

**Community News**

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**New Water-Walking Resistance Pool**

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**Community Updates**

If you think back to why you chose On Top of the World Communities as your home, chances are it wasn't just the location or floor plan. It was the feeling that life here would be full of activity, of neighbors becoming friends, of mornings with purpose, and evenings worth looking forward to.

That feeling is no accident. On Top of the World Communities is built around a simple belief that connection is everything. Research consistently shows that social bonds are among the strongest predictors of long-term health and happiness. Whether you spend your days on the golf course, in a fitness class, tending a garden, or bumping into neighbors on a walk, you're living proof of that.

The numbers tell part of the story. On Top of the World Communities offers more than 348,000 square feet of air-conditioned amenity space, and nearly 50 acres of parks and designated outdoor amenity areas (excluding golf courses and dry retention areas). Combined, this provides approximately 309 square feet of amenity space per household - far exceeding the industry standard of 20 square feet per home. But the real measure isn't in the square footage offered, it's in the friendships formed, the routines that help you thrive, and the independence to choose how you spend your time from among a variety of options.

Here's a look at what is being built and improved for you right now:

**AZURA FITNESS CENTER:** The new facility, located in Candler Hills, is taking shape. With the majority of the building's exterior completed, pool construction began, and interior and exterior finishes are now underway. SCA Marion Amenities remains on track to deliver this state-of-the-art facility, featuring top-of-the-line fitness equipment and a 5,000-square-foot pool, by the end of the year.

**RECREATION CENTER:** Fencing went up on Monday, May 11, to mark the start of the Recreation Center renovation. This project focuses on the main entrance facing SW 99th Street Road, with upgrades to the sidewalk system, golf cart parking, and landscaping.

Most of the building will remain open during construction, and completion is scheduled for mid-summer. For everyone's safety, please avoid all designated construction areas.

**IRONS 9 PITCH & PUTT:** Work on the golf shop/starter building is well underway, with interior and exterior finishes in progress. By the time this column is published, the exterior is expected to be painted. We remain optimistic and are targeting an early fall opening.

**NEW CANDLER HILLS ENTRY:** The new entry off SW 92nd Court Road is progressing steadily, with roadwork and utilities currently being installed. We remain hopeful that this new entry will be operational by this summer. Once the gate is active, the temporary construction entrance on SW 80th Street will come down.

**NEW WEYBOURNE LANDING ENTRY:** Signage and gate installation are now underway at the new Weybourne Landing entrance along SW 90th Terrace Road and SW 74th Street Road. Once the gates are fully operational, the temporary barriers will be removed. The project is currently anticipated to be completed around the start of fall.

As part of this project, the exit-only entry at SW 69th Place Road is being converted to an emergency-only exit gate. This change eliminates the cost and upkeep of an unnecessary automated gate - a practical decision that will benefit residents directly. The fence has been in place since February and will be softened with a hedge to blend with the existing landscape.

**Roadway Improvements**

**SW 80TH AVENUE:** As you are aware, Marion County is widening SW 80th Avenue in two phases (Segments 1A & 1B).

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With the grand opening of The Summit on Wednesday, April 15, came the introduction of the new water-walking resistance pool located next to the spacious main pool.

Resistance water-walking is an accommodating way to incorporate an exercise program into one's healthy lifestyle routine. It is a low-impact exercise that enhances fitness by walking against the flow of water, which has been adjusted upward to provide the proper exercise stimulus.

Director of Wellness Cammy Dennis at On Top of the World highlighted facts to support the attractiveness and benefits of this low-impact exercise. The cardiovascular recommendations from the surgeon general include between 30 and 60 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise most days of the week for ev-

eryone who is able (no age stipulation). As Cammy says, "You should not use age to define how you exercise; you should base it on your capability." And, due to buoyancy, you weigh half of your land weight when standing in waist-deep water. Hmmm ... so when a nurse asks my weight, I'll ask in or out of water?

Are there rules and regulations? Yes, there are two sets of rules: one that, by law, must be posted. The other set of rules is community policies that On Top of the World feels should be instituted and can be found on OTOWInfo.com as well through the QR (Quick Response) code posted at the pool. If you are unfamiliar with a QR code, it is that black-and-white square thing with a bunch of smaller black squares inside. Scan it with your phone's camera, and you'll be directed to the policies.

So, which way do I walk in the resistance pool? Well, let's make it fun with a quiz.

1. Like an Egyptian
2. Doing the Michael Jackson moonwalk
3. Counterclockwise
4. Clockwise

I'll pass on this question because my watch isn't water-resistant.

Although choices one, two and five are acceptable, the absolute correct answer is four - clockwise. Against the flow of water. The opposite way that the race cars go in the Indy 500. If you are surrounded by salmon swimming upstream, you are going in the correct direction; it is safe to say that you're in the wrong body of water. If your sense of direction is like most of my putts, signs will be posted to show you the way.

Remember, this isn't a wading pool - it is intended for exercise. No floatie things are allowed in the resistance pool.

So, take advantage of this ideal way to maintain a degree of fitness. Head on over to the water-walking resistance pool at The Summit. Please accept my apology if you can't get that "Walk Like an Egyptian" song out of your head.

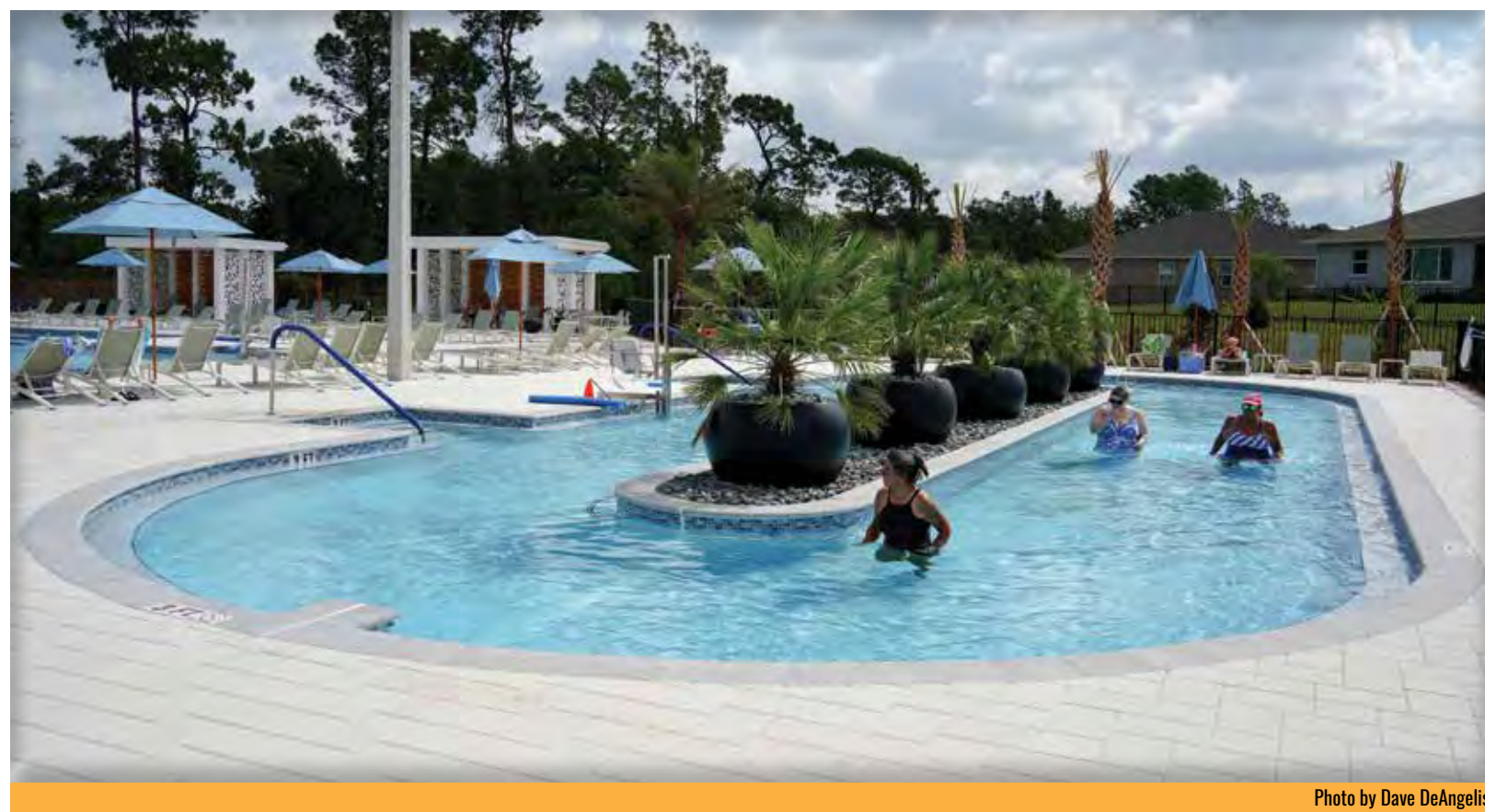


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Water-walking resistance pool at The Summit.

**'Tis the Season - Are You Ready?**

**By Ray Cech  
World News Writer**

**HUR-RI-CANE** - This name for potentially ferocious storms comes from the indigenous people throughout the Caribbean islands. Over the years, it was spelled and pronounced in at least a half dozen ways. Then the British got it right sometime in the 17th century. And now, we too, pronounce it in the King's English - hurricane.

It's about this time of the year that TV newscasters tell us that hurricane season is just around the corner - June 1 - and we should get prepared. Not a bad idea.

So far, we here in Ocala have pretty much dodged the bullet. Over the last four years only Helene, Idalia and Ian touched down in our community with heavy rains and wind. The most impact felt was power outages, but not a lot of major flooding or structural damage.

But just to cover our bases, let's prepare for the worst. Read on and pick up a few pointers on how to get ready for a possible hurricane.

On top of the "must-do" list is signing up for alerts from Marion County. Go to AlertMarion.com and sign up for notifications such as heavy rain storms, tornadoes, hurricanes, flooding possibilities, and general emergencies. You can decide whether you want to be alerted by telephone, text, or email. It's a good idea to sign up not just for the hurricane season but for all future emergencies, as well. This is a critical step in being prepared - don't skip it.

This website can also be used for

those residents with special needs. Marion County emergency services provide evacuation help, transportation, and many special and medical needs. When an emergency is declared, all of Marion County's services are made available.

During any emergency, and especially hurricanes, we need to have a plan; a written out plan of what we are going to do before the hurricane actually knocks on our door.

Everyone in the household should have a copy and, of course, be familiar with it. There should also be an open discussion of who will be doing what, and what needs be done during any emergency. If you are ordered to evacuate, something as simple as who is going to

drive, what you will take, whether it will go in the trunk or the backseat, and if there's a pet going with you, where will they be riding? This all sounds simple but under the stress of an emergency, such as a hurricane, it can all get very confusing.

An emergency kit is a vital part of every plan. It should include at least a weeks' supply of medications (prescription and/or over-the-counter). Include a written statement of your basic health, such as allergies, medications you're taking and any that you are allergic to, and any hidden devices such as heart monitor or automatic diabetes pump.

Be sure to include phone numbers of one or two personal contacts.

Make copies of your driver's license, medical ID cards, and insurance documents. This should all be placed in a waterproof bag and kept with you at all times.

Before the storm approaches, it's really a good idea to jump in your car and

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### Is It Legal?

Colen & Wagoner, P.A.



**SCAM ALERT:** Social media is tricky, isn't it? There's a lot of good in some of those platforms. We can communicate with friends and family. We can see what's happening in the news. If we want, we can follow celebrities or nationally known folks. We might even meet interesting folks who are worthy of our acquaintance. Yes. There's a lot of good in social media platforms. But there's a lot of bad, really bad on social media, too. Isn't there?

There are scammers, fraudsters, and criminals hunting for us, for you, and for me. We confront them every time we respond to a direct message on a

platform like X (formerly Twitter), a Facebook group, or Bluesky. It never ends, does it? I'm on X (Twitter). Now and then, I post on it, not too often, but just enough so that I get direct messages from folks who want me to subscribe to an OnlyFans page, or folks who want me to let them show me the best way to quadruple my money by letting them show me how to invest with them.

One lady is a crypto expert, like Bitcoin. Another guy knows just how I can make 50% on my money.

Wanna meet someone? Do you often-times feel sad, alone, or lost? There's someone just like you to talk with. Watch out, though. He or she will want you to move to a different platform like Telegram or WhatsApp, where the talk is private and (for them) inexpensive.

I've checked this out for you. Here are my thoughts. First and most important, always, always, remember that every time you click on something, be it a

direct message or to express your view on a topic of the day, you are vulnerable to a scammer. They are lurking to see what you do.

If I want to read a story about a celebrity or news media personality, sure as I'm writing this, next thing I'll be getting ads or messages all about, well, who knows what, but it won't be just information.

And then, there are the lurkers who hunt for vulnerable men or women, seeking to lure them into conversations that more often than not lead directly to losing money. Typically, they will want you to send Bitcoin. Folks, if you are ever asked to send Bitcoin to anyone for any reason, you are being scammed. Never doubt that. I've learned about that, and in future columns, I hope to share my experiences on social media, where I try to learn what's happening.

For now, I just want to remind you that although there is a lot of good in the various social media platforms, there's a lot of bad, and you, I, our children, and grandchildren are targets. Everyone needs to remember that you are a target every single time you log on to any social media platform. If you don't know someone, don't assume they have the same problem and are looking to help you or be your friend. Be careful what you write back. Fight the temptation to provide any personal information. I can assure you that messages can easily be faked, just like identities. I want you to assume that whatever you post can be used to create a profile of you. I've researched it. My message: don't believe what you read, or who you are chatting with.

Q. It seems to me that lawyers can charge a lot for a service and yet, a different lawyer might charge more or less for the same or similar service. How are we to know where we get the best value

for our money when we need to use a lawyer?

A. In all the years I've written this column, this is the first time I've had this question, and it's a very good one. I'll try my best to answer it, but it's strictly my opinion. More than likely, except for the mega-law firms with mega overhead, most fees are going to be within a certain, identifiable range. That range may bother a client. I mean, if one lawyer charges, say, \$100 more than another, that can certainly be significant, especially if you really do get the same or similar advice and documents.

So, what do you do? First, of course, you try to see what your friends might say about a specific attorney. If you hear that so and so didn't rush us, took all the time needed, answered every question, and gave us something to think about we hadn't before, maybe that's important. Or, if you learn that an attorney seems to see you as just another client, maybe that means something. It's really a matter of feeling comfortable with the person who is going to handle something significant for you.

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**Community Emergency Response Team**



Debbie Snyder

Hurricane season runs from June 1 through Nov. 30. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) projects a slightly below-average season, with 11-16 named storms, four to seven hurricanes, and two to four major hurricanes. NOAA also estimates the chance of a major (category three or higher) hurricane making landfall at 15% along the U.S. East Coast (including Florida) and 20% along the Gulf Coast from the Florida Panhandle to Brownsville - both below historical averages. Even so, NOAA notes that a single land-falling storm can make a season devastating, underscoring the importance of preparedness.

Prepare now - not when a storm is already approaching. Learn how to shut off the utilities to your home; review your family action plan so you know what you will do if needed; plan for children, pets, and anyone with special needs; prepare a first-aid kit; keep a seven-day food supply for each person; store water (at least one gallon per person per day for seven days, plus extra for pets, cooking, and sanitation); and assemble a sanitation kit (a five-gallon bucket with lid, trash bags, toilet paper, washcloths, and bleach). Other items to consider include flashlights, hand tools, duct tape, matches, blankets, a portable radio, and batteries.

If a storm is approaching, make sure your prescriptions are filled, keep extra cash on hand in case ATMs go down, and

fill your vehicle's gas tank in case the pumps lose power. For more detailed information and a disaster supply checklist, visit [marionso.com/hurricane-preparedness](http://marionso.com/hurricane-preparedness).

CERT is a nationally recognized program through FEMA, and we are trained locally by the Emergency Management Division of the Marion County Sheriff's Office and supported by On Top of the World. Members attend an initial five-week class on Saturdays and receive training in light search and rescue, damage assessment, basic first aid, and hazardous materials, preparing them to assist our community during a disaster. Ongoing education and drills are conducted through our monthly meetings.

We request prospective members attend the monthly meetings before, during, and after their training class. Attend one of our meetings to learn more. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 10.

Applications for training and additional information are available at each meeting. For more information about CERT or upcoming meetings, email [ontopoftheworldcert@gmail.com](mailto:ontopoftheworldcert@gmail.com). Community ham radio operators can assist us from home by tuning into Simplex frequency 146.565. When deployed during a disaster event, we need neighborhood reports on building damage, blocked roads, medical emergencies, and other vital information. Our ham radio operators meet at our designated Command Center and establish contact with Marion County Emergency Management. For information regarding ham radio operations, contact Bruce Twiss at [brucetwiss@yahoo.com](mailto:brucetwiss@yahoo.com).

**Safety First**



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Wild animals stay safe by relying on instincts, sharp senses, and lessons passed down from their parents. Humans can learn from wildlife because we also have natural safety instincts that help protect us from danger. Since the beginning of human life, people have learned from observing animals and recognizing the intelligence found in nature.

Every living creature has a reason to be cautious. Humans are born with safety instincts, just like animals. One of the first instincts babies have is the fear of falling. This natural response exists from birth because gravity creates danger. From the moment people enter the world, safety becomes a major part of life. Parents, teachers, and others constantly give safety instructions - whether in school, while riding a bike, or learning to drive.

Humans face many dangers because our lifestyles and inventions create unsafe conditions. As a result, safety research and rules are developed to help protect people every day. Wildlife faces danger differently. For animals, survival depends on staying alert at all times.

Their senses—especially sight, hearing, and smell—are highly developed and quickly react when danger appears. These instincts help them survive long enough to see another day.

Humans use the same basic instincts. When people sense danger, their awareness increases and their bodies react automatically. The difference is that humans do not always treat danger as seriously because many unsafe situations are not immediately life-threatening. Animals, however, cannot afford to ignore warning signs.

This does not make human safety less important. In fact, safety is one of the most important parts of daily life. Awareness, focus, and attention to detail can help people avoid unsafe situations. Just like wildlife, humans experience instinctive warnings, often called "gut feelings." These feelings are natural signals meant to protect us.

Too often, people ignore these instincts because they believe the danger is small or manageable. Animals do not take those chances. Their instincts guide them to react quickly and carefully. Humans can benefit by trusting their instincts more often and paying attention to warning signs.

The ability to recognize danger is a natural gift shared by both humans and wildlife. By learning from animals and listening to our own instincts, we can make safer choices and better protect ourselves every day.



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Segment 1A extends from SW 90th Street to north of SW 80th Street, and Segment 1B continues from the end of 1A to SW 38th Street.

The roadway contractor is moving construction along at a rapid pace as portions of the project begin to take shape.

As work progresses, residents should remain mindful of traffic signage, temporary lane shifts, construction-related delays, and flagging personnel directing traffic through active work zones. Please allow for extra travel time and use caution and patience when traveling through the construction area.

To help minimize delays, residents are still encouraged to use the new SW 90th Terrace Road extension to access SW 63rd Street Road, which connects to SW

80th Avenue north of the current construction area. The SW 90th Street Road exit also remains an alternate route to avoid the active construction zone when traveling to SR 200.

**MELODY PRESERVE:** This newest community, located just north of Indigo East, is really beginning to take shape as road construction and underground utilities installation progress. Planned as a standalone 55-plus HOA neighborhood, has great appeal to anyone wishing to live in a community with very low monthly association fees. Melody Preserve will operate independently and will not be part of the Circle Square Ranch Master Association or any other HOA. The community will feature its own curated amenities and services, offering residents a distinct, self-contained living environment.

Buyer interest has been very strong, with over 35 homes already sold since its January 2026 debut - highlighting the enthusiasm for this new community. Development remains on track, with vertical construction scheduled to begin in early June, signaling the next phase of

progress for the community.

### Landscape Update

You have probably noticed the drought-stricken turfgrass and landscapes throughout the neighborhoods and surrounding areas. Marion County is currently over 12" behind the annual rainfall.

As a reminder, we are still in phase III water restriction as mandated by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). During this time, outdoor irrigation is restricted to one day per week with exemptions for low-volume or micro-irrigation (drip) systems. As a result, the Management Company may temporarily reduce mowing frequency to relieve additional stress on the turfgrass areas. SWFWMD is set to review these restrictions before July 1. Hopefully, the normal summer rainy period returns quickly.

### Practical Preventive Home Maintenance

From May through October, your air conditioning systems will be running full tilt. These systems don't operate on their own without proper care and maintenance. For a helpful short video on practical steps you can take to service your air conditioning system and keep it functioning efficiently, visit OTOWInfo.com > Resource > Homeowner Maintenance > Maintenance Videos. These include changing the filters monthly and pouring vinegar into the main condensate pan to keep the main drain flowing without obstruction. Check the outflow outside near the compressor. If you don't see the cleaning solution coming out, the drain line is blocked and needs immediate attention.

Have your air conditioning serviced by a professional at least once a year. They will clean the coils in both the air handler (in-home) and the compressor (outside), clean electrical connections, and ensure the motors are operating properly.

### Checklist Before Leaving on an Extended Trip

The summer season is right around the corner, and we know many residents take extended trips around the country. Experience teaches that added steps need to be taken before going on that extended trip. Below is a short list of things to do:

- Leave a contact number with at least two trusted neighbors or

friends.

- Update the Association as well with emergency contact information.
- Have the interior of your home checked at least once a week by a trusted neighbor or friend, or arrange for an inspection service.
- Check in with the trusted neighbor or friend while you are gone.
- Turn off the electricity to the water heater (but not the gas).
- Have the air conditioner properly serviced by a professional before departing. This includes a drain line flush. Drain line flushing should be done at least twice a year to prevent condensate from flooding your home. Air filters require monthly attention and can be changed by the owner.
- Leave the thermostat set between 78 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit; this helps regulate humidity in the home and prevents the occurrence of mold or mildew.
- Consider adding a humidistat if you plan to be gone for several months to ensure optimal humidity levels in the home.
- Ensure your homeowner's insurance policy is current and covers damage from wind, water, and mold. In most cases, this is now an added rider on the policy.

If the owner does not properly maintain the air conditioning system, mold and mildew can develop into a serious problem. Improperly vented dryers (plugged vent duct) may also be a source of both heat and moisture. Water leaks in the home may also be a source of moisture. If you suspect a water leak, contact Resident Services immediately to arrange for a leak detection! A fast response to leaks can prevent further damage and save you unnecessary expense.

Mold is evidenced by the appearance of a black, sooty substance on furniture or walls. If you suspect mold, contact Resident Services to arrange a visual inspection. There is no charge for this service.

Rarely does mold or mildew present a health problem. Usually, the main complaint is an odor and its unsightly nature. I mention this because the home repair industry is rife with scare tactics and scams, causing homeowners to spend thousands of dollars on matters that are generally easily resolved. Use common sense and have a great summer!

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### Crescent Ridge Happenings



Carol Lewis

A lovely group gathered for our Mother's Day social. Assorted colors of carnations were available for the ladies. The time was spent enjoying good food and good conversation.

We will not meet during the summer months (June through August). However, several activities have been discussed for these months. Be sure to follow our Facebook page or watch your inbox for emails regarding any activities.

To get faster information for Crescent Ridge/Crescent Green residents, join our Facebook page (OTOW Crescent Ridge Neighbors) or email crneighbors@yahoo.com to be added to our email list. You will only receive emails regarding Crescent Ridge information.

Have an enjoyable, safe summer.

### Avalon Social Group



Laura Gavey & Sharon Hall

So, how many answers did you get right? Thanks to those who joined us on Monday, May 11, for trivia with Wendy. The food was from Honey Baked Ham, and it was fun to use some of the trivia knowledge that floats around in our brains and have some fun, too! Congratulations to the Brainiacs for taking home first place. Thanks to the committee for another great night.

Be on the lookout for information about our next event on Monday, July 6, featuring ice cream and a presentation by the Marion County Sheriff's Office. Watch our Facebook page and your email for specifics on purchasing tickets.

Are you new to Avalon or our social events? For up-to-date Avalon news and upcoming events, we also encourage you to join our Facebook group (Avalon Social Club). This is a private group, and you will be asked for your address to verify that you are an Avalon resident. If you have trouble finding the group or getting in, please email avalon-socialclub@gmail.com, and we'll send you the group link. If you would like to be notified of future events by email, please send your request to the email address above.

**Resident Services**



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**Community Meet & Greets**

Last year, Resident Services hosted Community Meet & Greets for each neighborhood. During these meetings, Parkway, Recreation and Fitness, provided presentations followed by a question-and-answer session with residents. We received a great deal of valuable feedback from these events.

This year, we have decided to approach the Meet & Greets a little differently.

First, we have condensed the schedule to host one event per association. While hosting meetings by neighborhood last year created a more intimate setting, it was also very time-consuming, as we held 31 events in total.

Another change is the event's format; rather than holding formal presentations followed by a question-and-answer session, we will host a more informal Meet & Greet. Departments will be invited to set up informational tables. This format will allow residents to visit department tables to learn more about services, ask questions, and meet members of our teams.

Some of the departments we have invited and you may see at the event include:

- Resident Services
- Modifications/Compliance
- Fitness
- Recreation
- Warranty (On Top of the World (Central), Candler Hills & Weybourne Landing meetings)
- Parkway lawncare (On Top of the World (Central) meeting)
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- Master the Possibilities
- Bay Laurel Center CDD
- Bridgenet Communications
- Parkway exterior maintenance (On Top of the World (Central) meeting)

All Meet & Greets will be held at Circle Square Cultural Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following Thursdays:

- Aug. 6: On Top of the World (Central)
- Aug. 13: Candler Hills
- Aug. 20: Weybourne Landing
- Aug. 27: Indigo East

**Enforcement Committee**

Currently, Indigo East, Weybourne Landing, and Candler Hills Associations are seeking volunteer members for the Enforcement Committee.

The Enforcement Committee is an independent committee established under Florida Statute 720.305 to provide homeowners with a fair and impartial review of certain covenant enforcement matters.

The primary purpose of the Enforcement Committee is to review proposed fines or suspension of use rights and determine whether the HOA's governing documents have been violated. The committee acts as a safeguard to ensure enforcement actions are reasonable, consistent, and compliant with Florida law.

The Enforcement Committee does not initiate violations or impose penalties. Its authority is limited to:

- Confirming or rejecting fines and/or suspension of use rights proposed by the board of directors.
- Conducting hearings in a fair, neutral manner.
- Ensuring due process is provided to affected owners.

Key responsibilities include reviewing alleged violations referred by the board. Conducting hearings where owners are allowed to appear in person or by a representative. Presenting testimony, evidence, or written statements. Determining whether a violation occurred based on governing documents, HOA rules and policies, evidence presented, and voting to approve or reject the proposed fine or suspension. Issuing written decisions following the hearing.

The committee may not:

- Levy fines or suspend use rights on its own
- Hear disputes involving monetary damages, assessments, or architectural approvals (unless tied to a fine or suspension)
- Modify or waive governing documents
- Committee decisions are final regarding fines and suspensions, subject to applicable legal remedies.

Committee composition includes:

- Members must be owners or residents of the community.
- Members may not be board members, officers, or spouses of board members.
- Committee members must act impartially and disclose conflicts of interest.

The Enforcement Committee exists to balance the HOA's responsibility to uphold community standards with home-

owners' rights to due process. Its role helps ensure consistent enforcement while promoting transparency, fairness, and compliance with Florida law.

If you are interested in joining the Enforcement Committee or have any questions, please reach out to your association email: [indigoassociation@otowfl.com](mailto:indigoassociation@otowfl.com), [weybourneassociation@otowfl.com](mailto:weybourneassociation@otowfl.com), or [candlerassociation@otowfl.com](mailto:candlerassociation@otowfl.com).

