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If you have any suggestions for articles you think would interest our community, please feel free to reach out to me. We love to hear good news! In addition, if you come across an article that you think would be of interest, please share. I will need the original source as well.

Please send any articles, suggestions, or photos to me at iits.sentinel@gmail.com or stop by Lot 297 If you would like to be highlighted or have a resident event highlighted in an upcoming edition for any of our sections, please let me know. See you all soon!

Thank you, Tammy Blaisse

This publication, *Island in the Sun Sentinel*, also referred to as the *Monthly Media*, contains names, contact information, community articles and information, an activities calendar as well as general interest articles. IITS residents can contribute ideas, articles, and photos to the publication. Contact Tammy Blaisse at iits.sentinel@gmail.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

s we start with a new board I would just like to thank all of our members and residents alike for their support. We intend to do our best to help the community grow and become more involved. Everyone's dues should be



paid by now, but if not please feel free to see Rusty Leslie at 310 or Cathy Ralston at 184, after 4 pm, to pay the \$15.00. Yes, that is correct dues are only \$15.00 a year. Have questions or need information, I will be happy to help you. Please remember I work full-time and am not available during from 7 am to 5 pm, during the week. The best way to contact me is via text at 580-301-4828 and we can set up a time that is convenient for both of us. If you have a concern about something in the community, please fill out the concern form, turn it in and bring a copy with you when you come see me. That will help us both to ensure your concern is addressed. Remember the HOA cannot address your concerns for you, we can only help you resolve them with Cal-Am management if you do not receive a reply or if there needs to be further discussion.

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e have a few open positions if you are interested in volunteering for anything. NON-Board Positions

- 1. We need volunteers for Bingo. We are looking for callers. Duties would be once a month or so. The computer does most of the work, and almost all of the calling (with the exception of one game). It is a very simple program to use, and we are a fun bunch to spend time with! If you are interested, please call Linda at 727-214-7334.
- 2. Remembrance Corner OPEN Need this person to report obits to **Rusty Leslie** for adding to Media Guide and so we are able send a card from the community.
- 3. Neighbor Helping Neighbor OPEN need Volunteer.
- 4. Bocci Ball OPEN Need Volunteer
- 5. Media Guide Need a Volunteer soon

April Birthdays

- 9 Kathy Stevens
- 14 Jasmina Forcan
- 14 Doris Ready
- 24 Trish Gudin
- 24 Donna Stewart
- 27 Joan Ottinger
- 30 Steve Olone

April Anniversaries

- 3 John Holbach & Gail Spark
- 7 David & Rose Simmons

We would love to add your birthday and anniversary to our list! E-mail your name and date to <u>iits.sentinel@gmail.com</u> so your friends and neighbors can help you celebrate your special days!

Please help me keep this list up to date. If you notice a resident listed who no longer lives in IITS, please give me a heads up. Thanks!



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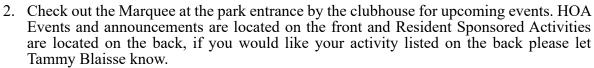




FROM THE ACTIVITIES COMMITTE:

4 ways to find out all about our events:

1. Make sure you sign up for the robocalls as well, as event information is being sent via robocall, too. Contact Jill Norwick at jillnorwick@ yahoo.com with your lot #, telephone number and name to join the list. These numbers are shared with no one.



- 3. The calendar is kept current in the glass case at the Clubhouse.
- 4. Please join any or all of these IITS FaceBook Groups, we post activities on these pages only.
- a. Island in the Sun Social Group
- b. IITS uncensored, sort of
- c. The Official Island in the Sun HOA 2022 (HOA Members only) This page is only for HOA business.

Please contact the activities committee for activities you would like to start at itsactivities@ yahoo.com. We will provide you with help to get started. The activities committee will remain as a committee and no longer has a chairperson. The committee works as a group, if you email the above address the emails will be brought to each meeting for discussion and action.

RESIDENT ACTIVITIES ANNOUNCEMENTS

These activities are not HOA or Cal-Am sponsored activities. They are resident led.

The Boys who Brunch are meeting monthly the restaurant, date and time are announced on various IITS Facebook pages, sign up is online or at the Clubhouse.

Like to shoot pool? Every Saturday at 10 am there is a group who play 8 ro 9 ball at the clubhouse. They are always looking for new players.

Chit Chat is on Friday nights at the Clubhouse from 5 to 7pm. Bring whatever you would like to drink. You may bring a snack if you would like to share, but that is not necessary to join us for some good old fashioned chatting around the table. Be aware, Politics, Religion and HOA are not discussed during this time.

