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The Clubhouse is open, and many activities are up and running. Status of activities will change as snowbirds return. Check the bulletin board at the clubhouse for updates on activities.

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## **Managers Moment**

Carol Alvey

The large dumpster is for management only, Remember please, no mattresses. If you are caught you will be fined and there is also no dumping in the field.

\* Everything must be broken down and we will then pick it up. If you are flipping a home, you are responsible to take it out of the park and dispose of our materials.

Water: If you know of or see any leaks, please let us know and contact the office. We should all do our part and let us know about any leaking toilets, faucets pipes, etc. remember water usage is a factor in your rent.

POOL: Positively NO grills inside or outside of the pool area. There is also NO food in the pool area.

Tables/Chairs: If you borrow tables or chairs from the clubhouse, they must be signed out with management. As we are missing tables, there will be a refundable deposit returned when table and or chairs are returned. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Just want to say thank you to Bill Heatherington.. He has purchased and put up all the signs you are seeing around the park. Here is hoping for our residents and visitors get the hint and obey the 15 MOH speed limit.

Also, just a reminder there may be a Friday when water is shut off for repairs. Usually around nine, but back on by noon at the latest.

- Rule reminder Garbage in the park is collected via dumpsters located in the Park. Before being taken to the dumpsters for disposal, all garbage must be place in a garbage container and securely closed at all times and containers are to be placed in an area not noticeable from the street. Yard trash and cuttings must be placed in plastic bags. Limbs must be tied in bundles. None over 3 feet in length.
- Residents are responsible for transporting their yard trash to the dumpster. Large or bulk items especially those items which are beyond regular household waste, may not be disposed of in Park. Dumpsters. Homeowners must arrange for removal of those large or bulk items on their own and at their own expense. Cardboard boxes must be broken sown first pleas.

## **JUST SAYIN'**

Jeanne Hunter

xercise gives you energy, but you need energy to exercise. Sounds like a pyramid scheme to me.

As an airplane is about to crash, a female passenger jumps up frantically and announces, "If I'm going to die, I want to die feeling like a woman." She removes all her clothes and asks, "Is there someone on this plane who is man enough to make me feel like a



woman?" A man stands up, removes his shirt, and says, "Here, iron this!"

This month I'm getting into current events. Once again, headlines are filled with horror stories about the US debt ceiling. As usual, the Democrats and Republicans cannot agree on how much to raise it. The debt ceiling is how much money the federal government may pay on the debt it already borrowed by borrowing more money. The current debt ceiling is \$31.4 trillion.

In other words, if we could do this, we could max out all our credit cards and then decide to get another one and borrow enough to pay the interest payments on what we already owe. Do you see what's missing in all this? Nowhere does anybody talk about actually paying off the debt, just making it bigger. For us real people, we make a budget, cut back where we can and start paying down our debts. The headlines say this is the first time in history we might default on our debt (but we read the same headline every year). Just in the nick of time, Congress and the President swoop in and save the day...and proceed to borrow more money.

According to the headlines, the first thing to go will be Social Security payments!!! That doesn't really matter because it's just payments to us old people who paid into the program all our lives. Anyway, the pundits (who the heck are they?) tell us Social Security will be bankrupt in a few years. Seems to me there's an easy solution for that. Give Social Security a debt ceiling. That way Congress can get together every year, wring their hands in fear while the media writes about the horror of it all, and then in a heroic last ditch effort, just vote to raise that Social Security debt ceiling. Easy peasy.

I went to the chair exercises this winter. Sharon asked me, "What kind of a squat are you accustomed to doing?" I said, "Diddly." That was my last class!

I got Entemanns chocolate donuts for grandson Quinn last week. He's at my house for an hour or two after school. He goes to Plato, right next door. How great is that? Quality time with one of your grandbabies is such a blessing. And then he goes home! I got a little off track, back to the donuts. He ate them as dessert after he had an early bird dinner here. He still has supper at home too. So yesterday he was down to the last two donuts and asked if I wanted one. I generously told him to go ahead, and he looked kindly upon me. I could tell he thought I was wonderful! Then he picked up the box, squinted his eyes, and said, "Grandma, there's a buy one, get one free sticker on here! Where's the other box?" Busted! My halo fell off.

