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President Comments

Susan Grippin

Hello everyone and Happy New Year. December was filled with a flurry of holiday activities and fun. The winners of the events held in December will be posted in the February edition of the Monthly Newsletter. We are very blessed to have each other in this park. As we go forward into the New Year, let's make a resolution to try to be just a little bit kinder and more helpful to our neighbors or anyone else that might need a little extra loving care. Smiles are contagious. Wishing you all a very wonderful year of good health, love and peace.

Free Breakfast

Dedicated Senior Medical Center will be providing a free breakfast in the Clubhouse on January 3rd at 9:00 a.m. following the 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Koffee Klatch. We welcome all new residents or any existing residents to come join us for good socialization and to hear all the latest events and information going on in the park. Bring a neighbor. There will be a board meeting following afterwards at 9:30 in the card room for all the Board members. See you there!

Senior Health Expo

New this year will be a Senior Health Expo in our Clubhouse and Cardroom on January 3rd from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. A free lunch will be provided by the sponsors, Senior Health Expos. There will be approximately 20 to 25 different vendors each having their own table set up. A flyer will be coming out very soon. There will be a wide array of different types of vendors all that will benefit our community. Please take some time to stroll around to all the tables and get lots of good information.

Food Giveaway

January's Food Giveaway will be held on Wednesday January 7th beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. This event is sponsored by Good Neighbors. If you know of a neighbor that could use some food and cannot attend this function, you are welcome to pack up a bag of food for them (at the end of the event. Please make sure you check with this neighbor to make sure they have no food, nut, gluten or dairy allergies. We usually have lots of food left over where everyone can come back a second time usually around 1:30pm when everyone has already had a chance to go through all the tables once. Thank you to Greg Schmidt as well as volunteers that come to help out to always make this success. We are grateful for all the wonderful food that is provided for us to enjoy for free. Spread the word to other neighbors that may not know about this event.

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Election Notice – Bayside Waters Social Club

Elections for the Officers and Directors of the Social Club will be held during the General Meeting on in **February 14th at 9:00 a.m. the Clubhouse**. Please consider whether you would like to run for an Officer position or serve on the Board of Directors.

We currently have four open Board positions to be filled. Members in good standing are eligible both to run for office and to vote. To participate, you must be a paid member of the Social Club.

Memberships for the 2025 calendar year are still available for \$10 and will be sold through March 31st. You must have an active, paid membership before the election in order to vote.

Please note: the next membership year runs from April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027.

If you wish to run for a position, you must submit a Letter of Intent in person no later than one week before the election. Letters may be submitted to the Chairman or any member of the Nominations Committee."

Bayside Waters Luncheon

Carolyn Mosser

The Holidays are once again part of the memory we hold at Bayside Waters. It's been a fabulous year to experience the cuisine from the Bay to the Beach. Our times together bring cheer and we want to keep the tradition going. In January there will be **no luncheon** to allow a break and residents to return if they out of town.

Resuming the Luncheons in February.

Thank You for the good times together.



Poker Run

Susan Grippin/Jim Rupinski/ Greg Schmidt

We will be enjoying Rob's Poker Run on Tuesday January 20th, meeting up at the pool area at 4:45 p.m. The cost is \$5 to participate and you do not need to know how to play poker to attend this event. Only one hand per person please. Everyone is welcome. If you can host one of the stops in January, please contact Jim Rupinski or Susan Grippin. We still need a few more stops to be assigned. It doesn't have to be anything extravagant but each stop is guaranteed to always be a fun time. Tammy Parke was the lucky winner for the month of November.

Everyone is welcome. If you can host a future stop in 2026, please call Jim, Greg, or Susan.



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Karaoke with DJ Tony

Danita Kohlhepp

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Please bring your own snacks and drinks. Ice will be provided.

There will be a 50/50 drawing you do not have to sing to have fun. Come support your friends and neighbors who do sing!



Bowling

Carolee Kingsbury

Still room for more bowlers.

We bowl on Wed. mornings at 9:30am. We bowl from October and to April.

