

# The Southport Sun

November 2025

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## NOVEMBER

### Events

#### Meet and Greet

Sunday, November 2 2-4pm  
Main Clubhouse—Free Admission

#### The 80s Ladies Luncheon

Thursday, November 6 11:30am-1:30pm  
Text Shawn Bernier at 813-541-3127 to inquire.  
\$8.00 per person.

#### Bar Room Poker

Thursday, November 6 6:30pm  
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\$1.00 per person.

#### Craft Fair

Saturday, November 8 9am-1pm  
Main Clubhouse—Free Admission

#### Bake Sale—Sunshine Committee

Saturday, November 8 9am-1pm  
Little Clubhouse—Free Admission

#### Showtime for Southport

Sunday, November 9 6-9pm  
Main Clubhouse—6-9pm  
Tickets available November 5

#### USMC 250th Birthday Celebration

Monday, November 10 3pm  
Main Clubhouse—Free Admission

#### SPS Veterans Day Ceremony

Tuesday, November 11 9am  
Memorial Wall

## November Events (continued)

#### SPS Veterans “Happy Hour”

Wednesday, November 12 3pm  
Main Clubhouse

#### Karaoke

Friday, November 14 & 21 6-9pm  
Main Clubhouse—Free Admission

#### Shania Twain Variety Show

Saturday, November 15 7-10pm  
Tickets on sale Wednesday, November 5 & 12.  
\$10.00 per person.

#### Blood Drive

Wednesday, November 19 8:30am-2pm  
Main Clubhouse Parking Lot.

#### Turkey Trot & Poker Run

Sunday, November 23 2pm  
Meet at Main Clubhouse.

#### Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 27 1pm  
Main Clubhouse. See page 30 for information.


#### JT & Jen Dance

Saturday, November 29 7-10pm  
HOA Members \$5.00—Non-members \$7.00  
Tickets on sale November 5, 12 & 19

See Ticket Purchase Details On Page 9.  
See What’s Coming in December on Page 16.


**Holiday Greeting Cards**  
Let us include your Christmas/Holiday Greeting in our December issue.  
See page 5 for details

**-1h FALL BACK**  
**Change the clock back Sunday, November 2**



We can't thank all of you enough for joining us on Saturday to honor Dad's life. Seeing so many of you show up, not just to celebrate him but to lift us up in our grief, meant everything. It reminded us just how wide his impact was and how surrounded we still feel. Thank you, truly. With warmest regards,  
The Rankin Family  
Donna, Keith, Sean, Lorene, and Roseanne.

We would like to thank all our friends and neighbors who were there for us with many prayers and support during this most difficult time. The cards and food were greatly appreciated. Truly a warm, caring community to live out our golden years.  
Patrick & JoAnn Fearick




A huge thank you to everyone who remembered Dewey with their prayers, cards, food, phone calls, flowers etc. The outpouring of love has been overwhelming. You are all very special!  
Sandy Loyer Coon

## Thanksgiving Day Facts

**Benjamin Franklin was very pro-turkey.**  
It wasn't so much that Franklin thought the bird was delicious, but more so that he admired the animal's qualities. Surprisingly, Franklin thought the turkey should be the United States' official bird rather than the bald eagle.  
"I wish the bald eagle had not been chosen as the representative of our country; his is a bird of bad moral character," he once wrote. Apparently, Franklin noted that the turkey was a "much more respectable bird."

**Thanksgiving leftovers led to the first ever TV dinner.**  
In 1953, food corporation Swanson overestimated how much turkey would be consumed on Thanksgiving and had to get creative with 260 tons of leftover poultry. Using 5,000 aluminum trays and an assembly line of hand-packers, they created a Thanksgiving-inspired meal with the aforementioned turkey, corn-bread dressing, gravy, peas, and sweet potatoes. The dish was sold for a grand total of 98 cents, and in the first full year of production, they sold ten million of them, birthing the prepackaged frozen meal industry.

## In Loving Memory

*Roberta (Bobbie) Arnold  
25246 Jomar Avenue  
1944-2025*

*Our condolences to the Bobbie Arnold Family.  
May the peace that passes all understanding  
fill your hearts.*

*Dewey Coon  
35349 Jomar Avenue  
1936-2025*

*Our condolences to Sandy and the Coon Family.  
We wish you peace, comfort and  
courage in the days ahead.*

*Vann Hand  
35652 Clubber Court  
1937-2025*

*Sincere sympathies to Kathleen and Family. Our  
thoughts and prayers are with you during this  
difficult time.*



**The day after Thanksgiving is especially busy for plumbers.**  
This sounds like the beginning of a crude joke, but it's true. According to plumbing company Roto-Rooter, the day after Thanksgiving is "far and away the busiest day of the year." The company warns to be extra careful with turkey grease, potato peels, rice, and stuffing, as they are sure to clog your drain or overwork your garbage disposal.