A wife, being the romantic sort, sent her husband a text: "If you are sleeping, send me your dreams. If you are laughing, send me your smile. If you are eating, send me a bite. If you are drinking, send me a sip. If you are crying, send me your tears. I love you!" The husband, typically nonromantic, replied: "I am on the toilet. Please advise."

CAT REPORT: We've settled in and sort of have boundaries now. I have the kitchen counter. Well, I thought I did until a bag of cat treats on the kitchen counter mysteriously appeared on the floor one morning. No worries, I put them on top of the fridge. The next morning, they were again on the floor. They are now kept in the closed kitchen pantry.

Pip gets the kitchen table, all of it, all the time. I get the Lego table...except on the days

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Pip forgets the rules. I find odd places for food preparation and am allowed a tv tray for meals...except when PiP wants to lay on it. The cabinets used to be my territory until Pip figured out that with gentle taps and paw manipulation, he could open them. The top cabinets are still all mine. I think I'll get to keep them until he figures out how to leap and swat the door at the same time. He owns the bottom cabinets and sometimes disappears in them for hours.



Pip has discovered the joy of pipe cleaners. I bought some a couple years ago for crafts and thought Pip would like to swat at them while I waved them around. MMM, nope. So, I put them away. I don't know where, but the cat does. I saw him racing around the kitchen last week chasing a pipe cleaner that he just keeps swatting and chasing again. No movement, no sounds, just a pipe cleaner and a kitty imagination. I still don't know where they are, but every day or so more appear. He has about 10 he chases around the house now.

Our next adventure is a cat door. I just got it installed between my kitchen and side sunroom. Pip loves to shoot out past me when I come in with a load of laundry. Since I occasionally forget he's out there and close the door, I have a litter box out there. I thought it would be nice to only have the litter box out there and take back my second bedroom. Thus, the cat door. We coaxed, pushed, bribed, used treats and catnip, anything we could think of to get him through the door. It was like getting him in a cat carrier. Somehow, while you push on the butt, his body twists around into impossible positions and his head is where his butt was and you're pushing him out instead of in. This was a major mistake. He realized the door was actually for him and I wanted him to use it. NEVER let a cat know the toy you just brought home is for him (see pipe cleaner lesson above).. He will instantly track to the empty box and totally ignore the toy. The current step is to ignore the door and let his curiosity take over. Stay tuned next month for the results.

#### Five Rules to Remember in Life

- 1. Forgive your enemy but remember the bastard's name.
- 2. Money cannot buy happiness, but it's more comfortable to cry in a Mercedes than on a bicycle.
- 3. Help someone when they're in trouble and they will remember you when they are in trouble again.
- 4. Many people are alive only because it's illegal to shoot them.
- 5. Alcohol does not solve any problems, but then again neither does milk. These should assist you with most daily decision choices. Have a great June, just sayin'.



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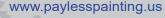




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# **Spotlight on the Luptons**

adly, we are losing 2 more of our very active residents... Bob and Gin will be leaving the end of May to move to New York to help their daughter and enjoy time with their grandkids.

I would like to start with Bob and let you know the many things he has done for us here at Bay Ranch.

Bob actually y came here 1stin 2004 and Gin came later. {She was employed at Lord and Taylor and needed to work until 55 to keep her pension. }

Bob first started taking over Birthday and anniversaries when his predecessor left for a couple of years. He then ran for president of the Residents club and was elected. After his term, he kind of took a break, but things seemed to go south at the residents club, so he stepped up again and kept things running smoothly.