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Carolee Kingsbury 860-990-0253



Bible Study

Bob Francis

11 am Mondays in Library. All welcome. Any questions call Bob 339-832-3938



Welcome Wednesday

Rick Renner/ Shelley Scunziano

Come join us on **Wednesday, January 26th** to welcome new people to the park and to share a meal with neighbors and friends. Dedicated Senior Medical Center is the sponsor for this event. **The meal is free!!**

We will be having **Sloppy Joe's, pasta salad, assorted chips, cake and ice cream.**

Spread the word!! Hope to see you all there.



Koffee Klatch

Florence Miller

Everyone is welcome at the clubhouse at 8 am on Saturdays. Donuts from Sun Shine Bakery. \$1.50 for donuts, and 50¢ for coffee. Information on upcoming events will be announced.





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8 ball Players

Marshall Giles

Looking for a fun, social way to spend your Thursday afternoons? We'd love to invite you to join our growing group of pool players for 8-ball at the clubhouse! We currently have about six regular players, and we're always excited to welcome new faces.

We meet every **Thursday at 1:00 PM**, gathering for friendly games. Our games are light-hearted, supportive, and a great way to meet neighbors and make new friends.

Whether you want to improve your game, enjoy some friendly competition, or just spend time with great people, you'll find a spot at the table with us. If you're interested, simply stop by on Thursdays at 1:00 PM

Come rack 'em up with us and be part of a fun weekly tradition. We hope to see you there!

Shuffle Board

Marshall Giles

The Shuffleboard Evenings Return to the Courts

The shuffleboard courts have been quiet lately, but a small group of residents is working to bring them back to life. We're excited to announce that shuffleboard play will now take place every **Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM**.

With six courts available, we have plenty of cues and discs for anyone who'd like to join in. It's a wonderful way to enjoy our Florida evenings and get a little exercise. We hope to see you on Tuesday nights!

take care

Cribbage

Marshall Giles

The cribbage games have resumed for the winter; we play on Monday night from 7:00pm until around 9:00pm.

Do you enjoy cribbage or want to learn? We're looking for new players to join our group. All skill levels are welcome—whether you're a seasoned player or completely new to the game. Come for fun, friendly competition, and good company!

If you're interested, please let us know! Last month winners were:

Nov 17, Mike Brophy, 1st place and Rene Roussel, second Place Nov 24, Marshall Giles, 1st place and Ed LaGree, second Place

Dec 1, Marshall Giles 1st place and Mike Brophy, second place

We had some high hands this month with Mike Brophy having a hand of 24 points and Grant MacAskill having both a 24 point and a 21-point hand on Nov 24.

Great playing guys!

Pop-Up Kitchen

Yvonne McDaniel

Menu for January 2026

Pasta Carbonara, Chili, Seafood Casserole

We also have to increase the price of a meal to **\$7.00** due to the marked increase in the cost of food items. Hopefully you will continue to support this fundraiser for the Social Club. For 2025 we gave them \$1186.00 Thanks to you.

Please call Yvonne at (407) 908-1907 to preorder and prepay which includes delivery.

Bingo

Pat Medina (Winter), Florence Miller (Summer)

Come have some bingo fun! Join us every Thursday evening at the clubhouse. Doors open at 6:30 pm and bingo starts at 7 pm. The cost is \$1 per card and \$1 for coverall. Money taken in goes back to you if you are a lucky winner!

Items in snack bar are \$.50 each with the exception of soda \$1.00

Nov 6

1	Reg	\$14	Diane Suarez
2	Spec	\$20	Kacey Schrader
3	Reg	\$14	Carmen Rossi
4	Spec	\$20	John Shannon/Carmen Rossi/Florence Miller
5	Reg	\$14	Phyllis Lepage
6	Spec	\$20	JT Waltz
	50/50	\$00	
7	Reg	\$14	Bob Ervin
8	Spec	\$20	Vicki Ritzau
9	Reg	\$14	John Shannon/Diane Suarez
	Coverall	\$30	Nancy Miller



Nov 13

1	Reg	\$18	John Shannon
2	Spec	\$24	Pat Pimm
3	Reg	\$18	Maire Jacovini
4	Spec	\$24	Carol Ryan
5	Reg	\$18	Mindy Roberts/Suarez/Dick Stebbins/Florence Miller
6	Spec	\$24	Marie Jacovini
	50/50	\$34	Marty Rupinski
7	Reg	\$18	Judy Bossie/Dee Grimm
8	Spec	\$24	Karen LaRosa
9	Reg	\$18	Phyllis Lepage /Ginny Brophy
	Coverall	\$39	Jim Rupinski

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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.

