

The Southport Sun

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HOA Events

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

“Winter Wonderland” Dance

Saturday, January 11 — 7–10pm

HOA members \$5.00. Non-members \$7.00.

Tickets on sale January 8.

Annual Meeting

Saturday, January 18th — 10:00am

Main Clubhouse. You must be a 2025 HOA member.

Chili & Soup Potluck

Tuesday, January 21st — 5:30pm

Quarter Bingo to Follow.

Community Yard Sale

Saturday January 25th — 8am–2pm.

Open to residents Friday January 24 at noon.

A Beatles Tribute

Saturday, February 1st — 7–10pm

Tickets on sale January 8. 15, 22.

Other Events

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

Bar Stool Poker

Thursday, January 2nd — 6pm–????

Main Clubhouse. Free Admission.

Dinner & Nite Golf

Friday January 17th — 6:00pm.

Tickets go on sale Friday, January 3rd

Karaoke

Friday January 24th — 6–9pm.

Main Clubhouse. Free Admission.

***There are seven nominees to fill
4 positions on the 2025-2026
HOA Board of Directors. Their
bios and photos can be viewed
on pages 1-3 of this newsletter.***



Ruthann Brown— Ruthann and her husband, Fred, moved to Southport Springs from Long Island, NY six years ago. Ruthann worked for a Cardiology Group at Stony Brook University Hospital for more than 25 Years. She was a Medical Assistant and worked fifteen of those years as a Medical Assistant Manager. In December 2019 Ruthann volunteered to fill a HOA Board vacancy. She was the Chairperson for the Welcoming/New HOA Member committee. In addition to that role, she volunteered to take over the SPS phone book and the Entertainment committee. Because of personal reasons she had to step down but continued to volunteer and help wherever she could. She is now once again willing and able to serve our community as a HOA Board member.



Joe Grigevich— Joe and his wife Claudette (aka ‘Charlie’) who live on Rockrose Lane, have lived here in Southport for 17 plus years and have been married for a little over 57 years. They have three children and two grandchildren. Prior to his retirement, Joe was an independent Financial Consultant specializing in reorganizing troubled companies. Prior to becoming an independent consultant, Joe served as Divisional President of a publicly held steel company, Chief Financial Officer of a publicly held asphalt roofing and vinyl manufacturing company and acting Treasurer of a publicly held New York City based graphics company. Joe and ‘Charlie’ raised their three children in North Attleboro, Massachusetts where Joe served as an elected Town Meeting Representative and chaired the town’s Capital
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Joe Grigevich— (continued from page 1)

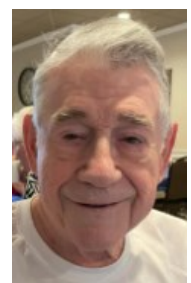
Improvements Committee. He and 'Charlie' were also involved in helping to establish parent groups in each of the town's elementary schools and served on various church committees and boards including Parish Councils and Stewardship Committees and during their time in Massachusetts, Joe was also a junior high and high school religious education instructor. *'Charlie' and I have always believed that one of our principal purposes in life was to serve our community assisting in any way we could to help make a positive difference.* Here in Southport, Joe and 'Charlie' have served on several committees and managed Southport's bus trip program for the last seven plus years and after eight plus years, Joe recently retired as Southport's community newsletter editor. Joe also currently co-chairs Southport's "Gift of Life" ministry (our community blood donor program). When asked why he's decided to volunteer his services as an HOA board member, Joe said, *"I believe both my professional and lived experiences as well as the love and respect I have for both our community and its residents could be useful in helping Southport to continue being the thriving, active and amazing community that it is."*



Gerri Highland— Gerri Highland from over on Azinger Loop came to Southport from Long Island, New York three years ago where she grew up and married her late husband Don who owned and operated a highly successful commercial office building cleaning company for more than thirty-five years. Gerri and Don, who passed away in 2012, were married for fifty-eight years, have two beautiful daughters Deborah and Donna who is now deceased, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Gerri worked as a dental hygienist until her 1st daughter was born. When both daughters were in Junior High School Gerri re-entered the work force working for the Suffolk County Police Department. She's currently a member of Southport's Sunshine Committee and enjoys playing shuffleboard and cards. When asked what her goals as a board member would be, Gerri said, *"I would work hard supporting the other members of the board and would make listening to and being responsive to all Southport residents my number one priority."*



