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EDITOR'S NOTE: Highlights of the SEPT. "Hi-Lites"

ere is the 4th edition of the 2023 SUMMER "Hi-Lites" Magazine. *MANY THANKS* to this month's

CONTRIBUTORS!....their names are listed below.

This **SEPT**. magazine is a true "potpourri." **Tim & Barbara Schutt** continue to set the bar high with their service to the park. **Karen Hanafin** (now known as "OPG") continues to keep the park in "party mode." You will read about a special resident who was named, "Person of the Month."

Many articles are included in the "THIS & THAT" section. This section has become the largest section in the summer editions.

The goal continues to be 400 subscribers for the WW Il Magazine. The current number is 360. Please continue to encourage others to send me their email address so they can get on the list. *In order to reach that goal, we will need many more WW I people on the list.*

If you've taken a trip, done a special project, had a "brainstorm" of an idea, please write it up and send pictures for a "How I Spent My Summer Vacation" article.

Months are still available for **YOUR** "Meet Your Neighbor" article. Be a part of WW ll park history.

Tim

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IMPORTANT

LL the events are on the calendar that were sent to me right up until "press time."
Please check the clubhouse bulletin board and the outdoor signs for event updates.

Tim Burgner, "Hi-Lites" Magazine Editor

The ONLY way to receive the "Hi-Lites" MAGAZINE is to get on the email list.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE PUBLISHED
EDITION OF THE "Hi-Lites."

The published edition of the "Hi-Lites" is a <u>newsletter.</u> <u>There are NO pictures/cartoons/</u>
<u>NO PG - 13 Jokes & Cartoons in the booklet that is delivered in the park.</u> 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.

354 people are now on the email list. To add your name, please send your email address to: mitrengrub@gmail.com

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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!....360** 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.)

THE NEW SEPT. "Hi-Lites" Magazine BEGINS NOW!

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 ll 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

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

ELAINE BLANK MAX HERRMANN JOEL DANIELS LYNN MILLER KAREN HANAFIN BRENDA ROWAN

CARL STONE

ALICE WEBER

MANY THANKS TO THE PEOPLE WHO DELIVER THE "Hi-Lites" Park Booklet!

TRISH CRAIG - Park Delivery Coordinator SYLVIA HARRIS - 1st & 8th Streets KAREN HANAFIN- 2nd Street WALT KOSTRZEWSKI - 3rd Street JANET SHAY - 4th Street

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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.

SEPTEMBER, 2023 CONTRIBUTORS

ANY THANKS to these people who have contributed stories and pictures this month: Jill Desranleau, Barbara Schutt, Lynn Miller, Brenda Rowan, Carl Stone, Max Herrmann, Karen Hanafin, Donna Wheeler, Cheryl Leigh, Joy Cripe 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

I WANT YOU!...to send "stuff" for the OCTOBER "Hi-Lites".....DUE DATE: 09-05-23

"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," "HEART GRABBERS," PROMOTIONS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS, AND PICTURES - LOTS OF PICTURES.

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

RITING 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?

ANY 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 L & 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)

Seely, Scott & Jen Hall and Teri Thompson.

All of these residents are now a part of Westwind ll park history. Their "Meet Your Neighbor" articles and pictures are now in the <u>MEMORY</u>

<u>BOOK</u> kept in the Westwind ll Library.

Cistera & Scott Cooper, Mitch & Willa Elkis, Karin Debertin & Carson

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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 11...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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CRAIG DeCRANE

Poster Child for the Poster Child for the SEPTEMBER BD Club!

Everyone is welcome!

Westwind 1 and Westwind 11

If you would like to join the "Birthday Club," please send BRENDA an e-mail with your NAME/Coach #/Month & Day of your birthday. *PLEASE send a picture*.

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



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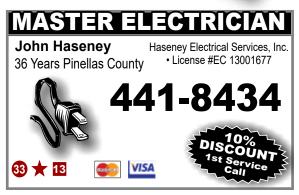
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Get Your Picture on the Cover - We select a new and interesting picture every month to be printed on the cover of your newsletter. If you or your neighbors have fun events or activities please send in a picture and we'll enter it to be selected. Please include a description of the image and a brief release allowing us to reprint the picture. Our mailing and email address are here:



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OR you can phone Brenda @ 614-371-7842. (Leave message if no answer)THANK YOU! Brenda Rowan

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND BEST WISHES TO ALL! Brenda Rowan 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?

