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The next HOA Board Meeting will be held Tuesday – October 4, 2016.....7pm The next Social Committee Meeting will be held Wednesday – October 5, 2016....7pm

## POT LUCK DINNER IN SEPTEMBER

VERYONE is invited to come to the club house Saturday, Sept. 17th at 6 p.m. We are having a pot luck dinner. Bring a dish to share and your place setting. We will provide lemonade and ice tea. If you want something different to drink, just bring it.

This is a good way to get together, visit and catch up with all of our neighbors. It will also give you a chance to show off your favorite recipe. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Liz Johnson 618-791-6555

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 10 Joe Lopez
- 14 Randi Sandford
- 18 Randall Vance
- 21 Ida Ciulla
- 22 Roy Keefe



#### ANNIVERSARIES

Benn and Arlene Ehrich Richard and Randi Sandford



Please contact Randi @ 419-261-6518 if you would like your birthday or anniversary listed.

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BLOCK CAPTAIN CHAIRPERSON, ML FAIOLA, IS LOOKING FOR A COUPLE OF PEOPLE TO FILL IN THIS SUMMER WHEN SOME OF OUR BLOCK CAPTAINS ARE VISITING UP NORTH. Contact ML for more information 443-624-0342.

F.Y.I.....FRIDAYS ARE GRASS CUTTING DAYS IN AMBER GLADES THIS SUMMER.

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR JULY

et Well Cards were sent to: Alys D'Amico Lot 111, Shirley Cron Lot 243, Betty Ambrosino Lot 277, Greg Johnson Lot 263, Eileen Hayden Lot 382, and Joan Johnson Lot 190

**Sympathy Cards were sent to:** Marty Mielnick Lot 368, Barbara Davis Lot 211, and Joseph D'Amico Lot 111

[If you know of someone in the park that needs a card sent, please contact our Sunshine Person, Millie Ricci, Lot #367, 727-386-5790]

## **JULY 2016 MOVE-INS**

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Our July move-ins were: #224- Billy Echols

#44- George and Jackie LaFountain

#114- Patricia DeRobbio and Elizabeth Thompson

#33- Richard and Karen Cooley

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

Lana Snyder would like to thank everyone for the cards and well wishes during her recovery. A special thanks to neighbors checking in on her.



ML Faiola would like to send out a big thank you to all of her friends who gave her a birthday surprise. It was her very best birthday with more cards than ever. A special thanks to the BUNCO ladies and Dorothy and Sharon. And, to Lovie who built her a lighthouse.

## SUMMER HORSES - Thursday Nights - 6:30 - 8:30pm

We are a group of about 10 - 20, depending on who is available. No experience necessary – you don't even need to know how to ride a horse! We would love to welcome you to our (s)table. Call Helen Donohue for more information 724-3916.

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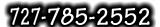
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## **SUMMER COFFEE KALTCH - 8 – 9 am - Wednesdays**

Lost your wednesday YOU are invited for morning coffee and donuts at the clubhouse. Coffee is free, but the doughnut will cost you a dollar. Herb and Rose Hendershot welcome you in to chat with Amber Glade friends over your morning coffee. Please join us (even if you don't drink coffee!) whenever you can....we will save a seat for you!



## **SUMMER BINGO - Mondays - 6:30pm**

ooking for a fun night out? Join us on Mondays for BINGO at the clubhouse. The more the merrier! Prize payouts depend on attendance.

Plan to come a few minutes early because the first game is a progressive cover-all and you will need time to mark the pre-drawn numbers.

## BUNCO! - Tuesdays - 1pm

fast paced dice game enjoyed by all. Easy to learn. ML Faiola loves to greet you at the door and welcome you in. A great way to meet new friends and waste away an afternoon. It costs \$2.00 to play and all money collected goes back in prize money. Fred says, "Come on out and enjoy the fun!"

## The Happiness Secret

Contributed by Rose Hendershot

he 92-year-old, petite, well-poised and proud lady, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with her hair fashionably coifed and makeup perfectly applied, even though she is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today.>

Her husband of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, she smiled sweetly when told her room was ready. As she maneuvered her walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of her tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on her window.

"I love it," she stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy."Mrs. Jones, you haven't seen the room just wait.""That doesn't have anything to do with it," she replied. "Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged.. it's how I arrange my mind.

I already decided to love it. It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a

choice; I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do.

Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away just for this time in my life.

Old age is like a bank account: you withdraw from what you've put in.

So, my advice to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories.

Thank you for your part in filling my Memory bank. I am still depositing."

Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

- 1. Free your heart from hatred, present or past hurts.
- 2. Free your mind from worries, most of the time, they don't happen.
- 3. Live simply, don't spend what you don't have.
- 4. Give more to those in need.
- 5. Expect less from others.

Now be blessed!



