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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY Birthdays

- 3 Julia Warren
- 6 Betty Hoffman
- 18 Bill Greene
- 21 Pat Gilliland
- 22 Dottie Hersch
- 24 Barbara Potts



JANUARY Anniversaries 5th Ruth & Rich Cote



Announcements, Messages and Events

- Email Distribution List: Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse with Name, Lot Number, and Email Address if you wish to be added Park Email Notification Loop. Over 221 park residents are included.
- **Food Donations:** Deposit canned/packaged food donations to Dunedin Cares Food Pantry in the basket on the table at Clubhouse entrance. All donations must be within the expiration dates.
- \$20 Annual Donations: These donations help to fund operating expenses, insurance, supplies, and various events throughout the year. Your support is always greatly appreciated Honeymoon Community Association.
- Facebook Group: "Honeymoon Park Community," now has 130 members. It is a private group for park resident owners and renters. For those wanting to join, contact Gary Smith or Tina Blount...Tina will send a link to join. We look forward to seeing new, fun posts, and videos.
- **Board Elections Results** posted on the inside cover of this month's Gazette. Welcome new and previous members.



Submission to the Editor

from Gary Smith

Message from my Sister and Brother-in-law, Kathy and Rolan Kuhns of Lot 51 in the Park, regarding their ordeal with the October 12th Tornado as well as their appreciation of our generous and helpful Park Residents...



Dear HMP Neighbors,

In the AM of October 12, my husband and I received a phone call from my brother, Gary, with news that seemed surreal...I even asked him if his news was a joke! Our sweet little Florida refuge had sustained heavy damage, following an overnight tornado!! The last 3 houses on West St. had been hit and damaged over a period of about "30 secs!" We already planned to leave Pa. the next day, and drive there to spend a couple of weeks at HMP. The feeling of disbelief was with us for our 2 day trip, so upon arrival after dark, we had to stop to see for ourselves, using a small flashlight. Seeing the sky through the roof, guest room torn up and very wet...even the metal hurricane shutter from that window, rested inside next to the bed!! Apparently, the roof actually lifted, then came back down, explaining the shower curtain, still on the rod, was partially hanging over the wall in the next room and the electrical outlets, pulled up inside the walls!!

The following weeks went from hoping our homes could be restored, to finding that structural damage was too great for two of our neighborhood homes, with only the third being fixable.

Demolition of those two homes has been ongoing and should be complete today.

Immediately, help showed up...Home Depot sent workers, storage totes, heavy trash bags and a generator. The Red Cross and many neighbors and family responded within hours.

The next couple of weeks entailed sorting all of our possessions and deciding what to store in Pods and what to dispose of. After 9 years...we had accumulated a lot of "stuff." All of this was tiring, stressful and "never-ending" but all of that was trivial, compared to the fact that this powerful storm, in the middle of the night, did not cause any physical harm to the two residents that were home!!

I have gotten long winded, but want to express how much we have enjoyed spending an average of 6 months total each year in the park. It always feels so safe, people are so friendly and willing to help...just a great community!! For us, it has been a wonderful place to spend time with family and friends and has been enjoyed immensely by grandkids who live in St. Pete. Their love of over-nights with NaNa & PopPop has never waned..we will truly miss that!

Rolan and I are really stunned by the GoFundMe campaign for the three homeowners impacted and the generosity is "off the charts!" For that thank you seems inadequate, but we do say that with humility and sincere appreciation for everyone who donated, not just money, but prayers and a helping hand. HMP is truly "paradise", with its beautiful location and beautiful people who call it "home." The fund covered most of the cost of demolition, which is so appreciated!!!

We hope to thank each of you personally...please know that you do live in a very special spot...take care of each other and continue prayers for the residents hit by this random disaster.

With Love and Appreciation, Rolan and Kathy Kuhns Nov 30, 2023

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In October

tornado moved through the Honeymoon Park Community and caused severe damage to units at Lots 51, 52, and 53. The owners of these units were:

- Kathy and Rolan Kuhns Lot 51
- Sondra Martin Lot 52
- Sharon Murphy Lot 53

A Go Fund Me Fundraiser was set up to help raise funds for these families and today Gary Smith distributed checks and cash to Sondra Martin and Sharon Murphy. The 3rd check/cash is being mailed to Kathleen and Rolan Kuhns.

Thank you all for your help spreading the word about the fundraiser and for your generous donations!



Sharon Murphy with Gary



Sondra Martin with Gary



Park Photos -

Clubhouse and Park Holiday Decorations provide by – Carol Van Elsen, Susan Petty, Victoria Souza and Vince & Mary Jane Daluz. Special *shout-out* to Mary Jane for all the homemade table decorations she provided.



