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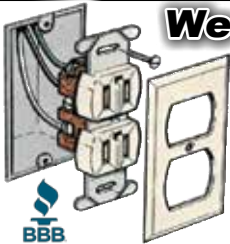
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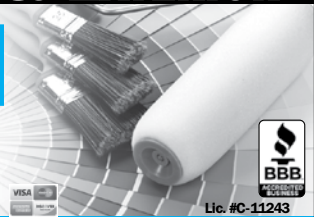
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December 1, 2023 **D**HOME MAINTENANCE

We would like to give a shout out to all the residents who have been keeping your homes maintained and looking fabulous. We appreciate you maintaining the beauty and charm of Sugar Creek. In the month of December, we will be looking at weeding and trimming around the home. Please take some time to look around the outside of your home and to see what needs to be done. Of course, we are also looking at your entire lot.

WATER

At times our residents or the contractors they hire break the water lines going to the home. If you need to turn off the water to your home, please let maintenance do this for you so we do not have water breaks that shut down the entire park.

MONTHLY RULE REMINDER-PARK MAILINGS

Please see Page 5, #2, under Administrative Charges in your Rules and Regulations

Notice when given by personal delivery shall be deemed given when actually delivered to the homeowner. Notice by U.S. Mail shall be deemed given seven days after the notice is placed in the U.S. Mail addressed to the mobile home owner's last known address. The last known address will be 10265 Ulmerton Road, lot number of homeowner, Largo, FL 33771. It will be the responsibility of the homeowner to have his mail properly forwarded to his attention.

GARBAGE

As we all know, the garbage men work hard for us, at times they have driven past a resident that has their garbage can out, they have apologized for that. If this happens, please contact the office ASAP and we will have them come back.

Holiday Schedule: Christmas –Trash will be picked up on Tuesday 12/26/2023 & Friday 12/29/2023

New Years – Trash will be picked up on Tuesday 1/2/2024 & Friday 1/5/2024.

TREES

When having a tree cut down or trimmed, for your safety and the safety of others make sure the company is licensed and has up to date insurance and has an arborist to look at the tree and determine the health of the tree. When having a tree removed, the stump needs to be removed as well.

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HOME SALES

We often have people come to the office telling us Sugar Creek is a desirable community, so thank you to our residents for making Sugar Creek a friendly and welcoming environment for all. If you are considering selling your home, just let Daniel or Vicki know and we will use the resources at our fingertips to sell your home quickly and for a great price. We are here to help: 727-586-2002.

PARK ISSUES

The Office is where the park issues should be addressed. When there is an issue or a suggestion, please come to, call, or e-mail the office so we can work on the issue as quickly as possible. If we do not know about something, we cannot address it. Please contact the office so we can work together and communicate as we should.

OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The office will be open on December 22 until noon and closed on December 25th and January 1st.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

SUGAR CREEK MANUFACTURED HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

On November 7, 2023, a meeting with the residents was held to discuss the proposed monthly rent increase of \$98. The HOA Negotiating Team met with the owner, Karen Rowan and the property manager, Vicki Greenwood on two occasions. There was no compromise on the rent increase as the market rent for 2023 was well above our present rates and anticipated to increase in 2024. Florida Statute 723.021 clearly states that if the increase is within the market rent rate, the proposed rate cannot be considered unreasonable for Mediation.

A quorum of members was present and the majority determined when put to vote that we would not go to Mediation based upon the Florida Statute 723.021.

The Owner was willing to address the following items:

1. Vegetative State of the Pond
2. A Study of the Shut-off Valves for water main breaks with evaluation for solutions and costs.
3. Lawn Service Issues which were multiple
4. Street Sweeping on a quarterly basis and repair of sidewalks
5. Consideration for updating the Rules & Regulations.



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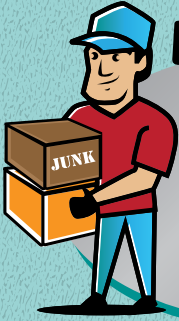


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The HOA is looking forward to an improved working relationship with the owner as two of our Directors, Chip Shepherd and Peter Koczera will be working with her on items 1 and 2 above.