## **CHANNEL 95 & 732**

ny changes, additions, subtractions, ads, etc. for our "in park" TV channels can be forwarded to Richard Sandford, 419-460-6518 or emailed to <u>95@amberglades.com</u>

<u>**DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER**</u> Please have any news articles to Randi by September 10th so they can be included in the October Newsletter. Please call your articles to her (419)261-6518 or email them to <u>agsocialcalendar@gmail.com</u> Thank you.











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#### Do:

- "I'm here for you." Let people know you're available to listen when they need to talk. Check in regularly to show that you care.
- "Let's do something." Help them get out of the house. Suggest activities like taking a walk, going to a movie, or getting some coffee.
- "I know this is difficult." Recognize the other person's struggle. Just knowing that someone understands the challenges of depression can help.

#### Don't:

- "You just need \_\_\_\_\_." Minimizing the person's pain doesn't help. Don't offer a quick-fix solution to a long-term problem.
- "I get depressed, too." Yes, everyone feels down from time to time, but clinical depression can feel like a never-ending battle. Don't compare your occasional blue days to another person's serious condition.
- "Other people have worse problems." Comparing your friend's problem to other people rarely helps—and may make the person feel worse. Show compassion for the situation and help as much as

## Move here to get into shape

oes where you live influence your physical health? Some cities are more conducive to a healthy lifestyle than others in terms of access to parks and recreation, "walkability," and other factors The American Fitness Index, produced by the American College of Sports Medicine and the Anthem Foundation, lists the ten best cities for fitness in the United States. They are:

- 10. San Diego
- 9. Hartford, Connecticut
- 8. Salt Lake City
- 7. Boston
- 6. Seattle

- 5. San Francisco
- 4. Portland, Oregon
- 3. Denver.
- 2. Minneapolis
- 1. Washington, D.C.











## Activity Calendar 2016 - 2017

SEPTEMBER 17 Pot Luck Dinner (Millie Ricci)

OCTOBER 16 Breakfast (Don Horrigan)

29 Halloween Dance (Janet & Paul Fether)

NOVEMBER 11 Veterans Day Celebration

26 Ohio/Michigan Game Day (Hazel & Richard Holliday)

DECEMBER 3 Tree Trimming/Pot Luck Dinner

18 Christmas Caroling

24 Christmas Eve Dinner (Don Horrigan)

31 New Year's Eve Party (Gail Downer)

JANUARY Tampa Bay Downs/Lunch (Pam Routzon)

14 Winter Fling Dance

25 Brunch/Fashion Show

FEBRUARY 4 Breakfast (Don Horrigan)

11 Valentine Dance (Mary & Joseph Montalbano))

16 Charity Dinner (Don Horrigan)

MARCH 4 Mardi Gras Celebration (Faye & Don Rehrig)

17 St. Patrick Dance (Hazel Holliday)

26 Resident's Dinner

Please watch for changes/additions/subtraction from this calendar. They will be posted on the clubhouse bulletin board, on Channel 95 or 732, and on Amber



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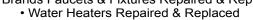


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## The three kick rule

lawyer went duck hunting in rural Tennessee. He shot a bird that fell into a farmer's field. As he went to retrieve the duck, the farmer walked up.



"That duck is on my land," the farmer said. "So it belongs to me."

"But I shot it," the lawyer said. "If you don't let me have it, I'll sue you for your farm and everything you have."

The farmer smiled. "Tell you what: How about we settle this with the three kick rule?"

"What's that?" the lawyer asked.

"One of us kicks the other three times. Then the other guy gets to kick the first guy three times. We keep doing it until one of us gives in."

The farmer looked very old, and the lawyer worked out regularly. "All right," he said confidently. "We'll do it your way."

"Since we're on my land," the farmer said, "I kick first."

The lawyer agreed, positive that the elderly farmer couldn't hurt him.

He was wrong. The farmer's first kick sent him into the dirt. His second hurled him against a tree. The third had him flying into a haystack.

Dizzy, the lawyer pulled himself up and took a deep breath. "OK, now it's my turn."

"Nah," the farmer smiled. "You can have the duck."

## The wrong direction

n old man and his wife argued constantly, and the husband was often heard to say, "After I die, I will dig my way out of my grave and haunt you for the rest of your life!"

When he died at age 98, superstitious friends asked the wife if she was afraid he'd make good on his threat. She shook her head. "I buried him upside down—and I know he'll never stop and ask for directions."

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## **Libraries still important to most Americans**

ost Americans believe that libraries still do a good job of serving their communities' learning needs. A Pew Research Center survey found that 76 percent of adults agree that their local library is fulfilling its educational function, with 37 percent saying it does so "very well" and 39 percent saying "pretty well."



About 78 percent of survey respondents indicated they've visited a library at least one time in their lives, and 44 percent said they'd been to their library at least once in the past 12 months.

Among the latter group, 97 percent consider themselves "lifelong learners," along with 98 percent who rely on library websites for information and learning.

## Say cheese! Most of us rate our photography skills highly

ost of us like to take photographs, and most of us think we're pretty good at it. In a Canon USA survey of 1,000 adults, 80 percent described their photography skills as "good to excellent," and 62 percent said their picture-taking talents had improved over the last two years.

