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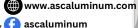
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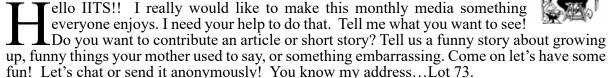


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FROM THE EDITOR



What type of articles would you like... helpful, informative, just plain fun, or a little bit of everything? Do you like trivia games, more puzzles, word games? Have any ideas or suggestions? Feedback helps make this something you want to read every month!

Please send any articles, suggestions, or photos to me at linda.olone@gmail.com or stop by Lot 73. If you would like to be highlighted or have a resident event highlighted in an upcoming edition for any of our sections, please let me know.

Thank you - Linda Olone – linda.olone@gmail.com – 727-214-7334.

This publication, Island in the Sun Sentinel, also referred to as the Monthly Media, contains names, contact information, community articles and information, an activities calendar as well as general interest articles. IITS residents can contribute ideas, articles, and photos to the publication. Contact Linda Olone at 727-214-7334, email linda.olone@gmail.com, or Lot 73

Happy October Everyone!

f you have any questions, concerns, comments, ideas. Please feel free to reach out to me in the evenings, my free hours are 5 to 8 pm or text me at any time at 580-301-4828, I will get back to you as soon as I get off work. I will be happy to help if able.

Tammy Blaisse IITS HOA President tammy.blaisse@yahoo.com

OPEN POSITIONS

Te have a few open positions if you are interested in volunteering for anything. NON-Board Positions

- 1. We need volunteers for Bingo. We are looking for callers. Duties would be once a month or so. The computer does most of the work, and almost all of the calling (with the exception of one game). It is a very simple program to use, and we are a fun bunch to spend time with! If you are interested, please call Linda at 727-214-7334.
- 2. Remembrance Corner OPEN Need this person to report obits to Rusty Leslie for adding to Media Guide and so we are able send a card from the community.
- 3. Neighbor Helping Neighbor OPEN need Volunteers.



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October Anniversaries

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- 4 Leslie Tomamichel
- 7 Gail Spark
- 12 Dennis Vlismas
- 13 Jane Valentine
- 18 Bert Kerkhoven
- 18 Debra Walck
- 18 Vince Wozniak
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- 3 Tom & Margaret Thostenson
- 9 Tom & Cassie Watson
- 10 Bev & Robert Bears
- 27 David and Malissa St Clair





We would love to add your birthday and anniversary to our list! E-mail your name and date to linda.olone@gmail.com so your friends and neighbors can help you celebrate your special days! Please help me keep this list up to date. If you notice a resident listed who no longer lives in IITS, please give me a heads up. Thanks!

FROM THE ACTIVITIES COMMITTE

ways to find out all about our events:

1. Make sure you sign up for the robocalls as well, as event information is being sent via robocall, too. Contact Chrissie Riley at chrissiegriley@gmail.com or Tammy Blaisse at tammy.blaisse@yahoo.com with your lot #, telephone number and name to join the list. These numbers are shared with no one.

2. Check out the Marquee at the park entrance by the clubhouse for upcoming events. HOA Events and announcements are located on the front and Resident Sponsored Activities are located on the back, if you would like your activity listed on the back please let Tammy Blaisse know.

3. The calendar is kept current in the glass case at the Clubhouse.

- 4. Please join any or all of these IITS Facebook Groups, we post activities on these pages only.
 - a. Island in the Sun Social Group
 - b. IITS uncensored, sort of
 - c. The Official Island in the Sun HOA (HOA Members only) This page is only for HOA business.

Please contact the activities committee for activities you would like to start at mcdonoughpattie@gmail.com, chrissiegriley@gmail.com We will provide you with help to get started.

RESIDENT ACTIVITIES ANNOUNCEMENTS



hese activities are not HOA or Cal-Am sponsored activities. They are resident led.

The Boys who Brunch are meeting monthly the restaurant, date and time are announced on various IITS Facebook pages, sign up is online or at the Clubhouse.

