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MARCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Saturday, March 9 – Find the Lost Hour Potluck 6:00pm at the Clubhouse

Please check signup sheet on the Event Board for more information. Residents are encouraged to bring your favorite foods, snack items, desserts, and more to share at this social event. If its as good as past potlucks, come hungry and ready to "chow down". Yummmm!

Friday, March 22 – BYOB/TGIF/BD at 6:30pm Poolside

Any resident whose birthday is in March should come and get your birthday cake. You should also check you in-house mailbox (in the Library) for a card and invitation. Please let an Activities volunteer know if you did not receive an invite.

SAVE THE DATE – APRIL

Wednesday, April 17 Volunteer Recognition Dinner 6:00pm at the Clubhouse

Volunteering Appreciation WOW! Remember the saying "it takes a village..."? As we prepare for our Volunteer Recognition Dinner, our village of Southwind volunteer time by the numbers from 2023 looks like this:

- 76 volunteers
- 214 opportunities filled by volunteers
- 17+ HOA or Park sponsored events/activities

Our hats off to all that gave of their time and talents for an hour or two OR leading an entire event throughout 2023. It is much appreciated! It is challenging with everyone vying for our time/talent/money, we can only say thank you to Southwind volunteers.

As a thank you, the Park Office is sponsoring the Volunteer Recognition Dinner on April 17th. Please watch as more details will be available at the clubhouse sign up area and in your Southwind mail slots located in the clubhouse library. Our sincerest thanks for all you do as volunteers! We would also like to invite everyone to enjoy the company of other neighbors and friends with an hour or two of volunteering in 2024. Southwind Activities Committee - Harriet S.

Saturday, April 20 Pet Fashion Show 1:00 outside the Clubhouse



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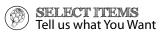
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Month	2024 Southwind Community Social Events Date/Event/Time/Location
January	1/18 Welcome 2024 Donuts @ 10:30 a.m., Clubhouse 1/26 BYOB/TGIF/BD @ 6:30 p.m., Poolside 1/27 Soup by Patrick @ 5:30 p.m., Clubhouse
February	2/10 Cornhole and Cookout @ 11:00 a.m., Clubhouse 2/15 Vendor Night @ 6:00 p.m., Clubhouse 2/23 BYOB/TGIF/BD @ 6:30 p.m., Poolside
March	3/2 Community Yard Sale @ 8:00 a.m., Individual Lots 3/9 Find the Lost Hour Potluck Social @ 6:00 p.m., Clubhouse 3/22 BYOB/TGIF/BD @ 6:30 p.m., Poolside
April	4/17 Volunteer Recognition Dinner @ 6:00 p.m., Clubhouse 4/20 Pet Fashion Show @ 1:00 p.m., Clubhouse 4/26 BYOB/TGIF/BD @ 6:30 p.m., Poolside
May	5/24 BYOB/TGIF/BD @ 6:30 p.m., Poolside 5/27 Memorial Day Social @ 1:00 p.m., Clubhouse
June	6/14 Flag Day Potluck Social @ 5:00-7:00 p.m., Clubhouse 6/28 BYOB/TGIF/BD @ 6:30 p.m., Poolside
July	7/4 Cookout Social @ Noon, Clubhouse 7/26 BYOB/TGIF/BD @ 6:30 p.m., Poolside
August	8/17 Ice Cream Social @ 6:30 p.m., Clubhouse 8/23 BYOB/TGIF/BD @ 6:30 p.m., Poolside
September	9/4 Labor Day Picnic Social @ 12:30 p.m., Clubhouse 9/27 BYOB/TGI/BD @ 6:30 p.m., Poolside
October	10/25 BYOB/TGIF/BD @ 6:30 p.m., Poolside 10/26 Halloween Dance Social @ 7:00-10:00 p.m., Clubhouse
November	11/11 Veterans Recognition Dinner Social, @ 5:30 p.m., Clubhouse 11/22 BYOB/TGIF/BD @ 6:30 p.m., Poolside 11/30 Holiday Decorate Clubhouse/Pool,
December	12/7 Craft Fair, @ 9:00 a.m., Clubhouse, Luminary Sale Starts 12/18 Holiday House Decorations Judging Completed 12/21 Holiday Light Pole Decorations/Scavenger Hunt, Judging Completed 12/21 Holiday Parade Social @ 6:00 p.m. Parade Line up @ 5:30 p.m., Clubhouse 12/24 Traditional Luminary Lighting at dusk 12/27 BYOB/TGIF/BD @ 6:30 p.m., Poolside

Respectfully submitted Harriet S., Activities Committee Updated: 12/12/23

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SOUTHWIND VIAL OF LIFE PROGRAM

Announced by Debbie Coy, HOA Member

his important information is available for all Southwind residents and could help save your life and the life of your pet!

