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November 2023

NOVEMBER

HOA Events

Listen & Dance To The Music Of "Tom Davis"

Saturday, November 18th 7:00pm-10:00pm

A Music Trifecta Sunday, October 12th 2:00-4:00pm

Thanksgiving Day Dinner
Thursday, November 23rd 2:00pm

Note: Event Tickets Available For Purchase (as posted) See Page 9 **************

Other Events

Fall Craft Fair & Sunshine Committee Bake Sale

Saturday, November 4th 9:00am - 1:00pm

Dollhouse Open House

Sunday, November 5th 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Karaoke Nite

Thursday, November 9th 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Veteran's Day Ceremony & Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, November 11th Starting At 9:00am At The Memorial Wall

Thanksgiving Blood Drive

Wednesday, November 15th 8:30pm - 2:00pm

See details on pages 3 & 7



FOR THE KIDS



Last month, Southport's Servant Hearts Group hosted a "Loaded Baked Potato Dinner And Raffle" raising \$3,350.00 for the Children's Pediatric Cancer Unit at John Hopkins Hospital in St. Petersburg. What a great evening! See page 5



Also last month, following a month-long campaign South-port's Women's Club members Cindy Judy on the right, Vivian Challen on the left and Cindy Demers in the center delivered 55 pairs of shoes and 529 pairs of socks for young folks in need (grade school through high school) to Pasco County's "Two Good Soles" collection center. Cindy Judy noted, "We are overwhelmed and amazed at the continued generosity of folks in our community. Thank you all on behalf of the Women's Club.

Líonel Theroux 3504 Ranger Parkway 1948 - 2023

Deepest sympathies are extended to Sharon and her Lionel's family and friends. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

"And He will raise him up on eagles wings, bear him on the breath of down and make him to shine like the sun."

Michael Ioncas

Phyllis Malick 35421 Jomar Avenue

Our condolences to Phyllis' family and friends. Know that our thoughts are with you during this time of sadness.

"Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near; still loved, still missed and very dear"

Author Unknown



I would like to thank all of my wonderful friends and neighbors who brought food and good cheer along with offers to help in any

way and also a kindly visit during my seemingly endless illness. The kindness and support of our Southport residents is just amazing. "Thank You All" is simply not enough to express what is in my heart.

Jim Jaggers

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I'd like to thank the Sunshine Committee for the generous gift card to Publix following my recent

hospital stay. Please know that your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated.

Tom Brownell





Baby Steppers Line Dancing Is Back!

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Southport Springs Sunshine Committee

Bake Sale

Saturday, November 4th 9:00am to 1:00pm Little Clubhouse

We need pies, cookies, candies, breads, pastries etc.

Baked goods will be accepted between 7am and 11am the day of the sale.

You can call us to have someone pick up!

Karol McGinn 813-388-0148 Cindy Judy 717-514-3997

Southport's Womens Club **Fall Food Drive**

Wednesday, November 8th 8:00am - 10:00am (Main Clubhouse Parking Lot)

Perishables, Non-Perishables and grocery store gift cards will be collected.

Donations can be dropped off at any one of the designated vehicles parked in front of the Clubhouse

Supporting the following Local Food Pantries:

St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Chancy Road Christian Church, First Presbyterian Church & United Methodist Church

"We thank you and they thank you"





COMING THIS MONTH SOUTHPORT'S THANKSGIVING BLOOD DRIVE



Wednesday, November 15th 8:30am - 2:00pm (Main Clubhouse Parking Lot) Your Chance To Save 3 Lives

OneBlood will enter Donors into a <u>Thanksgiving Turkey Raffle</u> and will give each donor a **\$20** gift card and a **OneBlood** Blanket.

And To Make It More Exciting...

Sean & Lorene Rankin will raffle off a \$50 gift card if we have a minimum of 25 donors and increase it to \$100 if we have a minimum of 50 donors!

Our HOA will raffle off a \$25 gift card if we have a minimum of 25 donors

The Parkway Tavern
is donating a coupon good for
one beer, one glass of wine or a dessert to all <u>donors!</u>



Give Lauren Waterman a call today at 813-782-0675 to set up your appointment

Walk-Ins Welcome between 1:00pm & 2:00pm On Bus #1

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

What Are You Thankful For?



As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, we're once again reminded of how blessed we are as we reflect on this past year and on all of the things that we have to be thankful for.

