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FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

Submitted by Lori Figler



Happy New Year! Reminder that Teakwood Village need the Census/Resident list completed and returned and accompanied by a photo ID of each resident (must be government issued such as a driver’s license, state ID card, military ID or passport). Please make sure that they are turned in no later than January 31, 2025. So, staying with the one topic theme from last month, let’s talk about front yards. Teakwood Village includes mowing, edging and weed whacking in your lot rent. The easiest front yard to maintain is grass. If you have rocks or mulch, which are not allowed per the Rules and Regulations, and wish to replace with grass, Teakwood Village will be happy to provide you with a quote to remove the existing and replace with either St. Augustine or Bahai grass. St. Augustine grass is what you see in the entryway of Teakwood East and Bahai is commonly seen on the interstate. Call the main office and request the quote and a staff member will be dispatched to inspect, measure and provide a quote. Enjoy Nat’l Hot Tea Month which is also Nat’l Soup Month, I guess we are supposed to be cold and need warming up. Enjoy January and we’ll talk again in February.

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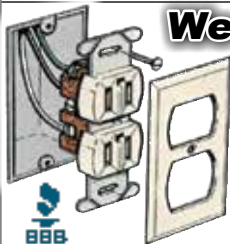


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Garbage Collection	Tuesdays – regular household trash Fridays – regular trash & bulk items Weeds & plant trimmings must be bagged or tied in a manageable bundle if there are large branches
Teakwood Village Management Office	531 Commerce Drive; Largo,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

TEAKWOOD EAST SOCIAL CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEES – 2022/2023

Position	Name	Phone
President Pro Tem:	Dianna Martin	727-424-9332
Vice President:	Vickie Rios	727-221-7425
Secretary:	Donna Hatch	330-310-3442
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Koffee Coordinator	Sharon Sklar	667-9412
Media:	Dianna Martin	424-9332
Lead Activity Coordinator	Ruby Torino	630-440-6480
Activity Coordinator	Peggy Farrell	319-2316172
Sunshine:	Ruby Torino	630-440-6480
Welcome Committee	Linda Sawyer	702-354-0633
	Kat Ermish	972-841-7137

teakwooddgm@gmail.com

The Social Club Board meeting will be January 2nd at 1:00 PM

The Social Club Members Business meeting is January 14th after coffee

NOTES FROM THE SOCIAL CLUB PRO-TEM PRESIDENT

Dianna Martin



I am looking forward to a large turn out at coffee on January 14th as that is when you will have an opportunity to vote for the new members to the Social Club Executive Board. Voting is from 8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. The Tellers Committee will then count the votes and the new Board members will be announced during the Members Business Meeting. If you are not able to be at the meeting you can submit an absentee ballot to Rebecca Parke Chair of the Election Committee. You can get an Absentee Ballot from me in person or by sending a request for one by mail with a return stamped envelope. My address is 380 Mandalay Drive. Remember you must be a 2024 Social Club member to vote, and all absentee ballots must be received by Monday January 13th.

It has been an honor to serve as President Pro-Tem for the year 2024. I would like to thank everyone for their support and encouragement. This past year we saw a lot of new people getting involved in Social Club activities. Some were new to the park, but some had lived here for a few years. So bravo to those who have spread the word of how much fun we have here in Teakwood and encouraged more people to attend the events.

MEDICAL DEVICE CLOSET AT TIKI

We appreciate that medical devices such as wheelchairs, walkers, shower seats, crutches and canes have been donated so that others in need might borrow these medical devices for short periods of time. However, we have enough! Until further notice PLEASE do not bring any of your no longer needed devices to the Tiki clubhouse. There are other organizations who might have a need for these items. Please give Joyce & Hugh Austin a call to see if their church has a need. There is also Goodwill, Suncoast Hospice Resale Shop & The Salvation Army to name a few.

SOCIAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP FOR 2024

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

We encourage new residents to come to coffee, hear what is going on in the Village and take a minute to chat with Vickie Rios who is in charge of Social Club membership. Memberships

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for 2025 are also on sale now but you must have a 2024 membership to get the discounted rate to December events AND to vote for the new Social Club Board members.

