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JULY

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July 2024

HOA Events JULY 4th BBQ

Thursday, July 4th Noon -- 3:00pm

Listen & Dance To "MIDLIFE CRISIS" Saturday, July 6th 7:00pm - 10:00pm

ICE CREAM SOCIAL Followed By Quarter BINGO Tuesday, July 16th 5:30pm

POOL PARTY & POT LUCK BBQ Saturday, July 20th 2:00pm - 6:00pm

> SCAVENGER HUNT Sunday, July 28th 6:00pm

OTHER EVENTS

JULY 4th CELEBRATION & DANCE Thursday, July 4th 6:00pm - 9:00pm

SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE Wednesday, July 10th 8:30am - 2:00pm

Listen & Dance To "MILLER & MARK" Thursday, July 18th 5:00pm - 8:00pm Compliments of The Parkway Tavern

See détails on pages 3, 8, & 13 Ticket Purchase Information on Page 9

IMPORTANT (please read)

In order for our community to be in compliance with HOPA (the "Housing for Older Persons" Act of 1995) Sun is required to file a community census report for the year 2024. In order to do so, each household is asked to complete and submit a Southport Springs Home Owners Census Information Form no later than Monday, September 30th 2024 Please see the attached letter and form from Sean Rankin, our Community General Manager.



7 Night Cruise Starting At \$539 pp (double occupancy) Book by July 31st And receive a \$50 Cabin Credit See Page 6 For All The Details



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plies. Look for the "Giving Tree" in the lobby of the Main Clubhouse. Please consider taking a tag (or two) and then drop your donation(s) in one of the bins no later than Saturday, August 10th. Monetary dona-

gust 10th. Monetary donations can be dropped off at Carol Dziki's (3620 Ranger Parkway). We thank you, the kids thank you and their teachers thank you.

Carol Dziki & Cindy Judy



7th Bus Trip Added See Page 3 Marshall (Chris) Simpson 3935 Russian Olive Lane 1965 - 2024

Sincere and deepest sympathies are extended to Marshall & Donnette's families and friends. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

"Beauty is the only thing time cannot harm. Philosophies fall away like sand, creeds follow one another, but what is beautiful is a joy for all seasons, a possession for all eternity."

Oscar Wild



I'd like to thank everyone that sent cards, called, dropped off food and just stopped by to say hello. This is a GREAT place to live with such caring folks. I'd like to thank each and every one of you for your thoughtfulness. reciated Thanks again

for your thoughtfulness. It was greatly appreciated. Thanks again and have a blessed day.

Barbara Holdridge

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

HAPPY 4th of JULY

Only 4 months until our big event - the Sunshine Bakery annual bake sale. This year it will be on Saturday November 9th from 9 AM to 1 PM on the same day as the annual fall craft fair. The Sunshine Committee depends on the generosity of our residents to bake and buy so that we can continue to present gift cards to residents in need of some sunshine. This year there will be a bus trip on that same date. To accommodate the bus trip participants, the committee will be making some adjustments to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to buy and to contribute their baked goods. Stay tuned for further details. We're always looking for new members to help spread the sunshine!



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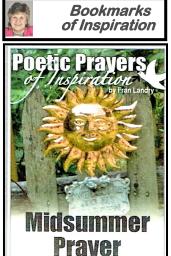
UNEXPECTED BENEFITS OF WALKING By Discovery Senior Living



Walking has become such a normal part of our day that we often forget that it is a form of exercise. Walking is one of the easiest exercises, and for those who are more mature, it is one of the most effective as well. You can even go at your own pace depending on your mobility levels. Walking helps to ensure the body has the strength, balance, endurance, and flexibility to get through daily life. Here are some walking benefits for your loved ones. We hope that it will inspire you to get you or your loved ones started on a healthier lifestyle! Going for regular walks has been proven to improve blood circulation and lower one's blood pressure. Over time, it also helps to reduce cardiovascular disease risks while giving your immune system a boost. A functional immune system helps to prevent common flu and even reduce the chance of

chronic illnesses such as cancer. Adding on, walking routinely helps to strengthen your bones, joints, and muscles. As it is a low-impact exercise, it works your body just enough to lubricate your joints, keeping them functional. When your bones, muscles, and joints are strong, your risk of diseases such as osteoporosis and struggles like fractures will decrease. The pain associated with arthritis can be alleviated or even better, disappear! As walking is counted as a form of exercise, it is no secret that you can lose weight from doing it regularly. Having a walking routine also helps to ensure that you are at a healthy weight as you are less likely to experience the impact of genes that promote obesity. If you enjoy taking walks in the early morning, studies have shown that it could actually help you to rest better at night. You are less likely to have insomnia and can wake up each day feeling fresh and ready to tackle the world.

