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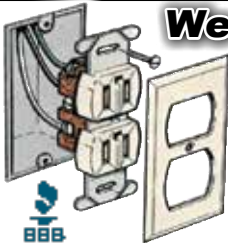


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Co-op Updates

By Al Noeller, President PI Co-Op

Happy Holidays!

As we enter this Holiday Season, we have much to celebrate and to be thankful for. As our community continues to recover, by getting our homes repaired, we all need to support each other regarding the hidden emotional toll that has been inflicted on many, by these storms. Our community is recovering quicker than our neighbors and Pinellas County, please be patient and supportive of others.

As we start this Holiday season, please strongly consider your personal safety and keep fire safety in mind. Use a ladder, not a chair; use proper electric cords inside and out; ask a friend for help. Please be careful decorating your home with all those beautiful lights and decorations that we all love to see.

Happy Holidays!

**A Complete Listing of Resident Services
can be found on the page before your calendar**

HOA ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2025

By Ken Hopkins

NOTICE: The HOA will hold its annual meeting and election of officers on January 8th, 2025 in the Clubhouse, the meeting will begin at 7:00M with coffee and doughnuts served at 6:30. Come participate in the process to name your leaders for the coming year! For questions or candidate info please contact the Nominating chair Marge Murray at 727.584.8701. See you then!



HOA UPDATE

By Ken Hopkins



We have made it to the final month of 2024. Thanksgiving lies behind us with so many thankful for what we have Inc. Using yours truly. Let us carry those thanks into this holiday season and be mindful of the needs of our community and beyond. I take this opportunity to thank our board of directors for their service this last year and the commitment they made to making our community a better place to live. Also, thanks go to our volunteers who served unselfishly on the various committees including Bingo, Home of the Month, Kitchen, Nominating and Records Management. And we will not forget Finance, and the PI Park Decorating group headed by Linda LaVine. It has been a pleasure and honor serving as your President and we look forward to a great 2025

On behalf of the Board, I wish for each of you a safe, festive and. blessed Holiday. Be Well.

HOA Home of the Month

By Liz Neumann



Congratulations to our November winner Linda Bevilacqua lot 667 on St. Croix Linda received a \$50.00 Visa gift card, and a Paradise Island Home of the Month sign was placed in the planter until the committee chooses the December winner. Good luck everyone!

Did You Know?

By Co-Op BOD



DID YOU KNOW - With the recent storms affecting so many of our friends and relatives, we thought it appropriate to remind residents that while we understand you wanting to help out those who were displaced by these storms, certain park rules do apply to your

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guests. Per the Paradise Island Rules and Regulations, a "Guest" is defined as a person whose stay does not exceed 30 days per year.

All persons desiring to reside in the community for more than 30 days must notify the Management/BOD and must submit all required materials for residency application upon demand. In the event "Guests" stay longer than 30 days, an additional fee will be assessed. All guests are the full responsibility of the host resident and must comply with the Community Rules and Regulations. Registered guests may use the Community facilities only when conditions permit and facilities are not overcrowded. Guests under the age of 18 must be accompanied by the host resident when using any Community facility and those under 10 must be accompanied by an adult anytime when leaving the immediate area of the residence.

Just thought you ought to know if you are allowing folks from outside the park to reside with you or in your absence from your home here in Paradise Island!

Neighborhood Watch

By Nancy LaBelle



Everyone is always welcome to attend our meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 10AM.

Please continue to light your carport, lock your cars and don't leave valuables in your car. As you shop for the holidays be alert in parking lots and garages because this is especially an opportunity for muggers and thieves. Scams are flooding social media playing on people's emotions during the holidays and after the hurricanes. Be cautious. Donate to people and places that are verifiable.

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING, call 911 for emergencies 727-587-6730 for non-emergencies. Then please call your Block Captain within the next 24 hours 9AM to 9PM to report the situation, if possible. Leave a message if no answer as some don't answer out of state and/or unknown numbers.

