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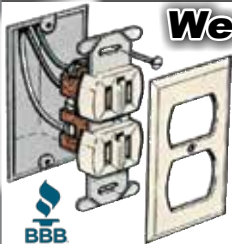
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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE PUBLISHED EDITION OF THE “Hi-Lites.”

The published edition of the “Hi-Lites” is a newsletter. There are NO pictures/cartoons/NO PG - 13 Jokes & Cartoons in the booklet that is delivered in the park. In order to see them, you need to receive the “HI-LITES” MAGAZINE via email.

The MAGAZINE edition continues to have MANY COLOR pictures (usually 200 or MORE). In order to see the pictures/Jokes/Cartoons and the “PG -13 Jokes & Cartoons,” you will need to subscribe to the MAGAZINE by getting on the email list.

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EVERY time you see the above notice, it represents pictures that you are MISSING. Each time I have to delete one picture to an entire page of pictures, you will see this notice. By the time the newsletter is sent to the publisher, 200 or MORE pictures have been deleted.

Are YOU getting the “Hi-Lites” MAGAZINE? If not, you’re missing out on ALL the “FUN STUFF.” The MAGAZINE is sent out at midnight on the 15th of EVERY month - about 2 weeks before the published park newsletter is delivered. It is FULL of COLOR pictures instead of ads. It’s sent out 12 months a year. It’s ALL COLOR and it’s FREE!...358 people are now on the list...YOU should be too....Just send an email to: mitrengrub@gmail.com to get on the list...SO SIMPLE!...See what you’ve been missing. If you’re not getting the MAGAZINE, you’re NOT seeing the “Hi-Lites.” (NO ONE will see your email address.)



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IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR OF “Hi-Lites”

Beginning with the *JUNE* edition of the “Hi Lites,” I will ONLY be including articles, pictures, announcements, calendar entries, cartoons, jokes, etc. that *OTHERS* send me. For the summer months, I will no longer be sending out emails requesting these items for the “Hi Lites.” (I will continue to send out “Due Date Reminders.”). Because Westwind II still has a published edition hand delivered to our residents, something still needs to be sent to the publisher each month.

So PLEASE continue to send articles and pictures that I can put into the “Hi-Lites” over the summer months....That would include: “BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CLUB,” “MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR,” “BEEN THERE; DONE THAT,” “LETTERS TO THE EDITOR,” “LAUGHS & GIGGLES,” “HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER/WINTER VACATION,” “PG-13 LAUGHS & GIGGLES,” PROMOTIONS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS AND PICTURES -LOTS OF PICTURES.

Thank you,
Tim Burgner, “Hi Lites” Editor

HERE ARE LAST SUMMER’S “SUPER STAR CONTRIBUTORS”: THEY HAD CONTRIBUTIONS IN EVERY, SINGLE, “HI-LITES” MAGAZINE!

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EDITOR’S NOTE:

If YOU would like to be the editor for one or more of the above OPEN departments, please contact me.

AUGUST, 2023 CONTRIBUTORS

MANY THANKS to these people who have contributed stories and pictures this month: Heidi Willeford, Karen Castillo, Sophie Brownell, Maria Seraphim, Willa Elkis, Nancy Hamil, Jill Desranleau, Joyce Pinckney, Barbara Schutt, Alice Weber, Joel Daniels, Lynn Miller, Brenda Rowan, Carl Stone, Max Herrmann, Karen Hanafin and Elaine Blank.

They all sent articles and/or pictures for this month's “Hi-Lites.” Without their help, there would be VERY LITTLE to report in this edition of the “Hi-Lites.”

THANK YOU!

Tim Burgner, “Hi Lites” Magazine Editor



"Hi-Lites" CONTRIBUTORS OF THE MONTH

CARL STONE
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I WANT YOU!...to send "stuff" for the SEPTEMBER "Hi-Lites"...DUE DATE: 08-06-23

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

WRITING A "MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR/NEIGHBOUR" ARTICLE IS A GREAT WAY TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO OTHERS IN THE PARK. HAVING THEM INCLUDED IN THE MEMORY BOOK IS ALSO THE ONLY MEANS WE HAVE OF BEING REMEMBERED BY OTHERS IN THE PARK WHEN WE ARE GONE. THE GOAL IS FOR EVERYONE IN THE PARK TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BOOK KEPT IN THE LIBRARY.

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET WRITTEN A "NEIGHBOR" ARTICLE, I am reserving months for 2023. Just let me know which month you would like. (I don't assign months.)

Will YOU be remembered by the WW II Park Community?

