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The nominations for the open HOA board seats will be taken at the meeting that is scheduled for Thursday 12/05/2024 at 7 pm, floor nominations will be accepted at this meeting. As of today, the meeting will be taking place at the Corral Clubhouse, if the Hacienda Clubhouse is reopened by then it will be communicated and moved to support the added capacity. The cutoff for renewal and new memberships will be January 9th. Only paid members will be able to vote in the annual election on January 23rd.

Happy Holidays to all of you and hope to see you around the park in the new year. Your HOA board continues to work together with Legacy to improve our community, and we are dedicated to moving forward as a team in keeping Ranchero Village the best place to live. Always remember as I've heard said many times, "There are no strangers in Ranchero Village, only friends you haven't yet met."

The capital improvements team continues to meet with Legacy regarding the planned changes and timelines for the various capital improvement projects and working through the hurricane recovery process. Please check out the "Hurricane Recovery Status" tab on the HOA website for regular meeting notes and updates. The HOA domain is www.rv-hoa.com.

In case you haven't done it already and have special needs, visit our website at www.rv-hoa.com. Under the hurricane preparedness tab, you will be provided direction for those that have special needs, and how to register to ensure that you are covered. It is imperative that you register for this as soon as possible if you have special needs, and don't wait until another emergency is declared.



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Kay Voorheis, SAC Coordinator



As I write this, we have just recently been informed that the Hacienda Clubhouse is closed indefinitely due to mold. This was not totally unexpected, although we are sorry it needs to be done. Hopefully, the mold mitigation will be able to be done quickly and we will be able to go back to the Hacienda. In the meantime, be assured that the Social Activities Committee will work hard to keep as many activities going as we can under these trying conditions. Please bear with us and work with us if you need to reserve the Corral, Lakes Clubhouse or the Pavillion. Contact Deb Viveiros if you want to reserve one of those locations to make sure it is available. Deb asks that you call her before going to her house. When appropriate, notices about activities will be shared on NextDoor, channel 732 and at the clubhouses. Ranchero residents are very resilient and together we will survive this blip in our life here.

To all residents, I and the Social Activities Committee want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah or other holiday you may be celebrating in December. Have a safe and happy New Year and we all hope 2025 starts off well!

THINGS TO DO IN DECEMBER!



Due to the Hacienda being closed indefinitely, be sure to check our numerous communication platforms (web-site, [NextDoor.com](https://www.nextdoor.com), Bulletin Boards in the Corral or Lakes Clubhouse) for status and location of the events.

December 5th – HOA Meeting
December 7th – Talent Showcase
December 9th – Christmas Sing-A-Long
December 12th – Toys for Tots
December 14th – Golf Cart Parade
December 14th – Blood Drive
December 31st – New Years Eve Dance

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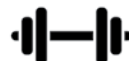
We love that you read the bulletin, and we love that you take us at our word, but alas, calendar dates and locations just won't stick. They are conditional on repairs and won't be fixed by the time you read this.



Kudos to Deb Viveiros for all her efforts to adjust, swap, and merge dates with new times and places. And we thank all of you for your patience and understanding!

AEROBICS & WEIGHTS EXERCISE CLASSES

Suzanne Bourdeau, suzannebourdeau@me.com, Lot #1010



Tuesdays and Thursdays are aerobics and weights classes. Some changes are expected in the exercise program, so come join us from 8:30-9:30 am at the Corral outside pavilion to try it out. Class will be held inside the Club house in cold or inclement weather.

BINGO

Kay Voorheis



I had hoped that bingo would be back up and running well with our snowbirds joining our year-round players. Unfortunately, that is not the case as the Hacienda is closed indefinitely. When I am informed that the Hacienda is once again open and available for activities, I will have notices put on NextDoor, channel 732 and notices posted at the three clubhouses. I hope all of you have a great holiday season and hope to see you soon!

BLOOD DRIVE

Rachel Pigeon - Account Representative Pinellas County Cell: 802-782-2556 – Okay to text.

The next blood drive opportunity at the Hacienda is Saturday, December 14th from 7:30 - 10 am in the Hacienda parking lot. Thank you for your support of our lifesaving mission!



