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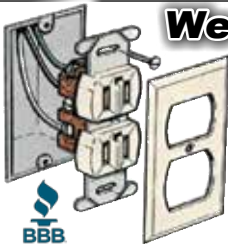
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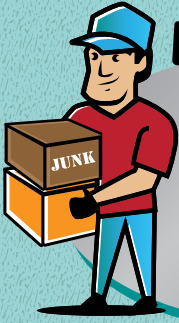
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 - d. Organization elects residents to the Board to govern the running of Pointe West. These (9) directors elect yearly: a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.
2. **Recreation Association - REC**
 - a. All residents are eligible to join, paying \$2.50 per person for life.
 - b. It's managed by a Board of Directors (9) for rotating three year terms. They then elect a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer each year.
 - c. They plan a Social calendar for winter and summer seasons.
3. **Home Owners' Association - HOA**
 - a. Pointe West Homeowners Association Inc. A not-for profit corporation. The H.O.A. is by law, the official and legally recognized representative.
 - b. Members – Non-shareholders who rent their lots here regarding , rent increases, park rules and regulations, park amenities, state governing statutes.
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Celebrate May!



With the change in season, some Rec activities are on hold until Fall, but there's still plenty of ways to celebrate living in Paradise. Check the May calendar and KK announcements to see all the opportunities.

May offers something for everyone. In addition to the better-known holidays of Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, and Memorial Day, this is also a month of wellness. The monthly observances in May include Arthritis Awareness Month, Better Sleep Month, Mental Health Awareness Month, National Walking Month, and Women's Health Care Month. Self-care is always in style!

May is also Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and Military Appreciation Month. Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. A rather broad term, Asian/Pacific encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji and the Solomon Islands), Micronesia (Marianas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru and the Federated States of Micronesia) and Polynesia (New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia and Easter Island). Military Appreciation Month reminds Americans to show their support and appreciation to the military family.

If you are looking for something different to celebrate this May, consider:

- May 1: School Principals' Day
- May 2: World Tuna Day
- May 8: No Socks Day
- May 8 (second Wednesday in May): Root Canal Appreciation Day
- May 14: Dance Like a Chicken Day
- May 28: Slugs Return from Capistrano Day

Cinco de Mayo, May 5, commemorates the military victory of the Mexican army against invading French forces at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. It was an almost unbelievable victory for the Mexican forces, underdogs who defeated one of the most powerful armies in the world. Yet, Cinco de Mayo is not widely celebrated in Mexico outside of Puebla. In the United States, by contrast, more than 500 cities have annual Cinco de Mayo celebrations, with the largest in Los Angeles drawing as many as 500,000 revelers. Cinco de Mayo is a celebration created by and for Latino communities in the United States to celebrate U.S. Latino history and culture.

Memorial Day, May 27, commemorates the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. It's a day set aside to remember those did not come home, and to reflect on why we have the luxury and freedoms that we enjoy today. All Americans are encouraged to pause, wherever they are, at 3:00 pm local time for a minute of silence. For the history of Memorial Day, check out <https://www.almanac.com/content/when-memorial-day#:https://www.almanac.com/content/when-memorial-day#>

Mother's Day, May 12, is the day we honor all mothers, including mothers at heart. But how did it all start? Ann Reeves Jarvis, known as Mother Jarvis, was a mother and Sunday

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school teacher in rural West Virginia—until the Civil War broke out in 1861. She became an activist for human rights and mothers, no matter which side of the blue-gray divide they were on. To begin, she organized “mothers’ day work clubs.” These clubs taught mothers basic health, hygiene, and child-rearing skills to fight the unsanitary living conditions that caused so much death and disease in young children.

She went on to organize “women’s brigades” to help wounded soldiers and a Mothers’ Friendship Day to improve relations between former Union and Confederate families. After all, if anyone can calm down a heated argument, it’s a mother.

Mother Jarvis’s daughter, Anna M. Jarvis, was her devoted disciple and served beside her mother. As Mother Jarvis’s health declined, Anna became her caretaker, devoting years to her beloved mom. On May 8, 1905, Mother Jarvis died of heart complications.

Anna, by then a young mother herself, was devastated by the loss. In 1906, she invited friends and family to a special church service to honor her mother on the one-year anniversary of her death. She handed out carnations, Mother Jarvis’s favorite flower, to all the mothers in attendance.

It was such a moving tribute that Anna and her loved ones decided to keep the tradition going each May. They broadened the celebration to include mothers in general.

Anna went on a campaign to spread her favorite holiday, writing letters, petitioning politicians, and talking about her mother to anyone who would listen. In 1915, her efforts paid off. President Woodrow Wilson declared Mother’s Day an annual national observance in the United States, to be held on the second Sunday of May.

