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Annual Craft Fair	Nadine Peters 402-750-3083	Ladies Holiday Luncheon	Betty Simpson 727-409-8669
Bible Study/Prayer Fellowsh	ip Serena Johnson 727-530-5905	Ladies Luncheon - Monthly	Beth Pieckiel 214-538-7094
	e Reitz 727.278.7405   Linda Carver 330.990.5880		
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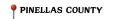


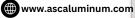


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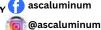
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**Communion** - Skip & Betty Simpson - 727 409-8669 (2nd Sunday of the month) **Prayer Group** - Fridays 10:30 AM - Pastor Serena Johnson 727 530-5905

All Outreach held in Clubhouse

### **Sunshine Committees**

Greeting Cards (sending) Barbara Neirinck (727) 530-4758 New People Contact - Beverly Spikes (727) 430-2824 Prayer Bears - Wilma Largent (260) 316-1296

### **Co-op Updates**

By Al Noeller, President PI Co-Op

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### Happy New Year!

s we start 2025, we find ourselves still recovering from the events of 2024. Repairs to things damaged during the storms and getting repairs on what would have been just normal repair issues, have all been delayed. Patience Please! Over all Paradise Island is in very good shape and the management team is working diligently to make or get all repairs done as quickly as possible.

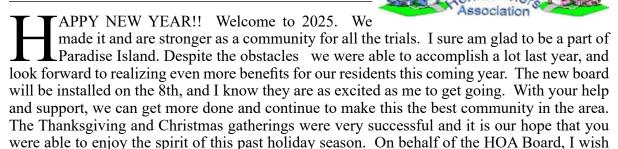
We are anticipating that all home owners are also planning to repair the storm damage to their homes as soon as possible to keep PI beautiful and to maintain the commitment to the community. We understand that working with insurance companies can be frustrating and time consuming, but getting all of our homes back to normal does help the resale value of all the homes in the community. Your commitment and the repair status will be checked before your home sale can be approved. Thank You for your assistance with our recovery.

Please enjoy the many social activities planned for this season. We all appreciate all the volunteers and the effort it takes to make these events happen. If you can help out, please be a volunteer for some activity that you enjoy and you will meet others with similar interests and it is rewarding. Please consider volunteering.

Have a Great 2025!

### **HOA UPDATE**

By Ken Hopkins



each and every one of you a happy and blessed new year. Be well.

### **HOA ELECTION MEETING**

By Ken Hopkins

### **JANUARY 8, 2025**

n January 8th, 2025, at 7:00PM in the Clubhouse, the HOA will hold its annual election of the Board of Directors. This will take place immediately following the regular board meeting. In the event that there is an equal number of candidates for the open positions, there will not be an election but rather appointment by acclimation. Come on down early and enjoy coffee and doughnuts while conversing with the candidates and your neighbors. See you there!

### **HOA Home of the Month**

By Liz Neumann

ongratulations to our December winners Philip Moldenhauer and Kay Jones at lot #512 on Palm Island. They received a \$50.00 Visa gift card, and a Paradise Island Home of the Month sign was placed in their planter until the committee chooses the Januarys winner. Good luck everyone!

### **Did You Know?**

By Co-Op BOD

hat when selling or renting your home there is an application and approval process that is required for all buyers and renters prior to completion of a sale or rental. The required Sales Packets and Rental Packets are available at the office if your realtor does not already have it or if you are not using a realtor. There is a checklist along with the required forms for ease in completing and turning into the office to facilitate the required approval process. There

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is an application fee for all applications and background and credit checks will be completed as needed. You or your realtor will be notified upon approval. All approved buyers must schedule and complete an orientation prior to closing. All approved renters must schedule an orientation to be completed in advance of moving in or to be completed upon arrival.

Orientations are held in person or may be completed on ZOOM depending on the need. If you are adding an additional resident/occupant in adherence with the rules & regulations or have need for a live-in care giver, they too must complete an application process and go through the approval process prior to moving in. Adhering to the requirements will help speed up the approval process. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Happy New Year!!

