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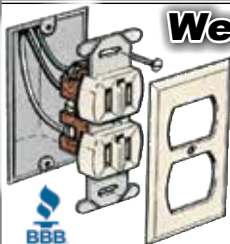


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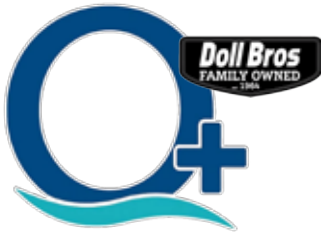
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President's Message

Colonial Village Community Projects Updates

1. Shuffle Board awning replacement: This Project has been completed and Signed OFF.
2. East Retaining Wall replacement: Birchwood Landscaping began work on the East Retaining wall the week of Nov 3rd. Please be aware that men and equipment will be working in the area of Virginia Dr, especially in the staging area around and behind Unit # 40. For safety reasons please avoid the area if at all possible.
3. Pool Upgrade Project: The first Contract for this project, which includes the demolition of the existing pump house, the installation of a new above ground mechanical system and re-surfacing the Pool, has been awarded to Aqua Serve for \$112,147.12. Work is Tentatively scheduled to begin 1st week of December 2025.

Bob Hopkins, President



Officers and Directors
Top row left to right - Bob Hopkins, President. Tony Foster, Vice President. Susan Collins, Secretary. Marie Clement, Treasurer - Bottom Row left to right - Directors Marcel Bouque, Vince Duyvejonek, Hapi Frye, Currin Gillingham, and Peter Palmieri





December Residents' Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

3	Robin Garrison	Unit 49
15	Vickie Hilgert	Unit 55
17	Carolyn Chambers	Unit 101A
17	Wendy Gluhushkin	Unit 72
17	Frank Janes	Unit 62
19	Ginette Gosselin	Unit 105
24	Cliff Burgden	Unit 78
25	Noel Grondin	Unit 48
26	Ernest Bowman	Unit 46
31	Kathy Carter	Unit 113

Anniversaries

14	Bruce and Sharon Barbour	Unit 74
18	Eran and Beverly Kennedy	Unit 94
19	Winston and Grace Hiscock	Unit 54



Attention Residents: to be listed here, please be sure to fill out the Birthday and Anniversary document provided in a folder at the bulletin board in the club house. After completing it, drop it in the office window slot. This document will be emailed to residents later and be an insert in the February bulletin. Be sure to provide the office with your current telephone and email address as soon as you return to FL.

Famous Christmas Quotes

"I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year."
– Charles Dickens, *A Christmas Carol*

"Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas."
– Calvin Coolidge

Update on the Summer Social Activities from Terry Benham

"We had enough money in our summer budget to have another dinner dance on Oct 25 with a pizza party with 39 attendees. Many thanks to all the volunteers for working so hard to make our residents enjoy life to the fullest". Reported Terry the summer activities coordinator and Vice President on SAC.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Helen Keller.



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“Hi, my name is Brenda Richter. Ben and I are from Saskatchewan, Canada. We bought our CV property (Unit 99) in 2020 to escape the cold Canadian prairie winters. I was an officer manager at a machine shop until I retired. We have three grown daughters and four grandchildren”.

“I am honored to be leading the Social Activities Committee. I have volunteered for many park events including Spring Fling, Flea Market, Friday Coffees, and dinners. I want to remind all residents that you are welcome to the SAC meeting held on the first Thursday of the month at 9:30 to put forward any ideas for activities in our park. Do you think there is an activity that others would enjoy doing? Bring your ideas to the next meeting on Thursday, December 4th at 9:30; don’t be shy!” Brenda Richter.

Brenda shared this quote with you: “Volunteers don’t get paid, not because they’re worthless, but because they are priceless,” Sherry Anderson.

There are several signup sheets on the Bulletin Board:

Friday Coffees at 10; Decorating the Club house; Evening Closing up the garage and club house doors; New Year’s Eve dance with ‘Still Rockin’ Band on Dec 31, and Pancake Breakfast on Jan 9 at 8:30.

