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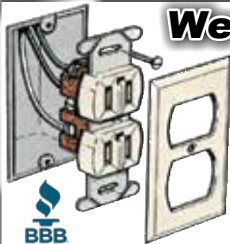
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4. Check Clubhouse Activity Room # 1 for information on possible sales or rentals available.
5. Children must be accompanied by resident adult to use Pool & Clubhouse. **All residents are to wear cover-up or Tee shirt when in clubhouse. DO NOT WALK INTO CLUBHOUSE WITH WET FEET!**
6. **SAFETY HINT:** Use a **FLASHLIGHT** when walking during the dark hours after 6:00P. Golf Carts turn lights **ON**.
7. Residents should have Emergency Contact information in their office file, in case of medical problem or weather emergency.
8. Any requests for our maintenance staff is to be submitted, **IN WRITING**, so work order can be generated. No verbal requests, please.

# Pointe West Community Organizations

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1. **Residents Owned Community - ROC**
  - a. Residents who bought a share in community which owns the land. They display a black permanent tag on their coach.
  - b. These residents pay real estate taxes to Pinellas County.
  - c. They pay a monthly maintenance fee to the ROC.
  - 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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## From the Rec Board ~

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### Christmas in July!

Christmas in July is almost upon us. This year Jingles the Elf is on vacation here in sunny Florida. Join him at the Clubhouse on July 26th at 5pm for a spaghetti and meatballs dinner with side salad and garlic bread. Along with the dinner, there will be songs, games, a special gift giveaway from Jingles, and lots of fun! There will also a gift exchange with a NEW \$10 minimum gift. This is voluntary ~ bring a gift, get a gift. All we ask is you bring your beverage of choice, plus a dessert to share. And if you want to take part in the gift exchange a \$10 minimum gift, wrapped. No need to bring place settings ~ they will be provided.

## July Fun Facts

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- The name July was named after Roman general Julius Caesar.
- While the current calendar (Gregorian calendar) has July as the 7th month of the year, that wasn't always the case. In the Roman calendar, July was the fifth month of the year. January and February didn't exist.
- July is in the summer season in the northern hemisphere and one of the warmest months. July in the southern hemisphere is one of the coldest.
- Early July, historically, is called the Dog Days of Summer because it's the beginning of the hot summer days.

## July Holidays

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Something to celebrate for everyone! July is National Ice Cream Month, National Picnic Month, Family Fun Month, National Hot Dog Month, and National Watermelon Month!

- American Zoo Day - July 1st
- Canada Day - July 1st
- World UFO Day - July 2nd
- Independence Day - July 4th
- National Bikini Day - July 5th
- Pina Colada Day - July 10th
- Free Slurpee Day - July 11th
- Etch-a-Sketch Day - July 12th
- Shark Awareness Day - July 14th
- World Emoji Day - July 17th
- International Day of Friendship - July 30th
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## 4th of July Trivia

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- Around 150 million hot dogs are consumed on Fourth of July. It is estimated that \$6.78 billion will be spent on food this year reported by the National Retail Federation (NRF).
- When the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776, 2.5 million new people lived in the U.S. Now 243 years later, 327.2 million people live in the U.S. per Google 2018.
- Americans spend \$1 billion on fireworks annually. Alabama imports roughly \$19,400,000 according to CNBC.
- More than 14,000 firework displays are put on across the country on July Fourth with Macy's Fourth of July Fireworks Display being the largest in the United States.
- In 1804, the White House hosted its first Fourth of July celebration.
- August 2, 1776, is when most of signers formally signed the Declaration.
- It wasn't until 1938 that the Fourth of July was declared a federal holiday.
- Dating back to 1785, Bristol, Rhode Island is home to the world's oldest Independence Day celebration.
- The only member of the Continental Congress to formally sign the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, 1776, was John Hancock.
- The Yankee Doodle song was originally written by British army officers in attempt to make fun of backwoods Americans.
- John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Monroe were all United States Presidents who died on the Fourth of July.
- July 4th is also celebrated in the Philippines. The country was recognized as an independent nation in 1946.
- In "Treasure Hunt 2", Nicholas Cage predicted there was a treasure map with a message, "Original Declaration of Independence dated 4th July 1776" , written upside down on the back of the Declaration of Independence.
- Massachusetts was the first state to declare Independence Day a holiday in 1781.



