

The Southport Sun

October 2025

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OCTOBER

Events

Show Me The Money

Thursday, October 2 6:30pm

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

Karaoke

Friday, October 10 & 24 6-9pm

Main Clubhouse—Free Admission

Homer Stiles Dance

Saturday, October 11 5:30 & 7-10pm

All Residents Welcome
Tickets go on sale Wednesday, October 1.
\$5.00 per person.

Pot Luck & Quarter Bingo

Monday, October 20 5:30pm

Sign up in the Main Clubhouse

Halloween Golf Cart Parade

Tuesday, October 28 6pm

Meet at the Clubhouse

Halloween Dance with the Golden Tunes (Suzanne & Clint)

Friday, October 31 7-10pm

Tickets go on sale Wednesday, October 15.
\$5.00 per person.

See Ticket Purchase Details On Page 4.
See What's Coming in November on Page 9.

In Loving Memory

Jeanann Britton

3852 Southport Springs Parkway
1944 - 2025

May the cherished memories of Jeanann bring you
comfort and peace in this time of sorrow.
Our deepest sympathies.

Donald Keith Rankin

3844 Rockrose Lane
1944 - 2025

Our condolences to the Rankin family
on the passing of Don.
Prayers are lifted for comfort during this sad time.

Richard Wallis

4002 Russian Olive Lane
1951-2025

Wishing you peace, comfort, and strength during
this incredibly difficult time.
Our sympathies to the Wallace Family.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed
be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy
will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and
forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive
those who trespass against us. Lead us
not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom and the
power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



Holiday Greeting Cards

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



Thank you to the Sunshine Committee for the
Publix gift card and thanks to my good friend
Sandy Fenlock for the delicious food she brought
us. Also thanks to all the well wishes from so
many friends.—Val Lebo

QUICK REMINDER



Just a quick reminder that hurricane season here in Florida runs from June 1st through November 30th with peak activity occurring from mid August through late October. So please...

When leaving the pool area, please take a moment to tie down umbrellas and return chairs and chaises to where they were and return chaises to their upright position.

Each of us doing our small part in helping to keep our pool area neat and well maintained is appreciated by everyone. We also need to keep in mind that a sudden and unexpected wind gust can quickly destroy a poolside umbrella; especially this time of year.



ALSO...

For those who enjoy spending time at our beautiful pool, please remember that our pool is a **"community" pool** which is why it's so important to shower before entering either the pool or one of the spas (**see #2 on both the pool and spa signs along the fence**).

The purpose of a good shower (more than just your feet) before getting in the pool or spa is to remove matter off of the body so that it doesn't enter the pool. Perspiration, body lotion, oils, make-up, and traces of feces and urine contaminate a swimming pool. When these organic compounds mix with the chlorinated pool water, a reaction occurs. The result is a less healthy pool that will take on a much stronger smell of chlorine. When a pool is well-managed and swimmers shower before getting in, the water doesn't have a strong chemical smell. When a pool becomes contaminated with above-mentioned human waste, there's an increased risk that swimmers will contract waterborne diseases. It's actually very common for swimmers to develop illnesses due to swimming in unhealthy pool water. The waterborne diseases swimmers most frequently suffer from are swimmer's ear and skin infections. So please don't be a **"Contaminant Contributor"**; please shower. Thanks.



Thank You

Thanks so much to all of you that have sent well wishes to Dave and I. We've had a very interesting summer. The ladies from the Sunshine Committee made sure we were taken care of. That's exactly why I do fund raisers. Those ladies are very committed. The support we've had and have from the entire community is priceless. Again, thank you so very much.

