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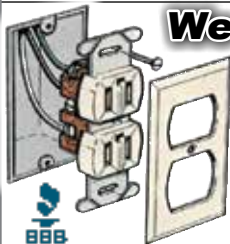


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Office Hours: Monday thru Friday:	9 AM – 1 PM
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1. **All renters/visitors required to register and apply for background check at the office. Show proof of age. Owners check-in and also leave departure date. Update your information.**
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4. Check Clubhouse Activity Room # 1 for information on possible sales or rentals available.
5. Children must be accompanied by resident adult to use Pool & Clubhouse. **All residents are to wear cover-up or Tee shirt when in clubhouse. DO NOT WALK INTO CLUBHOUSE WITH WET FEET!**
6. **SAFETY HINT:** Use a **FLASHLIGHT** when walking during the dark hours after 6:00P. Golf Carts turn lights **ON**.
7. Residents should have Emergency Contact information in their office file, in case of medical problem or weather emergency.
8. Any requests for our maintenance staff is to be submitted, **IN WRITING**, so work order can be generated. No verbal requests, please.

Pointe West Community Organizations

1. **Residents Owned Community - ROC**
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 - b. These residents pay real estate taxes to Pinellas County.
 - c. They pay a monthly maintenance fee to the ROC.
 - d. Organization elects residents to the Board to govern the running of Pointe West. These (9) directors elect yearly: a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.
2. **Recreation Association - REC**
 - a. All residents are eligible to join, paying \$2.50 per person for life.
 - b. It's managed by a Board of Directors (9) for rotating three year terms. They then elect a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer each year.
 - c. They plan a Social calendar for winter and summer seasons.
3. **Home Owners' Association - HOA**
 - a. Pointe West Homeowners Association Inc. A not-for profit corporation. The H.O.A. is by law, the official and legally recognized representative.
 - b. Members – Non-shareholders who rent their lots here regarding , rent increases, park rules and regulations, park amenities, state governing statutes.
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1. a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.
2. a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.

Holiday Artisan and Craft Market 2024



We're having our annual Holiday Artisan and Craft Market on December 7th, from 9am - 2pm. Our clubhouse will be packed with vendors showing off their handcrafted, hand sewn, painted, crafted, and beautifully made products. Be sure to stop in and choose from a selection of these wonderful things --- a gift for your favorite person, or just something for yourself. Plan on having breakfast or lunch with us, as the concessions will be offering a wide selection of goodies. We'll also have our Christmas/Holiday bazaar items with some really great prices. A bake sale tops off the fun for the day. Don't miss this fun event. There is no entry charge ~ just come by and do some shopping. See you there!

Many Thanks to All of You

The Belliveau Family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to all those who have supported us during this time of loss.

~ Mary Jane

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Tai Chi Chih

By Lanni Lantery



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¹Justin Stone, Tips for Teachers

Shuffling for Fun

Come join a friendly game -- whether it's your first time or you have been playing for years. If you don't know how to Shuffle, we'll show you how and we have all the equipment you'll need. Friendly Shuffle happens every Monday and Friday at 1:00 pm. League play will start soon on Thursdays.

Crafting With Julie

By Julie Cincotta



November's Crafting class started off with an adorable Scarecrow by using a wine bottle, fairy lights, and lots of raffia. It was a great fall craft. Our classes are geared towards beginners, so you don't have to have any special skills. These classes are a great social outlet to learn new skills, build self-confidence, and bring out self-expression, while socializing with your Pointe West friends and neighbors. To sign up for an upcoming class, go to KK on Wednesday mornings at 9AM to see the actual craft and pay the cost prior to the class. Hope to see you there!

Bowling for Fun



Bowling for Fun every Wednesday @1:00 pm at Liberty Lanes on Starkey. Cost is \$3.50 a game plus \$2.00 shoe rental. We usually do two games. We have a lot of laughs and cheers for those rare STRIKES! This is not a league. We just go and have fun! Everyone is welcome to join us or to just to come and cheer.



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Start your holiday celebrations early this year by joining us for an evening of fun, food and wine. Take the first step now:

- review the recipes from Nigella Christmas (It is in the Activities Room in the Clubhouse);
- pick a recipe and enter your selection on the sign-up sheet;
- prepare your recipe; and
- bring it with you to the CBBC holiday tasting party at the Clubhouse.

Monday, December 9th at 6:00 pm

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Questions ???

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bshyle@gmail.com

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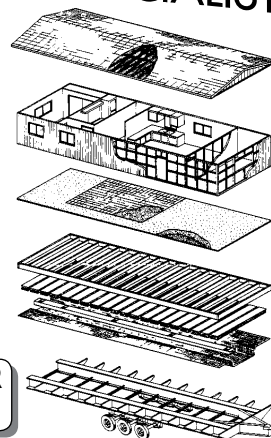
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<https://www.cornholeworldwide.com/play-cornhole/history-of-cornhole>

Pointe West Holiday Events

Be sure and get the latest information about the Pointe West holiday events at the KK meetings:



Golf Cart Parade: there’s plenty of time to get your cart decorated for the December 20 parade. If you will not be riding in the parade. . . go to your front yard at dusk to cheer them on (and maybe get a little candy!). The **Christmas Dance** will follow the Parade at 7:30pm.

