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January 2024

JANUARY

HOA Events

Listen & Dance To The Music Of Jesse Derringer Saturday, January 13th 7:00pm -10:00pm

> Soup & Chili Pot Luck Followed By Nickel Bingo Tuesday, January 16th 5:30pm

Sunday Morning Gospel Hou<mark>r</mark> & Pot Luck Breakfast With Kris Pierce Sunday, January 21st 10:00am

Note: Event Tickets Available For Purchase (as poste<mark>d) See Page 8</mark> ***<mark>**</mark>**********

Other Events

Karaoke Friday, January 5th & 19th 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Listen & Dance To "Miller & Mark"

Thursday, January18th 5:00pm - 8:00pm Compliments of The Parkway Tavern

Ryder Cup Golf Tournament Sunday, January 21st 1:00pm

See page 7,11 & 27 for details



COMING *JANUARY 3RD* See Page 10



Do you have a Will, Living Will and/or DNR in place? **Need Assistance?**

See Ad on page 17

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Yup...that time of year again. Time to elect four members to our HOA Board. The annual HOA meeting (registered 2024 HOA members only) and election will be held on Saturday, January 20th in the Main Clubhouse starting at 10:00am. The following five candidates have stepped forward to fill four vacancies.



Rita Earl - Rita came to Southport from Virginia Beach in November 2021 where she and her late husband Don had lived for over forty years. She has four children; Don Jr. who lives in California, Scott who lives in Virginia, Kathlene who lives in Alabama and Cynthia who lives here in Wesley Chapel. It was Cynthia who convinced her mom to come to Southport. Rita has five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Prior to marrying Don and raising a family, Rita worked as a secretary for the government contracting seg-

ment of Westinghouse which required top secret clearance. Rita loves traveling and enjoys playing Bridge and enjoys learning new card games. When asked why she decided to toss her hat in the ring she replied, "I've met so many wonderful people here in Southport and I'm a 'people person' and I adapt easily. I feel like I can make a positive contribution here in Southport."

Desdie Eberman - Desdie and her husband Tom who is a retired Logistics and Compliance Officer and who worked for U.S. Art, the world's largest fine art handling company moved here from Savannah, Georgia in June of 2020. They had lived in Savannah for 15 years. Prior to that, they lived in Plymouth, Massachusetts for more than 20 years. Before her own retirement, Desdie, who is a Bridgewater State and Endicott graduate with a degree in Educa-



tion Management, taught school (all grade levels K-12) for over 30 years. Desdie has been an HOA Board member since September 2020 and has agreed to run for a second term.

When asked why she would like to continue serving as a board member, Desdie replied " because I have enjoyed being able to serve our community.



Lee Edwards - and her late husband Joe moved from Brockton, Massachusetts to Davenport, Florida over 20 years ago. Before retiring, Lee was a medical secretary and Joe worked at Disney. They moved to Southport in 2008 and quickly became involved in a number of volunteer activities. Ten years ago Lee decided to run for the HOA Board. For the last ten years, Lee's position on the Board has been Social Events Director and she's done a great job. Folks have, and continue to enjoy things like BINGO, Pot Lucks, Nickle Bingo, Ice Cream Socials, Pizza Parties etc. When asked why she wented to run again this time around her

asked why she wanted to run again this time around, Lee simply said, "I enjoy serving". (continued pn pg 3 - CANDIDATES)



COMING NEXT MONTH SOUTHPORT'S WINTER BLOOD DRIVE



Saturday, February 10th 8:30am - 2:00pm (Main Clubhouse Parking Lot) Your Chance To Save 3 Lives

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SPS SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Southport Springs is one busy place in December and that includes members of the Sunshine Committee distributing "sunshine" throughout our community. Thanks to all of those committee members AND to those who keep us informed. We couldn't do this without all of you. We'll be having a meeting in January to review the past year and to make plans for the year ahead.

God bless everyone and let's pray for a happy 2024.







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"As we grow older, we discover that we have two hands — one for helping ourselves, the other for helping others."