Charlene Maxwell

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w/Kris Pierce

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Ticket Sales Schedule and Sign-up Sheets For Upcoming 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

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Saturday, October 11 7-10pm

Pot Luck & Quarter Bingo

October 20, 5:30pm

Halloween Dance with the Golden Tunes (Suzanne & Clint)

Friday, October 31 7-10pm

Showtime at Southport

Sunday, November 9 6-9pm

Shania Twain – The Ultimate Tribute & Variety Show

Saturday, November 15 7pm

Ticket Purchase Dates or Sign-up Sheets

Wednesday, October 1 & 8
\$5.00 per person.

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

Sign-up Sheet

On the Main Clubhouse Bulletin Board
Call Lee Edwards at 863-207-2523 to inquire.

Wednesday, October 15, 22 & 29
\$5.00 per person.

(tickets available at the door if not sold out)
Call Laurie Smedberg at 612-991-3804 to inquire.

Wednesday, October 22, 29 & November 9
No cost but you MUST have a ticket to get in.
Call Laurie Smedberg at 612-991-3804 to inquire.

Wednesday, October 29 & November 5 & 12
\$10.00 per person.
Call Laurie Smedberg at 612-991-3804 to inquire.

Tickets for the Following Events

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

The 80's Ladies Luncheon

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

Wednesday, October 22 & 29
from 3:30-5pm in the Parkway Tavern
\$8.00 per person.



Dear Southport Springs,
 We've all heard the news—Earl Hines, our golf whisperer and operational wizard, is trading his Southport Springs hat for new horizons starting soon. Since rolling in back in July 2019, Earl's turned our course into gold: budgets balanced like a perfect putt, operations smoother than a fairway breeze, and a program that's soared to heights we didn't even know existed.

He's not just left us smarter about the golf game—he's left us with stories, laughs, and that rare kind of camaraderie that feels like family. Earl's more brother than colleague, and we'll miss his steady hand on the wheel. Earl's last day is Thursday, October 2.

Earl, in my book you're a legend—may your new path be lined with birdies, endless fairways, and zero sand traps. Godspeed, brother.

Door's always open if you need a muligan.

Regards,

Sean Rankin, *General Manager*



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****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.

<https://www.globaldata.com/company-profile/sun-communities-inc/executives/>

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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How do you want your greeting signed ? (names only)

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Place this order form in an envelope along with \$5.00 in cash or with a check made payable to: Southport Springs 723 HOA and bring your "unsealed" envelope to the Poker Room located in the Main Clubhouse on any Wednesday starting with Wednesday, October 15th through Wednesday, November 12th before and after coffee.

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**Note To All Southport Residents: We offer Homestead Exemptions .
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Events & Activities

October 2025

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			9am Coffee Social - MC 9:30am Power Walking - MC 10am Water Aerobics 2pm Mahjong - LC 6:30pm BINGO	8am Tennis - TC 9am Pickleball - TC 9am Intermediate Line Dancing - MC 10am Advanced Line Dancing - MC 11am Baby Steppers Line Dancing - MC Noon Bridge - LC 1pm Hand, Foot & Elbow - MC 6:30pm Show Me The Money - MC	9am Bible Study - LC 9:15am Power Walking - MC 10am Water Aerobics 1pm Hand & Foot - LC 7pm Farkle - LC	8am Tennis - TC 9:30am Pickleball - TC
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Missing or torn insulation and vapor barrier can allow moisture, mold and mildew to build up, and provide access to insects and rodents into your home!

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To our valued customers;

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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.

COMING IN NOVEMBER

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Potluck & Quarter Bingo

Monday, November 17 5:30pm
Sign up in the Main Clubhouse

November Blood Drive

Wednesday, November 19 8:30am-2pm
See You on the Big Red Bus

Turkey Trot Sip n' Salute Poker Run

Sunday, November 23 2pm
 Tickets on sale Wednesday, November 12 & 19
 In the Tavern from 3:30pm-5 pm \$5.00 per person.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 27
 Southport HOA will supply the turkey and gravy. Each table will bring the sides of their choice, table setting and beverage. Restaurant will not be open.
More information in the next newsletter.