SAC is looking for a volunteer to call for 1st Saturday night Card Bingo at 7.

The Nov 6th meeting notes are posted on the SAC bulletin board.





Christmas Quiz

1. How many towns in America are named “Christmas”?
2. According to the Bible, what did the three wiseman bring Baby Jesus?
3. How many reindeer does Santa Claus have?
4. Which reindeer is missing: Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Donner, Blitzen and Randolph?
5. What mischievous character makes pranks from the day after Thanksgiving to Christmas Eve?
6. What is the shopping day the Monday following Thanksgiving Day called?
7. Who were baby Jesus’s first visitors?
8. Is mistletoe, a flowering plant, a fungus or a parasite?
9. What does mistletoe mean in German?
10. In the “Twelve Days of Christmas” song, how many French hens does the true love give?
11. T or F? Santa Claus is based on a real person?
12. At which NYC theater do the Rocketts perform?
13. Who wrote the classic story “A Christmas Carol”?
14. In total, how many gifts were given in the “Twelve Days of Christmas”?
15. In what year did Christmas (Dec 25) officially become a national holiday?
16. Who wrote the famous poem “T’was the Night Before Christmas”?
17. What city was Kevin McCallister’s family traveling to for the holidays in the hit movie “Home Alone”?
18. What food did Kevin McAllister’s family order the night before departure?
19. In what year did the film “It’s A Wonderful Life” come out?
20. What real life department store does “Miracle on 34th Street” take place at?
21. In original “Frosty The Snowman” animated movie, what’s the first thing Frosty said when he comes alive?
22. What is the title of the movie about a train that carries kids to the North Pole?

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6 Amazing Facts About Ears

Source: *Interestingfacts.com* by Remma Ehrenfeld

Most of us don't think about our ears much until we have trouble hearing. But ears are more important than many of us know. They allow us to balance, and monitor the environment for threats while we're asleep. Here are six fascinating facts about these indispensable organs on either side of our head.



Ears Provide Our Sense of Balance

Within the ear are three semicircular canals filled with fluid. They lie at different angles, and each one monitors when we move our heads in a specific direction. Together, they send information about body position to the brain, which then sends it on to our eyes and muscles. That's how we keep our balance. All together, this network is called the vestibular system. Motion sickness arises from a mismatch in signals coming from our eyes and ears. When you're in a ship's cabin, for example, your inner ear picks up on rolling motions and sends one set of signals to your brain. Your eyes see motion, too, but not to the same degree. As a result, you might become dizzy or nauseated.

Ears Are Full of Delicate Hairs

On average, we're born with about 16,000 tiny sensory receptors, called hair cells, in a hollow spiral-shaped bone located in the inner ear and called the cochlea. These hair cells allow our brains to register sounds. They're delicate and can be easily damaged to the point where they break and don't grow back. However, up to half of those cells can be damaged or destroyed before changes in your hearing show up on a hearing test.

Ears Respond to Changes in Air Pressure

The air around us has weight. It presses against everything it touches, as gravity pulls it down. When we go deep into the water, or high up in a plane, or even just into the mountains, that pressure changes dramatically. Small tubes on each side of our faces, called Eustachian tubes, respond to changes in pressure. They connect our ears to the back of our throats. Normally, they're closed, but when we yawn, chew, or swallow, they open. They also open when the air pressure in the environment changes. This equalizes the pressure on the two sides of the eardrum, a thin tissue that vibrates in response to sound waves. If the pressure becomes unequal, the drum could tear, causing hearing loss.

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Everyday Noise Can Damage Ears

About a quarter of American adults aged 20 to 69 suffer from hearing loss linked to noise. Loud sounds can hurt hair cells, which means the bad effects continue long after the noise stops. According to the CDC, noise above 70 decibels for a prolonged period can start to damage hearing. That level of noise can be produced by washing machines, dishwashers, city traffic (from inside the car), lawnmowers, and more. Loud clubs or bars can produce noise around 105 to 110 decibels, which can cause hearing loss in less than five minutes. A dog's loud barking in the ear can cause hearing loss after two minutes.

