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Ross Ingraham, 19th (Lot 1642)

ANNIVERSARIES:

None reported

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We recently learned that Kelly Barich, former resident on 16th Street, passed in December. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

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E laine Pepper, Lot 833



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

The end of May, more specifically, Memorial Day, signals the beginning of summer. Many people (not me) like to barbecue for the summer holidays. Here are two recipes which pair well with hamburgers, hotdogs or barbecue ribs when you decide to grill out this summer.

SIMPLE BAKED BEANS

Ingredients

- 1/2 pound bacon, chopped
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 (15 ounce) cans baked beans
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup ketchup
- 1/4 cup prepared mustard, or to taste

Directions

Step 1. Cook bacon over medium heat until evenly brown. Add the onion and sauté until tender. Drain excess oil, if desired.

Step 2. Stir in beans, brown sugar, ketchup, and mustard. Cook, stirring occasionally, until bubbly.





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1/2 cup sweet pickle relish
1/4 cup mayonnaise
1 tablespoon mustard
1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
1/4 teaspoon celery salt
Ground pepper to taste



Directions

Step 1. Boil potatoes and cook until tender, but firm; about 15 minutes. Drain, cool, peel and chop potatoes.

Step 2. While potatoes are cooking, place eggs in a saucepan and cover with cold water. Bring water to boil; cover, remove from heat, and let eggs stand in hot water for 10 to 12 minutes. Remove eggs from hot water; cool, peel and chop.

Step 3. Combine the potatoes, eggs, celery, onion, relish, mayonnaise, mustard, garlic salt, celery salt, and pepper in a large bowl. Mix together well and refrigerate until chilled.

LIBRARY



Louise Penny wrote “A World of Curiosities “. Louise is a Canadian author who writes mystery novels set in Quebec, Canada. Her main character is Chief Inspector Armand Gamache. She is known for her Three Pines series which made it into being a one season series on Prime Video! Three Pines is not an actual village but is based on the area around Knowlton, Canada.

In this book, it’s spring and Three Pines is reemerging after a harsh winter. But not everything buried should come alive again, yet something has. As chief inspector Gamache’s alarm grows as he works to uncover answers. This book starts out slow but by the middle of it you don’t want to put it down! So stick with it!

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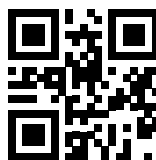
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Submitted by Vanessa Nead


FROM THE OFFICE

It is hard to believe that we are already in the month of May, which means June is right around the corner; with June comes hurricane season. There is an article in this issue regarding hurricane preparedness, so I will not speak about that.

I want to remind you that the Park is not your electrical supplier, Duke Energy is. You can sign up for alerts on your phone to keep you updated on outages; calling the company multiple times a day only wastes their time in getting updated information out to all the customers (and is stupid)! If Duke Energy has no timeframe on the power returning, and Spectrum has no clue when your cable will be back on, **NEITHER DO WE!** I cannot stress enough about making plans to leave the park when a hurricane warning is issued. Keep in mind that over a dozen residents were without power for more than 2 months after Hurricane Milton; none of them prepared for a week, let alone a longer time. It takes 2 main items to restore power, Parts and Permits from the city....and don't forget the inspections from the city before Duke can energize the lines. It is not up to the Park to provide you with alternative places to live, other power sources, etc. Rent will not be waived, hurricanes are an "Act of God." Now is the time to look into mobile home insurance, it IS available if your home is in good repair. So far it has not been ridiculously expensive (I pay \$1440 for high coverage, including household contents and the shed with a \$1,000 deductible, and temporary living arrangements). It started at \$860 seven years ago, but what hasn't increased in price?

How many of you are in a one-person household and shop at Publix? When they have Bogos and you know you won't use both items, pick up the other one and donate it to the food events we have on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Extra food items can be dropped off at the office. We do not need egg cartons for a while, we have a huge inventory of them, thanks for all the donations.