Bob started the Sunset Club in 2014. He, Gin and 2 friends were out at the beach and saw how beautiful the sunset was and thought we could share this with others. Next Monday morning meeting he mentioned it and so it began. On the first few outings, everyone packed lunch and off they went to enjoy those beautiful sunsets we have here in Florida. Later, they tried moving to restaurants. Bob also took over for Russ Trombley in doing a monthly column in the Review, when we lost Russ.

In 2013 Bob started the Facebook page neighbors, that so many of rely on to keep us informed of happenings and notices of here in the park.

Bob and Jim Hale started a computer club for awhile and helped many with those skills, until interest was lost.

Bob also started Karaoke and was known to DJ many dances. Especially through the summer months, what many do not know, is he did them for free or very little money. He also DJ'd a New Years eve dance for us. Did I mention Bob LOVES to sing. He and Gin were always doing something to help out the residents in the park, In 2018 Booth Bob and Gin were presented the Carol Carmadella award.

Now about Gin; You can count her right by Bob's side for many of these activities, but she also had her share of interests. When our friend Ana Peck left, Gin tackled the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for everyone. If you didn't have a place to go, Gin made sure you had a meal.

She also took over the dances. Gin came up with themes for Mardi Gras, Beach Bash, New Years Eve.

She also spearheaded Potluck dinners and many other meal preps.

Bob & Gin, 0We want to Thank you for all you have done over the years, you will surely be missed, and we hope you have a safe trip to your new future and enjoy that family of yours.



## Ambulance Fund

Evelyn Hale, Coach 1364

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Coach 180 Perkins

Jackie

6/14/23

# **Welcome New Residents to Bay Ranch**

The following is the names of new residents to Bay Ranch. Please take a little time when you meet them to welcome them and invite them to take part in the many activities that are going on in our park. we come!

Welcome to Bay Ranch

Residents we have Lost

I was asked if we could acknowledge friends and neighbors, we have lost. I will try the best I can, but not knowing everyone who is living here, please let me know if you know of someone.

**Don Peters** 

**Eddie Enriquez** 

Rod Forham

We extend our prayers and sympathy to their families.

I need to apologize to Mary Magurno. She left a thank you note for the 90th birthday party and I misplaced it.

Now it's found and here are her words to all of you:

Many thanks for the 90th Birthday Party. I was so pleased to see everyone again. I hope I'll soon be able to attend more activities. I miss you all.

Mary also shared this for us:

A Star-Spangled Angel

As you wear or see this angel of Red, White and Blue. May she serve as a little reminder to you to thank God for the freedom and ask him to bless our country with peace and happiness.

Thank you, Mary and hope, to see you soon.

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From the Resident's Club:

The residents club will send emails to keep residents informed of upcoming activities. Please add your email to the list in the club house bulletin board or share with Paige on Facebook.

Upcoming June events: On the 5th Game night. Come on down and join in on the fun, we will have many different board games here, so there will be sure to have one you can join in on or bring your own. Don't forget snacks if you want them.

On the 17th, we will have a Father's Day Breakfast with the regular menu of eggs, pancakes, sausage OJ and coffee. Does anyone want biscuits and gravy? Let us know and we will have it also.

Don't forget Karaoke led by Adam on the 24th at 6"30.

#### **Clubs and Activities**

#### **Bid Euchre**

n break until fall.

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Cindy Devinney 550-7377

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Please sign up in the clubhouse and bring 12 quarters.

## Chair Exercises/Water Aerobics

Sharon Van Horn 828-318-5937

Tith the warmer weather here, chair exercises inside as ended. Everyone, come join us in the pool Tuesday and Thursday 9-10am for some great exercise and comradery. Bring water weights if you have them or a couple of empty jugs such as laundry, bleach, etc. Will do just fine.



### Choir

Becky Webber

The Bay Ranch Chorus is seeking a pianist either in Bay Ranch or in the sur-rounding area to accompany us this fall for our Christmas Concert and our Memorial Service. If you know anyone who may be qualified and interested, please contact me. Becky Webber Chorus Director.



## **CRAFTS**

rafts are held whenever anyone has a project to share, we can get together and do.

