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All Residents

ast week, we had to remove two more trees for safety reasons as they had reached the end of life. This will continue to happen as the mature palms in our park are all a similar age. The palms in colonial village are part of the atmosphere of the park and removing any is not done without reason.





Our current trees are Queen palms. These do require trimming once, if not twice a year to remove dead branches and seed pods. In the past we have replaced Queen palms with the same type. Other palm trees may not reach the same majestic height of the Queen palms, but may require less maintenance or cost less to maintain as their height may allow our maintenance team to trim them without specialized lifts. Going forward the board will make a decision whether to continue with the Queen palms or standardize on another type.

Several park members have raised concerns about the fact that trees are being removed and not replaced. The cost of the palm trees has to be accounted for in the park budget, and we did budget for replacing 3 trees this fiscal year, but this does not cover for the more than ten that have been removed in the past couple of years. Considerations in the cost are the type of tree and size of the trees when planted. A 15 foot will cost considerably more than an 8 foot tree. We are open to feedback on planting younger trees which will allow us to plant more at a lower cost.



We will replace what we can within the current budget, but the remainder will have to be considered in ongoing future budgets.

Ron Hanson President

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Some information about Palm Trees

ueen palm trees, also known as Syagrus romanzoffiana, cocos palm, or Jerivá, have several identifying characteristics:

- Trunk -A single, tall, and slender trunk with smooth gray bark that can be 8–15 inches in diameter
- Leaves Glossy, feathery, arching fronds that drape toward the ground
- Flowers Large cream-colored inflorescences that grow in the canopy during spring and summer
- Fruit Delicate flowers that produce massive fruit clusters that can weigh up to 100 pounds, which turn into orange dates

Origin: It is native to the South American woodlands of Brazil and Argentina. Appearance: Syagrus romanzoffiana has a smooth single trunk ringed with leaf scars and topped with dark green feathery fronds. Pinnate leaves grow upward more so than outward.



What is the difference between a royal palm and a queen palm?

Royals are self-cleaning and the fallen fronds can be cumbersome. The queen palm is not self-cleaning and doubtless in a community landscape situation, annual prunings will probably be done. Of the two, you are better off selecting the royals and maintain a good fertilizer program.

Palm Tree Identification by Trunk

Meet Long Time Residents

They stayed for 2 weeks and then returned for their first season in November 2009. In January 2011 they sold unit #107 and bought Unit #62 where they are still spending their winters. They are from Stephenville, Newfoundland, Canada. They will have been married for 55 years on May 17, 2024. Frank and Bride have two adult children: Brenda and Todd and two grown granddaughters. Frank and Bride found the park through friends. They fell in love with the park and bought their first unit before they returned home. They enjoyed living in Colonial Village due to its cleanness, excellent maintenance, friendly residents and the many activities. Frank is a retired CPA/Ca since 2000 and has served as treasurer of many organizations over the years, including 7 years with the Colonial Village, served an extra year due to COVID. He helps many people with their taxes. Bride was involved in many of the activities in the park



over the years. Since Bride came to CV she golfed for the first time and fell in love with game. They both take in the dances, potluck dinners, potluck and socials at the clubhouse. Frank loves to sit in the screen room with a mystery book on the nice sunny day or go for a walk. His favorite authors are James Patterson, John Grisham, Harlan Coben, David Baldacci. They love this park and the residents that live here and have many friends. On May 9, 2024, Frank received the distinguished Doctorate of Canon Law from the Corporation of Queens College. They like Applebees restaurant but mostly prefer eating their own cooking!

Long Time Residents of more than 10 years are welcome to submit a brief profile for inclusion in future issues: barbcroos@gmail.com.



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The scammer's intention is to establish a relationship as quickly as possible, endear himself to the victim, and gain trust. Scammers may propose marriage and make plans to meet in person, but that will never happen. Eventually, they will ask for money.

If someone you meet online needs your bank account information to deposit money, they are most likely using your account to carry out other theft and fraud schemes.

