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### **Pointe West General Information**

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FAX	727-614-9781
EMERGENCY NUMBER:	727-869-9700
Pointe West Web Site:	www.pointewestroc.com
Office Hours: Monday thru Friday:	9 AM <sup>2</sup> - 2 PM
Office:	Flavne Venegas
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1. All renters/visitors required to register and apply for background check at the office. Show proof of age. Owners check-in and also leave departure date. Update your information.

2. Permit required for overnight parking in **designated** areas. Overnight street parking is not permitted.

Obtain permit at office (5-L) during office hours.

3. Speed Limit in park: 10 MPH. Be aware of other cars when parking on streets. They are very narrow. Emergency vehicles should be able to pass easily.

4. Check Clubhouse Activity Room # 1 for information on possible sales or rentals available.

- 5. Children must be accompanied by resident adult to use Pool & Clubhouse. All residents are to wear cover-up or Tee shirt when in clubhouse. DO NOT WALK INTO CLUBHOUSE WITH WET FEET!
- 6. SAFETY HINT: Use a FLASHLIGHT when walking during the dark hours after 6:00P. Golf Carts turn lights **ON**.

7. Residents should have Emergency Contact information in their office file, in case of medical problem

or weather emergency.

8. Any requests for our maintenance staff is to be submitted, IN WRITING, so work order can be generated. No verbal requests, please.

# **Pointe West Community Organizations**

1. Residents Owned Community - ROC

- a. Residents who bought a share in community which owns the land. They display a black permanent tag on their coach.
- b. These residents pay real estate taxes to Pinellas County.

c. They pay a monthly maintenance fee to the ROC.

d. Organization elects residents to the Board to govern the running of Pointe West. These (9) directors elect yearly: a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

2. Recreation Association - REC

a. All residents are eligible to join, paying \$2.50 per person for life.

- b. It's managed by a Board of Directors (9) for rotating three year terms. They then elect a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer each year.
- c. They plan a Social calendar for winter and summer seasons.

3. Home Owners' Association - HOA

- a. Pointe West Homeowners Association Inc. A not-for profit corporation. The H.O.A. is by law, the official and legally recognized representative.
- b. Members Non-shareholders who rent their lots here regarding, rent increases, park rules and regulations, park amenities, state governing statutes.

#### 4. Federation of Manufactured Homeowners of Florida, Inc.

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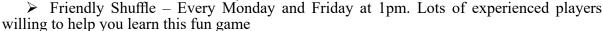
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b. Objectives – represents MFHO regarding state legislation And statutes in Florida.

### From the REC ~

Inter activities are starting up! It's been a long, hot summer but with cooler weather and the return of our snowbirds, activities at Pointe West are gearing up. Check the calendar to see what interests you and join in the fun. Some highlights of activities that are re-starting for Winter are:

- ➤ Tuesday Bingo Doors open 5pm every Tuesday
- Cookbook Club The 2nd Monday each month at 6pm
- ➤ Music for Fun hosted by Denis Murry BYOB and snacks
- ➤ Ladies Luncheon 3rd Friday of the month



Plus, look for all the other ongoing activities and REC sponsored meals. A Blood Drive will be held on December 4. The Ladies Luncheon will be in the Clubhouse on December 15. It's time to "do up" your golf cart for the Annual Christmas Golf Cart Parade on December 22! Kick up your heels following the Parade at the Boomer Dance. A potluck will be held in the Clubhouse on Christmas Day, and we are looking for folks to host a table. And, we will say good-bye to 2023, and kick off 2024 with the New Year's Eve Dance and Dennis Murry on December 31.

Check the calendar for dates and times. More information, changes, and updates to Park activities are always announced at the Wednesday KK meeting and are available in the email sent out after every KK meeting. If you are not on the park-wide email list, contact Susan Barnard at <a href="mailto:susanbarnard930@yahoo.com">susanbarnard930@yahoo.com</a> to have your email address added to the list so you're always informed.

