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#### **MESSAGE FROM THE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR**

Deb Geiler, Lot 610

I must apologize for not getting the Christmas Decorating competition in the December Gazette. The Gazette must receive notification so early in order to get them posted that it's difficult to know that far in advance if certain things can actually happen. That being said we will have the competition, but judging will not be completed until the second week in January. Please check the YT Residents Association Facebook page and or Bulletin boards for announcement of winners!

I sincerely hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas!! Happy 2026!!

I'm very happy to announce that the Rec Hall Kitchen WILL be functioning most likely by the time you're reading this! We will have use of the refrigerator, oven, and water will be available but no lower cabinets or counter tops. In place of countertops there will be Tables set up for food prep and storage bins underneath for the items that use to be stored in the undercounter cabinets. For those Chairpersons who have chosen to cancel your originally planned events I hope this will change your minds but if not, I'm Sure we will still have a wonderful season!!

Many folks have come up with some new, fun, and exciting events that didn't need the kitchen! I am excited to offer these events as they get organized. Please check the Bulletin Boards in the Breezeway by the office and outside the Rec Hall. In order to be IN THE KNOW of updates and changes to events that are added or that had to be cancelled. Looking forward to getting to know everyone better and to having a Great exciting season.

Feel free to drop me a line, a text, or stop by Lot 610 if I can be of assistance to help you with an activity you would like to organize and or chair.

Deb Geiler

**Activities Director** 

#### MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Mary Lantz, Lot 431



Tho wants to be the next Yankee Traveler Gazette Editor? The time has come for me to pass the torch to new blood. If you would like to take over this task, or know someone who would, please contact me. My last publication will be the May 2026 edition unless someone steps forward sooner. Don't let your Gazette come to an end. Please, please, please be the one to step up and take on this task.

If you have any stories, events, or other items you would like included in the February Gazette that you think others would enjoy, drop me a note by

<u>JANUARY 14, 2026</u>, at <u>mplantz5029@gmail.com</u> and I will get them published. <u>Anything</u> received after that date will be included in the March Gazette.

If you have anything you want included on the February Calendar please contact Activities Director, Deb Geiler, Lot 610, at <a href="mailto:dageiler@sbcglobal.net">dageiler@sbcglobal.net</a>.

#### "YT Residents Association Of Largo FL" Facebook Group

If you haven't already, you might want to become a member of the "YT Residents Association Of Largo Fl" Facebook Group. It is used frequently to remind you of upcoming events, share info about fun places to go or things to do, find someone who has an item you could borrow, or a new home for something you no longer need. Keep in mind that it is a resident only page, NOT a park sponsored page. To join, please contact:

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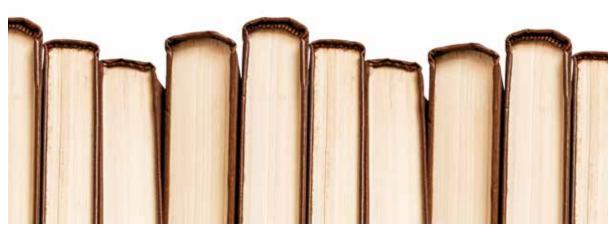
#### YANKEE TRAVELER RESIDENTS DIRECTORY

Mary Lantz, Lot 431

will soon begin working on the new Yankee Traveler Residents Directory. I encourage all of you to take a look at last year's directory and if you see anything that is not correct, please contact the Office and get your information corrected there first as that is where the process begins. After you have taken that step feel free to contact me with corrections. Thanks for your cooperation.

#### **LENDING LIBRARY**

heck out the Lending Library located on the back wall in the Rec Hall. (Sometimes hidden behind the black curtains.) There are so many books available to borrow, you will surely be able to find something that interests you. When you are done, just return them to the library. Have a paperback book in *good condition* you have read, but no longer want to keep? The library will accept those as donations. Just place them in the donation basket. Happy Reading!



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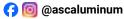
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#### **EVENTS**

#### **DANCES**

Sally & Steve Skene, Lot 529

hese are the dates for our remaining dances this coming season: New Years Dance December 31, 2025

Valentine's Dance February 14, 2026

St. Patty's Dance March 14, 2026

We will be selling tickets again on a first come, first serve basis except that if you have friend(s) who are working or not here yet in the park for the season, you will be allowed to buy a maximum of 2 extra tickets provided you identify to the ticket seller, the names of the individual(s) you are buying for.