Be KIND BE SAFE

LADIES HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

By Betty Simpson



Tickets will be available starting November 4th from 6-7 p.m. and every Monday through December 2nd. Tickets will be \$10. This is a fun luncheon where the men do the cooking, serving and cleaning up! Get your friends together or come join a table and meet new friends. Prizes for the 3 best decorated tables and lots of door prizes. You don't want to miss it! Any questions call Betty Simpon – 727-409-8669 or Sue Stanger – 727-698-2698. Looking forward to seeing everyone on December 7th.

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Paradise Island Social Committee Calendar 2024-25



Any Questions contact Diane Billman 727-434-0048

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Addtl. Info</u>	<u>Time</u>
<u>tickets for all events are sold on Monday nights from 6-7 pm</u>				
Dec.6	Set-up for Ladies HL	NC	Decorate tables	10:00am-5:30 pm
Dec.7	Ladies Holiday Luncheon	\$10	Enjoy a meal served by our Men's Club	11:00am-2:00pm
Dec.14	Community Christmas Party	\$5	Tom Davis	5:00 pm-10pm
Dec.31	New Year's Eve Dance	\$20	Shakes Society	8:00 pm - 12:15 am
Jan.14	BloodDrive	NC	Bus located north of Shuffleboard Court	9:00 am - 2pm
Jan.18	Men's Club Event	\$10	Gary Roberts - Not So Newly Wed Variety	6:00pm-10:00pm
Jan.25	Talent Show	\$5	Sign up to show off your talents	6L00pm-10:00pm
Feb.1	Italian Night with Trivia	TBD	Enjoy a great Italian meal & Trivia	5:00 pm-9:00pm
Feb.8	Dance	\$10	Taria Lee & Marty	7:00pm- 10:00pm
Feb.16	Men's Club Event(Sunday)	\$10	Rich Wilson - Singer/Comedian	6:00pm-10:00pm
Feb.22	Goldern Ann Set-up			
feb.23	Golden Anniversary	NC	clubhouse	1:00 pm-3:00pm
Feb.28	Flea Market Set-up		volunteers needed for set-up	8:00 am - done
Mar.1	Flea Market & Bake Sale	\$1early	Clubhouse	8:00 am -2:00 pm
Mar.8	Men's Club Event	\$10	Two Shay Entertainers - Shania Twain Imp	6:00pm-10:00pm
Mar.15	Dance	\$10	Double M	7:00pm-10:00pm
Mar.18	BloodDrive	NC	Donate blood	9:00am-2:00pm
Apr.5	Men's Club Event	\$10	William Florian - Singer/Entertainer	6:00pm-10:00pm
Apr.12	Dance	\$10	TBD	7:00pm-10:00pm



Social Committee Update

By Diane Billman



On behalf of the Directors and Officers of the PISC, we would like to wish all the residents of PI Happy Holidays! Whether you are staying here for the holidays, haven't yet arrived in PI or headed someplace else for the Holidays, be safe and enjoy your family and friends.

Barb Mullins and Claudia Gisvold were unanimously approved by the PISC BOD at our November 12th meeting as the new Co-Op and HOA Directors. We want to thank them for stepping up to fill the vacant positions and I look forward to working with them on the Board.

Please help me congratulate Skip Simpson who took the course and passed the certification for Kitchen Manager for the PISC. He will manage the kitchen for any PISC activities that require cooking in the kitchen. Thank you Skip for stepping up and doing this for the Social Committee.

At the October Co-op BOD meeting, the board approved the PISC Pavillion Gazebo project pending permit approval from the City of Largo and hiring a licensed Construction Contractor. We are working through the steps but finding a licensed Construction Contractor available with all the hurricane rebuilding work that needs done has proven to be a challenge. Once we secure the Contractor then we can apply for the building permit. This probably won't be completed until sometime 1st quarter of 2025. The PISC has approved \$3500.00 for this project.

The Church in The Park Outreach Program will be the recipient of the \$5/person charge for the Christmas Dinner/Dance. The Outreach Program is here to help any PI resident who is having financial difficulty meeting a monthly expense. This may include any repairs that need to be done by damage caused by Hurricane Helene and Milton. For more information on the Outreach Program, contact Pastor Serena Johnson or one of the Church board members. Many residents have been volunteering to help their neighbors with clean-up and such and this is one more hand reaching out to help those in need.