### 2025 CO-OP OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

New Year's Day - Wednesday January 1 Memorial Day - Monday, May 26 Independence Day - Friday, July 4

Labor Day - Monday, September 1

Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 27

Friday After Thanksgiving – Friday, November 28

Christmas Eve – Early closing 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Day – Thursday, December 25

### 2025 Trash Collection

Every Monday and Thursday

Trash pick-up exceptions due to holidays:

Tuesday, May 27

Tuesday September 2

Wednesday November 26 - Resident household trash can be brought to trailer at Clubhouse Friday December 26

### 2025 Matthew's Lawn Service Schedule

1/17, 2/14, 2/28, 3/14, 3/28, 4/11, 4/25, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30, 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 7/4, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22, 8/29, 9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/24, 11/7, 11/26, 12/5, 12/19

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### **Neighborhood Watch**

By Nancy LaBelle

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

Office Keith Bowling, the LPD liaison is usually there with information about safety, issues to be aware of and recommendations to stay safe. He recently told us about some new scams in this area.

Be alert to QR code scams. For example, packages you receive asking you to scan a QR code. DONT SCAN! Also, Parking lots with QR codes to scan. SOME have been covered over with the QR code of scammers. Avoid this by downloading the parking app before you need to use it.

No one should come to your door from your bank and ask for your information.

There is the Couple Scam. One person causes a distraction and the other steals your wallet/phone out of your purse, your purse, or your credit card out of the machine for example.

Another method to secure your golf cart can be to use a wheel boot.

Security Assessment with the Lock Box are behind and rather than calling please email ecurity assessments.com. This is also for any difficulties with lock boxes.

Golf cart/ bicycle registration at this time had been rescheduled for Jan.11 due to an LPD conflict. ANY ADDITIONAL CHANGES WILL BE IN PARADISE ISLAND LARGO

Happy New Year from the Neighborhood Watch Team.

When YOU SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING

### **Blood Drive**

By Diane Billman

The Big Red Bus will be back on Tuesday, January 14th from 9 am to 2 pm for our 1st Blood Drive of 2025. Keep an eye out for the link to sign up for a time slot. Let's have another GREAT Blood Drive to help out our local community! Any questions, call Diane Billman at 727-434-0048.





### Paradise Island Social Committee Calendar 2024-25

Any Questions contact Diane Billman 727-434-0048

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b> <u>C</u>		Addtl. Info	<u>Time</u>
tickets fo	or all events are sold o	n Mono	<u>lay nights from 6-7 pm</u>	
Jan.14	BloodDrive	NC	Bus located north of	
			Shuffleboard Court	9:00 am - 2pm
Jan.18	Men's Club Event	\$10	Gary Roborts -	
			Not So Newly Wed Variety	6:00pm-10:00pm
Jan.25	Possibly Bandingo	\$5		7:00pm-9:00pm
Feb.1	Italian Night with Trivia	a TBD	Enjoy a great Italian meal & Trivi	a 5:00 pm-9:00pm
Feb.8	Dance	\$10	Taria Lee & Marty	7:00pm- 10:00pm
<b>Feb.16</b>	Men's Club Event			
	(Sunday)	\$10	Rich Wilson - Singer/Comedian	n 6:00pm-10:00pm
<b>Feb.22</b>	Golden Ann Set-up			
<b>Feb.23</b>	Golden Anniversary	NC	clubhouse	1:00 pm-3:00pm
<b>Feb.28</b>	Flea Market Set-up		volunteers needed for set-up	8:00 am - done
Mar.1	Flea Market &	\$1early	Clubhouse	
	Bake Sale			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	Blood Drive	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	Red	7:00pm-10:00pm

### **Social Committee Update**

By Diane Billman



APPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR PARADISE ISLAND RESIDENTS! Another year in the History Book of Paradise Island. Where in the world did 2024 go? The older I get the faster time seems to go!