### What is KK?

You'll see on the calendar an event called KK. For our park newbies, this stands for Koffee Klatch, a weekly gathering to meet your neighbors, hear any news or event updates, and have some free coffee and donuts. Doors open at 8:30 for socializing and the meeting starts at 9:00. Leftover donuts are sold for 50 cents each. Come to KK, introduce yourself, meet your neighbors, and find out what's happening at Pointe West.

# **Bowling for Fun**

Bowling for Fun every Wednesday @1:00 pm at Liberty Lanes on Starkey. Cost is \$3.50 a game plus \$2.00 shoe rental. We usually do two games. We have a lot of laughs and cheers for those rare STRIKES! This is not a league. We just go and have fun! Everyone is welcome to join us or to just to come and cheer.



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### **Cookbook Book Club News**

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<u>Celebrate with Babs</u> <u>Holiday Recipes & Family Traditions</u> by Barbara Costello

Barbara Costello, America's most lovable Grandma, believes that "life is a celebration and that the traditions found in these celebrations bring the richness of family, friends and food together." If you haven't seen Babs on The Today Show, Good Morning America or the Rachel Ray



Show, this is your chance to experience her delightful approach to food-centered celebrations. Whether you are looking for inspiration for a Christmas Eve party, Christmas morning breakfast or a Christmas Day feast, Bab's ideas and recipes will ensure that your celebrations are memorable occasions.

In addition, Babs proposes menus for festive moments throughout the year including a Super Bowl Bash, a Mother's Day Brunch and an extra-special Birthday Party. So, if you are looking for easy, creative holiday entertaining ideas, you'll find just what you need in *Celebrating with Babs*. Also included are dozens of kitchen tips for make-ahead ideas to take the pressure off you when you are hosting.

Whether you are looking for a show-stopping dessert for your Christmas dinner feast, an easy family favorite, or a comforting side dish to add the perfect touch, Babs has the ideal recipe for every occasion and the Cookbook Book Club (CBBC) provides the opportunity to taste test with friends.

If you would like to join our Holiday get-together:

- review the recipes from Celebrate with Babs. (It is in the Activities Room in the Clubhouse);
- pick a recipe and enter your selection on the sign-up sheet;
- prepare your recipe; and
- bring it with you to the CBBC tasting party at the Clubhouse!

#### Monday, December 11th at 6:00 pm

Your foodie friends in Pointe West look forward to seeing you!!!!

Questions??? Contact Barbara Hyle 978-257-0899

## **Ballroom Dancing**

ake your person happy! You know you always wanted to. Now you can. Learn ballroom dancing in the convenience of your own neighborhood and in the safety of the Clubhouse! Start with the basics of the Foxtrot and the Rhumba. Instructor, Charles Stoehr, says he "has a few years of experience". We think he's being modest. Grab a partner and join the fun. Mondays, 10AM.



## **Holiday Craft Fair**



Holiday Craft Fair will be held in the Clubhouse on Saturday, December 16th from 9-2. Vendors will be selling handcrafted and artisan items. Concessions will be sold, and baked goods will be available. Come by and pick up your holiday gifts for friends and family, or yourself! Both Pointe West and Four Seasons residents are invited to sell their crafts. We are looking for donations of any gently used Holiday

decorations to include on the Bazaar table. Please contact Judy Master 708-602-3144 if you have any you'd like to donate. Baked goods -- pies, cookies, brownies, breads, candies -- to be donated for the event are appreciated. Contact Jacque Legare 727-515-4361 to donate.

Vendor spaces, open to all our crafters in Pointe West and Four Seasons, are available for \$20 for a single table and \$30 for a double table. Set up for vendors will be available Friday after 4PM. Contact Susan Barnard 317-402-7904 or Jacque Legare 727-515-4361 if you would like to be a vendor.