# 'Tis the Season - Are You Ready?

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fill it up – you know, with that essential stuff called gas.

From there, visit your nearest ATM and make sure you have enough cash on hand, preferably in smaller bills. During power outages and storm-related disruptions, electronic payment systems may be unavailable, making cash especially important for purchasing essential items and services.

Okay, now that your pockets and gas tank are overflowing, how about doing some shopping? The grocery store might be first on your list to pick up some canned goods, bottled water and just about anything that makes sense; food stuff that will last a week. And don't forget the manual can opener.

Tax-free days are now year-round for hurricane prep items. So, any items such as charcoal, lighter fluid, flashlights, grills, generators, etc., are now tax free. Whether at Publix or your favorite hardware store, check to make sure that the items you want are tax free.

After your shopping spree, walk around the outside of your house and bring anything indoors that looks like it could take flight in a 70-mile-per-hour-plus wind.

While you're out there, take pictures of every side of the house, including all in-ground plants. And, if there are any overhanging tree branches, make a note to cut them back.

Then, back into the house – using your cell phone again, take photos of every room and their contents. (Hopefully, there won't be any need to show these pics to your insurance company!)

A few additional reminders: Before the storm comes down in fury, turn your

refrigerator to its highest cold setting – with careful monitoring the cold should last about three days. Freeze a couple of dozen bottles of water. Fill the tub with water for washing and flushing. Check to make sure your cell phone adapter works in the car. Also...do you know how to raise the garage door manually?

Last but certainly not least, what about your pet(s)? Whether you have a dog, cat, bird or capybara, they will need special attention. Note that most shelters will not welcome your pet unless you provide a crate or cage for them – get one now! And if it's a dog, a muzzle may be required in a public shelter. Package up pet food, water, and snacks for a week – remember to ease back on food since you won't be outside walking them in a hurricane.

Also, heavy rain and thunder will often frighten animals – have their favorite blanket and toy on hand...maybe yours too?

To locate an open shelter, visit [marionso.com/emergency-shelters](http://marionso.com/emergency-shelters).

Finally, a NOAA, battery-powered radio is a must during any weather emergency. They are online for approximately \$35.

If a generator is a must for you, whether whole house or portable, we can only recommend that you do your research and then thoroughly discuss your needs with a qualified generator expert.

For more local hurricane prep information, please visit [marionso.com/hurricane-preparedness](http://marionso.com/hurricane-preparedness).

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Kentucky Derby party.

## Williamsburg Neighbors

Deanne Sanders-Below



I believe having a sense of connection to a community is crucial to our mental and physical health. Living here at On Top of the World in the Williamsburg neighborhood, I feel a sense of connection through our neighborhood events. It gives me a feeling of what our 55-plus years should be: enjoying meeting new neighbors, spending time together, and discovering new experiences and adventures. It is a feeling of belonging, like walking into a room of neighbors and instantly feeling at home.

In Williamsburg, you have that sense of loving and respecting our neighbors. Our neighborhood is vibrant, seeking new ideas and new friendships.

I feel privileged to talk about our events in Williamsburg. We have wonderful and enthusiastic people who find joy in planning events to bring our neighbors together.

In May, we had our annual scavenger hunt and luncheon organized by Carmel Kessler and Gwen Fabian. Neighbors came together to compete to find all the clues and seek that final treasure. We celebrated the winners and losers afterward, with a luncheon. Thank you, Carmel and Gwen, for making this another momentous event. We learned so much about each other when we had a mission

to win.

The evening of the scavenger hunt, Dave and Carmel Kessler invited the participants to their house to celebrate the Kentucky Derby. This event was one for the books. We all got our horse picks and cheered the race to the end. Thank you so much, Carmel and Dave, for opening your home to us and serving the official "Derby pie."

If you love music and like a challenge with trivia, Brian McDonald, our amazing DJ of Williamsburg, had us all guessing. Brian brought back memories of the '50s and '60s and beyond through music, artists, and movie trivia. We had over 30 neighbors attending this entertaining event. Brian, thank you for all your special effects in making this event special.

One thing we like to plan at Williamsburg is adventure and tasty food. Our adventure was at Stone Creek Grille for a Sunday brunch. From golf carts to personal vehicles, the ride, conversations, laughter, and great food were a wonderful adventure to share with our neighbors and friends. Thank you, Linda McDonald, for planning this.

With great upcoming events planned by our wonderful neighbors, please make sure you are on our email list. You can choose what events are right for you to attend. Please send your full name, address, and email to Ghina Siddiqui at [gsiddiqui@gmail.com](mailto:gsiddiqui@gmail.com).

We hope you join one of our upcoming events, meet a new neighbor, and enjoy the laughter and conversations of Williamsburg.

## Active Newcomers Club

Linda Baker



It is almost summertime in Florida, and that means activities are shifting indoors. The members of the Active Newcomers Club have many options for activities they can participate in while keeping cool.

Have you reserved your table for our Summer Wine Experience on Friday, June 19? What are you waiting for? Bring your favorite heavy appetizers and enjoy decadent desserts provided by the club. Relax and enjoy a presentation by wine educator Richard Kozicki, then sample and discuss wines selected by Richard specifically for members. Richard conducts very popular classes at Master the Possibilities, and we are excited to have him at our event. Tables are going quickly, so check your email and our Facebook page for availability.

Members will enjoy a beach party on Sunday, Aug. 1, in The Lodge at Candler Hills Ballroom. Music for this event will be provided by Howlin' at the Moon. Watch for details and sign-up information on our Facebook page and website.

All residents of less than four years are invited to join us on Saturday, Aug. 8, for doing donuts in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV from 9 a.m. to noon. We will provide the donuts, you bring your morning beverage of choice. Current and prospective members can connect and learn about the club in an

informal setting. Applications will be available for those interested in joining our club.

Do you enjoy entertaining and preparing formal dinners for friends? If the answer is yes, join our gourmet group. Members take turns hosting small groups in their homes. The host provides a theme and prepares the main course. Guests contribute other meal components as assigned by the host. Everyone shares their recipes with the group.

We also have a foodies group, where the host provides the main course, and the guests bring sides and desserts of their choice. The only requirement is that every dish must be homemade. No matter which group you choose, you will enjoy good food and new friends!

Are you interested in starting a new group or joining an existing group? Send a note to Sandie Butler, our small groups director, via [activenewcomers34481@gmail.com](mailto:activenewcomers34481@gmail.com). Include "small groups" in the subject of your email. You can also reach out to Sandie if you have any questions about our small groups.

Membership applications for 2026 are available on our website. Membership is open to anyone who has lived in the community for less than four years. Dues are only \$15 per person. Members receive invitations to our small group activities and large events. Residents must have a valid resident ID or Gateway of Services pass to participate.

To learn more about the Active Newcomers Club, visit [activenewcomers.org](http://activenewcomers.org). Members can also visit our Facebook page. Email us at [activenewcomers34481@gmail.com](mailto:activenewcomers34481@gmail.com) for more information.



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Gourmet group members enjoying dinner.

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Annette Maclean, Karen Tevault, and Kathleen Taylor at the Longleaf Ridge ice cream social.

**Longleaf Ridge Friends**

Debra Vitale



Thanks to Robin and Don Waselewski for hosting the April Howling. Cheers to Linda Webb, our lucky basket winner. Earlier that day, the Artemis rocket took flight - but those sneaky clouds blocked our view. Still, nothing could dampen our spirits - we had a howlin' good time!

"Drinks in the Driveway" was a smash hit, thanks to our fantastic hosts, Mike and Mary Evans! Neighbors gathered under the tents for an evening filled with laughter and good company. Some of the lucky prize winners - Melissa Banks strutted away with a patriotic Uncle Sam wood cutout (handcrafted by none other than Mike himself!). At the same time, Dena and Tracy Page scored the Statue of Liberty masterpiece. And just when we thought the winner's circle was full, Jan Orr and Scott Hubacher were also called up to claim prizes!

Ladies' game night was a blast, thanks to our wonderful host, Lisa Rocco! We indulged in delicious eats and dove into a lively round of Guesstures. If you've never played, Guesstures is a fast-paced charades game where you act out words before time runs out - and your friends scramble to guess them. What a night of fun and friendly competition!

**The Fairway Friends**

Lori Matuson



The Fairways Friends are excited to celebrate America's 250th (Semi-Quincentennial) anniversary on Friday, June 5. Our loop will host a cookout barbecue featuring various grilled meats, sides, and sweets so we can celebrate together.

Additionally, the Fairways Friends ladies group will meet later in June for an afternoon tea party of favorite refreshments and activities to foster connection and friendship.

While we may not have a monument entrance sign leading to our 80-plus homes, we are a vibrant and strong neighborhood.

**Indigo East Social Committee**

Janice Liberton & Teresa Davis



Indigo East continues to stay buzzing with activity, bringing neighbors together through fun events, shared laughter, and wonderful community spirit.

The Cinco de Mayo potluck dinner on Tuesday, May 5, was a success, with about 60 residents joining in with delicious homemade Mexican dishes, festive fun, and lively music by DJ Frank. From tacos to tamales and plenty of laughter, it was a night full of great food, friendship, and fiesta spirit.

Karaoke night on Thursday, May 21, kept the excitement going with music, entertainment, and memorable performances. The club provided hoagies and drinks for attendees. Whether residents came to sing or simply cheer on their neighbors, the evening was definitely a good time.

One of the things that makes Indigo East truly shine is the creativity and involvement of its residents. If you have an idea for a social event or activity you are willing to facilitate, reach out to Teresa. She will help make it happen.

The club welcomes new ideas and encourages residents to get involved. All

it takes is a little volunteer spirit and a willingness to help bring neighbors together.

The easiest ways residents can stay informed about upcoming activities are through the Facebook group (The Original Indigo East Community Group) and neighborhood email communications. Simply search for the group name and answer a few questions. To be added to the neighborhood email list, contact Teresa or Nora with your name, address, and email address.

This month's Indigo East Spirit Award goes to Valerie Valle, Fred Jankowski, Sandy Jankowski, Sarah Logue, Joe London, and others who go above and beyond to help care for our dog park. Their volunteer efforts help keep the park safe, clean, shaded, and enjoyable for our furry family members. Their kindness and dedication truly embody the spirit of Indigo East. If you use the dog park, please do your part as well.

The care committee volunteers will be going door-to-door in June, distributing flyers with information about available services and support. If you or someone you know could benefit from assistance, or if you would like to volunteer, the committee would love to connect with you. A volunteer meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 2, at 1 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center.

We wish all residents a happy, safe, and wonderful month of June!

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**Balfour Buzz**



**Kurt Larson**

Welcome to spring in our neighborhood! There are several updates and events to share with you.

The Balfour Social Club is very active in planning themed events throughout the year. The last event was a cookout with a patriotic picnic theme, with all the usual fixings, to celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary.

There is a monthly "Mix 'n' Mingle" at The Lodge at Candler Hills pavilion. This is a casual, bring-your-own-beverage-and-dish gathering. You can find more information posted on our Facebook page, as dates vary.

There have been several neighbors who have hosted events such as coffee on the driveway, cocktails on the driveway, Cinco de Mayo, and more. We even have our very own traveling tiki hut! What a great way to get to know your neighbors: host a casual gathering. I've met so many kind and friendly people here while walking Dug, our dog.

For those new to Balfour, please consider joining our two Facebook pages (Balfour in Candler Hills in OTOW and OTOW Balfour Chat). You will need to provide your lot number and address to join. These groups are excellent resources for event information and neighborhood advice. We also post event flyers on the signboards located by the mailboxes.

Please keep an eye out for these updates and sign up for any events that interest you.

**Newcastle Social Committee**



**Nancy Monaghan**

Newcastle is always ready to try something new, especially when it involves delicious food and beverages. In May, about 40 neighbors got together for a Belgian beer tasting event. As neighbors learned about the different beers, they put them to the taste test. Bratwursts and other refreshments were on the menu, and all had a great time. Thanks to Jeff and Cindy VanDyke for planning the event and to all who helped make it a success. Next up, a wine tasting, or maybe bourbon?

Summer is normally a little quiet in Newcastle; however, regular activities continue. Weekly Newcastle events:

- Mondays (5:30 p.m.): Samba at The Lodge at Candler Hills.
- Wednesdays (12:45 p.m.): Mah Jongg at The Lodge at Candler Hills.
- Wednesdays (3 p.m.): Cornhole at the Newcastle "Highlands" entrance.
- Saturdays (8:30 a.m.): Pickleball at the side courts.

The Newcastle Social Club Meeting is bi-monthly on the first Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Candler Hills Community Center. Monthly, on the last Wednesday, there is a book club at 6 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills.

The next club meeting is Thursday, June 4, at 6 p.m. Please consider taking on a leadership role, as our current leaders will step down at the end of the year.

In closing for June, happy Father's Day to all dads. "The older I get, the smarter my father seems to get." - Tim Russert

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**Ashford Happenings**



**Debbie Troise**

On Saturday, April 25 Ashford's very own hero, Gary Olson, was honored in the District of Columbia for his service in the Vietnam War. Gary was an Army Specialist 4 in the 92nd Engineer Battalion, Company D. Gary, along with his son as his guardian for the event, participated in the Honor Flight to visit the memorials dedicated to his service.

It was an emotional journey from the cheering crowds who showed their appreciation, to the shedding of tears at Arlington National Cemetery, to the surprise "mail call."

Many of Gary's relatives, friends, neighbors as well as a local elementary school wrote cards and letters to Gary thanking him for his service and bravery; these heartfelt messages of gratitude were presented to him during the trip. The weekend would not have been complete without a surprise welcome home celebration. Friends and neighbors gathered at Gary's house with flags and banners to commemorate his homecoming. Thank you Gary; you are a true hero!

Please remember to thank and show appreciation to all active military and veterans as well as honoring those who sacrificed all.

As we look ahead, Ashford has been busy planning this year's events. Mark your calendar; more information to follow on our Facebook page (Ashford in Candler Hills).

- Friday, July 3: Flags at Ashford's main entrance (SW 96th Terrace Road then we will proceed to the second entrance). Meeting time is 8:30 a.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 27: Oktoberfest.
- Saturday, Oct. 24: Halloween party.
- Sunday, Nov. 29 Christmas lights and Hanukkah menorah decorating at Ashford's monuments.
- Saturday, Dec. 12: Holiday party.
- Tuesday, Dec. 15: Golf cart parade.

Please note that events, dates, and times are subject to change.

Happy Father's Day to all the awesome dads in Ashford!



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Welcome home celebration.

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**Indigo East Democratic Club**



Lydia Kuust

Big changes are on the horizon for the Indigo East Democratic Club, beginning with a new name (coming soon) and a renewed mission. Following a club vote, the club decided to dissolve its certified relationship with the Marion County Democratic Organization.

The club's focus is shifting from party-oriented to citizen-oriented. The goal of this transition is to provide a platform for speakers and activities that help residents explore their goals and interests as Floridians and American citizens in today's world.

All Indigo East residents are welcome to attend and participate in the planning of future meetings. If you have ideas to share or would like to volunteer, the group encourages your involvement.

An initial planning meeting was held on Tuesday, May 19, to begin the transition. Because the fourth Monday of this month fell on Memorial Day, a general meeting was not held in May. If all goes as planned, our first general meeting will be held on Monday, June 22, at 4 p.m. in the Indigo East Community Center Ballroom.

At the April club meeting, in recognition of Earth Day, Ryan Smart, executive director of the Florida Springs Council, spoke to the group regarding efforts to protect Florida's springs. He discussed the council's work through policy, legislation, and grassroots initiatives, and provided updates on recent legislative developments related to vital environmental issues.

In this time of uncertainty, the group remains committed to connecting and supporting one another. Attending these meetings offers an opportunity to engage with others who share similar beliefs, regardless of party affiliation.

If you need a ride to a meeting, please let me know a few days beforehand by calling or texting 802-345-0669. I do not answer my phone if I don't recognize a number, but please leave a message, and I will return your call. If you would like to be included on our email list for information regarding meeting times and topics, please send your name, address, phone number, and email address to Lydia Kuust at ldrincal@yahoo.com.

**Republican Club**



Margaret Nodine

May was the month of celebration and remembrance. We hope all moms had a great day, and the military members who made the ultimate sacrifice for this great country were honored with dignity and love.

Congratulations to two of our members, Grace Dunlevy and Bob Levenson. This couple, besides being members of our club, are also a big part of the Veterans Club and the Marion County Memorial Honor Guard. They were honored by the Concert Chorus in April for their support and generosity by accepting the Chorus' First Eagle Award. Well done and well deserved.

Our April meeting was attended by 93 members, six new members. At this meeting, we addressed the school board elections. Of the five seats on the Marion

**Democratic Club**



Mark Miller

The Democratic Club generally meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios II-IV at 6 p.m.

April's meeting was held on an unusual day due to scheduling conflicts with our meeting rooms, so it was held on Saturday, May 2. Despite the odd date, we had very good attendance for Rocky Pizzarello to speak to us about scams and elder abuse.

Our Thursday, May 28, meeting will focus on voter rolls, turnout, election dates, and other pertinent information presented by Marion County Supervisor of Elections Wesley Wilcox. He is always one of the best-received and knowledgeable speakers we invite each year.

Our speaker for June has not yet been decided. Several speakers are being considered.

If you have registered to vote by mail, you should have received your ballot in the mail by now. Even if you have registered for a mail ballot in the past, but have not received one this year, you must

County School Board, three are available for the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Invitations were accepted by Eric Cummings for District 3, Jeffrey Brewer and Eric "Buddy" Wyckoff for District 4, and Donald Brewer and Sarah James for District 5. Each candidate will be given five minutes to introduce themselves and their platform. Daniel Lane Makara, candidate from District 3, did not respond to our invitation.

A round-table question-and-answer session with the members covered a wide range of topics, including new educational programs such as AI, magnet schools for trades, and improvements to special education. There is also significant interest in Marion County public schools' results in the state standings. More parent involvement and partnerships with teachers and schools are another point to be explored.

Before the August Primary, the remainder of our meetings will go in-depth on all the candidates and platforms. The May meeting covered the County Com-

missioners for District 4: Randall Alvard, Jeff Bairstow, Wanda Lasher, and Sherri Meadows. Clint Barkley did not respond to our invitation. Each candidate was given 10 minutes to speak, followed by a random question-and-answer session. For the June meeting, we extended invitations to Mike Cretul, Matt Crimi, and Jeff Weidemiller.

Our 2026 future schedule is as follows: June 12, July 10, Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, and Nov. 13. We continue to meet on the second Friday of each month, in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I to IV - doors open at 4 p.m., meetings begin promptly at 4:30 p.m. Look for our banner.

We hope to see you. New members can register at any meeting. Any resident with a valid resident ID or Gateway of Services pass is welcome to attend up to two meetings as a guest before deciding to join.

We are happy to continue supporting Operation Shoebox and the Marion County Memorial Honor Guard.

again request your mail in ballot before the deadline of Thursday, Aug. 6. Primary Election Day is Tuesday, Aug. 18.

We continue to support the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village. The veterans residing there need our support for many items we all take for granted. Priority for donations is laundry detergent. Other required items include pillowcases, twin-size sheets, twin comforters, a 1.7-cubic-foot refrigerator, a small microwave, men's razors, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, lotions, shaving cream, and toilet paper. The following food items are needed: canned meat, canned chili, ramen noodles, macaroni and cheese, microwaveable rice, boxed milk, cereal, canned fruit, crackers, individual snacks, and coffee. They do not require clothing other than shoes.

Please bring your donated items to our meeting.

If you are unable to attend any meetings, please let us know, and we'll do our best to deliver your donations to the Ritz. Alternatively, you can drop them off before the meeting starts. If you'd like, you can go online and have the items delivered directly to the Ritz. Please email us to obtain the shipping address and other details.

If you need a ride to any meeting, please call or email the club to arrange it at least three days in advance.

For more information, contact Mark Miller at 443-848-8549 or demclubotow@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you at our meeting on Thursday, May 28.

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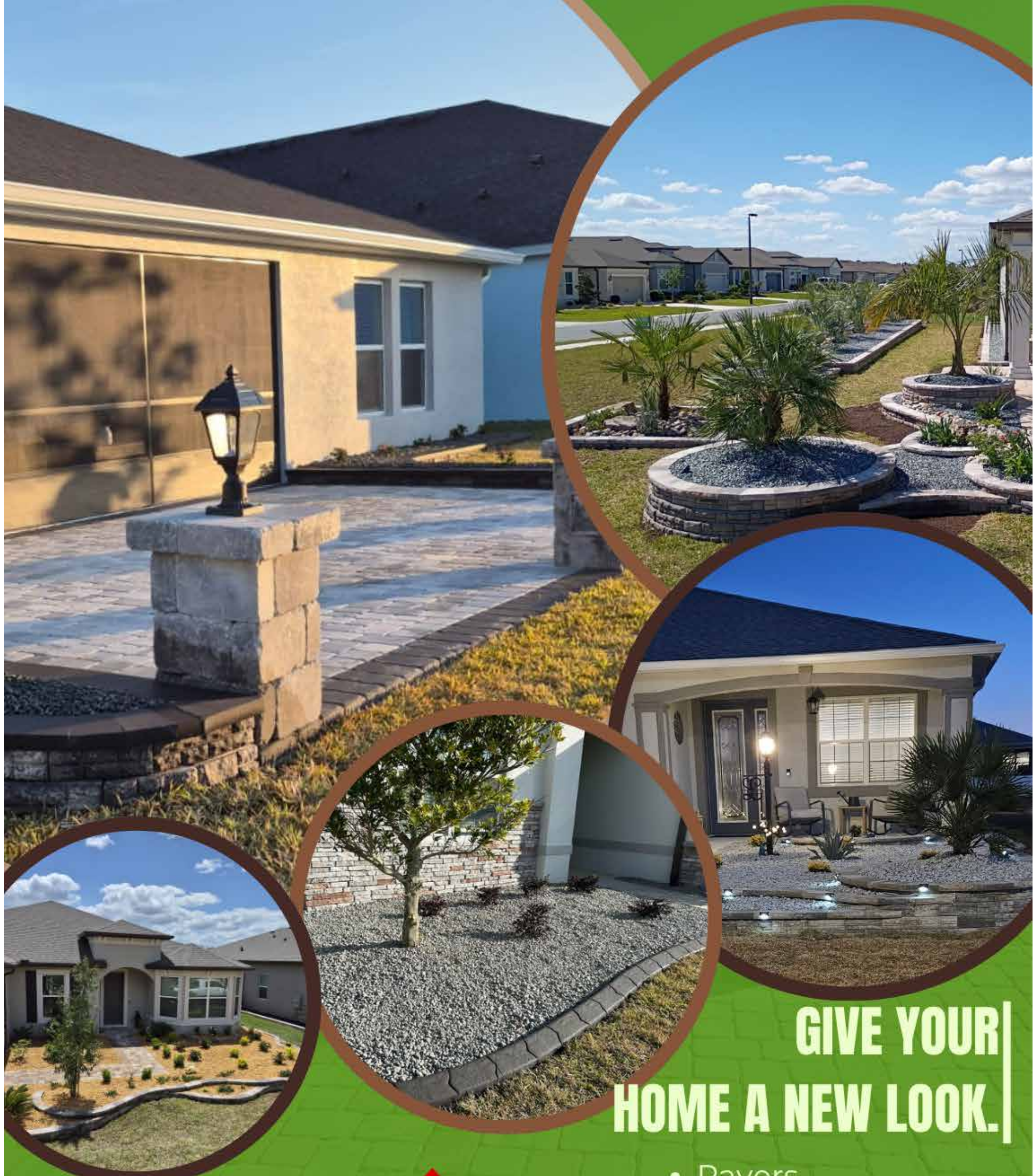
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## 811: The Essential Step Before You Break Ground

By Shane Bobson

811 is the national “call-before-you-dig” phone number, a vital resource for anyone planning to disturb the soil. Whether you are a professional excavator or a homeowner planting a single shrub, calling 811 or visiting your state’s 811 portal is the law in all 50 states. This free service coordinates with utility companies to mark the approximate locations of buried lines with paint or flags, preventing dangerous, costly accidents.

### The True Cost of Digging Blind

Underground infrastructure is a complex web of gas pipes, water mains, fiber-optic cables, and high-voltage electric lines. Striking these can have devastating consequences:

**COMMUNITY IMPACT:** A single nicked fiber line can cause massive telecommunications outages, affecting emergency services and local businesses.

**FINANCIAL PENALTIES:** Failure to notify 811 can lead to heavy fines and the legal responsibility for all repair costs.

**ECONOMIC BURDEN:** According to the Common Ground Alliance (CGA), the

annual societal cost of damage to underground utilities in the U.S. has risen significantly, to approximately \$41 billion in recent years.

**SAFETY RISKS:** The most severe consequence of “illegal excavation” is the risk of explosions, electrocution, or worse.

### How the Process Works

You should contact 811 at least two to three business days before you begin your project. This includes common tasks like installing a mailbox, building a deck, or planting a tree.

When you call or submit a request online, you’ll need:

- The address, including the county and the nearest cross street.
- The type of work and the specific area of the property where you intend to dig.
- You must wait for all utilities to respond. They will either mark their lines or provide a “clear” status if no lines are present.

### Understanding the Marks

Once the site is marked, you must respect the “tolerance zone” – typically 18



to 24 inches on either side of the marks. Within this zone, use only hand tools and proceed with extreme caution.

The colors used by utility locators follow a universal standard:

- Red: Electric power lines.
- Yellow: Gas, oil, or steam.
- Orange: Communication, CATV, or fiber.
- Blue: Potable water.
- Green: Sewers and drain lines.
- Purple: Reclaimed water or irrigation.
- White: Proposed excavation limits.

Always remember: Safe digging is no

accident. If your project moves or the marks disappear due to weather, contact 811 again for a remark before continuing.

Call Sunshine 811 at 811 or 1-800-432-4770 from Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Or submit the request online at [sunshine811.com](http://sunshine811.com).

**TWO FULL BUSINESS DAYS:** The number of days in advance of a digging project that you need to notify the one-call center of your intent to dig.

**30 CALENDAR DAYS:** Defines the period of time the facility marks (paint, flags, stakes, etc.) are valid according to state law or practice.

## Summer Adventures Await

By Jan Lindell



Photo by Kristen Lindell

Off to Bridgerton tea.

Summer weather has arrived, and temperatures have gotten warmer, but the Active Singles Club has still been busy with many trips, dining adventures, and activities.

We enjoyed May with a delightful Bridgerton high tea aboard the Barbara

Lee. Most of the ladies wore hats or fascinators. Thanks to Linda Buddfo, who provided fascinators to those who didn't have one.

We had over 90 members at our Memorial Day picnic. All enjoyed lots of fun and food.

We found we were good artists and painters during our paint-and-sip evening. Everyone brought delicious snacks to share while we painted.

Our Interfaith Emergency Services breakfast was a great success. We fed nearly 90 people. We provide breakfast twice a year.

Our June is packed full of fun, and we hope everyone will join us. We are visiting Bradford - Ma Barker House, taking a Calypso Queen cruise with lunch, and going to Beau Rivage Resort & Casino in Biloxi, Mississippi. Our hiking group will be visiting Loblolly Woods Nature Park and Blue Run. Our dining group will have breakfast at Red's, lunch at Lakis, and dinner at Mi Familia Mexicana.

Don't forget to join us to play card games, Mexican train, bunco, mini-golf, bowling, golf scrambles, pickleball, darts, and bocce.

If you have not visited us at one of our membership meetings, we invite you to do so. Our meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV. Our doors open at 7:15 p.m., and the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. After a short meeting, we socialize.

Being single is fun when you are an Active Singles Club member. Visit [otowactivesingles.com](http://otowactivesingles.com) and discover how easy it is to join.