Sally Skene



#### **HUMANA**

Tumana will be delivering free food/paper items to the residents of Yankee Traveler on Friday, January 23, 2026, in the Rec Hall from 4:00-5:00, or until all products have been distributed. If you would like to receive these food/paper items at no cost to you, feel free to attend.

This is a generous gift from Humana for which we can be thankful.

#### **GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY**

Darley Perlakowski, Lot 430



ven though I originally said that because of the Rec Hall situation that the anniversary celebration would be canceled, I felt that these couples needed to be recognized for their 50 plus years of marriage commitment. The party must go on. A few changes, but we will carry on. The date will be January 25, 2026. A sign-up sheet will be in the hallway at the Rec Hall for those that want to attend. As always, the seating will be limited, so when the sheet goes up, sign up early. Our honored guests are:

Lou and Naomi Hilker

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Steve and Shirley Murphy

Ray and Kathy Seibert

On another note, the next anniversary party will be in the year 2028. At that time, any couples that have reached their 50 years of marriage will be honored. HOWEVER, there is a stipulation to that statement. Since I am retired from service, this tradition will end unless someone steps in and takes over. You have at least a year to think about this and then you cantalk to our activities director and add your name to those that head up other activities.

Enough said.

#### **YANKEE PUB DAY**

Jeanie & Charlie Gladwin, Lot 231

ome enjoy an afternoon with friends at Yankee Pub Day. Thursday, January 29, 2026 Rec Hall-1:00-5:00 PM Dancing, Games, Snacks and Pizza Tickets \$10 each

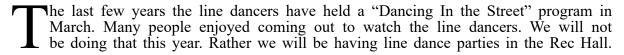
Ticket sales Saturday, Jan. 17, 2026

in Rec Hall at 10:00 AM



#### LINE DANCE PARTY

Ann Miller, Lot 338



Our first line dance party will be Saturday, January 31st at 7:00 PM. We invite everyone to come and enjoy good music, good friends, and watch our dancers. BYOB and bring snacks to share with your table.

#### FLAMINGO RACES

Jerry Rzepka, Lot 421

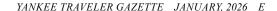
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Anyone interested in becoming one of the lucky 10 flamingo owners should sign up at Lot 421 before Thursday, January 8, 2026 or send an email to Jerry Rzepka at <u>irzepka@i2k.</u> com with your name, lot # and phone number.

The owner's drawing will be held Friday, January 9, 2026, at 5 PM in front of the clubhouse. The lucky owners will then receive their lucky flamingo and owner bio form, which will need to be returned to Jerry Rzepka, Lot 421 with \$15 owner fee by Friday, January 16, 2026.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 7, 2026, for the fourth annual Flamingo Derby. Doors will open at 6:00 PM with the parade of flamingos at 6:30 and first race at 7pm.





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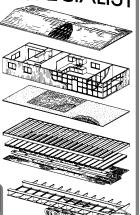


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- February 7, 2026
- March 7, 2026 • April 25, 2026

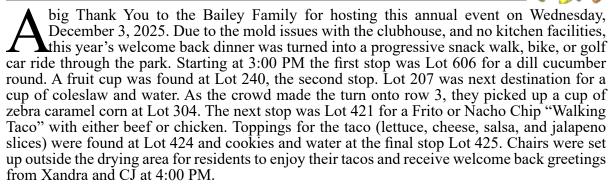
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#### **WELCOME BACK SNACK WALK**

Jerry Rzepka, Lot 421

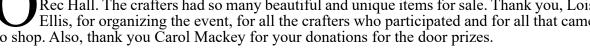


I would like to thank my team for all their work and allowing the use of their units to make this event a success: Wanda & Bill Astorino, Lois Ellis & Zayna Williams, Barva & Jerry Herzog, Pam & Dennis Hughes, Judy Rzepka & Linda Dias, Debra & Jason Day and Lora & Gary Thompson. Thanks to Ken Goodwin for facility items, Dennis Hughes for chair cleaning, and David Geiler for handling the sound system. Along with all the other YT friends that helped in the clean up afterwards.

Jerry Rzepka

#### CRAFT FAIR

ur annual craft fair was held on December 6, 2025, from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM in the Rec Hall. The crafters had so many beautiful and unique items for sale. Thank you, Lois Ellis, for organizing the event, for all the crafters who participated and for all that came to shop. Also, thank you Carol Mackey for your donations for the door prizes.