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- > Every Tuesday night
- Doors open at 4:30
- ➤ Bingo cards go on sale at 5 pm and promptly
- > Stops at 6:15. (So we can calculate the pots)
- Games begin at 6:30. Usually done by 9 pm.
- > We play 16 regular games of bingo along with 2 small Jackpot games and 2 Large Jackpot games.
- ➤ We also have a 50/50 game.

We have a small concession stand, serving candy, popcorn, ice cream, chips and soft drinks or water. We serve pizza every third Tuesday of the month. If you would like to help sell tickets, call Bingo, or work at the concession, please see Sue McGrew, or Jacque Legare.

Thursday afternoon Bingo still continues at 1PM.

### Tai Chi Chih

his is a NEW activity and will take place every Friday, 10:00. It will be taught by Lanni Lantery, our resident certified coach. There is no L need to sign up and it's free. Tai Chi Chih is best described as 'moving meditation.' It's easy to learn, is very low impact, and can be done standing or even sitting in a chair. Come to the clubhouse this Friday to see what it's all about and give it a try. Sounds like fun!



### Bits and Bobs to Remember

ffice Reminder: Until further notice the office will be open on Monday through Friday from 9am to 2pm. If you wish to come to the office outside these hours please call to make an appointment (727) 584-8924.

Yellow Directory (Dial Directory): The directory is being updated and will be sent out for another printing. Please contact Donna in the office and let her know of any changes or additions that you would like made. The office number is 727-584-8924, and is located at Lot 5-L.

**Pool Umbrellas:** If you open an umbrella at the pool, PLEASE close it before you leave. We don't want any umbrellas damaged by unexpected storms. If you use it and don't close it, then you may be responsible if it gets broken.

When at the pool, please use proper receptacles for your cigarette butts. They are scattered over the sides of the roads and sidewalks. They not only present a fire hazard when a lit cigarette is flipped onto the ground, but it detracts from the beauty of our Park.

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**Bicycles and Golf Carts -** Reminder - please park your bicycles and golf carts in the designated areas only and not on the walkways or in front of the doorways. There is a bicycle rack to the left of the main clubhouse door, and golf carts should park in parking spots. Please keep the sidewalk areas clear and hazard free.

If you are leaving the Park for an extended period please remember to notify the office. Make sure your 'out of the Park" address and phone number are current. Also inform the office who has a key to your unit, if you have authorized anyone to park in your driveway etc. Our community looks out for one another so it is important that information about your unit is current.

**Media Report** - Jacque provides the calendar to Michele Rastovich mid-month for the following month. If you have something planned please be sure to notify Jacque so she can include it in the calendar.

**Indian Rocks Church** has a dinner every Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:30. All are welcome. Cost is \$9.00

**Bazaar Donations:** There is a bin in the Activity Room for Bazaar donations. **Please do not just leave them helter-skelter in the clubhouse.** Call Kim Peterson for pick up 1-231-343-8742. Thank you Kim for replacing the water and termite damaged floors in our storage sheds.

**Donations** – Please do not leave miscellaneous items in the clubhouse that you bring there to give away. We do not know if they are lost and found, or Bazaar items, or just give aways. Always bring them to KK instead of just leaving them in the clubhouse. If we don't know what they are for, they will be discarded.

Please DO NOT CHANGE programming for microphones, TV and other electronic equipment. Evan McKay has programmed remote controls for ease of use at regular Clubhouse events.

**Reminder about Bulletin Boards in the Activity Room** - all notices must be dated and can be left up for 30 days. Notices without a date will be removed.

# **Volo Village Reminder**

Tolo Village is an automated system to inform park residents of important issues affecting all park residents. The system is used for official management announcements only, such as changes in trash pickup, water turn-offs, etc. If you are not receiving Volo messages and would like to, contact the office and they will get you set up.



