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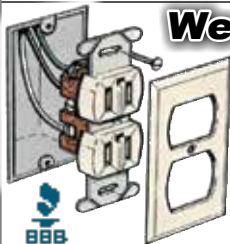


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Homeowners Association

Bob Campbell, President



“Hi everyone, hope you are enjoying this Florida sunshine. By now, everyone should have received the notice of rent increase (\$69.00) from park ownership. The HOA has requested to meet with Gary Griglak, General Manager of Lautrec Ltd., who are the owners of Oakcrest Acorn MHP. During the meeting we will probe the reason(s) for this significant increase and will attempt to show ownership that this increase is unreasonable and higher than market norms. We will also attempt to reach a three- year contract. We also plan to deal with the continuing water shut-offs, sidewalk and road repair and vehicle speeding. Hopefully this will all be a done deal by the time you read this but we will keep you posted. Our next meeting will be scheduled when we have new information to share.”

Residents Club

Gisela Michael, President

Happy May everyone! It’s hard to believe that we’re already in May. The Residents Club has so many things planned for us coming up, not only this month, but for the rest of the year. Between our breakfast team, activities team, and our drama/theater team, we plan to keep everyone happy and entertained in “2025”.

We would also like to welcome our new Breakfast Chair, Laurie Stone, she is very dedicated and doing a fantastic job volunteering. We’d also like to welcome Barb Ramsey, as a new district board director. Again, another well deserved position. Barb,volunteers tirelessly for this community. I look forward to seeing all of you out at the events.

Oak Crest Emergency Numbers

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Oakcrest/Acorn After Hours	727.462.0559	Pinellas County Non-Emergency.	727.582.6200
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Acorn Gate Callbox	727.483.2853	Duke Energy power outages	800.228.8485
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Activities Committee

Debbie Durban, Chair

Welcome May and warmer weather. The activities Committee is still catching their breath from April ! Wow what a busy month of events. As we said goodbye to our snowbirds we also celebrated a Year to Remember with a Dinner/Dance. We had such a great crowd with lots of love and laughs and dancing the night away. May is going to be lots of fun also. Here is our calendar of events:

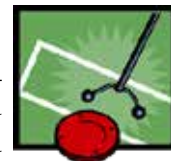
May 3rd.	Kentucky Derby Party 1-3pm.
May 5th.	Cinco De Mayo Taco Party 5-7pm
May 10th.	Mothers Day Brunch 12-2pm
May 12th.	Residents Meeting 7pm.
May 14th	Show Me The Meat 7-9pm
May 26th.	Memorial Day Potluck Picnic 12-3pm.
May 28th	Show Me The Meat 7-9pm.



SHUFFLEBOARD GROUP

Jill Chambers

Join 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

Welcome 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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If you need maintenance on your individual shut off valve, call the management office during business hours to report the issue. Management will then contact our preferred plumbing contractor to make an assessment.

Residents with after hour emergency plumbing issues should contact the answer service at 727/462-0559 and relay the emergency. The on-call staff member will then be contacted and follow up with the resident.

*Debra Gibb
Community Manager
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Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo, or the Fifth of May, is a celebration held on May 5th each year. It commemorates the Mexican army's victory over the French forces at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. This victory was significant because the Mexican forces were vastly outnumbered and less equipped, yet they managed to defeat a powerful European army.



While Cinco de Mayo is a relatively minor holiday in Mexico, primarily celebrated in the state of Puebla, it has become a much larger celebration in the United States. In the U.S., it is often seen as a day to celebrate Mexican culture and heritage, especially in areas with large Mexican-American populations. Festivities typically include parades, music, dancing, traditional foods, and events highlighting Mexican traditions.

Here are some popular dishes for Cinco de Mayo:

1. **Tacos:** Soft or crispy tortillas filled with meats, beans, cheese, and various toppings.
2. **Enchiladas:** Tortillas rolled around a filling and covered with a savory sauce.
3. **Guacamole:** A creamy dip made from avocados, lime, onions, tomatoes, and cilantro.
4. **Tamales:** Masa (corn dough) filled with meats, cheeses, or chilies, wrapped in corn husks, and steamed.
5. **Chiles Rellenos:** Poblano peppers stuffed with cheese or meat, then battered and fried.
6. **Quesadillas:** Tortillas filled with cheese and other ingredients, then grilled or fried.
7. **Pozole:** A hearty soup made with hominy, meat (usually pork), and seasoned with chili peppers and other spices.
8. **Mole Poblano:** A rich, dark sauce made with chocolate, chili peppers, and spices, typically served over chicken.
9. **Sopes:** Thick corn tortillas topped with beans, meat, cheese, lettuce, and salsa.
10. **Horchata:** A sweet, creamy beverage made from rice, milk, vanilla, and cinnamon.