FREE KITS ARE AVAILABLE for all residents to keep in your home and your car to alert first responders to your critical healthcare needs when you are seriously injured and cannot communicate that information yourself. Kits will be available for pick at HOA meetings/ events in the Clubhouse and in the Management office.

Pinellas County's Yellow Dot and Vial of Life program.

The brochure now includes emergency pet care contact information that will enable Animal Services to contact a caregiver for your pet during an emergency. When you get your free kit, complete the form and simply place an information packet in your vehicle's glove compartment and on your refrigerator at home. The kit comes with decals for your vehicle and front door so first responders know you are a participant.

Your participation will help first responders:

- Identify who you are.
- Determine if you have a pre-existing medical condition that may inhibit you from communicating.
- Ensure that your current medications and pre-existing medical conditions are considered during decisions made about your treatment.
- Enable Animal Services to contact a caregiver for your pet during an emergency.

The information provided will only be used to help First Responders and medical personnel make decisions about your treatment. Making this information available could help save your life and the life of your pet.

Yellow Dot is for your vehicle. Display the decal in the bottom-left corner of your rear window. It alerts first responders to valuable health care information located in your glove compartment or an attached compartment on your motorcycle.

Vial of Life is for your home. Post the decal at eye level on your front door to alert first responders to valuable health care information located in a plastic bag attached to the outside of your refrigerator.

For more information go online to: https://pinellas.gov/programs/yellow-dot-vial-of-life-programs/

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS



outhwind HOA welcomes Eddie & Melissa Johnson, and Sharon Johnson in Lot #63, who just moved in (February) to our Community.

Your new neighbors look forward to meeting you soon at our HOA Meetings, Events and Activities. Welcome home!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

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March 1	Paul Corbin	March 17	Jim Cannon
March 1	Stan Shinko	March 18	Dee Branzell
March 3	Cheryl Ramsey	March 19	Mike Jehnzen
March 4	Jim Brandt	March 19	Carl Mankowski
March 4	Betty Chappell	March 20	Allison Nunez
March 6	Karen Burgue	March 21	Marge Mankowski
March 8	Joanna Haslitt	March 24	Joanne Zeffiro
March 9	Betty Lutz	March 27	Martine Deer
March 11	Ann Mackin	March 27	Leanne Harvey
March 14	Sharon Johnson	March 27	Frank Komar
March 14	Carol Styers	March 31	Teresa Corbin



ANNIVERSARIES

none

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES LIST UPDATING – If you would like to be included in the monthly newsletter celebration list, please text or email your name(s); month and day of birth or anniversary and your lot number to: (text) 727-244-0702 or (email) breezes. editor@gmail.com

MARCH HAPPENINGS



Sunday, March 9th - Daylight Saving Time begins on the second Sunday in March, giving people an extra hour of sunlight in the evening by setting the clock ahead one hour. "Spring forward and Fall backward"

<u>Wednesday, March 13th</u> - National Good Samaritan Day recognizes the unselfish actions of those who provide help when needed and celebrates kindness in all its forms. Volunteer- Offer your valuable skills to others in times of need. Make a commitment to developing a habit of kindness and awareness of others

<u>Sunday, March 17th</u> is St. Patrick's Day which kicks off a worldwide celebration also known as the Feast of St. Patrick. Many will wear green in honor of the Irish and decorate with shamrocks. Some will revel in the Irish heritage and eat a traditional meal like corned beef and cabbage and drink green beer!

<u>Friday, March 29</u> commemorates the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ in the Christian Faith and is called Good Friday. Churches across the country hold services. Many spend the day in meditative reflection.

<u>Sunday, March 31</u> - Easter is observed on the first Sunday following the full moon after the vernal equinox. Considered Christianity's most important holy day, it celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Dying eggs is a tradition that dates back thousands of years across many cultures. Eggs symbolize rebirth, fertility, and life springing forth. Plant or display Easter Lilies – they symbolize innocence, purity and peace.

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CRAFT CLASSES

n January 17th, residents enjoyed creating beachy wall art in the class lead by Sharon Kendall. Craft classes are usually held once a month on the third Wednesday, from 1pm – 3pm in the Clubhouse and participants need to sign-up for enough materials to be provided.