— Audrey Hepburn

SPS WOMENS CLUB

2023 was a busy year for the SPS Women's Club. The projects and events we undertook included an Accessory Sale, Spring and Fall Food Drives, Collecting School Supplies for Chester Elementary School, the Red Carpet fund raising event, collecting new closed toed shoes and socks for Pasco County Students in need, making Duffle Bags for Caterpillars to Butterflies (thanks to members of Southport's Silver Needles group for helping us) and collecting donations for Sunrise of Pasco County, a domestic violence and abuse center. We also made a monetary donation to Toys for Tots.

RESIDENT SERVICES

Ladies, please consider joining the Women's Club as we continue serving our local community in 2024. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10th at 10:00am in the Little Clubhouse.







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Cindy Judy 712-514-3997 lucinda622@comcast.net

CANDIDATES (cont. from pg 1)



Nancy Hendricks - Nancy and her husband Randy live on Buttercup. While Nancy is a Chicago native; she actually moved to Florida in 1980. She's a Burger King Corporation retiree where her job was to evaluate underperforming franchises and recommend and assist in implementing changes that would help restore profitability. She and Randy moved to Southport in 2018. They love living here. Nancy has previously served

as an HOA Board member here in Southport as Treasurer and said she would like to serve on the board once again because, "I enjoy being part of a team that will work to keep our HOA strong so they can continue with all of the events and functions that allow our community to come together and enjoy all that is offered to us and so that we can all live out our retirement years with good times and great friends. I support my Community and our HOA Board. It takes an entire community to make it happen."

Mike Strawn - Mike and Cory came to Southport this past May from Farmington, Minnesota where Mike worked, and continues to work for Paladin Technologies, a Security Company as a Project manager. Prior to working for Paladin, he and Cory Co-pastored churches in New England and in Florida where Cory also worked as an Administrative Assistant. They have two children, Aaron and Brennan who both live back in Farmington, Minnesota. Aaron and his wife Amy have two children (Violet and Leo).

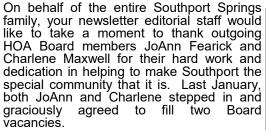


When asked what his favorite hobby was Mike said cooking was definitely his favorite thing to do. He recently got an outdoor flattop griddle and has been using it every day since he got it.

The reason Mike and Cory decided to move to Southport was that about six years ago they lived in a Sun

Communities property in Lake Alfred, Florida and really enjoyed living there. So when it came time to think about a place to retire to they looked at several Sun properties in Central Florida and in their opinion, Southport was "hands-down" the nicest community they looked at. Mike noted that "the decision for us was an easy one. We both absolutely love living here. The people are wonderful, and the community is so lovely and so well maintained." When asked why he wanted to serve on our HOA Board, Mike said, "Having observed the kind of people that currently serve and their dedication to having a servant-leader attitude caused me to want to have the opportunity to be a part of that kind of effort. Having learned the significance of being in a leadership position and having the heart of a servant, I believe my background, skills and willingness to serve would be a compliment to the people already serving on the Board."

THANK YOU





JoAnn chaired the New Membership/ Welcoming Committee and did an amazing job at helping to build membership and welcoming new residents as they moved in. Charlene, who chaired the Events and Entertainment committee did an equally amazing job at planning new, exciting and fun-filled events. We thank them both not only for what they did for us over the past year, but what they continue to do to help make Southport so special. Thank you JoAnn and Charlene for all that you do!

