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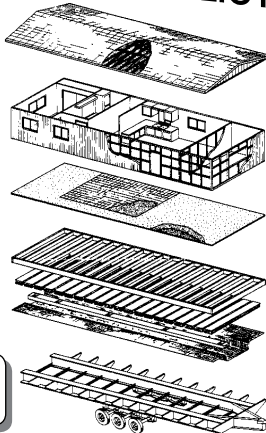
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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Submitted by Jan McCoy



**W**e rang in a new year and with it came gratitude for what was and high hopes and plans for what is yet to be. I am so very grateful for our board of directors who stepped up to the challenge of embracing inclusion, open communication, and transparency while supporting the stabilization of our operation. With the understanding that continued financial stability, growth and park common area improvements were the goal; shoring up the foundation had to take priority. It was difficult to be placed in such a reactionary mode when what we wanted was to move forward with vision planning but our board dug in, worked hand in hand with our office staff, and we are far the better for it. I am very grateful to have had their support this past year. Every challenge was met with yes, we can do this. Our office looks forward to confidently serving your needs in 2024!

One of our many blessings last year was the significant number of member volunteers who joined our committees. Our Census, Communications, Rules, Home Marketing, Home Review, Roofing, Roadwork and Neighborhood Watch/Safety Focus Groups, to name a few, demonstrated what collaboration can achieve. It was a great year from that perspective. You are all rock stars! And let's not forget we had on-going operational committees, i.e., Finance, Exterior Alterations and Share/New Installation Approval Committees who are easy to take for granted but who must be recognized for having shouldered a tremendous volume of work, setting a record for committee-based accomplishments! And, while I understand the frustration with having to wait until our snowbirds returned, we closed out the year with the establishment of the long-awaited Vision Committee who has jumped right in and is having all the fun facilitating the creative process of transitioning our hopes and dreams for park common area enhancements to reality. What a great community of caring individuals and hard workers!

Time, effort, and persistence will continue to be key but, it is my hope that the 2024 refreshed board will set manageable expectations for themselves with the Vision work being the key focus. If you haven't already done so, please join me and say thank you to our office staff and directors who have served us so well this past year. I am both proud of and grateful for their accomplishments! And I wish to extend a very special thank you to those members who were my key supporters this past year. I am forever grateful for the kindness that was bestowed, in various forms, and for the opportunity for personal growth that was presented this past year.

Thank you and Happy New Year to all!

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## MANAGER'S CORNER

Submitted by Richard Thomas, LCAM



MANAGER

**W**elcome to the New Year, and the many opportunities we have to improve the lifestyle here at Sunset Palms.

### **2024 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:**

The Annual meeting will be held on January 24, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Voting for new board members will also be part of the meeting, so please return your ballots in the proper envelopes.

### **WATER RESTRICTIONS:**

Pinellas County is under a mandatory water restriction. Watering is restricted to 1 day per week.

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### **PHONE DIRECTORY:**

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### **SAFETY & SOLICITING:**

We have experienced a couple of instances where items have been taken from residents' carports. Please be extra careful in what you leave the outside unattended. Also, please report any issues or concerns to the office. Obtaining license plate numbers of suspicious vehicles and reporting them to the office, makes it easier to identify any offenders. Soliciting is not allowed in the Park, however, some vendors have come in the Park and knocked on doors. Please report any solicitors to the office immediately.

The Board of Directors and Myself would like to wish everyone a Safe and Happy New Year.

Richard Thomas, LCAM, Community Association Manager

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## **POKER RUN**

*Submitted by Bet LeBrun*

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**W**e had a few successful Poker Runs last year and once again, I would like to have a few more (3?) starting in January.

There is a maximum of 21 persons per run.

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## **GONE FISHIN'**

*Submitted by Kim Paquette*

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## **BINGO & SUPER BINGO**

*Submitted by Julia Cadieux*

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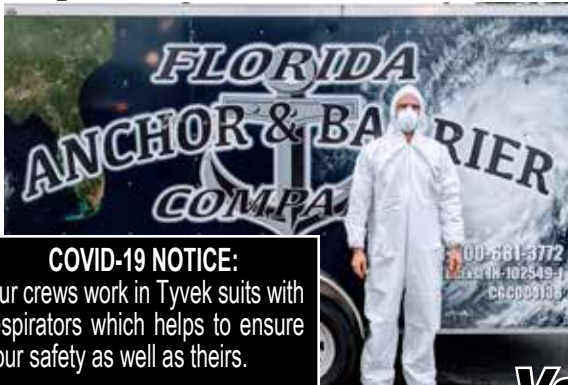
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Any questions? See me at Bingo any Monday night.

