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Priday, June 14th – Flag Day Pot Luck Social – 5:00 – 7:00pm – please look for more information on sign-up sheet in Clubhouse. Door prizes are being planned!

Friday, June 28th – BYOB/TGIF/Birthday Party 6:30pm Poolside



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Tune's zodiac signs are Gemini and Cancer. Twins Castor and Pollux represent the Gemini sign. Cancer is a water sign represented by the crab.

June's birth flowers are the rose and honeysuckle. Both flowers represent love, devotion, and generosity. If you're born in June, your birthstones are pearl, alexandrite, and moonstone. The rose symbolizes love and beauty, and comes in many colors, each conveying personal thoughts and meanings.

- ❖ Red = passion, desire and true love
- ❖ White = loyalty, platonic love, worthiness, and heavenly
- ❖ Orange = secret love, and pride
- ❖ Pink = sweet thoughts, elegance, refinement, gentility, and grace
- ❖ Purple = enchantment, majesty, and opulence
- ❖ Yellow = jealousy, sympathy, domestic happiness and friendship

Sunday, June 2nd, <u>National Cancer Survivor's Day</u> sets aside time to "demonstrate that life after a cancer diagnosis can be a reality."

Ways to celebrate:

- Post a photo on social media showing your support for cancer survivors.
- Share your story, journey of cancer survivor-ship "Every day is a gift!"

Thursday, June 6th is <u>National Gardening Exercise Day</u> encourages us to maximize the health benefits of gardening. Today we encourage everyone to get off the couch and tend a garden, while getting some fresh air and sunshine.

Gardening on its own is therapeutic, builds muscles and burns calories. Sunlight is a natural form of Vitamin D is essential for absorbing and retaining adequate amounts of calcium and phosphorous, which are good for the bones. It also boosts our immune system.

Saturday, June 8th is <u>National Outlet Shopping Day</u> ...as if we NEED a reason... This shopping holiday is shaking up the retail landscape starting this summer at outlet centers across North America. National Outlet Shopping Day will be celebrated all weekend long by rewarding shoppers nationwide. Shoppers coast-to-coast, from Florida to Maine and New York to California, will have access to exclusive deals, fantastic finds and giveaways all weekend long from the brands they love. It's a shopping extravaganza like no other and a perfect shopping event for power shoppers and deal seekers. So, treat yourself to a weekend-long celebration and take a friend with you!

Also on Saturday, June 8th, honor your closest and dearest friend on **Best Friends Day**. The relationship between best friends is often fierce and can withstand distance, storms and silence. Whether we've known them all our lives or they are more recently acquired, best friends make tough times bearable, fun times memorable, and memorable times priceless.



Friday, June 14th, <u>National Flag Day</u> honors Old Glory and commemorates the adoption of the United States flag on June 14, 1777. The holiday is a day that Americans show respect for the U.S. Flag and what it represents. Representing independence and unity, the Star-Spangled Banner has become a powerful symbol of Americanism and the flag is flown proudly. Many people have died protecting our country. On National Flag Day, raise the flag and fly it proudly.

On May 30, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation deeming June 14th as Flag Day. President Wilson stated, "It is the anniversary of the day upon which the flag of the United States was adopted by the Congress as the emblem of the Union." He also wrote, "On that day rededicate ourselves to the nation, 'one and inseparable' from which every thought that is not worthy of our fathers' first vows in independence, liberty, and right shall be excluded and in which we shall stand with united hearts."

Please enjoy the Star Spangled Banner word search puzzle in this issue of our Southwind Breezes

Sunday, June 16th, <u>FATHER'S DAY</u> honors the role fathers play in the family structure and society. The day recognizes not just fathers, but the father figures in our lives. These are the men we look up to who set solid examples for us and guide us throughout our lives. They may be a caregiver, provider, or advisor. Some fathers are the strong, silent types. And yet others tell us stories for days. Fathers teach, guiding small hands as they hammer a nail or sail a kite.

Please enjoy the Fathers Day article written by Bill Roberts in this issue of our Southwind Breezes

Tuesday, June 18th, <u>National Go Fishing Day</u> encourages us to drop a line - in the nearest stream, pond, lake, or river. Taking a break from our daily routine to bait a hook and catch some fish can be a relaxing endeavor. Here's a recipe you might like, for your "catch":

Easy Fried Fish Filets

Prep: 20 minutes 1/3 cup cornmeal

Cook: 6 - 8 minutes 1/2 cup crushed crackers

Serves 3-4 Ingredients: 6-8. fish filets 2 small eggs 1/4 cup oil

1/4 cup milk Pinch to a teaspoon of salt, garlic, and pepper.