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#### THANK YOU

Stephen Ford, Lot 601

ost of you know, if not all of you that I underwent Open Heart Surgery on November 24, 2025.

First let me tell you that I've always considered myself pretty



healthy, aside from the occasional bowl of ice cream, some biscuits and gravy once in a while and my beloved chocolate milk, of which I have cut out completely when I realized how much sugar is in it.

When I came home from Florida last year in April and started my usual routine of getting after it, I noticed I was having some chest pains and of course didn't think too much about it, just thought I've been taking it pretty easy all winter and it'll go away. Well, it didn't, so I decided to see my doctor. He suggested a stress test which I did and I thought I aced it. I did not. Next was the CT angiogram which showed some significant blockages. After that came the Cardiac Catheter where the plan was to put some stents in and send me on my way. I was good with that. Unfortunately, the blockages were too severe for stents, it was not possible. I was then told that I had two options, one, do nothing (which I contemplated several times during this whole process before I decided to do "it."), the other option was

the dreaded "Open Heart" surgery. After more tests in Des Moines, I was told that I needed at least two bi-passes and a valve was leaking but it was only moderate. So, at this point surgery was scheduled in Des Moines and I was also referred to Mayo in Rochester. Mayo received my file and suggested I come up there for more tests, and fortunately for me, they were able to get me in before the scheduled surgery in Des Moines. Let me tell you, I was so glad I got a second opinion. The testing done in Mayo is far superior to what I have available in Iowa. Surgery in Des Moines was cancelled and Mayo was on. Testing all day on October 28th, surgery scheduled the next morning. After a full day of tests (9 total), and at the end of the day Dr. Aljamal came in to talk to me. My son was also there, and again I am so blessed, he was by far my greatest advocate, support, and THE number one person I would want on my team, period! We were told that my heart was in pretty bad shape, part of it was totally occluded, several blockages, the valve was pretty severe and there was a robotic surgeon in Chicago and that this was right up his alley, and if I wanted, I could see if I was a candidate for robotic surgery. So, once again surgery was cancelled in hopes that the surgeon in Chicago could look at my file and let me know if I was a candidate. After jumping through hoops to get Chicago my records, I was told that I was a candidate for "Robotic" surgery, however it was much more difficult for the surgeon, but much easier on me. But unfortunately, he was not available until the end of April. And also, in the mist of all this, surgery was again scheduled at Mayo for November 24th.

A lot of thoughts entered my mind while I was trying to decide to wait until Spring. After all, I could go to Florida, and my recovery would be easy and I felt great.

Ya know, God has a way of humbling you. During my forever decision making, and for those who know me, know I make decisions quickly but for the life of me I couldn't make this one. So, while I was wrestling do nothing or ideally, wait for Chicago, I had two incidences where the pain in my chest was so severe, I prayed my hardest to have this be it or let the pain subside.





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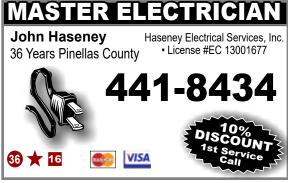
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I finally came to terms with what I needed to do about five days before surgery and informed everyone, I was on for the 24th.

After a seven-hour surgery, I am now at home recovering and looking forward to what life has instore for me.

So, with all that said, I want to thank everyone for all your prayers and your continued prayers, your cards, thinking about me, and your wishing me the very best.

I look forward to seeing each of you.

I am so thankful for every day.

Stephen Ford

#### **GAMES**

#### **BINGO**

Kathy & Ray Sibert, Lot 326

Tanuary Bingo

5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

Card sales start at 5:45 PM until 6:45 PM, no later.

Bingo starts promptly at 7:00 PM.

Without the kitchen we're asking that you bring your own drinks. And we are asking for cookie donations from our attendees. We've had a great start this season with twenty-nine in attendance for our first get together. Thank you. Ray and I appreciate you. Also, we have two 50/50 drawings! See you soon!

#### **MEXICAN DOMINOS**

Kathy & Ray Sibert, Lot 326

Tanuary Mexican Dominos 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

We are now in the Card Room by the pool area. Please bring your own drinks, we start at 7:00 PM so we would appreciate if you would arrive by 6:50 PM since we may have to put up more tables. If interested, we can teach you the game and we are usually done by 9:00 PM.

Looking forward to seeing you!