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 4. My mother taught me LOGIC ...
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... “If you don’t eat your vegetables, you’ll never grow up.”
 10. My mother taught me about SEX ...
“How do you think you got here?”
 11. My mother taught me about GENETICS ...
“You’re just like your father.”
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“Do you think you were born in a barn?”
 13. My mother taught me about WISDOM OF AGE ...
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On philosophy

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— **Charles Schulz**

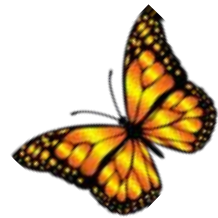
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Do not insult the mother alligator until after you have crossed the river.

— **Haitian proverb**



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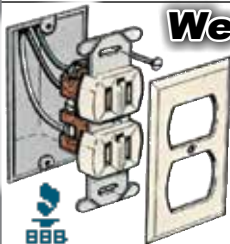
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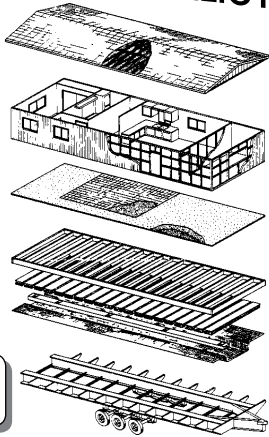
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- **Cinco de Mayo** (May 5): Celebrates Mexican heritage and pride.
- **Mother's Day** (Second Sunday in May): Honors mothers and motherhood.
- **Memorial Day** (Last Monday in May): Commemorates U.S. military personnel who have died in service.

Notable Observances

- **Mental Health Awareness Month**: Focuses on mental health education and awareness.
- **National Wildflower Week** (First full week of May): Celebrates the beauty of wildflowers.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week** (First full week of May): Recognizes the contributions of teachers.

Fun and Quirky Days

- **Star Wars Day** (May 4): "May the Fourth be with you!"
- **National Chocolate Chip Day** (May 15): A day to enjoy chocolate chip treats.
- **National Bike Month**: Encourages biking for health and the environment.

Daily Observances

- **May 1**: May Day, National Mother Goose Day
- **May 2**: International Harry Potter Day, National Brothers and Sisters Day
- **May 3**: National Garden Meditation Day, National Paranormal Day
- **May 4**: Bird Day, International Firefighters Day
- **May 5**: National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, National Day of Reason

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On life

Life is like playing a violin in public and learning the instrument as one goes on.

— **Samuel Butler**

On originality

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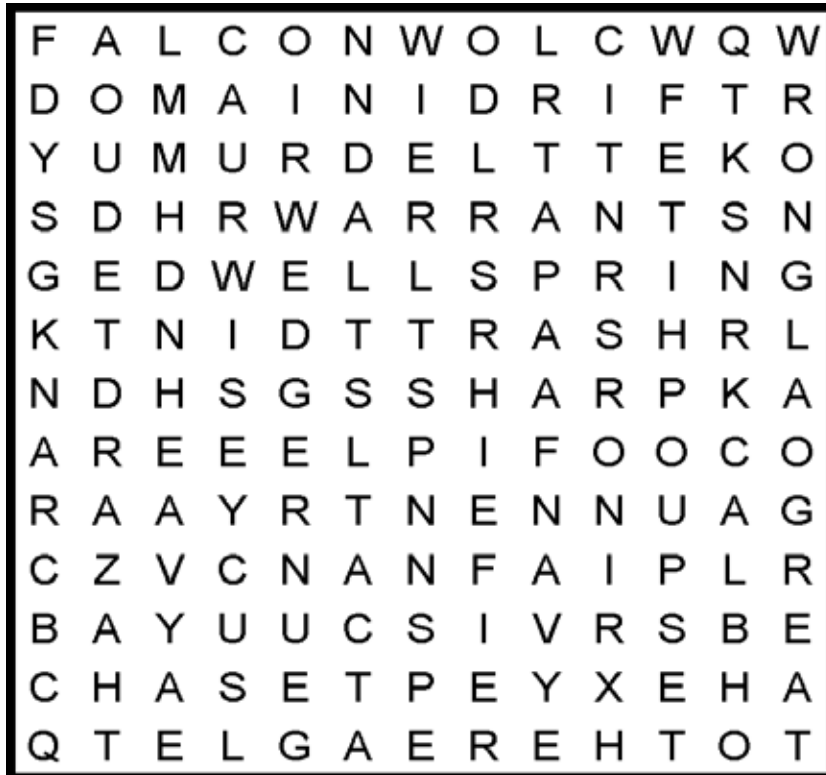
On friends