Christmas Dinner: Celebrate the holiday with your neighbors ~ appetizers at 4pm, dinner at 6pm. Watch for details about hosting, signing up and the menu.

New Year’s Eve Dance: It’s hard to believe it is already time to say good-bye to 2024! Join your Pointe West friends to ring in 2025.

Annual Bazaar January 25th

Our biggest fundraising event of the year will be here before you know it! This all-volunteer event supports REC and clubhouse activities and relies on your support. December is a great time to start gathering your gently used donations of furniture, kitchen items, clothing, games, tools, jewelry, and all those other treasures you are no longer using. **Call Kim Peterson at (231) 343-8742** to schedule your pickup. Nothing that has been damaged by water, please. Talk to Kim, or ask at KK, about volunteer opportunities. Please do not leave donations in the Clubhouse. See you at the Sale!



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Answer the Question of the Month

When we reach a certain age. . . .we just know stuff! Here's your chance to share some of that wisdom with the rest of us. Answer the December question and see the answers in the January Monthly Media. And we'll all know more stuff!



December Question: "What's your secret to a long life?"

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- Michele888@comcast.net, or
- Text to 425.346.6059, or
- Drop it off at Lot 4L

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A bundle of joy carried in
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Every slamming marks a moment
Where everything changed
Everything changes
And the screen sings no more

Michael G. Rastovich

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The REC Board is busy planning more fun events for the new year:
Friday Night Music and Fun
Starts January 3* (start date subject to change)

Chinese New Year Dinner: Year of the Snake	January 5
Wine and Paint	January 13
Casino Night	February 8
Can-Am Friendship Night	February 22

Just For Fun

A dad calls his son the day before Christmas Eve and says, “I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing.”

“Dad, what are you talking about?” the son screams.

“We can’t stand the sight of each other any longer,” the father says. “We’re sick of each other and I’m sick of talking about this, so you call your sister and tell her.”

The son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. “Like heck they’re getting divorced!” she shouts, “I’ll take care of this!”

She calls him immediately, and screams at her father, “You are NOT getting divorced. Don’t do a single thing until I get there. I’m calling my brother back, and we’ll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don’t do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?” and hangs up.

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. “Sorted! They’re coming for Christmas – and they’re paying their own way.”



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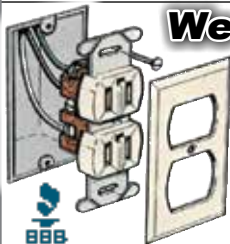
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Weekly Bingo: Thursday afternoon Bingo continues in the Clubhouse at 1pm. And Tuesday evening Bingo is back! Doors open at 4:30pm. Cards on sale 5:00 – 6:15pm. Games begin at 6:30pm.

Aquacise: weekdays at 9:30am. Classes have resumed in our newly reopened pool ~ Yay! Classes are not held unless the outside temperature is 70F or above.

Table Shuffle is in full swing every Thursday, 7pm. Thanks to Terri and Vince who will be running the Table Shuffle throughout the winter.

Ladies Luncheons are always a big hit on the third Friday of the month at noon. The monthly plan will be shared at KK and the sign-up sheet will be in the Activity Room.

Men’s Luncheon are the 2nd Tuesday of the month at noon. Sign up in Activity Room 1. If you need a ride, please call Ron Hancock. Many of the guys are carpooling.

Euchre is back and will continue all winter long. Be there at 6:15pm with 2 quarters. Play starts promptly at 6:30pm.

Crafting with Julie is also back on the first Monday of the month at 11am. Watch KK news for the monthly project.

Bowling is back, every Wednesday, 1pm, at Liberty Lanes on Starkey. Come on over and bowl with us. All skill levels welcome!

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Stuff to Remember



Office Hours: Regular office hours are Monday through Friday from 9am to 1pm. If you wish to come to the office outside these hours please call to make an appointment (727) 584-8924.

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

Water Restrictions Reminder: The Southwest Florida Water Management District issued a modified Stage 1 Water Shortage for Pinellas County, effective through December 31, 2024. Pointe West's designated day is Thursday, before 10am and after 4pm. Please adjust your watering schedule accordingly or you may receive a violation notice and be subject to fines. For more information, see <https://pinellas.gov/watering-schedule-and-rules/>.

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

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

Pool: If you open an umbrella at the pool, please close it before you leave. We don't want any umbrellas damaged by unexpected storms. If you use it and don't close it, you may be responsible if it gets broken. Reminder ~ Wear bracelet in the pool area.

