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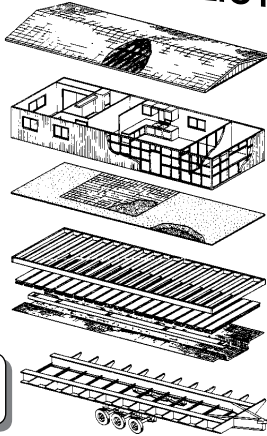
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From the Manager's Desk

Bob Kelsey



MANAGER

Dear Down Yonder Residents,

Electronic Payments:

Please be advised that effective 11/1/23, the management office will no longer accept paper checks or money orders for rent payments. We will require payments via one of the electronic payment methods we have available.

There are several convenient electronic payment options, which are all secure methods to make a rental payment: 1) **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)**, 2) **Resident Portal**, 3) **Western Union Bill Payments program** and 4) **CheckFreePay offered by Paylease/Zego**.

If you are not currently signed up for one of our electronic payment methods, you will be required to do so as soon as possible. Should you have any questions or need any assistance in choosing your preferred electronic method of payment, please feel free to call the office at (727) 531-9149.

RoboCall & Text Messaging:

If you are not presently signed up for this service, I would highly recommend you sign up via the office, so you don't miss out on important management notifications related varying subject matter; park water shut off, Storm related messages, trash and holiday schedules. This is not mandatory, but I believe it would be extremely beneficial for every resident to be enrolled in this program.

Rent Due Date:

Please note that rent is due on or before the 1st of every month.

Presently the grace period for rent without late charges is the 10th day of the month. October 2023 will be the last month of this grace period.

Effective November 1, 2023, the grace period for rent will be changing to the 5th day of each month before late charges will be assessed to delinquent accounts. Late charges will start being assessed on the 6th day of the month.

If anyone has any questions, please visit, email or call the management office.

Thank you for choosing Down Yonder as your home.

Bob Kelsey
Community Manager
Down Yonder Village (727) 531-9149
E-Mail: Robert_Kelsey@equitylifestyle.com



Down Yonder HOA

Tena Marie Davis, President



Ho. Ho. Ho. Before we know it Christmas will be here. I wonder how many of us go out and do our shopping? Or do we sit in our favorite chair and order things online? Did you know that Visa cards are used about 6000 times every minute during the Christmas season?

Some HOA business:

The dues to join the 2024 HOA are \$20.00.

Our December meeting will be held on December 12th at 7:00.

Elections: You have until our December 12th meeting to sign up if you want to run for the HOA board. The sign up sheet will be removed at the end of the meeting.

Franklin Pierce was the first president to put up an official White House Christmas tree.

What did the ocean say when Santa flew over it? Nothing it just waved.

Don't forget your home bound neighbors. Take them to look at Christmas lights. Have them over for Christmas dinner. Or bring them a gift to open on Christmas.

May you all have a blessed Christmas full of all good things. And a healthy, prosperous and peaceful New Year.

Ronijean Herron

Secretary of the HOA



Down Yonder Community Association

April Porth, President

Hi all!!! I hope everyone enjoyed our events for October!! Our Halloween party was a wonderful turn out. Great friends and good food!! The Halloween costume winners are, most original Nick Testa, scariest Frylander, best couple Suzanne and John Preston! 50/50 drawing winner is Suzane Preston! This month we will have our usuals and also

December 2nd coffee and donuts 10am, tree trimming afterwards

December 16th golf cart parade and xmas house decoration judging at 7pm

December 17th welcome home dinner 7pm

December 28th food pantry

December 31st new years eve party 8pm

If you know a shut in please let us know and we will send a to-go plate with you for them.

We have openings for 2 directors on the DYCA board. We have a lot of fun planning all our events. Please consider joining us. Just contact one of the board members if interested.

Thank you, Michelle Lucas, Secretary

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- 7 Ray Anderson, Hester Meehan, Frank Singer
- 8 Joe Condon
- 9 Ray Peterson, Judy Swarts, April Porth
- 10 Anita Hermann
- 12 Bill Kinney
- 13 Andy Fitzgerald
- 16 Pat Stidham
- 17 Lynn Lewis
- 19 Larry Madison
- 20 Ben Vega
- 21 Richard Lock
- 22 Fred Tompsett
- 25 Roberta Campbell, John Swarts
- 26 Margaret Dureault
- 27 Daphne Spotts, Arnold Hagadone
- 29 Kathy Lawry, Eric Lewis
- 30 Jan Chadwick



Happy Anniversary – December

- 1 Robert & Lillie McMahon
- 7 Larry & Karen Jennings
- 13 Rick & Kim Bard
- 25 Brian Ekberg & Pamela Lennon
- 26 Bruce & Maggie Fredrickson
- 31 Ronijean & Bill Herron



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LUNCHEON

Christmas Luncheon will be Dec. 2 at 12:30 at Island Way Grill. Sign up on facebook page or contact Caryl Ciofani. We will be car-pooling if you need a ride. We always have a good time at this place so everyone come and we will celebrate the holidays together!