Dance with JT & Jen

Saturday, November 29 7-10pm
 Tickets on sale November 12, 19 & 26.
 \$5 per person.

HOA Alert!

Would you like to be a part of our HOA Leadership Team supporting our active Community?
We need you!

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**

We need a SECRETARY!

The position requires the following skill set:

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- Organizational skills – in particular recording and establishing files and record keeping.
- Ability to complete tasks on time.
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The Women's Club Fall Service Project

TWO GOOD SOLES

The Women's Club is still collecting new closed-toed shoes and socks for Pasco County school students. Donations can be dropped off in the baskets in the Main Clubhouse foyer. Monetary donations can be given to Cindy Judy, 3938 Ranger Parkway.

As always, **THANK YOU!!!**
Cindy Judy, Women's Club



Southport Springs Sunshine Team



It's that time again! Time for the
Sunshine Team's **Annual Bake Sale!**

We will be in the Little Clubhouse on
Saturday November 8 From **9AM until 1 PM**
Baked Goods will be accepted from **7-9 AM.**

This is an important source of income for
Sunshine as it helps us continue to give our
residents a little **Sunshine.**



So, **BAKE and BUY!!!**



Pies, Cookies, Candies, Breads, Pastries and more!



Karol McGinn

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Cindy Judy

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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.



-1h
**FALL
BACK**

**Change the
clock back
Sunday,
November 2**

KARAOKE

Friday, October 10 & 24

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



Coming Next Month

SOUTHPORT'S THANKSGIVING BLOOD DRIVE



Wednesday, November 19th
8:30am - 2:00pm

(Main Clubhouse Parking Lot)

Your Chance To Save 3 Lives

Donors will receive a **\$20 gift card**
and a **OneBlood Gift**

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

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

and...

Chef Rob & Liva At The Parkway Tavern
are donating a **\$5.00 coupon**
to all donors!

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



Walk-Ins Welcome!

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



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 conducted the first of our monthly **Fall In/ Happy Hour formations** at the Main Club House. It was well attended with Veterans, their partners and survivors of Veterans. A huge thank you to **The Tavern-Rob & Liva** for their generous support with free hors d'oeuvres and reduced prices for beer and spirits.

The next **"Fall In" Happy Hour formation is October 10th at 3:00 PM**. Show up and bring a fellow Veteran and/or surviving Spouse of a Veteran.

We have Veterans working on getting a professional assessment of the **Memorial Wall** so we can develop a plan to make needed repairs.

We also have Veterans soliciting vendors to provide **engraved bricks** to honor our Veterans to be placed on the Memorial Wall.

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.

We are planning a celebration of **Veterans Day- November 11**-at the Memorial Wall. Please attend and bring your neighbors with you.

An election of Officers of the **Southport Springs Veterans Association** will be November 20 in the Main Clubhouse.

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 Peter & Sheryl White.



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Ghostly White Russian

Dick Knoles
Resident Mixologist



Ingredients:

- 2 oz vodka
- 1 oz coffee liqueur (like Kahlúa or Tia Maria)
- 1 oz heavy cream
- Ice
- Optional: white chocolate syrup for extra ghostly effect
- Garnish: whipped cream + ghost-shaped marshmallow or sprinkle of cocoa

Instructions:

1. Fill a rocks glass with ice.
2. Pour vodka first and then the coffee liqueur over the ice.
3. Gently layer heavy cream on top.
4. Optional: add a drizzle of white chocolate syrup for a ghostly swirl.
5. Garnish with whipped cream and a ghost-shaped marshmallow or cocoa sprinkle.
6. Use black food coloring for eyes on marshmallows and black stickers for the eyes and nose on the glass. Make sure to put the stickers on the glass when dry and room temperature.





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Sales Coordinator



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HOA News



RUMORS, RUMORS, RUMORS...

It has come to my attention that there are several rumors rippling through our community, so much so that they need to be addressed.

