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\*\*\*As activities re-open here in Serendipity, The Monthly Media calendar may not always be correct. The HOA is making changes as needed. If you have questions please call the chairperson of your group, watch the bulletin boards, the Serendipity Homeowners Facebook page, and the electronic sign at our entrance for updates. Please all stay healthy! *Nanci, Editor*

## HOA President's UPDATES

*Pat Lucksinger, HOA President, 518-573-0968*

### \*\*\*Facebook page: Serendipity Homeowners Association

Summer is behind us, and I hope that COVID has improved. Betty is posting the social events coming up for the community. Lots of activities coming. As we move forward there will be more summer events and we're asking for resident's input. We have received additional monies for the HOA, and we can add activities to our calendars and or buy something for residents. We could buy games, equipment needed for events, signs etc. Food for thought.



The HOA signed a lease agreement for three years. It is a 4% increase for the residents with a September increase lease date. This will be adjusted by ELS and at this printing it should be accomplished. In addition, ELS will give the HOA an additional \$2500 for events etc. ELS will also give the \$3500 that is part of the ROC contract from the sale of the park. The rent increase was based on fair market value. The Federation of Mobile Homes (FMO) will lobby that this can't be how rent increases can be determined. If successful, this will be part of the FL statute 723 and make it easier for rent to be negotiated with park owners. The FMO will speak briefly

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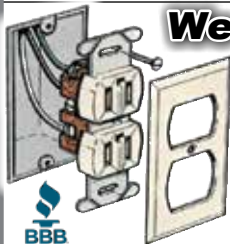
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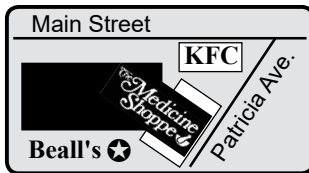
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at our November meeting, and I encourage everyone to support their endeavors by joining this organization. Without the 723 there would be no protection of mobile home parks.

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ELS has given us information to allow residents to do private parties etc. in the clubhouse not sponsored by the HOA. The board will be working on this and looking to come up with a way to sponsor some events. Another work in progress.

Anything that is HOA approved is posted on the FB page created for that purpose. The resident page is separate and not always correct information is shared. Continue to reach out to myself or any board member for concerns you may have.

There will be a form inserted in your November publication so we can update our records (never shared) for email address, phone number, etc. We have a resident who has developed a database for us so we can get our directory in order and be able to quickly get information to residents.

I'd like to have a speaker at each meeting that will share information that's beneficial to residents. If you know an organization that would help residents, please let us know.

Looking forward to a healthier, happier winter. Stay safe! – *Pat*

## WHAT'S NEW IN THE COMMUNITY?

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Fall is here! Stay healthy and safe - *Pat*

## Manager's Corner

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Penny Garcia, Resort Manager

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## WELLNESS ACTIVITIES PAGE

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Beth Ott (727-787-3272)

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These classes are interesting, helpful, and fun especially in these trying times. A chance to get out of the house and meet new friends.

-Beth Ott (727-787-3272)

### Line Dancing

Leslie Bellinger, 727-729-5039

**L**INE DANCING WILL HOPEFULLY RETURN IN THE FALL!  
Watch this Monthly Media Newsletter for the starting date. I will see you as soon as possible!

Hope to “see you on the dance floor”- Leslie



### Editor Notes

Nanci Dorau

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- Remember to get your submissions in to me before the 10th of each month. Any errors or late submissions will be noted in the next month’s Monthly Media.



**From the Editor**

- If you are leaving the park for a month or more and would like paper copies of the Monthly Media, please let me (Nanci Dorau, 321-201-2479) know and I would be happy to hold them at my home for you to pick up when you return. Please remember that you can also view the Monthly Media at the website each month as well!



\*\*\*If anyone would be interested in helping with the “Meet Your Neighbor” column for the Monthly Media, please call me or email me.

Remember these articles...

1. **Meet Your Neighbor!** With your permission, we will highlight a member of our community. Whether a new move-in or a seasoned veteran, we would like to know your name and a little about you.
2. **Marilyn’s Recipe Corner!** Drop off your favorite recipe with your name at my home (#378) or email it to my address above and I will enter one each month in the newsletter.
3. **Community Articles!** If you wish to submit an article that may be interesting to our residents, feel free to email or drop it to me at #378 for editing and submission for publication. Be sure to add your name and phone number.