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Hi Everyone, it's Wendy. I would like to announce a couple of things we are working on. I have created a facebook page for our residents to trade or give away items.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/253498150619741/?ref=share>

This helps us keep things out of the dumpsters and it helps the residents because they're trading items, they're getting to know each other when they stop by and pick something up or drop something off. There's been a lot of stuff given away on that site so far.

The other thing and the most important thing is that we also would like to get a group together again of people who help our residents who need it and go around offering services such as power washing, repairs, offers to take someone out shopping. You know just whatever kind of help someone wants to offer/donate. There is a sign up sheet for that in the clubhouse in the library. there are some people on the sign up sheet, however there's only women and if we're going to go around doing repairs and things like that I think that we definitely need some gentlemen on that list as well. So if you are a guy and could volunteer, that would be great. If you have any questions you can contact me at 716-308-3124. Wendy Lou

Letter From the Editor



Hi everyone! Merry Christmas! Hope your holidays are joyful, healthy and safe.

Thank you to all the residents who deliver the Media every month. I appreciate what you do and so do your neighbors.

DYCA has another good line up of events for December, including the Welcome Home dinner and a New Year's Eve party. Come on out and have a good time!

DYCA is looking for new board members to fill 2 Director vacancies. Contact one of their officers if you are willing to volunteer.

I have been receiving updates to the birthday and anniversary lists from residents. Keep it up! Thanks.

Anyone who wants to submit an article, poem, recipe, joke, etc. you are welcome too. If you would like to submit something, please send it to my attention at this email address: dymonthlymedia@gmail.com. Thanks!

Marilyn Magee
Media Editor
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I agree to be a member of the HOA and have enclosed my yearly membership dues of \$10.00

Your support is greatly appreciated!





ACROSS

- 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
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- 64. Adjust again



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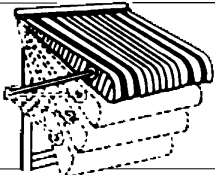
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One day, the old man Silenus wandered off from Bacchus' caravan because he was intoxicated. The rotund and aging drunkard was found passed out in a bower of roses near the palace. The servants, having a little fun, bound him with garlands of flowers and crowned him with a wreath of roses and took him stumbling and looking ridiculous to King Midas as a great joke.

Midas welcomed Silenus and entertained him for two days. Then the king led the old man back to Bacchus, the god of wine and intoxication, where he belonged. Bacchus was so glad to get Silenus back that he told Midas that whatever wish he made would come true.

Without giving the matter any thought, Midas immediately wished that whatever he touched would turn to gold. Bacchus, being a god, of course, immediately saw the folly of the king's wish, but granted it anyway.

Then Midas sat down at his table to take his dinner, but as he lifted his food to his lips he saw that it had become a lump of metal. Frightened, and beginning to suffer from hunger and thirst, he was forced to hurry off to Bacchus again and beg him to take the favor he had been granted back. Bacchus instructed the king to wash in the source of the river Pactolus and he would lose the fatal gift. The king did so, and that is why, they say, that gold was found in the bed of that river.

And what are we to take from this tale? Midas was not able to profit from his riches because he had committed a folly, which was just as fatal as sin. Even though the poor king meant no harm, he had failed to use his intelligence, and because of that he faced certain doom, had he not begged the gods to rid him of what he had asked for.

The story tells us that failing to use our intelligence can bring us to ruin just as quickly as wrongdoing. That being intoxicated with the so-called "riches" of our world can bring us down quickly, and the best course of action is to stop and think about the consequences of what we are about to ask or wish for.



On giving

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Staying fit in old age keeps the brain sharp, study finds

A study published in the journal *Neurology* suggests that keeping physically fit in old age can also keep the brain functioning normally.

“Our study suggests that being physically active in old age could keep the brain fit,” says study author Boukje M. van Gelder.



Physical activity can improve blood flow to the brain and in so doing reduce the risk of dementia, stroke and cognitive decline. Activity could stimulate the growth of nerve cells in the hippocampus, the region of the brain involved in memory function. This could help the brain prevent further deterioration, because there is a “reserve” of nerve cells available.

The study included data on 295 men between the ages of 70 and 90, born between 1900 and 1920. The study began in 1990, and the men were tracked for physical activity and mental agility over a 10-year period.

Researchers found:

- Men who reduced their physical activity by an hour or more were 2.6 times more likely to suffer cognitive decline than men who maintained their activity levels.
- Men who performed their physical activity at a lower intensity over a 10-year period were 3.6 times more likely to suffer cognitive decline than those who maintained intensity level.

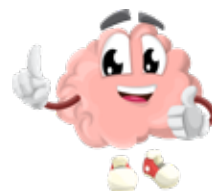
Researchers prove learning keeps brain physically fit

Researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have finally proved that when it comes to brainpower the lowdown is “use it or lose it.”

According to DrWeil.com’s Weekly Bulletin, rats that were put into a two-chambered box and then learned to avoid a darkened area through receiving unpleasant foot shocks exhibited strengthened connections among synapses in the hippocampus.

Weil says that even though this learning/brain health connection has been suspected for decades—that this evidence actually shows the physical change in the brain when learning takes place.

This is an important piece of evidence that learning keeps the brain physically strong.



On kindness

One kind word can warm three winter months.

— *Japanese proverb*

On winter

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