**The menu for the first Thanksgiving in Plymouth in 1621 likely included lobster, seal, and swans.**  
No, turkey did not RSVP to the first Thanksgiving in 1621. The feast between Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Native Americans lasted for three days, during which both parties contributed to the meal. Though there are few records of the actual menu, it is known that the Pilgrims hunted for local fowl (swans included) and the Wampanoag brought five deer. It's thought that lobster and seal were likely involved, due to their availability in the area.

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## HOA News



**Grateful – the theme of this time of year.** We have so much to be thankful for. We are blessed to live in a community that lifts one another in hard times, celebrates our victories and contributes to the world around us.

There are so many members of our community that volunteer their time and their gifts to create opportunities for us to enjoy. This is a list, albeit not inclusive, of these volunteers:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Line Dance teachers Val, Rose and Mike</li> <li>• Power Walk – Val</li> <li>• Bus Trips – Charlie and Joe Griglevich</li> <li>• Bridge – Connie and Bob Schutt</li> <li>• Various leaders for Hand and Foot...and elbow—Barb H and Chickie</li> <li>• Karaoke – Tom, Rose and Mike<br/>And of course Marti and Lee</li> <li>• Horse Shoes – Mary May</li> <li>• Pickle Ball – Lee Cateris &amp; Lynn Angel</li> <li>• Golf League Organizers</li> <li>• First Thursdays and various activities – Shawn B and Charlene</li> <li>• Craft Fair Organizers – Cindy Demers and team</li> <li>• Library – Cindy Judy and Diana Knoles</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunshine Volunteers – Karol McGinn and Cindy Judy and volunteers</li> <li>• Women’s Club – Carol Dziki and all her supporters</li> <li>• Water Aerobics – Netti, Karen and Desdie</li> <li>• Bereavement Committee – Sandy Fenlock and team</li> <li>• Pool – Don Burke</li> <li>• Shuffle Board -- Sue McKee</li> <li>• Farkle, Dominoes, Bingo – Lee Edwards</li> <li>• HOA Board</li> <li>• Various Prayer Groups</li> <li>• Euchre – Chuck Barnhardt</li> <li>• Yoga – Terri Prim</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">**** Our amazing Newsletter Editor—Bob Schutt</p> |
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**THANK YOU** to all of you who volunteer your time in our community. Without our volunteers we would not have all these amazing activities. My apologies if I missed anyone.

With regard to our upcoming HOA meeting, we are following our By-Laws and need 86 households for a quorum. When we need to spend more than \$3,000, we need to have our **membership** vote on this. This is done in a General Meeting. We know how many households are present by your check-in. When you vote, only one vote per household is allowed.

In looking at increased pricing and costs our new by-laws are revising the amount of money we need to have membership approval. The money is there but we need approval to spend it. When the General Meeting is complete we will go into our regular monthly meeting. **PLEASE** come November 10, 2025. We will be distributing our suggested By-laws for your review before our January meeting where you will vote on the changes.

If we do not get a quorum we will still have our Christmas parties but they certainly won't be the lovely dinners we have had in the past. If you have questions regarding this or any other matter, please contact a Board Member for clarification.

**Desdie Eberman, HOA President**

## HOA FINANCIAL REPORT

### NINE MONTHS ENDING 9/30/2025

Southport Springs Homeowners Association Treasurer Nancy Hendricks reported that the Association had \$72,222.44 on hand as of the nine month period ending September 30th, 2025. Shown below is a summary financial report.

<b>Revenue</b>	
Membership Dues	\$ 5,280.00
Sun Communities Stipend	\$ 4,670.21
Advertising	\$ 3,983.00
Newsletter Subscriptions	\$ 405.00
Newsletter Xmas Greetings	\$ 0.00
Events	\$13,401.00
Social Activities/BINGO	\$ 1,015.00
Share The Wealth	\$ 4,121.00
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 1,116.61
Miscellaneous Other	\$ 134.50
Sub-Total	\$ 34,126.32
Bus Trips	\$ 18,198.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 52,324.32</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	
Outside Printing	\$ 2,644.62
Donations	\$ 750.00
Events	\$ 13,717.51
Complimentary Events	\$ 5,353.50
Members Only Events	\$ 0.00
Social Activities/BINGO	\$ 1,361.50
Activity Expenses	\$ 63.93
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 2,339.17
Event Supplies	\$ 1,518.71
Office Supplies/Postage	\$ 2,502.00
Insurance	\$ 0.00
Legal Fees/Taxes	\$ 800.29
Tech Support	\$ 847.29
Miscellaneous Other	\$ 1,396.42
Sub-Total	\$ 33,294.94
Bus Trips	\$ 19,254.01
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 52,548.95</b>

**NET SURPLUS (Deficit) \$ (224.63)**

#### ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF 9/30/2025

<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT</b>	\$ 5,455.83
<b>SAVINGS ACCOUNT/CD</b>	\$ 66,766.61
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 72,222.44</b>

**Notes:** Interest earned on savings for the nine month period ending September 30th totaled \$1,204.36  
Bus trips operate on a break even basis. The difference between revenue vs. expense is timing.