Ear Wax Is Good

Everybody has earwax, which keeps the ears clean and moisturized. It traps and prevents dust, bacteria, and anything else that gets into your ear from irritating the delicate skin inside. If you try to pry it out with a cotton swab, you'll just stimulate your ear to make more wax. However, wax buildups can occur. If you wear hearing aids, they may be stimulating your ears to produce too much wax. Some people just tend to produce too much wax naturally, and it can harden and block sound. Hardened earwax can also give you an earache, aggravate tinnitus, and make your ears feel too full. If you have those symptoms, try using earwax drops available in drugstores, or asking an ear, nose, and throat doctor to clean your ears.

Your Ears Don't Sleep

When we're asleep, our ears stay awake. They're on the job, taking in possible threats while our eyes are shut. Our brains are also on the job, judging which information is important. It's work — which is why noisy bedrooms are bad for our health. Noise doesn't have to wake you up to affect your sleep. It doesn't even have to be loud. In one study, the murmur of hospital equipment showed a measurable impact in encephalographic measurements of brain activity in sleeping healthy adult volunteers. Their ears heard the noise and their brains measured mild alarm.





Autumn Quiz

1. Which of these is NOT part of the traditional pumpkin spice flavor?
Cinnamon, Nutmeg, Ginger, Cumin
2. What tool is commonly used to collect autumn leaves?
Screwdriver, Blower, Rake, Plunger
3. Pumpkins are technically what kind of food?
Legume, Fruit, Vegetable, Nut
4. What triggers tree leaves to begin changing color in the fall?
A decrease in sunlight, An increase in rain, A decrease in temperature, A season fungus
5. Which region produces more than two thirds of the world's maple syrup?
Quebec Canada, Vermont USA, Lapland Finland, Queensland Australia
6. What was the original name for candy corn candy?
Witch Teeth, Chicken Feed, Goblin Nails, Pumpkin Seeds
7. About how many medium-size apples will fit in a bushel?
10, 50, 125, 200
8. What was the first Jack O'lantern carved from, according to Irish legend?
Potato, Turnip, Watermelon, Eggplant
9. What was the original purpose of bobbing for apples?
Predicting the upcoming winter, A child's birthday game, A courting game, A suspected witch's trail.
10. What was the original translation of the word "bonfire"?
A good fire, A fire of bones, A beautiful fire, A fire at midnight
11. In 1933, the first recorded corn maze was created in which state?
Pennsylvania, Iowa, Texas, Michigan
12. What happens on the night before Halloween in some parts of the US?
Beggar's Night, Fastnacht Day, Boxing Day, Ash Wednesday
13. A late 18th century pioneer, what is Johnny Appleseed known for?
Baking apples, Planting Apple Orchards, Inventing apple cider, Bring apples to America
14. The first NFL game was held where?
Buffalo NY, Hammond Indiana, Dayton Ohio, Chicago Illinois
15. The invention of what product skyrocketed in popularity of pecan pie?
Jell-O, Coco-Cola, Karo Syrup, Nabisco Sugar Wafers
16. In Japan, what is battered in tempura for a tasty seasonal treat?
Matsuke Mushrooms, Pumpkin, Maple Leaves, Cabbage
17. Germany's Oktoberfest was originally a celebration of what?
King Louis I's marriage, The Invention of beer, A celebration of the fall harvest, The birth of Frederick the Great



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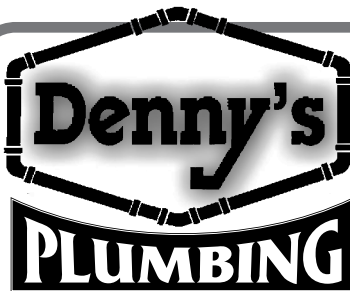


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The scammer's intention is to establish a relationship as quickly as possible, endear himself to the victim, and gain trust. Scammers may propose marriage and make plans to meet in person, but that will never happen. Eventually, they will ask for money.

