The Southport Sun

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DECEMBER **HOA Events**

Tickets for HOA events are sold on Wednesday mornings from 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Luminaries & Golf Cart Parade Sunday, December 3rd Luminaries lit at 6:30pm—Golf Cart Parade at 6:45pm.

HOA Christmas Dinner

Saturday, December 7th- Noon & 5:30pm. Choose Prime Rib or Ham & all the Fixin's. HOA MEMBERS ONLY. Noon-dinner only—5:30pm-dinner & dancing. Music by Jesse Derringer 7–10pm.

Choose either noon or 5:30pm—not both. \$5.00 per person which will be refunded. Tickets on sale November 13 & 20.

Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, December 11th – Noon or 5:00pm. Serving Chicken Parm. Pasta, & all the Fixin's. \$5.00 per person which will be refunded. Tickets on sale November 13, 20 & 27.

Christmas Brunch Potluck

Sunday, December 15th – 10:00am. Gospel/Holiday Music by Kris Pierce. Please bring a dish to pass that will serve 10-12 people. Sign up in the Clubhouse.

> Christmas Home Tour Tuesday, December 17th - 5:45pm

Meet in the Main Clubhouse.

New Year's Eve Party

Tuesday, December 31st — 8:30pm_12:30am \$25.00 per person. Champagne Toast & Hor D'oeuvres. Tickets on sale December 4, 11 and 18.

Other Events

Tickets for non-HOA events sold at the Tavern from 4:00-6:00pm on Wednesday & Friday.

Community Christmas Party Thursday, December 5th—6:30–9:00pm.

\$5.00 per person.

Karaoke

Friday December 6th — 6:00–9:00pm. Main Clubhouse. Free Admission.

Gingerbread House Making Contest Thursday December 19th — 6:30–8:30pm. Main Clubhouse. \$5.00 per person.



This year will be a sad Christmas for me. The reason is that for the past 20+ years I have taken on the role of the man with the white (gray) beard and the bright red suit & trousers. Due to current health reasons, I cannot accept any invitations to provide children (& adults) with the magic of the season. However, I do have numerous fond memories of this

wonderful time of the year when I would don the uniform and spread the good cheer. One memory I will never forget is my first opportunity to visit some children at their home. I had confidently planned an exciting entry into their home in full uniform and provide the children with a fun-filled few hours with Santa. I drove to the house, parked a few doors down so the kids would not see me get out of my vehicle, and stepped out onto the street. Immediately Í dropped my small bag of goodies for the kids. When I stooped down to pick up these goodies, without any hesitation my trousers slipped down to my knees. I quickly grabbed the top of the pants, yanked them up as high as I could, gripped them as if in a vice so they would not fall again, and hobbled to the house to visit excited children. As I was clenching the trousers and hobbling down the street, I could hear children and their parents behind me yelling "Hey Santa, come here for a visit." I could not acknowledge them in any way without losing my pants. I just kept hob-bling and ignoring the neighbor's invitations. Finally, I made it into the house of the children who were anxiously awaiting my arrival. Still clutching the top of my trousers, I hobbled to a Lazy Boy rocker in the living room. I plopped down and proceeded to wiggle and wiggle and wiggle some more to get my trousers into a respectable position. I finished my visit with the children and sheepishly asked the parents if I could use their restroom. Of course, no one in the house really knew what a quandary I was in. I do not remember exactly what I did to resolve this issue, but I eventually made it back to my vehicle with no trouser slips. First time in uniform and 2 lessons learned. Wear suspenders and always, always do a trial run before making my confident arrival. As you celebrate this Christmas with your family & loved ones, think of Santa hobbling down the street trying to keep his trousers up.

Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!