There is a GREEN wooden box on my driveway patio that says “NEWSLETTER” to leave any articles, recipes, or notices. You can also email me at [nanci.j.dorau@gmail.com](mailto:nanci.j.dorau@gmail.com)

## Just-A-Note

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### From: Pat Lucksinger, HOA President:

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# Things That Make You Go...HmMMMMM?

submitted by Neil Thomas, resident

## History of Serendipity Mobile Home Park

**S**erendipity was originally developed by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Whitehurst starting in 1970. The owner did the design and development work while his wife, Jean Whitehurst, chose the name of the park and streets after reading the book titled “The 3 Princes of Serendipity”.

The Park consists of 56 acres in northern Pinellas County and was developed and registered with the county as a mobile home park. There are no registered surveyed and individual plotted lot lines. The Park was developed in three phases. The first phase started in 1971 at Serendipity Drive (Main Office Building) and extends east to the first power line easement. The second phase of the mobile home park started in 1978 and went from power line easement east to the Curlew Creek drainage ditch which runs along the park’s eastern property line and the second power line easement. The third and final phase started in 1984 and was the “A” phase where all the lot numbers end with the letter “A” at the very front of the park (King and Imperial Drive).

The late 1980s and early 1990s saw the rapidly growing trend of homeowners purchasing communities as a solution to increasing rents. That certainly was the case with Serendipity. In 1993 Mr. Whitehurst was approached and negotiations began. The existing HOA could not come up with enough potential shareholders to satisfy the lending agencies and the effort failed. In 1995 the renters started another drive to buy the park. This proved more difficult than the first attempt. The lending agency was not satisfied with the number of potential shareholders, so Mr. Whitehurst bought five dummy shares. That met the lending agency’s requirement, and the park was purchased in June 1995 for \$10.5 million. Mr. Whitehurst also offered the Serendipity Plaza to the shareholders, but they declined for obvious financial reasons.

Thus, the park was off and running as a resident owned community. The new board of directors then proposed a rent increase for 1996 of \$20/month. To say that this was not well received would be a serious understatement. The park exploded in disarray. At least 16 people moved their homes out of the park. Another park owner had enticed a Serendipity owner to help him get people to move out of Serendipity to his park. Another 20 people just abandoned their homes. Literally just leaving them to the park and just walking away from them. This obviously put quite a strain on the park finances. Fortunately, volunteer residents help get the lots and the abandoned homes in shape to sell. The 1996 rent increase that kicked up a storm was the last increase for 5 years.

In 1999 the original loan was negotiated for a lower interest rate. The financial picture began to look a little more improved. Some shares were being sold and new units arrived on empty lots. It was time to look ahead and do some long-range planning. The replacement of the original East clubhouse was at the top of the list. A finance committee was set up in 2004 and the loan was refinanced in 2005. The park had a balance on the loan of \$9.1 and they got an additional \$1.9 million for construction of the new East clubhouse for a new mortgage of \$11 million. There were major interest expenses involved with this transaction



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which resulted in a substantial loss of in 2005. The refinancing cost and the write-off of the old East clubhouse and maintenance building resulted in negative retained earnings. The years 2005 through 2010 were required to write off these negative retained earnings.

Planning began for a new East clubhouse in 2005. The first approach was an architect designed building, but it faltered due to cost over runs. The final design consists of 11 sections of manufactured segments bolted together. The old East clubhouse and maintenance building were torn down in 2006 to make room for the present east Clubhouse. About the same time the county was requiring the park to install a new hydrant system and plans were made to upgrade that system at a cost of \$500,000+. In 2007 construction started for the new clubhouse, new maintenance building now on Imperial Drive, and the park hydrant system and all three were completed in 2008.

Now the park is over 425 occupied lots with two pools and two clubhouses. Numerous improvements have been made to the park and in 2013 shareholders voted to do a roof-over of the shuffleboard courts. A new building just south of the East pool was built and became the fitness center. In March 2018 the park was sold to ELS (Equity Lifestyles). They are the largest owner of real property in the United States.