So, as the summer rolls along, you might want to consider walks on the beach; especially in the early morning hours or in the evening. You'll be amazed at the tranquility and sense of peace and calm you'll experience with a simple walk on the beach.



Have you been enjoying The summer this year -Lots of hot weather Skies sunny and clear? Gardens are flourishing And the beaches are maxed With people seeking relief Or just wanting to relax Well, here's a little reminder To give thanks to the One Who makes it all possible With everything He's done And God loves to hear From a grateful heart Although it's midsummer There's still time to start Giving glory to God For thanksgiving is due Just think – this great summer Has been created for you! © Fran Landry

"It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter." - Psalm 74:17

Fran Landry can be reached by e-mail at franland2@me.com

Let us pray for all of our friends here in Southport who are battling any health and/or personal issues. Let's also keep all caregivers in our thoughts and prayers as well.

COMING THIS MONTH	ADVERTISER'S DIRECTORY
SOUTHPORT'S	HEALTH CARE
	Advent Hospital 4 Omega Pharmacy 16
SUMMERTIME	Dr. Mark Arey - Ophthalmologist 16
BLOOD DRIVE	HOME/AUTO/GOLFCART
Wednesday, July10th	& HEALTH INSURANCE
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8:30am - 2:00pm (Main Clubhouse Parking Lot)	Aging Health Plan Services LLC 25
Your Chance To Save 3 Lives	HOME REALTY
	Don Swain Mobile Home Sales LLC 7
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Is giving each donor a \$20 gift card and a	T. Hall Esq. Attorney At Law 18
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	Buzz's Pressure Washing LLC 11
And To Make It More Exciting	Veteran's Mobile Home Šervices 11
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we have a minimum of 25 donors and increase it to	& Construction 15
\$100 if we have a minimum of 50 donors!	Underhome Armor 17
And our HOA will raffle off a \$25 gift card if we have	Atlas Mobile Home Services 20 Pasco Pressure Washing 21
a minimum of 25 donors	Florida Anchor Barrier (flooring) 22
and	Florida Anchor Barrier 23 Community Roofing 29
The Parkway Tavern	Community Roofing 29 Freedom Vapor Barrier 32
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	Parkway Tavern
Give Lauren Waterman	RESIDENT SERVICES 36
a call at 813-782-0675	
before the end of the month	
to set up your appointment	
See you on the Big Red Bus and	
Thank You So Much For Giving The Gift Of Life	
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IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL BLOOD DONORS....



Please DO NOT donate on an empty stomach. Enjoy a light breakfast or lunch prior to donating. ALSO - Please remember to bring your official government issued ID along with a listing of your prescribed medications. Thanks.



The Beat Goes Oi Sunday, January 26th 2025

Ruth Eckerd Hall just released their Fall 2024/Spring 2025 Broadway Series which includes "The Beat Goes On" - a Tribute to the greatest Pop Goddess of all time starring Lisa McClowry who was named 2023's "Tribute Artist Of The Year". Joe & 'Charlie' are pleased and excited to announce that they've added this 7th bus trip to the HOA Fall 2024/Spring 2025 Bus Trip Program!

If you're a Cher fan and enjoy her music, you'll want to join us as we turn back time and listen to McClowry's 'perfect' renditions to Cher's songbook filled with hits from the 60's to now including I Got You Babe, Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves, I

Found Someone, If I Could Turn Back Time and so much more. Rounding out the fun is a live band and of course, the Goddess's iconic costumes. Includes a fabulous pre-show brunch. \$65.00pp (all inclusive)

> Make vour reservation TODAY! (\$15.00pp - non-refundable deposit) Email Joe & 'Charlie' at grigs/r43@gmail.com

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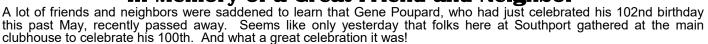
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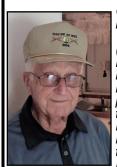


GENE POUPARD 1922-2024 In Memory of a Great Friend and Neighbor



Gene was one of more than 16 million Americans who served our nation during WWII; all of whom would come to be known as members of the "Greatest Generation". Today there are less than 119,500 of these brave members of our military still with us who served our Nation and defended our freedom and liberties at one of the darkest hours in history. This past June 6th marked the 80th Anniversary of D-Day when 73,000 American soldiers stormed the beaches of Normandy to assist in freeing France from the grips of Nazi, Germany (2,501 of them sacrificed their lives that day). As a way of saying "thank you", American Airlines flew 70 veterans who were among those who stormed the beaches on that fateful day to this year's Memorial Ceremony in Normandy where French President Emmanuel Jean-Michel Frédéric Macron personally thanked each and every one of them for their bravery and commitment. Back in December 2017, we ran a "*Thank You For Your Service*" article on Gene. As a way of thanking and honoring those who served our Nation during WWII, and as a way of remembering a great friend and neighbor, we thought we

would re-run the article. Thank you Gene for your friendship and your service. And thank you to all you Vets for your service to our Nation. Heroes one and all.



