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- Guests must be signed in at the office.
- Pick up after your pet! When walking on 92nd Lane, please stay on the west side of the street.



Harbor Lights Social Club News

HARBOR LIGHTS ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE, February 1, 2020 9:00 am - 1:00 pm @ CLUB HOUSE

It's that time of year again to declutter your mobile homes by donating your items to our annual Rummage Sale. A few exceptions: No TVs, No large sofas, No large appliances, No large cabinets or dressers, furniture should be in good condition, No purses, No shoes, No Bathing suits, No underwear, No nylons and No panty-hose.

Every Thursday in January from 9-11 am, items can be dropped off at the Club House where you will be greeted by friendly volunteers who will sort and price your donations. Please mark your calendars to indicate drop-off days. Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.

Furniture will be picked up on Friday, January 31. Please phone me @ 727-258-8900 to schedule a pickup.

A lunch will be served from 11:00 - 1:00 pm for a nominal fee.

An auction will be held in the evening @ 6:30 pm in the Club House. 50/50 raffle tickets will be sold. This event is always so much fun, so please come out and support our Social Club. Please bring your own refreshments and munchies if you so desire.

Sweetheart Dinner and Dance

Celebrating 50th Wedding Anniversaries

Date: Thursday, February 13, 2020, dinner @ 5:15PM,
dancing from 6:30-9:30 PM

Place: Harbor Lights Social Club

HONOREES:

- JoAnn & Arnold Booth
- Marc and Laura Gaudet
- Arlene & Ladimer Kowalchuk
- Jim & Janet Wagner
- Bob & Jacqueline Wetmiller

Sign up at the hall beginning the 1st week of January for seating/attendance.

Each table provides their own food, decorates their tables. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be given for the best decorations.

Entertainment: Tom Davis



BINGO!! BINGO!!

Bingo will be played every Tuesday and Friday @ 7:00 pm. We are in need callers to rotate throughout the year. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board. If you are interested in calling, but feel uncertain as to how, contact Judi Farmer, she will show you how to operate the machines.

Jo Stead will be leading the Line Dancing Class from 11:00AM-12:00PM through January. Contact Jo Stead, 814-933-8269 if you have questions!

The Wednesday weekly raffle tickets and the monthly raffle tickets are available from MaryAnn DeCarli during the Social Hour.

Social Club Meeting begins at 10:00AM. This is an informative time to learn of the activities and upcoming trips available in the park.

Neighborly Care Bus is available on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. There are two destinations, one week it will be Disston Plaza and the other week it will be Winn Dixie on Madeira Beach. The bus will be leaving the park from the clubhouse at 9:30 am and returning from either Disston Plaza on 49th St and 38th Ave. or Winn Dixie on Madeira Beach at 11:30 am and get back to park at 11:45 am. This is a free service provided by Summit Communities. Some of you who don't have a car this would be perfect for you to get groceries. Just bring a little carrier for items.



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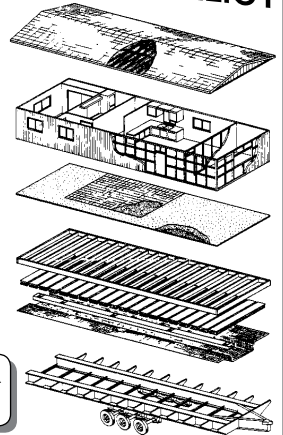
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The remaining HOA meetings will be held the 1st Wednesday of each month, February 5th, March 4rd, and April 1st, immediately after the Social Club meeting.

Think about volunteering to serve on the HOA Board!



PHONE DIRECTORIES

Additions and deletions:

- Delete Jenny Grosso, 9193 48th Terr. N.
- Add John Schwartz, 9193 48th Terr. N.

Directories are available at our Wednesday morning Social Club meetings.



Dances for 2019 and 2020

- Al Ruggiero – Thursday, January 23, 2020
- Tom Davis – Thursday, February 13, 2020
- Billy Buchanan Tribute – Saturday, February 22, 2020
- Al Ruggiero – Thursday, March 12, 2020
- Paul Bourque – Thursday, April 2, 2020



Travel

No trips are scheduled at this time.