NEW ACTIVITY COORDINATORS

Please welcome and support our new Activity Coordinators Ruby Torino & Peggy Farrell. Ruby & Peggy will be working together and are happy to hear about any activities, performers and/or bands you think might be of interest to our Village. Our thanks to Maureen “Mo-Mo” Liebler for all of the time she put into this position over the last several years.

GEORGIANNA BOUCHER'S JANUARY 2025 BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS:

1st	Arlene Outtkammer	18th	Karla Tomlinson
1st	Paul Portegys	18th	Phyllis Fayocavitz
2nd	Carol Harrington	21st	Nancy Beuman
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5th	MikeSiddell	27th	Sandy Kelleher
10th	Carlos Rios	27th	Les Tomlinson
13th	Joan Boyle	31st	Bill Cummings
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ANNIVERSARIES

16th	Les & Karla Tomlinson	54 years
18th	Joe & Phyllis Fayocavitz	34 years



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

SUNSHINE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2024 – DECEMBER 9, 2024

Submitted by: Ruby Torino

Get Well Card sent to Don Clegg @ E8661 Church Rd.
New London WI 54961. He was scheduled for surgery on 11/19/2024.



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

WELCOME COMMITTEE

Linda Sawyer and Kat Ermish have volunteered to be our new Teakwood East 'Welcome Committee'. They have already gone out to meet and greet new residents to our community. If you are new to Teakwood or know of someone who has recently moved into the Village please contact Linda or Kat. They have a welcome gift bag with useful information about the area and some goodies including a free Social Club membership that is good for January 1 – December 31, 2025.

welcome!

Many thanks to Vickie Rios for the great job she has done this past year in making new residents feel welcome. She stepped up to temporarily fill this position when there was a need.

THANK YOU

The Social Club would like to give a big THANK YOU to David Henry and Barb Wautlet. You may not know it, but David is the one who prints all of the tickets for our events and most of the posters we put on the bulletin boards. Barb Wautlet has for the last several years designed and printed the Social Club membership cards. Thank you both for the outstanding contributions you make!



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

People look forward to the first Saturday of each month because it means they can enjoy a great pancake breakfast prepared and served by Roland Lausier and his crew. Join your friends and neighbors at Aloha from 7:30 – 9:00 A.M. for his delicious pancakes and sausage January 4th. The tickets are \$4 and can be purchased at Tuesday coffee.

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FUN NIGHT WITH MUSIC

Submitted by Ruby Torino



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

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

TROUBADOUR CONCERT



The Troubadours would like to thank everyone who attended and helped stage a very successful concert on November 30, 2024. Your enthusiasm and singing was greatly appreciated and your participation and generosity raised \$800.00 that was donated to Hope Villages of America (local food bank).

The Troubadours next concert will be on Saturday January 25, 2025 at Aloha hall. The songs for this Jukebox concert (which were selected by people attending Tuesday morning coffee Klatch) encompass a wide variety of music including classic Rock and Roll, Pop, Country, Folk, Traditional and musical hits from the 1950's to the present. The Troubadours full band will be performing. The cost is \$5.00 and all proceeds go to the local food bank. Tickets will go on sale late December through January at the East and West morning coffee klatches. Tickets will be available at the door or can be purchased by contacting Ben Cortez or Bill O'Sullivan. This concert will be energized and highly entertaining. See you there for this great night of music and singing. May music and love fill your days.

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Submitted by Sandy Miller



I hope everyone is ready for a fun night at the races! The first Derby Race is January 26th. The doors to Aloha open at 6:00 P.M. and the first race starts promptly at 7:00 P.M.. All bets for that race must be made before it starts. Tickets go on sale at coffee January 7th and Friday nights at bunco. The cut-off for ticket sales is January 24th. The cost is \$5 per person.

The kitchen will be open for drinks, popcorn and ice cream. We will have Share the Wealth. All of the money from ticket sales will be paid back out in prize money and door prizes. You may BYO beverages and snacks. Seats may be reserved after 12:00 P.M. (noon) the day of the race. Mark your calendars for February 16th and March 9th for the next Derby Races. It's a good way to meet people and have a fun night out. Hope to see everyone there.