Gene Poupard grew up on a farm in Monroe. MI where he attended Hall of the Divine Child, a private military academy through the eighth grade. He then attended Monroe High School and graduated in 1940. His early education at the military academy along with what was happening in the world (Germany had invaded Poland on September 1st 1939 and two days later on September 3rd, Great

Britain and France declared war on Germany), Gene decided he wanted to join the military and more specifically, he wanted to join the Air Corps. Following his physical, he was told he was under weight and could not be accepted until he gained a few pounds. He was told eating a lot of bananas and drinking a lot of water would do the trick. Not being someone who accepted defeat, Gene embarked on a plan of action. However, before he was able to gain the necessary weight to qualify, one day his brother came running up to the house from the mailbox carrying a letter from FDR telling Gene he'd been drafted into the Army. So off he went to Camp Claiborne in Forest Hill, LA for 13 weeks. Something tells me that those early years Gene spent at

the military academy paid off; because after only a month in basic training, he was promoted to Private 1st Class. After completing basic training, Gene was assigned to the combat unit at Camp Howze in Gainsville, Texas and in November, 1943 he was deployed to Europe assigned to the Yankee Division for Chemical Warfare where he was promoted to T-5 Tech Sergeant. Like the vast majority of those serving during the "War To End All Wars", Gene was in Europe for the long haul. He found himself on the battlefields of France, Germany,



Austria and Italy defending our Nation's freedoms as well as the freedoms of our Allies. He and his fellow soldiers, members of the 103rd Infantry Division liberated the Landau concentration camp located near Welmar, Germany. Gene refused a battlefield commission because he wanted to remain with the guys he'd fought side by side with. He shared a few unsettling stories with me that made me emotional as he spoke. My own Dad served in the Pacific theater during WWII and I remember asking him questions about his war years; and now I understand why he wouldn't/couldn't share them with me. And so it is; Gene's stories will forever

remain between he and I. Among the list of awarded medals for his service are two Purple Hearts.

Gene was discharged in January, 1946. He came home and married his High School

sweetheart Alice. He and Alice met while skating on River Raisin, a local gathering spot for young folks back in the day. But his military story doesn't end there. Gene re-enlisted for three more years and went on to join the Air Force Reserve. This time he didn't have to eat bananas and drink water. The Air Force welcomed him with open arms.

Together, Gene and Alice have 12 children, 26 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Gene was a successful Independent Businessman. He sold Property and Casualty Insurance, was a Financial Planner, A Securities Dealer and a Real Estate Agent. He retired in 1983 at the age of 61. He had (and still has) a passion for antique cars; and I'd venture to guess that his 1926 Model T Touring Car was perhaps his favorite. What an amazing life story. Thanks Gene for sharing it with us. And thanks for your service.



Ron and Helen Greene from over on Azinger Loop lovingly shared the following:



Gene Poupard, What is there to say? There aren't enough words in the dictionary to describe what a caring and wonderful man he was. We all fought to play golf with him because he was such a joy to be around. Gene will be remembered for many things as noted in the above article. However, as a resident Michigan. He was 101 and he played nine holes and shot a 52. That would be the last time he played golf and the last time we would see him. We were looking forward to visiting with him this month when

we were up in Michigan. We look forward to playing golf with you again my friend. In the meantime, rest in peace.

Ron & Helen Greene

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Tickets For All Other Events On Sale As Posted

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.**

<u>HOA EVENTS</u> Event

Ticket Purchase Dates



Party

Potluck BBQ

e Little Big Ra

July 4th BBQ Saturday, July 6th Wednesday Morning July 3rd

"Midlife Crisis" Saturday, July 6th

Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, July 16th Open Seating

Pool Party & Potluck BBQ

Saturday, July 20th Open Seating Wednesday Morning July 3rd (at the door the evening of) call Sue Redshaw at 217-653-2991 to inquire)

> Wednesday Morning July 3rd & 10th 8:00am to 10:00am (no tickets at the door)

Wednesday Morning July 3rd, 10th & 17th (no tickets at the door)

"Little Big Band" Saturday, August 10th Wednesday Morning July 24th & 31st and August 7th (at the door the evening of) If not sold out

(call Sue Redshaw at 217-653-2991 to inquire)

OTHER EVENTS



"Margaritaville" Sunday, August 11th Open Seating Wednesday Morning July 24th & 31st and August 7th (at the door the afternoon of) If not sold out (call Charlene Maxwell at 813-928-5476 to inquire)







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A SPECIAL FRIENDSHIP

The Statue of Liberty - Ellis Island Foundation, created by President Ronald Reagan in 1982, led to the restoration of Lady Liberty in collaboration with the National Park Service. The project involved a team of architects, historians, engineers, and almost 1,000 laborers.



