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We are always looking for more residents to help out with Neighborhood Watch, especially late at night. All you have to do to help protect our community is WATCH & CALL the PPPD when you see any suspicious activity.

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We are always grateful to our Block Captains who bring your copy of the Courier to your door every month. Block captains also hand out flyers and notices when needed.

To contact Vickie: call 727- 288-3991 or see her at lot #248 after 3 o'clock.





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# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By Violet Escobar

PRING – It's finally here and pollen is everywhere. People are sneezing and our eyes are red and itchy. The yellow dust has changed the color of our cars and everything else on which it settles. But the weather is warm again and the grass and plants that were drying up from lack of water are beginning to perk up and once again show signs of life. It's so good to have lake water again replenish our plants and wash our cars.

Another improvement besides the new lake water pump is the clean-up of the area behind 1st Street. By the time you read this, all those bushes, dead and alive that were harboring mosquitoes and other varmints should be gone and the area cleared of debris. That will truly a blessing for the residents all around that area wanting to relax and enjoy being outside on a warm summer evening.

We should all take some time to see the real beauty of our surroundings and be thankful for what we have. Take some time to smell the flowers, as they say. Life is good. Enjoy it.

# **MONTHLY HOA MEETING – APRIL 4**

Where another great speaker lined up for you. A representative from Pinellas County Mosquito Control will be here to explain to us what is being done right now and what we can expect going forward to control our mosquito population. Anyone who lives on 4th Street or 1st Street know firsthand what a problem mosquitoes are, especially in the upcoming rainy season. This is something that we should all be extremely concerned about this year with the new Zikz virus showing up in Florida. Try not to miss this meeting and please remind your neighbors to attend.



REPORTS

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY POTLUCK

Corned Beef & Cabbage, Veggies, Deviled Eggs, Rolls and assorted Desserts and beverages were on the menu and those who attended had a good time. We appreciate those who prepared this food and those who stayed after to help with the clean-up.

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I remember a time when we had many potlucks; when the buffet line was long with hungry people and the tables were full of friends and neighbors enjoying each other and there was a great variety of good home-cooked foods.

I want so much to see that again. We want to fill up our calendar with lots of fun things to do for everyone. Our events and activities are for all our residents to enjoy. We encourage you to come out and have fun with us so that all our efforts to entertain you and bring everyone together are not just shared by a few.

### TAX DAY

The filing deadline to submit 2015 tax returns is Monday, April 18, 2016, rather than the traditional April 15 date. Washington, D.C., will celebrate Emancipation Day on that Friday, which pushes the deadline to the following Monday for most of the nation. (Due to Patriots Day, the deadline will be Tuesday, April 19, in Maine and Massachusetts.)

Source: www.irs.gov

# **UP COMING**

## ITALIAN POTLUCK DINNER – APRIL 16 - 2:00 o'clock pm

There will be many Italian dishes and desserts to choose from and many additional choices if Italian is not your thing. This is another opportunity to shine if you have a special dish that you would like to share.

Please plan to come together with us and enjoy what is sure to be a feast. We look forward to seeing new faces and visiting with many new friends.

### **CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY 2016**

The Pinellas Park Police Department is sponsoring the Citizen's Police Academy 2016 beginning on April 6 and continuing every Wednesday evening through June 8th. Classes are from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and include a meal. You have to sign up in advance and classes fill up quickly.

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# THOSE PLASTIC BAGS

Why do people keep putting those plastic bags on your door? It's because you have a friendly neighbor who wants you to know all about what's going on in the park so you can have some fun like they do. You've wanted a park newsletter; it's in there. It's called The Courier.