We have finally heard back from a licensed Construction Contractor with a quote and even though it is quite a bit higher than we anticipated, the PISC BOD has voted to increase and approve the additional amount. It should be completed in Feb or March of 2025. We will keep everyone informed as we know more. We will need to wait on the permit to be approved first.

At the time of this writing, I don't have a definite amount yet but it looks like we will be

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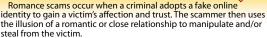
Quote Details: -67 married male, vehicle driven for pleasure use, superior credit, 5 year clean driving record on all licensed household operators -2022 Ford Edge, garaged in Pinellas County zip code 33771, equipped with Air-Bags, ABS and Anti-Theft device

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- 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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The PISC as well as the Co-Op BOD and HOA BOD all operate solely by volunteers but we can't do it all by ourselves. We NEED YOU to help out. We have activities that always need help. The activity chair people are listed on the inside of the front cover of each Monthly Media. If you have an interest in an activity, contact the Chairperson and ask what help they are in need of. Right now the PISC is in need of the following:

Chairperson for Blood Drives, Bandingo, Bulletin Board, Clubhouse Decorating. If you have an interest in volunteering, please give me a call at 727-434-0048 and I will go over what is required of each. Some are pretty simple and don't take much time to do. I promise I don't bite!

December started out with our Ladies Holiday Luncheon and we would like to once again say "Thank you" to our Men's Club who cooked and served the meal and what a great job they do! We appreciate you!!!!! As of this writing our Christmas Dinner/Dance hasn't happened yet but I am sure it will be lovely and fun. The New Year's Eve dance SOLD OUT the 2nd week tickets were on sale and again, I am sure it will be a great night with The Shakes Society. We knew it would sell out quickly and it did.

The Talent Show for January has been canceled due to lack of participation and we are hoping to put a Bandingo event in that time slot. I am waiting on them to get back with me at the time of this writing.

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.

Make 2025 your best year yet! Leave the past behind and start 2025 fresh. Start a Gratitude journal, do acts of kindness for others, as well as yourself.

### **LADIES HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**

By Betty Simpson

he Ladies Holiday Luncheon was fun for all who attended. A huge thank you to the men who cooked and served the meal and cleaned up afterward. All of the tables were beautifully decorated. Prizes were awarded to the top three, but the judges had a difficult time and felt that everyone should win! Mark your calendars and gather your friends for the next Ladies Holiday Luncheon on December 6, 2025.

### Men's Golf

By Bob Pultorak

en's golf. Men's golf will tee off at 7:30 am at Lans Brook golf course every Monday. Any questions call Bob Pultorak at 315 -796-2153



### **Walk Away the Pounds**

By Bev MacMillan

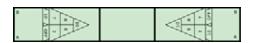
Tell, the holidays are all over, Decorations are down and now it's time to think about those pounds we have put on with all the turkey and fixings. I will be starting our exercise program, January 6, 2025.

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Come join me you will feel better, sleep better, reduce stress and hopefully lose a few pounds.

### **SHUFFLEBOARD**

By Gary MacDonald



Join us for drop-in shuffleboard every Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for random team selection play. No experience is necessary - we simply play for fun. Cues are provided. We look forward to returning players and to welcoming new players. We hope to see you there!

Please Note: There will be no Shuffleboard on December 31st, but will resume Thursday, January 2, 2025.

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.

### **Horseshoes**

By Stacy Pupecki

rganized horseshoes are Monday mornings 10 to 11 am. The horseshoe courts are available to all residents throughout the year for play or practice. The horseshoes are locked up outside of organized play. Please contact Stacy at 860-919-7325 for access to the horseshoes or for more information.