The meeting was considered to be positive by some and negative by others. The HOA Board felt it was important to allow the residents to speak about their concerns and frustrations as the \$98 is the largest increase ever proposed since 1980. There are residents who are very concerned about how they can meet the rental requirement and their other obligations.

The annual HOA meeting will be held January 22, 2024. Anyone interested in serving on the Board should file their intent to run by Jan. 12, 2024. There is a sign-up sheet on the HOA bulletin board in the Clubhouse or you may contact Beverly Gray personally.

A reminder that mobile home registrations are now due. The annual registration period for mobile homes expires on December 31, 2023. The renewal period is the 31-day period prior to expiration.

Mobile homes located in Florida, including those owned by nonresidents, that are continuously occupied or not, are subject to Florida registration. This annual tax is due on any mobile home, regardless of its actual use. A renewal notice, may be sent to your last known address by the Tax Collector. Upon receipt of the fee, they will return your registration slip and yearly sticker to be mounted as directed on the mobile home.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS





SUGAR CREEK SOCIAL CLUB PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

December, a month of lights, coziness, and feasts. The time of year is here to make amends, tie up loose ends, finish what you have started, and make your wishes come true.

We have a great month ahead with a lot of fun events planned. Dec. 2 will be the Community Christmas party from 7-10:00PM. Terry Chase is the entertainment for the evening. This is a free event, but BYOB and any munchies for your table that you would like. Dec. 9 is our monthly breakfast from 8:30-10:00 AM. Please purchase your ticket from Nancy Pietro or Patty Flack. Dec. 16 is the White Elephant at 5:00PM. Bring a dish to pass and a wrapped gift of an unwanted item from your home. There will be a bread and pastry delivery on Dec. 21 at 11:30. On Dec. 31 the doors will open at 7:30 for our New Year Eve's party. Music will start at 8 and last until midnight. Music will be provided by Brittany. She was so enjoyed last year, we asked her to return for our party this year. Additional info about this party will be posted on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse.

We are very happy that so many of our friends are returning. We will miss those that are leaving for the holidays and look forward to your return.

A big thank you to everyone who worked so hard on our community Thanksgiving dinner. We had a great crowd with lots of wonderful food. Please make sure to check the newsletter calendar and the bulletin board for information on upcoming events. If you would like to receive a reminder from Patty Flack of future events by text or email, please sign up on the list at the Clubhouse.

Have a blessed Christmas and remember, "Love the giver more than the gift".

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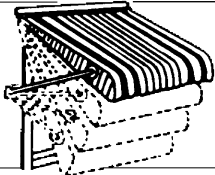
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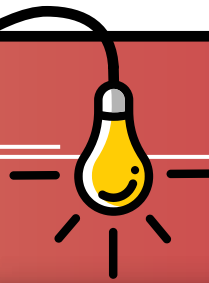
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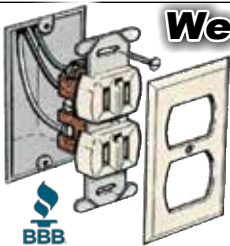
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<p>3</p> <p>Corn Hole Toss 1:00</p> <p>First Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Sugar Creek Community Club 6:30</p>	<p>Bowling Exercise Texas H 6:30PM</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Corn Hole Toss 1:00</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Got It 6:30</p>	<p>Bowling Exercise Texas H 6:30PM</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Corn Hole Toss 1:00</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>Bowling Exercise Texas H 6:30PM</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Corn Hole Toss 1:00</p> <p>Christmas Eve</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Private Event 2-8:00</p> <p>Christmas</p>	<p>Bowling Exercise Texas H 6:30PM</p>
<p>31</p> <p>Corn Hole Toss 1:00</p> <p>New Year Eve's Party 7:30-12:00</p> <p>New Year's Eve</p>		