Barbara Holdridge— My husband, Everett, and I have lived here at Southport Springs for 16 years. We have 6 children, 15 grandchildren and 6.5 great grandchildren. We are expecting another bundle of joy in March. I worked 25 years for a company called Charles River Labs. It is the largest breeding facility for research animals. I was a Senior Production Supervisor when I retired almost 20 years ago. I have served several years on the board and will continue to do my best for the community if I am elected. I have always tried to do my best for the community. I believe Southport is a Great place to live. I truly feel we all need to come together to keep Southport a great place to live. Thank You!



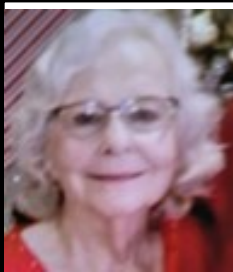
Hal Lockwood— I am running for a position on the Southport Springs Homeowners Association Board of Directors. **Why you ask:** I have always been involved in the community in some way. This will allow me to enhance my vision of the community and determine how I fit in and become a vehicle to the future, while working with both the HOA and Southport management. In doing so, I will meet more of the fantastic residents of Southport. **What do I have to offer:** As a manager and leader over the years I have learned it is best to stop, look and listen before acting and always be a team player. I was a volunteer firefighter for 13 years for two different departments. On one, I attained the rank of lieutenant. 43 years with a multi-billion-dollar company, attaining a second-level managers position responsible for multimillion-dollar budgets annually, with a record of being on budget while managing great teams. I have been on the board of directors for the Ohio/Pennsylvania Appaloosa Horse Club for 12 years, and I was the treasurer for 8 of those years. 6-time past president of the Wooster Evening Lions Club over a 10-yr period. It was a small group of 20 members. **Thank you in advance for your vote.**

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Pam McGregor— Hello everyone, I'm Pam McGregor and I'm running for the HOA board. My husband Rob and I moved to Southport four years ago, have been married for thirty-two years and live on Southport Springs Parkway. We have two daughters, one granddaughter and two corgis. I worked with the military for over thirty years in the Family Support Program and have been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for twenty-one years during which time I had the pleasure of serving as president of American Legion Auxiliary Post 26 in Plant City for five years. I have previously served as a Southport HOA board member as chairperson of the Welcoming Committee and had so much fun with my great team in helping to welcome new residents to Southport. In my spare time I love going to Disney and cruising. I also enjoy cooking and making jams and absolutely adore spoiling our granddaughter, Sophia. My goals as a board member would be to welcome all new ideas, boost community involvement, improve communications and foster Board transparency. Thank you for your time.



Laurie Smedberg— I am Laurie Smedberg and have lived at Southport Springs for 22 years. We recently sold our home in Minnesota and now are permanent Southport residents. I retired from a school district as payroll coordinator. I also worked with the Red Cross and American Heart Association for 25 years. I served on boards of directors for several horse associations in Minnesota. Additionally, I was involved as treasurer for the Minnesota Peace and Police Officers Wives Association. Now that I am full time at Southport Springs, I wish to be more involved with the HOA and our community. I am currently serving on the HOA board helping with activities and entertainment.



Marti Vest— My name is Marti Vest. I moved into this amazing community approximately 10 years ago with my mother Dee Vest (also known as Mama Dee). Right after graduating high school I went to a vocational college for travel. Upon graduating, I got hired by Eastern airlines where I worked for five years. When unfortunately, Eastern Airlines went out of business approximately six months later, I was employed by Continental Airlines, which was then taken over by United Airlines. This year was my 37th year with the airlines. It's been an amazing career and allowed me and my family to travel to some amazing destinations. My other hobbies include baking and crafting with my cricut. I was lucky enough to have served on the HOA board several years back and really enjoyed it. During my time on the board Covid hit and a lot of things changed. But we all came together and got through it. Now, several years later hurricane Milton comes through our community. The day after, seeing all the pictures of the devastation and how the community came together and helped each other out I realize we had moved into the right community. We are not just a community but a family. It would be an honor and my pleasure to serve on your board again.