Louise, who lives in Apopka, Florida shared how grateful and thankful she is to those who

donated blood so that her Dad, who is battling prostate cancer is able to keep up his fight against a disease that could easily claim his life which he would quickly lose were it not for the generosity of so many folks who've stepped forward to donate "life saving" blood.

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Louise is a regular at her local gym, teaching a weekly cross-fit class and spending time there unwinding. When she's not working on her own health and fitness, she's also a regular at her local OneBlood donation center. "Every other Sunday I go and I give platelets," she said. "I'm almost at 53 gallons, so that's about 10-plus years of both blood and platelet donations." Louise understands that for some, it's not about lifting weights or doing cardio to improve their health. For many patients in the hospital, their health can depend on blood or platelet transfusions. And those lifesaving blood products can only come from volunteer donors like her. "Just go out there and do it," she said. "You never know who you could help."

What are you thankful for? How will you express your gratitude this Thanksgiving? How about donating the "Gift of Life"?

To All Southport Residents

Anyone wishing to have a "hard copy" of the monthly newsletter in 2024 can complete the form below (see instructions). Deadline for your 2024 subscription to begin as of January 1st 2024 is Wednesday, December 20th, 2023. Forms are also available in The Little Clubhouse





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Signature	Date	1 1

Note: Your monthly copy can be picked up in the Poker Room on the 1st "business day" of the month between 9:30am and 11:00am or on the 2nd "business day" of each month between 9:30am & 10:30am



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IT WAS A "GRAND SLAM"!



Southport Springs Community, you hit a Home Run and knocked it out of the park! Although the check we presented to Sara Kirkland, Assistant Director of Special Events at John Hopkins Aİl Children Hospital here in St. Petersburg was for \$2,500.00, our final contribution was actually \$3,350.00!!! Included in the final total was a contribution from Sun Communities' Corporate Office

Invocation. Thank you Bob. Our profound gratitude to Sean Rankin, our Community Manager and Karen Muncey, Parkway Tavern Manager and her team for helping to make it all possible including donating all of the food for the event.

Our profound gratitude also goes out to our set-up volunteers including Val Lebo, Diane Calabrese, Maryann Danes, Sandy Fenlock and Winnie Quartucci. This group also rocked when it came to making the salads and getting 140 of them out in record time. Thanks also to Sam Judy, Tom Rich, Mike Quartucci and Jim Teixeira for cleaning and breaking down tables and trash removal after the event; to Marti Vest, Lee Edwards and Pam McGregor for handling the Raffle and "Share The Wealth" tickets; to Laura File and Doug Baulch for taking care of door security and tickets and to our Raffle Monitors Karol McGinn and Cindy Judy.

We also want to thank the many donors and prize contributors including our Community Partners; especially

Sun Communities, Inc. and all of our local merchants. And finally, thank you to everyone who supported the event by purchasing dinner tickets, raffle tickets and 'Share The Wealth' tickets and a special thanks to the "Share The Wealth" winners who contributed their winnings to the cause. Without you all, this dinner would not have been the "GRAND SLAM" that it was. We're hopeful we didn't leave anyone out. If we did, please know it was definitely not intentional.

Sincerely, Fran Fusco and Chris Gale





ALSO FOR THE KIDS - DRAWSTRING BAGS VS. TRASH BAGS



Caterpillars To Butterflies is a local 501(3c) charitable organization dedicated to helping children who have been removed from their homes and placed in a foster home. When a child s removed from their home, he or she given a plastic trash bag by the removing agency to collect things that are important to them. When they show up to their first foster home that is what they enter the home with. Often times these kids are moved to different homes and continue to use the trash bag to pack their belongings in. Southport's Silver Needles Group and the Women's Club recently teamed up and made close to 100 beautiful fabric drawstring bags and donated them to Caterpillars To Butterflies. Currently, the organization is working with approximately 400 different foster families and are expecting over 300 children to attend their annual Christmas event on December 2nd. Gifts and treats will be placed in each of the bags for Santa to give to them which they will take home with them and have it the next time they are moved or are reunified with their biological families. When asked to comment, Tracy Hanson, founder of Caterpillars To Butterflies replied, "The Sliver Needles and Women's Group ladies at Southport are amazing and we're so appreciative of their support and for the bags they made for our foster kids".



ON THE ROAD AGAIN...