MANY THANKS to the people who have been featured in "Meet Your Neighbor" thus far: Pat Snyder/Tim Burgner, Ed & Gayle Fox, Ralph Arabian/Kathy LeMay, Craig & Lee Ann DeCrane, Roger & Sandi Crabtree, Phil & Carol Anastasio, Gerry & Carol Marier, Bobbie Inglehart, Nicol & Helen Nelson, Walt Kostrzewski, Genevieve Tweedy, Rick & Bonnie Guerin, Don & Brenda Rowan, Bob & Cheryl Leigh, Max & Renee Herrmann, Herschel & Debbie Philpott, Annette & Mike Cuffe, Paul & Joanne Zanger, Mike Proulx & Kathy McCarthy-Proulx, Mitch & Shelley Wilson, Larry & Terry Brandt, Ted Westray, Art Robinson/Ann Dady, Steve & Pat Schnorr, Ray & Nancy Hamil, Joel & Sally Daniels, Bob & Shelley Lewis, Dan & Ann Wilton, Paul & Lynda Carnahan, Roy & Evelyn Orgar, Jim & Linda Toy, Donna Pylman, Don & Rose Sullivan, Kip & Connie Shindeldecker, Dan Olsen & Jane Merucci, Clyde & Norma English, Bill & Dorleen Cooley, Chuck Hanfield & Laura Bentivegna, Jim & Jill Desranleau, Brent & Velvet Howe, Bob & Mary Ann Essery, Gino & Sonia Gabriele, Emma Spina, Frank & Joyce Pinckney, Tim & Barbara Schutt, Paul Toth and Patti Bosnak, the Ruegers - JoAnn, Bud, Barbara & Bill, LeRoy & Eileen Putman, Frank Duran/Suzanne Barnes, Dick & Nancy Brebner, Joan Rand, Janet Toms, David & Gayle Hickey, Ken & Elaine Pankey, Eva Adamo, Randy & Jan Lloyd, Paul & Deb Grandmont, Lu (Luigia) Cistera & Scott Cooper, Mitch & Willa Elkis, Karin Debertin & Carson Seely, Scott & Jen Hall and Teri Thompson.

All of these residents are now a part of Westwind II park history. Their "Meet Your Neighbor" articles and pictures are now in the MEMORY BOOK kept in the Westwind II Library.

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THANKS TO PATTI BOSNAK, HERE ARE SOME IDEAS OF WHAT YOU MAY WISH TO INCLUDE IN YOUR “NEIGHBOR” ARTICLE:

- NAME(S) COACH #
- HOME CITY/STATE OCCUPATION
- HOW YOU FOUND WESTWIND II...How long you’ve lived here.
- HOBBIES
- EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND
- MILITARY BACKGROUND
- AWARDS/SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS
- SPOUSE - HOW YOU MET
- ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK
- CHILDREN/GRANDCHILDREN/
- GREATGRANDCHILDREN PARENTS /
- RELATIVES WHO HAVE LIVED IN THE PARK
- WHAT DREW YOU TO THE TAMPA BAY AREA
- VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES
- SPECIAL TALENTS

You will need at least one picture, BUT you can send as many pictures as you wish.

If you don’t have computer access, you can simply write out your article on paper. Pictures can be scanned with a printer and still put in your article.

Articles vary greatly in length... anywhere from a few paragraphs to a few pages. If It’s short, I make the print larger.

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“Hi-Lites” RELATED MATERIALS KEPT IN WW II LIBRARY

E *DITOR’S NOTE:* This table was “liberated” from the sale to become the home for the *MEMORY BOOK, WW II PARK HISTORY POUCH* and the *2 binders for the previous editions of printed “Hi-Lites” newsletter booklets.*

“PG-13 Laughs & Giggles”

These jokes and cartoons are at the end of the “Laughs & Giggles” section. Each page is CLEARLY labeled with the words, “CAUTION” and a disclaimer. (see below). As it states, “If you are easily offended, these jokes/cartoons may not be “Your cup of tea.”

Note: The “PG-13” section is NOT in the published “Hi Lites.” Newsletter.

Tim Burgner, “Hi Lites” Editor

CAUTION...CAUTION...CAUTION...
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*To join the "Anniversary Club," send Names/Coach #/ Wedding Date/Number of Years. **PLEASE also send a picture and add a comment if you wish.***

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AUGUST BIRTHDAY CLUB

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162	Mark Brooker	06	479	Rodney Lennie	20
157	Stanley Stevens	06	281	James Toy	24
456	Don Rowan	09	473	Joan Rand	24
483	Robert Hogan	09	175	Thomas Haven	25
159	Frank Pinckney	12	172	Genevieve Tweedy	26
384	Norm Wilson	12	165	Elaine Blank	28
356	Willa Elkis	13	168	Sandra McDonald	30
482	Jack Taft	13	455	Jeff Gould	30
350	Bonnie Guerin	16	192	Donna Wheeler	31
449	Donna Pylman	17	371	Ralph Arabian	31



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

350	Bonnie & Richard Guerin	01	1970	53
349	Renee & Max Herrmann	09	1969	54
383	Adelle & Anthony DelVecchio	12	1970	53
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Brenda Rowan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND BEST WISHES TO ALL! Brenda Rowan

Editor's Note: **MANY THANKS** to Brenda for her monthly BD/Anniversary Column!!!

If you send her pictures, **I will be sure to put them in the MAGAZINE.** Please send pictures for **BOTH** birthdays AND anniversaries to Brenda Rowan.

Please encourage everyone to get involved. **THANKS!**

IMPORTANT: If you wish not to have your name/picture included in the "Hi Lites" Birthday Club/

Anniversary Club, please let Brenda or Tim know no later than the **10th** of the month before your BD/anniversary month. **THANK YOU!**



WANT TO SEE MORE WW II PARK HISTORY?