To join our club, you must be single with a valid resident ID or Gateway of Services pass.

## Pacita Rudder Presents 'Wikipedia 101'

By Kathy Bell

Freethinkers approaches its third anniversary, it is time to reflect on our growth and accomplishments and to develop plans for the future.

To that end, on Sunday, June 14, we invite all members to participate in evaluating our twice-monthly presentations, discussion programs, and social activities, with an eye toward expanding ways for participants to get to know each other, not only as fellow freethinkers but also as friends.

And some exciting news – on Sunday, June 28, we will welcome Pacita Rudder, executive director of the Wikimedia Foundation in New York, parent organization of Wikipedia, who will present Wikipedia 101 on the ins and outs of this free, not-for-profit crowd-sourced online encyclopedia.

Developed in 2001, Wikipedia, generally speaking, is one of the first resources

listed if you Google any noteworthy person, place, or event. Learn how Wikipedia can answer many of your questions, how anyone with expertise in a specific area can make additions or edit entries, and how articles are fact-checked to ensure accuracy. So, the next time your conversation turns to the name of Roy Rogers' horse, you can Google it and find that Trigger has his own Wiki page!

Sunday presentations are held in the Hobby Building Event Room from 1 to 3 p.m. and are open to anyone on the freethinker's continuum from religious skeptic to avowed atheist. Once you have registered as a member at a Sunday meeting, you are welcome to attend all other activities.

Our book club will meet on Monday, June 8, to discuss “American Dirt” by Jeannine Cummins.

Socrates Cafe, a 90-minute moderated

small-group discussion on a philosophical topic, meets monthly on the third Thursday (June 18). Both meetings are from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room.

Freethinkers also offers three dining out opportunities at local restaurants each month.

For Freethinkers, there is something comforting about being in the company of those who are like-minded, focusing on knowledge and reason, rather than theology, as the basis for how we live our lives. For guidance, we use the Humanist Ten Commitments framework: critical thinking, ethical development, peace and social justice, service and participation, altruism, humility, environmentalism, global awareness, responsibility, and empathy.

We have but one life; let us do all we can to make this a peaceful and loving journey filled with civil discourse, knowledge, and reason. If this suits you, please join us at one of our Sunday meetings. For more information, visit [FreethinkersFlorida.com](http://FreethinkersFlorida.com) or email [FreethinkersFlorida@gmail.com](mailto:FreethinkersFlorida@gmail.com). Our freethought community welcomes you.



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Pacita Rudder, executive director of the Wikimedia Foundation, will speak to Freethinkers on Sunday, June 28.

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Wayne Ellis and Charlie Calhoun confer before the Jewish Club in April.

**The Jewish Club**



**Bruce Kanner**

In introducing the representative from AARP to speak on fraud during the club meeting on Sunday, April 19, it was noted that there were four references to fraud, scams, and the illegitimate use of artificial intelligence (AI) in the local newspaper that day.

Cheryl Jefferson, visiting the club from her base in Jacksonville, explained that although younger people report fraud more than seniors, seniors lose more money through fraud. She urged club members who fall victim to fraud to report it. For seniors, the most reported type of fraud was credit card fraud, while bank fraud accounted for the largest financial loss, followed by cryptocurrency fraud, she said.

She addressed imposter scams in which someone claims to be with an organization you trust, such as law enforcement, and uses high-pressure tactics or a sense of urgency to get your money right away. She added, "Never make a quick decision, but rather say, 'let me get back to you.' Don't respond to the emails, text messages, or phone calls at all. Legitimate organizations do not contact you out of the blue and ask for sensitive information."

If you are a scam victim, she said, report it to the credit card company, bank, or law enforcement immediately. "You're not stupid, you're a victim," she said. Regarding the use of AI, she cautioned, "There's a dark side to

that," citing voice cloning, fake videos, pictures, and fraudulent websites. Regarding crypto fraud, she said, "No one understands it, and there is little regulation," but it is the fastest-growing type of fraud.

How do seniors cut down the risk of fraud? Jefferson advised changing passwords, using stronger, more secure ones, enabling multi-factor authentication, reviewing your credit report, enabling automatic software updates, blocking suspicious calls, shredding paperwork, banking online, bringing mail to the post office, using a Virtual Private Network (VPN), and staying current on the latest frauds.

Earlier Gene Wolotsky delivered the moment in time on the upcoming Shavout holiday, starting with the two different pronunciations: sha-voo-oat and sha-voo-is.

Dan Lack hosted 40 club members for a special showing of the PBS documentary "Daring to Resist: Three Women Face the Holocaust" on Sunday, April 5. Yom HaShoah, a day for remembering the Holocaust, was on Monday, April 13. Janeane Garofalo narrated the one-hour portrait of three teenage girls who resisted the Nazis. One of those girls was Dan's aunt.

You do not have to be Jewish to belong to the Jewish Club. The club promotes understanding and respect for Jewish people and their history, customs, and culture through social and educational activities. Annual dues are \$18 per person.

For more information about the Jewish Club or for membership inquiries, please contact Audrey Wolotsky at audw27@gmail.com.

**Rhode Island Group**

**Judy Parisi**



There were unlikely heroes in our War for Independence. One had asthma, walked with a pronounced limp, and came from a family of devout Quakers. Yet, he rose to be second in command only to George Washington. This was Nathanael Greene of Rhode Island.

Before the Revolutionary War broke out, Greene co-founded the Kentish Guards, a local state militia, with James Mitchell Varnum. He struggled to reconcile the Quaker opposition to warfare with his support and participation in the War for Independence.

After the battles of Lexington and Concord, Greene rushed to Boston to offer his assistance. The General Assembly in Rhode Island had ordered a force of 1,600 men in service with Greene as their commander. This force was designated the Rhode Island Army of Observation and later integrated into the Continental Army by the Second Continental Congress in 1775.

Greene met Washington when Washington took command of the patriot forces outside of Boston, beginning a lifelong friendship. Greene demonstrat-

ed excellent administrative abilities and a strategic mind. Washington appointed him Quartermaster General in 1778. In this position, he made new contracts with suppliers, improved supply routes, and significantly improved the feeding and clothing of troops. He retained, however, his right to command troops in the field. He resigned from the Quartermaster position in 1780 and went on to succeed General Horatio Gates as Commander of the Southern Army.

He remained in the military until 1783. British General Cornwallis wrote of Greene: "... (he) was as dangerous as Washington. He is vigilant, enterprising, and full of resources. There is but little hope of gaining an advantage over him."

At the end of the war, he was deeply in debt, having pledged his own money to feed the troops. He turned the homestead in Rhode Island over to his brother. However, due to his efforts at the Battle of Cowpens in South Carolina against Cornwallis, Greene was awarded land and money by South Carolina and Georgia. He sold the South Carolina land he had been awarded to pay the bills for his Southern Army's rations.

He settled with his wife and children in Georgia on an estate, Mulberry Grove, north of Savannah. He lived there briefly until 1786.

Visitors to the Rhode Island area can visit many historic sites, including the homestead of Nathanael Greene. Located in Coventry, Rhode Island, the tours offer the opportunity to learn about his contributions to the War of Independence. You can tour his home and the grounds of what had been the family business, a foundry.

Our Rhode Island Group meets periodically for lunch to share stories and remembrances. If you have not attended prior lunches and would like to join us, please email [judith.parisi@gmail.com](mailto:judith.parisi@gmail.com) so we can ensure you are on our email list.

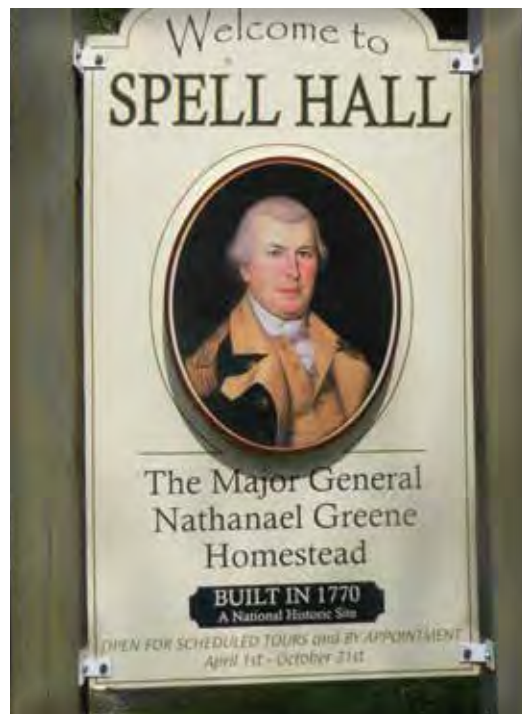


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Entry to Nathanael Greene homestead.

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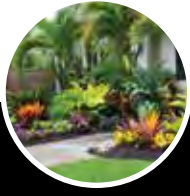
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## Horiculture Corner

**Bob Hollis**  
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In Florida, June is hot, humid, and rainy – which makes it a strong month for planting heat-tolerant plants, improving drainage, refreshing mulch, and handling storm-season prep. Here are some good June landscape projects for the Ocala/Central Florida area specifically.

### Plant Heat- and Rain-Tolerant Flowers

These perform well through Florida summer conditions:

- Pentas: attracts butterflies and handles heat well.
- Blue Daze: low-growing with blue flowers.
- Vinca: thrives in heat and humidity.
- Salvia: pollinator-friendly and drought-tolerant.
- Firebush: excellent for humming-

birds.

### Refresh Mulch Before Peak Summer

June is ideal for adding two to three inches of mulch around shrubs and trees to reduce soil temperature, prevent weed growth during the rainy season, and help the soil retain moisture during heat waves.

Popular Florida-friendly mulch options are pine bark, eucalyptus mulch, melaleuca mulch, and pine straw. Avoid piling mulch against tree trunks.

### Install or Upgrade Rain Drainage

Florida summer storms can quickly expose drainage problems. Good projects include French drains, swales, dry creek beds, rain gardens, and gutter extensions.

### Create a Pollinator Garden

June is an active season for butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds in Florida. Great native additions include milkweed, coreopsis, blanket flower, and beautyberry.

### Lawn Projects

For warm-season Florida lawns like

St. Augustine, zoysia, and bahia grasses, June is a good time to spot-repair bare patches, check irrigation coverage, raise mower height slightly, apply controlled-release fertilizer (if needed), and treat weeds early before heavy summer spread.

### Add Tropical Container Gardens

Container gardens do especially well in June because rainfall reduces watering needs. Popular tropical choices are

croton, coleus, hibiscus, and cordyline.

### Hurricane Season Prep Landscaping

June is the start of hurricane season in Florida. Smart projects include trimming weak tree limbs, removing dead branches, securing loose yard décor, checking tree stability, replacing vulnerable plants near structures, and focusing especially on large oaks and shallow-rooted trees.

## Eco Gardeners

**Phil Karcheski**



May started hot and dry. The Eco Gardeners put in extra effort to keep their gardens going. The early onset of heat required close monitoring, and in some cases, shade was needed to save the harvest.

The peas died off, and the warm weather made it clear it was time for my second-favorite beans, preferably yellow.

I closed off half of my plot in anticipation of fleeing the Florida summer. I left the rest with a neighboring gardener to maintain what remains while I'm in northern Wisconsin until September. If you are continuing to garden through the summer like many other dedicated gardeners, here are my recommendations

In June, Zone 9B Central Florida gardening focuses on heat-tolerant crops that thrive in high heat, humidity, and daily rain. Use mulch to conserve moisture, monitor for pests, and prepare for the daily afternoon, monsoon-like rains. Here's a list of what to plant in June (Zone 9B):

- Vegetables (direct seed): okra, southern peas (cowpeas, black-eyed peas), yardlong beans, Seminole pumpkin, sweet potatoes, calabaza, and peanuts.
- Vegetables (transplants/seeds): eggplant, peppers, and heat-tolerant cherry tomatoes.
- Greens: Malabar spinach, Egyptian spinach (Molokhia), and amaranth.
- Herbs: basil, lemongrass, and rosemary.

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- Flowers: zinnias, vinca, cosmos, celosia, portulaca, and sunflowers.

Here are some gardening tips to consider:

- **Manage Water & Rain:** June marks the start of the rainy season. Ensure your garden has excellent drainage to avoid waterlogged roots, and adjust irrigation to account for daily rain.
- **Mulch Heavily:** Apply a thick layer of organic mulch (like straw or pine bark) to keep roots cool, hold moisture, and prevent weeds.
- **Use Shade Cloth:** Consider using 40% to 50% shade cloth to protect sensitive plants from the intense afternoon sun.
- **Soil Health:** If not planting, this is a prime time to solarize your soil to kill nematodes, pests, and weed seeds.
- **Fertilizer Regulations:** Note that some municipalities in Florida restrict fertilizer use during the summer rainy season (June-September) to protect waterways.

Harvest okra, peppers, and tomatoes regularly to encourage more production. Lightly prune shrubs like hibiscus, oleander, and crape myrtle, as they bloom on new growth. Monitor for stink bugs, leaf-footed bugs, and caterpillars, which become active in summer.

The Eco Gardeners will not be having any more meetings until September.

Want to join or learn more about gardening? Visit [eco-gardeners.org](http://eco-gardeners.org) or Facebook (OTOW Eco Gardeners). To contact us, email [gardenc58@gmail.com](mailto:gardenc58@gmail.com).

## Travel Toppers

**Mary Lamp**



Travel Toppers Tours and its volunteers follow safety procedures for On Top of the World residents during our tours. All residents (in golf carts and cars) are required to follow the direction of volunteers when entering and exiting the parking lot off SW 81st Loop. Anyone who does not follow the safety procedures will be denied a reservation for future trips with Travel Toppers Tours.

Reservations for Travel Toppers trips can be made Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., with the coordinators listed for each event. Reservations can be made for only two people at a time; guests will be placed on a waitlist. As this is a resident club, the board wants to give our own residents the first opportunity to attend. If there is availability, guests on the waitlist will be asked whether they remain interested in attending the trip.

Our Suncoast Dinner Theater 2026-2027 season kicks off with "Pretty Woman: The Musical" on Saturday, Oct. 17. You can begin making reservations with Diane Knox on Monday, Aug. 3, by calling 352-390-2386.

Our Celebrity Apex cruise for Feb. 13 through Feb. 20, 2027, is now booking. Call Janet Wiles at 804-243-4008. Please contact her to learn more about additional cabin options available. For example, there is a block of Concierge Class 2 rooms, with prices depending on whether you purchase the beverage package and Wi-Fi. With the package and Wi-Fi, the price is \$5,776.04 per couple, and without, \$4,506.04 per couple. These prices include the cruise, taxes, port charges, travel protection, prepaid gratuities and round trip transportation to/from Port Canaveral. The portion for bus transportation will vary depending on the final number of persons traveling as the more people on the bus, the less each person will pay. Not included are excursions or the beverage packages/Wi-Fi as indicated in the different prices above. Pricing and availability are subject to change. Ports of call will be Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic; St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands; and Basseterre, St. Kitts and Nevis. The deposit is \$250 per person with final payment due Nov. 15.

Traveltopperstours.com offers more details and up-to-date information about our trips. Trips sponsored by Travel Toppers Tours are open only to residents with a valid resident ID or Gateway of Services pass. Copies of Gateway of Services passes must be submitted with the resident's check to prove the resident is current. Any non-resident who participates must be a guest of a resident club member.



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**Latinos Club**

Silvia C. Garcia



dancing, laughter, and great company. Some members brought coolers while others enjoyed food and beverages available for purchase. Most importantly, everyone came together for a fun and memorable evening.

We proudly congratulate several board members on their new roles: Jacqueline "Jackie" Colucci as treasurer, Karen Ramos as secretary (Spanish), and Ivan Vazquez and Claribel "Ivy" Cortes as board advisors.

We also welcome three new members to our board of directors:

Isabel Macaya was born in Cuba and has lived in Spain, Chicago, South Florida, and now Ocala. She holds a degree in accounting and management and is a certified QuickBooks ProAdvisor. Isabel says, "I cannot wait to get more involved and be part of this vibrant club and community!"

John Menendez was born in Tampa, Florida, and earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Miami-Dade College. After serving in the U.S. Air Force and working in corrections, he retired. John says, "For me, the best things about the Latinos Club is how Americans and Latinos come together and that I found my partner, Angie!"

Alex Tirado, born in New York City,

lar suggestions were day trips, lunch or dinner outings, game nights, potlucks, or picnics.

In all, 42 activities were suggested. The spreadsheet will be updated and redistributed as the group adds new members or new activities. Many thanks to Brian Lomasky for his great work on the spreadsheets.

Now it is up to individuals to initiate an activity and invite the group as a whole (which could be hard to manage as the group grows) or as smaller groups by interests, neighborhood, New England state, etc. Everyone was reminded that booking rooms within our community for a larger group can be difficult, so planning well ahead is recommended. Group outings off-site, such as restaurants, are more manageable with smaller parties.

If you are from New England and are interested in joining the group (or if you saw the invitation for the April gathering on Facebook but did not attend the meeting), please email me at [leslieromct@gmail.com](mailto:leslieromct@gmail.com).

Looking forward to many activities with our neighbors from the North!

**Friends of Bill W Group**



You are not alone on this journey. We come together weekly to share our experience, strength, and hope. If you are in recovery or think you have a problem with alcohol, please join us. We meet weekly on Tuesdays from noon to 1 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room.

For more information or to be notified of schedule changes, please email [friendsofbillwocala@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbillwocala@gmail.com).



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The Whistling Duck was the perfect spot for a few of the members to get together.

graduated from St. John's University and married his high school sweetheart, Brenda. Alex worked on Wall Street, at Goya Foods, and at Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. He also owns a Supercuts franchise and Mobile Munchies, a food truck that is a favorite among club members. Alex says, "I most enjoy the camaraderie of the Latinos Club."

Be sure to mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

- Saturday, July 25: Singo and dancing.
- Saturday, Aug. 29: Oldiwed, Mid-

wed, & Newlywed Game social and dancing.

• Saturday, Sept. 26: Hispanic Heritage Celebration, social, and dancing.

Join us for socials, dancing, weekly game nights, monthly dinners, outings, Chicas Latinas gatherings, and more.

Stay connected and see photos from our events by visiting our Facebook page (OTOW Latinos Club Ocala). For more information, call Silvia C. Garcia at 561-801-8188 or Micky Crawford at 352-207-7153.

**New England Group**

Leslie McCormick



Papa Gino's Pizzeria, whole belly fried clams, coffee-flavored ice cream, table talk pies, and the Blizzard of '78. Do any of these things sound familiar? Then you must be from New England!

An enthusiastic group of more than 80 residents from all over the community met in April for the first gathering of neighbors who originally hail from one of the six New England states. After a few introductions and background on how the prior club was organized, the discussion was opened to the floor for suggestions on forming a new group. The main discussions were the types of activities people are interested in and how often to meet.

One person suggested that, as a starting point, we should go around every table, introduce ourselves, and say where in New England we were from. Every state was represented, and it was enjoyable to hear the various New England accents: Boston, Vermont, and Maine being the most prominent to me, but then people say I have an accent too! Me? I just speak Connecticut. To my surprise, a lady at the table next to us was raised in the same town as my husband and me!

A handout sheet was provided to collect our names, phone and email contact information, the town/city and New England state where we were originally from, and the neighborhood we are living in now. We were also asked to list on the sheet what activities we would be interested in. The gathered information was tabulated in a spreadsheet and distributed to those who attended the initial meeting. Some of the more popu-

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**Christian Women's Club**

**Fran Acoba**



We enjoyed fellowshiping, meeting new friends, and delicious food at our March, April, and May potluck luncheons.

On Saturday, March 21, we were encouraged by Karen Carlson's message to rest, trust, and rejoice in God, who is our peace. We also practiced diaphragmatic breathing and progressive relaxation to release distress and support rest and restoration.

Mary Jo Holcomb brought the message of forgiveness on Saturday, April 18. The act of forgiveness originates from a loving God who forgave us through Christ and gifted us new life in him, the message of Easter. Our creative members also brought their decorated spring umbrellas for all to enjoy!

On Saturday, May 16, Phyllis Pastore shared about living abundantly by discerning and engaging the gifts of the spirit.

Our pianist, Arlene Chilcott, and song leader, Diane Hall, continue to lead us in rejoicing in God through music. We are grateful for this wonderful community that celebrates God's faithful love, grace, and sovereignty. We are also thankful for all who share what God has placed on your hearts, volunteer to warmly greet the community at our welcome table and space, set up and break down, and generously share your resources. A special thank you to all who engage in the labor of love through ongoing outreach, coordination, and faithful prayer.

We warmly welcome you to join us at the Christian Women's Club potluck luncheon on Saturday, June 20, at 11:30 a.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Event Room I. We'd love to meet you! Bring yourself, a favorite dish, and a friend or two. Please email joanneluu@yahoo.com or text 808-542-8430 with any questions and prayer requests.

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**Women of the World**

**Lois Rowland**



Women of the World is a social and charitable organization. Our mission is to entertain, inform, educate, and inspire our members through our monthly meetings and to contribute to the local community by providing much-needed goods to those in need in Marion County.

Our monthly meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday of each month at noon in the Recreation Center.

The Thursday, May 14, meeting featured the Poms Dance and Cheer Squad. Our charities were the Purse Project from Pay It Forward and Operation Shoebox. The Purse Project collects gently used purses filled with personal care items that are handed out to women in halfway houses and shelters. Operation Shoebox sends supplies to our deployed troops, including snacks, games, and essential items.

In addition to the \$7,000 raised from the 23rd annual Fashion Show, which was given to Empath Hospice of Marion County Foundation, the club voted to award \$1,500 checks to five additional charities: The Help Agency/Sozo Kids, Isaiah 117 House, Operation Shoebox, Pay It Forward Outreach, and Friends of SPCA.

Although there are no meetings in June, July, or August, the 2026-2027 Women of the World programs are already being planned. The board of directors includes Michele Croud, president; Dolores Burke, first vice president; Marilyn Capanec, second vice president; Patricia Pratt, treasurer; Lois Rowland, secretary; and Chairwomen Jan Spielvogel, Laura Rubert, and Ellie Richards.

The first meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 10. A bunco fundraising event is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 9. The 23rd annual Fashion Show will be in March 2027, with the final date to be determined. We hope to see everyone again next season.

The club is open to all women residents with a valid resident ID or Gateway of Services pass. If you are interested in joining us, please call Michele Croud, club president, at 586-872-1966.

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**Technology Club**

**Chris Kilbride**



Every Saturday at 9 a.m., the Ocala Tech Club meets for an hour through our weekly online Zoom meeting. We aim to help resident members stay informed about the ever-changing technology and current issues surrounding us through discussions on Android, Windows, and Apple devices. OcalaTechClub.org offers a wealth of valuable information about our group.

One experiment everyone should do is to search for your own name on the internet. Try your first and last name, add your middle initial, then try with your middle name spelled out. If you are shocked now, you can ask search engines like Google to remove your private content. You could even go directly to the source, such as social platforms like Facebook, Pinterest, and LinkedIn, as well as individual websites where your information appears.

You can expect your name, address, phone, and email to be floating around as we purchase items and company databases get hacked. Going deeper, you might find numbers associated with your Social Security number, tax ID, bank account, credit card, photos of your signature or ID, medical records, usernames, and passwords. Either you or a personal representative may request action.

Usually, when requesting removal, you note the website address (URL) of the pages containing your personal data, and they will review them so that

further search results do not show your content. When your private information is being used to harm you, that is referred to as doxxing, which might include using explicit or implicit threats, including harassment. Then companies known as data brokers, who collect and sell your data, would need to be contacted, for a fee.

Unfortunately, many search engines can only remove items from their own search databases. So if an offensive item is listed on a particular website, you need to go directly to that website and submit a request for removal for one or more of its web pages. Be sure to take a screenshot of the page(s) showing your information. Go to the website's help center to learn how to proceed.

Perhaps you could start with your own accounts instead. Having an internet presence might not be as exciting as years past, when we posted photos to identify ourselves, relatives, and friends, birthday greetings noting the full day-month-year, and vacation dates (great for burglars). Start by reviewing, removing, and limiting social media information. Strive for your own safety by being mindful of what you post or the personal information you share with websites.

Residents are welcome to join our club. Yearly dues are \$10 per resident or \$15 per resident couple. You can contact us through the Contact page at OcalaTechClub.org.

Members enjoy in-person help sessions on Thursdays in the Hobby Building, where they can discuss issues with their Windows or Apple computers, smartphones, or tablets. In-person classes are held on the first Friday and Saturday of each month, with online Zoom meetings on other Saturdays.

**Illinois Group**

**Harriet Pinchouck**



We've had 22 enthusiastic responses to last month's column about starting an Illinois Group! More responses are always welcome.

I'm happy to announce that our first gathering has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 2. This will be a casual meet-

and-greet where we can get acquainted, share where we're from in Illinois, and discuss ideas for future group activities and events.

Join us on Tuesday, June 2, at 6:30 p.m. in The Summit Ballroom 2. Whether you're from Chicago, the suburbs, central Illinois, southern Illinois, or anywhere in between, we'd love to have you join us.

It's not too late. Please email mompin@att.net and let me know if you'll be attending, and who may be coming with you.

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The Nabateans were master water engineers. They built an amazing array of dams, reservoirs, and channels that would collect and store water from Wadi Musa and from the mountains during the wet season and move it to where they needed it. They even carved water channels into the cliffs of the Siq to divert water from nearby springs during the dry season.

The Nabateans and Romans worked well together for 257 years, until a major earthquake destroyed much of the city in 363 CE. The city never recovered from the devastation, primarily because the caravan trade routes shifted to sea routes that were quicker and safer.

By the seventh century, the city was deserted except for a few nomadic Bedouins. The Bedouins kept the location a closely guarded secret for centuries until Johann Burckhardt, an Arabic-speaking Swiss scholar, tricked a Bedouin guide into taking him there in 1812.

Today, Petra is an ancient metropolis of tombs, monuments, and religious structures carved into red sandstone cliffs. The sandstone appears to be all red in color, but once you carve through the outside oxidized layer, you learn that the rock actually is a series of red, black, white, and blue bands swirling together in a stunning array of colors and designs.

The most famous structure in Petra is the Treasury, a hand-carved cave 140' high and 100' wide. It is called the Treasury because legend has it that a treasure is hidden inside, although none has been found after 2,000 years of searching.

After visiting Petra seven times, I would advise you to avoid going there in the summer. That's when the place turns into an oven!

This is the start of my series about the "New" Seven Wonders of the World." I will write about them in the order of when they were built. I am skipping the Pyramids of Giza because I wrote about that in August 2025.

Petra, the capital of the Nabatean kingdom, is hidden deep within the desolate desert canyons and rugged mountains of southern Jordan. People have lived in the region for 4,000 years, but the Nabateans ruled it from about 312 BCE to 106 CE, when they were forced to yield their independence to the rising power of Rome.

The Romans brought their engineering and organizational talents to the city. They paved the sand roads, refurbished a 7,000-seat amphitheater, built a colonnaded street lined with shops and markets, and established an effective toll-collection system for this historic caravan trade route. Petra was an important stop on this route because it was a water-rich place.

How could Petra find enough water in this desert country to make it a lush oasis big enough to support up to 30,000 people? The answer is good engineering.

