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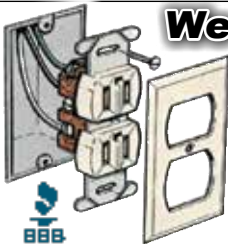


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President's Message

Ron Hanson



The Notice to our Shareholders regarding the March Annual Shareholder Meeting and Election of Directors of the Colonial Village Inc. was sent out. The important meeting will be held Thursday, March 6 at 7 PM in the clubhouse. There are four vacancies on the Board. The second notice and ballots will be sent in February. Notice of Intent Form should be requested from the Management Office and then returned to the office by January 24th. The candidate should send in a one-page informational sheet or resume to the office no later than Jan 31. We look forward to our residents' participation at the board level.

Time to Think About Our Flea Market FLEA MARKET—March 1, 2025

What is it? This is an opportunity to donate those linens, household items, dishware, cutlery, furniture, clothing or any other miscellaneous items you have accumulated or found that you do not need. This is especially true for those of you who have moved into the park most recently.



Why? The proceeds of the sale benefit you in that they are used to put on and sponsor social and recreational activities within the park.

When? The Flea Market will be held on Saturday, March 1st from 8am until noon.

How you can help! We will also be needing home baked goods. These can be dropped off on Friday, February 28th from 8 till noon. We will be having a Straw Draw game and are looking for prizes of gently used items or gift certificates from local businesses. Also, we are looking for Silent Auction items. These can be new or gently used items of a value of more than \$10.

We have limited storage space so hang on to those items until the end of February and we will arrange for pickup on Friday, February 28th. Check the bulletin board in the Clubhouse for further notices and information and volunteer signup sheets.

Volunteers will be needed to man tables, help with set up and tear down. The sign-up sheets will be on the Clubhouse bulletin board at the beginning of February. Check it to see how you can help. Many volunteers are needed as this is our prime fundraiser of the year.

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Card Bingo



Our next card bingo will be held on Saturday, February 1st at 7:00PM. Bring 12 quarters and your good luck charms. A 50/50 raffle will be held, and a snack will be served during the break. This is a fun activity and guaranteed to produce a few laughs.

SAC Meeting

February 5th in the Clubhouse at 10:30 will be the next meeting of the Social Activities Committee. ALL residents are members of this group. Come to the meeting and find out what is being planned for your entertainment and enjoyment. You may also have a suggestion as to a new activity you would like to see happen or discover an activity you would like to help with. We always need new volunteers and new ideas.

Like to Dance???



Join us for live entertainment and dancing on Feb. 8th with Double Treble and on Feb. 22nd with Bandstand. These are both popular groups and have entertained us in Colonial Village before.

Not So Newly Wed Game

Save Sunday evening February 8th at 7:00PM for this fun game. The questions are great, and the contestants have as much fun as the audience. Join us for this very popular evening of fun and laughter.

Welcome to The New Residents of Colonial Village

Invitations will be sent out to new residents to join us at a Friday morning coffee hour on February 14th at 10:00. This is a great opportunity for new residents and seasoned residents to meet, greet, and mingle together over a tasty repast and a cup of coffee.

Chicken Dinner-- Saturday, February 15th 5:30 Social 6:00 Dinner

The sign-up list will be posted on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse to attend this feast!!! You will be sitting down to a wonderful meal of ½ a chicken, potato salad, cold slaw, rolls and topped off with pie and ice cream. Bring an extra container for leftovers as the meal is plentiful. Note to new residents, bring your own dishware and cutlery to the Clubhouse during the day and set your place at a table. A 50/50 raffle will be held.

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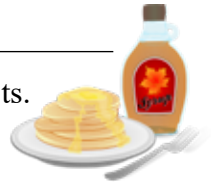


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Pancake Breakfast

Another way to meet new people is to attend our popular pancake breakfasts. Join us on Friday, February 21st. Serving begins at 8:30. The sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse.