The Fall 2023/Spring 2024 HOA Bus Trip Program kicked off last month with a trip to the amazing **'Sunken Gardens'** right here in St. Petersburg. Talk about a "Hidden Treasure"!. If you've never been, you absolutely owe it to yourself to add it to your "places to visit" list. Sunken Gardens, a botanical paradise, is actually over a hundred years old and is St. Petersburg's oldest living museum. In 1911, a plumber by the name of George Turner whose favorite hobby was gardening, purchased the six acres in the middle of what is now the city of St. Petersburg and created a huge garden. Neighbors so enjoyed his garden that by the early 1930's he opened it to the public and charged a nickel to tour it. Today, Sunken Gardens is home to thousands of plant species, tropical plants and flowers, amazing trees and tree life, cascading waterfalls, parrots, cockatoos and a flock of flamingos. What a great trip it was!





HOA EVENTS COMING THIS MONTH





Sunday, November 12th 2:00pm - 4:00pm

2 Person Teams! Name That Tune! Music Trivia! Sing Along With Mike!

/ K DYX/ Admission: \$1.00pp (at the door)

\$\$\$ Winning Team Takes It All \$\$\$



Southport Springs Fall Craft Fair

(Main Clubhouse)

Sunshine Committee Bake Sale

(Little Clubhouse)

Saturday, November 4th 9:00am - 1:00pm



Listen & Dance To The Music Of



Saturday, November 18th 7:00 - 10:00pm

HOA Members \$7.00pp Non Members \$9.00pp Tickets Go On Sale Wednesday, November 1st

Dollhouse Open House

Sunday, November 5th 2-4pm At Don & Kay Calkins' Home 35643 Clubber Court

Donations Gratefully Accepted to Benefit



SOUTHPORT SPRINGS THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

(HOSTED BY YOUR HOA)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD 2:00PM (MAIN CLUBHOUSE)

TURKEY, GRAVY, CRANBERRY SAUCE AND COFFEE & TEA PROVIDED BY YOUR HOA

PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT FOR 10-12 PROPLE TO SHARE BYOB

SEE SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE MAIN BULLETIN BOARD

- WHEN SIGNING UP, PLEASE INDICATE HOW MANY FOLKS WILL BE AT YOUR TABLE (OUTSIDE GUESTS ARE WELCOME)
- PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TABLEWARE, GLASSWARE, FLATWARE AND TABLE DECORATIONS
- SET AND DECORATE YOUR TABLE THE DAY BEFORE (WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND) AT 1:00PM

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



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH 6-9PM (MAIN CLUBHOUSE)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN IN THE FUN!

FREE ADMISSION DONATIONS GLADLY ACCEPTED TO HELP DEFRAY COSTS

EVENING INCLUDES A SHARE THE WEALTH RAFFLE



VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY

Saturday, November 11th 9:00am At The Memorial Wall Followed By:

A PANCAKE BREAKFAST \$5.00pp In The Main Clubhouse

TICKETS ON SALE WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 1ST & NOVEMBER 8TH Everyone Needs A Breakfast Ticket (Vets Get Theirs At No Charge)





EVENTS COMING NEXT MONTH



HOW TO MAKE A GINGERBREAD HOUSE

WITH NATASHJA
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH
9:00AM - 11:00AM
MAIN CLUBHOUSE



\$5.00PP (ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED)

SEE SIGN-UP SHEET ON MAIN BULLETIN BOARD



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FREE ADMISSION

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EVENING INCLUDES A SHARE THE WEALTH RAFFLE





\$5.00PP (REFUNDABLE)
COMPLIMENTARY SNACKS
BAR WILL BE OPEN

TICKETS GO ON SALE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH



REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING THE TOUR AT THE MAIN CLUBHOUSE









TICKET SALES SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

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





Event

Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast Following a 9:00am Ceremony At the Memorial Wall Saturday, November 11th

Ticket Purchase Dates

Wednesday Mornings November 1st & November 8th **Before and After Coffee**



Listen & Dance To The Music Of **Tom Davis** Saturday, November 18th

Wednesday Mornings November 1st, 8th & 15th Before and After Coffee (& At The Door The Evening Of)



Community Holiday Luncheon/Dinner Wednesday, December 13th

Wednesday Mornings November 22nd, & 29th & December 6th **Before and After Coffee**



HOA Members Only Holidar Dance WITH/JT & JEN Saturday, December 16th

Wednesday Mornings November 29th, December 6th & 13th **Before and After Coffee**





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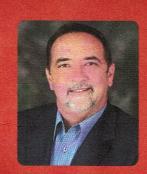
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HOA NEWS Barbara Holdridge, President



There are a lot of things happening in the next few months. Please check our HOA board for more information or go on-line at **southportspringshoa.com** to see what is happening. It is a busy time of the year for everyone, and we wouldn't want you to miss the fun.