When you look inside that bag you'll find out about all the fun and informative things you may have been missing. A lot of work goes into preparing all that information just for you. Hours are spent researching, gathering and typing all the information that we think may be of interest to you. And when we are done doing that and are waiting for our information to come back from the Printer, there are very professional-looking flyers being created and taken to be copied at HOA's expense so they can be stuffed into "those plastic bags" with The Courier. And last but certainly not least, there's a whole team of people who walk throughout the whole park to hang "those plastic bags" on each and every door so you will have all the information you could possible want about what's going on in our community. And this process goes on every month of the year... just for you... because we care.

Now, after you see all the flyers and notices, and after you read The Courier, carefully remove the calendar from the center, fold back the advertising side and put the calendar on your refrigerator door as a reminder of what's coming up. Hopefully then you won't miss out on anything you choose to attend ~ because we want to spend time getting to know you better.



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# WHAT TO BUY IN APRIL

<u>elevisions & Electronics</u> – March marks the end of the Japanese fiscal year, and they will be getting rid of old stock. Keep in mind that sales will be on 'last year's models, "but buying 'last year is THE way to save on electronics.

Gym Memberships - Warmer weather entices many to move their workout outdoors in the Spring so this is the month to find deals on gym memberships.

Cookware - with wedding and graduation season around the corner, look for stores to start offering discounts on cookware. It makes a great gift.

Thrift stores – Spring cleaning makes for lots of donations this time of year.

Tires – April is National Car Care month. Look for sales on things like tires, oil changes and more

# WHAT NOT TO BUY IN APRIL

Mattresses – Memorial Day sales will be the next price dip for mattresses.

Grills – Wait until June for a new grill purchase. Prices are high in early spring.

Patio Furniture – The next big sales happen around Memorial Day. Need it now? Try Craig's List or your local classified ads for great deals on used patio furniture.

Source: truecouponing.com

# RECIPES

### **Granola Energy Bites**

No bake granola energy bites.

- 1 cup oats
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup almond butter
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup flax seed meal
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup dried cranberries

- 1. Stir all ingredients together
- 2. Cover and chill at least 1 hour
- 3. Roll into balls (about the size of a golf ball)

• 3.7 oz. honey (approx.  $\frac{1}{4} \operatorname{cup} + 2 \operatorname{Tbsp}$ ) Note: Can freeze or keep in the refrigerator up to 1 week.

Source: fatsecret.com

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# ARE YOU PAYING TOO MUCH FOR AUTO INSURANCE?

#### Coverages: =

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CollisionACV - \$500 Deductible			
Road Trouble Serv\$50 Each Occurrence			
Additional Exp\$30 Per Day / \$900 Each Occurance			
Annual Paid In Full Premium \$994.55*			

Quote Details: -67 married male, vehicle driven for pleasure use, superior credit, 5 year clean driving record on all licensed household operators -2012 Chevy Impala LT, garaged in Pinellas County zip code 33771, equipped with Air-Bags, ABS and Anti-Theft device

\*NOTICE: Acceptability of all proposed applicants subject to underwriting approval, premium rates are subject to change. Rates will vary based on age of operator, driving record, credit history garaging address and type of vehicle.



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<ul> <li>Taco Casserole</li> <li>1 7oz. bag Nacho Cheese Doritos, crushed</li> <li>1 lb. hamburger, browned</li> <li>1 pkg. taco seasoning, mixed according to directions</li> <li>1 (8 oz.) pkg. shredded Cheddar cheese</li> <li>1 (8 oz.) pkg. shredded Mozzarella cheese</li> <li>Shredded Lettuce</li> <li>Sliced tomato</li> <li>Layer ingredients in 9 x 13 pan as listed -</li> <li>crushed chips, meat and seasonings, 2/3 of cheese, lettuce, tomato, and remaining cheese.</li> <li>Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes.</li> </ul>
Source: food.com

## Chicken Pasta Salad

Try this quick and easy chicken pasta salad that is so hearty, it's a complete meal. This is great for summer dinners and potlucks and the kids love it, too!