In Loving Memory



*Charles Hall
3853 Buttercup Drive
1936 – 2024*

Our condolences to Elaine and family in the passing of Charles.

Prayers are lifted up for comfort during this sad time.

*Mariam Smith
3824 Buttercup Drive
1951 – 2024*

*Our deepest sympathy to Roland and the Smith family.
May God give you peace that only He can provide.*

*Del Chavez
3730 Rockrose Lane
1936 – 2024*

*Our sincere sympathies to Lauri and the Chavez family.
You are in our prayers.*



Southport Springs Sunshine Committee



Cindy and I want to thank each and every one of you who participated on the Sunshine Team. You made our tasks easier as you distribute sunshine to our community. You really do make a difference!

We also want to thank everyone in the community who keeps us informed as well as those who baked, bought, and donated to the bake sale. It has been a great year!

Happy New Year to All of You

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As Always, Prayers to everyone!
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The Women's Club

The Women's Club has had a very busy year thanks to the generosity of the community!!

In March, we had a bake sale where \$1,500 was raised to assist local agencies as follows:

A Spring and Fall Food Drive which supported five Zephyrhills food pantries. Money donations to the Sunrise of Pasco County Domestic Shelter, St. Joseph's Baby Pantry, and Thomas Promise, which also received six filled baskets for their annual fundraiser. Christmas in July - school supplies to Chester Taylor Elementary School. Two Good Soles new shoes and socks collection (this year Southport donated 56 pairs of shoes and 255 pairs of socks, The Caterpillar to Butterflies organization, which supports local foster children, received over 100 duffel bags made and a donation for their Christmas party.

Ladies, please consider joining our group, which meets the first Monday of each month at 10:00am in the Little Clubhouse.



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Tickets for all HOA events on sale Wednesday morning
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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

<u>Event</u>	<u>Ticket Purchase Dates or Sign-up Sheets</u>
“Winter Wonderland” Dance Saturday, January 11	Wednesday, January 8. Call Laurie Smedberg at 612-991-3804 to inquire.
Chili & Soup Potluck Tuesday, January 21	Sign-up sheet in the main clubhouse Call Laurie Smedberg at 612-991-3804 to inquire.
A Beatles Tribute Saturday, February 1	Wednesday, January 8, 15, 22. Call Laurie Smedberg at 612-991-3804 to inquire.

OTHER EVENTS

Tickets on sale Wednesday and Friday in
The Tavern from 4:00–6:00pm as posted

Dinner & Nite Golf Friday, January 17	Every Wednesday and Friday in January (no tickets at the door).
Murder Mystery Dinner Sunday, February 9	Tickets on sale Friday, January 24 and every Wednesday and Friday through February 5. (no tickets at the door).



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Events & Activities **January 2025**

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30am Power Walking 10am Water Aerobics 2pm Mahjong - LC 11am Baby Steppers - PR 4pm Pickleball - TC	2 8am Tennis - TC 9am Intermediate Line Dancing - MC 10am Advanced Line Dancing - MC 11am Baby Steppers Line Dancing - MC Noon Bridge - LC 1pm Horseshoes 4pm Pickleball - TC 6pm Bar Stool Poker - MC	3 9am Bible Study - LC 9:30am Power Walking - MC 10am Water Aerobics Noon Hand & Foot lunch followed by cards - LC 7pm Farkle - LC	4 8am Tennis - TC
5 4pm Pickleball - TC	6 8am Tennis - TC 8:15am Yoga - MC 9:30am Power Walking - MC 10am Women's Club - LC 10am Water Aerobics 3:30pm Horseshoes 5pm Shuffleboard 6pm Dominoes - MC	7 9am Intermediate Line Dancing - MC 10am Advanced Line Dancing - MC 11am Baby Steppers Line Dancing - MC 3pm Corn Hole (horseshoe pit) 7pm Euchre - LC	8 9:30am Power Walking 10am Water Aerobics 2pm Mahjong - LC 1:30pm GriefShare - PR 4pm Pickleball - TC 6:30pm BINGO	9 8am Tennis - TC 9am Intermediate Line Dancing - MC 10am Advanced Line Dancing - MC 11am Baby Steppers Line Dancing - MC Noon Bridge - LC 1pm Horseshoes 4pm Pickleball - TC	10 9am Bible Study - LC 9:30am Power Walking - MC 10am Water Aerobics 1pm Hand & Foot - LC 7pm Farkle - LC	11 8am Tennis - TC 7-10pm "Winterland Wonderland" Dance - MC
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- **MAIN CLUBHOUSE:** Daily 7am to 10pm
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- **LITTLE CLUBHOUSE:** Daily 7am to 10pm
- **PARKWAY TAVERN:** See AD on Page 7 For Days and Hours of Operation