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to be thankful. We can all be thankful to be living in such an active community with great residents. We will be celebrating Thanksgiving with a dinner at the clubbause spansored by the HOA.

Thanksgiving with a dinner at the clubhouse sponsored by the HOA. See details on page 8. As quickly as T-day is over, we enter the Christmas season. Remember...the Big Guy is keeping a list. Have you been good? Ho Ho Ho! A Christmas luncheon is planned for the community sponsored by the HOA followed by an HOA Members Only Holiday Dance. Then we'll be celebrating bringing in 2024! See page 9 for details. Where else can you live and have so much

to do with great folks? Our HOA Board of Directors election will be in January. If you're interested in serving on the board, please let a member of the nominating committee know as soon as possible. Letters have been sent out to all residents with information and requesting you to join the HOA for 2024. If you did not receive this letter, there are 2024 HOA membership forms in the little clubhouse by the door.

Your board will continue requesting that a fence be installed around our community and that the Main Gate issues be resolved so residents can be assured they have better and more reliable security. These are two issues that some folks have expressed concerns with and feel they are critically important. We will continue to work for everyone to improve the quality of life through assuring the enforcement of rules

We will continue to work for everyone to improve the quality of life through assuring the enforcement of rules and covenants. Your HOA is here to ensure our communities voices are heard. We need every household's support in order to increase this voice. Please consider joining the HOA in 2024.

Your HOA Board wishes everyone a happy, healthy, and blessed Thanksgiving.

Barbara



Destination Unknown



Southport Cruise Coordinators Sue Redshaw & Roger Levesque are planning a January/February 2025 Cruise and would like your+ input



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November 2023



MC - Main Clubhouse LC - Little Clubhouse PR - Poker Room

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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1pm Cricut Classes - MC 2-4pm Doll House Open House - 35643 Clubber Court 6pm Pickleball	8am Tennis - TC 8:15am Yoga - MC 9:30am Power Walking - MC 1pm Sequence - LC 6pm Dominoes - MC 6:30pm Shuffleboard	9am Intermediate Line Dancing - MC 10am Advanced Line Dancing - MC 11am Baby Stepper Line Dancing - MC 1pm Horseshoes 3pm Corn Hole (behind the LC) 7pm Euchre - LC	8:30am Coffee & Donuts (meeting at 9am) - MC (Event Ticket Sales in the Main Clubhouse) 9:30am Power Walking - MC 2pm Mahjong - LC 6pm Pickleball 6:30pm BINGO - MC	8am Tennis - TC 9am Intermediate Line Dancing - MC 10am Advanced Line Dancing - MC Noon Bridge - LC 1pm Horseshoes 6pm Karaoke MC	9am Bible Study - LC 9:30am Power Walking - MC 1pm Hand & Foot - LC 7pm Farkle - LC	11 8am Tennis - TC 9am Vets Ceremony at the Memorial Wall followed by a Pancake Breakfast - MC
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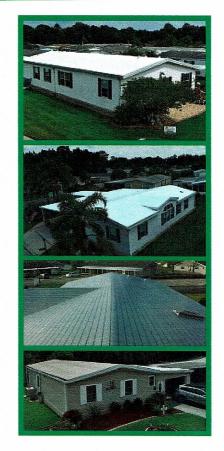




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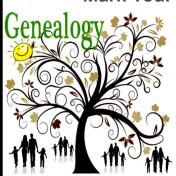






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The Southport Genealogical Society

will meet Monday, No-vember 13th 2023 at 1pm in the Poker Room. This month's get-together will be an "Organizational **Meeting**". For more information, you can text me at 813-713-3547 or you can E-mail me at mtrent43@yahoo.com

Marty Trent



All Residents Welcome



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

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Rita Walters

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SPS VET'S COMMITTEE UPDATE



The debt ceiling deal struck between the president and congress in June 2023 will provide 121 billion dollars to our veterans medical funding in 2024. The deal includes 20 billion in compensation funding for American troops impacted by exposure to the military's "Toxic Burn Pit" sites. The money is much needed as veterans are disproportionately impacted by conditions as well as economic

certain medical pressures. As a group, former servicemen and women are at greater risk of medical disorders, substance abuse, homelessness, and suicide than civilians of the same age group who are not veterans. This is no coincidence as life in the military can take a profound mental toll. Particularly

In the military can take a profound mental toll. Particularly true of those who were exposed to combat.