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THANKS TO DENNIS & CAROL LOGSDON, NOW YOU CAN! **¬**HE LOGSDON'S "HISTORY OF WESTWIND Il" 108 PAGE

BOOKLET IS NOW IN THE LIBRARY TO VIEW. LOOK FOR THE SPECIAL POUCH NEAR THE MEMORY BOOK. (see above)

HERE'S WHAT WE DID LAST MONTH!

THANKS TO KAREN HANAFIN FOR THIS:

7-19-23

hank you, *Trish* for hosting a crafts n' laughs Christmas card making get-together at the clubhouse..Fun times & lots of laughs.

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Pictures of Final Blackboard Install

THANKS TO BARBARA SCHUTT FOR THESE:

07-29-23

We will be sprucing up the areas around the signs with stepping stones and mulch and it will be then complete.

Here are some more pictures of the signs being assembled with the

help of Tim Schutt, Bob Leigh and Lou Cavallero

We want to give them a **HUGE thank you** for helping out in the extreme heat that morning. Such great teamwork! We really appreciate it! We will be placing stepping stones and more mulch around those areas to complete it.

Barbara & Tim Schutt

08-06-23 - ICE CREAM SOCIAL

THANKS TO KAREN HANAFIN FOR THIS:

*We had a great turnout at today's ice cream social, that included our friends from Westwind 1 *Phyllis Mann* was a pleasure to work and I look forward to planning future events with her. I believe,I counted about 36 in attendance. What I'm not sure of is if these folks like ice cream or whipped cream better. Maybe a tie!

*Barb & Tim served out 3 flavors of ice cream and sherbet. They got a good upper body workout doing so! You two can rest tomorrow. I made a 3 ingredient home made fudge & brownies and thank goodness for Betty who guarded over the whip cream! We have a few whip cream bandits in the crowd. And YES, Glen Andrelski, I bought cherries!

*I want to give a BIG shout out of a THANK YOU to **Donna Wheeler, Betty Arengi, Tim** & Barbara Schutt, Phyllis & Dan Mann for helping with greeting, serving & cleanup & for having my back.

*Thank you, *Phyllis Mann and Pat Wilson* for baking brownies.. I went home and took a 2.5 hr nap. Lol.

I awoke to a lovely text from *Phyllis*:

"Thanks for a great social. Your tables were perfect, ice cream choices good and brownies delicious. You are truly a well organized party gal. Thanks for including us and can do more of this. Looking forward to your next event. I will really push for more of a response from WWl. Dan was happy to meet your upcoming vice president. Again thanks."

You heard that folks

"ORGANIZED PARTY GAL"

AKA: Karen Hanafin

HOT Fudge Recipe

14 oz can condensed milk 1 cup semi-sweet morsels

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PICTURES TAKEN BY BARBARA SCHUTT, KAREN HANNAFIN & DONNA WHEELER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Labor Day Gathering
THANKS TO KAREN HANAFIN FOR THIS:

MONDAY, September 4th

2PM Salad & Italian garlic bread & BYOB over linguine 3-4 PM Dinner - Chicken Parmesan

Desserts & coffee/tea.

I will post a sign up sheet: for attendance, helpers & cleanup crews..

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*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

BOOK CLUB

THANKS TO ELAINE BLANK FOR THIS:

The September meeting of the Westwind Book Club will be *Tuesday*, *September 26th at* noon in the Westwind II library. The book discussion this month will be <u>The Master</u> **Butchers Singing Club.** The following is a summary of the novel: Having survived World War I, Fidelis Waldvogel returns to his quiet German village and marries the pregnant continued on page 14

widow of his best friend, killed in action. With a suitcase full of sausages and a master butcher's precious knife set, Fidelis sets out for America. In Argus, North Dakota, he builds a business, a home for his family—which includes Eva and four sons—and a singing club consisting of the best voices in town. When the Old World meets the New—in the person of Delphine Watzka—the great adventure of Fidelis's life begins. Delphine meets Eva and is enchanted. She meets Fidelis, and the ground trembles. These momentous encounters will determine the course of Delphine's life, and the trajectory of this brilliant novel.

