

The Southport Sun



Southport Springs Monthly Newsletter
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September 2023

SEPTEMBER

HOA Events

**Listen & Dance To The Music Of
"Sounds Of Yesterday"**

**Saturday, September 9th
7:00pm-10:00pm**

Pot Luck Dinner

Followed By Nickel Bingo

Tuesday, September 19th 5:30pm

**Listen & Dance To The Music Of
"Golden Tunes"**

aka "Suzanne & Clint"

**Saturday, September 23rd
7:00pm-10:00pm**

**Note: Event Tickets Available For Purchase
(as posted) See Page 8**

Other Events

Karaoke Nite

**Friday, September 15th
6:00pm-9:00pm**

**Listen & Dance To
"MM" (Miller & Mark)**

aka "Dance Party Duo"

**Thursday, September 21st
5:00pm - 8:00pm**

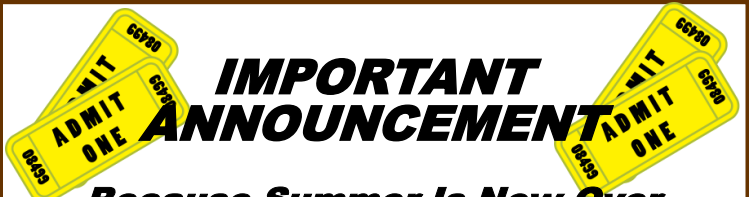
**Compliments of
The Parkway Tavern
(Buffet Dinner Available 4:30-7:00pm)**

see details on page 6

CHRISTMAS IN JULY



Once again, folks here in Southport outdid themselves! The Women's Club's annual "Christmas In July" event was another huge success thanks to the generosity of our Southport residents. Club members from left to right (Carol Dziki, Cindy Judy, Lee Edward, Sue Jones, RuthAnn Brown, Cindy Demers and Chris Gale (kneeling center) brought four trunk loads of school supplies to the teachers at Chester Taylor Elementary School on Tuesday, August 8th. Club members were greeted by school principal Julie Marks who had her team help unload the supplies and bring them to the school's media center where she and her team and club members arranged all of the supplies on several tables. Ms. Marks then got on the school's PA system and invited all of the teachers to come to the center to shop for supplies for each of their individual classrooms. And what a great time they all had shopping! School Principal Julie Marks and all of the teachers want to thank everyone here in Southport for their amazing support and generosity. See on page 5

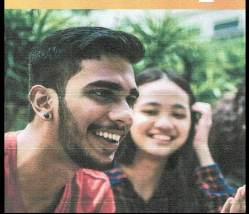


**IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Because Summer Is Now Over
And Our Weekly Wednesday Morning
HOA Coffee Socials Are Back...**

**Starting This Month, Tickets For
All Upcoming Events Will Be Sold
Wednesday Mornings
Before & After Coffee (see page 8)**

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**To All
Southport Residents
LAST CHANCE
to apply for a
SUN UNITY
SCHOLARSHIP
for your grandchildren
See page 24 for details**

Angelina Geake
3949 Southport Springs Parkway
1948 - 2023

Our deepest sympathies to Angelina's family and friends. Please know that our thoughts are with you during your time of sadness.

Never again will she hunger. Never again will she thirst. For the lamb at the center of the throne will be her shepherd and He will lead her to springs of living water."

Rev. 17:16-17

Ashley Knight
4009 Rockrose Lane
1986 - 2023

Our condolences to Ashley's grandmother Carole Gagne and her family and friends. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.

"What we have once enjoyed we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us."

Helen Keller

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I'd like to thank our Sunshine Committee for the gift card following my recent knee replacement surgery.

Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. And a special "thank you" to Lou and Spurgeon Tucker for all their help and support following my surgery. Southport is such a wonderful and caring community.

Jerry Reschke

Steve Kozak
35639 Wintersweet Lane
1944 - 2023

Our deepest sympathies to Steve's wife Marge and their family and friends. Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

"May the road rise up to meet you. May the sun shine warm upon your face. And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand."

Celtic Prayer



SPREADING SUNSHINE

It's September which means that our snowbird residents



will begin returning to us. Along with their return comes our annual Bake Sale Fundraiser for the Sunshine Committee. We love sharing sunshine with residents who are in need and this is how we make the money to do it!!

The Bake Sale is at the same time as the Fall Craft Fair which this year is being

held on November 4 (Saturday) from 9-1. We accept baked goods starting at 7AM. Additional notices and reminders will be issued. We won't let you forget! Know that your contributions either in the nature of baked goods or cash are greatly appreciated.

Membership to the Sunshine Committee is open. If you would like to join us, please feel free to contact either us.



Karol McGinn
813-388-0148

Cindy Judy
717-514-3997

Thank you...

On behalf of myself and family members, I want to thank all who extended sympathy and love at the death of my granddaughter Ashley. Thank you for the many cards and special gifts from the Sunshine Committee, Joyce, Denise, Charlene and Margaret. A special thanks to Lauren and Tommy and Beverly for rides to Orlando to visit Ashley in the hospital. Finally, a huge thank you to Sandy and the Bereavement Committee for a wonderful day of Celebration of Life. You made it a very special day for me, my family and my friends.