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*Submitted by Maggie Stokes*

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All activities must be approved by either by the Social Club or Sunset Palms management. The calendar will be maintained by the office. To request that an event be added to the calendar, login to the website ([Sunsetpalms.org](http://Sunsetpalms.org)), click on the “Calendar” Tab and then click on the button “Submit your Event”. In case of conflicting events, the official business of the park takes precedence with Social Club activities following.

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## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Submitted by Barbara Kansorka

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If you know of someone who is under the weather, please contact me.

Barbara Kansorka

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## SUNSET PALMS SOCIAL CLUB – ACTIVITIES

Submitted by Jamie Calandra



**T**he Social Club started December with decorating the Clubhouse inside and out. It looks beautiful! A big thank you to the many volunteers who helped make this happen.

Our Annual Christmas Yard Sale on December 2nd was a huge success! On the same day, we had the Pancake Breakfast and we served 174 breakfasts. That's a lot of pancakes! Thank you to the cooks, the servers and everyone that was involved.

December 12th & 13th was our Holiday Christmas Dinners, always a variety of food, and a great time to be had by all. A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who gave their time to help out, it's a huge job.

We had our Christmas Eve Parade and then onto the reception with Santa Clause giving all the kids Christmas gifts.

On Jan 12th, we will have music bingo.

On Jan 27th, we will have our Annual Yard sale.

On Feb 9th, we will have music bingo.

Volunteers spend countless hours working on your behalf; this is why we are always requesting more help. And this is why we need you. When everybody does a little, it keeps others from having to do a lot. Spreading out our responsibilities makes things easier and a lot more fun for all.

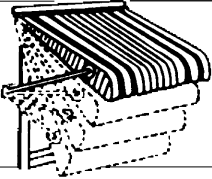
We have our Social Club meetings the first Tuesday of every month at 10:15 a.m. We have coffee and donuts, and everyone is invited.

Jamie Calandra

Your Social Club President

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## TRAVEL CORNER

Submitted by Kim Paquette

### Embrace Adventure: Explore East Africa's Serengeti on a Safari!

Welcome to 2024! We hope this year brings you and your loved ones countless opportunities for joy and adventure. As we step into the New Year, one thing remains true: few experiences ignite the spirit quite like travel.

Have you been missing the thrill of exploration, isn't it time to seize the moment and embark on a journey that promises unparalleled adventure? Picture this: Africa's expansive landscapes, teeming with wildlife, and the promise of extraordinary encounters await you.

Ever considered venturing to Africa for a safari? Among the most enchanting adventures on this magnificent continent is the experience of a safari in Tanzania.

For passionate travelers, an East Africa safari tops the list of must-do experiences. Imagine being part of the Great Migration, where millions of animals traverse the Serengeti and East Africa's plains annually. In Tanzania, wildlife viewing reaches unparalleled levels, almost as if nature herself is bringing these creatures right to your doorstep.



If you've dreamt of witnessing wildlife in their natural habitats, the Great Migration offers a chance to behold animals in their element—competing for sustenance, mating, and welcoming new life. Could there be a more magical addition to your bucket list?

Timing is key to fully embrace the wonders of the Serengeti. The peak season, spanning from June to September, ensures active wildlife sightings and offers a glimpse into the captivating mating rituals. It's also the perfect opportunity to witness the breathtaking wildebeest crossing at the Grumeti and Mara rivers.

Alternatively, don't overlook the charm of December and March for your safari adventure. With the previous mating season in play, these months showcase an abundance of newborn wildlife, painting the landscape with the beauty of new life.

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## TRAVEL CORNER

*Submitted by Kim Paquette*

The travel committee is in search of a volunteer to aid in coordinating short excursions and day trips. We are seeking an individual with strong planning abilities, proficiency in computer usage, and a good sense of humor. If you are detail-oriented and can thrive with minimal oversight, this opportunity might be enjoyable for you. Responsibilities involve organizing engaging group activities and events for our residents. Rest assured, you will have access to the committee's resources and receive complete support throughout your tenure.



If interested contact me at [info@sunsetpalmstravel.com](mailto:info@sunsetpalmstravel.com) or at 613-443-3685

## FROM THE EDITOR

*Submitted by Bet LeBrun*

### YOUR NEWSLETTER: *SUNSET PALMS SPOTLIGHT*

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**From the Editor**

I now have a year-round phone number (613) 323-1711. Please amend your records as the 727-424-9620 no longer exists.

A clothes pin or clip must be attached to your mailbox so we can deliver your newsletter. If there is no clothes pin for us to clip your newsletter to, you will need to go to the office and pick it up.

If you notice incorrect Newsletter article content, please notify me at [sunsetpalmseditor@gmail.com](mailto:sunsetpalmseditor@gmail.com).

Edit requests for the calendar can be made on our website at <https://sunsetpalms.org/events/>.

Our goal is to send you, our Sunset Palms residents, the most updated and correct information pertaining to activities and other articles of interest to our community; and remember, you can browse past Newsletters at <https://sunsetpalms.org/newsletters/>.

