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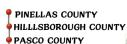


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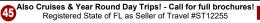
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#### HOA

Bob Campbell - President

n March 10, 2025 the Board met with membership in what was the first of several meetings we intend to hold concerning the upcoming rental increase. The meeting was mutually informative and instructive and seemed to be appreciated by all in attendance. One issue which was raised by membership was more people need to participate and attend the meetings. The Board and I wholeheartedly agree. It is the main reason we changed the by-laws to eliminate the dues and the requirement that you have to be a dues paying member to speak at the meetings. Unfortunately, because we have many people who have paid dues for 2025 it seemed unfair to us that we implement that change immediately. For that reason, the Board has unanimously decided to refund the 2025 dues to those who have paid. We will let you know how to claim your refund shortly. Unclaimed dues will remain in the general fund and will be considered a donation which will be greatly appreciated. Having disposed of that obstacle, any resident can now attend HOA meetings and have the right to speak and vote. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2025 at 7:00. We will be discussing the rent increase which park ownership will be sending all residents sometime before April 1, 2025. Keep in mind the Board members do not receive advance notice of the increase. Also, the amount of the increase could be lowered via our negotiations with park ownership. We strongly encourage you to attend the meeting so that your voice can be heard on this most important issue. Hope to see you there.

#### **Residents Club**

Gisela Michael - President

appy Easter, everyone! We are looking forward to seeing everyone come out for all the events the residents club has planned for all of you this month. We do have a change on the Residents board to announce. Yvonne D,Angelo, resigned from her position as treasurer in February. Paula Johnson is now our new Treasurer. Paula has 30 plus years in banking and Accounts Payable and Accounts receivable experience. We wish them both only the best in their new endeavors.

#### **Activities Committee**

Debby Durbin - Chair

Telcome to April. We are springing ahead with so many exciting new events this month. There is something for all. February is going to be hard to beat. Residents are still talking about the Love thy neighbor Dance! Here is the calendar of events for April.

April 2nd. 'Show Me The Meat' game 7-9pm.

April 5th Clubhouse Breakfast 8:30-10:30am.



April 12th A Year to Remember Dinner/Dance 6-10pm

April 18th Fish Fry 5-7pm.

April 19th Adult Easter Egg Hunt 11-1pm.

April 27th Street Festival 12-4pm.

April 30 'Show Me The Mea't game 7-9 pm.

#### SHUFFLEBOARD GROUP

Jill Chambers

Toin people in the community playing shuffleboard on Mondays at 11am. You do not need to know how to play. Everyone is there to have fun and would be happy to show you.

#### **PINOCHLE TUESAYS**

Rita Gardiner

Telcome all card players! We now have openings for our pinochle group, and would like to see you in the Clubhouse Tuesdays at 5 pm. All are welcome. If you are a beginner, we have instructions, and if you have experience, also great. You can get a chance to make more friends and have FUN. Please give me a call at 609-634-0040 if you'd like to find out more.

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- 18. Waist strap
- 19. Vitality
- 20. Ancient tiger
- 22. Smooth or level
- 23. Blemish
- 24. Go inside
- 26. Lug-nut protector
- 30. Fortuneteller's card
- 32. Enlist
- 33. Lowest female voice
- 37. In place of
- 38. Formerly it was a planet
- 39. Neophyte, in modern slang
- 40. Heavy rains
- 42. Useful
- 43. Instances
- 44. Candidly
- 45. Holy person
- 47. Unusual
- 48. Whimper
- 49. A type of seasoning
- 56. By mouth
- 57. Dugout shelter
- 58. Debate
- 59. Bull
- 60. Weightlifters pump this
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- 62. Pitcher
- 63. Blockhead
- 64. Thick woolen fabric



