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BIRTHDAYS

November

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Roy Buckley, 22nd (Lot 417)
Sharon Howard, 28th (Lot 922)



December

Gordon Nead, 1st (Lot 1809)
Jerry Hatt, 1st (Lot 210)
James Hollingworth, 2nd (Lot 546)
Al Wilson, 2nd (Lot 1318)
Viateur Viel, 14th (Lot 1209)
Lynn Turner, 22nd (Lot 210)

ANNIVERSARIES

November

Jesse and Carla Osborne, 4th (Lot 207)
Clarence and Patricia Carrier, 26th (Lot 1207)



December

Bob and Liv Perras, 24th (Lot 1015)

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- Frank Webb, Lot 1907



THINKING OF YOU CARDS SENT TO:

- Nancy Brown, Lot 520
- Debi Nash, Lot 1509

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

CORN CONFETTI

Ingredients:

- 8 slices of bacon
- 4 cups corn (frozen or canned)
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1/3 cup red bell pepper, chopped
- 1/3 cup green bell pepper, chopped
- 8 oz cream cheese, cubed
- 1/2 cup half-and-half
- 1 tsp sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp pepper



Directions:

1. Cook bacon until crisp. Set aside reserving 2 TBS in skillet.
2. Sauté corn, onion, and peppers in hot drippings over medium-high heat until tender and heated through (about 6 minutes).
3. Add cream cheese and half-and-half, stirring until cream cheese melts.
4. Stir in sugar, salt and pepper. Top with bacon crumbles and serve.

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"American Assassin" was written by Vince Flynn. This book was made into a movie but sadly, as with many books, they strayed from the book. Vince is known for his political thrillers.

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Vanessa Nead

FROM THE OFFICE

Welcome back to all of Embassy's snowbirds; the Hurricane Milton cleanup has been tremendous, what you returned to is a small portion of what destruction was wreaked on us. I know there were a lot of rumors that reached residents; I apologize for the lack of communication; I had phone and internet issues for many days (until I realized my new phone has satellite capabilities and that I didn't need internet)! I would like to remind you if we should face this situation again, please reach out to me, not Roy! He is so busy trying to do the maintenance required immediately after a storm, such as trees laying in the streets, drains with debris on them, dumpsters emptied, and lift station issues, that he does not have time to go check on your mobile!

I am sure my updates on the EmbassyMHPresidents Facebook page were confusing to many of you. I want to thank Sonny O'Leary, who evacuated to Georgia; I ended up calling/texting him and he posted the updates for me. IF you are wondering how to join this page, you need to send a friend request, you will be required to give your name and lot number, then you will be accepted. This is not a complaint page, it is designed to keep residents informed of park events, such as unexpected water shutoffs, hurricane status, etc. If you decide to use this as a complaint or negative comment page, you will be blocked.

Here are some hurricane facts that have been discussed many times, but we have new residents who may not know them.

1st. We are not in any "zone". Mobile home parks are automatic evacuation areas as soon as the County declares a hurricane threat. If you choose to stay, you are giving up your right to all emergency services, including police, fire, and medical services.

2nd. There is a booklet in the office regarding Pinellas County hurricane preparedness,

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including where the shelters are, and which ones are pet friendly. (Even in pet friendly shelters, you are separated from your pets but can spend time with them in the pet area.)

3rd. Per Officer Bowling, these shelters have improved; they now separate families with kids from the seniors to the best of their ability.

4th. Make no mistake, a public shelter should be your last choice. If you have friends or family that you can go to, that is what you should do. You need to leave in a timely matter, and make sure you have a full tank of gas DAYS before the predicted landfall.

5th. If you plan to stay (NOT RECOMMENDED) you should stock up on gas and propane for generators and BBQ grills.

6th. Do not return to the park until it has full power; as I write this article, 32 days later, we still have residents without power.