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### **Line Dancing**

By Barb Steinmetz

lasses will be starting up again Jan. 8th and be every Wed. and Fri. 10 to 11 for beginners and 11 to 12 for intermediate. Come to one or both. Any questions call Barb S. 570-780-6848



### **Ladies Monthly Luncheon**

By Beth Pieckiel

appy New Year! As we come together for the 2025 Monthly Ladies Luncheon, we meet at a restaurant of your hostess choice. This luncheon is open to all of the ladies who reside here in Paradise Island. To kick off our monthly luncheon for January 28th, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. and I have chosen:



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You can sign up for The Monthly Ladies Luncheon at the clubhouse. If you do sign up and then find you are unable to attend, PLEASE remove your name from the sign up sheet. This is a very important component for our luncheon as your hostess will call her restaurant of her choice to give the restaurant a head count for them to set us up for service. If we have 25 ladies sign up, that is what the restaurant sets up for and if only 12 ladies actually attend it doesn't look favorable on our part. Thank you for understanding.

If you have any questions regarding this luncheon or would like to be a hostess, please call either myself, Beth Pieckiel at (214) 538-7094 or Kim Gibson at (440) 840-4093. We look forward to seeing all the ladies come out and join us for a fun afternoon with your friends and neighbors, new and old.

### **New Years Eve Dance**

By Diane Billman

s another year is about to become history, it's time to celebrate and have a 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 in-formative 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.

This group is purely for informational purposes You may sign up by following these steps:

- 1. On your Facebook page search for: Paradise Island Largo
- 2. Click Join
- 3. Answer all of the questions DO NOT CLICK SUBMIT UNTIL YOU HAVE ANSWERED ALL THE QUESTIONS AND YOU AGREE TO THE RULES.
- 4. Click Submit
- 5. You will receive a notice when your membership has been approved.
- 6. If you are having trouble joining contact: Cindy at 727-248-7146 or dclord80@hotmail.com Nadine at 402-750-3083 or nadine5106@gmail.com

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: December 9, 2024

### **New England Plus**

By Gail White



The New England + Dinner group will NOT be meeting in January, since the dinner date falls on New Year's Day. Try to have a happy New Year anyway!

The next dinner will be at 4 p.m. Feb. 5 at 7 um Hee Pestaurant, 9015 Park Blvd.

The next dinner will be at 4 p.m. Feb. 5 at Zum Hee Restaurant, 9015 Park Blvd., Seminole, to celebrate the Chinese New Year, which occurs on Jan. 29 (It's the year of the Snake!). We'll remind you again next month.

Please note that Zum Hee is closed from 2:30-4 p.m. daily, so early birds will have to wait! As usual, all Paradise Island residents are welcome!

For the February dinner, 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 December's massive and enthusiastic turnout!

### Mid-West Lunch Bunch

By Marge Murray

The Midwest Lunch Bunch will meet on Saturday January 11th at 11:30am. We will gather at OUR PLACE, 1101 S Missouri Ave in Clearwater. Please RSVP to Sharona on the Midwest Lunch Facebook Page or call Marge at 727 584 8701. All residents of Paradise Island are welcome to join us, come and meet some neighbors and make some new friends.

### Men's Club

By Ken Jonas

appy New Year!! We hope everyone had a very Happy Holiday Season and may 2025 be a great year for all of Paradise!

Tickets will be on sale from 6 to 7 PM on Monday 1/6 & 1/13 for our next Men's Club presentation on Saturday, January 18th. This show should be good for an evening of laughs as we present Gary Robert's Not So Newlywed Game Show. We are looking for 4 couples from here in Paradise to join in on the fun as participants in the game! Be sure to get your tickets for this one!

Then on Monday evenings 1/20 & 1/27 we will be selling tickets for The Rich Wilson Show to be presented on SUNDAY, February 16th. Rich was here last year and is returning after many requests to have him back for an entertaining evening of singing with a little comedy mixed in!

Don't forget, our next meeting is on January 7th. Coffee and donuts at 8:30 and meeting at 9:00 AM. See all you gentlemen then!

### **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 you're 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!