There are 16.5 million military veterans living in the U.S. today. Down from 26.4 million in 2000. The decline is primarily attributable to the aging of generations and COVID. Currently, military veterans constitute 6.4% of our adult population. A surprisingly low number. In Florida, 7.8% of civilian population age18 and older have served in the military, Of the 1,356,882 veterans living in Florida, the largest share (31.7%) served in Vietnam Era.

As always, thank you all for your support and assistance

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Bob Gallion SPS Veterans Committee Chairman 813-838-3668

















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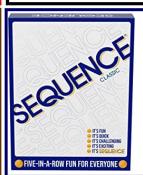
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locations from existing plants. Late winter to early spring is the best time to propagate and maintain existing grasses. At that point these grasses are still dormant.

Dividing plants every 4-5 years helps to maintain its stami-

na, vigor, and size. Ornamental grasses have a unique growing style. As ornamental grass matures, new growth occurs only at the grass clump's outer edge and not from the plant's center. As they age the original growing area begins to die out from the clump's center outward. If left to grow unin-



terrupted, without maintenance for too many years, they may begin to struggle and die. If you don't prune back in the fall, you'll need to do that before you begin to start new plants. Prune back the entire clump so that only 3 to 4 inches of grass stems remain above the soils surface. If the grasses are large and older, cutting may be tough. Ratcheting hedge shears work best but may be difficult to find. Another option that I use is to contact a local land-scape contractor and hire them to do this work. Don't prune in the fall as this may expose new growth to cold temperatures which in turn, may kill the plant. Always wear gloves, protective glasses, and a long sleeve shirt and pants when doing this work. Grass blades are sharp!

To dig out the clump of ornamental grass roots you will need a strong sturdy shovel with a sharp cutting edge. You may also need a pickaxe (Mattock). Start by placing the blade about an inch behind the outer edge of the clump. Cut down as far as the shovel will go down making sure it goes at least 6-8 inches into the ground. Work your way around the plant. Once done use your shovel to dig under the plant, trying to pop it out of its planting space. For larger, older plants the mattock may be required. You may need to remove the root ball in sections. The easiest way to divide a large clump is to turn it over so that the bottom of the root is facing up. It is much easier and less damaging as there are no hard edges to cut through first. Be sure to use only the healthy outer edge of the original root ball when making new transplants. Avoid the dead or dying center area of the plant.

To replant, dig a hole twice the size of the new start. The transplant's crown must be slightly below the soil line. Mix a few cups of Black Kow compost with the local soil to cover the root ball. As it warms up new growth should appear. Don't panic as it may take till mid-May before the fresh growth is seen.

Good luck and good gardening.

Bob Gallion

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MANAGER'S MINUTE







Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a time for celebration, good food, and giving thanks. So as we gather with family, crush unworldly amounts of stuffing, and enjoy a football game in the crisp autumn air, let's also acknowledge the real history of the holiday.

The New England colonists were accustomed to regularly celebrating "thanksgivings," days of prayer thanking God for blessings such as a military victory or the end of a drought. The event that Americans commonly call the "First Thanksgiving" was celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in October 1621. This feast lasted three days, and—as recounted by attendee Edward Winslow - was attended by 90 Wampanoag and 53 Pildrims.

Thanksgiving has been celebrated nationally on and off since 1789, with a proclamation by President George Washington after a request by Congress. President Thomas Jefferson chose not to observe the holiday, and its celebration was intermittent until President Abraham Lincoln, in 1863, proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens", to be celebrated on the last Thursday in November.

On June 28, 1870, President Ulysses S. Grant signed into law the *Holidays Act* that made Thanksgiving a yearly appointed federal holiday in Washington D.C. On January 6, 1885, an act by Congress made Thanksgiving, and other federal holidays, a paid holiday for all federal workers throughout the United States. Under President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the date was moved to one week earlier, observed between 1939 and 1941 amid significant controversy. From 1942 onwards, Thanksgiving, by an act of Congress, signed into law by FDR, received a permanent observation date, the fourth Thursday in November, no longer at the discretion of the President.