The February Class had to be moved up due to the Craft Project timing. This class was held on Thursday, February 1st to create Mardi Gras wreaths and canvases by Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) on February 13th. Beads



and décor were donated by Jo H. for this project. The creations were very festive and colorful. Several contained masks, musical instruments, feathers and a variety of beads. Everyone had a great time and made some fantastic crafts!

Sharon will hold the next Craft Class on March 20th, from 1pm – 3pm in the Clubhouse. We will be making Spring Themed Decoupaged Vases with fairy lights. Please be sure to sign up and attend this next class!









LINE DANCING CLASSES

From Marty Young

Residents are invited to come and join line dancing class at 6pm on Thursday evenings in the Clubhouse, at no cost. Class is taught by Chelsea Angle. Participants have learned the Wabble, Electric Slide, and Hand Jive so far, and look forward to learning more while having fun and getting good exercise. Come and enjoy the dance!





INTRODUCING THE 2024 HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By Terri Campbell

ur new HOA Board are volunteers who commit their time, ideas, talents and energy working together to represent all homeowner's interests, support Events and Activities; and provide leadership for our community.



The 2024 Board Officers are: President - Dan Coy, Vice President - Tom O'Shea, Secretary - Maggie Griscavage and Treasurer - Karen Ragsdale. The Board of Directors also includes; Rita Angle, Connie Brandt, Tina Deveno, Linda Sauter, and Ed Pontis, Jr

Dan Coy, President

Year-round residents since June 2022, Dan and his wife Deb have previously lived in Dunedin, Orlando, Land O Lakes, FL and Hawaii.

Dan likes our great location because it's close-by to family. He likes having great neighbors, enjoys our pet-friendly community and peaceful environment where he can take their adorable corgi, "Minnie", on rides in the golf cart.

Dan completed a Management Association course and served as President on an HOA managed Board of a 230 home gated community in Kissimmee, FL and was Southwind's HOA Vice President last year.

Dan wants to encourage more volunteers to get involved in the HOA. He is conscientious, hard-working, non-confrontational, low key, willing to listen and open to suggestions.

*Dan's concern for safety issues and dedication to resolving problems makes him a strong leader, who leads by example, for our community.

Tom O'Shea, Vice-President

A Southwind homeowner (seasonal) since February 2021, Tom and Bonnie Brown and their 10 year old pug-mix named "Jaws" now live in Southwind full time, since last October. He grew up near Boston in Swampscott, MA and moved here from Salem, MA

Tom's grand-mother had a house in St Pete for many years and she recommended this part of Florida for retirement. He saw his beautiful home online and liked the location.

Tom was an Attorney for 32 years, and a Probation Officer for 17 years. He has served as President of the Gloucester, MA Bar Association for 7 years, on the Swampscott Yacht Club Board of Governors for 20 years, and Commodore in 2015. He was Chairman of the Board of the Gloucester Red Cross for two years and President of the Gloucester Human Rights Committee for two years.

Tom feels it's important to listen to everyone and to support all homeowners in getting involved in the process of resolving issues with Management. He enjoys being active, as does Bonnie Brown with our activities, events and cooking. What Tom enjoys most about Southwind is: the friendly people, his beautiful home and the pool.

* Tom's great background and experience will be a very valuable asset to this community and we are fortunate to have Tom and Bonnie volunteering to make Southwind a better place to live.

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Maggie Griscavage, Secretary

Maggie has lived in Southwind year-round for three and a half years and moved here from Kenai, Alaska (south of Anchorage). Formerly, she was the Director of Grants and Contracts Administration at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. She is a Veteran, having served in the British Royal Navy,

In her quest to find warmth and a total life change, Maggie found her home online, using a search engine for this area. A long term Alaska friend has children who visited the Dunedin area, recommended she look here. She found a great home for herself and her senior Siberian husky, Kyrie, where she can enjoy the peace and quiet environment.

Maggie brings work-related senior management experience, and serves on our HOA Board as Secretary. She takes charge of recording the minutes of HOA meetings, prepares the meeting Agenda, sends HOA Board emails to all residents and maintains the email recipient list. Along with keeping our Southwind Community Directory updated, she is the point of contact for all HOA intercommunications.

Karen Ragsdale, Treasurer

Karen has lived in Southwind for 11 years and is a year-round resident here. She moved here from Farmington, NM. She chose Southwind for our great location, park setting and pet friendly neighborhood.