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- 2. Nil
- 3. Ticket part you keep
- 4. Behold, in old Rome
- 5. Relating to heat
- 6. Work hard
- 7. Black-and-white cookie
- 8. Religious spinter group
- 9. Until now
- 10. Amateurish
- 11. Martini garnish
- 12. Postpone
- 13. Beasts of burden

- 21. Faucet
- 25. Neither
- 26. Grasped 27. Freshwater mussel
- 28. Beer
- 29. A member of a council
- 30. Guided visits
- 31. Picnic insects
- 33. Hint
- 34. A certain cut of meat 53. Look at flirtatiously
- 35. Fee.
- 36. Follow orders
- 38. Not requiring stamps

- 41. Greek god of flocks
- 42. Upward air current
- 44. Flowery verse
- 45. Goat antelope
- 46. Cognizant
- 47. Express a thought
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- 51. Brace
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#### **April Fools' pranks that have gained attention:**

#### **Giant Strawberry Prank**

video featuring a dog named Maymo battling a giant strawberry costume went viral. The adorable and hilarious reactions of the dog made it a hit on social media.



#### Hilarious Dogs vs. Giant Cheetos Bag

Another popular prank involved dogs reacting to a giant Cheetos bag. The playful and confused reactions of the dogs provided plenty of laughs.

#### **Best Pranks of the Week**

America's Funniest Home Videos compiled a series of the best pranks of the week, featuring jump scares, practical jokes, and laugh-out-loud moments. This compilation has been widely viewed and enjoyed.

#### **Just For Laughs Gags**

The Just For Laughs Gags channel released a compilation of pranks that went hilariously too far. These pranks, captured with hidden cameras, showcased some of the best reactions and funniest moments.

These pranks highlight the creativity and humor that people continue to bring to April Fools' Day and beyond.

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#### On delusion

She probably labored under the common delusion that you made things better by talking about them.

— Rose Macauley

#### On being a hero

This thing of being a hero, about the main thing to do, is to know when to die. Prolonged life has ruined more men than it ever made.

— Will Rogers

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#### No one wants to do shoddy work

harles Handy tells this story about his friend Richard in *Waiting for the mountain to move: Reflections on work and life.*Richard was made head of a decent-sized business. "One of the

first things I did," he told Handy, "was to gather all the work force together.

I told them that I was not going to stand for second-class work going out; we had to produce quality, to be the best. I expected grumbles, but instead they almost started to cheer."

Richard reported the employees said: "You can't imagine how ashamed we have been in the past of some of the stuff we have sent out these doors, but we were always told that we could not afford to do it better."

"I'm telling you," Richard said to the employees, "that we can't afford not to do it better." The employees then told Richard that they needed some new equipment to do the job better, to which Richard replied, "Point taken. But it will take time. Give me some time."

The moral: Doing your best and giving things time can solve some of even the most difficult problems.

#### A shave with death

nce, while actor John Barrymore was traveling in the Riviera, he realized he had undertaken the trip without his razor in his bag. Barrymore realized it was Sunday and the barbershops in town would be closed; he had a date to meet with the belle of the neighborhood and consulted frantically with the hotel manager in an attempt to find some way to rid himself of his two-days' growth of beard.

"Can't you find somebody in this town who will give me a shave?" he demanded.

Eventually the hotel manager produced a solemn-faced man. "I must ask you to lie flat on your back," he said.

Barrymore figured it was a custom of the country to lie on your back while being shaved and he complied. The barber's touch was so light that Barrymore even dozed while the work was being done. As he was paying, Barrymore remarked, "I can't understand why you made me lie on my back."

"Pure habit, sir," the man replied. "This is the first time I ever shaved a live man." — As retold from *Laughter Incorporated*, by Cerf Bennett

#### On breakfast

I went to a restaurant that serves "breakfast at any time." So I ordered French Toast during the Renaissance.