Sunshine Committee Bake Sale

The Sunshine Bakery held its annual Bake Sale Fundraiser November 9. This community raised \$2,500. We thank everyone who baked, bought and contributed cash, and those who volunteered their time for packaging, pricing, set up, take down, and sales. I want to thank Barbara Goodyke for her generous contribution of baked goods. Other members of the team included: Lee Casteris, Lee Edwards, Jan Wheeler, Vivian Challen, Corey Strawn, Bridget Ebdrup, Carol Dziki, Carol Coffaro, Marge Miller, Patti McConchie, BJ Rambo, Fran Fusco, and of course, Cindy Judy. Karol McGinn, *Sunshine Team*



"I just want to thank all the wonderful people in Southport Springs who reached out to me when my Joey passed away. It was a painful journey for him and now he is at peace. Thank you also to the Bereavement Committee for their gift card. I have learned that living in this community is truly a blessing." — Joan Nous





A big 'thank you' to the Sunshine Committee for the Publix Gift Card. My 10 day stay in the hospital was certainly unexpected and quite an ordeal. The calls, cards and prayers were greatly appreciated. A special thanks to Linda Reschke and to Judy Winslow for bringing food for Spurgeon and Alane during my absence

and a VERY grateful thanks to the three individuals who donated blood for me. My love to you all — Lou Tucker



We recently had a Celebration of Life for my husband Dick Clark. I want to thank everyone for coming. I also thank Sandy Fenlock and her wonderful group of ladies for everything they did to make it so special. Thank you also to Val Lebo. Thank you from the bottom of my heart God Bless you all!

Esther Clark



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MEET & GREET







The "Host with the Most" Mike Strawn welcoming new residents to Southport Springs.



SOUTHPORT SPRINGS HOA **2024 NEW RESIDENT MEET & GREET**



The event this year was another great success due to the incredible teamwork by the Welcome Committee, Committee and Group Leaders, the countless people who pitched in to do whatever was necessary, along with the HOA Board.

We had 46 new residents at the event which started with them being seated at a table with other new residents

where they could exchange stories about how they came to SPS, and forge new friendships. They were also served pie and their choice of coffee or soft drinks. We then had representatives from each Committee and Group give a brief presentation of the various activities and groups that are available for the new residents to join. We had a time when everyone could visit with those representatives to receive more information; and even sign up to participate in those groups or activities. We ended the festivities with a great variety of giveaways that included 7 beautiful gift baskets, Gift Cards for the Tavern, 2 Tavern Drink cups, several bottles of alcoholic beverages and wine. We ended the giveaways with a gift card from" "Buzz's Power Wash" to one very fortunate new resident. As always, we had plenty of help cleaning up afterwards. We look forward to our next group of newbies that we can celebrate with the same enthusiasm and appreciation. Thanks to all of our new residents, and welcome to the greatest community in Florida.

Mike Strawn, Welcoming Commitment Chairperson

NEWSLETTER EDITOR CLARIFICATION



I may not have been clear when I informed residents of my objectives as SPS newsletter editor. Hopefully the next few sentences will correct any misunderstanding. You might notice that there is no article or photo(s) for the November Craft Fair in the December newsletter. This is because I did

not receive any for this event. This is my request to all residents. If you are at any SPS event and want to share what is happening, please provide me, via email, with the event name, photo(s) and a brief description of the event. I do have 2 volunteers helping with this, but they cannot be at every event. Your event feedback is appreciated and will be included in the next month's newsletter. risone@vahoo.com

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DEADLINE: Deadline for submitting articles, "thank you" notes etc. is the <u>20th of the month.</u> Any-thing received after the 20th will appear in the following month's issue.

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Cocktail Hour Dick Knoles, Resident Mixologist Jack Frost Cocktail

Ingredients

For 1For 43/4 Cup3 Cups Frozen pineapple1/2 Cup2 Cups Vanilla Ice Cream1/4 Cup1 Cup Pineapple Juice3/4 oz3 oz. Coconut Rum3/4 oz3 oz. Blue Curacao

Shredded coconut and softened ice cream for garnish. Place frozen pineapple, ice cream, pineapple juice, coconut rum and blue curacao in a blender. Cover with a lid and blend until smooth.