New this year we are posting the Dart League standings on the clubhouse bulletin board. Come join us! It's a great way to get to know your neighbors and have some friendly

competition!!

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### The Sunshine Committee

By Gloria & Wilma

Paradise Residents....Please contact Wilma Largent for Sympathy cards 260 316-1296 and Gloria Garafola 727 463-7307 for Get Well cards. If you have any information on a resident who has been ill, had or going to have surgery, or a shut in who just needs a little sunshine please contact us. Also, if you know of a resident who has passed or a resident who has had a family member pass please contact us. We love our community and are here for each other. So far for the year 2024 we have sent out approximately 75 cards. Thank you, Paradise Island.

### **Paradise Island Bowling League**

By Claudia Gisvold

aradise 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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### Paradise Island Church in the Park

By Pastor Serena Johnson

appy New Year!

Can't believe another year has gone by already! But, here we are at new beginnings. May this coming year be one of good health and great blessings! May you look to God for guidance in every circumstance and feel His presence daily!

Welcome home to those who are coming back after the holidays. We missed you!

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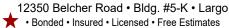
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If you know of someone who needs prayer and you would like to add to or take off our prayer list, please contact Pat Murphy by email:pamurphy51@gmail.com, with pertinent information.

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### **Editor's Corner**

By Harold Noeller

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- 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'

### **VETERAN'S CORNER**

By Bob Behm

### Coast Guard Set to Receive New Icebreaker by Year's End, Bolstering **US Presence in Arctic:**

commercial icebreaker will join the Coast Guard's fleet by the end of the year, officials told lawmakers during a House subcommittee hearing Thursday on U.S. efforts to expand presence in the Arctic. The Aiviq, an oil exploration support vessel that has worked in the Arctic and Antarctic regions, is currently in Pascagoula, Mississippi, where it is being adapted for Coast Guard use. According to Vice Adm. Thomas Allan, the Coast Guard's deputy commandant for mission support, its hull is now "a quarter Coast Guard icebreaker red" and the service has plans to take it out to determine what "capabilities it has." "We're making tremendous strides in that with the owner," Allan said in the hearing, referring to Offshore Service Vessels. "We will be on board soon to finalize negotiations, looking at how we, in the short term, crew that with commercial operators."

The Aivig, which will be homeported in Juneau, Alaska, is expected to be in the Arctic region in early to mid-2026, he added. The Coast Guard has two ocean-going icebreakers, the Healy, which operates in the Arctic, and the Polar Star, a 48-year-old ship that is the only one capable of breaking heavy ice in Antarctica. Efforts are underway to build three new vessels -- the Polar Security class -- with an aim to start construction of the first, the Polar Sentinel, by the end of the year, Allan told the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's Coast Guard and maritime panel.

A memorandum of understanding signed Nov. 13 between the U.S., Canada and Finland should help accelerate construction of the Polar Security cutters, according to the administration. The agreement aims to increase cooperation to improve their construction by leveraging the strength of the American shipbuilding industry with the polar expertise of the Canadian and Finnish work forces. This fall, China and Russia held their first-ever joint patrol of the Arctic region, coming as close as 12 nautical miles to the Alaska coast in October, traversing through the Bering Strait just outside U.S. territorial waters off the Seward Peninsula. And several times this year, Chinese and Russian bombers have flown in international airspace just off Alaska in what is known as the Alaska



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Air Defense Identification Zone, prompting the North American Aerospace Defense Command to scramble U.S. and Canadian fighter jets. The Department of Defense's 2024 Arctic Strategy calls for increased presence in the region as the climate shifts, warming up the seas, leading to a reduction in ice and increased traffic in the area, including activity by potential adversaries. According to the strategy, the plan is for the U.S. to take a "monitor and respond" approach, having robust intelligence collection in the region, cooperation with regional allies and deterrence through presence.