Instructions:

Rinse and paper towel dry filets. Combine cornmeal, cracker, and seasonings with milk and eggs, and mix thoroughly. While oil heats in the frying pan add filets one at a time to batter mix covering both sides. Fry in hot oil for 6-8 minutes or until golden brown.

Serve with your choice of side dishes, like coleslaw, applesauce and/or hushpuppies. YUMMM!!!

Thursday, June 20th is the first day of summer, and it's National Seashell Day! Time to put our toes in the sand and admire the beauty of seashells. It's a GREAT day for a Road Trip from Southwind!







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The Beaches of Ft. Myers & Sanibel, FL founded National Seashell Day on the first day of summer in 2016 to celebrate seashells and the extraordinary shelling found in Southwest Florida.

In September, 2022 – Hurricane Ian hit this beautiful area just south of us and did some major damage. But in 2024, the beaches have come back, nature and wildlife has come back and the shelling is the best its ever been! But "mankind is taking a little longer" to rebuild this area, it's still the place where shells outnumber humans and is recovering slowly. Visitors can help this area return to normal thriving once again and we are just a short trip away...

Tips for Shellers:

- Never collect live shells. When in doubt, always put them gently back in the water.
- Check local ordinances. Only take a small number. Shells are part of the ecosystem helping to preserve and create the beaches we enjoy visiting.
- The best time for shelling is one hour before and one hour after low tide.
- Follow the high tide shell line where the largest waves stop.
- Watch for full and new moons. They have a higher gravitation pull on the tide and reveal more seashells.
- Storms churn up the ocean floor sending more shells to the surface and the shore for collection.

Painting seashells can be a fun, relaxing project and they make adorable Christmas gifts or ornaments for a Florida tree!

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On the longest day of the year, Summer Begins in the Northern Hemisphere. It is also known as the <u>Summer Solstice</u>, which happens either on June 20th, 21st, or 22nd. It all depends on the time zone in which you live.

Friday, June 21st recognizes <u>National Selfie Day</u>. Thanks to social media and the smart phone, a form of self-portrait that couldn't exist without them. We are encouraged to take creative (appropriate) selfies and share them on social media. Let's have some fun with this...

<u>ATTENTION ALL SOUTHWIND PET OWNERS</u> ****Please send a selfie of you and your dog to breezes.editor@gmail.com, for a newsletter feature story, along with your name(s) to be posted in the Southwind Breezes!****

Thank you!



Sunday, June 30th, <u>National Meteor Watch Day</u> encourages us to look to the stars to witness one of the night sky's most thrilling sights. When space debris, such as pieces of rock, enter the Earth's atmosphere the friction causes the surrounding air to become scorching hot. This "shooting star" streaking through the sky surrounded by flaming hot air is a meteor.

The majority of the meteoroids that cause meteors are only the size of a pebble. Their glow time is usually about a second. Meteors sometimes occur in showers and it's an amazing sight!



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June 3	Terry Kalteux	June 19	Richard Dean
June 4	Richard Alessi	June 19	Carol Woodson
June 5	Barry Cummings	June 21	Todd Schoenfeldt
June 5	Jack Manning	June 23	Raymond Hartwell
June 10	Stella Richardson Miller	June 27	Ron Sexton
June 10	Najat Hatzakis	June 29	Nancy Dusch
June 11	Scott Riste	June 29	Becky Lynch



Anniversaries

June 12

Sandra & Pat Wisman
Diane & Raymond Hartwell
Connie & Jim Brandt
David & Cindy Saari
Dee & Douglas Branzell
Donna & Edward Siers
Leanne & Dudley Harvey
Lynn & John McGraw
Nancy & Vince Gullo

Rita Angle



A VERY HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY TO GAY MARZULLO, from April 9th

**see Marsha, she did finally add her birthday to the list! It's never too late to add your birthday/anniversary to our newsletter list!

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

**REMINDER – Birthdays are celebrated monthly at the BYOB/TGIF Social on the 4th Friday of each month, with Birthday cake provided. Invitations/birthday wishes are placed in our in-house mailboxes by 1st letter of the last name, located in our Library.

Welcome New Residents



big Southwind Welcome goes out to new residents of Lot #120 – David & Cindy Saari; and also to Lot#3 – Scott and Terry Riste! Your neighbors look forward to meeting you at the next Southwind event!



