

The Southport Sun

March 2026

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MARCH

Events

Show Me The Money

Thursday, March 5 6:30pm
Main Clubhouse - \$1.00 per person.

Karaoke

Friday, March 6 & 20 6-9pm
Main Clubhouse - Free Admission.

Potluck & Quarter Bingo

Monday, March 16 5:30pm
Sign-up in the Main Clubhouse.

St. Patrick's Day

Dance with "Rock The House" Band

Tuesday, March 17 7-10pm
\$5.00 for HOA members - \$7.00 for Non-members.
Tickets on sale February 25, March 4 & 11,

Spring Blood Drive

Wednesday, March 18 8:30am-2pm
Main Clubhouse Parking Lot.

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Sunday, March 22 2pm
Scavenger Hunt - Teams of Four - \$10 per team.
Register March 4 at Coffee

Pizza Party

Thursday, March 26 5:30pm
For HOA Members only.
Sign-up in the Main Clubhouse.

Craft Fair

Saturday, March 28 9am-1pm
Approximately 40 vendors.

Dance with "The Dukes"

Saturday, March 28 7-10pm
\$5.00 for HOA members - \$7.00 for Non-members.
Tickets on sale March 11, 18 & 25.

SPS 2nd Annual Music Festival featuring ABBA

Sunday, March 29 2-5pm
Behind the Little Clubhouse.
FREE Admission - Everyone is Invited!

See Ticket Purchase Details on Page 7.
See What's Coming in March on Page 4.

In Loving Memory

Richard Snyder
3949 Buttercup Drive
1932-2026

Our prayers are with Rita and the family. Wishing you strength and comfort through this difficult time.



Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the cards, texts, meals, hugs, prayers, and every act of kindness after the passing of mom. Each message and gesture reminded us how loved and supported Mom was, and it truly helped carry our family through such a difficult time.

We are especially grateful to the Bereavement Committee for the beautiful luncheon honoring Mom. It was a touching tribute, and it meant more to us than words can express.

The family of Sandy Fenlock
Thank you! **Dawn Milby**



I would like to thank the Sunshine Committee for the gracious Public Gift Card for my recent hospitalization.

Southport Springs is a very caring community. THANK YOU!
Al Walters

I appreciate all the phone calls and prayers during my convalescence at the hospital. The gift card from Publix was very much appreciated. This is a wonderful community and I love all of you. Thank you very much.

Lillian Burgess-Keffalas





Southport Springs Sunshine Committee



According to Maya Angelou: "People will not remember what you say or what you do. They will remember how you make them feel."

That is what we strive to do as the Sunshine Team . . . to make a person feel appreciated and valued.



Come join us!!



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As Always, Prayers to everyone!

Prayers are Power!

The Womern's Club



Spring Food Drive

Wednesday, March 25, 8am to 10am, drop off donations at one of the vehicles with their trunks open. Collecting perishables and non-perishables for five local food pantries. Baskets will also be located in the Main Clubhouse lobby on March 4 for your donations.

Spring Bake Sale/Basket Raffle

Saturday, March 28, 9am to 1pm. Bake sale donations will be accepted from 7am to 9am the day of the sale. There will be five baskets (alcohol, brunch, Italian, lottery/chocolate and wine) being raffled in the Main Clubhouse the day of the event. Tickets are 6 for \$5.

BAKE SALE

The bake sale/basket raffle is the Women's Club annual fundraiser. Funds from last year's Bake Sale/Basket Raffle enabled the Women's Club to make a \$200 donation to each of these organizations: St. Joseph's Baby Pantry, Sunrise Domestic Abuse Shelter and The Thomas Promise Foundation.

Thank you to all residents for your generosity.
Cindy Judy, Women's Club President



COMING THIS MONTH SOUTHPORT'S SPRING BLOOD DRIVE



Wednesday, March 18th
8:30am - 2:00pm

(Main Clubhouse Parking Lot)

Your Chance To Save 3 Lives

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And To Make It More **Exciting...**

Our HOA will raffle off a **\$30** gift card if we have a minimum of **30** donors

And will up it to **\$50** if we have **50** donors or more!

So, Give Lauren Waterman
a call at **813-602-3782**
To set up your appointment



See you on the Big Red Bus and
Thank You So Much For Giving
The Gift Of Life

~Walk Ins Welcome~
Between 12:30pm & 2:00pm On Mobile Unit #2



Daylight saving time
begins Sunday, March 8,
2026, across most of the United
States. At 2 a.m. local time,
clocks "**spring forward**"
one hour.

