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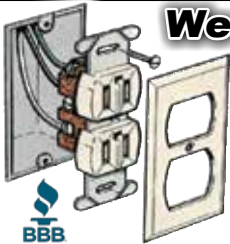
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Happy Holidays and welcome to the December issue. If you would like to be the editor of this publication, please contact me through email or Messenger. It is not difficult, but requires about 6-8 hours a month, a computer, a word processing software such as Word and email to send the files. I will train anyone in the neighborhood who is interested in becoming the new editor.



Thanks,
Bev Bears
bev.iits@outlook.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks to everyone who attended the November HOA Board meeting and to those who took the time to view it online. To date, the November meeting livestream has been viewed 305 times. I hope to see you at the December Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 6th at 7pm. We will be giving updates and answering questions about the issues discussed at the November meeting. Paid members can watch the meeting on Facebook Live on The Official IITS HOA 2022 page.



We are looking forward to our December HOA events and need you to volunteer to help to make these events happen. Please attend the Tuesday, December 13th Activities Committee Meeting at 7pm at the clubhouse to see how you can support our events. The NYE party will sell out, those volunteering will be given first opportunity to purchase tickets. We are having a hot buffet style dinner from Positano's Restaurant and Grant Hermond is providing the entertainment. Ticket will be \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. We will announce when tickets go on sale.

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New Day and Time for Activities Committee Meeting –

Now Tuesday, Dec 13th at 7pm

The Activities Committee Meeting has moved to the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm in an attempt to increase attendance. Please stop in if you would like to help in planning or volunteering at the December events. You will also hear about future events on the agenda for 2023. We always need volunteers to make our community events happen. We need event Hosts to take on the responsibility of planning proposed activities, with the full support of the HOA Board and Activities Committee members. Come hear what events are being proposed and consider Hosting!

It's SANTA!

Santa will be stopping by our Clubhouse on **Saturday, December 17th** for a meet and greet and photos! Feel free to stop in at 3pm and snap a photo with Santa!



Cookie Swap & Christmas Tree Decorating -



Saturday, December 3rd

We are in need of a Host for the Cookie Swap & Christmas Tree Decorating event from 1-3 at the Clubhouse on Saturday, December 3rd. This will be an easy event to Host, and the HOA Board and Activities Committee will be there to help plan the event. Please consider volunteering!

December Birthdays

- 7 Marquita Armes
- 11 Jim Norwick
- 20 Karen Price
- 22 Ann Louise Reinhart
- 23 Tom Boeckley



We would love to add your birthday and anniversary to our list! E-mail your name and date to bev.iits@outlook.com so your friends and neighbors can help you celebrate your special days!

Please help me keep this list up-to-date. If you notice a resident listed who no longer lives in IITS, please give me a heads up. Thanks!

STAY UP TO DATE ON IITS EVENTS

Our two Facebook pages are great resources for finding information about community events:

The Official Island in the Sun HOA – This page is available to those who have a paid IITS HOA membership (\$15 annually per lot for two members) and features information on HOA issues, meetings and activities. The IITS HOA Board meetings are streamed live on this page the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. Please contact a Board member or attend an IITS HOA Board meeting for membership cards.

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. Members include current and former residents of IITS who like to stay connected.

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.

Check out the **Marquee** at the park entrance by the clubhouse - upcoming events are updated regularly.

Sign-up for our **Robocall** phone messages for upcoming events. Please email Mike Malliet at mm11974@yahoo.com and provide your name, lot number and your phone number with area code.

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Finally, this publication, *Island in the Sun Sentinel*, also referred to as the Monthly Media, contains names, contact information, community articles and information, an activities calendar as well as general interest articles. IITS residents can contribute ideas, articles and photos to the publication. Contact Bev Bears at bev.iits@outlook.com.



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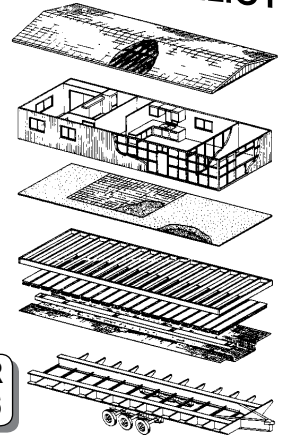
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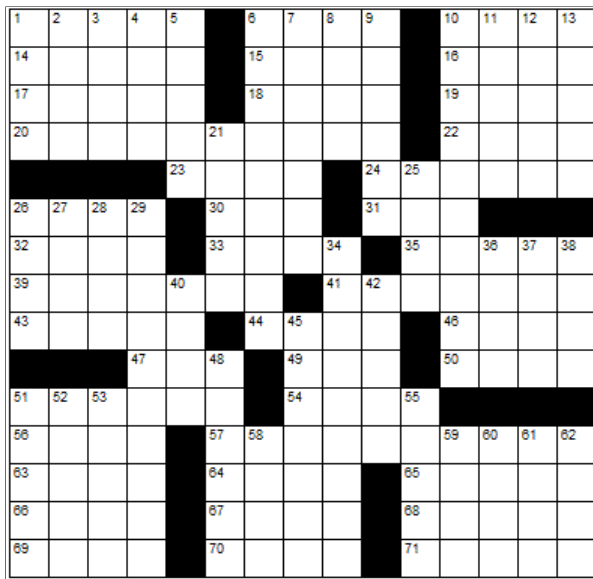