As a devoted dog lover for all of her life, she has fostered and adopted dogs, and also volunteers for the Suncoast Animal League in Palm Harbor, FL. Currently she lives with her adopted 15 year old puggle, Trina.

Karen is a local small business owner for 20 years, who brings much experience in finance and management skills. She continues to serve as volunteer treasurer for our Board. She values a peaceful co-existence in our community – from person to person, and management to resident, and truly wants everyone to get along. Her leadership style is cooperative, collaborative and being a respectful listener. She enjoys volunteering and serving our community with activities and events. 2024 Goal – Karen is looking forward to working with strong, committed residents to achieve common goals and just enjoy living in our Park.

Rita Angle

Rita is a 6 year full time resident from Grand Blanc, MI who lives with her husband, Jim and their little morkie (maltese/ yorkie mix) named "Jasper" Fitzwilliam.

Rita continues to serve as a Southwind HOA Board member. She brings her professional real estate sales knowledge and business management skills to our community. She consistently helps buyers and advises sellers in negotiations and closings on home sales here in Southwind.

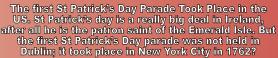
Rita sponsors her daughter, Chelsea Angle, who lives in the area and teaches Line Dancing class at our Clubhouse on Thursday evenings. Classes are free for residents, courtesy of Rita.

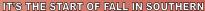
Rita also works hard to make changes with great empathy for homeowners. She strives to maintain a civil and positive work relationship between Management and our HOA, while advocating for residents and our issues. She loves Southwind because of the opportunity here to socialize, spend time with friends and family living in this area. She enjoys living among great neighbors and making friends with the new people here.

* Rita has a fun and friendly personality, and is often the first person that new residents come in contact with. She is a perfect representative of the people living here in our desirable neighborly community.

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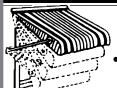
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Connie Brandt

Connie and her husband Jim moved to Southwind from Milford, Ohio two and a half years ago. They live here year-round. At one time they owned a home in Westwind, next door and discovered they really liked the area. Connie and Jim have been married for 43 years, and she retired from a long term nursing career. They have 4 children and 6 grand children in Ohio.

Connie is Southwind's Activities Committee Chairperson who encourages a positive sense of community and plenty of social opportunities. She has outstanding organizational skills. She also likes to paint, bake, sew, knit and crochet. Her interest in community service comes from her family background growing up. She helped her Mom who worked with Disabled American Veterans, with fundraising events, home visits, assisting Vets with applications for benefits and other needed assistance. Her father was in Civil Defense Emergency Management involved in rescue work. Fun fact - Connie is a certified scuba diver!

Connie is open to suggestions for more fun activities here so we may all enjoy our retirement in this beautiful serene setting.

*Connie and our Activities Committee do a fabulous job here keeping us busy and active in our community! We can always use more help from volunteers with ideas, planning, organizing and providing opportunities for all to enjoy – and you can help.

Tina Deveno

Tina moved to Southwind more than 3 years ago, from her former home in Clearwater, FL. She had a cousin who lived in Southwind and she knew some of her neighbors here as well. She lives with her handsome fur baby, "Southern Charm Chase" (Chase for short), who is a miniature Australian shepherd.

Tina loves our location, nestled in a park like setting close to Honeymoon Island and Dunedin in our highly desirable area. Chase loves our dog friendly community and the dog park here!

Tina has served on a few other Boards in the past and has volunteered for charitable organizations like Salvation Army and Goodwill. What she loves most about Southwind are the people. She said "I couldn't ask for a better group of people".

Tina brings organizational and time-management skills to our HOA Board, and defines her strength as negotiator. She feels residents should have the amenities of the luxury community (management claims), with plenty of activities for the best 55+ lifestyle possible. She wants to thank all HOA members for their support.

Ed Pontis, Jr

Ed moved to Southwind in June 2023 from Chattanooga, TN and is a year-round resident. His parents, Ed, Sr. and Cookie Pontis also live in our community, as does his sister Kim Alford, who lives in Southwind. He says it's the first time in 40 years that his family has lived in the same state!

Ed is the former Director of Safety for a construction company, a volunteer for the Fire Department and has strong Management experience and skill sets. He joined the HOA Board in an effort to represent residents and work together to find solutions that resolve issues. He wants to work for the "greater good" of our community. He believes in conflict resolution but says he is fearless "when I have to be".