A reminder to all residents that 1st street is a one-way street, which is INTO the park. You should not use it as an exit; even those who live on 1st street must use 3rd street as your exit.



Third street is an EXIT only, which means do not enter the park this way. This is going to cause an accident, and the injured party may be you!

Now is the time to get your lot in clean, weeded condition. It will get really hot, real soon; if you start with a well-maintained yard and carport, it will be much easier to keep it clean when it is so hot you really don't want to be outside. Don't forget you have a backyard, which is not for storage of unwanted bikes, grills, chairs, etc. This may sound harsh, but regardless of the heat, your health or age, you are responsible for keeping your lot up to park standards. If you aren't able to do this, you are expected to get it done somehow.

I have been asked many times why one of the requirements to live here is having a minimum of 3 months rent as a monthly income. Why? So they have enough "discretionary" income to buy weed killer or pay someone to do what age no longer allows us to do ourselves. Some of you may be asking "What is discretionary income"? It is what you have left after your regular bills and obligations are paid each month. Having your mobile home power washed once a year (per park rules) is another need for this extra income; painting your mobile, replacing a broken window, etc. are more reasons. Our rent is in the lower 20% of housing cost in Pinellas County. Average monthly rent in Pinellas County for 2019 (the last year data was available for) was \$1,183.....this is not just manufactured homes; it includes all types of housing. Imagine what 5 years of inflation has done to that average? Current park rent of \$740 is only 63% of that. Just a reminder that the grass is not always greener on the other side.

Watch for the flyers, we hope to have some activities this summer (Saturday bingo, hot dog roast, ice cream social, just to name a few).

Visit the Library, without a doubt we have one of the best Libraries to be found in a manufactured home community. It offers puzzles....imagine a puzzle party where adult beverages are served!

Keep active, keep moving, enjoy the pool, enjoy your golden years.

Jessie Buchholtz, Property Manager

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Submitted by the Embassy Shuffle Club

BIBLE STUDY

Bible study began on January 8th and ended March 25th. We had between 4 and 8 in attendance.

This year the study was on Christian Beliefs and we covered topics such as God the Creator, His power and wisdom. God's Son, Jesus, His sacrifice that we may be freely given eternal life, and His teachings to show us how to live our lives, and the Holy Spirit, our Counsellor, Helper, and Convictor. And some insights into our human nature.



Last year we had a study on Angels, the author had this to say in his intro:

"In the unseen realms of God's universe, powerful and wonderful beings dwell. They move at the speed of light They are involved in the political affairs of nations and in the smallest concerns of children. They may stand guard over your life and protect you in countless ways. These fantastic beings are called angels..... Jesus himself referred to angels

God's children are no strangers to angels, there will be critical moments when you are in danger of some sort, and then the danger, through some mysterious power is taken away.

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We have also studied the Book of Proverbs, an amazing book. Those living truths were given to the Hebrew people 3,000 years ago and are just as applicable today as they were then, and always will be - how to live your life, conduct your relationships, raise your children, interact with God, and much more. All to minimize the stress in our lives, if we choose to pay attention.

So this is a little insight at what we do on Tuesday evenings at Bible study.

With any luck, God willing, Bible study will begin again on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, 7:00 p.m. at the Hobby House. We hope to see you then.

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We will take some time that first evening to discuss what we might want to study so we can order lessons. The book of Revelation has been suggested. And we hope to do some planning for the Memorial Service. We also take some time after each lesson for refreshments and conversation.

Any questions call Dave Burris 727-536-9937

Submitted by Dave Burris

MAY CALENDAR



(NOTE: Calendar events are based on the information provided at the time of submission. Events are subject to changes or cancellation by the sponsor. We make every effort to post notices when a change occurs.)

MAY 8th - Embassy Luncheon

MAY 10th - Deadline for submitting articles for the June News and Views

MAY 12th - Good Neighbor Food pantry, 12:00/noon

MAY 24th - Simple Summer Bingo. Cards sold 1:00-1:45 p.m.; Bingo starts promptly at 2:00.