7th. The problem without the ENTIRE park having power is that the lift stations (sewers) cannot work. We have 5 lift stations, one of them being the main one. If it doesn't have power, there is no way to get rid of body waste; when people return to the park, and they get power, they start washing clothes, running dishwashers, taking daily showers, etc. with NOWHERE for the waste to go. If the lift stations become full and overrun, the City of Largo will step in and shut off the water and post notices on every mobile that they must leave until which time they have certified that the park is safe from bacteria, etc. This can be a lengthy process, because if the water is shut off for over 24 hours, every mobile would be required to provide a sample for analysis, and then another one (I am not sure of the number of hours later), before the residents will be allowed to return, IF we have full power to all 5 lift stations. The lift stations are one of the things that Roy monitored hourly, including several times overnight. I finally found a company that came out and removed thousands of gallons of waste before it ran over; just as he was returning for a second load, the power came on for the area where the main lift station is located. By no means did this mean we were okay; after being down for so long, it put a lot of pressure on the pumps in the systems (no, the pumps are not old, and we upgrade them to the best available when they break).

Manager's note: while we still did not have power, residents were washing their cars and carports, several of them washing the leaves and limbs into the street. By now you all know how I feel about "Stupid," and this exemplified it!

8th. As hard as I tried to discourage residents from returning, they came back anyway ("No one is going to tell me I can't go to my own house") was a common phrase, said behind my back. Now we have "Stupid" in the park, who decide they should get together for Hurricane Milton parties! Fact of life, what goes in, must come out. While it is good to have neighborhood camaraderie, this was not the time and place.

9th. As many times as I have said that residents should stay off the streets after a storm, they came out by the dozens. Driving slow was helpful, but not conducive to the overflowing water situation. Although I was high up in Chuck's truck, I still did not go down 8 streets for 3 days, but still I saw cars, golf carts, and other vehicles driving through them. The devil in me hoped

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they would flood out and be stranded! During this time, many residents were dealing with water either in their mobile, or right up to the edge of disaster for them. Cars going through high water on the streets create a wake, like what a boat does on a lake.

10th. Contrary to the many rumors, the high water was not the fault of the Embassy drains. If more people paid attention to articles in the news and views, as well as attending the Residents Monthly Update meetings, they would know what all has been done by Mr. Larson to make sure our drains were running fine. Some of you may remember a few years ago when he lined all the park drains All you had to do was go to any one of the drains in the park that wasn't overflowing, and you would have seen the water swirling around with nowhere to go. Many residents helped by removing the debris from the grates as it accumulated (remember, we had strong winds and lots of tree debris, pieces of aluminum and Styrofoam, flying around for several days after the hurricane came through). The high-water problem results from several things; the main one is Pinellas County does not have proper drainage for the County, nor does the City of Largo. They also do not maintain their drainage ditches, the one behind the mobiles on 8th street being a prime example. The City of Largo came in after Hurricane Helene and started on the ditch (breaking a park water line in the process), but Hurricane Milton came in before they were finished. They have been in touch, and have hired contractors, but they are many weeks out.

Let's talk about yard debris getting picked up; for many months I have kept a 30-yard dumpster here strictly for yard waste, which does not include bagged garbage, aluminum pieces, insulation, etc. Every day maintenance had to get into that dumpster to clear "stupid" out of it! Roy had it emptied as often as he could, but there were 3-4 hour waits in line at the dumpster, then several sites were temporarily closed, etc. Florida's Governor even stepped in at one point. Remember, Hurricane Helene debris was still not even halfway cleaned up when Milton arrived, so the problem became severe in Pinellas county. I called the County to see if I could "pile" the debris in one spot, so it wasn't all over the park, and was told no. As maintenance was trying to pick up hurricane debris, residents had returned and were putting out other debris; we started by a plan, so all streets were picked up, but as soon as we went through the park the first time, many residents were now cleaning up their yards (Great)! But there was no way to get caught up, because we still were encountering problems with getting the dumpsters emptied. During this time, residents were putting yard debris in the smaller dumpsters, which took time away from maintenance, as they had to remove it. For several weeks after the hurricane, if we had empty dumpsters on Saturday, I have maintenance work until they were filled, just trying to get ahead of the garbage situation. I am sure as you read this, we still have tree debris in piles, as a lot of trees need to be cleaned up as we move forward.