## Regular Pointe West Happenings ~

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**“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](mailto:pointewestresidents@gmail.com) or speak to Joey at the KK meetings.

**Game Nights** are back! Every Monday at 7pm.





**Weekly Bingo:** Thursday – 1pm.

**Table Shuffle:** Every Thursday, 7pm, in the Clubhouse.

**Euchre:** Be there Wednesday at 6:15. Play starts at 6:30. Bring two quarters.

**Aquacise:** weekdays at 9:30. Classes will resume as soon as the pool reopens and are not held unless the outside temperature is 70F or above.

**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.

Some exciting new activities are planned for this fall, including Paint and Wine, Casino Night, and a Hog Roast. We invite your input of other activities you would like to see at Pointe West. Talk to any of the REC board members. Please remember that new activities cannot be placed on the calendar without prior REC Board approval.

Check the Calendar for activity dates and times. More information, changes, and updates are always announced at the Wednesday KK meeting and are available in the email sent out after every KK meeting.

## **Volo Village Message System**

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**P**ointe West no longer uses the Volo Village automated system. The office will now use an E-blast system to inform us of important issues affecting all Park residents. To ensure that you receive these important messages, please make sure the office has your email address.



## **Gate Fobs**

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**F**obs (like a garage door opener) for the gate between Pointe West and Four Seasons are available for purchase at the Pointe West Office during regular business hours. The cost is \$31.00 each, cash only, no checks. If you do not purchase a fob for the gate, the manual code will still work.

## **Annual Bazaar Update ~ No Pickups**

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**T**here will be no pickup of Bazaar items until further notice. The sheds where items are stored need new flooring before any additional items can be added. Please do not leave anything in Activity Room 1 in the Clubhouse or call for a pickup. We will be advised when pickups resume. Thanks for your understanding!



## Homeowners Association (HOA)

If you are a coach owner, but not a shareholder, and would like to receive HOA meeting notices, agendas, and meeting minutes, but you do not use email, please call and leave a message or text me your name and address . **Joanne Legare, HOA Secretary, 603-728-7438.**



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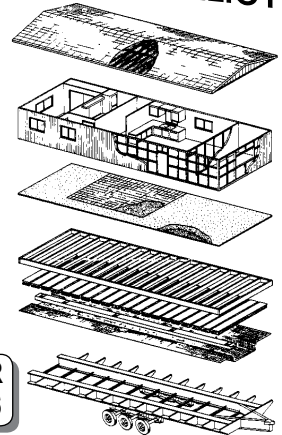


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## Friends At Sea

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the understanding and time I tried to show  
my appreciation of knowing everyone

I hope the friendship Will last  
and the memories and feelings will survive  
on this ship across the ocean  
at this time and place forever

The last morning will come  
to say goodbye hoping to meet  
at another time and place to show my face  
and be glad  
to know my friends  
are here to stay.....

*Written by: Donald Hoffman*



## Inventory

I do not have much.  
Some of the best things I do not have  
are a shovel, a ladder and a lawn mower.

*Written By: Michael G. Rastovich*



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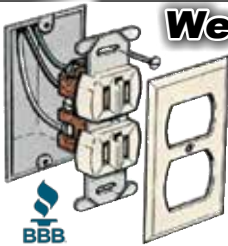
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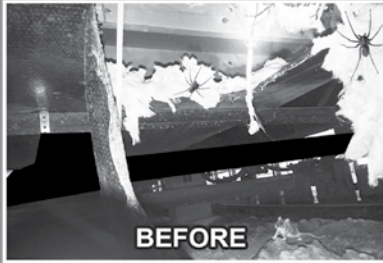
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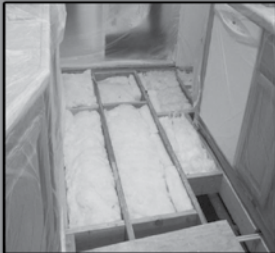
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**Borrowing from the Clubhouse:** Residents are reminded that if you wish to borrow chairs or tables from the Clubhouse you are required to sign for them. When you want to borrow items, please ask a REC member. The sign-up sheet is in the storage room which is normally locked and can be accessed by the REC board members. If there is a Clubhouse event planned (dance, park dinner, other events) you will not be authorized to borrow tables or chairs.