Here’s to the women who show up for us every day! (<https://trib.al/w9hJ7YQ>)
(PS: After all her hard work, Anna Jarvis tried to stop Mother’s Day just five years after getting it officially recognized. She said it had become too commercialized and hated it until she died in 1948.)





Regular Pointe West Happenings ~

"K K" (Koffee Klatch): weekly gathering to meet your neighbors, hear any news or event updates, and enjoy free coffee and donuts. Doors open at 8:30 for socializing. The meeting starts at 9:00. Leftover donuts are sold for fifty cents each. Come meet your neighbors and find out what is happening at Pointe West. Consider signing up in the Activity Room to be one of the Donut Dolls or Donut Dudes. You do not have to make the coffee or get the donuts. Just smile, have a chat, and give a donut to your fellow Pointe West resident. If you know of anyone who is not receiving the KK recap you can email their email address to pointewestresidents@gmail.com or speak to Joey at the KK meetings.

Arts and Crafts: May 6, 11:00. Julie Cincotta will be guiding this month's craft session to make a lovely spring crocus decoration. Cost is \$6, sign-up sheet in the Activity room. This will be the last session for the season.

Game Nights are back! Every Monday at 7pm.

Weekly Bingo: Thursday – 1pm.

In Park Friendly Shuffle: Every Monday and Friday at 1:00. Come out for a friendly game of shuffleboard. Anyone can play or come out to learn. If you have never played there is always someone there who will help you learn this fun game
Table Shuffle: Every Thursday, 7pm, in the Clubhouse.

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Ladies Luncheons will continue through the summer. The monthly plan will be shared at KK and the sign-up sheet will be in the Activity Room.

Summer plans:

June - nothing planned right now

July - July 4 picnic and fireworks; Christmas in July

August - some private parties

September - Labor Day picnic

October - winter activities will start up

If you have an idea for a new activity, be sure to clear it with the REC Board first to ensure a place on our calendar. New activities cannot be placed on the calendar without prior REC Board approval.

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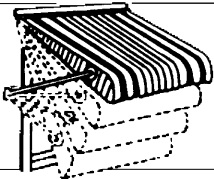
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While the Cookbook Book Club is on a short break for the summer, thanks to Barb Hyle for sharing one of their favorite recipes:

The Cookbook Book Club's Favorite Salad Recipe

At a recent Ladies Luncheon, I tasted Elaine McKay's family salad. I loved it so much I asked her for the recipe and then made it for the final meeting of the CBCC where it was a huge hit. It is easy to prepare and absolutely delicious.


Combine the following ingredients:

- Baby greens
- Baby spinach (optional)
- Candied pecans (see recipe below or buy "Glazed Pecans" at Sprouts)
- Red Onion (1/3 of a small onion--chopped)
- Feta Cheese
- Dried cranberries or strawberries, blueberries or avocado
- Kraft Poppy Seed dressing
- Elaine says her family likes this salad so much they often add a protein (chicken breast or egg) and make a meal out of the salad.
- Candied Pecans
- 1/2 cup of brown sugar
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp ground cinnamon
- 2 tbsp water
- 1 cup pecan halves



Instructions: Combine all ingredients except the pecans. In a skillet, cook over medium heat for a minute or two, until the sugar dissolves and the mixture is bubbling. Add the pecans and cook for an additional 3 minutes, stirring to coat the pecans in the glaze. Remove from heat and spread the pecans out on parchment paper to let cool completely. Break apart and add to the salad.

Bits and Bobs to Remember

 **B**azaar Donations: There are totes in Activity Room 1 for your smaller bazaar donations. Please do not just leave them helter-skelter in the clubhouse and please DO NOT leave large items. Bazaar pickups can be made at any time during the year. Call Kim Peterson, 231-343-8742 (Lot 14A), for large item pick up. We accept furniture, kitchenware, clothing, games, jewelry, etc. New Office Hours: Until further notice the office will be open on Monday through Friday from 9am to 1pm. If you wish to come to the office outside these hours please call to make an appointment (727) 584-8924.

Water Restrictions Reminder: The Southwest Florida Water Management District issued a modified Stage 1 Water Shortage for Pinellas County, effective December 1, 2023. Pointe

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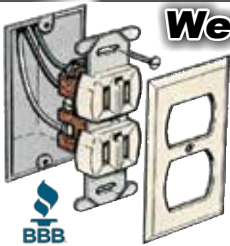
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I hate when I'm waiting for Mom to cook dinner—and then I remember I am Mom.

Silence is golden. Unless you have kids, then silence is suspicious.

