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**HOA BOARD MEETING held April 7, 2026**

This was the last meeting of the HOA Board until our October 6, 2026 meeting. The board will continue to meet monthly with management so if you have an issue, please contact a board member. If it's a complaint that the office has not responded to, contact our Complaint board member, Craig Rodgers.



**HOA Board Meeting**

The April 7 meeting opened on a positive note with Craig Rodgers presenting 3 firemen from the Safety Harbor Fire Department with a check of \$1557 – money earned through our recent fund raiser sponsored by Craig. They were grateful and informed us that they had used last year's donation for gym equipment.

Terri Moore agreed to spend another year as Social Chairperson. The board voted unanimously to retain her for another year.



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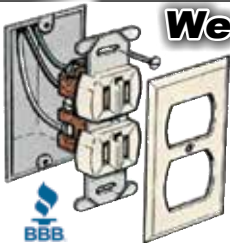
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## HOA Meeting with Management

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The Board met with management on Thursday, April 9, 2026. Karen answered our question regarding another option to notify residents. She mentioned that management is looking into a text message system that may be coming in the future. Stay tuned for more information. Discussed pool status. Karen stated that leak was not underground but actually leaks in pit box. Leaks will be fixed in near future. Office will notify residents when that date is – the pool should only be shut down for one day for repairs. Discussed issue of pool gate locks causing so many problems. Management has agreed to remove the locks. Discussed outdoor grills – management will buy three new grills. (Side note: If you use one of the grills, please clean when you are done.) Areas on ends of bridge to island are dangerous so management will fix. Discussed yard treatment by Tru Green. Treatment is every 3 months and they rotate one time with fertilizer and next time for pest control. Flyer sent to residents prior to treatment will state which treatment is being done. There are 2 crews doing yards – 1 for front yard and 1 for back yard. Flags are not put in every yard treated. They are used by company to keep track of what area of park they have done.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

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It is the time of year when our snowbird neighbors leave us for the summer; we wish them safe travel and look forward to welcoming them back in the fall. The Social Committee will not be holding regular monthly meetings from May-August. However, we will still plan and execute events during the summer months for our year-around residents. As always, please continue to check out the Media Guide FB posts, the front marquee and the bulletin board in the clubhouse for our upcoming events. Our next meeting will be September 9th at 6 pm. If you are interested in becoming a member of the team, we have open positions that need to be filled. Please contact Terri Moore for more information.

## Resident Dinner

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St Pizza catering served 145 dinners to our residents on March 25, 2026. The Social Committee contracted 175 meals at a cost of \$12.00 each and did not charge the residents for the dinner. The food was delicious and plentiful, and many residents got to spend time with old friends and meet new neighbors. Unfortunately, 40 of our residents who requested tickets did not attend, or receive a meal, and that resulted in a loss of \$480.00. We are hopeful that this will not happen at future resident dinners.



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## From the Clubhouse Kitchen

If you are interested in renting the Clubhouse for a private function, or are need tables and chairs for your personal use, please call or TEXT Terri Moore, 240-552-4123 for availability. Please remember, items in the kitchen are NOT to be removed from the clubhouse. The clubhouse, including the kitchen and any items used, should be cleaned and items placed back where they belong after use.



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## **Good Neighbors, Free Food Give Away**

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**E**ach **First Thursday of the Month at Noon** “Good Neighbors” community food connection, delivers fresh fruits and vegetables, breads, desserts, shelf stable and frozen foods to the Clubhouse for our residents for Free! Please only one bag per household. There are some limits of items required to make sure everyone gets something. Volunteers are always appreciated to set up and break down after the event. **NEXT GIVEAWAY IS MAY 7th.**



## **The Sunshine Committee**

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**T**he Sunshine Committee is a way we personally touch base with residents in times of need. If you, or if you are aware of, a neighbor that is sick, in the hospital, have passed or lost a loved one, please reach out to Patty Goldberg at 727-265-9744 so the Sunshine Committee can touch base and get a card to them. To many, just knowing someone cares and made the effort can make a difference in that person’s life.



## **People Without Partners/Color Your Heart Out & Craft Time**

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**D**ue to health issue, these groups will not be meeting in the month of May. Please check the June issue for the next meeting dates.

## **Horse Race Board Game**

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**A**nyone who would like to join in for a few games of Horses, please meet at the clubhouse every Thursday from 1-3 pm. Easy to learn, fun to play.

## **Upcoming Events**

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**M**ay 7 – Free Food Giveaway  
May 10 – Mother’s Day Luncheon – 12 pm

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## MAY 10TH MOTHERS' DAY LUNCHEON

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## MAY 25TH MEMORIAL DAY

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While the Social Committee will not be having an event on this day, please check our local community for events to help in commemorating this day in recognition of those who served and paid the ultimate price for our freedom.



