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This publication, Island in the Sun Sentinel, also referred to as the Monthly Media, contains names, contact information, community articles and information, an activities calendar as well as general interest articles. IITS residents can contribute ideas, articles, and photos to the publication. Contact Linda Olone at 727-214-7334, email [linda.olone@gmail.com](mailto:linda.olone@gmail.com), or Lot 73

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 You can also drop off articles not sent via e-mail at Lot 297.

**Representative to the Federation of Manufacturers Home Owners (FMO):**  
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 Please submit corrections to [linda.olone@gmail.com](mailto:linda.olone@gmail.com) or report to an HOA Board member.

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	Chrissie Riley .....	290 .....	404-353-1801	
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Potluck .....	Ciel Gordon .....	182 .....	952-486-1507	
Remembrance Corner .....	OPEN			
Shuffleboard .....	Elaine Ranck.....	134		
Rummikub.....	Rose Leduc .....	160 .....	727-797-8026	
Sign Board .....	OPEN			
Texas Hold’Em .....	Rick Morabito.....	174 .....	303-704-9772	
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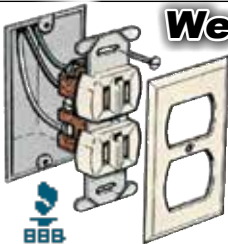


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## FROM THE EDITOR

Linda Olone



**H**ello IITS!! It is warming up nicely outside! Before you know it, we will be complaining about the heat! Island in the Sun is hot already with all the activities I see going on around here! Cal-am has been putting on the food for you people! HOA is working hard at planning things for you all as well. Please support both groups so we can continue to have some fun! If you have some ideas for fun, I know the activities team would love to hear it.

Please send any articles, suggestions, or photos to me at [linda.olone@gmail.com](mailto:linda.olone@gmail.com) or stop by Lot 73. If you would like to be highlighted or have a resident event highlighted in an upcoming edition for any of our sections, please let me know.

Thank you - Linda Olone – [linda.olone@gmail.com](mailto:linda.olone@gmail.com) – 727-214-7334.

## From the HOA president:



**A**s we start with a new board I would just like to thank all of our members and residents alike for their support. We intend to do our best to help the community grow and become more involved. Everyone's dues should be paid by now, but if not please feel free to see Cathy Ralston at 184, after 4 pm, to pay the \$15.00. Yes, that is correct dues are only \$15.00 a year. Have questions or need information, I will be happy to help you. Please remember I work full-time and am not always available during from 7 am to 5 pm, during the week. The best way to contact me is via text at 580-301-4828 and we can set up a time that is convenient for both of us. If you have a concern about something in the community or a suggestion for the, please fill out the concern form, turn it in and bring a copy with you when you come see me. That will help us both to ensure your concern is addressed. Remember the HOA cannot address your concerns for you, we can only help you resolve them with Cal-Am management if you do not receive a reply or if there needs to be further discussion.

IITS HOA President

Presidents Message

Tammy Blaisse - [tammy.blaisse@yahoo.com](mailto:tammy.blaisse@yahoo.com)

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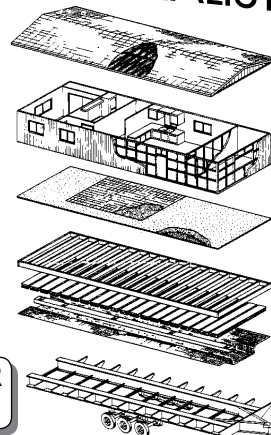
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## FROM THE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE:

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**4** ways to find out all about our events:

1. Make sure you sign up for the robocalls as well, as event information is being sent via robocall, too. Contact Chrissie Riley at [chrissiegriley@gmail.com](mailto:chrissiegriley@gmail.com) or Tammy Blaisse at [tammy.blaisse@yahoo.com](mailto:tammy.blaisse@yahoo.com) with your lot #, telephone number and name to join the list. These numbers are shared with no one.
2. Check out the Marquee at the park entrance by the clubhouse for upcoming events. HOA Events and announcements are located on the front and Resident Sponsored Activities are located on the back, if you would like your activity listed on the back please let Tammy Blaisse know.
3. The calendar is kept current in the glass case at the Clubhouse.
4. Please join any or all of these IITS Facebook Groups, we post activities on these pages only.
  - a. Island in the Sun Social Group
  - b. IITS uncensored, sort of
  - c. The Official Island in the Sun HOA (HOA Members only) This page is only for HOA business.