November was a busy month with the Craft Fair, Karaoke, Donna Moore, comedian/singer, Flea Market, Thanksgiving and Clubhouse Decorating for the holidays. December will be just as busy with the Ladies Holiday Luncheon, Christmas Dinner/Dance and ending it all with our New Year's Eve dance featuring the Shakes Society, which will for sure sell out quickly. Questions, contact the Chairperson for the particular activity. Their names can be found in the front inside cover of the Monthly Media.

Welcome to our new residents. If any resident (new or past) didn't fill out a Social Committee Resident Survey at their orientation requesting a Meet n Greet with our Welcome Team, please reach out to Nancy Jonas at 727-221-9613 or Paulette Rich at 304-582-2285 and request one. It is our goal to meet with all new residents to inform them of all the different Social Activities within the park, but sometimes things do fall through the cracks and we don't get notified of someone. If that is you, please call Nancy or Paulette.

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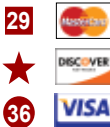
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By Bev MacMillan



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Hope to see you there.

SHUFFLEBOARD

By Gary MacDonald



Join us for drop-in shuffleboard every Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:35 a.m. Please arrive by 930 a.m. for random team selection. No experience necessary - we simply play for fun. Cues are provided. We look forward to returning players and to welcome new players. Hope to see you there!

Please Note: There will be no Shuffleboard on December 24th or 26th.

Just a reminder that our Shuffleboard courts are available all year for residents. The storage shed at the courts is locked outside of our organized play. Call Gary at 727 474 6420 for key access should you wish to play.



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Horseshoes

By Stacy Pupecki



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Line Dancing

By Barb Steinmetz



Classes are Wed & Fri from 10 to 12. Beginners 10 to 11 & Intermediate 11 to 12, come to one or both. No classes 12/6, 12/25 or 1/1. Any questions call Barb S. 570-780-6848.

Ladies Monthly Luncheon

By Beth Pieckiel



We look forward to kicking off your holiday season with the Monthly Ladies Christmas Luncheon. All the ladies of Paradise Island are welcome to attend. We will also be having our Annual White Elephant Gift Exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift to be exchanged, if everyone brings a gift, everyone leaves with a gift. For our Monthly Christmas Luncheon your hostesses will be Kim Gibson and Beth Pieckiel on Saturday, 12/14/2024 at 11:30 a.m. and they have chosen:

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If you should have any questions regarding the Monthly Luncheons, please contact either Kim Gibson at (440) 840-4093 or Beth Pieckiel at (214) 538-7094. We look forward to seeing the Ladies of Paradise coming out and join us for this always fun and festive luncheon.

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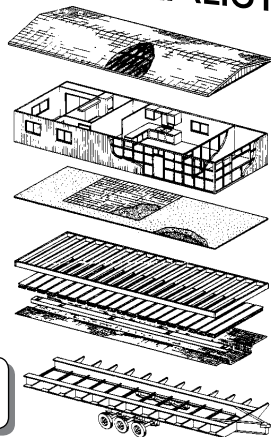
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New Years Eve Dance

By Diane Billman



As another year is about to become history, it's time to celebrate and have a New Year's Eve party! Music this year will be provided by the band "SHAKES SOCIETY" which will surely bring a rockin end to the year. Ticket sales will start on Monday, November 18th at 6:00 PM. This dance is sure to sell out fast so please get your tickets early. Cost is \$20.00 per person and includes hats, noise makers and door prizes. As always BYOB and snacks. Hope to see you there!

Paradise Island Facebook Group

By HOA Media Committee



The Facebook group, Paradise Island Largo, is an exclusive group for ALL Paradise Island residents for the sole purpose of keeping all residents informed of community events, committee happenings, meeting schedules, and contact information for your community leaders - anything that is deemed to be newsworthy and informative to assist you as you live the Paradise life!

All postings will be screened and approved by the PI Largo group administrator(s). The commenting option will be turned off for each posting. Posting will inform you as to who to contact if you have questions or concerns.