**Yellow Directory (Dial Directory):** Please contact Donna in the office and let her know of any changes or additions. The office number is 727-584-8924, and is located at Lot 5-L.

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**When in the common spaces, or at the pool, please use proper receptacles for your cigarette butts.** They are scattered over the sides of the roads and sidewalks. They not only present a fire hazard when a lit cigarette is flipped onto the ground, but it detracts from the beauty of our Park.

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**If you are leaving the Park for an extended period** please remember to notify the office. Make sure your ‘out of the Park’ address and phone number are current. Also inform the office who has a key to your unit, if you have authorized anyone to park in your driveway etc. Our community looks out for one another so it is important that information about your unit is current.

**Please DO NOT CHANGE the programming for microphones, TV, and other electronic equipment.** Evan McKay has programmed remote controls for ease of use at regular Clubhouse events. **Reminder about Bulletin Boards in the Activity Room:** All notices must be dated and can be left up for 30 days. Notices without a date will be removed.





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*Birth flowers:* Larkspur (Delphinium) and Water Lily (Lotus):

*Birth signs:*

Cancer (June 21 – July 22): compassionate, sentimental, protective, a deep listener who can keep secrets.

Leo (July 23 – August 22: passionate, loyal, and creative; authentic charisma that can motivate others.

**Congratulations** to our neighbors celebrating a July wedding anniversary! “A happy marriage is a long conversation that always seems too short.”

– André Maurois

# What’s On Your Mind?

## Your Activities ~ Your Articles

**T**he Monthly Media Newsletter is for you! Consider submitting community activity reports, poems, prose, trivia, recipes, jokes, photographs of Park events, interesting local sights you have visited, or your creative ideas. Editor would especially appreciate folks submitting their favorite jokes! Or consider sharing your ideas about what you would like to see more of, or less of, in the monthly publication. Newsletter editor reserves the right to accept or reject submissions.

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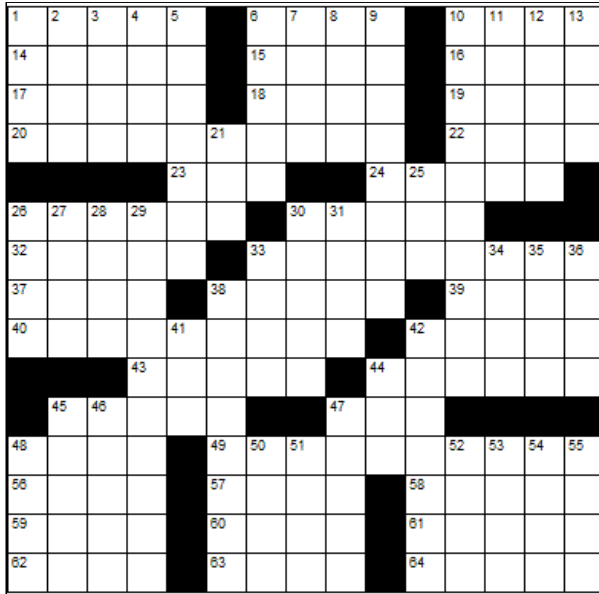
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- 38. Place into the soil
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To the observer's great surprise, suddenly the rabbit twitched, and slowly pulled itself from the road, shaking itself as if to wake up. Then the rabbit began to make its way down the road, but after a few hops, it turned around and waved. Then the rabbit turned back to its path but it stopped again after a few steps and turned around once more and began waving wildly. The rabbit continued in this way until he disappeared over the horizon.

Befuddled and scratching his head the observer watched as the man who had sprayed the rabbit, tossed the can alongside the road and got into his car and drove away. Curious, the observer walked to the can and picked it up. The label read: For hair restoration and permanent wave. As retold from *Good Clean Jokes*, by Anna Kostick, Charles Foxgrover and Michael J. Pellowski.



## A look into the brilliant mind of a CEO

A CEO was standing in front of a shredder looking vexed as a young executive happened by.

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