February Residents' Birthdays

8 Patsey Campbell, Unit 48
10 Doreen Andrews, Unit 145
21 Geoff Foster, Unit 171
28 Brenda Lewis, Unit 2



Happy 50th birthday Colonial Village!

On January 5, 2025 sixty-five residents gathered to celebrate our Independence Day. Each person was given a door prize ticket and a beautiful pen with the inscription, "Colonial Village 1975-2025".



When everyone was seated, Event coordinator Susan Collins announced that this special day was the 51st wedding anniversary of Jack and Myra Sonneborn, residents for many years. The group burst into song and "Happy Anniversary to Jack and Myra" was sung.

Susan narrated the park's history and purpose of the celebration. Colonial Village Park opened January 2, 1965. Len Collman and Lou Browser, owners, had a vision for a mobile home park that would be one of the finest in the state and would attract "the nicest people you could meet". Residents paid rent to Len and Lou and the park provided activities free of charge. After a few years, other parks were being built in the area around Colonial Village. Some of these parks were charging higher rents than Colonial Village and residents became concerned. In 1974, the rent in Colonial Village was increased twice in nine months. Residents decided they no longer wanted to pay rent. They wanted to own the park themselves. A loan was secured and arrangements were made for Colonial Village to be leased to the residents. The final papers were signed on December 30, 1974, but January 1, 1975 is the date that has always been used as the date Colonial Village became independent. The park has been resident owned ever since. This is what we were celebrating! The independence and strength of these early owners have given us the park we all love.

Resident Jack Moore, whose parents lived in the park for many years, shared his memories of Colonial Village. Jack, former board president, has given many hours to making Colonial Village the park it is today and we appreciated his memories and his humor.

With a great deal of anticipation and laughter, four tickets were drawn and each person received a twenty-five dollar Amazon gift card! One ticket was drawn by a former board vice

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president, Bob Green. The ticket he drew belonged to his daughter who is in the process of purchasing her parents' home in the park. She joins many residents who are currently "second generation" residents as their parents were residents in Colonial Village before them. A number of these second generation residents, are currently living in the same homes their parents lived in before them. We are especially proud to have had three generations live in one of the homes. Sisters Marie Clement and Barbara Roos currently living in the home their grandparents and parents enjoyed before them. This is a major milestone and a testament to the wonderful place we call home for at least part of the year.

Following the history, the memories, and the door prize drawings, everyone enjoyed cake and ice cream and the celebration was considered a huge success! Thank you, Susan Collins for your time and effort to "produce" this celebration event. The full park history can be read in the January 2025 Colonial Village Chronicle and online www.monthly-media.com.

Susan and Barbara are creating an article "All In The Family" to mention the many second generation families in the park. Your input is requested in order to make this all-inclusive. Email barbroos@gmail.com. Names, who moved in first, relationships, unit #s.

Who Created Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer?



Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer is famous for his eponymous Christmas tune and for using his luminous nose to heroically guide Santa Claus through the dense snow and fog on Christmas Eve. But originally, Rudolph was created as part of an ad campaign to guide Christmas area customers into department stores. Montgomery Ward was a retailer known for releasing Christmas-themed promotional coloring books in the 1930s to attract shoppers. After years of buying and distributing books made elsewhere, it opted to cut costs by designing a book of its own in 1939. The retailer enlisted the help of copywriter Robert L. May to conceive a new story, and thus, Rudolph was born. According to the fact-checking site Snopes, May was inspired by the story of the "Ugly Duckling" and decided to create a character that was similarly ostracized for his physical appearance. He was also influenced by the fact that reindeer had been associated with Christmas as far back as the early 19th century. May settled on a reindeer with a glowing red nose, and at first considered names such as Rollo and Reginald; Rudolph, however, "rolled off the tongue nicely." May's story was a hit with both his young daughter and his employer, which distributed 2.4 million copies of the book in 1939 and another 3.6 million in 1946. Rudolph became a national sensation in 1949, when May's brother-in-law, Johnny Marks, composed a song about the character. That tune was recorded by Gene Autry and went on to sell 1.75 million copies in its first year, becoming the first No. 1 song of the 1950s.