One other thing to make note of, FEMA usually requires proof of ownership of your mobile for a claim; that is one of the main reasons you are required to have a copy in the office. Several residents had never bothered transferring the title into their name, many for years! One resident (to remain nameless) had a FEMA adjuster on the way; he had to come flying into the office to see if we had a copy of his title (we did). A few adjusters have accepted a letter from me

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I'm sorry for the length of this article, but everyone needs to understand what needs to be done before and after a hurricane. I did my best to answer all the rumors I heard, coming into the office is the best way to get the correct answer (if we know it, FEMA has been changing rules as they go).

One more thing, mobiles are not required to be insured, but insurance is available for mobiles. I estimate less than 20% of residents have insurance. It wasn't that expensive in the past, but this hurricane season could change that.

Let's come together and enjoy all the great activities available during the 2024-2025 season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Jessie Buchholtz, Park Manager

OCTOBER LUNCHEON

The October luncheon was finally held Thursday, October 24th, at the Village Inn Restaurant on Roosevelt Blvd. There were 19 people in attendance; there would have been more but this luncheon had been re-scheduled due to the hurricanes.

Joelle Byron was the host and she did a fantastic job, as always. A Halloween theme of placemats, napkins, fall foliage, and pumpkins greeted guests when they entered the venue. Once orders were placed and everyone had their beverage, we passed the time by playing Joelle's version of the "purse" game from Let's Make A Deal. All winners received a hand crocheted Jack-o-lantern magnet. There was 3 door prizes, which were little painted pumpkins.

By the end of the luncheon someone (who shall remain nameless) made a paper airplane, and then someone else decided said airplane should take flight and the plane continued to fly around the room, while many smiles and laughs were had. While this may have seemed a little silly, it is just what we needed after the stress we had all endured.

I have since received many comments that that was one of the funnest luncheons we have had and I really enjoyed hosting it for everyone that was able to attend!

December's luncheon will be on the 12th, so keep an eye out for a sign up sheet posted at the Clubhouse once a venue has been chosen.

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DECEMBER 4th - Social Club Meeting. Refreshments at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting begins promptly at 9:30 a.m.

DECEMBER 4th - Deadline for submitting articles for the January News and Views

DECEMBER 9th - Homeowners' Association meeting, 9:00 a.m.

DECEMBER 9th - Good Neighbor Food pantry, 12:00/noon

DECEMBER 10th - NY Club Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

DECEMBER 10th - Craft Afternoons, 1:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 12th - Embassy Luncheon

DECEMBER 13th - Canadian Club Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

DECEMBER 14th - Pancake Breakfast, 7:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

DECEMBER 14th - Dance, 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 17th - Christmas Parade, 6:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 17th - (Rain or shine) - Cookie Social, 6:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 18th - Monthly Resident Update Meeting

DECEMBER 19th - Neighborhood Watch Meeting, 1:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 20th - Shuffle Club meeting, 10:00 a.m.

DECEMBER 23rd - Good Neighbor Food pantry, 12:00/noon

DECEMBER 25th - Christmas Dinner, 5:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 25th - Bingo Cancelled

DECEMBER 25th - JANUARY 3rd - Office Closed for the holidays

DECEMBER 28th - Shuffle Tournament

DECEMBER 31st - New Year's Eve Dance, 8:00 p.m.-12:15 a.m.

JANUARY 1st - New Year's Day Breakfast, 8:00-10:30 a.m.

Bingo - Every Wednesday; cards sold 5:00- 6:15 p.m. sharp; Bingo starts promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Canadian Club Meeting - 2nd Friday of the month, 10:00 a.m.

Craft Afternoon - 2nd Tuesday of the month, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Cribbage - Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

Dance - 3rd Saturday of the month, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Embassy Luncheon - 2nd Thursday of every month

Embassy Resident Update Meeting - Meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of every month; light refreshments at 9:00 a.m.; meeting starts promptly at 9:30 a.m.