Tips for Avoiding Romance Scams:

- Be careful what you post and make public online. Scammers can use details shared on social media and dating sites to better understand and target you.
- · Research the person's photo and profile using online searches to see if the image, name, or details have been used elsewhere.
- Go slowly and ask lots of questions.
- Beware if the individual **seems too perfect** or quickly asks you to leave a dating service or social media site to communicate directly. · Beware if the individual attempts to isolate you from friends and
- family or requests inappropriate photos or financial information that could later be used to extort you.
- Beware if the individual promises to meet in person but then always comes up with an excuse why he or she can't. If you haven't met the person after a few months, for whatever reason, you have good reason to be suspicious.
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Residents' July Birthdays

- 4 Leo McKenna, Unit 7
- 9 Debby Williams, Unit #45
- 10 Terry Benham, Unit #129
- 17 Evelyn Fudge, Unit #28
- 18 Judy Epstein, Unit #922 Ilah Meddles, Unit #46
- 23 Sandi Sanders, Unit #151
- 31 Bob Green, Unit #4



Residents' July Anniversaries

- 6 Leo and Dolores McKenna, Unit #7
- 16 Duncan and Brenda Lewis, Unit #2
- 23 Andre Gosselin and Ginette Carmel, Unit #105



Residents are welcome to submit their month and day for birthdays and Anniversaries to the editor.: barbcroos@gmail.com

Residents' Favorite Eateries

- Connie Brinkworth, Unit #147 –O'Keefe's, Conch
- Barbara Burton, Unit #122- Outback, Long Horn, Perkins, Susie's, Culver, Five Guys, Red Lobster
- Jack and Peg Moore, Unit #140 Long Horn, Millers, Applebees, Judds, Frenchy's

Residents are welcome to submit their favorite eateries to the editor.

Residents' Favorite Authors



- Peg and Jack Moore, Unit #140 Danielle Steele, John Grisham, David Baldacci
- Wayne Watson, Unit #123 James Patterson, John Grisham, Nicholas Sparks
- Frank James, Unit #62 James Patterson, John Grisham, Harlan Coben, David Baldacci

Residents are welcome to submit their favorite authors to the editor.



Residents' Favorite Recipes

Chicken Salad

Submitted by Ilha Meddles, Unit #46

4 C cooked Chicken

2 C celery

2 C red grapes

1 15 ½ oz pineapple tidbits

1 11 oz Mandarin Oranges

Dressing

½ C Mayo

½ C sour cream

2 TB lemon juice

1/4 tsp sat/pepper

Arrange on lettuce. Top with melon ring. Add ½ C chopped pecans if desired.



Chicken Rice Casserole

Submitted by Susan Collins, Unit #85

2 10.5 oz cans Cream Celery Soup

3 C Chicken Broth

1/4 C (1/2 stick) margarine

2 Boneless Skinless Chicken Breasts, Cubed

2 C White Rice, uncooked

1 tsp salt

½ tsp pepper

1 tsp garlic powder

1/2tsp dried thyme

1 C grated cheddar cheese



Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease a 9 x 13 dish and set aside. Mix together the broth soup and butter until well mixed. Add rice, chicken, salt, pepper, garlic powder and thyme. Pour rice mixture into prepared baking dish and cover tightly with foil. Bake until rice is cooked and chicken is tender – about 1 hour and 15 minutes. Uncover. Sprinkle cheese over the top and return to the oven until cheese is melted and bubbly – about 10 minutes. Let rest for 10 minutes.

Residents are welcome to submit a recipe to the editor. Make it an easy one. Despite the fact we are retired, we don't want to spend a lot of time in the kitchen!



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No two people's eyes are exactly the same color.