MAY 26th - Office Closed for Memorial Day

MAY 26th - Good Neighbor Food pantry, 12:00/noon

MAY 29th - Neighborhood Watch Meeting, 1:00 p.m.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES:

Embassy Luncheon - 2nd Thursday of every month

Embassy Resident Update Meeting - During the summer, meetings are held on an “as needed” basis.

Exercise - Every Tuesday and Friday, 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the Clubhouse

Food from Good Neighbors - The 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 12:00/noon. See calendar.

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FRIENDLY SHUFFLE LEAGUE TOURNAMENT A GREAT SUCCESS AT EMBASSY PARK



On March 27, Embassy Park hosted a highly successful Friendly Shuffle League Tournament, bringing together participants from four different parks. Under a bright, sunny sky, 18 players from Embassy, 4 from Mainlands4, 10 from Mainlands5, and 4 from Pointe West competed for top honors.

In Division A, the winners were:

- 1st place: Bob and Trina Whipple (Embassy)
- 2nd place: John Halliday and Michelle Swanlund (Embassy)
- 3rd place: Al Ziegler and Danny Czapiewski (Embassy)
- Finalists: Jerry Hatt and Randy Poulin (Embassy)

In Division B, the winners were:

- 1st place: Norma Hickman and Reid Garland (Pointe West)
- 2nd place: Bob and Linda Mairs (Embassy)
- 3rd place: Laure Smith-Weyle and Don Litteral (Mainlands4)
- Finalists: Judy Watt and Rose Mctiens (Mainlands5)



The tournament was a true celebration of shuffleboard skills and camaraderie, with players from different parks enjoying a day of spirited competition and friendship.

Submitted by Viateur Viel

EMBASSY PARK HOSTS A SUCCESSFUL END-OF-YEAR BANQUET



Embassy Park recently celebrated the conclusion of its shuffleboard season with a spectacular end-of-year banquet, expertly organized by Judy Besharah and her dedicated team. The evening featured a delicious meal, fun games, and a well-deserved awards ceremony recognizing the outstanding players and contributors of the season.

Big10 League's best average winner:

- Women's Division: Trina Whipple with an impressive average of 0.800
- Men's Division: Jerry Hatt with an equally remarkable average of 0.800

Friendly League's best average winners:

- Women's Division: Judy Besharah with an average of 0.600
- Men's Division: Dennis Larocque with a leading average of 0.750

In addition to league awards, several individuals were honored for their exceptional contributions and spirited presence throughout the season:

- Helping Hands Award: Bob Mairs



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- Bubbly Award: Jeannine Goguen
- Coach Award: Bob and Trina Whipple
- Busy Bee Award: Michelle Swanlund
- Energizer Award: Guy Verreault
- Closet Hero Award: Jerry Hatt
- Volunteer of the Year: Viateur Viel

Two special persons were recognized for their longevity and the role they played for many many years with the Embassy Shuffle Club. Herve O'Coin, who will be 100 years old during this summer and Ethel Blanchette, who shuffled until last year and she is 90 years old.

The event was a resounding success, celebrating not only the competitive achievements of the players but also the dedication and camaraderie that make the Embassy Park shuffleboard community so special.

Submitted by Viateur Viel

MEET THE FUTURE MANAGER

I stopped by the Park Office recently and was surprised to see that Jessie, our Park Manager, was training her replacement. Allow me to introduce the next generation of management for Embassy Mobile Home Park. Pictured here is Delaney Parks (good name, right?) who is training to be the future Embassy mobile home park manager. As you can tell from the picture, she has a bubbly personality and is anxious to learn everything she can from her 'Nana'.



