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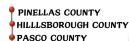
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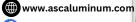




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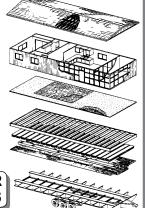
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August 5, 2024, Update

Sunset Palms Committee List 2024

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Submitted by Jan McCoy



ur residents are returning and are busy bees with property repairs. It is like watching the park heal itself from the wounds of a battle. We've not had a busier time that I can recall. The impact of time sensitive hurricane repairs of our common areas, insurance claim submissions coupled with the administrative need to comply with the City of Pinellas change in billing of utilities has compounded the usual fall season's requirements of us all. We thank you for your patience while we continue to work through these concerns.

We are grateful for the level of ownership our neighbors are taking to return their home to its original condition. We know this isn't easy and we understand the frustration with needing to meet city permit requirements if the repair is structural in nature. It is important to follow the process, however, to ensure your plans meet city codes for the future safety of your home and the impact on neighbors. Our Board of Directors, Exterior Alteration Committee members and management team are here to assist with your questions.

Our 2025 Annual Meeting of the Membership is right around the corner. Board of Director members: Donald Barnes, Greg Jackson and Gary Thrasher's 3-year terms are up. We hope you will consider becoming a candidate. A meeting packet, 60-day notice was mailed on November 22, 2024, to your home of record. Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the clubhouse. See you there!

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who've been ill or have lost a loved one. Respectfully submitted,
Janet McCoy
President, Board of Directors

MANAGER'S CORNER

Submitted by Marilyn Corazza



Hurricane Milton came to our park on

Hurricane Milton came to our park on October 9, 2024, and caused a large amount of damage to the manufactured homes and the common areas and buildings of our Park. Power was restored on 10/15/24 and potable water was restored to the Park on 10/16/24. Repairs have already started on homes and common areas that sustained damage from the storm. Some homes have already been repaired, while we continue to work daily towards the repair of the damage to our common areas and buildings. A damage report has already been filed with our



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insurance company and the property was driven and surveyed for damage with the insurance adjuster on November 7, 2024.

The following is a list of the damage that was sustained from the storm and where we are with the repairs.

CLUBHOUSE EXTERIOR

- 5 Holes in the Roof: Vendor was called, temporary patches were applied. Roofing material has been ordered for the final patching of the roof.
- Missing Soffit: Materials were ordered, and the soffit has been replaced on the lower sections of the roof. We are working with the roofing company on the replacement of the missing soffit on the 2nd level of the roof.
- Golf Cart Awning: The awning blew away and ended up in a palm tree. We are researching an alternative type of awning that is secured to the building in a different manner than the previous awning.
- Clubhouse A/C Units: The vendor was called, units were checked, drain lines were reconnected, and a new motor has been installed in the fitness center A/C unit.

CLUBHOUSE INTERIOR

- Roof Leak in Main Room: There was water on the main floor of the Clubhouse. The roof vendor was notified, and the roof was patched.
- Main Room Ceiling Tiles: Tiles to the main ceiling of the Clubhouse were blown out and water damaged from the storm. Maintenance replaced the tiles with existing materials.
- Kitchen Ceiling: Drywall/Popcorn ceiling and light fixture on the right side of the kitchen were damaged from the leaking roof. The ceiling was treated with KILZ and painted. The light fixture will be replaced.
- Library Ceiling: Tiles were blown out and damaged in the library. Maintenance replaced the tiles with existing materials.
- DSX Fob System: The fob system was inoperable after the storm. The vendor was called and came out on 10/17/24 and repaired the system.

SHUFFLEBOARD BUILDING

- Roof: The roof was leaking, the roofing vendor was called, and the roof was patched on 10/18/24.
- Vinyl Windows: Several windows were blown out and others were damaged by the storm. Vendors are coming out to assess the damage and provide quotes.
- Vinyl Siding: A section of siding was blown off during the storm. Maintenance installed new siding.

POOL EQUIPMENT & POOL AREA

• Pool Equipment Pit: The equipment pit had 4 feet of standing water in it, and the pumps

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were underwater. A sump pump was used to drain the water and the damage was assessed.

