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MESSAGE FROM OUR HOA PRESIDENT

Summer is here! Please stay hydrated and as cool as possible. Hurricane Season is also upon us. If anyone needs help with testing generators etc please contact Bob Doty. Anything that is posted on the board please have one of the HOA board initial it prior to posting. We have a few functions going on in June, I hear the ice cream social is really fun! Would love to see you all! Also, there is a free food giveaway every 2nd and 3rd Thursday of the month at the Clubhouse. Sponsored by a medicare provider.



SHUFFLEBOARD – BOB DOTY

Inspected all of the storm canvas around the court. They are in decent shape, but the 2 end ones on 3rd street were extremely dirty. I washed both of them. The gutters around the court were clogged solid. Hence, the dirty canvas. Spoke to management, Duke will clean them. Shuffleboard practice has been moved to Tuesdays at 10:00. Hope to see you there. Please use dry erase markers only on the score boards. Markers are located in the Shuffleboard equipment shed. The gas blower for Shuffleboard courts is beyond salvation. Looking for a used replacement. The Shuffleboard equipment shed is unlocked for anyone to use/practice. Please help keep it clean.

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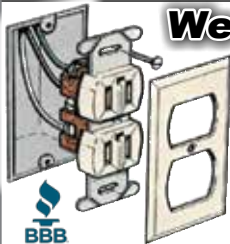
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FIRST FRIDAY

Our May First Friday was on Cinco de Mayo. So natch, we had to have our World Famous Shangri La Taco Bar !! We had two types of tacos, enchiladas, chicken flautas, cowboy caviar aka (bean salad) refined bean with love, and all the toppings too. Oh, and a margarita to start . . . if you're into that kind of thing. . . paleez who doesn't like a nice frosty margarita. Thanks to James Malone and Jay Freeland for taking over for Aimee and Tim who had a wedding to attend, and officiate.

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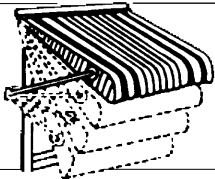
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Universal CityWalk

Whether you're looking to check out the shops, get in some extra steps, or experience the nightlife or Mardi Gras festivities, Universal CityWalk can be a fun spot to visit – and doesn't have to cost any extra money aside from the gas to get there. Universal CityWalk is home to a variety of shops, restaurants, bars, and clubs, but it's also a great spot to take in the sights and atmosphere, walk around the lake, or people watch. You can also visit CityWalk's Rising Star karaoke bar or Coconut Club. One note, you have to be at least 18 to get into Rising Star and, of course, 21 to purchase alcohol. During the day, Universal charges a fee to park, which varies from \$30 to \$60 per vehicle. However, after 6 p.m. on most nights and outside of Halloween Horror Nights, you can park for free. Throughout the year, you may even be able to listen to music or catch some performances on the Universal CityWalk Lagoon Stage.

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BIRDS AND BLOOMS – WOOD STORK

By Aimee Stuyvesant

Howdy neighbors! We are well into summer here in Florida. This month is dedicated to the Wood Stork. Our only native stork in North America, a very large, heavy-billed bird that wades in the shallows of southern swamps. Flies with slow wingbeats, and flocks often soar very high on warm days. Young Wood Storks have noisy begging calls, but adults are almost silent except for hissing and bill clapping. Florida populations have declined as water management here has become a more difficult problem. It eats a wide variety of fish, especially minnows, killifish, mullet. Also crayfish, crabs, aquatic insects, snakes, baby alligators, small turtles, frogs, rodents, some seeds and other plant material. I hope you have enjoyed reading about this bird! If you have a bird or a bloom you want me to discuss, please give me a shout at 727-200-8917 or wvbkrrwmn@gmail.com.



JOKE

A woman got a pet parrot, but she was horrified to discover that all it did was say rude things to her. Nothing she did could stop it. She was especially worried because her family was coming over for Christmas Dinner. But when the dinner finally came, the parrot didn't say a word the entire time. After the meal the parrot turned to its owner and said, "Please forgive my behavior from before. I was entirely out of line." "Wow," the woman said, "glad to hear it." "If I may ask," said the parrot, "what on Earth did that turkey say to you?"