# WELCOME

## Welcome To Your New Home

John and Sue Sebion  
3947 Russian Olive

Hindmarch, David  
4014 Rock Rose Lane

## Golf Course News



We look forward to opening the golf course on November 3rd. It feels like it's been a year.

We are now working on the last stretch, we will be re sanding the bunkers before we open. We will also be top dressing the greens again before we open. I would like the course to be perfect for everyone. It may not be perfect when we open but we have the good bones in place.

I have added a grass tee at the driving range and I will be moving the mats to the back of the grass tee. We will be resetting the yardages on the range as well.

We will be bringing in some new changes to the driving range in the New Year. I will be putting range balls and a ball machine with tokens available at the pro shop.

We looking forward to good season of golf and hope that everyone will enjoy having the course back open. You will notice some additions on the course Red/Yellow Blue, Front Middle Back flags on the greens. Added new flags on the putting Greens. 150 yardage markers on the course.

I need to let everyone know that it is against Florida Law to be feeding wild animals and birds in Florida.

Please remember to visit the Pro shop and pick up the new 2026 membership form needs to be completed and returned to the pro shop before the end of December. Please make sure that the GHIN handicaps are paid to the pro shop before Jan 1<sup>st</sup> or your handicap will be turned off. Please make sure they give you a receipt. Member cart 2026 stickers will be given out when the new 2026 member forms are returned to us. Look forward to seeing you all again.

**Earl Hines, Manager, Director of Golf**

### \*\*COMMUNITY CONTACTS\*\*

**General Manager - Braxton "Sean" Rankin**  
brankin@suncommunities.com

**Ass't General Manager - Mrs. Theresa LeBlanc**  
Tleblanc@suncommunities.com

**Sales Coordinator - Marilyn Hines**  
mhines@suncommunities.com

**Office Coordinator - Susan Andre**  
sandre@suncommunities.com

**Office Hours - Mon thru Friday 8am-5pm**  
**Closed For Lunch from 12:00 Noon - 1:00pm**  
(appointments preferred)  
**Main Number: 813-782-3800**

**Golf Course/Pro Shop Manager - Earl Hines**  
ehines@suncommunities.com

**Pro Shop: 813-780-7637**

**AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY NUMBER**  
**877-786-6048**

### \*\*CONCERNS OR COMPLAINTS\*\*

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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## Southport Springs Veterans Association


The foundational goal of the **Southport Springs Veterans Association** is to demonstrate an unwavering commitment to our veteran population and their families, ensuring they receive the recognition, respect, and assistance they earned and rightfully deserve.


 We had a fantastic turn out for the October SPS monthly **Fall In/Happy Hour** at the Main Club House. Again, this is about Veterans, their partners and surviving spouses coming together and enjoying the camaraderie of the **Southport Springs Veterans** Community! We had a guest from the Zephyrhills Museum of Military History-Thank you Sharon Theroux for bringing him. Again, **The Tavern-Rob & Liva** provided fantastic hors d'oeuvres. Thank you!!

 The next **"Fall In" Happy Hour formation is November 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM**. Show up and bring a fellow Veteran, or a surviving Spouse of a Veteran.

 The Memorial Wall was constructed by Residents in 2014. We have had two assessments of the structure to determine its sturdiness. And if necessary, develop a plan to make needed repairs.

 Anyone who desires to have an engraved brick placed on the Memorial Wall can request one. Just contact us for the application form.

 We are continuing to establish a complete directory of Veterans in Southport Springs. Please contact **Hal Lockwood-Hlockwood@oc2d.com** or **303.474.4661** to ensure he has your information.

 Please attend the Southport Springs **Veterans Day Celebration November 11 @ 9 AM** at the Memorial Wall. Please attend and bring your neighbors with you. We assure you it will be a memorable event!

 An election of Officers of the **Southport Springs Veterans Association** will be in November.

We welcome your input. Please feel free to talk to or contact any member of the **Southport Springs Veterans Association: Patrick Winchester; Robert Gagnon; Hal Lockwood; Keith Troxel; Al Walters; John Peters; Sheryl White.**



### HOURS OF OPERATION

- **FRONT GATE:** Same as Parkway Tavern Hours (see page 3).
- **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
- **PARKWAY TAVERN:** See AD on Page 3 for Days & Hours of Operation

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**DEADLINE:** Deadline for submitting articles, "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 SPACE?