Source: Interesting facts.com

ot unlike snowflakes and fingerprints, human eyes are never exactly alike from person to person — in terms of color, that is. While brown may be the most common eye color, there are so many shades of it — not to mention blue, green, and other hues — that no two irises are identical, even among identical twins

Eyes get their color from the two-layered iris, with the back layer (officially known as the pigment epithelium) almost always containing brown pigment. The amount of pigment in the front layer (stroma) usually determines a person's eye color — a lot of brown pigment results in brown eyes, whereas people with blue eyes have no pigment at all in their stroma. Those with just a bit of pigment end up with green or hazel eyes. And there's always just the tiniest amount of variation in the results: If you've ever tinkered with a color slider, you'll have a better understanding of how rare it is for any two colors to actually be the same, even if the difference between them is so minute as to barely be detectable by, well, the naked eye.

Then there's heterochromia — when one person has eyes of two different colors. Complete heterochromia is when both eyes are different (one brown and one blue, for example), while sectoral heterochromia is when one section of the iris is different from the rest. Central heterochromia is when the iris has a ring around it that's different. Though it can sometimes be a sign of an injury or other condition, heterochromia is most often a harmless — and coollooking — genetic anomaly.

Facts: All babies are born with blue eyes – usually happens in the first few weeks of life. The first color babies can see is red.

Lemons float, but limes sink. *Source: Interestingfacts.com*

Tew flavors complement each other like lemon and lime, with many a refreshing treat ☐ (hello, Sprite!) combining both for maximum effect. The two citrus fruits have some key differences, however, including the fact that limes sink while lemons float. You may have noticed this if you've ever put lime and lemon slices in a glass of water or cocktail, and the reason is simple: Objects only float if they're less dense than the liquid they're placed in, and while both limes and lemons have densities close to that of water, limes are denser than their vellow counterparts. That remains true whether the lemon or lime in question is whole, peeled, or sliced — a lemon will always float, and a lime will always sink.

That's not the only difference between these citrus fruits, of course. Whereas lemons grow well in moderate climates, limes fare better in tropical and subtropical areas. Limes also tend



to be smaller, which helps distinguish them from lemons even when they sometimes take on a yellowish hue as they ripen. And though the two are almost identical on a nutritional level, lemons are sweeter — which is probably why you can think of a lot more lemon-flavored candies than lime-flavored ones.

Do you know your Candy?

- 1. What is the most popular candy bar in the United States? Snickers, 3 Musketeers, Butter finger, Mounds
- 2. What are Milky Way bars named after?
 A galaxy, A milkshake, A family pet, A street in London
- 3. What Swiss chocolate bar comes in tiny pyramid shapes? Clark bar, Charleston Chew, Tublerone, Skor
- 4. What peanut-covered candy bar doesn't contain chocolate? Payday, Mounds, Charleston Chew, 100 Gran
- 5. What gives Crunch Bars their signature texture? Peanuts, Crisped Rice, Wafers, Popcorn
- 6. What is the official candy bar of Major League Baseball? Milky Way, Babe Ruth, Snickers, 3 Musketeers
- 7. What ingredient is NOT included in a Take 5 Bar? Peanuts, Pretzels, Almonds, Caramel
- 8. Whose slogan is "Sometimes you feel like a nut, sometimes you don't." Oh Henry I, Almond Joy, Heath, Mars
- 9. Which is NOT one of the original flavors of 3Mustateers? Chocolate, Vanilla, Strawberry, Caramel
- 10. What chocolate-covered shortbread bars were first sold ad "Raiders" bars? Carmello, 100 Grand, Skor, Twix
- 11. What is at the center of Heat bars?
 English Toffee, Nougat, Saltwalter Taffy, Fondant
- 12. Which candy was advertised by dropping bars from airplanes?
 Reese's Cups, Hershey's Cookies "N" Crème, O'Henry, Butterfinger
- 13. Where did Charleston Chews get their name?

 The South Carolina City, Adance move, Oscar Charleston, King Charles
- 14. Which New York City Street has a Hershey Candy bar named after it? Broadway, 5th Avenue, Park Avenue, Wall Street
- 15. Which bar originated in London as Rowntree's Chocolate Crisp? Clarke Bar, Heath, Kit Kat, 100 Grand
- 16. What candy has been to space?