PEACE OF WOODSTOCK DANCE

Submitted by Sue Dietz



Let The Sun Shine In on the Age Of Aquarius as we welcome Peace of Woodstock band and are transported back to the summer of 1969. Folks have been working on "costumes" and rumor has it there will be a bra burning. I didn't make it to NY in '69, but plan to be at the Aloha Clubhouse February 1st from 7:00-10:00 pm. Tickets are \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members and guests.

ANNUAL VARIETY SHOW

Do you sing, dance, play an instrument or have no outstanding talent at all? Then we want you!! If you like to have fun and maybe be a little silly you will love this. If you have an idea for a skit, great! But if no ideas come to you don't worry. Judy Glenn always has a few ideas in her back pocket. Stage hands will also be needed. Please contact Judy Glenn at 317-473-2390 right away. This is always a fun event and we hope to see new and past participants join in. The Variety Show will take place February 8th at the Aloha Hall from 6:00 – 8:30 P.M. The cost of tickets will be \$2.

VALENTINES DANCE

Valentines Day is fast approaching and what better way to celebrate it than with a Dance? Music will be provided by ‘Sequel’, a band we have enjoyed at past events. Be sure to mark February 14th 7:00 – 10:00 pm your new 2025 calendar.

As of this writing we still need a host for this event. It is not a difficult job. The band has been booked and appropriate table cloths will be waiting for you. All you need to do is sell tickets, ask people to sign up to help and supervise the volunteers at set-up and clean-up. There is a perk for you and the volunteer helpers. Each person is able to reserve 4 seats BEFORE the rest of the Village is allowed in at noon to put names on tables!

YOUNG AT HEART ANNUAL KARAOKE CONCERT



On Saturday, February 22, 2025 the Young at Heart Karaoke benefit will be held at Aloha Clubhouse. The show starts at 5PM. BYOB. You will be served a sandwich in a bag. Donations start at \$10.00. Tickets go on sale January 1, 2025 & can be bought at Tuesday morning coffee or by calling Peg O'Connell 207-712-4970 or Toni Topczij at 727-902-2353 or 727-586-0015.

KOFFEE KLATCH – HOSTS NEEDED

Submitted by Sharon Sklar



It's that time of year when I need everyone's help to sign-up as hosts for 2025. There are a lot of open slots. You are requested to sign up for two consecutive weeks. The dates currently open that need a host are: March 4th & 11th, March 18th & 25th, April 1st & 8th, April 15th & 22, April 29th & May 6th, November 25th & December 2nd, December 9th & 16 and December 23rd & 30th. For new people who may be unsure about hosting, there is a sheet in the “host book” that lists everything you have to do. If you have any questions please ask me. Don't be afraid, we won't hurt you! If you prefer not to go on the stage and talk, we have 2 very nice men who will MC for you. Teakwood believes in rewarding residents who volunteer. At the end of each year I draw a name of someone who has been a host and that person receives a \$50 gift certificate. Koffee Klatch is every Tuesday at the Aloha Clubhouse starting at 9:00 A.M. The cost is \$3 for two donuts and all the coffee/tea you can drink. Please bring your own cup/mug and plate. Even if you don't drink coffee or eat donuts, we would like to see you. There is no charge for just sitting and catching up with friends or meeting new ones. We encourage all residents to stop by as this is the place to hear about all of the upcoming special events and purchase tickets for these activities.

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CARD CLASS

Submitted by Ann Cortez



The January Greeting Card Workshop will be held on January 2, 2025 at 10 am in the Tiki Hall. This is for those who signed up by the December deadline.

The next Greeting Card Workshop will be held on February 6, 2025 at 10 am in the Tiki Hall. There will be a sign-up sheet for this class in the Tiki Hall until January 23, 2025 at which time it will be taken down so I have time to prepare everything for the class. You do not need to bring anything to the class, as the materials are provided. The cost is \$10 to make 5 cards.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Submitted by Judy Bailey



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

MONTHLY LADIES LUNCH

submitted by Bitsy Lajoie



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

BOCCE



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

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

WALK AEROBICS

Submitted by Audrey Wilson



Hello to all aerobic walkers. Our walks will begin on Wednesday, November 13th for the new 24/25 season. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in the Aloha Hall at 8:30 AM every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from the 13th and onward. We will start off with a 2 mile aerobic walk and increase to 3 miles in December. Per usual, stretch bands will be introduced on Wednesdays in January. See you in November.