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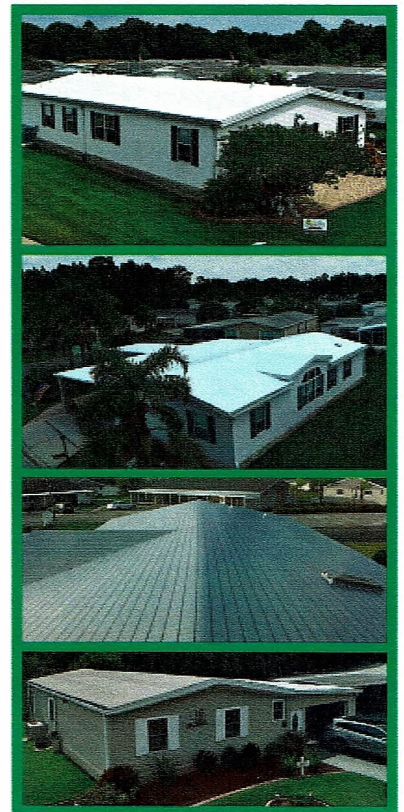
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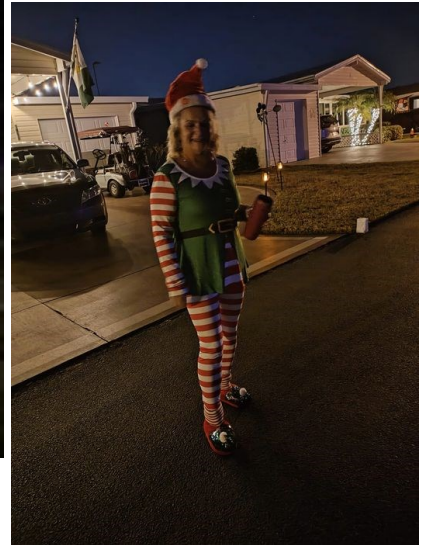


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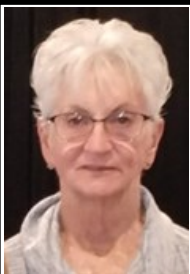
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What an exciting way to end 2024 with all the fun events we had for the community to enjoy before the New Year begins. The HOA lunch and dinner dance was a GREAT success, the Community Christmas lunch/dinner was another GREAT time and having Kris Pierce for a brunch with gospel and Christmas music was fantastic. We sure hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

Now, HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Let us all come together and have a year to remember by uniting as one Great Community to live in. Your board has many fun events scheduled for everyone to enjoy in the upcoming months.

We are having our HOA election on January 18th at 10am, in the main clubhouse. Just a reminder your dues must be paid by January 17th, 2025 in order to have a voice in the election. The folks running are in this newsletter, please take a moment to read about the candidates.

Your board needs everyone's support, so please consider becoming a member for \$30.00 a year. Your board works very hard for the community to keep Southport Springs a GREAT place to live. Once the election is over we will be ordering new phone books, so please make sure your information is correct. If it needs to be corrected please contact Ruthann Brown, you will find her phone number in the book.

The mission of our homeowners association is to enhance the quality of life here for all residents. To make this community a desirable place in which to live and enjoy the benefits of a friendly community. We all need to come together to make Southport a place everyone can say, it is family. Have a blessed, safe and a healthy New Year.