HURRICANE SEASON

Yes, folks. It's that time again. Hurricane season runs June 1st through November 30th and the time to start preparing is now. Weather forecasters are projecting 17 named storms, with nine becoming hurricanes and four building to major hurricane strength this year. Last year, experts predicted an all-time high 11 hurricanes during the 2024 season. They were correct.

Some of you may remember that Florida offers a disaster preparedness tax holiday twice a year. The first holiday of 2025 is June 1-14, so it's time to make a checklist of items that you are going to need.

Examples of tax-free items include flashlights and lanterns costing \$40 or less; reusable ice costing \$20 or less; radios costing \$50 or less; tarps and ground anchors or tiedown kits costing \$100 or less; coolers and portable power banks costing \$60 or less; batteries and fuel tanks costing \$50 or less; smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and carbon monoxide detectors costing \$70 or less;

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and generators costing \$3000 or less. The holiday also includes a number of items related to clean up after a disaster. For example, laundry detergent, toilet paper and paper towels, soap, sunscreen, and household cleaning products with a sales price of \$30 or less.

The possibility of a major hurricane striking our area is not something to be taken lightly. Those who were here when last year's Hurricane Milton struck in October can attest to the fact that we must be prepared for the worst case scenario. All of the park was without power for more than four days, and some homes didn't get full power restored until early December. An estimated 30% of the homes at Embassy Park were affected/damaged by either the hurricane itself or the accompanying high winds. Several of our streets were flooded and impassible for many days. If you have an alternate "safe space" where you can evacuate, you should plan to do so. And don't wait until the last minute to do this because roads will be clogged with evacuation traffic and airports close as soon as the leading hurricane winds make it dangerous for planes to fly.

If you have not already done so, stop by the office and pick up a copy of the Disaster Preparedness Guide. The 2025 issue has not yet come out, however, much of the guidance is the same from year to year. The Disaster Preparedness Guide contains helpful tips and checklists that you can tailor to fit your own family situation. Whether staying put or evacuating to a shelter, I highly recommend that you create your own checklist based on the examples found in the hurricane guide.

It's never too early to be prepared. And my motto is "better safe than sorry".

M. Bassy, Roving Reporter

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE 2025

The NY Club hosts the St Patrick's Day dance every year and it is always bittersweet as we know it is our last sponsored event of the year, and everyone will be headed home shortly after our dance. So, each year we think we had better make it a memorable experience and I think we did that this year! If you missed it, I'm sorry; you really missed a good time. We had green beer for those that needed it to feel festive, but we also had wine, Jello shots, and some sex on the beach shooters.

To add to the fun, every table had a random \$5.00 winner at the end of the night. All the leprechaun balloons were raffled off to attendees. A beautiful decorative peacock thermometer was the door prize won by Kathy Larocque. While receiving her prize, we asked Kathy to pull the winning 50/50 ticket worth \$155.00! That ticket wound up belonging to Lucky Lester Byron. Nancy Gray of Lot 745 won the zero-gravity chair. There were a few new faces at this dance, and I just wanted to say, "Welcome. I hope you enjoyed yourself and will be back for another function/dance."

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Submitted by Joelle Byron



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Submitted by Yvette Novak, President of the Social Club

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This winter, we met twice a week for a fun and active exercise program to help keep our bodies in shape. We worked hard, we shared lots of laughs, and most importantly, we're feeling the benefits!

Thank you all for a wonderful season filled with cooperation, friendship, and the gift we gave ourselves by committing to this activity offered here at our beautiful Embassy park.

Once again, thank you to all participants!

P.S. The exercise sessions will continue twice a week—Tuesdays and Fridays from 8:45 to 9:30—as long as enough people attend.

Have a great summer, and see you in the fall!

Submitted by Jeannine Goguen



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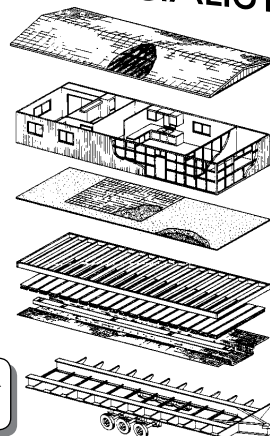
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Good job, everyone.