- Pool IPS Controller: The IPS Controller that controls the amount of chemicals that get fed into the pool was damaged. We have received quotes from 2 vendors.
- Pool Pumps: The 3 pool pumps are inoperable. We have received quotes from 2 vendors on replacing the pool equipment.
- Pool Supply Shed: Shed was blown off its foundation, chemicals are being stored on the pool deck. We have received quotes from 3 vendors on replacing the shed.
- Pool Fencing: The East pool gate and 3 sections of fencing are damaged. Accurate Electronics came out to assess the damage. Additional vendors have been contacted and will be providing quotes.
- Pool Water Supply Lines: The water supply lines to the pool and spa were broken when the supply shed blew away. Maintenance repaired the broken water lines.

MAINTENANCE/LAUNDRY BUILDING

- Roof: Missing soffit. Soffit was ordered and delivered. Maintenance replaced what they could. More roof soffits have been ordered to complete the job.
- Laundry Room Ceiling: Clear fluorescent ceiling tiles were blown out during the storm. Maintenance replaced the missing tiles.
- Drop Ceiling tiles were blown out during the storm. Materials were ordered, and maintenance replaced the missing tiles.
- Laundry Folding Table: The laundry room table was damaged by the storm. The existing table was removed and replaced with a folding table.
- Clothesline Fencing: Damaged by storm. Vendors have been scheduled and will come out to quote the job.
- Metal Clothesline Frame and Clotheslines: The metal clothesline frame was bent and pushed in by the storm resulting in the clotheslines hanging down. Maintenance removed the low hanging lines.

LIFT STATION FENCING

• The PVC Fencing to lift station #2 was damaged during the storm. Vendors are scheduled to survey the damage and give us quotes.

OLEANDER (BACK) GATE



- Back Gates: Both gates were damaged by the storm and the left gate is inoperable. The gates have been placed in the open position. Accurate Electronics came out to assess the damage and have provided us with a quote.
- Back Gate Fencing: The fencing on both sides of the Back gate is bent and the gate on the left side of the fence is no longer attached to the fencing. Accurate Electronics came out to assess the damage. We are also getting quotes from additional vendors.

BROKEN POTABLE WATER MAIN

• The potable water main to the Park was broken during the storm. Vendors were called on 10/14/24, Trench Specialists came out on 10/15/24 and 10/16/24 and worked on the line. Potable water was restored to the park on 10/16/24. The fix is temporary. We are getting quotes from vendors to replace the existing water mains.

PARK CAMERAS

• There are 2 missing cameras and 6 are not transmitting video. Metro Tech came out to assess the damage. A quote has been received from the vendor.



DUMPSTER FENCING

• The PVC fencing and gates to the dumpster are damaged. Vendors are scheduled to come out and quote the job.

DAMAGED TREES

- Palm Trees: A list of damaged trees by lot # was given to Green Acre Tree Services. Green Acre came out and removed the damaged trees.
- A large oak tree near the pool is leaning: An Arborist came out and believes that the tree can be saved and straightened with targeted trimming.
- Leaning Palm at Walmart Gate: The City of Pinellas Park came out to look at the leaning palm at the Walmart gate. The palm is on our property. We have received quotes on removing the palm.

LAKE FOUNTAINS

• Fountains were not working after the storm. Architectural Fountains came out and fixed them.

PUMP HOUSE ROOF

• The roof was damaged during the storm. Maintenance will repair the roof.

We continue to work with vendors to get the common areas and buildings repaired. When this newsletter comes out in December, hopefully many of the items listed above will have been addressed.

I want to personally thank the Board of Directors, Park Residents, Maintenance staff, and Office staff for their continued work to get our Park back to normal.

We're getting there!

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Corazza, LCAM



















THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Submitted by Pastor Nelson Blount

Trust this will be a meaningful but brief insight into our Christ-mas season. It is my heart's desire to inform in a way that provides a foundation for faith; not religion, not churchianity, but a wholesome relationship with God who so loves the world. Not church people! Not good people! We're talking unconditional love. God so loved that He sent his only Son!