NIGHT AT THE RACES & KENTUCKY DERBY

By Terri Campbell

ow! What a thrill this was! On Saturday, May 4th – 94 residents and guests attended Southwind's famous Night at the Races Event. Everyone had a great time and a fun filled night to remember.

The Club house was Derby decorated and a crowd full to the "brim" of the hats worn by about a dozen Southwind ladies. It was a fashion show, for sure, with dresses, bright outfits and matching hats! It was the first time I've ever seen Cheryl Hudecek in a dress with her matching hat and she looked beautiful! Every color you can think of was on display, from Teresa Russell's red roses hat and matching blouse to Betty Chappell's blue fascinator. Mother, Cookie Pontis and daughter, Kim Alford were "dressed to the nines" in their Derby best outfits! (pictured here)

Ellie Malloy created a beautiful blue Derby hat, modeled by Linda Sauter in her pretty blue dress, that was raffled off and won by Janet Eisenhut. Janet already had a hat on so her husband, Jeff, wore the winning hat and it even matched the color of his shirt! What a fun couple! (pictured in this article).





50/50 Share the Wealth Raffle tickets were sold by Connie Brandt and Ann Makin. Ellen Kunkle won the raffle of \$164! I believe this is the highest share we've ever had, so Congratulations Ellen!

Sharon Landon (pictured) sold Kentucky Derby race tickets, and Karen Ragsdale with Ellie Malloy sold BINGO race tickets – the ladies were all dressed with hats for the occasion!

Bill and Mardy Adams served as Bankers to make change and collect bets. Cheryl Kittle worked the "Mutuel window" for winning ticket payouts.

The real Kentucky Derby, broadcasted at the same time of our Event, was the 150th Derby! The

photo finish winner "by a nose" was MYSTIK DAN with 18-1 odds (Brian Hernandez, Jr. was his jockey). It was arguably the closest in history. SIERRA LEONE and FOREVER YOUNG came in close second and third. FIERCENESS was favored to win with 3-1odds. The winners

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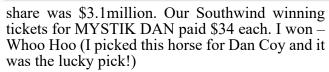






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Southwind Downs Run for the Roses consisted of 10 races:

The First Race was won by "<u>B</u>rown's Betting"; the Second Race was won by "<u>N</u>icholson's Here"; The Third Race was won by "<u>G</u>arland's Trees"; The Fourth race was won by "<u>G</u>randshaw's Dog"-but the favored horse was "<u>B</u>oudreau's Bentley" who got pretty close...

The Fifth Race winner was "Bartlett's Shed"; in the Sixth Race, "Newsletter by Terri" (not even close) lost to "Brandt's Activity" who took the win!; the Seventh Race was won by "George's Cards"; but the Eighth Race was a long shot bet won by "In Place Of", that paid \$14 a ticket! In the Ninth Race, "Betty Chappell" came in a close second to "In House" who took the win.



But the Tenth and Grand Finale Race made Southwind's Night At The Races history with all FIVE horses being one Bingo ball away from the Winner's Circle... and it was "GRANT'S HOME" than won "by a nose", just like the Kentucky Derby itself! Excitement to the end...

Door prizes given out were Derby koozies and Kentucky Derby pillow cases, from the Management Office. Resident Manager, Ceci Maumea served as the Race Announcer and warned that the room would get very loud. It was a thunderous sound that rattled the windows of the Clubhouse that night.... Very exciting!

Frank Komar was the Grandstand Bingo Ball Wizard, and he did a spectacular job! He was fast and furious, our own "Bingo" jockey who rode that machine hard until the grand finale of the 10th race. Thank you Frank – you were Amazing!

The Kitchen cooks, set ups and server volunteers included: Bonnie Brown, Tom O'Shea, Rick Landon, Stella Miller and Ginny Hughes. Dinners of hotdogs, chips, macaroni salad, drinks and ice cream sandwiches were sold.

A big thank you, for sharing photos for this article, goes out to Ellen Kunkel and Rita Angle.

This event was very well organized, thanks to Bill Adams, and ran very smoothly thanks to the many, many volunteers who helped out. Bill spent a huge amount of time planning, organizing and working this event and without him it would not have been possible.

The last Night at the Races held here in Southwind was in early 2020, and then Covid hit and the Clubhouse was shut down for a very long time.... This year was the best one yet, thanks to Bill and all of our volunteer crews! People are already talking about the next one and hoping for more Race Events like this throughout the year!

