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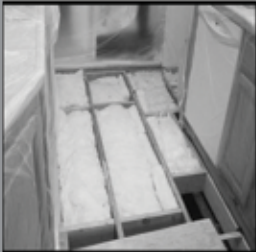
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# Hillcrest Ladies Friendship Club

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## MINUTES, MARCH 8, 2016

The March meeting of the Hillcrest Ladies Friendship Club was called to order by President, Carole Sutherland, at 1:00 p.m. Thirty-nine people were present. Several relatives, guests and residents who joined us for their first time were introduced.

Judy Bobb led us in a meaningful prayer that included mention of those who were ill or convalescing.

Our luncheon was on the table and ready for us to partake. We filled our plates with croissants filled with chicken and egg salad, cole slaw and potato salad, condiments, fresh strawberries, peaches plus an assorted fruit salad. Then we were offered a choice of cakes for dessert. Coffee and tea were available. It was a delicious meal prepared and served by the board and the hostesses of the day. Those present heartily thanked them for a delightful repast.

Our meeting followed. The February minutes, read by Jane, were accepted as read.

Sally gave the Treasurer's report. We have \$71.77 in petty cash as of 2/29. \$50 was given to us from the Office for our luncheon. A Thank You note will be given to Leslie for her help.

Ginny, our Sunshine Lady, reported she sent Get Well cards to Grace Harrison. She also sent Get Well cards to Tony Warren and Jean Carden who are in the hospital. Ginny received a Thank You note from Grace as well.

Our Christmas Party in December will be handled by membership agreement to either be held at Kally-K's in Dunedin or as a Pot Luck in our clubhouse. Pat Wilden & Hazel Frisby will collect a consensus after March 21st and make a decision with our President at that time.

Over 20 lovely door prizes were distributed to various ladies. Our thanks to all who contributed these prizes.

Our April get-together, non-meeting, will be on Tuesday, April 12th, at 1:00 p.m. in the clubhouse. All Hillcrest ladies are invited. A sign-up sheet is on our Friendship board. Please bring your own munchies and beverage of your choice as well as plates, glasses, etc. to use. This is a do-it-yourself get-together as a farewell party to all leaving for the summer. Bring your smile, a friend if you wish, and a donation for the Food Bank. No \$2 club donation this month.

We donated 88 pounds of food to the Food Bank this month. Good job, ladies.

Our meeting closed at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane C. Perley, Secret



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## Manager's Corner

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### Seasonal Residents

Well, it's that time of the year again where we must say farewell to our family of "snowbirds" as they migrate back up north. You will all surely be missed around here. It was lovely getting to meet and know you this winter season. Safe travels as you journey back to your northern retreats!

P.S. Don't forget to make arrangements to take care of your properties while away - Thank you!



**MANAGER**

### Maintenance Crew Duties

Kudos to our maintenance guys hard work to keep up our community. Some of their tasks include picking everyone's bagged trash on Mondays and Fridays, fixing any issues related to the common grounds and our rentals, keeping our property tidy and ensuring everything is up to par.

### Renters and Owners

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Should an owner decide to sell their property, please have the prospective buyer stop by our office to fill out our application. Once again, they will need to be approved through our office before a sales contract can be signed.

### Complaints Against Neighbors & Gossip

Should you have a grievance with your neighbor, please try to work it out for yourselves. The only time a complaint should be brought to our attention is when there is a verbal or physical threat against your or against our community's property. If you are threatened or attacked physically, CALL 911. We understand that some people just do not get along. But as a community, we all need to try to keep the peace.

Gossip is just that, gossip. If you do not have facts associated with something someone said, please disregard it. Gossiping only brings on hurt feelings, distrust and hateful thoughts. We are a family and community here. Please do not allow your feelings or opinions to get the better of you. You don't know anything about the other person until you have walked in their shoes.

On a Final Note - We want to thank you all for helping out our newest residents who have gone through a tough few months. Stepping up to the plate and assisting this couple in need was a blessing to them. Your donations were much appreciated. This is what family is about, caring and sharing! Thank you for making them feel at home here at Hillcrest!



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## **Social Club**

*Submitted by Tonya Bowman*

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The March 4th meeting kicked off with a pizza party. The end of the season party was held on March 20th. Entertainment was provided by the ever popular Rat Pack. The final meeting of the season will be held on April 1st.