Euchre - Every Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Exercise - Every Tuesday and Friday, 8:45-9:30 a.m.



Food from Good Neighbors - The 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 12:00/noon. See calendar.

New York Club Meeting - 2nd Tuesday of every month, 10:00 a.m.

Pancake Breakfast - 3rd Saturday of every month (March breakfast is on March 22nd).

Poker (Dealer Choice) - Every Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. in the Hobby House

Sewing Club - Every Tuesday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. at the Hobby House

Shuffle Club Meeting - 3rd Friday of the month 10:00 a.m.

Social Club Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the month; light refreshments at 9:00 a.m.; meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. January 2025 meeting will be on January 8th.

Texas Holdem - Every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in the Hobby House

MY TRIP TO NIAGARA FALLS

Our 9-day bus tour was an adventure from start to finish, filled with laughter, family moments, and new discoveries. I was traveling with two of my sisters and my brother-in-law. We started our journey with a stop at Rockport, Ontario. There, we embarked on a serene two-hour cruise through the breathtaking Thousand Islands, where the waters seemed endless, dotted with charming little islands, each with its own story to tell.



From there, we headed to Niagara Falls, one of the most spectacular natural wonders. Our guided tour took us through the city itself and of course to the Canadian sides of the Falls, offering us different perspectives of the mighty cascade. We then experienced a thrilling boat ride on the “Hornblower” (the one on the U.S. side is called the “Maid of the Mist”) where we felt the cool mist of the Falls up close. The next day was a free day and that evening, we enjoyed a meal atop the Skylon Tower, with an unbeatable view of the illuminated Falls.

The next day brought us to Niagara-on-the-Lake, a charming town nestled among vineyards and orchards. We sampled local wines, soaking in the tranquility of the countryside. On our way, we stopped at the Welland Canal and visited the St. Catharines Museum, where I learned so much about the canal’s history and its importance to the region as well as the history of this city which is very impressive. Kingston is also home to 40,000 students attending Queen’s University during the school year.

Another highlight of the trip was our guided visit to the Mennonite community in St. Jacobs. Their way of life, so different from our own, was fascinating, and I left with a newfound appreciation for their simplicity and traditions.

Finally, we reached Kingston, a city that truly surprised me. I didn’t expect to fall in love with its history and charm, but it quickly became one of the highlights of the trip—right up there with Niagara



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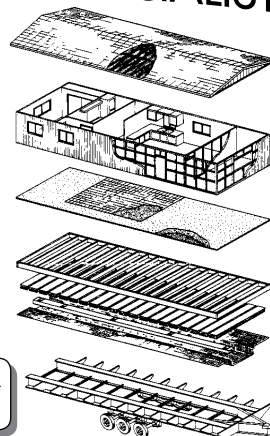
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Falls! We had a wonderful guided tour through the city’s historic streets and capped the evening with a dinner cruise along the western side of the Thousand Islands. The sunset over the water, paired with the city’s skyline, was absolutely unforgettable.

Throughout the trip, we were surrounded by a wonderful group of 54 people on the bus, and it was a pleasure getting to know them. This trip was more than just sightseeing; it was about shared moments with family and new friends, making it an experience well worth every mile.

Submitted by Jeannine Goguen

BIBLE STUDY



Embassy Park Bible study will begin Tuesday evening, January 7, 2025, 6:30 p.m. at the Hobby House. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend.

We usually have about an hour for study and conversation, and then take a little time for a light snack and fellowship.

Any questions, please call Marg or Dave Burris 727 536 9937.

Submitted by Dave Burris

IN PARK CHRISTMAS CARDS



Christmas is coming fast, and it is once again time to hail your park friends and neighbors with a holiday greeting card. A red mailbox will be available in the office for you to “post” your cards or they can be dropped off at Lot 833.

Please write the individual or couple’s name and lot number on the card, and your lot number in the return address area. I’ll collect and sort the cards, and my “elves” will deliver them to your doorstep. Volunteer elves are needed.

The first delivery will be December 19th and the second December 23rd. The cards must be in the mailbox or at my house by 3:00 p.m. the evening before delivery. Please have a container available to receive the cards. Please plan to participate in this fun activity.