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Ed is a people person and family man. He has three children, who live in PA, NM and TN, and five grand-children. He enjoys being active in his community and participating in our HOA.

Linda Sauter

Linda is a year-round resident of Southwind who moved here last February 2023, from the close-by area of Ozona, FL where they lived for many years. She is married to Steve and they have three children, with two living in the area and they have four grand-children. They absolutely love the landscape here and our park neighborhood that "doesn't look like concrete squares with boxes on it". "It feels like Florida here!" she says.

Like many other Southwind residents, Linda and Steve wanted to downsize while staying in the area near family. She's happiest and most comfortable living in a community that has amenities, like our beautiful pool and she would like to see the pool hours extended after sunset and into the evening. She supports the idea of helping your neighbors - to do whatever you can, whenever you can. Her interests include forming a gardening group here.

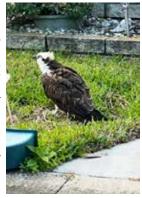
Linda approaches life with tenacity, and values kindness and compassion. She likes to volunteer in our community. She has Real Estate marketing and sales experience, brings positive energy forward and loves to have fun while getting things done! She wants our community to come together in a peaceful way and to "relate rather than pontificate". Her strengths are remaining calm, cool and collected while adding humor to situations and being able to deal with things in a way that provides the best possible outcome.

Thank you all for volunteering your time, energy and efforts to serve our Southwind Home Owners Association. Best wishes for 2024!!

THE WILDLIFE OF SOUTHWIND

Story info and photo sent in by Ellie Malloy

ttempted Raptor rescue in Southwind – Early Morning in February, on the street in front of Lot 83, an osprey made a very "rough landing" and hopped into the grass where he stayed. A resident was standing nearby. The Osprey appeared to be a youngster, but was fully grown. He did not move, only turning his head eying the group of concerned residents who gathered to protect him from passing cars and dogs. Raptor Rescue was notified. After waiting for rescue for an hour, Mr. Osprey suddenly flew away to the delight of his guardians! He apparently was only stunned and not injured! Happy ending!



Doug Branzell witnessed the crash landing. He said he first thought it was an eagle "coming in hot" and "flappy" from the sky that crashing down on his right wing in the street. He was able to stand up and Doug coaxed him into the grass. His talons were huge and he was about 16" tall. He rested in the shade like he was nesting. Neighbors gathered around at a distance and watched out for his safety, diverting passing cars and dog walkers from the area. There was no visable injury to the bird.

Animal rescue services (Raptor Rescue) was called as neighbors stood guard and took pictures. The osprey seemingly liked the attention and stayed to visit for more than an hour.

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Dee Branzell took this picture and sent it to Ellie. Then finally, the Osprey stood up steady and took off flying. Spectators were amazed and happy that he seemed to be fine.

Doug says now that this Osprey knows how caring and friendly our Southwind community is, he hopes the bird will return to visit us again sometime. Another story and testament to the friendliness of our neighbors and for sure, this is one for the memory books!

Thank you Ellie M., Doug and Dee B. for sharing this story! We are very fortunate to have all types of wildlife here in our own ecosystem. We need to preserve and protect our peaceful way of life and unspoiled natural environment here in Southwind.

Here is some more information to share that may help us all peacefully co-exist with nature:

According to https://avianreport.com/osprey-migration: Ospreys (a.k.a Sea Hawks) are pretty common in some areas of the USA, including along the Gulf of Mexico in Florida, where they breed. An average adult weighs about 3-4 pounds, with a body length between 21 and 24 inches and has a wing span of 5.5 feet.

An osprey would most likely not attack your dog, because their diet consists of 99% of fish, that they swoop down and grab with their large sharp talons. They nest in spring and summer and breed during the months of March, April, and May along rivers, lakes, bays, and coastlines.

Here we have unique opportunity to witness a self-sustaining natural ecosystem – an example of the food chain is where the grasshopper eats the plants, the mouse eats the grasshopper, the snake eats the mouse, the eagle eats the snake and when the eagle dies, fungi breaks down the body and turns them into nutrients.

Southwind also has owls. They spend much of their waking time hunting for food. They are primarily nocturnal hunters for food. Many owl species are carnivores, or meat eaters. Small, rodent-like mammals, such as mice, are the primary prey for many owl species. An owl's diet may also include frogs, lizards, snakes, fish, mice, rabbits, birds, squirrels, and other creatures.