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RECIPE: CRAB CAKES

- 1 cup seasoned bread crumbs, divided
- 2 green onions, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup finely chopped sweet red pepper
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 1/4 cup reduced-fat mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 cans (6 ounces each) crabmeat, drained, flaked and cartilage removed
- 1 tablespoon butter



Directions

1. In a large bowl, combine 1/3 cup bread crumbs, green onions, red pepper, egg, mayonnaise, lemon juice, garlic powder and cayenne; fold in crab.
2. Place remaining bread crumbs in a shallow bowl. Divide crab mixture into 8 portions; shape into 2-in. balls. Gently coat with bread crumbs and shape into 1/2-in.-thick patties.
3. In a large nonstick skillet, heat butter over medium-high heat. Add crab cakes; cook until golden brown, 3-4 minutes on each side.

To help prevent crumbling, handle crab cakes with care while you're shaping and frying them. Also, be sure to measure the ingredients accurately to ensure that you're not skimping on the mayo or being too generous with the veggies—these things can also create a broken crab cake. If you're still having trouble, pop the crab mixture in the fridge for 20 minutes to let it set before shaping the crab cakes.

If you've got a recipe you think we'll all like, I would LOVE to include it in the newsletter. Email: shangrilalargo@gmail.com or my cell: 352-807-3232



KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR ~ Dave Hargreaves & Lusi Yi

Dave Hargreaves and Lusi Yi moved to Shangra La on March 16th 2022 into Lot 51. Dave was born in Tucson, Arizona on 2/24/1960. The middle of three sons, his brothers live in Arizona. At the age of 6 months, Dave's family moved to Michigan where he attended Elementary School in Royal Oak, Michigan. The family moved back to Arizona in 1968 and Dave Graduated in 1978 from Sahuaro High School in Tucson, Arizona. His first job was at Arbys, but he decided to enlist in the Army in 1978. He was Honorably Discharged from the Army six years later (1984), having spent three and a half years of that time in Germany. He worked at various jobs until getting hired by Avnet Electronics in the year 2000. Dave worked in the Avnet integration center in Chandler Arizona. Approximately 20 years later he began working for Arrow Electronics. Today Dave is working for Sun Microstamping Technologies as a technician. He programs and runs a couple of industrial soldering robots. Lusi was born in Guangdong Province in China on 10/13/1964. The youngest of four, she has an Associate Degree in Education and prior to moving to Florida, taught middle school in China. Lusi has two brothers living in China and a sister living in Clearwater, Fla. Dave and Lusi met online in 2015. During the course of their correspondence, Dave states: "I found out Lusi was visiting her sister in Kansas on a Tourist Visa so I drove from Arizona to meet her." When Lusi went back to China (her Tourist Visa expired) Dave decided to go to China and visit with Lusi and her family. In 2016 Lusi returned to Arizona to stay with Dave. They got married on Sept 3rd 2016. In 2021, Dave and Lusi Decided to move to Florida (Lusi's sister had moved here previously). Dave scouted online and decided to buy Lot 51. They have been remodeling the "Plumbing, Flooring, Vapor Barrier, you name it!" since then. Dave enjoys reading "SciFi, Fantasy, etc and playing online games." Lusi loves playing ping pong. Dave and Lusi state they like living here. "Good location, neighbors are friendly and it's quiet. We welcome you good neighbors to our park. May you enjoy many years of living here. Thank you for this interesting interview. I'm even happy to say you are my next door neighbor. How lucky can I get!!!