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You may sign up by following these steps:

1. On your Facebook page search for: Paradise Island Largo
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6. If you are having trouble joining contact: Cindy at 727-248-7146 or dclord80@hotmail.com

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Be sure to take a look at the GUIDE TAB at the top of the page!! This is where you can see various postings that are archived for you to be able to reference previous posts on the page. They are organized by categories for easy access.

Updated: November 6, 2024



New England Plus

By Gail White



The New England + Dinner group will hold its “Almost Christmas” meeting for December at the Acropol Family Restaurant, 1170 Starkey Rd., at 4 p.m. Dec. 4. All Paradise Island residents are welcome!

There is a Facebook group page called New England + Dinner that can be used to register and sign up. You can also use the signup sheet in the clubhouse. Questions? Please contact dinner coordinators Gail White (412-561-5943) or Maureen Ronney (248-835-8127).

Thanks to everyone for November's turnout!

Christmas Dinner/Dance

By Ken Jonas and Diane Billman



Tickets for this year's Christmas Dinner/Dance for residents will be available at the Clubhouse on Monday evenings from 6 pm-7 pm Nov 18-Dec 9th for \$5/person. The money collected will be donated to the Church In The Park's Outreach Program, which is available to help PI residents. For more information on the Outreach Program please contact The Church in the Park. We will provide Ham, Dessert, rolls, butter, coffee/tea/water. Table captains are responsible for coordinating side dishes with their table mates, table decorations, plates, silverware. We will have some plastic utensils available if necessary. Music will be provided by Jim Davis. This event is sponsored by The Church in the Park, PI HOA and PI Social Committee. The Co-op donates the use of the kitchen at no charge for their contribution. We will need volunteers to help, please sign up when you pick up your tickets. Questions call Ken Jonas at 727-221-9613 or Diane Billman at 727-434-0048.

Dart League

By Larry Kraus



The 2024-25 dart league got off to a great start in October despite hurricane Milton delaying our start by one week. We have 10 teams this year with 4 players on each team. We can have up to 5 on a team. So if your interested in joining a team or being a substitute come to the Clubhouse on Monday nights at 6:30 and we will get you on a team. It's a fun time with no experience needed!

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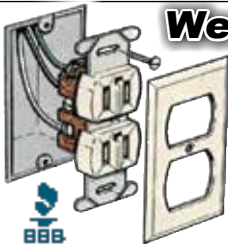
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Men's Club

By Ken Jonas



It has been a very busy November setting up for an event every weekend and December is starting off just as busy! We will need volunteers to set up for the Lady's Christmas Luncheon on Friday morning 12/6 at 9 AM and thank you to those who volunteered to prepare and serve lunch to the ladies on Saturday December 7th! We will also need help to set up the hall for the Community Christmas Party on December 14th and for the New Year's Eve Dance on December 31st.

Monday December 2nd and 9th will be your last chance to make reservations for the Community Christmas Party for the cost of only \$5 which will be donated to a charity! Then starting on Monday December 23rd and 30th we will be selling tickets for "The Gary Roberts Not So Newlywed Game Show" to be presented by the Men's Club on January 18th! Be sure to get your tickets for both of these fun events!

Happy Holidays to everyone and we hope to see all you gentlemen at our next meeting on Tuesday morning 12/3 at 8:30 AM for coffee and donuts and the meeting at 9AM!!

The Sunshine Committee

By Gloria & Wilma



Paradise Island residents are here for you and would like to send our caring thoughts to those park residents who are ill, having surgery, a shut-in, or have had a death in the family.

Please contact Wilma Largent at 260-316-1296 for Bereavement cards, or Gloria Garafola at 727-463-7307 for sending Get Well cards.