To reach Petra, you must go through the Siq, a narrow gorge (about 3/4 mile long and as little as 10' wide). Flanked on both sides by cliffs soaring 260' high, the Siq actually is the bed of Wadi Musa (Stream of Moses). Legend has it that Wadi Musa was formed when Moses provided water for his people by striking a rock with his staff, and water gushed

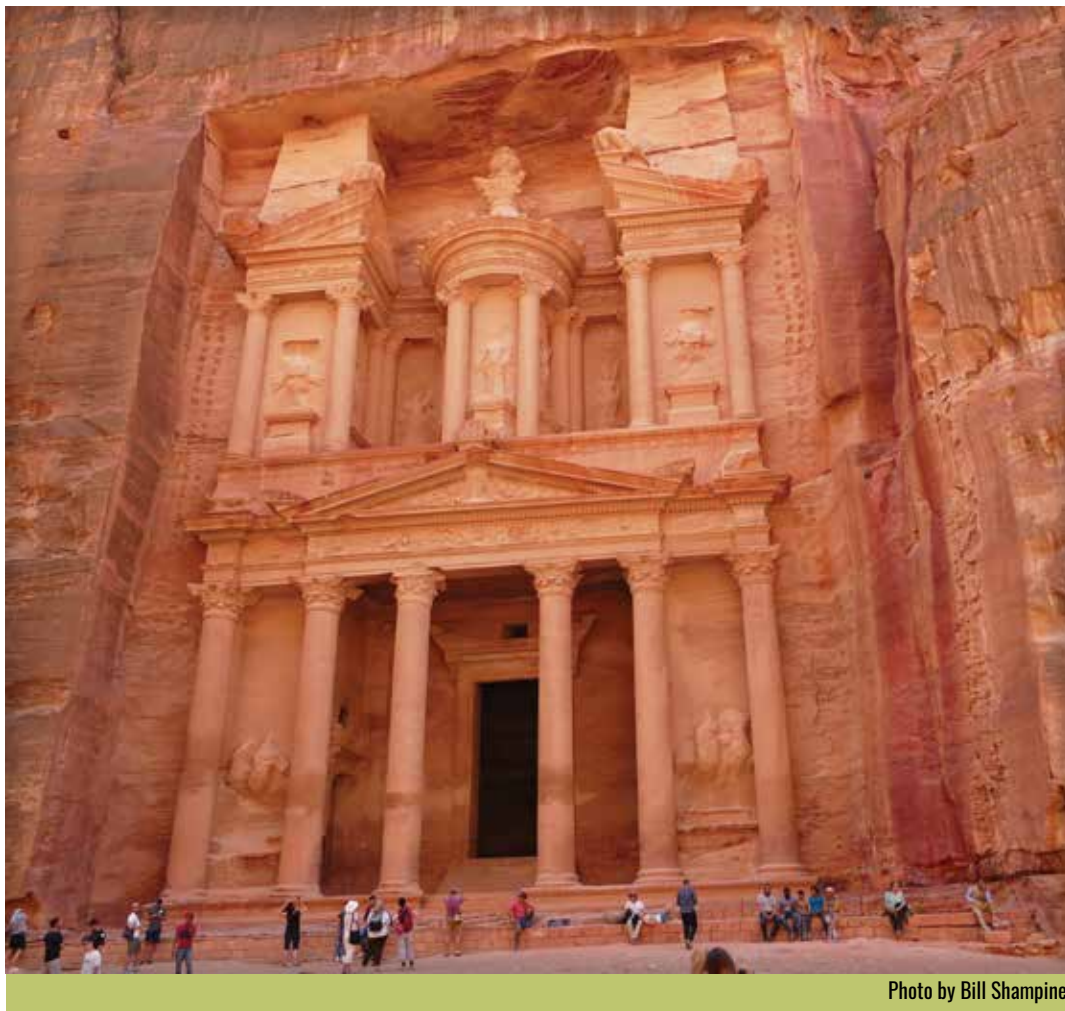


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The Treasury building at the entrance to Petra, Jordan.

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**Moonstruck Astronomy Club**

**Cammie Fairburn**



1959, by the Soviet Luna 3 spacecraft. That is why many of the features on the far side have Russian names, because Russian scientists named them.

It was from those first photographs that we learned that the far side of the Moon looks different from the side facing Earth (the near side). The far side is covered in impact craters and is lighter in color, while the near side has huge dark plains.

Why do we only see one side of the Moon, and why are the two sides so different? Glenn Cohen answered both questions at the club meeting in April. We only see one side of the Moon because of tidal locking, which occurs

when the Moon rotates on its axis at the same rate it orbits the Earth.

When the Moon was young, it had active volcanoes just like the Earth. Because the near side faced a young, hot Earth, magma continued to erupt on the near side of the Moon while the far side cooled faster, forming a thicker shell. That is why the Moon is so asymmetrical.

Sunday, June 21, is the summer solstice, the first day of summer in the northern hemisphere. Due to the Earth's axial tilt, on June 21 the North Pole is at its closest point to the Sun. It is Earth's tilt, not the distance from the Sun, that causes the seasons.

The Moonstruck Astronomy Club meets on the second Thursday every month from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. Our next meeting is Thursday, June 11. Residents with valid resident IDs or a Gateway of Services pass can join the club, and new members are welcome! Club dues are only \$20 per year, and they include a subscription to the quarterly Reflector Magazine.

For information or club registration, please contact club President Jim Di Paolo at moonastroclub@gmail.com. More information is also available at moonstruckastronomyclub.org.

Keep looking up!

**Lions Club**

**Gail Morris**



it right back. Our club members will be selling them through May and on Saturday, June 6, at Belk from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please support us in this effort.

Your support for Casino Night enabled our club to continue supporting a variety of organizations, including Seeing Eye Dogs, Inc., Interfaith Emergency Services, Isaiah 117 House, Marion County Memorial Honor Guard, and others.

We also donated to The Villages Honor Flight, which helps veterans fly to Washington, DC, and tour the war memorials dedicated to them. Our club also donated to the Public Education Foundation, supporting a scholarship to help our future leaders achieve their educational goals. In addition, we support Lions organizations such as the Lions Club International Foundation.

Thank you for your support of Casino Night, making this and more possible.

Our club supports individual members of our community who are in need, as we did this past month by assisting with the purchase of eyeglasses. We are here to assist others in need.

Now our club is focusing on its business and getting our new officers up to speed.

We are pleased to have the past District Governors, Bob and Diane Melnick, preside over our installation ceremony

for our new officers, which took place on Tuesday, May 26. At this meeting, we had a potluck, inducted our new members (all since July 1, 2025), and made some additional presentations.

Lions Club meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room at 5 p.m. If you would like further information, you can contact Bert Perkins, who is our membership chair, at 909-262-8407.

**Scandinavian American Club**

**David Wesenberg**



The Scandinavian American Club does not meet over the summer, so our next meeting will be in the fall on Tuesday, Sept. 29. The club normally meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room II.

Our April meeting featured presentations by traveling authors Evelyn and

Natalie Kelly, invigorating the club with their travelogues from Scandinavia. They have published a book entitled "Have a Love Affair with Travel: Your Ticket to an Exhilarating Life," by Evelyn Kelly, Ph.D., and Natalie Kelly, M.S.

At our May meeting, we enjoyed the music from the Toppers Banjo Band, featuring some of our own members. Along with great food and exchange of personal experiences and anecdotes, we had a terrific and meaningful meeting.

In our meetings, people talk about their experiences, hopes, origins, successes, and failures with one another. Are you at least part Scandinavian? Or are you just interested in the Scandinavian contributions to American society? What a great opportunity to hear and see from those who have experienced that immigration experience.

The Scandinavian American Club is a great place to enjoy fun, fellowship, and unusually good Scandinavian food. Join us. We love to share the fun.

Every meeting is an opportunity to learn more about our Scandinavian heritage and to share a meal and fellowship. For more information, contact Paul Kroll at 424-627-3151.

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**Genealogical Society**



**Sid Levine**

The first half of the year has been very active and informative for the Genealogical Society. We have been exposed to different sites that will help us research our family histories. There were presentations on the census, overlooked and alternative sources for finding facts about our ancestors, and even a glimpse into the mystical world of witches. A help session in January allowed members to help each other with their research, and many members attended the Seek, Find, Connect conference at the Family History Center in Ocala.

In June, we will do something we have never done before – a potluck dinner. Members will be bringing in sides, appetizers, and desserts that have been in their families for years. These will complement the main course of fried chicken.

The Genealogical Society is dedicated to helping people document their family histories. We hold monthly meetings that address a myriad of genealogical subjects. We offer help to our members, whether they are just starting or more seasoned researchers.

We meet on the third Monday of every month at 10 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. Our meetings are also available via Zoom. If you wish to join, send an email to otowgens@gmail.com.

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**Ellie Cyr**

In April 2006, On Top of the World had a dedicated TV channel that listed residents' events and meetings. A new resident, Arlene Rigg, ran an advertisement asking, "Are you an active single woman? Would you like to meet other single women? If so, please give me a call."

Meanwhile, another single lady, Bettie Bryan, also posted an ad on the channel. Her ad said, "Just moved in and am looking to meet single women friends." I called both of them. As it turned out, I already knew Arlene because we both took line dance classes at the Recreation Center, and we danced next to each other. We had introduced ourselves but didn't know we were both single. It was delightful to become friends.

In May 2006, Arlene invited six single women to her home. Those present were Arlene Rigg, Rae Nelson, Ellie Cyr, Barbara Bergin, Jean Collins, and Bettie Bryant. As we talked, we realized we needed to form a group so all single women in our community could find each other. We called ourselves the Active Single Women's Network. Our small group met a few times with lots of ideas.

Arlene took charge of the organizing and booked us a room in the Arbor Conference Center for our first open meeting in June 2006. At that meeting, we had 30+ excited women eager to make new friends. Our sign-up sheet asked for their name, phone number, and email address. We also had a list of suggested activities that they could check off to show their interests.

Our second meeting in July 2006 had 49 participants. Bettie Bryant volunteered to be our secretary, and she alphabetized all the names and data. While she was busy doing that, she rearranged the order in our name, and we became Single Women's Active Network (SWANS).

By September 2007, we had grown to 84 members. In our homes, we met in groups to enjoy appetizers, dinners, card games, Mah Jongg, and a book club. We also organized dinner-out groups and day trips to explore the Ocala area.

Basically, we formed friendships, supported each other, and had a lot of fun times. As more single women moved here, we made them feel welcome. In June 2010, after four and a half years, Arlene wrote a letter asking for volunteers to keep the club running.

By 2011, the club was in the capable hands of Lois Nix, where it continues to thrive and grow strong even today.

I believe SWANS has helped create a comfortable lifestyle for many single (by choice or by circumstance) women living here. I hope the themes of friendship, support, and fun continue in the years to come. This is my best recollection of how the SWANS started 20 years ago.

donations. We are especially thankful for the support of individuals and clubs, such as a recent donation from Women of the World, from the Good Times line dance group, and proceeds from a fashion show sponsored by Jasmine Boutique. Your kindness allows us to continue helping pets and families throughout Marion County.

As Florida enters hurricane season, it's important to remember that pets rely on us to keep them safe. While many families prepare emergency plans, animals are often unintentionally overlooked. Creating a pet emergency preparedness plan before storms develop can protect pets and reduce stress during evacuations.

A good first step is assembling a pet emergency kit. Include at least seven days of food and water, necessary medications, bowls, waste supplies, and a leash or carrier for each pet. Keep vaccination records, medical history, and identification documents in a waterproof container. Microchipping pets and ensuring ID tags have current contact information greatly increases the chances of reuniting with a lost animal.

Pet owners should also identify pet-friendly shelters, hotels, or boarding facilities well before a storm approaches. Because not all evacuation shelters accept animals, researching options in advance is essential. Practicing loading pets into carriers can help reduce fear and confusion during an actual emergency.

When a hurricane warning is issued, bring pets indoors immediately. High winds, heavy rain, and flying debris can frighten animals and cause them to flee. Keep pets in a secure, quiet room away from windows, and never leave them tied outside or alone in a home during an evacuation order.

After the storm, carefully inspect the area before letting pets outside. Floodwater, downed power lines, sharp debris, and displaced wildlife can pose serious hazards. With thoughtful planning, Florida pet owners can better protect their animals and keep the entire family safe throughout hurricane season.

We welcome you to drop by our table at the weekly Thursday Circle Square Commons Farmers Market to check us out. We welcome volunteers to help support our many events and programs.

Mark your calendar for the second annual Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre

Club event on Nov. 20, 21, and 22.

If you have any non-expired food, please consider donating it to the SPCA. Donations will be accepted on the porch of Evelyn Sarns Holiday (8880-C SW 94th Street, Ocala, Florida 34481). We accept all pet items, such as food, as well

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**Global Diversity Asian Social Club**



Rosalina Norita

The kolintang, a traditional percussion instrument originating from Minahasa, North Sulawesi, is constructed from lightweight materials, notably wooden planks crafted from egg wood or wenuang, which are arranged on a resonator box. The instrument's nomenclature derives from the distinct sounds "tong" (low), "ting" (high), and "tang" (middle), and it is frequently used in ensemble settings, providing musical accompaniment for diverse genres, including pop, traditional, and ceremonial music.

Embedded in Minahasan heritage, the kolintang was originally integral to ancestral worship rituals before evolving into an entertainment-focused musical instrument. Played with a cloth-covered mallet, it often features in ensemble performances involving several musicians.

The formation of the Florida Kolintang Group resulted from an initiative led by Kawanua women in Florida, in collaboration with some members of City Blessing Ministries, and the group performed for the first time on August 3, 2014, at the church's anniversary.

Charles Tumetel, for the first time, took the initiative to craft his own kolintang instruments using locally sourced American wood, following an extensive study of the types of wood capable of producing high-frequency tones across the entire instrument range, and achieved success.

Today, female kolintang players pre-

dominantly perform at events utilizing the kolintang, and this group has become the pioneering female kolintang ensemble in the United States, consisting of Joice Saerang, Eliyana Tumetel, Anastasia Taroreh, Yohana Hidayat, Ade Iswan, Grace Agustina, and Ribkah Rickyanto.

Kolintang, designated an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Indonesia from North Sulawesi, received recognition from UNESCO in December 2024.

As kolintang received international recognition, many countries outside Indonesia and Asia developed a following. The United States became one of the followers of the kolintang traditional music and opened its doors to instrumental music.

PINKAN (Persatuan Insan Kolintang Nasional) Indonesia is headquartered in Jakarta. PINKAN Florida serves as a cultural organization and functions as a sub-secretariat of Pinka Indonesia in Florida. The goal of PINKAN Florida is to help promote culture, particularly kolintang music, throughout the United States and surrounding areas.

When the guests attend the Indonesian Extravaganza Night, they will surely enjoy the spectacle and musical performances originating from the largest archipelago nation. In addition, the food served at this event will be of great pleasure and discovery. The chicken woku is rich in taste when freshly served. Minahasa cuisine is renowned for its bold flavors and use of spices, creating a distinctive culinary experience. This is especially appealing to lovers of Southeast Asian cuisine, and its unique seasoning will spark new excitement in the taste buds of all our guests.

Join us for an unforgettable evening at the Indonesian Extravaganza Night,



Photo by Charles Tumetel

Members of PINKAN Florida – Eliyana Tumetel, Ade Iswan, Yohana Hidayat, Joice Saerang, Anastasia Taroreh, and Grace Agustine.

taking place at The Summit Ballroom on Saturday, Aug. 29. Tickets are now available for purchase during Ticket Tuesday,

in the Arbor Activity Center Card Room III, from 9 a.m. to noon.

**OneBlood Bloodmobile**



Sara Sommer

The Big Red Bus® was here on Friday, May 1. The results were 15 units of whole blood and two units of double red blood. Thank you, Friday donors. The next Friday blood drive is Sept. 7. Mark your calendar.

For our regular Monday donors, the Big Red Buses will be here on June

1. They will be parked in the Recreation Center parking lot from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. With school being out, the snowbirds leaving, and people going on vacation, the donor pool is greatly reduced. We really need all eligible donors to come out and give. The drive is usually listed about two weeks before the date. Simply go to [oneblood.org](http://oneblood.org) to make an appointment. Look for the On Top of the World drive on June 1. Pick a time slot. A confirmation email will be sent to you. It's that easy. An appointment is not necessary, but it will ensure you a seat on the bus.

See you on the bus.

**Joy in the Mourning**



Deb Thompson

Joy in the Mourning is a bereavement support group that meets every Friday from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Arbor Activity Music Room.

Recently, the group began a four-book series by Stephen Ministries titled "Journeying Through Grief." A former attendee of Joy in the Mourning highly recommended these books that a friend had sent to him. The group has gotten on board, discovering insights that provide comfort and hope. Besides being relatable, there's advice for overcoming a variety of difficult situations.

We comb through page by page. Opportunities to ask questions or provide feedback are welcome. The books are not repetitive; rather, they are progressive. Moving forward is healthy. Moving

forward with others is a double blessing.

Within the last month, six new ladies have joined the group. One woman commented that it has brought her comfort and peace. Another woman said she finds it very beneficial to be in a group. These remarks go along with a quote by Helen Keller, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

If you're hesitant regarding a bereavement group and have questions, please give me, Deb, a call at 352-445-4860. I'd be happy to speak with you, provide more information, or simply listen to your concerns.

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## These Archers Will Make You Quiver

By Paul DiSclafani  
World News Writer

Phyllis Shaw and Patty Hoppe are residents who have formed a unique dynamic duo. They might not fight crime or wear utility belts, but they do have quivers filled with arrows and compete in national archery tournaments.

Although both are products of the Archery Club, they came from very different places with very different journeys.

After arriving in On Top of the World in 2020, Phyllis was looking for something that didn't involve card games or social events. "I didn't want to sit by the pool and bake," she said.

Then one day she went to the archery range in Veterans Park and spoke to Bob Papirner and Mark Dario, the president and vice president of the Archery Club. "I never picked up a bow in my life," she said, "I knew zero about it. I went through the safety training and tried it."

As a kid, Phyllis was limited to non-participant roles in sports, like an equipment manager. "There just weren't a lot of opportunities."

That wasn't the case that day at the archery range. She not only found a sport she could participate in but also discovered something along the way. She was really good at it.

Phyllis not only found her groove, but also competes in the 50-plus age group at the national level. The retired school-teacher from New Orleans is ranked #1 in the State of Florida and #7 nationally.

How is that possible? "Archery is so adaptive," she explained. "You don't need to have two perfect legs or two perfect arms. By participating in it, what it does for you mentally and physically is astounding."

After a few years of recreational shooting and working with fellow members in the Archery Club, she developed the confidence to take her barebow (nicknamed "Nola") and try her hand at a competition. "I knew I wanted to be

more than a recreational shooter," she said, "but mentally, I wasn't ready to take that next step."

In January 2023, she competed in a national qualifying tournament in Newberry, finishing fourth among the Florida residents and 36th nationally. She's never looked back.

"That's one of the great things about archery compared to other sports," she said, "You can hit the target without perfect form. Good form helps you perform better and more consistently, but you can still enjoy the sport of archery and adapt to it, and have it adapt to you."

Patty Hooppe, originally from Madison, Wisconsin, is currently a Level II archery coach and, along with Phyllis, a member of the National Field Archery Association (NFAA) and USA Archery. One of the founding members of the Archery Club, Patty, who competes with a compound bow, took first place and set a two-day record in the USA Nationals in Mississippi in March. She followed with first-place finishes in the NFAA Nationals in Memphis and at Florida State, where she recorded a perfect 300 score. "I've had a good run," she said modestly, "I shoot with a lot of wonderful women." And that includes Phyllis.

"Phyllis came here a novice like most of our members at first," Patty said. "But she had a determination. She's not intimidated." Unlike Phyllis, Patty's journey began in 1977, with a long break to raise a family. After returning to the sport after turning 50, she took another break. She then became instrumental in founding the archery club, which maintains the range and workshop at Veterans Park.

"Archery is wonderful," she said. "It's proven that you can shoot later in life. You don't have to be young. The great thing about our club is that when you join, all your equipment is included.

You can just have fun with it."

The one-time fee to join the Archery Club is \$60, most of which covers insurance, and it includes access to all the equipment needed to enjoy the sport: bare bows and compound bows, arrows in different sizes, quivers, release aids, and arm guards. If you are interested in recreational shooting, the Archery Club is for you.

"You just need to go out there and

have fun," said Patty.

For Phyllis, archery has given her something she never thought possible: an identity she never expected.

"This is where my journey started," she said, "And I don't know where it's going to take me. But I've enjoyed every minute of it. And now, my identity is, I'm an athlete. I've never had that title before. Not only an athlete, but an athlete who has won some stuff."

And we'll be there to cheer her on.



Photos by Paul DiSclafani

Archers Patty Hoppe (top) and Phyllis Shaw (bottom).

## Serving Up Fun & Fierce Competition

By Nate Snook

The annual Top Pickleball Club Color Wars competition took place on Saturday, April 25. Mixed-doubles teams took to the courts and battled to represent their colors. Forty-eight players were divided into four teams — red, green, blue, and white — and further grouped into four skill levels from beginner to advanced. Each team competed within its respective skill level, earning points for its color.

### Color Wars April 25

18—The Green Pickling Machine. 14—Red Lobsters. Tie at 11—The Blue Net Ninjas & White Lobsters.

Special recognition goes to team cap-

tains Spencer Wiley (red), Steve Brothers (white), Gail Young (blue), and Mary Kay Ripp (green) for leading their teams in this action-packed event.

Thanks to Rod Lewis for organizing play, Shizuka Campagna for overseeing the social activities, and Jean Masztel for coordinating food purchases for the luncheon.

The spring round-robin tournament for beginning players was also a success. Thirteen men and 14 women competed separately in doubles play. Each game was played to 11 points or 12 minutes. Scores were recorded for each game, and players earned the total points their

team scored. Participants rotated teammates each game. The player with the highest total score after six games was declared the winner. Shari Ross took the top spot in the women's division, followed by Tina Wiley and Laurie Snook. Nate Snook won the men's division, followed by Stephen New and Jim Printer.

The April Foolishness Deal and Dink game took place on Monday, March 16, under the covered courts. Although fewer club members participated this month, the event remained lively. Each court featured a card outlining a unique style of play that participants were required to follow during the 10-minute match. Variations included using only forehand shots or requiring players to step out of bounds and back in after each hit. The format added variety and a significant skill challenge to each game. This themed event will continue on the third Thursday of each month. Members are encouraged to check their email or

the club website for details.

With high temperatures returning, and to reduce the risk of heat-related injuries, training classes typically held on the upper courts at 10:30 a.m. will move to the covered courts 23 and 24. Class sizes will be limited to eight participants. Members are encouraged to sign up early and cancel promptly if unable to attend. The newcomer classes held on Mondays and the first Saturday of the month will still be held in the upper courts.

Those interested in joining the club may attend an Intro to Pickleball class, held every Monday at 10:30 a.m. and on the first Saturday of each month on the upper courts. Participants may bring their own paddles or use club equipment. All are welcome.

For more information, visit [toppickleballclub.com](http://toppickleballclub.com) or find the club on the OTOW App > Residents Clubs & Groups > Top Pickleball Club.



Photo by Bob Young

The top three ladies' finishers in the spring round robin tournament for beginner players: Laurie Snook, Shari Ross, and Tina Wiley.



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The top three men's finishers in the spring round robin tournament for beginner players: Jim Printer, Nate Snook, and Stephen New.



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The PGA Tour is in full swing, with the 2026 US Open fast approaching. This year's 126th US Open will take place at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton, New York. J.J. Spaun is the defending champion. These are the professional staff selections for this year's event: Matt Hibbs – Cameron Young, Denise Mullen – Ben Griffin, Russ Smith – Scottie Scheffler, Kelsey Hummer – Scottie Scheffler, and Josh Wilson – Shane Lowry.

We appreciate all the ladies who competed in the fifth annual Ladies World Cup last month. The Blue and Pink Teams competed fiercely over two days, with the Blue Team winning 29 to 19. Congratulations to the Blue Team and thanks to all participants for making it a memorable event. We hope everyone

enjoyed themselves and look forward to next year.

The professional golf staff would like to remind everyone about proper golf cart safety. Here are a few tips for safe driving:

- Keep all body parts (arms, hands and feet) in the cart at all times.
- Never operate a cart with people standing on the back platform.
- Only carry the number of passengers for which there are seats.
- Avoid distractions while driving (talking on cell phone or texting).
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- Use extreme caution when turning around blind spots.
- Never drive while intoxicated.
- Reduce speed in high traffic areas (around the clubhouse).
- Use caution when driving in inclement weather.

**Upcoming Events**

- Monday June 1 through Thursday, June 4: Aerification at The Links.
- Friday, June 5: Beat the Pro at Candler Hills.

- Monday, June 8: Candler Hills Golf Course closed.
- Friday, June 19: Flag Day Event at The Links.
- Monday, June 22 through Thursday, June 25: Aerification at The Tortoise & The Hare.
- Monday, June 29: The Links closed.

**World Accolades**

**THE TORTOISE & THE HARE:** Dan Goggin, shot 71. Phil Petrozella, shot his age 77. Lowell Kutzbach, eagle #4. John Mayfield, shot 78 two strokes under his age. Kathy Goodwin, eagle #5.

**THE LINKS:** Shelly Karsnitz, shot lowest round 73, with an eagle on #9. Charlie Dove, shot 74. Bob Mondore, shot 74 two times, eight strokes under his age. Bob also shot 70, twelve strokes under his age. Penny Butler, hole-in-one #14. Gerry Messenger, eagle #9. Page Falconer, shot lowest round 77. Tony Morris, eagle #12. Robert Meyer, eagle #3.

**CANDLER HILLS:** Deb Dematteo, hole-in-one #8. Joe Schuberth, shot 79, one stroke under his age. John Atwood, ea-

gle #7. Cindy Channell, eagle #7. Renae White, eagle #7. Eddie Galuska, shot best round 77. David Metzger, eagle #7. Ron Lezotte, shot 80 two strokes under his age. Joe Schuberth, shot best round 74. John Evans, eagle #7. Tim Mullen, shot 74 one stroke under his age. Bob Mondore, shot 76 six strokes under his age.

Congratulations to all of you for these fine accomplishments!

**Golf Tip of the Month**

Controlling your distance on longer putts will lead to fewer three-putts. Even the best-read putt will not go in if the speed is off. Focus on getting the ball to finish 12" to 18" past the hole. This gives you the best chance to make the putt while avoiding long comebacks. A simple drill to work on speed control is to place a golf club or the putting green flag stick 18" behind the hole. Try to hit putts past the cup without hitting the marker. This will help train proper pace and improve consistency. Better speed will lead to fewer three-putts and more one-putts.

**Men's Golf Association**



John Yenne

rounds feel longer. Be ready to hit when it is your turn, keep pace with the group ahead, and move off the green promptly after holing out.

Dress for conditions. Lightweight and moisture-wicking fabrics make a real difference, and light colors help as well.

The Chef's Palette food truck event was a success, drawing strong reviews from members. The board is exploring options for future food events, including the possibility of using The Summit.

Keep an eye on your email for more details as plans develop.

Membership stands at 274. For more information on the MGA, visit otowmga.com.

Put these upcoming Wednesdays in your calendar:

- June 3: Chicken Day
- June 10: Match Play, Two-Man Best Ball Team (The Tortoise & The Hare)
- June 17: Individual Low Net (The Links)
- June 24: Vegas Scramble (The Links)

**Chicken Day  
May 6**

The Links Flight: Tie at 54–James Gourlay, Greg Dietrich, Garry Gerlach, Loren Magsam; Jerry Wil-

liams, Jim Thomson, Mike Erickson, Karl Schart. Tie at 55–William (Bill) Truby, Wally Wohlleber, Joseph Dunnack, David Bauer; Rick Schriever, John McMahon, Patrick Schwinn, Mike Lane. Tie at 56–Larry Newbold, Paul Snyder, Carl Zeiler; Doug Buckler, Jay Bouton, Bob Leiter, John Johnson; Anthony Morris, Joe Aldridge, Rick Lilly, Thomas Kujawa. Tie at 57–Kevin McGuinness, Garfield Gray, William Cope, Bill Dobbins; Patrick Nagy, Gary Niland, Robert Meyer, Roger Osier; Bruce Colpo, Jeffrey Knittel, Mike Carver, Kevin Broderick; Greg McDowell, Larry Turner, Ron Ouellette.

