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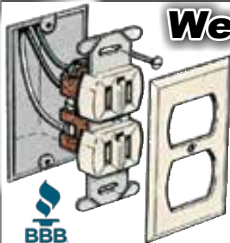
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All Mondays	1:00 PM	Cribbage
All Tuesdays	9:00 AM	Pool Exercise
All Wednesdays	9:00 AM	Pool Exercise
	1:30 PM	Bowling, Seminole Lanes 8668 Park Blvd, Largo, FL
All Thursdays	8:30 AM	Ladies Breakfast, call Cheryl Vought for info 727-286-7564
	9:00 AM	Pool Exercise
All Fridays	9:00 AM	Pool Exercise
	9:00 AM	Golf, Largo Golf Course, 12500 Vonn Rd, Largo, FL

OOPS! REPORT

There was some confusion regarding the Southern Creek Band Concert dates last month. There were 2 conflicting flyers published with different dates and unfortunately, I published both of them. The Editor apologizes and hopes no one missed the concert.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



It's that time of year when we need to sit back and count our blessings for the good fortune we have experienced during the year. Surely there have been some events, undertakings, or some fortunate experience that has influenced your life in a positive way. My suggestion is, **pass it on!** There isn't a better way to bring joy and contentment to your heart and soul than to share a bit of happiness.

Here in Caribbean Isles, there surely are some changes in the wind. They aren't happening as fast as we would like but sometimes new things happen at a slower pace for good reason. We have been able to purchase additional Holiday lighting for the front gates and a new Santa for the Clubhouse. We are also having a collection for the Salvation Army's needy children. This collection box is in the front lobby of the Clubhouse and I urge you to donate a toy or clothing to help make a child's Christmas just a little bit brighter.

The HOA is again hosting our Annual Holiday Dinner. It has been a couple of years since we were able to have this gala event because of Covid restrictions but we are excited to be able to resume this tradition. I promise you will have a fine sit-down dinner experience all served



on linen table cloths and napkins, crystal glasses and even an Ice Cream Bar, Viennese Dessert Platter or Bananas Foster. How can you beat that?

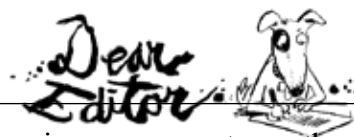
I would like to invite you to join the HOA and attend our monthly meetings, listen to the information that we get about the future of our community and have a say in the operations. I can't say that every wish you have will be granted but I can say that the Board of Directors will take your ideas and requests seriously and try to make Caribbean Isles a wonderful place to live by working with the park owners in everyone's best interests.

In closing let me say, "The best gifts in life will never be found under a Christmas tree. Those gifts are friends, family, children, and the ones you love."

To all of our residents and friends, "A very warm and happy Holiday Season, be safe, healthy, and remember, as you get older your Christmas list gets smaller, because the things you want can't be bought.

Holiday Regards
Ray Sears

EDITOR'S NOTE



Here we go again transitioning from one holiday to another, one joyous season to another. Sometimes we wonder can it get any better? Sure it can if we work at it. There are going to be challenges ahead but working together we can make sure we will make it to the next holiday season. On behalf of our reporters and carriers, we wish all our residents a very Merry and safe Christmas and a joyous and safe New Year.

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The phrase “Greatest thing since sliced bread” has an interesting story! Sliced bread was first sold by small bakeries in 1928, but it was Wonder Bread’s national popularity that brought it to the masses in 1930. In 1943 it became ILLEGAL to sell sliced bread, in part to save steel for wartime efforts. The funniest part? When selling sliced bread, the bakery declared it as the greatest thing since “wrapping bread”! Can’t wait on the explanation for “Satin Sheets”

PARK INFO SECTION



SUNSHINE

Blanche Onley, 584-7372, is our sunshine person for the park. She requests that if you have family members, friends, and/or neighbors that have fallen ill, have been hospitalized, sent to rehab, or have passed away, that you inform her so she can let them know we support them as well as yourself, and will keep them in our thoughts and prayers.



Sent get well cards to:
Cindy Johnson.....Bad Fall
Cheryl MeyerKnee Surgery



Sent a Sympathy card to the family of:
Dennis Little.....Passed Away



CARIBBEAN ISLES CHRISTMAS GIVING, 2022

Once again, Caribbean Isles will be hosting a toy/item drive to help the Salvation Army meet the needs of the children of Pinellas County.