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- 19. Scent
- 20. Encouraged
- 22. Twinge
- 23. Formerly (archaic)
- 24. Come forth
- 26. Russian emperor
- 30. Form of "to be"
- 31. Zero
- 32. After-bath wear
- 33. Linguistic unit
- 35. Andean animal
- 39. Marjoram
- 41. Calmed
- 43. Moon of Saturn
- 44. Distribute
- 46. Require
- 47. British rule in India
- 49. Joke
- 50. Sounds of disapproval
- 51. Handgrip
- 54. Death notice
- 56. Absent Without Leave
- 57. Spin-like
- 63. Domestic
- 64. Slaloms
- 65. Love intensely
- 66. Ages
- 67. Celtic language
- 68. Employ again
- 69. Crimsons
- 70. Type of sweet potatoes
- 71. Donkeys



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- 1. Lack of difficulty
- 2. Urban renewal target
- 3. Belgrade native
- 4. Therefore
- 5. Inscribed pillar
- 6. Showroom
- 7. Flower box
- 8. Chills and fever
- 9. Make unhappy
- 10. Fuel
- 11. Radiolocation
- 12. Beside
- 13. Get together
- 21. Illustrated
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- 26. Gait faster than a walk
- 27. Fern clusters
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- 37. Docile
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- 40. Nitpicky to a fault
- 42. In accordance with law
- 45. Conceit
- 48. Sports pullover
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- 52. Mindful
- 53. Wanderer
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- 61. Rear end
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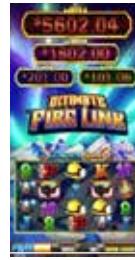
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- Make a good plan. Make sure that the location you pick has enough oven, stovetop, refrigerator and freezer space. Make sure there is also a source of clean water to use.
- Safely store and prepare food. Perishables need to be refrigerated or frozen within two hours of preparation or shopping. Always make sure you use separate areas to prepare raw and cooked foods. Remember to never place cooked food back on a cutting board or surface where something raw has been. Wash your hands, utensils and cutting boards frequently while you are preparing foods. Use hot soapy water.
- Make sure that the internal temperature of the foods you cook reaches a high enough temperature to kill bacteria. Use a food thermometer so that you can check internal temperatures accurately. Make sure you check in several places so that you get a true reading. Don't partially cook your food with the plan to finish cooking it later. This could encourage the growth of harmful bacteria.
- To transport food safely you will need to keep your hot foods hot and your cold foods cold. Use coolers for cold foods and make sure the temperature is 40 degrees or below. Keep your hot foods at a temperature of 140 degrees. Wrap it well and place it inside an insulated container.
- When you reheat your food make sure you bring it up to a temperature that makes it hot and steamy. Just warming it up is not safe. Bring the temperature of the food up to 165 degrees. Soups, sauces and gravies need to be brought to a boil.
- Use steam tables or warming trays to keep your hot foods hot—that means at or above 140 degrees. Keep your cold food at or below 40 degrees.
- If you know that food has been left out at room temperature for more than two hours, the safest thing to do is throw it out. If you have leftovers, you will want to place them in shallow containers and refrigerate or freeze them immediately.



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- You'll probably want to go buffet style if you want something that's casual or you don't have a lot of seating. People will walk around and mingle and have fun.
- Go for a sit-down dinner if something a bit more formal suits your style. If you enjoy dinner conversation and you have enough seating for everyone who will be in attendance, then this is a good choice for you.

After you decide what kind of party you're going to have, make a list of everything you will need. Then cross off everything that you already have and estimate the cost for each item you need. Add a few dollars for the inevitable extras that will pop up. If the estimated cost is over your budget for the party, then you can start eliminating things on your list until you get the figure you need.

A few facts about mistletoe

According to AllThingsChristmas.com, mistletoe has been revered since 200 years before the birth of Christ. Druid priests used it as part of their winter celebrations. The plant, which stays green all year even though it has no roots, was thought to be magical.

The Howstuffworks Web site says that Mistletoe is a parasitic plant. It lives in trees, and one mistletoe plant can grow on top of the other.

There are several stories that link mistletoe to the ritual of kissing under it. One is the myth of Frigga, the Viking goddess of love. Frigga's son was killed by his blind brother (who was actually tricked into shooting a dart of poison from the mistletoe into his brother.) Frigga was so stricken with grief that she cried and when her tears fell on a mistletoe plant the berries were turned from red to white (there are both red and white mistletoe berries) and this brought her son back from the dead. From then on Frigga kissed everyone who walked beneath the mistletoe because she was so grateful to have her son back.



Christmas

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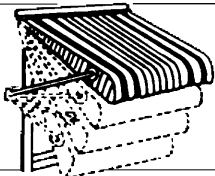
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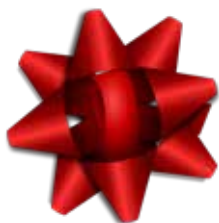
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— **Ray Stannard Baker, pseud. David Grayson**

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