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## **Bingo**

*Cindy Sharpe, 336-366-6304*

**R**egular BINGO has started up again! You will need to continue to social distance for a while longer and wear your masks. Please bring a friend with you to enjoy a night out it and visit with your friends and neighbors!



BINGO is played in the East clubhouse. We have all new equipment including a new screen and computer. We play BINGO every THURSDAY at 7:00 P. M. sharp. We play 8 games and 1 speedy. Cards for speedy are \$.50 each. Six card sheets are \$3.00 and 9 card sheets are \$5.00. You must be 18 years old to play. It's a fun night out, all residents are welcome, and you can get a chance to meet new people. We have a great group of people, and we always welcome more to attend - the more the merrier! This also means the bigger the pots to win.

## **Bocce Ball**

*Deb Genovese - dgenovese76@gmail.com*

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# “Marilyn’s Recipe Corner”

by Marilyn Farnworth

From the kitchen of <https://www.lovebakesgoodcakes.com/zuppa-toscana-soup/>

Yield: 8 servings

## Zuppa Toscana Soup

Make this Zuppa Toscana Soup recipe at home! A copycat Olive Garden recipe full of spicy Italian sausage, fresh kale, and russet potatoes in a creamy broth.



Prep Time  
15 minutes

Cook Time  
30 minutes

Total Time  
45 minutes

### Ingredients

- 1 lb. bulk mild Italian sausage
- 1 tsp. red pepper flakes
- 1/2 lb. bacon, diced
- 1 small onion, diced
- 64 oz. chicken broth
- 4-6 medium potatoes, scrubbed and sliced
- 1 small bunch kale, stems removed and leaves chopped (about 3-4 cups)
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream

### Instructions

1. In a large soup pot or Dutch oven, crumble and brown the Italian sausage with the red pepper flakes over medium-high heat, until the sausage is no longer pink. Drain and set aside.
2. Cook the bacon in the same pot, over medium-high heat, until crisp. Remove the bacon to paper towels. Drain all but 2 tbsp. of the bacon grease.
3. Add the onions and garlic to the pot; cook until the onions are soft, about 3-5 minutes.
4. Add the chicken broth. Bring to a boil.
5. Add the potatoes and kale; lower the heat to medium and cook about 15-20 minutes, or until potatoes are tender.
6. Add the reserved bacon and sausage to the pot.
7. Stir in the cream. Heat through.
8. Serve hot.

### Notes

- Feel free to substitute Italian sausage links. Cut the links open, crumbling the sausage, and discard the casing.
- Use whatever kind of Italian sausage your family prefers - sweet, mild, or hot.
- If you prefer, diced potatoes can be used in place of the sliced potatoes.
- You can omit or reduce the amount of red pepper flakes if you are sensitive to spicy foods.



# Our Residents Birthdays & Anniversaries

~OCTOBER 2021~

**S**erendipity and our residents wish everyone celebrating their birthday or anniversary this month a wonderful day.

Birthstone: Opal or Tourmaline

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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 3 | Errol Isserlis    | 13 | Annette Davis     |
| 3 | Sharon Milbourn   | 16 | Barbara Clark     |
| 4 | Shirley Hartley   | 20 | Shirley Cline     |
| 4 | Peggy Dubendorfer | 21 | Sunni Sylvester   |
| 5 | Sandra Schumaker  | 23 | Charlotte Boylan  |
| 6 | Gloria Arnone     | 23 | Linda Fecura      |
| 6 | Nancy Doyle       | 25 | Marilyn Farnworth |
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## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

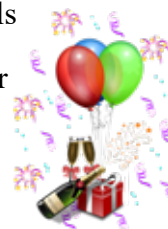
- 8 David & Shirley Hartley
- 10 Rich & Carol Wake
- 11 Robby Robinson/Karen Kleinman
- 15 Bob & Linda Curee



## Celebrities with OCTOBER Birthdays

If you do not know who these people are, here is something for you to do in your spare time...Google their names! October 1, 1963 - Mark McGwire, MLB baseball slugger, home run record holder