Main Clubhouse Ballroom & The Little Clubhouse

Please contact Desdie Eberman, HOA President at 912-401-9646 or E-Mail her at **desdie20@gmail.com**

Poker Room: Please e-mail your request to the Community Office at **southportsprings@suncommunities.com**

Note: Reservations can be made by groups of 4 or more one month prior to the planned event.

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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)

## Events

### Showtime at Southport

Sunday, November 9 6-9pm

### Shania Twain – The Ultimate Tribute & Variety Show

Saturday, November 15 7pm

### Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 27 1pm

### JT & Jen Dance

Saturday, November 29 7-10pm

### Community Christmas Luncheon

Open to All Residents

Wednesday, December 10 1 & 5pm

### HOA Dinner & Dance

HOA Members Only.

Saturday, December 20

Dinner Only - noon Dinner & Dance - 5:30pm

## Ticket Purchase Dates or Sign-up Sheets

Wednesday, November 5

No cost but you MUST have a ticket to get in.  
Call Laurie Smedberg at 612-991-3804 to inquire.

Wednesday, November 5 & 12

\$10.00 per person.

Call Laurie Smedberg at 612-991-3804 to inquire.

Sign-up Sheet

On the Main Clubhouse Bulletin Board

Call Laurie Smedberg at 612-991-3804 to inquire.

Wednesday, November 5, 12 & 19

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Wednesday November 12 & 19.

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Call Laurie Smedberg at 612-991-3804 to inquire.

Wednesday November 19 & December 3.

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Call Laurie Smedberg at 612-991-3804 to inquire.

## Tickets for the Following Events

### The 80's Ladies Luncheon

Thursday, November 6 11:30am-1:30pm

### Bar Room Poker

Thursday, November 6 6:30pm

### Show Me The Money

Thursday, December 4 6:30pm

Text Shawn Bernier at 813-541-3127 to inquire.  
\$1.00 per person. \$8.00 per person.

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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.



# Team BJ

**Southport Springs Residents  
Taking Care of Each Other!**

In September **BJ Rambo** initiated a service in conjunction with **The Tavern** (Rob & Liva) to deliver meals from **The Tavern** to Southport Springs Residents who for some reason have difficulty getting out of their home to pick up their own meals.

This difficulty could be due to a chronic or severe health issue, or more temporary like the flu or bad cold, or impaired mobility.

There is **NO COST** for this service other than you pay for the food to The Tavern.

**Tips are NOT encouraged.**

'Team BJ' has been amazingly successful delivering meals to **Southport Springs Residents** and several residents have reported their appreciation for this service.

Volunteers have been generous with their time and contributions to making this community service a winner. With the increased hours of **The Tavern**, more volunteers are needed.

Please note, **Team BJ will NOT be available on Sundays.**

**If you have questions or would care to volunteer**

**Please contact BJ Rambo @  
813.406.3637**



## Pickleball Dates/Times

Beginning November, pickleball will be played at 4 pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.

Lee Casteris 813-679-2878  
lcasteris@gmail.com

# KARAOKE

Friday, November 14 & 21

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 \$SHARE THE WEALTH RAFFLE**

## Celebrating 250 Years

On **10 November 2025**, the **United States Marine Corps** will celebrate its **250th Birthday** — a momentous occasion that honors two-and-a-half centuries of service, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment to our Nation.

It is a time to reflect on its rich history, valor, and dedication since our founding in Philadelphia in 1775. Marines have answered the call and fought bravely in every clime and place. Each generation forged warriors who have embodied our core values of honor, courage, and commitment.

For 250 years, **Marines** have served at the tip of the spear, standing ready when our Nation was least ready and resolute in the face of adversity — from the shores of Tripoli to the mountains of Afghanistan. This legacy for everyone who earns the title **Marine**, creating an unbreakable bond that ties us to the generations of **Marines** who came before us and ensuring that the ideals on which our Nation was founded will endure.

From its inception, the **Marine Corps** has been at the forefront of American military engagements, participating in every major conflict and demonstrating exceptional prowess in both amphibious and ground operations.

From the battles during the American Revolution, those in the forests of Germany in World War I, the beaches and jungles of WWII, the frozen mountains in Korea, the jungles of Vietnam, and the desert and mountains of Kuwait, Afghanistan, Iraq—**Marines** have fought their country's battles and held their honor high.

As we celebrate this significant milestone, we honor the sacrifices and achievements of the **Marines** who have served over the past **250 years**. Their legacy of valor, dedication, and resilience inspires future generations to uphold the proud traditions of the **United States Marine Corps**.

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# Events & Activities

# November 2025

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b>
						8am Tennis - TC
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
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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 unworlly 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 Pilgrims.

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 winter solstice 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 thanksgiving, and general elections.

