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### **Oak Crest/Acorn**

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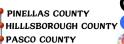
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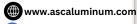




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### **Homeowners Association**

- Yvonne D'Angelo, President



Telcome 2025!! As we enter into this new year, we look forward to new friends, new opportunities and another year in this community we call home. While 2024 had its challenges, especially with back to back hurricanes, it also showed us the amazing sense of community and friendship we share here. Hopefully this year will spare us a severe storm season. The HOA will hold its annual meeting and elections on Monday, January 13th. The board has four positions open. Each is for a three-year term. If you have not yet done so, please pay your membership dues so that you can attend the annual meeting and vote. This is an important year for the HOA board as the rental increase contract will be re-negotiated this Spring. We are your voice in that process. Looking forward to the year ahead... Happy New Year everyone!!

### **Residents Club**

- Mark Zanol, President

Tell, it's goodbye 2024 and hello to 2025. I am thankful that we all stuck together and helped our residents survive both hurricanes. Our residents meeting will be Monday, January 6th at 7 p.m. Please try to make an effort to attend and vote for your candidates. I would like to thank you for allowing me to be your Residents Club President and thank you for your support.

### **Activities**

- Marianne Olson

appy New Year! We are looking forward to a great 2025. Thank you for participating in our activities this past year. It was a very busy and fun year! We have enjoyed planning fun to bring the community together.

The "Cheeseburger in Paradise" party at the pavilion was a huge success. Everyone enjoyed the tropical theme, music and delicious burgers. Most of all, we all enjoyed sharing the afternoon together. People asked for more events like this. We are planning a similar event, "Hot Dog Fest" for Jan. 18 at the pavilion with music. Stay tuned for more details.

As this goes to print, we anticipate an amazing Christmas dinner catered by Cracker Barrel, and dance with live band!

The activities committee wishes to thank all the volunteers who have kindly given their time to make our community a little brighter. Here's to a happy and healthy 2025!

## **Neighborhood Watch**

- Glenna Leighton



lenna Leighton is stepping up to fill Joy Clark Emmons role leading the Neighborhood Watch. We sincerely thank Joy for her efforts, and expect improved health in the coming year. Please contact Glenna at 727-433-3308 if you would be interested in strengthening this important neighborhood function.

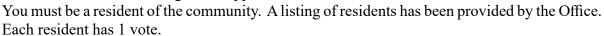


lections for Residents Club Officers will be Monday, January 6, 2025.

The slate of Candidates is:

President: Gisela Michael, Michelle Rudy 1st VP: Marianne Olson, Laurie Stone 2nd VP: Deborah Phillips; Mark Zanol Secretary – Jeff Miles, unopposed.

Treasurer – Yvonne D'Angelo, unopposed.



By-Laws Article VII (the second article VII which should be titled Article VIII), section 4a covers absentee voting: "Absentee ballots may be obtained from either the President or Vice President twenty-five (25) days before the election by requesting a ballot in writing and hand delivered or by email. All persons requesting absentee ballots must be a registered home owner of Oakcrest /Acorn, Inc. The absentee ballots must be picked up in person and returned to either the President or the Vice President in a sealed envelope with your name and lot number on the front of the envelope, no later than 6:00 p.m. the day before the January Residents Club meeting. The sealed envelopes will be opened, verified and counted by three (3) independent persons appointed by the Board of Directors. "

Please email Rick Martin at <u>Oakcrest33771@aol.com</u> to request a ballot, or hand write your request and bring it to Lot 597 evenings. All requests will be logged, and provided to the individuals doing the actual counting on January 6th.

Elections for 4 Home Owners Association Board Members will be Monday, January 13, 2025.









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#### The slate of Candidates is:

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Elections are January 13th following the regularly scheduled meeting. You must be a resident of the Community and have paid your 2025 dues. There is one ballot per lot. Absentee voting is not allowed. All voting is for Board Members, and the new Board Members will determine who will fill the offices of President, Secretary and Treasurer based on their gifts and skills, and will fill other officer positions the Board believes are needed. 3 independent residents will do the ballot count.