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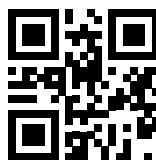
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The first ball drops were designed for ship captains, not New Year's Eve.

Source: *Gidget Alikpala* 12/31/25

Whether at home on the couch or among the crowds in Times Square, watching the New Year's Eve ball drop symbolizes a fresh start. But as the ball descends to mark another year gone by, it also harkens back to an era when knowing the exact time was much more difficult. Before the 20th century, timekeeping was significantly less precise; most people noted the time thanks to church bells that rang on the hour though the system was often inaccurate. For sailors and ship captains, knowing the exact time was key for charting navigational courses, and they used a device called a chronometer to keep track of time onboard ships. That's why Robert Wauchope, a captain in the British navy, created the time ball in 1829. The raised balls were visible to ships along the British coastline, and they were manually dropped at the same time each day, allowing ships to set their chronometers to the time at their port of departure. At sea, navigators would calculate longitude based on local time, which they could determine from the angle of the sun, and the time on their chronometer.

Time balls emerged as a timekeeping feature throughout the world, though evidence of the is hard to find today. The U.S. Naval Observatory in Washington, D.C., installed one in 1845, which would later help history record the precise time of Lincoln's assassination; it dropped daily through 1936. But the time ball's reign was short-lived. The devices fell out of fashion by the 1880s, thanks to the availability of self-winding clocks. The concept would eventually be co-opted by The New York Times in 1907, when the newspaper's formerly explosive New Year's Eve celebrations were barred from using fireworks. Organizers took a chance by looking back at the time ball's influence, and decided a lighted midnight drop was the perfect way to honor the occasion.

The New York Times Square New Year's Eve Ball has dropped every year since 1907. There were 7 designs since then. In 1972 the first 'Dick Clark's New York Rockin' Eve aired for the first time. The weight of the current ball is 11,875 pounds. The original ball weighed 700 pounds and made of iron and wood and lit up with 100 incandescent light bulbs. The typical number of revelers packed into Times Square each New Year Eve is 58,000. In the 1980s the Times Square Ball was reconfigured into an apple for the City's "I Love New York" campaign. Times Square New Year Eve confetti is all tossed by hand, release of 3,000 pounds starting 20 seconds before midnight.

The first New Year Eve celebration in Times Square was held in 1904 to mark the opening of the new offices of The New York Times at One Time Square, but the ball had yet to make an appearance. In 1907 a firework ban was in place due to safety concerns. In 1920 the ball was replaced with a smaller 400-pound version made entirely of wrought iron, then made lighter in 1955 with a 150-pound aluminum sphere. According to the Times Square official website, the current model measures 12 feet in diameter and weighs almost 12,000 pounds. It has an aluminum frame to which Waterford crystal and LED lights are attached. There are over 2,600 crystal triangles illuminated by more than 32,000 LEDs.



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Myths about Thanksgiving by Nicole Garner Meeks

Thanksgiving has been celebrated since the 1600s. Colonist didn't view the meal as a tradition. It wasn't until 1789 when George Washington began the trend of Presidents declaring official day of autumnal celebration. It became a national holiday in 1863, supported by President Abraham Lincoln.

Myth- Colonists who traveled on the Mayflower were called Pilgrims. Passengers referred to themselves as "saints" or "separatists" because of their division from the Church of England. Later on, the colonists would be called "first-comers" or "forefathers" until around 1800, when the term "pilgrim" emerged and stuck.

Myth- Pumpkin pie was served at the First Thanksgiving. The Colonists did not have ovens and sweeteners. Polate dishes were also absent and it's a possible venison, not turkey, was served as the center dish.