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July 10, 17, 24, 31st Play Express

at Taylor Park, 9:15a-11a

July 11, 18, 25th Play Express

at Bonner Park, 9:15a-11a

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Do You Know?

1. Which gangster wrote a love letter while in prison? Al Capone wrote "Madonnna Mia" published in posthumously in 2009, also known as Scarface, John Gotti, El Chapo Guzman



- 2. What utensil was once "too famine"? Forks. Spoons are for women and forks area for men. Forks were too dangerous for women; stabbed lips and tongues. Early on, forks were large and used for serving food. People used spoons and knives to eat.
- 3. Which country is home to the world's tallest waterfall? South Africa, U.S., Venezuela, Norway
- 4. What airport has the shortest runway? In Hawaii, In Alaska, In Dutch Caribbean, In Belize
- 5. What nickname did Princess Diana earn thanks to the popularity? The Pearl of retain, The People's Princess, The Queen of Hearts, The Peacemaker
- 6. Princes Diana was a member of which country's royal family? Luxemburg, Saudi Arabia, United Kingdom, England
- 7. Lincoln Logs were invented by the son of the famous Architect Frank Lloyd Wright. John Lloyd Wright's was inspired by his dad's work on Japan's Imperial Hotel, which was built on a flexible wooden-beam structure designed to sway but not collapse during an earthquake. The younger Wright set about developing his own mini-version of interlocking building beams that could withstand the rough play of children...the Lincoln Logs. After founding the Red Square Toy Company in 1918, John Lloyd Wright obtained a patent for his "toy-cabin construction" in 1920. After a failed follow-up attempt to pique the interest of young builders with the more complex Wright Blocks, Wright sold Lincoln Logs to Playskool in 1943 and abandoned the toy trade to resume his focus on architecture. Source: InterestingFacts.com
- 8. Turtle shells are made of the same material as what human body part? Phalanges, hair, teeth, eye
- 9. What coach's name is the title of a popular football video game series? John Madden, Peter Carroll, Don Shula, Mike Tolin
- 10. How Rare Are Blue Moons?





Answers – Did You Know About Candy

- 1. Snickers
- 2. A Milkshake
- 3. Tublerone
- 4. PayDay
- 5. Crisped Rice
- 6 Babe Ruth
- 7. Almonds
- 8. Almond Joy
- 9. Caramel
- **10**. Twix
- 11. English Toffee
- 12. Butterfinger
- 13. Advance Move
- 14. 5th Avenue
- **15**. Kit Kat



Answers – Do You Know

- 3. Venezula Angel Falls
- 4. Juancho E Irausquin Airport in Saba, Dutch Caribbean. 400 meters
- 5. The People's Princess
- 6. England. Princes of Wales. Born Diana Frances Spencer, July 1, 1961 in Norfolk, England.
- 8. Hair
- 9. John Madden. The John Madden football in 1988. Oland Raiders from 1969-1978. Never had a losing season and earned the teas its 1st championship ring at the Super Bowl I in 1977. Madden died in 2021.
- 10 When 2 full moons occur within a calendar month. Third full moon in a season with four full moons (appears Blueish)







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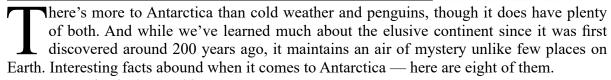
Crickets change the speed of their chirping according to the **temperature.**Source: Interestingfacts.com

hysicist Amos E. Dolbear is known for his work on early telephones and other inventions, but an 1897 issue of The American Naturalist contained a different type of scientific contribution: the hypothesis that cricket chirps are linked to air temperature. Dolbear's observations (likely of snowy tree crickets, or Oecanthus fultoni) led him to theorize that the frequency of their chirps increased with warmer weather, and slowed as the thermometer fell. Surely, the phenomenon could be used to "easily compute the temperature when the number of chirps per minute is known," Dolbear wrote. Most entomologists now agree that his theory — called Dolbear's law — is pretty spot-on, thanks to how insects respond to environmental changes. As cold-blooded creatures, crickets are unable to regulate their body temperatures internally, relying on the sun's heat to fuel their metabolisms and provide the energy they need. Warmer temperatures let the six-legged critters use more energy, allowing more of the chemical reactions in their bodies that produce muscle contractions (and thus chirps) to occur — which we hear in the form of faster-paced songs.