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Sympathy

Carole Gagne

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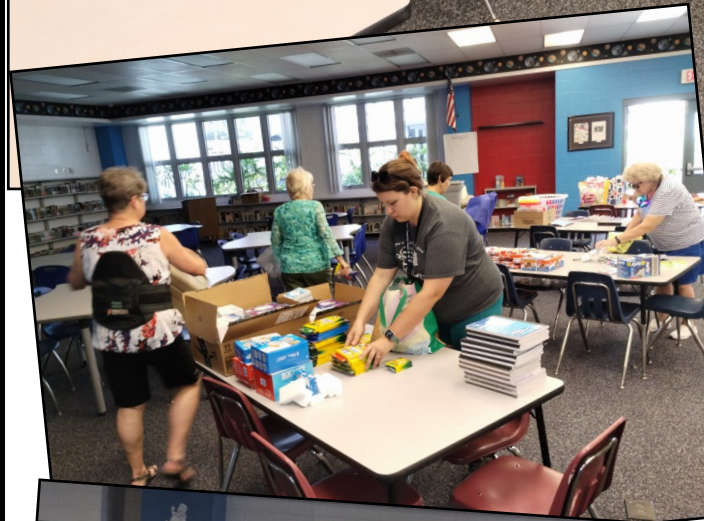
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"Christmas In July"





HOA EVENTS COMING THIS MONTH

OTHER EVENTS COMING THIS MONTH



Listen & Dance To
**Sounds of
Yesterday**
Saturday
September 9th
7-10pm

BYOB & BYOSnacks

HOA Members \$7.00pp
Non-Members \$9.00pp

Tickets On Sale Wednesday, September 6th

KARAOKE

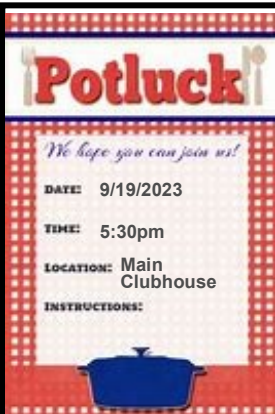
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH 6-9PM
(MAIN CLUBHOUSE)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME
TO JOIN IN THE FUN!

FREE ADMISSION

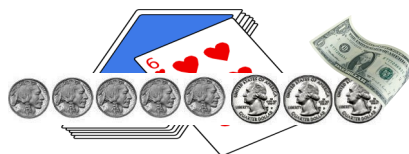
DONATIONS GLADLY ACCEPTED TO HELP DEFRAY COSTS

EVENING INCLUDES
A \$HARE THE WEALTH RAFFLE



Tuesday
September 19th
5:30pm
(Main Clubhouse)
Followed By

NICKEL BINGO



Bring A Favorite Dish for 12 To Share
(Lemonade & Iced Tea Provided)

Please Remember To Bring Your Own Dinnerware & Flatware

See Sign-Up Sheet On The Main Bulletin Board



'MM'

(Miller & Mark)
aka/"Dance Party Duo"

Third Thursday
September 21st
5-8pm

Compliments Of The Parkway Tavern

Full Menu from 11:00am to 4:00pm

Buffet Dinner Available From 4:30pm to 7pm

\$13.00pp

COMING NEXT MONTH



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To
**Golden
Tunes**
"Suzanne & Clint"

Saturday September 23rd
7:00pm - 10:00pm

BYOB & BYOSnacks

HOA Members \$7.00pp
Non-Members \$9.00pp

**Tickets Go On Sale Wednesday
September 13th**

Loaded Baked Potato Dinner

Friday, October 6th

4:45pm Take Out 5:30pm Dine In Seating

\$10.00pp



Includes Baked Potato,
Chili Topping,
Steamed Broccoli
Iced Tea, Lemonade
& Dessert



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John Hopkins Hospital
St. Petersburg



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ALSO COMING NEXT MONTH

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6-9PM**

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FREE ADMISSION**

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Listen & Dance To The Music Of **Charles Williams**

**Saturday
October 14th
7:00pm - 10:00pm**

**HOA Members \$7.00pp
Non-Members \$9.00pp**

Tickets Go On Sale Wednesday October 4th



*Compliments Of
Your HOA*

Dave Deluca The American Trilogy Show

**The music of
Frank Sinatra, Elvis
& Neil Diamond**

**Sunday, October 15th
6-8pm**

**FREE ADMISSION
Come And Enjoy The Show
BYOB & BYOSnacks**

COMMUNITY POTLUCK BRING A DISH!