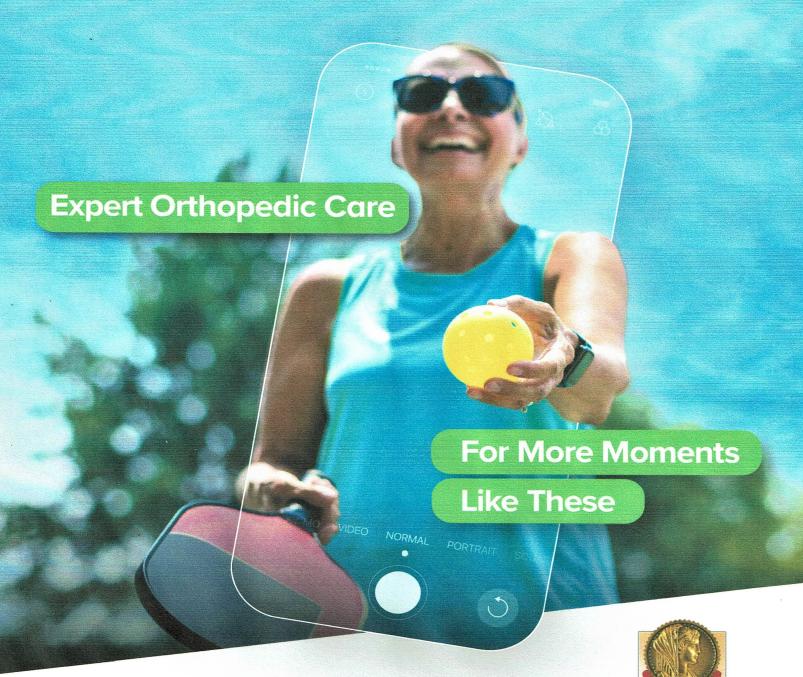


SANTA'S HELPERS



Last month, a few members of our Women's Club (from left to right is Chris Gale (Carmen Seminerio lent a hand), Dianna Bredeau, Sally Merrill, Mary Adele Cluck, Leesa Fryer and Cindy Demers) delivered over 20 bags and several boxes of needed items to Sunrise of Pasco County, a local domestic violence and abuse center. Folks at the center were amazed and so very grateful at the amount the Women's Club was able to collect and donate. Thanks to everyone who helped make Christmas special this year for the folks at Sunrise of Pasco County. God bless.





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EVENING INCLUDES A SHARE THE WEALTH RAFFLE



HOA Members \$7.00 Non Members \$9.00

Tickets Go On Sale Wednesday, January 3rd



5:30pm

Soup & Chili **Pot Luck**

Followed By Nickel BINGO



Please Bring a Pot of Your Favorite Soup or Chili to share and bring your own tableware & flatware

Iced Tea & Lemonade will be provided sign-up sheet will be posted on the main bulletin board

COMING NEXT MONTH



Saturday February 3rd 7-10pm

> **HOA Members \$7.00** Non Members \$9.00

Tickets Go On Sale Wednesday, January 24th



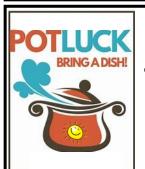
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH & 23RD 6-9pm



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POTLUCK

Tuesday, February 13th 5:30pm Followed By Quarter BINGO



Bring a favorite dish for 10 to 12 to share and bring your own tableware & flatware

Iced Tea & Lemonade will be provided sign-up sheet will be posted on the main bulletin board



SUNDAY MORNING GOSPEL HOUR & POT LUCK BREAKFAST BUFFET WITH "KRIS PIERCE"

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"Good Stuff"

Saturday February 17th 7-10pm

> **HOA Members \$7.00** Non Members \$9.00

Tickets Go On Sale **Wednesday, February 14th**



TICKET SALES SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Tickets For All Events On Sale Wednesday Mornings Before and After Coffee In The Main Clubhouse





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Ticket Purchase Dates

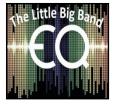
Jesse Derringer Saturday, January 13th

Wednesday Mornings January 3rd & 10th **Before and After Coffee** (at the door the evening of)



Sunday Morning Gospel Hour & Breakfast Buffet With *"Kris Pierce"* Sunday, January 21st

Wednesday Mornings January 10th & 17th Before and After Coffee



Little Big Band Saturday, February 3rd

Wednesday Mornings January 24th & 31st Before and After Coffee (at the door the evening of)





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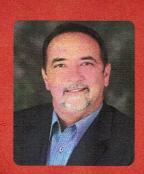
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HOA NEWS Barbara Holdridge, President



Happy New Year! We want to wish everyone a Healthy and Blessed Year! As we begin a new year, we will once again have a new board. I would like to take this time to thank Joann Fearick and Charlene Maxwell for stepping up to fill the open positions. I would also like to thank Sue Redshaw, Teresa Hall, Desdie Eberman and Lee Edwards for always supporting our efforts and helping throughout the year.

and helping throughout the year.
Our Annual Meeting is January 20th at
10 a.m. in the clubhouse. You must be

a paid up 2024 member of the HOA to participate in this meeting. The cost to be a HOA member is \$30.00 for the year.