Myth – Thanksgiving has always been held in November. It was left up to the President. President James Madison set it for April 1. Thanksgiving didn't get its official designation as the fourth Thursday of the month of November until 1941.

Myth – Abraham Lincoln began the Turkey-Pardoning Tradition. It is often stated the President Lincoln's 1863 clemency to a turkey was the original, then President Harry Truman was credited. Many Presidents and First Ladies pardoned turkey at the White House. President Ronald Reagan sent the turkey to a farm, and other Presidents followed the practice. But President George H. Bush in 1989 granted the first official Presidential Turkey Pardoning Tradition.

Several Countries Celebrate Thanksgiving including Canada, Grenada, Saint Lucia and Liberia...on various dates in October and November. Unofficially celebrated in Brazil, Germany and Norfolk Island in Australia. Although Thanksgiving has historical roots, in religious and cultural tradition, it has long been celebrated as a secular holiday as well.



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- 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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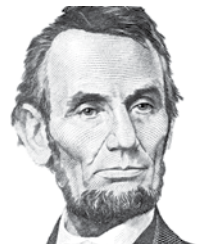
Surprising Duties of the U.S President

Source: *Feeding Curiosity* 1/10/25 *Listverse* 12/13/24 by Hamza Ali

1. For the past hundred years, the president has served as the honorary head of the Boy Scouts of America; since 1910.
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1. Abe Lincoln was the tallest American President.
2. The Gettysburg Address is one of the Longest presidential speeches.
3. Abe Lincoln was born in Illinois – Land of Lincoln.
4. Lincoln once served as a U.S. Congressman.
5. Lincoln participated in a series of debates with Frederick Douglass.
6. Lincoln was a teacher before entering politics.
7. Lincoln spent most of life as a member of the Republican Party.
8. Lincoln being elected President as a catalyst for the Civil War.
9. Lincoln was an accomplished wrestler.
10. Lincoln protected land that is now Yosemite National Park.
11. The Emancipation Proclamation freed all enslaved people in the US.



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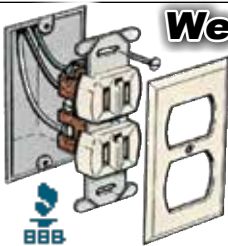
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12. Lincoln's biggest political inspiration was Thomas Jefferson.
13. Lincoln re-entered politics because of the Kansas-Nebraska Act.
14. Lincoln established the Secret Service on the day of his assassination.
15. George Washington was a farmer and became one of the foremost breeders and promoters of the American mule and agricultural innovator.
16. George Washington was not the first to sign the U.S. Constitution.
17. George Washington was the first and youngest president of U. S.
18. George Washington was only 43 when he was appointed Commander of the Continental Army in 1775.
19. George Washington had vast experience as a commander before being appointed Commander of the Continental Army.
20. Malaria and lack of supplies were two of George Washington's greatest challenges during the war.



About Presidents

21. Who is the only US President who never went to school?
 - George Washington, Millard Fillmore, John Tyler, Andrew Jackson
22. Who is the only US President to be featured on a state flag?
 - Abraham Lincoln, George Washington Theodore Roosevelt, Thomas Jefferson
23. Which President received a black belt in judo?
 - Kennedy, Lincoln, Grant, Roosevelt
24. Which President is pictured on the U.S. 50 Dollar bill?
 - Grant, Jackson, Roosevelt, Eisenhower
25. Which President had a bowling alley installed in the White House?
 - Kennedy, Reagan, Truman, Obama