Please contact the activities committee for activities you would like to start at [mcdonoughpattie@gmail.com](mailto:mcdonoughpattie@gmail.com), [chrissiegriley@gmail.com](mailto:chrissiegriley@gmail.com) We will provide you with help to get started.

## OPEN POSITIONS:

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**W**e have a few open positions if you are interested in volunteering for anything.

### NON-Board Positions

1. We need volunteers for Bingo. Duties would vary...set-up, front table help, floor help, callers. It would be every other month. You don't have to play to help! If you are interested, please call Linda at 727-214-7334.
2. Remembrance Corner - OPEN - Need this person to report obits to Rusty Leslie for adding to Media Guide and so we are able send a card from the community.
3. Neighbor Helping Neighbor – OPEN - need Volunteers.







## Birthdays and Anniversaries

**W**e would love to add your birthday and anniversary to our list! E-mail your name and date to [linda.olone@gmail.com](mailto:linda.olone@gmail.com) so your friends and neighbors can help you celebrate your special days!

## RESIDENT ACTIVITIES ANNOUNCEMENTS

**T**hese activities are not HOA or Cal-Am sponsored activities. They are resident led.



- The Boys who Brunch - meet monthly. The restaurant, date and time are announced on various IITS Facebook pages, sign up is online or at the Clubhouse.
- The Ladies who Lunch - meet monthly. The restaurant, date and time are announced on various IITS Facebook pages, sign up is online or at the Clubhouse.
- Like to shoot pool? Every Saturday at 10 am there is a group who play 8 or 9 ball at the clubhouse. They are always looking for new players.
- Texas hold 'em Poker is played in the clubhouse on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 6:30 pm. Come prepared to have fun.
- Bingo – NEW DATES PENDING in the clubhouse.
- LRC (Left, Right, Center) – 3rd Tuesday of every month – bring your dollars!
- Anyone wanting a resident activity to be spotlighted in the Media Guide please contact Linda Olone.

See the calendar in the Media Guide or on the clubhouse board for upcoming daily activities, HOA activities and Cal-Am activities.

**Please note:** the 2 calendars don't always sync up, so if in doubt, please call Rusty Leslie for HOA activities, and the Cal-Am front office for Cal-Am activities.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE HOA EVENTS

**H**i everyone.

Volunteers are always needed to host, set up and tidy up – please let Rusty know if you would like to help out at any of these events.  
Lot 310, 865.232.972 [kohanadancer@gmail.com](mailto:kohanadancer@gmail.com)

Thanks to all those who volunteer their time to make these events a great one for our community.



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



# Activities Committee

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## HOA UPCOMING EVENTS

**H**i everyone.  
The Activities committee has the following activities planned for each month this upcoming year. Please contact Pattie McDonough if you have any questions or would like to volunteer

Volunteers are always needed to host, set up and tidy up – please let Pattie or Chrissy know if you would like to help out at any of these events.

Thank you to all those who volunteer their time to make these events great for our community.

**March 1st – Community Garage Sale – this will be advertised.**

This is a resident event.

**March 22nd 2 pm March Madness Game Day, Host - Chrissy Mucha**

There will be numerous fun and different games to play with prizes  
The game9(s) will be on the TV in the pool room if any are playing then  
Popcorn/Snow Cones and chips to be provided

**April 5th – Spring Craft Fair, Host Linda Olone**

**April 19th – Community Scavenger Hunt, Host Rusty Leslie**  
Items will be hidden in common areas around the community - More to come

**May 3rd –Kentucky Derby Party, Host Tammy Jackson**  
More to come

**Memorial Day picnic** If we can get a host

**June – Pool party with Games - More to come**

**July – Back to School Pizza Party - More to come**

**August - Breakfast at the Clubhouse - More to come**

**September 1st, 11 am Labor Day Cookout - More to come**

**October 31st 6:30 PM Halloween Golf Cart parade and Party immediately afterwards**  
There will be cart and house judging this year, we will also be having a chili cook off  
at the party

**November – Arts & Craft Fair**

**November – Collecting items for our Veterans, will be taken to the Veterans before Thanksgiving**

**December 31st New Years Eve Party - More to come**

Effective February 1st all events will have a signup sheet at the Clubhouse. Over 35 people must be signed up at least 2 weeks prior for the event to happen.