#### **GAMES, GAMES, GAMES**

o you enjoy playing Games? We've got you covered. Below is a list of all the opportunities that are available to you. Pop in and join the fun and fellowship. Always a good time!



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Monday	Hand & Foot	Card Room	7:00 PM
Tuesday	Billiards (Pool)	Card Room	7:00 PM
Wednesday	Mexican Train Dominoes	Card Room	7:00 PM
Thursday	Horseshoes/Washer Toss	Horseshoe Pit	1:00PM
Thursday	Nickel Nickel	Rec Hall	7:00 PM
Thursday	Cribbage	Rec Hall	7:00 PM
Thursday	Poker	Card Room	7:00 PM
Friday	Euchre	Rec Hall	7:00 PM
Friday	Hand & Foot	Rec Hall	7:00 PM

Be sure to watch for posters placed in the breezeway by the office, outside the Rec Hall, and on the "YT Residents Association of Largo, Fl" Group Facebook page letting you know of any other games that may be occurring or if any of the above times or places have been changed due to conflicts with room availability.



















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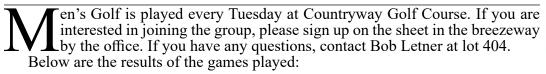
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#### **MEN'S GOLF**

Bob Letner, Lot 404





DATE	11/18/25		
Low Score	Score	Game	Closest to Pin
Ron Moore	68	Tom Steinheiser	# 4
Craig Edinger	74	Ron Moore	# 8
Charlie Gladwin	75	Charlie Gladwin	# 12
Tom Steinheiser	75	Mark Jarrard	# 16
Leo Lafontaine	75		

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#### **CLASSES, CLUBS, WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

#### **WATER AEROBICS**

Instructor Barva Herzog from OK, Lot 207

am a retired swimming instructor (summer 2024!), and 30+years swimming coach! I loved working with kiddos of all ages. In 1978/79 I became a volunteer at Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club in Broken Arrow, where I taught swimming lessons, coached young children, and began teaching Water Aerobics for adults. Many participants of the WA class had balance, arthritic, or joint issues. WA offered them the chance to exercise with less strain on their bodies. I love doing what I do when it comes to anything water!

My husband, Jerry and I love traveling and the snorkeling gear goes with us more times than not!

I hope to see many returning faces from the last two seasons but will be thrilled to welcome anyone who joins my class!!

See y'all at the Pool Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 10:30-11:30 AM Barva

#### **CHAIR AEROBICS/SENIOR EXERCISE/STRETCH TIME**

Deb Geiler, Lot 610

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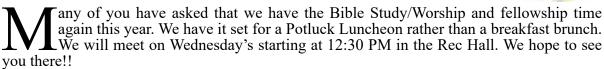
ome join us on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 – 10:15 AM for a short Chair Aerobics/ Senior Exercise/Stretch Time in the Rec Hall.

If anyone is interested in Chairing this, I would greatly appreciate it. As for now I am doing it. You can reach me via the "YT Residents Association Of Largo Fl" Facebook Group page, by phone 618-541-8125, email dageiler@sbcglobal.net or at Lot 610.

This day and time may be altered. I will update the "YT Residents Association Of Largo Fl" Facebook Group page with any changes. Let's get these ole joints, muscles and bones a moving!!!

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#### **LINE DANCING**

Ann Miller, Lot 338

It is called Absolute Beginners. It is a 30-minute class designed to help people learn the basic steps of line dancing at a slower pace. Those people can move into the 10:00 class as they become ready to do so.



All line dance classes are held in the Rec Hall on Mondays and Thursdays. There will be no line dance classes on January 1<sup>st</sup> - New Year's Day and January 29<sup>th</sup> - Pub Day.

The schedule is as follows:

Absolute Beginners - 9:30-10:00

Beginners - 10:00-11:00

Advanced Beginners/Intermediate - 11:00-12:00



Shirley Murphy, Lot 230 and Faith Heffernan, Lot 429



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#### **KARAOKE**

Bill Miller, Lot 338

ur next Karaoke night will be Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Rec Hall. There will be a second Karaoke night in January on Tuesday, the 27<sup>th</sup>. If you like to sing (even if it is in the shower), you will arrive our leave the rights. We invite all to some sing and/or support their



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#### YANKEE TRAVELER TROUBADOURS 🎶

Dave Cole, Lot 528

The Yankee Traveler Troubadours are a friendly group of musically inclined residents who gather to share songs, play instruments, and bring live music to our community. With an open-door spirit, the group welcomes anyone who wants to participate — whether you play, sing, or just love good music.