At the Annual Meeting we will be electing four (4) nominees to fill the four (4) vacant positions from the 2023 HOA board. The candidates that are running for the four open seats on the HOA Board are Rita Earl, Desdie Eberman, Lee Edwards, Nancy Hendricks and Mike Strawn. We wish them the best and thank them for their willingness to run for the HOA Board.

At the Annual Meeting we will also be voting to approve By-law changes proposed by the HOA By-law Committee. You can view these by-law changes on the HOA website at southportspringshoa.com under the HOA Documents link on the left side of your display. The By-law changes are in the first link under HOA Documents. The changes will be highlighted in red. You can increase the viewing by pressing the + sign at the top of the display.

Your board's Mission is to continue to enhance the quality of life through assuring that the good and proper management of common areas is enforced. We will continue to recommend various capital improvements to the owners that will benefit the greater good for the community and its residents. With your support, by joining the HOA, we can build a better close-knit community. So please consider joining the HOA.

Happy New Year!

Barbara



I would like to acknowledge the Sunshine Committee and Diana Knoles for the thoughtful card and gift as I recover from my back surgery. It was very much appreciated and I thank you for the support.

Elsie Heisler



COMING WEDNESDAY JANUARY 3RD

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Your HOA has invited the following speakers to our Wednesday morning Coffee Socials during December and January to talk about various every day issues and concerns and share possible solutions and/or provide contact information (if available) that may offer assistance.

- On Wednesday, January 10th, Dr. Felipe Messias from The Optimize Wellness Center in Wesley Chapel will talk about neuropathy treatment.
- On Tuesday, January 16th, Steve & Sara Wasserman from American Senior Benefits will host a luncheon at 11:30am to talk about Medicare and retirement. Look for a sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board.
- On Wednesday, January 17th, Caden Getek from Atlas (a manufactured home maintenance company) will talk about the various services his company provides.



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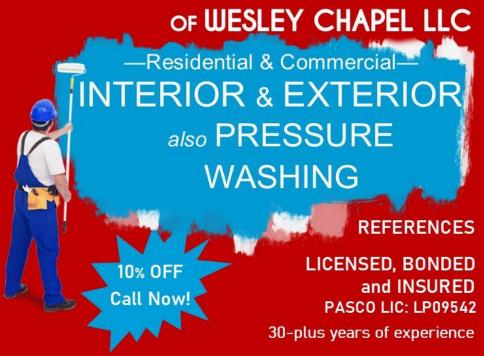


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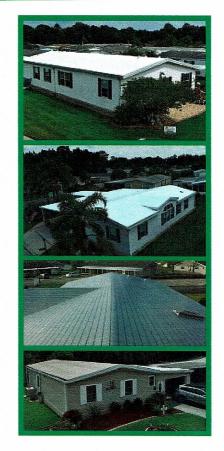




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or you can E-mail me at timc@aol.com

Tim Carman

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Morning Bible Study

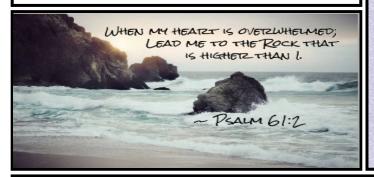
Southport's Morning Bible Study group meets every Friday morning at 9am in the Little Clubhouse. "Studying the Bible helps us grow in faith,

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SPS VET'S COMMITTEE UPDATE



Today the U.S. Army scrambles to catch up to a rising drone threat they see daily in combat zones. It appears we have fallen behind other countries in this area.

Years after the U.S Army eviscerated it's air defense units it finds itself behind the times. While the use of drones offensively is reasonably effective, the army seems to be behind when it comes to defending against incoming

drone offensive attacks.

At last month's DSEI show drones of many shapes,

sizes, and purpose were hanging seen from ceilings, mounted to walls. and lying on table tops. Far less visible were systems used to defend against drone offenses. The world seems to be behind in the development of defensive options.