If you are new to the park we invite you to join the social club. We sponsor events all through the winter season which begins in November. This is a great way to meet new friends and get involved with your new community. The Executive Board would like to thank all those who attended meetings and helped out with the different events held this season. Wishing everyone a safe trip home. We will see you in the fall.

## **Hillcrest Residents, Inc.**

*Submitted by Pat Jones*

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As the season draws to a close, the Board wishes all those traveling throughout the summer, safe travels. Before you leave, please be sure to secure your home. This includes, among other things, shutting off the water, arranging for someone to keep an eye on your home, arranging for someone to care for your shrubs and gardens. Chains across the driveway will keep others from using your carport, but it is a clear indication to the unsavory elements that you will not be returning any time soon. Please make sure your carport is cleared of ALL items, including statuary in the garden. During wind storms these become dangerous flying missiles. Don't forget to stop at the post office (near the Clearwater/St. Pete airport) to leave your change of address. Finally be sure to stop by the office to make them aware that you are leaving for home.

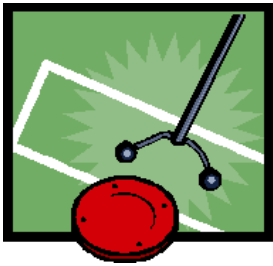
We hope everyone has had a chance to stop into the clubhouse and check out the new ice machine and refrigerator. Just a friendly reminder that the ice machine is not meant for you to fill your coolers when heading to the beach or boating. It is for use by residents using the pool or for events held in the clubhouse. The refrigerator is for use during park sanctioned events. It is not for personal use.

Our membership drive is underway. If you are new to the park or the organization, there is a \$5.00 initial fee and \$5.00 for the year's dues. In future years there is only the \$5.00 dues. We work for you, following up on issues brought to our attention.

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# Shuffleboard Club News

The shuffleboard Team Captains and Co-Captains for the 2016-2017 season has changed. Jim O'Connell is the "A" Team Captain and Robert Strang as Co-Captain. Roger Barr is the "B" Team Captain with Doug Anderson as Co-Captain, and Roy Morgan as Assistant. Our "A" Team is still in 1st Place in the Big Ten League and our "B" Team is in 6th Place. Keep up the good work teams while enjoying the games!



The Annual Big Ten spring meeting was held at South Gate Mobile Park February 26, 2016, and Hillcrest had 6 members attending. It was announced at this meeting that The Big Ten Tournament on March 19-20, 2016 at the Clearwater Courts would have the last call out to play at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and games would resume at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Fun Shuffles on Fridays @ 1:00 p.m. have been well attended with everyone having a great time. Several Hillcrest residents who have not shuffled on the team did very well and we're hoping they will consider joining the team in the fall. The 2016-2017 Season begins November 7, 2016.



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# April Sudoku



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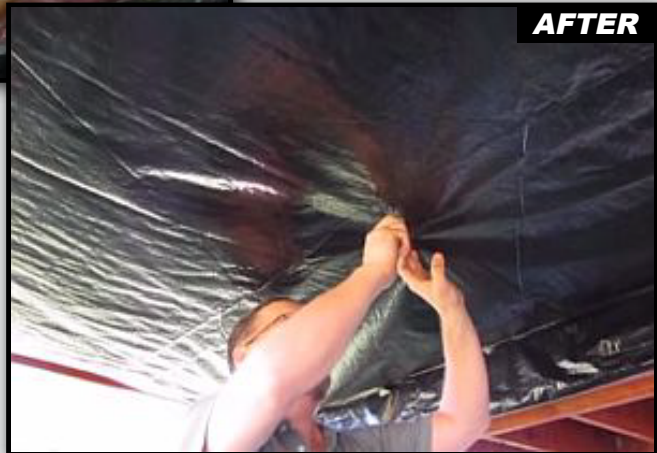
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**Month of the Military Child.** More than 2 million children in grades K-12 have parents who are serving in our military. Make a difference in the life of a military child by seeking out opportunities to acknowledge their sacrifice, volunteering for organizations that support them, and recognizing their contribution to the nation.

**National Autism Awareness Month.** A nationwide effort to promote autism awareness, inclusion, and self-determination for all and to ensure that each person on the autism spectrum is provided the opportunity to achieve the highest possible quality of life.