Spring Forward

Address confirmation and request Confirmation

The address for the Big Clubhouse and Parkway Tavern are 3737 Southport Springs Parkway.

The address for the SPS Office and Little Clubhouse are both addressed as 3509 Southport Springs Parkway.

Request

I am informed that there are many SPS houses where the address is either missing or not clearly visible.

It is important this concern be resolved for essential services as well as safety. **Our house numbers MUST be clear and visible from the street.** This includes no foliage obscuring the address.

HOA News



Good day SPS HOA Members & Community

One month. One month ago HOA members, you, duly elected a new slate of officers to serve as your H.O.A. Board.

As I write this greeting, a flurry of changes, decisions, meetings & events have occurred. None, without hours spent planning and conferring with a plethora of professions and individuals with

years of experience in their respected fields. Including many right here in your community. Your Board did not play "Spin the tail on the Donkey."

Some changes have been met with enthusiasm, others with skepticism and a few with disbelief. We as a Board dully recognize change can be difficult, especially at first, and on the flip side, when change occurs for the right reasons, it can make things so much better.

The Board collectively is most grateful for your support as we navigate this new road together. That solid support reinforces for each of us that we are doing what you voted for us to do. Make changes! Make things better! Make things happen!

After a bit of trial, initial implementation becomes an ongoing occurrence and the road smooths out. Less peaks and valleys. An occasional bump, but nothing we can't handle together.

Changes are inevitable. Like them or not, we have all lived long enough to know nothing ever stays the same. Changes will come, how we choose to react to them is the key. 🔑

Let's make March a month of friendly & fun Madness!

By God's grace

Sharon Parent, HOA President

Birthday & Anniversary Info



Due to privacy issues/concerns, residents will no longer receive birthdays or anniversary dates from the SPS office.

I include in the newsletter each month a list of resident birthdays and anniversaries. This is well received and expected.

If you are a new resident (past 12 months) and want your birthday or anniversary date included in the SPS newsletter, please contact me with that information.

Text me at 815-566-1505 or email me at rjsone@yahoo.com.

Also, please let me know if you see an error in the newsletter birthday/anniversary info. I appreciate your feedback.

Bob Schutt, Newsletter Editor

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*A Shoutout to
Our HOA*

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 Option 3 for Parkway Tavern
 Option 4 for Front Desk

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HOURS OF OPERATION

- **FRONT GATE:** Open 6am – Closed 8pm
- **GOLF COURSE:** Daily 7am to 5pm
- **PRO SHOP:** Mon-Sat 7am - 5pm
(Sun 7am-2pm)
- **POOL:** 8am - Dusk Daily (residents & guests only)
- **MAIN CLUBHOUSE:** Daily 7am to 10pm
- **POKER ROOM:** Daily 7am to 10pm
- **LITTLE CLUBHOUSE:** Daily 7am to 10pm

KARAOKE

Friday, March 6 & 20
 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
 (Main Clubhouse)

Everyone Is Welcome
 To Join In The Fun
FREE ADMISSION



DONATIONS GLADLY ACCEPTED TO HELP DEFRAY COSTS

EVENING INCLUDES A \$HARE THE WEALTH RAFFLE

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DEADLINE: Deadline for submitting articles, event information or photos, "Thank You" notes, etc. is the 20th of the month. Anything received after the 20th will appear in the following month's issue.

DISCLAIMER: When submitting an article or articles for publication, please indicate if you do not wish your article to be edited by our editorial staff and/or if you would prefer not to have photos or artwork included. In those instances, the editorial staff will not be held responsible for content, structure, spelling, grammar etc. Type written submissions greatly assist in minimizing errors. Thanks for your understanding, help and cooperation.

NEED TO RESERVE THE FACILITIES?

To reserve the Ballroom, Little Clubhouse or Poker Room please stop by the community office to pick up a reservation form. If you want a form emailed to you, contact us at southportssprings@suncommunities.com

Note: Reservations can be made by groups of 4 or more for the Poker Room, 10 or more for the Little Club, and 18 or more for the Ballroom.

Filling out a form does not guarantee a reservation and all requests must be approved by management.

Sean Rankin
 General Manager
 Southport Springs Golf Community

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Marilyn Hines
Sales Coordinator



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FROM THE HOME SALES OFFICE



Have you seen all our new Sun Home listings at Southport Springs?