Many thanks to all who helped with and contributed to this month's newsletter.

You can access the monthly newsletter as well as the calendar at <https://sunsetpalms.org/>.

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## Lift Station Monthly Reminder - IMPORTANT

*Submitted from the Office*

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- 7 Teresa Roberts
- 8 Mickey Peterson
- 9 Bill Hanrahan
- 9 Florence Bouchard
- 9 Joyce Spurgeon
- 11 Diane Greene
- 11 John Van Cleef
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- 14 Keith Smith
- 14 Bill Haas



- 14 Rick Middleton
- 16 Kay Milkiewicz
- 17 Rosann Nichol
- 19 Marlene Kirwin
- 19 Marie Kelloway
- 19 Floyd Lee
- 19 Patricia Schwan
- 20 Gary Thrasher
- 20 Donald Barnes
- 20 Gerald Mahon
- 21 Mark Pearlman
- 21 Royce Pauley
- 21 Nancy Emmick
- 22 Mai Le
- 22 Marilyn Sullivan
- 23 Michael Kaplan
- 24 Lorrene Peters
- 25 Linda Barron
- 25 Tom Hartley
- 26 Belinda Clay
- 27 Rex Matthews
- 27 Peter Noonan
- 27 David Bishop
- 27 Boyde Sharpe
- 27 Lynda Schoonover
- 28 Nancy Grouchy
- 29 Maureen McEntee
- 31 Maria Jackson



# JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Alice & Alex Janicki
- 6 Ellen & Vincent Mitchell
- 7 Joyce & Charlie Spurgeon
- 16 Sharon & Dwight Goodyear
- 17 Janet & Royce Pauley
- 20 Glenn & Diane Greene
- 20 Cecily & Charles Bennett
- 22 Janet Petkau & Duane Steiner
- 23 Shelia & Billy Johnson
- 25 Agnes & Dick Hanrahan

*Happy Anniversary*



**NOTE:** If your birthday or anniversary doesn't show up, it may be because we don't have it. If you would like to have it shown in the Spotlight Newsletter in the "event" month, please let me know and I will add it to the master list. On the other hand, if you don't want your event to be published, I can remove it from the list - no questions asked.

## January Sudoku

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		8				9		
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1	9						8	



1	9	4	3	6	2	7	8	5
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2	3	8	5	1	7	9	6	4
9	7	6	2	8	5	4	3	1
4	5	2	1	9	3	8	7	6
8	1	3	4	7	6	5	2	9
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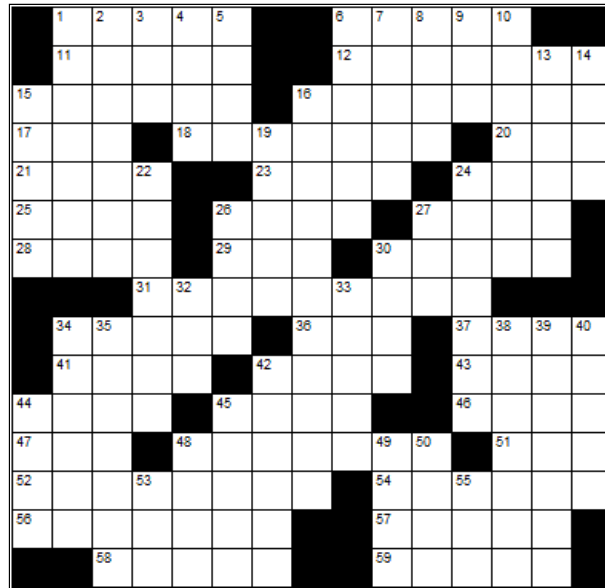
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**ACROSS**

- 1. Debate
- 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



**DOWN**

- 1. Cut short
- 2. Trouncing
- 3. Needlefish
- 4. Celestial bear
- 5. Biblical garden
- 6. Irish accent
- 7. Embankment
- 8. Gulf port
- 9. Type of snake
- 10. Ebb
- 13. Plays at high volume
- 14. Passage
- 15. Hindu social division
- 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
- 34. Nations ruled by a sovereign
- 35. Book lovers
- 38. Rolled oats
- 39. Fund
- 40. Exchange
- 42. Gentle touch
- 44. Whale
- 45. Ice or steam
- 48. Information
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- 55. Tear



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<p><b>OTHER</b></p>	<p>Point West MHP Annual Bazaar and Flea Market Jan. 27th, 8am-2pm. 12651 Seminole Blvd. Largo. Furniture, Clothes, Household, Jewelry, Electronics &amp; 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) &amp; 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><b>WANTED</b></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><b>EVENTS &amp; PROGRAMS</b></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><b>WANTED TO BUY</b></p>
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