Here's the crazy thing: written over 700 years before Jesus' birth, the following scripture says this... Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son and shall call His name Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)

Donald Barnes led a Bible Study on Thursday evenings when Scott Farrington was hospitalized on life support. During that Bible Study we were stunned with the numbers of prophesies in the Old Testament that spoke of the details of Jesus' birth. Even though I knew these prophesies I found myself once again amazed at the precision and detail fulfilled in the birth of Jesus. So enlightening. I have copies for anyone interested or you can Google "prophesies fulfilled in Jesus's birth".

Of course, we're talking about the Bible (Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth), and I understand that is a leap for some people. I'm not a Bible thumper nor a religious fanatic, however, my life changed as a result of responding to someone who told me his story. I decided that night to pray a simple prayer at the bumper of my car in a parking lot.

What would Christmas be without Jesus? Without Christ! Would we still have Black Friday! ;-) How about Christmas parties! Gatherings of family, trees, gift giving! How about missing family members who were always there with us.

It's such a big deal, Christmas that is.

And you are such a big deal, even those who may not think so.

So I dare to offer this thought, this Christmas: May your hearts be full of peace and joy. May you have a sense of Christ being a little closer this year than maybe He's been before. May doubts be set aside to provide space for the One whose name bears this season of celebration. Enjoy your December wherever you are.

We who have relocated to sunny St. Pete may miss the white Christmas, but we'll have some great memories to serve us well. Remember! Be refreshed!

Your non-religious resident Jesus people pastor, Rev. Nelson Blount



FROM THE EDITOR

Submitted by Bet LeBrun

MPORTANT!

Iwould like to remind everyone that this volunteer job is NOT a Monday-Friday, 9 to 5 job. I work all hours during the week as well as weekends and holidays whether I'm in Canada or the USA. I am committed to providing you with an informative newsletter that reflects the happenings in YOUR park, and I can usually accommodate your requests. I know everyone is busy with their lives but if you want your submission to appear in the Spotlight, then please respect the deadline of the 10th of the month prior to publication. The earlier I receive it, the better. Before I submit the newsletter to the publisher, the articles are reviewed for approval, so timing is crucial.

As a courtesy, I send out a monthly reminder a few days ahead specifying the deadline date for newsletter submissions and it appears in Facebook under Sunset Palms 3401 and Sunset Palms Social Club by Jamie.

Thank you for your attention.

You can email me with articles, pictures, resident interest stories, etc. or if you have an idea for a monthly newsletter article. Please send all newsletter submissions by the 10th of the month prior to the month of publication. Email: sunsetpalmseditor@gmail.com

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Many thanks to all who helped with and contributed to this month's newsletter.

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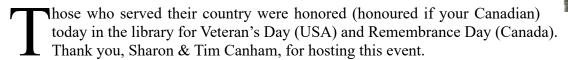
Submitted by Darlene Arsenault

ine Dancing Friday December 6th, 13th, and 20th 11:00-12:00, at the Clubhouse, everyone welcome Thank you
Darlene Arsenault
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NOVEMBER 11TH 2024

Submitted by Bet LeBrun









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SEWING AND QUILTING GROUP

Submitted by Maggie Stokes



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Submitted by Bet LeBrun

Thope to add more to this Calendar as I receive the info



_December

- Saturday the 7th Christmas Sale in the Library 8 to 12pm during the pancake breakfasr
- Music Bingo 14th
- Christmas Dinners 9th & 10th
- 24th Christmas Eve Parade Santa for the kids at the Clubhouse after parade

January

• Yard Sale – Saturday the 25th

February

• Music at the Lake – 23rd

March

• Music at the Lake – 23rd

April

• Luau at the Lake 12th



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WEBSITE CHANGES

Submitted by Maggie Stokes

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ue to the unforeseen circumstances of hurricanes Helene and Milton, the changes to the website have been delayed. We will continue to work on the updates as circumstances permit. Our website designer's offices sustained damage from Milton, so please bear with us as we continue to improve our website.

We are upgrading portions of the website. We anticipate that the changes will be in place soon. Here are some of the areas that are "under construction."

