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HAPPY AUGUST !!!

As the summer heat continues, please keep yourself hydrated - drink lots of water and try to avoid the direct sun. Make sure you sit in the shade and put on sunscreen! Don't forget to have fun in the pool!

HOME SELLING PROCESS

This year has been crazy-busy with homes selling throughout our community. Just to update everyone on our policy:

- 1. Prospective buyers <u>MUST</u> be approved to live in our community. Before you take money or have them sign a contract, please ensure that they are approved through our office. You may come by to pick up an application to have ready for any prospective buyers. This will speed up the process. If they are serious, they will have the app back to us ASAP. Once we receive the application and all pertinent documents and app fee, it will take about 1-2 business days to get an answer. Occasionally, it may take longer as we may have to put in a request for an override into our corp. office in order to approve someone. This could take up to a week.
- 2. Once approved, we will contact the buyer and they will, in turn, contact you to proceed with your transaction.

REMOVING PLANTS & TREES

This has become an issue in the past few months. Please do NOT pull any mature plants or cut any trees without notifying the office. There are some trees that cannot be cut without the approval of Pinellas County. Also, please do NOT remove a bush from a neighbor or vacant property. There have been a few missing plants around the community. This is considered theft. If you see anyone doing this, please call the police.

Have a happy and safe Summer!!!

YARD SALE RECAP

e had around 20 homes participate in this event. Thank you to all those that took part. Some did very well others not so much. We were able to add 5 new members to the HOA group. If we do this again next year we will plan it for May when the weather is more stable and less hot

A Complete Listing of Resident Services can be found on the page before your calendar

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SCHOOL DAYS

Schools open early in Pinellas this year. August 10th will see the streets once again crowded with cars and kids. Please watch out for them, especially the first weeks of school. When going thru a posted school zone - SLOW DOWN. The speed limit is 15mph and the fines are big. You must stop for a school bus with flashing red lights, regardless of what side of the street the bus is on. The exception to this is a divided street like sections of Gulf-to-Bay. The fines for this infraction are HUGE! So put the phone down (it can wait), focus on your driving, and be aware of your surroundings. Please remember that little kids rarely think of consequences and tend to just run out across streets, between cars, etc. You get the picture.

HURRICANE SEASON

Where are entering the heart of hurricane season. The gulf waters are hot which aids in hurricane formations and giving them power. Check your supplies, if you have pets be sure they have their rabies shots and any others they need if you plan on using a shelter. Do you have your important papers together and other supplies you will need if you must evacuate? Make a plan, supply the plan, and then if need be, work the plan. BE PREPARED.

The one good thing about a hurricane is the amount warning time you get. Usually several days. This is the time to be sure EVERY item in your yard, on your carport is moved inside. This would include statues, plant pots, chairs, swings, bikes, tables, etc. These will all become flying missiles in winds of 80 - 100+ miles per hours. If you are "watching" a neighbor's home for the summer, then be sure to plan to remove their items as well. If you are a northern resident, you should ensure that there are NO objects left outside when you leave. Going

on an extended vacation say 2 -3 weeks? Your home should have items removed to the inside or have a neighbor be responsible.

We've been lucky so far, but being prepared is like having an umbrella when they forecast rain. You know it won't happen but you take it anyway. Want rain? Wash your car.

BÉ SAFE everyone.

July 4^{...} Dinner

Dinner was held at l pm so that anyone headed to fireworks could attend. A Big thank you to the following for their help: Jan G. for menu planning and cooking ribs, pulled pork, pies etc. Richard S. for his grilling expertise with the chicken, everyone who brought a side, Eva and Julie and Jan S. for cleanup help. It was wonderful to see several new resident's attending, Gary, Richard, Mary, Jeff and anyone else who made this their first ELS function that they attended. We hope to see you at many others. Pictures of the event have been posted to our Hillcrest Resident's Facebook page. If you are not a member find the page and request admittance. This is a closed page only for resident's past and present.

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submitted by Pat Jones

quarterly meeting was held on July 5th with Joey Oxford - Regional, Leslie manager, Pat and Barb Connors.

What everyone wants to know **-THE LIBRARY**. Missed communications are part of the delay. A meeting is to be held on Monday July 11th for the final sign off on work to be done. Then it is up to the contractors to begin work. A review of the plans: Paint color will be a beige, the flooring will be a dark wood looking tile. The wall between the "closet & bathroom" will be removed to make it one smooth wall. There will be 2 aisles of bookshelves back to back as before. The seating area will be approximately the same but the TV will be removed. A large A/C unit will be put in. When doing the floor of the Library, the billiard room floor will also be done and a professional will be used to ensure the pool table is level when moved back into place. Hopefully by the time you read this work has actually started.