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Please join us at the Lakes Clubhouse on Wednesday, January 8th at 10 am. This get-together is for anyone who would like to play Bocce. Our mixed teams run for 10 weeks starting Wednesday, January 15th. The banquet will be held the week after the last bocce game is played. A schedule will be made with play times at either 9, 10, 11, or 12 with each person playing for about one hour each week. The price to join is \$5 per person on Wednesday, January 8th.



Sign-up sheets will be placed in the Corral Clubhouse starting December 1st. To be fair to all players we are looking for Bocce players that can commit to playing Wednesday mornings. If you have any questions please contact any one of us, Sandra Paparelli at spapar1058@yahoo.com, Donna Dahmm at rddahmm@gmail.com, and Cathy Hula at cathyhula@myyahoo.com. It's a fun league and you'll meet some new friends and neighbors.

NOTE: Feel Free to practice beforehand. The courts are by the Lakes Clubhouse and bocce balls are in the metal box next to the shed. Just be sure to put them back when you're done.

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Debra Williams

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Charlie Gilmette

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CALENDAR COORDINATOR

Deb Viveiros: 727-612-3484 | Lot #384 | debra.viveiros@yahoo.com



Any Ranchero resident may reserve a clubhouse for an event. Please contact me via email (debra.viveiros@yahoo.com) or phone with the date, time, and which clubhouse you need. It's on a first come first serve basis. If the bulletin has already been submitted to the publisher, it won't be included in the center calendar. Please call or text before stopping by the house. Thank you.

Legacy requires a completed and signed reservation form, a \$150 fee (check made payable to Ranchero Village) and special event insurance certificate if alcohol is served. The registration form lists the requirements for the \$150 refund.

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CHANNEL 732 FOR PARK INFORMATION

Andy Sauerzopf, andysauerzopf@gmail.com



The Ranchero Village Channel 732 is in service. It has so much information and news on the various clubs and activities; the kind of news that normally appears in the bulletin and is posted in the Clubhouses. Check it out! Information not sent in for the Monthly Bulletin can also be added to Channel 732 by email. Send your news and events to jw012463@gmail.com.

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The HOA of Rancho Village

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CHAPEL NEWS

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Chapel services are every Sunday from 10 to 11 am at the Corral Clubhouse led by Pastor Tom Hamilton. Come early for coffee at 9:30 am.

Please join us every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 pm for Prayer and Bible Study. This is a great time to bring your personal prayers to the Lord, learn more about the Bible and enjoy a time of fellowship.

Ladies Bible Study led by Kathy Hamilton will end on Thursday (December 5th) at 10 am to 11:15 am at the Lakes Clubhouse.

Ladies Prayer Circle meets at 2 pm at the Lakes Clubhouse on December 17th. For any questions regarding the Prayer Circle, please contact Karen Ray at 727-523-7265.

Christmas Eve service with Communion will be at 6 pm at the Corral Clubhouse.

Chapel Potluck will be put on hold until 2025 due to the availability of the clubhouses. More details to follow.

CHEERS FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are planning an event to celebrate Ranchero's volunteers on January 25, 2025. We need your help... If you know someone who is a volunteer, send us their name and lot number, as well as a short description of the volunteer work they are doing, or have done, at rancherovolunteers2025@gmail.com. With your invaluable help, no volunteer will be overlooked.

Have you done some volunteer work for the good of Ranchero Village? If so, don't be shy, let us know what you have done or are currently doing by writing us at rancherovolunteers2025@gmail.com.

We are planning a party (January 25, 2025) to celebrate all volunteers and we want to make sure we don't miss any of our valued collaborators! Please submit your information (name and lot #) to us before December 1, 2024.

Joanne and the 2025 Volunteers Committee

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It was nice to see some of you at the meeting in November. It was good to see some of the ladies who couldn't play last year due to injuries and surgery, but they are ready and eager to get started this year. More will be joining us again as they arrive for this season.

We are playing every Monday now at Largo Municipal Golf Course. Anyone who is interested can join anytime through the season and you can play 9 or 18 holes.

Any questions, or if you would like to join our fun group, give me a call at 727-535-3531.