The ornament of the house is the friends who frequent it.

— **Ralph Waldo Emerson**



May Word Search



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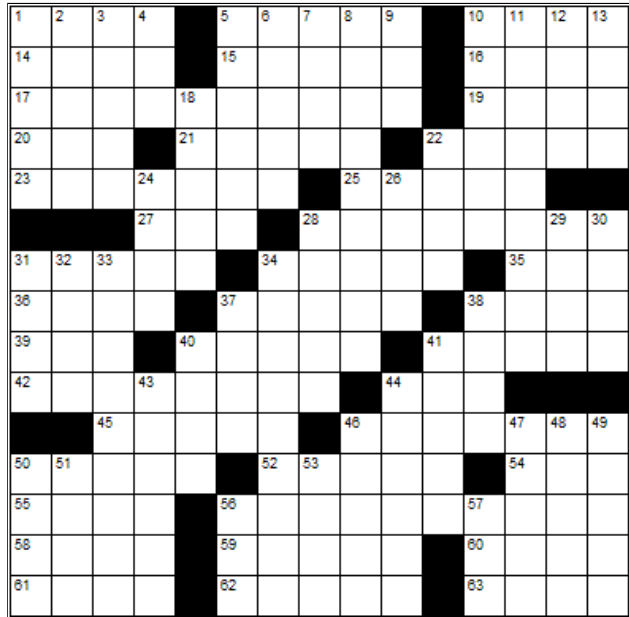
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| 4. Estimated time of arrival | 26. Long-haired wild oxen | 44. Swap |
| 5. Social events | 28. Accomplishments | 46. Reason |
| 6. Hearsay | 29. Not bad | 47. Coming up |
| 7. Gulf port | 30. They come from hens | 48. Thigh armor |
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Memorial Day



Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States, observed on the last Monday of May. It honors and remembers the men and women who have died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it began after the Civil War to commemorate fallen soldiers by decorating their graves with flowers.

Today, Memorial Day is marked by various activities, including parades, ceremonies, and moments of remembrance. Many people visit cemeteries and memorials to pay their respects. It's also considered the unofficial start of summer, with many families enjoying barbecues, picnics, and outdoor activities.

In Englewood, Florida, you can attend the Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony at Gulf Pines Memorial Park, which includes a 21-gun salute and a special guest speaker.

There are also various events and activities throughout Florida, such as concerts, festivals, and fireworks

Source:

<https://www.Englewoodchamber.com/events-news/events/2022-05-30-memorial-day-ceremony>

<https://www.floridahipster.com/memorial-day-weekend-in-florida/>

Here are some traditional favorite Memorial Day foods:

1. **Burgers and Hot Dogs:** Grilled to perfection and served with all the classic toppings.
2. **Barbecue Ribs:** Slow-cooked and smothered in tangy barbecue sauce.
3. **Grilled Chicken:** Marinated and grilled, often with a smoky or spicy rub.
4. **Potato Salad:** A creamy, tangy side dish made with potatoes, mayonnaise, mustard, and various add-ins like eggs and pickles.
5. **Coleslaw:** A refreshing salad made from shredded cabbage and carrots, dressed in a tangy or creamy sauce.
6. **Corn on the Cob:** Grilled or boiled, often served with butter and a sprinkle of salt.
7. **Baked Beans:** Slow-cooked beans in a sweet and savory sauce.
8. **Watermelon:** A juicy and refreshing fruit that's perfect for hot weather.
9. **Pasta Salad:** A cold salad made with pasta, vegetables, and a tangy dressing.
10. **Lemonade and Iced Tea:** Classic summer beverages to keep everyone cool and refreshed.



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