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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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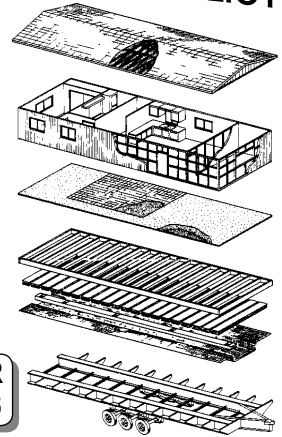
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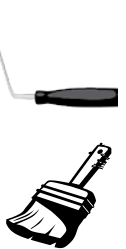
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- Egg Nog Month
- Handwashing Awareness Month
- Hi Neighbor Month
- Learn a Foreign Language Month
- Made in America Month
- National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month
- National Fruit Cake Month
- National Identity Theft Prevention and Awareness Month
- National Pear Month
- Procrastination Awareness Month
- Read a New Book Month
- Root Vegetables Month
- Safe Toys and Gifts Month
- Sign Up for Summer Camp Month
- Stress-Free Family Holiday Month
- Tomato and Winter Squash Month
- Tropical Fruits Month
- Universal Human Rights Month
- World AIDS Awareness Month
- Write a Friend Month



Weekly

- Hanukkah* (changes yearly and lasts for 8 days)
- National Handwashing Awareness Week (first week)
- National Influenza Vaccination Week* (typically first week)
- Tolerance Week (first full week)
- Human Rights Week (second week)

Daily

- 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 27: National Fruitcake Day, Make Cut-Out Snowflakes Day



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- 1. It comes in a loaf
- 6. Cobras
- 10. Play parts
- 14. Spooky
- 15. Not the whole
- 16. The central part
- 17. American symbol
- 18. Request
- 19. Hint
- 20. Wealth and success
- 22. Peel
- 23. Rock
- 24. Little kisses
- 25. Pear type
- 29. Retaliated
- 31. Arithmetic mean
- 33. Resident
- 37. Befall
- 38. Born here
- 39. Expunction
- 41. Expunges
- 42. Thin
- 44. Filth
- 45. Select by voting
- 48. Transfer
- 50. Teller of untruths
- 51. Devastation
- 56. Put ____ words
- 57. In the center of
- 58. Insignia
- 59. T T T
- 60. Rubber wheel
- 61. Drama set to classical music
- 62. Makes a mistake
- 63. Cards with one symbol
- 64. Adjust again



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- 1. Toot
- 2. Backside
- 3. Therefore
- 4. Afflicts
- 5. Ocean trenches
- 6. Give permission
- 7. Containing salt
- 8. Make-believe
- 9. Remain
- 10. Licensed
- 11. Infant's illness
- 12. Torso
- 13. Sows
- 21. Knickknack holder
- 24. Prison-related
- 25. ____ Ruth, baseball legend
- 26. Not under
- 27. Bristle
- 28. Move back and forth
- 30. Universal
- 32. No longer a child
- 34. Tubular pasta
- 35. Always
- 36. Bird home
- 40. Confined to certain regions
- 41. Deciphers
- 43. Craving
- 45. Gentry
- 46. Protective covering
- 47. Consumer of food
- 49. Work hard
- 51. Information
- 52. Adhesive strip
- 53. Mid-month days
- 54. Beast
- 55. Tidy



December
Crossword

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 7. Actually, I'm doing a "Stress Level Elimination Exercise Plan" (SLEEP) I learned at the last mandatory seminar you made me attend.
 8. I was doing a highly specific yoga exercise to relieve work-related stress. Are you discriminatory about people who practice yoga.
 9. Darn! Why did you interrupt me? I had almost figured out a solution to our biggest problem.
 10. The coffee machine is broken...
 11. Someone must've put decaf in the wrong pot.
 12. Boy, that cold medicine I took last night just won't wear off.
 13. Ah, the unique and unpredictable circadian rhythms of the workaholic.
 14. Wasn't sleeping. Was trying to pick up contact lens without hands.
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