Sweet November

November, the 11th month of the year, has 30 days and marks the beginning of the winter holiday season for most folks, even if the <u>winter solstice</u> doesn't occur until late December.

We've made this month, named for the ninth (novem) month in the early Roman calendar, into a social time of community suppers, feasts of thanksqiving, and general elections.

- November 1 is National Author's Day.
- November 3 is Sandwich Day.
- November 4 is Use Your Common Sense Day
- November 4 is also Book Lovers Day.
 November 5 at 2 A.M. is the end of
- November 5 at 2 A.M. is the end of Daylight Saving Time. Set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night at bedtime!
- November 11 is Veterans Day (U.S.) and Remembrance Day (Canada).
- If you're fortunate, you may experience an "Indian Summer" in November; but according to the traditional definition, it can only occur between November 11 and 20!
- November 19 is National Play Monopoly Day.
- November 23 is Thanksgiving Day (U.S.). Understand the history and origins of Thanksgiving.
- November 28 is National French Toast Day.

Home Improvement Requests

We all have those special projects and additions we are looking to do around our homes. With cooler weather just around the corner, now is the time we all like to try and get these things done. Just a reminder to all our residents that any and all exterior improvements, (i.e. large plantings such as shrubs or trees, home additions, carports, driveways, roofs, windows, doors, siding, propane tanks, generators and even paint colors and flags, etc, etc...) must be submitted to management in the form of an exterior improvement request and approved prior to proceeding. These forms can be picked up in the office at the front desk. Once submitted, managment will review your request and get back with you. A copy of this once completed will be given to the resident and a copy placed in the residents file. Should you have any questions regarding exterior improvements, please reach out to us here at the community office. Happy Thanksgiving and God Bless.

Quote of the Month:

"Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people."

~Eleanor Roosevelt

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SOUTHPORT'S POT LUCK RECIPE OF THE **MONTH**

Dorothy Lundeen's Corn Pudding

Ingredients:

1 can of corn 1/2 cup milk 3 eggs, separated 2 Tbls. sugar 1 Tbls. corn starch 2-3 Tbls. butter, softened Pinch of salt



Instructions:

Beat together egg yolks, sugar, salt and corn starch. Add corn, butter and milk. Fold in beaten egg whites. Bake 45 minutes to an hour in a 350 degree oven.





COCKTAIL HOUR

Dick Knoles, Resident Mixologist

Cherry Negroni

Ingredients:
3 pitted cherries (preferably Maraschino)
1 oz. Maraschino Liqueur

1 oz. Gin

1 oz. Campari or Aperol

Orange peel and Maraschino Cherry for garnish



In a cocktail shaker, muddle cherries and maraschino liqueur. Stir in the gin and Campari.

Add a handful of ice. Using a bar spoon, stir the mixture about 30 times to dilute. Transfer to a double old fashioned glass with ice. Garnish with a cherry and orange peel.

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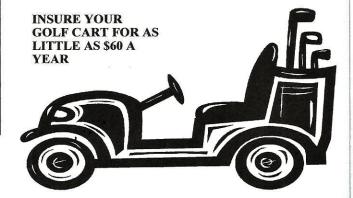
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Note: Pro Shop open on Sunday 7:00am - 2:00pm



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...PLEASE...

For your safety and the safety of everyone here in Southport including those of you driving golf carts...PLEASE do not exceed the posted speed limit! And PLEASE take the time to STOP at all the stop signs (no California stops)! Trying to get to where you're going a minute or two sooner could be the cause of a serious, life altering injury.



Golf Association



Dave Dundas, President



Happy Fall! Welcome back to all our Resident Snow Birds. What great weather we had in October here at Southport. I hear the large Southport golfer group that went on the Plantation trip had a scary evening with severe storms. The morning aftermath, one of our resident's car got some damage from a fallen tree. But the good news is all the group came thru it without injury.

We had our first Golf Meeting on October 24th . In November, we will

start to have regular 6pm meetings just before the HOA

Tuesday Meeting.

The course is looking nice even with the little amount of rain we had. Greens are coming back very nicely. Bunkers need a bit more daily maintenance than what is being done. As we all know, outside leagues have started as well as non-resident tee times. The new sheet is up on the golf board as to the resident's leagues and tee times for the fall/winter play.

Please, if you see anything while out on the course or from your homes as to player issues that need to be addressed, please call the pro shop and report it. If it doesn't get addressed please let me know so I can speak to Earl Hines. Please be nice to the outside golfers as they do contribute the needed funds for the betterment of our course.

