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### February

Hello Residents,

Fere's to February with endless possibilities of fun and excitement

and hopefully, some warmer temps. In office news, we have some new faces to welcome, if you see Jorge or Eric, please stop, and say hello, they are our new additions to the staff. Our new Landscaping vendor, Liberty Land Management, will have had a few weeks with us by the time this comes out, so if you have any comments on how they are doing, please let the office know, we would love to hear from you. Our *Yards of the Month* for January were Lot 165 in the Oaks and Lot 1047 in the Village, thank you for keeping your outside so nice, we all really appreciate it.

Just some friendly reminders......please only put out bulk items on Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning. Make sure what you have put out for pickup is not under a tree. The truck may not pick up your items if they don't feel they have enough room to grab it. If we have a Monday holiday in the week, most likely your service will be the next day, except these two Wednesday times below, so please follow this schedule. I have included the information we have for the rest of this year from the website.





Yard of the month Lot 165 Oaks

Yard of the month Lot 1047 Village







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## **TRASH PICKUP HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Monday, February 19, 2024 - President's Day, pickup Tuesday Monday, May 27, 2024 - Memorial Day, pickup Tuesday Thursday, July 4th, 2024 - Fourth of July, will be **Wednesday** Pickup Monday, September 2, 2024 - Labor Day, pickup Tuesday Monday, November 11, 2024 - Veterans Day, pickup Tuesday Thursday, November 28, 2024 - Thanksgiving Day, will be **Wednesday** Pickup



Please report any visitors that are parking at the clubhouses to the office and remind all of our company to not park on our sidewalks, do not park in the wrong direction of traffic flow, and they must also follow the designated speed limits (10 MPH) throughout the park.

Last but not least, all dogs are to be leashed, at all times, and if your fur baby uses the bathroom outside, you are required to pick it up at the time it occurs and promptly dispose of it. If you have a cat that goes outside, that fur baby must also be leashed, at all times. If it is not possible to do that, then your cat needs to remain indoors, with you. We all love cats, but some residents don't enjoy their yard being used as a litterbox, foot prints all over their freshly washed car, or cat hair on their patio cushions, especially when they don't own a cat. Please be kind and considerate to these neighbors and bring kitty inside to enjoy the warmth/coolness and coziness of your home all day every day. Cats can be retrained to not go outside, but it does take time and patience.

Keep up the great work on your homes and getting those mobile homes registered. All the modification forms are really appreciated, and we look forward to seeing the results.

Thank you and thanks for being here! Shady Lane Staff



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SHADY LANE SHUFFLEBOAD CLUB The Oaks and the Village

2023 -2024

At the Oaks Courts Do you know how to shuffle? NO? ...That is OK! We are looking for you!! Come join the fun! Be a part of the seniors #1 sport. You are never too young to learn something new. Make new friends while having a good time! Beginners welcome. Come out and give it a go. You just might really enjoy it. Drawings for cash or prizes. See who wins the apron. Have fun, get some exercise, and laugh a lot.

Cost is \$3.00 per week. Please bring correct amount. We draw for partners and play 3 games. Done by noon

We start October 9th 10AM practice and anyone that wants to learn.

October 16th 10AM the games begin. Every Monday, 10AM, 3 games. We draw for partners for each game.

> No shuffle on wet courts!!! The season will end in April.

This is not a complete commitment but time to relax, laugh a little,

maybe wear the apron, and see who spends more time in the

Kitchen!!! See you there. Dick Austin Unit 177 on Poplar 828 388-4077 @@@









SHADY LANE OAKS WHAT'S NEW FEBRUARY, 2024 C







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## Left, Center, Right (LCR) Game Night!

## Oaks Clubhouse

Every Saturday at 6:30 pm

\$.75 per game (4 or 5 games) 3 \$1.00 bills or 3 \$1.00 scratch ticket for the last game.

> fun, easy to learn game if you come late just join in the next game!