- **November 1** is **All Saints' Day**.
- **November 2** at 2 A.M. is the **end of Daylight Saving Time**. Set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night at bedtime!
- **November 3** is **Natl. Sandwich Day**.
- **November 4** is **Election Day**.
- **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 **World Toilet Day**
- **November 27** is **Thanksgiving Day** (U.S.). Understand the history and origins of Thanksgiving.
- **November 28** is **Natl. 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, 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, management 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:*

**"If your actions inspire other to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."**

*~John Quincy Adams*

***ENJOY YOUR TIME WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!***

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## **Happy Thanksgiving!**



## **COMING IN DECEMBER**

### **Luminaries**

Wednesday, December 3 5:30pm  
Contact Sue Jones for inquiries.

### **Show Me The Money**

Thursday, December 4 6:30pm  
Main Clubhouse

### **Gingerbread House**

Friday, December 5 6:30-8pm  
Main Clubhouse

### **Karaoke**

Saturday, Dec. 6 & Thursday, Dec. 18 6-9pm  
Main Clubhouse—Free Admission

### **Craft N' Laugh with Nicky Ornament Bar**

Sunday, December 7 1pm  
Main Clubhouse

### **Community Christmas Luncheon Open to All Residents**

Wednesday, December 10 1 & 5pm  
Tickets available on November 12 & 19.  
No cost but you need a Ticket

### **Christmas Home Tour**

Monday, December 15 6pm  
More info to come.

### **Christmas Golf Cart Parade**

Tuesday, December 16 6pm  
Cookies & Hot Chocolate at the clubhouse  
after the parade.

### **HOA Dinner & Dance HOA Members Only**

Saturday, December 20  
Dinner Only - Noon  
Dinner & Dance - 5:30pm  
Tickets available on November 19 & December 3.  
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### **Christmas Lunch Potluck**

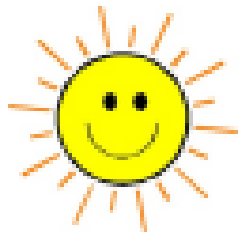
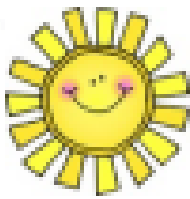
Thursday, December 25 ??pm  
More info to come.

### **New Years Eve Dance with Miller & Mark**

Wednesday, December 31 8:30pm  
More info to come.



# Southport Springs Sunshine Committee



**Saturday**  
**November 8, 2025**  
**9am to 1pm**  
**Little Clubhouse**



We need pies, cookies, candies, breads, pastries, etc.  
Baked goods will be accepted between **7:00 am & 9:00 am**  
the day of the sale-or you can call us to have someone pick  
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**Karol McGinn**  
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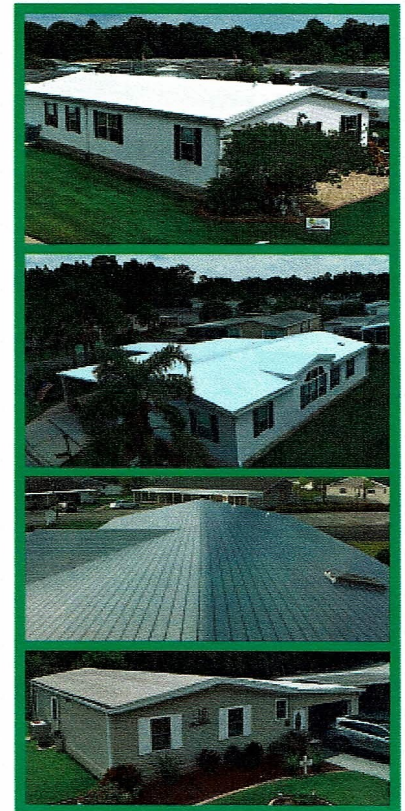
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*Books are the quietest and most constant of friends.*



*Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.*

## Women's Club



Residents have yet AGAIN come through for the Women's Club Fall Service Project. Southport Springs residents donated 55 pairs of shoes and 538 pairs of socks to the Two Good Soles Pro-

ject, which distributes these items to Pasco County school students. A big THANK YOU to everyone!!!  
**Cindy Judy**  
Women's Club



## Women's Club November Food Drive

Wednesday, November 19, 2025  
8:00am to 10:00am  
Main Clubhouse Parking Lot



This food drive helps those less fortunate in the Zephyrhills area and the donations are given to the local Methodist, Presbyterian, Chancey Christian and St. Joseph church pantries.  
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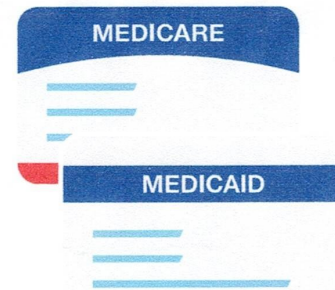
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## Pumpkin Cocktail

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### Ingredients

- 1 cup ice, or as desired
- 3 oz pumpkin pie filling
- 1.5 oz spiced rum (such as Captain Morgan's)
- 1.5 oz half-and-half
- 1.5 oz milk
- 1 pinch ground cinnamon
- 1 pinch ground nutmeg

### Directions

1. Add ice, pumpkin pie filling, spiced rum, half-and-half, milk, cinnamon, and nutmeg to a cocktail shaker; cover and shake. Pour into a martini glass and serve. Garnish with a dash of Nutmeg or Cinnamon or both.