CHRISTMAS GOLF CART PARADE

Patricia Bryant



The Christmas Golf Cart Parade is December 14th!! We will line up at the Hacienda Parking Lot at 6:30 pm and the parade will start at 6:45 pm. We will follow the regular route on the even numbered streets and around the Lakes on the other side of the park. Coming back to second street and then over to first street, and then back to the Corral Clubhouse for a Christmas Party and the giving out of prizes. All participants please bring a snack for yourself and to share.

Put a lot of lights on your carts, bikes, trikes, and anything else you decorate with wheels – including yourself!!

If you have any questions, please call me, Pat Bryant, at 727-535-2439.

CHRISTMAS "SING-ALONG" AND CONCERT

Kathy Bowersox | 585-727-3721

Mark your calendars! Please join us this year for a Sing-along and concert on Monday, December 9, 2024, at the Corral Clubhouse. Ellen Bureau has agreed to direct a mixed chorus which will include the Heedless Hoarsemen. Nancy Farmer will be our piano accompanist.

We are looking for your singing voices from the audience. The bells will also add their angelic sounds to the night.

This is a **FREE** concert and a great way to have fun AND meet some of your Ranchero neighbors.



COFFEE

Chuck Heint – Coordinator



Every Saturday at the Corral (temporarily). Doors open at 7:30 am. Presentation starts at 8 am.

Cost: \$1 per person (includes a donut or bagel). Please bring your own coffee as we do not have a kitchen to use at the moment.

Join your neighbors each Saturday morning to be the first to hear Ranchero Village Homeowners Association news, buy tickets for special events and learn more about upcoming activities. There is also a 50/50 drawing each week.

If you are 85 years or older, coffee and a donut are on the house! Just bring an ID with your birthdate on it and present it to the coffee committee when you come in the door. They will give you a plate and let you choose your donut.

Can't make it to Coffee? Subscribe to the Sunshine Report. The Sunshine report is a summary of discussions that take place at Coffee each Saturday. If you would like the Sunshine report sent to your email each week, send your contact information to Boyd Lee at ranchero501bl@yahoo.com.

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CRIBBAGE

Jim Peel: 705-991-3157

Cribbage will resume on Monday, December 17th, for only one night in December. In January, Cribbage continues every Monday, at 6:30 pm in the Corral Clubhouse starting on January 13th.



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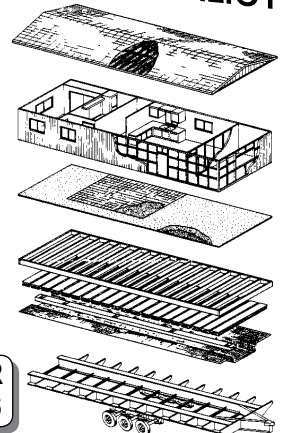
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First Sunday of Advent		
8 10:00 Chapel C 1:00 LGBTQ L 6:00 Chorus Dress Rehearsal H 6:15 ShuffleBd CTS	9 8:30 Exercise C 9:30 Play Rehearsal H 6:00 Poker L 6:30 Cribbage C 7:00 Chorus Concert - H	10 Noon Ca 6:15 ShuffleBd CTS 6:30 VFW 6:30 Bridge
15 10:00 Chapel C 6:00 Line Dance C 6:15 ShuffleBd CTS	16 8:30 Exercise C 9:30 Play Rehearsal H 6:00 Poker L 6:30 Cribbage C	17 2:00 Ladies Luncheon 6:00 Euchre 6:15 ShuffleBd CTS 6:30 Bridge
22 10:00 Chapel C 6:15 ShuffleBd CTS	23 8:30 Exercise C 9:30 Play Rehearsal H 6:00 Poker L 6:30 Cribbage C	24 Noon Ca 6:15 ShuffleBd CTS 6:00 Chorus C
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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Chorus Reh C Women's Mtg H Cards L ShuffleBd CTS Euchre C	4 8:30 Exercise C 9:30 Play Rehearsal H Noon Cards L 6:00 BINGO H 6:30 Bible Study C	5 9:30 Outreach C 10:00 Ladies Bible Study L 10:00 Fresh Produce - H 11:30 Bells C Noon Cards L 4:00 Social Hr. C 6:15 ShuffleBd CTS 6:30 Euchre C 7:00 HOA Mtg - H	6 8:30 Exercise C 9:30 Chorus Reh C 1:00 Dart baseball H 6:00 Game Nite C	7 7:30 Coffee H 9:00 Men's Mtg H Noon Cards L Pearl Harbor Remem- brance Day
10 Cards L ShuffleBd CTS W mtg H Euchre C	11 8:30 Exercise C 9:30 Play Rehearsal H Noon Cards L 6:00 BINGO H 6:30 Bible Study C	12 9:30 Outreach C 11:00 Toys for Tots - C Noon Cards L 6:00 Men's Trivia 6:15 ShuffleBd CTS 6:30 Euchre C	13 8:30 Exercise C 9:30 Chorus Reh C 9:30 Play Rehearsal H 1:00 Dart baseball H 6:00 Game Nite C	14 7:30 Coffee H Noon Cards L 2:00 Private cards C 5:45 Xmas Cart Parade C
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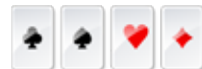
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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Suzanne Bourdeau, suzannebourdeau@me.com, Lot #1010