Hello Southport residents, **Marilyn Hines** here from the **Sales Team** and a **Resident** of Southport Springs for the past 7 years. So, we care about our community and its residents beyond buying

and selling homes.

We want to take a moment to thank **all our resident** who listed their homes with the Community Sales Office for their support and for those residents who have referred friends and family to our community to purchase a home with us – we truly appreciate you!

With that said, if any of our residents know someone looking for their forever retirement home, we would love to show them around. It's a great time to buy, with the current market offering excellent opportunities for buyers, your referrals mean so much, and we offer a **cash incentive** as our way of saying thank you.

On another note, whether you're considering upgrading or downgrading to another home for yourself or referring someone who may be interested in one of our listings, we're here to help every step of the way. We take care of EVERYTHING -Community approvals, Lease Agreements, Title transfers and more... offering a One-Stop Shop for an easy process.

If you'd like to know more, feel free to contact me at:

- **Direct line:** 813-553-7563
- **Cell:** 352-806-1834 (call/text anytime)

Or just stop by the Community Sales Office and speak with either me, Sean Rankin, Theresa LeBlanc or Susan Andre. We would be happy to help

Office Hours:

- Monday–Friday: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- I'm available **7 days a week** if need be.

We look forward to assisting you!



Daylight saving time begins Sunday, March 8, 2026, across most of the United States. At 2 a.m. local time, clocks "**spring forward**" one hour.

Golf Association



Hello all,
I hope all the golfers are enjoying this beautiful weather. A few cold spells but overall not a bad winter. Please still use cart paths as much as possible and the 90 degree rule. Fix divots and rake the traps. If you see anything that you need to report please report it to the Pro Shop or get with one of the Rangers.

Match play continues as do the Winter Leagues. We will be having the Club Champion on Saturday March 21st and Sunday March 22nd. On Saturday the course is having an early morning tournament outing. So we will be going off at 1:00 on Saturday with the women on #1 tee and men on #10 tee. On Sunday we will go off at 8am with Women going off #10 and Men off #1 tee. By the time this article is out I should have the sign-up sheet on the board with all the info on the event and dinner. Secondly, we will have a 6PM Golf Meeting at the clubhouse on Tuesday, March 3rd. Yard Sign will go up last of February for that Tuesday March 3rd Meeting.

I have had no takers on wanting to be our Club President! If anyone wants the position they will need to be nominated by someone and then that person must accept that nomination prior to any vote. So this will be done at the Golf Meeting. Anyone can attend the golf meetings but **ONLY GOLF MEMBERS CAN VOTE!** If no takers I will continue as President for the 2026 season. Just so you all are aware, Southport Springs Golf Association is not an established sanctioned body. We do have a bank account used for Match Play Dinners, club championship and printing materials as needed. We will do a new fund raiser in the future to add to the bank account.

Regards
David Dundas, *Golf Association President*



Ticket Sales Schedule and Sign-up Sheets For HOA Events

Unless Otherwise Noted, Tickets for the following events go on sale
Wednesday mornings

In the Main Clubhouse Ballroom from 8-10am

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

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.

Events	Ticket Purchase Dates or Sign-up Sheets
<p>Potluck & Quarter Bingo Monday, March 16 5:30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sign-up Sheet On the Main Clubhouse Bulletin Board Call Lee Edwards at 863-207-2523 to inquire.</p>
<p>St. Patrick's Day Dance "Rock The House" Band Tuesday, March 17 7-10pm \$5.00 for HOA members \$7.00 for Non-member</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, February 25, March 4 & 11. Call Laurie Smedberg at 612-991-3804 to inquire.</p>
<p>Pizza Party Thursday, March 26 5:30pm For HOA Members Only.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sign-up Sheet On the Main Clubhouse Bulletin Board Call Laurie Smedberg at 612-991-3804 to inquire.</p>
<p>Dance with "The Dukes" Saturday, March 28 7-10pm \$5.00 for HOA members \$7.00 for Non-member</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, March 11, 18 & 25. Call Laurie Smedberg at 612-991-3804 to inquire.</p>

Tickets or Sign-up for the Following Events

<p>SHOW ME THE MONEY Thursday, March 5 6:30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">\$1.00 per person. Text Shawn Bernier at 813-541-3127 to inquire.</p>
<p>FOTO & FETCH Sunday, March 22 2pm Scavenger Hunt – Teams of Four - \$10 per team.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Register March 4 at Coffee. Text Shawn Bernier at 813-541-3127 to inquire.</p>
<p>Bunco Thursday, April 2 6:30pm \$1.00 per person.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, March 18 & 25. Main Clubhouse from 4:00 – 5:00pm Text Shawn Bernier at 813-541-3127 to inquire.</p>