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

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Parking: Please park your bicycles and golf carts in the designated areas only and not on the walkways or in front of the doorways. There is a bicycle rack to the left of the main clubhouse door, and golf carts should park in parking spots. Please keep the sidewalk areas clear and hazard free. No vehicle parking on sidewalks ~ it may crack the concrete.

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

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

KK Recap - If you know of anyone who is not receiving the KK recap you can email their email address to pointewestresidents@gmail.com or speak to Joey at the KK meetings.

“That Internet Guy” Contact Info: If you receive your internet from “Tom, the Internet Guy,” please make note of his information in case you ever need to contact him for connection issues. You will need to contact him via text. **Tom Northrup, Park Wi-Fi Solutions, 585.727.4286.**

Monthly Media online: www.monthly-media.com

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What’s On Your Mind?

Your Activities ~ Your Articles

The Monthly Media Newsletter is for you. What you would like to see more of, or less of, in the monthly publication. Please consider submitting community activity reports, poems, prose, trivia, recipes, jokes, photographs of Park events, interesting local sights you have visited, or your creative ideas. Newsletter editor reserves the right to accept or reject submissions.



Monthly Media Deadlines: All articles and photos must be submitted to michele888@comcast.net (425.346.6059) by the deadlines below:

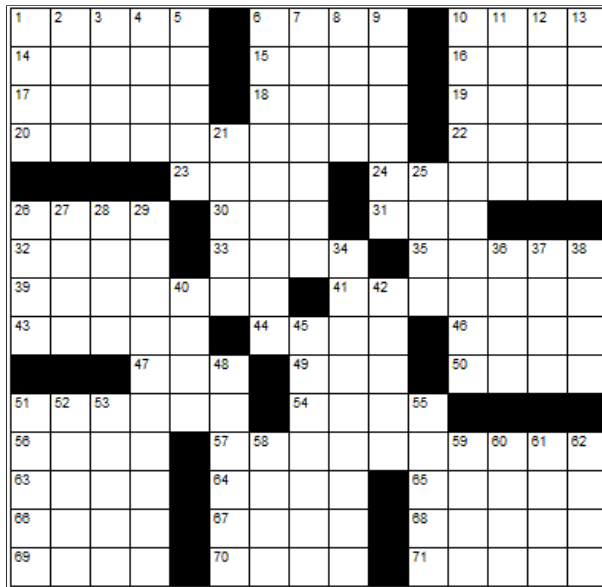
January edition – submit by December 10

Many thanks to all those who contribute each month, especially to Jacque Legare for providing the REC news and calendar updates (and proof reading!).



ACROSS

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
42. Ocean trenches
45. Faucet attachment
48. Words to a song
51. Not upper
52. Overweight
53. Sound of any kind
55. Damp
58. Puncture
59. Act presumptuously
60. Nile bird
61. Apart from this
62. Adjusts



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Big Sale Doral Village Lot 493 December 6-8th 8am - 2pm. Hand Tools Housewares Clothing	Rummage & Bake Sale: 1/11/24 8AM-Noon Golden Crest Clubhouse, 800 Main St, Dunedin	MiracleEar Genius MEENERGY 5 RIC AX BTE RITC Digital pair of rechargeable hearing aids. PerfectDry Lux dehumidifier and cleaning kit. 727-410-2375
Annual Craft Fair. Handmade items and bake sale. December 7th, 8am-2pm. East Bay Oaks Clubhouse. 601 Starkey Road, Largo	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.	WANTED TO BUY
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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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- Information on your credit report for accounts you did not open
- Denials of loan applications
- Mail stops coming to, or is missing from, your mailbox

How to report identity theft

To report identity theft, contact:

- The **Federal Trade Commission** (FTC) online at IdentityTheft.gov or call 1-877-438-4338
- The three **major credit reporting agencies**. Ask them to place fraud alerts and a credit freeze on your accounts.
- The **fraud department at your credit card issuers**, bank, and other places where you have accounts

How to protect yourself from identity theft

- **Do not answer phone calls**, texts, social media messages, or email from numbers or **people you do not know**.
- Do not share personal information like your bank account number, Social Security number, or date of birth.
- **Collect your mail every day** and place a hold on your mail when you will be on vacation or away from your home.
- Review credit card and bank account statements. Watch for and report unauthorized or suspicious transactions.
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- **Government imposter scams** - Unless you contact them first, government agencies typically initiate communication with you by letter. Unexpected contact or demands through any other method may be a scam.
- **IRS imposter scams** - scammers pretend you owe the IRS money for taxes and may threaten legal action
- **Social Security imposter scams** - scammers claim there is a problem with your Social Security account or promise to increase your benefits
- **Charity scams** - scammers pretend to be from a real or fake charity and try to get you to contribute
- **Grandparent scams** - scammers pretend to be a grandchild or other relative who needs emergency financial help
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