### You could win the pot!

Shady Lane Oaks HOA does not provide any alcoholic beverages at any of the events it hosts

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- 6. Taxis
- 10. Raindrop sound
- 14. Eagle's home
- 15. Affirm
- 16. Wealthy
- 17. Sail supports
- 18. Hindu princess
- 19. Aware of
- 20. Poulticing
- 22. Average
- 23. Grin
- 24. Pal
- 25. Stops
- 29. "Hush!"
- 31. Spotted feline
- 33. Cuddle
- 37. Ravel classic
- 38. Trader
- 39. Intestinal
- 41. Type of pony
- 42. Heat-related
- 44. Poi source
- 45. Thick-growing
- 48. They connect points
- 50. Nitpicky to a fault
- 51. In a slow, laborious manner
- 56. 5280 feet
- 57. Rodents
- 58. Red Sea peninsula
- 59. Sounds of disapproval
- 60. Curved molding
- 61. Economic down time
- 62. Hotels
- 63. Flippant
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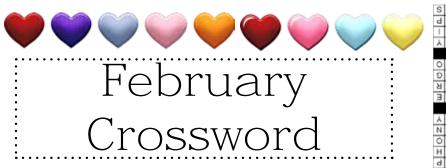
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- 3. Celestial bear
- 4. Seats oneself
- 5. Quizzes
- 6. Toted
- 7. Services
- 8. Types of hat
- 9. Large and hurried
- swallow
- 10. Proclaim
- 11. Delineated
- 12. Group of eight

- 13. Fake
- 21. Involve deeply
- 24. Music genre
- 25. River to the North
- Sea
- 26. Used in advertising
- signs
- 27. Buffoon
- 28. Too shocked for
- words
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### **February Holidays**

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▲ ■ participating in sports. Recognizes the passage of Title IX in 1972, the law that guarantees gender equity in federally funded school programs, including athletics. For more information, browse www.NGWSDcentral.com.

**Groundhog Day. Feb. 2.** Old belief that if the sun shines on Candlemas Day, or if the groundhog sees his shadow when he emerges on this day, six weeks of winter will ensue.

**Pay-A-Compliment Day. Feb. 6**. Pay a compliment to coworkers, family members or strangers on the street or in the elevator in your office building.

**Valentine's Day. Feb. 14.** Celebrates the feast of two Christian martyrs of this name. Now it is one of the most widely observed unofficial holidays. It is an occasion for the exchange of gifts, usually flowers or sweets, and greeting cards.

Presidents Day. Feb. 19. Observes the birthdays of George Washington (Feb. 22) and Abraham Lincoln (Feb. 12).

**Inconvenience Yourself Day. Feb. 28**. A day to think about others and look for ways to inconvenience yourself while making the lives of others better or easier. For more information, browse www.inconvenienceyourself.com.

## Monthly



**MD/Low Vision Awareness Month.** Macular degeneration is a leading cause of vision loss. Low vision aids can make the most of remaining vision. For more information browse www.preventblindness.org.

American Heart Month. Each year cardiovascular diseases claim the lives of nearly 500,000 women. The American Heart Association focuses on education about women and heart disease. The AHA urges everyone to participate in Wear Red Day on Feb. 3. For more information, browse www.americanheart.org.

**Bake for Family Fun Month.** The Home Baking Association dedicates this month to the great taste, good nutrition, economy and family fun of traditional home baking. For more information, browse www.homebaking.org.

**Library Lovers' Month.** To recognize the value of libraries and to work to ensure that the nation's libraries will continue to serve the public. For more information, browse www.librarysupport.net/librarylovers.

**National Black History Month.** To recognize achievements and contributions by African Americans. For more information, browse www.asalh.org.

National Time Management Month.

Dedicated to renewing those best-laid plans, re-evaluating and re-prioritizing harried, out of balance lives—and making commitments to balance them. For more information, browse springboardtraining.com.

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### The most important ingredient

t was well known that Abraham Lincoln often slipped out of the White House on Wednesday nights to listen to the sermons of Phineas Gurley at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church. The president tried to slip in and out of the services unnoticed—so Gurley often left his study door open so

the president could listen to his sermons privately. One night, Lincoln showed up and took his seat in the minister's study and propped the door open a little wider so that he could hear what the preacher was saying.

An aide later asked Lincoln what he had thought of the most recent Wednesday night sermon.

The president thought for a moment and then replied: "The content was excellent ... he delivered with eloquence ... he put work into the message ..."