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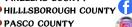
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#### **Major Holidays**

- New Year's Day (January 1): Celebrated worldwide to mark the beginning of the new year.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Third Monday of January): A U.S. federal holiday honoring the civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

#### **Fun and Unique Observances**

National Spaghetti Day (January 4) National Hot Tea Day (January 12) National Popcorn Day (January 19) National Chocolate Cake Day (January 27)

#### **Awareness Months**

National Blood Donor Month Cervical Health Awareness Month Mental Wellness Month Poverty Awareness Month



#### **Weekly Observances**

National Pizza Week (Second week of January)

National Mocktail Week (Second week of January)

Special Days

International Holocaust Remembrance Day (January 27)

National Hugging Day (January 21)

National Hot Chocolate Day (January 31)

These are just a few examples, and there are many more celebrations throughout the month 123. Do any of these catch your interest?

#### Source:

https://www.today.com/life/holidays/january-holidays-and-observances-rcna43156

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### On the power of words

No man has a prosperity so high or firm, but that two or three words can dishearten it; and there is no calamity which right words will not begin to redress.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

### **Anecdotes**

Roman Origins: January is named after Janus, the Roman god of doors and gates. January is depicted with two faces, one looking forward and one looking back, symbolizing the transition from the old year to the new.



**Historical Events**: On January 1, 1892, Ellis Island opened in New York Harbor, allowing over 20 million immigrants to enter the United States.

**Unique Traditions**: In Denmark, people throw old plates and dishes at the doors of friends and family to ward off bad spirits and bring good luck for the new year.

**Weather Phenomenon**: The "January Thaw" is a term used to describe a brief period of warmer weather that sometimes occurs in the middle of January in the Northern Hemisphere.

**Cultural Celebrations:** In Scotland, Hogmanay is celebrated with street parties, fireworks, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" to welcome the new year.

**Birthdays:** January is the birth month of many famous individuals, including Martin Luther King Jr., Elvis Presley, and Muhammad Ali.

**National Observances:** January is National Soup Month and National Hot Tea Month in the United States, perfect for warming up during the cold winter days.

**Historical Milestones:** On January 3, 1959, Alaska became the 49th state of the United States.

**Fun Fact:** The first-ever Emmy Awards were held on January 25, 1949, at the Hollywood Athletic Club.

I hope you enjoyed these January anecdotes! Do any of these facts surprise you?

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https://www.thefactsite.com/january-facts/

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| 1 pm Bingo             | 9:45 H20                 | 9:45 F |
|                        | Aerobics                 | Aerob  |
|                        | 7 pm H O A               | 4 pm   |
|                        |                          | Shuffl |
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| 1 pm Bingo             |                          | 9:45 F |
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|                        | Martin Luther King Jr.'s | Shuffl |
|                        | Birthday                 | 5 pm   |
| 26                     | 27                       | 0.451  |
| 1 pm Bingo             | 9:45 H20                 | 9:45 F |
| 3 pm Meet &            | Aerobics                 | Aerob  |
| Greet                  |                          | 4 pm   |
| Ice Cream              |                          | Shuffl |
| Social                 |                          | 5 pm   |

# **Oak Crest**

| luesday       | Wednesday                     | Thursday      | Friday        | Saturday        |
|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
|               | 9:45 H20                      | 9:45 H20      | 9-12 Crafting | 3 8:30 -10:30 4 |
|               | Aerobics                      | Aerobics      | 9:45 H20      | Breakfast       |
|               | 1 pm Bingo                    | 12:30 Bridge  | Aerobics      |                 |
|               | 7 pm Game                     | 7pm Corn Hole | 1 pm Bingo    |                 |
|               | Night <sub>v Year's Day</sub> |               | 7 pm LRC      |                 |
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| H20           | 9:45 H20                      | 9:45 H20      | 9-12 Crafting |                 |
| ics           | Aerobics                      | Aerobics      | 9:45 H20      |                 |
|               | 1 pm Bingo                    | 12:30 Bridge  | Aerobics      |                 |
| eboard        | 7 pm Game                     | 7pm Corn Hole | 1 pm Bingo    |                 |
| Pinochle      | Night                         |               | 7 pm LRC      |                 |
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| H20           | 9:45 H20                      | 9:45 H20      | 9-12 Crafting | 1-4 HotDog Fest |
| ics           | Aerobics                      | Aerobics      | 9:45 H20      | at the Pavilion |
|               | 1 pm Bingo                    | 12:30 Bridge  | Aerobics      |                 |
| eboard        | 7 pm Game                     | 7pm Corn Hole | 1 pm Bingo    |                 |
| Pinochle      | Night                         |               | 7 pm LRC      |                 |
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| Pinochle      | Night                         | •             | 7 pm LRC      |                 |
| 28<br>H20     | 9:45 H20                      | 9:45 H20      | 9-12 Crafting |                 |
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| 103           | 1 pm Bingo                    | 12:30 Bridge  | Aerobics      |                 |
| eboard        | 7 pm Game                     | 7pm Corn Hole | 1 pm Bingo    |                 |
| Pinochle      | Night                         |               | 7 pm LRC      |                 |
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### **Unique Foods**