Tuesday, October 17th

**Great Food!
Great Fun!
Come And Enjoy!**

**Tuesday
October 17th
5:30pm
(Main Clubhouse)
Followed By
NICKEL BINGO**



Halloween Party & Dance

Saturday, October 28th 7:00-10:00pm



**MUSIC By:
Good Stuff**

**HOA Members \$7
Non Members \$9
(RESIDENTS ONLY)**

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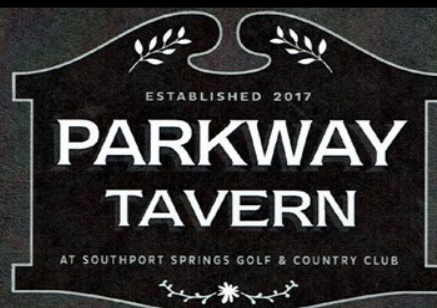
COSTUME CONTEST

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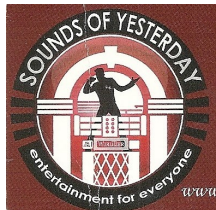
TICKET SALES SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Event

Ticket Purchase Dates



**Sounds Of Yesterday
Saturday, September 9th**

**Wednesday Morning
September 6th
Before and After Coffee
and
(at the door the evening of)**



**Golden Tunes
"Suzanne & Clint"
Saturday, September 23rd**

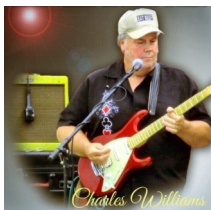
**Wednesday Mornings
September 13th & 20th
Before and After Coffee
and
(at the door the evening of)**



**Loaded Baked Potato Dinner
Friday, October 6th
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**Wednesday Mornings
September 6th, 13th & 20th
Before and After Coffee**



