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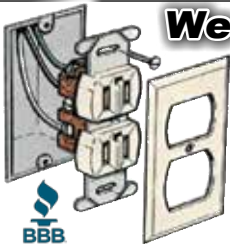
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JANUARY 2024 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, January 16th starting at 7:00pm is our Board of Directors Elections Meeting – interested owners must have been nominated by the end of the December meeting, for the ballot preparation. This ELECTION is your chance to choose the HOA Leadership Team to represent your interests, and have a very important role in our Community.



Annual DUES renewals for HOA membership are \$50 for the year, and can be paid to “Southwind HOA”, to be eligible to vote in the January Election (1 voting ballot per household). New residents are encouraged and welcome to attend.

If you would like to volunteer to help with Activities or Events- please let Board Member and Activities Chair – Connie Brandt know, or if you will help with the monthly Southwind Breezes newsletter – please let Terri Campbell or any Board Member know of your interest in helping. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Saturday, JANUARY 27th – Our Activities Committee is planning a soup dinner of homemade tomato soup, grilled cheese, dessert and beverage. Please check the Clubhouse Event Board for time, cost and other details.



FEBRUARY EVENTS – the 2024 Events Calendar will be posted in the next Breezes newsletter so residents can look at what our wonderful community is planning for the New Year. Please be sure to mark your calendars so you can choose to participate, volunteer and enjoy your Community at its best.



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January 1	Dudley Harvey
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January 3	Greg Malinowski
January 6	Vivien Ward
January 7	Daniel Johnston
January 7	Jim Kolter
January 11	Rudy Burgue
January 17	Deb Sylvis
January 19	Pat Rilling
January 22	Geralynn Cuevas
January 24	Cindy Schwartz
January 27	Patricia Otto
January 28	David Grandshaw
January 28	Doris Cushman
January 29	Allen Breen
January 29	Stanley Kellis
January 30	Jim Gualdiero
January 31	Joan Hunnicutt



ANNIVERSARIES

January 7	Jack & Bobbi Manning
January 12	Wayne & Clarissa Wagner
January 15	Jim & Betsy Cannon
January 18	Bill & Mardy Adams



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES LIST UPDATING

URGENTLY NEEDED – A VOLUNTEER TO KEEP TRACK OF BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES MONTHLY LISTS. If you would like to help maintain/update this list please sent a quick email or text to Terri Campbell titled “YES I CAN HELP”! Please include your name and phone number so you can be contacted to receive the existing lists that need to be kept updated. (text) 727-244-0702 or (email) breezes.editor@gmail.com





VETERANS DAY EVENT

By Terri Campbell



Your Homeowner's Association sponsored a Veterans Day dinner in the Club House on Saturday, November 11th to honor and celebrate those residents who served so faithfully for our country. This dinner served 66 attendees, which included Veterans and current military family members, and residents who wanted to express their appreciation for our former servicemen and their spouses (whose meals were free).

Those who attended enjoyed spaghetti (even gluten free was available) and meatballs, salad, bread and beverages. Volunteers were on hand to serve hand grated parmesan cheese to your cheese lovers content! Residents were requested to bring fresh baked cookies for dessert, just like families made and shipped to servicemen overseas in care packages. The assortment was incredible and so plentiful. It was really a nice touch!

Photos of our Veterans, then and now were on display and served as a tribute to our Southwind residents. Dale Feiste presented a musical program on the large screen TV and military branch members stood up when their branch of the military theme song was played.

A big thank you goes out to all those who stepped forward and volunteered to make this dinner happen and a special thank you to Chef Patrick for preparing the meal. Once again, our fantastic Activities volunteers were sure to make this night a successful and special event for our residents.



SUNSET SOCIAL LCR GAME

Terri C

There were nineteen players at the November 17th LCR game. We had a DOUBLE WINNER for Rounds 1 and 2 – Betty Chappell – who was promised that she would be tossed into the pool if she won again! HaHa – she begged for mercy – it was just before Thanksgiving and she was headed out of town for the holiday, so the prize money came in handy. Yours truly, Terri Campbell, won the third round and saved Betty from a “dunking”. It was wonderful to see new faces and we hope to see more new faces on the 3rd Friday of the month at 6:00pm, in the future! We enjoyed ice cream treats before the third round began, and everyone had a great time.



LCR (Left Center Right) dice game is played among residents and guests. Everyone brings their own beverages, and we play 3 rounds of the dice game, at a dollar per game. It is very easy to learn, a great to meet your neighbors and have fun getting out of the house. The January LCR Game is scheduled for Friday, January 19th in the Clubhouse at 6pm. See you there!