"Then you thought it was an excellent sermon?" the aide asked.

"No," Lincoln answered plainly.

"But you said the content was excellent ... that it was delivered with eloquence and it was the fruit of hard work," the aide said.

"That's true," Lincoln said. "But Dr. Gurley forgot the most important ingredient ... He forgot to ask us to do something great."

## A stone in the road

nce in a foreign land, a king had a boulder placed in the middle of a well-traveled road. Then the king hid himself from view, and watched to see what would happen.

Wealthy merchants whom the king knew well saw the boulder and stepped around it. Courtiers came and when they saw the boulder they walked around it as well.

It came to pass that many people criticized the king for not keeping the road clear, but no one in the kingdom did anything to get the giant stone out of the road.

One day, a peasant came down the road carrying a load of vegetables. When the man saw the stone, he laid down his load and commenced in trying to move the stone. After a great effort, the peasant finally was able to move the boulder. When the peasant went back to the road for his vegetables he noticed that in the place where the stone had been was a beautiful red purse. The peasant picked up the purse and saw that it was filled with many gold coins and a note from the king saying the gold was for the person who moved the boulder from the road.

Moral: What other men see as an obstacle can be an opportunity for the man who faces it head on.

### On success

Most people search high and wide for the keys to success. If they only knew, the key to their dreams lies within. — George Washington Carver









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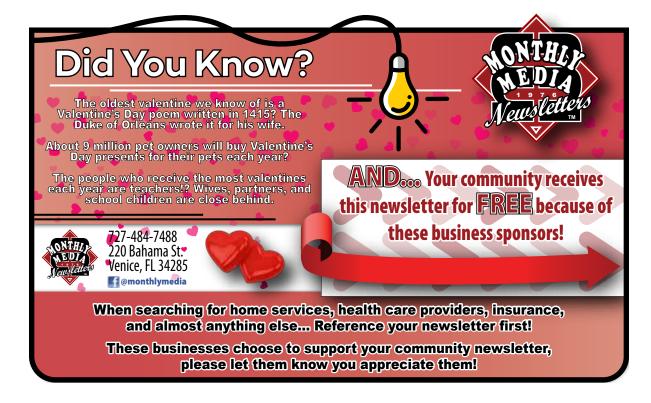
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# Shady Lane Oaks

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6 6:30pm	7 Village: Texas Hold'em - 6:30pm	8 Village: Horseshoes - 10am Oaks: Bingo - 6:30pm	9 Oaks: LCR - 6:30pm	10 Oaks: Valentines Dinner - 5pm
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## On the fragility of opinions

very long time ago, far away in another land, there lived six blind men. They had all been blind since birth. Mostly, the six spent their days sitting around inventing tall tales to see who could tell the best story.



One day, the six men fell into a great argument. The subject of their argument was the elephant. There were many tales throughout the land about the great elephant, but because none of the men had actually seen an elephant each of them had their own idea of what the beast was like.

The men hired a young guide to lead them in finding an elephant to settle the dispute. The blind men followed along, each one placing his hands on the back of the man in front of him, and in this way they made their way single file along a narrow forest path.

It wasn't long before the group came across a great elephant. The six became very excited. They decided that each man should take a turn at exploring the elephant's shape and form.

The first man fell against the side of the elephant and said, "My, the elephant is like a great and sturdy wall."

The second man grabbed hold of the tusk of the elephant and said, "My, the elephant is smooth and sharp, like a wonderful spear."

The third man approached the animal and grabbed on to the trunk and said, "My, the elephant is exactly like a snake."

The fourth man grabbed hold of the elephant's great leg and said, "My, the elephant is round and sturdy, just like a tree."

The fifth man reached out and grabbed hold of the elephant's ear, "My," he cried out, "The elephant is just like a fan."

The sixth man reached out and grasped upon the elephant's tail and said, "My, the elephant is exactly like a rope."

And so, the men continued arguing, even more loudly than before, each arguing for his opinion of what the elephant was like. And even though each was a little right—all of the men were more than a little wrong.

