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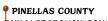


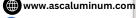




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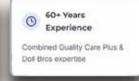




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When you sign please indicate what you are planning to bring. There are several categories to choose from, such as, potato, veggie, etc.

The first potluck of the month is a Celebration of that month's birthdays, and a birthday cake or pie is also supplied.

The entrees for October and November are:

October 9th - Roasted pork loin

October 23rd - Rotisserie chicken.

November 6th - This is an extra potluck. This national Nacho day so that is the entree

November 13th - Beef Stroganoff

November 27th is Thanksgiving Dinner which will be served at 2pm. More info to follow.

As with all events - if you sign up, please show up.





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Social Club Survey of Proposed Activities for the 2025 -2026 Season

The board would like to know if the following activities are of interest to the residents. Please complete your survey and deposit it in the box near the purple book in the clubhouse. Would you be interested in:

Would you be interested:	
Joining a "Lunch Bunch" group. This would group once a month. Yes No	d be going out to lunch as a
Joining a "Beach Buddies" group. This would requ a month activity with different area beaches visited. Yes No	ire carpooling. It would be a once
Going to Congo River Golf as a group? Yes No	ACTIVITIES
Attending the Sand and Surf Festival in 2026? Yes No	
Other ideas:	

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Social Club

Submitted by Pat J.



Te're just about set to begin another social event season. First up is a Halloween Party on Friday October 31st at 7pm. Start planning those costumes. The entertainment will include (with

enough participation) a mash up of the Price is Right and Let's make a deal. If you can help with this party there is a sign up sheet on the social club bulletin board. We need all kinds of help. There will be a planning meeting on Friday October 17th at 4pm.

Just before the party starts we will have a short social club meeting to inform everyone of changes being made.

From October 1st thru November 14th we will be sponsoring a box for food bank donations. We would appreciate it if you bring a nonperishable item with you to any events you attend. You may also just donate. I'm positive the recipients also appreciate your thoughtfulness and caring. Donations will be taken to the food bank on Druid Rd.

November 1st will be the first Coffee of the season. This is a Saturday and we start at 9am. As voted on last season, this year will require people to sign up as donuUcake/cookie provider. Please see the social club board for the sign up sheet. The cake can be made or bought. We also voted to install a second coffee which will be held on Wednesday Nov. 19th at 10am. Please try to work these into your schedules.

Included in this Monthly Media is a survey of what types of activities you might like to participate in. It's anonymous so please fill one out. Copies will be available in the clubhouse along with a box for your completed survey.

Just a reminder, this is a club. It needs the members to help and to show up at events. The board is not able to "do it all", though we do try and give our best effort. We also want to give a shout out to those that do help. You are appreciated.



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- 360 inspections are expected soon. Prepare for them by weeding, removing clutter, and possibly power washing.
- People are reporting items are being stolen around the park. Cameras and vigilance can help. Report suspicious activity.
- Our first HOA will take place in November. TBA
- Indoor furniture is not allowed to be placed outside.
- Clotheslines are not allowed in the park.

Anecdotes



🍁 Leaf It Alone

A man spent hours raking his yard into perfect leaf piles. His dog thought it was a game and dove into every single one. The man sighed, "I guess fall is for falling... apart."

Quanto Particular Particular Pumpkin Patch Panic

A toddler in a pumpkin patch picked the biggest pumpkin and tried to carry it. After two steps, she dropped it and yelled, "It's too spicy!" Her parents still aren't sure what she meant.

Sweater Weather Confusion

A Floridian wore a sweater on the first cool morning of October. By noon, it was 85°F again. He said, "I regret everything," while peeling it off in the parking lot.

Squirrel Surveillance

A woman noticed a squirrel staring at her from the tree every morning. She started waving. One day, she brought it a peanut. The squirrel took it, then threw an acorn at her. "I guess he prefers local produce."

Costume Crisis

A kid wore a vampire costume to school but forgot the cape. He improvised with a black trash bag. When asked what he was, he said, "I'm a budget Dracula."

Decor Dilemma

A man decorated his porch with fake cobwebs. His neighbor complimented him—until she realized they were real cobwebs. He shrugged, "Nature's doing a better job than I ever could."



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man tried to rake leaves on a windy day. Every time he made a pile, the wind scattered it. After the fifth attempt, he Lyelled, "I'm just giving the yard a haircut now!" His dog thought it was a game and chased every leaf like it was a squirrel.



Sweater Roulette

A woman wore a chunky sweater to work because it was 55°F in the morning. By lunchtime, it was 82°F. She spent the afternoon fanning herself with a file folder and muttering, "Florida fall is a prank."

Pumpkin Spice Panic

A guy ordered a pumpkin spice latte and took it outside to enjoy the crisp air. A gust of wind blew leaves into his cup. He took a sip and said, "Extra fiber. Very seasonal."

Forecast Fail

A family planned a fall picnic based on a "clear skies" forecast. It started raining halfway through. They huddled under a tree with soggy sandwiches and declared it "a very authentic autumn experience."

Squirrel Sabotage

A woman set out decorative mini pumpkins on her porch. A squirrel stole one every day. She finally put out a fake one. The squirrel tried to bite it, got mad, and threw it at her window.