**Charles Williams
Saturday, October 14th**

**Wednesday Mornings
October 4th and 11th
Before and After Coffee
and
(at the door the evening of)**



**Halloween Party & Dance
W/Good Stuff
Saturday, October 28th**

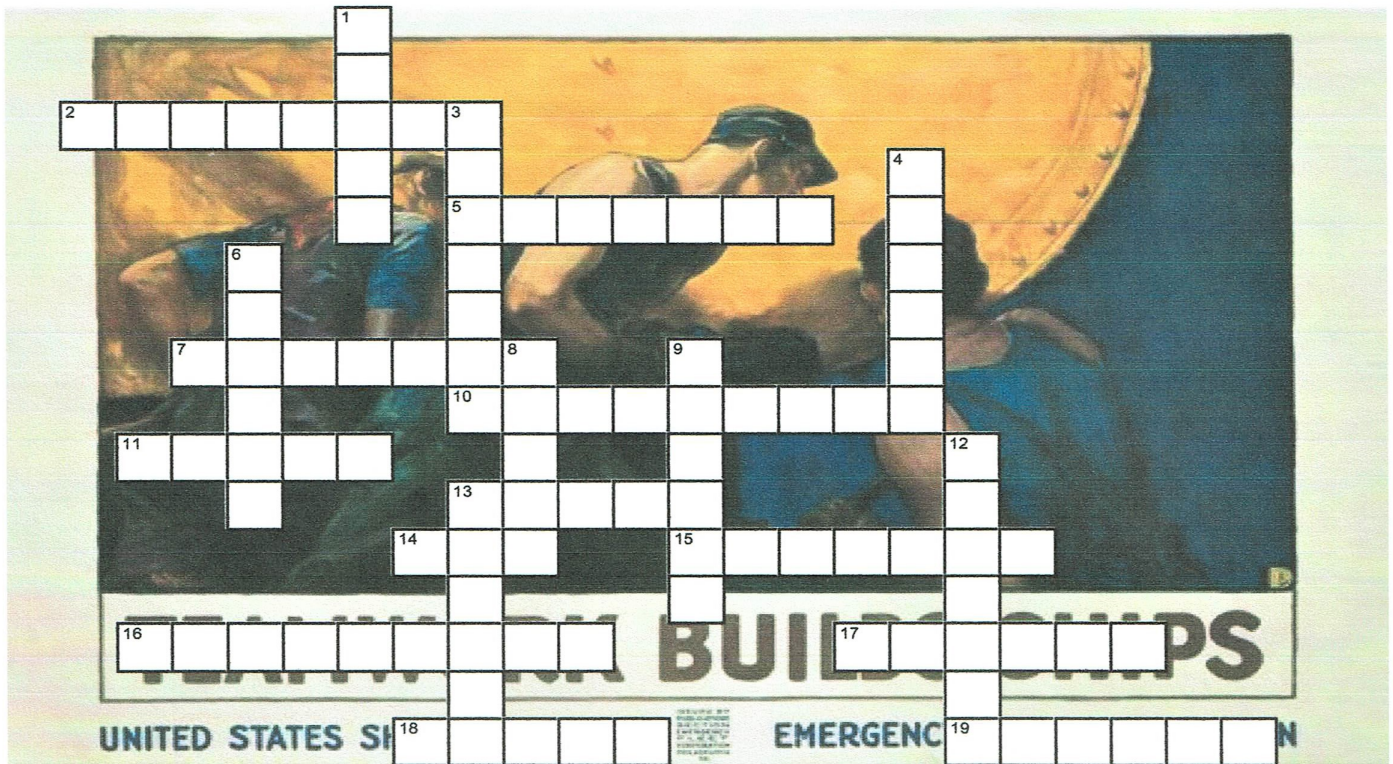


**Wednesday Mornings
October 11th, 18th & 25th
Before and After Coffee
and
(at the door the evening of)**



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Labor Day



Across

2. 79% of workers in private industry receive a paid _____ as one of their employment benefits.
5. Labor Day is a Federal Holiday honoring what group?
7. Peter _____ is widely believed to be the father of Labor Day in America?
10. Led by mounted police, bricklayers in white aprons paraded with a band playing "_____".
11. In September 1883, New York workers staged a parade up Broadway to _____ Square.
13. Which country celebrates Labor Day on May 1?
14. In _____ an **A prop used as a sign of opposition against employers.**
15. Upon the completion of the Erie Canal in 1837, _____'s population had grown to 10,000. On April 3, 1837, the city's first strike broke out among the carpenters and journeymen seeking 10-hour work days and \$2 pay.
16. Which U.S. President signed the bill making Labor Day a national holiday?
17. Which state became the first state to grant legal status to the holiday in 1887?
18. Which state was the first labor strike in U.S. history believed to have occurred?
19. Traditionally, Labor Day is celebrated by most Americans as the symbolic end of the _____.

Down

1. What color is traditionally NOT worn after Labor Day?
3. Which city in the United States was the first to celebrate Labor Day?
4. Labor Day is observed on the first _____ in September in the United States and Canada?
6. Labor Day is also known to be the last big _____ day in the U.S.
8. In Australia, Labor Day is called _____ Hour Day.
9. New York held the first Labor Day _____ held in America?
12. The Father of Labor Day was described as a red-headed, fiery, eloquent leader of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and _____.
13. Which country's Parliament passed legislation making Labour Day an official holiday in 1894?



1918 "Teamsters Build Ships" poster designed by William Dodge Stevens born in 1870 in Tidioute, PA



* answers found on another page



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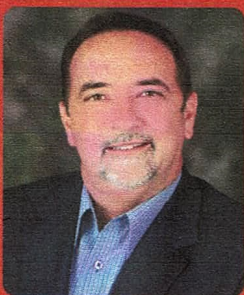
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HOA NEWS *Barbara Holdridge, President*



Happy Labor Day!
Our monthly HOA meetings will start again on Tuesday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the clubhouse. We look forward to seeing everyone.

The board will be addressing the following concerns that residents have suggested. We will be asking to update the horseshoe pits, having a fence installed around our community for better security, extending the awning at pool side, putting up a safety screen to stop golf balls from entering

the pool area and looking at having a company come to shred sensitive documents. These are a few of the items you have suggested.

Coffee will begin Wednesday, September 6th at 9:00 a.m. in the clubhouse and continue every Wednesday thereafter. I am working on scheduling speakers of interest to visit our Wednesday morning coffee social to share with us their information. We do have a speaker coming September 6th from Florida Anchor & Barrier Company to talk about inspecting under your home. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please place a signed letter with this information in our HOA mailbox located in the lobby of the Little Clubhouse.

As your board continues to work for all residents, please consider becoming a HOA member. Right now you can join for \$15.00 for the remainder of the year. Having the support of all residents is appreciated by your HOA Board.

Your HOA board will continue working to enhance the quality of life through assuring the enforcement of rules and covenants, and by supporting initiatives that strengthen the bond among residents. As previously mentioned, we will continue to request capital improvements that will benefit all residents.

Your HOA is here to ensure our community's voice is heard. We're looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting. Stay safe and enjoy all the upcoming events.

Barbara



The Southport Sun

As Of January 1st 2023 "The Southport Sun" (our community newsletter) became an "On-Line" publication only meaning we are no longer distributing hard copy throughout the community. As has always been the case, you're able to view the newsletter on line at our HOA website southportspringshoa.com

HOWEVER

Anyone wishing to have a hard copy can purchase a subscription through the end of this year at a cost of \$2.00/month. Also - Snowbirds are able to purchase partial year subscriptions as well.

Subscription forms are available on the HOA website (HOA Documents) or in the lobby of the Little Clubhouse in the 'Forms Rack' located above the HOA mailbox which is to your immediate right when you walk in the front door.

Note: Subscribers can pick up their copy on the first business day of the month in the Coffee Café between 9:30am and 11:00am

Introducing The HOA Info Series

Starting this month, your HOA will invite one or more speakers a month to our Wednesday morning Coffee Socials to talk about various every day issues and concerns and who will share possible solutions and/or provide contact information (if available) that may offer assistance.

Speakers coming in September and October are:

- On Wednesday, September 6th, a representative from Florida Anchor & Barrier Company will talk about the importance of having your under home inspected.
- On Wednesday, September 27th, Aaron Hawkins owner/operator of Totally Clean Services LLC will talk about his on-site washing service (golf carts and automobiles).
- On Wednesday, October 4th, Chris Alfonso from Aging Health Plan Services LLC will talk about upcoming changes in Medicare.