Surprise Birthday Lunch for Debbie LeBlanc Cricketeer's, November 19th







Tornado clean-up completed early December

Photos

id you and some neighbors attend some event you would like to share...? Send your neighborhood event photos with captions to the Editor at Honeymoongazette@gmail.com before the 10th of any month to be published the following month. Here is a few that were sent to the editor:





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Neighborhood Watch "Watch Talk"

by Ken Simms

mportant Message to all Honeymoon Park Residents.

Be aware of recent suspicious activities in Honeymoon Park



A couple of incidents were recently reported to me and I have been asked by several residents that I make all residents aware of them so as to be on the lookout, and to ensure if they see anything out of the ordinary that they report it promptly to the sheriff's office.

Firstly, on Monday night when people arrived at the clubhouse for Bingo, a male, not a park resident, was discovered sleeping in the washroom of the clubhouse. He was able to leave without incident. Unfortunately, the sheriff's office was not contacted about this trespassing incident. Other people reported having seen him wandering about the park earlier, but again no one contacted the sheriff office either. One resident was able to capture a picture of him on a cell phone.

The second incident involved the theft of an E-Bike from a residence on West Street, as well as having their unlocked car rifled through. Subsequently their gate opener was found by the back gate. It is unknown if the first and second incidents reported here were perpetrated by the same individual.

We have a high number of residents who have signed up to our Neighborhood Watch Program, and Honeymoon Park has been relatively crime free to date. With the onset of such occurrences, we must become more vigilant. It is imperative that suspicious activities such as these are reported immediately to the Sheriff's office so that the wrong doers are curtailed. Honeymoon Park does not want a reputation as being an easy mark. If we do not curtail it promptly, it will reoccur, time and time again.

I wish to remind you to keep car doors locked, even when parked in your driveway, lock your shed doors, and eliminate the opportunity. Keep an open eye for suspicious activity, and report it as soon as you see something out of the ordinary.

Be Safe....Be Aware....Honeymoon Park Matters.... You Matter.... Don't hesitate to report suspicious activity.

If you have any questions or require more info on the Neighborhood Watch program, please contact me:

Ken Simms, at Lot 5 1st Street Call 613-419-0591 or e-mail HMHPWATCH2020@gmail.com.

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National Compliment Day. Jan. 24. A day set aside to compliment at least five people. For more information, browse www.complimentday.com.

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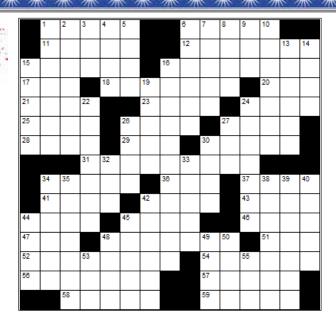
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- 6. Tattles
- 11. Plank
- 12. Stronghold
- 15. Route or path
- 16. Adorable
- 17. Paintings
- 18. Immune response trigger
- 20. Saxophone
- 21. Anagram of "Ties"
- 23. Debauchee
- 24. Encircle or bind
- 25. Canvas dwelling
- 26. Physics unit
- 27. Commanded
- 28. Border
- 29. Fire residue
- 30. Stuns
- 31. Restate
- 34. Sea eagles
- 36. Aspiration
- 37. Room at the top
- 41. Average
- 42. Harvest
- 43. Den
- 44. Iridescent gem
- 45. Unit of power
- 46. European volcano
- 47. Purge
- 48. Think likely
- 51. Angry
- 52. Burned to ashes
- 54. Calm
- 56. Oxygenates
- 57. Of a pelvic bone
- 58. Suns
- 59. A computer company



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- 1. Cut short
- 2. Trouncing
- 3. Needlefish
- Celestial bear
- 5. Biblical garden
- 6. Irish accent
- 7. Embankment
- 8. Gulf port
- 9. Type of snake
- 10. Ebb
- 13. Plays at high volume 34. Nations ruled by a
- 14. Passage

- 15. Hindu social division 35. Book lovers
- 16. Brave
- 19. Secret meeting
- 22. For all time
- 24. Small antelope
- 26. Speaker's place
- 27. Used in baseball
- 30. Moist
- 32. Evening (poetic)
- 33. Violent disruptions

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- 38. Rolled oats
- 39. Fund
- 40. Exchange
- 42. Gentle touch
- 44. Whale
- 45. Ice or steam
- 48. Information
- 49. Largest continent
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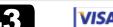
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