...Answers on p. 41





Presidents Favorite Foods

George Washington	Hot Cakes	William Taft	Steak and Potatoes
John Adams	Hard Cider	Woodrow Wilson	Chicken Salad
Thomas Jefferson	Mac and Cheese	Warren G. Harding	Chicken Pot Pie
James Madison	Ice Cream	Calvin Coolidge	Apple Pie
James Monroe	Spoon Bread	Herbert Hoover	Sweet Potatoes with marshmallows
John Quincy Adams	Fresh Fruit	Franklin D. Roosevelt	Grilled Cheese
Andrew Jackson	Leather britches	Harry Truman	Well-done Steak
Martin Van Buren	Oysters	Dwight Eisenhower	The first lady's Million Dollar Fudge
Wm Henry Harrison	Squirrel Stew	John F. Kennedy	Creamy Clam Chowder
John Tyler	Indian Pudding	Lyndon B Johnson	Chicken fried steak with mashed potatoes
James Polk	Cornbread	Richard Nixon	Cottage cheese with ketchup
Zachary Taylor	Colas	Gerald Ford	Pot Roast
Millard Fillmore	Soup	Jimmy Carter	Grits
Franklin Pierce	Fried Clams	Ronald Reagan	Jelly Beans
James Buchanan	Cabbage	Gorge H. W. Bush	Port Rinds
Abraham Lincoln	Bacon	Bill Clinton	Cheeseburgers
Andrew Johnson	Hoppin' John	George W. Bush	Cheeseburgers Pizza
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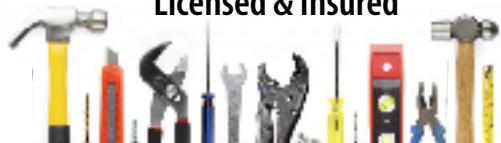


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James Buchanan kept an elephant there.
Calvin Coolidge had a donkey there.
Quentin Roosevelt thought his brother would recover from the measles faster if he could see his favorite pony in his bedroom.
Benjamin Harrison had a pet goat there.
Lyndon B Johnson welcomed a stay mutt in.
Thomas Jefferson had 2 grizzly bear cubs.
Caroline Kennedy had a pony there.
Gerald Ford had a golden retriever there.
Theodore Roosevelt and his 6 children had 12 horses, 5 bears, 5 guinea pigs, 5 dogs, 2 cats and 2 parrots, a lion, a hyena, a wildcat, a coyote, a zebra, rats, snakes, roosters, a raccoon, a horned toad, a rabbit, a badger, a blue macaw, a barn owl a pony and a pig.
Calvin Coolidge had 12 dogs, 4 birds, 3 cats, 2 raccoons, a donkey, a bobcat, a thrush bird, a goose, a bear, an antelope, a wallaby, a pygmy hippo and some lion cubs.
Herbert Hoover had a cat, opossum, canary 8 dogs and an alligator.
Franklin Roosevelt had 7 dogs.
Harry Truman had 2 dogs.
Dwight Eisenhower had a parakeet, a dog, and an elephant.
John Kennedy had 6 dogs, 2 birds, a cat, ducks, 3 ponies, hamsters, rabbits, horse, salamander and butterflies.
Lyndon Johnson had 6 dogs, hamsters, and lovebirds,
Richard Nixon had 4 dogs and fish.
Gerald Ford had 2 dogs and a cat.
Jimmy Carter had 2 dogs, a cat and an elephant.
Ronald Reagan had 6 dogs, cats, horses, and fish.
George Bush had 2 dogs.
Bill Clinton had 3 dogs and a cat.
Barack Obama had 2 dogs.
Donald Trump had no pets.
Joe Biden had 3 dogs, a cat and a horse.



INTERESTING ANIMAL FACTS

Source University of Florida, Dept. of Wildlife. <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu> by Steve A Johnson, Courtney Reyes, Bandon Dodge and Natalie McLaunch 7/2021

There are multiple species of **anoles** in Florida, including green anole, the invasive brown anole, and the non-native knight anole. The green anole (*Anolis carolinensis*) is Florida's only native anole in the U.S. and can change color from green to brown and vice versa.

Despite this activity, they are not true chameleons, which are an entirely different family of lizards. Although green anoles may be brown, brown anoles (*Anolis sagrei*) are never green.