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3 1pm Cricut Classes - MC 	4 8am Tennis - TC 8:15am Yoga - MC 9:30am Power Walking - MC 1pm Sequence - LC 6pm Dominoes - MC 6pm Horseshoes 6:30pm Shuffleboard 	5 9am Intermediate Line Dancing - MC 10am Advanced Line Dancing - MC 6:30pm Corn Hole (behind the LC) 7pm Euchre - LC	 6 8:30am Coffee & Donuts (meeting at 9am) Guest Speaker - MC (Event Ticket Sales in the Main Clubhouse) 9:30am Power Walking - MC 2pm Mahjong - LC 6:30pm BINGO - MC	7 8am Tennis - TC 9am Intermediate Line Dancing - MC 10am Advanced Line Dancing - MC Noon Bridge - LC 6pm Horseshoes	8 9am Bible Study - LC 9:30am Power Walking - MC 1pm Hand & Foot - LC 7pm Farkle - LC	9 8am Tennis - TC 7-10pm Sounds of Yesterday MC 
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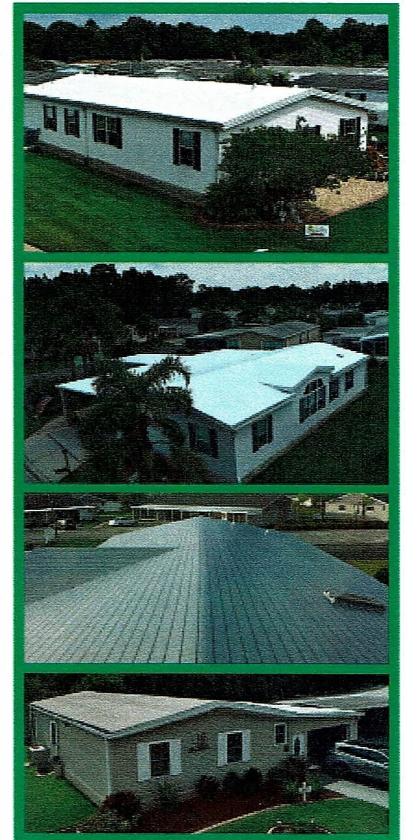
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VETERAN'S MOBILE HOME SERVICES



Mark Your Calendars

The Southport Genealogical Society

will meet Monday, September 11th 2023 at 1pm in the Main Coffee Cafe. This month's featured presentation will be "Wrench In the Works". We have internet service, so bring your laptops and tablets with you. 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

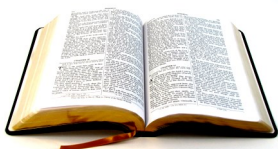




Morning Bible Study

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 is welcome. For more information, you can call me at: **813-778-4027**

Rita Walters

"He is not here; He has Risen!"
Luke 24:6-7

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The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is responsible for providing health care to veterans in the U.S. However, as many veterans and health care professionals can attest, the VA system faces a range of challenges that can impact the quality of care provided to our nation's veterans. This brief article will explore some of the challenges facing the VA system, the future of

Veterans' health care, and the comprehensive care that they need.

One of the primary challenges facing the VA system is the pressure to see more patients in a shorter period of time. Today veterans feel rushed at appointments and are unable to receive the quality care they need. In addition, this current practice can place a burden on the vets who may need to return for multiple appointments due to limited time with providers. Furthermore, there has been resistance in Washington D.C. to adopting the Mission Act which would allow veterans to seek more care outside the VA system. Limiting this allowance for increased community care will negatively impact veterans' access to needed health care services.

Administrators at the VA are responsible for ensuring that vets receive what they need, which has proven difficult in the past. However, there is hope! VA administrators have set goals to improve the delivery of care to vets including more community care, their access to mental health support and other specialty care services. The opening of the new VA clinic in Zephyrhills as well as the PACT Act are current results of this effort. Additionally, external organizations like Concerned Veterans of America

continue to advocate for reform in the VA system.



Our congresswoman Laurel Lee's staff will be available to meet with anyone who needs help with a federal agency or has questions or comments on federal issues during mobile office hours. On the first Wednesday of the month, hours 1pm to 3pm, someone from her staff will be at the Zephyrhills Library, 5347 8th Street, Zephyrhills, FL

33542. No appointment is necessary.

Thanks for reading the article. Remember, your responsibility is to keep our representatives in Washington DC aware of areas where you've had problems.

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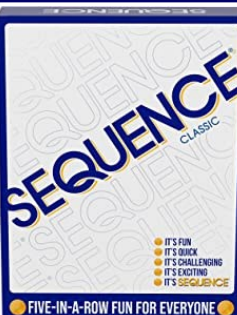
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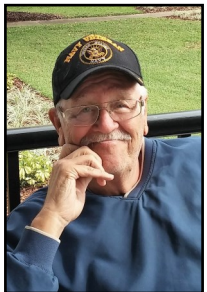
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The Value of Fertilizer in Your Yard and Garden

Fertilizers, how they work, their benefits, and areas of common misuse are some of the most confusing topics for gardeners to understand. This article deals with fertilizer and its impact on flowers and vegetables, not your lawn. That topic will be picked up in an article and possibly at a gardening seminar later this winter.

Fertilizing plays a big role in terms of a plant's overall health and productivity.

Giving any type of plant the correct blend and amount of its most needed nutrients is a key to fertilizing success.