The Tortoise & The Hare Flight: 54–John Herman, David Vincent, Stuart Martin, Tom Nicholl. Tie at 56–Russell Toms, Scott Aldridge, Rino D'amico, Richard Ross; Larry Skoch, John Yenne, Mark Meyer, Curt Bingham. Tie at 57–Irl Flanagan, Dale Szymanski, Marvin DeBerry, Joe Baumgartner; William Pitera, Larry Manion, Eddie Sloan, David Jeffries; Joe Wilks, Patrick Whitley, Gregg Keidel, Marvin Jendro; Robert Kuhl1, Randy Keller, Tom Nutt, Gerald Schneider. Tie at 58–Norm Hayworth, Brian Henderson, Paul Stoecklin, Edwin Rodriguez; Ron Pratt, Robert Jorgensen, Rick Deroven, Walter Knautz; Gaylon Powers, Howard Gluckman, Jim Lefaver, Robert Zepf; Ray Parlato, Charlie Taylor, Mike Krodel, John Divito; Joe Polizzotti, Jim Bobowski, Jerome Fawcett, Jim Weaver.

**Ladies Shuffleboard**



Lois Nix

The 2025-2026 Ladies Shuffleboard Club season is over. Final scores for the most wins will be posted on the bulletin board by the courts.

We continue to shuffle for the summer; the courts have been reserved all year on Mondays at 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 9 a.m., and again at 11 a.m. All women with a valid resident ID or Gateway of Services pass are invited to shuffle with us at any of these times.

Shuffling is a game of skill, technique, and strategy. In Florida, shuffleboard has been played for over 100 years. The Shuffleboard Club has been active for close to 35 years, and the Ladies Shuffleboard Club for approximately 10 years. It might not be as difficult as other sports, but it is fun! Join us.

**April**

10–Carol Noval, Kathy Carle, Jane Dormanen. 9–Donna Townsend, Barbara Russell. 8–Sally Herrick, Sandy Welch. 30-plus–Marsha Lau, Chris Haux.

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**Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole**

**Beth Wolinsky**



Great job, ladies! The Red/Green Challenge is alive and well. The Red Team, right now, is ahead. This is a year-long event, so the Green Team still has a chance to catch up. Looking forward to some fun competition. The Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association is open to any woman resident. If you enjoy playing golf and want to join, please contact our president, Sandy Snyder, at freesand@icloud.com. It's a great way to meet some new ladies and play golf.

Finally, don't forget to hydrate and be careful out there. As always, believe, achieve, and enjoy golf.

**League Net & Gross Championship (Individual) April 9 & 16**

Overall Gross Champion 158-Sandy Snyder. Overall Net Champion 140-Kathleen Goodwin.

**Gross**

Flight 1: 161-Shelly Karsnitz. 171-Lisa Free. Flight 2: 166-Dawn Carroll. 169-Diane Boston. Flight 3: 174-Peggy Ellenberger. 189-Karen Schroeckenthaler. Flight 4: 180-Yuhlan Cho. 183-Judi McGuinness. Flight 5: 183-Judie Anderson. 193-Beth

Wolinsky. Flight 6: 187-Chris McIntire. 196-Tammy Seutter. Flight 7: 197-Roxiann Dwyer. 205-Vickie Foster.

**Net**

Flight 1: 153-Christine Giza. 155-Linda Taylor. Flight 2: 144-Lynn Colomb. 150-Laura McMillan. Flight 3: 153-Janette Sheil. 161-Virginia Combs. Flight 4: 148-Ellen Brin. 157-Janelle Gluckman. Flight 5: 150-Liz Pruss. 155-Cynthia Gersten. Flight 6: 149-Susanne Mullineaux. 151-Teri Stecker. Flight 7: 151-Renee Middleton. 157-Terry Lemesh.

**Scramble/Shamble (Team) April 23**

100-Peggy Ellenberger, Kathleen Goodwin, Anne Dahlen, Kathy Zunica. 101-Lisa Free, Joanne Woolery, Brenda Hofmann, Tammy Seutter. 102-Dawn

Carroll, Judi McGuinness, Nancy Zielinski, Donna Cosenza. 103-Mary Jeannotte, Virginia Combs, Ellen Brin, Karen Demaree. Tie at 105-Connie Norris, Becky Bivins, JoAnn Delmar, Rosann Ross. Christine Giza, Marla Bennett, Chris McIntire, Liz Lang. 106-Linda Taylor, Beverly Ovrebo, Teri Stecker, Terry Lemesh.

**2 Best Balls of 4 Net (Team) April 30**

125-Sandra Mansfield, Virginia Combs, JoAnn Delmar, Jana McElroy. 129-Becky Bivins, Donna Isaac, Rhonda Tyler, Roxiann Dwyer. Tie at 130- Diane Boston, Beth Wolinsky, Karen Campbell, Vickie Foster. Lynn Colomb, Mary A. Cunningham, Cynthia Gersten, Terry Lemesh. Kathleen Goodwin, Angelita Jingo, Liz Pruss, Karen Demaree.

**Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association**

**Jo Della Penna**



Congratulations to Debra De Matteo on her hole-in-one on #8 Candler Hills on Sunday, April 12!

**Spring Invitational/One Best Ball April 7/The Links Gross M/M Flight**

Flight 1: 75-Page Falconer, Lori Pizzini, and overall Low Net 66. 76-Sharon Fairclough, Rita Rich Flight 2: 83-Kathleen Goodwin, Judie Anderson. 89-Debra DeMatteo, Marlana LaClair

**Gross M/G Flight**

71-Sandy Snyder, Terry Declamp, and overall Low Gross. 77-Beverly Ovrebo, Susan Ishi

**Net M/M Flight**

Flight 1: 69-Lisa Free, Donna Issac. 70-Diane Boston, Liz Pruss.

Flight 2: 67-Tammy Seutter, Janette Sheil. 71-Robyn Atwood, Margie Williams.

**Net M/G Flight**

67-Christine Giza, Michelle Otto. 69-Lynn Colomb, Laurel Staiger.

**Cha Cha Cha (Team) Net**

**April 14/ The Tortoise & The Hare**

116-Laura McMillan, Judi McGuinness, May Chin, Liz Lang. 117-Page Falconer, Darlene De Berry, Susanne Mullineaux, Robyn Atwood. 118-Dawn Carroll, Virginia Combs, Eileen Gustavus, Kathleen Mansfield. Tie at 119-Gayla Aldridge, Pamela Robison, Liz Pruss, Joy Geradi, Lynn Colomb, Jill Strey, Marlana Le Clair, Jane Hall. 120-Va Donna Hall, Joanne Woolery, Brenda Hofmann, Rita Colpo. Tie at 121-Peggy Ellenberger, Joann Delmar, Teri Stecker, MJ Strelec,

Gail Lagrange, Beverly Ovrebo, Joann Della Penna, Virginia Madura, Sandy Snyder, Cindy Pursel, Barbara Vincent, Terry Lemesh, Diane Boston, Katie Schriewer, Judi Anderson, Donna Brunell.

**Individual Quota April 21/ The Links**

Flight 1: 1-Mary Jeannotte. 0-Page Falconer. Tie at -2-Diane Boston, Laura McMillan. Tie at -3-Dawn Carroll, Linda Taylor, Gail Lagrange.

Flight 2: 1-Cho Yulan. 0-Cindy Pursel. -1-Peggy Ellenberger. Tie at -2-Joann Woolery, Debby Wilson.

Flight 3: 0-Peggy Wiechmann. Tie at -1-Bobbie Wiener, Judie Anderson. Tie at -4-Marla Bennett, Lorie Anderson, Joann Delmar.

Flight 4: +4-Robyn Atwood. Tie at +1 Joann Della Penna, Teri Stecker. -1-May Chin. Tie at -2-Chythia Gersten, Marlana LaClair, Kathleen Mansfield.

Flight 5: Tie at 0-Kathy Sisti, Carol Carney. -1-Donna Townsend. Tie at -2-Terry Lemesh, Joy Geradi, Renee Anchors.

**Players Delight/One Best Ball Odd & Even Holes**

**April 28/The Tortoise & The Hare**

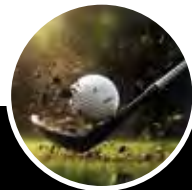
65-Page Falconer, Pamela Robison, Peggy Wiechmann, Teri Stecker. 66-Christine Giza, Jill Strey, Ellen Brinn, Carol Carney. 67-Gail Lagrange, Connie Sohl, Karen Campbell, Kathy Sisti. Tie at 68-Lynn Colomb, Marcella Nunez, Joann Ropel, Robyn Atwood, Kathleen Goodwin, Cindy Pursel, Joann Della Penna, Kathleen Mansfield. 69-Sandra Mansfield, Joanne Woolery, Liz Pruss, Margie Williams.

One more tip to speed up play: Put the scores in on the next tee box; do not wait on the green.

Hit 'em straight!

**Candler Hills Men's Golf**

**Kevin Hermida**



Candler Hills Men's Golf Association offers organized, competitive, and social opportunities. The league typically features weekly games, tournaments, and match play, serving as a popular way for players to connect.

Golf is jokingly described as a good walk spoiled. But that walk is loaded with cardiovascular health benefits - maybe even more than you'd get from an hour of brisk walking or Nordic walking, suggests a small, randomized study published by BMJ Open Sport and Exercise Medicine (Feb. 6, 2023).

**Scramble (Team) March 31**

Flight 1: Jeff Richardson, Robert Walker, Tim Clarkin, and Louis Hager. Larry Skoch, Mark Gumm, James Morgan, Dennis McCourt, Robert Coughanour, Joe Wilkes, Jim Thompson, and Joe Wong.

Flight 2: Ron Wages, Joe Ostrowski, Richard Foltyniewicz, and Joe Schubert. Rich Campbell, Paul John, Steven Gersten, Rick Deroven. Dave Falcone, James Shipley, John Parnau, and Tim Beaty.

Flight 3: Greg Hofmann, Doug Darlene, Gary Bugielski, Tony Corvino. Joe Devine, Dale Szymanski, and Gregg Edward. Brad Best, Rick Ferris, and John Johnson. Thomas Kujawa, Randy Kajawski, Charlie Taylor, Carl Forberg, and Walter Knautz. Ray Kallai, Steve Wrazen, Bruce Rothenberg, and Bob Le Master.

Flight 4: Randy Keller, Raymond Tyler, Danny Ball, and Donald Huston. Rick Schriewer, Ray Christ, Philip Petrozella, and John Devito. Doug Buckler, Billy Scholp, Joe Pruss, and Greg McMillan.

**Match Play**

**Interclub with Stone Creek**

Jeff Richardson, Paul Siders, Rick Petit, Rich Campbell, Mark Gumm, and John Paul. Kevin Lewellyn, Gaylon Powers, Ray Parloto, Joe Schubert, Bill Gurbisz, and Brad Best. Jeff Gerber, Doug Butler, Charlie Taylor, Patrick Whitley, and Steve Wrazen. Tim Clarkin, John McMahon, Louis Heger, Bruce Rothenberg, Mike Erickson, Richard Foltyniewicz, and Bill Kenyon. Congratulations to all who participated.

"You don't have the game you played last week or last year. You only have today's game. It may be far from your best, but that's all you got. Harden your heart and make the best of it." - Walter Hagen

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**Joe Spencer**



Come join our fun family of line dance friends and learn the newest mainstream dances done throughout the world, as well as popular classics. This will enable you to join your friends on the dance floor at almost any social or workshop event.

We dance to all types of music. There are four levels of classes. The easiest is Absolute Beginner (AB), from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., then Beginner, from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m., and Improver, from noon to 1 p.m., on Mondays in the Recreation Center Ballroom. The Intermediate level is on Tuesdays at the Arbor Conference Center Studio D, from 9 to 11 a.m. with Instructor Weber Wen.

Many dancers purchase tickets for multiple levels to get more exercise and learn more dances.

The first three levels also have practice sessions on Wednesdays. Practice is the key. The more practice, the better. There are also line-dance socials, where dancers can dance the dances they have learned in the Monday classes.

There is a new line dance class in The Landing Ballroom for Weybourne Landing residents on Wednesdays, from 11 a.m. to noon.

There will be another official line dance workshop and lunch on Saturday, Sept. 26, with Michele Burton, Michael Barr, and Larry Bass. These instructors/choreographers are known around the world.

If you would like to join the classes, the next session will be in September/October. Tickets go on sale on the OTOW App Tuesday, Aug. 4, through Friday, Aug. 14. AB, Beginner, and Improver classes are \$25 per level, and \$50 for the Intermediate level. You will also receive links to the dance step sheets and videos by email, usually two days before each class.

If you are just starting or are trying a new level mid-year (line dance year is September through June), please keep in mind that many of the others have been dancing since September, so there may be some dances that you may not know or need to catch up on. We always suggest that you focus on the new dances being taught, and you will pick up the others eventually. Line dancing is not exact. Feel free to make variations. For example, if you don't like turning, take the turns out. Do what works for you and just remember to have fun.

Line dancing is like therapy. It offers so many tremendous health benefits, both physical and mental. Many dancers notice their statistics improving after only a few months of dancing. It keeps us moving. Many dancers say that it helps their joints or flexibility. It strengthens the memory.

Keep in mind, line dancing takes time to learn at first. On average, a new line dancer may take months to understand the basics. No partner needed. We laugh a lot and make "variations." This is a great way to meet new friends. If you have any questions, email joeship1@yahoo.com (AB, Beginner or Improver) or yfwen@yahoo.com (Intermediate). Join us on Facebook (Line Dance Ocala).

**Broadway & Tap Dancing**

**Elaine Voorhis**



Wow! May has come and gone. It's been a busy month of happy celebrations for our moms and somber ones of those who fought for our country.

The Broadway Moves dancers have been busy too, as usual. Our current session started right on the heels of the previous one. Our sessions run for seven weeks, during which we have six weeks to learn the new routine and perform it on the seventh. In addition, we keep practicing older dances to keep them in our minds and our repertoire. At any rate, no matter how much time we have or don't have in between, we're always glad to be back, happily dancing and tapping.

Several of the dancers in the Broadway classes are also in tap. Tap dancing is becoming increasingly popular among seniors. Some have been dancing for years, just want to return to it or they are first time tappers. As is true for many forms of dance, it's great exercise for the body and brain, and then there's the social aspect which is equally important.

Did you know that Monday, May 25 was National Tap Dance Day? According to Wikipedia, National Tap Dance Day falls on May 25 every year and is a celebration of tap dance as an American art form. The idea of National Tap Dance Day was first presented to congress in 1989. It was signed into law by President George H. W. Bush. Tap day celebrations take place in other countries as well, such as Japan, Australia, India, and Iceland.

Our tap classes are structured a bit differently from the Broadway classes. We learn different steps and combinations that are built into a routine. Since registration is monthly, we don't have a set time to learn a routine, although we do participate in the Broadway recitals where we will perform some of our favorites and sometimes a new tap dance.

Presently the Broadway classes are working on their latest routines. The Broadway 1 class is embarking on a very energetic dance rivaling some aerobic routines and the Broadway 2 class will be dancing to a lively, somewhat animat-



Photo by Steve Warren

Broadway Moves tap dancers performed "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy."

ed routine. You'll have to come watch when we have our recital.

Speaking of recitals, our last one was held in the Recreation Center Ballroom at the end of April. From the feedback we received, it was a big success ... the best one yet! We had a great turnout of at least ninety people. Wow! Thank you to all who came to watch. We hope to see you again at our next recital scheduled

for Friday, June 12, at 1 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Watch for our poster on several community Facebook pages.

If you would like more information about our classes or would like us to perform for your club, event or neighborhood gathering, contact us at broadwayandtap@yahoo.com.

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**Sidekicks**



**Rich Gautier**

first, but that feeling often disappears quickly once the music starts. Sidekicks is designed to make learning comfortable and encouraging, so couples can relax, laugh, and grow at their own pace. Regular participation helps dancers feel more confident, both in class and in social settings, while also strengthening balance, memory, and teamwork.

Sidekicks will offer monthly practice sessions only until September. The next practice will be held on Tuesday, June 16, and then again on Tuesday, July 14. These monthly sessions take place at 4 p.m. in the Recreation Center and give couples a chance to keep dancing, stay connected, and build confidence over

if you still had your uniform!

The Ovation Dancers are the performing wing of this club, and we have been busy rehearsing for "At the CopaOcala" on Saturday, May 30, for the Latinos Club. Later this year we will also be appearing in a brand-new show for the Friends of SPCA at The Landing.

I promised some showbiz stories in my last column so here is one you may enjoy.

In my very first show as a dancer in London's West End, we had a thrust stage, which even though it had a regu-

lar proscenium stage, it also extended

out into the audience surrounding us on three sides. I was placed on stage left and we performed a step with our backs to the audience where we crossed our left leg behind our right leg. Everything was fine until one night I was a bit too energetic, and my left leg went right out over the edge of the stage and I landed right on top of some poor man who had the presence of mind to say, "Oh hello, there's a girl in my soup!"

I clambered back on the stage in a very ungainly manner and ran off stage

the summer.

Beginner classes will resume starting in September, and we hope to see everyone back then. Beginner and improver classes will return, giving couples a fresh opportunity to learn, practice, and keep building confidence together.

During our regular season, monthly "all-level" dances are held every four weeks on Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. These social dances are a welcoming way for couples to try what they have learned, meet other dancers, and enjoy an upbeat afternoon together.

couples to share a goal, learn side by side, and find new confidence through movement and music. Many dancers discover that the confidence they gain on the floor carries into everyday life, making the experience even more rewarding.

For details, questions, or registration information, email [partnerdancesidekicks@gmail.com](mailto:partnerdancesidekicks@gmail.com) or visit [partnerdancesidekick.wixsite.com/otow](http://partnerdancesidekick.wixsite.com/otow) or our Facebook page (Sidekicks Partner Pattern Dance Club).

Couples are invited to step into spring with Sidekicks and discover how dancing together can make you feel more confident, energized, and connected – one joyful step at a time.

**Jazz Dance Club**



**Liz Elliott Lieberman**

For Veterans Day, we plan to pay tribute to "Women in the Military." If you have served in the military, please contact me at the number below or email . You will not have to dance, but maybe make a special appearance and walk across the stage. It would be wonderful

our patriotic medley at the Memorial Day Ceremony.

Lastly, on Wednesday, June 17, we will proudly perform a patriotic selection at Master the Possibilities' Grand Finale for our country's 250th anniversary at Circle Square Cultural Center.

Now, we turn the spotlight to Kathy Lewis. She was born and raised in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. At the age of five, Kathy started swimming, which led to a 20-year career of national records, including participation in the 1972 Olympic trials. Kathy missed the team by one-tenth of a second, but this didn't stop her from receiving a full scholarship to swim at William Paterson University in New Jersey. Kathy graduated with a degree in elementary education and later earned a Master's in reading. She had a 35-year teaching career in Orlando.

Kathy's busy life also included cheerleading and dance. She was a member of her college dance program and later joined a professional ballet company after graduating.

She has been married to her husband, Rich, for 37 years. Another fun fact about

Kathy is that her family was the first ever to receive black belts in Taekwondo on the same day. Their motto was, "A family that kicks together sticks together!"

Here, Kathy enjoys jazz and ballet classes, participation in the Murder Mystery Theater Club, and, of course, being a pommie. She joined in September 2024 and is so grateful to work and perform with the wonderful, talented,

and dedicated ladies whom she calls her pommie sisters.

If you would like Poms Dance and Cheer to perform at your next event, we are available for future dates. We hope the love we have for what we do shines through in each performance. Go pommies! Please contact Pam Kalamaras at [pammykal@aol.com](mailto:pammykal@aol.com) for more information.

**Poms Dance & Cheer**



**Pamela Kalamaras**

This spring, dressed in poodle skirts, the Poms Dance and Cheer Squad presented our popular, energetic dance and cheer to retirement homes and retired veterans. The Windsor of Ocala has always been a favorite of ours with their enthusiastic audiences. It was a joy to also perform for the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village on Saturday, May 2.

We look forward to continuing our routines in the fall with a new medley and theme, so stay tuned!

On Thursday, May 14, we performed our sock hop medley for Women of the World in the Recreation Center Ballroom. The '50s style theme continues to be a hit in our community and throughout Ocala, so please contact us if you would like us to perform this routine at your next celebration.

On Monday, May 25, we performed



Photo by Rick Munsell

Poms Dance and Cheer Squad performing a sock hop medley at the Windsor of Ocala on Saturday, April 18.



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**Table Tennis**



Mary Jeannotte

The Table Tennis Club is committed to providing opportunities for all members, regardless of skill level, to practice and enjoy the sport. In addition to our regular schedule, we offer three dedicated time slots each week exclusively for women.

The main goal of these sessions is to provide another venue where women of all skill levels can feel comfortable playing table tennis. The club, in general, fosters a welcoming environment that encourages more women to participate and improve across all sessions. It may be difficult for new women players to play alongside more experienced men.

The ladies-only sessions provide a

place to learn at one's own pace, build confidence, try new techniques, and focus on personal progress rather than competition. This approach is also supported by the International Table Tennis Federation, which recognizes the value of women-only sessions in promoting skill development, fitness, social connection, and participation.

The ladies-only sessions at our club bring together women of varying skill levels for both singles and doubles. They also create opportunities for social connection and support. Regular lunch dates are scheduled throughout the year, and a group chat helps members arrange practice times outside of membership hours.

Ladies-only sessions are currently held on Monday and Friday from 1 to 3 p.m., and on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon. For a complete list of session times for all members, please refer to the full schedule posted inside the Arbor Conference Center Table Tennis Room.



Photo by Mary Jeannotte

Ladies-only table tennis session.

**POP Tennis**



Beth Smith

POP tennis continues to thrive as we head into the warmer months! We are currently playing every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday on The Arbors' lower tennis courts, with our early birds beginning at 7:30 a.m. Come early or show up whenever you can - there is always a game waiting and plenty of fun

to be had.

Our Thursday evening sessions have been postponed for the summer due to the warm temperatures, but will resume in the fall.

Lessons for both new and existing members can be arranged by contacting Brenda Foster at [Brenda@gcfonline.com](mailto:Brenda@gcfonline.com). Whether you are just learning the game or looking to sharpen your skills, Brenda is happy to help.

Anyone interested in trying POP tennis is encouraged to simply show up! We have paddles available for newcomers to borrow, and we'll gladly show you how

to play. The game is like tennis and pickleball had a child - it's POP!

We also have an active women's group on Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings, led by Sharon Daniel. For information on joining, contact Sharon at [sidusps8163@gmail.com](mailto:sidusps8163@gmail.com).

Several of our adventurous "high flyers" took a break from the courts in early May to go zip lining at Haile Quarry, soaring over scenic views and sparkling water. We are happy to report that every-

one survived the adventure and safely returned to regular POP tennis play!

While we have said goodbye to many of our snowbirds for the season, our "shore birds" are still here - and multiplying! As of May 1, our membership has grown to 82 members, and we warmly welcome all newcomers to our growing POP tennis family.

For general information, please contact Shizuka Campagna at [shizuka-campagna@gmail.com](mailto:shizuka-campagna@gmail.com). See you on the courts!



Photo by Shizuka Campagna

POP tennis players zipline at Haile Quarry.

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Clarence Stalling.

**Tennis Club**

**Clarence Stalling**



My journey with tennis began in the early '70s, fueled by the legendary battles between John McEnroe and the "local boy" from Belleville, Illinois - Jimmy Connors. Living in St. Louis at the time, the excitement was contagious. A few coworkers and I decided to give it a try, heading to the courts after work to play what I affectionately call "swing at it and hope it goes in" tennis. We didn't have much form, but we had plenty of spirit.

As my life moved from the Midwest to the South, the game grew with me. Moving to Atlanta was a turning point; it was a true "mecca" for amateur tennis.

Joining the Atlanta Lawn Tennis Association (ALTA) introduced me to the world of competitive doubles, where I first learned that tennis is as much about partnership as it is about the ball.

Later, while working at the University of Florida in Gainesville, I finally experienced "real" coaching. For the first time, I traded guesswork for the beauty of structured play and doubles strategy. However, life has its detours. During a four-year stay in Nashville, I never even saw a tennis court - just plenty of guitars and cowboy boots, but not a single pair of tennis shoes!

After a stint in Tampa, I finally found my way home to On Top of the World. Here, I found that "all is well" in the world of tennis once again. Now, I am back on the courts as a regular. Looking at the beautiful strokes and the friendships formed between sets, I realize this game has given me more than just a powerful serve; it has given me a community. They say it takes time to master

**Weight Loss Group**

**Lori Beth Green**



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9:15 a.m., and the meeting begins at 10 a.m. Beth Reynolds is the leader. Visitors are always welcome. For questions

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8:00 am	Cardio Boxing (MADINE)		Tai Chi (ART)		Dance Aerobics (LILLIAN)
9:00 am	S.O.S. (MADINE)	Stretch, Flex & Balance (DEBBIE)	S.O.S. (JOHN C.)	Stretch, Flex & Balance (DEBBIE)	S.O.S. (DEBBIE)
9:00 am	Chair Pilates (LILLIAN)		BEAT (JOHN P.)		Chair Pilates (LILLIAN)
10:00 am	Balanced Body (LARRY)	Chair Yoga (SANDRA)	Balanced Body (EGGIE)	Chair Yoga (LEI)	Balanced Body (DEBBIE)
10:00 am	Chair Yoga (SANDRA)		Chair Yoga (SCOTT)		Chair Yoga (SCOTT)
11:00 am	Get Fit While You Sit* (JOY E)	Brain Power (JE TEAM)	Get Fit While You Sit (JOE)	Sculpt (LILLIAN)	Chair Dance (JIM)
11:00 am	Dance Aerobics (JOHN M.)		Zumba* (MADINE)		Zumba* (MADINE)
12:00 pm		Parkinson's B.A.S.E.** (JILL)		Move to Improve Parkinson's** (JILL)	SATURDAY CLASSES: S.O.S. 9 am Chair Yoga 10 am
1:00 pm		Chair Chi** (ART)		Beginner/Intermediate Tai Chi (MADINE)	
3:00 pm	VYP Chair Yoga (JOE)	Balanced Body (VICKI)	Chair Yoga* (VICKI)	Balanced Body (LOUIS)	
5:00 pm		Candlelight Yoga (LEI)		Candlelight Yoga (SANDRA)	

Recreation Fitness Center Hours: Monday-Friday 6:30 AM - 7 PM; Saturday 7 AM - 7 PM; Sunday 9 AM - 5 PM  
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\*Seasonal classes run from October-June.  
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8:00 am	STRONG* (DEBBIE)	STRONG (LILLIAN)		STRONG (LILLIAN)	STRONG* (JOHN C.)
9:00 am	Yoga (SANDRA)	Pilates Fusion (VICKI/LILLIAN)	Yoga (JOE)	Pilates Fusion (LEI)	Yin Yoga (LILLIAN)
10:00 am	STRONG (JOHN C.)	STRONG* (SANDRA)	STRONG (JOE)	STRONG* (JOHN P.)	STRONG (JOHN P.)
11:00 am	Yoga* (LEI)	Yoga* (SANDRA)	Yoga (JOHN)	Yoga* (LEI)	ABC Yoga* (TRISH)
4:00 pm	Muscle Fit (WCAA)	Strong and Steady (WCAA)		Interval Training (WCAA)	Dance Fit (WCAA)

Arbor Fitness Center Hours: Monday-Friday 5:30 AM - 8:30 PM; Saturday 7 AM - 8:30 PM; Sunday 9 AM - 7 PM  
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10:00 am		Shallow Water Aerobics (SANDRA)		Shallow Water Aerobics (SANDRA)	
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**Co-Ed Recreational Softball**

Pat Wilbert



Looks like summer has arrived a little early. That does not stop everyone wanting to play the sport we all love – softball! We arrive at 8:30 a.m. to set up and play our games approximately at 8:45 p.m. Warm-up exercises are done, and teams are chosen. Then play ball.