Unfortunately, due to the unknown condition of the Hacienda, the Entertainment Committee was forced to cancel the Rat Pack Universe Show scheduled for this December. We hope to reschedule the Rat Pack Universe for December of 2025.



On a happier note, we are pleased to announce another show, scheduled for the New Year! The William Cintron Musical Group will be coming to Ranchero Village on January 27, 2025, performing their Tribute to The Bee Gees Band. Save the date, more details to come.

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Rich Casali: 727-524-8493



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The course is located at 11111 West Waters Avenue, which is about 1.7 miles off West Hillsborough Avenue and about four miles east of the Oldsmar Flea Market.

In the months prior to the beginning of the league and after the league ends, we continue to play every Monday. We select teams randomly from those present that day. We start at 9 am and again we ask that everyone be there by 8:30 am so we can select teams.

If you are interested in joining the league or wish to participate in our non-league golf, please call Rich Casali at 727-524-8493 for information.

LGBTQ AND FRIENDS

Johnny Mathes: 317-340-9139 | Johnny1659@gmail.com

We watched the election results with the LGBT group from Bay Ranch. Our December meeting will be the 8th. We welcome all to our meetings.



LINE DANCING

Deb Viveiros: 727-612-3484 | debra.viveiros@yahoo.com

Howdy!!! Don't forget to bring your dancing shoes and water on December 1st and December 15th at 6 pm at the Corral for our line dance classes. We learned Fireball and Shivers in November. I hope you were able to do them at our fall dance or at any party you attended. I will bring the step sheets and can also email them to you. YeeHaw !!!!!



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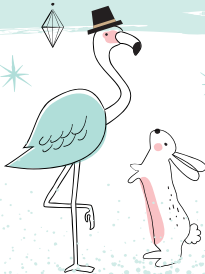
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The Outreach group meets on Thursdays from 9:30 to 11 am at the Corral. We make quilts, bibs, walker bags, etc. for nursing homes and anyone in need. We welcome anyone to join us, no sewing experience is necessary. Please let us know if anyone needs any of these items, we want to support our community.

POKER CLUB

Gene Harris: 727-533-5773 | Rick Wheeler: 727-219-7083



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

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

Tips for Avoiding Romance Scams:

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

The courts are open daily until 10 pm for all adults to play. Anyone 17 and under must have an adult accompanying them. There are sticks and disks in the east end of the big shed. Due to vandalism, we had to lock the shed, so call Pat or Paul Bryant @ 727-535-2439 to get the combination so you can get your sticks and disks. If you have any further questions, please call Pat at 727-535-2439.

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TENNIS CLUB

Brian Roes: 519-259-2230 (President), Dan Willette: 727-535-3531 (Treasurer), Doug West: 727-724-4732 (Secretary and Scheduler)

By now, you will have seen the tennis club members well at play for 2024-25 seasons. The Club plays every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. All abilities are welcome, as we were all beginners at one time!



I am working closely with the Legacy Office regarding any information they may have regarding tennis plans, and I would be happy to share with them any questions you may have for them. I can assure you now, that plans are in the works.