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CRAFT FAIR, BAKE SALE, RAFFLE- A HUGE SUCCESS

By Terri Campbell

Once again this great community has pulled together, with the help of many, many volunteers, to hold a very profitable and successful Event for our HOA!



Organizers: Evelyn Finken, Sandy McDonald and Joanne Zeffiro have commented that this 2023 Annual Event was the best year of all!

Evelyn shared the 4-1-1 on this day. She said: We sold 34 tables for the craft show. 26 separate vendors, 7 of which are residents of the Park. We had to borrow 10 tables from residents who were happy to offer.

Jerry Antonczak, Peggy Zillman and Fred Finken helped pick up the tables, drag tables out of the back room and set them up in the clubhouse and out on the patio.

Joanne Zeffiro helped set up the room with tablecloths, etc.

Dale Feiste and Julie Martens cooked hotdogs, Julie cleaned the grill until it shined.

Jo Haslett and Rachel Nelson, served coffee in the early a.m.

Debbie Coy, Jan Snyder and Marsha Rosati served up the hot dogs and sodas and cleaned the kitchen before they left.

Dan Coy, Cheryl Hudecek and Bill Adams helped the vendors unload and get parked and came back at the end of the show to help them pack up.

Fred, Jerry and Sharon Landon returned the tables to the back room and to the residents and helped get the clubhouse back in order.

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Joanne Zeffiro organized and worked the Raffle. She reports: It was a great day and she's happy it went so well. There were 15 drawings and everyone who won was very happy. She thinks it was the best raffle success yet. Joanne can't wait for next year!

Sandy McDonald said the donations of baked goods this year was overwhelming! There were so many generous bakers who contributed to make this year's Bake Sale the most profitable one than ever before. Most of the baked goods were gone by 11am.

Karen Ragsdale, our Board Treasurer, happily reports that after expenses from this Event, the net profit exceeded expectations, and she believes it was better than last year and the biggest ever in all categories - lunch, tables, bake sale & raffle. Can't wait to see her Treasurers report at the next HOA meeting!

Our Southwind Community went above and beyond to make this event so successful!

From the Volunteers, to the Vendors, to the Buyers and Shoppers and consumers of all of the baked goods and hot dog lunches – we even had great weather, sunny with a nice breeze and it simply could not have been a better day!

A big thank you to Tina Deveno and Sandy McDonald for the photos of this event!



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HOME IMPROVEMENT AND DIY JOKES



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Swedish Simplicity

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The Trouble With Trends

People on HGTV in 15 years: "Wow, these white kitchen cupboards are awful and we need to add some walls between the living room, dining room, and kitchen.

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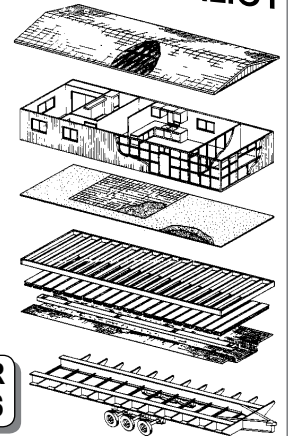
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He said:

“Every time I walk down the gadget aisle at my local home improvement store, The stud finders go berserk.”

WARNING – NAUGHTY jokes:

For me, going to a home improvement store is like having sex. It's all about DIY.

And..

My wife told me she would have sex with me anytime if I would do some work around the house on that day. I took her up on her offer and the last 30 days of sex and home improvements I've replaced windows, painted inside and out, put in new flooring and updated the kitchen. In a few weeks I'll be able to sell this place and move in with my girlfriend.

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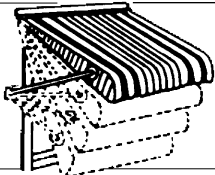
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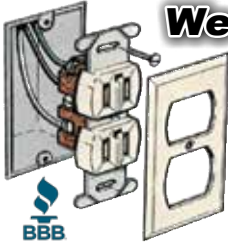
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by Terri Campbell

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- TEST your smoke detectors – we don't typically think of checking and replacing batteries, but these small devices may save your life
- FIRE EXTINGUISHERS - Disposable non-rechargeable home fire extinguishers should be replaced every 10 years. Rechargeable ones should be recharged every 6 years (according to First Alert). Keep one in your kitchen, and if you already have one – check the date on it.
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Mobile homes can last for many decades with proper maintenance and care. The few differences from a home on a permanent foundation are skirting and roofing.