Like to shoot pool? Every Saturday at 10 am there is a group who play 8 or 9 ball at the clubhouse. They are always looking for new players.

Texas hold 'em Poker is played in the clubhouse on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 6:30 pm. Come prepared to have fun.

Bingo – Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the clubhouse.

Anyone wanting a resident activity to be spotlighted in the Media Guide please contact Linda Olone.

See the calendar in the Media Guide or on the clubhouse board for upcoming daily activities, HOA activities and Cal-Am activities.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE HOA EVENTS



Volunteers are always needed to host, set up and tidy up – please let Rusty know if you would like to help out at any of these events. Lot 310, 865.232.972 kohanadancer@gmail.com

Thanks to all those who volunteer their time to make these events a great one for our community.

WELCOME WAGON CORNER

Rusty (Rosalind) Leslie



ctober is here and we are so thankful the cool temperatures are on their way.

If you are new to our community and manufactured home living, I will be happy to answer any questions you might have. Our activities are listed in the center of this media guide.

I hope you take advantage of all the activities we offer and that you love living here as much as I do.

Have a wonderful October - Rusty (Rosalind) Leslie

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HOA will continue to use Robo call.

The phone messaging service is used to:

- Remind residents of HOA meetings
- Announce/Remind/Poll activities and events
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- Announce safety concerns in the community and surrounding area
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Please provide your information to Jill Norwick at 727-243-4592 or Jillnorwick@ I yaoo.com. Your information will be used strictly for this messaging service and will I not be shared with anyone else.

Lot #	Telephone Number	
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otice: Cal-Am will be communicating information to the residents via texts. Would you like to receive text messages? Just go into Rent Café and edit your profile and select text messaging. (no texting and driving please). If you need help setting this up please contact Katy at the office or Tammy Blaisse, we will be happy to help you.

HOA will continue to use Robo call.

Bingo!! Bingo!! Bingo!!

Bingo starts at 7:00, get there early to get your cards purchased. Our early Bonanza jackpot can be a nice way to start the evening!

As always, we will need volunteers!

Bingo is a self-funded activity. It is not sponsored by the HOA, nor Cal-Am. More people, bigger payouts! Come to Bingo, bring your neighbors/friends! Everyone is welcome!

See you all soon! Thank you ~ Linda Olone



Come join us for a fun night!
There are multiple ways to win! We are always finding more ways

to make you a winner! Come check us out! Bring your friends, bring your neighbors!

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Activities Committee

October Saturday 12 - 11 to 1 pm Health Fair Organizer: Rusty Local health care providers and Medicare specialists

October 26th - 7pm Halloween Party Costumes on Parade Golf Cart Parade – 6pm House decorating contest

November 16th proposed craft fair. Organizer: Pattie 50/50 hot dogs, chips, and soda for \$5

November 28th Thanksgiving

December 31st 7 to midnight New Years eve Party DJ

Rusty Leslie



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Happy Halloween!!

I sland in the Sun HOA will be having a costume contest, house decorating contest and Golf Cart Parade. Be sure to look for details! Who's going to win this year??

Maybe we should make all golf cart participants carry treats for all of the fans that come out to the sidewalks to watch the parade and cheer everyone on. I may have to pass the word on that one. (see Linda for this)



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Me and my new water bottle

by Rusty Leslie

I decided about a month ago to focus on hydration. Years ago, I used to make sure I drank my 8 8-ounce glasses of water. In the last year or 2 life has happened and I got out of the habit. After all, I have 2 cups of coffee in the morning and usually drink at least one 32-ounce bottle of water and often will drink some kefir or a kombucha drink as well as the occasional beer or wine at lunch. The skin on my arms was kind of rough and my lips would get dry.

I got a new water bottle. Stainless steel and one that was narrow at the bottom so it would fit in my car's cup holder. Stainless steel because my plastic one was getting funky. Now I began my goal of drinking a minimum of 2 bottles of water a day. I drink one during the morning and the other in the afternoon. I start on a third sometimes. So what has happened since then? My skin is so soft I cannot believe the difference. My lips are smooth and don't get chapped.