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**Loving People** 

There are loving people all around reach out to enjoy the beautiful surrounds

The man and woman next to you love him like your brother

Being there to enjoy the feeling of snow the stint of the night and the moon that passes thru the light

Life is strong the heart confines the soul, your body confines the spirit

A strong wrath overcomes you you feel content relaxed, an easy feeling to bring you to the end of the day

Another day goes by the feeling is still there it brings the love you have together so you can share it with all the beautiful people

Love is all we have to express ourselves so hang onto it for ever, and ever......

By: Donald Hoffman Submitted by: Donald Hoffman

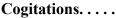


A bare bulb porch light Dangles above A broken screen door On a cottage in Chatham.

In the dull vanilla soft-serve glow An old plastic bucket Left behind on the stoop

Waits for morning And the sounds Of kids with little shovels Full of sand.

By: Jeff Roberts Submitted by: Barb Hyle



I only ever plan ahead if it is along the way

Learn to see with just one eye And let God see out the other

A dream is a vapor that rushes on ahead then waits for us to come and breath it in again

By: Michael G. Rastovich Submitted by: Michele Rastovich









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# **Pinellas County Holiday Lights**



Holiday Lights in The Gardens at The Florida Botanical Gardens

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St. Petersburg Drive By Christmas Lights Neighborhoods in Seminole, St. Pete

December 1 through December 31, 6:00pm – 10:00pm: Drive through 3+ miles of St. Petersburg Christmas lights in the Seminole/St Petersburg subdivisions of Lake Park Estates, Wieker, Lakeside Estates, and Lake Seminole Village, where these St. Petersburg residents generously decorate their homes and yards with beautiful Christmas lights.

Safety Harbor's Harbor Holiday Nights at Folly Farm and Safety Harbor

December 14-16, 6:00pm-8:00pm: Enjoy holiday lights, a campfire, children's activities, a trolley light tour, shopping, crafts, and more! Harbor Holiday Nights is FREE. The Trolley Light Tour has a ticket fee of \$5/person.

**Enchant Christmas at Tropicana Field** 

November 24-December 23, 2023: Tickets start at \$34 for adults and \$25 for kids ages 3-17. Tropicana Field is transformed into a winter wonderland featuring millions of twinkling lights. Go ice-skating along a lighted trail, visit with Santa, shop local businesses at the market, and more! The best part is, it's indoors so it's weatherproof!

Holiday Lights & Rides at Largo Central Park

November 24 -December 31, 5:00pm – 10:00pm: Annual family-friendly tradition at Largo Central Park will feature a spectacular holiday light display of over two million dazzling LED lights. Guests can also enjoy a stunning carousel and a seven-story Ferris wheel that offers breathtaking views of the lighted park. Rides are \$6 each or 4 for \$20. It is free to park and stroll among the sparkly Christmas lights. 101 Central Park Dr, Largo, FL 33771.

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## **December Holidays and Observances**

- December 1: Rosa Parks Day, World AIDS Day, Eat a Red Apple Day, National Pie Day
- **December 2**: Special Education Day, National Mutt Day
- December 3: Make a Gift Day, National Roof Over Your Head Day, Let's Hug Day, National Apple Pie Day, Coats & Toys for Kids Day\* (first Saturday)
- **December 4:** Santa's List Day, National Cookie Day, Wildlife Conservation Day
- December 5: Repeal Day, International Volunteer Day, National Communicate
   With Your Kids Day
- **December 6:** Mitten Tree Day, National Microwave Oven Day, National Gazpacho Day, Walt Disney Day\* (first Monday)
- December 7: National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Letter Writing Day, International Civil Aviation Day, National Cotton Candy Day
- **December 8**: Pretend to Be a Time Traveler Day, National Brownie Day, National Christmas Tree Day
- **December 9:** Christmas Card Day, National Pastry Day
- December 10: Human Rights Day, Nobel
   Prize Day, Dewey Decimal System Day,
   National Lager Day
- **December 11:** UNICEF Day for Change
- December 12: National Poinsettia Day,
   Gingerbread House Day, National Dinga-Ling Day, World Choral Day\* (second Sunday)
- December 13: National Violin Day, Ice
   Cream Day, National Cocoa Day
- **December 14:** Roast Chestnuts Day, National Energy Conservation Day
- **December 15:** Bill of Rights Day, National Cupcake Day, International Tea Day
- **December 16:** Boston Tea Party Day, National Chocolate Covered Anything Day

