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## **HOA MEETING**

The HOA Board and Social Committee do not meet from May-September. The board will continue to meet with management on a monthly basis and the Social Committee will continue to have activities during the summer months. Special HOA meetings



may be called if needed. In that event, all residents will be notified of the meeting.

Notes from the HOA Board of Directors: July brought the 4th of July Annual cookout. Thank you to the volunteers who cooked the food and helped with the activity. Later that evening, a golf cart parade was held to celebrate our country's birthday. The parades are always a good way to connect with park residents who don't come to activities.

We are once again hearing complaints of residents or guests that can't seem to follow the speed limit in the park. Someone mentioned a black SUV and someone else mentioned a silver car. If you recognize yourself, slow down before you hit someone or something by mistake.

**Notes from July Management Meeting:** Mgmt ordered a flat top grill to replace the one broken. They also ordered a case of mosquito foggers for use on the island and pool area. Management is putting a sign in the kitchen specifying use of the waste disposal in the sink. Evidently people are putting things down the disposal that shouldn't be and causing issues. We had hoped to have a day where dangerous chemicals, tv's, etc. could be dumped, but the county no longer does that.

## **SAVE THESE DATES**

ugust 21 - Thrashers Baseball Game - Thrashers are the Phillies Minor League Baseball team and will be playing the Dunedin Blue Jays at the ballpark on Route 19 in • Clearwater. More information and sign-up will be coming shortly.

August 24 - Trivia Night

## **New Residents**



onald Eggert, Lot 296; Scott & Tina Dwyer, Lot 367; Norman Marion, Lot 309; Gary & Nancy Biliter, Lot 324 PLEASE MAKE THESE NEW RESIDENTS FEEL WELCOME!!

## Home/Yard of the Month

anice Radzun lot 119 has the July Home and Yard of the Month





## AMBER GLADES 2ND ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

ark your calendars for December 7, 2024, for the Arts & Craft show. Registration forms for vendors will come out October 1, 2024, and must be returned with table fee by November 22, 2024. The table fee will remain at \$10. Watch this newsletter, Amber Glades Facebook page and bulletin boards for more information as the event gets closer

## SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE

ancelled until December.

## **SUNSHINE COMMITTEE**



ebra Shrader, Lot 214, 724-422-5585, has graciously taken on the duties of the Sunshine Committee. If you know of someone sick or someone that has a death in the family, please contact her so she can send them a card.

## **KOFFEE KLATCH**

ancelled until September

## **COLORING**

Dut on hold until further notice.

## PRAYER GROUP

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## **EXERCISE GROUP**

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## WALKERS & WHEELCHAIRS

here are a few walkers and wheelchairs that are available to Amber Glades residents to borrow when needed. These should be returned when the need is over. For information contact Craig Rodgers, 502-435-1612.



## **HORSES**

ancelled until Fall.

## **PICKLE BALL**

ourt is ready for open play and several residents are already enjoying this new addition. It is hoped that a Pickle Ball league will begin in the fall after snow birds return.

## AMBER GLADES FACEBOOK PAGE

et connected to Amber Glades Facebook page. Pictures of events are posted there by residents and interesting discussions are often seen. Join in and "friend" the Amber Glades Facebook page. We also have an AG Marketplace page where residents can sell and buy items and an official HOA page – Amber Glades HOA Approved – where the board will post notices and activity announcements. (Note: the marketplace page's name has been changed to set up a new page so anyone not a member of the new page should request to be added. Official name: AG Marketplace)





## Sheriff's Office

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If you see suspicious activity in the park or have been confronted by a trespasser, solicitor or door-to-door salesperson – get a good description. Call the Sheriff's office immediately. This is your best protection and can possibly help apprehend the party.

## **Oversize Trash Pickup**

all Waste Pro 727-452-5278 to arrange pickup.

## **DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER UPDATES**

pdates for the September 2024 Media Guide updates need to be turned in to Pat Peterman, #205, 618-960-9284, by August 8, 2024. Includes calendar updates. Please email any updates to patt74429@yahoo.com – thanks!

