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TMHA MESSAGE

Submitted by Louise Bonnette TMHA President

Hello! It's that time of the year again. We are getting ready for the TMHA elections. There are two openings on the Board. One from the East and one from the West. We will hold the TMHA Informational Meeting December 11th at 1:00 P.M. at the Aloha Clubhouse. Biographies of candidates will be read by the Nominating Committee. Nominations will also be taken from the floor, with the candidate presenting a biography at that time. The biographies will be posted at the 3 clubhouses. Please give your biography to Louise Bonnette. The election will be held in February. At the meeting we will take questions from the residents and answer or research them.

It has been a rough few months, but I want to thank all in our community who have come together to help with preparedness, cleanup, repairs, food, shelter and other needs we have had. Teakwood...a great place to be!
Wishing all a Merry Christmas.

FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

Submitted by Lori Figler



Hello, it's December. Are we excited for winter? I am struggling for a topic, so bear with me. OK, we will talk about the fence line and planting along it. Teakwood Village allows you to plant bushes, trees, etc. (with permission) along the fence line. There are a few conditions though. You must plant so that the plantings are not against the fence. You must maintain the plantings. Yes, you will need to make sure that all of these plantings are properly trimmed and kept away from the fence. The fence is being damaged by these bushes/plants/trees. I know that is not your intent, but it is fact.
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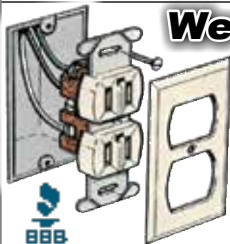


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planting is done without the plants touching the fence and that you are taking care to trim the plantings and keep them off the fence. And if you don't, Teakwood Village will remove any plantings that do not meet these criteria. I'll keep it short and to just the one topic and remind you to take care of the plantings on your lot. Also enjoy the holidays. Well, enjoy National Pear Month and Bacon Day (30th) and we will see you next month.

WATERING REGULATIONS;

The severe water restrictions for Pinellas County have been relaxed and have returned to the twice a week watering schedule. Homes ending in an even number may water their lawns and garden areas on Thursday and/or Sunday. Homes ending in an odd number may water on Wednesday and/or Saturday. It is recommended that watering should not exceed 20-30 minutes on allowed watering days. Overwatering lawns can cause weak root systems that are prone to pest and fungal problems. There is NO WATERING between 10:00 am & 4:00 pm.

USEFUL PARK INFORMATION

Watering Days – this includes lawns & gardens	Even # Homes – Tuesday Only Odd # Homes – Thursday Only NO WATERING BETWEEN 10 A.M.-4 P.M. on any day Only non-potable water may be used
Garbage Collection	Tuesdays – regular household trash Fridays – regular trash & bulk items Weeds & plant trimmings must be bagged or tied in a manageable bundle if there are large branches
Teakwood Village Management Office	531 Commerce Drive; Largo, FL 33770 727-584-8684 tkwdllf@aol.com
Safety in the Park	We have many residents who walk & ride bikes in the Village. Please obey the 10 MPH speed limit. All pets when outside MUST be on a leash for their safety & the safety of residents. Be sure to clean up after your pet.
Young at Heart Handy Helper Volunteers	For simple plumbing, electrical, moving furniture etc. call Don Monroe 727-269-3669 to schedule time. There is no set charge but a donation to Young at Heart is appreciated.



TEAKWOOD EAST SOCIAL CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEES – 2022/2023

Position	Name	Phone
President Pro Tem:	Dianna Martin	727-424-9332
Vice President:	Vickie Rios	727-221-7425
Secretary:	Donna Hatch	330-310-3442
Treasurer:	Cheryl Tracy	352-200-9384
Exec. Director	Maureen Liebler	716-432-3422
Exec. Director	Paul Fadden	508-439-1995
Exec. Director	Shelly Joyce	716-432-3422
Kitchen Managers:	Roland Lausier	729-2609
Koffee Coordinator	Sharon Sklar	667-9412
Media:	Dianna Martin	424-9332 teakwooddgm@gmail.com
Activity Coordinator	Maureen Liebler	716-432-3422
Sunshine:	Ruby Torino	630-440-6480

The Social Club Board meeting will be December 5th at 1:00 PM

The Social Club Members Business meeting is December 10th after coffee

NOTES FROM THE SOCIAL CLUB PRO-TEM PRESIDENT

Dianna Martin

At the November 12th Members Meeting I introduced the Nominating Committee which is Barb Wautlet – Chairperson, Janice Ross & Bryon Wren as Committee Members. Up for election are the positions for President, Secretary, Treasurer and 1 Director. If you want to become a candidate for one of the open Board positions all you need to do is print your name and the position you are interested in, include your house number, sign it and give the paper to anyone on the Nominating Committee. Only residents who are 2024 members of the Teakwood East Social Club may run or vote in the Board election. The deadline for submitting your name is 9:00 A.M. Monday December 9th.