**National Garden Month.** Gardening grows fun for the whole family. Whether you're digging in the dirt, enjoying the magic of a small seed transforming into a beautiful flower, or observing the bugs, birds, and butterflies, gardening is a delightful way to celebrate the coming of spring.



## Weekly

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**National Robotics Week, Apr. 2-10.** The purpose of National Robotics Week is to celebrate the United States as a leader in robotics technology development, educate the public about how robotics technology impacts society, and advocate for increased funding for robotics technology research and development.

**Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week, Apr. 10-16.** This week recognizes the hardworking men and women who risk their lives and devote huge amounts of personal time and resources while serving the public and helping animals when no one else can.

**National Environmental Education Week, Apr. 17-23.** The nation's largest celebration of environmental education, EE Week reaches hundreds of thousands of students and educators across the United States with non-biased, high-quality, environmental education materials grounded in accurate, timely scientific information and tied to local, state, and national learning standards.

**National Pet ID Week, Apr. 17-23.** Collars and tags are a reliable way to identify your pets should they become lost. Make sure your dog, cat, or other animal friend always wears a current identification tag. Pet supply catalogs, stores, veterinary offices, and animal shelters often have forms to order ID tags.





## April Fool!

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It's April 1st—the day for practical jokes large and small. If you're looking for inspiration, remember one of the all-time great media hoaxes.

In 1957, the BBC's respected news program Panorama ran a story celebrating a bumper spaghetti crop in Switzerland—thanks to a mild winter and the near elimination of the destructive “spaghetti weevil.” The program included footage of Swiss farm workers pulling strands of spaghetti from trees and laying them in the sun to dry.

Although some viewers caught on—and chastised the BBC for playing fast and loose in a news program—others fell hook, line, and pasta ladle. Many even telephoned the network to ask where they could get their own spaghetti trees.



## Make new friends all through your life

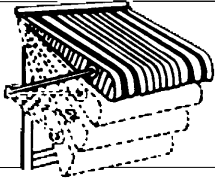
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Building friendships and creating thriving social circles is a key component of good health throughout your entire life. From Mayo Clinic's HealthQuest newsletter come these suggestions for making new friends no matter how old you are:

- Take your pet for walks. Make conversation with folks who stop to chat.
- Join a hobby group.
- Volunteer in community groups or at a hospital, church, or school.
- Take a course at your local community college.
- Shape up while meeting new people in an exercise class.
- Get active in a social cause or goal.
- Go out to lunch with a work or social acquaintance at least once a month.
- Ask a small favor of a neighbor or co-worker, and do the same for him or her.
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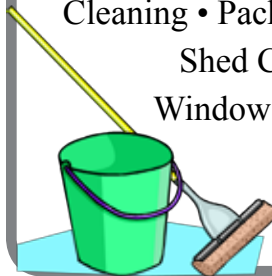
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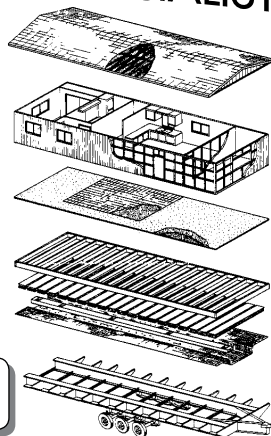
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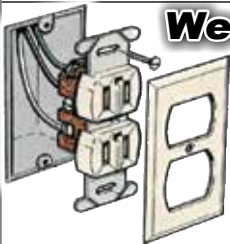
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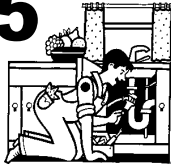
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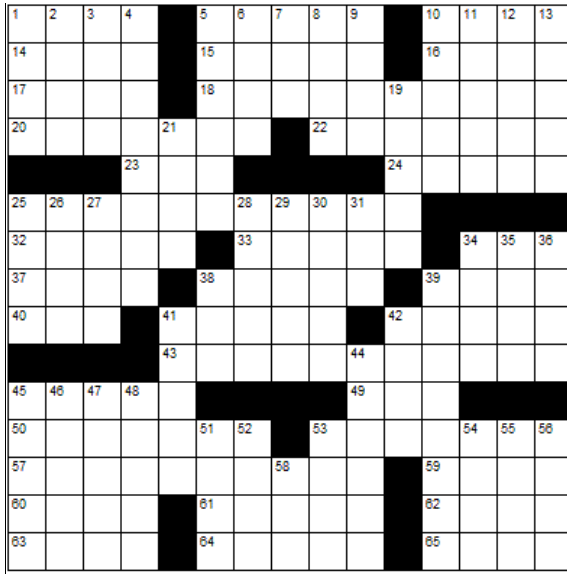
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# April Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1. Decree
- 5. Yokels
- 10. Journey
- 14. Balcony section
- 15. Drink garnish
- 16. Hindu princess
- 17. Absent Without Leave
- 18. Intolerable
- 20. Deep purplish red
- 22. Sleep
- 23. Compete
- 24. Expectorates
- 25. Being present everywhere at once
- 32. Magnetic induction unit
- 33. Disorderly revelry
- 34. Chart
- 37. Connects two points
- 38. Growing old
- 39. Garden tool
- 40. N N N N
- 41. Display
- 42. Aromatic seeds
- 43. Walkers
- 45. Phillippine tribal chief
- 49. Charged particle
- 50. Forward
- 53. Clothing
- 57. Officer
- 59. Roman robe
- 60. Portent
- 61. Slogan
- 62. Black, in poetry
- 63. Lease
- 64. Overweight
- 65. Writing table