Everyone is welcome to join the book club. I hope you will join us on Tuesday September 26th. 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

CARDS

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

MONDAY: 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

Anyone who wants to learn *Hand and Foot* or *Mahjong*, we have a teacher.



HORSE SHOES

See Rich Gaughan #370 Mondays - 1 PM

POOL HALL

See Rich Gaughan #370 Mondays - 6 PM Wednesdays - 6 PM



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FRIDAY NIGHT "POT LUCK" - AKA "Gathering on the Patio"

This is an event that has gone on in the park <u>forever</u>.... <u>5:00 PM - NOW on the 1st & 3rd FRIDAY of the month</u>. It used to be outside, but no more - hence the name "Gathering on the Patio." Now it takes place inside the WW ll clubhouse. Bring a dish to share and your own table service. Everyone is welcome!

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- Mid Season Tournament
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Bowling



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- 2023-24 Season starts on October 19 -Thursday at Noon.
- Season runs through the end of March.
- Guys & Gals Senior League —— ALL Skill Levels.
- We play at the Dunedin Lanes on Patricia Ave.
- Look for Sign-Up sheets at both Clubhouses in September and for more information on Facebook at WESTWIND FRIENDS.

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F.E.A.S.T

THANKS TO JOYCE PINCKNEY FOR THIS:

ife is good! Living in the land of abundance is also good. Being able to share that abundance with our neighbors is especially good. Our collection box continues to overflow with your generosity. We tipped the scales with just over 100 lbs. of food/ household supplies during the month of April!!! Collections will continue throughout the summer months. Thank you for caring and sharing.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Joyce Pinckney

THANKS TO BARBARA SCHUTT FOR THIS:

hank you, Tim! I am so glad we had a pretty full magazine considering it's July. I want to give a shout out to Karen Hanafin for organizing all these events this summer. She works hard to keep the kitchen running smoothly as well, with supplies, etc. Hope you are enjoying your summer!

Barbara

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 JOYCE PINCKNEY FOR THIS:

Please let me know if you or a neighbor would appreciate a "thinking of you" card from our Social Club's Sunshine Committee.

Thank you.

Joyce Pinckney Lot 159, phone 727-771 8724

THANKS TO TRISH CRAIG FOR THIS:

Magazine Exchange

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Take one, leave one, it's all good!

Submitted by Trish Craig

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CHEERS & JEERS

SENT BY ME:

HEERS to: Jill Desranleau, Barbara Schutt, Lynn Miller, Brenda Rowan, Carl Stone, Max Herrmann, Karen Hanafin, Donna Wheeler, Cheryl Leigh 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 <u>KAREN HANAFIN</u>, AKA "OPG" (Organized Party Gal) FOR ORGANIZING/CARRYING OUT THE SUMMER SOCIAL EVENTS FOR THE WW 11 AND WW 1 COMMUNITIES.

THANKS TO CHERYL LEIGH FOR THIS:

- CHEERS

Would like to acknowledge a special

lady in our WW II park.
She has been very active over her years in our park. She is very caring, approaches everyone with respect and listens without judgement. She



Elaine Blank

takes her time to listen and then gives guidance on how to deal with concerns. *Elaine Blank* deserves to be our person of the month. Thank you **Elaine** for all you do!!!

Editor's Note: While we don't currently have a "Person of the Month" as such, it would be a GREAT idea to start one. If YOU would like to take the lead on this and be responsible for nominating and writing an article about a special person each month, please let me know. JEERS TO THE PEOPLE WHO CONTINUE TO SPEED AND/OR RUN STOP SIGNS IN OUR PARK.

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JEERS

JEERS to Speeders

It has been mentioned recently about many folks not observing the posted speed limit of 15 mph. Shame on you!

These folks are still not slowing down and it is a safety issue.

It has been reported to be the same repeat offender(s).

The speed limit does NOT change after business hours or the weekend.