## On the Light Side (Apologies ahead of time!)



- 1. What do the movies *Titanic* and *The Sixth Sense* have in common? Icy dead people.
- 2. When you die, what part of the body dies last? The pupils... they dilate.
- 3. Why is England the wettest country? Because the queen reigned there for decades.
- 4. You know there's no official training for trash collectors? They just pick things up as they go along.
- 5. What's the difference between a golfer and a skydiver? A golfer goes *whack* "darn" and a skydiver goes "darn" *whack*.
- 6. A friend of mine went bald years ago but still carries around an old comb. He just can't part with it.
- 7. I want to die peacefully in my sleep like my grandfather did. Not screaming in terror like the passengers in his car.
- 8. What sits at the bottom of the sea and twitches? A nervous wreck.
- 9. What do you call a woman who sets fire to all her bills? Bernadette.
- 10. I was kidnapped by mimes once. They did unspeakable things to me.
- 11. I saw **Usain Bolt** sprinting around the track shouting, "Why did the chicken cross the road?" It was a running joke.
- 12. What did the full glass say to the empty glass? "You look drunk."
- 13. Is it ignorance or apathy that's destroying the world today? I don't know, and I don't care.
- 14. Did you hear about the Italian chef who died? He pasta-way.
- 15. Why can't you explain puns to kleptomaniacs? They always take things literally.

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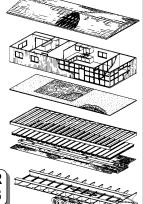
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Depopulation Program as Florida's property insurance market continues to improve. The trend is expected to continue in 2024, with initial projections indicating that more than 330,000 of Citizens' 1.2 million policyholders may receive offers by the end of the year from private companies approved by the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation (OIR.) Some policyholders may see multiple offers during the year. For the Citizens policyholders assumed by private companies in 2023, the private company will submit a renewal offer before the existing policy's renewal date. Until the policy renews, premiums and coverage stay the same. Policyholders receiving a renewal offer notice within 20% of the Citizens premium are not eligible to return to Citizens. Policyholders receiving renewal offer notices that are more than 20% higher than their Citizens renewal premium remain eligible for coverage with Citizens if no other private company offers a policy within 20% of Citizens' premium. However, the policyholder must notify Citizens of their desire to remain. That is why it is critical policyholders read all of their Citizens' mail and email throughout the year. Although premium pricing is a major consideration when seeking property insurance, it is important to note that private coverage at a higher premium might make sense for some consumers. The private policy, for example, may offer more comprehensive coverage. Citizens policyholders are also subject to a premium surcharge of up to 15% of their annual premium if Citizens exhausts its ability to pay claims following a major storm. In addition, most Citizens policyholders will be required to obtain flood insurance coverage. Flood coverage requirements will be phased in over the next three years. After January 1, 2027, all single-family home policyholders with wind coverage will be required to be insured for flood through a private insurer or the National Flood Insurance Program. New companies have entered the market, and existing companies are expanding. Policyholders should contact their insurance agent when considering their options.

(Some were transferred to a private company for one year and then the premium went up so much that they returned to Citizens.)



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#### ACROSS

- Support
- Open window problem
- Happen again
- 12. Back up
- Anagram of "Stared"
- 16 Realm
- 17. What we breathe
- 18. Progestin or androgen
- 20. Partially opened flower
- 21. Wingless bloodsucking insect
- 23. Absorbed
- 24. Rumple
- 25. Custard dessert
- 26. Occupied
- 27 Rational
- 28. Abominable Snowman
- 29. Play a role
- 30. Took a chance
- 31. Rigid disciplinarians
- 34. Winter accessory
- 36. Cygnet's father
- 37. Female chickens
- Healthy
- Verruca
- 43. Dwarf buffalo
- 44 Chats
- 45. Kiln-dried barley
- 46. Rules and regulations
- 47. American Dental Association
- 48. Hotel gofer
- Fraternity letter
- In a dazed manner
- 54 Received
- 56. Term of endearment
- 57. Not upper
- 58. Delicacy
- 59. Wear away











#### **DOWN**

- 1. Tactile alphabet
- Withdrawal
- 3. Air hero
- 4. Junkvard dogs
- 5. Once, long ago
- 6. Sagging
- Send, as payment
- Ardent
- 9. Bog

- 13. Drunk
- 14. Stops

- Goofy
- 16. In a forceful or urgent
- manner
- 19. Belch
- 22. Beasts
- Parade V.I.P.
- 26. Vomit
- 27. Seated oneself
- 30. Amount owed
- 10. Champion of the people 32. Form of "to be"
  - 33. Not south

  - 34. An unilluminated area

- 35. Floorshow
- 38. Decreed
- 39. Not anyplace
- 40. Antelope of India
- 42. Billfold
- 44. Handguns
- 45. Mass communication industry
- 48. Chomp
- 49. Look at flirtatiously
- 50. Impoverished
- 53. Each
- 55. One plus one





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August 21, 1959 - President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a proclamation admitting Hawaii to the Union as the 50th state?