Although plants draw nutrients from the soil, sometimes they require more than is available. This reality is especially true of flowers and vegetables but applies to most plants. Both need a large amount of the correct nutrients to flower, create edible plants, plus seeds for future propagation. The soil can be quickly depleted of critical nutrients as plant growth accelerates. It is a bigger concern when planting in containers with less soil surrounding the plant's root stock. This is why the soil in a container should be replaced every year.

We need a better understanding of what N-K-P means and what you need to know and do to achieve functional nutrient levels. Plants need a wide variety of nutrients to survive. Many are micro-nutrients such as magnesium. The three nutrients that stand out and are recognized as the majors are "N"...Nitrogen, "P"... Phosphorus, and "K"... Potassium. The NPK set of numbers indicates the amount of each major nutrient, as a percentage that is contained in the blend you are working with.

Time to learn what the big three can do for a plant. Unlike Nitrogen, which powers plant growth, Phosphorous, powers blooms and fruiting. It is also a key nutrient in developing a strong root system that anchors the plant and absorbs nutrients from the soil. Potassium helps a plant stay strong, vibrant and fend off diseases. Think of this mixture as a multi vitamin for plants. It is up to you to use the correct fertilizer for the plant.

You will see containers of fertilizers that are marked for magnolias, or geraniums, palms, and more. They are your best choices. The addition of compost, Black Kow, and worm castings to the soil will help. Follow the application rates on their package. Use about 2 cups of compost per gallon of soil.

This year has been unusual; high heat above 85°F with very little rain creates conditions that work against flowering and fruit development. Fertilizer helps offset these stresses. However, your plant's production will be reduced. What nutrients are most important to a specific plant type can often be found on the plant's label or in an article found through your research. If you can not find any usable data, buy an all-purpose fertilizer that promotes flowering. Do not use lawn fertilizers on your annual flowers, perennials, palms, or vegetables.



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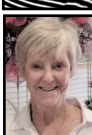
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While the problem can occur at any time it is most common when both temperature and humidity are on the rise each spring and continues through the hot, humid summer months. In Zephyrhills we see our daily humidity lower to the 50-70% range beginning about Thanksgiving Day and continuing until the Memorial Day weekend. Blockage may still occur during that period, but chances are less likely.

Your air conditioner removes moisture from the air, it condenses in the unit, and the collected water drips down onto the drain pan within the unit. The condensation is then discharged out of the unit through the drain line. Blockage is caused by many factors. Algae and mold can develop in the drain line. These organisms multiply and create a slimy substance that will eventually clog the discharge line. Dirt and debris can also accumulate creating blockage. Occasionally, objects such as insects, frogs, anoles, and small rodents may become a problem and block line drainage as well. Improper installation may also be blamed.

If you notice water leaks around the HVAC unit it could be a sign that the condensate line is blocked, causing the water to over flow the drain pan. A blocked drainage line will negatively affect the unit's overall production and at some point, the unit will shut off. Should you suspect a drain line is blocked locate the line outside the unit, it is usually a PVC pipe. Inspect it for any visible blockage. Another choice is to call a contractor and get them to come out for an inspection.

I have found that there are many good contractors, most are qualified but often short-staffed and there are others who may try to get the work and throw out a very low price. They often find other expensive work they feel is needed once they start. Check their references which they should be able to provide. I have used one contractor for 12 years. Not the least expensive but we have not had any problems with their repairs, timeliness, or cost. Check with your neighbors, or friends in the area for other recommendations.

Depending on the severity of the blockage you can attempt to clear it yourself by using a wet/dry vacuum, a commercial pipe cleaner, or a gentle stream of water. The finished rinse is best done using a specialized cleaning solution that can be purchased from a contractor. Be cautious and avoid using excessive force or harsh chemicals that could cause even more damage or personal injuries. As the initial small blockage grows, the float switch should shut down your system protecting the unit at which point the pan will no longer collect water.

My recommendation leans heavily towards contacting a professional licensed, and insured contractor. They will correct your problem, tell you what you need to do to keep the line from blocking in the future, make sure you understand the need to use good filters and how often you should change them. You should schedule a yearly maintenance inspection.

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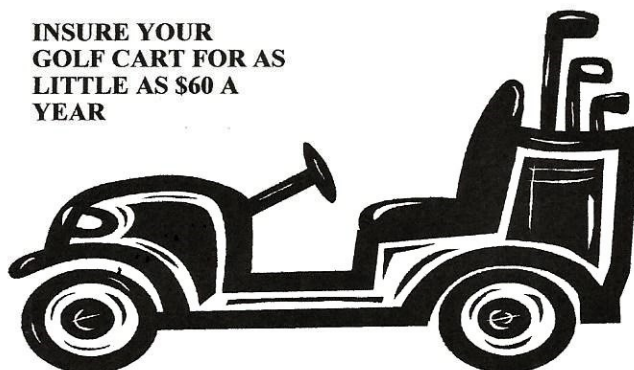
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Happy September. Well we have not gotten much rain in August. Good news is no major storms last month. The heat and humidity in August have been rough. I see many of our diehard members out on the course daily. One good thing about ongoing changes to our membership rules is we can still play golf everyday if we want to play. September is the peak of hurricane season. I hope and pray that we do not have any hurricanes hit our area.