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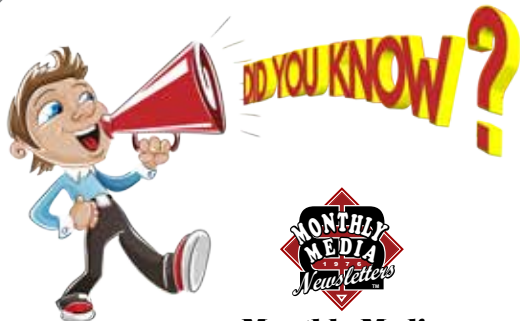
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Tucked away in the rolling hills of Central Florida is a quaint, charming town named Mount Dora. This small community of just over 13,000 residents is a gem that should be on every traveler's bucket list. From its stunning views and vibrant downtown to its rich history and outdoor recreation, Mount Dora has something to offer everyone. One of the most striking things about Mount Dora is its natural beauty. The town is surrounded by rolling hills and shimmering lakes, making it the perfect place for a scenic drive or bike ride. In the heart of the city, you will find an abundance of picturesque parks, gardens, and walking trails that showcase the area's natural splendor. Take a stroll through Elizabeth Evans Park and enjoy the peaceful sound of the water fountain, or explore the winding paths of Rose Bay Park and watch the sun set over Lake Dora. Mount Dora's downtown area is a true gem and is a must visit for anyone visiting the town. With its brick paved streets and historic architecture, the downtown area has a charming, vintage feel that is hard to find elsewhere. Take a stroll down Donnelly Street and explore the various shops, cafes, and restaurants. Stop by the historic Mount Dora Depot Museum, which is housed in a restored train station, and learn about the town's rich history. If you're in the area on the first Friday of the month, be sure to attend the First Friday Art Walk, where you can enjoy live music, street performers, and local artists. Mount Dora has a rich history that dates back to the late 1800s. The town was founded in 1880 as a health resort and quickly became a popular destination for visitors from across the country. Many of the historic buildings and homes from this era have been preserved and are still standing today, giving visitors a glimpse into the town's past. Take a guided tour of the Mount Dora Historic District and learn about the various architectural styles, including Victorian, Queen Anne, and Arts and Crafts. Mount Dora is a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts. The town is surrounded by lakes, making it a popular destination for fishing, boating, and water sports. If you prefer to stay on dry land, there are plenty of hiking and biking trails, including the scenic West Orange Trail, which winds its way through the rolling hills and along the shores of Lake Apopka. Golfers will love the various courses in the area, including the Mount Dora Golf Club, which is known for its challenging layout and stunning views. In conclusion, Mount Dora, Florida is a gem in the Sunshine State that should not be missed. With its natural beauty, charming downtown, rich history, and outdoor recreation, this small town has something to offer everyone. Whether you're a nature lover, history buff, or just looking for a relaxing getaway, Mount Dora is the perfect destination.

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I'd like to highlight a different fish/wildlife species native to Florida each month. Please note that when this article mentions dolphin, they mean mahi mahi, and not flipper.

Baiting with Squid. Seriously, is there any offshore game fishing roaming our waters that won't readily eat a squid? Whether it's pelagic predators hunting the upper reaches of the water column or deep-water bottom dwellers, squid face predation from all angles. Anglers can catch a variety of different targets by simply heading offshore with a few boxes full of these slimy cephalopods. However, the tactics you choose to employ and the manner in which these baits are presented will have the greatest influence on the outcome of your efforts. Many seasoned salts will tell you that live bait is the name of the game in offshore fishing, particularly in southeast Florida where the seasonal sailfish action essentially requires live bait. Never discount the effectiveness of live bait, it's also important to consider the alternatives. The reality is that live bait is pricey when purchased and can be difficult for anglers to procure on their own. Dead bait, however, is easily purchased at a local tackle shop and while it's very different than a livewell full of frisky enticements, it's effective in its own right. When it comes to the many dead bait options lining the freezers of tackle shops statewide, squid is perhaps the most versatile offshore offering. Moreover, there are plenty of pursuits where live bait isn't even a viable option, yet dead squid excels. Take deep dropping, for example. Deep dropping may very well be the most popular use for squid across our fisheries. Many of the deep-water species anglers target, including grouper, snapper, tilefish and barrelfish, all keep squid in their regular diets, making it the first choice for anglers baiting their multi-hook rigs destined for the dark depths. Besides the fact that these fish naturally prey on squid, another advantage is that squid remains securely pinned to your hooks throughout the duration of each drop. Deep droppers know that few things are more frustrating than dropping down only to not have any bites because their baits came off on the way down. In addition to demersal game fish inhabiting the seafloor, pelagic predators rely on squid as a staple form of food. For example, when anglers head offshore in search of dolphin, squid is an important bait option to have on board. Live bait is still likely going to be your best bet when you encounter dolphin offshore, but a whole squid fished near the surface is a strong alternate when livies are unattainable. Additionally, you can pick off many dolphin cruising through stretches of open blue water by simply flat-lining a whole squid pinned to a 5/0 live bait hook on a light spinner while you deep drop. All of the deep drop grounds fished off the southeast Florida coast are in the Gulf Stream, situated among prime dolphin territory. Another venue and application where fresh squid continues to prove its worth is deep in the Gulf of Mexico. While anglers trust a variety of offerings on these trips from slow pitch and bucktail jigs to goggle eye, false albacore and ballyhoo, squid remains a top choice trip after trip. Both the demersal and pelagic predators frequently caught on these excursions feed regularly on squid, making it a logical addition to any bait cooler. On these trips where anglers