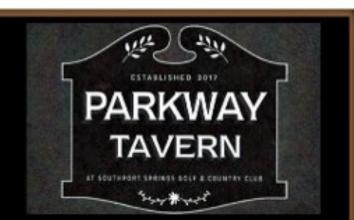
Dip the edges of the glasses in softened ice cream and roll in shredded coconut. Pour the drink into the glass and enjoy. You can also put a couple of mint leaves and a maraschino cherry on the drink for a more festive look. To make it very special make a batch and freeze it.



Once the drinks are made put a small scoop of the frozen drink into the glass to keep it chilled. The frozen drink can also be served as a dessert and eaten with a spoon.

This is not a very potent cocktail, so it is easy for everyone

to enjoy. This has always been a favorite for the Christmas season and more so if you make the Jack Frost Ice Cream and use as a garnish in the drink.



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Tickets for all HOA events on sale Wednesday morning in the Main Clubhouse Ballroom 8:00_10:00am.

Table reservations available (First Come First Served). Unless noted as open seating (limit 8 tickets per person).

Tickets for all other events on sale as posted (see below).

Disclaimer: All event and social activity information included herein is consistent with information that was provided to our editorial staff as of this printing. Thank You.

HOA EVENTS

Event

HOA Dinner Dance Saturday, December 7

Community Christmas Luncheon Wednesday, December 11th

Christmas Brunch Potluck Sunday, December 15th

New Year's Eve Party Tuesday, December 31st

<u>Ticket Purchase Dates or Sign-up Sheets</u>

Wednesday, November 6th, 13th, 20th. Call Laurie Smedberg at **612-991-3804** to inquire.

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Sign-up sheet in the main clubhouse. Call Laurie Smedberg at **612-991-3804** to inquire.

Wednesday, December 4th, 11th, 18th. Call Laurie Smedberg at **612-991-3804** to inquire.

OTHER EVENTS

Tickets on sale Wednesday and Friday <u>in</u> <u>The Tavern from 4:00_6:00pm</u> as posted

Community Christmas Party Thursday, December 5th Every Wednesday and Friday in December (no tickets at the door).

Gingerbread House Making Contest Thursday, December 19th Every Wednesday and Friday in December (no tickets at the door).





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- PRO SHOP: Mon-Sat 7am 5pm (Sun 7am-2pm)
- **POOL:** 8am Dusk Daily (residents & guests only)
- MAIN CLUBHOUSE: Daily 7am to 10pm
- POKER ROOOM: Daily 7am to 10pm
- LITTLE CLUBHOUSE: Daily 7am to 10pm •
- PARKWAY TAVERN: See AD on Page 7 For Days and Hours of Operation

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Anyone having concerns or complaints are asked to submit them in writing to the attention of Sean Rankin our community manager who will be more than pleased to promptly address your concerns. If you feel your concerns have not been adequately addressed within a reasonable period of time, you should then submit a copy of your concern or complaint to our HOA President. Finally, if you feel your con-cern or complaint has still not been addressed to your satisfaction, you are welcome to go to Sun Communities' website where you can access corporate contact information.

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NEED TO RESERVE SPACE?

Main Clubhouse Ballroom & The Little Clubhouse: Please contact Barbara Holdridge, HOA President at 813-701-6789 or E-Mail her at barbaraholdridge@yahoo.com

Poker Room: Please e-mail your request to the Community Office at

southportsprings@suncommunities.com

Note: Reservations can be made by groups of 4 or more one month prior to the planned event. Standing reservations are not available.

The HOA Board of Directors welcomes Sharon Parent as Vice President. Sharon volunteered to fill the vice president position left open after Teresa Hall resigned. Sharon will fill this position until the January 2025 election.

Events & Activities December 2024

MC - Main Clubhouse LC - Little Clubhouse PR - Poker Room TC - Tennis Court

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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HOA NEWS



Hi Everyone! I hope you all have been good because you know Santa is watching. 🖾

December is a very busy month for everyone. We are having a special HOA members only event on December 7th to thank all of you for supporting the HOA. Without the support of the residents there would not be a HOA. There are two

seatings for this event one at Noon and one at 5:30 p.m. Unfortunately, the 5:30 seat-ing is sold out, but there are still tickets available for the Noon seating. We are serving either prime rib or ham, baked potato, veggies, salad, roll and dessert. If you are interested in the Noon seating please give Lauri Smedburg a call so we can plan the food needed.