POOL AEROBICS

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

BID EUCHRE

Submitted by Marilyn O'Sullivan

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



CANASTA

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



TABLE POOL

Tuesdays at the Tiki clubhouse beginning at 5:00 p.m. Bring your own cue stick or use one provided at Tiki. Open to all Teakwood Residents, MEN & WOMEN!



DOMINOES

Please come share an afternoon of fun with us every Wednesday at the Tiki Clubhouse. Please arrive by 1:15 so we can start play at 1:30 P.M.



CRIBBAGE

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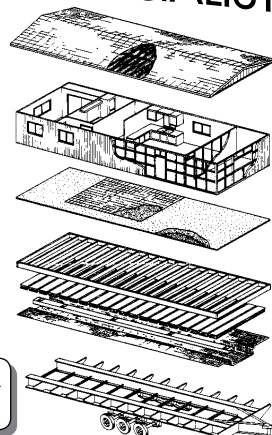
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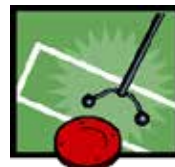
Submitted by Phyllis Melanson



Line dance classes take place every Thursday at the Aloha clubhouse from 9:30 to 11:00. Classes are open to the men and women from the East and West sides, whether you've danced before or not. I start with very easy dances at 9:30 so if you are a beginner, 9:30 is the time for you. We have lots of fun and lots of laughs.

SHUFFLE BOARD

Submitted by Bob Gilleran



Join in the fun at the Aloha shuffleboard court. Regular shuffleboard is on Thursdays at 10:00 A.M. New players are welcome!

Horse Collar shuffleboard is played on Friday at 1:00 P.M. the cost is \$1 per player and all money is paid out in prizes at the end of the game.

Due to the holiday, there will be NO regular shuffleboard on January 2nd or Horse Collar on January 3rd. Both regular and Horse Collar shuffle will continue through the end of March.

CO-ED POKER



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

UNLUCKY 7



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

LADIES POKER



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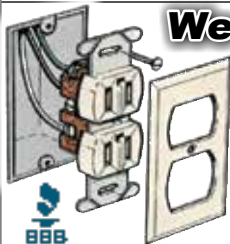
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March 1st – Spring Dance – Musical entertainment by Bobby Stilwell

March 6th – Karaoke Night – Aloha

March 15th – Fun Night of Music – Aloha

March 17th – St. Patrick’s Day Dance – music by Soulfish at Aloha

March 19th – Bingo

March 28th – Farewell Party/Dance – Tom Davis performing

March 29th – Troubadours last concert of the season – Aloha



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A MESSAGE TO OUR TEAKWOOD WEST RESIDENTS

- Natalie Cholewa

2025

It's hard to believe that it is already 2025! I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and my wish for everyone is to have a happy and healthy new year!

As most everyone is aware, changes were made within the Social Club Board due to Julie Smiedendorf's resignation. In the interim, before the next elections, the following changes were made—

Natalie Cholewa – moved from VP to President

Sharon Lotwick – moved from Director to VP

John Morse – moved into the open Director position

Your support is appreciated as we work through the changes and get back on track as we head into the new year.

January's focus is on the upcoming **Flea Market on January 18th** and **Games Day on January 25th**.

The success of our Flea Market, just as in the past, is what builds our Social Club funds so we can continue with all our events, while paying those monthly bills that come our way.

We need **help**... lots of help to run the Flea Market! Please consider helping man a table, picking up donations from resident's homes, directing traffic or helping with table set up in the Clubhouse. The more help the better... **thank you** for your assistance in any way possible!

Games Day is also a fun day and can generate monies for our Social Club. This event also needs many hands to be successful, so please let Joanne Lapensee know if you would like to be involved that day.

At the **Tuesday, January 21st General Meeting**, the proposed changes given to the Board for the current By-laws, along with the Board recommendations, will be discussed and voted on at this meeting.

You can expect the meeting to go a little longer than usual as there are important items to review.

A very special thank you to **Ray and Mary Kugler** for donating their animated Santa Claus to the Social Club! We look forward to enjoying him throughout the years. Thank you Ray and Mary!!