THURSDAY SOCIALS

Eddie Hard: 727-922-4399



Our Thursday Social has begun again. We meet every week from 4 to 6 pm at the Corral Clubhouse. As always, please BYOB and a snack to share, if able. We have a great group of regulars and are seeing some new faces here and there. All residents are welcome to attend and join in some light conversation and have a few laughs. See you there!

TOYS FOR TOTS

Our Rancho residents have always been generous in their support to the children of our community. But this year is an especially challenging one due to the back-to-back hurricanes. Gifts for children are needed more than ever. The Toys for Tots Festive Open House is on December 12th from 11 am -2 pm at the Corral.

Prior to the 12th, you can drop off a new toy at Pat Reynold's house, lot# 2114, or give your monetary donation for the purchase of a bike to Kay Voorheis, lot# 876. We thank our volunteers and residents very much for their efforts and generosity!!

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or bring with you to the Festive Open House.

All donations will be displayed and collected at the
Festive Open House at the Corral - December 12th
(see flyer for more details)

TREE TRIMMING SERVICES

David Casady – RV HOA Buildings and Security
Committee Chair



Good day Rancho Village residents:
I am sure many of you are aware of the email that the Park office sent to all of you on July 16, 2024, so I want to share with you an update on this issue. Anyone that had their name put on a list at the office or lists in the Clubhouses, please contact Brightview to have your name put on their list. I apologize for any confusion.

To start with, as per the Prospectus, page 10–11, it states that the ‘owner of mobile home in the community is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the mobile home, home lot, and all improvements thereon, (including landscaping). Pg 12-13, ‘including,

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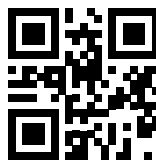


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but not limited to: lawn maintenance (including edging and trimming); landscaping, including all planters, shrubs, trees, and plants. Page 15 also covers the tree trimming issue with ‘The Community (Legacy) is not responsible for tree trimming around the mobile home’.

That being said, Brightview Landscaping services has offered a very reasonable fee of \$35 for Palm Tree trimming only. Any other type of tree, or removal of a tree will be on a case-by-case basis between Brightview and the homeowner.

Any homeowner who wants to take advantage of this service needs to contact Chris Roush: Christopher.Roush@Brightview.com and have your name, home number and how many trees on your lot put on his list. To ensure the right tree is trimmed, the homeowner needs to have a blue ribbon placed around the tree(s). Pre-cut blue ribbons are available at the clubhouses hanging on the HOA Bulletin boards. Please just take what you need. I provided the first three rolls, if more ribbons are needed, Ace sells rolls 1-1/2” x 300’ for under \$5.

Once Brightview has at least 20 residents, Chris will reach out to you and schedule a date for the service and set-up payment of services. The HOA is not involved in contacting Brightview or handling any monies.

This trimming service is a set procedure of cutting the fronds. Any resident requesting different cutting style will pay an additional fee depending on the custom cut requested.

In a community this large, some folks have trouble being civil when dealing with others. Brightview is giving us a good deal, please don’t take it out on them if you disagree with this issue. Any resident that disrespects the contractor, he has the right to remove you from his list. Any problems with the trimming, need to be brought to Chris’ attention.

Snowbirds need not worry about missing out on this offer. Brightview is offering this service until the end of 2024.

VFW POST 7938

Larry Idoux – Adjutant

Rich Hula: 316-737-8484 | Gene Harris: 727-533-5773 | Mark Case: 727-953-7574



The members of VFW Post 7938 want to wish all residents of Ranchero Village and their families a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The members hope you have a very nice holiday season.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 10th at 18:30 hours, hopefully, in the Hacienda. We are always looking for new members and you do not have to be a resident of Ranchero Village to join our Post. If any resident of Ranchero Village has a relative or friend that served in the military and might be interested in joining the VFW, they can contact any member of the Post for details on qualifications and how to join.

If you wish to purchase a 3' by 5' nylon American flag, contact Senior Vice Commander Gene Harris at lot #852. The cost is \$15.