It would be nice if everyone could come together and work together to make Southport Springs an even better community to live in.

We are also having a Community Christmas party for all residents on December 11th, with two seatings. One at Noon and the other at 5:00 p.m. Unfortunately, the 5:00 p.m. seating is sold out, but please join us at Noon for Chicken Parm, pasta, salad, roll and dessert. All residents are welcome. Just sign up or call Lauri Smedberg so we can plan the food needed.

New Years Eve is right around the corner. We will be having a dance with Nunes at Night from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. These tickets will go on sale December 4th from 8-10 a.m. in the Clubhouse. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. We will be serving finger foods and a champagne toast at midnight. Come bring in the New Year and enjoy the fun! The statutory meeting was held November 12th, 2024 to discuss the rent increase and other topics. The 5% increase that they have incorporated is because our prospectus says they can. Also looking at the JTL report (Market Reports for Manufactured Homes) we are very compatible with similar parks. This increase will start in January. Items that will be addressed in 2025 are the following, the dog park, shuffleboard courts, pool tables, tennis court, pickleball and horseshoes. Looking at how we can extend the ballroom to accommodate more residents for events. Also, what can be done for streets flooding if another hurricane should ever hit again and there is no exit for residents? Corporate will look into this. The gate is working, but the screen is not. Sean thought it be best to leave it open until the screen could be fixed because if you have guests coming they could not get in. The parts have been ordered. We also asked if the gate could be changed to something simpler. It will be looked into in 2025. (continued in the next column)

We will be having our annual election on January 18th, 2025 in the clubhouse at 10:00 a.m.

We have three open board positions that need to be filled. If you are interested in running for the board, please let Desdie Eberman know as soon as possible. If you want to have a voice in the election, you need to join the HOA by January 17th, 2025 in order to vote. You can find membership forms in the Little Clubhouse or on the HOA website. Thank you in advance for joining. After the election we will be ordering new phone books for the community. Please check to see if your information is correct. If it needs to be changed, please contact Ruthann Brown.

The mission of our homeowners association is to enhance the quality of life through assuring the good and proper management of common areas, to assure the enforcement of rules and covenants, and to support in the initiatives that strengthen bonds among residents. We will recommend improvements to the owners of the community that will benefit the greater good of the community and its residents. In fulfilling our mission, we will always value honesty, fairness, firmness, equity, common sense, participation, and respect in all our ac-tions. Let's all come together to make Southport Springs a great place to live.

Happy New Year Barbara Holdridge, HOA President



Mark Your Calendars

The Brown-Trent Genealogy Group will meet in the poker room on Mondays at 1pm when announced. We have we all grow in Internet service, so bring your laptops and tablets. Free research opportunities will be available. We will be discussing the construction and pur-

pose of Family trees. Also available will be photo scanning if you have a 16mg SD card For more information, you can text me at 618-978-8564 or, you can E-mail me at time522@aol.com.



Morning Bible Study

Southport's Morning Bible Study group meets every Friday morning at 9 am in the Little Clubhouse.

"Studying the Bible helps us grow in faith, grow in joy and grow in wisdom". Everyone is welcome. For more information, you can call me at 813-778-4027

Rita Walters

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness, that we may be complete; equipped for every good work.



JANUARY

HOA Events

Tickets for HOA events are sold on Wednesday mornings from 8:00–10:00am

Miller & Mark Dance Party Duo "Winter Wonderland" Friday, January 11–7:00–10:00pm. Tickets go on sale December 18.

HOA Board of Directors Election Saturday, January 18th – 10:00am. You must be a 2025 HOA member to vote.

> **Potluck & Quarter Bingo** Tuesday, January 21st— 5:30pm. Sign up in the Main Clubhouse.