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Ladies

Brennan, Chevonne	Mar 1
Sanjurjo, Lydia	Mar 2
Vest, Deanna	Mar 3
Petersen, Gloria	Mar 3
Whiteley, Vittoria	Mar 5
Caretto, Dee	Mar 5
Perez, Barbara	Mar 6
Smedberg, Laurie	Mar 6
O'Neil, Wilma	Mar 10
Rambo, BJ	Mar 11
Highland, Geraldyn	Mar 11
Wundsam, Linda	Mar 13
Walters, Celine	Mar 14
Richards, Patricia	Mar 15
Wheeler, Charlotte	Mar 15
Sitton, Ruth	Mar 15
Dixon, Laurie	Mar 16
Winkler, Betsy	Mar 17
Rodgers, Lois	Mar 18
Ritter, Ellen	Mar 18
Hope, Lynda	Mar 18
Krupkin, Patricia	Mar 20

Pembelton, Marcia	Mar 23
Alexander, Tina	Mar 24
Patterson, Virginia	Mar 25
Richards, Deborah	Mar 25
Sadler, Kelly	Mar 25
Gray, Debbie	Mar 27
Wnukiewicz, Karin	Mar 27
Shaeffer, Ellen	Mar 28
Angiel, Myra	Mar 28
Patzschke, Mary	Mar 29
Stiffler, Nancy	Mar 31

April

Schwebach, Sarah	Apr 1
Loyer Coon, Sandra	Apr 1
Kibly, Wendy	Apr 1
Peterson, Pamela	Apr 2
Barnhardt, Lelia	Apr 3

Mens

Jones, Harry	Mar 4
Daugherty, Floyd	Mar 4
Ballant, August	Mar 6
Krause, Robert	Mar 6
Marino, Sal	Mar 6
Pietrowski, Bernard	Mar 6

Williams, Frank	Mar 7
Hershman, James	Mar 10
Huston, Stanley	Mar 10
Osborne, James	Mar 12
Burt, Ernie	Mar 13
Hendricks, Randy	Mar 14
Flick, Zach	Mar 16
Bartol, John	Mar 19
Schwebach, Robert	Mar 17
Collins, Bob	Mar 20
Hunter, Robert	Mar 21
Brenier, Greg	Mar 22
DiPeri, Peter	Mar 24
August, James	Mar 25
Hannold, Tom	Mar 25
Steel, William	Mar 27
Hirt, Ed	Mar 28
Rodecker, Tom	Mar 29

April

Falco, Dan	Apr 1
Miller, Daniel	Apr 1
Dehne, Steven	Apr 2
McGovern, James	Apr 3
Grigevich, Joseph	Apr 3

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

MARCH

Heisler, Tommy and Elsie	Mar 1
Sadler, Colin & Kelly	Mar 7
Reiss, Dave & Toni	Mar 15
Baumann, Joe & Jackie	Mar 18
Vogel, Jerome & Carol	Mar 22

APRIL

Pritchard, Jerry & Barbara	Apr 2
Smedberg, Dale & Laurie	Apr 2



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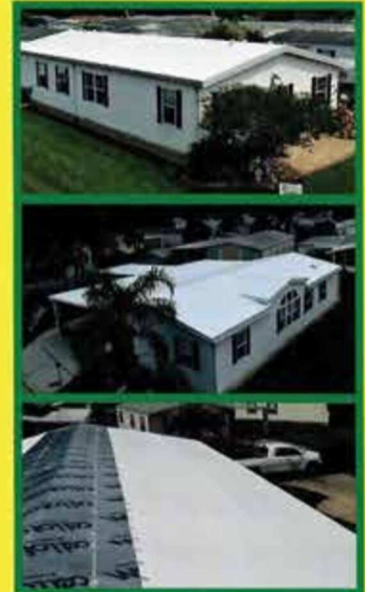
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Events & Activities