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Written by Donald Hoffman

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Monthly Media Deadlines: All articles and photos must be submitted to michele888@comcast.net (Lot 4L) by the deadlines below:

June edition – submit by May 14

July edition – submit by June 12

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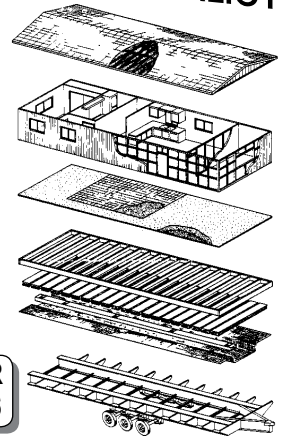
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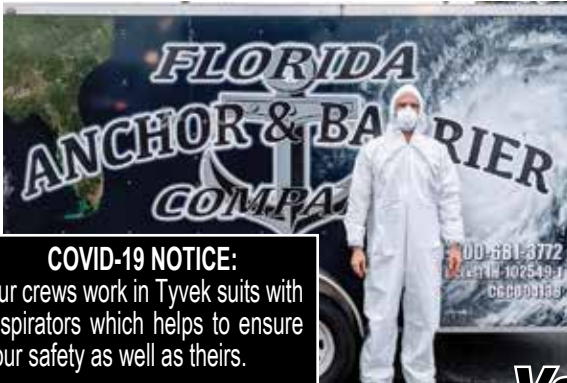


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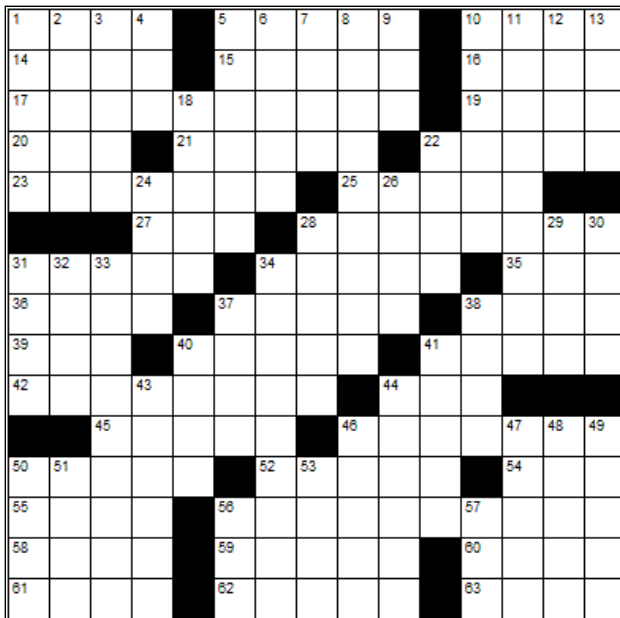
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- 15. Lone Star state
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- 17. Affection
- 19. Bridge
- 20. East northeast
- 21. Dispatches
- 22. Colossal
- 23. Think likely
- 25. Occurrence
- 27. A rotating disk
- 28. Earaches
- 31. Noble realm
- 34. Cigarette remains
- 35. Avenue (abbrev.)
- 36. Black-and-white cookie
- 37. Distributes
- 38. Put away
- 39. Petroleum
- 40. Roof overhangs
- 41. Scenes
- 42. Avoid responsibilities
- 44. Bowling target
- 45. Not over
- 46. LA baseball team
- 50. Chimes
- 52. Eagle's home
- 54. Grassland
- 55. Largest continent
- 56. Soil and plant sciences
- 58. Against
- 59. Had in mind
- 60. Decorative case
- 61. Sow
- 62. Donkeys
- 63. Anagram of "Rent"



DOWN

- 1. Doled
- 2. Sporting venue
- 3. Not outer
- 4. Light Emitting Diode
- 5. Brook
- 6. One cent coin
- 7. Cut down
- 8. Magnetic tape containers
- 9. S
- 10. Establishing
- 11. Elaborate
- 12. Distinctive flair
- 13. Confined
- 18. English exam finale, often
- 22. Colloids
- 24. Bounce back
- 26. Tanks
- 28. Not inner
- 29. Affirm
- 30. Stitches
- 31. Ruination
- 32. Murres
- 33. Lumpy deposits of body fat
- 34. Drinks
- 37. A magician
- 38. Croon
- 40. Terminates
- 41. Not audio
- 43. Decorated
- 44. Sharp ends
- 46. Pilotless plane
- 47. Gentry
- 48. Happen again
- 49. Antelope of India
- 50. Bleats
- 51. Anagram of "Seen"
- 53. Ages
- 56. American Medical Association
- 57. Encountered



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