Happy New Year!
Barbara

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FEBRUARY

HOA Events

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

A Beatles Tribute

Saturday, February 1st — 7–10pm

Tickets for sale on January 8, 15, 22.

Valentine Dance - "Good Stuff"

Saturday, February 15th — 7–10pm

Tickets for sale on January 15, 22 & February 5.

Potluck & Quarter Bingo

Tuesday, February 18— 5:30pm.

Sign up in the Main Clubhouse.

Other Events

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

Karaoke

Friday, February 7 & 28 — 6–9pm.

Main Clubhouse. Free Admission.

Murder Mystery Dinner

Sunday, February 9— doors open 3pm

Tickets go on sale Friday, January 24. \$20 per person.

Mark Your Calendars



Genealogy will meet on the second TUESDAY at 2:00PM in the Poker Room in the Main Club House. We will be discussing family trees and continue working to bring down stonewalls in

personal research. Join us as we work to find data on our past generations and share tools to make the process easier.



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, 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."

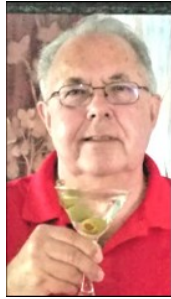


S'mores Martini

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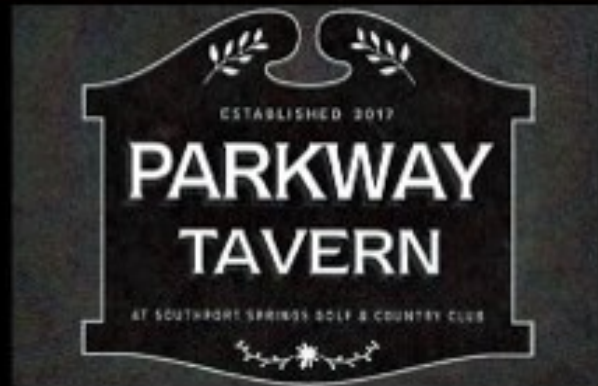
Ingredients

- 1 1/2 oz. Marshmallow Fluff
- 1 1/2 oz. Graham crackers, finely crushed
- 1 1/2 oz. Good Bourbon
- 1 1/2 oz. Butterscotch Schnapps
- 1 oz. Chocolate Liqueur (not Crème de Chocolate).
- Dash of Heavy Cream (1/4 to 1/2 ounce).
- Chocolate candy bar squares for garnish.



Directions

1. Coat the rim of a martini glass with Marshmallow Fluff. You may need to add some water to the Marshmallow Fluff in order to get the right consistency. Then coat the rim with graham cracker crumbs.
2. Add all liquor and cream into a martini shaker filled with ice and shake vigorously before pouring into prepared martini glass. Garnish with 2 candy bar squares.



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Faulk, Erika	Jan	4
Whitcomb, Mabel	Jan	6
Belletete, Diana	Jan	7
Hunter, Corliss	Jan	7
Fleury, Staci	Jan	8
Ferree, Sandra	Jan	10
Calandra, Patricia	Jan	10
Debus, Barbara	Jan	10
Daugherty Jane	Jan	10
Harris, Tanya	Jan	10
Wilson, Sharon	Jan	11
Mull, Katrina	Jan	14
Aviles, Sue	Jan	14
Burt, Bette	Jan	14
Davis, Clara	Jan	15
Marolf, Kathy	Jan	16
Miller, Marge	Jan	16
Sanfason, Susan	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

Men

Crozier, Wilbur (Al)	Jan	1
Fulton, Glenn	Jan	5
King, Charles	Jan	6
Teixeira, Jim	Jan	6
Hurt, Jim	Jan	7
Clark, Richard	Jan	7
Ballard, Bob	Jan	8
Stewart, Joel	Jan	8
Baxter, Myron	Jan	12
Connor, David	Jan	13
Hines, Earl	Jan	14
Moyer, Bill	Jan	15
Morris, Bill	Jan	15

