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*Bob Campbell, President, Lot 253*



**O**ur general membership meetings will start up again on September 11, 2023. By virtue of your Oakcrest/Acorn residency, you are an HOA member and are entitled to attend the meetings and are encouraged to do so. It bears repeating that only members current in their dues can express their views and participate in the discussions at the meeting. If you need to bring your dues up to date, please drop \$10:00 off to Elsie at Lot # 335. Elsie has a mail slot in her door so you can drop it off quite easily. Make sure you write your lot number on your check or envelope so Elsie can complete a membership card which we will deliver to you. We can also arrange to come to your home and pick up your dues. Just call any of us listed on page 2 of the Messenger. Hope you continue to have a great summer and hope to see you all in September!! "

Remember, the next HOA meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m., Sept. 11, 2023.

## OAK CREST/ ACORN RESIDENTS' CLUB

*Karen Stancick, President, Lot 205, 610-349-7614*

**T**his summer has been hotter than usual and I know we are all hoping that changes soon. The Activities Committee is sponsoring a Labor Day picnic on Monday, September 4th. Jorge Rano (George) is supplying and cooking the meat. There will be ribs, chicken, hot dogs and hamburgers. Due to the extreme heat, the food will be inside and everyone is welcome to eat where it's cool. We are asking residents to bring a side dish or a dessert to share. Paper products and plastic ware will be provided. You are welcome to play games outside or inside, as you like. Come out and spend some time reconnecting with your neighbors and meet some of the many new residents that have moved in during the summer.

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*Jill Chambers, Lot 234, 440-318-4738*



**M**y Care Medical will be providing free bags of food on September 5 @ 1 p.m. and Humana will be providing healthy food bags on September 22 @ 3:00 p.m. You do not have to be customers of either of these companies to take advantage of this benefit. These food bags are available to anyone in the park.

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*Kathy Meyers, Lot 15*



If you would like to reserve the clubhouse for an event, please contact Karen Stancick until I return in Mid-November. Please have the following information available when you call:

### *WHEN? DATE AND TIME*

Know that you must pay a \$100 deposit to the office, after you have filled out the appropriate paperwork you will get from Karen. Deposit is refundable if space is left in order when you leave.

The Clubhouse is intended for the use of Oakcrest/Acorn residents and their guests; therefore, a member of the community must be in attendance at the event.

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Nothing reported

## ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE UPDATE

*Roberta Zanol, Maureen Dunham*



## HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Crafters! Crafters! Crafters! Get busy crafting and reserve your space for the 2nd Annual Craft Fair to be held October 21, 2023 at the Oakcrest/Acorn Clubhouse. We have room for thirty vendors and the cost for an 8-foot table is \$15.00. If you are interested, Hurry, because there are only 3 tables left! Contact Jill DiMaggio at 443-741-5304 to reserve a table and complete a vendor contract. Please leave a message with your contact information if she is unavailable. Jill will get back to you as soon as possible. We will be advertising locally and expect a great turnout, just like last year.

All are welcome to participate in the craft club on Friday mornings from 9:00-12:00 a.m. and Tuesday evenings from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Come with or without a craft idea. Maybe someone there is doing something you would like to learn!



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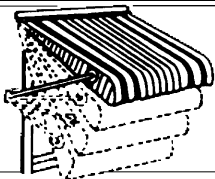
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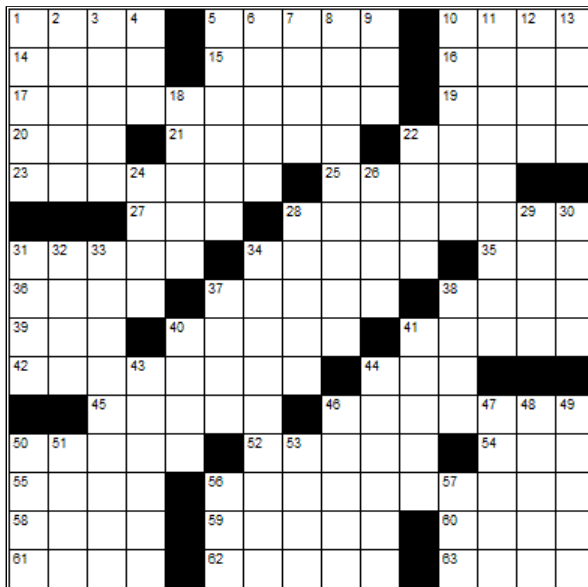
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**ACROSS**