THANKS TO DENNIS & CAROL LOGSDON, NOW YOU CAN!

THE LOGSDON'S "HISTORY OF WESTWIND II" 108 PAGE BOOKLET IS NOW IN THE LIBRARY TO VIEW. LOOK FOR THE SPECIAL POUCH NEAR THE MEMORY BOOK. (see right)

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HERE'S WHAT WE DID LAST MONTH!

THANKS TO KAREN CASTILLO FOR THIS:

Jacqueline Brownell's 90th Birthday in Bergerac, France on June 7, 2023

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THANKS TO SOPHIE BROWNELL FOR THIS:

The lady with Jacqueline is a French friend in Bergerac (France) at her Birthday lunch.... where Jacqueline is now comfortably lodged in her new apartment in the center of town. She is slowly and happily taking her bearings... Sophie lives a 15 minute walk away.. across the old bridge.....

SOPHIE BROWNELL

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CAROL LOGSDON'S Welcome Back Potluck Dinner

THANKS TO KAREN CASTILLO FOR THIS:

June 11, 2023 WWII Community Center

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JULY 4th INDOOR PICNIC

THANKS TO KAREN HANAFIN & BARBARA SCHUTT FOR ALL THE PICTURES AND COMMENTARY:

What a great turnout for our July 4th celebration. I think I counted 38. Everyone kept moving around and having a grand ole time, so the count may be off.

We delivered 3 dinners to those who could not get out.

We had tons of appetizers, delightful sides and yummy desserts. Thanks everyone! It was delish!

A big shout out and the biggest thank you to **Tim and Barbara** for all the help they gave me to launch this hot 90° celebration out of the park. The 30 lbs of grilled chicken they marinated and grilled was a big hit. They made jerk, BBQ and plain chicken.

A big thank you to **Jerry** for setting up the food and being my "go to person" and to **Cheryl & Bob, Trish & Lou** for helping to organize the clean up. Amazing! Thanks **Bob Evans** for jumping up everytime you thought I was lifting things too heavy!



The new chalkboard is being installed this Sat.(fingers crossed) and **Tim** recruited several He-MEN to volunteer to help him. WOO-HOO...LET'S hope the temperatures go down.

Today was a fabulous happy day!

Happy July 4th,
KAREN HANAFIN

We had a great turnout with about 40-44 people and we had lots of wonderful food as people brought their favorite appetizers and side dishes to share. It was quite warm so it was held inside our wonderful clubhouse.

There was a lot of camaraderie and socializing to be had. Tim cooked 30 pounds of grilled chicken, marinated jerked chicken and then some seasoned chicken for the event. It was really nice to see so many of our residents come and attend to celebrate with all of us!

I'd like to thank Karen for all her help in coordinating this and also would like to thank the many helpers who stayed to help with clean up. Everyone was amazing and we really appreciate all the hard work, thank you!

Barbara Schutt

Barbara taking a picture of me while I took a picture of her.

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Tim cooked jerked chicken, bbq chicken and seasoned chicken. All went well! Jerk went over well, we were told.

Location of the New WW II Chalkboard

THANKS TO KAREN HANAFIN FOR THIS:

Tim & Barbara have been working very hard in this heat, prepping the ground for the new location of the chalkboard. **Tim** got a few "studs" in the park to volunteer and to help move the chalkboard into its new resting place. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP, **Barb, Tim & Your Crew...**

Karen Hanafin

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HAPPY 86th BIRTHDAY TO ANNA KALFA - 07-07-23'

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07-08-23

THANKS TO KAREN HANAFIN & BARBARA SCHUTT FOR ALL THE PICTURES AND COMMENTARY:

Big shout out to: **Tim Schutt, Bob Leigh, Lou Cavallero, Gerry Hanafin, Stan Hopkins and Frenchie.** All of their help was greatly appreciated. We borrowed some other tools such as **Bob's** cordless screw gun, **Stan's** post hole digger and he allowed us the use of his truck to get the massive 150lb. signs over to the site. They lifted the sign into the holes in between the much needed rain showers. Cement was mixed and poured in. Thank you to **Bob** for the use of his golf cart to haul the 60lb. bags of concrete mix. With all of the teamwork, they were able to complete it in record time. Now it will set and the backing, blackboard and acrylic front will be added later.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

THANKS TO KAREN HANAFIN FOR THIS:

I am calling ALL Westwinders to let you know that. . .

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We ALL scream for ice cream!

It's "MY" birthday and I'll dream for ice cream if I want to..

Ice Cream Social at WW II

August 6th

2:00 PM

Watch for the Sign-up sheet.

I will be putting it on the bulletin board soon.

Karen Hanafin



Labor Day Gathering

THANKS TO KAREN HANAFIN FOR THIS:

SAVE THE DATE

The planning for Labor Day Gathering is in the making

MONDAY, September 4th

2PM Appetizer Hour/BYOB

3-4 PM Dinner sponsored by Social Club. Desserts & coffee/tea.

If not able to "get out" to the event, let Karen, Sylvia or Pat Wilson know if you need a dinner delivery.

*Labor Day traditionally occurs on the first Monday in September.





*This holiday pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers.

*It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894.