- Serves: 4
- Ingredients
- 1 package chicken tenders
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 package (12-ounce) fettuccine pasta, uncooked
- 1 package (16-ounce) frozen vegetable mix 1/2 cup bottled Caesar or Italian dressing 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Salt and pepper

### Instructions

- 1. In large skillet, sauté chicken in vegetable oil over medium heat until done.
- 2. Cook pasta according to directions.
- 3. Add vegetables to pasta last 5 minutes of cook time.
- 4. Drain pasta and vegetables and mix with chicken, dressing and basil.
- 5. Mix well; cook until heated through.
- 6. Add cheese; toss to coat pasta. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serve with fresh bread, if desired.

Source: Recipelion.com





# **GETTING FIT FOR SUMMER**

### **CORE STRENGTHENING EXERCISES FOR SENIORS**

As your body ages, your muscles lose strength and elasticity without regular exercise. According to a study published in "Gerontology," core strengthening exercises are positively correlated with increased postural stability, better balance and decreased risk of falling. If you are new to exercise, injured or suffering from a chronic disease, speak to your doctor before starting core strengthening exercises.

### Seated Side Bends

If you are chair or wheelchair bound, you can still practice gentle core-strengthening exercises while sitting down. To perform seated side bends, sit up tall with a straight spine. Brace your abdominal muscles by drawing your belly button back toward your spine. Extend your arms overhead if possible and curl your upper chest and spine over to the right. Make sure that your left buttock stays planted to the chair throughout the entire exercise. Hold the stretch for one to two counts, return to the center and switch sides. To add more resistance to this exercise, hold light dumbbells or a medicine ball at chest-height.

### Splish Splash

According to the American Association of Retired Persons, exercising in water strengthens your muscles -- including your core muscles -- without putting extra strain on your joints. To exercise your core in the pool, perform a twisting exercise that mimics the dance craze "The Twist." If you are not a confident swimmer, try this exercise with a flotation vest instead. Hold on to the side of the pool with both hands behind your back, facing toward the center of the *Continued on page 16* 



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pool. Draw your knees in toward your chest and twist both knees smoothly to the left and right sides of the body. For an extra challenge, release the side of the pool and twist your upper body in the opposite direction of your knees.

### Hissing Locust Pose

The yoga pose known as "locust" requires you to get down on the floor. If you are unable to perform this pose on the floor, try lying in bed instead. Lie down on your front, with the center of your forehead on the floor and the tops of your feet pressed into the floor. Extend your arms out in front of the body, as if you were Superman flying through the air. Press your pubic bone into the floor to stabilize your pelvis and lower abdominals. Using the strength of your core muscles, lift your arms, shoulders and upper chest off the floor as high as you can. Hold this position for one to two counts before returning your body back to the floor.

### **Building Bridge Pose**

Bridge pose not only strengthens your core muscles, it also targets your hips, thighs and buttocks. Traditionally, bridge pose is performed on the floor, but if you have mobility issues, try performing this pose on your bed instead. Lie down on your back with your knees bent and both feet flat on the floor. Extend your arms by your sides, palms facing down and lift your hips as high as you can. Tilt your pelvis toward your chest to protect your lower back. Hold this position for one to two counts before slowly and gently lowering your hips back down to the bed.

Bird-dog is an exercise described by the American Council on Exercise as a core and back strengthener. To perform this exercise, start on all fours with your wrists under your shoulders and knees under your hips. If you feel discomfort in your knee joints, place a folded towel or pillow under your knees for extra padding and support. Engage your core muscles by drawing your belly button in toward your spine. Simultaneously, extend your right arm away from your body, parallel to the floor and extend your left leg away from your body. Hold this position for one to two counts before switching sides.

Source: http://livehealthy.chron.com/core-strengthening-exercises-seniors-7563.html



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# **SUB-FLOOR & FLOORING EXPERTS!**



# April Fool!

t's April 1st—the day for practical jokes large and small. If you're looking for inspiration, remember one of the all-time great media hoaxes.