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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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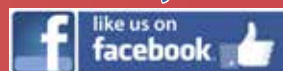
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The courage to try

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.

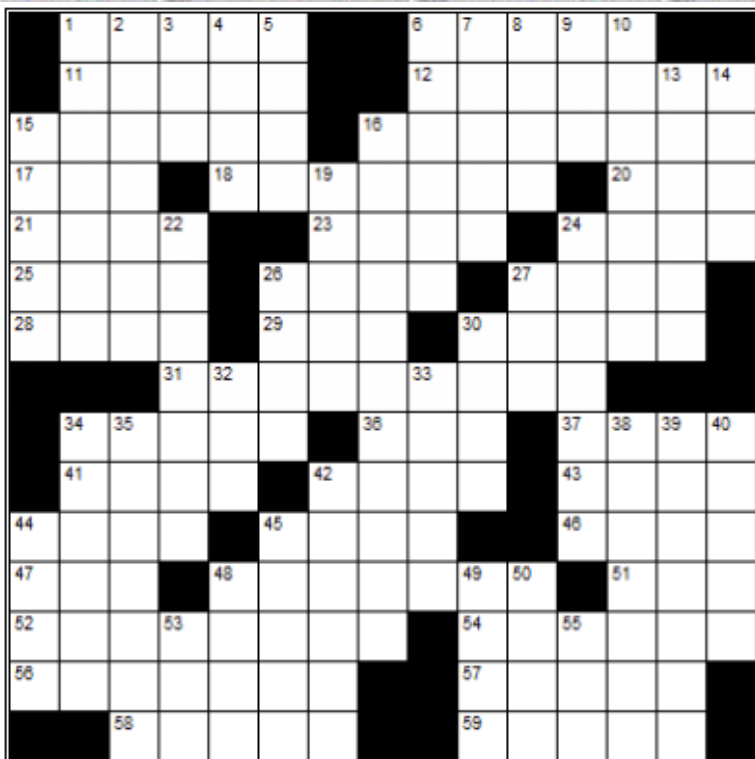
After the rewrites were finished, Goyer told her son to start weighing his options about next steps in the publishing process. He could go the traditional route and work with a publisher, or self-publish. Nathan told her he'd need time to think things over and then excused himself to run an errand. He 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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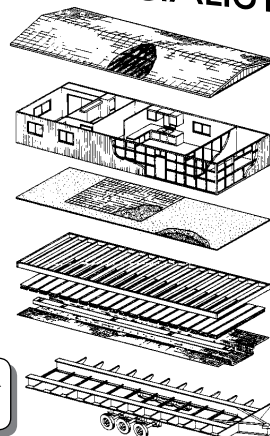
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Who you want to be

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.

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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

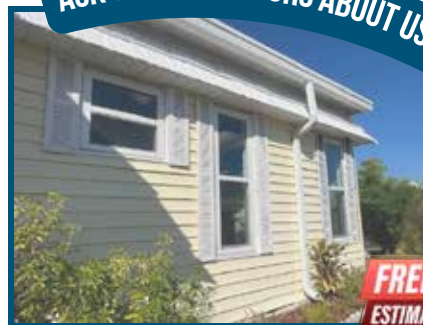
Words are how we think; stories are how we link.
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What friends are for

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?”