We need hosts for many of these events or they cannot happen as planned. The HOA cannot afford to continue to support events without hosts and participation. I know many people are unable to host, but we have a lot of able-bodied people who can host or co-host. Once you try it, you'll find it is not as tough as you would imagine, the activities committee will always be there to help and guide you through the process.

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

## WELCOME WAGON CORNER

by Rusty (Rosalind) Leslie

Welcome to my little corner of the world.  
If you are new to our community and manufactured home living, I will be happy to answer any questions you might have. Our activities are listed in the center of this media guide.

I hope you take advantage of all the activities we offer and that you love living here as much as I do.

Have a wonderful day!  
Rusty (Rosalind) Leslie  
I am in Lot 310 - corner of Nassau and Windward.  
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## Community Craft Show

**A**pril 5th – Community Craft Show – The craft show is coming up! We want to see what you got! Residents can purchase a table for \$5.00. Our last craft show was a great success! Come join the fun! Please see Linda O'Lone for reserving your table! Spaces are limited so please get signed

up early!

Vendors can be crafts, bake sale items, or general wares. A 2nd table may be purchased on the day of the show, if spaces are available. You can only reserve one in advance.

## Bingo!! Bingo!! Bingo!!

**B**ingo is scheduled for every other Monday. Check the calendar and Facebook page for dates. Please come out and support this activity. Bingo is \$18.00 to play, and that price includes all games. You have the option to purchase extra sheets as well.

Hope to see you all soon! Thank you ~ Linda Olone



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3 cloves garlic, chopped

1 tsp. salt, plus more to taste

1/2 tsp. ground black pepper, plus more to taste

1/2 cup chicken stock

2 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley, optional

Grainy mustard and/or sour cream, for serving (optional)

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#### Directions

- 1 | Heat a large skillet (with a tight fitting lid) over medium-high heat. Heat the olive oil and butter until melted. Add the sausage and cook, stirring occasionally, until golden brown on both sides, about 5 minutes. Remove the sausage with a slotted spoon, leaving the oil in the pan and set aside on a plate.
- 2 | Add the onion to the skillet and cook until slightly softened, about 5 minutes. Add the cabbage, garlic, salt, and pepper, and cook until the cabbage is wilted, about 8 minutes more. Return the sausage to the skillet and stir all together. Add the chicken stock. Cover and reduce the heat to medium low. Let cook for 20 minutes. (Do not uncover or stir.)
- 3 | Stir in the parsley, if using, and season with more salt and pepper to taste. Serve with grainy



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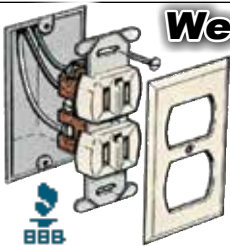
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## Funny Tale of a Lost Senior Citizen

When I went to lunch today, I noticed an old man sitting on a park bench sobbing his eyes out. I stopped and asked him what was wrong.

He told me, 'I have a 22 year old wife at home. She rubs my back every morning and then gets up and makes me pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit and freshly ground coffee.'

I continued, 'Well, then why are you crying?'

He added, 'She makes me homemade soup for lunch and my favourite biscuits, cleans the house and then watches sports TV with me for the rest of the afternoon.'

I said, 'Well, why are you crying?'

He said, 'For dinner she makes me a gourmet meal with wine and my favorite dessert and then we cuddle until the small hours.'

I inquired, 'Well then, why in the world would you be crying?'

He replied, 'I can't remember where I live.'



*St. Patrick's Day*





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## Having the Last Word: How to Write Your Own Obituary

*By - Robin L. Flanigan,*

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**T**om Paul keeps a draft of his obituary in a black binder on a bookshelf in his study. His wife knows it's there (hers is right beside it), as do his four daughters.

The 82-year-old from New London, New Hampshire, wants to be prepared.

“It's good to have something like this on hand because you just never know when things are going to go the wrong way in your life,” he says. “And I thought that maybe I'm the best spokesman for myself.”

Writing your own obituary has a lot of perks. Presumably, you know yourself best, as Paul says. You could also save your survivors an awful lot of work at a time when they're dealing with grief — or shock if your death is sudden — and are handling funeral arrangements, estates and a host of other practical, unpleasant tasks.



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“The process does require you to think about what’s important and what you want other people to know about you,” Paul says.