Get involved in these great events and Join the HOA today!

Did You Know?

Father's Day wasn't officially recognized as a national holiday until 1972?

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Terri C

n Friday, April 19th, 2024, twenty residents showed up for the LCR dice game. It seemed like it was "couples" night, because the first round was won by Connie Brandt, and the second round was won by Jim Brandt! (see photo)







Joanne Z. served ice cream refreshments before the third round. Conversation among players was flowing as the dice went around the table again and again. John and Joyce C were passing chips back and forth throughout the game. In the end, they (Joyce) won the third round. ***Note: a photo was taken, but Joyce's eyes were closed, so the photo was retaken of this lively couple at the Night at the Races... guess what?? Joyce's eyes were closed again! LOL, oh well...(see photo) Everyone who attended had fun and enjoyed a couple of hours out of the house.

LCR (Left Center Right) dice game is played among residents and guests. Everyone brings their own beverages, and we play 3 rounds of the dice game, at a dollar per game. It is very easy to learn, and a great way to meet your neighbors. The next LCR Games starts at 6pm at the Clubhouse on Friday, June 21st. Hope to see you there!

Please note that LCR nights will be on break for July and August 2024

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It's Father's Day

By Bill Roberts

ey Surf. Wake up. I know it's early, but today is a big day. You don't know what today is? Of course I know what today is. That's why I'm the big brother. It's my job to educate you on these things. It's Father's Day. It's a day where we are supposed to be nice to Dad. We play with him. You know, like wrestle and roughhouse with him. We do things he likes to do. We'll probably get lucky and he'll take us fishing. No you don't get a present. Dad gets presents today. Don't worry Mom



takes care of that and puts our names on it. Remember last week in the store Mom said to pick something out for Dad. It's ok. We're still kids. We're not expected to have money. When we get old we'll have to buy presents for Mom and Dad. If we don't we'll look bad and people will talk about us. I have no idea what we'll buy them. But it won't matter because they'll be so old that they'll forget anyway.

Surf don't go back to sleep. I know you're sleepy. I already told you. It's Father's Day. Look I know you don't quite get it, but remember when we celebrated Mother's Day for Mom. Father's day is sorta like that, but with a lot less hoopla. Well I guess Moms get the better day because they had to carry us around and get sick a lot. Mom was always sick with you. I think people feel sorry for them so they try to make them feel better by having a bigger celebration for them. No, we are not going out to eat out today. Dad will probably grill something for us. It's something Dads do. I think it makes them feel more manly. Dads grill, tell bad jokes, and use words in front of us that get them in trouble with Moms.

Of course Mom has a Dad. That's Papa. Well I can't say for sure because he lives in Florida, but I think it's a rule that all Dads have to grill on Father's Day. So I'm guessing he will. We'll ask him later when we do a video call with him. Because it makes him happy and it gives him a chance to kid us about girls and all of that other goofy stuff that he says. Yes he's also Auntie Amanda's Dad too. Uncle Matter and Sarah too. I think he's pretty old. Of course they buy him gifts. He likes books and Arizona teas. He's sort of a freak on reading. Think about it, he reads to us when we go to Florida. I think he's trying to get smarter before he gets too old to remember. That's why he has nicknames for us. I don't think he can remember our names, because sometimes he calls me Matthew. They do other stuff for him all during the year too. I think Papa is sort of helpless.

Well I'm sure Papa had a Dad. I think I've heard Mom call him Papa Jerry. Mom talks about how she wishes we could have met him. Yeah they're all Papa's. I guess they couldn't think of any other name. Plus you know how crazy they are about traditions. Yes he had a Dad too. He was the original Papa. A super nice nice guy. He's why we all talk so fast. I don't know too much more, but they all come from a place called Kentucky about a thousand years ago.

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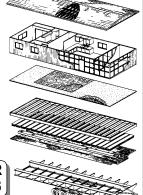
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I've also heard about a guy named Papa Mel. Man they can't get enough of that Papa name. Mom said our Papa had two Dads. However, that works. He also made sure everybody had a nickname too. I guess he also had a bad memory. No, we call Oma's Dad Granddaddy. He likes to kid around too and he always makes us something good to eat.