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| October 13, 1941 - Paul Simon        | October 28, 1914 - Jonas Salk      |
| October 21, 1917 - Dizzy Gillespie   | October 28, 1936 - Charlie Daniels |
| October 21, 1929 - Whitey Ford       | October 28, 1955 - Bill Gates      |
| October 23, 1925 - Johnny Carson     | October 30, 1945 - Henry Winkler   |
| October 23, 1935 - Chi Chi Rodriguez | October 30, 1951 - Harry Hamlin    |
| October 23, 1962 - Doug Flutie       | October 31, 1795 - John Keats      |
| October 24, 1930 - J.P. Richardson   | October 31, 1912 - Dale Evans      |
| October 25, 1881 - Pablo Picasso     | October 31, 1931 - Dan Rather      |
| October 25, 1888 - Richard E. Byrd   | October 31, 1936 - Michael Landon  |
| October 26, 1914 - Jackie Coogan     |                                    |
| October 26, 1946 - Pat Sajak         |                                    |





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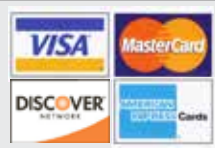
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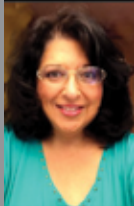


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## Bowling

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### Note from Bob Jones to all Serendipity Bowlers:

League bowling will start October 1, 2021, with practice bowling at 9:15 AM. The last league bowling day will be on March 11, 2021. The next Friday in March will be Fun Friday – 9 Pin No Tap.

I will notify everyone about the Banquet date later in the season.

We bowl at Maple Lanes, 27867 US Highway 19 N, Clearwater, Fl. Their phone number is (727) 796-8100.

Watch this Monthly Media and the bulletin boards for information on any changes or updates. If you have any questions, please call me at 727-638-0822.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the lanes! - Bob

## Bridge

Steve Sisson, 727-772-5882

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**BRIDGE GAMES WILL RESUME IN THE FALL!** Games are played on Thursdays at 7:00 P. M. at the East Clubhouse. New players are welcome, and instruction is available. Call for information and to let us know you will be attending.

- Steve



## Cards – 65 Rummy

Diane L. Clement Coppens, 727-453-9752

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**65 RUMMY** is held Wednesday at 6:30 PM at the West Clubhouse all year round. Bring \$.70 for both games and a friend! Come join us for a fun night out!



## Cribbage

Steve Gebbett, 727-784-0439 or Jim Beatty, 727-216-3715

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**CRIBBAGE WILL RESUME IN THE FALL!** Cribbage is played on Tuesdays at 7:00 P. M. in the card room in the East Hall.

See you there! - Steve





## Dominoes

Phyllis Messina, 727- 785-3249



**D**OMINOES WILL RESUME IN THE FALL! We are always looking for more players. Everyone is welcome. Come for the **FUN!** Dominoes are played every Sunday and Wednesday at 6:30 P. M. in the West Clubhouse. For further information please phone Phyllis Messina at 785-3249.

## Euchre

Marty & Beth Ott, 727-787-3272

**S**tay well and we will see you soon!  
- Beth and Marty



## 'Monday' Golf at Tarpon Springs Golf Course

Linda Taylor, 727-418-4087

**M**onday Golf will be playing at Tarpon Springs Golf Course during the upcoming season. Tee times will begin at 8:30 a.m. Anyone interested in playing with the group can contact me at [lindataylor661@hotmail.com](mailto:lindataylor661@hotmail.com) or 727-418-4087 for information. Everyone is welcome and you do not have to be a resident of Serendipity.  
- Linda



## 'Tuesday' Golf League

Jean-Louis Lamontagne, 727-787-1213, or Jim Beatty, 727-216-3715

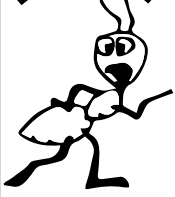
**W**elcome to "Fall"! With all being well we hope to start the Tuesday Golf league in late October. Please watch the Clubhouse Bulletin Boards for the specifics on this league. The Serendipity Tuesday Golf League has an arrangement with Crescent Oaks Golf Club, starting in October. If you want to play with the league, please email JL at [jeanlouis.lamontagne@gmail.com](mailto:jeanlouis.lamontagne@gmail.com), and he will notify the course.