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### Good Morning Southport Springs,

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Firstly, feeding Sandhill Cranes is against Florida Administrative Code 68A-4.001(6), which carries potential penalties, including fines and jail time. We want to ensure everyone stays compliant with state regulations to avoid any issues. If you observe illegal feeding of sandhill cranes, please report the violation to the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline: 1-888-404-3922.

Secondly, providing food encourages the cranes to gather around our golf course, where they may unintentionally cause damage to the greens and tee complexes. This impacts the enjoyment of these shared spaces for everyone.

We truly appreciate your cooperation in helping protect both the cranes and our community's amenities. If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to reach out to the office. Thank you for your understanding and support in keeping our community a wonderful place for all!

Regards,  
**Sean Rankin, General Manager**



### Golf Association



Happy November All,  
Well hopefully when this is published the course will be opening. Latest is that the Course will open fully on Monday November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The leagues will remain the same as last year and will be posted on the board in the Pro Shop. If you need to make any changes the league leader will need to get with Earl Hines to discuss. The dues will start

November for members. Please get with the office as to what you have as to a credit or what is due. The rate will be \$39.00 for all non-member residents as is the same price for any other outside players that want to play our course. Price increase for Members per the letter we all got, will start January 1<sup>st</sup>. Starting on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, there will be a **TWO CART MAXIMUM** for all players & members as well. So, two golfers to a cart unless you only have a threesome. Also, if you need to use a rental cart it will be 15.00 to rent.

Once we hit January 1<sup>st</sup> the rates will increase for outside players from between \$45.00 and \$55.00. Non-Member residents will pay the lower rate. May be a discounted rate for Southport residents but I do not have that information at this time. If the course is not open at press time the next day of opening will be November 15<sup>th</sup>. If still needed due to conditions it would move up to December 1<sup>st</sup>. I will make up the resident league schedules once I have all info from the league leaders as to times and will post on the golf board.

Once we do start playing please 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. Enjoy the beautiful weather this fall. We will have golf meetings monthly starting in December. Watch for the sign to go up as to day and time.

Regards,  
**Dave Dundas, Golf Association President**

### GOLF COMMITTEE

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Shawn Bernier	813-541-3572
Tammy Gelles	814-242-3870
Dawn Milby	412-389-8244
Ray Whitney	920-212-5613





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



## Ladies

Collins, Deborah	Nov 2
Marsh, Linda	Nov 5
Gelles, Tammy	Nov 5
Vogrin, Kim	Nov 9
Angel, Lynn	Nov 9
Zalak, Deborah	Nov 11
Weigel, Marah	Nov 13
Prescott, Susan	Nov 17
Brenier, Shawn	Nov 18
Malone, Mary	Nov 18
Webster, Lois	Nov 19
Whitney, Nancy	Nov 19
Chancey, Linda	Nov 19
Kohler, Kathy	Nov 20
Rumbaugh, Lynne	Nov 20
Rankin, Donna	Nov 21
White, Sheryl	Nov 22
Anyon, Sandra	Nov 23
Jacques, Sue	Nov 24
Miller, Dee	Nov 24

Winslow, Judy	Nov 27
Hart, Gail	Nov 27
Riggsbee, Mary Anne	Nov 27
Gunderson, Donna	Nov 28
Coffaro, Carol	Nov 29
Sykes, Sami	Nov 29
Maynard, Lyn	Nov 30

## December

Lambert, Darlene	Dec 2
Nous, Joan	Dec 5

## Mens

McCoy, Randall	Nov 1
Whitcomb, William	Nov 6
Bringedahl, William	Nov 11
Kleine, Bill	Nov 12
Bourque, Don	Nov 13
Robinson, Michael	Nov 14
Barnhardt, Charles	Nov 14
Cluck, Ed	Nov 14
Wigand, Charles	Nov 14

Wnukiewicz, Stan	Nov 14
Marr, James	Nov 15
Anderson, Burl	Nov 20
Michalek, Bob	Nov 21
Lovell, Jon	Nov 22
Lafond, Donald	Nov 23
Earon , Gary	Nov 24
Calkins, Don	Nov 24
Gaver, Ken	Nov 26
Cherry, Bob	Nov 27
Hinton, Joseph	Nov 27
Collins, Melvin	Nov 28
Greco, Sam	Nov 28