We see this problem on Ukraine battle fields, our arsenals, and at the U.S Army training grounds. Military officials say we are making progress when it comes to defending our troops from drone attacks, but we are behind. Army leaders have yet to make plans for their future counter drone force. Our military offers far fewer drone defenses than analysts feel we need.

In current war zones drones have been used for everything from artillery coordination to strikes on civilian infrastructure. For example, the leading cause of destruction in the Ukraine is Russian and Ukrainian Both countries purchased drone defense drones. systems from several manufacturers. Currently Russia seems to hold an edge over other countries in this area. Even with State-of-the-art drone defense technology drones from both sides slip through available defenses to mount strikes.

The army leaders say that they are working on a new counter drone strategy. They are closely watching the drone/counter drone war in the Ukraine and incorporating what they learn into their strategy and future plans. Despite active debate, there seems to be no plan for what counter drone attack system to purchase nor how many are needed. Unfortunately, we seem to be behind in an area that never had much support. The drone threat has moved much faster than some had predicted. Certainly, faster than we have developed a plan or decided what to spend our money on for our defense should it be needed.

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While summer may be over, our lawns still need regular attention. We can cut down on our watering schedules but 1.5 inches per week is needed all winter long. If Mother Nature gives us a reasonable amount of water, you can avoid irrigating your lawn with your inground system or by hand.

Water moves nutrients to the roots and helps a plant stay hydrated. Root devel-

opment is more important during the dormant period than keeping blades green. The county allows nitrogen to be used in the winter but at a very low level. No nitrogen containing fertilizer is allowed during hurricane season. Check lawn irrigation criteria for Pasco County on the internet. It does change often. We expect more rain this winter season than normal due mainly to a significant El Nino in the Pacific. Due to our dry summer there are still irrigation bans currently in place.

As we are now into the dormant season, the mower will be needed less often. Turf height can be lowered from 3 to 3.5 inches in the summer and fall to 2 to 3 inches in the winter. Damage to the lawn can be expected to occur if the turf is cut too short. Contracted lawn services often lower the mower blade height and cut twice a month as growth should slow and is a normal practice.

Those who cut by hand with smaller mowers tend to cut turf too short and, in some cases, skinning the turf grass is a certain turf grass killer. Cutting your lawn too short may seem like a winning idea. It looks uniform and it means you will need to mow less often. RIGHT? NOPE!

Cutting more from your lawn's grass blades than neces-

sary will impair its health, leading towards no end to issues and costly repairs. At no time should more than 1/3 of the blade's existing height be removed as it will significantly reduce food production. In the cool season growth is already impaired due to shorter



impaired due to shorter days, reduced sunlight, and cooler temperatures.

Cutting grass blades too short creates problems regardless of the season we are in. Ultimately you could be doing more harm than good. This applies to most grass types. Some like Bermuda or Zoysia are cut closer than St. Augustine. But cutting any grass type shorter than recommended is usually a mistake.

Each grass blade is a part of the plant. Just like any green plant the green leaf makes food through the process of photosynthesis. The shorter the blade the less nutrition is generated. As we cannot fertilize in the warm season with nitrogen, a plant's ability to make food and nutrients is of greater importance than normal.

According to Florida landscaping experts, grass absorbs energy from the sun, gets carbon dioxide from the air, in exchange for oxygen sent out to the environment. Water is needed as well and taken in through the roots. Blades cut too short will reduce the sunlight (energy) grass blades capture. Again, limiting the amount of food it can produce by itself. ITS GROWTH AND HEALTH WILL SUFFER. Eventually the turf will appear thin and sparse rather than lush and green and weeds will prosper. You may find yourself wanting to apply more fertilizer but cannot without violating county codes. Most counties in Florida have strict

limits on the amount of nitrogen ("N") you may apply. Some counties allow zero amounts of "N". When nitrogen is allowed it must be (srn) slow-release nitrogen or (crn) controlled release nitrogen. All is moving to further reduc-

tion of "N" at any time as it is a major cause of red tide. I have gotten to the point that using the Florida formula of a product called Milorganite applied at a rate that complies with Florida's code is usually on the bag or easily found on the internet. It's the only fertilizer I use. If your lawn is thin and weak it will be more vulnerable to weed growth. There are more spaces for weed seeds to gather. Less grass blades created, and thin blades makes it



easier for weed seeds to germinate. Stressed lawns make it more difficult to fight off insects, disease, and weed growth. Grass cut too short will focus its minimized energy on growing new green components versus root growth which is far more important during the lawn's dormant period. Next month we will pick up section 3 on weed control

Thanks for reading. You're welcome to call or text me if you have any questions.