They say, “An ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure”

Skirting Ventilation

A mobile home’s skirting, or perimeter enclosure as the pros call it, is more important than most realize. Skirting acts as an insulator for the whole home, it adds protection from pests, and it adds curb appeal. Skirting should be secure so animals can’t get in but have adequate venting so humidity can’t damage the home and mold can’t grow.

Proper ventilation is serious business. There is a formula (1:150) that you can use to ensure you are giving your home the proper skirting ventilation based on your square footage. In other words, there should be one square foot of venting for every 150 square foot of space under your home. You will need to install these vents within 3’ of each corner (to prevent dead air pockets).

Roof Maintenance

If you have a leak on a flat mobile home roof you will need to fix it as quickly as possible. There is also a need to reseal or recoat it regularly. Make sure your flashing is in good condition and there are no soft spots or cracked caulking.

Helpful Plumbing Tips

Mobile home plumbing is a bit different from site-built homes but the same concept applies: the plumbing system has a supply line, a waste or drain line, and ventilation. The pipes have to be able to breathe to work properly.

Learn How to Inspect a Mobile Home

While a homeowner inspection should never replace a professional inspector it is smart to do a regular inspection of your home.


Power Surges

Unless you live in an energy-efficient mobile home, most people opt to combine solar panels and electricity to supply power in their mobile homes. As such, it’s not a wonder to experience power surges when the weather is bad, especially during heavy rains and lightning.

You are also bound to experience power surges if you connect faulty appliances to the socket. It can be bad for your main panel if you experience multiple surges, as they can blow out your fuse and cause damage to other non-faulty appliances.

A Solution is to always invest in quality appliances and rid your house of cheap devices. And if your area is prone to heavy rains and lightning, install power surge protectors. You can also protect your machines by using power surge protectors in the sockets.

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If you notice a power surge is about to occur, which sometimes starts as flickering lights or a buzzing sound from the socket. Unplug your electronics and kitchen appliances to protect them from damage.

Sockets

If you've just moved into a mobile home, you may find a socket with no power. You'll need it to charge your phone if they are at a location that is used a lot besides your bed. Therefore fixing the socket is paramount. Don't fret, as it's pretty easy to solve the issue, and you don't even need an expert. You just need to reset the breaker in the breaker box. You need to push the handle in the off direction and switch it back on, and then your socket is working.

Loose Sockets

Loose sockets pose a severe electrical problem as they make it challenging to plug and unplug devices in the sockets. They can also lead to a short circuit, thus faulting your electronics and appliances as the socket keeps shaking, which can cause the wires to disconnect. This is a problem that is prevalent even in permanent homes.

The best part is that it's very easy to fix loose sockets, and you don't even need an expert. First, switch off the electricity from the main switch. Take a screwdriver, unscrew the loose outlet cover, and replace it with a new cover, which you can buy at any hardware store near you.

Flickering Lights

This is a widespread occurrence in mobile homes. If you are experiencing lights flickering in house, it may be due to faulty wiring, high or low bulb wattage, circuit overload, or faulty bulb.

The issue could be the bulb. Try tightening the bulb in the socket, as it may have come loose. If the flickering continues, consider replacing the bulb with a new one. If this doesn't solve the issue, it could be a fluctuating power voltage, which the power company can only solve.

Incorrect Bulb Wattage

This is common even in mobile homes, especially when there is a low or high power wattage supply. High wattage bulb causes the fixtures to produce too much heat, which can melt the bulb's socket, causing it to blow. It can also cause the insulation on the electrical wires to melt, increasing the risk of electrical fires.

You are also warned against using a high bulb wattage in enclosed light fixtures, such as wall sconces, as it increases the chances of electrical fire breakout since the heat doesn't have an escape route in the enclosed area.