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## Everything she needed to know, she learned on a potato farm

inda Sanford grew up on a potato farm on Long Island. She says that growing up on the farm gave her a strong work ethic that she values ✓ tremendously today. According to a story on Newsday.com, Sanford said everyone in the family worked on the farm. "We all worked," she said.



"We were moving irrigation pipes or picking vegetables, or helping to plant, or we were driving trucks and tractors. You rolled up your sleeves and you got the job done."

Eventually, Sanford found herself working and earning about \$300 a week in a job in the

typewriter division of a Lexington, Ky., business.

Sanford later landed IBM's top sales post. She was the first woman to ever fill this job. She sold computer equipment around the world and oversaw a 17,000-person unit. She flew overseas for business meetings on a regular basis. Sanford was vice president of IBM's internal On Demand Transformation and Information Technology initiative before her retirement in 2014.

Sanford says when she starts feeling down or overwhelmed she remembers the farm and what her parents and grandparents told her repeatedly: "If you work hard and do what you need to do, good things will happen."

## Teamwork from the birds

eamwork might seem like a complicated subject, but to some creatures it comes naturally as a way to survive and to expend the L least amount of energy, according to a BBCNews Online story. For instance, in France at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique in Villiers en Bois, scientists taped heart monitors to great white pelicans. These birds had been trained to fly behind a light aircraft and a boat, and a team was able to observe them during their flight. Pelicans, it is known, fly in "squadron" formation, or in a "V," and they flap in time with their leader. Scientists, now able to observe and gather data from the heart monitors found that the birds' heartbeats were lower when they flew in formation than when they flew solo. This was because they were able to benefit from each other's air streams. They were also able to glide more. Animals of all types evolve certain behaviors because it helps them to migrate, feed or survive more easily. The entire group benefits because less energy is required to perform the great task at hand. Working together, the birds were able to accomplish their migratory goals by expending less energy and being able to fly farther than when they are alone. It seems that there is a lesson here, and it's not for the birds.

#### On mistakes

When you make a mistake, don't look back at it long. Take the reason of the thing into your mind and then look forward. Mistakes are lessons of wisdom. The past cannot be changed. The future is yet in your power.

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## To make a good decision, observe the bee

ould you use a little collective wisdom in the workplace? If so, you might want to follow the way bees make their decisions, because according to researchers, they have it all over human beings when it comes to making group decisions.



According to Cornell University biologist Thomas Seely in a Cornell Chronicle Online story by Susan S. Lang, bees build coalitions until a quorum develops. Seely says that humans really could benefit from taking a lesson from the bees when it comes to making decisions because bees rely on disagreement and contest, whereas humans often rely on consensus and compromise.

Here's how a swarm of, say, 10,000 honeybees decide where their next new home is going to be. A few hundred scouts are sent out to look at real estate, and when they find a site they like they do a waggle dance. If they like it a lot, they really get down dancing, which is their way of advertising the site to other scouts. Then the scout will revisit the site frequently and dance the day away. Other scouts select other sites, and advertise those to other uncommitted scouts as well. Bee scouts build up at the best sites quickly, because they grade the level of recruitment, which is directly linked to site quality. Whenever 15 or more scouts have gathered around a particular site, the scouts then signal home to the others to get ready to fly to the new home. Researchers know the bees make excellent decisions because they set up situations that offered choices to the bees, some superior for bees, and others ho-hum. The bees almost always chose the superior sites.

So what should humans take away from the bees? How about this? Frank discussions and disagreements coupled with some friendly competition might just help human committees achieve a little collective intelligence and avoid collective folly, researchers say.

## Depends where you're from...

man became lost in the Sahara desert. He wandered, and wandered, but he could not find his way. After three days, he ran out of water, and he was lying in the sun gasping when he thought he heard a sound. He listened carefully. "Mush! Mush!" he heard.



Not trusting his ears, the man turns his head and hears the words again. "Mush! Mush!"

The man confused, pulls himself up on his elbows and looks up, and what does he see, but an Eskimo wrapped in fur on a dog sled coming toward him. The man rubbed his eyes, supposing he was having a hallucination from the lack of water and the overdose of sun. But when he's done rubbing his eyes and looks again, sure enough, right before him stands an Eskimo.

The man excited now, jumps up and says to the Eskimo. "Thank God! Thank God! I've been out here in the sun for three days. And I am so lost! The Eskimo looks at the man and says, "YOU'RE lost!" — As retold from the Basic Jokes Web site



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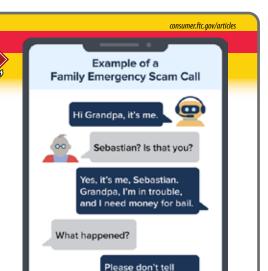
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