We had around 40 golfers go to our sister course The Hamptons. They gave us a shotgun start and everyone had a good time playing and having lunch. Hopefully, our management will see that other Sun Courses do allow shotgun starts! As most of you have seen the course is being worked on. New hole markers are in place. Also new ball washers installed. Areas of the course have been cleared and cleaned out. Greens seem to be coming back as of late August. Ongoing issues with the equipment breakdowns have caused uneven cuts and areas of deep rough. Not sure why management continues to have these issues and not just lease equipment. Leased equipment has maintenance as part of the lease when a breakdown occurs.

No changes to tee times for our leagues will occur in September. Normally it will come the middle of October and I will keep all of you informed as to any changes. Also, we will most likely have a golf meeting the last Tuesday of September, so please look for the meeting sign to go up.

Regards,
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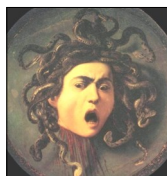


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 DERTEEM
 HESERM
 AMIRETS
 DOUNYSIS
 PIOESNDO
 ARSE
 HASDE
 ZESU
 ALOOPL

HEAR
 MEADUS
 PEERS
 MEEDA
 PRISA
 AHEILLCS
 APREHTEDO
 ORSPHUE
 PESGAUS
 PHXOEIN



↓ **ANSWERS** ↓

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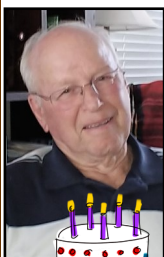
September

Albring, Diane	Sept	1
Cluck, Mary Adele	Sept	2
Burns, Barbara	Sept	3
Bentley, Judy	Sept	4
Bredeau, Dianna	Sept	4
Rose, Betty	Sept	5
Breece, Monae	Sept	6
Phelps, LeDeama	Sept	7
Rosas, Ann Marie	Sept	8
Watson-Baulch, Dianne	Sept	8
Addis, Kitty	Sept	9
Hall, Elaine	Sept	10
Dillingham, Dona	Sept	11
Gorski, Janice	Sept	11
Martin, Joanne	Sept	11
Azadian, Suzanne	Sept	12
Graziano, Carolyn	Sept	14
Dohrn, Joan	Sept	15
Gilmore, Bonnie	Sept	17
Barron, Ilona	Sept	19
Campbell, Martha	Sept	19
Hill, Rosemary	Sept	19
Thomason, Pat	Sept	19
Gordon, Cheryl	Sept	20
Wallis, Ann	Sept	21
Jones, Phyllis	Sept	21
Mackin, Sharon	Sept	21
Earls, Rita	Sept	23
Myer, Linda	Sept	24
Dickson, Janet	Sept	25
Hrovosky, Lyn	Sept	26
Raile, Kay	Sept	26
Rogers, Melissa	Sept	29
Haugen, Unni	Sept	29

Rodecker, Linda	Sept	29
Cole, Bonita	Sept	30
Stramiello, Juleen	Sept	3-

October

Gagne, Carole	Oct	1
Vogel, Barbara	Oct	1
Funk, Mary	Oct	2
Crutcher, Deborah	Oct	2
Prim, Terri	Oct	2



Celebrate!

September

Legault, Todd	Sept	2
Brombach, Tom	Sept	2
Madl, Don	Sept	3
Pache, Walt	Sept	4
Clement, Art	Sept	6
Hurlburt, Roger	Sept	7
Thull, Richard	Sept	12
MacDonald, Ed	Sept	15
Evans, Bill	Sept	15
Dundas, Dave	Sept	15
Rogers, Chuck	Sept	16
Reynolds, Dave	Sept	16
Quartucci, Mike	Sept	16
Osborne, Ted	Sept	17
Challen, Gary	Sept	17
Triplett, John	Sept	19
Stevens, Danny	Sept	20
Till, Carl	Sept	21
Wilkinson, Jim	Sept	21
Liefert, Charles	Sept	21
Wampler, Wendell	Sept	21
Smith, Allen	Sept	21
Wenk, Steve	Sept	22
Gorski, Joe	Sept	24

Fox, Mike	Sept	24
Campbell, Lee	Sept	25
Hayes, Patrick	Sept	26
Gallion, Bob	Sept	28
Snow, Cliff	Sept	29
Turney, Glen	Sept	29
Taylor, Bob	Sept	29
Dixon, Lloyd	Sept	30
Abbot, Rich	Sept	30
McKee, Leo	Sept	30

October

Collins, Mel	Oct	1
McGregor, Rob	Oct	3



Question: So who changes the season when summer is over? **Answer:** No one. It happens Autumnatically.