At the December 10th meeting candidates for each position will be announced and nominations from the floor will be accepted. If you know someone you think would be good for one of the positions but who may be unsure about running, this is your chance to put forward their name. At this time the Election Committee will be announced, and members will be given instructions on how to submit an absentee ballot if they will be unable to attend the January meeting to vote. On January 14th from 8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. voting will take place. The tellers committee will count the votes and the newly elected Board members will be announced. The new Executive Board members will take office on February 1, 2025.

We had a great turn-out for the November meeting and I hope this will continue in the coming months. The Social Club needs your support and input in order to continue to provide fun activities and events throughout the year.

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The 2024 Social Club memberships are on sale at Tuesday Koffee Klatch. The \$2 membership fee is good from January 1 – December 31, 2024. Anyone wishing to get the lower cost of tickets for our special events throughout the year must purchase a 2024 membership. We have some great events coming up that you won’t want to miss & will be glad to get the lower rate for these activities.

We encourage new residents to come to coffee, hear what is going on in the Village and take a minute to chat with Vickie Rios who is in charge of Social Club membership. Memberships for 2025 are also on sale now but you must have a 2024 membership to get the discounted rate to December events AND to vote for the new Social Club Board members.

New Residents receive a free membership that is good now through December 31, 2024. Check in with Vickie Rios to get your membership card and a free pass to Tuesday morning coffee along with some other useful information. Vickie is doing a great job welcoming new residents to Teakwood East but she is looking for someone who would like to take that volunteer job on. Vickie will tell you everything you need to know.

GEORGIANNA BOUCHER’S DECEMBER 2024 BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS:

1st	Shirley Rice	19th	Maureen “MoMo” Liebler
2nd	Peggy Farrell	21st	Linda Adams
3rd	Grace Anderson	21st	Karen Bramm
4th	Dick Adams	22nd	Devlin Paylor
4th	Carol Malvestuto	25th	Hugh Austin
7th	Mark Sawyer	25th	Sarah Pitroff
8th	Theron Lorimor	26th	Steve Hewak
9th	Gail Freeman	26th	Holly Videgar
11th	Kathy Huck	27th	Dawn Masher
13th	Jim Huck	27th	Linda Steiner
16th	John Ewart	30th	John Barnett
17th	Nancy Rodgers	31st	Vicki Rios



ANNIVERSARIES:

3rd	Cora & Paul Fadden	2 years	
6th	Kathryn & Mike Ermish	29 years	
14th	Sue & Marty Dietz	39 years	
27th	Judy & Vern Glenn	63 years	
28th	Vickie & Carlos Rios	46 years	
28th	Linda & Mark Sawyer	33 years	
31st	Sandy & Tom Kelleher	59 years	1965



CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES TO ALL! To add, delete or correct, please call Georgianna Boucher 603-8820352 or e-mail gsite5a@gmail.com ASAP before the event as information must be submitted by the 10th of the month preceding your event. For birthdays I just need name, month & date. For anniversaries need names, month/day/year married. If I'm not home, please leave a message with your name, phone number and message with needed information.

SUNSHINE REPORT

FOR October 10, 2024 – November 9, 2024 Submitted by: Ruby Torino

No cards were sent out for this time period.

If anyone knows of a Teakwood East Resident that is in need of some Sympathy or Sunshine, or just a "Thinking of You" please contact Ruby Torino @ 630-440-6480 or you can send an email to rbytorino@yahoo.com. Out of respect for the privacy of the individual, it needs to be a family member or a very close friend to inform me. Thanks.

THANK YOU

Thank You!

Thank you for all the prayers, for walking Daisy, my beautiful flowers, candy, cards and suppers from all of my great friends in Teakwood East and West. Thank you from my heart. Love Harriet

WE NEED YOUR HELP

For the past several months it has been announced at coffee and published in the newsletter that Maureen "Mo-Mo" Liebler will be resigning as the Activity Coordinator as of December 31st of this year. A volunteer or a small group of volunteers is needed to assume this role effective January 1, 2025. Mo-Mo will work closely with whoever volunteers for this important position. This can even be handled by a part-time resident (snowbird) as activities are set well in advance, including summer events where the coordinator would not have to be present. Please contact Dianna Martin if you are interested or want more information. In order for the Teakwood East Social Club to continue with special events and activities this position needs to be filled.

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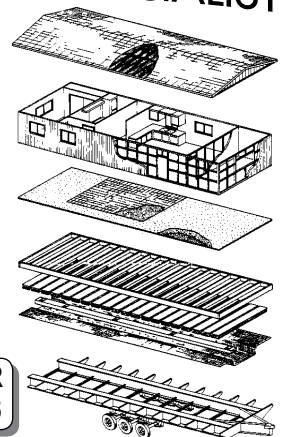
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PANCAKE BREAKFAST



People look forward to the first Saturday of each month because it means they can enjoy a great pancake breakfast prepared and served by Roland Lausier and his crew.

Join your friends and neighbors at Aloha from 7:30 – 9:00 A.M. for his delicious pancakes and sausage December 7th. The tickets are \$4 and can be purchased at Tuesday coffee.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING



Once again the halls will be decked and the Christmas tree in the Aloha Hall will be officially lit up on Saturday December 7th. This FREE event starts at 6:00 pm. There will be singing and light refreshments to get everyone in the holiday spirit.

