams and the thousands of red flags associated with them is exhausting. While there will always be a need to understand the specific scams and their red flags, the Fraud Watch Network has done extensive research with people from a range of disciplines around the world to produce a higher-level message that's a lot easier to remember.

The Trigger

First, we need to define a “trigger” to signal when fraud comes knocking. Think of learning in grade school to “stop, drop and roll” in the event of a fire. It's the same idea, but fire is a mighty strong trigger. We've defined three elements common to most scams. Once we understand them as a “trigger” for the desired response, we can educate about that desired response. We call it the “Active Pause.”

The Active Pause

This is no ordinary pause. Rather, it is an intentional act to step back and reflect on what you might know about the situation confronting you. For example, is your grandson calling you late at night (1. unexpected contact), saying he's in jail across the country and needs your help (2. surge of emotion: I must help him!)? Does he say he needs you to send money right away (3. urgency)? These are the three triggers to elicit an “Active Pause.”

In this scenario, you might consider whether it makes sense that your grandson is calling you and not his parents, or that he's in jail 2,000 miles away when you just had dinner with him yesterday. This intentional step back allows your brain to move out of emotion and engage with logic. You use the Active Pause to end communication and call your grandson directly. He was at home and asleep. You protect yourself and your money from a fraud attempt.

The Active Pause is taught across high-pressure fields like aviation, emergency medicine and military operations. Now we can apply it to the high-pressure situation of a fraud attempt.

The Safe Response: Pause. Reflect. Protect.

Taking the pause when triggered can help us regain control of the situation. It gives us time to reflect on what we may know about the scenario and to determine if it makes sense. When it doesn't make sense, you protect yourself by ending communication.

All the red flags are important to understand, but when narrowed to just three, we think it can stop many scams in their tracks. Know the triggers, know the safe response: Pause. Reflect. Protect.

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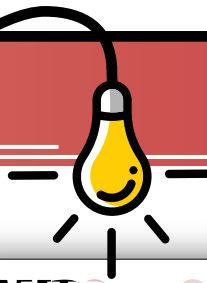


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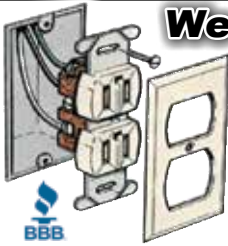
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Please take a moment to offer a prayer of thanks and remembrance to all those who help to protect our way of life. Keep them in your prayers until they return safely to their loved ones.

Adam Coburn (British Army), Nephew of Mildred and David Todd, Lot #2.

Damien Fitzpatrick (Tech Sgt. USAF) Grandson of Judith Fitzpatrick, Lot #87.

Sean Fitzpatrick (Major US Army) Grandson of Judith Fitzpatrick, Lot #87.

Reid Forster (Master Corporal with the 4th Royal Canadian Regiment) son of Dave Forster & Colleen Collins #128

Tim Joy, US Army Special Forces Green Berets, Fort Bragg, NC - Nephew of Jack Terry, Lot #141.

Daniel Jones (US Navy) Grandson of Carol Diniz, Lot #25.

Matthew Jones (US Navy) Grandson of Carol Diniz, Lot #25.

Brian Karhoff (US Army LTC) Son of Nancy Karhoff, Lot #67.

Colleen Terry, US Navy, Petty Officer 3rd class, Naples, Italy - Daughter of Jack Terry, Lot #141.

Joshua Ryan Torres Air Force National Guard Staff Sargent (EOD unit) deployed – Son of Susan Franco, Lot #17

John Wilson (PFC 1st Class USMC) Iraq – Grandson of Jean Key, Lot #138.

So that we might get to know these courageous soldiers better, I would like to add their pictures to this section. Please forward any photos to Sue Bailey suebail999@gmail.com

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

By Norma Moore #54

Golden Acres August Birthdays

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We want to mention all those who are celebrating this month and send them our absolute best wishes.

