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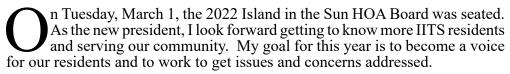
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**Bev Bears** 

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Robert Bears, rbears.iits@gmail.com





I hope to see you at our HOA meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm, as well as at other HOA events. The HOA represents all residents and if you are not a member, I encourage you to join by contacting any Board member. Membership is only \$15 a year for a two-person household and gives you HOA voting rights and discounted tickets to our HOA activities.

You can reach me at <u>rbears.iits@gmail.com</u> with your issues, concerns and suggestions on how we make IITS a better community.

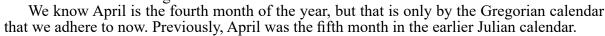
Robert Bears **IITS HOA President** 



#### **FUN FACTS ABOUT APRIL**

pril is known for beautiful beach weather, the start of spring and the Easter bunny's appearance!

Learn all about the origins of this beautiful spring month and even some interesting historical facts.



April originally only had 29 days, but a 30th day was added when Julius Caesar established the Julian calendar.

It is interesting to know that in the Southern Hemisphere, April is the seasonal equivalent to October here.

No one is sure how the month ended up with its name, but it is known the Romans named it "Aprillis."

The etymology behind the word "April" comes from the verb "aperire," which means "to open." It is commonly believed that the word refers to the season of trees and flowers begin to "open" or bloom.

Those who were born in April have a diamond as their birthstone, which represents innocence. The birth flower for the month is either a Daisy or a Sweet Pea.

There are two zodiac signs that fall in the month of April. Aries, starts in March and goes until April 19, and Taurus, begins on April 20, and goes into May.

#### THE UNCLEAR ORIGIN OF APRIL FOOLS' DAY

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

pril Fools' Day, the annual custom of pulling practical jokes and hoaxes on the first of April, does not have clear origins. The custom of a day for playing harmless pranks on friends, family and neighbors has been relatively common around the world historically. Here are a few of the suspected starting points.



There is a disputed association between April 1, and foolishness in Geoffrey Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales* published in 1392. In the *Nun's Priest's Tale*, a vain rooster is tricked by a fox on "Since March began thirty days and two", which means 32 days since March began, or April 1. But modern scholars believe that there was a copying error in the manuscripts and that Chaucer actually wrote "Syn March was gon", which meant 32 days after March, or May 2, which would end this theory.

In 1508, French poet Eloy d'Amerval referred to a *poisson d'avril* and possibly made the first reference to the celebration in France. Some suggest that April Fools' originated because, in the Middle Ages New Year's Day was celebrated on March 25. Most European towns, especially in some areas of France, ending the New Year holiday on April 1. Those who celebrated New Year's Eve on January 1, made fun of those who celebrated in March and possibly named April 1, April Fools' Day.

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A third theory is from the Netherlands. The origin of April Fools' Day is attributed to the Dutch victory in 1572 at Brielle, where the Spanish Duke Álvarez de Toledo was defeated on the first of April.

Countries such as England, Ireland, Scotland, Germany, Lebanon, Israel, Poland, Italy, France and Belgium all have some form of April Fools' Day. As do the Danes, Finns, Icelanders, Norwegians and Swedes. In many Spanish-speaking countries and the Philippines, "*Día de los Santos Inocentes*" or Holy Innocents Day, is very similar to April Fools' Day, but is celebrated in late December on the 27, 28 or 29. The only place in the world where April Fools' Day is a public holiday is in the city of Odessa Ukraine, where the first of April is an official public holiday.

#### APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

hat does "bring May flowers" mean? The phrase "April showers bring May flowers" is a popular saying used often during the month of April. This is typically the time in more northern climates when the last bit of snow turns to all rain



as temperatures climb. The increased rain shower activity sparks spring flowers and trees to start blooming.

#### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 14 Jasmina Forcan & Doris Ready
- 24 Trish Gudin & Donna Stewart
- 27 Joan Ottinger
- 30 Janet Coates & Marie Kerkay



#### **APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

- 3 John Holbach & Gail Spark
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#### RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

#### Jodie and Stephen Johnson

ur resident spotlight for April shines on Jodie and Stephen Johnson who reside at Lot 101 on Barbados. Stephan has always planned on spending his retirement years in Florida and Jodie joined in his goal once she retired herself. They bought their home in IITS in July of 2021 and became fulltime Florida residents in December.

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Stephen has not retired quite yet and is currently working at L&D Steel. Jodie has retired from her job in Ohio and has been busy painting, updating and decorating their new home.

Jodie and Stephen met each other for the first time in the 9th grade! Fifteen years later, the couple reconnected on Sweetest Day

and have been married since May of 1994. They have an adult daughter Amanda, who visits them from Grand Rapids, MI.

Since arriving at IITS, the couple says they have met many nice people and have some great neighbors. They are fully enjoying the warm Florida winter and are not missing the cold, ice and snow they escaped from their former home in Lima, Ohio.

When walking by Lot 101, you may be lucky enough to be greeted by their best boy, Parker. He is a handsome, 12-year-old Great Pyrenees and English setter mix who must say "hello" to everyone he meets. Keep an eye out for Parker's Pet Spotlight in a future issue.

#### PET SPOTLIGHT

Those neighbors who stroll by Lot 153 have certainly had the pleasure to meet Milo. Mike Maxwell says, "It's Milo's home, I just pay the lot rent." Milo thinks he has the job of being the unofficial IITS Community Greeter, as he love attention from people, children and other animals.

Milo is a handsome 6-year-old Rough Collie who gets regular brush outs at the groomer to manage all of his fur. He is a very well trained and behaved boy and has special service dog papers. He waits for his dad's permission to say "hi" and even waits patiently to accept a treat when put in front of him.



Mike rescued Milo when he was only weeks old from an Amish family's farm in Pennsylvania. Milo and his sister were found on the property but the family could not keep them. A friend mentioned there were Collie puppies for adoption and Mike came home with his new best friend.

Milo's favorite things in life are chasing and catching a ball, car rides with the windows down and anything with peanut butter. Watch for Milo and Mike on Caribbean taking their walk each morning when the temperatures are cooler or in the evenings during the hot summer months.



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#### **IITS HOA ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

ctivities Chair, Diane Henriquez invites you to attend the Activities Committee Meeting, Saturday, April 2, at 10 am in the Clubbouse Please bring any ideas you have for u



**L** am in the Clubhouse. Please bring any ideas you have for upcoming events, volunteer to help or just show your support and listen in to hear what fun is being planned for IITS!

Join us for a Pool Luncheon on Saturday April 23, from 1-3 pm. The HOA has reserved the grill area and will be selling hotdogs for a \$1 each. Please bring a side dish to share and your own beverage of choice. A table will be set up in the clubhouse for your dish and flatware will be provided. We will be eating inside for food is not allowed in the pool area. We will have a summertime raffle and will be playing music on the pool deck. Rain or shine, we will be there! Please RSVP to Jill at 727-243-4592 (call or text) so we are sure to have enough hotdogs for everyone attending.

Ladies...Get ready for the Kentucky Derby Hat Competition!

**Saturday, April 30**, we are holding a **Hat Decorating Gathering** from 10 am until noon at the clubhouse. Bring your hat, accessories and decorations and get creative! There will be some donated ribbons and flowers to share. Then wear your creation to the May 7, Kentucky Derby Party being chaired by Tammy Jackson. Tammy has planned many fun activities, one of which is a competition and prize for the Best Derby Hat. If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Jackson on Messenger.

#### STAY UP-TO-DATE ON IITS EVENTS

Edited from information submitted by Marilyn Babcock

ur two **Facebook** pages are great resources for finding information about community events. **The Official Island in the Sun HOA** – This page features information on HOA issues, meetings and activities.

**Island in the Sun Social Group** – This page is a fun, informal way to interact and find information about people and activities in our community.