- 1. Fearless
- 5. Prefer
- 10. Anagram of "Sale"
- 14. African sheep
- 15. Tequila source
- 16. Female horse
- 17. Arranged in random order
- 19. Ear-related
- 20. Estimated time of arrival
- 21. Protective covering
- 22. Hush
- 23. Individual meal portion
- 25. A frequently visited place
- 27. Night before
- 28. Reticent
- 31. Landslide detritus
- 34. Mock
- 35. Twosome
- 36. A rigid circular band
- 37. Fine thread
- 38. List of choices
- 39. Large flightless bird
- 40. Parental sisters
- 41. Charges
- 42. Collection of information
- 44. Sticky stuff
- 45. Intestinal section
- 46. Mother of a parent
- 50. Committee
- 52. Style of building columns
- 54. Be bedridden
- 55. Utiliser
- 56. Shriveling up
- 58. Fish sperm
- 59. Motif
- 60. Environs
- 61. Compensates
- 62. S S S
- 63. Combustible pile



**DOWN**

- 1. Reveals
- 2. Give a speech
- 3. Associated with the moon
- 4. Accomplished
- 5. An acute insufficiency
- 6. Growing old
- 7. Flower holder
- 8. Modernizes
- 9. Scarlet
- 10. Sum
- 11. Map parallels
- 12. A Great Lake
- 13. Religious offshoot
- 18. Martini garnish
- 22. Resign
- 24. Vice President (slang)
- 26. Skin disease
- 28. Flavor
- 29. Litter member
- 30. French for "We"
- 31. Outbuilding
- 32. Deep sleep
- 33. Commonly
- 34. Metalworkers
- 37. Outdoor party
- 38. Natural satellite
- 40. Cain's brother
- 41. Manager
- 43. Alarms
- 44. Complains
- 46. Munchkin
- 47. Kind of farm
- 48. Mineral excavator
- 49. Seaweed
- 50. Flow intermittently
- 51. Largest continent
- 53. Minerals
- 56. Consumed
- 57. Jabber



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### ***On being awake***

*I love sleep. My life has the tendency to fall apart when I'm awake, you know?*

— **Ernest Hemingway**

### ***On getting to heaven***

*What will they do next? Ban drinking? We'll never get to heaven if we don't die first.*

— **an incredulous Irishman responding to the new law making all pubs in the Republic smoke free**

### ***On success***

*The penalty of success is to be bored by people who used to snub you.*

— **Nancy Astor**

*Success is counted sweetest by those who ne're succeed.*

— **Emily Dickinson**

### ***On relativity***

*When a man sits with a pretty girl for an hour, it seems like a minute. But let him sit on a hot stove for a minute—and it's longer than any hour. That's relativity.*

— **Albert Einstein**

### ***On good manners***

*Hear no evil, speak no evil—and you'll never be invited to a party.*

*Hospitality is making your guests feel at home, even though you wish they were.*

— **Anonymous**

### ***On good deeds***

*A good deed never goes unpunished.*

— **Gore Vidal**



### ***On silence***

*Silence is the best substitute for brains ever invented.*

— **Henry F. Ashurst**

### ***On fathers***

*Fathers are what give daughters away to other men who aren't nearly good enough, so they can have grandchildren who are smarter than anybody's.*

— **Paul Harvey**

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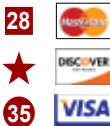
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Everyone knows emergencies are costly, so it's best to avoid them if possible. And the truth is there are a lot of things you can do to avoid plumbing disasters in your home. Here are some tips on keeping your drains, pipes and toilets in good working order.

### Kitchen tips

- You don't want to clog your drain. So don't pour fats and cooking oils down it. Instead, take a paper towel and wipe out congealed fat and throw it in the trash can.
- When you use your garbage disposal, run cold water for 30 seconds before and after use. This helps get rid of remaining residue in the drain. Things to avoid putting into the garbage disposal: carrots, banana peels, celery (or any "stringy" foods).
- Run your dishwasher and washing machine at night, that way you won't lose water pressure during the day.