August Birthdays

Barbara Maxwell	August 2
Joanne Molen	August 3
Bruce Dagvik	August 5
John Nabb	August 6
Bruce Gunter	August 8
Leigh Herington	August 8
Linda Johnson	August 8
Janet Moose	August 8
Steven Toner	August 9
Dianne Lemon	August 12
David Watson	August 12
Rick Lane	August 13
Paula Bunevith	August 15
Donna Outhouse	August 15
James Schmidtt	August 17
Pam Purssell	August 18
Eleanor Devine	August 20
Donna Bramante	August 22
Glenda Spafford	August 22
Mary Rita Spooner	August 22
Peg Vanbeveren	August 22
David Forster	August 25
Tina Sinclair	August 25
Susan Toner	August 25
Anita Herington	August 26
Norma Moore	August 26
Monica Alexander	August 26
Patricia Deering	August 29
Michael Battiston	August 30
Linda St. Peter	August 30
Judy Dean	August 30
Steve Pollard	August 31





Golden Acres August Anniversaries

Richard and Lori Barnes August 2
John and Linda Clark August 4
Manfred and Debbie Grasser August 4
David and Tina Sinclair August 4
Geoff and Heather Millen August 14
Curtis and Martha Reeves August 16
Jim and Tammy Davis August 17
Ron and Gail Tasior August 21
Craig and Kathy Houston August 21
Kevin and Christine Rainsforth August 21
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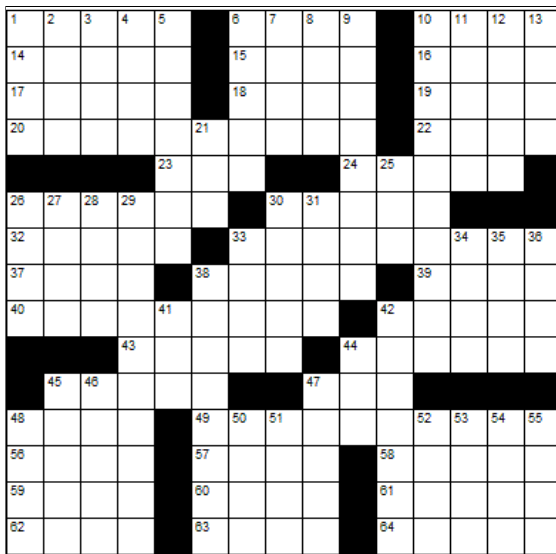
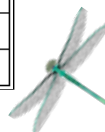


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1. Retrieve
6. Not fat
10. A speech defect
14. Drama set to classical music
15. Overhaul
16. Bounce back
17. Adjust again
18. Weightlifters pump this
19. Found on rotary phones
20. Noticeable
22. Prefix meaning "Within"
23. Possessed
24. Durable fabric
26. Browbeat
30. Show embarrassment
32. Give or take
33. Supervised examinations
37. French for "Black"
38. Difficult
39. Achy
40. Excisions
42. Stop
43. Battle
44. Thousands of kilograms
45. Truth (archaic)
47. Aspiration
48. Storage site
49. Interchanged
56. Module
57. Walk in water
58. Parental brother
59. Roof overhang
60. Nitpicky to a fault
61. Josh
62. Perished
63. Awful
64. Aromatic compound



DOWN

1. Car company
2. Type of sword
3. Exam
4. Algonquian Indian
5. Short-handled ax
6. Threesome
7. Parsley or sage
8. False god
9. Paragon
10. Leather shorts
11. Sugarcoating
12. Protective covering from sunlight
13. Game on horseback
21. Small amount
25. Estimated (abbrev.)
26. Orchestra
27. Double-reed woodwind
28. Earth
29. Steady
30. Main impact
31. Cuts lumber
33. Winnie the ____
34. Horse color
35. Celtic language
36. D D D
38. Cheapskate
41. Small songbird
42. Use a calculator
44. Poetic contraction
45. Red Sea peninsula
46. Martini garnish
47. Bless with oil
48. Took to court
50. Hindu princess
51. Jewish month
52. Anagram of "Nose"
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- Bills for items you did not buy
- Debt collection calls for accounts you did not open
- Information on your credit report for accounts you did not open
- Denials of loan applications
- Mail stops coming to, or is missing from, your mailbox

How to report identity theft

- To report identity theft, contact:
- The **Federal Trade Commission (FTC)** online at IdentityTheft.gov or call 1-877-438-4338
 - The three **major credit reporting agencies**. Ask them to place fraud alerts and a credit freeze on your accounts.
 - The **fraud department at your credit card issuers**, bank, and other places where you have accounts