— Steven Wright

#### **April Fools' Day**

pril Fools' Day is celebrated on April 1st each year and is known for its tradition of playing practical jokes and hoaxes on others. Here are some interesting aspects of this fun day:



#### **Origins and History**

- **Ancient Roots:** The exact origins of April Fools' Day are unclear, but it is believed to date back to ancient Roman and Celtic festivals that involved playful behavior and pranks.
- Calendar Change Theory: One popular theory suggests that April Fools' Day began in the 16th century when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar. Those who continued to celebrate the New Year on April 1st, instead of January 1st, were called "April fools".

#### **Traditions and Customs**

- **Pranks and Hoaxes:** People play jokes on friends, family, and colleagues. These pranks can range from simple tricks to elaborate hoaxes.
- **Media Involvement:** Newspapers, radio, TV stations, and websites often participate by publishing fake stories or reports to fool their audiences.

#### **Famous Pranks**

- **Spaghetti Tree Hoax:** In 1957, the BBC aired a segment about Swiss farmers harvesting spaghetti from trees, which fooled many viewers.
- Taco Liberty Bell: In 1996, Taco Bell announced it had purchased the Liberty Bell and renamed it the "Taco Liberty Bell," causing a stir before revealing it was a joke.

#### **Modern Celebrations**

- Global Participation: April Fools' Day is celebrated in many countries around the world, each with its own unique twist on the tradition.
- **Digital Pranks:** With the rise of social media, many pranks now take place online, with companies and individuals sharing humorous and often believable fake news.

#### Absurdity

Absurd: A statement or belief manifestly inconsistent with one's own.

— Ambrose Bierce

#### On common sense

Common sense ... is very uncommon.

#### — Lord Byron

Judging by common sense is merely another phrase for judging by first appearances; and everyone who has mixed among mankind with any capacity for observing them knows that the men who place implicit faith in their own common sense, are, without any exception, the most wrongheaded and impracticable persons with whom he has ever had to deal.

— John Stuart Mill

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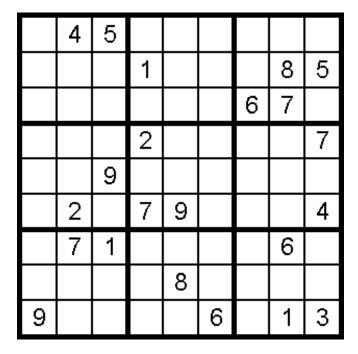


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#### **April Facts:**

#### **Historical and Cultural Facts**

- Name Origin: The name "April" is derived from the Latin word "aperire," which means "to open," likely referring to the opening or blossoming of flowers and trees.
- Roman Calendar: In the ancient Roman calendar, April was the second month of the year. It became the fourth month when January and February were added to the calendar.



#### Weather and Nature

- **Springtime:** In the Northern Hemisphere, April is typically associated with spring, bringing warmer weather, blooming flowers, and longer days.
- **April Showers:** The phrase "April showers bring May flowers" highlights the rainy weather often experienced in April, which helps nourish the growth of plants and flowers.

#### **Fun and Quirky Facts**

- **Diamond Birthstone**: The birthstone for April is the diamond, symbolizing clarity, strength, and eternal love.
- **Zodiac Signs:** April is associated with two zodiac signs: Aries (March 21 April 19) and Taurus (April 20 May 20).

#### **Famous Birthdays**

- Leonardo da Vinci: The renowned artist and inventor was born on April 15, 1452.
- William Shakespeare: The legendary playwright is believed to have been born on April 23, 1564, and he also died on the same date in 1616.

#### **Historical Events**

- Titanic Sinks (April 15, 1912): The RMS Titanic sank after hitting an iceberg during its maiden voyage, resulting in the loss of over 1,500 lives.
- Assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. (April 4, 1968): Civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee.
- Founding of Microsoft (April 4, 1975): Bill Gates and Paul Allen founded Microsoft, which would become one of the world's leading technology companies.
- First Modern Olympic Games (April 6, 1896): The first modern Olympic Games were held in Athens, Greece, reviving the ancient tradition.