If someone you meet online needs your bank account information to deposit money, they are most likely using your account to carry out other theft and fraud schemes.

Tips for Avoiding Romance Scams:

- **Be careful what you post** and make public online. Scammers can use details shared on social media and dating sites to better understand and target you.
- **Research the person's photo and profile** using online searches to see if the **image, name, or details have been used elsewhere.**
- Go slowly and ask lots of questions.
- Beware if the individual **seems too perfect** or quickly asks you to leave a dating service or social media site to communicate directly.
- Beware if the individual attempts to isolate you from friends and family or requests inappropriate photos or financial information that could later be used to extort you.
- Beware if the individual **promises to meet in person** but then **always comes up with an excuse why he or she can't.** If you haven't met the person after a few months, for whatever reason, you have good reason to be suspicious.
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18. Which of the following is true about these fall favorites?
All squash are Pumpkins, All pumpkins are squash, All gourds are pumpkins, All squash are gourds
19. The first American agricultural fair was held for what purpose?
Public apple picking, Corn eating competition, Sheep shearing demonstration, Pumpkin carving contest
20. What type of fall drink is Wassail?
Spiked coffee, Pumpkin coffee smoothie, Mulled cider, Hot chocolate
21. Which is NOT one of the full moons that occur during the fall season?
Hunter's moon, Harvest moon, Corn moon, Wolf moon

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Christmas Quiz Answers

1. 2 Michigan and Florida
2. Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh
3. 9
4. Cupid
5. The Elf on the Shelf
6. Cyber Monday
7. Shepherds
8. all three
9. Holy Berry
10. 3
11. T. The Legend of Santa Claus can be traced back to hundreds of years to a monk named St. Nichols.
12. Radio City Music Hall
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14. 364
15. In 1870 under President Ulysses S. Grant
16. Clement Clarke Moore
17. Paris, France
18. Pizza
19. 1946
20. Macy's
21. Happy Birthday
22. The Polar Express



Did You Know?

Christmas was originally celebrated by the Greeks on January 7th of every year, until Pope Julius I marked December 25th the official date for Christmas celebration in 350 A.D., and is still celebrated on that date to this day, nearly 1700 years later.



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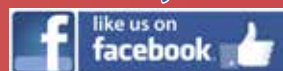
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6 Amazing Facts About X-Rays

Source *Interestingfacts.com* by Darren Orf

When X-rays were first discovered in 1895, the “X” stood for “unknown.” Today, scientists know a lot more about them. X-rays are a kind of electromagnetic radiation, part of a spectrum of waves of various wavelengths. Longer wavelengths in the spectrum include radio waves, ultraviolet waves, and visible light. X-ray wavelengths are much smaller — between 0.03 and 3 nanometers — and that means they’re also higher in energy than many other waves.

That high-energy attribute, while not exactly healthy for humans, is also what makes X-rays so useful. When X-rays hit an object, their energy is absorbed or scattered at different rates by different components of our bodies. X-rays have a harder time passing through bones, which show up as white on the resulting images, while they more easily penetrate our skin and internal organs, which show up darker.

X-rays revolutionized medicine upon their discovery, but that’s only one aspect of their amazing story. These six facts showcase just how important X-rays are to modern life, and how they’ve made the invisible visible.



1. The Discovery of X-Rays Was an Accident

Many of the world’s most important discoveries came about by accident, and you can add X-rays to that list. On November 8, 1895, German physicist Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen was experimenting with cathode rays in his laboratory in Würzburg when he noticed that a nearby screen had begun to glow. Not knowing what the mysterious rays causing the effect could be, he eventually called them “X-rays,” with the “X” referring to an unknown item (as in solving for “X” in mathematics). Röntgen noticed that these rays passed through soft tissue, like human skin, but didn’t penetrate harder materials such as metal and bone.