Restoration was completed in 1986 and on July 4th of that year, President Reagan gave one of the most moving July 4th speeches in history.

President and Madame Mitterrand, my fellow Americans: The iron workers from New York and New Jersey who came here to begin restoration work were at first puzzled and a bit put off to see foreign workers, craftsmen from France, arrive. Jean Wiart, the leader of the French workers, said his countrymen understood. After all, he asked, how would Frenchmen feel if Ameri-

After all, he asked, how would Frenchmen feel if Americans showed up to help restore the Eiffel Tower? But as they came to know each other — these Frenchmen and Americans - affections grew; and so, too, did perspectives....

So, tonight, as we celebrate the friendship of our two nations, we also pray: May it ever be so. God bless America, and vive la France!

And yet, my fellow Americans, it is not only the friendship of two peoples but the friendship of all peoples that brings us here tonight...we celebrate something more than the restoration of this statue's physical grandeur. we celebrate this mother of exiles who lifts her light beside the golden door."

You're invited to go on-line to read the entire text of this amazing speech. You'll be glad you did.



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HOA NEWS Barbara Holdridge, President



There are many events scheduled by your HOA for the community through-out the summer months. Come on out and enjoy them. Please let the HOA board know if you have any suggestions as to what event you would like us to schedule. We are trying to find new and different events for everyone to enjoy. Your suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

There is a new link on our HOA website from the HOA Security Committee providing us with several security

recommendations. I encourage you to take a look at this helpful link on our Homepage southportspringshoa.com for suggestions that can help enhance the security of our homes and help make our community a safer place. The Security Recommendations link is listed on the HOA Homepage under the "News You Can Use" link.

During the summer months there are a lot of folks visiting. Please follow the rules. Watch your speed through the park, no children driving golf carts without a license, be considerate of others and let's enjoy the summer.

I'm asking again; what would you like to see happen over the next three years here in our community? What new improvements would you like? What are your thoughts or ideas to make our community better? What would you like to see happen? Please put your ideas in the HOA box in the Little Clubhouse. Thank you. Reminder coffee will be the first Wednesdays of July and

August at 9:00 a.m. Donuts will be Free. Tickets for events will be sold every Wednesday from 8:00-9:00 a.m. Have a safe and happy Fourth of July.



Barbara

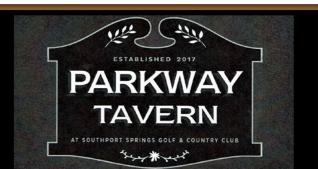


SOUTHPORT NEEDS A NEWSLETTER EDITOR!



As noted in last month's newsletter, after eight years of dedicated service to our community as our Newsletter Editor, Joe Grigelevich is stepping down for personal reasons. We once again would like to take this opportunity to thank him and his team for all their hard work and unwavering commitment to excellence for all these years. I think we can all agree that The Southport Sun is a pretty important publication. It keeps everyone informed and up-to-date on all important matters, happenings and events taking place here in our community. It is singularly the most important, most all-encompassing and most comprehensive way of communicating information to our residents. So, this is urgent! WE NEED TO FIND SOMEONE TO TAKE JOE'S PLACE! If you enjoy writing, won't you please consider volunteering some of your time and talent to help continue publishing our monthly newsletter? Joe has graciously agreed to assist in the transition to a new Editor through the end of this year. So finding a replacement SOONER RATHER THAN LATER would definitely be ideal. It's important to emphasize that as Editor, you would have total creative license. How you design and lay out the newsletter and what program or programs you use to generate it would be entirely up to you. Joe currently uses Microsoft Publisher and would be more than happy to provide hands-on instruction for anyone interested in learning this very easy and straight forward utility should they wish to do so. If you're interested in learning more about becoming our community Newsletter Editor, please contact me, Barbara Holdridge at 813-701-6789. Thanks.