To avoid rumors it is important that our members come to our Directors meetings and our membership meetings to dispel these rumors and clarify actions taken by your Board of Directors. Please mark your calendars to come to these meetings: **Monday** October 13, November 10 and December 8 at 7:00pm. **WE NEED YOU!** We recognize that some members are not happy with the change to Mondays. When we live in a community we sometimes need to make compromises and adjustments. We made this change because we want our Tavern – a community resource – to continue to benefit from Music Bingo.

Our Directors meetings are at 11 am on the first Tuesday of each month or 10 am if we are not meeting with management. Both meetings are open to membership and you are encouraged to comment and ask questions.

The HOA has always given back to our community and our membership with holiday celebrations. With the rising cost of food and supplies we need to have approval from the membership to spend the money on these events. *This is required by our by-laws.* A quorum of 86 members is needed to approve these expenditures. **WE NEED** you. You have a voice. It is up to you to utilize and exercise that voice.

We continue to seek a **Secretary** as well as members to run for the Board. There are **RUMORS** that people are talking about not joining the HOA next year. Your membership dues are \$2.50 a month and there are multiple ways your HOA works for you aside from the entertainment we coordinate. Some members are not happy that we changed the price of Dance tickets. We do have some incentives for members when renewing their membership this year. We will be addressing this at our next Board meeting.

When anyone has brought a concern to me or other members of the Board, we have acted to address the concern. Having a second yard sale is an example. These yard sales are supported by your HOA with advertisements and signage as well as ensuring management's approval. Our Rules and Regulations call for one yard sale per year.

Rumors are exactly that...RUMORS. They are usually the result of speculation and poor assumptions. In order to avoid the spreading of rumors all you need to do is ask any Board member. Finding the **TRUTH** is that simple.

(continued in next column)

“Why Should I Join the HOA?”

- Your HOA helps maintain property values by ensuring that community owners take proper care of the community including all common areas and structures, roadways and common amenities.
- Your HOA promotes community involvement through events, meetings and volunteer opportunities.
- Your HOA assists in resolving disputes between its membership and community owners and/or its representatives.
- Your HOA provides financial reports to its members so that members are assured that sound and stable financial decisions are being made on behalf of the members.
- Your HOA helps deter nuisance activity by reminding residents of community rules and regulations as set forth by the community owners (i.e., speed limit, stop signs, golf course rules, tennis court rules, pool rules etc.).
- Your HOA fosters a sense of belonging, community pride and a sense of unity. Your HOA provides opportunities to socialize and connect with neighbors.

What Do I Get for My \$30 dollar Membership?

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- In addition to the members only Dinner/Dance, there will be a free July 4th celebration worth approximately \$10.00pp (\$20.00/couple), a free Christmas luncheon worth approximately \$12.00pp (\$24.00/couple) and the opportunity to celebrate Thanksgiving Day at an HOA sponsored Pot Luck Thanksgiving dinner (HOA providing turkey, gravy, cranberry sauce rolls, butter and beverage costing approximately \$5.00pp (\$10.00.couple).

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Vogel, Barbara	Oct 1
Crutcher, Deborah	Oct 2
Prim, Terri	Oct 2
Gray, Lydia	Oct 5
Woodson, Mary Lou	Oct 5
Rankin, Roseanne	Oct 7
Jones, Susan	Oct 7
Goodreau, Ann	Oct 8
Benson, Linda	Oct 11
Grigelevich, Charlie	Oct 11
Kaminsky, Diana	Oct 11
Hunt, Emma	Oct 12
Gareri, Kathy	Oct 13
Legault, Collette	Oct 14
Fabricius, Patsy	Oct 15
Gallion, Pam	Oct 16
Steinmiller, Joyce	Oct 20
Speciale-Baxter, Lorri	Oct 20
Dickey, Donna	Oct 21
Patterson, Jennifer	Oct 21
Williams, Josephine	Oct 21