For the next seven weeks, Röntgen continued working in his lab in complete secrecy. When Röntgen’s wife asked what was the matter, he answered that if people knew what he was doing, they would say, “Röntgen must have gone mad.” Finally, on December 28 of that year, he published a paper titled “On a New Kind of Rays.” The world was never the same. Later, when asked what went through his mind when he first discovered X-rays, Röntgen answered: “I didn’t think; I investigated.”

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2. The Discoverer of X-Rays Won the First Nobel Prize in Physics

In December 1896, a year after Röntgen published his groundbreaking paper, Alfred Nobel — famous for inventing dynamite — died in Sanremo, Italy, bequeathing his fortune to the establishment of a prize awarding the greatest advancements in literature, chemistry, physics, medicine, and peace (economics was added in 1969). Following five years of legal wrangling, in 1901 Wilhelm Röntgen became the first recipient of the Nobel Prize for physics, an award that eventually honored such titans of science as Albert Einstein, Marie Curie, and Niels Bohr. Röntgen also received an honorary degree of medicine from the University of Würzburg because of his invention's immense medical benefits, but he never took out patents related to his invention.

3. People Used to Take “Bone Portraits” Using X-Rays

Many X-ray entrepreneurs and photo studios began offering “bone portraits” in the early years of the 20th century. The fad didn't last, though, and that's probably a good thing, because frequent, intense exposure to X-rays isn't healthy for you. Those who regularly operated early X-ray machines developed skin lesions and other maladies because of prolonged exposure to ionizing radiation.

However, humans are constantly exposed to what's called “background radiation.” The American Cancer Society estimates that today's chest X-ray is the equivalent of 10 days of normal exposure — not terrible, but also not something you want to expose yourself to many times a day. So wearing those heavy X-ray vests probably isn't a bad idea.

4. There Are “Hard” and “Soft” X-Rays

Not all X-rays are alike. Medical X-rays, CT scans, airport security scanners, and other devices most commonly associated with X-rays use what are known as “hard X-rays,” because they have smaller wavelengths and can therefore carry more energy. This makes them perfect for penetrating soft tissue to examine the harder structure lying underneath. Soft X-rays, on the other hand, have longer wavelengths, almost approaching the length of UV light. These X-rays can't carry very much energy at all. However, these X-rays also have their uses in catalysis — the study of chemical reactions caused by catalysts — and biology.

5. X-Rays Helped Scientists Discover the Structure of DNA

On May 6, 1952, British chemist Rosalind Franklin at King's College London took her 51st X-ray diffraction pattern of deoxyribonucleic acid, also known as DNA. For the first time in history, the image revealed DNA's double helix structure. Known simply as Photo 51, the image had been produced by scattering X-rays off a pure fiber of DNA using a process known as X-ray crystallography.

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Franklin's colleague Maurice Wilkins showed the photo to two other scientists without her knowledge, and it was those three men who then won the Nobel Prize for medicine in 1962 — without any mention of Franklin's contribution. (Sadly, she had passed away four years earlier.) Although she never received recognition from the Nobel Prize committee, scientists and historians now recognize her crucial contributions to molecular biology; the European Space Agency even named its Mars rover the Rosalind Franklin.

6. X-Rays Revolutionized the Study of Art History

Although X-rays have an obvious application in hospitals, art historians also have a need for technology that can delicately penetrate layers on a canvas to reveal the secrets beneath. X-rays are perfect at surpassing low-density materials to reveal high-density pigments (such as those containing metals like mercury, iron, zinc, and lead) below. This is particularly useful at uncovering underpaintings — the first layer of paint on a painting, often done historically with lead white — and other painted-over areas, which reveal an artist's step-by-step approach to creating a masterpiece. The technology has been used to examine the works of Leonardo da Vinci, Vincent Van Gogh, and a variety of Dutch masters.