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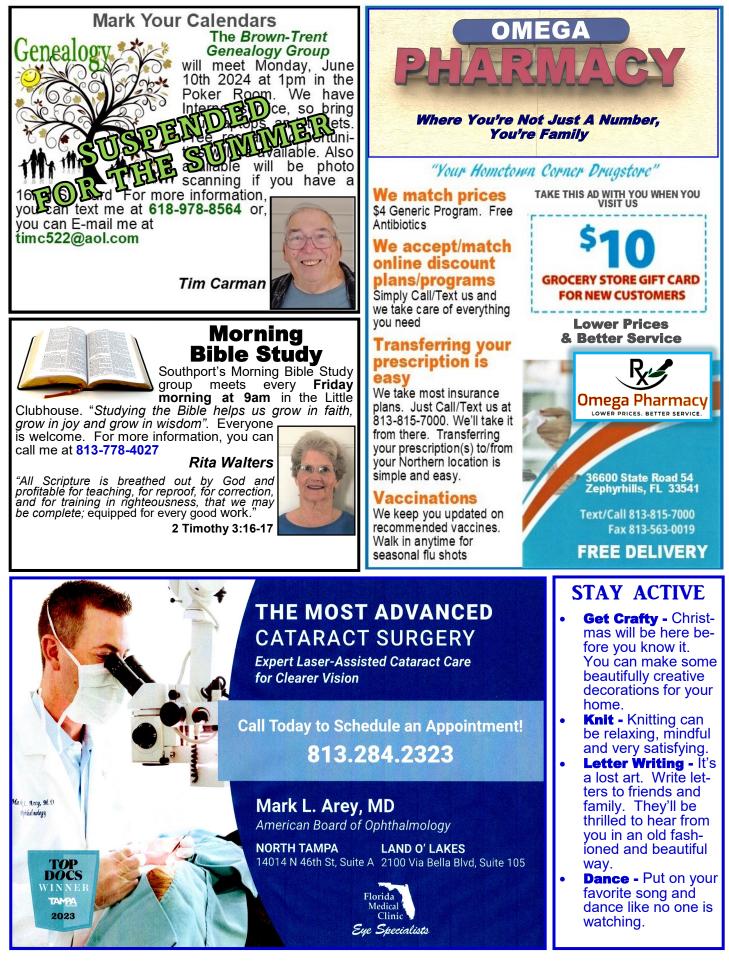






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We thank all of you who helped make this recognition and donation possible. From the office of State Senator Danny Burgess, we have been given the Florida Veterans Benefit Guide (FDVA 727-314-7440). Give them a call or reach out to me if you want to review the benefits offered. You can also learn more at Floridavets.org. This is the premier point for Florida Veterans to access earned services, benefits, and support.

Bob Gallion

& The Southport Springs Veteran's Committee







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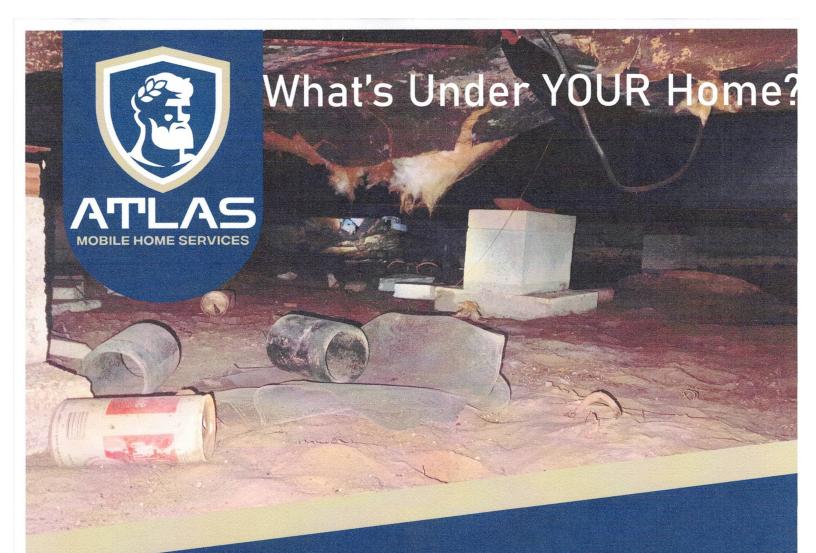
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PALM TREES



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ARE YOU MURDERING YOUR PALM TREES?

You might recall the mention of a so called "Hurricane Cut" that many tree management companies recommended for your palms ahead of future storms during the hurricane season. In reality, this is nothing more than a myth. Don't be fooled into thinking your palms should be trimmed or pruned in that manner to survive a bad storm. Actually, the opposite is true.

Palms were designed to bend and sway with the wind. If not, they would not have survived in hurricane prone areas for long? Trimming the fronds before they completely brown out, die, and fall to the ground is not recommended. This not only starves the palm of vital nutrients, but they now become more prone to wind damage. Green fronds should never be removed because they make food for the entire palm tree.

We are also killing palms by using the wrong type of fertilizer. High nitrogen content lawn fertilizer, like we have used in the past, even when

30 feet away, can eventually kill the palm by causing a potassium deficiency to occur. Fortunately, Pasco County is moving away from this problem soon by banning any nitro-gen in turf fertilizer used on residential turf grass. This is similar to what they've done in Broward County.