Green anoles have a pink dewlap (throat fan). Like female brown anoles, female green anoles also have a light-colored line down the center of their backs. The dewlap of Crested Male has a yellow color center. Crested anoles, another introduced species in FL look like brown anoles. They get their name from the jugged-edged crest on the adult male. This species occurs primarily in south FL in Miami-Dade County. Male Bark Anoles, also introduced in FL, have a whitish or light-yellow dewlap, in contrast to the bold orange dewlap of male brown anoles. Brown Anoles, native to Cuba, the Bahamas and other islands of the West Indies. Were introduced and documented in late 1800s were likely stowaways on cargo ships. Anoles feed mostly on insects and larva and other invertebrates, but they also eat vegetation and small lizards including their own species and green anoles. In FL. Brown anoles reproduce in spring and summer months. Brown anoles males advertise their territories and display to attract by extending and retracting their throat fan, bobbing their heads and doing push-ups. Female brown anoles lay one egg at a time on multiple occasions during the reproductive season – egg laying occurs every 4 -6 days. The eggs have brittle shells and are hidden under leaf letter, rocks and other debris. Wild birds brown anoles live less than 2 years but can live longer in captivity. Predators include large lizards, outdoor cat, snakes, and birds like Egrets and Herons.



Interesting Animals Facts continued

Source of below information is from Google.

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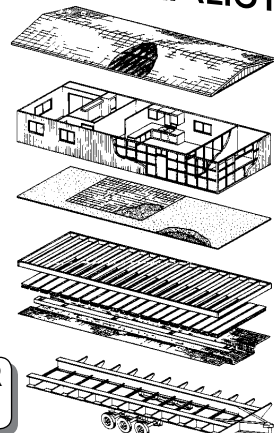
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Dolphin – Dolphin brains have 12 billion or a bit higher neurons, which is likely a bit over 13% as many neurons as humans. Dolphins and whales are able to go without sleep for a month.

Ragworm – The ragworm is an animal similar to an earthworm with the smallest brain. The ragworm is very small in size. It is equivalent to almost one strain of human hair.

Silkworms – Silkworms have 11 brains. The brain, which serves as the silkworm's primary control center, is situated in the center of the head.

Chimpanzee – Most scientists believe the chimpanzee is the smartest animal in the world, behind humans. Cheetah the chimpanzee, an animal actor from Tarzan movies of the 1930s and 40s, was reported to have lived approximately 80 years!

Snails – Snail's mouths are no larger than the head of a pin, they can have over 25,000 teeth over a lifetime – which are located on the tongue and continually lost and replaced like a shark.

They can sleep for three years. Snail's ancestors are one of the earliest known types of animals in the world. Snails possess both male and female reproductive organs, allowing them to switch gender.

Jellyfish – Jellyfish does not have a heart. Other animals that don't have hearts: flatworms, coral & polyps, starfish, sea anemone, sponges, sea cucumbers and sea lilies. The jellyfish is the biggest animal without a heart. It is a simple and primitive creature. It has no heart because it has no blood flowing around in its body. To date, there is only one species that has been called "biologically immortal"; Jellyfish *Turritopsis Dohrnii*. These small, transparent animals hang out in oceans around the world and can turn back in time by reverting to an earlier stage of their life cycle.

Kangaroo rat – The kangaroo rat's kidneys are so efficient that it never needs to drink water. It gets all of its liquid from the plants, roots, and seeds it eats. Note: Hummingbirds do not drink water, rather nectar, a sugary liquid, is their primary source of calories.

Mole – The mole is the only animal that cannot see the sky. Moles are burrowing mammals that spend most of their life underground.

Dragonflies – If you count all of those segments, then you could say that dragonflies have a whopping 30,000 eyes. However, these segments are connected to the nervous system via only two points and so these 30,000 segments are more correctly defined as a large array of lenses.

Koala – Koalas are thickset arboreal marsupials with a thick grey fur. Found only living in Australia, they mainly live in eucalyptus trees and spend around 22 hours of their time sleeping (90%). They spend the other 10% of their day eating and sitting around.