For more information and advice about properly maintaining your mobile home, please go online to the following websites:

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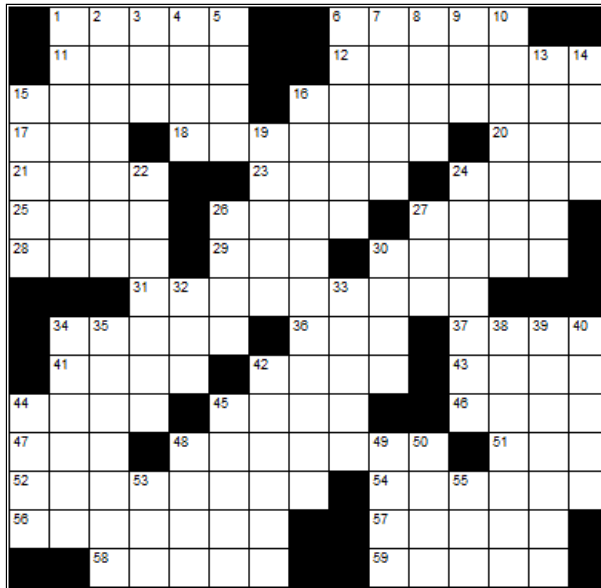
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January Monthly Holidays



Cervical Cancer Screening Month. To inform women and their doctors about the causes of cervical cancer and the best ways to prevent or detect it. To encourage women to be screened. For more information, browse www.thecgf.org.

Financial Wellness Month. For people to establish financial balance after credit card bills pour in from the holidays. This is a time to set new goals for financial freedom and moderation in spending. For more information, browse www.wordsofwellness.com.

International Creativity Month. To remind individuals and organizations around the globe to capitalize on the power of creativity. Unleashing creativity and innovation is vital for personal and business success in this age of accelerating change. For more information browse, www.CreativelySpeaking.com.

National Get Organized Month. An opportunity to streamline your life, create more time, lower your stress and increase your profit. For more information, browse, www.napo.net.

Slow Cooking Month. Jan. 1–31. A month to allow slow-cooking enthusiasts to celebrate this useful cooking method and the appliances to make it happen. For more information, browse www.bettycrocker.com/products /prod_slowcooker.aspx.

Weekly

New Year's Resolution Week. Jan. 1–7. To show people how, why and what resolutions/goals should be set and the necessary steps to make this year the best ever. For more information, browse www.goalsguy.com.

Home Office Safety and Security Week.

Jan. 14–20. Dedicated to ensuring that the more than 30 million American home offices are safeguarded and protected against break-ins, theft, workplace injury, computer virus and hacking, natural disaster and any other malady that can impact the home worker. For more information, browse www.chiefhomeofficer.com.

Hunt for Happiness Week. Jan. 21–27. To encourage teens and kids to find more happy moments. For more information, browse www.sohp.com.

Daily

New Year's Day. Jan. 1. The first day of the first month of the Gregorian calendar year. I'm not going to take it anymore Day. Jan. 7. A day to fight back and take control of all events that happen in one's life. For more information, browse www.wtbq.com.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Jan. 15. To celebrate the birth of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

Better Business Communication Day. Jan. 22. To encourage workers to acknowledge the importance of effective communication in the workplace. For more information, browse www.corspan.org.


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

Fun at Work Day. Jan. 26. Inject some fun into your workday by planning a fun and relaxing activity. For more information, browse www.qualitytransitions.com.

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<p>OTHER</p>	<p>Point West MHP Annual Bazaar and Flea Market Jan. 27th, 8am-2pm. 12651 Seminole Blvd. Largo. Furniture, Clothes, Household, Jewelry, Electronics & Misc. Chinese Auction, 50/50, Food. Contact: Judy Master 708-602-3144</p>	<p>Flea Market Sat. Feb. 24th, 8-12 pm. Colonial Village, 2000 East Bay Drive, Largo. Furniture, Kitchen appliances, housewares, bicycles, clothing, home-baking.</p>
<p>GOLF club re gripping and repair in Largo. Call/text 301-466-7090</p>	<p>Sat. Jan. 27, 2024 -Community Sale- 8:30am-1pm. Paradise Island Section of Lake Haven MHP. Main St. (SR580) & Lake Haven Rd. (W of Keene/CR1), Dunedin. Housewares, Linens, Small Appliances, Jewelry, Bakery, Raffle Baskets, Lunch.</p>	<p>Gateway MHP Community Sale, Saturday, Feb. 3rd, 8am-2pm. 10100 Gandy Blvd. St. Petersburg</p>
<p>WANTED</p> <p>SEEKING PASTOR FOR RETIREMENT COMMUNITY that meets in the Clubhouse at 1001 Starkey Road, Largo, FL 33771. Please send a brief resume to: Serena Johnson at Lot 451 or smjpray@aol.com</p>	<p>Embassy Mobile Park, Inc. Saturday January 27th, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Park Wide Yard Sale, Off of East Bay just west of Tri City Plaza, come in by Wendy's onto Pine Forest Dr. 16416 US Highway 19 N, Clearwater -Largo area.</p>	<p>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: cccgcf1@galt.biz.</p>
<p>EVENTS & PROGRAMS</p> <p>The Royal Canadian Legion Post 144 Pinellas County, having survived COVID, is regrowing to continue supporting local Veterans, and providing social activities for new and existing Canadian Legion Members. Join us for our monthly Membership Meetings, Remembrance Ceremonies, VSO visits, raids, invasions, MLB game, dinner/theater, museums, etc. For information, email: info@rcelpost144.org.</p>		<p>WANTED TO BUY</p>
<p>Bingo Lake Seminole Resort 10245 110th Ave. Largo. Monday, January 8th at 6:50 pm. Doors open at 5:30, Cards on sale until 6:30</p>		<p>Wanted to buy stamp collections. High prices for good quality. 709-682-9499</p>