- December 17: Wright Brothers' First Flight Anniversary, National Maple Syrup Day, National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day\* (third Friday), National Wreaths Across America Day\* (third Saturday)
- December 18: Bake Cookies Day, National Twin Day, First Night of Hanukkah\* (varies, sometimes in November)
- **December 19:** Look for an Evergreen Day, National Oatmeal Muffin Day, Holly Day
- **December 20:** Go Caroling Day, Games Day, National Sangria Day
- December 21: First Day of Winter/ Winter Solstice\* (date varies), Crossword Puzzle Day, Look on the Bright Side Day, National Flashlight Day, Forefathers' Day, Don't Make Your Bed Day, National Short Story Day\* (first day of Winter)
- **December 22:** National Date Nut Bread Day, Forefathers' Day
- **December 23:** Festivus, National Roots Day, National Pfeffernüsse Day
- **December 24:** Christmas Eve, National Egg Nog Day
- December 25: Christmas Day, National Pumpkin Pie Day
- **December 26:** National Whiners Day, Boxing Day, National Candy Cane Day,
- **December 26:** Kwanzaa begins and lasts through January 1, 2024.
- December 27: National Fruitcake Day, Make Cut-Out Snowflakes Day
- **December 28:** National Card Playing Day, National Chocolate Candy Day
- December 29: Tick Tock Day, International Cello Day, Still Need To Do Day
- **December 30:** Bacon Day, National Resolution Planning Day
- December 31: New Year's Eve, Make Up Your Mind Day, National Champagne Day



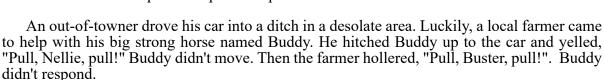
## **Just For Laughs**

t was Christmas and the judge was in a merry mood as he asked the prisoner: "What are you charged with?"

"Doing my Christmas shopping early" replied the defendant.

"That's no offense," said the judge. "How early were you doing this shopping?"

"Before the store opened" replied the prisoner.



Once more the farmer commanded, "Pull, Coco, pull!". Nothing. Then the farmer nonchalantly said, "Pull, Buddy, pull!" And the horse easily dragged the car out of the ditch. The motorist was most appreciative and very curious. He asked the farmer why he called his horse by the wrong name three times. The farmer said, "Oh, Buddy is blind and if he thought he was the only one pulling, he wouldn't even try!"

# **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Happy Birthday** to all those blessed to be born in December!

Research shows children born in December seem to have an even-keeled disposition... cooler temps, cooler kids

**Birthstones** are blue-Tanzanite, Zircon, Turquoise **Birth flowers-** Holly and Paperwhite Narcissus.

Birth signs -

Sagittarius: November 22- December 21 ~ known to be funny, generous, and love to travel. Capricorn: December 22 - January 19 ~ known to be responsible, ambitious, and sensitive.

Congratulations and Happy Anniversary to all the great couples who exchanged their vows in December.

> "A great marriage is not when the 'perfect couple' comes together. It is when an imperfect couple learns to enjoy their differences." Dave Meurer













### **Your Activities ~Your Articles!**

The Monthly Media Newsletter is for you, the residents of Pointe West ROC. You are invited to submit community activity reports, poems, prose, trivia, recipes, jokes, photographs of park events and your creative ideas. Email all articles/photographs to <a href="mailto:michele888@comcast.ne">michele888@comcast.ne</a>. ALL photographs must be captioned with a sentence about the activity.