Season Opener Concert

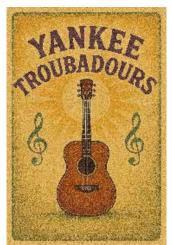
Saturday, January 17, 2026

🕔 7:00 PM

Rec Hall All residents and guests are invited!

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#### Attention Yankee Traveler Residents Editor Needed!!!

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#### FRENCH TOAST BAKE

#### **Ingredients:**

- 1/4 cup of butter, melted
- 2 cans (12.4 oz) refrigerated Cinnamon Rolls with Original Icing (8 Count)
- 6 eggs
- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
- 2 teaspoons of ground cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup of maple syrup

#### Garnish:

- Icing from cinnamon rolls
- Powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup maple syrup, if desired

#### **Instructions:**

- Heat oven to 375°F.
- Pour melted butter into ungreased 13x9-inch (3-quart) glass baking dish. Separate both cans of dough into 16 rolls; set icing aside. Cut each roll into 8 pieces.
- Place pieces over butter in dish.
- In medium bowl, beat eggs. Beat in cream, cinnamon, and vanilla until well blended; gently pour over roll pieces.
- Sprinkle with pecans; drizzle with 1 cup syrup.
- Bake 28 to 32 minutes or until golden brown. Cool 10 minutes. Meanwhile, remove covers from icing; microwave on Medium (50%) 10 to 15 seconds or until thin enough to drizzle.
- Drizzle icing over top; sprinkle with powdered sugar. If desired, spoon syrup from dish over individual servings. Serve with the additional 1/2 cup maple syrup.

#### Tips:

- Adding 2 teaspoons vanilla to the custard mixture (the eggs and cream) turns this into a French vanilla & maple-flavored breakfast indulgence.
- For brunch for a crowd, use an oval 3-quart baking dish if you'd like. Then you can scoop out servings and drizzle them with the warm glaze and maple syrup.
- Sprinkle 1/2 cup crisply cooked chopped bacon with the dough pieces to give your cinnamon roll bake a hint of a savory-smoky taste that balances out the sweet cinnamon and maple flavors.



#### **TODAY'S SMILES**

he Sweet Grandmother adapted from morningpointe.com

A sweet grandmother telephoned St. Josephs Hospital. She timidly asked, "Is it possible to speak to someone who can tell me how a patient is doing?"

OPERATOR - I'll be glad to help, dear, What's the name and room number of the patient? GRANDMOTHER - Norma Findlay Room 302

OPERATOR - Let me put you on hold while I check with the nurse's station for that room.

After a few minutes, the operator returned to the phone.

OPERATOR - I have good news - Her nurse just told me that Noma is doing well. Her blood pressure is fine, her blood test just came back normal, and her Physician Dr. Cohen has scheduled her to be discharged tomorrow.

GRANDMOTHER - Thank you, That's wonderful. I was so worried. God bless you for the good news. OPERATOR - You're more than welcome. Is Norma your daughter?

GRANDMOTHER - No- I'm Norma Findlay in Room 302 and no one tells me anything. Thanks again.

#### **Customer Complaint** adapted from morningpointe.com

Mr. Finnegan: Gentlemen, I have been riding your trains daily for the last 2 years and the service on your line seems to be getting worse every day. I am tired of standing in the aisle all the

time on a 10-mile trip. I think the transportation system is worse than that enjoyed by people many years ago. The reply: Dear Mr. Finnegan, we received your letter with reference to the shortcomings of our service

and believe you are somewhat confused about your history. The only mode of transportation 2,000 years ago was by foot. Sincerely The Railway Company

Mr. Finnegan: I am in receipt of your letter, and I think you are the ones who are confused about your history. If you will refer to the Bible and the Book of David, 9th Chapter, you will find that Balaam rode to town on his ASS. That gentlemen, is something I have not been able to do on your train in the last 2 years. Patrick Finnegan

#### Getting Old adapted from morningpointe.com

When you are getting old, everything hurts.

What doesn't hurt, doesn't work.

The gleam in your eye is the sun shining in your bi-focals.

You feel like the morning after, but you haven't been anywhere.

Your children begin to look middle aged.

You join a health club but don't go.

You have all the answers, but no one asks you the questions.

You look forward to a dull evening.

You need glasses to find your glasses.

You turn out the light for economy instead of romance.