### Bathroom tips

- Allow 15 minutes between showers to keep an optimal amount of hot water. Or consider installing a bigger water heater if spacing out showers is not realistic for your family.
  - If your shower pressure seems weak, soak your shower head in vinegar to loosen mineral deposits that may be clogging it.
  - Throw only toilet paper in the toilet. Facial tissue is stronger and can cling to pipes and clog drains. Don't use your toilet for a garbage can. And don't store small items on the back of the toilet as they can fall or get knocked off and cause clogging.
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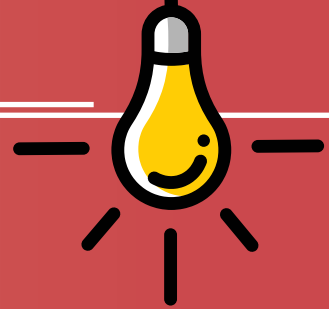
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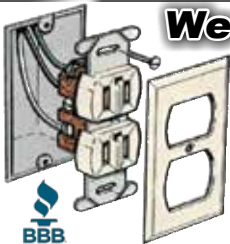
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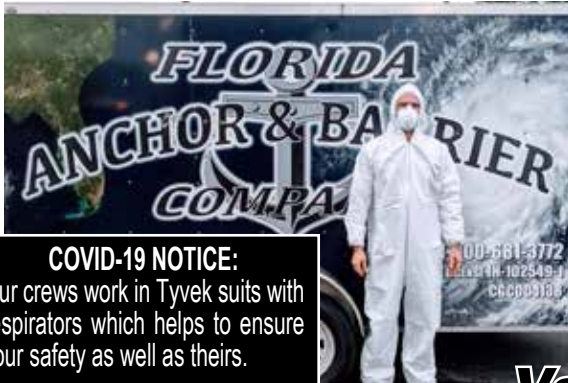


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- Be wary of wine bottles displayed in an upright position. Wines should be laid on their sides to keep corks moistened. A dry cork allows air into the bottle, which ruins the wine.
- Look for deals. Look for wide ranges in price. Wine pros think stores should offer as many price choices as varieties.
- Don't get hung up on scores from Wine Spectator and other publications. Ask the shop staff what wines they prefer. Talking to someone who has actually tasted the wine rather than just read about it is the rule to follow here.
- Choose wine stores with knowledgeable staff. If workers don't know what they're selling, go somewhere else.
- Buy from a wine shop that makes you excited to try what they recommend. Also, make sure your wine shop has people who know how to couple wine with food.
- Go to a wine shop that asks you the right questions. If staff asks you questions that are too general, like "What do you want this wine for?" and neglect asking you "Is this wine for a dinner at home or a dinner party?" "What will the menu be?" "Is this a gift?" or "How long until this wine will be drunk?" go some-where else.
- If the wine store you frequent is dusty, consider choosing another place to shop. Wine cellars can be dusty, but modern American wine shops need to show they care—and dust usually means neglect.

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A man goes into a bank in San Francisco and walks up to the teller. “I’d like to borrow \$5,000 dollars for a business trip to Europe,” the man said.

“Fine,” said the clerk, “but we’ll need some collateral if we’re going to give you a loan.”

The man handed the clerk a set of keys and said, “You can keep my Rolls Royce as collateral.”

The bank clerk was surprised, but the car title checked out and when everything was verified as legitimate, he gave the man a \$5,000 loan for his trip. The teller then sent another worker out to move the car into the bank’s parking garage for safekeeping.

Two weeks later the man returned to the bank, repaid the \$5,000 loan—plus \$15.41 in interest.

The clerk said to the man, “I don’t understand. I did some checking while you were gone—and I know you’re a millionaire, why did you have to borrow \$5,000?”

The millionaire smiled knowingly and said, “Where else am I going to find parking for two weeks in San Francisco for \$15.41?” — adapted from the Clean Funny Web site

## A crafty entrepreneur



A little boy was selling lemonade at a stand. At the front of the stand he had a sign that said LEMONADE 55 CENTS: ALL YOU CAN DRINK.

A woman who was passing by thought about it, and even though the cup the boy stocked at his stand looked small, she decided to buy a lemonade since it was only 55 cents.

The boy handed her a cup and filled it up and she drank the entire contents straight down and then held her cup out for a refill. However, the boy firmly shook his head no to her request.

“But it says ‘All you can drink’ on your sign for 55 cents,” the woman protested.