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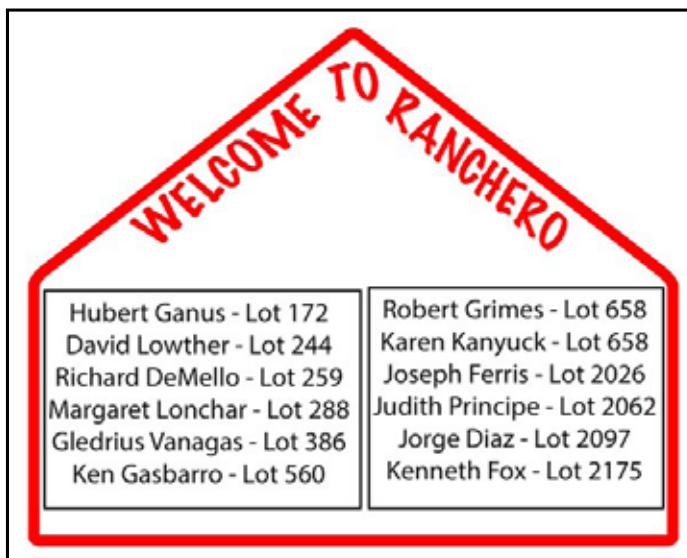
Ask the Office for the passwords if you want to use your computer in any of the clubhouses. The Wi-Fi password is different for each of them.



WEDNESDAY SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE

Patricia Bryant - 722-535-2439

It was decided by the league officers to begin play for the Wednesday League on December 4th.
Anxious to see you there!!!



WOMEN'S CLUB

President: Brenda Deprey - Lot #745 | 207-441-8651 | mbjd4@aol.com

December is here! I'm sure this will be a busy month for many of our Residents as we are preparing for the Holidays.

As many of you know the Women's Club had to reschedule our meetings and either cancel or put on hold all Events. We did not make these decisions lightly! Unfortunately, these decisions were made based upon factors that we had absolutely no control over. The Hacienda is closed until further notice due to issues from the last two hurricanes, so we are scaling back our events for now.

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Our Toys for Tots/Bike Event will be very different from what we're used to. We will be holding a Festive Open House in the Corral on December 12th from 11 am to 2 pm. We're hoping the Marines will arrive at 1 pm to say a few words. I have been reminded recently that we are usually the largest donor in Pinellas County, and we create a bit of magic for these children who may not have had any Christmas at all!

Unfortunately, there just isn't enough room to Showcase all the Bikes and Toys and have a Luncheon as well. As the Toys and Bikes for all the kids should be the Main Focus, we are looking to have some Holiday Music playing and offering a dessert (made by Residents of our Park) to take home for coming to support the Toys for Tots/Bike Event. There will be a donation box available for anyone who might not have had a chance to pick up a toy or a bike. We hope to see you all there! 🎄🌟

Looking ahead to January 14th, we are planning for a skin care class held by our very own Sandy Leidigh, a trained Skin Care Specialist and a make-up artist from Dillard's to come here and will do a make-over for one lucky gal!

February 9th (Super Bowl Sunday) we are working on a collaboration with the Men's Club to hold the Chili-Cook-Off that we had to cancel in October. We are also planning to host a Valentine's Evening Dinner on February 11th. I will provide more details as they become available.

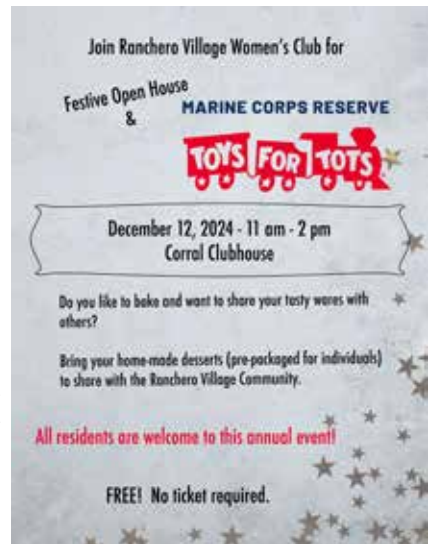
I will leave you all with a quote from an Unknown Author which appears in Amy Newmark's book: "Chicken Soup for the Soul. The Blessings of Christmas: 101 Tales of Holiday Joy, Kindness and Gratitude" all Royalties from this book benefit Toys for Tots 🚚🚚🚚

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