COFFEE HOUR

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

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

Come early for 50/50 Share the Wealth tickets! 3/\$1

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

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



THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING



WELCOME NEW TEAKWOOD WEST RESIDENTS!

We have many activities and events in our park, which everyone is welcome to attend. Most of our events are free to attend. A nominal fee of \$10 per year per person to join the Social Club will get you a discount on any events that have a fee.

The Membership committee will be in contact with you, but at this time we ask that any new residents attend our Coffee hour meetings and introduce yourself to the community. The meeting will give you information about events, as well as meeting your neighbors.

→ We urge all **new and current** residents to stop by the Clubhouse, at any time, to look at the bulletin boards for more information!

GAMES DAY

- Joanne Lapensee

It's that time again ! 2025 Games Day is scheduled for Saturday **January 25th** 12-4pm in the Clubhouse

There will be two Bar Poker tables, one Blackjack table, Queen of Hearts, Roulette, and a small Bingo game!

Exchange your money for chips and plan to have some fun that day.

The kitchen will be open with hot dogs, beverages and snacks for purchase.

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MONTHLY GOOD NEIGHBORS FOOD PANTRY

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

Exact dates/changes will be on our Facebook Page or hear updates at our Coffee Meetings. **Next Food Pantry Date → January 13th**

Please remember to be courteous to your fellow neighbors as this is a first come, first serve event. Each household is allowed one bag of items; if two are required, you will need to wait for the end and see what items are left over. Spread the word to your neighbors that may not know about the Food Pantry or may need help getting the items to their homes.



Food Pantry and Community Outreach Event

FLEA MARKET

IMPORTANT REMINDER !!

Saturday January 18th 8am-1pm

This is an All Hands On Deck project to make it successful for our community! Your donations, your assistance in any way or your purchasing support are greatly appreciated!! This event brings in \$\$ for our Social Club and we haven't had our usual Flea Markets since Covid! We have also advertised in the January Media Emporium to reach as many people as possible outside of our community.

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

NFL CHAMPIONSHIP PARTY AND CHILI COOKOFF



Plans are in the works for another NFL Championship party with the Chili Cookoff starting off the day! **Sunday – February 9th**

Entry fee will be \$3 to show off your cooking skills and all proceeds coming back as Prize Money. There will also be 50/50 tickets sold that day.

NFL Championship activities and timing of events to be announced at a later date.

VALENTINES DAY DANCE

- Natalie Cholewa and Mary Lou Sanford



Save the date for our annual Valentine's Day Dance that will be on Thursday February 13th! Tickets will be \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members. Stay tuned for more information !

PASTA DINNER

- Mike Pini

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, February 15th** for Mike Pini's famous Pasta Dinner! The night will include his traditional Italian meal with the award-winning Waiter entertainment package. This is a ticket event, so please look for sign up sheets for prep and serving help and any updates on the Clubhouse Board and our Facebook page.

ANY IDEAS FOR FUTURE EVENTS ??

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

In the planning stage OR on the Seasonal Calendar (Subject to change)

Shuffleboard Tournament – Friday March 14

St. Patrick's Day Dance – Monday March 17th

Farewell to Friends – March

Food Band Annual Truck Drive – Thursday April 24th (tentative)

Wine and Cheese Tasting – TBD

Pizza Party – TBD

End of Summer Street Dance – September



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FROM THE EDITOR

-Sharon Lotwick



If you have anything to submit for our monthly Newsletter/Tidings Book, please email me at slotwick@ptd.net (all lowercase letters) or send a text to my cell phone 484-274-3544.

If changes/updates are required for anything in the current/future Newsletter or Calendar, please let **ME** know of any unintentional errors that need to be corrected. The normal submission deadline to me is the **10th** of each month for the following month's edition; however, **holidays may change this deadline.**

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

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

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

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR TEAKWOOD WEST !

- Sharon Lotwick

May you find all you're looking for (and things you didn't know you were looking for) this year! Hold your loved ones close and may your blessings continue to grow. And remember, it doesn't cost a thing to **be kind**.

A sincere **thank you** to all who reached out to me in any way with your sweet condolences in the loss of my blue eyes....**Artie Bush**. We never know what plans God has for us, but he definitely threw me for a loop with this one.