Submitted by Elaine Pepper





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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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Submitted by Sharie Leone

CHINESE AUCTION

Hold the date! The 2025 Chinese Auction is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2025. Kathy Wilson, Event Coordinator, is still accepting donations. Take a look in your closets. If you haven't used something in the last few years, or a gift was given to you that you know you will NEVER use, donate it. Love to bake, but don't need the extra calories? Bake something to donate — no store-bought goods, please. Cookies, cakes, pies, brownies and fudge are all very popular.

Donated items may be dropped off at Kathy's house, Lot 1318. They will accept almost anything (no clothing, please). NOTE: Baked goods should be dropped off the day before the auction.

CHRISTMAS PARADE AND COOKIE SOCIAL

Every Christmas the residents of the park decorate their golf carts and bicycles for a fun holiday parade. We meet at 6:00 p.m. on 7th Street by the lake for judging of the best decorated cart and bike and then parade throughout the park. Even if you do not want to participate in the parade, plan to sit outside and cheer us on.



Following the parade everyone is invited to the clubhouse (around 7:00 p.m.) for a Cookie Social. Join us for cookies, drinks, and games.

If the weather does not cooperate for the parade, the Cookie Social will still go on! Cookie donations are appreciated.

Put the date on your calendar - December 17th - and help spread some holiday cheer!

Submitted by Elaine Pepper

NEW YORK CLUB

As many of you are aware by now, Ron and Cathy Russell have left the park. They both have always played a VERY active role in the New York Club. With that being said, the New York Club needs members!

Why not join?!? You don't even have to be from New York! It's a fun club and not a lot is required. It's a great way to get your "feet wet" if you have never joined a club in the park before. We have 2 dances a year that end up being a great time. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 9:30 a.m. for coffee, meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. If that time doesn't work for you because you work, no problem! Let me know and we will work something out. You can e-mail me at joellebyron16@gmail.com or stop by the office.

Hope to see you at a meeting!

Submitted by Joelle Byron -NY Club President

DECEMBER CRAFT AFTERNOON



November's Craft Afternoon was held after the deadline for this newsletter. I hope to have a write-up and pictures next month.

December's Craft Afternoon will involve something "Christmassy", though no particular craft has been found as yet. If interested, you should set aside the afternoon of Tuesday, December 10th to participate. Flyers and a sign-up sheet should already be posted by the Clubhouse.

HOLIDAY SAFETY

Officer Keith Bowling, Largo Police Department Crime Prevention Officer sent the following to Neighborhood Watch members. Good advice for us all.

As we approach the holiday season, make sure that you are planning ahead to be safe:

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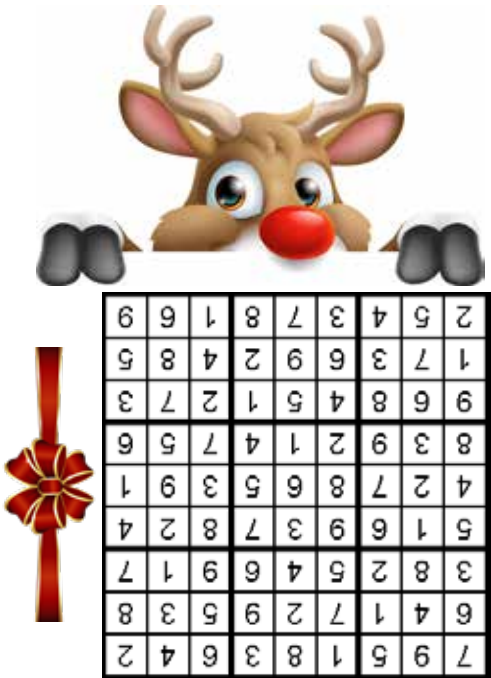
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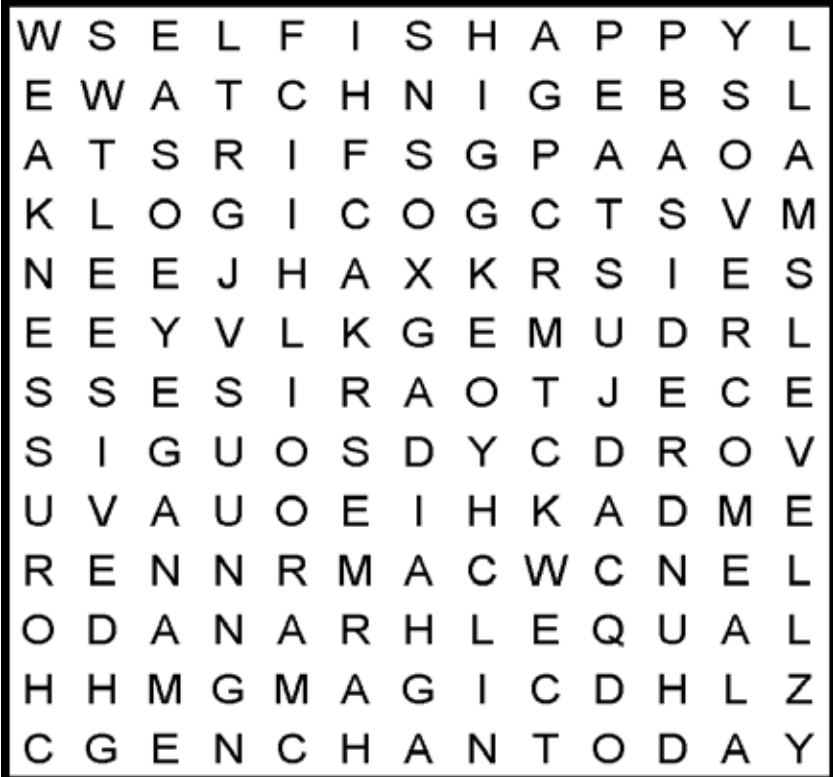
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December Word Search



adjust
aside

decisive
devise

happy
harm
hundred

magic
manage
meal
modern

reason

background
begin

enchant
equal
excite

image

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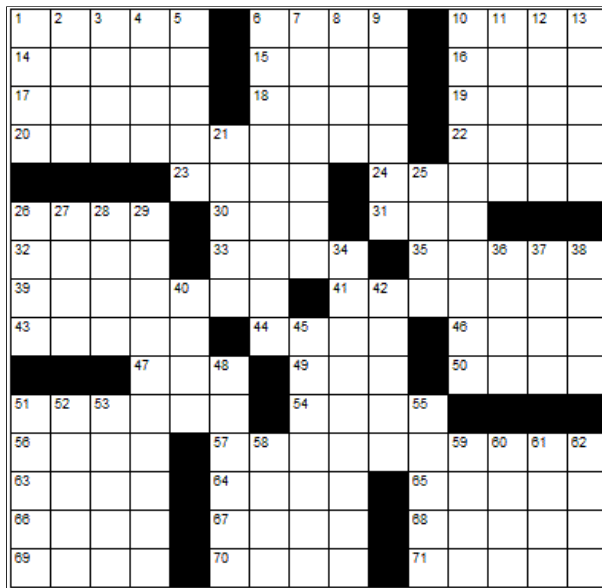
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1. Chronic nag
6. Hardly believable
10. A dark bluish-red color
14. Moor
15. Not under
16. Religious ceremony
17. Liquid bodily waste
18. Detective _____ Wolfe
19. Leave out
20. Neutral
22. Game piece
23. Disagreeable person
24. Is melodramatic
26.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



DOWN

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Blackball | 13. Distributes | 42. Ocean trenches |
| 2. Protagonist | 21. Angered | 45. Faucet attachment |
| 3. Precipitation | 25. Rodents | 48. Words to a song |
| 4. Europe's highest volcano | 26. Afflicts | 51. Not upper |
| 5. Young seal | 27. Scottish hillside | 52. Overweight |
| 6. Line on a world map | 28. French for "Wolf" | 53. Sound of any kind |
| 7. Retaliator | 29. Designed | 55. Damp |
| 8. Nothing more than | 34. Squander | 58. Puncture |
| 9. Worn away | 36. Countertenor | 59. Act presumptuously |
| 10. Cytoplasm | 37. Sleigh | 60. Nile bird |
| 11. Boundary | 38. Hoopla | 61. Apart from this |
| 12. Useful | 40. Salute | 62. Adjusts |



December Crossword





WHO'S IN CHARGE?