Answers to Autumn Quiz



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| 1. Cumin | 12. Beggar's Night |
| 2. Rake | 13. Planting Apple Orchards |
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| 4. A decrease in sunlight | 15. Karo Syrup |
| 5. Quebec Canada | 16. Maple Leaves |
| 6. Chicken Feed | 17. King Louis I's marriage |
| 7. 125 | 18. All pumpkins are squash |
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| 9. A courting game | 20. Mulled Cider |
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Why You Should Count The Rows of Corn

Corn on the cob almost always has an even number of rows. One of the oddest things about corn is the even number of rows (i.e., the kernels running lengthwise from end to end) you'll find on almost every single ear. This is due to corn's innate genetic programming, which instructs each individual ridge of kernels to double during early development (assuming normal growth conditions).

The ridges continue to double until the cob is full, as there's virtually always room for each row to double at least once barring any rare and prohibitive growth abnormalities. This results in an even total number of rows, irrespective of how many rows there were to begin with. These rows typically form during the early weeks of the vegetative process, several months before the plant reaches maturity and is ready to be harvested.

While the total number of rows will almost certainly be even, you may end up with eight, 14, or 20 depending on external growth conditions (e.g., water supply, nutrient deficiencies, crop disease, etc.). Those same factors affect the number of kernels in each row as well. According to FoodReference.com, a typical ear will have about 800 kernels and 16 rows.

Though an even number of rows is the overwhelming standard, it's entirely possible for there to be an odd number in rare circumstances. Certain inbred varieties may develop genetic mutations that inhibit proper growth. Abnormal weather and insect infestations can also stymie corn's natural biological development, resulting in an odd total number. However, those instances are uncommon and far from the norm.

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Why Don't Women's Clothes Have Pockets

Source: *Interestingfacts.com*

If you know one thing about how women's clothing tends to differ from menswear, it's that garments made for women are often sorely lacking in pockets. On dresses? Usually nonexistent. Pants? So small as to be functionally useless. According to one study, the disparity is even more severe than you might expect: On average, the pockets in women's jeans are 6.5% narrower and 48% shorter than those on men's jeans. A number of companies now seek to correct this oversight, although many legacy brands have yet to get with the times.



But why is this lack of pockets a problem in the first place? And while we're at it, what's up with that tiny pocket on everyone's jeans, or the V-shaped stitching on many sweatshirts? Here are the answers to a few common questions about the clothes in your closet.

In the late 1600s, women didn't have pockets in their clothing at all — they had belts with attached pockets that they usually wore under their skirts and accessed via small slits that were meant to be essentially invisible. These were spacious enough to carry everything from fruit to gloves, and often as stylish as the purses of today. Purses themselves became more fashionable (and functional) as dresses got smaller and less conducive to covert storage. It wasn't until the late 18th century that pockets were regularly sewn directly into women's clothing; for a time, most of them were even larger than men's pockets.

Then the same thing happened to pants and other garments that had happened to dresses: Smaller, more form-fitting variants became in vogue, making it more difficult to accommodate large pockets. The line of thought was that they ruined the female silhouette, which brings us to perhaps the main crux of this issue: gender inequality.

Women have long entreated the fashion industry to elevate function to the same level as form. The Rationalist Dress Society was founded in 1891 to push back against corsets and other constricting garments in favor of clothing that was more comfortable and useful, but it wasn't until World War II that this really happened en masse — and even that was only because women were performing jobs that had previously been the sole province of men. If you've seen *A League of Their Own*, you already know what happened once the war ended: Things went back to the way they were. Small steps have been made since then, of course, but by and large women are still forced to deal with tiny pockets.

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As implied by its name, Election Day is, well, a single day. That wasn't always the case, however: States used to hold elections whenever they wanted within a 34-day period leading up to the first Wednesday in December. This ultimately created some issues, as you might imagine — early voting results ended up holding too much sway over late-deciding voters, for one thing. The current date was implemented by the Presidential Election Day Act of 1845, and federal elections now occur every two years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

That may sound arbitrary at first, but the date was chosen quite deliberately. American society was rooted even more deeply in agriculture in the mid-19th century than it is today, so November was chosen for its timing after the harvest. Additionally, it took a full day of traveling for many to reach their polling place, which limited options: Church made weekends impractical, and Wednesday was market day for farmers, so Tuesday proved ideal.