• Logon Script

The logon button will be much more prominent making it easier for you to sign in and access the members only portion of the website.

• Board of Directors Minutes

The Board of Directors Minutes will have its own tab to facilitate ease in locating various minutes and supporting documentation.

• Committee Minutes

Minutes will be accessible by committee. You will not need to scroll through the entire posting to pull up a certain committee's reports.

• Forms

An entirely new tab will give you access to many of the forms that Sunset Palms uses. You will be able to click and download that form for printing. This is step one in the right direction. We anticipate some of these forms will be made interactive in the future.

Governing Documents

This is another new portion of the website. There will be links to Florida statutes that govern our park. The Shareholder Prospectus including the By-Laws of the Park, and the Rules and Regulations of the Park will be available. The Committee Charters will also be available for you to read.

· Homes for Sale

The list of homes available for sale is now much easier to access.

This is YOUR website. Check it out!

TRAVEL CORNER

Submitted by Kim Paquette



he Early Bird Gets the Worm

Traveling before a destination becomes overly commercialized is essential for experiencing its authentic charm. My trips to Croatia in May 2021 and May 2023 highlighted this. I



witnessed a dramatic increase in crowds, underscoring the importance of "hop on before it's too late." In 2021, Croatia was still emerging as a tourist hotspot, allowing for a more intimate experience. Today is a different story.

Why Plan Your Japan Trip Early?

Let's talk about one of the newest up-and-coming travel destinations: Japan. With its rich culture and history, Japan is poised to become a must-visit location for travelers seeking unique experiences. By planning our trip early, we can take advantage of lower prices. This is especially important for popular travel periods, such as cherry blossom season in spring or the vibrant autumn foliage.

Avoiding the Crowds

Our escorted trip in October 2025 offers a chance to explore Japan before it becomes too crowded. Traveling during off-peak seasons not only enhances your experience but also allows you to enjoy popular attractions without the overwhelming crowds. By committing to your plans now, you can ensure that you have access to the best experiences Japan has to offer while still enjoying its authentic charm.

Stay Connected

Stay tuned for updates on our travel events through our Travel Facebook page (sunsetpalmstravel). We'll be sharing tips, insights, and exclusive offers that will help you make the most of your upcoming adventure in Japan. Planning ahead not only allows for better pricing but also gives us ample time to research and curate an itinerary that suits all interests.

For additional information, please telephone or text:

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JAPAN HAS MUCH TO OFFER

Submitted by Kim Paquette



Traditional Cultural Experiences

- 1. <u>Tea Ceremony</u>: Participate in a traditional Japanese tea ceremony, learning about the rituals and symbolism behind this ancient practice
- 2. <u>Geisha Encounters</u>: Meet and interact with geisha, learning about their art and traditions. Some tours offer experiences where you can learn directly from a geisha in Tokyo
- 3. <u>Kaiseki Dining</u>: Experience a multi-course traditional meal featuring local, seasonal ingredients presented in an artful manner
- 4. <u>Kimono Wearing</u>: Try on a traditional kimono and learn about its significance in Japanese culture

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5. Traditional Arts: Engage in activities like calligraphy, origami, or traditional brush-making

Modern Cultural Experiences

- 1. Themed Cafes: Visit unique, modern themed cafes that showcase Japan's pop culture
- 2. <u>Technology Showcases</u>: Encounter Japan's advanced technology, such as interacting with giant robots
- 3. <u>Anime and Manga Culture</u>: Explore the world of Japanese animation and comics through dedicated tours or visits to relevant sites

Culinary Experiences

- 1. <u>Food Tours</u>: Join street food tours in various cities to sample local specialties and learn about their cultural significance
- 2. <u>Cooking Classes</u>: Learn to prepare traditional Japanese dishes from local experts
- 3. Sake Brewery Tours: Discover how Japan's national beverage is made

Historical and Spiritual Experiences

- 1. <u>Temple and Shrine Visits</u>: Explore ancient religious sites and learn about Shinto and Buddhist practices
- 2. <u>Traditional Performances</u>: Attend Kabuki theater shows or sumo wrestling matches
- 3. <u>Historical Villages</u>: Visit preserved historical areas like Hida no Sato to experience life in old Japan

By joining a group tour, you'll benefit from expert guides who can provide deeper insights into these experiences, making them more meaningful and enriching. The small group size (20 people maximum) allows for a more intimate experience and easier navigation through crowded areas.