**DOWN**

- 1. Deception
- 2. Hawkeye State
- 3. All excited
- 4. Broadcast
- 5. A type of power tool
- 6. Forearm bone
- 7. Top part of an apron
- 8. Nights before
- 9. Secure against leakage
- 10. Vagabond
- 11. Jewish scholar
- 12. Arm of the sea
- 13. Wharves
- 19. Out of practice
- 21. Bites
- 25. Leer at
- 26. Principal
- 27. Religious sisters
- 28. Nosed (out)
- 29. A river through Paris
- 30. Anagram of "Sneer"
- 31. Henpeck
- 34. Mother
- 35. Analogous
- 36. Writing implements
- 38. Card with one symbol
- 39. Demolished or subverted
- 41. Athletics
- 42. Prune
- 44. Walk quietly
- 45. Painful grief
- 46. Japanese cartoon art
- 47. Not quite a teenager
- 48. Razz
- 51. Audition tape
- 52. Prig
- 53. Picnic insects
- 54. Gown
- 55. Prima donna problems
- 56. Lean
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- **“Is bronchitis contagious?”** Answer: Maybe, if it’s the result of a bacterial infection.
- **“Is pneumonia contagious?”** Answer: It can be, because most cases of pneumonia are caused by bacteria.
- **“How much water should I drink per day?”** Answer: About half as many fluid ounces as your weight in pounds. For example, if you weigh 140 pounds, you should be drinking about 70 fluid ounces per day (nine cups), although factors like heat, exercise, pregnancy, and other considerations should be taken into account.
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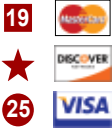
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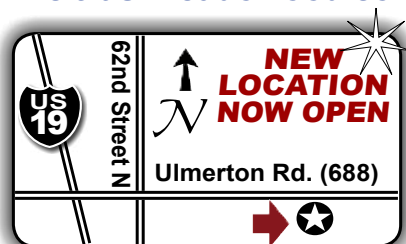
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- I told my doctor that I broke my arm in two places. She told me to stop going to those places.
- I asked my friend in North Korea what living there is like. He said he couldn't complain.
- I was wondering why the Frisbee seemed larger the closer it got. Then it hit me.
- Have I told you this déjà vu joke before?
- I didn't know my husband stole things from construction sites, but when I got home all the signs were there.
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## Lift your glass to these wine stats

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Do you enjoy a glass of wine with dinner? If so, you're not alone. Decanter Magazine estimates that 93 million people drink wine regularly in the U.S., which adds up to 40 percent of all adults. The amount of wine Americans drank last year rose from 2014 by 0.2 percent, but Decanter predicts that by the year 2025, 11 million more people will be wine fans, for a total of 104 million dollars. That's a lot of wine.

## Save your cash when you eat out

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Eating in restaurants can get expensive in a hurry. When you want to get out of the house but you don't want to spend a lot, try these tips to lower your tab:

- **Have a snack first.** Eat something healthy before you head out. Then order a smaller meal or an appetizer instead of a full dinner.
- **Skip the extras.** Don't have cocktails or order dessert. These can add up quickly. Have a glass of wine and your own dessert at home instead.
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