It does NOT mean you can fly down the road and ignore stop signs.

There are multiple complaints from many residents who have have almost been hit by these careless drivers.

Dangerous drivers within the park should be reported to the office.

Some already have been.

Was it you?

Golf carts also must obey speed limits and stop signs.



JEERS to Pool Users

It also has been noted that pool users are still not following pool use rules:

*Use the shower before entering the pool EACH time and especially after applying sunblock or lotion. No one wants to swim in your yuck.

*No food, alcoholic beverages or glass containers permitted inside the pool fenced area.

*Children must be supervised at all times.

JEERS to Trash Collection

Trash should be set out in a heavy closed trash bag or a proper container to keep rodents, birds or other pests or the wind from scattering your garbage.

It has been noticed that birds have been ripping open grocery bags and picking through and scattering trash.

Please do not put your trash in front of other residents homes without that resident's consent.

PARK BUSINESS

THANKS TO ELAINE BLANK FOR THIS:

FINALLY THE DIRECTORIES ARE COMING!

The final draft of the 2023/2024 Yellow Book Directories arrived this week. Sylvia and I proofed it and it is off to the printer with assurance L that they will be delivered to us by October first. It has been quite the

challenge but I think we got it right this time. This is a free service to our community. If you have any changes in your information once you receive your book, contact Joy in the office. Any changes made now will not be published until fall of 2024.

Elaine Blank



Did You Know?

Fleas can jump 350 times its body length?

Hummingbirds are the only birds that can fly backwards?

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WINDFALL SALE INFORMATION

THANKS TO JILL DESRANLEAU FOR THIS:

reetings everyone, I hope you're all enjoying your summer! Up here in Vermont, we have all grown feathers and web feet. We are like ducks with all this rain.

Just a reminder we are always taking in items throughout the summer! Leave any items you have up at the shed by the clothes lines and one of our elves will take care of it

.....hehehe! That would be **Bob Leigh** and **Karen Hanafin**!

The plan is to have a "DECORATION SALE" in November. We will have all seasons of decorations that we will be selling! So perhaps if you are thinking about adding or changing up any of your decorations, you may consider checking it out. We have not confirmed a date yet but towards the end of November in case anyone needs a Christmas tree or trimmings.....I know it's early to be talking Christmas. However, I wanted to put it out there to keep it in the back of your minds for shopping and donating.

We accept most everything with the exception of sofa beds, old large TV's and mirrors.... All other donations gladly accepted.

Thanks to ALL past, present and future volunteers of the Windfall Sale. It is an important fundraising event that benefits EVERYONE in our community.

Don't miss out on all the fun. Please consider becoming a volunteer!

With gratitude ~ Jill Desranleau ~ Windfall Sale Chairperson

THANKS TO JOY CRIPE FOR THIS:

appy Summer!
Hope you all are finding ways to stay cool in our current heat wave!
We have relocated two of the Association's umbrella tables to the pool area to give some shade relief when not in the pool. PLEASE REMEMBER: NO FOOD OR BEVERAGES IN THE POOL.

We are now in hurricane season. If you have outside furniture, planters, grills, etc. and are leaving the area for the summer, please see that they are all secured. Please remember to notify the office if you will be away from the community for any length of time so we can keep our emergency list updated.

Thanks to *Tim Schutt* et.al., who assisted in the chalk boards. They look great! Plenty of room for all the great activities to be posted.

The new sound system is being installed! Thanks to Ken Panke for chairing this project.

WEEDS!-WEEDS! — with the heat and the rains we experienced recently- weeds are growing in areas they have never grown. If you are not on site for the summer- please have someone check your unit and spray or pull the weeds as needed.

Reminder to drive slowly and stop at all stop signs while in the Westwind Communities. Traffic regulations are to be observed by golf carts and bicycles as well. The Association has many who walk the community and many drivers who may not have as quick of reactions as they once had. The safety of all our residents is always a main concern.

Note: When using the back gate entry area, please do not drive in the wrong gate if you opened the wrong side. Several have reported they have almost been hit by vehicles entering in the exit side.

Enjoy the summer and see you all back in Florida soon.