## December

Earl, Claude	Dec 1
Duchinsky, Patrick	Dec 2
Brown, Frederick	Dec 3
Blair, Dave	Dec 3
Lamothe, Youn	Dec 3

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

## November

Postma, Philip & Janne	Nov 1
Teixeira, Jim and Karol McGinn	Nov 1
Greene, Ronald & Helen	Nov 4
Schenher, Ron & Ann	Nov 4
Baxter, Myron & Lorri	Nov 6
Crum, Robert & Hoopfer, Ann Marie	Nov 6
Robinson, Richard Roxanne	Nov 10
Gilmore, David & Bonnie	Nov 11
Brown, David & Steber, Louise	Nov 12
Finley, Joe & Becky	Nov 12
Grkman, Ed & Nancy	Nov 13

Gallenstein, William & Mary	Nov 14
Hendricks, Randy & Nancy	Nov 14
Mull, Gregory & JoAnn	Nov 17
Burt, Ernie & Bette	Nov 21
Falco, Dan & Donna	Nov 25
Grever, Donald & Marsha	Nov 25
Blair, David & Eileen	Nov 26
Batal, Ed & Marilyn	Nov 27

## December

Brennan, Kevin & Chevonna	Dec 3
Motpetit, Jacques & Julian, Lynn B	Dec 5



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## Why Container Gardening Works Well In Central Florida



Florida's warm humid climate makes it an ideal place for container gardening. However, choosing the best plants for outdoor containers in Southport Springs requires careful consideration of a plant's heat tolerance, water needs, and resistance to pests. Unlike in ground gardens, potted plants face unique challenges like limited root space and faster drying

times. This article explores the top performing plants for all containers offering insights that go beyond the standard flowers info you find online. I hope this article will help you design containers that will thrive under Florida's tough exposures. Container gardening fits perfectly with our location and life style. Containers can be placed on balconies, patios, porches, and in existing garden areas. Making them accessible for urban gardeners and home owners. They also allow flexibility in plant placement. Making it easier to protect plants during storms at any time. Florida's sun can easily scorch the leaves of many plants. Consistent movement of pots to avoid exposure to excess sun solves that problem.

Choose varieties that best tolerate full sun. Or place pots in partially shaded areas. Our sun may be too much for them. Plant labels refer to northern planters where the sun is less powerful. Six to eight hours of sun is plenty down here. A covered porch may be best. The sun exposure changes from season to season making it necessary to constantly change the pots location.

Humidity-loving plants do well here, but some plants may suffer from fungal diseases if air circulation is poor. Again, simple movement of the pot may solve the problem.

Potted plants dry out much faster than in-ground plants. Opt for plants with low water needs to reduce the stress on the plants and you the gardener. Do not over plant the container. Use mulch to reduce water loss.

Florida gardens often face pests like white flies, aphids, caterpillars, and mites. There are many others. Treat when observed.

Here are some of the best plants for outdoor pots in central Florida.

Pentas attract butterflies and humming birds with clusters of star shaped flowers. They thrive in Florida's heat and humidity. A perfect choice for sunny areas. I have found they do best when properly dead-headed. Flower stems should be cut just above the point where the plant stem meets the plant stalk when removing dead flowers.

A single plant does not attract many pollinators. Five or six plants of the same color placed close together will attract many pollinators.

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Hibiscus (*Rosa-synesis*) are known for large colorful blooms that add a tropical flair to your home. Regular pruning keeps them compact, and blooming. A perfect addition to your containers. There are Hardy Hibiscus which are like perennials as they come back year to year. Tropical types that may not make it back next year all depend on cold severity during the winter season and health of the plant. Tropicals offer the best choice of color.

They attract some pollinators. Most often honey or native bees and a few butterflies.

Bougainvillea offer beautiful bright colors and are great aggressive climbers that can be trained in pots with a trellis or similar equipment. They thrive in heat and humidity, adding amazing color to any area. It may die back in the winter due to cold weather. Protect or move the pot indoors when freezing is expected. Usually, it comes back once the weather gets into the 90's. Often gardeners think they are root dead, get pulled and thrown away.

Be patient! When working with them, be careful. Thorns are sharp and plentiful.

Lantana is a very drought resistant plant. It gets out of control during the warm growing season, in my opinion, it is better to plant in the ground than in pots. If you want that look in your pots, Globe Lantana is a better choice. Maybe 2 feet high and 3 feet around. It may come back. It is a very good attractor for most pollinators.

Geraniums come in various colors and styles. The hanging variety is often fragrant. I keep them out of full day sun try to put the plant in an area that gives them 6 to 8 hours of sunlight each day maximum. Geraniums have evolved from wild geraniums that did well in arid locations. They do not handle high humidity or soaking wet soil and are perfect for pots. And they don't do well in groups.