Burling, Cathy	Oct 22
Demers, Cynthia	Oct 22
Joll, Memory	Oct 23
Combs, Roberta	Oct 23
Pietrowski, Linda	Oct 25
Douma, Ruth	Oct 26
McMillan, Katherine	Oct 26
Bartol, Lynda	Oct 29
Mosley, Kathy	Oct 29
Grkman, Nancy	Oct 30

November

Collins, Deborah	Nov 2
Men	
McGregor, Rob	Oct 3
Hand, Walt	Oct 3
Snyder, Richard	Oct 5
Rupert, Jim	Oct 6
Conover, Harold	Oct 6
Sykes, Bud	Oct 7
Brown, Dave	Oct 9
Daugherty, Richard	Oct 10
Cottet, Kent	Oct 10
Marshall, Arvin	Oct 12

Pizzacalla, Gino	Oct 12
Swain, Don	Oct 13
Eberman, Fred	Oct 14
Aviles, Carlos	Oct 15
Britton, Larry	Oct 15
Bowers, Carey	Oct 16
Sostilio, Robert	Oct 17
Schabowske, Robert	Oct 18
Dougherty, Robert	Oct 21
Reiss, David	Oct 21
Webster, William	Oct 22
Dickey, Douglas	Oct 23
Pennella, John	Oct 25
Smith, Raymond	Oct 25
Eberman, Tom	Oct 25
Harris, Stephen	Oct 25
Vilage, Ray	Oct 27
Ferree, Earl	Oct 27
Pugliesi, Benedict	Oct 27
Singkofer, Davey	Oct 31

November

McCoy, Randall	Nov 1
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October

Brennan, Kevin & Chevonna	Oct 3
Malone, Jerry & Mary	Oct 5
Bair, Bill & Watt-Griffith, Sally	Oct 9
Jacobs, William & Mary	Oct 10
Williams, Richard & Dotty	Oct 14
William, Glenn & Josephine	Oct 19
Rupert, Jim & Lavinia	Oct 20
Van Orman, Bob & Rose	Oct 21

Gallion, Robert & Pamela	Oct 22
Wilkinson, James & Mary	Oct 24
Waterman, Lauren & Tom	Oct 25
Hart, Michael & Regina	Oct 25

November

Postma, Philip & Janne	Nov 1
Teixeira, Jim and Karol McGinn	Nov 1
Greene, Ronald & Helen	Nov 4
Schenher, Ron & Ann	Nov 4



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The **Navy** evolved alongside the nation it served played decisive roles in both World Wars projecting power across multiple oceans.

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The **Navy** operates a vast array of vessels: aircraft carriers, destroyers, cruisers, submarines, amphibious assault ships, and support craft. Today’s **Navy** missions range from deterrence and power projection to humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, and counterterrorism.

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The **Navy’s** enduring traditions bind generations of sailors—the raising of the colors, the ringing of the ship’s bell. The **Navy’s** core values—Honor, Courage, Commitment—are more than words; they are the compass guiding every action and decision.

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On this milestone anniversary, the **Navy** honors its past, celebrates its accomplishments, and renews its pledge to the nation.

The 250th birthday is also a time for reflection—a moment to remember those lost at sea, those who returned home, and those still serving. It is an opportunity for Americans to recognize the **Navy’s** vital role in securing peace, prosperity, and freedom.

The **United States Navy’s** 250th birthday is more than a milestone—it is a testament to the resilience, vision, and dedication of generations of sailors. The **Navy** has shaped history and protected the promise of liberty. As we honor its past and embrace its future, we celebrate an institution rooted in service, strengthened by tradition, and propelled by the courage of all who answer the call of the sea.

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Iced Tea & Lemonade will be provided.
Bring your own tableware.