How to protect yourself from identity theft

- **Do not answer phone calls**, texts, social media messages, or email from numbers or **people you do not know**.
- Do not share personal information like your bank account number, Social Security number, or date of birth.
- **Collect your mail every day** and place a hold on your mail when you will be on vacation or away from your home.
- Review credit card and bank account statements. Watch for and report unauthorized or suspicious transactions.
- **Understand how ATM skimming works** and how to protect yourself
- Learn when it is safe to use a public Wi-Fi network
- Store personal information, including your Social Security card, in a safe place. **Do not carry it in your wallet.**

Imposter Scam

The top types of imposter scams:

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- **Government imposter scams** - Unless you contact them first, government agencies typically initiate communication with you by letter. Unexpected contact or demands through any other method may be a scam.
- **IRS imposter scams** - scammers pretend you owe the IRS money for taxes and may threaten legal action
- **Social Security imposter scams** - scammers claim there is a problem with your Social Security account or promise to increase your benefits
- **Charity scams** - scammers pretend to be from a real or fake charity and try to get you to contribute
- **Grandparent scams** - scammers pretend to be a grandchild or other relative who needs emergency financial help
- **Tech support scams** - scammers tell you your computer's security is at risk and try to remotely access your device and steal personal information or ask for payment
- Scammers may also pretend to be from your **bank or a company you do business with**. You might be told you owe money or there is a problem with your account.

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Report Imposter Scams Online to the Federal Trade Commission



August Word Search



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“The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled.”

— Plutarch

“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.”

— Mahatma Gandhi

“Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young.”

— Henry Ford



August Anecdotes



Columbus Sets Sail – August 3, 1492

Christopher Columbus began his famous voyage across the Atlantic in August. Legend has it that as he departed from Spain, many believed he would fall off the edge of the Earth. Instead, he stumbled upon the Americas—though he thought he’d reached Asia!



Shakespeare’s Summer Stage

It’s said that in Elizabethan England, August was prime time for open-air theater. Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre would be packed with audiences enjoying plays like *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*—a fitting title for the season!



World Elephant Day – August 12

In recent years, August has become a month of advocacy too. On August 12, people around the world celebrate World Elephant Day, raising awareness about the majestic creatures and the threats they face. One touching story involves an elephant sanctuary in Thailand where rescued elephants are treated to fruit buffets and mud baths on this day.



The Great American Road Trip

August has long been the month of the classic family road trip in the U.S. One anecdote from the 1960s tells of a family who drove from New York to California in a station wagon, stopping at every roadside attraction—from the world’s largest ball of twine to dinosaur parks. It became a cherished family tradition for decades.



The Perseid Meteor Shower

Every August, stargazers gather to watch the Perseid meteor shower. One couple in Utah reportedly got engaged under a sky full of shooting stars—he timed the proposal with the peak of the shower, and she said yes just as a meteor streaked overhead.



“A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing... and the lawn mower is broken.”

— **James Dent**

“Some of the best memories are made in flip-flops.”

— **Kellie Elmore**

“It’s so hot I saw a fire hydrant chasing a dog.”

— **Unknown**

“Resting beach face.”

— **Every beachgoer ever**



August



August is a transitional month in many parts of the world, marking the tail end of summer in the Northern Hemisphere and the approach of spring in the Southern Hemisphere

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U.S. National Holidays and Observances –

- **August 4 (Monday)** – Colorado Day (State holiday in Colorado)
- **August 4 (Monday)** – American Family Day (Arizona, state observance)
- **August 4 (Monday)** – Civic Holiday (Observed in some U.S. territories and Canadian provinces)

Note: There are no federal holidays in the U.S. during August.

Notable National Observances

- **August 1** – National Girlfriends Day
- **August 2** – National Ice Cream Sandwich Day
- **August 4** – National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day
- **August 8** – International Cat Day
- **August 9** – National Book Lovers Day
- **August 10** – National S'mores Day
- **August 13** – International Left-Handers Day
- **August 15** – National Relaxation Day
- **August 17** – National Thrift Shop Day
- **August 19** – National Aviation Day (honoring Orville Wright's birthday)
- **August 21** – National Senior Citizens Day
- **August 26** – National Dog Day
- **August 30** – National Beach Day



Seasonal Characteristics

Northern Hemisphere:

Typically the hottest month of the year in many regions.

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