March 2026

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8:15am Yoga - MC 9:30am Power Walking - MC 10am Water Aerobics 5pm Shuffleboard 6pm Dominoes - MC	9am Intermediate Line Dancing - MC 10am Advanced Line Dancing - MC 11am Baby Steppers Line Dancing - MC 1pm Hand & Foot - LC 1pm Horseshoes 3pm Corn Hole - behind LC 4pm Pickleball - TC 7pm Euchre - LC	9am Coffee Social - MC 9:30am Power Walking - MC 10am Water Aerobics 1:30pm Mahjong - LC 6:30pm BINGO - MC	9am Intermediate Line Dancing - MC 10am Advanced Line Dancing - MC 11am Baby Steppers Line Dancing - MC Noon Bridge - LC 1pm Hand, Foot & Elbow - MC 4pm Pickleball - TC 6:30 Show Me The Money - MC	9am Bible Study - LC 9:30am Power Walking - MC 10am Water Aerobics 1pm Hand & Foot - LC 6-9pm Karaoke - MC 7pm Farkle - LC	Check the Sunday, March 8 2am event.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
2am Daylight Savings Time begins - Set your clock forward one hour. 4pm Pickleball - TC	8:15am Yoga - MC 9:30am Power Walking - MC 10am Water Aerobics 5pm Shuffleboard 7pm HOA Meeting - MC	9am Intermediate Line Dancing - MC 10am Advanced Line Dancing - MC 11am Baby Steppers Line Dancing - MC 1pm Hand & Foot - LC 1pm Horseshoes 3pm Corn Hole - behind LC 4pm Pickleball - TC 6pm Dominoes - PR 7pm Euchre - LC	9am Coffee Social - MC 9:30am Power Walking - MC 10am Water Aerobics 1:30pm Mahjong - LC 4-5:30pm Veterans Happy Hour - MC 6:30pm BINGO - MC	9am Intermediate Line Dancing - MC 10am Advanced Line Dancing - MC 11am Baby Steppers Line Dancing - MC Noon Bridge - LC 1pm Hand, Foot & Elbow - MC 4pm Pickleball - TC	9am Bible Study - LC 9:30am Power Walking - MC 10am Water Aerobics 1pm Hand & Foot - LC 7pm Farkle - LC	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
10am Silver Needles Meeting & "Sew Day" 4pm Pickleball - TC	8:15am Yoga - MC 9:30am Power Walking - MC 10am Water Aerobics 5pm Shuffleboard 5:30pm Potluck & Quarter Bingo - MC	9am Intermediate Line Dancing - MC 10am Advanced Line Dancing - MC 11am Baby Steppers Line Dancing - MC 1pm Hand & Foot - LC 1pm Horseshoes 3pm Corn Hole - behind LC 4pm Pickleball - TC 6pm Dominoes - PR 7pm Euchre - LC 7-10pm St. Patrick's Day Dance "Rock The House" - MC	8:30am-2pm Spring Blood Drive - MC MC Parking Lot 9am Coffee Social - MC 9:30am Power Walking - MC 10am Water Aerobics 1:30pm Mahjong - LC 6:30pm BINGO - MC	9am Intermediate Line Dancing - MC 10am Advanced Line Dancing - MC 11am Baby Steppers Line Dancing - MC Noon Bridge - LC 1pm Hand, Foot & Elbow - MC 4pm Pickleball - TC	9am Bible Study - LC 9:30am Power Walking - MC 10am Water Aerobics 1pm Hand & Foot - LC 6-9pm Karaoke - MC 7pm Farkle - LC	
22/29	23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28
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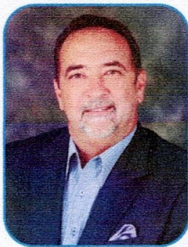
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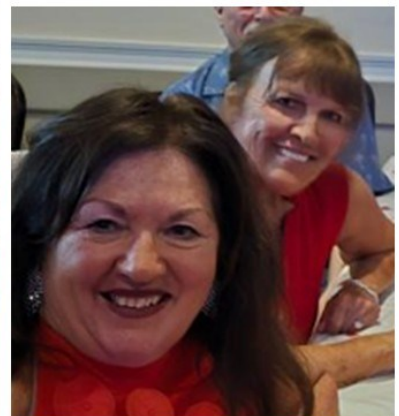
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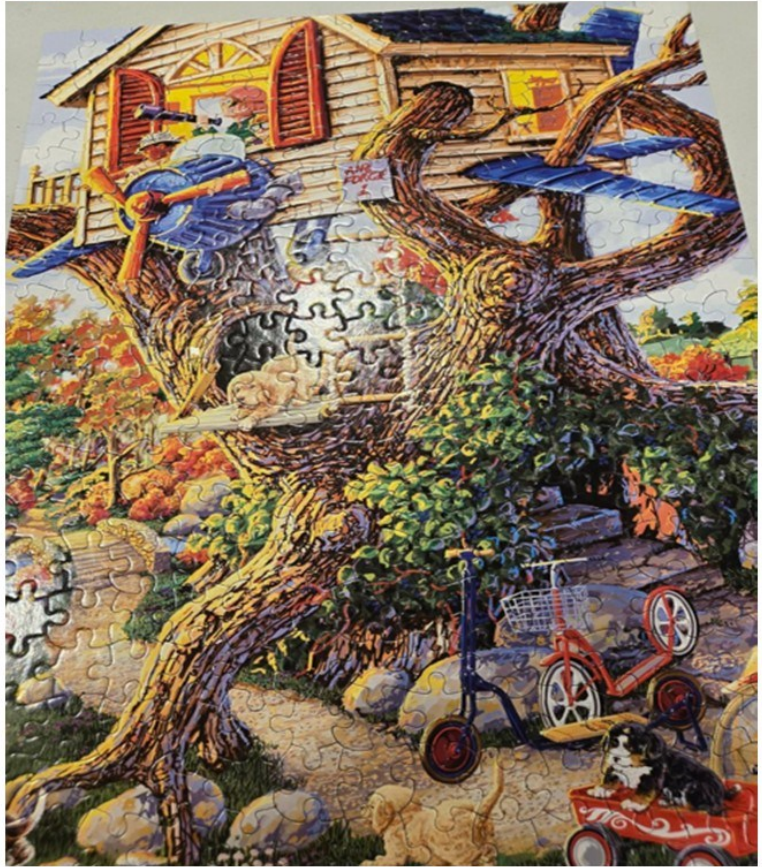
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"Shiver Me Timbers" it was for sure on our January bus trip to 'The Pirates Dinner Adventure'. While it was cold and windy outside (brrrrrrr), it was warm, comfy and exciting inside aboard the Pirate's mighty Spanish Galleon as everyone enjoyed a great 3 course chicken dinner while Captain Sebastain The Black shanghaied the audience, Princess Anita and a beautiful mermaid and engaged in a high seas battle for the magical "*Serpent's Eye*", the world's most sought after jewel. But low and behold, the young and handsome Benjamin Blue came to the rescue! It was a fun and action packed show that included ariel stunts, sword fights and pyrotechnics. Here's to yet another fun Southport Springs HOA Bus Trip!