What are people taking pictures of? More than half—55 percent—post photos of recipes they're proud of, and 27 percent have shared pictures of their meals to brag about. The survey also discovered that people tend to take more pics of their pets than themselves (59 percent), although 47 percent admit they take selfies regularly.

Mostly we take pictures of our friends and family on special occasions (64 percent). Holidays and family gatherings are popular occasions for snapping images, with 80 percent taking photos on Christmas, Hanukkah, Memorial Day, and the like.

Video is popular, too: Seventeen percent of people in the survey say they shoot videos for online posts, with 50 percent taking videos of themselves to share on Facebook and other platforms.

When you have mastered numbers, you will in fact no longer be reading numbers, any more than you read words when reading books. You will be reading meanings.

—W.E.B. Du Bais

## Home is where the children are staying these days

hildren used to grow up and move away, but that's no longer a guarantee. A study reported on the NPR website has found that for the first time in 130 years, young adults 18–34 are more likely to live with their parents than on their own:

Living in parents' home
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Living alone
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22 percent

The "Other" category takes in such possibilities as living with a sibling or other family member, sharing housing with a roommate, or group situations like a college dorm—or prison.

## Self-driving cars not tops on wish lists

riverless cars are coming whether we like it or not—and many Americans don't. Despite claims from the government, car manufacturers, insurance companies, and tech enthusiasts about how driverless cars will be safer and more efficient, the public is skeptical



A University of Michigan Survey has found that 46 percent of U.S. drivers prefer a vehicle with no self-driving capacity. Thirty-nine percent would opt for a car with some self-driving capability, and only 15 percent really want cars that can drive themselves. The numbers are consistent with those of a similar survey conducted 10 months earlier.

One reason for the reluctance may be plain old-fashioned fear: One study by the AAA found three-quarters of respondents simply feel to scared to trust a car without a human driver.

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## Give Fido a belly rub, not a hug

hey've wanted to tell you for a long time, but they didn't have the words: Dogs hate being hugged.

An article in Psychology Today describes how a group of researchers analyzed the body language in a series of photos of dogs receiving hugs from humans. They found evidence of stress in 82 percent of the photos, leading them to speculate that dogs experience hugs negatively. The reason? Dogs have evolved to be fast runners, and their first line of defense against danger is running away (not biting). Hugs make running difficult, if not impossible, making dogs nervous—and more likely to bite if they feel threatened.

A pat or a belly rub may be a more positive way to appreciate your pet, the researchers say.

## America the innovator

mericans prize creativity and innovation. The Scientific American website took a look at why, asking various experts to address what drives the creative spark through the United States. Here's what some of them said:

- John Kao, CEO, Edgemakers: "What are key elements of American culture that make up the 'secret sauce' of innovation? For a start, forgiveness of failure, tolerance of risk and an appetite for apparently off-the-wall ideas. In Silicon Valley, the saying goes that if you haven't failed at least once or twice, you're not trying hard enough."
- Linda Weiss, professor emeritus, University of Sydney: "One of the most striking aspects of America's innovation culture is the belief that nothing lies beyond human power to achieve, that science and technology can solve most problems, and that change invariably leads to better outcomes."
- Shamim M. Momim, director, Los Angeles Nomadic Division (LAND): "America is a nation that celebrates its founding on individual freedom and struggle against oppressive systems of belief. It makes sense that, in order to provide each person the opportunity to pull himself or herself up by the bootstraps and succeed on one's own merits, innovation—literally 'a new method, idea, or product'—would be the avenue to that success."

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All the hands stayed in the air. "OK," he continued. "What if I do this?" He dropped the bill on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty.

"Now, who still wants it?" Still the hands stayed high in the air.

The speaker smiled. "My friends, here's my point: No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times in your life, you will be crumpled, dropped, and ground into the dirt. You'll feel worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value."

## The monkey king

kingdom of monkeys lived in a grove of mango trees alongside a river. They lived peacefully for many years until a king built a castle close by.

The king noticed the mango grove. He told his soldiers to bring him a mango, and when he tasted it he instantly decided that he wanted all the mangos for himself. So he told his army to kill all the monkeys and bring the mangos back to the village.

The king of the monkeys saw the soldiers approaching, the human king behind them. He quickly told the monkeys they had to flee. They made their way through the forest, pursuing by soldiers, until they reached the edge of a high cliff.

Safety beckoned from another cliff just out of reach. But the monkey king was large, so he was able to reach across and grab a root, allowing his body to become a living bridge from one side to the other.

The monkeys crawled over him until all reached safety. But the soldiers caught up with the tribe just before the monkey king himself could escape.

The human king had seen the whole thing. Impressed by the monkey king's courage and self-sacrifice, he ordered his army to go home and leave the monkeys unharmed. Before he left, he asked the monkey: "Why did you do that? You might have died for them, and you are their king."

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