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*- Phyllis and Marge*

## Meet Your Neighbor!

Nanci Dorau, 321-201-2479



**S**ee you next month! Want to help with this column? Very little work! Call me, Nanci 321-201-2479

## Pinochle

Jan Barrett, 727-786-8638, Annette Davis, 727-253-4316

## PINOCHLE WILL RESUME IN THE FALL!

Pinochle is every Friday at 6:30 P. M. in the West Clubhouse. It is only \$1.00 to play. Everyone is welcome. Come watch, learn this old-time game, and have fun! Watch the bulletin boards for future information

*Come and join us, Jan Barrett and Annette Davis*

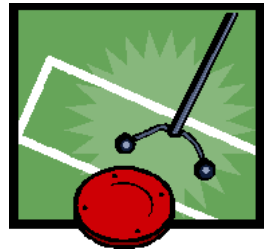


## Shuffleboard/Fun League

Chuck Bellinger (727-729-5039), George Wagner (716-604-6370)

**S**HUFFLEBOARD WILL RESUME IN THE FALL! I hope all is well with everyone and you are enjoying the summer! You are encouraged to continue to shuffle, just get a group to meet on any day. You can put a notice on the Shuffle white board if you want to get a group together. Good health to all!

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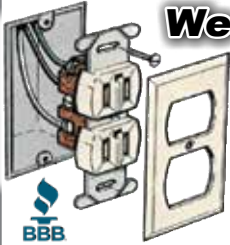
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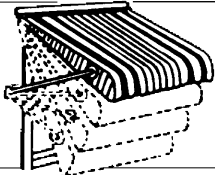
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- 11/3 Ticket Sales for Welcome Back Dinner/Dance, EC, 6-8:00PM, Music by Lady and the Outlaw
- 11/6 Coffee Klatch, EC, 7:30-9:30AM
- 11/6 Community Yard Sale, 9:00AM-3:00PM
- 11/10 Big Band Concert, Honoring Our Veterans, EC, 7-9:00PM, further info TBA
- 11/12 Casino Boat Trip with Pat – Pick up 7:00AM in park TBA
- 11/13 Ticket Sales for Welcome Back Dance, EC, 10:00AM – 12:00 noon, and 2-4:00PM, Music by Lady and the Outlaw, further info TBA
- 11/13 Sip and Paint, EC, 6:30-9:30PM
- 11/20 Welcome Back Dance, EC, further info TBA
- 11/24 Big Band Rehearsal, EC, 7-9:00PM
- 11/24 Ticket Sales for Xmas Dance, EC, Music by AT Large, 6-9:00PM
- 11/25 Thanksgiving – Info TBA
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- 12/4 Ticket Sales for New Years Eve Party, EC, 9:30-10:30AM
- 12/5 Xmas Dance, EC, Music by At Large, further info TBA
- 12/8 Big Band Rehearsal, EC, 7-9:00PM
- 12/8 Ticket Sales for New Years Eve, EC, 6-9:00PM, Music by Al March
- 12/11 Golf Cart Parade, followed with caroling, info TBA
- 12/16 Key West fee due
- 12/18 Ticket Sales for New Years Eve, EC, 1-3:00PM
- 12/19 Ladies Cookie Exchange, Info TBA
- 12/22 Big Band rehearsal, EC, 7-9:00PM
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- 12/25 Xmas Dinner catered to those that are alone
- 12/31 New Years Eve Party, Music by Al March, further info TBA

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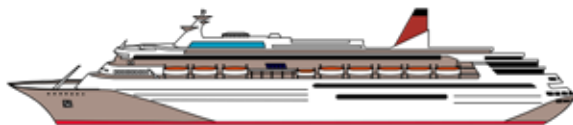
## Serendipity Travel

*Pat Lucksinger, Dawn Roberts*

**W**e have 2 exciting tours for you to enjoy if you wish! Sign-up sheets are in both clubhouses on the bulletin boards!!! We welcome ideas of places where you would like to go.