ere are some unique and traditional foods enjoyed around the world to celebrate the New Year:

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**Black-Eyed Peas:** In the Southern United States, black-eyed peas are eaten for good luck and prosperity. They are often served with greens and cornbread

**Grapes:** In Spain and some Latin American countries, it's customary to eat 12 grapes at midnight, one for each chime of the clock, to bring good luck for each month of the new year.

**Lentils:** In Italy, lentils are eaten because their coin-like shape symbolizes wealth and prosperity.

**Pork:** Many cultures, including those in Germany and the United States, eat pork on New Year's Day. Pigs are seen as a symbol of progress because they root forward.

**Herring:** In Scandinavian countries, herring is eaten at midnight for good fortune, especially pickled herring.

**Noodles**: In many Asian countries, long noodles are eaten to symbolize longevity. It's important not to break the noodles while cooking or eating them.

**Pomegranates**: In Greece, pomegranates are smashed on the ground at midnight to symbolize abundance and fertility.

**Tamales:** In Mexico, tamales are a traditional holiday food, often made in large batches with family and friends.

**Doughnuts:** In the Netherlands, people enjoy oliebollen, a type of doughnut, to bring good luck.

**Cabbage**: In Germany and Eastern Europe, cabbage is eaten for good luck and financial prosperity. Sauerkraut is a popular choice.

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### **January Jokes**

Thy did the New Year's resolution go to the gym? Because it wanted to work out its issues!



What do snowmen eat for breakfast? Frosted Flakes!

Why was the math book sad in January? Because it had too many problems.

What do you call a snowman with a six-pack? An abdominal snowman!

Why did the scarecrow win an award in January? Because he was outstanding in his field!

What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire? Frostbite!

Why did the calendar bring a ladder to the New Year's party? To reach the high notes!

What's a New Year's resolution? Something that goes in one year and out the other.

Why did the snowman call his dog Frost? Because Frost bites!

What do you call a parade of rabbits hopping backward? A receding hare-line!

# Here are some fun New Year's puns to kick off your celebrations:

- I'm ready to ring in the New Year!
- New Year, new meow! (for the cat lovers)
- Cheers to a sparkling New Year!
- I'm resolving to be more pun-ctual this year.
- Let's toast to a brew-tiful New Year! (for the coffee enthusiasts)
- I'm feeling bubbly about the New Year!
- Here's to a bright and pun-derful New Year!
- I'm going to make this year my best one yet no ifs, ands, or butts!
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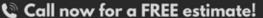


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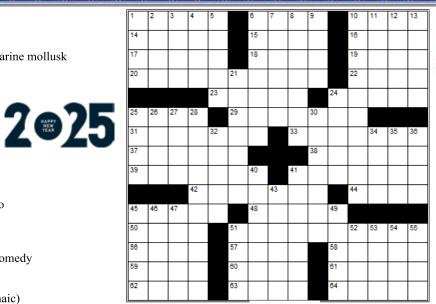
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#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Dig (into)
- 6. Unit of land
- 10. Burrowing marine mollusk
- 14. More aloof
- 15. Implored
- 16. Anger
- 17. Gloss
- 18. Heap
- 19. Broadcast
- 20. Declutter
- 22. Opera star
- 23. Holy person
- 24. Kind of nut
- 25. Sit for a photo 29. Experienced
- 31. Gathers
- 33. Tooth doctor
- 37. Type of TV comedy
- 38. For naught
- 39. Robber
- 41. Accuser (archaic)
- 42. Electrician
- 44. Timber wolf
- 45. Lieu
- 48. Ballroom dance
- 50. Pitching to one side
- 51. She wore a glass slipper
- 56. Decorative case
- 57. African sheep
- 58. Grill
- 59. Countertenor
- 60. Nothing more than
- 61. Fatuous
- 62. Eager
- 63. P P P
- 64. Canvas dwellings