Yours truly,
KAREN HANAFIN

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Contact me at: foxyed@sympatico.ca Can. Cell 519-709-5458

U.S. cell 727-385-7187 until April 22, 2023 after that, Canada cell

Ed Fox

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BOOK CLUB

ATTENTION ALL YOU BOOK WORMS:

The Book Club meets the last Tuesday of each month in the WW II library. It is open to all residents of Westwind.

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BOOK CLUB

THANKS TO ELAINE BLANK FOR THIS:

The book to be discussed at the August Book Club meeting at noon in the Westwind II library on *August 22nd* is Long Man by Amy Greene. ***The meeting is on the 4th Tuesday rather than the usual last Tuesday of the month.*** I am going out of town so I moved the meeting up a week. I hope you enjoyed the book and will attend our meeting.

The following is a short summary of the story:

A river called Long Man has coursed through East Tennessee from time immemorial, bringing sustenance to the people who farm along its banks and who trade between its small towns. But as Long Man opens, the Tennessee Valley Authority's plans to dam the river and flood

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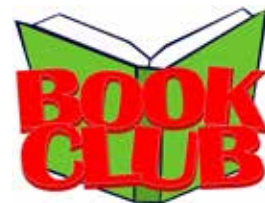


the town of Yuneetah for the sake of progress-to bring electricity and Jobs to the hardscrabble region-are about to take effect. Just one day remains before the river will rise, and most of the town has been evacuated. Among the holdouts is a young mother, Annie Clyde Dodson, whose ancestors have lived for generations on her mountaintop farm; she'll do anything to ensure that her three-year-old daughter, Gracie, will inherit the family's land. But her husband wants to make a fresh start in Michigan, where he has found work that will secure the family's future. As the deadline looms, a storm as powerful as the emotions between them rages outside their door. Suddenly, they realize that Gracie has gone missing. Has she simply wondered off into the rain? Or has she been taken by Amos, the mysterious drifter who has come back to town.

I hope to see you on Tuesday August 22nd.

Elaine Blank

BOOK CLUB LIST FOR 2023/2024



- JUNE: The Lincoln Highway by: Armor Towles
- JULY: From Scratch by: Trembi Locke
- AUG: Long Man by: Amy Greene
- SEPT: The Master Butchers Singing Club by: Louise Endrich
- OCT: The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules
by Catharina Ingelman- Sandberg, Rod Bradbury Translator
- NOV: Storm Clouds Rolling In: #1 in the Bregdan Cronicles Historical Fiction Series
- DEC: Circling The Sun by: Paula McLain
- JAN: The Girls of Atomic City by: Denise Kiernan
- FEB: The Bandit Queens by: Parini Shroff
- MARCH: Go As A River by: Shelley Read
- APRIL: The Housekeepers Tale by: Tessa Boase
- MAY: One Plus One by: Jojo Moyes
- JUNE: Deep As The Sky, Red As The Sea by: Rita Chang -Eppig

ONGOING EVENTS

THANKS TO ELAINE ANDRELSKI, JIM/LINDA TOY AND RICH GAUGHAN FOR THIS:

- M**ONDAY: Mexican Train/Dominoes 6:30 - see “promo”
- TUESDAY: Hand & Foot.....Cribbage 7pm
- WEDNESDAY: Euchre 7pm
- THURSDAY: Men’s Poker 7pm...starting a new table
- FRIDAY: Pass the Ace (AKA “Oh S**t) 7pm



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Mondays - 1 PM

POOL HALL

See Rich Gaughan #370



Mondays - 6 PM

Wednesdays - 6 PM

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5:00 PM - NOW on the 1st & 3rd FRIDAY of the month. It used to be outside, but no more - hence the name “Gathering on the Patio.” Now it takes place inside the WW II clubhouse. Bring a dish to share and your own table service. Everyone is welcome!

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Joyce Pinckney

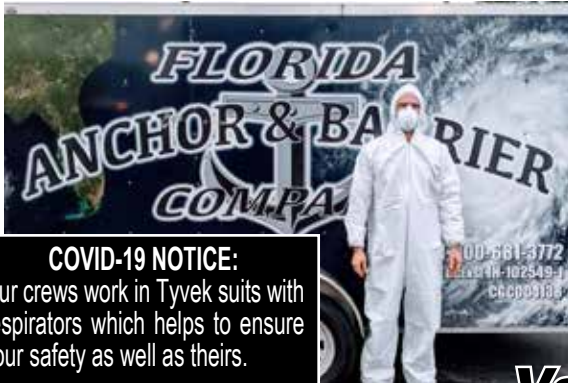
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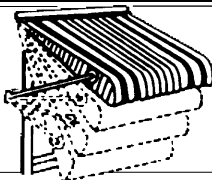
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Can contact Robin Fischer at Roz2034@msn.com

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THANKS TO JOYCE PINCKNEY FOR THIS:

Phone number for Frank and Joyce Pinckney is: 727 288 7508

THANKS TO KAREN CASTILLO FOR THIS:

The WWII 5PM Friday Night Gathering is now being held the First & Third Friday of the month. If you could post this in the August issue, that would be helpful.

THANKS TO KAREN HANAFIN FOR THIS:

Thank you, Tim for all you do putting the “Hi-Lites” together every month.