In 1957, the BBC's respected news program Panorama ran a story celebrating a bumper spaghetti crop in Switzerland—thanks to a mild winter and the near elimination of the destructive "anothetti warehotti in the program included footage of Switzer

destructive "spaghetti weevil." The program included footage of Swiss farm workers pulling strands of spaghetti from trees and laying them in the sun to dry.

Although some viewers caught on—and chastised the BBC for playing fast and loose in a news program—others fell hook, line, and pasta ladle. Many even telephoned the network to ask where they could get their own spaghetti trees.

# Make new friends all through your life

B uilding friendships and creating thriving social circles is a key component of good health throughout your entire life. From Mayo Clinic's HealthQuest newsletter come these suggestions for making new friends no matter how old you are:

- Take your pet for walks. Make conversation with folks who stop to chat.
- Join a hobby group.
- Volunteer in community groups or at a hospital, church, or school.
- Take a course at your local community college.
- Shape up while meeting new people in an exercise class.
- Get active in a social cause or goal.
- Go out to lunch with a work or social acquaintance at least once a month.
- Ask a small favor of a neighbor or co-worker, and do the same for him or her.
- Volunteer to usher at your local community theater.





# Fast and funny

ooking to get a few quick laughs? Try some of these short zingers:

- Explaining puns to kleptomaniacs is hard because they always take things literally.
- What's the best thing about Switzerland? I don't know, but its flag is a huge plus.
- I told my doctor that I broke my arm in two places. She told me to stop going to those places.
- I asked my friend in North Korea what living there is like. He said he couldn't complain.
- I was wondering why the Frisbee seemed larger the closer it got. Then it hit me.
- Have I told you this déjà vu joke before?
- I didn't know my husband stole things from construction sites, but when I got home all the signs were there.



• They all laughed when I said I wanted to be a comedian. Well, they're not laughing now.

# A bull by the tail

n old rancher filed a lawsuit against a railroad company when his prize bull went missing because a train damaged a section of his fence. The rancher only asked to be paid the fair value of the bull.

A date for the hearing was set, and the railroad sent a slick lawyer to represent it. Just before the hearing began, the railroad attorney approached the rancher and started to pressure him to settle the case immediately. After a few minutes, the rancher gave in, agreeing to half the money he was asking for.



After signing the settlement papers and handing over the check, the lawyer said, "You know, I have to admit, you would have won this case. The engineer was asleep and the train was going too fast when it passed your farm."

The old rancher shrugged. "I was a little worried myself. The darned bull came back this morning."



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# **Google answers your health questions**

People turn to Google for all kinds of information. Health is always a concern, so naturally the search engine fields a lot of questions about diseases and symptoms of illness. Take a look at some of the top health-related inquiries people typed into the Google search bar in 2015 (as reported on the CNN website):

- **"Is bronchitis contagious?"** Answer: Maybe, if it's the result of a bacterial infection.
- **"Is pneumonia contagious?"** Answer: It can be, because most cases of pneumonia are caused by bacteria.



- **"How much water should I drink per day?"** Answer: About half as many fluid ounces as your weight in pounds. For example, if you weigh 140 pounds, you should be drinking about 70 fluid ounces per day (nine cups), although factors like heat, exercise, pregnancy, and other considerations should be taken into account.
- "How many calories should I consume?" Answer: Check with a dietician to get advice tailored to your physical needs.
- **"What is Lupus?"** Answer: Lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease. Symptoms include headaches, fatigue, joint pain, fever, and rashes.

# Slow down to eat less

E ating too fast can lead to eating too much. But when you're busy, the temptation to cram a meal down your throat may be overwhelming. Here's how to slow down and savor every bite:

- **Stop multitasking.** Don't try to eat while you're working, texting, or doing anything else. Turn off your devices and focus on your meal. You'll have a better sense of how much you're eating and how full you feel.
- Sit down. Eating over the sink or grazing while you search the refrigerator may result in consuming more unneeded calories. Set the table and put your portions on a plate to keep control of how much food you're really eating.
- **Chew slowly.** Count each bite as you chew your food, and aim for about 20 seconds of chewing for each mouthful. You'll force yourself to slow down, (and your food will be digested more easily.