Thank you so much

Paradise Island Annual Craft Fair

By Nadine Peters – Annual Craft Fair Committee



A BIG THANK YOU to all the vendors & customers that made the PI Craft Fair a great success. Over 90 vendor's tables, 40 from our community. ANOTHER BIG THANK YOU Men's Club for setting up and taking down all the tables & chairs. Bake Sale committee: Cindy, Bonnie, Terri, Lynn, Dee & Dianna and those of you who supported by bring baked goods or purchasing. Planning committee and helpers: Lynne, Fran, Lynne, Judi, Claudia, Barb, Nancy, Paulette, Jana, Carol, Debby, Susan, Bonnie, Sue, Bev, Sandy, Donna, Walt, Allen, Bill, Diane, Skip, Chris, Tim, Kerry. 2025 Craft Fair is planned for Nov 1, 2025. Any questions, comments or suggestions, please contact: Nadine, call/text 402-750-3083, email: nadine5106@gmail.com

Paradise Island Bowling League

By Claudia Gisvold

Paradise island bowling is still looking for regular's and subs. If interested call or text Claudia Gisvold at 612-386-3515

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Bowlers of the week 7th November

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Steve Wilson

Women

Shirley Pultorak

Women

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Women

Maria Burley

Women

Shirley Pultorak



Paradise Island Church in the Park

By Pastor Serena Johnson

Greetings!

May this Blessed time of year find you full of love, joy and forgiveness. The Bible says we must forgive others as Jesus has forgiven us. We cannot do it without Him. As we celebrate Jesus' birth, may we all contemplate what Jesus has done for us and invite Him in. Jesus is the Reason for the Season. Merry Christmas and may you and yours have an abundantly blessed New Year!

Everyone is cordially invited to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM in the Clubhouse. We are a non-denominational church, we believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God and we welcome all, and look forward to meeting you. Come feel the love of God as we worship the Lord together. Pastor Eddie Lamb ministers every second Sunday of the month. We look forward to his message. If you are unable to come to a service you can view it on YouTube under "P I Church in the Park."

You are welcome to attend our Bible Study on Thursday mornings in the Clubhouse at 9:30AM led by Pastor Serena, After Bible Study on Thursdays we have Choir Practice from 10:30 to 11:30 AM led by Jenny Caldarello. Prayer meeting on Fridays at 10:30 AM led by Pastor Serena, Room 3 Clubhouse. Saturdays at 9:30 AM in the Clubhouse is a Bible Study led by Skip Simpson. Come, join in, there is always room for YOU.

If you know of someone who needs prayer and you would like to add to or take off our prayer list, please contact Pat Murphy by email: pamurphy51@gmail.com, with pertinent information.

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Do you have need of prayer or would like a visit, please do not hesitate to contact: Pastor Serena Johnson (727)530-5905. If no answer please leave a message and you will be called back asap.

Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays. Soren Kierkegaard

Editor's Corner

By Harold Noeller



- For the January 2025 edition, articles are due by December 9, 2024 as are the dates you might want on the calendar for January 2025 events, meetings or dinners.
- If your name, Lot number, birthday or anniversary is incorrect, e-mail me at the media email address and it will be corrected.
- Please send all articles to: (monthly.media@paradiseislandlargo.com)
- If your phone number or address is incorrect in the Park's Yellow Phone Directory, notify the Co-Op office at 535-2172 or send an e-mail to: piadmin@paradiseislandlargo.com

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Also, there are 5 places to look for an activities date and time either in the current month or in future months. They are:

- Within the media, there might be an article with all of the details.
- The calendar section of the media.
- The Bulletin Board in the Clubhouse.
- Our web site at www.paradiseislandlargo.com under the Amenities link.
- Facebook group, 'Paradise Island Largo'

Letter(s) to the Editor

VETERAN'S CORNER

By Bob Behm

A busy agenda awaits members of Congress when they return to Washington, D.C., after the election, with the FY 2025 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) taking center stage. This year's NDAA has faced significant delays as lawmakers negotiate disagreements on a multitude of military policies. As they navigate a challenging political and legislative landscape



Here's a look at some of the provisions in the House and Senate NDAA versions:

Military Pay Raise and Junior Enlisted Pay Increase: The House version of the NDAA calls for a significant 15% increase for junior enlisted servicemembers (E-1 to E-4) in addition to a standard 4.5% raise for all ranks. This proposal faces strong opposition from the White House and some in the Pentagon, and lacks corresponding provisions in the Senate's version, which only suggests a 1% additional raise for fewer junior enlisted members (E-1 to E-3).

Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH): Another critical element of the House NDAA is the effort to restore BAH to cover 100% of housing costs, a measure vital for supporting servicemembers and their families. This initiative lacks Senate support and was not funded by the House Appropriations Committee, highlighting the challenges of securing adequate resources for military families.

Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS): The House NDAA mandates a comprehensive review of BAS rates by DoD. This review would consider various factors such as family size, food accessibility, and local costs, ensuring allowances accurately reflect the needs of servicemembers and their dependents. Furthermore, the legislation proposes raising Basic Needs Allowance (BNA) eligibility to 200% of federal poverty guidelines, a move that could significantly expand support for those in need.

TRICARE: Both the House and Senate NDAA versions include key provisions that would improve the military health care benefit by:

- **Eliminating Contraception Copays to Align TRICARE With Affordable Care Act Requirements:** To avoid direct spending barriers, the House version limits this change to one year while the Senate version delays implementation until 2034.
- **Expanding TRICARE Coverage of Assisted Reproductive Technology, Including IVF:** Both versions exclude certain beneficiaries, including retirees, to avoid mandatory spending increases. MOAA has urged Congress to include all beneficiaries in this parity fix.
- **Including Pregnancy as a Qualifying Life Event (QLE):** The House version includes a pilot that would make this change as part of a five-year program. Greater flexibility in switching between TRICARE Prime and Select will help ensure access to vital prenatal care.

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- **Offering More Mental Health Options:** A provision in the Senate version would allow active duty servicemembers and their families to use TRICARE network mental health providers licensed in another state. This would help address mental health access and continuity of care challenges for mobile military families.

These provisions underscore the commitment to supporting military families and ensuring the well-being of servicemembers. As lawmakers consider the NDAA, it is essential they include critical measures in the final legislation to strengthen and support the military community.

Bob Behm LTC, (US Army Ret.)

In Memoriam

By Denise Donohue



If anyone has had a resident family member die and you would like to share information with our community, please feel free to contact me at (817) 793-4077. Obituaries can be emailed to~ pilady660@gmail.com. Thank you.

New Residents Joining our Community

By the Welcome Team, Paulette Rich & Nancy Jonas

Paulette and I want to wish all of our new residents a Happy Holiday Season! If we haven't already done so, we will be contacting you soon to set up a welcome visit to let you know about all the fun things for you to enjoy here in Paradise Island. Hope to see you soon.