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September

Gallagher, Tom & Agnes	Sept	1
Moyer, Bill & Lisa	Sept	2
Thompson, Bob & Judy	Sept	3
Rodecker, Tom & Linda	Sept	4
Krause, Bob & Sonja	Sept	6
Weston, Paul & Marie	Sept	6
Phillips, Walt & Barbara	Sept	6
Bentley, Jim & Judy	Sept	6
Quartucci, Mike & Winnie	Sept	7
Myer, Gary & Linda	Sept	7
Shepherd, Ken & Maria	Sept	10
Calkins, Don & Kay	Sept	13
Davis, Gerald & Clara	Sept	14
Steel, Bill & Lil	Sept	15
Wolfanger, Gary & Jean	Sept	15
Dougherty, Bob & Melissa	Sept	16



White, Lee & Sheryl	Sept	16
Lucariello, Vince & Joyce	Sept	18
Rodgers, Chuck & Lois	Sept	18
Conkie, Charlie & Colleen	Sept	19
Digaspari, Tony & Elizabeth	Sept	25
Reynolds, Dave & Shirley	Sept	27
Lynch, John & Janice	Sept	27

October

Phelps, Ed & LaDeama	Oct	1
Williams, Bill & Cindy	Oct	1





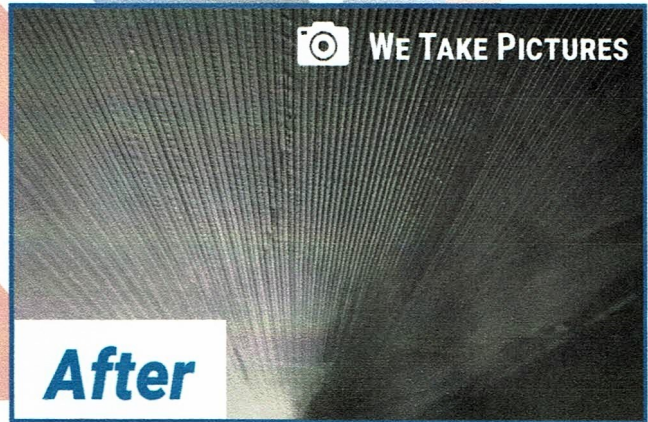
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**Connie Schutt's
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Ingredients:

- 1 large head red leaf lettuce
- 2 Granny Smith Apples thinly sliced
- 4 oz. Swiss Cheese grated
- 6 oz. cashews
- 1 cup of oil
- 1/3 cup wine vinegar
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. dry mustard
- 2 Tbsp. poppyseed
- 1 Tbsp. minced onion



Instructions:

Layer lettuce, apples, cheese and cashews in order given. Mix all other ingredients in blender until well blended. Pour on salad just before serving and toss.



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EDITORIAL *Lori Pettit, Ass't Editor*



The month of September has always marked a change in routine for me. The street lights began to come on earlier, signaling the end of summer and the end of binging on play. A sense of finality arose as I resigned myself to the routine of school. Summer's last gasp was heard when the street lights came on in the second inning of the kickball game.

Routines and I have a difficult history together. School imposed a routine that confined and restrained my desire

to play any game at any time. I really was quite addicted to the competitive element of games from an early age. It wasn't so much the need to win. Playing games provided an escape, a redirection from self centered thought.

What I loved most about school were the "breaks" from school: Thanksgiving holiday, Christmas and New Year's, Spring break, snow days, even a dentist appointment was preferred over spending the entire day at school. I just couldn't wait to get the school day over with so that I could resume playing. You can imagine how "thrilled" I was when homework interfered with my play plans! I survived the school year by counting down the days to summer break.

Now I find myself counting down the days until summer is over. The days when the heat is not so exhausting or the sun so hot on my fair skin. Waving goodbye to the last named storm of the season is still a few weeks off, but the cooler and dryer evenings for play are here. And with that, a return to play outdoors. It feels as though most of the community has been hibernating. Or else they have escaped to cooler climates for a few months. Another theory, maybe they are "morning people"... that has never been my favorite time of day.

Thankfully we live in a climate that permits outdoor play almost every day. The summer heat and storms take the place of school and street lights these days. Now I rejoice that summer is ending. Our seasonal residents will soon return and we'll have enough players to make the game work.

I recently discovered that several of our Southport Springs neighbors participate in the Tampa Bay Active Life Games. What is that, you ask? It is an opportunity to play outdoor games/sports with thousands of people who are age 50 and older. Last year, 600 Florida athletes competed in the National Senior Games. Over 11,000 people competed at the National level. Registration is open (but ends 9/22) for the 2023 Active Life Games, which began in the 1980s and offers a variety of contests for all skill and fitness levels. This year's Active Life Games will be held Oct. 2-13, with events ranging from track and field to shuffleboard to pickleball to billiards and horseshoes. Competitors that place in the top 5 of each event advance to the Florida Senior Games. There are 17 individual sports and 3 team sports. The 2023 Senior Games were held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania this year. Florida athletes captured a record number of medals, 578 in total to rank first in the nation! That's impressive!

If you see me outside and playing alone, know that it isn't because nobody will play with me anymore. It's because I have found a new obsession and am practicing. Once again employing the distractions of sport to engage with the joy that play of any kind provides. I'll probably be smiling and talking to myself as well...but don't call the funny farm to schedule a pick up. I'm alright.

For more information about the Active Life Games go to <https://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/en/residents/recreation-and-culture/recreation/tampa-bay-active-life-games> or Florida Senior Games at <https://floridaseniorgames.com>

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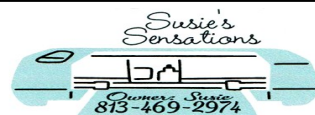
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