The Coast Guard commercial icebreaker program is part of that plan, with the Aiviq providing patrol operations starting in 18 months. "I don't think we are looking to make tremendous investment on the vessel going forward," Allan said. "We need it for presence and to be able to operate." The Aiviq will be homeported in Juneau at a former National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration pier that "needs a lot of maintenance, a lot of work," but getting the ship to the region is a priority, Allan told the panel. "We are at least going to make sure we have a presence with that vessel," Allan said.

The Polar Security cutters are slated to be homeported in Seattle, where the Polar Star and Coast Guard cutter Healy, the service's only medium polar icebreaker, are currently assigned. The Coast Guard cutter Healy suffered a fire in August but was repaired and quickly returned to the region in October to conduct an expected 10-week patrol.

Rep. John Garamendi, D-Calif., told Allan and Vice Adm. Peter Gautier, deputy commandant for operations, that they should not shy away from requesting the funding the service needs to improve the force. "You've got to be very clear with us, your unfunded priority requirements and why they are critical. Don't be timid ... we want you to be bold," Garamendi said.

Bob Behm LTC, (US Army Ret.)

### **New Residents Joining our Community**

By the Welcome Team, Paulette Rich & Nancy Jonas

Paulette and I hope everyone had a very Happy Holiday Season and we are looking forward to another year of welcoming many new residents to Paradise. If you are new to our community, we will be contacting you soon to set up an appointment to meet you at your convenience and inform you of the many fun activities available to all residents of the park. May 2025 be truly a HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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### In Memoriam

By Denise Donohue

Steven Joseph Pieckiel October 9, 2024 Lot #159

teven passed during the evacuation of Hurricane Milton, and he passed peacefully in his sleep on the 9th of October. He had been battling successfully with lung cancer and



because of a fall he had in August his body just couldn't handle any more pain or treatments. He is survived by his wife Beth Ann Pieckiel and they loved their life in Paradise Island since 8/10/2016. Steve is also survived by his children Micheal Pieckiel (Erin) and their son Aiden, also Kevin Pieckiel and his bonus children Eric Hogan (Robin) and Amy Brzuchalski (Jason) and bonus grandchild Tyler Sherrod. He will be greatly missed by them all.

Steve served 20 years in the U.S. Navy from 1971 until his retirement in 1991. He worked in the private sector from 1991 until 2016 when he again retired, and Steve & Beth moved here to Paradise Island. He worked here in Largo for the Pinellas County Emergency Services, when he retired again in 2018.

Steve will be buried at sea, as once a sailor always a sailor! A private memorial service will be held in his honor, date to be announced. Beth and her family gratefully extend their deepest thank you to all who have reached out to her and the family.