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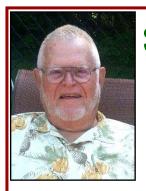
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- or pork shoulder
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- 1 Chorizo Spanish sausage sliced



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I remember this cocktail from my younger years. It has a great flavor and was developed for the Matador Room in the Davenport Hotel in 1914. The swizzle stick was glass and the bull on the top had a small bell in its nose.

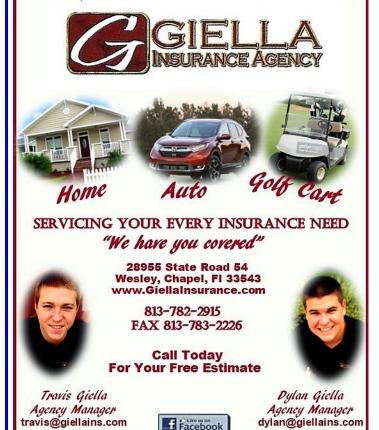
Ingredients: Fill glass with ice 2 oz. Light Rum 1 oz. Crème De Cassis Top off with Club Soda Stir Lightly



Add a slice of pineapple and the Bull swizzle stick to garnish. (If only I could get those). I talked to the hotel and the drink and swizzle sticks are no longer. The hotel was bought out by the Marriott chain. At least they left in the very ornate décor and the classy style I remember.

Happy New Year everyone!

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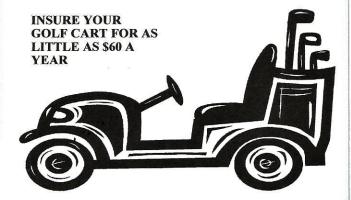
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Dave Dundas, Dresident

Wow! Another year has gone by. Happy New Year 2024! Lots of golf events going on over the next three months. We had our December Golf Meeting and had a fantastic turn out for the meeting. Keep up the good attendance as it is much appreciated by our committee. The golf committee discussed the upcoming dates for the Ryder Cup, Fund Raiser and Club Championship. The sheet with the dates and times are now to the right of the

golf board in the picture frame. Check it for sign up sheet dates and event dates. Also, I read a letter from Earl Hines on the plans for the course this year. The Ryder Cup will have both the women's groups and men's groups

playing on a Sunday.

Davey Golf is our new course maintenance company. Let's all give them our best when we see the new workers out on the course. If anyone has any issues with something on the course, please get with Earl Hines and not the workers or foreman. Below is a copy of what Earl sent to me for 2024:

Davey Golf will be officially taking over golf course maintenance on January 8. We would appreciate your cooperation and understanding during the time of transition from IGM to Davey. Any communications with Davey should be directed thru me and not to them. They have been informed of this. Please note the maintenance area is for their use only. The dumpsters at the maintenance department is not for resident's use. Please refrain from using them. Proposed Golf Course Projects Are:

□ We will be looking to enlarge Tee boxes and improve the Tee complexes and surrounds.

☐ New Maintenance Company will be working to improve quality of the greens, approaches and surrounding greens complexes.

Greens Aerification will be done 3 times in 2024

Cart path repairs will be done as well.

Root pruning and removing trees will be done

Adding irrigation heads where needed. Irrigation is

a priority but does not come cheap.

Doing Curfew on fairways for nematodes.

We have plans to lengthen some of the holes on the course but it all depends on how much funding we will get in January. We have asked the contractor who was going to do the practice area improvements to hold the project for early 2024. We will not be doing a full renovation of the golf course until it is decided to do the new expansion of the community.

Well that's it for now. Again, Happy New Year to all. Stay warm out there on the course. Here's a Golf Tip from your Golf Committee President... For a better chance of making those putts, take a good look at the line from the other side of the flag and not just behind the ball.