### **On unhappiness**

It isn't what you have, or who you are, or where you are, or what you are doing that makes you happy or unhappy. It is what you think about. — Dale Carnegie

The mind is its own place, and in itself Can make a Heav'n of Hell, a Hell of Heav'n. — John Milton





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## **Einstein in 'Tinsel Town'**

In his book *Great Hollywood Wit*, famed movie critic Gene Shalit recounts this famous Hollywood anecdote. Albert Einstein once ventured into the alternate universe known as Hollywood. Many celebrities made it their business to get invited to the sumptuous bash thrown in the physicist's honor.



No doubt many at the star-studded event had heard of his theory of relativity—but it's unlikely that many understood it. At the party, it came to pass that one of the 20th century's greatest minds was introduced to Jack Warner, a movie producer who ruled Hollywood for many years. Warner's studio was responsible for introducing stars like Bette Davis, Humphrey Bogart—and Bugs Bunny. When Einstein was introduced to Warner, the movie maker said, "I have my own theory of relatives. Don't hire 'em."

## Things you'll never hear your consultant say:

- You're right; we're billing you way too much for this.
- How about you only pay me based on the success of this project.
- The whole strategy is based on a Harvard business case I read the other night.
- I don't know enough about that to speak about it intelligently.
- Implementation? I was just going to write a long report for you.
- The only real problem you have is too much work for too few people.
- Everything looks OK to me. You really don't need me.

## No future in it

**John**: "I don't think Steve is going to make it as a speaker." **Ed**: "Why?" John: "Because yesterday, when he asked if they could hear him in the back, and the answer was no, everyone in the front moved to the back."



### On success

If you have achieved any level of success, then pour it into someone else. Success is not success without a successor. —T.D. Jakes

There are no secrets to success. Don't waste time looking for them. Success is the result of perfection, hard work, learning from failure, loyalty to those for whom you work, and persistence.

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## One of the greatest love stories of all time

n 1845, Robert Browning was an unknown poet and playwright when he first read Elizabeth Barrett's volume of poetry titled Poems. He was 32 years old.

Elizabeth Barrett was a well-known poet—and an invalid. She was 39 years old.

Browning was so moved by her poetry that he wrote to her "I love your verses with all my heart, dear Miss Barrett..." The two then commenced writing more than 600 letters to each other during the next 20 months.

According to The History Channel's Web site, Elizabeth had suffered from the time she was a teenager from a painful condition that caused



uncontrollable spasms of pain and breathing difficulties. She had been a shut-in and a spinster for years. Elizabeth's father was a very controlling, wealthy man who had forbidden all of his 12 children from ever marrying.

Browning began to court Barrett, but at first she did not take him seriously, thinking that no one would be genuinely interested in her romantically. But Browning was ardent in his desire for Barrett. However, Barrett refused to see Browning for several months. Elizabeth found it hard to trust Browning's intentions because she had been isolated for so long and because she questioned the treatment of women inside the institution of marriage. But despite these almost overwhelming obstacles, Browning continued to court her with passion.

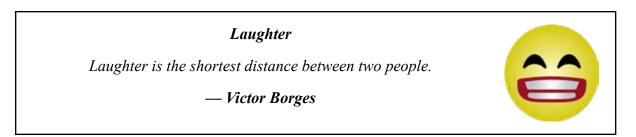
Finally, with the encouragement of Browning, Elizabeth left the room where she had spent the previous six years of her life. She began to go outside and live an active life again, and she cut back on the morphine and opium the doctors had prescribed for her painful condition.

In 1846, Barrett married Browning in a secret ceremony (to hide the fact that she was defying her father). When her father found out, he disinherited Elizabeth.

The couple left for Italy in the week after their marriage—and they spent the next 15 years together productively writing. Their courtship inspired some of the most beautiful and romantic poetry ever written.

The most famous line of her poetry was from her courtship period with Browning published in her Sonnets From the Portuguese, it reads, "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways."

Elizabeth died in her husband's arms in 1861.