You sit in the rocking chair and can't make it go.

Your knees buckle, but your belt won't

Your back goes out more than you do.

Your house is too big, and your medicine cupboard is not big enough.

You sink your teeth into a steak and they stay there.

Your birthday collapses from the weight of the candles



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	Keene/CR1) Dunedin. Housewares, Linens, Small Appliances, Jewelry, Books, Pictures, Baked Goods, Raffle Baskets, 50/50 Drawing, Lunch	think about this the next time you're planning something.  -Monthly Media Staff

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Remember that the speed limit is **15 mph** in the park. It may seem slow, but it was set for everyone's safety. Report vendors that you notice repeatedly driving too fast to their respective companies. If it is a park resident, please notify the office and they will address the issue.

For those of you with dogs, when walking them anywhere in the park, please be considerate and always carry a bag with you and clean up after your pet should they relieve themselves while on their walk. No one wants to find a surprise in the yard or street.

Please do not toss cigarette butts on the ground. It may *seem* insignificant, but it can take cigarette filters as long as 10 years to decompose while releasing toxins into the environment. Do your part, don't pollute. Let's keep the park beautiful!

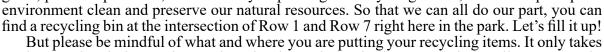
If you are having an event or participating in an activity in the Rec Hall or the Card Room, please clean up when you are through. All trash and recycling should be taken to their proper place and the room swept and tidied. In other words – leave the room as you found it.

Also, please **check your mail** on a regular basis. If mail is not picked up for a while, the office will assume you are not here, and the mail will be sent back.

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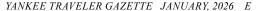
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Not only can it help reduce your carbon footprint, but it also helps reduce the need for harvesting raw materials, saves energy, reduces greenhouse gases, prevents pollution, and more. By improving our recycling habits, we can help keep the anyironment clean and preserve our netural recourses. So that we can all do our part you can



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If you take your recyclables to the dumpster in a plastic bag, <u>please</u> remove them from the bag and put the bag into the regular green trash dumpster. Plastic bags jam up the sorting machines at the recycling center.

#### **CAN CRUSHER**

Dave Cowell, Lot 339

The Can Crushing program is a great source of income for the Association, and we encourage everyone to participate. The more cans crushed the more income we earn! The crusher is located in the main dumpster area behind the Blue Recycling Bin. You must clean/rinse your cans before crushing them, so we do not get a swarm of Bees. <u>Please</u> crush your own cans, but if you <u>absolutely</u> can't crush them, leave them by the crusher and someone will take care of them. This is where those that are able can help. <u>IF</u> you see

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#### DOWN

- 1. Land
- 2. Male genitalia
- 3. Uncooked
- 4. Small island
- 5. Not more
- 6. Arrive past due
- 7. Utilizers
- 8. Neuter
- 9. 2000 pounds
- 10. Kill oneself intentionally
- 13. Breathes noisily while sleeping 14. They come from hens
- 15. Started
- 16. Gun repairing
- 19. Dogs wag these
- 22. Anticlimax
- 24. Blimp
- 26. Opening

- 27. Deli loaf
- 30. King of the jungle 32. Anagram of "One"
- 33. They can be fraternal or identical
- 34. On land
- One who establishes
- 38. Building 39. Mammals like camels
- 40. Apprehensive
- 42. Objects
- 44. Fired a projectile
- 45. Holy person
- 48. Smile
- 49. Gorillas
- 50. English royal house
- 53. An uncle
- 55. Fifty-two in Roman numerals

#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Spring month
- 6. Failures
- 11. Pursue
- 12. Take up the cause
- 15. Barroom fights
- 16. Harvesting
- 17. Snake-like fish
- 18. Wide part of a river
- 20. Sprocket 21. Chutzpah
- 23. Picnic insects
- 24. Broadcasts
- 25. Chills and fever
- 26. Workshop gripper
- 27. Fair attraction
- 28. Bird home
- 29. Type of tree 30. Harps
- 31. Amounts per unit size
- 34. Underway
- 36. One plus one 37. Make well
- 41. Scattered seed
- 42. Not fat
- 43. Inactive
- 44. Blackball
- 45. Tibia 46. Tube
- 47. Term of endearment 48. Deny
- 51. Distant
- 52. Making menu requests
- 54. A plan of action
- 56. Abounding
- 57. Genus of heath
- 58. Leases
- 59. Where clouds are





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