My doctor asked me if I had more energy since I started hydrating. I had. He also told me that even mild dehydration affects the brain. I checked it out!! Wow!! Even mild hydration affects memory, mood, increases anxiety and can create brain fog. It can affect blood pressure, heart rate and body temperature according to Cedars Sinai.

Having read that you had better believe that I am going to make sure that I stay hydrated at all times to keep my electrolytes in balance. Now when I am out in the heat pulling weeds etc. and do not feel good when I come back inside, I make sure to take a hydration drink to get my electrolytes back where they are supposed to be. I have tried to feel better by drinking water and taking a cold shower, but that electrolyte drink is what does the trick.

Just call me hydrating queen. LOL



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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.
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Football Season



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Recipe Row

Time for some game day recipes!

Tailgate Tater Tots

Layer Cooked tater tots, bacon, chopped chives, sour cream, and a homemade cheddar cheese sauce in mason jars to create these layered dreams. Use frozen tater tots here for ease (isn't that what game day is all about?), You can feel empowered to go beyond that combo, and add Buffalo sauce, blue cheese crumbles (or ranch dressing)

Blooming Quesadilla Ring

Ingredients

4 c. shredded cooked chicken.

4 oz. cream cheese, softened.

1/4 c. Buffalo sauce

3 scallions thinly sliced.

Kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper

3 c. shredded cheddar (about 8 oz.)

3 c. shredded Monterey Jack (about 8 oz.)

24 small flour tortillas

Ranch dressing, for serving.

Directions

Step 1

Preheat oven to 400°. Line a baking sheet with parchment. In a large bowl, combine chicken, cream cheese, Buffalo sauce, and scallions, season with salt and pepper.

Step 2

In a medium bowl, combine cheddar and Monterey Jack cheese. Cut tortillas in half. Sprinkle about 1 tablespoon cheese mixture on one tortilla half. Place about 1 tablespoon chicken mixture in center of tortilla half. Starting on the cut edge, fold the bottom quarter of tortilla into a triangle, then continue to roll into a cone shape. Repeat with remaining tortillas, some cheese mixture (reserve for sprinkling), and remaining chicken mixture.

Step 3

Place a 3"-wide cup or bowl in center of prepared sheet. Arrange smaller, pointed end of tortilla against cup. Continue to arrange rolled tortillas around cup to make a ring. Sprinkle some cheese mixture over top of tortillas. Repeat to make 2 more layers. Remove cup from center.

Step 4

Bake quesadilla ring until cheese is melty and centers are warmed all the way through, 20 to 25 minutes.

Step 5

Pour ranch dressing into a 3" ramekin. Place in center of quesadillas to serve.



Halloween used to be called All Hallows' Eve. All Hallow's Day, also known as All Saints day, was a Christian festival. It was a day to remember the dead, especially saints. This is where Halloween came from - it was originally All Hallows' Eve (the day before All Hallow's Day). This then turned into Hallowe'en and is now just known as Halloween.



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13.	And in the master's chambers, they gathered for the feast, they stab it with theirknives
15.	I'm a woman's man, no time to talk, Music loud and women I got chills, they're, And I'm losing control, cause the power you're supplying, It's electrifying.
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Homemade weed killers

The have had so much talk here in IITS about weeds, that I wanted to research some natural remedies. Here are some homemade weed killers that can be safe to use, but you should always test them in a small area first to make sure they won't harm your plants or soil:

Boiling water

Instantly kills any plant it touches by cooking it in the ground, but it will also kill all plants, not just weeds.

Vinegar

An environmentally safe option that's easy to use. Put undiluted vinegar in a spray bottle and saturate the leaves of the weeds. The plant growth should wither within 6–48 hours.

Salt

When absorbed by the roots of a plant, salt disrupts its water balance, causing it to eventually wilt and die. However, salt can also harm other plants and affect your soil's pH.