BINGO




Our fun night of Bingo is December 11th. This activity is open to Teakwood East and West residents and their visiting friends and/or family ONLY. The first game will start promptly at 6:30 but the doors will open at 4:30 to buy your cards and find a seat. Cut off time for buying cards is 6:00 P.M. The kitchen will be open before the game starts and during intermission and there will be Share the Wealth.

HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE

Submitted by Ed & Donna Hatch

The Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, December 14th at the Aloha Hall. Tickets are \$25 for Teakwood East social club members and \$28 for non-members & guests. Hors d'oeuvres will be available at 5 P.M. followed by dinner (catered by Banquet Masters) at 5:30. The ever popular Flashback returns and will be playing from 7 PM until 10 PM. Tickets

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go on sale Tuesday November 5th.

This is our only event with a dress code so please remember no shorts, jeans, cargo pants, tee-shirts or flip-flops are allowed. Ladies, this will give you the opportunity to dig that cocktail or evening dress out of the back of your closet! Gentlemen feel free to wear a nice Hawaiian print shirt with slacks or go all the way with a suit & tie ensemble!

GOLF CART PARADE

Submitted by Ed & Donna Hatch

The Golf Cart Parade is always a fun event, and it's FREE! The Parade starts at Tiki Hall and ends at Aloha Hall. This year it will be held the day after the Holiday Dinner Dance, Sunday December 15th. If you have a Golf Cart, bicycle, roller skates (you get the idea) you can be a part of the Parade. It will start at 6 PM AND at the conclusion we'll have hot chocolate and cookies

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

Sue and Marty Dietz are hosting a FREE fun night of entertainment called "Twas the Night Before Christmas". You may recognize your friends and neighbors in starring and support roles. Please join us at the Aloha Clubhouse at 6:00 PM December 22nd. There will be Share the Wealth. Feel free to BYO Beverages and snacks.

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

Paul & Cora Fadden will be selling tickets for Christmas Day Dinner at coffee beginning December 3rd with a cut-off date of December 17th. The cost is \$10 per person for members and guests!! Dinner starts at 4:00 PM at the Aloha Hall. Joe Heriaud will be doing the cooking so you know it will be mouth watering good. The menu is Ham, Au Gratin Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Sweet Corn, California Blend Vegetables and Dinner Rolls with Apple and Pumpkin Pie for dessert. Where can you get a meal like this for the price? If you have family and friends visiting for the holidays please bring them to share the day with you.

NEW YEARS EVE DANCE

Ring in the New Year December 31st at 8:00 PM at the Aloha Clubhouse. Dance music will be provided by DJ Corey. Tickets are \$15 for members and \$18 for non-members and guests. They will go on sale December 10th at coffee with a cut-off date of December 29th. If you can't make it to Tuesday coffee contact Judy Owen, our host for the evening. This is a BYOB event but there will be a champagne toast at midnight provided by the Social Club.



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FUN NIGHT WITH MUSIC

Submitted by Ruby Torino

Please join “FUN NIGHT WITH MUSIC @ Teakwood for a fun-filled night of music, relaxing and enjoying with friends on January 18, 2025 @ 6:30 P.M. Let us enjoy and let’s have some fun together.

Tickets are \$2 and can be purchased at the Tuesday Coffee. If you cannot make it to Tuesday Coffee and you need tickets, you may contact Ruby Torino @ Cell: (630) 440-6480 Email: rbytorino@yahoo.com. All proceeds from ticket sales are donated to Young at Heart. IT IS FOR A GREAT CAUSE! Hope to see you there!

TROUBADOUR CONCERT

The Troubadours would like to thank everyone who attended the Troubadours November Christmas Concert. Your singing and positive comments are greatly appreciated. The next Troubadour concert will be Saturday January 25th. Like last year the Troubadours will play a January Jukebox concert. The songs that the Troubadours will play that night will be decided by you at Tuesday morning coffee on December 2nd. So please come out to morning coffee that day and while you socialize with your fellow Teakwood friends and enjoy your coffee and donuts, you can select your favorite songs that the Troubadours will play at the Jukebox concert in January.

DERBY RACES

Submitted by Sandy Miller

Welcome back everyone!!! Hope everyone had a safe and healthy summer. We are getting ready for the 2025 Derby Races so mark your calendar for Jan. 26th, Feb. 16th, and March 9th of 2025. Tickets go on sale Jan. 7 at coffee and Friday nights at Bunco. It's \$5.00 per person to play and all of the money collected will be paid out in prize money. The kitchen will be open for snacks and soda. It's a fun night out and a way to meet new people. Hope to see everyone there.