### Casino Boat Cruise and Lunch

When: Friday, November 12  
 Pick up: at our park.  
 Time: 7:00 AM  
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 Payment: Due by October 22, 2021



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When: Sunday, January 16-18, 2022  
 Pick up: at our park  
 Time: 8:00 AM  
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 Payment due: December 16, 2021



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When: Every other Wednesday night

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## Activities on your own available:

- Swimming Pool
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- Billiards
- Cards in either clubhouse
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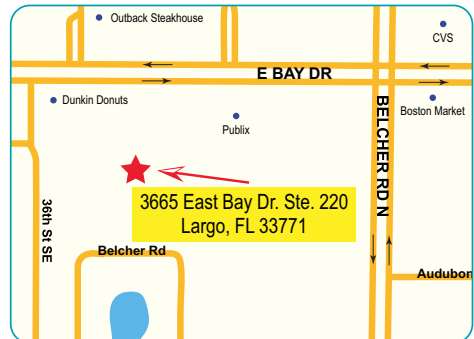
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## The Opium Wars

It is thought that China established trade with some western countries long before Marco Polo. Chinese historians have records by people thought to be emissaries from the Roman Empire in the 2nd and 3rd centuries AD, and new evidence suggests regular contact between the 1st Emperor of China and the West before the formal establishment of the Silk Road. As the countries of Europe developed, the monarchs and their subjects desired to trade with China for porcelain, silk, and tea. The demand for these goods drove England to trade with China. However, since England did not produce anything of interest, China insisted on silver as payment. England was forced to buy silver from other European countries and Mexico. Eventually, its trade deficit became huge, and England had to find a solution.

Opium, illegal in England, was occasionally used in China to treat a range of physical ailments, although a few individuals had concerns about possible addiction. The few Chinese that smoked it did become addicted. Around 1750, seeing an opportunity to reverse the flow of silver from its coffers, England started to use The East India Trading Company to help smuggle a stronger opium from India into China to satisfy China's growing demand. The stronger opium, mixed with tobacco, accelerated addiction among China's population. Research suggests that in the early 1800s, American ships with Turkish opium also tried to enrich themselves in this narcotics trade.

On four different occasions, in 1729, 1799, 1814, and 1831, opium had been banned in an attempt to curb addiction among the Chinese people. The emperor became alarmed that millions of subjects had become addicted and concerned about the amount of silver leaving China. In 1839, Imperial Commissioner Lin Zexu instituted laws, again, banning opium in China. Lin Zexu confiscated all the crates of the drug in Chinese harbors and on ships at sea, and arrested 1700 dealers. He then threw 2.6 million lbs. of opium into the ocean. Angry British merchants pressured the British government to compensate them for their lost merchandise. England didn't have the money and declared war on China to settle the issue. "The Century of Humiliation" was about to begin.

In an attempt to pressure China, Britain set up a blockade around Pearl Bay restricting commerce. In November 1839 two British merchant ships tried to run the blockade. Chinese war junks and fire boats were sent out to escort the merchants. The British enforcing the blockade, fired upon the escort vessels, exploding one and sinking three more. Their return fire wounded one British sailor. In June of 1840 a force of 44, or 16 according to other sources, British ships arrived, with heavy cannon, rockets, and infantry with accurate rifles, to launch a military campaign against Canton. The Chinese, with antiquated weapons and tactics, were dealt a series of devastating land and naval defeats.

There were people, in the British government that thought it was atrocious for Britain to wage war on a friendly country to advance its own interests in the illicit drug trade. The motion to end the China campaign was narrowly defeated in Parliament in 1840. The war ended in 1842 with the Treaty of Nanking, considered the first Unequal Treaty between China and Western Powers.

The Treaty of Nanking gave Hong Kong and smaller surrounding islands to Britain. It also

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established five treaty ports and imposed a 21-million-dollar payment, with 6 million to be paid immediately, the rest in specified installments. The following year, another treaty granted Britain most favored nation status and provisions to exempt the British from Chinese law. (Extraterritoriality) Opium was still illegal in China.

China had been considered the regional superpower for centuries. Losing the Opium War and the harsh treaty conditions exposed China as a paper tiger to its neighbors and especially Japan. Shortly afterwards, around 1844, France and the United States obtained very favorable (unequal) trade concessions. Later in 1854, Britain had the audacity to demand additional concessions, including the opening of all ports to foreign trade, the legalization of opium, and 0% tariff on British imports. China delayed implementing these requests but in October of 1856 escalating tensions came to a head.