The use of processed manures such as that from chickens will also cause palms a problem. Heavy doses of nitrogen often make it difficult for the palm to bring potassium from the roots to the tree's vascular system to the green food

producing fronds where photosynthesis occurs. Palm trees also need many micro nutrients. The lack of them is the cause of many yellow spots on the palm's



fronds. They need to be properly fertilized using a palm fertilizer applied as required on the label. Lethal bronzing disease, once limited to the Caribbean, arrived here less than 2 decades ago, and has spread quickly, decimating thousands of palms. Many of the palms we see in our community such as Queen, Sabal, Phoenix, and nineteen other palm types in Central Pasco County are targets for lethal bronzing. Unfortunately, it's a condition that so far, cannot be stopped once it infects the palm. Numerous pictures can be seen online if you're curious. Injections are expensive and may slow down the disease but will not provide a cure! Many palms have already been removed. Most are cut flush to the ground leaving the root ball in place. If you want to replant in that area, you will need to remove the ball.

Palm death comes quickly, usually within a year from the time of infection. The problem is ongoing throughout our area. Brandon Grooms can cut smaller palms, 813-272-5613, or TJ'S Tree Service, 813-376-5818. There are others, but I've not seen their work. If you want me to take a look at your palms, you can text me at 813-838-3668 with your name, address, phone number along with what days are best for you.

Bob Gallion

Retired Master Gardener, Pasco County Again, you're welcome to text me at if you have any questions.



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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 concern 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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Instructions:

Place roast in crock pot. Mix onion soup mix with mushroom soup. Add Dr. Pepper or cola to soup mixture. Pour over roast. Cook on high for 4-5 hours. When done, remove roast and thicken juices with cornstarch for gravy.

Simple and sensational!



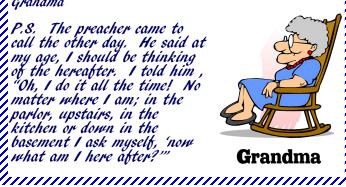
A Letter from A Grandmother To Her Grandson

My Dear Loving Grandson,

I've become a little older since I sam you last, and a few changes have come into my life since then. Frankly, I've become a rather frivolous old gal. I'm actually seeing five gentlemen every day. As soon as I make up, Will Power helps me get out of bed. Then I go to see John. Then Charlie Horse comes along, and when he's here he takes a lot of my time and other here. When he takes a lot of my wong, and when he's here he takes a lot of my time and attention. When he leaves, Arthur Ritis shows up and he stays with me the rest of the day. But he doesn't like to stay in one place very long so he takes me from joint to joint. After such a busy day, I'm really tired and glad to go to bed with Ben Gay. What a life! Oh yes, I'm also flirting with Al Zymer.

Love, Grandma

P.S. The preacher came to call the other day. He said at my age, I should be thinking of the hereafter. I told him , "Oh, I do it all the time! No matter where I am; in the parlor, upstairs, in the kitchen or down in the basement I ask myself, 'now what am I here after?"





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- 1 1/2 oz. Blue Curacao

Agave syrup or Light corn syrup Red Pop Rocks

Instructions:

- Coat edge of a margarita glass with Agave or light corn syrup.
- Dip edge into Pop Rocks candy... 2.
- Shake Tequila, Lime Juice and Blue Caracao over 3. ice.
- 4. Pour into glassed rimmed with the Pop Rocks.