Now we should probably behave today, No, not as much as on Mother's Day. Dads expect us to jump on them and pretend like we are crazy. They're the ones that teach us that. That gives Moms an excuse to yell at us and Dad too. It makes them feel important. And remember when we go fishing with Dad to enjoy it extra special. Because he loves it. That's what you do Surf. We do it because Dad is sharing something that he loves and he wants us to enjoy it as much as he does. He wants us to have a part of him for the rest of our lives. No matter how old we get every time we go fishing we will think about Dad. I think it's what they call making memories. No matter where we go in life Dad will always go with us. Ok, let's start the day off by going and jumping on Dad in bed. Don't worry. He'll love it. It's Father's Day.





- 1. What do race car drivers wear under their fire retardant suits? Speedos!
- 2. "My racehorse's name is Mayo. Sometimes, Mayo neighs."
- 3. What's the difference between praying in church and at the track? At the track you really mean it!



- 4. How do you make a small fortune out of horses? Start with a large fortune.
- 5. Why did the owner name his racehorse "Bad News"? Because bad news travels fast.
- 6. What's the hardest thing about learning to ride a horse? The ground!
- 7. Two campers are walking through the woods when a huge brown bear suddenly appears in the clearing about 50 feet in front of them. The bear sees the campers and begins to head toward them. The first guy drops his backpack, digs out a pair of sneakers, and frantically begins to put them on. The second guy says, "What are you doing? Sneakers won't help you outrun that bear." "I don't need to outrun the bear," the first guy says. "I just need to outrun you."



- 8. What sort of racehorses come out after dark? Night-mares.
- 9. "My little cousin was showing off that he sleeps in a race car bed. Jokes on him I sleep in a real car."
- 10. "I've been breeding racing deer. Just trying to make a quick buck."

SOUTHWIND RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Volunteer of the Year Award Recipient – Ellie Malloy

T's people like Ellie Malloy that make Southwind the best place to live! She personifies the volunteer spirit of this Community and we do sincerely appreciate her heart felt efforts.

Ellie is a vital part of our Community and has been volunteering her time, energy and efforts to serve our community for more than 20 years! She has served as Treasurer and Secretary on our HOA Board, for 10 years and continues to serve on request by doing audits for our HOA Treasury.

She currently continues to serve on our Activities Committee planning, organizing and working at Events and supporting other volunteers. She thoroughly enjoys participating in Events, and it shows!

Every year, Ellie creates a beautiful holiday scene around the pond with luminaries, and sells them to residents to light up our streets on Christmas Eve! She contributes photos and stories for the Breezes, about our wonderful wildlife and community environment. Years ago, she wrote the Southwind version of "Twas The Night Before Christmas", that has become a classic and is still my personal favorite today.





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Ellie also submitted photos and story information to the Breezes about a neighbor who was trying to repaint her house and fell off a ladder! The neighbor ended up in the Hospital and while she was recovering, a group of her neighbors got together and finished painting her entire house! She stayed with her next door neighbor when she got out of the Hospital until she could manage to live on her own again, and then returned to her freshly painted home courtesy of the wonderful people of Southwind. These are the amazing stories of neighbor helping neighbor, while living in the best community in the area. It doesn't get better than Southwind because of the people... people like Ellie Malloy!

Ellie has always gotten involved in community Events and projects, including our past "Help Your Neighbor Day". She plans, organizes, helps in the kitchen, sells food, sets up, cleans up and does whatever is needed for our dinners and events to be successful.

Most recently, Ellie created a beautiful Southwind Kentucky Derby "Night at the Races" hat that was raffled off for our HOA. She is pictured here volunteering, of course, at the Race ticket table, and wearing one of her hat creations.

Ellie originally hails from Chicago, IL and is second oldest of her three sisters and one brother. Her father was a fuel oil business owner and her mother was a homemaker. Ellie was a High School teacher in Chicago, IL. She taught American and World History, Economics and Government. Her husband, John is a veteran, having served in the military in Germany, and then worked for the City of Chicago.

They will have been married 60 years as of July 2024, have 2 sons and 4 grand-children. She walks 3 miles every morning, likes to read and play Bingo. They have lived in Southwind for 22 years, with the last 4 years as full time residents. They were snowbirds for many years, returning to Lakes of Four Seasons, in Crown Point, Indiana but "are here to stay forever now", said Ellie.

Community service is very important to Ellie. She feels strongly that we all need to get to know each other and support one another. While Ellie seems hesitant to talk about herself, and her many years of achievements, she would like to welcome and see more people get involved in our Southwind Community.