WESTWINDERS, send your email address and coach # to Tim at mitrengrub@gmail.com. He will email a full copy of the “Hi-Lites” with all the photos.

Sincerely,
Karen Hanafin

Letters to the Editor continued on page 26

Did You Know?

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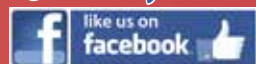
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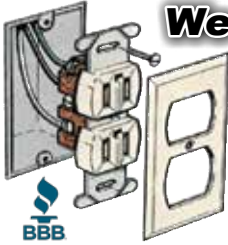
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THANKS TO NANCY HAMIL FOR THIS:

First I wanted to thank you again for the great job you do in the “Hi-Lites.”

Then want to shout out to our friends & neighbors, **Tim & Barb Schutt** who are year around residents now. Thank you so much for all you do for others. We especially love having you on First Street !!!!!

Also **Karen Hanafin** had made sure we had something to look forward to each month this summer.

Nancy Hamil

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THANKS TO JOYCE PINCKNEY FOR THIS:

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Thank you,

Joyce Pinckney Lot 159, phone 727-771 8724

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CHEERS to: Heidi Willeford, Karen Castillo, Sophie Brownell, Maria Seraphim, Willa Elkis, Nancy Hamil, Jill Desranleau, Joyce Pinckney, Barbara Schutt, Alice Weber, Joel Daniels, Lynn Miller, Brenda Rowan, Carl Stone, Max Herrmann, Karen Hanafin and Elaine Blank. They all sent articles/pictures for this month's "Hi-Lites" Magazine. THANK YOU for supporting this 45 year old magazine!



CHEERS TO TIM & BARBARA SCHUTT FOR GIVING A WHOLE NEW MEANING TO VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO THE PARK!

CHEERS TO KAREN HANAFIN FOR ORGANIZING/CARRYING OUT THE SUMMER SOCIAL EVENTS FOR THE WW II COMMUNITY

EDITOR'S NOTE: Got something you would like to “get off your chest?”...IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT A “CHEER” or a “JEER,” please send them to my email. No names will be used for the “JEERS.” (EVERYONE knows who they are.)

A Complete Listing of Resident Services can be found on the page before your calendar



PARK BUSINESS

THANKS TO ELAINE BLANK FOR THIS:

YELLOW BOOK DIRECTORY UPDATE

I wanted to let you know that a corrected list of all the Westwood residents has been forwarded to Multi Media in hopes that we will have our usual Yellow Book Directory delivered this fall with all the latest updates included. It has been a real process but I am hopeful we got it right this time. We are so fortunate that Multi Media provides everyone in our community a directory free of charge. A big thank you to *Sylvia Harris* for all the time she worked with me to make sure every unit corresponded with the resident who currently owns it. Thank you to everyone for their patience in this matter.

Elaine Blank

THANKS TO KAREN HANAFIN FOR THIS:

WW II POOL UPDATE

The WW II pool is up and running perfectly. The water is clear and the temperature is perfect. The pool night lights even decided to magically turn themselves on.

Our manager, *JOY*, has worked with the pool company to come up with just the right "COCKTAIL" that is a bit SALTY and mixed with a lot less CHLORINE, then before. It's NOT a SALT water pool, but sure is close!

NO more lingering chlorine smell coming out of our pores!! Or bathing suits disintegrating off our bodies and showing the crack in our...(you know where that was going)..lol

THANK YOU, *JOY!*Just a reminder:

- *DO NOT DRINK THE POOL WATER!
- *SHOWER before entering the pool.
- *PLEASE pass that information on to your guests.
- *CUZ, IT'S A RULE.

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THANKS TO JILL DESRANLEAU FOR THIS:

WINDFALL SALE INFORMATION

I'd like to inform all NEW residents about our *Famous Windfall Sale*. We hold our sale the last weekend of February for one day only from 8 - 1 in the WW II community club house. We sell everything we've collected over the year that residents donate.

All donations can be left by the sheds in the washer and dryer area and someone will take care of putting it away. We will take most everything EXCEPT: sofa beds, old large TV's and mirrors.... All other donations gladly accepted.

We are always looking for residents to help with the Windfall Sale since this is a volunteer based event that raises money for our Social Club to put on events for the community throughout the year. It's a great way to meet your neighbors and we always have fun with it, so please consider volunteering this coming Windfall Sale.

To ALL Westwind residents, please remember the Windfall Sale when cleaning out those closets, cupboards and sheds! You would be surprised what sells so if you can't decide, just

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Summer contacts are **Karen Hanafin** or **Bob Leigh!** Thankful for them both.

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer.

THANKS TO JOY CRIFE FOR THIS:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION UPDATE...PLEASE READ

Summer is here! To our snowbirds, your presence is missed. Enjoy your summer and safe travels coming back.

New Office Hours: The office is open 8:30- 3:30 Monday through Friday. Management is on property at 7:30 am and will be handling inspections, and administrative duties till 8:30 am.

Please remember if you use the umbrellas on the patios, please put them down. In a recent storm one became airborne and broke some fence post caps and ended up in the pool. Safety of residents and property is always a priority.