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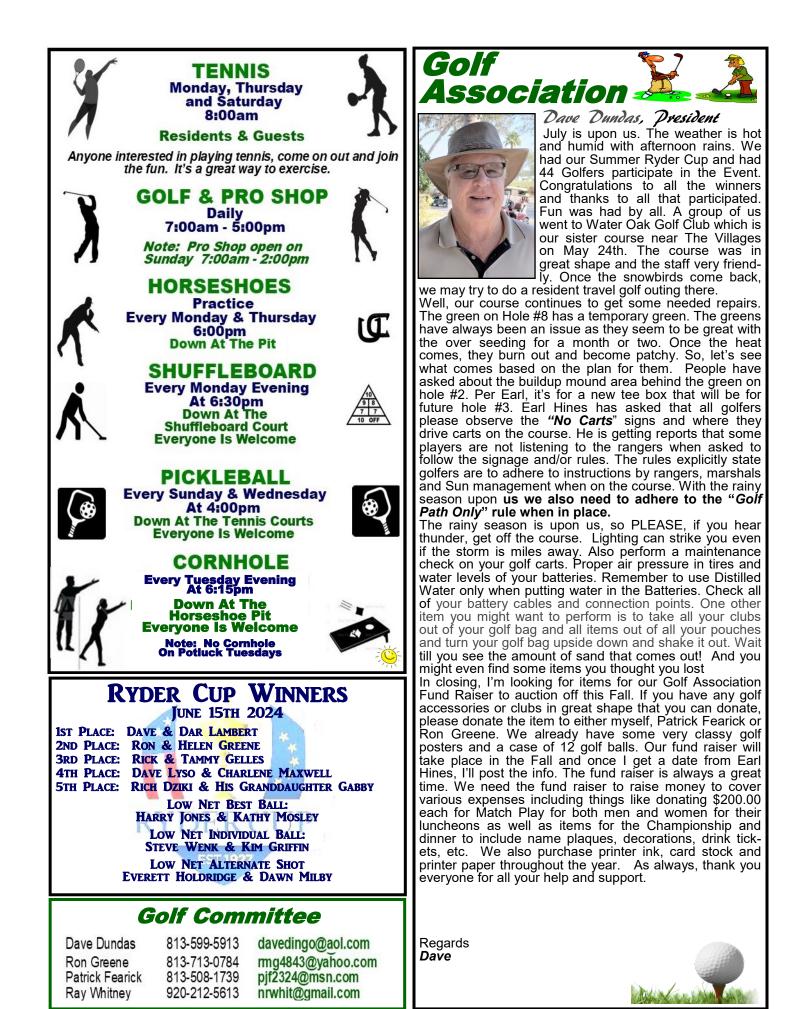
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Tuesday:	7:15 am	Men Blue Tees 18 holes Quarters Contact: Joe Finley 813-310-7256		
	12:36 pm	Men Fun 18 holes Contact Jim Jaggers 727-415-6524		
Wednesday	7:00 am	Men Fun 18 holes Contact: Larry Britton 321-544-7718		
	7:15 am	Men Quarters 18 holes Contact: Joe Finley 813-310-7256		
	8:28 am	Lambert Ladies Fun 18 holes Contact: Darlene Lambert 413-519-4903		
	10:00 am	Mixed Seniors Fun 9 holes Contact: Helen Greene 813-362-9928		
Thursday	7:15 am	Men Quarters 18 holes Contact: Joe Finley 813-310-7256		
	8:30 am	'Ladies Swingers' 18 holes Contact: Barbara Holdridge 813-701-6789		
	11:48 am	Men Fun 18 holes Contact Jim Jaggers 727-415-6524		
Friday	7:00 am	Men Fun 18 holes Contact: Larry Britton 321-544-7718		
	7:30 am	Men 18 holes Contact: Dave Dundas 813-599-5913		
	8:23 am	'Betty's Babes' Ladies 18 Contact: Betty Texter 716-574-6633		
Saturday	9:00am	Mixed Resident Scramble 18 holes Contact: Ron Greene 813-713-0784		
Resident Non-Members & Guests must pay at the pro shop prior to their round				



Let's all welcome the following new residents who recently joined Our Southport Springs Family. "Welcome To Your New Home Folks"

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Zachery Flick 3944 Russian Olive Lane

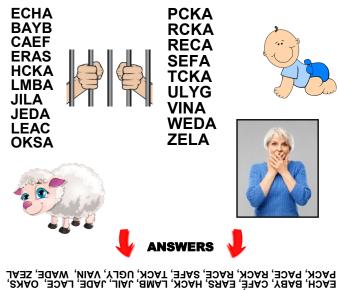
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WHAT'S IN A WORD? WORD SCRAMBLE (The Four Letter Word)



DID YOU KNOW?

that Dolley Madison was the first First Lady to make ice cream a feature at the end of White House dinners. She is also responsible for saving a rare painting of George Washington before the British torched the White House in 1814.





that First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt was the first First Lady to fly in an airplane. She snuck out of a White House Dinner with Amelia Earhart and together they commandeered an airplane near Hoover Airfield (where the Pentagon now stands) and spent hours flying around Baltimore.

that Pat Nixon was the first First Lady to wear pants in public.





that First Lady Betty Ford was so overjoyed at her husbands last day in office that she tap danced on the Cabinet Room's conference table.





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	Phelps, Nancy	July	22	Waterman, Tom	July 10
	Richards, Pat	July	23	Greene, Ron	July 12
	O'Donnell, Trudy	July	24	Allen, Johndro	July 13
	Figueroa, Carmen	July	24	Combs, Jim	July 13
	Tarbell, Ronnie Hadley, Kay	July July	25 25	Hrovosky, Bill Chavez, Del	July 13 July 15
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	Maxwell, Charlene	July	26	Ossander, Ivan	July 18
	Morel, Anita	July	26	Van Orman, Bob	July 18
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Redshaw, Sue July 1	Smith, Debra	July	27	Padilla, Paul	July 19
Vogel, Carol July 3 Rapdall Michalo July 3	Putt, Rose	July	28	Vogel, Jerome	July 19
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Tate, Dave & Bonnie	July	14
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Holdridge, Everett & Barbara	July	28



EDITORIAL Lori Pettit, Ass't. Editor



How did fireworks become THE primary form of celebration for Independence Day? The answer to this question eluded me, mostly because I slept through history classes whenever possible. Oh how I prayed for it to be "film day" in history class! Film day was an opportunity to fall asleep while sitting up. I became very adept at this skill during junior high and high school. I am deeply interested in history now, but can't rely upon my

own memory because I slept too much. Please join me in learning the facts of this tradition.