If you have a great idea, let us know, we have plenty of Ranchers waiting and willing to learn.



#### **Euchre**

Joan Seiders, Coach 123, 532-8409

uchre is on hiatus until fall.





Jim Jones 605-730-1264

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olf is now on summer hiatus.



## **HOA**

he HOA helps with issues that may come up and works on rent negotiations as they come up. You can join the HOA there is a one-time fee of \$20.00 to join.

### **Horseshoes**

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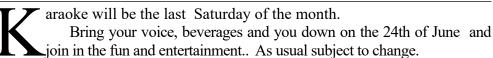
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uess what folks, we are now done until next fall.

#### Karaoke

Adam Pirhofer 623-7808



.If you can sing or not come out and join in the fun, there is no judging here. Want some free entertainment? Come on down to the clubhouse and enjoy the music and cheer on your fellow Rancher.

You read it here first: If you or anyone you know play any kind of instrument and just want to get together; contact Adam and he will try to set up something. Who doesn't love a good jam session?









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## **Koffee Klatch**

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# **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

By Cindy Devinney, Coach 1342, 550-7377

PLEASE UPDATE ME ON MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES. IAPOLOGIZE AHEAD OF TIME FOR ANYONE LEFT OUT AND ANY OTHER MISTAKES.

#### June Birthdays 2023

- 2. Robert Sterry
- 4. Wayne Redshaw
- 9. Richard Fox Jack Lees
- 10. Frances Moore
- 11. Susan Martin Jean Harrington
- 13. Marjorie Stockwell
- 16. Ruth Moore
- 18. Therese Leon
- 22. Beatrice Cardany Richard Yaskolka
- 23. Paul Puerling
- 24. Louise Parker
- 25. Gloria Finch
- 26. Patricia Holden
- 30. Kip Van Horn

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## **Hurricane Season**

Tt's that time of year again. Let's be ready, below is some information and ideas to help you out.

Tropical storms and hurricanes in each ocean basin are named from their own list that repeats every six years. So the 2023 lists were last used in 2017.

017 was a particularly bad year for hurricanes in the Atlantic, and four **I** storm names were retired from the Atlantic list and replaced for this year. (A storm name is retired by the World Meteorological Organization if it was especially deadly or destructive.)

The retired names from 2017 are Harvey, Irma, Maria and Nate.

Here's a look at the 2023 list of names, and the debut of the new names:

Arlene Lee

Bret Margot (replaces Maria)
Cindy Nigel (replaces Nate)

Cindy Nigel (red Don Ophelia Emily Philippe Franklin Rina Gert Sean

Harold (replaces Harvey) Tammy Idalia (replaces Irma) Vince

ose Whitney Katia

When a hurricane is bearing down on your area, you need to do everything in your power to ensure the safety of yourself and your family. Remembering to not take the storm lightly and begin preparations as soon as possible could be the difference between making it through safely and comfortably or running out of hurricane supplies and being stranded.

First thing's first, if a mandatory evacuation order is issued for your area, we highly recommend that you leave as early as possible. Highways and roads leading out of town will be extremely crowded in the hours leading up to the storm.

If you decide to hunker down and ride out the hurricane, make sure you have all the necessary hurricane supplies to do so. Power and running water may not return for days or weeks after the initial strike. Keep in mind that stores and gas stations will quickly run out of supplies, so it's best to stock up weeks before a hurricane is supposed to hit or before hurricane season even starts.



#### **Hurricane Preparedness List**

#### 1. Bottled Water & Non-Perishable Food Items

The most important things to have on your hurricane preparedness list are enough bottled water and non-perishable food items to last you and your family at least three days. We recommend securing at least a week's supply to ensure you're covered.

It's better to have more than you need because you can still use these items well after the storm passes. Here are our recommended items for your hurricane checklist:

- Bottled water (7-day supply one gallon per person, per day)
  - o Boxed juices and flavored drinks to mix it up
- Non-perishable foods (7-day supply)
  - o Ready-to-eat canned soups
  - o Canned vegetables, fruits and meats
  - o Granola, protein or other high-fiber bars
  - o Peanut butter, jerky and other high-energy foods

**Pro Tip:** Avoid comfort and junk foods, such as chips and cookies, as they don't provide you with adequate nutrition to stay properly energized.