We can't always choose the music life plays for us, but we can choose how to dance to it. Here's to a Happy, Healthy, and Blessed 2025 for all !





RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE – POP TABS !

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

HOPE VILLAGES OF AMERICA

- Sharon Lotwick

Just a thought --In preparation for our **Annual Food Bank Truck Drive**, why not purchase one canned item every time you go to the grocery store and keep it until our April event ? You'll have a stock pile of items to donate and help those in need in our area.

Our local food bank is requesting the following specific items prior to our Food Bank Drive Event –
Non-perishable Food Items

High Protein Canned items – Beans, Meats

Canned Vegetables, Beef Stew, Ravioli, Soups, Chili

Teakwood Village West has always been an active part of assisting Hope Villages with donations.

Thank you for your help with this community program! Feel free to drop off donations anytime at- 201 Beechwood Lane. Look for the large, black container marked **Food Bank**.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Louise Bonnette

We will welcome Officer Bowling from **Largo Police Department** on January 7th at Coffee Hour, who will give a short informational presentation on **Security and Fraud**. Hope to see you there for some important information from our area police department!

SUNSHINE AND SHUT-INS

- Bettie Wickersham

Please remember to let Bettie know if you become aware of someone in our Teakwood community who is ill, suffered a tragedy, lost a loved one, needs encouragement, could use a quick visit, or needs help to put a puzzle together. She'll do what she can for those in our community, but she can't do it without your help, so please reach out to Bettie and let her know. (727-420-3469) or email at jlswick37@gmail.com

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TEAKWOOD WEST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- Jean Hamilton johnjeanhamilton@hotmail.com.

January Birthdays

Jean Hamilton	3rd	Lee Kozola	22nd
Kim Bouzas	4th	Terrie Londo	24th
Sharon Houston	4th	Sherby Bolatto	24th
Kathy Malcolm	11th	Greg Palma	26th
Warren Weaver	12th	Mary Olson	28th
Phyllis Greig	14th	Jack Toof	28th
Denise McCormick	21st		



January Anniversaries

Al & Ave Gardner	15th
Chris & Katherine Granger	16th
Paul & Joanne DesRoches	19th



Congratulations and warmest wishes to all those celebrating in January!

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

WEEKLY / MONTHLY ACTIVITES

CHAIR YOGA – NEW !!!!!

- Kelly Follweiler and Cindy Basham

Come join us for *Senior Chair Yoga* every morning, starting **January 4th** at 8 am in the Clubhouse. (* Tuesdays when there is a Coffee Meeting, start time will be 11am)

Please bring a floor mat or a rubber-backed rug for under your chair.

So what is Chair Yoga you ask ? It's a 10-day chair yoga challenge to start of s-l-o-w.

Initial sessions are about 10 minutes. Then the 28-day challenge is longer segments that will last 25-30 minutes.

Basically, the 10-day challenge is like a beginner class to introduce you to the chair yoga and then if you like it, you can continue on ! Try it...you might like it !

And if you miss the initial start date, you can still join in at any time after that.



BAR POKER \$\$

- Linda Staskal & Sharon Lotwick

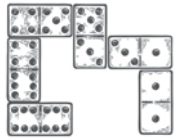


Sunday Nights at **6:30pm** in the Clubhouse.
Come early to grab your lucky seat and **bring your quarters!**
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TRAIN DOMINOES

- Buffy Handville 727-754-3185



Monday 6:30PM at the Clubhouse.

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

HAPPY HOUR ON THE DECK



Join in for a casual Happy Hour every **Tuesday 4-6pm** on the deck of the West Ohana Clubhouse next to the shuffleboard courts.

Here's an opportunity to get together and meet new folks and see old acquaintances. We have so many new residents and it's great to meet everyone!

If you would like, feel free to bring a snack/appetizer to share or enjoy your own snacks. Pack up those coolers, fill your cups and enjoy some conversation and fun relaxing by the water. Don't forget.... It may be hot, chilly or rainy, but we have fans, heaters and shades to utilize and still have fun !