Community Yard Sale Saturday, January 25th — 9:00am—2:00pm,

Other Events

Tickets for non-HOA events sold at the <u>Tavern from 4:00–6:00pm on</u> <u>Wednesday & Friday.</u>

Karaoke Friday January 24 — 6:00–9:00pm. Main Clubhouse. Free Admission.

Dinner & Nite Golf

More Info To Come.

Have yourself a merry little Christmas Let your heart be light. From now on

Our troubles will be out of sight.

Have vourself a merry little Christmas.

Make the Yule-tide gay. From now on Our troubles will be miles away

Here we are as in olden days.

Happy golden days of yore. Faithful friends who are dear to us Gather near to us once more.

Through the years we all will be together If the fates allow

Hang a shining star upon the highest bough. And have yourself a merry little Christmas now. Here we are as in olden days.

Happy golden days of yore. Faithfull friends who are dear to us Gather near to us once more

Through the years we all will be together If the fates allow.

So hang a shining star upon the highest bough And have yourself a merry little Christmas now.





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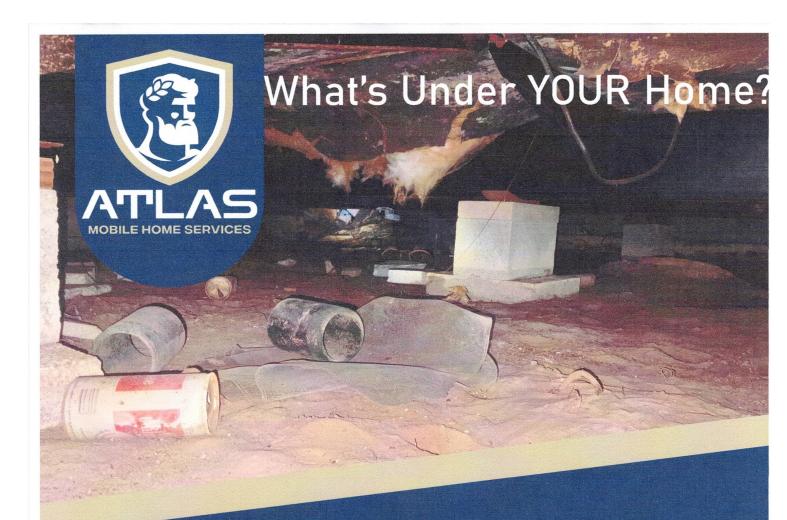
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The "80s Ladies" Luncheon



A Ladies 80's Celebration

More than seventy Southport ladies got together last month to celebrate and honor two ladies who, over the years, have dedicated so much of their time and energy in helping to make Southport the amazing and wonderful community that it is. Honored for all their hard work and dedication were Lee Edwards (*aka Madam Mayor*) and Sandy Fenlock. Chances are you've see both of these ladies volunteering to help out with so many of the events that take place here in Southport. Because of Lee and her team, things like



the monthly Potluck Dinners, Pizza Parties, Ice Cream Socials and BINGO all run like clockwork and thanks to Sandy and her *'Celebration of Life'* team, honoring those who have gone before us is always made truly special and beautiful. Thank you, ladies; and thank you to all of you ladies who help make Southport so special. A great time was had by all who attended this great event.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Gilbride, Eileen	Dec 6	Paraschak, Shawnee	Dec 22	Purdy, Bob
Schutt, Connie	Dec 7	Gallenstein, Mary	Dec 24	Rankin, Keith
Winchester, Vickie	Dec 8	Negron, Natividad	Dec 24	Godlewski, Joe
Porter, Leslie	Dec 9	Hache, Mary	Dec 25	,
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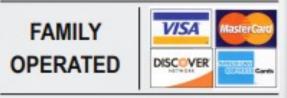
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FROM THE HEART