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A gymnast on the angles of success



When Kerri Strug was a young girl, she had a big dream. She wanted to go to the Olympics and become an all-around champion—like Mary Lou Retton. And at the age of 13, she made the huge decision to move away from home, from Arizona to Texas, to work with the famous gymnastics coach Bela Karolyi. She worked hard and the move put her dreams within reaching distance.

Eventually at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, Strug seemed to be approaching the possibility of living her dream of becoming an all-around champion. Before she could qualify for that part of the competition, however, Strug participated in the team competition as a vaulter. On her first attempt, however, the 18-year-old athlete fell, injuring her ankle. Despite her painful injury the competition was not yet over for Strug. On her second attempt, she vaulted beautifully and managed to stick the landing before collapsing in pain.

As a consequence of her performance, Strug qualified for the all-around competition, but due to her injury she was unable to compete.

Now Strug says that while she was disappointed that she could not compete in the all-around, she realizes that by helping her team win she had achieved something that she had not been aware was even possible when she arrived at the competition. Life, she says, has taught her that it's important to look at situations from many angles. And it's important to be open to possibilities you might not know are there.

And, says Strug, it's critical to have some fun and enjoy your success along the way.

An important moment in Jay Leno's life



Comedian and host of the Tonight Show, Jay Leno, says that when he was 8 years old and living in a New York City suburb, he had a moment of clarity that changed his life forever.

According to his piece “Why I walked away,” in *O: The Oprah Magazine*, he was hanging out with an older, rougher gang of kids one day when one of the kids pulled out what was purported to be some pornography. One of the kids in the group, Leno noticed, was spinning a small pocketknife around in his hand.

While Leno admits he was no angel at that point in his life, he says suddenly he stepped back from the group, which was collectively lurching forward to look at the pictures. He says in that moment he knew that he might possibly be starting down a path that would lead him nowhere in life. And so he turned and walked away.

Leno says that every decision he has made in life since, in part, was based on that early decision to walk away from the crowd. It was a small moment, he says, one in which he learned how to make a conscious, moral decision for himself.

On genius

It takes a lot of time being a genius, you have to sit around so much doing nothing.

— *Gertrude Stein*

When you're stuck, try this

Are you stuck on a problem you just can't solve? Do you feel that no matter how you look at it you just can't come up with the answer? If so, you may feel the need to go over everything you know about the situation—even though you have already done this to the point of exhaustion.

A better idea might be to scrap what you know and start over again. Try to erase what you know and get rid of any assumptions that could be blocking your success. For an example, watch some detective shows on television. Inevitably you will come across one where the detective sits down to go over the facts. He usually does not discover a new fact, but discovers instead that his “knowledge” was the problem all along.

When you find yourself stuck in this way, heed the words of Daniel J. Boorstin: “The greatest obstacle to discovery is not ignorance—it is the illusion of knowledge.”



A quip to remember...

Oscar Levant was a pianist who moved to Hollywood and made a name for himself in music and pictures. He was known for his gift of repartee and witticisms. He was also friends with the legendary composer George Gershwin.

Levant was once noted for saying to his friend: “Tell me, if you had to do it all over, would you fall in love with yourself again?”



When you need a shot of enthusiasm, try this

Napoleon Hill, says in his classic work *The Laws of Success in 16 Lessons*, that enthusiasm in life is an essential ingredient for success. Enthusiasm energizes, refreshes and motivates the person endowed with it.

Hill says some people are born with a natural enthusiasm, and some people have to develop it. How? Simple, he says. Work at something you love.



Good advice

Never go to bed mad—stay up and fight.

— *Phyllis Diller*

On hell

In Hell all the messages you ever left on answering machines will be played back to you.

— *Judy Horacek*

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