On change

We all have big changes in our lives that are more or less a second chance.

— Harrison Ford

Life belongs to the living, and he who lives must be prepared for changes. — Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

On stepping into life

It may be hard for an egg to turn into a bird, it would be a jolly sight harder for it to learn to fly while remaining an egg. We are like eggs at present. And you cannot go on indefinitely being just an ordinary, decent egg. We must be hatched or go bad.

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On rules for life

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- 6. Wheelchair access
- 10. Cummerbund
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- 15. One of the Great Lakes
- 16. Arm bone
- 17. Drama set to classical music
- 18. All right
- 19. Lives, in brief
- 20. Relating to menopause
- 22. A heavy open wagon
- 23. Go inside
- 24. In need of cleaning
- 25. Tallow source
- 29. Universal
- 31. Spoke
- 33. To the touch
- 37. Streamer
- 38. Mild expletive 39. Less reputable
- 41. Interpret incorrectly
- 42. Confined to certain regions
- 44. Glimpse
- 45. Grizzlies for example
- 48. Pertaining to the sun
- 50. Precipitation
- 51. Being at the right time
- 56. Rear end
- 57. Thought
- 58. Female demon
- 59. Misfortunes
- 60. Breathing organ
- 61. Enlighten
- 62. Colors
- 63. French for "Head"
- 64. Pub game

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- 1. Which person?
- 2. Lariat
- 3. Portent
- 4. Detective
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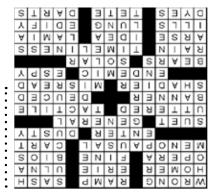
- 40. What's left
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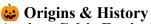
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Halloween



• Ancient Celtic Festival of Samhain: Halloween traces back over 2,000 years to the Celtic festival of Samhain, marking the end of the harvest and the beginning of winter. Celts believed that on this night, the boundary between the living and the dead blurred, allowing spirits to roam the earth.



- Christian Influence: In the 8th century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as All Saints' Day, and the night before became known as All Hallows' Eve, eventually shortened to Halloween.
- American Evolution: Irish and Scottish immigrants brought Halloween to the U.S. in the 19th century. It evolved from somber spiritual traditions into a fun, community-centered celebration.

Traditions & Activities

- **Trick-or-Treating:** Children dress in costumes and go door-to-door saying "Trick or treat!" to receive candy. This practice stems from medieval "souling," where people collected food in exchange for prayers.
- Costume Parties: People of all ages wear costumes ranging from spooky creatures to pop culture icons and attend themed parties.
- Pumpkin Carving & Jack-o'-Lanterns: Inspired by Irish folklore about "Stingy Jack," people carve pumpkins into faces and light them with candles to ward off spirits.
- Haunted Houses & Corn Mazes: These attractions offer spooky thrills with eerie decorations, jump scares, and ghostly themes.
- Horror Movies & Storytelling: Watching scary films and sharing ghost stories are popular ways to embrace Halloween's eerie vibe.

Symbols & Superstitions

- Ghosts & Spirits: Represent the belief that the dead return on Halloween night.
- Witches & Black Cats: Associated with magic and superstition.
- Skeletons & Gravestones: Symbolize death and the afterlife.
- Bats & Spiders: Creatures of the night that add to the spooky atmosphere.

Source:

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"Shadows of a thousand years rise again unseen, voices whisper in the trees, 'Tonight is Halloween!"

— Dexter Kozen





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Halloween Pets

👿 The Hot Dog Dilemma

golden retriever named Max was dressed as a hot dog—complete with bun and mustard. At the local pet parade, he saw a real hot dog stand and bolted toward it, tail wagging. The vendor panicked, thinking a giant hot dog was attacking. Max just wanted a snack.



The Costume Rebellion

A cat named Luna was dressed as a bat. She tolerated it for exactly 3 minutes before climbing onto the bookshelf and knocking down every Halloween decoration in protest. Her owner said, "She's not a bat—she's a wrecking ball."

🦮 Superdog Takes Flight

A Labrador named Buddy wore a Superman costume with a cape. During trick-or-treating, a gust of wind caught the cape and made it flap dramatically. A toddler screamed, "He's flying!" Buddy just ran faster, loving the attention.

The Pumpkin Thief

A pug named Olive was dressed as a pumpkin. She blended in so well with the porch decorations that neighbors kept trying to pick her up, thinking she was a plush toy. She didn't mind—she got belly rubs every time.

Bunny in a Shark Suit

A rabbit named Snowball wore a shark costume. When guests arrived, she hopped out from under the couch, and one person shrieked, "It's a land shark!" Snowball paused, then casually started nibbling on a shoe.

Animal Quotes for Halloween

"My dog's Halloween costume cost more than my own. He's going as a spoiled brat."

"Cats are the only creatures that can knock over your decorations and still look like they're doing you a favor."

"My pet's costume is so good, even the squirrels are scared."

"If you think ghosts are scary, try taking a costume off a cat."

This Halloween, my dog is going as a vacuum cleaner—because he already eats everything off the floor."

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