Activities Chairperson, Connie Brandt, had this to say about Ellie: "Ellie has been a tremendous source of insight, inspiration and information to me since becoming the Activity Chairperson. Being new to the Southwind community, she has been a valuable Mentor in helping organize and host many of our activities. Her involvement in past events prior to the pandemic has helped to carry on some of the much loved traditions of Southwind and we cannot thank her enough for her continuing involvement in planning our future events. We are so grateful for her self-less help."

Congratulations, Ellie Malloy on your much deserved "Volunteer of The Year" Award!



2024 is projected to be a very busy storm season! In Pinellas County, FL - ALL Mobile Home Communities are in Zone A and are the first to get MANDATORY EVACUATION ORDERS. The time to prepare for evacuation is now.

Here Are The Names For The 2024 Hurricane Season

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•	Ernesto	Francine	Gordon	Helene
•	Isaac	Joyce	Kirk	Leslie
•	Milton	Nadine	Oscar	Patty
•	Rafael	Sara	Tony	Valerie



William

5 THINGS YOU SHOULD HAVE BEFORE HURRICANE SEASON STARTS

In September 2022 Tampa Bay was barely able to avoid the worst of Ian, and people remember scrambling to get last-minute supplies. Some waited in lines for hours for supplies only to leave empty-handed.

Prepare early by building your storm kit before hurricane season even starts. Anybody can remember to stock up on the essentials (bottled water, food, and batteries) but do you know you should have enough supplies to be able to last you for at least 1 week. Everyone should also have a backup portable phone charger. Here is what you should have before hurricane season starts:

- 1. Sand Bags: the good news is that up to 10 prefilled sand bags per car are available NOW at the Solid Waste complex in St Petersburg. The address is: 2855 109th Ave N., St Pete and the hours are Friday 6am-6pm, and Saturday 7am 5pm. This is a "self-serve" pick up station
- 2. Battery Powered Fan: If you lose power in the middle of a hurricane, you may not know when it will be restored. Amazon has this really cool battery powered camping lantern with a fan for only \$20. Reviews say that 1 set of D batteries lasted them over 10 hours.
- 3. Footwear: Having a decent pair of rain boots to prevent storm water from ruining shoes and touching your skin, you should grab a pair of knee high waterproof boots.
- 4. Mini Water Filtration System: It's better to have something and not need it than to need something and not have it, right? You may want to look into a mini water filtration system for about \$30 online.
- 5. Waterproof Containers: You don't want to ruin important documents like social security, state issued ID and birth certificates, prescription medication, copies of insurance documents, to name a few. Bonus if you can convert other important documents to an USB flash drive! You'll want something big enough to hold all of your belongings, but compact enough to carry around in case you have to evacuate. Place it in your suitcase now so you're not scrambling to find it when you need to leave home.

Other Items to keep handy include: Games/ Deck of Cards/ Books and writing paper with pens help pass the time without killing your phone battery.

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If you don't need assistance, now is the time to plan for where you will go if you must evacuate. Going to a friend's or relative's home in a non-evacuation zone will be more comfortable than staying in a shelter.

Go through your list of important contacts and ensure you have their most updated information. Include neighbors, your doctors, and other important services in case it becomes vital to reach them.

Make a list of all prescriptions and over the counter medications you take. List their names, dosing instructions, who prescribed them, and at which pharmacy you have them filled. Have a plan to keep your prescriptions with you should you evacuate.

https://pinellas.floridahealth.gov/newsroom/2024/03/hurricane-prep.html

Interesting facts about Hurricane names:

According to CNN - Storms beginning with the letter "I" are the most common tropical system names to become retired in the last few years and Florida has been in their paths.

- In 2023, Southwind had to evacuate due to hurricane "Idalia": Total fatalities: 10, Highest wind speed: 134 mph; Date: August 26, 2023 August 31, 2023
- In 2022, Southwind had to evacuate due to hurricane "Ian" that resulted in 150 deaths, and hit land on September 28th. Ian was the fourth largest storm to hit Florida and has been one of the largest recovery missions in state history.
- In 2021, hurricane "Ida" hit, resulting in 100 deaths she threatened Florida but missed us hitting Louisiana instead on August 29th

The United Nations World Meteorological Organization maintains a list of names for each of three oceanic regions and retires names after particularly deadly or destructive storms.

Three have been retired in just the past three years.

The lists are in a six-year rotation, so the 2023 list of possible hurricane names will be recycled again in 2029. *for more information, go online to:

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