#### 2. Tools & Other Hurricane Supplies

If the power goes out, which it regularly does during hurricanes, you'll need enough tools, batteries and battery-powered devices to keep you comfortable after the sun goes down and without the electricity.

From emergency repairs to simply getting through the night without being bored, these tools and other supplies should be added to your hurricane checklist to get you through the storm.

- AA, AAA and D batteries
- Flashlight and headlamp (free up hands in the dark)
- Battery-powered radio (tuned to National Hurricane Center channel)
- Battery-powered phone charger
- Pliers, hammer and nails, and screwdrivers with screws (Flathead and Phillips)
- Duct tape or another strong adhesive
- Plastic or paper cups, plates and utensils
- Plastic or glass storage containers
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**Pro Tip:** Avoid using real candles and risking further damage by investing in battery-powered candles with a charger that can be used when the power is out.

- Non-perishable foods (7-day supply)
  - o Ready-to-eat canned soups
  - o Canned vegetables, fruits and meats
  - o Granola, protein or other high-fiber bars
  - o Peanut butter, jerky and other high-energy foods

**Pro Tip:** Avoid comfort and junk foods, such as chips and cookies, as they don't provide you with adequate nutrition to stay properly energized.

#### 3. First-Aid Kit & Sanitation Items

If you sustain a minor injury a first-aid kit and compilation of sanitation items can help to prevent further injury and disastrous infections. Similar to your hurricane supply of water and non-perishable food items, you should also have a seven-day hurricane supply of all the following first-aid and sanitation items.

- Adhesive and gauze bandages
- Gauze pads and adhesive cloth tape
- Hydrogen peroxide and antibacterial ointment
- Medical scissors and tweezers
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- Recently refilled prescription medications
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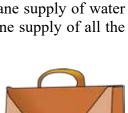
**Pro Tip:** Keep your first-aid kit and sanitation items in a secure place inside a waterproof container just in case the rain waters get into your home.

## 5 Hurricane Safety Tips for What to Do During a Hurricane

#### 1. Stay Inside & Away From Windows

If there's a mandatory evacuation order for your area, we highly suggest you evacuate as soon as possible. The best place to be during a hurricane is far away from its path of potential destruction. They issue those orders for good reason, and getting far away from the hurricane is the easiest way to stay safe during it.

What to do during a hurricane depends on the scenario of whether you're going to evacuate or not. If you decide to stay and forgo evacuating, you need to stay inside at all times and away from any windows and doors. Hurricanes are extremely powerful storms, which can thrust



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entire cars through the air without a moment's notice.

Hurricanes can easily throw a two-by-four through a window or door. Even if you have impact-resistant windows and doors, it's still a good idea to remain a safe distance away while the hurricane is passing through.

The second-best place to be during a hurricane is an interior room, such as a closet or bathroom, on the first floor of your home. Even if the storm seems to have calmed down and dissipated outside, stay inside because it may be the calm eye of the storm.

#### 2. Stay in Tune with Local and National Alerts

If you're riding out the hurricane at home, there's a good chance you'll lose all power supply to your home. This knocks out TVs, internet, cell service, wireless capability and pretty much all the high-tech communication methods you have with the outside world.

That's where a battery-powered portable radio comes in handy. Having a portable radio that runs on battery power ensures you always have an internal connection with the outside world, so you can stay up to date about the storm system, path and when the hurricane has safely passed.

All you need to do is tune into the National Weather Service, which is a frequency that broadcasts all storm forecasts, warnings and watches 24 hours a day. It's also important to stock up on extra batteries before the storm, so you can stay tuned in after the storm.