Additionally, you'll have the opportunity to share these unique experiences with like-minded travelers, potentially forming lasting friendships along the way. This will be a fully escorted trip with English speaking guides.

Please visit the Travel Board which is located on the wall across from the manager's office. FB page: http://www.facebook.com/sunsetpalmstravel Email: info@sunsetpalmstravel.com

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SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Submitted by Barbara Kansorka



hese are the cards I have sent out in the last month:

Get Well

Mickey Peterson

Sympathy

Mike Lerch

If you know of someone who is under the weather or has a loved one who has passed, please contact me.

Barbara Kansorka bkansorka@gmail.com

SUNSET PALMS SOCIAL COMMITTEE – ACTIVITIES

Submitted by Kevin Lawrence



unset Palms Strong! We made it through Helene and Milton hurricanes safely.

There weren't many social activities during the month of October due to the hurricanes except for Music Bingo on October3rd!!! That's always a good time and we have Steve booked with us every month.

The social committee has a meeting every month the first Tuesday of every month at 10:15am in the Clubhouse. We talk about upcoming activities. And as you all know, we always need volunteers.

Kevin Lawrence

Director of Communications

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THESE PEOPLE

Submitted by Ralph Payne

A different colour, look, a different race
Some are fat, skinny, small or tall
Some talk too much and don't listen at all

Some carry a beautiful tone when their voices sing Others are too loud and have nothing to bring Certain ones talk above all around They are only noise, never will they be renowned

Some people think its funny as they put others down These people are the joke, often the talk of the town They don't value others or their points of view With their pompous, brash and arrogant attitude

One day you'll realize, you've made it this far And there's so much living left in the stars There's a short window so be happy and true So stay away from these people who don't value you





LIFT STATION MONTHLY REMINDER - IMPORTANT

Submitted from the Office

FLUSH ONLY: Body waste and toilet paper. (The 3 P's = pee, poo, paper) It is highly recommended that only ONE-PLY toilet paper be used to prevent clogging the toilet. **DO NOT FLUSH:**

- Tampons
- Sanitary pads
- Diapers
- Depends
- Swiffer Cloths

- Dust Cloths
- Wet Wipes
- Kleenex
- Food, etc.
- When in doubt, DON'T FLUSH IT!

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Bengenia March
- 2 **Denise Smith**
- 3 **Eugene Anstey**
- 5 Lorry Lachapelle
- 5 Linda Oates
- 7 Rich Beaupre
- Tony Vazquez
- 7 George Bouchard
- 8 Maureen Ready
- Arlene Garriott 8 8 Yvette Cardoso
- 10 Ron Leslie
- 12 Jennifer Goodyear
- 12 Gloria Freake
- 13 Nancy Fields
- 13 Frank Blair
- 15 Joan Swisher
- 15 Nita Montano
- 16 Ruth Muscat
- Andrew Polny 16
- 17 John Shapcott



- Scott Saunders 19
- 19 **Daniel Rockett** Robin Smith 20
- 20 Wayne Fudge
- 21 Rosie Green
- Betty Garland 21 22
- Carol Webb 22 Michelle Mikolajczyk
- 23 Sue Cooper
- 23 Kitty Freake
- 23 Judy Jefford
- 24 Robert McEntee
- 25 Mary Peddle
- Dennis Bowen 26
- 27 Frank Eates
- 27 Carole Huckle
- 27 Art Johnson
- 28 Abel Aquino
- 30 Gayle Kovach
- Melody Warne 30
- 31 Dorothy Derby





DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Marilyn & Dave Jones 1
- 14 Judy & Wesley Jefford
- Rita & Bing Pelley 15
- Carole & John Titus 27
- Linda & Dan Noseworthy 30
- 31 Billie & Donald Barnes



NOTE: If your birthday or anniversary doesn't show up, it may be because we don't have it. If you would like to have it shown in the Spotlight Newsletter in the "event" month, please let me know and I will add it to the master list. On the other hand, if you don't want your event to be published, I can remove it from the list - no questions asked.