#### Source:

https://www.history.co.uk/articles/major-historical-anniversaries-in-april

#### On good sense

Good Sense is a Thing all need, few have, and none think they lack.
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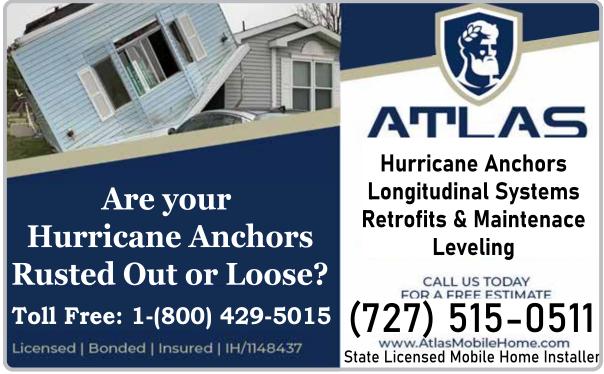
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#### Looking for a soul mate who's a little offbeat?

The London Review of Books is known for it's quirky and eccentric personal ads section, according to Buzzy Jackson in his review of They Call Me Naughty Lola, a collection of the ads, on the Salon Web site.



#### Here are a few examples gleaned by Jackson:

- "My finger on the pulse of culture, my ear to the ground of philosophy, my hip in the medical waste bin of Glasgow Royal Infirmary. 14% plastic and counting — geriatric brainiac and compulsive NHS malingering fool (M, 81), looking for richer, older sexstarved woman on the brink of death to exploit and ruin every replacement operation I've had since 1974. Box 7648 (quickly, the clock's ticking, and so is this pacemaker)."
- "Shy, ugly man, fond of extended periods of self-pity, middle-aged, flatulent and overweight, seeks the impossible. Box no. 8623."
- "Things I won't do for love include replacing corroding soil pipes and trepanning at home. Everything else is A-OK. Eager-to-please woman (36) seeks domineering man to take advantage of her flagging confidence. Tell me I'm pretty, then watch me cling, at box no. 3286."
- "Reply to this advert, then together we can face the harsh realities of my second mortgage. M, 38, WLTM woman to 70 with active credit cards. Box no. 8624."

#### A new hobby

A man decided that he needed a new hobby, so he took up skydiving. On his first solo jump he pulled the rip—cord at just the right moment—but nothing happened. His parachute would not open. Remembering his train-ing he pulled the cord on his emergency chute, but that too, to his great dismay, was stuck and would not open. The man glanced down and saw the ground rushing toward him, and noticed a man hurling upward right at him.

"Hey," he called out to the man on his way up, "Do you know anything about parachutes?"

"No," the man called back. "Do you know anything about gas stoves?" — As retold from Good Clean Jokes, by Anne Kostick, Charles Foxgrover and Michael J. Pellowski

#### On being a philosopher

I'm a philosophy major. That means I can think deep thoughts about being unemployed.

— Bruce Lee

#### On nouvelle cuisine

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#### **Key Aspects of Earth Day**

- Origins: The first Earth Day was organized by Senator Gaylord Nelson and activist Denis Hayes as a teach-in to raise awareness about environmental issues in the United States.
- **Global Impact:** Over the years, Earth Day has expanded globally, mobilizing people to take action on various environmental issues such as climate change, pollution, and deforestation.
- Activities: Common activities include tree planting, clean-up drives, educational events, and advocacy campaigns. Many organizations and communities host events to promote sustainability and environmental stewardship.

#### Earth Day 2025 Theme

The theme for Earth Day 2025 is "Our Power, Our Planet", focusing on renewable energy and the goal to triple the global generation of clean electricity by 2030. This theme encourages everyone to take action by educating, advocating, and mobilizing for a sustainable future.

Source:

https://www.earthday.org/

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All things share the same breath — the beast, the tree, the human ...

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