Anyone wanting a resident activity to be spotlighted in the Media Guide please contact Tammy Blaisse.

See the calendar in the Media Guide or on the clubhouse board for upcoming daily activities, HOA activities and Cal-Am activities.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE HOA EVENTS

Hi everyone.

Thank you to all the people who came to our 3/2/24 activities meeting The more people, the more ideas and the more fun we can have.

Volunteers are always needed to host, set up and tidy up – please let Rusty know if you continued on page 11

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would like to help out at any of these events. Lot 310, 865.232.972 kohanadancer@gmail.com

Thanks to all those who volunteer their time to make these events a great one for our community.

April 13 - 10am to noon Breakfast pajama party – relax and enjoy Let's be kids again!! Life is too short not to have fun!! Come out and enjoy breakfast in your PJS Watch cartoons on the big screen Lots of breakfast casseroles Coffee and orange juice and water and soda If you want mimosas, bring your champagne \$5 HOA \$10 Non HOA Hosts: Pattie and Chrissie



May 5th Sunday 2-5 Cinquo de Mayo

Let's enjoy this Mexican celebration!! Salsa/ queso and chips Enchiladas 7 layer dip and more Churros and Marguerita cup cakes Wear your red, white and green to honor the day Hosts: Karen and Jeff \$10 HOA \$15 Non HOA

June 15th 2-5pm Summertime pool party

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HOA will continue to use Robo call.

Sign-up for our Robocall phone messages for upcoming events. Please email Jill Norwick at <u>jillnorwick@yahoo.com</u> and provide your name, lot number and your phone number with area code.

If you provide a cell number, please add 877-333-9336 to your contacts so the call is not blocked.

Your number will not be shared. You can also provide your info to a Board Member to pass along to Sharon by filling out the sign-up form in this issue.

Please repeat the Robocall Sign-Up Form from last issue. With the following changes:

Replace Mike Malliet at 920-540-1665 or mmail1974@yahoo.com with Jill Norwick at 727-243-4592 or Jillnorwick@yaoo.com

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The phone messaging service is used to:

- Remind residents of HOA meetings
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- Communicate information to specific groups (Bocce, Shuffleboard, etc.)
- Announce safety concerns in the community and surrounding area
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Lot # _____ Telephone Number _____

Name(s)



Velcome to my little corner of the world. April is upon us and the days are getting warmer

V If you are a new to our community and manufactured home living, I will be happy to give you information on how it all works here and answer any questions you might have. I love doing welcome visits and meeting new people. I hope you love living here as much as I do and take advantage of all the activities we offer.

Thank you for taking to time to read this!

Rusty (Rosalind) Leslie

Lot 310 - corner of Nassau and Windward – first intersection as you come in, blue house on the left with yellow SUV – that's me. Come to my side door and ring the bell Rusty (Rosalind) Leslie

Call or text me at 865.232.9072 Email me at kohanadancer@gmail.com

PRECIOUS PETS

If anyone has a Pet or few you would like to share with the community please reach out to me at iitsactivities@yahoo.com

BINGO

Bingo!! Bingo!! Bingo!! Bingo is a self-funded activity. It is not sponsored by the HOA, nor Cal-Am. We try to raise funds in any way we can to maintain the activity and keep our payouts at a level where people want to come. Our typical participation is around 25-30 people a night. We would love to see that number grow! More people, bigger payouts! Come to Bingo, bring your neighbors/friends! Come out and join the fun with us!









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April Calendar

- April 1 is All Fools' Day—otherwise known as "April Fools' Day."
- April 22 is the start of Passover, which begins at sundown.
- April 22 is Earth Day.
- April 24 is the birthday of Robert B. Thomas, the founder of The Old Farmer's Almanac!
- April 28 is National Arbor Day.

"Just for Fun" Days

- Apr. 1 (first Monday in April): Sweet Potato Day
- Apr. 6 (first Saturday in April): International Pillow Fight Day
- Apr. 7: National No Housework Day
- Apr. 10: Gopher Tortoise Day (Florida)
- Apr. 17: Blah, Blah, Blah Day
- Apr. 21 (third Sunday in April): Go Fly a Kite Day
- Apr. 26: National Richter Scale Day
- Apr. 28 (last Saturday in April): National Sense of Smell Day