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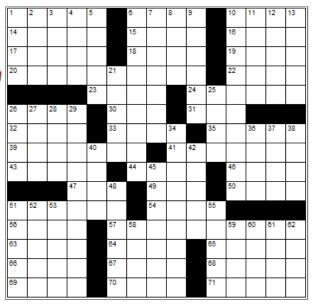
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- 1. Chronic nag
- 6. Hardly believable
- 10. A dark bluish-red color
- 14. Moor
- 15. Not under
- 16. Religious ceremony
- 17. Liquid bodily waste
- 18. Detective Wolfe
- 19. Leave out
- 20. Neutral
- 22. Game piece
- 23. Disagreeable person
- 24. Is melodramatic
- 26. Capable
- 30. Consumed
- 31. Downturn
- 32. Metal used in steel
- 33. Feces
- 35. Skirmish
- 39. Chuckled
- 41. In the best of all worlds
- 43. Brown shade
- 44. Lack of difficulty
- 46. Stair
- 47. Zero
- 49. East southeast
- 50. Fashion
- 51. Lacking companions
- 54. Tears
- 56. Double-reed woodwind
- 57. Classical music compositions
- 63. Dam
- 64. Infinitesimal amount
- 65. Actor Clark
- 66. Being
- 67. Coagulate
- 68. Food grain
- 69. Marsh plant
- 70. Arid
- 71. Affirmatives









DOWN

- 1. Blackball
- 2. Protagonist
- 3. Precipitation
- 4. Europe's highest
- volcano
- 5. Young seal
- 6. Line on a world map
- 7. Retaliator
- 8. Nothing more than
- 9. Worn away
- 10. Cytoplasm
- 11. Boundary
- 12. Useful

- 13. Distributes 21. Angered
- 25. Rodents 26. Afflicts
- 27. Scottish hillside
- 28. French for "Wolf"
- 29. Designed
- 34. Squander
- 36. Countertenor
- 37. Sleigh
- 38. Hoopla
- 40. Salute

- 53. Sound of any kind 55. Damp
- 58. Puncture

51. Not upper

52. Overweight

59. Act presumptuously

42. Ocean trenches

48. Words to a song

45. Faucet attachment

- 60. Nile bird
- 61. Apart from this
- 62. Adjusts



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EVENTS & PROGRAMS

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Big Sale Doral Village Lot 493 December 6-8th 8am - 2pm. Hand Tools Housewares Clothing

Annual Craft Fair. Handmade items and bake sale. December 7th, 8am-2pm. East Bay Oaks Clubhouse. 601 Starkey Road, Largo

ART/CRAFT SHOW, Saturday, 12/07, 9am- 1pm. Amber Glades MHP, 3113 St. Rd. 580, Safety Harbor.

Ranch Mobile Park, Park-Wide Yard Sale, Saturday, December 7th, 8:00am - 2:00pm at: 6800 - 150th Ave. N., Clearwater (Largo).

CRAFT SHOW, BAKE SALE and RAFFLE. Saturday December 7th, 9:00-1:00. Southwind MHC, 795 County Road 1, Palm Harbor. 440.227.5906

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EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Annual Carport sale, Lincolnshire Estates: 1071 Donegan Rd., Largo FL 33771. Saturday January 11th 8AM to 1PM. Over 50 homes: housewares, arts & crafts, clothes, furniture, tools and lots more. Maps available at entrances.

Rummage & Bake Sale: 1/11/24 8AM-Noon Golden Crest Clubhouse, 800 Main St. Dunedin

Lincolnshire Estates Annual Bazaar will be held Saturday Feb 1st, 8AM to 1PM- 1071 Donegan Rd, Largo. Furniture, tools, jewelry, housewares, bake sale, nick-nacks, linens. Appliances, silent auction, breakfast, and lunch for purchase.

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Scammers are good at **pretending to be someone that they're not**. They try to trick you into thinking a **loved one is in trouble.**

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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.

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

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