KOFFEE KLATCH – HOSTS NEEDED

Submitted by Sharon Sklar

It's that time of year when I need everyone's help to sign-up hosts for next year. My sheet is almost blank! At coffee I will pass around a sign-up sheet for volunteer hosts. I hope to get it filled fast because you know I will keep bugging you (LOL). For new people who may be unsure about hosting, there is a sheet in the “host book” that lists everything you have to do. If you have any questions please ask me. Don't be afraid, we won't hurt



you! If you prefer not to go on the stage and talk, we have 2 very nice men who will MC for you. For those who would like to help but not host, there will be a sign-up sheet on the back bulletin board (Aloha Hall). Just fill in your name, phone number & when you would be available to help. Koffee Klatch is every Tuesday at the Aloha Clubhouse starting at 9:00 A.M. The cost is \$3 for two donuts and all the coffee/tea you can drink. Please bring your own cup/mug and plate. Even if you don't drink coffee or eat donuts, we would like to see you. There is no charge for just sitting and catching up with friends or meeting new ones. We encourage all residents to stop by as this is the place to hear about all of the upcoming special events and purchase tickets for these activities.

CARD CLASS

Submitted by Ann Cortez

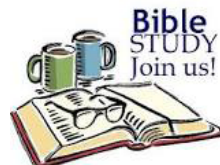
The December Greeting Card Workshop will be held on December 5th, 2024 at 10 am in the Tiki Hall. This is for those who signed-up by the November deadline.

The next Greeting Card Workshop will be held on January 2, 2025 at 10 am in the Tiki Hall. There will be a sign up sheet for this class in the Tiki Hall until December 19 at which time it will be taken down so I have time to prepare everything for the class. You do not need to bring anything to the class, as the materials are provided. The cost is \$10 to make 5 cards.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Submitted by Judy Bailey

The monthly Bible Study will be suspended until further notice as the group leader will be unavailable for the next few months.



MONTHLY LADIES LUNCH

submitted by Bitsy Lajoie

We will continue to get together once a month for a Ladies Lunch in 2024. Check the bulletin board in the Aloha Clubhouse for more information and to sign-up.

BOCCE

Bocce players will be taking a break for the holidays so there will be no games on December 23rd & 30th. Bocce will resume on January 6th.

If you would like to sub please call Cathy Watson at 607-382-5711 to sign up. Everyone is welcome to come by and cheer on their favorite players.

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Submitted by Audrey Wilson

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POOL AEROBICS

Low Impact Aerobics on Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 9:00 A.M., weather permitting. The temperature must be at least 60 degrees. The class is led by Darlene Coburn. High Impact Aerobics begins October 1st at 10:00 A.M. The classes, led by Irene Girard are Monday – Friday at the Tiki Clubhouse pool.

CANASTA

Canasta is on Monday nights at 5:00 PM at the Tiki Hall. Please arrive about 15 minutes early to pick teams. The cost to play is \$0.75. Everyone is welcome.

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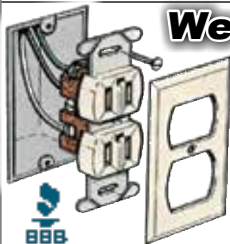
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LINE DANCING

Submitted by Phyllis Melanson



Well, it's that time of year again when all us Snowbirds return to Teakwood Village. I will be resuming line dance classes on Thursday, November 14th at 9:30 at the Aloha clubhouse. Classes are open to male and female from the East and West side, whether you've danced before or not. I start with very easy dances. I know a lot of Snowbirds will not have arrived yet but a few of us will be there. There will not be a class on Thursday, November 26th because of the Thanksgiving dinner that will be served at the clubhouse. Can't wait to get back there and see everyone.

SHUFFLE BOARD



Join in the fun at the Aloha shuffleboard court. Regular shuffleboard on Thursdays at 10:00 A.M. New players are welcome! Horse Collar shuffleboard is played on Friday at 1:00 P.M. the cost is \$1 per player and all money is paid out in prizes at the end of the game. Due to the holidays there will be a limited schedule for December and the beginning of January. Check the calendar for exact dates.

CO-ED POKER

Thursday night poker has gone co-ed so practice your shuffle and put on your best poker face and join us for Poker every Thursday evening at the Tiki Clubhouse starting at 5:00 pm.



UNLUCKY 7

Come join the fun every Thursday at 6:00 PM at the Aloha Hall. This game requires no special skill other than the ability to roll the dice! Start saving your nickels as you will need them as markers for your Unlucky 7 card. If you have not had your COVID vaccine you must wear a mask. Otherwise, they are optional.



LADIES POKER

Hey ladies, do you love to play Texas Hold ‘Em, 5 Card Draw or perhaps 7 Card Stud? Well, here’s your chance. Come join the group at the Tiki Clubhouse on Fridays at 12:30 p.m. (Green poker visor optional).

BUNCO

SUBMITTED by Laurie Goudreau & Roland Lausier

Come join us on Friday nights at the Aloha Clubhouse. The cost to play is \$5 and all money is given out in prizes – please bring small bills! We start play at 6:30 sharp so please come a little early to get your Bunco card and seat. The kitchen will be open before we start and at intermission for snacks, ice cream, soda & water (\$1 each) coffee is free. Please join us for an evening of fun!

BID EUCHRE

Submitted by Marilyn O’Sullivan

Come and join our friendly group Sunday evenings at 6:30 in the Tiki hall to play Bid Euchre. The cost is only \$2.00, and all the money is given back as prizes. Everyone is welcome!