Even then, it can be difficult to distill what information to include. After much reflection and revision, Paul eventually whittled his original version, which came in at 840 words, down to 322 words. While the truncated narrative lists hobbies such as jogging, he struck details including his completion of the 1981 Boston Marathon in three hours and 37 minutes as a “back-of-the-pack bandit.” He also wound up deleting this admission: “Sadly, he failed at golf.”

Paul did, however, decide to keep one piece of information he says he sees in 90 percent of the obituaries he reads — that he “died peacefully.”

Writing a meaningful obituary

Margo Steiner, who leads virtual obituary-writing workshops, has seen interest in the topic grow over the last decade as the death-positive movement has gained ground. People are talking more openly about the end of life — and accepting that death is, in fact, going to happen.

“More people are beginning to think that when they die, they want to have control over what’s said about them,” says Steiner, 72, of Marblehead, Massachusetts. She has heard stories from several workshop participants that, when relying on funeral homes to piece together a spouse’s obituary, the end result was riddled with punctuation and factual errors. “They’re thinking, ‘I can do this better myself.’”

In her classes, Steiner covers the history of obituaries (Benjamin Franklin wrote one for a favorite squirrel), common elements of a typical obituary (names of family members, schooling, etc.), what information to leave out (addresses, for example, as a security and identity precaution), and how to make an obit feel personal.

Steiner suggests being open to humor and vulnerability, both of which resonate with readers.

“They see that this was a human being who lived and loved and did things,” she says. “A regular, straightforward obituary just can’t do that.”

One thing to keep in mind is that you can return to your draft at any time for updating. Steiner recommends taking a fresh look every year.

“You don’t have to be who you are right now,” she says. “Something that was initially important may no longer be. Eliminate it. A new passion may emerge or a new commitment to a community or global undertaking. Add that. You can think of your obituary as a fluid document.”

A gift for the grieving

Gene Hardwick didn’t realize that his wife, Zola, had written her own obituary until after she died this past August. The funeral home told him that his wife of 52 years had not only taken care of that task, but had chosen music for her celebration of life service and worked out every other detail so that he wouldn’t be burdened while grieving.

As for the obituary, “it gave me a big relief to realize that the right words were there and that I did not have to suffer to regurgitate from memory,” says Hardwick, 80, who lives in White Bear Lake, Minnesota, where the couple spent their retirement years.

Aside from listing her careers as a travel agent, teacher and writer, the right words included that she “had a great laugh and loved to be social,” and that “she lived her life with the motto,

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‘carpe diem’ in mind ... and seized every day of her life to its fullest.”

Hardwick enjoyed hearing friends compliment his wife’s words — words that called him “the love of her life” and were a gift of sorts during a tough time.

“I considered it a joy to read about my lifemate from her perspective,” he says.

## St Patrick’s Day!

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It's nearly time to make green drinks, eat yummy St. Patrick's Day recipes and St. Patrick's Day desserts, do a St. Patrick's Day craft, rock your best green attire, and post all about your day on social media.

To help you prepare for the day’s fun festivities, I’ve gathered up some funny St. Patrick’s Day puns that’ll make everyone groan...



## St. Patrick's Day Puns

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1. You're my lucky charm.
2. I’m ready to shamrock and roll.
3. Irish I may, Irish I might.
4. Don't worry, beer happy.
5. Irish I had another Guinness to drink.
6. It ain't over till it's clover.
7. Let’s make some pour decisions.
8. You’re the cutest clover in the patch.
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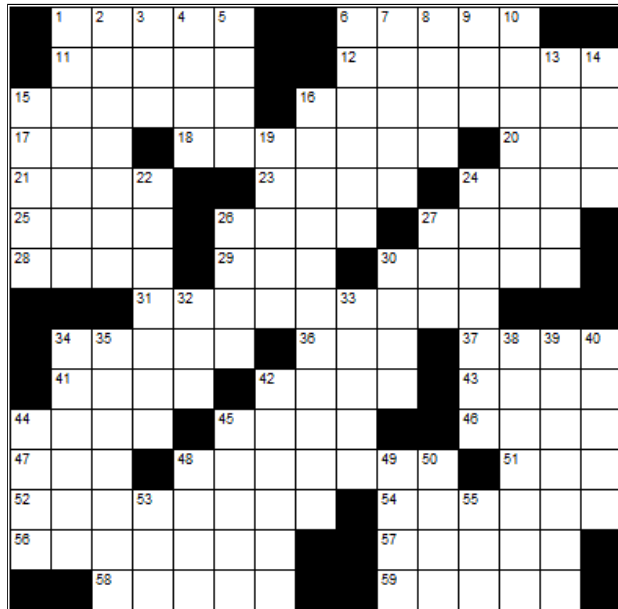
1. May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rains fall soft upon your fields,  
And, until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.
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## ACROSS