Children - Infants to 12: toys, games, clothing, gift cards, sports equipment, books, crayons.

Purchase what you wish, and bring your gifts to the clubhouse and place them in the Christmas box in the lobby.

Please DO NOT wrap the items. A gift bag may be a good idea for smaller items.

Please have your gifts to us by December 5th so we can get them to the Salvation Army for distribution. Thank you to all.



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

December 1, 1978	David & Barbara Hohler	44 yrs.
December 7	Gary Murphy & Sonya Serini	
December 9, 2014	Bill & Susan Ingram	8 yrs.
December 11, 1971	Ronnie & Janet Mills	51 yrs.
December 12, 1981	John & Susan Spillman	41 yrs.
December 13, 1985	John & Dee VanRyn	37 yrs.
December 14, 1989	Kenneth & Phyllis Powers	33 yrs.
December 14, 1968	Paul & Beverly Tardiff	54 yrs.
December 19, 1959	Robert & Loretta Mummert	63 yrs.
December 20, 1986	Rich & Becky Hayward	36 yrs.
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	LaVerne Welch	10	Margaret Soleck	20	Mary Mudler
2	Linda Gordon		John Van Ryn		James Robertson
4	James Gatta	11	Donald Harris	22	Barbara Kearns
	Gerry Gonsowski		Michael Gallagher		Judy MacKendrick
5	Robert Ligon		Cara Bogart	23	Diana Robertson
	Carol Brinker	13	Harold Taylor		Roy Krula
	Myrna Bartlett		Bob Wendel	24	Walter Hook
	Debra Barbely		Timothy Mulhill	27	A. J. Mortorano
6	Gloria Dunbar	14	Cathy Sova		Dot Delaney
	Nila Rae Phelps		Sindee Garlock		Carl Ruthberg
	Lynn Hott	15	Peggy Napier	31	Elaine Moore
8	Raymond Eveleigh		Richard Adair		Blanche Onley
	Liseann Brugman	16	Ann Phillips		Kathleen Ford
	Bruce Rodgers	18	Paula Street		
			Christie Nichols		

SATURDAY MORNING SUNRISE BREAKFAST

On the first Saturday of each month the HOA presents a Sunrise Breakfast for our residents. In December, the date is Saturday, December 3rd.



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HOA HOLIDAY DINNER



December 11, 2022

Menu

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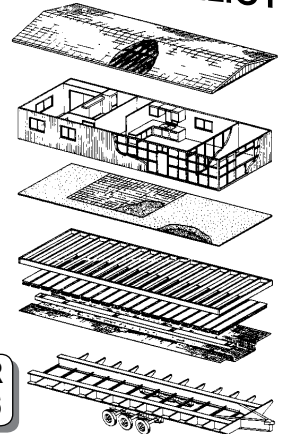
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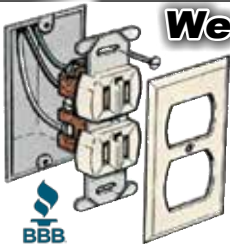
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	NO BINGO DECEMBER & DECEMBER 31 DUE TO HOLIDAYS	
4	10:00 AM Good Times Social Planners Meeting	5 Lawn Maintenance 7:00 PM of Directors
11	5:00 PM HOA Holiday Dinner	12 11:30 AM Luncheon Italian Event West Bay Hostesses Penrod (9991), C (533-528)
18	Golf Cart/Bike Christmas Parade and Judging	19
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Christmas		