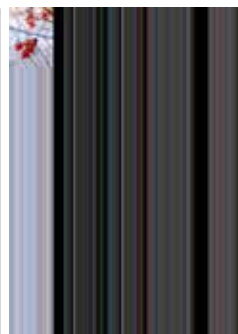
The current process isn't perfect, of course. U.S. elections tend to have lower turnout than those of most other developed nations, and there have been calls for decades to make Election Day a national holiday. A 2018 poll found that 65% of Americans favored the idea, though there's been little legislative movement on the proposal. Should it ever be put to a vote, you know when it will be held.

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At the Oct. 25 Pizza party 39 attendees enjoyed our talented park band as they did during most of the summer events



Full time resident Jack Moore was 'Treated' to a cup of Halloween Candy by neighbors Marie Clement and Barbara Roos

Welcome to our beautiful park



Peter Palmieri, his son Zach, Melinda Hartseil and Terry Benham weeded and layer 50 bags of mulch. Thanks, it is a beautiful entrance area



Did you see this Shih Tzu roaming around in the park? Jon Lago's Halloween costume won him 3rd place at Toasted Monkey in St. Pete





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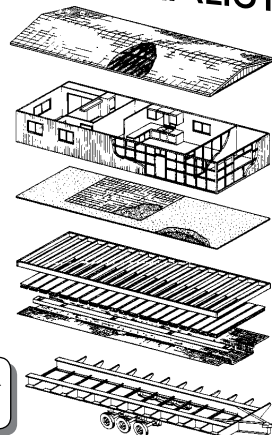


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The Great Eggnog Explosion

At an office Christmas party, one enthusiastic employee decided to make homemade eggnog to impress everyone. He brought in a giant glass punch bowl filled to the brim, complete with nutmeg sprinkles and cinnamon sticks. It looked amazing.



But what he didn’t realize was that the bowl was sitting directly under the heat vent.

As the party went on, the eggnog slowly warmed up... and fermented. By the time people started ladling it into cups, it had developed a surprisingly fizzy texture. One brave soul took a sip and immediately spat it out, yelling, “It’s ALIVE!”

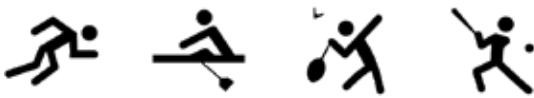
Moments later, the bowl cracked from the heat, sending a tidal wave of eggnog across the table, soaking cookies, gifts, and one unfortunate intern’s laptop. The smell lingered for days, and the punch bowl was never seen again.

Colonial Village Activities

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Euchre	Tuesday	7:00PM	Carmel Foster.....#171
Poker	Mon. Wed. Fri.....	1:30PM	Dave Denny
“65”	Mon. and Thurs.....	6:30PM	Jan Tremblay.....#26
Dining Out	Wednesday	4:00PM	Ernie Bowman
			Ilah Meddles
Decorations			Joyce Smith.....#61
			Janice Penney.....#146
Flea Market	Each February.....		Social Activities Committee
Memorials			Evelyn VanDuyne
Monthly Media Magazine	10th of Month		Barbara Roos
Pickle Ball			Scott Oke
Shuffleboard	Tues. and Thurs	10:00AM	Bill Andrews
Spring Fling	Each March.....		Social Activities Committee
Trips, Travel			Betty Skelly
Water Aerobics			Marie Clement
Website			Lois Jensen and Barbara Roos
Wellness	Thursday	10:00AM	Grace Hiscock.....#54

Social Activities Committee - 1st Thursday at 9:30AM. Nov to Apr

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OTHER	Lake Seminole Resort Christmas Craft Show and Flea Market. On Saturday, December 6th, 9:00am - 1:00pm. Located at 10245 110th Ave. N. Largo, Florida	
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