Warning:

Do not touch or pick up any dead or visibly sick birds that you find. Wild birds can carry several diseases that are infectious to people. You should avoid bare-handed contact when handling any dead animal. If you must pick up a dead bird, use gloves or an inverted plastic bag to place the bird in a garbage bag. Bird feces and feathers are a major source of diseases. The main species that carry the most diseases are sparrows, pigeons, gulls or egrets, and starlings.

Salmonella can be transmitted to people who handle sick or dead birds. Always wear disposable gloves when handling infected birds, and wash your hands after touching a bird feeder or birdbath. www.avianwelfare.org

So who should you contact? Tampa Bay Raptor Rescue (727) 798-2385 in Clearwater, FL Bird Rescue – if you see a bird in need, don't hesitate to reach out to this animal rescue group.



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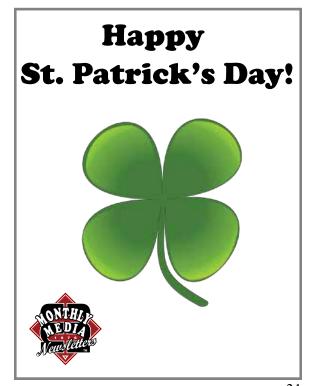
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Why is **Star Wars** Yoda such a good gardener? He has a green thumb

What do gardeners wear on their legs? Garden hose.

Why is the letter A like a flower? Because a B comes after it!

How do you plant a "kiss" in spring? With tulips

What's the best flower for a boy to give on Mother's Day? A son-flower.

Did you hear the one about the gardener who couldn't wait for spring? He was so excited, he wet his plants!

Spring Cleaning - Do you know which chore sucks the most? Vacuuming.

I worked on unclogging the tub for nearly an hour. Now I feel so drained.

What did the broom say to the mop? "I'm so tired of people pushing us around."

Why was the broom late? It over-swept.

Did you hear the one about the messy bed? Yeah, I made it up.

I'm not a fan of spring cleaning. Let's be honest, I'm not into summer, fall, or winter cleaning either.

You never know what you have until you clean out your closet.

Daylight saving time is on its way...everyone is losing sleep over it.

What does winter fat turn into? Spring rolls.

What do you call a rabbit with flees? Bugs Bunny

What falls but never gets hurt? The rain!

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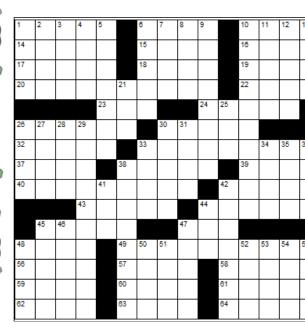
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- 1. Fire remnant
- 6. Clean
- 10. Noggin
- 14. Sorceress
- 15. Away from the wind
- 16. Therefore
- 17. Respond
- 18. Big bash
- 19. Annual high school dand
- 20. The criminal class
- 22. Pitch
- 23. Anagram of "One"
- 24. Fatigued
- 26. Highway divider
- 30. Musical genre
- 32. Occurrence
- 33. Stalemates
- 37. Dispatched
- 38. Villain
- 39. Egyptian river
- 40. Comes before
- 42. Small and light boat
- 43. Avarice
- 44. Aureate
- 45. Transparent green gemstone
- 47. Male child
- 48. Fizzy drink
- 49. Ouenchless
- 56. He writes in stanzas
- 57. Neophyte, in modern slang
- 58. Cloudless
- 59. Ammunition
- 60. Chutzpah
- 61. Once more
- 62. Russian emperor
- 63. Footwear
- 64. Spear





- 1. Beige
- 2. Bearing
- 3. Small fastener
- 4. Behold, in old Rome
- 5. Withdrawal
- 6. Cart
- 7. Winglike
- 8. Peddle
- 9. Oncoming breeze
- 10. Having seven sides
- 11. Mistake
- 12. Suffering
- 13. Covered stadium

- 21. Was victorious
- 25. Finish
- 26. Plateau
- 27. Not odd
- 28. Depression 29. A person who
- integrates
- 30. Horse
- 31. Grows pale
- 33. Adjacent
- 34. Discover
- 35. Ice sheet
- 36. Observed
- 38. Impressions

- 41. Weep
- 42. Cone-shaped
- 44. Obtained
- 45. Prolonged loud noises
- 46. Swelling
- 47. Expensive fur
- 48. Expectorated
- 50. He built the ark
- 51. Alone
- 52. Seaweed
- 53. Leguminous plant
- 54. Nonclerical
- 55. Sea eagle









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