BID EUCHRE

- Cindy Murray



Come to the Clubhouse at 6:20pm every **Wednesday** to play Bid Euchre! The game starts promptly at **6:30pm**.
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CRAFTS

- Debbie Ryder

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

DEE'S NICKELS

-Chris Bassett

Thursday Nights at **6:30pm** at the Clubhouse.
Come early, grab a seat, and play Unlucky 7's.
And don't forget your Nickels!

I got it! You got it! I need it! You need it! Always a fun evening!



NIGHTTIME BOCCE

- Bob Schultz

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



WATER AEROBICS

- MJ Schultz

Join the morning water aerobics group Monday-Wednesday-Friday at 8:30am by the pool.
As the cooler weather approaches, be prepared for possible cancellations.
Bring your pool noodles and have some morning fun !

NIGHTTIME SHUFFLE

- John Morse

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



RED HATS

-Andrea Durkin



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

LUNCH WITH THE BUNCH

- Debbie Ryder



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

FISHING CLUB

- Pat Dobson



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

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



Reminder - Teakwood West does **NOT** have Security people walking around our community. Should you see someone walking on our streets, wearing something to identify themselves as Security personnel, please call the Largo Police *immediately*.
If you see anything out of the ordinary, please alert your neighbors and if necessary, **please call the Largo Police** (727-587-6730).

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

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EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Bingo: Lake Seminole Resort. 10245 110th Ave. Largo. Monday, January 6th at 6:50 pm. Doors open at 5:30, Cards on sale until 6:30

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

Largest Garage Sale in southwest Florida! Northwood Presbyterian Church, 2875 State Road 580, Clearwater, FL 33761 will hold a gigantic sale on January 16th, 17th, 18th from 8:00am - 2:00pm. There will be something for everyone. Contact Susan Curry 727-709-8237 for information.

Shoreline Palms MHP (formerly 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

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

Sunset Palms MHP Annual Huge Community Yard Sale. Sat., Jan 25th 9-2pm. Raffles, Open Houses, Kitchen Open, Food Carts, Start in Clubhouse!

EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Carport Sale Feb. 1, 2025. East Bay Oaks and Eldorado Village. 601 Starkey Rd and 2505 East Bay Dr. 8am-2pm. NO EARLY BIRDS

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Sat. March 1st, 8-12noon. Flea Market, Colonial Village, 2000 East Bay Drive, Largo. Furniture, Kitchen appliances, housewares, bicycles, clothing, home-baking.

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MONTHLY BINGO

- Natalie Cholewa



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* Sales end at **6:00pm** *Game starts at **6:30pm**
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All monies received for Bingo are paid back to the players.

PLEASE → *Appreciate small bills/change !!*

ATTENTION RESIDENTS !

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

LEASH UP AND CLEAN UP !

We live in a beautiful area and we want to keep it that way. be kind, respectful and thoughtful of others. Thank you!

(2) **Reminder** – if you are on the Clubhouse deck and take advantage of using our **shades**, please be sure to secure them and return them to the rolled-up position that you found them in. We tend to get strong winds and we do not want to damage these wonderful additions to our outside area. Additionally, if you use our **large fan**, please remember to replace the cover and tie it.

WORDS OF WISDOM

- Never judge someone by the opinion of another. Don't spread with your mouth, what your eyes didn't see. Rumors can make you dislike innocent people so don't judge someone by what others are saying about them. Be wise, get to know them for yourself, and then form your own opinion. The one talking to you may just be the one you need to stay away from.
- Happiness is not about getting all you want, it is about enjoying all you have!



PONDER THIS

Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?
Why can't women put on mascara with their mouth closed?
Why don't you ever see the headline, "Psychic Wins Lottery?"



Why is "abbreviated" such a long word.

Why is it that what doctors call what they do "Practice?"

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Why is the time of day with the most traffic called rush hour?

Why isn't there mouse flavored cat food?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole airplane out of that stuff?

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

HOW ABOUT TRYING THIS RECIPE?

Pea Salad

This dish was enjoyed by many at our recent Welcome Back Potluck Event. Thank you to **Karen Blanchard** for sharing her recipe !

- 2 lbs. frozen peas – regular or small size
- 1.5 C light mayo
- 2 bunches green onions(chopped) * I used one bunch
- 1.5 tsp curry powder
- 1 can black diamond almonds, chopped

- Thaw and drain peas
- Mix other ingredients together
- Add to peas and serve !



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