Mayorga, Julio	Jan	16
Postma, Philip	Jan	16
Hypes, Alvin	Jan	17
Harris, Thomas	Jan	18
Baldwin, Robert	Jan	18
Prescott, Mark	Jan	20
Coon, Dewey E.	Jan	20
Roland, Marty	Jan	21
Alexander, Woody	Jan	23
Richards, Gerald	Jan	23
Miller, Garry	Jan	28
Hagerty, Kenneth	Jan	28
Quick, Stanley	Jan	28
Smedberg, Dale	Jan	30
Whitten, John	Jan	31
Pritchard, Jerry	Jan	31

February

Hache, Claude	Feb	1
Rearick, Randy	Feb	1
Oosterhoff, Wayne	Feb	2
Knierim, Gerald	Feb	3
Strawn, Mike	Feb	3
Gilmore, David	Feb	3

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

January

Walters, Al & Rita	Jan	1
Hall, Charles & Elaine	Jan	1
Madl, Don & Pat	Jan	11
Tucker, Spurgeon & Lou	Jan	12
Ballant, Augie & Fran	Jan	13
Keithlin, David & Letang, Diane	Jan	14
Johnson, Sandra and Martin	Jan	19
Perez, Roland & Barbara	Jan	20

Quick, Stanley & Patricia	Jan	20
Spencer, Jim & Linda	Jan	20
Lockwood, Harold & Kathleen	Jan	21
McCoy, Randall & Tena	Jan	24
Stewart, Joel and Carol	Jan	27
Todd, Thomas & Becky	Jan	28
Aviles, Carlos & Sue	Jan	29

February

Ferree, Earl & Sandra	Feb	2
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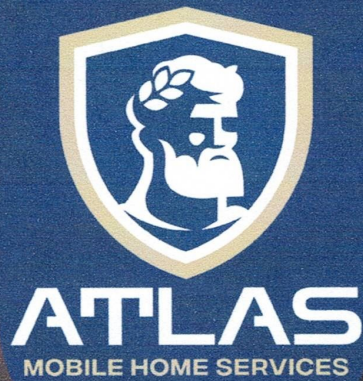
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GRASS SEED GENERATION ISSUES

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You're probably thinking this could save you time and money versus sowing the seed after preparing the area properly. Makes sense if you are short on time and searching for a quick fix. The simple answer is that grass seed will germinate on top of the soil if they are provided with the right conditions. Grass seeds are opportunistic and like most other species will sprout if the seeds are in contact with the soil, surface temperatures are between the acceptable ranges, and adequate moisture is available. Even then you could still find germination to be sporadic and a heavier coverage of seed is needed, or a second application is applied. Germination rates should be listed on the bag of seed. The higher the better.

While there are advantages to sowing seed on top of the soil if you don't have the resources to till the soil, this method may be worth a try. Just remember to cleanly pull out all weeds, their roots included, before planting new seeds as the weeds will compete with the new grass sprouts for both water and nutrients.

Seed to soil contact is important when sowing seeds on top of the soil. For grass seeds to germinate effectively and achieve the germination rate predicted they do need contact to the soil. This allows the roots to burrow down into the soil and establish themselves. The reason for this is that the tiny embryo within the seed only has enough energy to produce one little root and one small thin grass blade.

A little photosynthesis begins in the blade of grass and the root then absorbs nutrients and moisture from the soil to allow the grass to grow.

So instead of just throwing the seeds on top of the ground and hoping for the best it's a good idea to tamp the seed down to ensure the seeds are touching soil. A gentle watering (mist) which does not dislodge seeds but pushes them deeper is advised. You also need to keep the ground moist throughout the germination period. You might want to use a soil loosener or a liquid aeration product like *Revive*. Mix it with water and spray onto the ground. It will help to soften the soil and create air pockets. This allows easier passage for the sprouts root to establish its way into the ground and establish a solid root system. You'll also find that lightly raking in the seeds should improve the seed to soil contact.

Soil temperature is vital for grass seed germination.

Before you scatter seeds over bare patches of your lawn you need to understand that the right surface temperature is important if you want seeds to sprout. The optimum range for successful germination is between 59°F and 86°F depending on the grass type you wish to grow.