# Lending money to adult children? Be careful

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our children may have outgrown their allowance, but their money problems don't automatically end when they grow up. Lending money to adult children can end badly if you're not careful, though. Follow this advice for maintaining a good relationship when your grownup kids hit you up for a loan:

- **Don't lend more than you'll miss.** Risking financial instability for the sake of your children will put your relationship in jeopardy if they can't pay the money back on time. Don't be more generous than you can afford, even if you expect to get the money back.
- Find out how they'll use the money. Instead of paying off their student debt, your child buys a sports car. Feel betrayed? Before handing any money over, make sure you know exactly how they'll use it. You can avoid surprises by lending them smaller amounts over time instead of a large lump sum all at once.
- Set clear terms on late payments or defaults. You're not being unreasonable to ask for interest if repayment is late in coming. Discuss options ahead of time to eliminate misunderstandings later. You can lower the interest rate or change other terms if necessary (your adult child loses his or her job, for example).



• **Put everything in writing.** A handshake and a promise only mean so much. Set down the details of the loan in a clear document that spells out how much you're lending, when you expect it to be repaid, and what will happen if either of you violates the agreement. Again, this will guard against confusion and hurt feelings later.

# Try this quick fix for minor cuts

### hen you're bleeding and you can't get your hands on a bandage, Krazy Glue can make a good substitute for healing cuts. The glue seals the outer layer of skin, allowing inner layers to heal quickly. Follow these steps—carefully:

- Wash cut with warm water and dry thoroughly.
- Use a toothpick to dab on a thin, smooth coating of glue over the cut.
- Don't peel the glue off. Let it come off gradually over the next few days.





## Love and money: Pet products are big online

ou can't put a price tag on love, but you can spend a lot of money on those you love and that includes your pets. The pet care and pet product industry is a yearly \$60.59 billion business, serving almost 80 million households. And like everything else, more and more of that business is online. Forrester Research estimates that online

purchases of products for pets hit \$3.7 billion in 2014—6 percent of the total—representing a rise of 76 percent since 2010. Experts expect the online pet case market to grow by 15-20 percent in 2016-2017.



# Lift your glass to these wine stats

o you enjoy a glass of wine with dinner? If so, you're not alone. Decanter Magazine estimates that 93 million people drink wine regularly in the U.S., which adds up to 40 percent of all adults. The amount of wine Americans drank last year rose from 2014 by 0.2 percent, but Decanter predicts that by the year 2025, 11 million more people will be wine fans, for a total of 104 million dollars. That's a lot of wine.

# Save your cash when you eat out

ating in restaurants can get expensive in a hurry. When you want to get out of the house but you don't want to spend a lot, try these tips to lower your tab:

- Have a snack first. Eat something healthy before you head out. Then order a smaller meal or an appetizer instead of a full dinner.
- Skip the extras. Don't have cocktails or order dessert. These can add up quickly. Have a glass of wine and your own dessert at home instead.
- **Go out for dessert only.** You can prepare an inexpensive yet romantic meal at home, then go out for ice cream or your favorite dessert afterward.



Creative confidence is about believing in your ability to create change in the world around you. —Tom and David Kelley

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# April Is...

**F** inancial Literacy Month. With taxes due, this may be a good time to learn more about good financial practices. Are you ready to accept responsibility for changing your financial situation? Do you believe that you can and will change the way you make financial decisions? If so, it's time to start.

**Month of the Military Child.** More than 2 million children in grades K-12 have parents who are serving in our military. Make a difference in the life of a military child by seeking out opportunities to acknowledge their sacrifice, volunteering for organizations that support them, and recognizing their contribution to the nation.