Baking soda

Also known as sodium bicarbonate, baking soda dehydrates weeds by saturating them. Sprinkle it over cracks and then sweep it in.

Corn gluten meal

An organic herbicide that's safe for lawns, kids, and pets. It's pre-emergent, meaning it prevents seedlings from sprouting by spreading it over your lawn at least a month before their growing season.

Dish soap

Dish soap has some herbicide power and can help the solution stay on leaves longer. In higher concentrations, it can destroy the waxy layer of leaves.

Rubbing alcohol

Dilute two tablespoons of rubbing alcohol in four cups of water, then spray the solution on the leaves of weeds. The ethanol in the rubbing alcohol causes the weeds to lose water.

Remember: When using homemade weed killers, you should apply sprays carefully to avoid contact with desirable plants.

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- The scammer will say it's urgent and that you're the only one who can help.
- The scammer might tell you it's important to keep it secret. They don't want you talking to other family members and friends and realizing it's a scam.
- The scammers will **play with your emotions.** They're counting on you to act quickly to help your family or friend. And they're counting on you to pay without stopping to check out whether there's really an emergency. If you get a call like this, you can be sure this is a scam.

Slow down. Verify.

Example of a
Family Emergency Scam Call

Hi Grandpa, it's me.

Sebastian? Is that you?

Yes, it's me, Sebastian.
Grandpa, I'm in trouble, and I need money for bail.

What happened?

Please don't tell
Mom or Dad. I'll get in so much trouble.

Please help me!

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Local Events

Craft Beer Festival - October 5, 2024

• Time: All Day

• Address: Waterfront Park, 105 Veterans Memorial Lane, Safety Harbor, FL 34695

Salsa at the District: Oktoberfest - Saturday, Oct. 12, 6-11 p.m.

Get ready for an unforgettable celebration of salsa with a fantastic lineup of performers, talented dancers, and amazing DJs.

• The District in Downtown Clearwater, 400-500 Cleveland St., Clearwater, FL

Festival of Fright - Friday, Oct. 18, 59:30 p.m.

Join us for a fright night of fun, including Halloween carnival games, spooktacular food trucks and family-friendly activities.

• Festival Activities 5-8 p.m., Movie 8- 9:30 p.m.

• The Long Center, 1501 N. Belcher Rd., Clearwater, Fl

CLEARWATER JAZZ HOLIDAY (OCT. 19 – 22)

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• The Sound at Coachman Park, 255 Drew St, Clearwater, FL 33755

Blues on the Bay - October 25, 2024

• Time: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

• Address: Waterfront Park, 105 Veterans Memorial Lane, Safety Harbor, FL 34695

• Cost: Free

All British Car Show - October 26, 2024

• Time: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

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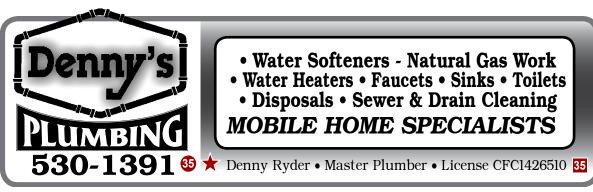
















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Things people are Looking for in a resident Community

That are you looking for in a community? A question that many people will wonder upon deciding to downsize and find a community where they can interact with others who are similar in age and life experiences. Over 55 communities are becoming popular for that very reason.

*Community and Connection - A person's overall happiness is often helped by a continuum of strong social connections and pleasant interactions. Making opportunities in which the community can both interact with each other and form friendships is imperative as it will keep the feeling of loneliness and isolation. away. Participate! Attend a social event, create a happy hour, as a community resident, it will be hard to be bored when you have all these chances to make new friends at every turn.

*Management - The staff is one of the biggest things that can make or break a community. With how often residents will be interacting it's imperative that management be full of compassion, kindness and patience.