CoEd Recreational Softball is an opportunity for men and women of all ages and experience to get together and have fun. You are outdoors, and plenty of exercise is involved. New friends are made each week, forming a great bunch. We are like a big second family meeting each week to play and have fun.

Just to mention, some of our ladies

were invited to participate in the rivalry game against Stone Creek on Sunday, April 26. Some great plays were demonstrated by Chris Lopez, our manager, Karen Lynn, Coleen McGovern, and Pam Von Her, but overall, it was a team effort. Unfortunately, we lost 22 to 20. We will get them next time. Great time for all with a good turnout. Just goes to show you, you don't have to be in your 20s or 30s to enjoy this great sport.

Also, our second tailgate party was held on Saturday, May 2. Good food, great fun, and camaraderie among everyone.

If you would like to join our family on Saturday, please come down at 8:30 a.m. We do have some equipment and bats for everyone to use. Look forward to seeing everyone.

Here's a good saying to remember: There's nothing soft about softball – it just leaves a bigger bruise.

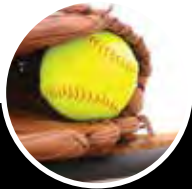


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Co-Ed Recreational Softball League members.

**Rec Softball Club**

Bryan Tully



In 1776, patriot Thomas Paine wrote the iconic phrase "These are the times that try men's souls." Paine, of course, was referring to the early struggles the colonists faced after deciding to go to war with England to gain their independence. For far less significant reasons, but apropos, the same phrase can be used to describe current events in the Rec Softball League.

This spring season, the decision was made to consolidate the six teams into four. While the task of forging ahead and completing the season and playoffs has been daunting, those players still available to play have risen to the occasion with a steadfast approach and a commitment to their teammates and fellow players. As one of those sidelined, this reporter has witnessed something both impressive and inspiring.

The following perspective was submitted by a player who wishes to remain anonymous; it very accurately highlights what the Rec Softball League is all about.

**More Than Just a Game: The Heart of On Top of the World Softball**

By Anonymous

At first glance, the Rec Softball League looks like a group of players chasing a ball under the Florida sun. But step clos-

er to the dugout, and you'll realize the scoreboard is the least important thing on the field.

None of us reaches this season of life without carrying a few scars. Whether they are physical reminders of a life well-lived or the quieter, heavier burdens, we all bring our history to the diamond. For many of us, those six to 10 hours spent on the field each week aren't just a hobby – they are a lifeline. They are, quite simply, at times the best hours of the week.

- The Power of the Dugout: The magic happens in the dirt and the shade of the dugout.
- The Banter: The quick-witted jokes and relentless "razzing" that keep us humble.
- The Connection: A shared language of strategy and nostalgia that bridges the gap between where we've been and where we are now.
- The Escape: For a few innings, the demands of the "real world" fade away, replaced by the simple goal of making the play. In this league, we aren't just teammates; we are a community. We show up for the love of the game, but we stay for the camaraderie that reminds us we don't have to navigate the tough innings of life alone.

In closing ... "We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing."

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**Horseshoes Club**

Vern Kessler



The Horseshoe Club had another great end-of-season pizza party. The club also wished safe travels to members returning north for the summer. The club extends a big thank you to David and Gloria Laliberte for making all the arrangements for this year's end-of-season party.

The annual awards presented at the year-end party were:

- Most Improved Player: Kevin Cullinane.
- Highest Ringer Percentage: Betty DeLong.
- Best Winning Percentage: Cliff Dallas.

Triple-double award pins were awarded to Cliff Dallas and Betty DeLong for pitching six ringers in a row. Cliff had four, and Betty had one.

Following the annual tradition, each club member received a "Horseshoe Club at OTOW" pin for 2026.

The club's statistics for the 2025/2026 season are 640 matches, pitched 25,840 shoes, and 4,727 ringers (18.29% club ringer percentage).

The club will continue to pitch shoes for fun on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. throughout the summer months. This is a great time to come out and try on pitching shoes with the club members. The club pitches at the pits at the Veterans Park and has open practices on Thursdays at 9 a.m.

The horseshoe pits are available most every day for residents. Shoes, brooms, and dustpans are available at the pits. Please remove the white PVC pipe covering the steel stake before pitching any shoes. Replace the PVC pipe when done, sweep up around the pits, and put away all the equipment used.

The Horseshoe Club is free to join. No monthly dues or expensive equipment to buy because everything you need to pitch shoes is provided. The summer months are a good time to come out and join the fun.

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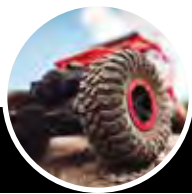
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**R/C Car Club**

**John Schoenherr**



ing member participation in racing and making it easier to own and race electric vehicles. If interested in our club rules, they can be found on our Facebook page (OTOW RC Car Club) in featured posts.

The 12 classes of races now run evolved from the early dirt-track racing that marked the club's beginnings. During the dirt racing days, there were only buggies, truggies, and trucks, and the rules were pretty simple – don't break your vehicle.

Converting to an asphalt track opened up opportunities for touring cars, and rules were needed to keep racing safe and accessible to drivers of all levels. Rules such as limiting cars to 1/10th scale and limiting LIPO batteries to no more than two cells helped even out the field.

As the racing progressed, members

started experimenting with different types of vehicles. Early on, a need was recognized for a basic car that was easy to own and drive. The club adopted the Traxxas 4-Tec 2.0 car as a racing class for newer drivers, and it remains popular today. The pan car was identified as an interesting racing experience and added as a racing class. More recently, Losi introduced the 1/12th-scale NASCAR vehicle, and the club recognized a new racing opportunity, quickly adapting the rules to allow this scale of car and creating the NASCAR class.

The club's goal in creating the different racing classes is to provide a racing experience for drivers of all levels and to offer a clear path for drivers who want to move on to more challenging racing. Many members start with a Traxxas or a NASCAR, but soon want to move on

to more challenging racing. The Limited class is a great next step. A new car will be needed for this class, and it will likely be a kit, meaning the car has to be built. Building a car on your own is a big change from buying "ready to run" cars. Once built, the car needs to be tuned for the track and the member's driving style. And of course, the touring cars are much faster. All the rules create a challenging and fun-filled hobby.

For more information, contact John at 608-477-3420.

**April**

Traxxas-Larry Ericksmoen. Two-wheel buggy-Bob Zangmiester. Pan car-Bob Zangmiester. Modified-Jim Siltman. Two-wheel truck-Bob Zangmiester. Limited-Dave Johnson. Touring-Dave Johnson. Sportsman-Paul Beyer. Truggy-Wolfgang Langer. NASCAR-Jim Printer.

**Archery Club**

**Robin Schiltz**



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If you think you aren't strong enough to try archery, you're exactly who it's designed for. Strength comes from

shooting, not before it. Archery meets you where you are – and helps you grow from there. Stop by the range to learn more.

The Archery Club manages the range at the Veterans Park and welcomes archers of all skill levels, from novices to competitive. Plenty of equipment is available for those new to archery or returning after a long hiatus. We also have a well-equipped maintenance shop to keep club and personal archery equipment in top shape.

In addition, we have practitioners of the traditional martial art of kyudo, which emphasizes the archer's spiritual and mental development. Kyudo's

slow, deliberate movements help practitioners achieve mental focus and inner harmony. To learn more about this meditative archery discipline, stop by the range on Wednesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. or contact Brenda Foster (brenda@gcfonline.com).

Each Friday, we host "Freestyle Friday" from 9 a.m. to noon. Club mentors are at the range and available to assist our novice archers with skill improvement. If you are considering joining the club, we invite you to come by during Freestyle Friday for a quick introduction to the club and range.

For more in-depth knowledge, we hold workshops for members on various aspects of the sport. In addition, Patty Hoppe hosts "Archery Fundamentals and Shooting" workshops at the range on the third Tuesday of each month. Topics vary monthly, and a fun shoot is held after each workshop. All club members are welcome. Workshops begin at 10 a.m.

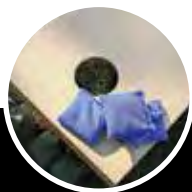
Club membership is open to all residents with a valid ID or a Gateway of Services pass. Please note that range use is reserved for members only.

To become a member, visit [otowarcheryclub.org](http://otowarcheryclub.org) > New Members. Then, download and complete the application form and required waivers and bring them to the range on Friday mornings during Freestyle Friday. Or, for additional information, please contact Chuck at [chuck-archery@strickland.net](mailto:chuck-archery@strickland.net) or 407-257-9668 or Suzi at [suzanne.shea61@gmail.com](mailto:suzanne.shea61@gmail.com) or 908-510-5714.

As always, keep it in the yellow!

**Cornhole Club**

**Ray Nault**



Club. Each team played seven games. The Goodhue team won first place in individual scoring, with Bob Helf and Barb Daughtry taking second place. The SummerGlen teams outscored our team, 789 to 710. The matches were very competitive, and everyone had a great time. Plans have SummerGlen coming to us for a return match.

Open play continues to be busy. Monday and Wednesday are still the most

heavily attended, but Thursday is gaining popularity. Setting up at 4:40 p.m. for practice and starting play when we have 20 players. If more than 20 players show, they will have the option of waiting for the first available court (which usually doesn't take very long) or playing in the grassy area next to the regular courts. We welcome all skill levels, including beginners.

We offer a beginner's class to learn the techniques and rules of cornhole on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. You must register for the class by contacting Linda Nault at [Lnault52@gmail.com](mailto:Lnault52@gmail.com). Cornhole is located at the Veterans Park.

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**Billiards Club**



**Phil Panzera**

The club recently finished its 15-week winter league. Congratulations to Mike Lawson's Team 2, who won the Lions Division and the league championship.

Team 2 finished with the best win-loss record and the highest win percentage of the fourteen teams in the league. Team members included Captain Mike Lawson, Co-captain Ron Rose, Nikki Buehlman, Tom Marcotte, Lew Plaunty, Phil Panzera, and Al Sable. Lulu Kerkhoff's Team 4 played very strongly to take second place in the Lions.

Congratulations also to Doug McClain's Team 7, the Wolves Division champs. Team 7 narrowly edged out Mark Gatchell's Team 14, cinching the win on the last ball of the last game in the last match on the last day. Teams 7 and 14 had been close all season, and both played in the championship pool. Team 7 members included: Captain Doug McClain, Co-captain Dave King, Jeff Bloom, John Del Monte, Glo King, Jeff Holton, Dan Weiss, and Don Wright.

**ANECDOTE OF THE MONTH:** I just played nine-ball mixed doubles in The Villages Senior Games. My partner is one of my billiards students, along with her husband, and they have become good friends. She is a very good pool player, despite aiming and shooting way too fast, and ignoring my suggestions to slow down for the last two years.

The Villages rules for doubles play are slightly different, and no discussion or coaching is allowed. Even a word is a ball-in-hand foul.

We are in a critical match, and I am happy since we have only five balls left, and I expect we will run out and win. Then, I am stunned to see her go down and aim her cue at the nine-ball, with the cue ball just inches away to her left. Oh, the horror! Surely she will not shoot it! Surely she will see the yellow stripe on the ball she is staring at! I am frozen - I cannot say a word - either way it is a foul.

I wait with tense anticipation, but not for long, as she never takes long. She strikes the nine-ball and makes her object ball, and then stands up with a stricken look on her face, instantly realizing what she had done.

No matter. We were there just for the fun of it, but the gold medal sure would have been nicer than the silver.

Moral of the Story: There are two, actually. One, shooting pool isn't a race. Take your time. Aim deliberately. Don't shoot when you "think" it's going about in the pocket; dial it in until you "know" it's going in the very center of the pocket.

Moral two is even more important. Wherever you shoot, whatever the game, whatever the rules, and whatever the stakes, you will absolutely and always have an easier time winning if you shoot the cue ball and not an object ball.

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**Call of the Wild Sports Club**



**Steve Sekac**

The ongoing severe drought in Florida is significantly changing saltwater fishing conditions in the Nature Coast and Big Bend Region on the Northwest coastline. Freshwater is needed in estuaries and coastal rivers to create transitional zones for saltwater species. Increases in salinity impact the saltwater species ability to feed or find refuge.

The increased salinity, along with rising temperatures, results in drought-related stress on wildlife, reducing dissolved oxygen and making fish less likely to take bait. This can make normally productive saltwater spots less attractive to anglers.

In freshwater systems, drought allows the invasive hydrilla to spread rapidly in low-flow conditions. This affects access to coastal waterways and reduces fishing infrastructure in areas where fresh and saltwater meet. Reduced water levels and lock closures also limit access to prime fishing areas.

Club members participated in several Gulf saltwater fishing trips during April. Catches included speckled trout, hogfish, red snapper, black drum, and porgies/grunts.

Paul Jorgensen (shooting director) reported the April handicap competition winner was a tie between Michael Lalli and Mike Brajer, each with a combined score (handicap plus scratch) of 106. Second place was Dan DeAngelo with a combined score of 94. Leading the competition year to date is Michael Lalli with a combined score of 111, followed by Mike Brajer with 106. Complete handicap competition results for all shooters, including their scores, are on our website.

Wayne Phillips (vice-president and hunting director) reported that the Rounds for Valor Skeet, raising money for veterans facing PTSD/depression, took place on Saturday, May 23, in Lithia, Florida, where one four-member team competed from the club.

The Call of the Wild Sports Club consists of hunting, shooting, and fishing enthusiasts. Our members regularly participate in trap, skeet, sporting clays, and pistol shooting, as well as in fresh and saltwater fishing outings. If this is your calling, please join us on the first Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. For more information, contact Wayne Phillips at 571-237-0520.

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**Ohio Buckeyes Social Club**



**Tami Rossignol**

The Ohio Buckeyes Social Club kicked off May with a fun-filled "happy" May Day Derby party on Friday, May 1. Members enjoyed a delicious Derby-themed potluck, lively contests, and plenty of laughs in true Buckeye spirit.

Contest winners included Gwyn Pinson, who took top honors in the ladies' hat contest; Dennis Green, who nailed the men's dapper attire contest; and Larry Boyce, who won the bourbon tasting. A lively Kentucky Derby trivia contest went to the table of Gregg Keidel, Gwyn Pinson, Dawn Hippler, Ken Rancor, Dave Ruhlen, Marge Ruhlen, and Lisa Polasky.

The highlight? Indoor horse racing right in the ballroom! Club members cheered as oversized inflatable horses with clever names raced through six heats and a championship round, "ridden" by enthusiastic participants. "It was a riot!" one member said.

Congratulations to ultimate Gold Cup Trophy winner Marge Ruhlen and her speedy filly, Maple Stirrup. Special

thanks to Gregg Keidel for organizing the races and naming the horses, and for the hard work of the social committee members Ginger Allhouse, Rita Boyce, Sharon Estock, Dawn Hippler, and Gwyn Pinson, who planned and organized this event.

Mark your calendar for the club's next big event: the 250th Independence Day celebration party on Friday, July 3, at The Lodge at Candler Hills poolside pavilion. The club will provide all the meat and fixings for hamburgers and hot dogs. Additional details will be shared soon via email and the club's Facebook page.

Members should also watch for "pop-up" events throughout the year, along with the popular OSU Buckeye football watch parties, a Halloween party, and the annual holiday party.

Anyone interested in joining or renewing membership in the Ohio Buckeyes Social Club is welcome. Annual dues are just \$20 per person. The club is open to all residents with ties to or an interest in the great state of Ohio.

Email buckeyefans34481@gmail.com for more information. Once a member, you can connect with fellow Buckeyes and view upcoming events and photos on the Facebook page (Ohio Buckeye Social Club of OTOW).

**CONSERVATION FUN FACT**

Florida burrowing owls have 50 acres of designated conservation area, planned to ensure that their nesting areas are not disturbed during land development. On Top of the World builds artificial burrows to give them alternate nesting sites when new developments are started.

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Good Times (Jack Prater, Janet Meyers, Donna Siegfried).

**Bocce Club**

**Kathy Nastally**



The best of bocce tournaments are now in the books for 2026! We had fantastic competition with tight scoring games throughout the tournaments. You always hear sports people talking about “peaking at the right time,” and the same could go for bocce, but it’s often a very unpredictable game.

The culmination of team skills can make or break your results. The weather was awesome, and all the teams had strong hopes of coming out on top. Longleaf Ridge 1 league team “Good Times” (Jack Prater, Janet Meyers and Donna Siegfried) hailed victorious. Team “On the Edge” (Kathy and Chris Nastally, Jim McWhinney and Barb Daughtry) from the Tuesday/Thursday leagues has now won their second consecutive tournament! Players are already conspiring to top that team next year.

The open play team “Hit or Miss” (Gary Schroeder, Vince Laney, Ed Cason, and Jim Hudspeth) took top honors. Nicely played.

Congratulations to our winners. We thank the members, the volunteers who set up each day, league representatives, and the board of directors for a fantastic season.

We concluded our season with the annual club meeting, in the Recreation Center Ballroom, on Sunday, April 26. President Pam Brown reviewed our

year’s accomplishments, financials, and remembrance of past members. Terri Bloom was elected to the board as the Tuesday 11 a.m. league representative. Barbara Daughtry is stepping in as vice president. We enjoyed Lee’s Famous Recipe Chicken and cupcakes, as well as visiting with everyone.

For the summer, open play is on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. We play two games to 16 points; the first team to 16 points wins. We use a luck of the draw format to determine courts, opponents, and teammates. We have 48 players on six courts. Closed-toed shoes must be worn on the courts. The bocce courts are located behind the Arbor Fitness Center near the tennis courts.

League play resumes in October. League play will be on Tuesdays at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Club dues are \$15. If you are interested in learning the game or are new to us, you may play three times before paying club dues. Dues are good through Sept. 30. All players must complete the required Hold Harmless forms and have a valid resident ID or Gateway of Services pass. Everyone is willing to help show you the ropes.

Residents are welcome to play outside of the scheduled open play/league times. There are crated balls under the benches. Court one is accessible to people with disabilities, and a portion of the wall is removable for access. There’s lighting for evening play. Please direct questions or concerns to Pam Brown, club president, at 970-531-1890. Let the bocce balls roll!

**Velo Sport Bicycle Club**

**Nick Arkon**



Since becoming a resident of On Top of the World in 2017, Dan Oaks – affectionately known as “Dan the Bike Man” – has become a familiar and inspiring figure among local cyclists. With a lifelong passion for riding, Dan considers himself a recreational cyclist, but his dedication and enthusiasm go far beyond that simple label.

Dan’s love for bicycles is evident not only in how often he rides, but also in the impressive collection he maintains. Personally, he owns seven bicycles, each suited for different riding styles and conditions. Beyond that, he has assembled a collection of more than 25 bicycles, many of which he has carefully refurbished. These bikes are available to individuals interested in getting started or returning to cycling without the expense of buying new equipment. His efforts have made cycling more accessible to many within the community.

A natural leader, Dan heads the Intermediate cycling group at On Top of the World. His rides strike a perfect balance – challenging enough to build confidence and endurance, yet relaxed enough to remain enjoyable and social. What truly sets Dan’s group apart is its exclusivity. Riders using tricycles, e-bikes, and recumbent bicycles are all warmly welcomed, creating a diverse

and supportive environment where everyone can feel comfortable participating.

In addition to leading the Intermediate group, Dan facilitates and participates with other cycling organizations throughout Florida. He also rides with the local Advanced group within the community, demonstrating his versatility and commitment to staying engaged at multiple levels of the sport.

Dan’s enthusiasm for cycling is contagious. Whether he’s organizing a group ride, helping someone find the right bike, or offering encouragement to a new rider, his positive attitude shines through. He has built not just a cycling group, but a community within a community—one that values health, friendship, and the simple joy of being on two (or three) wheels. For those looking to join a welcoming and active cycling group, Dan Oaks is always ready to help you get started.

Velo Sport Bicycle Club has no president, no dues, and is the officially recognized bicycle club of On Top of the World. Beginners and Intermediate cyclists meet on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at the Power Park (intersection of SW 90 Terrace Road and SW 90th Street).

Please contact any of these leaders for specific dates, times, and destinations. For beginners, contact Dennis Cicotte at 561-339-3588 for details on group rides and destinations; intermediate cyclists contact Dan Oaks at 401-663-7085. For the Advanced group, contact Nick Arkon at 864-336-3399 for specific details.

**Shuffleboard**

**Walt Lamp**



The Saturday, May 2, luncheon officially ended our regular season and launched our summer season. September will mark the start of our regular season and instruction sessions. The get-together of members from all our shifts was our once-a-year time for fun. We used the time not only for a food occasion but also for discussing some club business and resolving some issues.

**April High Scores**  
Bill Weir, Charlie Lentz, Paul Genereux, Robert Sa-

piro, Linda Nault, and Larry Garvin. 30-plus: Larry Garvin, Larry Anderson, Scott Lyons, Ben Travis, Gib Mattson, Walter Lamp, and Linda Chindelas.

We invite all residents to continue using the shuffleboard courts and equipment on the side of our shed. We also invite you to watch our regular players in action, and feel free to ask questions. So, have a good summer and call Walter Lamp at 352-304-8711 with questions you might have.

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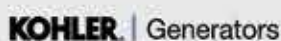
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## The Grand Finale

By Michelle Shideler

Get ready to step into history because this is not our typical end-of-term event. Master the Possibilities is bringing America's past to life in a vibrant, patriotic grand finale you won't want to miss.

On Wednesday, June 17, at Circle Square Cultural Center, Master the Possibilities will conclude its "Exploring 250 Years of America" term with a dynamic celebration that captures the spirit, resilience, and diversity of our nation's journey. This special event represents the culmination of months of learning and discovery, all wrapped into one unforgettable afternoon of presentations, performances, and community connection.

The program will open with a moving and traditional ceremony, including the presentation of colors by the Honor Guard, the Pledge of Allegiance, and stirring musical performances by the Concert Chorus. Throughout the event, attendees will be taken on a journey through history with engaging presentations that highlight defining moments in America's story.

From a portrayal of Martha Washington to reflections on the Civil War, a

reading of the Gettysburg Address, and tributes to the courage and unity that have shaped our country, each segment brings history to life in a meaningful way.

What truly sets this event apart is its immersive experience. Historical figures from various time periods will be in attendance, allowing participants to interact with and even take photos alongside some of America's most iconic personalities. Imagine meeting Deborah Sampson or snapping a picture with Uncle Sam. It's a fun and memorable way to connect with the past.

The grand finale also showcases the incredible talent within our educational community. Guests will enjoy performances such as a lively Yankee Doodle Dandy dance number by Penny Berton and the Broadway dance class, energetic patriotic routines, and Americana piano music. The program also includes heartfelt moments of reflection, honoring events like 9/11 and celebrating influential leaders such as Martin Luther King, Jr.

Following the presentation, the celebration continues with a festive social featuring "Tastes of America." Guests



will enjoy a wide variety of classic foods that reflect our nation's culinary traditions. From hot dogs, sliders, and chili to cornbread, hand pies, Cracker Jacks, and ice cream. It's a delicious journey through history that everyone can enjoy.

Attendees are encouraged to dress in red, white, and blue or represent their favorite era in American history, adding

to the fun and festive atmosphere.

The cost to attend is \$25 per person, which includes both the program and food. Registration is available 24/7 at [masterthepossibilities.org](http://masterthepossibilities.org) or by calling the office Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 352-861-9751. Join us as we celebrate 250 years of history and the community that keeps that story alive.



Photos courtesy of Elvis Summer Festival

Austin Irby (left) and Finley Watkins (right) along with Sebastian Garland and Dorian Alberti will be rockin' The Town Square on Saturday, June 27.

## Elvis on the Square

By Jessica Marshall

Get ready to shake, rattle, and roll at Elvis on the Square, one of the featured events of the Elvis Summer Festival, taking place Thursday, June 25 through Saturday, June 27 at Circle Square Cultural Center!

Elvis on the Square comes to The Town Square at Circle Square Commons on Saturday, June 27, bringing the unforgettable music, style, and energy of the King of Rock 'n' Roll to the heart of the summer festival weekend.

From 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., guests can enjoy live Elvis tribute performances, a classic car show, delicious food trucks, and a lively festival atmosphere perfect for all ages.

The live music lineup features four talented performers bringing Elvis classics to the stage throughout the event:

- 11 a.m.: Sebastian Garland
- 11:30 a.m.: Austin Irby

- Noon: Dorian Alberti
- 12:30 p.m.: Finley Watkins

Guests can stroll through an impressive display of vintage and classic cars while enjoying crowd-favorite hits that made Elvis a global icon. Food trucks will also be onsite serving up tasty festival favorites, making it easy to relax, dine, and soak in the summer fun.

Admission to Elvis on the Square is free. The full Elvis Summer Festival runs Thursday, June 25, through Saturday, June 27, at Circle Square Cultural Center, with tickets available now at [CSCulturalCenter.com](http://CSCulturalCenter.com).

Bring your lawn chairs, dancing shoes, and best Elvis spirit for a memorable weekend celebrating the music and legacy of the King. For more information, visit Circle Square Commons on Facebook (@csctownsquare) or Instagram (@cscommonsfl).

## A Night of Parodies

By Kathy Petrosky

For fun, we decided to make a one-night funny song night. There are several songs that are parodies. They change the lyrics to make it funny. It is the same music. Some songs are just funny. Let's look at some of the songs that were sung.

I took a song that we all know, "You Don't Bring Me Flowers Anymore." I did a duet with Charlie, complaining, "You Don't Smell Like Flowers Any More." Charlie did a song called "Don't Squeeze My Sharman." It was a takeoff

on Mr. Whipple from the Charmin toilet paper commercial.

Laura did a parody of "Help Me Make It Through the Yard." She had a bit too much to drink and told of her struggle to walk home. Doug sang the song "Lazy." It is a parody of Patsy's "Crazy." He let us know of his wife's lazy traits.

Nancy did the parody of "Achy Breaky Heart." It warns that she does not want to hear any more of the Billy Ray song. Donnie took the "Ghost Riders in the

Sky" song and told us about all the Ghost Chickens. Fran changed the words to "House of the Rising Sun" and told us of the house she is always cleaning.

Laura had a purple-haired animal. She sang "Purple People Eater." Ed sang a Johnny Cash song, "One Piece at a Time." That was about a man who took car parts a piece at a time until he made a car. People laughed at it, but he was proud that he did it a piece at a time. Vince sang an oldie song called "Beep Beep." Everyone was honking because he was driving too slowly. He just did not know how to get the car out of second gear.

Lois sang "Seymour Suddenly." It is a duet. She cleverly used a tissue to make

a bow. When she sang the man's part, the bow was on like a necktie. It became a bow in her hair when she sang the female part. Lorraine sang "El Cumpari." It was funny watching her trying to play the imaginary instruments. Rudy sang the wonderful "If I Were a Rich Man." The way it's sung makes you smile. Dave sang the "No No No" song. We learned the dangers of getting high. Diane sang fun songs about animals.

We meet on the first and third Mondays in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room from 5 to 8 p.m. The Lodge at Candler Hills has karaoke on the first Thursday of the month. There is karaoke on the second Thursday of the month at The Summit.



Photo by Steve Warren

Funny song night.

Recreation

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movie! Join us on Thursday, June 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. This month's movie title is "Reminders of Him" a romantic drama (PG-13, 1 hour 54 minutes). The movie title is displayed in several places: Recreation Center lobby movie sign, on the virtual calendar, and the OTOW App. The Pub will be open and free popcorn is served. You are welcome to bring snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Please note that the ballroom will be accessible from the poolside entrances to the ballroom. Please make your way around the building so that the darkness of the "theater" can be preserved and the movie is uninterrupted.