“That’s right,” the boy said. “It’s all you can drink.” — adapted from the Clean Funny Web site

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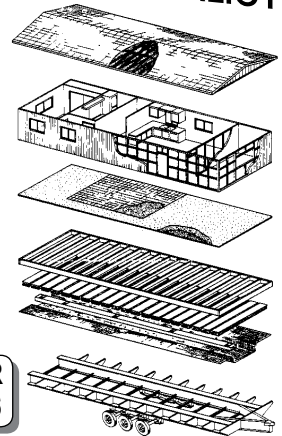
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## The hitchhiker



A hitchhiker caught a ride. As soon as the hitchhiker sat down in the front seat the driver floored the gas pedal and drove right through a red light.

Frightened, the hitchhiker said, “You oughtn’t do that—it’s dangerous.”

The driver looked over at the new passenger and said earnestly, “Why, that’s the way my brother always drives.”

They continued on and when they came to the next traffic light, it was red, and the driver didn’t as much as pretend to slow down. He barreled right through the intersection. Other cars slammed on their brakes to keep from hitting the red-light-running car.

By this time the hitchhiker was starting to lose his temper, “What are you trying to do—kill us? You’re driving like a maniac.”

Again, the driver answered in a sincere fashion and said, “My brother always drives exactly like this.”

They continued down the road, and as they approached the next traffic light, it turned green just as they were about to go through it. Suddenly, the driver slammed on the brakes and stopped the car immediately.

Beside himself, the hitchhiker said, “Why on earth are you driving like this. Why are you running all the red lights and stopping on green?”

The driver looked at the hitchhiker and said: “My brother might be coming through.” — adapted from *“Bad driver;” as told by Ivan Amburgey, in Laughter in Appalachia, by Loyal Jones and Billy Edd Wheeler*

## The sawmill



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The worker said, “I cut my ear off and I’m down here looking for it.”

“Well, hang on,” I said. “I’ll come down and help you.” I got down into the pit and started feeling around in the sawdust and I found the ear. “I got it,” I called out. “Here it is.”

The worker took hold of the ear and looked at it closely, then he threw it back down in the sawdust. “Better keep on looking,” he said. “Mine had a pencil behind it.” — adapted from *“Wrong ear;” as told by Glen Baker, in Laughter in Appalachia, by Loyal Jones and Billy Edd Wheeler*

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## Health

### Experts warn that Southern style diets can cause strokes, heart problems



Southern-style diets worry health experts because while the types of food in a typical Southern diet are not a concern themselves, the way they are prepared adds lots of unnecessary fat and calories and could be the reason that residents of Southern regions suffer more strokes and heart problems.

Concern for the way some Southern communities eat started in 1962, when a study showed that people living in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia were suffering disproportionately from high stroke death rates. Now the area of highest concern has shifted to the Mississippi Delta region.

Health officials from the Centers for Disease Control and other agencies have spent thousands of dollars on grants to promote healthy eating, even sending nutritionists in to educate the public in the South. These experts teach locals how to prepare Southern-style foods in healthier ways, such as reducing the amount of frying and fat used. But traditional Southern cooks often complain that changing the way the food is cooked also reduces flavor. Frying has long been a favorite Southern way of preparing food, the region seems to have latched on to frying long ago because it was a quick, inexpensive and flavorful way to cook food. Frying didn't heat up homes as much because it was such a fast way of cooking. But today's health conscious experts are striving to help find alternative preparation methods that will improve the health of the people who love to eat Southern regional cooking. — adapted from the Aetna IntelliHealth Web site

### Plant-based diets lower 'bad' cholesterol more effectively

If you want to lower your LDL, your "bad" cholesterol, and you're on a low-fat diet, the type of diet you choose to follow can make a big difference in results. A recent study by the Stanford University School of Medicine confirmed that a low-fat diet rich in fruits, vegetables and whole grains is more effective in lowering LDL than low fat diets that do not focus on these foods.



What exactly does this mean? It means that when you eat spinach salad, egg and oatmeal-carrot cookies, it's healthier for you—heartwise—than eating lean beef, asparagus and low-fat chocolate chip cookies. That holds true even when both meals are equal in amounts of saturated fats and cholesterol. The findings are from a study that compared results from a conventional low-fat diet and one that was heavily plant based. The conventional diet lowered LDL by 4.6 percent; the plant-based diet lowered LDL by 9.4 percent. —adapted from the Nutrition Horizon Web site

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