20 Amazing Facts about April

- 1. 'Open' the doors To 'blooming' April The origin of the word April is in the Latin word 'aperire', which means to open. This is about the many flowers that bloom in the month.
- 2. The funniest day in April One of the most popular dates of April's calendar is the 1st of April – commonly known as April Fools' Day! Nobody's quite sure, but some believe April Fool's Day was inspired by Geoffrey Chaucer's story in "Canterbury Tales" called "Nun's Priest's Tale."
- 3. The BBC has a sense of humor...On the 1st of April Believe it or not, April Fool's Day pranks include a news piece ran by BBC about spaghetti being grown in Sweden and another about flying penguins.
- 4. April hosted the first modern Olympics The first Olympics of the modern era were held in Athens, on the 6th of April 1896, after a break of 1,500 years.
- 5. An April tragedy On the 26th of April 1986, the Chernobyl nuclear plant in Ukraine blew up, and the created radioactive cloud forced a 300-mile radius to be evacuated.
- 6. April was also fatal for the Titanic The Titanic hit an iceberg in the Atlantic Ocean on the 15th of April 1912 and sank. Only 700 of the 2,224 passengers were rescued.
- 7. April has brought many famous people to life



Charlie Chaplin, Leonardo da Vinci, Hans Christian Anderson, Shirley Temple, Queen Elizabeth II are just a few of the famous people born in April.

8. In fact, we have April to thank For William Shakespeare April marks the birth of perhaps one of the most significant writers of all time – William Shakespeare, on the 26th in 1564.



- 9. Houston, we have a problem! Apollo 13 was launched from Cape Kennedy on the 11th of April 1970, and only 56 hours later it ran into difficulties.
- 10. Yuri Gagarin made history in April The Russian astronaut Yuri Gagarin was the first human who went into space, on the 12th of April 1961. He travelled 187 miles above the Earth in the spacecraft called Vostok 1.
- 11. Is April the 4th or the 5th month of the year? We know April as the 4th month of the year, but that's only by the Gregorian calendar, previously it was the 5thmonth according to the Julian calendar.
- 12. April has an extra day April only had 29 days, but an extra day was added when Julius Caesar established the Julian calendar.
- 13. April in the north October in the south
- April is the seasonal equivalent to October in the Southern Hemisphere.
- 14. The birthstone of innocence Diamond, represents innocence, and it's the birthstone for those born in April.
- 15. April has not one, but two birth flowers People born in April are lucky enough to have two birth flowers, the Daisy and the Sweet Pea.
- 16. April is reserved for Aries and Taurus In April there are two zodiac signs. The first one is Aries, which is until the 19th of April, and the second one is Taurus, which is from the 20th of April onwards.
- 17. April will be rainy... With some meteor showers Take out your special umbrella, it's April, a time for meteor showers! One of those meteor showers is called Lyrids and appears from the 16th April to the 26th April, each year. There's another one known as the Eta Aquariids meteor shower that happens after the 21st April.
- The first inauguration happened in April On the 30th of April, 1789, George Washington was inaugurated as the First President of the United States.
- 19. April was holy back in ancient times

April was sacred to the goddess Venus, back in the time of the Ancient Romans.

20. Come out, come out...It's April!

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Testament







April Fools Day

pril Fools' Day—occurring on April 1 each year has been celebrated for several centuries by different cultures, though its exact origins remain a mystery. April Fools' Day traditions include playing hoaxes or practical jokes



on others, often yelling "April Fools!" at the end to clue in the subject of the April Fools' Day prank. While its exact history is shrouded in mystery, the embrace of April Fools' Day jokes by the media and major brands has ensured the unofficial holiday's long life.

Origins of April Fools' Day

Some historians speculate that April Fools' Day dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, as called for by the Council of Trent in 1563. In the Julian Calendar, as in the Hindu calendar, the new year began with the spring equinox around April 1. People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize that the start of the new year had moved to January 1 and continued to celebrate it during the last week of March through April 1 became the butt of jokes and hoaxes and were called "April fools." These pranks included having paper fish placed on their backs and being referred to as "poisson d'avril" (April fish), said to symbolize a young, easily caught fish and a gullible person.

HISTORY: April Fools' Day

Hilaria in Ancient Rome

Historians have also linked April Fools' Day to festivals such as Hilaria (Latin for joyful), which was celebrated in ancient Rome at the end of March by followers of the cult of Cybele. It involved people dressing up in disguises and mocking fellow citizens and even magistrates and was said to be inspired by the Egyptian legend of Isis, Osiris and Seth.

There's also speculation that April Fools' Day was tied to the vernal equinox, or first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere, when Mother Nature fooled people with changing, unpredictable weather.

April Fools' Day spread throughout Britain during the 18th century. In Scotland, the tradition became a two-day event, starting with "hunting the gowk," in which people were sent on phony errands (gowk is a word for cuckoo bird, a symbol for fool) and followed by Tailie Day, which involved pranks played on people's derrieres, such as pinning fake tails or "kick me" signs on them.