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By Bonnie Melke



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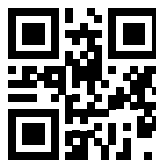
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270 Linda Laux	December 2	364 Kenneth Reitz	December 18
305 Linda Coburn	December 2	572 John O'keefe	December 18
187 Rick Atkins	December 3	610 Joe Demarco	December 18
258 Jean Dittman	December 3	179 Betty Shipman	December 19
650 Vicky Swinden	December 3	209 Robert Wood	December 19
801 Steve Sullivan	December 3	210 Rob Botti	December 19
366 Cindy Leblanc	December 4	288 Gilles Darcy	December 19
579 Wilma Bechtel	December 4	430 Elsie Powell	December 19
583 Joseph Branley	December 4	75 Shawn Johnson	December 20
2 John Moore	December 5	488 Edgar Doiron	December 20
464 Linda Smith	December 5	757 Carol Andrew	December 20
484 Janet Pike	December 5	209 Karen Wood	December 21
661 Betsy King	December 5	436 Mona Kirchgalter	December 21
36 Ken Clayton	December 6	519 Jan Schaner	December 21
77 Michael Bedynek	December 6	485 Edward Black	December 22
363 Mark Dobson	December 6	649 George Phinney	December 22
740 Tina Boisse	December 6	714 Pat Mcging	December 22
302 Percey Doiron	December 7	789 Jesusa (Toni) Perkins	December 22
389 Richard Mackinnon	December 7	113 NicholasMaxfield	December 23
147 Marion Keith	December 8	463 Glen Halter	December 23
255 Diane Rode	December 8	350 Bev Mac Millan	December 24
460 Sandy Cordrone	December 8	630 Gary Goodwin	December 24
547 Denise Samson-Nadeau	December 8	777 Robert Grippo	December 24
341 Elaine Van Patton	December 9	13 Christy Bouch	December 25
370 Lisa Ficorelli	December 9	140 James Brady	December 25
514 Dave Ruvola	December 10	226 Astrid Scott	December 25
624 Linda Forzano	December 10	605 Brenda Goron	December 25
26 Wilma Larcent	December 11	665 Jeanne Czikowsky	December 25
207 Melanie Bareley	December 11	796 Dianna Gilmore	December 26
350 Rick Mac Millan	December 11	69 Susan Davis	December 27
84 William Stein	December 12	428 Melissa Riley	December 27
340 Lou Kluzynski	December 12	477 Linda Farris	December 27
726 Peggy Gray	December 12	763 Jeffery Welch	December 27
748 Beverly Mortimer	December 12	819 Alvaro Barsi	December 27
822 Joanne Johns	December 12	127 Dawn Foss	December 28
541 Paul Snellenberger	December 13	438 Nancy Mccann	December 28
680 Anne Carpenter	December 13	498 Steve Wilson	December 28
761 Linda Smolen	December 13	633 Joanne Koenig	December 28
280 Sharon Slauter	December 14	546 Richard West	December 29
283 Barbara Davis	December 14	552 Sue Fiorentino	December 29
451 Serena Johnson	December 14	696 Lorraine Richards	December 29
279 Linda Gwin	December 15	676 Dan Bieganski	December 30
546 Cheryl Quantz	December 15	753 Nathan Brotherhood	December 30
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382	Donald & Carol	Berg	December	4	1965
787	Tom & Julie	Watson	December	5	1996
195	Ruben & Cecilia	Castro	December	7	1973
390	Richard & Patricia	Miller	December	7	1991
547	Francis & Denice	Fata	December	7	2003
127	Joe & Vivian	Wanniger	December	10	1998
424	Charles & Sherene	Blankenship	December	12	
321	Michael & Angela	Cozens	December	17	1988
69	Richard & Susan	Davis	December	19	2006
677	Peter & Doris	Venero	December	20	1958
168	Allen & Sandy	Sumey	December	20	1996
821	Jim & Kim	Gibson	December	24	1988
664	Richard & Anita	Denning	December	28	1957
791	James & Kathleen	Whiteside	December	29	1949
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SCAM ALERT

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Identity Theft

Warning signs of identity theft

- Bills for items you did not buy
- Debt collection calls for accounts you did not open
- Information on your credit report for accounts you did not open
- Denials of loan applications
- Mail stops coming to, or is missing from, your mailbox

How to report identity theft

To report identity theft, contact:

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

How to protect yourself from identity theft

- **Do not answer phone calls**, texts, social media messages, or email from numbers or **people you do not know**.
- Do not share personal information like your bank account number, Social Security number, or date of birth.
- **Collect your mail every day** and place a hold on your mail when you will be on vacation or away from your home.
- Review credit card and bank account statements. Watch for and report unauthorized or suspicious transactions.
- **Understand how ATM skimming works** and how to protect yourself
- Learn when it is safe to use a public Wi-Fi network
- Store personal information, including your Social Security card, in a safe place. **Do not carry it in your wallet.**

ReportFraud.ftc.gov

Report Imposter Scams Online to the Federal Trade Commission

Imposter Scam

The top types of imposter scams:

An imposter scammer may call, text, or email to convince you they are **someone in authority**. They may even use caller ID to make it look like they are calling from an official government or business' number. To commit identity theft, they try to get you to send money or a gift card or share personal information.

- **Government imposter scams** - Unless you contact them first, government agencies typically initiate communication with you by letter. Unexpected contact or demands through any other method may be a scam.
- **IRS imposter scams** - scammers pretend you owe the IRS money for taxes and may threaten legal action
- **Social Security imposter scams** - scammers claim there is a problem with your Social Security account or promise to increase your benefits
- **Charity scams** - scammers pretend to be from a real or fake charity and try to get you to contribute
- **Grandparent scams** - scammers pretend to be a grandchild or other relative who needs emergency financial help
- **Tech support scams** - scammers tell you your computer's security is at risk and try to remotely access your device and steal personal information or ask for payment
- Scammers may also pretend to be from your **bank or a company you do business with**. You might be told you owe money or there is a problem with your account.



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