You can easily test Dolbear's law on the next warm, buzzing night. Tune in to one cricket's song, count the number of chirps you hear in 15 seconds, and add 37 for an approximate forecast in degrees Fahrenheit. (If math isn't your strong suit, the U.S. National Weather Service has a handy cricket chirp converter that also provides a Celsius conversion.) There are some limitations to using a cricket temperature gauge, however: Most crickets won't sing when temps dip below 55 degrees or when heat pushes the thermometer past 100. And while many crickets respond to temperature shifts this way, not all chirp at the same rate. Fortunately, the snowy tree cricket is widespread throughout the United States — where, perhaps unsurprisingly, it's also known as the thermometer cricket. Fact the earliest known insects couldn't hear.

Eight Amazing Facts About Antarctica

Source: Interesting Fats.com Antarctica of facts



- 1. Antarctica is the World's Largest Desert
- 5.5 million square miles. Receives about 6.5 inches of precipitation in a given year, almost all of it is snow. Definition of desert – area that receives no more than 10" a year
 - 2. Antarctica is the Coldest, Windiest, Driest and Highest Continent July 1983 recorded -128.6 degrees F

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- 3. There is No Official Time Zone in Antarctica
- 4. At least 11 Babies Have Been Born in Antarctica

Argentine or Chilean – research teams

5. Antarctica Has a Lake So Salty it Doesn't Freeze

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- **6**. Antarctica Is Bigger Than the Unites States
- 1 ½ times larger. 5.4 million square miles
- 7. No One's Sure Who Discovered Antarctica

The circle was first crossed in 1773 by Captain James Cook, but it took another 47 years before Antarctica was actually seen by human eyes. Dispute – Russian explorer Fabian Gottieb von Bellinghausen, 1/27/1820. And Edward Bransfield of the Royal Navy, 1/30/1820

8. Antarctica is Officially Dedicated to Peaceful Purposes.

Though some countries have tried to claim it for their own, Antarctica doesn't belong to any nation, government, or other entity. That was made official when 12 countries — Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Chile, France, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, and the United States — signed the Antarctic Treaty on December 1, 1959. That this happened during the Cold War is no coincidence — the treaty was, among other things, an arms-control agreement setting aside the entire continent as a scientific preserve where no military activity is allowed.

A total of 54 countries now abide by the agreement, which has three key provisions: "Antarctica shall be used for peaceful purposes only," "freedom of scientific investigation in Antarctica and cooperation toward that end ... shall continue," and "scientific observations and results from Antarctica shall be exchanged and made freely available." All signatories have abided by the treatment, and Antarctica remains a hub of important research today.

How long did it take to write the dictionary?

It took the editors of the Oxford English Dictionary five years just to reach the word "ant." If you think reading the dictionary sounds exhausting, try writing one largely by hand, no less. That's what the editors of the original Oxford English Dictionary had to do after the Philological Society of London deemed existing dictionaries "incomplete and deficient" in 1857. They had their work cut out for them: In 1884, five years after beginning what they thought would be a decade-long project, principal editor James Murphy and his team reached an important milestone — the word "ant." That year, they began publishing A New English Dictionary on Historical Principles (as it was then known) in installments called fascicles, with the 10th and final fascicle seeing the light of day in 1928. To say that the project's scope was larger than anticipated would be putting it mildly. What was intended as 6,400 pages spread across four volumes ballooned into a 10-volume tome containing 400,000 words and phrases. The dictionary took so long to finish, in fact, that Murray died 13 years before its completion.