SAVE THE DATE



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January 18th – FunNite of Music – 6:30 pm – Aloha
January 25th – Troubadours concert – Aloha
January 26th – Derby Horse Races – 6pm – Cost \$5 – Aloha Clubhouse
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TEAKWOOD WEST COMMITTEE CHAIR LISTING 2024-2025

Please note that Clubhouse Bookings and Special Events are not considered "chaired" positions. These two items are considered "calendar items" and rest within the positions of the Executive Board. To book the clubhouse for a special event, please contact Julie Smiedendorf (269.876.2676).

Committee	Chair person(s)	Contact Number
Birthdays and Anniversaries	Jean Hamilton	727.581.8958
Clubhouse Closing	Rick Smiedendorf	269.277.2728
Coffee Hour and Donuts	Sharon Harner	269.921.1671
.....	Mary Lou Sanford (Off Season)	413.530.2316
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.....	Dolores Franco.....	347.672.9338



A MESSAGE TO OUR TEAKWOOD WEST RESIDENTS

Together, the return of our Northern friends, along with our new residents, have brought a new “vibe” into our community! The energy is contagious with everyone looking forward to celebrating the holidays with family and friends—whether far away or right here at home. We make the most of the community we share as a “family, and that is amazing to see! With the Halloween Dance, the Welcome Back Potluck and delicious Thanksgiving meal, we’re off to a fantastic start. A special thank you to Bernie and Ruby for volunteering their time and talents by providing the music for the dance—the fee they ask for is donated in its entirety to the charity that supports our local school, “Young at Heart”. A very kind donation, to be sure. December’s Christmas Tree Lighting, Toy Drive, and Christmas Eve Parade are already almost here—and the new year is guaranteed to be celebrated in style: hour devours, a live band for dancing, and watching the ball drop at midnight (over a champagne toast) is only just a peek to what is being planned! You won’t want to miss it!

While we have much to look forward to, the planning that continues well after the holidays is an important part in the feeling of ownership that strengthens our sense of community. If you’re interested in assisting with any of the events below, please let me know—we couldn’t do all of this without your help:

- New Year’s Eve Dance
- NFL Championship Party
- St. Patrick’s Day
- Las Vegas (Games) Day
- Valentines Dance

May the peace and joy of Christmas bless each and every one of you—and may that same peace remain with you as we close another year in anticipation of the many wonderful surprises in store for you in 2025.

It has been my pleasure to serve all the residents of Teakwood West, working with a Board of people who have also chosen to work with you to assure that your time here will be enjoyed to its fullest!

I leave you with a sentiment to consider during the holidays, as well throughout the coming year: “Take care of yourselves, this place, and each other!” May you feel a sense of belonging to a grateful and growing community! Christmas blessings to all!

Yours in service,

Julie Smiedendorf, President

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour continues on the **1st** and **3rd** Tuesday each month at 9 am.

The third Tuesday of each month is our General Meeting, open to all members of Teakwood West.

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Don't forget your coffee cup! \$2 per person to enjoy a donut along with your coffee. You do not have to drink Coffee or purchase a Donut, but these meetings are intended to keep you informed on what is happening in our Social Club, any activities within the park, and news from the Board, while enjoying fellowship with your Teakwood friends and neighbors.

➤ Interested in helping serve and prepare for our Coffee meetings? Volunteers are **greatly** appreciated! Signup sheets are on the Clubhouse board. Please see Sharon Harner – Coffee Hour Chairperson (Mary Lou Sanford – Summer Coffee Chairperson)

WELCOME NEW TEAKWOOD WEST RESIDENTS!

Linda Staskal and Mary Lou Sanford – Membership

We had the privilege to meet a few new neighbors!
#67 Redwood - Lester & Arlene Puttkammer
#72 Redwood - Steve & Julie Kohr
#153 Cyprus - Tanya Howie



As always, we would like to welcome our new neighbors to join us for coffee the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at the Clubhouse.

This is a good time to get to know what activities and events we have here in Teakwood. Some activities are free to Social Club members, and a small fee for Non-members.

Social Club dues will give a reduced rate on activities, which have a fee.

Dues are now being accepted for 2025, see either myself, Linda (#196 Beechwood) or Marylou (#164 Cyprus).

I'm sure we have a few new residents that we haven't had the opportunity to meet. Please feel free to call me, Linda (608)622-8359 or Marylou (413)530-2316 and we will be happy to bring you some information about our park and the surrounding area.

Looking forward to meeting you!

MONTHLY GOOD NEIGHBORS FOOD PANTRY

Please take advantage of the Food Pantry coming to our Clubhouse every 4 weeks on a Monday (NOT the 4th Monday of the month).

Exact dates/changes will be on our Facebook Page or hear updates at our Coffee Meetings. Please remember to be courteous to your fellow neighbors as this is a first come, first serve event. Each household is allowed one bag of items; if two are required, you will need to wait for the end and see what items are left over.

Spread the word to your neighbors that may not know about the Food Pantry or may need help getting the items to their homes.