#### 3. Be Ready to Turn Off Main Energy Sources

You may be surprised to know that many people don't know how to turn off the main power, water or gas sources to their home. Knowing where the master valve is for each of the three utilities may be the difference between staying safe and facing potentially dangerous conditions.



If a hurricane knocks out the power to your home, it's important to turn off the main power source to your home. If you leave on the power source, and the power comes back on, there's a chance it could send an unnecessary amount of electricity to your appliances, air conditioning or anything else with a power source, and fry them beyond repair. This could also cause a house fire, so you want to be extremely careful.

Although the water won't work if the power goes out, the main water supply still needs to be turned off to prevent overflowing and potential flooding from your sinks, toilets or showers.

Turning off your home's main gas supply is extremely crucial in the event a hurricane cuts off power to your home. If you have a gas grill, gas fireplace or any other gas sources in your home, leaving it on while the power is out can have grave consequences.

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#### 4. Use Hurricane Equipment Carefully

If a hurricane causes the power to go out, you may consider using a generator to temporarily utilize everyday appliances until the power is restored. If you are operating a generator, it's imperative to do so the right way.



First thing's first, you should always read the generator's owner's manual before turning it on. You must also set it up away from doors

and windows because generators release toxic carbon monoxide fumes that can become fatal if they make way into your home.

It's also smart to keep a carbon monoxide detector inside the door or window that's closest to the generator. It will keep you safe by informing you if any toxic fumes are making their way inside your home.

If you've opted to ride the hurricane out by candlelight, be sure to do so carefully. It might sound like obvious advice, but you must always keep candles away from anything even remotely flammable and make sure to blow them out when going to sleep.

#### 5. Beware of Water Coming into Your Home

If any water is coming into your home from the outside, whether it's through a broken window or another source, turn off your home's main power source immediately. The water could surge the power and turn into an electrical fire.

After turning off your home's main power source, try to round up some towels and any other items that could help prevent the water from continuing to pour into your home. This will help prevent further damage from occurring.

Many Thanks to Coastal Vapor Barrier for coming and giving us a presentation on hurricane safety and gave us many DIY ideas to help us out. They will also be back in November to share with everyone not here now.

We ran out of space and will have more hints they shared with us next month.



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# Flag Day

The U.S. Flag Code formalizes and unifies the traditional ways in which we give re-spect to the flag, also contains specific instructions on how the flag is not to be used.

The following is a list of do's and don'ts associated with Old Glory, the U.S. Flag. When displaying the flag, DO the following:

- Display the U.S. flag from sunrise to sunset on buildings and stationary flag-staffs in the open. When a patriotic effect is desired the flag may be displayed 24-hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.
- When placed on a single staff or lanyard, place the U.S. Flag above all other flags.
- When flags are displayed in a row, the U.S. flag goes to the observer's left. Flags of other nations are flown at same height. State and local flags are tradi-tionally flown lower.
- When used during a marching ceremony or parade with other flags, the U.S. Flag will be to the observer's left.
- On special days, the flag may be flown at half-staff. On Memorial Day it is flown at half-staff until noon and then raised.
- When flown at half-staff, should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. By "half-staff" is meant lowering the flag to one-half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff.
- When the flag is displayed over the middle of the street, it should be suspend-ed vertically with the union (blue field of stars) to the north in an east and west street or to the east in a north and south street.
- When placed on a podium the flag should be placed on the speaker's right or the staging area. Other flags should be placed to the left.
- When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall (or other flat surface), the union (blue field of stars) should be uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is, to the observer's left.
- Don't carry the flag flat, or carry things in it.
- Don't use the flag as clothing.
- Don't store the flag where it can get dirty.
- Don't use it as a cover.
- Don't fasten it or tie it back. Always allow it to fall free.
- Don't draw on, or otherwise mark the flag.
- Don't use the flag for decoration. Use bunting with the blue on top, then white, then red.

If you need to dispose of a flag here in the Park, you simply need to go to Lot 167. There you will see a black trash can to place your ripped, torn flag in and they will see that it's disposed of properly.





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