A million thanks to everyone who took the time to donate the "Gift of Life" at last month's Thanksgiving Blood Drive. Southport really hit

it out of the park this time around! Two of our amazing supporters (Sean & Lorene Rankin) always donate a \$50.00 gift card to raffle off to donors if we have at least 25 donors and said they would up it to \$100.00 if we had 40 or more donors. Guess what.....we had 41 life saving donors sign up for last month's drive. How amazing is that! Winner of the \$100.00 gift card was Diane Hagerty from over on Arrowwood Drive and winner of the \$25.00 Publix gift card donated by our HOA was Rita Earls from over on Bubba. As an extra special "thank you", our OneBlood rep Brian Olson raffled off two Thanksgiving turkeys. Winners of the two turkeys were Art Clement from over on Arrowwood Drive and Bonnie Gilmore from over on Russian Olive. We'd also like to give a big "Shout Out" to Karen Muncey, Parkway Tavern Manager who always donates a coupon for one free beer, wine or dessert to every blood donor for each drive. Thanks again to everyone who stepped up to donate and a special thanks to Sean and Lorene Rankin, Karen Muncey and our HOA for their generosity and continued support. Peace and God bless.

Joe Grigelevich & Lauren Waterman Co-leaders Gift of Life Ministry







SQUIRRELS: GARDEN

Squirrels may look sweet and harmless, but these curious critters can cause major destruction in your garden beyond carelessly knocking over some pots or planters. Squir-

rels enjoy digging up bulbs, burying seeds and nuts which can hinder a primary plants growth.

It's important to keep "Rocky" and his buddies out of potted plants to prevent them from destroying your flowers, vegetables, and herbs.

Here are some ideas that may help you win this battle.

Sprinkle coffee grounds on your soil. The taste and smell of coffee is pleasing for many, but squirrels don't agree. Coffee grounds are a natural repellent for the varmints and are easy to mix into your soil. Don't throw the coffee grounds away. Not only are the grounds beneficial in deterring Rocky but are beneficial in other ways. Acid-loving plants such as Azaleas, Roses, etc. also benefit from the grounds. While needed in the garden as a deterrent and a source of acid, it also contains nitrogen to act as a safe source of fertilizer in containers and around garden plants. There are several oils you can use to deter squirrels

including mint, cloves, and lemon grass.

Some have used bone or blood-meal. Caution is needed as these two items can be toxic to pets. In my opinion you should avoid using this type of treatment if you own dogs or cats.

One of the primary reasons squirrels dig in pots is to store excess foods like seeds, nuts, and acorns.

With this said, another simple way to deter the squirrel is to make the soil more difficult for them to access. You can achieve this objective by laying chicken wire or netting over the soil. Another way to enhance your planters and deter squirrels is by adding flowers that they avoid like Marigolds and Nasturtiums because they emit a scent that Rocky, and the Gang don't like. Pinwheels in planters will work as a deterrent for a while but squirrels are smart making this short term. You are best off pairing this up with coffee grounds or scented oils.

They, Rocky and the Boys are tough to beat. But these ideas should provide some leverage

Bob Gallion. 813 838 3668.

NOVEMBER BUS TRIP

Last month's bus trip brought us back to The Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater to see the hilarious and side-splitting off-Broadway production of "Menopause". It was non-stop laughter as the four ladies gave a "Tony Award" winning performance singing the songs we listened and danced to way back when and which will never quite ever be the same again ("Only you and you alone, can thrill me like you do"). As always, dinner was delicious and the cheesecake amazing.













CHRISTMAS BRUNCH Away from family? Join your friends and neighbors Christmas morning at 10:00 in the ballroom.

Bring a dish to share. Tableware and coffee/tea will be provided.

Sign up sheet in the big clubhouse.

Residents ONLY until Dec. 15. Then guests until Dec. 20.

DECEMBER 2024 – SPS VETS COMMITTEE UPDATE



VA's funding cut proposals have sparked concerns regarding the potential ramifications on services vital to Florida veterans' health and well-being.

As the support pillar of those who served the nation, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) brings forth crucial services including medical care, mental health resources, housing needs, and employment.

The proposed budget cuts threaten to diminish these services that countless Veterans rely on.

The VA is a cabinet-level executive branch dedicated to supporting vets and their military service. It operates three administrations: Veterans' Health Administration, Benefits Administration, and our National Cemetery Administration.