## NEW RESIDENTS

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Donnie Stoots Lot 227;  
Glenda Downey Lot 277;  
Christine Sutton Lot 313  
Please make them feel welcome!

Welcome to  
**The Community**

## DID YOU KNOW????????????

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**W**alkers & Wheelchairs -- The HOA has several walkers and wheelchairs that are available to Amber Glades residents to borrow when needed. These should be returned when need is over. For information contact Craig Rodgers, 502-435-8134



## AMBER GLADES FACEBOOK PAGE

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**G**et connected to Amber Glades Facebook page. Pictures of events are posted there by residents and interesting discussions are often seen. Join in and "friend" the Amber Glades Facebook page. We also have a Facebook page titled Amber Glades HOA Approved that has official HOA Announcements and Amber Glades, Inc. Official Documents which has documents such as By-Laws, Prospectus etc. If you have something for sale, go to AG Marketplace.

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The Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida (FMO) is a statewide advocacy organization dedicated to protecting the rights and interests of mobile home owners in Florida.

## Overview of FMO

The Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida, Inc. (FMO) was established in 1962 and serves as a consumer advocacy association for approximately 15,000 manufactured home owners across the state. The organization is committed to empowering its members through education, advocacy, and support services, ensuring their well-being and prosperity in the manufactured home community.



### Purpose and Advocacy

The FMO's primary goals include:

**Promoting the general welfare** of its members and protecting their rights as mobile home owners.

**Advocating for legislation** that safeguards the interests of manufactured home owners, including Florida Mobile Home Act (Florida Statute 723) which provides essential protections against park owners.

**Providing resources and support** for members, including workshops on negotiating with park owners and information about relevant laws and regulations.

### Membership and Services

Membership in the FMO is open to all manufactured home owners in Florida, with annual dues \$40 year. Members benefit from:

- Access to legal counsel and representation in legislative matters.
- Participation in advocacy efforts at the state level, including lobbying for favorable and regulations.

Educational resources and newsletters that keep members informed about their rights and any changes in legislation affecting mobile home ownership.

### Conclusion

The FMO plays a crucial role in advocating for the rights of mobile home owners in Florida, providing essential support and resources to its members. For more information or to become a member, you can visit their official website or contact them directly. Your HOA also has applications available.

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2. Which iconic TV housewife claimed in her 1960 divorce suit that her marriage had become “all booze and broads”?  
A. Lucille Ball  
B. Donna Reed  
C. Harriet Nelson  
D. Jane Wyatt
3. Joan Rivers made debut on what show?  
A. The Mike Douglas Show  
B. Nightlife  
C. The Tonight Show  
D. The Joey Bishop Show
4. Which long-running sci-fi series premiered the day after President Kennedy was assassinated?  
A. Star Trek: The Next Generation  
B. The X-Files  
C. The Twilight Zone;  
D. Doctor Who
5. What TV comedy’s theme song began: Come ride the little train that is rolling down the tracks...?  
A. Green Acres  
B. Petticoat Junction  
C. The Beverly Hillbillies  
D. Mister Ed
6. Which man’s testimony before Senate Subcommittee in 1969 prevented PBS funding from being cut?  
A. Fred Rogers  
B. Johnny Carson  
C. Jack Benny  
D. Milton Berle
7. Sally Field starred as the titular character of the Flying Nun TV series. On what book was the show based?  
A. The Nun’s Story by Kathryn Hulme  
B. In this House by Rumer Godden  
C. The Fifteenth Pelican by Tere Rios  
D. Forever and Ever, Amen by Karol Jackowski.
8. When a plane was hijacked in 1969, passengers thought it was a prank because the host of what hidden-camera program was onboard?  
A. Boiling Points  
B. Totally Hidden Video  
C. To Catch a Predator  
D. Candid Camera
9. What catchphrase did Richard Nixon utter on Rowan & Martin’s Laugh-In in 1968?  
A. “Danger, Will Robinson!”  
B. “To the Batmobile!”  
C. “Sock it to me.”  
D. “Marcia, Marcia, Marcia!”
10. Which 1969 sketch comedy was cancelled before its first episode finished airing?  
A. Turn-On  
B. The Entertainers  
C. Hee Haw  
D. The Smother Brothers Comedy House

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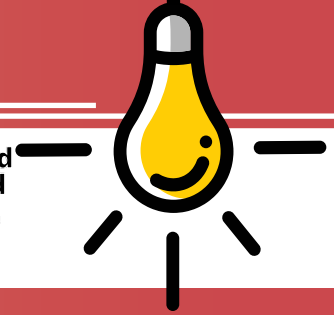
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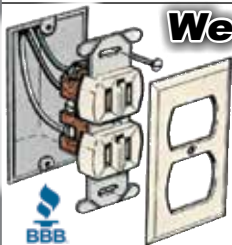
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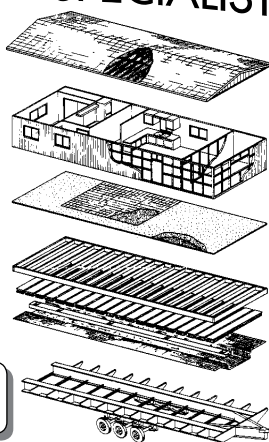