On Top of the World Games

Be a part of something new and exciting, the first annual On Top of the World Games is coming! This high-energy launch brings together a wide variety of clubs and sports for you to sample with educational clinics, connections, and fun. If you are looking to try something new, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Hosted by the amazing clubs of On Top of the World along with the Recreation Department, this action-packed week runs from Monday, Oct. 19 through Oct. 23, you won't want to miss a moment. This lineup of lively play, hands-on clinics, and exciting activities is designed for everyone. Our club representatives will be there all week long to teach, guide, cheer you on, and make sure you have fun, no pressure, just great energy and great people! The games featured will be softball, shuffleboard, pickleball, table tennis, bocce, tennis, cornhole, and golf.

The cost is \$15. Your all-access pass includes a full week of participation in activities-- you choose your schedule; an exclusive event t-shirt; snacks (when available); and refreshing water to keep you going. Check out the OTOW App for schedules and details.

Registration runs July 1, through Tuesday, Sept. 1, via the OTOW App. After registering on the OTOW App, please see Mona at the Recreation Center for individual event sign-ups. Spots are limited and expected to fill up! Sign up early to lock in your t-shirt and guarantee your place in the excitement. Come play, learn, laugh, and connect!

The Summit

Happy Hour (Free)

Enjoy music, dancing, and connecting with neighbors and friends every Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. You are welcome to bring your favorite cocktails and snacks. Happy Hour is free for residents with a valid resident ID. Anyone without a resident ID is considered a guest. Guest fees are \$5 per person; please be prepared to pay via the OTOW App. Upcoming entertainment includes:

- June 5: The Stragglers
- June 12: Del-phi's
- June 19: Rock Solid
- June 26: Pure Magic

Ladies Night (Free)

Ladies, you are invited to join us on Tuesday, Jun 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Ballroom. Automatic Duo is the musical guest. You are welcome to bring your favorite beverages, cocktails and snacks. See you there! Guest fees are \$5 per per-

son and can be paid via the OTOW App.

Karaoke (Free)

Karaoke is always fun! Sing your heart out or just come and enjoy the music. Karaoke is the second Thursday of each month at the Summit Ballroom from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. Guest fees are \$5 per person and can be paid via the OTOW App.

Tropic Trivia Reservations

If you would like to try your hand at trivia, July tables will be on sale starting Tuesday, June 2, at 8:30 a.m. A team representative may purchase a table for the entire team each month. Tables of eight sell for \$40 on the OTOW App. After the purchase is made, it is preferable that the person buying the table come to The Summit to select your table. First come, first served. See OTOW App for details.

The Lodge at Candler Hills

Virtual & Live Fitness Classes (Free)

Have fun, and get fit every Monday and Wednesday.

- Mondays (9 a.m.): Chair Pilates with a livestream instructor.
- Mondays (10 a.m.): Chair Yoga with a livestream instructor.
- Wednesdays (9 a.m.): Total Body Conditioning with loop bands and a live instructor.

Visit the OTOW App for the wellness schedule.

Chair Volleyball (Free)

Have a blast in chair volleyball on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Ballroom. Teams will be determined on the day of the event, and rules will be reviewed. Come share the fun in this exciting, new active aging sport.

From the Top Line Dance Class (Free)

All residents are welcome! Join experienced line dance instructors Chuck and Donna at on select Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. This progressive class will teach you how to line dance and provide practice for the dances you love. This program supports other line dance classes you might be taking, as well as the Wednesday night Boots & Beats at The Town Square. Come move, laugh and connect while learning popular dances in a welcoming atmosphere, all dance levels are welcome! Please be sure to bring your resident ID.

Open Game & Card Play (Free)

Every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Card Room is open for game day. Bring your games and cards and have a great time.

Happy Hour (Free)

It's time to dance, mingle, and enjoy great company! Join your neighbors for a fun and friendly Happy Hour from 5 to 8 p.m. filled with conversation, laughter, and community spirit. Guest fees are \$5 per person and can be paid via the OTOW App. The entertainment schedule is as follows:

- Saturday, June 6: Highway 94
- Friday, June 12: Steve Lazarus
- Saturday, June 20: Bootleggers

Kocktails & Karaoke (Free)

Join your friends and neighbors for an evening of music, laughter, and unforgettable fun! Whether you're a show-er singer or a stage star, everyone is welcome to grab the mic and shine. Enjoy the fun on Thursday, June 4, from 5 to 8 p.m. with special guest and karaoke extraordinaire, Rocco! Bring beverages and table snacks. Guest fees are \$5 per person and can be paid via the OTOW App.

Musical Game Night

Music, games, fun, prizes all take place on Wednesday, June 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. Come and enjoy the game "PRIZEO" along with trivia and "Name That Tune." Reservations on the OTOW App are required. The cost is \$5 per resident and \$10 per guest.

Poolside Entertainment (Free)

Spend a relaxing Sunday poolside under the pavilion with live music by Sound Waves on Sunday, June 28, from 1 to 4 p.m. And since it's Sunday ... why cook? The Mobile Munchies Food Truck will be on-site, serving delicious eats for purchase. Soak up the sunshine, take a refreshing swim, or simply sit back, unwind, and enjoy great music with your neighbors. Please note: no glass containers allowed.

Indigo East Community Center

Happy Hour (Free)

Plan for a great time out with your



friends and neighbors on Fridays from 5 to 7 p.m. Bring your favorite cocktails and snacks. Dance, socialize, relax, and enjoy! The entertainment schedule is as follows:

- June 5: Debbie & Tony T.
- June 12: Casey Young
- June 19: Fred Campbell

Trivia

Get in on some friendly and fun competition with your neighbors and friends at trivia on Monday, June 1, from 5 to 7 p.m. Bring your favorite snacks and beverages to share with your team. The cost is \$5 per resident and \$10 per guest.

Freestyle & Line Dance Night

Grab your friends, bring the energy, and get ready to show off your best moves with Tony Machicote on Tuesday, June 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. Whether you're in boots, sneakers, or dance shoes, all that matters is coming ready to have a great time on the dance floor. Join us for a lively and welcoming experience filled with music, movement, and good company. Feel free to bring your favorite beverage and snack to enjoy while you dance.

Karaoke (Free)

Grab the mic and take center stage, or cheer on your neighbors for sing along fun! Choose your song and share your voice at karaoke on Thursday, June 18, 5 to 7 p.m. Bring beverages and snacks. Feel free to sing solo or in a group.

Music Trivia

Challenge your mind by playing rounds of music trivia and "Name That Tune" on Thursday, June 25, from 3 to 5 p.m. First, second, and third-place prizes will be awarded. The cost is \$5 per resident and \$10 per guest.

The Landing

Coast-to-Coast Potluck (Free)

Bring a taste of home to share! Join your neighbors on Tuesday, June 16, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. for a community potluck dinner. Prepare your favorite comfort dish and come together to share memories, celebrate traditions, and create new ones. Please stop by the lobby to let us know what dish you'll be bringing. We look forward to a warm and delicious evening with everyone!

Poolside Live Music (Free)

Unwind in the sunshine with soothing tunes from Gerry Coe. Bring your swimsuit, gather your friends, and enjoy a calm, relaxing afternoon poolside on Thursday, June 11, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Make a splash with us poolside on Sunday, June 28, from 1 to 4 p.m. Relax in the sun, take a dip, and enjoy live music by Fred Campbell while catching up with friends and neighbors.

Game On! (Free)

Ready to get your game on? Bring your favorite board game or challenge a neighbor to a round of ping pong for a night of laughter, friendly competition, and community fun on Wednesday, June 24, 5 to 8 p.m.

World Class Active Aging Virtual Fitness Classes (Free)

- Have fun, and get fit.
- Mondays (9 a.m.): Chair Pilates with a livestream instructor.
  - Mondays (10 a.m.): Chair Yoga with a livestream instructor.
  - Wednesdays (9 a.m.): Chair Yoga with a live instructor.
  - Fridays (9 a.m.): Virtual (pre-recorded) World Class Active Aging.
- Visit the OTOW App for the wellness schedule!

## BUS SCHEDULE

Monday - Thursday

MORNING ROUTE	PICK-UP LOCATIONS	TIME
The Lodge at Candler Hills	The Lodge Parking Lot - SW 87th Cir	8:35 a.m.
Providence	91st Cir East - 91st Cir West - Post Office	8:42 a.m.
Providence	90th St - 92nd Pl. Rd. - 96th Ct. Rd. - 97th Cir	8:47 a.m.
Avalon Post Office	Parking Lot	8:51 a.m.
Windsor East	94th Pl - 94th Lp	8:55 a.m.
Windsor West	95th St - 95th Lp	8:58 a.m.
Crescent Ridge	97th Lane - Post Office - 99th Ave - 96th St	9:01 a.m.
Recreation Center	At Bus Stop Sign in Parking Lot	9:04 a.m.
Americana Village	89th Ct Rd - Post Office - 85th Ter. Rd	9:08 a.m.
Friendship Village	Post Office - 84th Ter - 93rd St	9:12 a.m.
Friendship Colony	83rd Ter - 90th Pl - 87th Ave - 97th St	9:16 a.m.
Friendship Park	97th St - 94th Lane	9:20 a.m.
Friendship Village	89th Ct Rd - 92nd St	9:22 a.m.
Friendship Colony	90th St - Post Office	9:26 a.m.
Candler Hills Community Center	At Bus Stop Sign in Parking Lot	9:31 a.m.
Indigo East Community Center	Parking Lot	Call one day in advance for pick-up
Waybourne Landing	Parking Lot	Call one day in advance for pick-up
Longleaf Ridge Model Center	Parking Lot	Call one day in advance for pick-up
Exit Community		9:36 a.m.

MORNING DESTINATIONS	
Freedom Library (Tues/Thurs only)	Ollie's
Jasmine Square	Paddock Mall
VA Hospital	Walmart
Dillard's/Kohl's	Target
Sam's Club	Hobby Lobby/Shady Oaks Shopping Center
Home Depot	Gateway Plaza

Arrival and pick-up times for morning destinations will vary according to the number of passengers. The bus driver will announce the pick-up time at each destination for that day.

**Return to On Top of the World to begin drop-off/pick-up for the afternoon run.**

AFTERNOON ROUTE	PICK-UP LOCATIONS AND TIMES
The Lodge at Candler Hills	1:15 p.m. Candler Hills Community Center
Friendship Colony Post Office	1:25 p.m. Providence Post Office
Avalon Post Office	1:33 p.m. Crescent Ridge Post Office
Recreation Center	1:43 p.m. Americana Post Office
Friendship Post Office	1:54 p.m.

AFTERNOON DESTINATIONS	
Friendship Center	Bravo Supermarket
Publix	Big Lots
Walmart Neighborhood Market	Bealls & Dollar Tree
ALDI/Lowe's	Walmart

Arrival and pick-up times for afternoon destinations will vary according to the number of passengers. The bus driver will announce the pick-up time at each destination for that day.

\*Please arrive about 5-10 minutes earlier, as all times are approximate.

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For information, call 352-789-5666.

## EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Events and activities that take place behind the gates of On Top of the World are for residents with a valid resident ID or Gateway of Services pass.



Photo by Sharon Bruno

**Toppers Banjo**

David Wesenberg



Toppers Banjo Band meets every Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room. An instrumental practice subgroup meets at 12:15 p.m. on Mondays. This provides plenty of opportunities to join us and explore the banjo as a means of entertainment.

I would like to introduce you to one of our newer banjo players, James Moore, who left the U.S. Army after 20 years of service in 1994. James became a design para pro at Columbus State University and retired in 2015. Ultimately, James and his wife moved to On Top of the World in 2021.

Like many of us, James and his wife began to experience the many clubs and organizations at On Top of the World, including the Scandinavian American Club, where they heard the Toppers

Banjo Band play. It looked like fun, so James purchased a five-string banjo and joined the banjo band to learn to play the banjo.

Experienced banjo players patiently supported him as he learned to play the banjo band repertoire. This could be you if you want to play banjo, guitar, or violin, or do what some of our other instrumentalists do.

Some of our banjo players have been playing for a long time and can advise you on banjos and accessories. They would be delighted to show you how to hold your banjo, how to tune your banjo, and ultimately how to play your banjo. Your part in all this is to start.

We welcome new active or aspiring banjo, acoustic guitar, and other musicians to join us in playing and singing banjo music. If you have any ideas to improve performance values and presentation, we'd love to hear them. If you like to listen, join us and enjoy the music and conversation. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, contact Eddie Martin at [ueddie2@gmail.com](mailto:ueddie2@gmail.com) or David Wesenberg at [dpw@mastersoftwareinc.com](mailto:dpw@mastersoftwareinc.com).



Photo by Herbert Young

James Moore.

**Dulcimer Club**



Sharon Bruno

We welcome our newest club member and new resident, Jeannie Armstrong, who has an unusual connection to the dulcimer. It seems that a dulcimer appeared in photos when she was house shopping. The house and the dulcimer in the photo belonged to a former member of our club, Dorothy Fransen, who was moving back north. Many times, the homeowner and the buyer never meet. In this case, it was the same. What a coincidence, or was it just all-around good karma?

Jeannie has musical talent and played the French horn in her community band back in South Dakota. Thus far, she has enjoyed playing one of the club's loaner dulcimers, and even though she's only been playing for two months, she is already looking to buy her own.

To schedule the Dulcimer Club to play at one of your meetings or events, or if you are interested in joining us, contact Rich Furlong at 352-237-8734 or [richiertired@gmail.com](mailto:richiertired@gmail.com).

Have a listen, the Dulcimer Club meets Tuesdays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room.



Photo by Susan Pulling Robinson

Golf cart decorated for Memorial Day.

**Fun with Golf Carts**

Susan Pulling Robinson



On Saturday, May 23, our members decorated their carts in honor of those brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice that we might be free. Selected charities included Operation Shoebox, Chuck's Piggy Bank, Veterans Helping Veterans, and Dunnellon Elementary School. Many generous folks turned out to donate to these causes. Thank you!

Don't miss a parade; mark your calendar for the following Saturdays:

- June 13: Flag Day
- July 4: Independence Day
- Aug. 8: Summer Fun
- Sept. 5: Labor Day
- Oct. 31: Halloween

- Nov. 7: Veterans Day
- Dec. 5: Holiday Golf Cart Parade
- Dec. 19: Holiday Parade
- Dec. 26: Evening Lights

Membership in our Facebook group (OTOW Fun with Golf Carts) has now surpassed 600 members! If you have a golf cart, please consider jazzing it up (or not) and joining in as we "parade for a cause." Each parade benefits one or more local charities. For more information and to receive emails about this club, please email [otowfunwithgolfcarts@gmail.com](mailto:otowfunwithgolfcarts@gmail.com). We all have a lot of fun cruising around in our "mini floats."

All club parades start at the Recreation Center, with lineup and charitable donations at 9:45 a.m. and pullout at 10 a.m. The route for a given parade is posted on Facebook (OTOW Fun with Golf Carts and OTOW Chatroom). If the parade is not coming to your house, please meet us at the Recreation Center as we leave.

**HANDICAP EQUIPMENT**

Handicap equipment is loaned free to residents during their convalescent term – walkers, crutches, canes or wheelchairs. For more information, call the Recreation Center at 352-854-8707 x7534.

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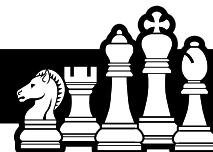
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# CARDS & GAMES



## Bingo



Nancy Grabowski

Baumgartner; 3: Barb Heller & Barbie Trebilcock; 4: Billie Anderson & Mary Bloch.

### April 13

1: Trudy Baumgartner & Carol Johnson; 2: Pat & Debbie Quinn; 3: Judy Mackowiak & Jean Krueger; 4: Mar Valchin & Bruce Gillett.

### April 20

1: Phyllis Silverman & Judy Mackowiak; 2: Pat & Debbie Quinn; 3: Donna Peters & Rad D.; 4: Dennis & C.J. Dust.

### April 27

1: Betty Schaffer & Craig Ford; 2: Mary Bloch & Billie Anderson; 3: Rad D. & Donna Peters; 4: Judy Mackowiak & Phyllis Silverman.

### Tuesday Night Duplicate

By Bob Kraus

In duplicate bridge, all pairs play the same hands. This emphasizes the importance of good bidding and play. If you are an experienced bridge player and haven't tried duplicate, we will show you all you need to know in a couple of minutes.

We meet every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Card Rooms I-II (please arrive by 5:50 p.m.). We can set up to nine tables. Bring your partner and \$0.50 per person.

Boards are scored, and results are emailed within a few days.

Substitutes are welcome – contact us to be added to the list. For more information, call Bob Kraus at 352-492-8525.

### April 14

1: Barbara Heller & Jack Heller; 2: Julian Wachs & Liz Wachs; 3: Chris Wachter & Jeff Young; 4: Bob Kraus & Virginia Collins; 5: Dan Lack & Vera Mangold.

### April 21

1: Julian Wachs & Liz Wachs; 2: Barbara Heller & Jack Heller; 3: Bob Kraus & Virginia Collins; 4: Sylvia Zelkin & Arlene Loepp; 5: Carolyn Higgins & V J Hentz.

### April 28

1: Chris Wachter & Jeff Young; 2: Bob Kraus & Virginia Collins; 3: Connie Campbell & Billie Andersen; 4: Diane Turkin & Gary Moses; 5: Pam Bell & Jeff Bell.

### May 5

1: Virginia Collins & Bob Kraus; Tie at 2: Drew Brehm & Maureen Brehm; and Judi Wallace & Dennis Wallace; 4: Diane Turkin & Gary Moses; 5: Barbara Heller & Jack Heller.

### Wednesday Afternoon

By Dianne Robinson

### April 1

1: Linda Curtiss; 2: Phyllis Silverman; 3: Marlene Floeckher.

### April 8

1: Bruce Gillett; 2: Linda Curtiss; 3: Trudy Baumgartner.

### April 15

1: Dianne Robinson; 2: Bob Knowles; 3: Pat Quinn.

### April 22

1: Carolyn Higgins; 2: Craig Ford; 3: Dianne Robinson.

### April 29

1: Bruce Gillett; 2: Craig Ford; 3: Dianne Robinson.

### Thursday Night

By Penny Wagener

Join our friendly bridge group at 6

### RESIDENT ID CARDS

Resident Services  
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Monday through Friday

p.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Rooms I-II. All skill levels are welcome - whether you're fresh from lessons, returning after years away, or an experienced player. No partner is needed; we pair and rotate throughout the night. Bring 25 cents, a smile, and a good attitude. We play three rounds of seven hands and finish by 9 p.m. Come for fun and friendship, and you might even win the "2 prize," a prize given out for taking a trick with the two of trump that can be passed around throughout the evening.

### March 12

1: Carole Kirsch; 2: Dave Protsik; 3: Dianne Perry; Cons: Mar Valchin; 2 prize: Herb Katz

### March 19

1: Herb Katz; 2: Betty Schaff; 3: Jeff Young; Cons: Al Whitford; 2 prize: Jeff Young

### March 26

1: Pam Bell; 2: Malcolm Levine; 3: Dave Protsik; Cons: Herb Katz; 2 prize: Stu Shaub

### April 2

1: Jeff Young; 2: Al Whitford; 3: Jean Krueger; Cons: Penny Wagener

### April 9

1: Brent Powell; 2: Betty Schaff; 3: Al Whitford; Cons: Dianne Perry

### April 16

1: Jeff Young; 2: Vicki Mattingly; 3: Betty Schaff; Cons: Dave Protsik

### April 23

1: Mar Valchin; 2: Jean Krueger; 3: Herb Katz; Cons: Stu Shaub; 2 prize: Vicki Mattingly

### April 30

1: Jeff Young; 2: Betty Schaff; 3: Vera Mangold; Cons: Dan; 2 prize: Vera Mangold.

## Bunco



Micki Malsch

We meet in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The next scheduled game is Tuesday, June 23.

Registration is at 6:45 p.m., and games begin at 7 p.m. You do not need to call to register; simply show up with your resident ID or Gateway of Services pass. The room is set up for 48 players. Please ensure you arrive on time to secure your spot. It will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Always check the World News for the latest updates on our group.

Although our group's name is "Bunco Babes," a few husbands also attend. If you enjoy the game, don't be afraid to be a "bunco dude."

If you have never played before, see what fun we have rolling the dice in this game of luck (no skill required)! The game is easy and only requires rolling three dice and moving to the next table at the end of game play. New players are always welcome. The rules are simple and will be explained before play begins.

Prizes will be awarded at the end of the game for most buncos, minis, wins, and losses. There are also two door prize drawings for those who did not win any of the category prizes. We will no longer play for cash prizes. Please bring your beverage and small snack if you wish. After the first three sets have been played, there will be a short intermission.

Join in the fun and make new friends! For more information, please call Micki Malsch at 352-615-2790. Stay healthy and be safe until we meet again!

## Cribbage



Judy Parisi

We meet in the Arbor Activity Center Card Room II on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 3 to 5 p.m.

We welcome new players to join us. We're a non-competitive group of all experience levels.

If you would like more information, please email judith.paris@gmail.com.

## Euchre



### Friday Night

By Mary Bloch

Come join the party at 6 p.m. on Fridays. For more information, please email mary.bloch@yahoo.com.

### April 3

1: Lou Pine; 2: Sande Caton; Tie at 3: Jim Brogan & Joe Winterrowd.

### April 10

1: Bob Kraus; 2: Jim Brogan; 3: Jean Gillette.

### April 17

1: Lloyd Beitel; 2: Terry Champion; 3: Jean Gillette.

### April 24

1: Bob Kraus; 2: Kurt Baumgartner; 3: Lou Pine.

## Mah Jongg



Angela Brady

This weekly game of American mah jongg is open to all eligible residents. All skill levels are welcome. While the game will not be taught during this time, players are willing to help beginners. The games begin at 1 p.m. every Thursday in Arbor Activity Center Card Room III. Please arrive a few minutes early as we will draw chips for table assignments. After three or four games, we will switch tables to make new friends and change the gameplay. Join us for a couple of hours of fun.

For more information, please contact Angela Brady at 407-403-0861 or agbrady@peoplepc.com. Jokers to ya!

## Pinochle



### Tuesday Night

By Herb Katz

### April 7

1: James Tomaszek; 2: Gayle Argano & Stephen Mintz; 3: Jackie Nuccio.

### April 14

1: Paul Jenkins; 2: Edna Frye; 3: Robert Moravec.

### April 21

1: Lee Freehauf; 2: Robert Morvec; 3: Andy Nuccio

### April 28

1: Woody Clay; 2: Cheryl Adams; 3: Al Whitford.

### Friday Morning

By Andy Nuccio

### April 10

1: Walter Hickenlooper; 2: Cheryl Adams; 3: Stephen Mintz.

### April 17

1: Abe Toubail; 2: Bruce Gillett; 3: Steve Mintz.

### April 24

1: Andy Nuccio; 2: Abe Touail; 3: Nick Fries.

### May 1

1: Abe Toubail; 2: Al Whitford; 3: Ilene Casper.

### May 8

1: Al Whitford; 2: Cheryl Adams; 3: Marlene Floeckher.

## Poetry



By Bruce Tredinnick

rekindled passion  
sorting through old photographs  
a new perspective

## Bridge



### Monday Afternoon

By Carol Johnson

### April 6

1: Craig Ford & Betty Schaff; 2: Kurt & Trudy

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**Happy Hookers**



Jan Spielvogel

I read a recent news article on Tom Holland (actor) and his fiancé Zendaya (actress, singer, and producer) which stated that they enjoy knitting in their at-home time. This prompted me to do some research on men who enjoy these types of crafts. You might remember Rosey Grier, a former professional football player, who was well known for needlepointing, but also knitted, crocheted and did macramé. He even published a book entitled Rosey Grier's "Needlepoint for Men" in 1973.

Other male celebrities who have either knitted or crocheted include Donald Glover (actor), Kurt Cobain (musician), and Tom Daley (Olympic diver). If there any guys living in On Top of the World who either knit, crochet or do another type of handcraft or would like to

learn how, come join us!

Happy Hookers is open to all residents. We meet on Mondays, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Art Studio. There are no dues, agenda, or penalties for missing a meeting, arriving late, or leaving early. Life can and does interfere at times, and we would hate for that to hold you back. What we do have is a group of ladies busy with crocheting, knitting, needlepointing, card crafting, embroidering, and handcrafting.

This is a very talented group that's never too busy to help someone with a difficult pattern or stitch. We welcome newcomers with open arms. Attendees should bring whatever they are working on.

If you have any questions about our club, you may call either Jan Spielvogel at 919-274-6191 or Ann Gallo at 917-597-2178. If you have yarn, pattern books, knitting needles, crochet hooks, or other crafting tools that you no longer use, donations are always appreciated. Please bring them on Mondays during our meeting time or contact Ann Gallo at 917-597-2178 to arrange for pickup.

**Artistic Crafts & Gifts**



Chris Kilbride

The Artistic Crafts & Gifts Tuesday craft show is now on hiatus for the summer. It will return on Tuesday, Sept. 8 in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

ArtisticCrafts.org will give you a glimpse of our very talented crafters and artisans, including samplings of their creative endeavors. With over one hundred online, they all offer unique and custom designs for sale any day - even during the summer months! All resident crafters are welcome to sell virtually on our website right now, and inquire about a table in the fall.

June features Father's Day celebrations, so you may wish to review ArtisticCrafts.org > More > Holidays for gift ideas. There are stirring novels by local

authors, items for the home, the golfers, and tools for the chefs!

While you're on the "Holidays" page, July conjures patriotic events - even the 250th Anniversary, so perhaps put your orders in now, and be ready to party! Click on any photo for a crafter's contact information, it's as easy as that!

Our website categories make it a breeze to find what you are looking for, so take your time to view and shop, then contact any of our skilled crafters. Even though it is summer, the creativity is still flowing. It is a relaxing time to network with our residents.

If you have your own artistic endeavor you wish to sell, we welcome you to go to our Join page. A welcome kit will be emailed which includes photography tips for showcasing your skillfully crafted items for sale. You will have the opportunity to submit six of your photos which will be posted free in a day. Please contact us through our website ArtisticCrafts.org where our coordinator Marion can answer all your questions.

**Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards**



Linda Lohr

On Thursday, May 6, Linda Lohr presented three cards. One card was beethemed; the other two were prepared with napkins. One napkin featured seashells, and one was a floral print. All the cards could be used for any occasion, just by changing the sentiment.

We thank Linda for supplying the dies, embossing folders, embellishments, sentiments, stamps, and ink pads to complete the three cards.

To join in the fun, you will need basic supplies, such as a trimmer, glue, scissors, and cardstock. Everyone in the group shares their supplies, and everyone brings new ideas to the table. You are only limited by your imagination!

If you feel this might be a class you

would enjoy, or if you have any questions, please contact Connie Press at Connie.RubberStampClub@gmail.com. You can also find the information for each class on our Facebook page. We look forward to introducing new people to our fun craft.

Our next class is on Thursday, June 4. Until our next meeting, keep on stampin'!



Photo by Linda Lohr

Cards presented by Linda Lohr.

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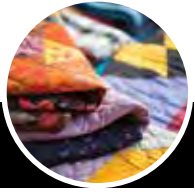


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Pat Szabo prepares quilts for delivery to Ocala Senior Activity Center and Alpha Center.

**Sunshine Quilters**

**Linda Holst**



Pat Szabo is the epitome of a dedicated volunteer. For 20 years, Pat has been delivering comfort quilts, made by members of the Sunshine Quilters Guild, to various local organizations. Donating comfort quilts to individuals is part of the Sunshine Quilters Guild's mission.

Pat joined the Sunshine Quilters Guild to keep herself busy and to make friends with people who share her interests. "I like to sew with people; there is always something to learn," says Pat.