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING & FOOD DONATIONS

- Dean & Terrie

December 1st 7pm Corner of Redwood & Sherwood
Please bring your Non-Perishable Food Donations for Hope Villages in a bag to the Christmas Tree.



TMHA INFORMATION

- Louise Bonnette

Wednesday December 11th 1pm Informational Meeting @ Aloha Hall on the East side.
Nominations for the TMHA Board will be at this meeting.
Additional information will be posted at Clubhouses on the WEST and EAST side.

MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

- Jon Harner

Mark your calendars for Saturday December 21st 8am-10am
Tickets will be sold in advance at Coffee meetings from Jon or Sharon.
Cost is \$6 Non-members \$8

Please remember to bring your plates, coffee cups and utensils... and your ticket.
Pancake breakfasts are the 3rd Saturday of the month... see you there !



CHRISTMAS PARADE

- Natalie Cholewa

Meet at the Clubhouse at 6pm – Tuesday December 24th
Come join the parade around the park -by golf cart, walking, or riding your bike and end back at the Clubhouse to enjoy some Hot Chocolate, Cookies and your own BYOB items.



NEW YEARS EVE DANCE

- Sharon Lotwick & Julie Smiedendorf

The new year is just around the corner and that means our NYE Dance is in the planning stages! Only 75 tickets will be sold prior to December 20thNO TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR or after Dec.20th. We want to make sure our seating is comfortable for everyone and that we have a fantastic New Year's Eve celebration !

This year we are having a BAND...the Straightup Bluesband. They have an extensive music list, so don't let their name deceive you! I have been sharing video clips of their recent performances

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on our FB page to give you a flavor of the music!

If there are any tickets still available at this publication, the price is \$15 pp for Social Club Members and \$20 pp for Non-SC Members and Guests.

FLEA MARKET

We had our first meeting in November to discuss our upcoming Flea Market on Saturday January 18th from 8am-1pm. This is an *All Hands On Deck* project to make it successful for our community!

This event brings in \$\$ for our Social Club, which we desperately need....and it takes a village to prepare, setup and stage our items for sale. We will also be advertising in the January Media Emporium to reach as many people as possible outside of our community.

Previous Flea Market events have brought in terrific proceeds to support our events, pay bills, etc. Just as things/bills have increased in our own costs, the same goes for the Social Club supplies and bills.

We know residents have items that they no longer need or want, that are in good, clean condition. **We cannot take sofa sleepers or TV's.**

If you have any items at this time that you know you want to donate for this event, please contact Natalie Cholewa @ Nataliecholewa@yahoo.com or Denise McCormick at xoxanimals@yahoo.com.

Look for updated information and signup sheets on the Clubhouse board as well as updates on our FB page.

CORNHOLE ANYONE ??

We have a beautiful, donated Cornhole set located in the Pool Room or if you have a Cornhole set and would like to play with a group of residents, Mr. Houle has given approval to play on the lawn by the Christmas Tree (corner of Redwood/Sherwood).

PLEASE be respectful of those homes around that area in terms of noise and play times.

This is not a Social Club run event....it is similar to the Nighttime Shuffle and Bocce. You want to get together and play.... Go for it and have fun !

ANY IDEAS FOR FUTURE EVENTS ??

Please see one of the Board members to have your idea submitted. We welcome your suggestions!!

In the planning stage or on the seasonal calendar:

Flea Market – January 18th

NFL Championship/Chili Cook-off – Feb 9th

Games Day – January 25th

Valentines Day Dance – Friday Feb 14th



Pasta Dinner – Saturday February 22nd
Shuffleboard Tournament – Friday March 14
St. Patrick's Day Dance – Monday March 17th

Bocce Banquet – Tuesday March 18th
Farewell to Friends – Wednesday 26th
Wine and Cheese Tasting – TBD

FROM THE EDITOR

-Sharon Lotwick

If you have anything to submit for our monthly Newsletter/Tidings Book, please email me at slotwick@ptd.net (all lowercase letters) or send a text to my cell phone 484-274-3544. If changes/updates are required for anything in the current/future Newsletter or Calendar, please let **ME** know of any unintentional errors that need to be corrected. The normal submission deadline to me is the **10th** of each month for the following month's edition; however, **holidays may change this deadline.**

As a reminder, you can also view our Monthly Newsletter online, in COLOR, anytime @ www.monthly-media.com. Scroll all the way to the bottom on the first page to Teakwood Village West. Select and you will be taken to the Newsletter and the Monthly Calendar page. Click on the month on the left, then click on the Booklet picture. The on-line version is typically available between the 1st and the 4th of the month.

Please check out our Facebook page called **Teakwood Village West Social Club**. This private, current resident only group was created to share important information regarding upcoming events, share photos and highlight Social Club activities. Please join our group if you would like to stay up to date with any event changes or additional photos of our events!

Should you have any questions about joining our page, please feel free to reach out to me and I will gladly walk you through the process or meet with you to help guide you. Just give me a shout at 484-274-3544!

**** Events, times, and dates can change before the next publication of our newsletter. Please be sure to check the Clubhouse boards for new or updated information, in addition to the sandwich boards (located outside of the Clubhouse) and our Facebook page.**

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE – POP TABS !