Attention all homeowners: If you have a smoke detector that is more than two years old, or not in working order, please let Diane Piscopo know. The latest detectors are now made with a lithium battery that lasts approximately ten years. We did an installation campaign two years ago for many of you in the park. The Seminole Fire Department continues to provide smoke detectors to homeowners at no expense to you. Contact Diane if you have questions. 716-479-9133





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92nd St No.

Frank Sprada
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Ray Bob Blevins
Marybeth Ameila
Sam Battaglia
Russell Ayre
Joan Martine

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Feel free to contact me if you would like to deliver the Scuttlebutt and let me know about any information to be included in or suggestions to improve future Scuttlebutts. Thanks, Karen, karenpera@gmail.com, 727-599-3796!



Phone Numbers and Addresses

Hello everyone and welcome to a little bit of Paradise.

My name is Dennis, and I along with a lot of help from my wife Mary, try to keep up a current directory for the residents here at Harbor Lights. Your help can make it a lot easier for us to produce a directory that is as accurate as possible at the time of printing. If you are new to the park or have had a change of address or phone number please, simply fill out the form on this page. You can then drop the form off at our home at 9126 48 Terrace N. or give the form to Mary or myself at one of the social meetings.

By now the 2019/2020 directory has been printed. If you haven't received one, we will have them at the social meetings, or you can drop by and pick one up at our home. If any of your information in it is incorrect and you would like it corrected for the 2020/2021 issue, please use this form as well and we will update our file for the 2020/2021 edition.

Harbor Lights Change of Phone Number and/or Address

This information will be used for the annual resident directory.

If your address or phone number has changed please fill out the requested information and forward to Dennis at 9126 48th Terrace N.

Name: _____ Owner Yes / NO

(This is used to determine who can cast a vote for the Harbor Lights Board members, only owners can vote)"

Street Address: _____

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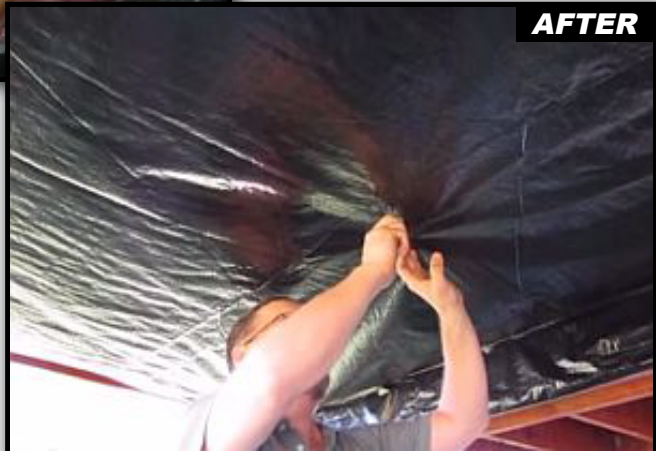
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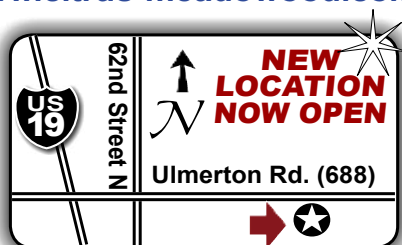
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Creative thought starts in bed

Creativity is a vital skill that can enhance your career success. You can't always summon it out of the blue, so this advice from the Study Finds website should help: A survey of 2,000 British residents commissioned by Microsoft Surface found many of people's best ideas tend to occur as they're dozing off, when they first wake up in the morning, and sometimes in the middle of the night. Pay attention to your thoughts in bed, write them down when ideas and solutions come to you, and keep rolling through problems before and after you sleep. You might discover some surprising answers.



Got an idea? Run with it

Randall Munson studied computer programming in college, then went to work for IBM, where he spent the better part of his career. Yet in his heart of hearts, what he really wanted to be was a clown.

This had been a childhood dream that would take years for him to realize. With his parents' encouragement, young Munson learned ventriloquism, then moved on to magic tricks. It wasn't until his adult years when he actually began to study the art of clowning.

As a program manager for IBM, Munson developed complex operating systems that he trained others to use. He soon realized clowning around was the best way to win over his audience, keep their attention, and explain abstract technical concepts. Following these presentations, he would bring out an old man puppet who would ask the sorts of questions that everyone was thinking about, but too embarrassed to ask.

Since that time, Munson has become a professional speaker. He entertains audiences around the world with humor and magic, imploring them to laugh more and nurture their creativity.