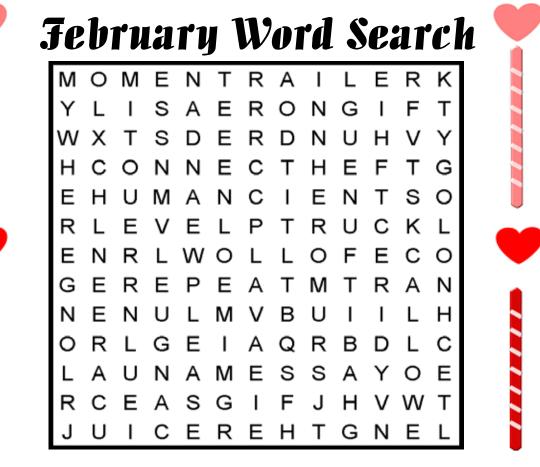












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### **Quotable Humor**

Laughter Seven days without laughter makes one weak. — Joel Goodman



On exercise

Too many people confine their exercise to jumping to conclusions, running off at the mouth, stretching the truth, bending over backward, lying down on the job, side stepping responsibility, swimming against the current and pushing their luck. — Anonymous

**On shopping** 

Shopping is better than sex. At least if you're not satisfied, you can exchange it for something you really like. — Adrienne Gusoff

### **On** abstinence

Total abstinence is so excellent a thing that it cannot be carried to too great an extent. In my passion for it I even carry it so far as to totally abstain from total abstinence itself. — Mark Twain

### **On** adjectives

I notice that you use plain, simple language, short words and brief sentences. That is the way to write English—it is the modern way and the best way. Stick to it; don't let fluff and flowers and verbosity creep in. When you catch an adjective, kill it. No, I don't mean utterly, but kill most of them—then the rest will be valuable. They weaken when they are close together. They give strength when they are wide apart. An adjective habit, or a wordy, diffuse, flowery habit, once fastened upon a person, is as hard to get rid of as any other vice.

— Mark Twain In a letter to D. W. Bowser, March 20, 1880

*On happiness* If I could drop dead right now, I'd be the happiest man alive. — *Sam Goldwyn* 

Parental wit

When I was a kid I said to my father one afternoon, "Daddy, will you take me to the zoo?" He answered, "If the zoo wants you, let them come and get you." — Jerry Lewis



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### **Attention worrywarts - you can change**

f you're human, you worry. And worrying has served a great purpose for humankind—the process has been an integral part of evolution and survival for thousands of years. Let's face it, compared to, say a T. rex, human beings were not the most likely creatures to survive long term—so what happened? We worried. Or in other words, we were able to exercise

forethought— project the possibilities of what might happen in the future in our minds and then make decisions based on the "what if..." scenario. And it helped. If a caveman saw a friend eat a berry and then fall down dead, he would be able to think "Gee, my friend, died after eating a purple berry." And weeks later when he found a bush full of purple berries that looked like the ones his friend ate, he would make the informed and rational decision to avoid putting one in his mouth. In essence, he worried about something before he did it—and he survived.

But like all good things, sometimes our evolutionary gold-mines go awry and end up with negative con-sequences if they are allowed to run amok. And that, in essence, seems to be happening to a lot of people today. People seem to be experiencing overwhelming levels of worry and the condition is being tagged as generalized anxiety disorder. Psychologists seem to think that people are experiencing GAD more often these days because modern life is full of so much stress. According to the American Institute of Cognitive Therapy, people react to this stress in different ways: Some people believe that if they worry, they are somehow protecting and preparing themselves; some believe that they need certainty in order to relax; and some believe that worrying about worrying is going to drive them crazy.

So what's a worrywart to do? According to NetDoctor.co.uk, cognitive therapy can help those stricken with GAD. This involves analyzing your response to the world, and learning how to think and act in new ways. Physical exercise and deep breathing is also very helpful for most sufferers.

Dr. Robert Leahy, author of The Worry Cure, says there are ways to stop excessive worry, "It takes practice and patience," Leahy says, "but ultimately it boils down to readjusting how you think about the world, and really believing that tomorrow is more likely to bring you something humdrum or wonderful than some¬thing frightening."

### **On perseverance**

There are pearls in the deep sea, but one must hazard all to find them. If diving once does not bring you pearls, you need not therefore  $con\neg clude$  that the sea is without them. Dive again and again. You are sure to be rewarded in the end.... If your first attempt proves fruitless, do not lose heart. Persevere in your efforts....



— Sri Ramakrishna



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