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Halloween Golf Cart Parade

Tuesday, October 28 at 6 p.m.
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Cookies and hot chocolate at the
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Halloween Dance



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Hello All,

Fall is approaching and the tropics have been nice and calm for us. The rain in September was not great. We could set our watch that at 4PM most days, it would rain. The golf course as most can see is not ready as work continues. I sent out a response from Earl as to information on our course in the Southport Facebook posting. Earl is trying to open by November 1st weather & conditions permitting. The crews are not going to install the new sand in the dugout bunkers until the course is close to opening. The rates for playing will be "Dynamic pricing" with rates from \$45.00 to \$55.00 depending on season. I did not yet hear what the Southport Residents Non-Member fee will be to play.

Members should have gotten the monthly pay raise in the mail for singles and couples. Also, a new rule will go into place when course opens. Southport golfers will need to double-up in personal carts when playing as twosomes or foursomes. If someone needs a rental cart to play there will be a charge as well. No trail fees will happen this year. If you want to cancel your membership (which I hope you don't) you must get with Earl Hines or the office and sign a cancellation form. I do not have information at press time from Earl on our starting times for leagues or early morning play.

I know most of us just want to have our course open ASAP. Let's please be patient as it happens and we will have a nice course to enjoy. There is no reason for having a Golf Meeting this month unless something changes as to opening date etc. We are still able to play at our sister courses and we continue to play Mondays (Airport) and Fridays (Scotland Yards) of which all are welcome to play.

Thank You.

Dave Dundas, Golf Association President

GOLF COMMITTEE

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Anoles Our Friendly Lizards



Anoles, those lizards, some green, we see everywhere in the heat of the summer, are found in the United States, Central America, and the West Indies.

There is a single species of anoles, native to North America, sometimes called The American Chameleon.

Florida's common anole lizards include the native green anoles and a brown anole, the most abundant of the two in many regions.

Both are small color changing lizards that eat insects as their main course.

Key differences are the green anole has a white chin while brown anoles have a reddish-orange dewlap in males. The native green anole is being displaced into the trees by the brown anole and the invasive dark brown Cuban anole which prefers to hunt, hide and sleep on the ground versus in the trees.

Green anoles are the only anole species native to the U.S. They prefer forests and swampy areas with trees and high humidity.

Arboreal (tree dwellers) they use their adhesive toepads to climb.

They are native to the U.S. but being forced by the invasive brown anoles higher up the trees.

Anoles are mostly solitary and not found in groups. Males will aggressively defend their territory to protect the food source and available females in mating season.

Ancestors of our native lizard families hail from Cuba, who long ago spread across the south east Our green anole is the only species native to the south east. For most of their history they lived on or near the base of trees where insects abound. Again, Cuban invaders have forced them into the trees.

Brown Cuban anoles were found in the United States during the 1950's. These highly invasive lizards quickly began driving the more passive green anoles out of their comfort zones and into the trees. Rather than die out the green anoles adapted to their new home in large trees. They became expert climbers with new places to hunt. Over a span of 20 generations, they have developed a larger toepad covered with stickier scales to improve their climbing ability.

They have also evolved in a way that gives them more tolerance to cooler temperatures.

Almost all anoles are insectivores however some will eat small amounts of vegetation, nectar, and tree sap. Larger anoles will eat hatchlings of others and eat smaller lizards and their eggs.

You may see male anoles flexing their dewlaps and doing pushups. They are courting by showing strength and flashing their dewlap to get the ladies attention.

After mating the female will lay one or two eggs a week.

It takes about 18 months for our green anoles to reach mating maturity. The green anoles numbers are diminishing quickly due to many factors. Larger Cuban invaders declining green space, insecticides and feral cats that love to play ping pong with all colors of small lizards.

Where you see birds looking closely into a shrub, they are hunting anoles amongst other things. Snakes and other hunters are after anoles as well.

Hope you enjoyed the report.

See you around.