Our golf committee will be meeting and putting together the events such as Ryder Cup, Club Championship and Golf Fundraiser. We will issue the dates once we get approvals from Earl as to dates and times of the events.

provals from Earl as to dates and times of the events. Please remember that play does slow down with the more players on the course at this time of year; so have fun but be patient with the group in front of you as most likely they are slowed by the group or groups in front of them. Let's all have a great fall and winter out there on our course with our beautiful Florida weather.

Regards, **Dave**









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Southport Springs Residents Fall / Winter Schedule

		2023 - 2024
Monday:	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
	11:00 am	Ladies Match Play Contact: Barbara Pritchard
X	11:48 am	'Rat Pack' Men 18 holes Contact Norm Vogel 716-713-7966
Tuesday:	7:15 am	Men Blue Tees 18 holes Contact: Joe Finley 813-310-7256
	12:36 pm	Men Fun 18 holes Contact Jim Jaggers 727-415-6524
Wednesday	7:00 am	Men Fun 18 holes Contact: Larry Britton 321-544-7718
	7:15 am	Men Quarters 18 holes Contact: Joe Finley 813-310-7256
	8:28 am	Lambert Ladies Fun 18 holes Contact: Darlene Lambert 413-519-4903
	12:04 pm	Mixed Seniors Fun 9 holes Contact: Helen Greene 813-362-9928
,	6:00 pm	'Sundowners' Mixed Fun 9 holes Contact: Shawn Bernier 813-541-3127
		Lisa Schlabowske 847-651-6829
Thursday	7:15 am	Men Quarters 18 holes Contact: Joe Finley 813-310-7256
	10:28 am	'Ladies Swingers' 18 holes Contact: Barbara Holdridge 813-701-6789
	11:00 am	Men's Match Play Contact: Tom Rich 813-780-1982
	11:48 am	Men Fun 18 holes
		Contact Jim Jaggers 727-415-6524
Friday	7:00 am	Men Fun 18 holes Contact: Larry Britton 321-544-7718
	10:04 am	Men 18 holes Contact: Dave Dundas 813-599-5913
	12:44 pm	'Betty's Babes' Ladies 18 Contact: Betty Texter 716-574-6633
Saturday	8:30 am	Mixed Resident Scramble 18 holes Contact: Darlene Lambert 413-519-4903

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that the first Macy's Day Parade was in 1924 and that it featured wild animals including elephants, bears, camels and monkeys from the Central Park Zoo and that Santa was also in attendance seated atop a sled driven by reindeer atop an icy mountain.

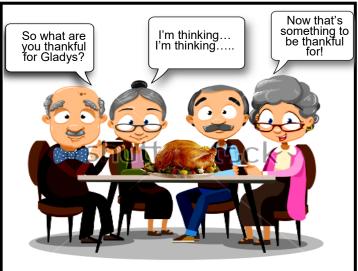
that green bean casserole got its start in a little Campbell's Soup recipe pamphlet released in the mid-1950's helping to rocket the trinity of fried onion, frozen green beans and Campbell's Cream of Mushroom Soup to fame and fortune. By Campbell's estimates, some 20 million households serve Green Bean Casserole every Thanksgiving.





that Sarah Josepha Hale, author of 'Mary Had A Little Lamb', is responsible for making Thanksgiving an official holiday. She petitioned the government for 17 consecutive years and in 1863, she finally convinced President Abraham Lincoln to declare it a national holiday.





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Marsh, Linda	Nov	5	
Gelles, Tammy	Nov	5	
Lynch, Janice	Nov	9	
Vogrin, Kim	Nov	9	
Angel, Lynn	Nov	9	
Thull, Marie	Nov	10	
Haworth, Julianna	Nov	12	
Weigel, Marah	Nov	13	
Prescott, Susan	Nov	17	
Bernier, Shawn	Nov	18	
Malone, Mary	Nov	18	
Whitney, Nancy	Nov	19	
Chancey, Linda	Nov	19	
Kohler, Kathy	Nov	20	
Rumbaugh, Lynne	Nov	20	
Rankin, Donna	Nov	21	
Koontz, Sandy	Nov	21	
White, Sheryl	Nov	22	
Anyon, Sandy	Nov	23	
Jacques, Sue	Nov	24	
Miller, Dee	Nov	24	
Greyer, Kathy	Nov	24	
Winslow, Judy	Nov	27	
Hart, Pat	Nov	27	
Gunderson, Donna	Nov	28	
Coffaro, Carol	Nov	28	
Sykes, Sami	Nov	29	
Hand, Kathy	Nov	30	
Maynard, Lyn	Nov	30	

Decem	ber	
Conkie, Colleen	Dec	1
Paduano, Maureen	Dec	1
Lambert, Darlene	Dec	5





Celebrate!