Bible Study.....	Tuesday 6:30 pm Hobby House.....	Dave and Marg Burris.....	727-536-9937
Bingo	Wednesdays 6:30 start time.....	Lynn Turner.....	727-221-5682
Canada Days	March 1st and 2nd.....	Barry & JoAnn Murphy	902-883-2121
Canadian Club.....	2nd Fri of month 10:00 a.m.....	Lynn Turner.....	727-221-5682
Chinese Auction	Jan 21, 2025	Kathy Wilson	727-724-4946
Christmas Dinner	Dec 25th	Hosted by Canadian Club	
Christmas Parade	Dec 17, 6:00 p.m.	Elaine Pepper ...	727-286-7744
Comedy Show.....	Mar 8, 2025	Lynn Turner.....	727-221-5682
Cribbage.....	Thursday Nights 7:00 pm	Bob & Trina Whipple.....	506-651-2778
Euchre	Monday in the Clubhouse	Jesse Osborne.....	937-520-3491
Exercise.....	Tues, Thurs, & Fri	Elaine Pepper	727-286-7744
Fashion Show.....	Feb 13, 2025	Patricia Carrier.....	502-552-5493
Homeowners' Assoc.....	Mtg Dec. 9th/Jan 20, 2025	John Halliday	508-360-3875
Ladies Fun Shuffle	Feb 16, 2025	Trina Whipple	506-651-2778
Library.....	Open Daily 10 – 6	Vanessa & Gordon Nead.....	586-212-1194
Memorial Service.....	Feb 23, 2025	Dave and Marg Burris.....	902-865-2886
Monthly Calendar	Posted in case by the clubhouse.....		
Monthly Residents'			
Update Meeting.....	3rd Wednesday of the month.....	9:00 a.m. coffee, 9:30 Meeting	
Neighborhood Watch Meetings..	Last Thursday of the Month	Norm Hagen.....	517-769-5850
New Year's Eve Dance.....	8 pm-12:15 am	Sponsored by Canadian Club.....	
New Year's Day Breakfast...	8-10:30 a.m.	Hosted by Shuffle Club	
New York Club.....	Meets 2nd Tues of month	Joelle Byron	585-208-2905
New York Club Fundraiser...	Feb 1, 2025	Joelle Byron	585-208-2905
News & Views Editor		Yvette Novak.....	yjnovak@yahoo.com
Distribution		Yvette Novak.....	727-333-7322
Poker (Dealer Choice).....	Tuesday 1:00 p.m. in Hobby House..	Judi Hoke	727-536-3417
Pool Committee	Dennis & Kathy Larocque	508-633-0406	
St. Patrick's Day Dance	Mar 15, 2025, 7 p.m....	Hosted by New York Club	
Sewing Club.....	Tuesday and Friday in the Hobby House ...	Judi Hoke	727-536-3417
Shuffle Club	Meets 3rd Fri of month 10:00 a.m	John Halliday	508-360-3875
Social Club Meetings	1st Wed. of the Month	Ron Russell	727-538-2439
Texas Holdem	Sunday 11:00 a.m. in Hobby House..	Janis Wilson	727-474-5050
Thanksgiving Dinner	Nov 28th.....	Hosted by the Social Club.....	
Valentine's Dance.....	Feb 15, 2025	Hosted by Canadian Club	
Yard Sale Park Wide	Feb 8, 2025	Dennis Larocque	508-633-0406

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- Information on your credit report for accounts you did not open
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- Mail stops coming to, or is missing from, your mailbox

How to report identity theft

- To report identity theft, contact:
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- 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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