*Activities - No one wants to live in a community in which there's nothing to do. Putting together events is a necessary part of keeping things fun and relaxing. On top of this, activities also allow residents to find common interests within each other helping relationships form that might have never developed otherwise.

*Ways to Have Fun – Play Cards, Bingo, Pool. Play Pickleball, Bocce Ball, Shuffleboard. Take advantage of the Gym that is offered in the clubhouse. Form a walking group.

*Safe and pleasant Environment – A community should feel like a safe place to come home to. Provide security to make residents feel safe to walk around. You want management to maintain a community so you are proud to call it home.

25 Senior Discounts You Probably Don't Know About, But Should

Thile we all love to moan about aging, there's a clear perk to getting older: senior discounts. They can be hard to find, but many of your favorite restaurants, stores and services offer them, if you pay close attention. (Or if you stick with us!)

- 1. Amazon Prime Amazon offers up to 50% off a monthly Prime membership for seniors who receive government assistance, including Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
- 2. Papa John's AARP members get 20% off online orders. Better Ingredients. Better Pizza. Better Prices. See what we did there?
- 3. Marriott Anyone 62 and older is eligible to save at least 10% on a Marriott hotel stay.
- 4. IHOP Hey, pancake lovers: IHOP offers a 55+ Menu, with discounted prices for customers who are you guessed it 55 years or older. (Some items, like the pancake and egg combo, are nearly 20% off!)
- 5. DoorDash If you prefer delivery, DoorDash offers AARP members 25% off their first order of \$15 or more. Visit AARP's website for details on how to redeem the coupon.
- 6. Walgreens The first Tuesday of every month is Senior Day at Walgreens. Customers 55 and up who are enrolled in the MyWalgreens rewards program can get up to 20% off their purchase, which includes everything from toiletries to snacks. The discount is also

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- - available for online shoppers, and it usually lasts for the first week of every month.
 - 7. Kohl's Shoppers 60 and up can stop by any Kohl's location on Wednesdays to get 15% off select brands.
 - 8. T-Mobile Customers ages 55+ can sign up for one of T-Mobile's discounted senior plans, which gives users two unlimited lines starting at \$60 a month. Some of the plans also include perks like subscriptions to Apple TV+ and Netflix, as well as a complimentary AAA membership.
 - 9. Amtrak All-board! Amtrak offers a 10% off discount on most rail fares for passengers 65 and older. Take this as your sign to book your next train trip!
 - 10. Hertz Once you arrive at your destination, save money on your car rental. Drivers over 50 can score up to 20% off base rates when renting a car through Hertz.
 - 11. LensCrafters AARP offers members steep discounts on glasses, including up to 50% off lenses, 30% off sunglasses and 10% off contact lenses. Members can also get their eyes checked for a \$55 co-pay at participating locations.
 - 12. Denny's Breakfast lovers, Denny's also has a discounted 55+ Menu, available whether you dine in or order online. (AARP members can also claim a 15% discount on Denny's menu items.) Heads up: Customers must show proof of age.
 - 13. Chili's Chili's offers seniors 10% off their check, excluding alcohol. Behold, your sign to try the new Big Smasher Burger.
 - 14. National Parks Service Pass Explorers, hikers and nature lovers, this one's for you! U.S. citizens 62 and older can purchase a Senior Annual Pass for \$20 (or opt for a Senior Lifetime Pass for \$80) that offers access to thousands of national parks and federal recreation sites, as well as discounts of up to 50% off select amenity fees. (For context, some standard individual daily park passes can cost up to \$20 each.)
 - 15. Michaels Get your craft on at Michaels, where anyone over 55 can receive 10% off their purchase every day. Bonus: The discount includes sale items. Make sure to register to get your discount, which can be used in store and online.
 - 16. Krispy Kreme Get 10% off a hot and delicious donut from Krispy Kreme at locations across the country. While you're there, treat yourself to a coffee or frozen hot chocolate, too, because why not?
 - 17. Goodwill There's no shortage of hidden gems to be discovered at Goodwill. And although there's not a standardized discount, AARP reported that most Goodwill stores offer some type of weekly senior discount, typically between 15% and 25% off.
 - 18. Carrabba's Italian Grill If you're an AARP member craving Italian, you're in luck! Carrabba's Italian Grill offers AARP members 10% off when you show your card or mention your membership over the phone for takeout orders.
 - 19. AMC Theatres Although discounts vary by location, movie buffs ages 60 and up can take advantage of slashed ticket prices at participating AMC Theatres. (The list is long!)
 - 20. Outback Steakhouse AARP members get 10% off food and nonalcoholic beverages at Outback Steakhouse. Present your card when paying (or mention it over the phone for carryout orders).
 - 21. Joe's Crab Shack In a seafood mood? If you're an AARP member, show your card at Joe's Crab Shack and enjoy 10% off food and nonalcoholic beverages.
 - 22. Pep Boys Car trouble can be a huge pain. Luckily, AARP reported that Pep Boys customers 55 and older can get 10% off their in-store purchase, which can help alleviate