In the past, Pat sewed clothes for her children and baby quilts for her grandchildren. Pat states, "A sewing machine was always in use at home." An interesting fact, Pat's mother worked in a factory making leather gloves.

These quilts are called "comfort quilts," which, according to the dictionary, gives "comfort" the meaning of "contented well-being." Wrapping oneself in a quilt brings a feeling of a comforting hug, producing a sense of calmness in one's being.

Members of the Sunshine Quilters Guild, including Pat, make the comfort quilts at the weekly sit-and-sew and/or

at home.

The Sunshine Quilters Guild uses donated fabric for the front and back of the quilt. Sunshine Quilters Guild purchases batting for the quilts. Members also purchase and donate their own fabric and batting. Some members machine-quilt their own projects; others find a member willing to do the machine quilting.

Many members have scraps of material from prior projects that they transform into beautiful comfort quilts. The top of the quilt may be made of blocks, scraps, and/or a panel. The talent of the Sunshine Quilters Guild's members is evident in their designed comfort quilts.

Currently, Pat delivers comfort quilts to Ocala Senior Activity Center and the Alpha Center. Pat delivers the quilts usually monthly.

Other items the Sunshine Quilters Guild has donated over the years include holiday placemats for Meals on Wheels, pillowcases for hospitalized children, mug rugs for veterans, diaper bags, burp clothes, lap quilts, and protective towels for seniors.

Pat states that since Jan. 1, 58 quilts have been sewn and delivered between Ocala Senior Activity Center and the Alpha Center.

If you are interested in joining or learning more about the Sunshine Quilters Guild, contact our president, Joyce Utley, at Barnieo48@gmail.com.

**Angels Above Baby Gowns**

**Janet O'Neil**



The past five months have been very busy for our team! Our volunteers have been hard at work creating gowns, bracelets, and all kinds of accessories for our hospital deliveries. We could not have fulfilled these requests without our counterparts in Stone Creek - what a wonderful group of ladies. Many thanks for providing baby wraps, bonnets, and booties to match their blankets, plus bracelets galore.

From January through March, we expanded our reach with first-time deliveries to UF Health Ocala Neighborhood Hospital (Short Stay Unit), Empath Hospice of Marion County (Cates House), HCA Florida Citrus Hospital (Inverness), Orlando Health South Lake Hospital (Clermont), and HCA Florida Oak Hill Hospital (Brooksville).

These hospitals were pleased to hear about our mission, and we delivered 114 packages collectively to their labor and delivery departments for families in need. One charge nurse responded, "Thank you for being so kind and sharing such a wonderful organization with us. We appreciate it so much - and so will the families we serve."

In April, we received re-orders from hospitals we served in 2024/2025. Orlando Health Winnie Palmer (Orlando) and UF Shands Hospital (Gainesville) requested more than 52 accessory packag-

es (blankets, booties, bonnets, bracelets, cards, and angel ornaments), along with 60 gowns for their labor and delivery departments. At the time of this writing, our seamstresses are busy creating new gowns for future deliveries, since we are no longer flush with dresses!

The Winnie Palmer coordinator shared her gratitude for the handcrafted items produced by our team, recognizing the time, skill, and dedication each member invests to support families in need. Following our 2025 delivery, Winnie Palmer now has four additional units to serve patients, creating the need for the additional 60 gowns.

All our partner institutions expressed appreciation for the donations and shared that they look forward to continued collaboration throughout 2026.

**Broadway Playhouse**

**Elaine Morrison**



Plans for the March 2027 production will be discussed when the board meets prior to the general meeting in August.

As always, we welcome new members. The general meeting is a good opportunity for anyone interested in being involved with the exciting activities that come with mounting a theatrical production. We urge you to consider attending.

"Singo" will be held on Sunday, Oct. 11, in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

Check this column next month for more details about both events.

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**Writers Club**



**Paul DiSclafani**

Everyone has a story inside them, and the Writers Club is a place where published and unpublished writers from all genres come together to share their stories. More importantly, our members rely on each other as a resource for answers to their questions.

The club offers advice and experience not only from published authors but also from speakers who share insights in their respective fields. Our guest speakers have included resident author Mark Holmes (April), who provided our members with step-by-step instructions on using Amazon's self-publishing platform, KDP, and Stephanie Larking (April), president of Red Penguin Books in New York (via Zoom). Stephanie shared many different ways with our club members to get their work published.

In May, author and New Jersey resi-

dent Jon D' Amore regaled our members (via Zoom) with real-life tales of organized crime in New Jersey and with insights into how he writes and publishes books across different genres.

In June, resident author Sherry Nord will discuss the books she has written in the paranormal romance genre. In July, Reverend James Snyder, a columnist for the Marion Citizen, will talk about what it takes to be a weekly newspaper columnist and about his column, "Out to Pastor."

The Writers Club meets on the third Thursday of every month at noon in the Recreation Center Lounge. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 18. We also maintain a Facebook page exclusively for our members.

If you're interested in joining our club, please email me at pdisco23@aol.com. All handouts and other information from our meetings are shared with all members, including live and archived Zoom links for remote speakers. These Zoom links allow all members to participate, even if they cannot attend in person.



Photo by Paul DiSclafani

Writers Club members participate in a Zoom meeting with Stephanie Larkin from Red Penguin Books in New York.

**View from the Library**



**David Wesenberg**

Stieg Larsson planned a 10-book mystery series in the early 2000s but completed only three. Published posthumously in 2005, the novels became internationally successful, inspiring three Swedish film adaptations and an English-language adaptation of the first book, "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo." Although other authors have since added five more books to the series, the original three remain known as the Millennium Trilogy.

Over the next few months, I plan to review all three novels, beginning with "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo."

The book starts with retired industri-

alist Henrik Vanger receiving, at age 82, a framed pressed flower on his niece's birthday, as he had for 30 years. His teenage niece, Harriet Vanger, had disappeared without a trace 30 years before. Henrik thought an unknown enemy was trying to attack him by dangling these reminders of his niece in front of him each year.

In the meantime, Mikael Blomkvist has just lost a libel case concerning an article in the Millennium Magazine by Wennerstrom Industries, which will mean a hefty fine and a jail sentence for Mikael. He and his long-time married collaborator and co-owner of the magazine, Erika Berger, decided he needed to walk away from the magazine for a while.

Henrik hired him during this idle period before going to jail to investigate the disappearance of Harriet Vanger while appearing to be writing a history of the vicious and prehensile Vanger family. Henrik tempts him with inside information that would exonerate him in the Wennstrom affair. As he learns the true character of the members of the family, attempts are made on his life when he finds a clue that had been missed.

He hires 20-year-old Lizbeth Salander as a researcher. This very odd and difficult girl is the girl with the dragon tattoo,

who comes with checkered, rebellious baggage, mostly unknown to Mikael. A relationship develops between the middle-aged Blomkvist and Salander, but it is only one of many for Blomkvist, who seems to attract a lot of erotic attention.

Lizbeth turns out to have a photographic memory and is very intelligent. She is a ward of the state because she tried to kill her father, who was a Russian secret agent turned Swedish criminal. Her father severely injured her mother so that she had to be institutionalized. Her unique perspective on the periphery of society enables her to investigate and analyze the truth Mikael needs to explain Harriet's disappearance.

This book will have you on the edge of your chair. The mystery is complex and challenging, but the path to resolution is clean and clear.

The character development is thoughtful and powerful, with full development of their background and placement in the story. Larsson was a crime reporter and newsmen, so the incidents in the progression toward the solution are realistic and impactful.

To say more would ruin the fun and excitement the reader will have as you read this marvelous mystery. Read it and enjoy as I am doing myself again.

**Tesla Owners & Enthusiasts Club**



**Dan Lack**

Tesla announced that its full self-driving (supervised) feature has been used for 10 billion miles. FSD has encountered almost every possible driving scenario on roads around the world, and Teslas have learned to navigate them. The latest computer spring update made the system even more responsive to objects such as small animals in the road.

Perfection has not been achieved. For example, my Tesla sometimes wants to take me through the visitor gate rather than the resident gate into On Top of the World, and I have to take over control of the vehicle. I expect that this glitch will be corrected in the future.

The Tesla Owners and Enthusiasts Club meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Card Room II. You do not have to be a Tesla owner to attend. There are no dues. There are speakers at some meetings. Most meetings are spent discussing our vehicles. Come and join us. We are happy to answer any questions you have about these amazing vehicles.

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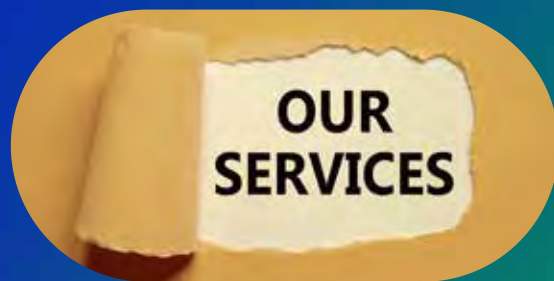
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Poetry



Poetry Club



Bruce Tredinnick

I Would Not Swim the Surf

By Barbara A Scales

If a second youth got offered me with a chance to  
change my tides  
I would not swim that surf and reverse the sands  
of time  
I would not wash the pebbles of sand that stood  
this heart of mine  
Nor cast to sea the hopes I float that kept my soul  
sublime  
I would not sail the setting sun  
Nor rage the thunderous wave  
For I have done all of that which bear me to this  
place  
It was not a journey free of sorrow, nor a voyage  
smooth and safe  
For swept by deep swells, and born of pain, came  
the promised anchor of tomorrow's everlasting  
grace

Your Oneness

By Janice M. Puta

Dig deeper into your dreams  
until you come out on the  
other side of the stars.

There embrace your  
oneness with all that is.

A Reminder to Be Mindful

By Jim Kimes

Mia culpa! Though guilty, I must shout!  
A vexing state that could affect us all:  
Mindfulness is what we must talk about.  
Before careless maneuvers befall.  
Thinking is more complex when it's routine,  
But routines are demands we must undertake.  
Mindfulness and boredom, when the two convene,  
Opens the door for an unsought mistake.  
Mindfulness can be sketched in many ways.  
But, bottom line, the consensus is the same.  
We pay the price for attention malaise.  
Multitasking can be a risky game.  
Trust me! Being mindful pays dividends:  
So, that is what this guru recommends.

Another Tale of the Tuxedo Cat

By Linda Toner

It's me again,  
Oscar, the tuxedo cat,  
dressed in formalwear,  
and as a matter of fact,  
I am the ruler  
of the garden,  
constantly patrolling it,  
and I beg your pardon,  
but I am aware of everything  
that goes on in my world  
even though  
I am curled  
up upon the garden's wall  
when I hear  
nature's call.  
There is a squirrel  
up in the tree  
chattering at me  
constantly.  
Down he comes  
as if lately,  
in the garden  
there is safety.  
He stares at me,  
I stare at him,  
the game is on,  
and I plan to win.  
He zigs and zags,  
I zag and zig  
until the cheeky  
fellow hid  
up in the tree.  
Of course I follow,  
higher and higher  
as if there was no tomorrow.  
He nimbly jumps  
from tree to tree  
and that is when  
it dawns on me  
that I am trapped  
ever so high.  
I meow pitifully for help,  
mom hears me and sighs.  
She calls the fire department  
to get me down from the tree  
while that squirrel  
chatters arrogantly,  
"Oscar, king of the garden,  
you know I've won,  
and I must say  
it was alot of fun,"  
Tail held low,  
I slink away  
but I'll catch that squirrel  
one of these days.

During most of April my wife and I traveled to Europe, our first venture across the pond as they say, and we were dazzled by the sights, sounds, histories, and cultural differences of the countries we visited. As a poet I found myself inspired.

When we see something beautiful we are inspired to try and convey something beautiful. Composers use scores. Painters use brush and canvas. We use words. We're all trying to capture something unique. That's the goal.

I missed our April Poetry Club sessions but found on my return our local attendees were inspired much the same with their own senses tickled by the changes spring brought us. Our Monday, May 4 meeting brought a wonderful array of poetry readings on a variety of subjects.

Len B. opened with a bright and witty poem he called "Trivia Pursuit," depicting what we sometimes do and

sometimes don't achieve in the name of worthy enterprises. Janice P. reflected upon the beauty of trees interacting and, in their own way, conversing with the everchanging creation surrounding them. She inspired us to read our poems twice out loud and it helped capture the insights artfully put before us. Robert A. used three short poems to contrast events we celebrate such as Mother's Day, a birthday, and turning sweet 16. Hallmark could pick up some pointers from him.

Rarely do we run over our time slot, but this time we did because the content and originality was that enticing. Shirley T., a painter and a poet, treated us to various examples of her haiku poetry, some of which conveyed the beauty of swans and doves while others humorously focused on fat toads. Dean B. read his poetic essay, half commentary-half satire, regarding our excuses and behaviors

to avoid healthy eating. Glen C. opined from his own witty reflections, as did Bruce T., our founder, as he recalled historical insights and changes which he referred to as an emotional car wash. Even Lynn P., our wonderful encourager and cheerleader, not to mention candy supplier, had a wonderfully amusing poem about her interactions with her five pets. I even managed a few new reflections from being fully recharged from our European cruise adventure.

We found ourselves listening, enjoying, commenting, and sometimes even applauding for two hours. We are indeed feeding and growing off each other, learning new styles of poetry together. Moreover, it is just plain fun. If you have a desire to write, read, or listen, join us on the first and third Tuesday of the month. Please call Bill Burton, 352-492-8626, for meeting times. You are always welcome and the fun is contagious.

Indigo East Book Club

Dawn Winblad



If you're a lover of books, please come read with us! The Indigo East Book Group, led by Dawn Winblad, meets every third Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Indigo East Community Center Meeting Room I. We are currently reading "By Her Own Design, The Story of Ann Lowe, Society's Best-Kept Secret," by Piper Huguley, for discussion on Thursday, June 18.

If you've read with us before, but it's been a while, we would love for you to come back. Please feel free to just pop in; no need to sign up. Join us, whether you've read the book or not; you can always look forward to a great discussion with this group. We read all kinds of genres, printed, audio, and eBooks.

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Mark Holmes



Photography has the power to move people to action, to change perspectives, and to evoke emotional peaks and valleys. We all remember iconic photos such as the Beatles crossing Abbey Road, Ansel Adams' Yosemite landscapes, or the raising of the American flag at Iwo Jima. The "Earthrise" photo of our planet, as seen from Apollo 8, shifted our view of ourselves, making us realize that our little blue planet was our lifeboat in a lonely sea of dark space.

Photography has always been more than a method of recording what's in front of a lens. It is a cultural force, a social mirror, and a universal language that shapes how people understand the world. From iconic documentary images to the everyday snapshots shared across social platforms, photography affects how society sees itself and how individuals see one another.

Before the advent of the camera, the power to document events or portray communities was the sole province of writers, painters, and institutions. Starting 200 years ago, photography changed that balance. A single image could reveal injustice, celebrate beauty, or preserve history with immediacy, authenticity, and emotional clarity. Over time, photographs have fueled social movements, challenged stereotypes, and expanded empathy by showing lives and experiences that might otherwise remain invisible.

In the digital age, this influence has blossomed. Billions of images circulate daily, shaping trends, informing news cycles, and influencing public percep-

tion. Whether from professional journalists or bystanders with smartphones, photography now serves as both witness and participant in cultural conversations, providing society with a shared visual language.

Among us at On Top of the World are residents with natural, learned, and advanced photographic abilities, and some of them are members of Shutterbugs. You may have seen their work at Master the Possibilities – the stunning avian photography of Ron Rydell or the incredible landscapes of John Rossignol, among others. These and other works create an emotional connection to our planet, to other species, and amongst ourselves. There are certainly people in our community who harbor similar skills but may not have shared them. If that's you, take the opportunity to step forward and have your work and your passion celebrated.

From the foundations laid by Louis Daguerre and Matthew Brady to the vision of Ansel Adams and the documentary brilliance of David Douglas Duncan, photography at its best has artfully woven us together. Bring your camera, your smartphone, and your vision to Shutterbugs Photography Club, meeting every Tuesday, starting with a morning field trip on the first Tuesday, followed by weekly sessions of education, show-and-tell, and camera or post-production instruction.

See us every Tuesday at the Hobby Building Event Room beginning at 3 p.m. Remember, "Those who don't know should ask, those who do know should show and tell."

For more information, visit otowspc.org, search for Shutterbugs Photography Club on Facebook, or contact Garry Voith at garry.voith@gmail.com or 410-241-5079.



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Earthrise.

**Author's Support Group**

Paul DiSclafani



The Author's Support Group is open to all published resident authors and meets on the first Thursday of every month at 11 a.m. in Arbor Conference Center Event Room II.

We are excited to announce that our authors will be instructors during the six-week writer's course, "Writers in the Making: Learning from Published Authors," at Master the Possibilities.

The six-week course will cover writing tools and components, including dialogue, scene setting, and character development. There will also be sessions on specific writing genres, including fiction, nonfiction, and memoir.

During each weekly session, students will be encouraged to bring writing samples for discussion. The final session will focus on using Amazon's free self-publishing platform, KDP.

Authors Barbara Scales, Paul DiSclafani, Lori Szepelak, Mark Holmes, Filomena Alys-Smith, Tammy Cope, Ada Budd, and Tom Nicholl will guide the students through the various sessions.

The course is designed for beginners and those who have long considered writing but felt unsure how to begin. The course helps participants overcome common barriers such as insecurity and a lack of direction. By learning directly from experienced, published writers who have navigated similar challenges, students gain the tools, confidence, and encouragement they need to develop their ideas and begin their writing journey.

The entire series of classes (which will run for six consecutive weeks) is just \$8 for members and \$13 for the general public.

We expect to begin classes on Wednesday, July 15, and continue for six consecutive Wednesdays. The classes will be 90 minutes long and start at 11 a.m.

If you are interested in signing up for the course (cost: \$8 for the entire course), please visit MasterthePossibilities.org or stop by the main office in Circle Square Commons.

you while you are in the club to get you started.

We meet every Thursday in the Hobby Building Art Room from 3 to 5:30 p.m. For more information, you can call Tom at 352-586-1171. Come check us out and meet others who have found woodcarving a relaxing, creative hobby. Our members range from beginners to advanced carvers of many skill levels. Who knows? Maybe you would like to learn woodcarving.

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**Woodcarving Club**

Linda Toner



At the beginning of last month, Rich Aber gave us all some lessons in chip carving.

What is chip carving? Chip carving is a precise, often geometric, woodcarving technique in which small, faceted chips of wood are removed from a flat surface using sharp, specialized knives or chisels.

Primarily practiced on softwoods like basswood, it involves controlled short cuts to create intricate patterns and designs on boxes, furniture, and panels. The carver creates patterns by angling the knife (usually at 45 or 90 degrees) to remove small, singular pieces of wood. It requires minimal equipment: typically a single carving knife with a short blade, or a stab knife, and a sharpening strop.

As you cut each of the three sides of the pattern, a "chip" is released from the wood. When finishing a chip carving, the piece is stained. Once dry, the surface is sanded, creating a lighter color on top, giving the finished piece a three-dimensional appearance.

For those who may be interested in learning to become a woodcarver, on the first Thursday of each month, we have a teacher available to show you how to carve three-dimensional pieces in the round. On the second Thursday of each month, we have a teacher available to show you how to do relief carving, a two-dimensional carving technique. Those interested in relief carving should bring to the session an eight-and-three-quarter-inch-diameter round piece of pine, readily available at Michaels or Hobby Lobby. We have tools to lend

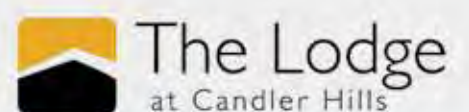


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**The New Pretenders**

Nancy Grabowski



tions would help, too. Oddly familiar, yet unique, like a xylophone or glockenspiel would be most excellent! Of course, a violin, saxophone, or guitar would be a super add-on to our equipment.

We never stop looking for additional talent to add to our cast. If you're interested, please speak with a current member or contact Nancy Grabowski at 352-209-4699 for more information.



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The Union Pacific Big Boy.

**Model Railroaders**

Jim Lynam



"The 'Big Boy' is coming! The 'Big Boy' is coming! This headline will appear in many newspapers across the United States this spring and summer. In conjunction with celebrating America's 250th anniversary, the Union Pacific Railroad's "Big Boy" steam engine will be touring the United States.

This locomotive class represents the world's largest and most powerful steam engines that were ever built. Constructed between 1941 and 1944, measuring 132 feet in length and weighing over 1.2 million pounds, they were designed to pull freight through the Rocky Mountains. Although 25 locos were built, only No. 4014 is in operation today.

The "Big Boy" is an articulated engine with a pivot that allows it to traverse curves. The wheel arrangement is 4-8-8-4, with two separate steam cylinders, each powering eight driving wheels.

The tour started on Saturday, March

28, and it will end with the Heartland Tour on Sunday, Oct. 11. The consist also includes vintage passenger cars, but ticket availability is limited. The schedule includes Omaha, Chicago, Buffalo, Scranton, and will be in Philadelphia for the Fourth of July. The tour will continue to Altoona, St. Louis, and Rochelle, and will conclude in Fort Worth, Texas. The train is also scheduled to make 15-minute whistle stops in various communities along the way for photos and viewing. For rail-fans everywhere, this could be a once-in-a-lifetime event.

If you are unable to view the real "Big Boy" this summer, our club has one operating on our HO-scale layout. It is amazing to observe the articulated engine, with all its driving wheels and rods, in action!

The club also invites you to visit the Hobby Building Model Train Room on any Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. Come on in and run some trains with us! The Model Railroaders Club is always looking for new members, and you are welcome to join us. Our next club meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Wednesday, June 3, in the Hobby Building Event Room. If you have any questions, please text Jim Lynam at 352-861-2822.

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**HERE ARE A FEW TIPS TO HELP YOU PREPARE FOR HURRICANE SEASON:**

- Build a disaster supply kit (first aid kit, water, canned food supply, etc.)
- Compile a list of medications, including dosage and frequency. Have a 7-day supply on hand, particularly special needs items like oxygen tanks
- Those with special needs should register with the Marion County Special Needs Program to receive assistance during a disaster (marionso.com/special-needs-program or (352) 369-8100)
- Bring in anything that can be picked up by the wind (bicycles, lawn ornaments, patio furniture, etc.)
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**On Top of the World**

**Meditation Group**



**Domenica Genovese**

The Meditation Group gathered on Zoom last month for a wonderful conversation with Meido Barbara Anderson, a Buddhist priest at O-An Zendo Meditation Center in Julian, Pennsylvania.

Meido began practicing meditation in 1967, soon after receiving her doctorate in philosophy from Penn State University. She began her formal study and practice of Zen with the Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh, receiving the Five Precepts from him in 1994. Thereafter, she studied and practiced in the Soto and Rinzaï styles. In 2010, she received the Ten Grave Buddhist Precepts and was ordained as a Zen priest in 2011. She became a fully transmitted dharma heir in the Phoenix Cloud lineage in 2019.

Meido brought both warmth and depth to our conversation, fielding questions with the kind of clarity that only decades of practice can produce. She invited us to let go of the idea that meditation is a self-improvement project or a path to achieving some particular mental state. Sitting, she suggested, is simply about being fully present to where we already are, in this moment, without needing it to be something else.

Every meditator knows the wandering mind, and Meido was reassuring about this. Thoughts arise – that’s what minds do. The practice is to notice them and gently come back to them, repeatedly. That act of returning, she told us, is the practice itself.

As for how much time it takes to make meditation meaningful, her answer may surprise you: not as much as you’d expect. Even a few minutes of sincere, consistent practice can make a real difference. What counts is showing up regularly.

Our group came away from the conversation genuinely inspired and grateful for Meido’s generosity in sharing her experience and wisdom. It was a good reminder of why we gather each week: to sit together, ask honest questions, and support each other along the way.

We meet every Tuesday from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Event Room I.

For more information, feel free to contact Domenica Genovese at [domenica@gcfonline.com](mailto:domenica@gcfonline.com), Brenda Foster at [brenda@gcfonline.com](mailto:brenda@gcfonline.com), or Athena Drewes at [Drathenadrewes@gmail.com](mailto:Drathenadrewes@gmail.com).



Photo courtesy of O-An Zendo

Buddhist priest, Meido Barbara Anderson, spoke to our group last month.

**Murder Mystery Dinner Theater**

**Liz Elliott Lieberman**



The Murder Mystery Dinner Theater Club is preparing for their upcoming screwball comedy for the Latinos Club entitled, “At the CopaOcala!” The sold-out show will be on Saturday, May 30.

We are planning a completely new, scripted show written by the Murder Mystery Dinner Theater Club for the Friends of SPCA. Projected for mid-November, there will be three performances open to all residents, so we hope to see you at one of these hilarious and fun productions. Please keep an eye out in future columns from our club or the Friends of SPCA for ticket information around the September issue.

We perform for smaller groups of under 120 people within our community. This results in more intimate and engaging shows where the audience gets to guess “whodunnit?” Dinner is often

included in the ticket price. We believe that laughter is the best medicine, and so the audience gets to giggle along with our “over the top” characters.

We rehearse on Mondays from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Studio D.

There are many opportunities to join our group, as we always need technical help, lighting and sound specialists, prompters, backstage staff, costumers, dressers, and stage managers. There is a lot more that goes into a production than what you see on the stage. The camaraderie of being in a show and entertaining an audience is like nothing I can describe. You make long-lasting friendships with like-minded people and, at the same time, offer your time to many worthwhile causes.

For more information regarding the Murder Mystery Dinner Theater Club, please contact Liz Lieberman at [Lizzy-lieberman@gmail.com](mailto:Lizzy-lieberman@gmail.com) or 702-378-6300 or Pati Bean at [pjbean5678@gmail.com](mailto:pjbean5678@gmail.com) or 253-278-1661. Please state your level of interest, either as an actor or to book a murder mystery for your organization or club.



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Lynn Hutton and Randy Schmid in “The Haunting of Weybourne High.”

**Sewing Bees**

**Ann Gallo**



The dog days of summer have arrived. Get out of the heat and join us on Thursdays in the Hobby Building. Enjoy the air conditioning, make new friends, and help make a quilt for a child.

Three of our members, Susie Clauson, Rolanda Jacobovitz, and Carol Avery, entered their quilts at the Country Road Quilters show held at Circle Square Cultural Center in April. Many hours went into these quilts to create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece. They were truly beautiful.

During April, we distributed 50 quilts to Kids Central. They are an agency that serves about 100 children a month who are entering foster care or are homeless. They provide clothing and other essentials for these children, many of whom arrive with only the clothing they are wearing.

In addition, we provided 15 quilts to Pay It Forward, an agency that helps

homeless families and victims of domestic violence. These families receive a referral to Pay It Forward, which then allows them to pick out household goods from their warehouse to set up their apartment.

After almost four years, this will be my last World News column. I have enjoyed sharing interesting facts and the exciting things that are happening at the hive. Our vice president, Susie Clauson, will be taking over, and we look forward to her columns.

Did you know that quilts can also be made from non-traditional items such as old blankets, scarves, ribbons, or vintage linens?

We meet every Thursday in the Hobby Building, from 12:30 to 3 p.m., and on the second and third Saturdays of every month from noon to 3 p.m.

We are always in need of children’s-themed cotton, solid-color cotton, or flannel fabric. Financial donations and gift cards, especially from Hobby Lobby and Michaels, are always welcome. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

Join our page on Facebook (Sewing Bees Club Inc.) and see what magic takes place at the hive. Stay up to date on what we are working on and our cur-

rent needs.

Questions? Call or text Ann Gallo at 917-597-2178 or email us at [SewingBees-Club@gmail.com](mailto:SewingBees-Club@gmail.com).



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Carol Avery, Rolanda Jacobovitz, and Susie Clauson displaying two of their quilts.

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