Southport Springs Veterans Association

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4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Main Clubhouse

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1. First, add all of your ingredients (except for the chocolate-covered espresso beans, if using) to a cocktail shaker in this order: ice cubes, vanilla vodka, Bailey's Irish cream, Kahlúa, and espresso.
2. Shake vigorously for 45 seconds – one minute. It's a long time to shake, but trust me, it's worth it for the perfectly foamy top!
3. Strain and serve in a chilled martini glass. Place 3 chocolate-covered espresso beans on top if you'd like or dust with cocoa powder. Enjoy!



From the Southport Springs Golf Team



Hello Southport Springs Community,

We've certainly had our share of unpredictable weather here in Florida this month, but we're happy to say the warmer days have finally arrived—at least for now!

As you've likely noticed, our team has been hard at work keeping the golf course in top shape.

On February 11th, we hosted the Sun Tournament, and it turned out to be a wonderful day for everyone who participated. Players shared so many kind compliments about the event, and we're truly grateful. A big thank you goes to our Golf Operations team for their excellent preparation and smooth execution of the day.

Looking ahead, we're excited to host two special events in March:

- Our Club Championship will take place on Friday, March 21st and Saturday, March 22nd. Please reach out to Dave Dundas in the Pro Shop for complete details and registration information.
- On March 21st, we'll also welcome the Marine Corps League for their outing. Signup sheets are available in the Pro Shop now. (Note: The Club Championship will follow later that same day.)

As always, thank you for helping us maintain the beauty and playability of our course. Your reports about any issues or concerns you spot while playing are greatly appreciated—they allow us to address things quickly and keep the course enjoyable for everyone.

We look forward to seeing you out on the fairways soon!

Warm regards, The Southport Springs Golf Team!