### FOOD BANK AND DONATIONS

By Bonnie Melke

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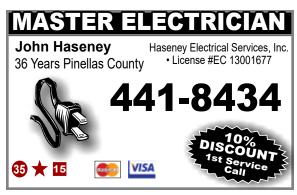
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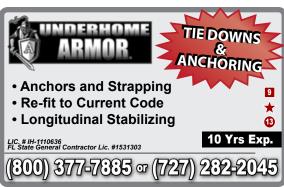
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289	Patricia Malyszek	Jan. 1	( com	808	John Simon	Jan. 14
449	Shirley Casey	Jan. 1	huppy	261	Sherry Wells	Jan. 15
686	Brian Mullins	Jan. 1	*D	492	Norman (Gene Barrett	Jan. 15
825	Art Johnson	Jan. 1	D	324	Richard Glyon	Jan. 16
305	Don Coburn	Jan. 2	<b>4</b>	371	Jay Hanson	Jan. 16
611	Barbara Kirner	Jan. 2	The second second	784	Joe Zykus	Jan. 16
29	Lavinia Donahue	Jan. 3	D	376	Stacey Pupecki	Jan. 17
101	Judy Goyette	Jan. 3		397	Brenda Gruszcynski	Jan. 18
299	John Cannon	Jan. 3		778	Teri Nova	Jan. 18
405	Jim Lambert	Jan. 3	PI	42	Melanie Walter	Jan. 19
558	Stella Cloyd	Jan. 3	- *	784	Charlotte Whitinger	Jan. 19
23	Linda Spence	Jan. 4	11	392	Robert Ammann	Jan. 20
25	Gary Budzien	Jan. 4	*	420	William Grames	Jan. 20
298	Dee Chellew	Jan. 4		709	Bonnie Steinmeier	Jan. 20
598	Myra Price	Jan. 4		334	Joe Herman	Jan. 22
45	John Kazakis	Jan. 5	**	535	Walter Pinkerton	Jan. 22
432	Bob Downs	Jan. 6	1	621	Janice Mulligan	Jan. 22
114	Louise Daoust	Jan. 7		37	Denise Cracchiolo	Jan. 23
25	Patty Budzien	Jan. 8		53	Dan Grachek	Jan. 23
148	Doreen Boothe	Jan. 8		87	Raymond Polseno	Jan. 23
596	Ginny Hogan	Jan. 8		198	Neil Macarther	Jan. 23
235	Irene Horne	Jan. 10		410	Chuck Wetmore	Jan. 23
41	Randy Tappon	Jan. 11		743	Thomas Reynolds	Jan. 23
345	Michael Carter	Jan. 11		333	Jessie Spears	Jan. 24
520	Bob Sammarco	Jan. 11		704	Frank Pittman	Jan. 24
411	Mike Lemay	Jan. 12		40	Dora Milaszewski	Jan. 25
412	Julia Shaff	Jan. 12		455	Patricia Murphy	Jan. 25
450	Isabel Simonetti	Jan. 12		572	Lorraine O'keefe	Jan. 25
508	Lothar Lubeck	Jan. 12		272	Nancy Frederick	Jan. 26
722	Roberta Assandro	Jan. 12		792	Tom Sousa	Jan. 27
308	Dana Carey	Jan. 13		709	Art Steinmeier	Jan. 28
433	Candy Gray	Jan. 13		85	Brenda Walker	Jan. 29
548	Jane Reitz	Jan. 13		700	Roland Eades	Jan. 30
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197	Larry Thompson/Rita French	January	4	2003
566	Dave & Sharon Havens	January	5	1963
806	Dennis & Diane Hammer	January	6	1995
206	Thad & Joyce Crisco	January	10	1958
721	Robert & Lorita Melton	January	12	1979
741	Harry & Bunny Carter	January	12	1979
103	Paul & Pat Humphries	January	13	1984
226	Bob & Astrid Scott	January	26	1970
830	Richard & Sheryl Roush	January	27	1992



A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person.

— Mignon McLaughlin



## January Sudoku

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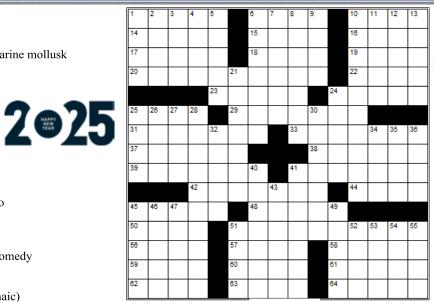


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- 6. Unit of land
- 10. Burrowing marine mollusk
- 14. More aloof
- 15. Implored
- 16. Anger
- 17. Gloss
- 18. Heap
- 19. Broadcast
- 20. Declutter
- 22. Opera star
- 23. Holy person 24. Kind of nut
- 25. Sit for a photo
- 29. Experienced
- 31. Gathers
- 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. Humdrum 25. 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"



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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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Shoreline Palms MHP (formally Caribbean Isles) Annual Rummage and Craft Sale. 12100 Seminole Blvd., Clubhouse. January 18th, 2025. 9AM-1PM. Food available. Raffle Baskets and White Elephant.

### **EVENTS & PROGRAMS**

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### **EVENTS & PROGRAMS**

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