Randall Munson is credited with declaring January International Creativity Month. There's no better time than the present to try something you've been promising yourself you'd get around to but haven't.

Take an art class. Reengage with an old hobby. Finish an abandoned project from long ago. Try anything that will unleash your creative energy, and see where it leads you. Your only limitations are the ones you impose on yourself.



January Days

New Year's Day, Jan. 1. London marks the start of the year with its largest parade, a handful of nations commemorate their independence on this day, and some people may take a plunge in frigid waters as a symbolic awakening. No matter how you celebrate this day, be safe and of good cheer.

National Joy Germ Day, Jan. 8. It's OK to be contagious when you're spreading joy. Let the good vibes flow.

National Use Your Gift Card Day, Jan. 18. Don't start out the year hoarding and forgetting about the gifts you've been given. Gather your unused gift cards, and do a bit of shopping for yourself and others.

Belly Laugh Day, Jan. 24. At 1:24 pm, wherever you are, stop and laugh out loud and give those around you a reason to do the same. Visit bellylaughday.com to be a part of this worldwide wave of merriment.

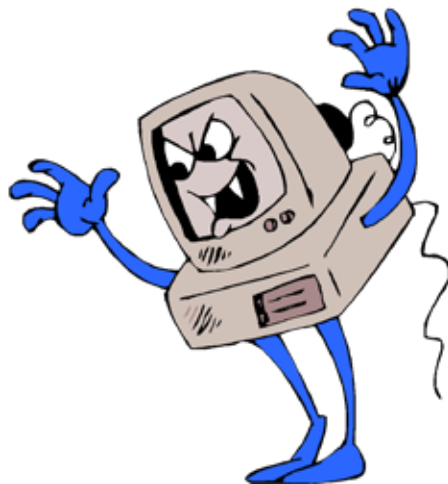
Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day, Jan. 27. It's not just for wrapping up breakables; it also doubles as a stress relieving tool. Who hasn't felt better after pop-pop-popping through a piece of bubble wrap?

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Online privacy threat a crisis, many say

We're more worried than ever about the threat to our privacy online, the Axios website reports. A survey of adults 18 and older found that 59% don't feel confident that their personal information is adequately protected by the companies and organizations they do business with online, and 58% consider the threat to online privacy a crisis. Just 38% believe that online services are essential to modern life, and "we all have to accept some risk to personal data."

Companies' asking for personal information has become increasingly common these days so they can offer more personalized products and services, but 43% of people in the survey said they feel this is inappropriate. Twenty-six percent are fine with it, and the other 26% are neutral.



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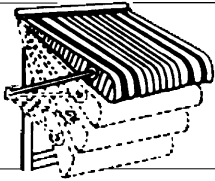
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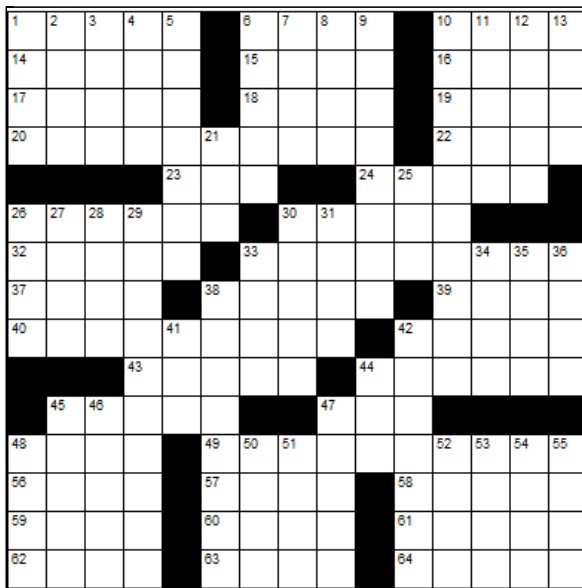