Resentment towards the western powers had been building for some time. Since 1853 a convert to Christianity believed that he was the brother of Jesus Christ. His following was large enough to almost seize the capitol city of Peking and had control of many Northern provinces. A considerable portion of China's army was occupied addressing the rebellion. This didn't stop the appointment of a new commissioner determined to eliminate the illegal opium trade. After all, China did not feel that it was right for a country to impose the trade of an illegal substance upon a country that was also illegal in the exporting country. In 1856 he seized the Arrow, a ship known for smuggling in the past, with a Chinese crew and expired British ship registration, placed the crew in chains.

On October 23rd the British fleet bombarded and captured forts guarding the approach to Canton, then proceeded to bombard Canton. However, the Admiral had insufficient forces to take Canton. During a riot within the city on December 15th commercial property was destroyed and in February a French missionary murdered. The Governor of Hong Kong requested military assistance and for a second time Britain went to war with China, this time with support from France. Between December of 1857 and mid-1858, English and French forces captured two cities and a fort complex. China surrendered and was forced to sign the Treaty of Tientsin in June of 1858. There were members of the emperor's

court that did not desire to adhere to the punitive conditions of the treaty. His advisor convinced him not to ratify the treaty. The army was sent to engage the Anglo-French forces sent to support their embassies. China lost 10,000 soldiers, Anglo-French forces captured Peking and for the mistreatment of prisoners, ransacked the Summer Palaces. In October of 1860 a revised version of the initial Treaty was confirmed by the Convention of Peking.

China lost more territory to western powers, opened more ports to unrestricted trade, legalized Christianity, the opium trade, and had to pay 8 million dollars. Russia, through pressure or potential threat, received some northern territory, and the treaty permitted the transportation of indentured laborers to the United States. It can be argued that the arrogant behavior towards the Chinese and the punitive treaty conditions placed upon China by the western powers at the time, has contributed



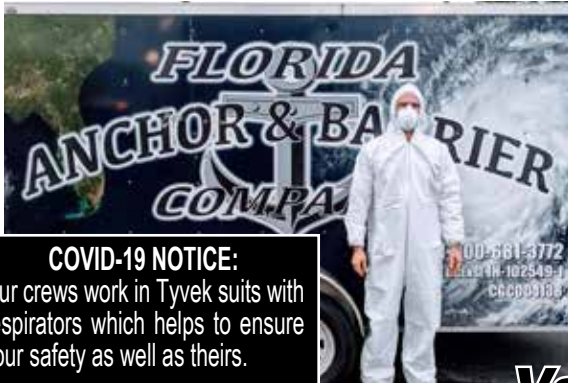
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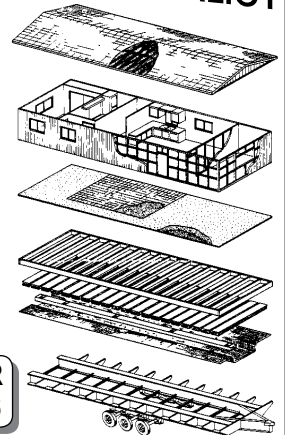
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**Paradise Island Annual Flea Market** Oct. 23, 2021. PI Clubhouse 9-2 Early entry \$1 @8am Water, Coffee & Bake Sale. Huge Inventory: furniture, household, collectibles, clothing, etc. Entire clubhouse utilized. Masks Required (provided if needed) Info call Ken or Mary 727-330-3417

**Craft/Bake Sale:** November 6th, 2021 from 8:30am to 1:30pm. Table Space \$15.00. Sugar Creek MHP 10265 Ulmertown Road, Largo. Call Sally 401-835-0700.