After seeds are in place lightly cover the sown area with a 75/25 blend of top soil and peat moss. Dampen the seed twice daily until germination begins and once daily for 10 days once you see the blades of grass become visible. Water should always be applied as a mist.

For larger areas in need of repair. Use St. Augustine plugs and Bermuda seed. The Bermuda grass is a fast-germinating filler which becomes green fast and is easily covered over time by the spreading St. Augustine. Do not apply a weed and feed product if you plan on or recently sowed seeds of any type. They will prevent those seeds from developing.

I thank Ms. Annette Hird and her team for their information.

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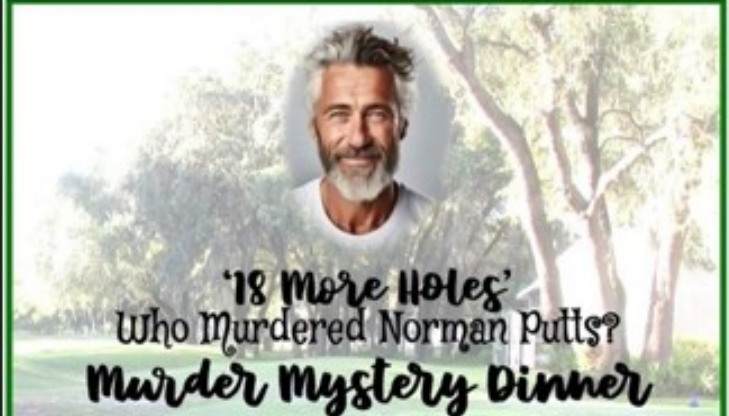


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Main Clubhouse

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YARD SALE



Saturday, January 25
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



A Beatles Tribute Dance & Show



**Saturday, February 1
7 - 10 p.m.**



\$10.00 per person

Tickets on sale Wednesday, January 8, 15 & 22.


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SPS VETS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Your contributions have allowed the Southport Springs Veterans Committee to donate approximately \$3600.00 dollars to various Veteran charities this calendar year.

We receive numerous letters of thanks from our selected organization every year.

The following is a heartfelt letter of thanks from a recipient of a 2024 contribution The K-9 Partners for Patriots. "Our team wants to take a moment and thank those who have donated, for their support of our effort. The important work being done here would not be possible without kind, compassionate, people like you who have chosen to help. Your donation makes it possible to continue our mission to reduce and prevent Veterans' suicides and save homeless dogs to partner and train them as their service dogs. It's a win-win situation. Both dog and vet get a second chance on life. Hope, healing, and perseverance are the founding values at K-9 Partners. Together we provide a positive path through the experience of training and caring for their own service dog in a safe environment of friendship and family that brings a Veteran from self-doubt to self-confidence.

Thank you all for your donation."
Bob Gallion

GOLF ASSOCIATION



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Well the colder temperatures are now upon us. When those northern winds are blowing, I see the golfers all bundled up. Lots of changes to our course over the last two months. Changes to tee boxes have made the course longer for all players. Many of our beautiful trees are gone that have been growing for over a hundred years. Hopefully the owners will be planting more trees on the property from the hundreds removed due to the storms. Some of our greens still have issues on being bumpy and bare areas. I have heard that coming this summer all the greens will be rebuilt properly per PGA standards.

We had a brief Golf Meeting in December, and I greatly appreciate the turnout. January brings the Hickory Stick Tourney, match play and Night Golf. The club championship is set for March 8th & 9th. January also brings more outside leagues and slower play. We go thru this each year during winter play on our course. However, even with ten-time changes for our Southport Leagues, it appears all Southport regular leagues have spots to play during the winter schedule. Please remember that the outside leagues and play bring in lots of money and this keeps our membership and non-membership rates down. It also helps course improvements during the year. I speak to many of our golfers that do not like playing in the cold weather which has reduced the player counts for some of our leagues. However, I spoke to Earl, and he stated that with the new memberships over last year and the cancelled ones, that we only lost one to our total membership.