Joy Cripe

Community Association Manager.

Park Mail

THANKS TO JOYCE PINCKNEY FOR THIS:

SEE WHAT YOU'RE MISSING... GET ON THE "Hi Lites" MAGAZINE LIST TODAY! mitrengrub@gmail.com

Tust 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.

Joyce Pinckney,

Asst. Secretary - Social Club

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R.O.C. BOAŔĎ

TOWN SQUARE INFO.THANKS TO JOEL DANIELS FOR THIS:

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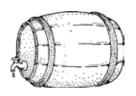
omeone in WW ll asked if we could try to bring back our old "Help Out Your Neighbor" that used to be in the "Hi Lites."

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.

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SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

Social Club Committees 2023:

Art Committee: Eileen Putman

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Breakfasts: Dan Wilton Chalkboards: Trish Craig

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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

<u>EDITOR'S NOTE:</u> THE AUDITORS, ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE, and TRIPS AND TOURS positions are currently OPEN....PLEASE CONTACT THE SC PRESIDENTS IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

THIS OR THAT

HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION

THANKS TO BRENDA ROWAN FOR THIS:

Tt is not a snow storm in Ohio, it is an ice storm in July, 2023.

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GREAT SEA STORY

THANKS TO CARL STONE FOR THIS:

The passenger steamer SS Warrimoo was quietly knifing its way through the waters of the mid-Pacific on its way from Vancouver to Australia. The navigator had just finished working out a star fix and brought Captain John DS. Phillips, the result. The Warrimoo's position was LAT 0° 31' N and LONG 179 30' W. The date was 31 December, 1899. "Know what this means?" First Mate Payton broke in, "We're only a few miles from the intersection of the Equator and the International Date Line." Captain Phillips was prankish enough to take full advantage of the opportunity for achieving the navigational freak of a lifetime.

He called his navigators to the bridge to check & double check the ship's position. He changed course slightly so as to bear directly on his mark. Then he adjusted the engine speed.

The calm weather & clear night worked in his favor. At midnight the SS Warrimoo lay on the Equator at exactly the point where it crossed the International Date Line! The consequences of this bizarre position were many:

The forward part (bow) of the ship was in the Southern Hemisphere & in the middle of summer.

The rear (stern) was in the Northern Hemisphere & in the middle of winter.

The date in the aft part of the ship was 31 December 1899.

In the bow (forward) part it was 1 January 1900.

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THERAPY

THANKS TO BARBARA SCHUTT FOR THIS:

y brain and heart divorced a decade ago over who was to blame about how big of a mess I have become.

Eventually, they couldn't be in the same room with each other, now my head and continued on page 32

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heart share custody of me.

I stay with my brain during the week and my heart gets me on weekends.

They never speak to one another - instead, they give me the same note to pass to each other every week and their notes they send to one another always says the same thing: "This is all your fault".

On Sundays my heart complains about how my head has let me down in the past and on Wednesday

my head lists all of the times my heart has screwed things up for me.

In the future, they blame each other for the state of my life.

There's been a lot of yelling - and crying so, lately, I've been spending a lot of time with my gut who serves as my unofficial therapist.

Most nights, I sneak out of the window in my ribcage and slide down my spine and collapse on my gut's plush leather chair that's always open for me

~ and I just sit sit sit until the sun comes up.

Last evening, my gut asked me if I was having a hard time being caught between my heart and my head.

I nodded, I said I didn't know if I could live with either of them anymore.

"My heart is always sad about something that happened yesterday while my head is always worried about something that may happen tomorrow," I lamented.

My gut squeezed my hand. "I just can't live with my mistakes of the past or my anxiety about the future," I sighed.

My gut smiled and said: "In that case, you should go stay with your lungs for a while,"

I was confused - the look on my face gave it away.

"If you are exhausted about your heart's obsession with the fixed past and your mind's focus on the uncertain future, your lungs are the perfect place for you.

There is no yesterday in your lungs

There is no tomorrow there either

There is only now

There is only inhale

There is only exhale

There is only this moment

There is only breath and in that breath you can rest while your heart and head work their relationship out."