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fish around the clock, it soon becomes evident why squid are such popular baits. Shortly after the sun sinks below the horizon and darkness sets in, the bright lights aboard the legendary head boat shine down toward the water's surface, attracting all sorts of marine organisms like moths to a porch lamp. Among them, squid are perhaps the most abundant as small flashes of pink and purple dart through the shadows. Here, the most resourceful anglers leave their frozen goggle eye and ballyhoo on ice and briefly swap their fishing rods with long nets to capitalize on the fresh bait below. Once they've procured a few squid, it's game on as the fresh baits tend to out-fish anything else on board. Additionally, some anglers save their fresh caught bait for daylight hours and deeper venues, where trophy queen snapper, snowy grouper and more will surely pounce on a properly presented squid. Lure manufacturers across the industry continue to innovate and create lifelike fakes that accurately mimic a variety of forage species, including squid. Among the dizzying array of options available, Savage Gear's (savagegear-americas.com) 3D Swim Squid is perhaps the closest thing to the real deal. Based on the scan of a real squid, the 3D Swim Squid can be rigged to swim forward or backward and comes in a variety of colors and sizes. Bait is one of the most important factors in any fishery. It can be extremely difficult not only to acquire the right bait for your specific pursuits, but also fish it correctly and coerce your targets into committing to your offerings. However, armed with the knowledge that there really aren't many offshore predators that won't eat a squid, anglers should always keep a box or two on board.

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of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. In 1924, Thomas Rowe purchased 80 acres of land in St. Petersburg, Florida for \$100,000 to begin his dream of building a "pink castle". He hired architect Henry Dupont to design the hotel and Carlton Beard as contractor. To ensure the stability of the hotel on the shifting sand and avoid the high cost of sinking so many pilings, Beard devised a floating concrete pad and pyramid footings. To this day, there is no sign of evident settling of the hotel. The architecture is a blend of Mediterranean and Moorish styles modeled after different hotels and developments that Rowe and Beard saw in Palm Beach, Coral Gables and Boca Raton. Arched openings, red clay tile roofs, balconies, stucco over hollow tile and tower like upper stories were some of the elements that they borrowed. The original design called for a \$450,000 six-story hotel with 110 rooms and baths. It was expanded to 220

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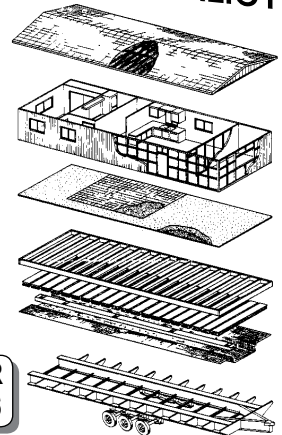
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rooms and 220 baths, and the costs soared to \$1.25 million, 300% over budget. Rowe named it Don Cesar after Don César de Bazan, the hero of William Vincent Wallace's opera *Maritana*. Rowe's "**Pink Lady**" opened on January 16, 1928, with an extravagant party attended by the elite of Tampa, Florida and St. Petersburg, Florida. The hotel quickly became a favorite romping ground for the rich and famous of the Jazz Age including F. Scott Fitzgerald, Clarence Darrow, Al Capone, Lou Gehrig, and Franklin D. Roosevelt. The Pink Palace continued to attract the rich and famous throughout the Great Depression in part to a deal made with New York Yankees owner Jacob Ruppert to house his team during spring training for three years. However, after the sudden death of Rowe without a will, The Don was left to his estranged wife and began to fall into disrepair until the United States entered into World War II, and the hotel was bought by the Army for \$450,000. It was converted into a military hospital and reopened in December 1942. In February 1944, the Don Cesar became a convalescent center for the United States Army Air Corps. In June 1945, the Don Cesar was ordered closed and was vacant by September 1945. It was converted into a Veterans Administration Regional Office by the end of 1945. In November 1967, the Veterans Administration began moving out of the Don Cesar, having opened a new office in downtown St. Petersburg. By Spring 1969, the once grand hotel was vacant. The General Services Administration planned to raze the graffiti-covered hotel, but this plan was met with fierce opposition from local residents. In March 1972, the Don Cesar was sold to C.L. Pyatt and William Bowman Jr., a franchise owner of Holiday Inn. The Don CeSar reopened on November 23, 1973. Multiple renovations from 1985 to 2001 have updated and added to the hotel, including a 4,000-square-foot spa, a signature restaurant, and a second outdoor swimming pool. After the addition of the full-service beach club and spa, the official name of the hotel was changed to **The Don CeSar Beach Resort and Spa**. The Don CeSar was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1975 and became a founding member of the National Trust Historic Hotels of America in 1989.