Bob Gallion, Retired Master Gardner

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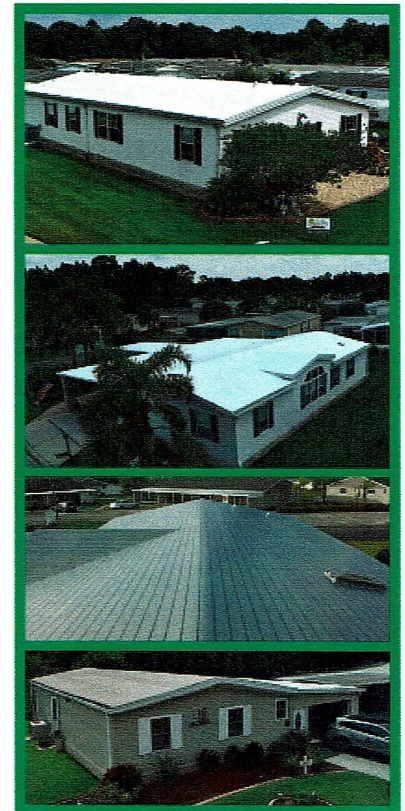
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Who Invented the Watering Can?

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The hose, a more scattered gun approach, often means the water lands on the foliage increasing the risk of leaf scorch as the sun's rays increase in intensity and less to the roots.

A gardener's preoccupation with ensuring that their plants won't wilt due to lack of water is not a modern era phenomenon. In the ruins of the 79 A.D. explosion of Mount Vesuvius, archeologists found vessels used to transport water for their gardens. However, if we define a watering can as a portable container with a handle, a hole for filling it up, and a set of holes through which the contents can be sprinkled then the prototype can be traced to around the 15th century. Its primary use was to keep floors clean. Straw and rushes used to cover floors were known for collecting dust. Water kept the dust levels down. The floor covering, when replaced, if not wet down, created quite a dust storm covering everything in the area when moved.

Typically, it was an earthenware pot, shaped like a bell or jug, with a handle which arched from the vessels body to the top of its narrow neck. There was a small hole at the top of the container and a series of smaller holes at the bottom. This type of design continued well into the 19th century.

Placing your thumb over the small hole on top changed the inside pressure and kept water in the vessel. Once your hand was removed the water flowed freely from the bottom of the can.

With the growth of interest in gardening during the 16th century, horticulturists were quick to see that it had an application in solving the ongoing challenge of ensuring the plants were adequately watered.

A design more recognizable to modern eyes as a watering can. Timothy Keebler, in 1962, began to design the next generation.

Initially it was bell-shaped with a large hole atop of the jug for receiving water and a handle running from the top to the middle of the containers back. Instead of holes at the bottom it had a funnel leading to a perforated spout known as a rose.

The then current opinion was simple "Nothing used in the garden was of greater importance than a Watering Can! It imitated rain falling from the heavens."

As technology improved and advanced earthenware gave way to copper and after 1850 iron, brass, and zinc became more popular.

In 1886 a patent was issued based on today's more current design including handles on top for lifting and in the back for tipping. Minor improvements continue today.

Hope you enjoyed the history.

Bob Gallion

My thanks to Martin Fone and Country Life for much of the history.



Line Dancing

Baby steppers line dance class will begin on Tuesday, October 7th at 11:00 am. Classes will be on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 11:00 am to noon in the main ballroom.

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Morning Bible Study

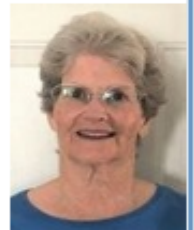


Southport's Morning Bible Study group will meet in the Little Club-house at 9:00 a.m. every

Friday starting October 3.

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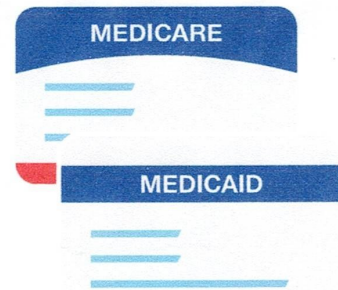
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