November

December

Brown, Fred	Dec	3
Blair, Dave	Dec	3





Question: Why didn't the turkey want dessert? **Answer:** Because he was

Question: What sound does a turkey make when it limps? Answer: Wobble, Wobble!

Question: What kind of music do Pilgrims like? Answer: Plymouth Rock.

Question: Why do Pilgrim's pants
always fall down? Answer: Because
they wear their buckles on their hats. **Question:** What did Pilgrims use to bake cookies? **Answer:** May-flour.



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November		
Teixeira, Jim & Karol McGinn	Nov	1
Greene, Ron & Helen	Nov	4
Schenher, Ron & Ann	Nov	4
Baxter, Myron & Lorri	Nov	6
West, Jerry & Colleen	Nov	6
Norvick, Bob & Sue	Nov	7
Hadley, Steve & Kay	Nov	11
Gilmore, Dave & Bonnie	Nov	11
Brown, Dave & Louse Steber	Nov	12
Finley, Joe & Becky	Nov	12
Gallenstein, Bill & Mary	Nov	14
Mackie, Ken & Jacquie	Nov	14
Mull, Gregg & JoAnn	Nov	17
Wallis, Richard & Ann	Nov	24
Falco, Dan & Donna	Nov	25
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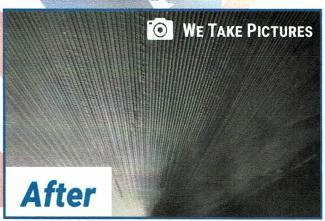




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We got up and out the door at 0630 to make it to the events. Our team of five played horseshoes, billiards, shuffleboard, bag toss/corn hole, darts, and bowling. The opening ceremony set the tone for our first week of fun. Upbeat dance music, good food, and great entertainment started the party quickly.

We met athletes in their 60s, 70s, 80s, and 90s. Some athletes were first timers to the games, like my-

self, and my three neighbors. When we entered the corn hole arena, I spotted a woman with a very serious stance. I thought oh wow, I hope I can beat her. She had a very steady and accurate throw. Thankfully, she and I are in different age brackets and didn't compete against each other.



The Regional match was played inside a gymnasium. The boards were set up on the basketball courts. Ladies threw from a distance of 20 feet and Men threw from 24 feet. A match was a three game set with 15 points winning the match. Players of all ages were battling for points and a medal. It was a lot of fun just watching the matches. There were some really great players that I hope to track down for a match soon.

The oldest competitor in the Women's Bag Toss event

was 90 year old Mary Lee Friday. Mary Lee had a cheering squad of family members watching her play against a 70 year old male opponent. She won the match, taking 2 of 3 games for the win.

As we moved through the events, I was amazed by the commitment of the players. I met a woman celebrating her return to the games after surviving breast cancer. She said "it was the



first time in 28 years that I missed a competition, but I'm back now!" I met an Army Veteran, Francisco, who had been attending the games for 10 years. He loves to play horseshoes but finds corn hole much easier on his body.

The closing ceremony made me a bit sad. I wanted to run around getting phone numbers and play dates with these people. Lucky for me, I have found people in my neighborhood to play with. We gather for shuffleboard, corn hole, horseshoes, pool, card games and generally just any excuse to play and laugh together. Play is

good for the brain, the body and the soul. Connecting with someone when you are engaged in a game is very easy. Within minutes your brain is busy solving the puzzle of how to win the game. There are lots of free events at county parks, senior activity centers and in your own neighbor-

Playing games is one of the quickest ways to change your mood, change your outlook, and change your life if you will just get out and play. This month we give thanks; thanks to our military families, for our Veterans, our friends and our families. I am grateful each and every day for another trip around the sun. Another chance to play, laugh and enjoy life with all of you, my amazing neighbors. I'll be practicing. Hope to see you on the field!

The Florida Senior Games is the next competition on our schedule December 1- 10, 2023 in Pasco County. The Zephyrhills Shuffleboard Club is hosting this year. Registration is open until November 14th.

https://floridaseniorgames.com/registration/



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