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Which has the mightiest punch...Bear, Superman, Kangaroo or Shrimp? Mantis shrimp punch with as much force as a bullet.

Source: Interesting facts.com

uperman might be the only thing faster than a speeding bullet, but he has some competition from mantis shrimp. Also known as "prawn killers" in Australia, these pint-sized pugilists punch with about the same force as a .22-caliber bullet. At 50 miles an hour, their punches are the fastest in the animal kingdom — and 50 times faster than the blink of an eye. When they decide to clobber their prey, mantis shrimp create 1,500 newtons of force with their claws; even more amazingly, their punches superheat the water around them to a temperature nearly as hot as the surface of the sun. Their clublike claws are coated in impact-resistant nanoparticles that allow the shrimp to punch to their heart's content.

Mantis shrimp use their incredible punching skills to both feed on and fight creatures larger than themselves: crabs, mollusks, gastropods, and other ocean dwellers unlucky enough to get in their way. Videos of the phenomenon are as popular as you might imagine, not least because peacock mantis shrimp, perhaps the most famous type, are so visually striking. Not all mantis shrimp punch, however. There are two main types of hunters — smashers and spearers — and only the former engage in high-speed clubbing. Spearers, meanwhile, impale their prey on spiky forelimbs — a slower but presumably no less painful end. Fact: Mantis shrimp aren't really shrimp. They are carnivorous marine crustaceans of the order Stomatopods, branched off from other members of the Malacostraca around 340 million years ago. Shrimp are in the Caridea or Decapoda order. Crustaceans outside of this order are also referred to as shrimp.

Here are some interesting facts about shrimp:

Shrimp can vary in size from 1/2 inch to 12 inches or longer, depending on the species. The average shrimp is about 6 inches long.

There are over 2,000 different species of shrimp that live in many marine environments.

Shrimp are excellent swimmers, even though they don't have fins like fish.

Some ancient shrimp had 3,000 lenses in their eyes, which may have given them better vision than other animals of their time.

Shrimp don't have a backbone or internal skeleton, but instead have a hard, shell-like covering called an exoskeleton that protects them and gives their body shape.

Shrimp are small crustaceans with long, narrow abdomens, long antennae, and 10 legs on average. They are also popular with many other animals, including fish, sea urchins, starfish, and dolphins.

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- 20. Bleeder's disease
- 22. Ages
- 23. Paddle
- 24. Committee
- 26. Recluse
- 30. No longer a child
- 32. Electronic letter
- 33. Unhappy facial expression
- 37. Pesky insects
- 38. Place into the soil
- 39. Behold, in old Rome
- 40. Make free from bacteria
- 42. Exclamation of contempt
- 43. Avoid
- 44. Busts
- 45. Donkey sounds
- 47. Mister
- 48. Alumnus
- 49. Abstainer from alcohol
- 56. Abominable Snowman
- 57. Celtic language
- 58. Battery terminal
- 59. Primary
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- 1. Money
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- 4. Prefix meaning
- "Within"
- 5. Pillage
- 6. Snouted animal
- 7. Nitpicky to a fault
- 8. Hubs
- 9. Siege weapon
- 10. Having no diacritical 35. Cheat
- 11. Dirty look
- 12. Ear-related
- 13. Communists

- 21. Cap
- 25. Beer
- 26. Female chickens
- 27. Broadcast
- 28. Assess
- 29. Misinterpreting
- 30. Astound
- 31. Banquet
- 33. Slipped
- 34. Reflected sound
- 36. Stitches
- 38. Wall coatings

- 41. Climbing vine
- 42. Carry a boat overland
- 44. Life story
- 45. European freshwater
- 46. Relative magnitudes
- 47. Precipitous
- 48. Workout rooms
- 50. A Great Lake
- 51. Being
- 52. Any minute
- 53. At a high volume
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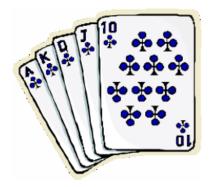














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