#### DOWN

- 1. Plate
- 2. Bounce back
- 3. In place of
- 4. V V V
- 5. Sea eagles
- 6. Puts on
- 7. Customer
- 8. Associated
- 9. Biblical garden
- 10. Certification
- 11. Boundary
- 12. Not dead

- 13. Nickel or steel
- 21. Neanderthals
- 24. Humdrum25. Overtake
- 26. Leave out
- 27. Fill to excess
- 28. Increase
- 30. Tit for tat
- 32. Firm
- 34. Put words
- 35. Untidy one
- 36. Apprentice

- 40. Pensioner
- 41. Fops
- 43. Farmer's fertilizer
- 45. Hearty entree
- 46. What books are
- called
- 47. Wash out with a
- solvent
- 49. Path around a star
- 51. Tent-pitching place
- 52. Sea eagle
- 53. Amount leant
- 54. Fluff
- 55. Anagram of "Sale"



January Crossword













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Annual Carport sale, Lincolnshire Estates: 1071 Donegan Rd., Largo FL 33771. Saturday January 11th 8AM to 1PM. Over 50 homes: housewares, arts & crafts, clothes, furniture, tools and lots more. Maps available at entrances.

Rummage & Bake Sale: 1/11/25 8AM-Noon Golden Crest Clubhouse, 800 Main St. Dunedin

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#### **EVENTS & PROGRAMS**

Annual Rummage Sale: Saturday, January 18th 2025. 8am to 1pm. Boca Ciega Mobile Home Park Clubhouse 11200 Walsingham RD., Largo. Lunch Available.

Flea Market! Teakwood West Largo. January 18th, 8-1pm, Ohana Clubhouse. Large Selection of home goods, furniture, clothing, jewelry, baked goods, and lots more!

Sat. Jan 25, 2025 - Community Sale - 8:30AM - 1:00PM. Paradise Island Section of Lake Haven MHP. Main St. (SR580) & Lake Haven Rd. (W of Keene/CR1) Dunedin. Housewares, Linens, Small Appliances, Bakery, Jewelry, Raffle Baskets, 50/50 drawing, Lunch.

Point West M.H.P Bazaar and Flea Market. January 25th, 8am-2pm. 12651 Seminole Blvd, Largo. Furniture, Clothes, Household Electroics, Jewelry & Misc. Chinese Auction, 50/50 & Food

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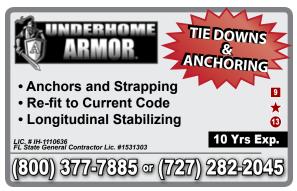
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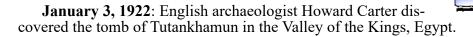
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**January 10, 1920**: The League of Nations was established as the first international organization aimed at maintaining world peace.

**January 15, 1559:** Elizabeth I was crowned Queen of England, marking the beginning of a reign that would become known as the Elizabethan Era.

**January 16, 1986:** A bronze bust of Martin Luther King Jr. was unveiled in the Capitol Rotunda in Washington, D.C., the first statue of an African American in the building.

**January 20, 2009:** Barack Obama was inaugurated as the 44th President of the United States, becoming the first African American to hold the office.

**January 24, 1965:** Winston Churchill, the former British Prime Minister, passed away at the age of 90.

**January 26, 1788:** Captain Arthur Phillip and the First Fleet arrived at Port Jackson, establishing the colony of New South Wales, now known as Australia.

January 27, 1926: Scottish inventor John Logie Baird demonstrated the first working television system to the Royal Institution in London.

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