Bullfrog – Bullfrogs stay awake and alert even when they seem to be resting. These frogs don't sleep for a major period in a year and even when they rest after this, it's not complete sleep.

Earthworms – Earthworms do not have lungs. They respire through their skin, which is permeable to gases like oxygen and carbon dioxide. They rely on diffusion to exchange these gases with their environment.

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Horses and Giraffes – Horses sleep in a standing position and if it sits for a while then on two feet only. Giraffes never sit due to the fear of its predators, they also sleep in a standing position.

Platypus – The only mammal that produces both milk and eggs.

Elephant – Bury their dead and pay tribute to the bodies and the bones. Scientists have observed that elephants feel empathy; they toss dust upon the wounds of fellow elephants.

They help others climb out of mud and holes, they even have been seen plucking tranquilizing darts from one another. They can run up to 25 miles per hour. However, they remain the only mammal on earth that can't jump. They always keep one leg on the ground – even when running. African bush elephants can weigh up to 14,000 pounds and its trunk alone can tip the scale at 400 pounds. To maintain that weight, they need to consume about 300 to 400 pounds of grass, leaves, bamboo, roots, bark, and other plants each day and can spend up to 16 hours a day eating. They also drink 30-50 gallons of water each day. Their brains are the largest in the animal kingdom and 3 to 4 times larger than the human brain. Their average lifespan is 50-70 years, the oldest known was 86.

Rabbits, squirrels and rodents – Their teeth never stop growing. They have to chew on tough foods like nuts, leaves, and bark to wear down their teeth and keep them from growing too long.

Walruses – Scientists say that walruses can swim and stay awake continuously for 84 hours.

They probably rest as much to have energy for these intense periods of non-stop activity.

Penguins – Penguins are known to sleep with their eyes open. Not just that, they can also sleep while standing up. They are aquatic flightless birds that live in the Southern Hemisphere.

The Emperor penguin's lifespan is 15-20 years and are 3-4 feet tall; little penguins live 6 years and are 12-14 inches tall.

Crossing the U.S./Canada Border

Source: [Interestingfacts.com/facts](https://interestingfacts.com/facts) by Darren Orf



There's a part of the U.S that you can only get to through Canada. You have to go through Canada to get to this U.S. town – Point Roberts, Washington with 1200 residents (unless ones travel by boat or plane). It lies at the tip of the Tsawwassen peninsula. The U.S. and Canada share the longest land border in the world measured several thousand miles.

Point Roberts isn't the only U.S. 'pene-exclave' along the 49th parallel. In north Minnesota, a 120 sq. mi speck of land dubbed the "Northwest Angle" is separated from the rest of the state by the Lake of the Woods. The 120 residents have to cross the U.S./Canada border twice to hang out with the other Minnesotans (or take a short boat ride or drive across the lake when frozen). (per the 1783 Treaty of Paris negotiations). Geographers call a 'pene-exclave' which is a part of a country that is only accessible by traveling through another country.

All in all, 27 states in the U.S. are totally or partially north of Canada's most southern point, at Middle Island in Lake Erie in Ontario. Areas above that highest point even include a small sliver of California, which may seem counterintuitive considering the state contains one of the

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hottest places on Earth (Death Valley). Utah and Nevada also contain land north of Canada’s most southern point. So why do so many Canadians cling to these southern regions? In large part -agriculture. Commercial agriculture in these warmer climates formed a network of towns, which then developed into modern cities following the Industrial Revolution. Thee numbers could change as the world continues to warm.

Fact: A majority of Canadians live south of the 40th parallel. 70% live in majority cities such as Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec City

Fact: Canada’s nickname is “the Great White North” but most of its citizens live in the country’s southerly regions, and 60% of all Canadians live south of Seattle, Washington.

Fact: Canada is the world’s second largest country in the world. Russia is the largest country in the world.