CLIMBING THE ROPE – DICK POPE JR.

When Dick Pope Jr.'s mother got him out of school early one day back in 1942 to help put on a ski show for some servicemen, little did either of them realize that he would be embarking on a career that would keep him in a leadership role in the sport of water skiing for over 40 years. That wartime experience when Pope was 12 years old took place at Cypress Gardens, a struggling Florida attraction which he was destined to direct as president 20 years later. Pope made his mark early in water ski competition, winning national overall titles four straight years, beginning in 1947, and capturing the 1950 world overall championship in the second world tournament ever held. 1st in slalom, 5th tricks and 2nd in jumping. Pope had competed in the first one, at Juan les Pins, France, the year before. He had a good chance to win slalom and jumping but, in his youthful determination to go all out, he lost the titles

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to more conservative Europeans. All the while skiing in the Cypress Gardens shows which were gaining national recognition, Pope introduced a startling routine in 1947 when he succeeded in skiing on his bare feet, an accomplishment that was quickly picked up by the newsreels and print media. Pope was one of the earlier slalom skiers to "graduate" from two skis to one, realizing the advantages of the single ski in high-speed runs. He also was one of the "daring" American jumpers who used the maneuver of "climbing the rope" for added distance until the practice was outlawed as too dangerous. Although he liked slalom and jumping better than tricks, he perfected several ramp tricks and introduced the 540 turn on the rap in 1952 in his last tournament before joining the Marine Corps. Returning from the service, he accompanied the U.S. Water Ski Team to Beirut, Lebanon, in 1955 as its manager. When the World championship returned to Cypress Gardens in 1957, he was president of the World Water Ski Union but he spent much of his time coordinating the tournament action for the CBS television cameras. The network televised the Sunday finals live after weather problem knocked out the scheduled airing of the tournament on Saturday. Pope continued his show skiing and he was frequently pictured giving skiing tips to such dignitaries as the Shah of Iran and other newsworthy figures including the annual Miss Americas. In 1956, Pope became involved in manufacturing the tools of the sport, investing in Tourney Skis, a company located in nearby Lakeland. He later bought out his partner, moved the company to Eloise, just south of Cypress Gardens, changed the name of the Skis, and began producing a diversified line of tournament and family skiing equipment that set the pace for the industry for many years. Pope succeeded his father as president of Cypress Gardens in 1962, took the company public 10 years later, and was elected chairman of the board in 1982 before the attraction was sold to Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc.



FLORIDA SNAKES

When most people think of venomous snakes, they think of species that have the capability of inflicting severe pain or death to those unfortunate enough to be bitten. In Florida, we have six such species: the Harlequin Coralsnake, the Eastern Copperhead, the Florida Cottonmouth, the Pygmy Rattlesnake, the Timber Rattlesnake, and the Eastern Diamond-backed Rattlesnake. In this usage, the distinction between venomous and non-venomous snakes has a practical benefit relating to safety of people and pets. Technically speaking, however, the distinction between what snakes are venomous and non-venomous is more complicated. This is



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because many snake species that are normally considered “non-venomous”, in the sense that a bite would likely not do serious harm to a human, do actually produce some venom. Examples of these species include Ring-necked snakes, Common Gartersnakes, Crowned snakes, and Hog-nosed snakes. Most people are unaware of this for several reasons. First, the venom is extremely weak and produced in tiny amounts, so they may only be capable of relaxing small prey items such as centipedes, earthworms, or toads. Second, many of these snake species never or only rarely bite people, even in self defense. Third, the production of these venoms is likely stimulated only by the presence of prey. Therefore, although these snake species do produce venom, they pose no danger to people or pets. On rare occasions, bites from these species can produce localized swelling and discomfort in some people.