The following text appears courtesy of the American Pyrotechnics Association:

Many historians believe that fireworks originally were developed in the second century B.C. in ancient Liuyang, China. It is believed that the first natural "firecrackers" were bamboo stalks that when thrown in the fire, would explode with a bang because of the overheating of the hollow air pockets in the bamboo. The Chinese believed these natural "firecrackers" would ward off evil spirits.

Sometime during the period 600-900 AD, legend has it that a Chinese alchemist mixed potassium nitrate, sulfur and charcoal to produce a black, flaky powder - the first "gunpowder". This powder was poured into hollowed out bamboo sticks (and later stiff paper tubes) forming the first man-made fireworks.

Fireworks made their way to Europe in the 13th century and by the 15th century they were widely used for religious festivals and public entertainment. The Italians were the first Europeans to manufacture fireworks and European rulers were especially fond of the use of fireworks to "enchant their subjects and illuminate their castles on important occasions".



Early U.S. settlers brought their love of fireworks with them to the New World and fireworks were part of the very first Independence Day celebration - a tradition that continues every 4th of July as John Adams had hoped with "pomp, parade, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other". America's spirit of celebration

continued to grow and in the late 18th century, politicians began using displays to attract crowds to their speeches. While July 4th is still the "big day", Americans continue to use fireworks year-round to celebrate festivals, special events and sporting traditions such as the Olympics and Super Bowl.

Fireworks entertainment generates dollars as well as smiles. *Thunder Over Louisville* is one of the country's

largest fireworks displays and an economic study conducted by the Derby Festival determined that *Thunder* generates more the \$56 million dollars for the local economy.

I'm sure there are a lot of folks here in Southport that will be deeply disappointed that we won't be having a fireworks display this year. But while I admit to



enjoying a good fireworks display, I'm perfectly happy to

celebrate without all the noise, smoke and debris that fireworks produce, not to mention the possible inherent danger they present to humans, pets and the wild animals that surround our neighborhood.

So perhaps this year's celebration without fireworks can provide us with an opportunity to create new traditions. And while doing so, we can take the time to focus on the *"reason for the season"* and reflect upon our history and the part we can play in creating sustainable and humane celebrations for all living forms.

May you all have a happy and healthy Independence Day!



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June 1, 2024

Dear Residents,

We hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. As part of our commitment to compliance with the Housing for Older Persons Act (HOPA) of 1995, we are conducting a census to ensure that our community continues to meet the requirements of this important legislation.

The Housing for Older Persons Act (HOPA) of 1995 is a federal law that provides certain exemptions to communities that qualify as "housing for older persons." To maintain compliance with HOPA, it is essential that we accurately determine the age eligibility of our residents through the census process.

Your participation in this census is vital in helping us meet the requirements set forth by HOPA. By providing accurate and up-to-date information about the age of our residents, we can continue to operate as a community designated for older persons and maintain our eligibility for the exemptions and benefits provided under this law.

Completing the census is not only a legal requirement but also a way for you to contribute to the integrity and well-being of our community. The information collected will be kept confidential and used solely for the purpose of ensuring compliance with HOPA.

We understand that your time is valuable, and we appreciate your cooperation in completing the census questionnaire. If you have any questions or concerns about the census process or HOPA compliance, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued support of our community.

Sincerely,

Sean Rankin

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Census Information for Southport Springs Home Owners

The following information is necessary to confirm the status of the Community under the federal Housing for Older Persons Act ("HOPA") and Chapter 760, Florida Statutes.

Along with the information listed below we will need updated documents:

- 1. Copy of the titles. (Side A and B, Front and Back)
- 2. Driver license for everyone listed on the titles.
- 3. Death Certificate if one of the owners listed on the titles has passed away.

Southport Springs Address/Lot Number:					
Name of Owner (s): 1.					
2					
Owner Contact Phone Number (s):					
Renter in the Home (Circle One):	YES	NO			
1. If YES, Name/ Phone Number of Renter:					
Off Site Address (Circle One):	YES	NO			
1. If YES, Address:					
Make/Model/Color of Vehicle(s):					
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This form must be filled out completely and returned to the Community Office no later than,

September 30, 2024