Look for the collection container located in the Clubhouse (in the front by the piano) for your tabs that come from beverage cans, energy drinks, soup cans, or anything with a metal tab. The Ronald McDonald house, serving families who have little ones in the Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, are appreciative of our donations! The pop tabs can be melted down to provide surgical instruments for hospital and clinical use OR they are recycled in exchange for dollars. These funds go directly to the Ronald McDonald house to assist families who cannot afford hotels and have no other place to stay. Thank you to everyone who continues to donate their pop tabs!



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HOPE VILLAGES OF AMERICA

- Sharon Lotwick

Our local food bank is requesting the following specific items-
Non-perishable Food Items: High Protein Canned items – Beans, Meats, Canned Vegetables, Beef Stew, Ravioli, Soups, Chili



Teakwood Village West has always been an active part of assisting Hope Villages with donations. Thank you for your help in this community program! Feel free to drop off donations anytime at- 201 Beechwood Lane. Look for the large, black container marked **Food Bank**.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Louise Bonnette

Look for any updates on the Clubhouse bulletin boards, during Coffee meetings or on the Teakwood Village West Social Club Facebook page.



SUNSHINE AND SHUT-INS

- Bettie Wickersham

Please remember to let Bettie know if you become aware of someone who is ill, suffered a tragedy, lost a loved one, needs encouragement, could use a quick visit, or needs help to put a puzzle together—and it doesn’t matter whether you are in the States or Canada. She’ll do what she can for those in our community, but she can’t do it without your help, so please reach out to Bettie and let her know.

(727-420-3469) or email at jlswick37@gmail.com

It’s completely confidential (won’t be published in the media) and is an important outreach program to those within our community.

TEAKWOOD WEST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- Jean Hamilton johnjeanhamilton@hotmail.com.

December Birthdays

Joanne DesRoches	3rd	Rosemary Hail	24th	Mike Nelson	30th
Pat Lambert	7th	Chris Granger	25th		
Linda Culham	18th	Steve Gillis	25th		



December Anniversaries – no records for December anniversaries

Congratulations and warmest wishes to all those celebrating in December!

If your birthday or anniversary have been missed, there is an error in the date or spelling, or names on the list change and/or need to be deleted , please accept my apologies and provide the correct info to johnjeanhamilton@hotmail.com.

WEEKLY / MONTHLY ACTIVITES

BAR POKER \$\$

- Linda Staskal & Sharon Lotwick

Sunday Nights at **6:30pm** in the Clubhouse.
Come early to grab your lucky seat and **bring your quarters!**
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TRAIN DOMINOES

- Buffy Handville 727-754-3185

Monday **6:30PM** at the Clubhouse.
No cost to play - we play for the fun of it, so just bring yourselves! This is a good way to meet new neighbors and renew friendships with past ones while trying to keep your train off the rails. Hope to see you there!



HAPPY HOUR ON THE DECK

Join in for a casual Happy Hour every Tuesday 4-6pm on the deck of the West Ohana Clubhouse next to the shuffleboard courts.
Here's an opportunity to get together and meet new folks and see old acquaintances. We have so many new residents and it's great to meet everyone!
If you would like, feel free to bring a snack/appetizer to share or enjoy your own snacks. Pack up those coolers, fill your cups and enjoy some conversation and fun relaxing by the water.
Don't forget.... It may be hot, chilly or raining, but we have fans, heaters and shades to utilize and still have fun !



BID EUCHRE

- Cindy Murray

Come to the Clubhouse at 6:20pm every **Wednesday** to play Bid Euchre! The game starts promptly at **6:30pm**.
The cost is \$2.00 and all money is paid out to the players.



CRAFTS

- Debbie Ryder

We meet every **Thursday** at 10am in the Clubhouse. Please look for any sign-up sheets or hear announcements on what we are working on at our next Coffee meeting. Come join us!



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DEE's NICKELS

-Chris Bassett

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NIGHTTIME BOCCE

- Bob Schultz

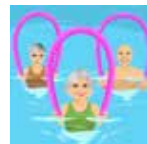
Come join the group on **Thursday** evenings - **8pm!**
This is for **ANYONE**, whether you know how to play or not—so if you are new to the game or just keeping your current skills sharp, we welcome you to join us on Thursday evenings



WATER AEROBICS

- MJ Schultz

Join the morning water aerobics group **Monday-Wednesday-Friday** at **8:30am** by the pool.
Bring your pool noodles and have some morning fun !



NIGHTTIME SHUFFLE

-John Morse

Come join the nighttime crew on **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** evenings at **8pm!** This is for **ANYONE** who would like to learn the game, keep their current skills sharp, or just play a game to have fun!



RED HATS

-Andrea Durkin

Red Hats will be meeting in the Clubhouse on the first Monday of the month @ 11:30 AM. All are welcome to attend!



LUNCH WITH THE BUNCH

- Debbie Ryder

Lunch with the Bunch is the 3rd Thursday of the month at 11:30am. Please look for the signup sheet posted in the Clubhouse. The selection of restaurants has been awesome, and the group usually decides on the next month's lunch spot at the end of the current lunch gathering. We welcome all suggestions. And a special thank you to Debbie for always handing out a memento for the day !