1. Scottish landowner
6. Odor
11. Master of Ceremonies
12. Long and tiresome
15. Gland that produces melatonin
16. Noncommissioned officer
17. East southeast
18. Food-related
20. Golf ball support
21. Backside
23. Military
24. Fraud
25. Diva's solo
26. Applications
27. Dregs
28. Jump
29. Anagram of "Eat"
30. Destitute
31. Book of scriptures
34. A rustling sound
36. Guff



## Down

2. Inability to remember
3. Frozen water
4. Anagram of "Dear"
5. Sandwich shop
6. Water vapors
7. Joyous
8. Jittery
9. Falsehood
10. Despised
13. Apprehensive
14. Flower stalk
15. Flower feature
16. Style of train
19. Artist's stand
22. More content
24. Searching
26. Mormon state
27. Fifth sign of the zodiac
30. No
32. South southwest
33. Basin for washing anal area
34. Apparition
35. More of the same
38. Able to be healed
39. Comestibles
40. Feeling
42. Entry
44. Young woman
45. Daisylike bloom
48. Largest continent
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50. An abandoned calf or lamb
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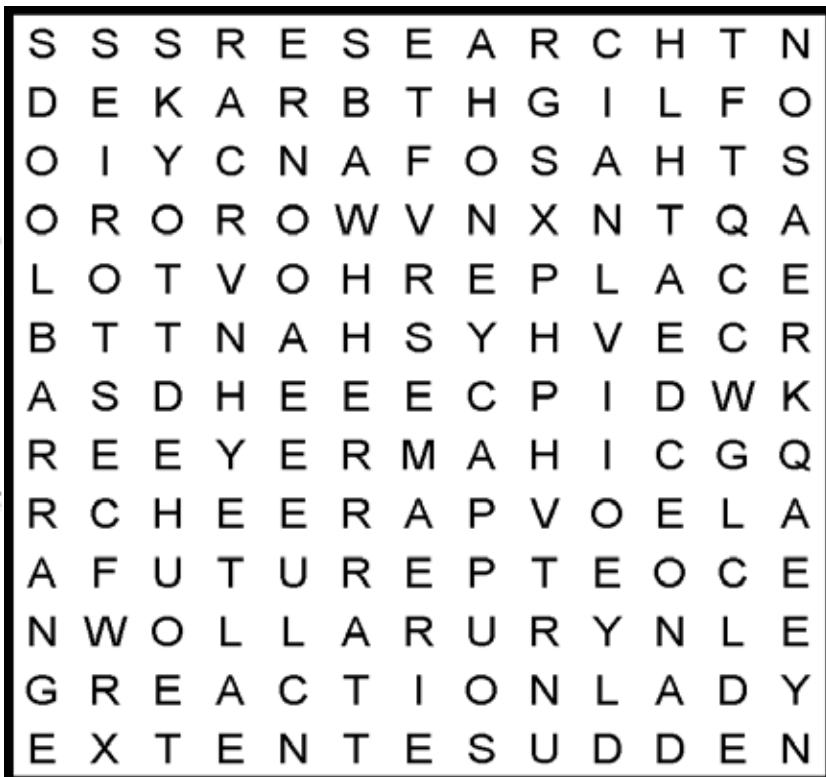


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# March Word Search



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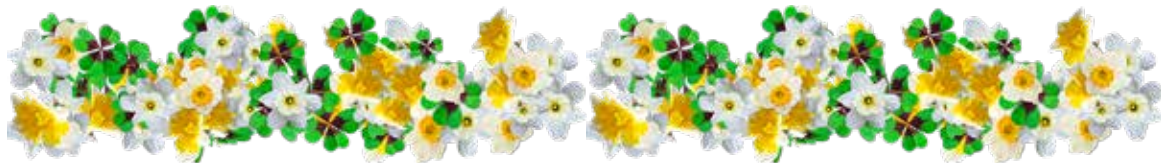
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