HISTORY OF JOHN'S PASS – MADEIRA BEACH FL

John's Pass is a popular tourist destination located in Treasure Island, Florida. It has a rich history dating back to the mid-1800s when it was named after John LeVique, a French immigrant and local fisherman who discovered the area while searching for a new fishing spot. Over the years, John's Pass has evolved from a small fishing village to a bustling shopping and dining district, attracting visitors from all over the world. The area was initially called "John's Pass," in honor of LeVique, who continued to fish in the area and eventually settled there with his family. At the time, John's Pass was a small fishing village that relied on the abundance of fish and other marine life in the area. In 1848, a powerful hurricane struck the Gulf Coast, causing widespread destruction and devastation. The hurricane created a new inlet, which opened up a pass between the Gulf of Mexico and Boca Ciega Bay, effectively separating the northern tip of Treasure Island from the mainland. The creation of John's Pass had a significant impact on the local fishing industry. The pass allowed boats to enter and exit the Gulf of Mexico more easily, which led to an increase in the number of fishing vessels in the area. The pass also provided protection for boats during storms, which helped to make the local fishing industry more efficient and productive. In the early 1900s, the area began to see an increase in tourism as visitors flocked to the region for its beautiful beaches and natural beauty. This led to the development of hotels and other tourist infrastructure, including restaurants and shops. In the early 1930s, plans were made to build a bridge across John's Pass, connecting Treasure Island to the mainland. The bridge was completed in 1938, and it quickly became a popular attraction in its own right. The bridge was a drawbridge, which allowed boats to pass through, and it provided a convenient connection between the mainland and the island. Around the same time, a road was built along the beach, which further facilitated access to the area. The road was called Gulf Boulevard, and it ran along the entire length of Treasure Island, providing visitors with easy access to the beach and other attractions. In the 1950s and 60s, John's Pass became a hub for tourism, with new hotels, restaurants, and shops opening to cater to the growing number of visitors. The fishing

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industry also continued to thrive, with new technologies and methods helping to make it more efficient and productive. During this time, John's Pass became known for its lively atmosphere and vibrant culture. The area was a popular spot for young people, who would come to dance and socialize in the many clubs and bars that dotted the area. It was also a popular destination for families, who could enjoy the beach and other activities during the day and then retire to their hotels at night. The John's Pass Boardwalk was first created in the 1970s. Wilson Hubbard convinced the City of Madeira Beach to build a boardwalk at John's Pass which was expanded regularly and is now 1100 feet long. The Boardwalk was designed to be a place where visitors could come to shop, dine, and enjoy the beautiful waterfront setting. The original Boardwalk was a simple wooden structure that extended out over the water. It featured a few shops and restaurants, as well as a small marina where visitors could rent boats and other watercraft. Over the years, the Boardwalk grew and evolved, adding new shops, restaurants, and attractions. Today, the John's Pass Boardwalk is a vibrant shopping and dining district that offers a wide range of attractions for visitors of all ages. The Boardwalk is home to over 100 shops, restaurants, and attractions, including a wide range of restaurants that offer everything from fresh seafood to pizza and burgers. Some of the most popular restaurants on the Boardwalk include Bubba Gump Shrimp Co., Hooters, and Sculley's Boardwalk Grill. The Boardwalk is also home to a variety of shops that offer everything from clothing and jewelry to souvenirs and gifts. Some of the most popular shops on the Boardwalk include The Spice & Tea Exchange, The Florida Shell Shop, and The Pearl Factory. In addition to shops and restaurants, the Boardwalk also offers a variety of attractions for visitors to enjoy. Some of the most popular attractions on the Boardwalk include: Hubbard's Marina: *Hubbard's Marina* offers a variety of fishing charters and eco-tours for visitors who want to experience the beauty of the Gulf Coast. *Alligator Attraction*: The Alligator Attraction is a hands-on reptile exhibit that allows visitors to get up close and personal with alligators and other reptiles. *Pirate Ship Cruise*: The Pirate Ship Cruise is a fun-filled adventure that takes visitors on a two-hour cruise along the Gulf Coast. *Mad Beach Craft Brewing Company*: The Mad Beach Craft Brewing Company is a local brewery that offers a variety of craft beers and tasty food. *Dolphin Quest*: Dolphin Quest is an interactive dolphin encounter that allows visitors to swim with dolphins and learn about these amazing animals. Whether you're looking to shop, dine, or simply enjoy the beautiful waterfront setting, the John's Pass Boardwalk is a must-visit destination in Treasure Island.





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