FISHING CLUB

- Pat Dobson



Who loves the sport of fishing?
The Teakwood Anglers will meet on the first Friday of each month at 3pm to discuss future fishing trips and related topics.
Come check it out and see if this club is of interest to you !

MONTHLY BINGO

- Natalie Cholewa

Join us on the first Saturday of each month for Bingo on the West Side! Doors Open **5:00pm**
* Sales end at **6:00pm** *Game starts at **6:30pm**
Hot Dogs, Soda, Chips and Ice cream are available for purchase prior to game time and during intermission.

All monies received for Bingo are paid back to the players.

PLEASE → *Appreciate small bills/change !!*

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Reminder - Teakwood West does **NOT** have Security people walking around our community. Should you see someone walking on our streets, wearing something to identify themselves as Security personnel, please call the Largo Police immediately.

We need to be diligent by keeping an eye out for each other and our community.

If you see anything out of the ordinary, please alert your neighbors and if necessary, **please call the Largo Police** (727-587-6730).

As mentioned on our Facebook page, we have experienced thefts of bikes and damage and attempted theft to a couple of resident's golf carts. Be diligent in locking up your outside possessions! Big **thank you** to those alerting our community of people walking through our streets.

As always..... See something.... say something!



ATTENTION RESIDENTS !

(1) Please be respectful of our community when it comes to throwing cigarette butts in yards and in the street, as well as cleaning up after your pets, especially in the grass areas that are not at your home! The office continues to remind everyone about this issue as well. Your pet should not be in another resident's yard unless invited!

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HOW ABOUT TRYING THESE RECIPES?

- Submitted by our 'Buffy'

CHRISTMAS TREATS

Applesauce Christmas Cake

1/2 c. shortening	1-3/4 c. sugar	1 egg
1-1/2 c. applesauce	1 tsp. soda	2-1/2 c. flour
1 tsp. baking powder	3/4 tsp. salt	2 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. ground cloves	2 tsp. ground nutmeg	2 Tbsp. molasses
1 tsp. vanilla	1 c. raisins	1/4 c. chopped walnuts

Cream shortening and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg. Combine applesauce and soda; beat into cream mixture. Combine flour, baking powder, salt and spices; add to applesauce mixture. Stir in molasses, vanilla, raisins, and walnuts.

Line bottom of a 10-inch tube pan with waxed paper; grease and flour sides of pan. Spoon batter into pan. Bake at 350 for 50 to 60 min. Let cool in pan 10 min. Then remove cake from pan. When completely cool, spread top of cake with frosting.

Frosting:

1 Tbsp. milk	4 Tbsp. butter	1-1/2 c. powdered sugar
1/4 c. chopped walnuts	3/4 tsp. vanilla	

Heat milk and butter in saucepan until hot, but not boiling. Beat in sugar. Stir in walnuts and vanilla.

Soft Ginger Cookies

2 c. butter, softened	3 c. sugar	1 c. molasses	3 large eggs	1 tsp. salt	8 c. flour
1-1/2 Tbsp. baking soda	1-1/2 Tbsp. ginger	1 Tbsp. ground cloves	1 Tbsp. cinnamon		

Cream butter. Beat in sugar; beat mixture till light and fluffy. Beat in molasses, eggs (1 at a time), and salt. Sift together flour, baking soda, ginger, cloves, and cinnamon and stir mixture into butter mixture till it is incorporated. Roll dough into 1-1/2 in. balls with sugar coated hands, roll balls in sugar and arrange them 2-in. apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake in 350 oven for 13-15 min. and transfer to racks to cool. 70 cookies.



Chilled Chocolate Tortoni

1 (8-oz) pkg. semi-sweet or sweet baker's chocolate 2/3 c. light or dark corn syrup
2 c. heavy cream, divided 1-1/2 c. broken chocolate wafers or other crisp cookies
1 c. coarsely chopped walnuts

In 3-qt. saucepan stir chocolate and corn syrup over low heat just until chocolate melts; remove from heat (Or microwave at high for 1 min; stir- microwave 1 minute; stir). Stir in 1/2 c. heavy cream until blended. Refrigerate 15 min. or until cool. Beat remaining cream until soft peaks form; gently fold into chocolate mixture. Stir in cookies and nuts. Spoon into muffin cups. Freeze 4 to 6 hours, or until firm. Garnish as desired (melted chocolate, nuts, cherries). Store covered in freezer up to 1 month. Makes 12.

Chocolate Pretzel Rings

48 to 50 pretzel rings 1 pkg. (8 oz) Hershey's kisses 1/4 c. M & M's
Place pretzels on greased baking sheets; place a chocolate kiss in center of each ring. Bake at 275 for 2-3 min. or until chocolate is softened. Remove from oven; place an M&M on each, pressing down slightly so chocolate fills ring. Refrigerate for 5 - 10 min. or until chocolate is firm. Store at room temperature. 4 dozen.

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