Attend an **HOA Board Meeting**, on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the clubhouse. Attend an **Activity Committee Meeting**, on the first Saturday of each month at 10 am at the clubhouse.

The Marquee at the park entrance by the clubhouse announces upcoming events.

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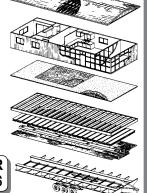
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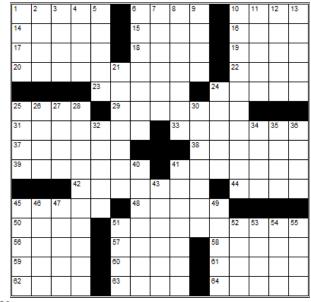


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- 10. To tax or access
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- 16. Pledge
- 17. A drama set to music
- 18. If not
- 19. Largest continent
- 20. Denote
- 22. Eccentric person
- 23. Condition
- 24. Weakling
- 25. Vipers
- 29. Continuing forever
- 31. Not success
- 33. Famous
- 37. Paroxysms of chest pain
- 38. Shooting star
- 39. Break
- 41. He fights blazes
- 42. Type of hat
- 44. Lady
- 45. Humorous
- 48. Under a spell
- 50. Fragrance
- 51. State of being a dad
- 56. Not yours
- 57. Savvy about
- 58. A tea-like beverage
- 59. fide
- 60. Somersault
- 61. Cambered
- 62. Flower stalk
- 63. Away from the wind
- 64. Low heavy horse carts





- 1. Stepped
- 2. Fully developed
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- 5. Trolleys
- 6. Anagram of "Reenact" 27. Swine
- 7. Empathize
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- 11. Relieves
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- 13. Trembling
- 21. Go over again
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- 25. At a distance
- 26. Rational
- 28. Backwash
- 30. Candidate
- 32. Accord
- 35. Rich soil
- 36. Sea eagle

- 40. C2H5OH
- 41. A small dugout
- 43. Homestead
- 45. Uteri
- 46. Fool
- 47. 1000 kilograms
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- 55. Fathers



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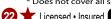


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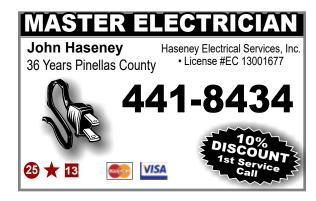




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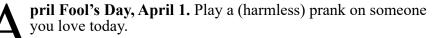
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**Talk Like Shakespeare Day, April 23.** Try talking like the Bard for a day. One tip: When in doubt, add "eth" to the end of verbs: he runneth, he trippeth, he falleth.

#### Love on the rocks

re love and marriage dying? CNN reports that Americans these days don't seem to be forming relationships, moving in together, and even having as much sex as they once did.



The 2021 General Social Survey found that 26% of Americans 18 and up didn't have sex at all in the past year. That's up from 23% in 2016 and also 2018, so it's not just fear of the pandemic preventing hookups. Only slightly more than 50% reported having sex once a month or less, the first time that figured exceeded 50%.

Americans aren't shacking up as much either. The GSS found that about 62% of Americans 25–54 were living together, married or unmarried, in 2019, far below the 70% who lived together in 1990, which serves as a baseline. Ten percent more men, and seven percent more women, were living alone than in 1990.

Even without living together, partnerships aren't as popular in recent years. The GSS found that 30% of adults 25–54 had a steady partner, down from 20% in 1986.

One bright spot: The divorce rate seems to be dropping. Divorces and annulments dropped, with 2.7 per 1,000 people in 2019, down from four per 1,000 in 2000.

Ninety percent of life is fifty percent indecisive. The rest is confusing.

— Brian Spellman



## April Word Search











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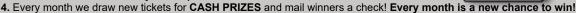


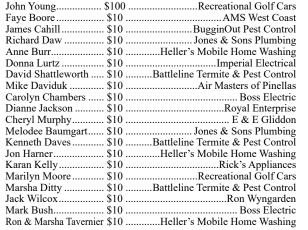
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