A gentle reminder- we are coming into the rainy season- weeds are growing- please have someone maintain your lot- this includes the back of the property as well.

A few precautions: if you are leaving for the summer, please make sure you secure everything outside. All planters, patio furniture, grills etc. This includes items in your carports.

Please do not leave items in carports that can become projectiles in a storm. Please secure your awnings down or have someone set to secure them for you. Several owners are doing remodeling.- if you are going away,-please store your construction materials inside or move them to a storage area.

Please notify the office if you are away for the summer. It is imperative that we have an accurate count of who is on property should a weather event happen. For those staying, have your plan in place should evacuation become mandatory. Have the essentials needed should we be without power for awhile: Water, batteries, radio, flashlights, non-perishable food, back up phone chargers, propane tank full for your grill. Make sure you have any prescriptions you may need. If you have special medical needs and are unable to evacuate safely by yourself, there is a service that transports those registered to a shelter.

Please make sure your emergency contacts are up to date in the office.

Many of you have never been in a hurricane. I hear people saying that it will never happen here.

No one in the State of Florida can ever really say that they are 100% safe from any storm affecting them.

Be prepared. I have been through many and have dealt with the devastation of those who did not take storm warnings seriously.

We want you and your home to all be safe.

Have a great summer!

Joy Crife



THANKS TO JOYCE PINCKNEY FOR THIS:

Park Mail

Just a reminder: Please provide some kind of container in your carport for park mail. There are a lot of clever ideas being used all around our community: mailboxes, empty flower pots, decorative rocks, and baskets make good receptacles.

Thanks for taking care of this.

Jyce Pinckney,

Asst. Secretary - Social Club

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ATTENTION: OWNERS WHO RENT OUT THEIR UNITS

If you rent your unit for 6 months or less, please remember that Pinellas County and the State of Florida imposes a "bed tax" on rental income. The tax is identified as "Tourist Development Tax." It is the responsibility of the owner to file the appropriate returns and pay the tax. Information and forms can be obtained from the Pinellas County Tax Collector. There is a penalty for not complying with the law.

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THANKS TO JOEL DANIELS FOR THIS:

TOWN SQUARE INFO.

Town Square is a great tool that is free of charge for WW 2 residents to use for immediate, park-wide communication.

The recent deadly hurricane is the perfect example of when we have a need to disseminate important information.

Certainly not as serious as storm alerts, but Town Square can also be a source for general park business and social activities.

I encourage you to sign-up. Our manager, Joy, can answer any questions you might have and provide you with your account # if you do not already know it. The site is user friendly and it only takes a few minutes to be up and running.

Joel Daniels

EDITOR'S NOTE: Joel is right.....this is a *VERY SIMPLE* process. Once you get your "account number" from Joy, it will take you less than one (1) minute to sign-up."

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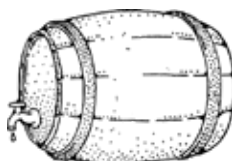
Someone in WW ll asked if we could try to bring back our old “Help Out Your Neighbor” that used to be in the “Hi Lites.”

Well.....we are! and here it is: We're calling it by a NEW name - "Will Work for Beer." If you have a SMALL job that needs to be done and would like an extra hand, one of these people can probably do it. (We're not talking about anything major. This is not meant to be for "handyman projects." It is meant for something relatively simple that should only take a few minutes to complete (installing fluorescent bulbs, programming a TV remote, hanging a curtain rod, getting something down from a top shelf, etc.) It is meant to be a FREE service. You are not expected to pay anything - even a free beer. This service will be provided to WW ll residents

We are looking for MORE names for this list. If you would like to be included, please call or e-mail me - Tim Burgner.

Just call anyone's name on this list. They'll let you know if they can help or refer you to another person.

- Teri Thompson...423-298-4848*
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- Sandra Cortier....574 621-7114*
- Harlow Boyer.....727 733-0971*
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SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

Social Club Committees 2023:

- Art Committee: Eileen Putman
- Auditors: OPEN
- Breakfasts: Dan Wilton
- Chalkboards: Trish Craig
- Entertainment Committee: **OPEN**
- Flags: Doug Hatten
- Grill: Jim & Linda Toy
- “Hi-Lites” Editor: Tim Burgner
- Horseshoes: Rich Gaughan

- Kitchen Supplies: Karen Hanafin
- Library: Betty Arengi
- Sunshine: Joyce Pinckney
- Trips and Tours: OPEN
- Windfall Sale: Jill Desranleau
- 50/50 Raffle: Joan Rand
- Xmas Decorating:
- Inside Clubhouse - Jane Merucci
- Outside Clubhouse - Tim Schutt

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NOW YOU KNOW!