**National Autism Awareness Month**. A nationwide effort to promote autism awareness, inclusion, and self-determination for all and to ensure that each person on the autism spectrum is provided the opportunity to achieve the highest possible quality of life.

**National Garden Month.** Gardening grows fun for the whole family. Whether you're digging in the dirt, enjoying the magic of a small seed transforming into a beautiful flower, or observing the bugs, birds, and butterflies, gardening is a delightful way to celebrate the coming of spring.

# Weekly

**Ational Robotics Week, Apr. 2-10.** The purpose of National Robotics Week is to celebrate the United States as a leader in robotics technology development, educate the public about how robotics technology impacts society, and advocate for increased funding for robotics technology research and development.

Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week, Apr. 10-16. This week recognizes the hardworking men and women who risk their lives and devote huge amounts of personal time and resources while serving the public and helping animals when no one else can.

**National Environmental Education Week, Apr. 17-23.** The nation's largest celebration of environmental education, EE Week reaches hundreds of thousands of students and educators across the United States with non-biased, high-quality, environmental education materials grounded in accurate, timely scientific information and tied to local, state, and national learning standards.

**National Pet ID Week, Apr. 17-23.** Collars and tags are a reliable way to identify your pets should they become lost. Make sure your dog, cat, or other animal friend always wears a current identification tag. Pet supply catalogs, stores, veterinary offices, and animal shelters often have forms to order ID tags.





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# The planets: A quick tour of our solar system

- hink you know a lot about the solar system we live in? The UPI website shares these intriguing facts about Earth's local neighborhood:
- Mercury. The planet closest to the sun can reach temperatures of 800 degrees Fahrenheit, but also a chilly low of -279 degrees at night.
- Venus. Farther from the sun but hotter than Mercury, Venus's surface has an average temperature of 875 degrees, hot enough to melt lead.
- Earth. Our rotation is slowing, but don't panic. The decrease is only about 17 milliseconds per 100 years, so we won't have 25-hour days for 140 million years.



- Mars. Looking for a rock from Mars? You can find them here on Earth. Meteorites from the red planet have been discovered in the Sahara, Antarctica, and other places.
- **Jupiter**. This gas giant has a magnetic field so powerful it draws space debris into its orbit, thus protecting the inner planets.



• **Saturn**. Saturn is famous for its ring, but they aren't unique. Jupiter, Neptune, and Uranus also possess rings, but they're harder to see from Earth.

- Neptune. Winds on Neptune can reach a speed of 1,500 miles per hour or more.
- Uranus. All planets rotate, but only Uranus does so on its side. Scientists speculate that a collision with another large object may have caused its tilt.
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# One step back to greatness

ctor Humphrey Bogart was a classic leading man, but even he felt self-conscious about his looks. When he was cast opposite Ingrid Bergman in the 1942 film Casablanca, he worried that audiences wouldn't believe that a beautiful woman like Bergman could possibly be attracted to a man who looked like him.

So he came up with an idea. In every scene he played with Bergman, he took a step backward, forcing her to move closer to him to remain in the shot. Bogart hoped that would convince moviegoers that she was genuinely attracted to him.

It worked, and Casablanca has become one of the most popular films (and love stories) of all time.

## **Misplaced optimism**

Joe, a golfer, joined three people at a golf course to make up the foursome. The three friends teed up, but when Joe hit his first shot, it went directly into the trees. The trio suggested he play a second ball in case he couldn't find his first one, but Joe shrugged them off and went out to search for his ball.

After 10 minutes, Joe couldn't find his ball, but he insisted on looking some more. Finally one of the other golfers said, "Joe, we're holding everyone up. Why don't you just drop another ball and take a penalty stroke?"

"All right." Joe turned and headed for the pro shop.

"Where are you going?" the other golfer asked.

"I have to buy another ball."



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