Fact: The name “Canada” was derived from a description of the present-day City of Quebec

Fact: in 1818 the 49th parallel was first set as the U.S.-Canadian border, from the Lake of the Rocky Mountains.

Fact: The length of the U.S.-Canadian boarder the longest in the world is 5,525 miles.

Fact: 90% of Canadians who live within 100 miles of the US.-Canadian border.

Fact The length of an illegal smuggling tunnel discovered underneath the B. C -Washington border in 2005 was 360 feet.

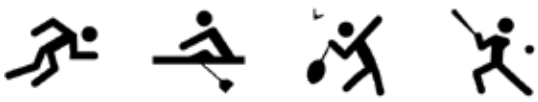
Fact: Canada’s coastline, the longest in the world (202,080 km), connects the Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic Oceans. The country’s coastline is characterized by a variety of ecosystems, but lacks tropical feature like coral reefs and mangrove swamps.

Colonial Village Activities

Bid Euchre	Monday	7:00PM	Leona McNeil	#161
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“65”	Mon. and Thurs.....	6:30PM	Jan Tremblay.....	#26
Dining Out	Wednesday	4:00PM	Ernie Bowman	#46
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Flea Market	Each February		Social Activities Committee	
Memorials			Evelyn VanDuyne	#57
Monthly Media Magazine	10th of Month		Barbara Roos	#58
Pickle Ball	Tues. and Fri	2:00PM	Scott Oke	#148
Shuffleboard	Tues. and Thurs	10:00AM	Cliff Bugden.....	#78
Water Aerobics	Tues. and Thurs	11:00AM.....	Marie Clement	#58
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President Answers

1. True. Without the stove pipe hat
2. False. Although its impact on American history is large. The address was only 272 words long.
3. False. Born in central Kentucky in 1809, moved to Illinois when he was 21 years old.
4. True. He represented Illinois from 1847 to 1849 but his stance against the Mexican War curtailed his time in Congress.
5. False. Illinois Senato candidate Stephen Douglas, not famous abolitionist Fred.
6. False. He had a successful career in law and considered one of the best in Illinois.
7. False. He won the 1860 and 1864 presidential election on the Republican ticket but he spent most of his life as a member of the WHIG Party which collapsed in 1854.
8. True. Before Lincoln's first presidential inauguration in March 1861 seven southern states seceded from the nation following his election month earlier.
9. True. He had the reputation as a formidable wrestler in his youth but never lost a fight (according to legend).
10. True. In 1864, a year before the creation of the National Park Service by President Woodrow Wilson in 1916, Lincoln protected the California land that became Yosemite National Park.
11. False. Issued on January 1, 1863 Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation freed only enslaved people in the Confederate states.
12. False. It was Henry Clay, a leader of the WHIG Part known as the "Greatest Compromiser" of the Senate. Lincoln disliked Thomas Jefferson.
13. True. The Kansas Nebraska Act of 1854, which repealed the Missouri Compromise, allowing slavery to spread into the Northern states by popular vote, he wrote "I was losing interest in politics, when the repeal of the Missouri Compromise arouse me again."
14. True. Lincoln established the Secret Service on April 14, 1865, the same day he was assassinated. The Agency's original role was to combat counterfeiting, however, not to protect the president.
15. True
16. False
17. False. Theodore Roosevelt was the youngest at 42.
18. True
19. False
20. False. Small Pox and lack of supplies.
21. Andrew Jackson, general in the U.S. Army and served both houses in the Congress. 7th President.
22. George Washington, Illinois
23. Teddy Roosevelt. He was also a skilled martial artist who received an honorary black belt in judo; also a skilled boxer and wrestler. He did all this during his presidency; and he had one eye which was mostly blind. He was the youngest person ever to hold the office at age 42. Ulysses Grant was 46. Barak Obama was 47.
24. Ulysses S Grant, 18th President
25. President Harry Truman

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