Each year, congress allocates funds from the federal budget to support the VA's range of services to Veterans. The department then distributes these funds to health care, compensation, education, and other supportive services.

In fiscal year 2022 around 50.5% of the VA's budget was earmarked for veterans compensation, related to serviceconnected disabilities and other items such as servicerelated deaths, pensions, etc.

Congress is facing budgetary constraints amid conflicting priorities, resulting in debates on fund allocation. As a result, budget cuts affecting several government programs including those administered by the VA, have occurred. Recently Congress rescinded 2.6 billion in unspent funding from previous years targeting medical services and modernization of health care facilities.

In a nutshell, the VA funding cut includes reduced access to care, increased backlog of claims, prolonged waiting for benefits, cyber security growth, and the continuing deterioration of the VA's infrastructure,

My opinion Veterans are again getting treated poorly while money flies out of the country for citizens of other countries. If you are upset with this action, please contact your local congressional representative.

Congresswomen Laurel Lee, 202-225-5626, represents us in the Florida's 15th district. Bob Gallion



GOLF ASSOCIATION



Happy December to all. Many Southport Springs golfers have been playing other courses over the last few months to get in their golf fix. Very soon we will have our course back. The clean-up continues in our community. Our park is getting top treatment compared to many of the parks in our area. By the time you read this the course

will be getting closer to opening. Earl hopes all will be reopened by December 15th or sooner. Also, there will be a sign-up sheet put up for a January 1ST Hickory Club Golf Event that anyone can play in. Watch for the sign-up sheet to go up. Once course opens, we will then put up our sheets for league play with the start times.

Lots of work getting the course back to playable condition. When we do start to play on our course again, lets all take care of it by replacing all divots, rake the bunkers and obey the rangers when they speak to you. This is the best time to play golf here in Florida with our beautiful weather. Have a great Holiday season to all. Thank You.

Dave Dundas / Golf Association President

I asked Earl to update me on November 20th.

Here is his update;

I anticipate an opening date of Dec 15th. We will be over seeding the entire golf course starting tomorrow. We have had some issues with the pump station. Seed germination will take approximately 7 to 10 days, then we will mow and roll greens. Around the 1st week of December. Should be good to go by the 15th.

As far as the leagues are concerned, we will try to accommodate the Southport groups where they were playing before the storm. That will change on the 1st of January to the winter times.

Please add into your newsletter that we have a Hickory Golf event on Jan 1st and anyone is welcome to play, they have Hickory rentals clubs if anyone wants to hire some. We could get a signup sheet so we can have an idea of players. Ladies are welcome play.





Watch For Posting On Main Bulletin Board Dinner & Dinner & Nite Golf On The Back 9 Shot Gun Start 8:30pm Play Best Ball Limited to 80 Players 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Prizes

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Golf Cart Parade signup sheet in the main clubhouse.

Golf Cart Parade starts at 7:00 p.m.

Hot Chocolate and Cookies after the golf cart parade. Christmas Caroling at the fireplace.

All are welcome!

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Wednesday, December 11 Servings at Noon or 5:00 p.m.



Serving

Chicken Parm, Pasta. Salad, Roll & Butter and Dessert.

Iced Tea and Lemonade will be provided.

Ticket cost is \$5.00 per person which will be refunded when you show up.

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HOA Christmas Dinner/Dance



Saturday, December 7

Serving at Noon or 5:30 p.m.

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Choice of Prime Rib or Ham.

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Music by Jesse Derringer at 7:00 p.m.

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Christmas Home Tour



Tuesday, December 17 5:45 p.m. Meet in the ballroom.

Please sign up to be a hostess to show your home or sign up to be a visitor who tours the houses. \$2.00 per person collected at the door.

Please Bring a Flashlight.

Hot Chocolate & Cookies after the tour.



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Sunday, December 15. 10:00 a.m.

Kris Pierce



Please bring a dish to pass that will serve 10-12 people. HOA will provide mimosas, tea, coffee, orange juice, plates and silverware. Sign up in the clubhouse.

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New Year's Eve Party

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Tuesday, December 31 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.



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HOA Halloween Dance

















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