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## ACROSS

1. Clutch
6. Engage in
10. Combines
14. Eagle's home
15. Minerals
16. Voucher
17. Coniferous forest
18. Regrets
19. Bay
20. Stuporous
22. Detail
23. Not new
24. Low point
26. Worldwide
30. Stash
32. Scrutinize
33. Pomp
37. Pretentious person
38. Desert watering holes
39. You (archaic)
40. Idioms
42. Offering little or no hope
43. Twiddled one's thumbs
44. Purchasers
45. Chocolate source
47. Not thin
48. Roman robe
49. Hyperactive
56. Wicked
57. Knockout
58. Custom
59. Peddle
60. Distinctive flair
61. Genus of heath
62. 3
63. Break
64. Adjust again

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1. An international trade treaty
2. Towards the back
3. Diva's solo
4. Portent or omen
5. Navy jacket
6. Planet
7. African sheep
8. Nerd
9. Flavoring extracts
10. Without intention
11. Hindu loincloth
12. Scuba user
13. Flower stalk
21. Addition
25. Revelation response
26. Sharp intake of breath
27. Moon goddess
28. Scent
29. According to the Bible
30. Enclosed
31. Anagram of "Sage"
33. Rate
34. You (archaic)
35. Big laugh
36. Guffaws
38. Witness
41. American Dental Association
42. Meat retailer
44. Sheep sound
45. Shroud
46. Nimble
47. Not back
48. Exam
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51. Nestling hawk
52. Empty weight
53. Nile bird
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55. French for "State"



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# Making Ends Meet for Homeowners in Florida's Popular 55+ Mobile Home Communities

By Michael Meaney, FMO Communications

From the Golden Age of Television, right around the time when Donna Reed and June Cleaver popularized getting dressed up to do housework, while Jed Clampett and his family rolled into town – I daresay – the 1950s and 1960s – an era was born that embodied a vision of American prosperity and stability. This era was marked by the belief that hard work would be rewarded with a comfortable retirement, defined by a paid-off home, a decent pension, and the security of Social Security benefits.



**Escalating Expenses:** The Modern Reality Fast forward to today, and the financial situation for Florida’s seniors has changed significantly. One of the biggest issues is the rapid rise in expenses, especially lot rents in 55+ mobile home parks. Industry reports show that lot rents in many Florida parks increase by 5% to 10% annually, far surpassing the cost-of-living adjustments to Social Security benefits. In some areas, lot rents have doubled over the past decade, with average monthly rates now ranging from \$700 to \$1,200, depending on location and amenities. In addition to increasing lot rents, seniors face rises in insurance premiums, property taxes, and utility costs. The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) shows that inflation has impacted older Americans especially hard, with medical costs, food, and transportation rising faster than the overall inflation rate. The National Council on Aging reports that over 15 million Americans aged 65 and older are economically insecure, living at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.

**The Struggle to Meet Basic Needs:** The impact of these rising costs is significant. Many seniors on fixed incomes – often relying solely on Social Security, which averages about \$1,900 per month as of 2026 – are forced to make tough decisions between paying for housing, medication, groceries, or utilities. In mobile home parks, where residents usually own their homes but rent the land underneath, the potential increase in lot rents can cause housing instability, as selling a mobile home might lead to a big financial loss if buyers are discouraged by high rental fees.

**Returning to Work** is a Growing Trend Among Florida Seniors faced with rising costs. More of Florida’s retirees are rejoining the workforce. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the labor force participation rate for Americans aged 65 and older has increased to nearly 20%, up from about 12% in 1990. In Florida, this trend is especially noticeable in areas with higher concentrations of retirees and fewer affordable housing options. Seniors are taking on part-time jobs in retail, hospitality, and other service industries to supplement their Social Security and savings. While some find fulfillment in staying active, many return to work out of necessity, not choice, which is a sharp contrast to the leisurely lifestyles portrayed on television in the days of Donna Reed and June Cleaver.

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**Addressing the Crisis:** The financial pressures facing Florida's senior citizens, especially those living in 55+ mobile home communities, present a complex challenge that needs urgent attention. As expenses grow faster than fixed incomes and the prospect of a secure, comfortable retirement diminishes for many, policymakers and community leaders must find solutions to safeguard this vulnerable group. Whether through rent control, expanded senior assistance programs, or affordable housing efforts, decisive action is required to restore the retirement security once guaranteed during America's golden age. For the generation raised on the promise of a secure retirement, the current reality is a stark reminder that this dream is no longer guaranteed and that the challenges facing Florida's seniors require urgent attention and swift legislative action.



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