This morning, while my brain was busy reading tea leaves and while my heart was staring at old photographs, I packed a little bag and walked to the door of my lungs and before I could even knock she opened the door with a smile and as a gust of air embraced me.

She said, "what took you so long?" ~ john roedel

CORN

THANKS TO CARL STONE FOR THIS:

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corn with his neighbors. "How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbors when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?" the reporter asked.

"Why sir," said the farmer, "Didn't you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors grow good corn."

So it is with our lives...Those who want to live meaningfully and well must help enrich the lives of others, for the value of a life is measured by the lives it touches. And those who choose to be happy must help others find happiness, for the welfare of each is bound up with the welfare of all.

An Amazing 2- letter English Word...UP

THANKS TO LYNN MILLER FOR THIS:

reminder that one word in the English language has more meanings than any other two-letter word. It can be a noun, verb, adjective, adverb, or a preposition.

- · It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?
- · At a meeting, why does a topic come UP?
- · Why do we speak UP, and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report?
- · We call UP our friends, brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen.
- · We lock UP the house and fix UP the old car.
- · When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP.
- · When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing UP.
- · When it rains, the earth soaks it UP.
- · When it does not rain for a while, things dry UP.
- · At other times, this little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses.
- To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special.
- · And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP.
- · We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP!
- · To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look UP the word UP in the dictionary.
- · In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4 of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions.
- · If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used.
- · It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more.

One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now . . . my time is UP!





HEART GRABBER

THANKS TO BARBARA SCHUTT FOR THIS:

ast night I bought a sunflower to put on the windshield of someone I'm smitten with. After some consideration, I decided not to since we had only been on one date, the night previous. Don't want to come off too strong, right?

Anyway, I grabbed the flower on my way out this morning with the intention to give it to someone on my way to work so it didn't die alone.

What happened next has left me changed in ways I don't even have words for yet. While I was sitting and drinking my morning joe at the coffee shop (which I typically take to go), I saw a woman reading something with tears quietly and quickly sliding down her pale face.

It was like there was a magnet in the sunflower that was being drawn to her, because I knew in that moment she was who I was going to give the sunflower to; she was who I had to give it to.

When I got to her table I said, 'Hey, pardon me. I have this sunflower that I was hoping to give to someone special and that someone I had in mind didn't work out, but I can feel that you're special too, so I want you to have it.'

Before I could even hand her the sunflower, this complete stranger flew into my arms with tears flowing, and gratitude spewing, as if I was someone she once loved, and lost.

It's what she said next that I'm still trying to grip.

She was crying because her fiancé had died the week before, just months before they were going to get married.

On their first date, he brought her a sunflower and from then on, got her sunflowers, never roses, because she was the light of his life.

Today, through me, he was able to show her that she'll always be the light of his life and how we as humans have a message to carry that goes far beyond words.

I'm shaken, awakened, and feeling raw.

You never know how much a simple gesture of giving someone a \$5 flower will change their life, as well as yours. Life is about giving and being of service to others.

I challenge you all to find a way to make someone else's life just a little bit brighter today and be of service. You never know the impact you could have."

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THANKS TO BARBARA SCHUTT FOR THIS:

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CONTRACTOR – How much do you think it should cost?

CLIENT – \$800 max! It's a simple job!

CONTRACTOR – I can't do the job for so little.

CLIENT – People in your line of work wants to make a huge profit!

CONTRACTOR – I'm sorry you feel this way. Why don't you do the job?

CLIENT – But, but, I don't know how to do any of that.

CONTRACTOR – For \$900, I can teach you everything you need to know to do the job.

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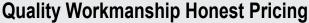
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CLIENT – Deal!

CONTRACTOR – Great! To start, you need to buy tools. You will need a chipping hammer, a nail gun, a laser, a drill, a mixer machine, PPE, and some other things.

CLIENT – But, I don't have any of those tools and I can't buy all that for just one job!

CONTRACTOR – Ok. I can rent you my tools for another \$300. You're still saving \$800.

CLIENT – That's cutting my savings, but I will rent your tools.

CONTRACTOR – Perfect! I'll be back Saturday and we can start.

CLIENT – Wait! I can't Saturday. I only have time today.