Outrageous Pranks in History

From a Swiss "spaghetti harvest" to a rhino on a city council, these pranks went above and beyond. From spaghetti trees to a Nixon comeback, check out some of history's most elaborate April Fools' Day pranks.

In modern times, people have gone to great lengths to create elaborate April Fools' Day hoaxes. Newspapers, radio and TV stations and websites have participated in the April 1 tradition of reporting outrageous fictional claims that have fooled their audiences.



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COVID-19 NOTICE:

We are taking as many precautions as we can to ensure not only our workers safety but yours as well. We are checking employee temperatures daily, limiting contact between crews, and offering no customer contact if you choose. We are an "Essential Business" and here for you when you need us.



In 1957, the BBC reported that Swiss farmers were experiencing a record spaghetti crop and showed footage of people harvesting noodles from trees. In 1985, Sports Illustrated writer George Plimpton tricked many readers when he ran a made-up article about a rookie pitcher named Sidd Finch who could throw a fastball over 168 miles per hour.

In 1992, National Public Radio ran a spot with former President Richard Nixon saying he was running for president again... only it was an actor, not Nixon, and the segment was all an April Fools' Day prank that caught the country by surprise.

In 1996, Taco Bell, the fast-food restaurant chain, duped people when it announced it had agreed to purchase Philadelphia's Liberty Bell and intended to rename it the Taco Liberty Bell. In 1998, after Burger King advertised a "Left-Handed Whopper," scores of clueless customers requested the fake sandwich.

Google notoriously hosts an annual April Fools' Day prank that has included everything from "telepathic search" to the ability to play Pac Man on Google Maps.

Parking

Tow on to everyone's least favorite topic, Parking. Last month we all received a reminder about the parking regulations. The following

▲ Monday management started putting notices on vehicles letting people know that if it was the 1st of May the vehicle would have been towed. Cal-Am is serious about the residents following the Prospectus and Rules about parking, in fact they are wanting to go to no parking on the street. That cannot and will not happen without a prospectus change which will be discussed during negotiations. As residents we need to follow what the Prospectus currently says and we need to be respectful when parking and stop parking directly across from each other. You endanger lives when you do this, emergency vehicles cannot pass through if needed. One car must be parked in the driveway at all times if you have 2 cars and the one in the driveway leaves, you must pull the other into the driveway. Whether you are a homeowner or renter, no one has any reserved parking in this community, the front of your house is not reserved for you; anyone can park there.

Cal-Am Notifications

have had numerous complaints about people not getting notified by Cal-Am about important events. They are notifying residents via text message through Rent Café. If you would like to start receiving these messages please go into Rent Café and sign up for these



messages. If you need help setting this up please reach out and I or someone else will be more than happy to help you set this up.

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We have taken steps to limit exposure to the virus by making our customers aware that there is no need to have any contact with our employees if you choose to do so. Our business falls under the state's guidelines as "Essential Business".

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Services

e would like to put together a list of services individuals in the community perform. If you would like to be included in the list please send the following information to me at tammy.blaisse@yahoo.com or Rusty at kohanadancer@gmail.com.

- 1. Service you provide
- 2. Name
- 3. Phone number and/or Email address to reach you at Thank you!



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Community Carport Sale, Bay Ranch MHP 7349 Ulmerton Rd. Largo. April 13th 8-1

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ARTICLES FOR SALE

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OTHER

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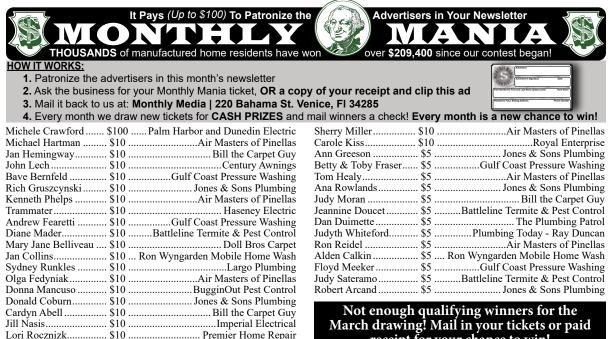
ATTENTION RESIDENTS!

Did you know this Emporium/ Classified listing reaches over 21,500 homes in Pinellas County? It goes into 60 community newsletters (just like this one) from Dunedin to St. Petersburg. This is a great market to sell items, advertise your next event, try and get help for a function, and many other things. Remember to think about this the next time you're planning something.

-Monthly Media Staff

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