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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM Saturday Sunrise Breakfast 5:45 PM Bingo Card Sale 4:30-5:30 PM
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6 Following HOA Board Directors Meeting	7 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Ladies Pokeno Pearl Harbor Remem- brance Day	8	9 9:00 AM Golf Scramble, Largo Golf Course, 12500 Vonn Rd, Largo	10 10:45 AM – 11:30 AM Golf Cart Poker Run 5:45 PM Bingo Card Sale 4:30-5:30 PM
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20	21 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Ladies Pokeno	22	23	24 NO BINGO Christmas Eve
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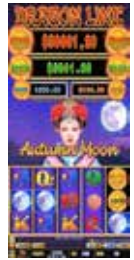
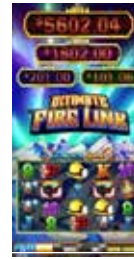
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The next Good Times meeting will be held Monday, December 5th at 10:00 am in the clubhouse. All ladies of the Community are invited to attend. Our purpose is to work alongside the HOA to plan activities for all our residents. Last month we sponsored a chicken dinner. Residents must sign up for such events on the Clubhouse bulletin board prior to events if they plan on attending. During the year the ladies have a monthly luncheon at nearby restaurants. The Hostess of the month chooses where to go and must have the reservations in ahead of time. If you are interested in joining us this month at our holiday luncheon at Amici's Restaurant on Tuesday, December 13th, please call Rosie Penrod or Claudia Hartsell. (Numbers are listed on monthly calendar)

More Upcoming Events:



- **December 10th - 10:45 Golf Cart, Bicycle Poker Run, 50/50**
- **Annual Holiday Dinner** – December 11th – 5:00 Social Hour – 5:30 Dinner- \$10.00 Ticket Required
- **Annual House Lighting Contest** – December 17th – 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Prizes awarded
- **Annual Golf Cart Christmas Parade** – December 18th – Prizes awarded and hot dogs to be served

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

On Friday, January 27th, 2023, the Good Time Social Planners will present our annual spaghetti dinner. Tickets will be sold in late December and early January until the event on Friday, January 27th. Social time will begin at 5:00 and dinner will be served beginning at 5:30. The cost of the dinner which includes either meatballs or meat sauce, a salad, Italian bread and butter and a dessert is \$10.00. More info will follow in the January media. Get your tickets early as this dinner has been one of our well attended events.





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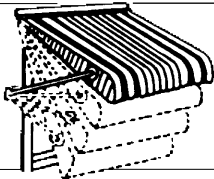
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2022 Annual Christmas Parade

Come One Come All! Golf Carts, trikes and bikes and anything else you can decorate and ride on to get in on this holiday seasonal event taking place on Sunday, December 18th.



Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners determined by our judges. You must line up for judging at the Clubhouse by 2:30 pm and the parade will start at approximately 3:00. We will be riding the main streets in the Park so if you live in a cul-de-sac pull out a chair to the main road and wait for us to come by.

Following the parade, we will assemble in the Clubhouse and the HOA will provide us with hot dogs, chips and a drink at no cost to you. The Lottery Board will be drawn and we may have a 50/50 also.

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Ladies Holiday Luncheon

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Back By Popular Demand, Mike Calzone, March 24, 7-10pm

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December 2022.....

In the professional sports landscape, it would appear that Tampa Bay is losing a bit of its "Champa Bay" luster. The Bucs and Lightning are not playing well at this juncture and the Rays are starting their annual fire sale of players (Kiermeyer, Choi, Nick Anderson). At this writing, the Bucs are under .500, and the Lightning are barely there. Let's hope things perk up so we can enjoy some "hometown" energy.

Let's move on to Caribbean Isles sports. The golf group has started their "regular" season with some of our northern residents returning. Evidence of the fun the group is having is shown by the plight of Joan Bennett, an accomplished golfer, who somehow found herself on the "wrong side of the tracks". When asked what happened, she replied "honestly that deer ran right out in front of me!!" (See photo).

They are preparing for their first scramble of the season taking place on Friday, December 9th at Largo Golf Course. A flyer was sent out requesting RSVP's by December 6th. If you wish to play or have questions, contact Sue Alexander at 581-1334.



Our bowlers are rolling along through Week 9 at Seminole Lanes. The Beach Bums (Sandi & Ray Duford), The Unknowns (Dan Farrand, Norine Enot, Doug & Dianna Ricci), and Step

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Quote of the month:

Last month's quote should have been immediately recognized as being attributed to one Lawrence Peter Berra, otherwise known as "Yogi".

This month's quote – "My doctor told me that jogging could add years to my life. I think he was right. I feel ten years older already."

Milton Berle

Answer to last month's Trivia Question:

Leon Cadore (Brooklyn Dodgers) and Joe Oeschger (Boston Braves) cemented their position in major league baseball history by pitching every inning of the longest game in baseball history, a 26 inning 1-1 tie on May 1, 1920. Oh, how the game has changed!!

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