CONTRACTOR – I'm sorry, I only teach others on Saturdays. I have to prioritize my time and my tools needs to be in other jobs I have during the week.

CLIENT – Ok then. I will sacrifice my family's plans on Saturday.

CONTRACTOR – Right, me too! Oh, I forgot. If you're going to do the job yourself, you need to buy the materials. There's a high demand nowadays, so your best bet is to get a truck and be at the hardware store by 6am before other contractors get there.

CLIENT – AT SIX IN THE MORNING? On Saturday? That's too early for me. I don't even have a truck!

CONTRACTOR – I guess you'll have to rent one. By the way, do you have some helpers to help you load the truck?

CLIENT – You know what? I've been thinking. Probably is better for you to do the job. It's better to pay you to do the job right and not having to go through all that hassle.

CONTRACTOR – Good thinking. Sign here and let me get to work.

This is the truth.

People are not just paying for a job, they are paying for knowledge, experience, tools, time, family sacrifices, and other things you bring to the table.

Don't let others dictate your worth.

WE ARE A GENERATION THAT WILL NEVER COME BACK.

THANKS TO BARBARA SCHUTT FOR THIS:

A generation that walked to school and then walked back.

A generation that did their homework alone to get out asap to play in the street.

A generation that spent all their free time in the streets with their friends.

A generation that played hide and seek when dark.

A generation that made mud cakes.

A generation that collected sports cards.

A generation that found, collected, and washed & returned empty pop bottles to the local grocery store for 5 cents each, then bought a Mountain Dew and a candy bar with the money.

A generation that made paper toys with their bare hands.

A generation who bought vinyl albums to play on record players.

A generation that collected photos and albums of clippings of their life experiences as a kid.

A generation that played board games and cards on rainy days.

A generation whose TV went off at midnight after playing the National Anthem.

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A generation that had parents who were there.

A generation that laughed under the covers in bed so parents didn't know we were still awake.

A generation that is passing and unfortunately it will never return no matter how hard we try.

I loved growing up when I did. It was the best of times.

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LESSON LEARNED

THANKS TO BARBARA SCHUTT FOR THIS:

There once lived two boys in a village. Both of them, the "bestest" of friends, the elder one 10 years of age and the other 6.

Once while playing and without realizing, the two boys went a little far away from their village. Lost in their games, the elder boy slipped and fell into a ditch, partially filled with water. Not knowing how to swim, scared, the boy started shouting. The younger boy looked around for help, but couldn't find a single person as far as his eyes could see. Suddenly, the boy saw a bucket attached to a rope, and without wasting any minute, threw the bucket into the ditch for his friend. The 10 year old boy hung on to the bucket while the 6 year old pulled the rope with all his might. He kept trying and was finally able to pull his friend out of the ditch.

Overjoyed at this achievement, the two friends hugged and danced. But suddenly, the thought of their villagers came into their mind. They feared that the villagers would scold them for their carelessness. But much to their surprise, nothing like this happened. In fact, the villagers couldn't believe what they heard. How could a 6 year old boy, who couldn't even lift a bucket full of water, pull a 10 year old out from the ditch?!

None of them believed the boys, except for an aged man who was considered to be the wisest in the village. He applauded the boys for their bravery and courage.

On seeing this, the villagers decided to ask the old man whether the story was real or was it all a lie?

To this the wise, old man replied, "The question here is not whether the story is real or not, but the question is, "How could a mere six year old boy pull a ten year old from the ditch?"

The man said, "It was because at the time of the incident, there wasn't a single person in the vicinity, to tell the small boy that he couldn't do it. Not even the boy himself.

TATTOO

THANKS TO BARBARA SCHUTT FOR THIS:

noticed a tattoo on a guy's arm. And I couldn't figure out what it said. So I asked him.

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He said his tattoo was the word, "grateful," with part of each letter missing. So that he would remember to be grateful even when there were things missing.

I thought that was incredibly meaningful. I'm not a tattoo type of person but I would love to have that tattoo on a t-shirt. Or maybe a piece of jewelry.

It's not about what's not there. It's about feeling grateful for what is. Perfect.