THANKS TO MARIA SERAPHIM FOR THIS:

Read about the signers of the Declaration of Independence

This week our nation will celebrate its 247th birthday! I am not sure what one gets a nation for such an occasion, but I suspect it will include fireworks and barbecues. Personally, I am hoping it will also include sunshine! The truth is what our country needs most on its 247th birthday is neither fireworks, barbecues, or even sunshine, what it needs is for us all to step back from the day to day worries of life and to reflect on the freedoms we have and the sacrifices that made them possible. Sacrifice in our culture is in many ways is a foreign concept. I often wonder if World War II were to happen today if our nation could rally as it did then to stop evil's march, or whether we would be too overrun by self-interest and political rancor. This week when we celebrate Independence Day, we do not celebrate the moment our nation was free, but rather the moment we declared Independence from Great Britain. The difference is important, as between the moment Independence was declared and the moment it was fully realized our nation endured great suffering, sacrifice and loss. This week we will commemorate the courageous actions of 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence in 1776, and the countless men and women who stood beside them in this great moment and all that would follow. I think we often forget the signers of the Declaration of Independence were not statesmen, most of them were ordinary people like you and me. Twenty-four of them were lawyers, eleven were small business owners, nine were farmers. Indeed the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence did not reflect every portion of society at the time, but they did reflect her heart, and they did pledge their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor to the cause of freedom that is shared with us all this day. The sacrifices demanded of the signers for something greater than themselves was real. Five of the signers were captured, tortured and killed by the British. Twelve of the signers lost their homes and all their possessions, two lost their sons, and nine of the signers died as a result of wounds and suffering directly caused by the Revolutionary War and their brave actions therein. As a child I always remember learning about Thomas Nelson, Jr. who signed the Declaration of Independence. During the battle of Yorktown British General Cornwallis took over his home and made it his headquarters. Nelson, who served at General George Washington's side, told Washington he should fire on Cornwallis' headquarters/his own home. Washington did and in doing so Nelson lost everything he owned and would die penniless. Nelson's fate was better than that of John Hart who was forced to leave his wife at her dying bedside. He left behind his wife and thirteen children and had to flee, living in caves and the forest to avoid capture and certain death at the hands of the British. A year later when Hart returned, his wife had died, his kids vanished and he died shortly thereafter of a broken heart. The stories of these first Independence Day's, and the sacrifices made, are not unlike those that have followed through the years, the stories of men and women who sacrificed all for the sake of freedom and our nation. Some of the names of those who sacrificed are indeed remembered in the cemeteries, and rolls of honor, but countless are the names not known, but sacrifices just as real- the names of mothers who lost sons, families who sacrificed, and people who surrendered dreams and the plans of life, when duty called. This Independence Day weekend when we celebrate what we have as a nation, it is important

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that we also remember how we got it. Freedom is never free and sacrifice is never easy. The sacrifice of the 56 signers of the Declaration, and many others like them, is what gave birth to our nation.

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THE WINTER OF YOUR LIFE

THANKS TO WILA ELKIS FOR THIS:

I don't know who wrote this, but it is very thought-provoking
AND THEN IT IS WINTER You know. . . time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years.

It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But, here it is... the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise...How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like. But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting grey...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me...but, I see the great change....Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so...now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!

But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth...it's NOT over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done...things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your winter yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off

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LIFE GOES BY QUICKLY

THANKS TO WILA ELKIS FOR THIS:

Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life...so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one.

LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY! DO SOMETHING FUN! BE HAPPY! HAVE A GREAT DAY!

REMEMBER:....

"It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.

"LIVE HAPPY IN THIS YEAR AND EVERY YEAR!"

LASTLY, CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING: TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN, YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE SO - ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT LASTS.

~Your kids are becoming you.....

~Going out is good.. Coming home is better!

~You forget names.... But it's OK because other people forgot they even knew you!!!

~You realize you're never going to be really good at anything

~The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore.

~You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep".

~You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch..

~You tend to use more 4 letter words ... "what?"..."when?"... "what?" ???

~Now that you can afford expensive jewelry, it's not safe to wear it anywhere.

~You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless"?!!!

~What used to be freckles are now liver spots.

~Everybody whispers.

~You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet.... 2 of which you will never wear.

~But Old is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!!

Stay well, "OLD FRIEND!" Send this on to other "Old Friends!" and let them laugh in AGREEMENT!!!

It's Not What You Gather, But What You Scatter That Tells What Kind Of Life You Have Lived.



YOU JUST HAVE TO ROLL WITH IT

THANKS TO BARBARA SCHUTT FOR THIS:

“Tonight on my flight from Indianapolis to Baltimore, I sat next to an unaccompanied minor who was traveling to Baltimore to see her Mother. With Southwest Airlines open seating anyone could have sat next to her. In fact many people avoided her and her boundless energy during boarding. But finally, a couple occupied the two seats to her right.

Within minutes, the young girl began chatting and the couple likely realized this wouldn't be a relaxing flight...and they just rolled with it.

As drinks were being served the couple didn't even get a chance to voice their requests because they were cut off by the young girl stating, 'I'll take water with a straw and so will they so we can paint!'

And they just rolled with it.

Within minutes the young girl had brought out her Hello Kitty paint sheets and the couple spent the next hour following her instructions.

As I type this the man next to her is being covered with Marvel stickers. They are on his ears, in his beard, arms, everywhere. And he is just rolling with it.

Moral of the story: There is good in this world. In fact, there is more good than bad in this world if we just open our eyes to it. There isn't a script or instruction manual for love. You just have to roll with it.”