Thanks,
Earl Hines Member IPGA
Manager, Director of Golf

Southport Resident Services

Update from Walt Hand



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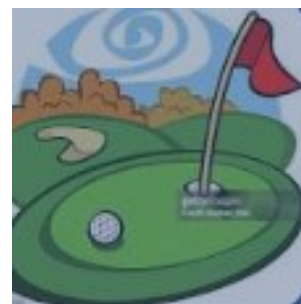
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What Temperature Is Too Cold For Plants?

Gardeners ask what temperature is too cold for plants in Central Florida. The rule of thumb is usually any temperature below 32°F.

Most plants need warm temperatures to do well. Cold temperatures are an enemy to growing plants.

What temperature is too cold has several answers as it depends on what plants you have in your garden, how healthy your plants are, and the plants' location. It is advised that when temperatures may be less than 35°F you should cover all plants of concern. Tropicals require protection at higher temperatures

Too much cold negatively affects plants. Many start to show signs of cold damage when frost catches up with them. Some signs include plants wilting, leaf discoloration, blackening foliage, and droopy leaves. Deep cold effects plants by freezing plant cells. This causes damage and interrupts the water and nutrient flow to all the parts of the plant. In small branches and twigs, the living Xylem is more effected by cold weather than big branches. "Xylem is a plant's vascular tissue that conveys water and dissolved minerals from the roots to other parts of the plant."

The lack of water and nutrients causes the plant tissue to become dormant, resulting in tissue death and blackened stems. The damage from cold can show up even in the early Spring when a warm period encourages early plant growth and then a sudden freeze occurs. The ability for plants to adjust to the temperature swings is a big factor that affects a plant's dormancy period. Perennial plants, Florida natives, and Florida friendly plants are those plants that best resist thermal changes. They need to be established before the freeze rises to survive.

If you need to cover a plant, use cloth or a plant thermal blanket specifically marked for cold weather protection, not plastic because plastic may contribute to leaf burn.

Whatever you use, make sure it is secured to the ground using blocks, bricks, or rocks keeping it firm to the ground trapping ground heat around the plant. If your plant suffers from cold damage, it does not mean it will die.

It is suggested not to prune cold damaged plant parts until the risk of frost is over. Why? The damaged green wood will act like insulation throughout the winter. Early spring is a favorite time to add or replace shrubs or plants.

Be aware in many areas the soil can be saturated due to spring rain. At that point, soil is at its absolute worst possible condition. Planting anything should be delayed until soil conditions improve.

Last week we had a hard frost. Many plants, in bloom, shut down for a bit. Most perennials are quite cold hardy and brush off a light frost without any

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damage. Sometimes, especially when frost hits just when the plant is in their full outgrowth mode, the cells that make up the new stems, leaves, and flower buds have not yet fully developed adequate cold resistance. As a result, the new growth freezes but sometimes only at the tips of a branch or at the leaves' edges leaving a soft, mushy growth that eventually dries and turns brown. The risk of a late frost is greatest when spring arrives early, and plants wake up too soon reacting to the unseasonable warmth.

Nature tends to remind us that Mother Nature is the boss.

The only possible way of fixing frost damage on a perennial is to prune out the damage in the spring. Fortunately, Mother Nature provides perennials with a backup plan. Over the millions of years of their evolution the plant learned to produce extra buds from which the plant can regrow.

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- We are continuing to establish a complete directory of Veterans and Veterans Family members residing in Southport Springs. To ensure your information is correct, contact:
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Some cranes from other colder areas do migrate. Those in this area are permanent residents and do not leave us often. They may locate further south until it warms up in their prior breeding ground during prolonged cold spells.

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If you ever have a chance to witness cranes dancing don't blink. You are watching one of the more artistic rituals on earth. The dance includes bowing, leaping, jumping, spreading and waving their large wings, tossing grass and small twigs playfully in the air. They dance for many reasons but mainly it is fun!

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Hope you enjoyed the content.

More next month.

Bob Gallion

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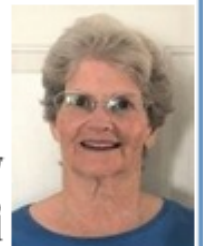
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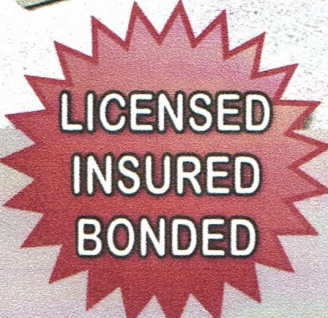
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