Crotons offer striking leaf colors in red, yellow, and green. They do well in pots. They do love humidity and need more shade than sun. Cordylines are like crotons in most regards.

Petunias do well in planters but must be constantly dead headed. Cut stems off the flower just above the stalk. They may last 6-8 weeks in the summer. Best to plant in April and October. Avoid summer sun.

There are edibles that work well in a pot. Remember do not over water and provide at least 6 hours of sun exposure each day. Best are all types of basil, mint, cherry tomatoes, strawberries, pepper, and portulaca. There are others. That will be discussed in future articles.

**Bob Gallion, Retired Master Gardner**

## A LITTLE OF THIS AND A LITTLE OF THAT



### What Are the Origins of the U.S. National Guard

Founded in 1636, as a citizens force, the U.S. National Guard is a ready reserve group of more than 400,000 men and women voluntarily serving in all 50 states and 4 U.S. territories. Guard members hold civilian jobs and maintain a part time military schedule. They are called to service in times of civil unrest, natural disasters, labor strikes, wars, health emergen-

cies, and riots.

Uniquely existing as both a state and federal reserve force as per the U.S. constitution, guard units may be called on to preserve safety, order, and peace at home in times of emergency and may be deployed to serve as essential parts of Americas forces abroad.

The National Guard stands separate and distant from other federal reserve forces of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines, says Michel Doubler in "I am The Guard", a history of the Army National Guard. National Guard troops serve at the direction of the state governors until the U.S. President orders them to active federal service for either domestic emergencies, or overseas service.

Guard soldiers typically serve in their home states, living at home usually holding private sector jobs, with their military drills scheduled for one weekend a month and an annual two-week training program.

Evolving over nearly 400 years from legal local colonial militias to fighting the first American Revolution, to serving in 2 world wars, to securing the U.S. Capital from a rioting mob in 2021. The national guard, was the nation's first organized fighting force, originated on December 13, 1636, when 3 militia regiments were formed to defend against the Pequot tribe and provide early settlers with security and structure. Men between the ages of 16 and 63 were required to join. Three Massachusetts original regiments remain active today.

In absence of military assistance from Great Britan the militia system alone guaranteed the success of early English colonization, as the Indian threat receded militiamen found themselves more engaged against other colonial powers. By the late 1700's the militia did the bulk of the work against the unwelcome British intrusion. It was during that conflict that they gained the name Minutemen, a nod to their quick response time. The militia also formed volunteer armies during the civil war.

Following the sinking of the Lusitania on May 7, 1915, Congress passed, and President Woodrow Wilson signed into law the National

Defense Act of 1916: which changed the National Guard organization. The law codified the dual state and federal mission of the National Guard. The president could now federalize the guard in times of a federal emergency.

Credits to Leslie Kennedy

Thanks for reading.

**HAVE A GREAT THANKSGIVING.**

**Bob Gallion**

## Morning Bible Study



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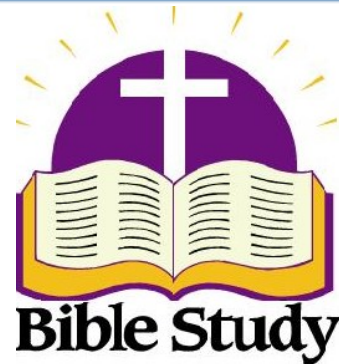
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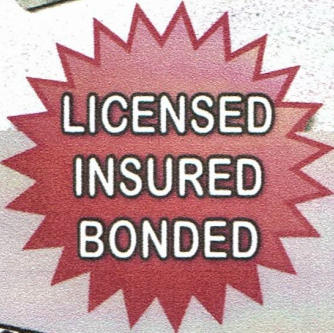
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# Southport Springs Veterans Memorial Wall



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Mortar deteriorates due to several factors: continuous exposure to rain-and sprinkler systems; exposure to the sun; structural stress; and mortar not mixed or cured properly. Mortar deterioration will compromise its chemical composition and bonding strength threatening the structure's stability.

DFG Restoration Specialists estimates the cost to restore the Memorial Wall will be \$4,120.00.

- All supplies needed to be purchased will be included in the estimate by DFG.
- Supplies included: concrete blocks, concrete sealants, concrete, black paint, propriety cleaning solvents.
- Apply concrete sealant to all existing cracks across the memorial wall.
- Remove black patina stains from all existing bricks.
- Add missing concrete blocks to the rear of the wall to provide complete support to the missing areas of the wall.
- Pressure wash complete wall after filling existing voids throughout the wall.
- Apply missing concrete to the foundation of the wall.
- Apply missing black paint to over 500 bricks missing paint.

The Southport Springs Veterans Association will solicit funds that will be applied **ONLY and DIRECTLY** to the restoration of the Memorial Wall.

We seek your generous support.

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