Regards, Dave





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		2023 - 2024
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	7:15 am	Men Quarters 18 holes Contact: Joe Finley 813-310-7256
	11:00 am	Ladies Match Play Contact: Barbara Pritchard
X	11:48 am	'Rat Pack' Men 18 holes Contact Norm Vogel 716-713-7966
Tuesday:	7:15 am	Men Blue Tees 18 holes Contact: Joe Finley 813-310-7256
	12:36 pm	Men Fun 18 holes Contact Jim Jaggers 727-415-6524
Wednesday	7:00 am	Men Fun 18 holes Contact: Larry Britton 321-544-7718
	7:15 am	Men Quarters 18 holes Contact: Joe Finley 813-310-7256
	8:28 am	Lambert Ladies Fun 18 holes Contact: Darlene Lambert 413-519-4903
	12:04 pm	Mixed Seniors Fun 9 holes Contact: Helen Greene 813-362-9928
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Thursday	7:15 am	Men Quarters 18 holes Contact: Joe Finley 813-310-7256
	10:28 am	'Ladies Swingers' 18 holes Contact: Barbara Holdridge 813-701-6789
	11:00 am	Men's Match Play Contact: Tom Rich 813-780-1982
	11:48 am	Men Fun 18 holes
Friday	7:00 am	Contact Jim Jaggers 727-415-6524 Men Fun 18 holes Contact: Larry Britton 321-544-7718
	10:04 am	Men 18 holes Contact: Dave Dundas 813-599-5913
	11:08 am	'Betty's Babes' Ladies 18 Contact: Betty Texter 716-574-6633
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Faulk, Ericka	Jan	4
Whitcomb, Mabel	Jan	6
Hunter, Corlis	Jan	7
Fleury, Staci	Jan	8
Ferree, Sandy	Jan	10
Calandra, Pat	Jan	10
Debus, Barbara	Jan	10
Daugherty, Jane	Jan	10
Harris, Tanya	Jan	10
Wilson, Sharon Kay	Jan	11
Mull, Katrina	Jan	14
Aviles, Sue	Jan	14
Burt, Bette	Jan	14
Davis, Clara	Jan	15
Miller, Marge	Jan	16
Sanfason, Sue	Jan	17
Daly, Sandy	Jan	17
Hargrove, Julia	Jan	22
Shepherd, Maria	Jan	25
Allen, Linda	Jan	27
Mulgrew, Helen	Jan	29
Stewart, Carol	Jan	29

February

Pritchard, Barbara	Feb	1
Fox, Cindy	Feb	2
Sinclair, Penny	Feb	3
Becker, Betty	Feb	3



January

Crozier, Al	Jan	1
King, Charles	Jan	6
Teixeira, Jim	Jan	6
Hurt, Jim	Jan	7
Clark, Dick	Jan	7
Ballard, Bob	Jan	8
Stewart, Joel	Jan	8
Baxter, Myron	Jan	12
Connor, Dave	Jan	13
Hines, Earl	Jan	14
Moyer, Bill	Jan	15
Morris, Bill	Jan	15
Mayorga, Julio	Jan	16
Hypes, Alvin	Jan	17
Harris, Tom	Jan	18
Baldwin, Bob	Jan	18
Prescott, Mark	Jan	20
Coon, Dewey	Jan	20
Roland, Marty	Jan	21
Alexander, Woody	Jan	23
Miller, Gary	Jan	28
Hagerty, Ken	Jan	28
Quick, Stan	Jan	28
Smedberg, Dale	Jan	31
Whitten, John	Jan	31
Pritchard, Jerry	Jan	31

February

Rearick, Randy	Feb	1
Oosterhoff, Wayne	Feb	2
Knierim, Gerald	Feb	3
Strawn, Mike	Feb	3
Gilmore, Dave	Feb	3





Question: What's a New Year's Resolution? **Answer:** Something that goes in one year and out the other.

Question: What do you call someone named Stephen on December 31st?

Answer: New Year's Steve.

Question: What do you tell your wife on New Year's morning? Answer: I haven't seen you since last year!

Knock, Knock. Who's there? Abby.

Abby who? Abby New Year!