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Paradise Island Fall Flea Market October 12, 9am-2pm. 1001 Starkey Rd, Largo, 8 am early entrance \$1.00. Large selection of home goods, tools, furniture, linens, clothes, bake sale and more. Follow signs for clubhouse.

Community Carport Sales. Oak Crest MHP, 9925 Ulmerton Road, Largo and Acorn MHP, 435 16th st. SE, Largo. Saturday, October 12, 8-1. Rain date October 13. Lunch available at Pavilion.

OakCrest MHP 3rd annual craft fair. 10/19/2024, 9-2pm. Vendor spaces available. Call Jill 443-741-5304



EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Regency Heights Carport Sale: Friday and Saturday, November 1st-2nd, 8am-2pm. 2550 State Rd 580, Clearwater.

Annual Craft Fair - Paradise Island - Saturday November 2nd 9-3 pm. Clubhouse, 1001 Starkey Rd. Largo. 80 plus Tables, Handmade items & Bake Sale

HOLIDAY BAZAAR. Saturday, 11/09/2024 9am-2pm. First Lutheran Church, 1644 Nursery Rd., Clearwater. All indoor craft show. Free admission. 217-251-4382 or jayneb1227@gmail.com

FALL BAZAAR Ranchero Village 7100 Ulmerton Road Hacienda Clubhouse. Sunday 11/10/24 from 11am-3pm. Crafts, baked goods, raffle baskets & more. Vendors: Rent a table for \$20. Contact: Donna Dahmm 309-263-2640 or RDDahmm@gmail.com

Craft Fair 11/16/24, 9 AM - 1 PM at Clearwater Cascade. Contact Jane Boucher 903-426-3636, janeboucher29@gmail.com

Serendipity Mobile Home Park Community Yard Sale. Saturday, November 16, 2024, 8AM-2PM. 29081 US Highway 19N, Clearwater. Drive around the park and check driveways for sales.

Palm Hill 2nd Annual Craft Fair. November 16th, 8-1. North Club House. Use North 8th Ave entrance. Outside crafters welcome. call John at 507-259-6934 after October 10th

> November Events

EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Palm Hill Christmas Bazzar. Saturday December 1st, 8-1. North Clubhouse, use 8th Ave entrance.

Annual Holiday Market at Pointe West Clubhouse, December 7th, 2024 from 9am-2pm. Vendors wanted. \$20/table or \$30 for 2 tables. Contact Susan Barnard for information or to register at 317-402-7904 or susanbarnard930@ vahoo.com

CRAFT VENDORS WANTED, Saturday December 7, 9-1. Southwind MHP, Palm Harbor. \$15/table. Contact Evelyn: 440.227.5906 or evelynfinken@gmail.com



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- 25. The UPS Store AARP members can save 5% on both domestic and international shipping and up to 15% on products and select services at UPS Store locations nationwide.