## EVENTS & PROGRAMS

**VENDORS WANTED- HOLIDAY BAZAAR** - Saturday, 11/13/2021, 9am-1pm. \$30 - 1 table, \$25 additional table, \$15 additional floor space. First Lutheran Church, 1644 Nursery Rd., Clearwater. All indoor craft show. Questions: 727-477-3806 or [eobrien2429@gmail.com](mailto:eobrien2429@gmail.com) - 217-251-4382 or [jayneb1227@gmail.com](mailto:jayneb1227@gmail.com)

It's the new Willow Band at the Aldersgate United Methodist Church Gospel Opry. 5930 Starkey Road, Seminole FL, 33777. Saturday evenings at 6:30. Dessert time following the musical program celebrating our 21st year. Presenting Old Time Southern Gospel Music. Ron Salmon is back with Mel, Rick, Carol, Gloria and others. No charge but an offering is taken. Dates: 2021 October 9 and 23, November 6 and 20, Dec 11 at Everybody's Tabernacle. 2022 January 8 and 22, February 12 and 26, March 12 and 26. Masks recommended but optional if vaccinated

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That's all you do. At the end of the month the Publishers will pick up the tickets and hold a drawing. If your ticket is drawn, we mail you a check.

(Allow 8-12 weeks for mailing of check). **This month's cash winners are:**

Randell Burton..... \$100 .....	Wyangarden	Suzanne Kelley .....	\$5 .....	Air Masters of Pinellas
Michael Burgan..... \$10 .....	Ridge Custom Curbing	Debbie Cammarn..... \$5 .....	1st Class Handyman Service	
Frances Smith..... \$10 .....	Debbie's Salon	Carolyn Jablonski..... \$5 .....	BugginOut Pest Control	
Robert Pollock..... \$10 .....	Boss Electric	Pat For..... \$5 .....	Jones & Sons Plumbing	
Shirley Payne..... \$10 .....	Heller's Mobile Home Washing	Don Joos..... \$5 .....	Got Dirt? Call Dirty lil'	
Diana McLemore..... \$10 .....	Air Masters of Pinellas	Norman Goldberg..... \$5 .....	Heller's Mobile Home Washing	
Debbie Coulombe..... \$10 .....	Payless Painting	Gary Johnson..... \$5 .....	Battleline Termite & Pest Control	
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Jane Selbach..... \$10 .....	Royal Enterprise	Gary Cornely..... \$5 .....	Boss Electric	
John Nadeau..... \$10 .....	Rick's Appliances	Lola Jenkins..... \$5 .....	Air Masters of Pinellas	
Marianne Rich..... \$10 .....	BugginOut Pest Control	Gail Olsen..... \$5 .....	Imperial Electrical	
Vern Demmons..... \$10 .....	Battleline Termite & Pest Control	Judy Fairbanks..... \$5 .....	1st Class Handyman Service	
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Patricia Christiansen..... \$5 .....	Boss Electric			
Jessie Crum..... \$5 .....	Jones & Sons Plumbing			
Paul Edwards..... \$5 .....	Air Masters of Pinellas			
Beverly Hallwood..... \$5 .....	Heller's Mobile Home Washing			
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• Limit of one ticket per visit • Advertiser may have up to 4 winners per month • Advertiser must have bill paid current to qualify  
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# October Sudoku

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6	8	2	3	7	4	5	9	1
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3	4	9	7	8	6	2	1	5
8	7	1	5	4	2	6	3	9
5	2	6	9	3	1	8	4	7
4	1	8	6	9	7	3	5	2
7	9	3	4	2	5	1	6	8
2	6	5	8	1	3	9	7	4

## Park Directory

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.....	Betty Sager... ..	518-308-9329
Bowling Mixed .....	Bob Jones .....	638-0822
Bridge.....	Steve Sisson.....	727-772-5882
Chair Exercise.....	Beth Ott.....	727-787-3272
Cribbage.....	Steve Gebbett .....	784-0439
.....	Jim Beatty.....	216-3715
Dominoes.....	Phyllis Messina .....	785-3249
Euchre .....	Marty & Beth Ott .....	727-787-3272
Ladies Luncheon.....	Phyllis Messina .....	785-3249
Library.....	Anne Farson .....	813-215-6267
Line Dancing.....	Leslie Bellinger .....	729-5039
Monday Golf.....	Linda Taylor .....	727-418-4087
Monthly Media Editor.....	Nanci Dorau .....	321-201-2479
Pinochle.....	Jan Barrett .....	727-786-8638
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