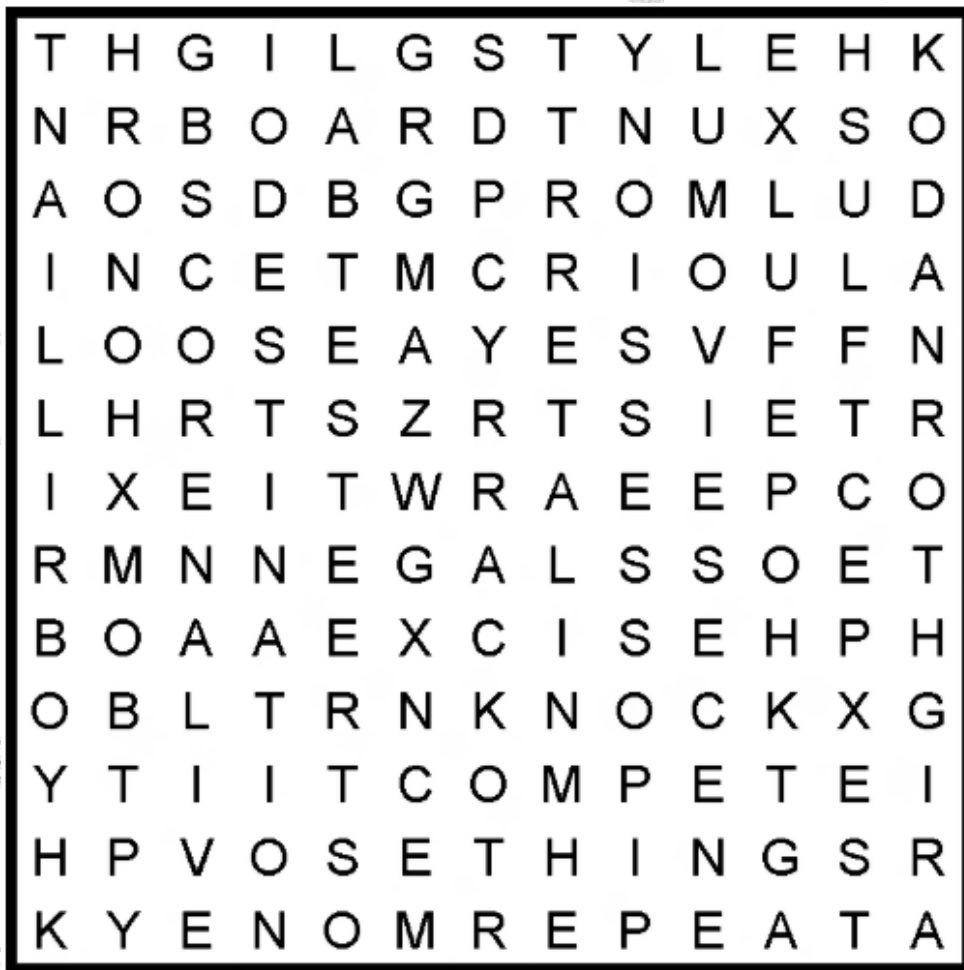
“You were going to tell me the meaning of life.”

“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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Three tips to spark your brain

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- **Focus on intuition, not intelligence.** You don't have to be a genius to be creative. Train yourself to listen to your feelings, random thoughts, dreams, and intuition. Often ideas and solutions come to us when we aren't looking.
- **Give yourself space to think.** Collecting data about what you're working on is good, but don't let facts crowd out your creative impulses. Set the information aside and step back to allow your mind to process it without pushing. Build some room inside your head to let ideas grow.
- **Try something different.** Breaking your routine can lead to creative insights. See the kind of movie you'd never ordinarily watch. Take a walk in a new neighborhood. Fly a kite, or take up a new exercise regimen. Mixing things up can help your mind look at the world in new and different ways, sparking your imagination.

How creative types have gotten into the groove throughout history

Some people take unusual steps to get their creative impulses going. From the Mental Floss website, some examples of how famous folks have jumpstarted their imagination:

- **Yoshiro Nakamatsu.** This Japanese inventor with more than 3,000 patents to his name dives underwater, holds his breath, and scribbles ideas on a Plexiglas board in his swimming pool.
- **Leonardo da Vinci.** The Italian artist and inventor honed his creative instincts by taking short naps every four hours throughout the day. He's said to have slept a total of just two hours every day.
- **Thomas Edison.** This inventor was also a fan of naps, with a twist: He'd sit up holding a handful of marbles and think about the problem he was working on until he fell asleep. When the marbles dropping to the floor woke him up, he wrote down whatever came into his mind, regardless of whether it offered a solution.
- **Johann Wolfgang von Goethe.** The German poet kept a rotten apple on his desk, insisting that it helped him write more effectively.
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