Chiseling with Fear

Internet source



Two men were walking home after a Halloween party and decided to take a shortcut through the cemetery just for laughs. Right in the middle of the cemetery, they were startled by a tap-tap-tapping noise coming from the misty shadows. Trembling with fear, they found an old man with a hammer and chisel, chipping away at one of the headstones. "Holy cow, Mister," one of them said after catching his breath. "You scared us half to death -- we thought you were a ghost! What are you doing working here so late at night?"

"My family are such fools!" the old man grumbled. "They misspelled my name and here I have to correct it!"

October Fun Facts



The meaning behind October's name is far from accurate these days. The ancient Roman calendar was based on the lunar cycles, as opposed to our current calendar which is based on the solar cycles. This meant that there were originally 10 months in their calendar, and October was the eighth month. Its name literally translated into "the eighth month" in Latin. In 451 BC the two months of Ianurarius and Februarius were added to the beginning of the calendar, making October the 10th month.

The Anglo-Saxons' name for October was Winterfylleth, with its name containing the words for winter and full moon, respectively. It was named this because winter was said to begin from the first full moon of the month.

The Saxons had a name for October, too. Theirs was Wyn Monath, which translated into "wine month" because it was the time of the year for making wine. I'm not sure about you, but I think October just became my favorite month!

The Twyford church in Hampshire, UK has a tradition of ringing its bells every year on October 7th. The origin of this tradition goes back to the 18th Century when a local resident called William David became lost in heavy fog while riding home at night. Much to his luck, he heard the church bells toll and from this, he managed to find his way home. As a form of thanks, he left some money to the church when he died so that the church could continue to ring their bells on October 7th every year just in case there were any other lost travelers.

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The world-famous Indian political and spiritual leader Mahatma Gandhi was born on October 2, 1869. His worldwide renown is attributed to the nonviolent way in which he resisted the colonial British rule of India.

If you live in the northern hemisphere, you'll be rewarded for keeping your eyes to the skies in October, as the Draconid Meteor Shower can be seen. It contains a single comet that is visible exclusively in the northern hemisphere between October 6th and 10th.

An even more impressive meteor shower that is visible in both hemispheres is the Orionid meteor shower, which runs from October 2nd until early November. It is named after Orion as it is usually visible in the same part of the sky as the constellation. At the peak of the meteor shower, as many as 20 meteors are visible every hour.

On October 1, 1949, the People's Republic of China was founded. Mao Zedong ruled the republic from its founding until his death in 1976.

The beer-swilling Bavarian festival Oktoberfest takes place every year in Munich, Germany. The festival usually runs for 16 days from mid-September until the Sunday of the first weekend in October. The event has been held since 1810 when Prince Ludwig of Bavaria held a festival to celebrate his marriage with Therese, the princess of Saxony-Hildburghausen.

October has just two birthstones, tourmaline, and opal. Opals come in a myriad of striking colors that often seem to swirl together and are a symbol of faithfulness, purity, and hope.

It wouldn't be October without Halloween, which is celebrated on October 31st. The celebration's origins go all the way back to the Gaelic people of modern-day England, Scotland, and Ireland, who celebrated the festival of Samhain. Among other activities, the original celebrants of Samhain would dress in costumes or disguises and go door-to-door receiving gifts of food, much like how today's children dress up and receive treats!

There are an amazingly varied number of holidays and observances celebrated throughout the world in October. Some of which stand out the most are World Vegetarian Day on October 1st, World Animal Day on October 4th, World Food Day on October 16th, and International Animation Day on October 28th.

Some of the wackier holidays that are celebrated in the US deserved their own listing, and we're sure you'll agree! October 4th is National Noodle Day, October 16th is National Fossil Day, Sweetest Day is on the 17th, and Boss's Day is celebrated on October 19th.

If you live in the UK and love McDonald's, then here's one for you. The very first McDonald's restaurant in the UK opened its doors on October 1, 1974. The restaurant is still operational today and is located in Woolwich, in the south of London.



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