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KEANU REEVES

This is Matrix movie star Keanu Reeves. He was abandoned by his father at 3 years old and grew up with 3 different stepfathers. He is dyslexic. His dream of becoming a hockey player was shattered by a serious accident. His daughter died at birth. His wife died in a car accident. His best friend, River Phoenix, died of an overdose. His sister battled leukemia.

No bodyguards, no luxury houses. Keanu lives in an ordinary apartment and likes wandering around town and often seen riding a subway in NYC.

When he was filming the movie "The Lake House," he overheard the conversation of two costume assistants, one crying as he would lose his house if he did not pay \$20,000 - On the same day, Keanu deposited the necessary amount in his bank account. In his career, he has donated large sums to hospitals including \$75 million of his earnings from "The Matrix" to charities.

In 2010, on his birthday, Keanu walked into a bakery & bought a brioche with a single candle, ate it in front of the bakery, and offered coffee to people who stopped to talk to him.

In 1997 some paparazzi found him walking one morning in the company of a homeless man in Los Angeles, listening to him and sharing his life for a few hours.

In life, sometimes the ones most broken from inside are the ones most willing to help others. This man could buy everything, and instead every day he gets up and chooses one thing that cannot be bought.

NOW YOU KNOW!

THANKS TO CARL STONE FOR THIS:

Trivia of David Niven

*After Great Britain declared war in 1939, he was one of the first actors to go back and join the army. Although Niven had a reputation for telling good old stories over and over again, he was totally silent about his war experience. He said once: "I will, however, tell you just one thing about the war, my first story and my last. I was asked by some American friends to search out the grave of their son near Bastogne. I found it where they told me I would, but it was among 27,000 others, and I told myself that here, Niven, were 27,000 reasons why you should keep your mouth shut after the war."

*His first wife, Primmie, died tragically while attending a dinner at fellow actor Tyrone Power 's house. After dinner while playing hide and seek, Primmie opened what she thought was a closet door but instead tumbled down the basement stairs and onto the concrete floor. She died shortly after.

*Became friends with Clark Gable during the 1930s. While Gable was serving in England during World War II, Gable used to stay over at the Niven's cottage and spend quality time with Niven's wife and children. When, a few years later, Niven's wife died tragically, Gable did his best to comfort Niven. Niven said "Clark was drawing on his own awful experience

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(his wife Carole Lombard 's tragic death) to steer me through mine. He was also close friends with Robert Wagner and was able to comfort him when Natalie Wood died, just as he had been comforted by Clark Gable when his wife, Primmie, died. All 3 lost wives they adored in tragic incidents.

*His favourite film was Around the World in Eighty Days (1956) as it gave him the opportunity of meeting up with old friends.

*The film, Pink Panthe,r was intended to have David Niven's character, Sir Charles Lytton, as the main character. However, Peter Sellers' portrayal of Inspector Clouseau was so loved by the crew (and later by the audience) it became his character this film and the sequels focused on. When presenting at a subsequent Oscar Awards ceremony, David Niven requested his walk-on music be changed from the "Pink Panther" theme, as "that was not really my film."

*In the James Bond novel, "You Only Live Twice," by Ian Fleming, he is referred to, and a pet bird in the story was named after him. Three years after the book was released, he played Bond in Casino Royale (1967).

*At his funeral, the largest wreath was from the porters at Heathrow Airport. There was a card which read, "To the finest Gentlemen who ever walked these halls. He made a porter feel like a King".

JUST FOR LAUGHS & GIGGLES!

THANKS TO KAREN HANAFIN FOR THIS:

Don't Mess with Me

was in the McDonald's drive-through this morning and the young lady behind me leaned on her horn and started mouthing something because I was taking too long to place my order. When I got to the first window, I paid for her order along with my own. The cashier must have told her what I'd done because as we moved up she leaned out her window and waved to me and mouthed, "Thank you," obviously embarrassed that I had repaid her rudeness with kindness.

When I got to the second window I showed them both receipts and took her food too. Now she has to go back to the end of the line and start all over again.

Moral: Don't mess with old people. As I have been around a long time and know how to play the game.

Karen Hanafin

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