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January

Walters, Al & Rita	Jan	1
Hall, Chuck & Elaine	Jan	1
Madl, Don & Pat	Jan	11
Tucker, Spurgeon & Lou	Jan	12
Ballant, Augie, & Fran	Jan	13
Keithlin, Dave & Diane Letang	Jan	14
Johnson, Martin & Sandy	Jan	19
Perez, Roland & Barbara	Jan	20
Quick, Stan & Pat	Jan	20
Spencer, Jim & Linda	Jan	20
McCoy, Randy & Tena	Jan	24
Stewart Joel & Carol	Jan	27
Westlotorn, Paul & Debi	Jan	27
Todd, Tom & Becky	Jan	28
Aviles, Carlos & Sue	Jan	29



February

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Ferree, Earl & Sandy 2	



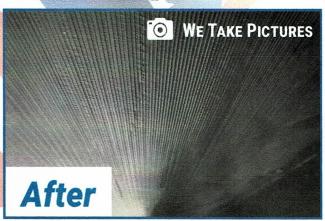




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chal·lenge noun: challenge plural noun: challenges

1. a call to take part in a contest or competition, especially a duel.: "he accepted the challenge". synonyms: dare, provocation, summons

2. an objection or query as to the truth of something, often with an implicit demand for proof .: "a challenge to the legality of the order". synonyms: confrontation with, dispute with, stand against, test of, opposition, disagreement with, questioning of, defiance, ultimatum.

Welcome 2024 to Southport Springs! Welcome the new year with a raging enthusiasm for life and all its beauty and opportunity. Welcome the new year with a fresh perspective about what is possible in your life.

Millions of people make resolutions for the new year. A resolution is a commitment to change the circumstances of your life. There have been many studies about the power of habit.

A commitment becomes a habit in 21 days. What habits do you plan to adopt? Do you have a plan for incorporating this new habit into your routine? How will you measure the successful adoption of this habit? Do you have 21 days of activity scheduled on your calendar right now? Could you start by adding one activity each day that supports your commitment to change?

Each year I challenge myself to do something that seems impossible. I enjoy being absorbed by the experience of learning new ways to improve my life. Last year

I decided to learn about meditation and breathing exercises to calm stress. Initially it seemed impossible to focus my attention long enough to meditate. Just breathing deeply can lower stress. Breathing exercises are the first steps in learning to meditate. Who knew

it could be so easy? With daily practice I developed the ability to achieve a meditative state anywhere, even in the waiting room of a doctor's office. I often meditate in the evening to promote better sleep. What once seemed impossible is now a tool that I use daily. It helps calm anxiety and allows clarity of thought that a stressed brain is not capable of.

What I love most about any challenge is the opportunity

to grow and change. Committing to a challenge is what has kept me alive during difficult circumstances. By refusing to accept defeat, I agreed to accept the challenge of going on. Going on required action and action required commitment. Commitment was built by curating a habit of intentional ac-



tions. Intentional actions created a plan of action. The action propelled me to a state of well being that I have not felt in years. The information and the resources discovered are freely available online at home, at a local library or by live lecture. Weekly watch parties are a

great opportunity to watch and discuss new topics with friends. Now my friends are meditating and talking about the benefits with their friends.

Start to curate the content of your daily routine. Begin with the simple step of attending an activity with the intention of having a fabulous time. Envision yourself and your companions laughing, smiling, and being engulfed in joy. Hold

that intention within your mind and enter the room. Smile at the first person you see and tell them how happy you are to be there and to share the activity with them. Share your experience of the activity with a friend or family member. Recall the



joy you felt while absorbed in the moment. Joy surrounds us at all times. Learn the simple tricks to calm your thoughts and train your brain. A calm brain can fully engage your attention. It can silence the noise and reduce stress in your body. Engaging in activities that you enjoy is a form of meditation.

The New Year presents an opportunity to plan your pursuit of happiness. Resolve to accept a challenge to become the very happiest version of you that you have ever known. You and only you are responsible for your happiness. Resolve to be the Captain on this voyage called life rather than a casual passenger.

Have a great New Year!





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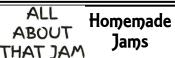


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