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6. Umpires
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14. Russian currency
15. Ear-related
16. Modify
17. Circa
18. Skin disease
19. No
20. Calligraphy
22. Sketched
23. Louse-to-be
24. Not quite a teenager
26. Armed robbery
30. Inspire
32. Wall climbers
33. Hence
37. Scream
38. Districts
39. Curved molding
40. Antimonopoly
42. Reef material
43. Scruffs
44. Diner
45. Arouse
47. 2,000 pounds
48. List of options
49. Unwarranted
56. Kitty (poker)
57. Lady's escort
58. Fine thread
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| 5. Lockjaw | 28. A jaunty rhythm | 46. Foreword |
| 6. Cut of beef | 29. A young offender | 47. Coach |
| 7. Carve in stone | 30. An ancient board game | 48. Mouths |
| 8. French for Finished or Done | 31. Warmth | 50. Cleave |
| 9. Ceremonial staffs | 33. Not false | 51. Savvy about |
| 10. Beginner | 34. Monster | 52. Connects two points |
| 11. Revere | 35. Back | 53. Anagram of "Sees" |
| 12. Mature | 36. Evasive | 54. Skid row |
| 13. Goulash | 38. A type of musical chord | 55. Views |



January Crossword



The treatment plan

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"A half-hour before lunch, you must take this blue pill with a full glass of water," the doctor said, holding another bottle of pills that he shook before handing them to the patient.

"Now listen carefully, so you don't get confused," the doctor said as he reached into his lab coat pocket and pulled out another bottle of meds. "After lunch, you are to take one purple pill with a full glass of water. Did you get that?"

"Yes," the patient replied. "Blue before lunch, purple afterward, and red first thing in the morning."

"And a full glass of water with each dose," the doctor said. He retrieved yet another bottle of pills from his pocket. "Take one green pill every evening, after dinner, with . . .?"

"A full glass of water," the patient replied and then asked, "Hey, doc, what's wrong with me?"

"From what I can tell, you're in pretty decent health," the doctor replied. "But you're not drinking enough water."



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Because a little iambic pentameter, verse, and rhyme can be cathartic for the soul and for nurturing your creativity, the second Tuesday in January is devoted to doing just that—in the workplace. Jan. 14 is Poetry at Work Day. What better way to brainstorm or generate ideas than by engaging in a bit of wordplay?

Host an impromptu open-mic reading in the breakroom, hang a whiteboard and encourage your team to collaborate on a poem with each person drafting one line, litter your workplace with poetry to inspire others, or turn your to-do list into a Haiku. Your next big idea may just jump out at you after reading a bit of poetry.



Thoughts on creativity

Writer Austin Kleon has this advice for those of us trying to tap our creative wells: “Let go of the thing that you’re trying to be (the noun), and focus on the actual work you need to be doing (the verb). Doing the verb will take you someplace further and far more interesting.”

Kleon believes too many of us focus on the titles we aspire to be defined by, instead of concentrating our efforts on the actions and processes that should be getting our attention. He also thinks titles can keep us from exploring and pushing out past our limits.

If your goal is to be more creative, then embrace creativity in everything you do. Creativity is about fun and playfulness and being open to new possibilities. You can inject a bit of creativity into everything you do, from housework to grocery shopping to managing a process that is becoming mundane.

Don’t fall into the habit trap. Use your imagination to push boundaries, explore new options, and gather unlikely resources that will allow you thrive.



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Health benefits of the avocado

Avocado toast is a thing, but whether you think it's an overhyped millennial trend or not, research suggests that it's good for you—the avocado part, at least.

A study published in the *Journal of Nutrition* and reported in an article on the Bicycling website found that eating one avocado a day is associated with significantly lower levels of types of LDL—the bad cholesterol—in adults who are overweight or obese. In addition, avocado also improves levels of lutein, an antioxidant associated with heart health, by more than 68%, and one avocado supplies about half of the dietary fiber that fights heart disease you need every day. So go ahead—have another slice of avocado toast.

Curb your diet just a little to help your heart

Cutting a modest number of calories from your daily diet could have a significant impact on the health of your heart, according to an article on the NPR website.

In a two-year study, 218 people 21–50 years old who were of normal weight or slightly overweight were placed on different diets. Some were on a diet that reduced their calorie intake by 25%, while others were assigned a normal diet. For four weeks they ate at a clinical center and were counseled on how to cut calories. After that, they adopted an eating plan based on their personal preferences. Although at first most stuck to their diets and reduced calories by about 20%, by the end of the study that figure had dropped to about 12%—just 300 fewer calories per day.



Still, even this modest reduction led to an average weight loss of 16.5 pounds, lower cholesterol and blood pressure, improved insulin resistance and metabolic rates, and other factors associated with heart health.

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