Hopefully the course will improve each week as the mucky and wet areas will get repaired and dry out so we can stop the cart path only rule. We still need to be careful on the course with our carts as to areas you could get stuck in or make tire ruts. If you see any of our players or outside players not following the rules as to carts, slow play or not following the rules of golf. Please call the shack and not address the player or players yourself. If you do not see that the rangers come out to address the issues, please contact Earl Hines. Enjoy the warm days as we have them over the Winter and bundle up on the colder days. Let's all stay alert while driving our golf carts with the winter covers on them. The cart covers can cut down on your visibility as to your surroundings. Again, Happy New Year to all and looking forward to a great year ahead.

Thank You
Dave Dundas
Golf Association President

Golf Committee

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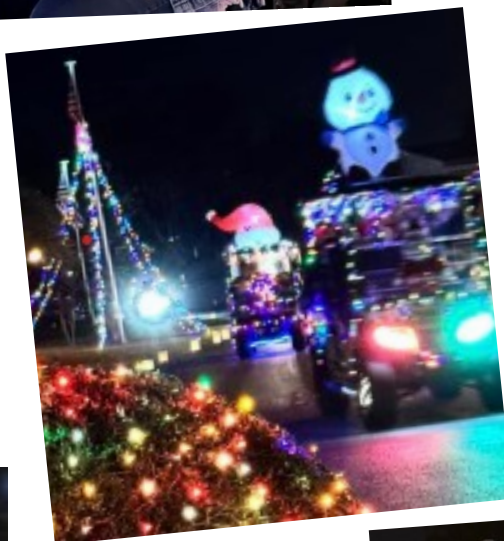


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CHRISTMAS HOME TOURS



Forty-six residents visited 7 hostesses who were willing to open up their homes and greet us with Christmas kindness. All participants enjoyed a fun-filled night of meeting and greeting everyone along the way and sharing Christmas cheer. THANK YOU hostesses.

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Light Alterations
Linda Phelps 813-778-1359

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation
(including to and from the Airport)
Dave Brown 610-698-1584

Personal Chauffeur
Airport, Cruise Lines
Medical Appointments, Nite On The Town
Dan 207-747-8878

LAWN CARE

Lawn Mowing
(& Trimming Services)
Walt Hand 813-751-7105

Weeding & Mulching
Cissy Rossano 813-312-5717

HANDYMAN

Flooring & Larger Jobs (January thru March)
Smaller Jobs as Time Permits
Brooks & Don 859-420-3279

Painting, Flooring, Tile & Trim
Don Ross 727-647-1267 LIC#CBC1263504

HEALTHCARE

Home Help & Medical Care
Holley Troxel RN 813-695-5620
(references available upon request)

DOCTA FEELGOOD
(Massage Therapist)
Blaze 727-835-6381

ARTISAN CRAFTS & HOMEMADE GOODS

Greeting Card Classes w/Ruth
(Tuesdays at 1:00pm - 3731 Rockrose)
Ruth Douma 973-222-2815

Katie's Creations (Diamond Painting
& Silk Floral Arrangements)
Katie Mull 813-580-4020

Homemade Jams
(All products made in accordance with Fl Cottage Law)
Pam McGregor 813-716-5684

Wreaths By Sue
Sue Jones 813-838-3908

POTTERY (Functional & Decorative)
(Pottery Lessons - Sales Display)
Dave Brown 610-698-1584

Susie's Sensations
(custom designed gifts, golfcart decals, clothing,
cups, sublimation)
Sue Wampler 813-469-2974

MISCELLANEOUS

Photography
(Special Occasions, Family Photos etc.)
Kara Krohn 515-710-4780

Stick With Marti
(Birthday & Anniversary Yard Signs)
Marti Vest 813-468-1953

Wedding Officiant
(Wedding Ceremonies and Vow Renewals)
Reduced Pricing For SPS Residents
Mary Adele 813-361-3614

Notary Public
No Charge For SPS Residents
Patrick Winchester 813-713-5777

If you have services that you provide and would like to be listed in the directory, just e-mail me, Bob Schutt your information at rjsone@yahoo.com and I'll be happy to add it to the Residents Service Directory.

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