Submitted by Janice Yeo





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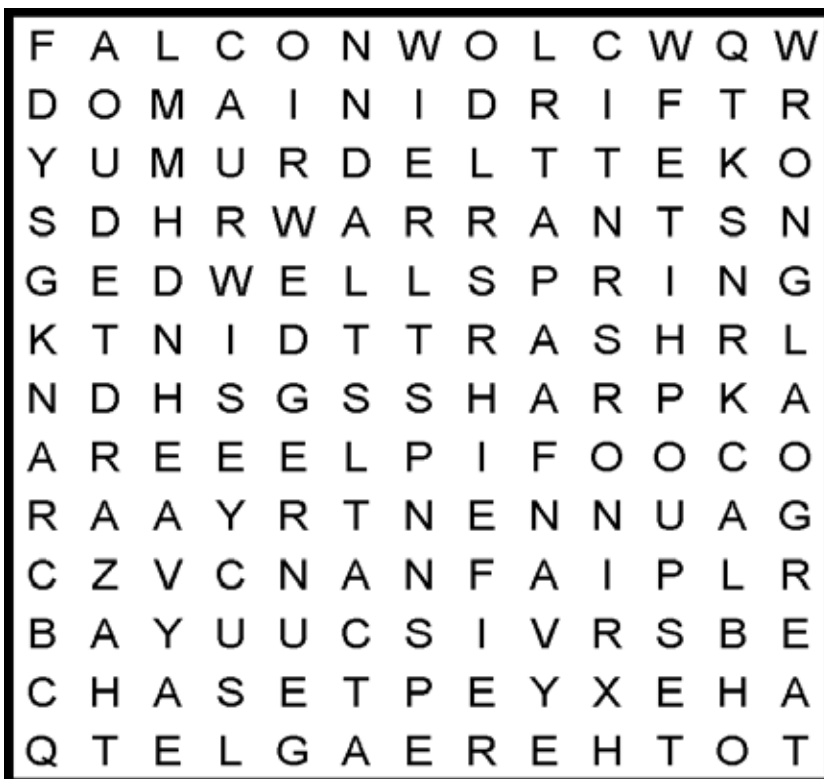
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Fashion Show.....	Feb 20, 2026	Patricia Carrier.....	502-552-5493
Holiday Dinner.....	Dec 7th	Yvette Novak.....	727-333-7322
Homeowners' Assoc.....	Mtg Dec 15/Jan 19, 2026	John Halliday	508-360-3875
Karaoke Night.....	2nd Fri, 7:00-10:00 p.m	Jim Geibel	
Ladies Fun Shuffle	Feb 22, 2026.....	Trina Whipple	506-651-2778
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Memorial Service.....	Feb 15, 2026.....	Dave and Marg Burris.....	902-865-2886
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Monthly Residents'			
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Neighborhood Watch Meetings..	Last Thursday of the Month	Norm Hagen.....	517-769-5850
New Year's Eve Dance.....	8 pm-12:15 am	Sponsored by Canadian Club.....	
New Year's Day Brunch.....	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m	Hosted by Shuffle ClubNew York Club	
Meets 2nd Tues of month...	Joelle Byron	585-208-2905	
New York Club Fundraiser...	Hoe Down, Jan 31, 2026	Joelle Byron	585-208-2905
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Sewing Club.....	Tuesday and Friday in the Hobby House ...	Judi Hoke	727-536-3417
Shuffle Club	Meets 2nd Fri, 11:00 a.m	John Halliday	508-360-3875
Social Club Meetings	1st Wed. of the Month	Yvette Novak.....	727-333-7322
Texas Holdem	Sunday 11:00 a.m. in Hobby House..	Janis Wilson	727-474-5050
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