HEART GRABBER

THANKS TO BARBARA SCHUTT FOR THIS:

I would just like to share what I witnessed yesterday morning at Bagels N' Buns. I was waiting at the counter for an order and a homeless man asked one of the employees to please fill his half gallon, plastic milk carton with water. The worker said “what are you going to use it for?” Now I'm jumping the gun in my head, thinking he was going to say that if he wanted it for drinking he has to buy a bottle blah blah blah... The man said “to drink,” the employee told him to “please go over to the cooler and get whatever size water he'd like.” He then filled up the milk carton as requested. The man thanked the employee for the water but said he was really hungry and could use a meal. The worker, Benny, said, “No problem!” “What would you like?” The man gave him his order and he got to it with a smile on his face. I then went over to the register to ask Kathie (who is AMAZING) if I could give her money for him, to use a credit for a few meals. She replied, “Janessa, that is so kind, but we feed him whenever he is hungry.” ‘He always has a meal here, when he needs.’ They've been doing it for years!!! Another reason for me to love them over there. I was really moved by the whole situation. I felt the need to share this because when businesses give from the heart, when they are hurting the most, they deserve a shout out. BIG love shout to Mike, Katie, and the whole crew at Bagels n Buns.

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THAT'S LIFE!

THANKS TO BARBARA SCHUTT FOR THIS:

As I sit and think about my life-
Where I've been, what I've done..even the challenges I've faced-
Something stands out at me every time.

There were many times that I've wanted something so badly...

Whether it was a new job, a potential love, even the small things, too,

I always ended up finding my way to something better than what I set out to get.

At the time, all I could focus on was that I was disappointed and discouraged about not getting what I wanted...

But now that time has passed,

I realize that everything happens for a reason..

And it's always because I deserved better.

A better love story, a higher quality job, even a more appealing future.

Every door that closed led me to the door I was always meant to enter.

Truthfully, I couldn't be more thankful for the broken hearts that taught me and strengthened me, dead ends that opened my eyes and setbacks that turned into comebacks.

I couldn't see it at the time, but everything happens the way it is meant to..

And that's not comforting when you're hurting.

But the older I've gotten and the more stuff that I've been through, I realize that the bigger picture of my life isn't something I'll always see when I'm in the middle of a struggle.

I have to hold onto the fact that I deserve the best out of life and I'm never going to settle for less.

So, as I sit back and take a sip of my drink, I can't help but smile just a little.

Every broken road has led me right to where I'm meant to be..

And I'm going to make the most out of every opportunity, each day and all the dreams I have for myself...

I'm worth that...and so much more.

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GRIEF

THANKS TO BARBARA SCHUTT FOR THESE:

You don't move on after loss, but you must move *with*. You must shake hands with grief, welcome her in, for she lives with you now. Pull her a chair at the table and offer her comfort. She is not the monster you first thought her to be. She is **love**. And she will walk with you now, stay with you now, *peacefully* - If you let her. And on the days when your anger is high, remember why she came, remember who she represents. *Remember*. Grief came to you my friend because love came first. **Love came first.**

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BEAUTY

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You search for your beauty in the mirror, in photographs, in the label of clothes... when you really should be searching through the messages sent to you by loving friends, the cards written to you on special days, and the memories of smiles you created from tears.

Your beauty lies in all the ways you touch and care for those around you. The jokes you made to reroute a gloomy day and the music you shared to inspire. The times you showed up when no one else did and the invisible network of love, laughter and light you have sprinkled across this planet without glory or vanity.

That's where you find your beauty.

Donna Ashworth

I did not know that!

THANKS TO BARBARA SCHUTT FOR THIS:

“**S**ince her death in 1979, the woman who discovered what the universe is made of has not so much as received a memorial plaque. Her newspaper obituaries do not mention her greatest discovery. Every high school student knows that Isaac Newton discovered gravity, that Charles Darwin discovered evolution, and that Albert Einstein discovered the relativity of time. But when it comes to the composition of our universe, the textbooks simply say that the most abundant atom in the universe is hydrogen. And no one ever wonders how we know.”

Jeremy Knowles, discussing the complete lack of recognition *Cecilia Payne* gets, even today, for her revolutionary discovery. OH WAIT LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT

CECILIA PAYNE.

Cecilia Payne's mother refused to spend money on her college education, so she won a scholarship to Cambridge.

Cecilia Payne completed her studies, but Cambridge wouldn't give her a degree because she was a woman, so she said to heck with that and moved to the United States to work at Harvard.

Cecilia Payne was the first person ever to earn a Ph.D. in astronomy from Radcliffe College, with what Otto Strauve called “the most brilliant Ph.D. thesis ever written in astronomy.”

Not only did *Cecilia Payne* discover what the universe is made of, she also discovered what the sun is made of (Henry Norris Russell, a fellow astronomer, is usually given credit for discovering that the sun's composition is different from the Earth's, but he came to his conclusions four years later than *Payne*—after telling her not to publish).

Cecilia Payne is the reason we know basically anything about variable stars (stars whose brightness as seen from earth fluctuates). Literally every other study on variable stars is based on her work.

Cecilia Payne was the first woman to be promoted to full professor from within Harvard, and is often credited with breaking the glass ceiling for women in the Harvard science department and in astronomy, as well as inspiring entire generations of women to take up science.

Cecilia Payne is awesome and everyone should know her.

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