If you have an idea for a new activity, be sure to clear it with the REC Board first to ensure a place on our calendar. **New activities will not be placed on the calendar without prior REC Board approval**. Newsletter editor reserves the right to accept or reject submissions.

Many thanks to all those who contribute to the newsletter each month! And thanks to the Media Team:

- Michele Rastovich: Editor
- Jacque Legare: REC Sponsor and provides calendar updates
- Ghislaine Didham: Distributes links to digital version

**Monthly Media Deadlines:** All articles and photos MUST be submitted to by the deadlines below.

January 2024 – December 7, 2024 February 2024 – January 15, 2024

### **Protect Your Back**

From the Bay Care Health System: Proper Body Mechanics to Prevent Injury and Pain

- When brushing your teeth, place one foot on ledge and one hand on counter; bend other knee slightly to keep back straight.
- When picking up the laundry basket, or picking up low items, squat down and bring item close to body to lift; use leg muscles to do the work.
- Avoid stooping; use long-handled equipment to keep good posture.
- Position yourself close to your work surface, whether standing or sitting; avoid straining forward at neck or waist.

  To unload small items at bottom of weeker lift log exposite to arm used.
  - To unload small items at bottom of washer, lift leg opposite to arm used to reach.
- Avoid twisting or reaching back; pivot around using food movements and bend at knees if needed when reaching for articles.
- When vacuuming, hold the vacuum with arm held at side; step back and forth to move it, keeping head up; avoid twisting.
- When getting in and out of the car, lower yourself onto the seat; scoot back, then bring in one leg at a time. Reverse sequence to get out.



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#### **EVENTS & PROGRAMS**

Ranch Mobile Park, Park-wide Yard Sale, Saturday, December 2nd, 8:00am - 2:00pm at 6800 - 150th Ave. N., Clearwater (Largo)

CRAFT FAIR 12/2/23 10 a.m. to Noon. AMERICANA COVE Clubhouse 7201 1st Street NE Saint Petersburg

CRAFT SHOW, BAKE SALE and RAFFLE. Saturday Dcember 2, 9-1. Southwind MHC, 795 Country Road 1. Palm Harbor. 440.227.5906

CRAFT SHOW/ Lunch, Saturday 12-02-2023, 9am- 1pm, AMBER GLADES Clubhouse, 3113 State Road 580, Safety Harbor



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HELLO CANADIANS! Canadian Club Canadien Gulf Coast Florida, having survived COVID, is now regrowing to promote fellowship among Canadians in Pinellas County, and foster goodwill with American people. Join us; for our monthly lunch with informative speakers, weekly golf, MLB game, dinner/theater, museums, deep sea fishing. Your first lunch is FREE! For information, email: cccgcfl@galt.biz.

Craft Sale 12/9/23 9AM -1PM at Ranch Mobile Park Clubhouse. Refreshments and food sale too

The Royal Canadian Legion Post 144 Pinellas County, having survived COVID, is regrowing to continue supporting local Veterans, providing social activities for new and existing Canadian Legion Members. Join us for our monthly Membership Meetings, Remembrance Ceremonies, VSO visits, raids, invasions, MLB dinner/theater. museums. game, etc. For information, email: info@ rclpost144.org.

#### EVENTS & PROGRAMS

HOLIDAY CRAFTS BIZAAR, Dec 16, 9-2, Pointe West Mobile Home Park, 12651 Seminole Blvd, Largo

Sunset Palms MHP Annual Community Yard Sales, Open Houses, Auction, Raffle. January 27th, Kitchen is open 8-2. Starts in the Clubhouse.

#### WANTED

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#### ATTENTION RESIDENTS!

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-Monthly Media Staff

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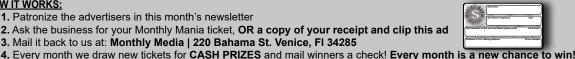


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