We also discussed the amount of time the office is closed during the week The AA's hours will be adjusted to 9-3ish Monday thru Friday. No longer will the office close for lunches. With Ashley there during the bulk of the day the office will not need to close for conference calls, meetings, or trainings.

As you all know a new contract was signed with Ameripride. I know, frustrating as all get out. Not only for us but ELS management as well. BTW this is not signed by Leslie. There is a new owner of Ameripride and a meeting has been set with him to review standards and expectations. We were assured that if the current problems continue that the contract would be terminated.

Among other areas of concern that were discussed were the missing and broken chairs by the pool, a request for some small plastic tables to put with the lounge chairs, new umbrellas, management to send notices to homes with the green mold and to attend to their units that have this mold, the nonfunctioning properly elliptical machine, and having the street meet the driveways filling in those (at this time) little potholes that can be a tripping hazard.

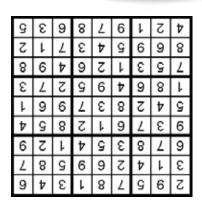


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Did you know that August is also...

Back to School Month. As summer draws to a close, back-to-school season is in full effect. Remember to safely share the roads with school buses, pedestrians, and bicyclists, and provide children with the necessary knowledge to stay safe at school. Whether children walk, ride their bicycle, or take the bus to school, they—and the motorists around them—should remember to take proper safety precautions .



National Black Business Month. During August, individuals, institutions, and businesses are encouraged to visit at least one black-owned business per day. The increased sales resulting from that traffic could result in more than 40,000 additional jobs during the month and as many as 450,000 new jobs if the habit is continued over the course of a year.

National Immunization Awareness Month. National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) provides an opportunity to highlight the value of immunization across a person's lifespan. Activities focus on encouraging all people to protect their health by being vaccinated against infectious diseases.

Clown Week, Aug. 1-7. Celebrations take on a variety of forms, such as putting on shows in malls, child care centers, hospitals, and nursing homes, and clown appearances in parades, grand openings, and other places.

National Fraud Awareness Week, Aug. 7-13. Businesses and government agencies around the world lose an estimated 5 percent of their annual revenues to fraud. National Fraud Awareness Week seeks to educate everyone on the dangers of fraud and how to protect themselves from criminal activities.

Motorcycle Week, Aug. 14-20. For the motorcycle rider and lover, a week dedicated to the vehicle that millions of Americans enjoy. Ride, celebrate, and make new friends on the road.



National Aviation Week, Aug. 14-20. A celebration of flight, observed during the week of Orville Wright's birth, Aug. 18. Along with his brother Wilbur, Orville Wright built and flew the world's first successful airplane in Kitty Hawk, N.C., in 1903.

International Beer Day, Aug. 5. Enjoy your favorite beer, or try a new one—responsibly, of course.

World Elephant Day, Aug. 12. Asian and African elephants are loved, revered, and respected around the world, yet we teeter on the brink of seeing the last of these magnificent creatures.

National Dog Day, Aug. 31. Celebrate your dog—and dogs everywhere.

New moon discovered around distant dwarf

The solar system is a little bit larger these days. The Hubble Space Telescope has found a new moon orbiting the dwarf planet Makemake in a region of space beyond the planet Neptune known as the Kuiper Belt, where many other small planet like objects have been found. Makemake is slightly smaller than Pluto, another dwarf planet, and is covered by a layer of frozen methane.

According to the Sci-News website, the moon, nicknamed MK2, is approximately 100 miles around and orbits close to 13,000 miles above Makemake. Astronomers discovered it after examining observations from the Hubble made in 2015. Astronomers believe that it is the product of a collision between Makemake and another celestial object or was captured by Makemake billions of years ago.

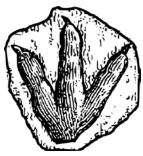
Wookie alert! New species sited on Earth

hewbacca has been sighted—not a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away, but in Papua New Guinea. It's the name of a newly discovered species of flightless beetle, dubbed Trigonopterus Chewbacca because of its distinctive pattern of scales.

As reported on the (e)Science News website, Chewbacca is one of four new black weevils discovered by an expedition of scientists looking for examples of the Trigonopterus beetles. The website notes that unlike its fictional namesake, this Chewbacca doesn't depend on size and brawn to scare enemies off, because it measures only 2-3 millimeters in length.

New evidence changes theory about dinosaur extinction

For years scientists and dinosaur enthusiasts have accepted the theory that a giant asteroid caused the mass extinction of the dinosaurs 66 million years ago. Now that theory has undergone some tweaks, as reported on the Science News website.



The asteroid probably didn't help matters, but evidence now suggests that the dinosaurs had begun dying out long before it struck. Dinosaur species began disappearing faster than new ones evolved some 40-50 million years before the asteroid's impact—a loss in diversity that made surviving the event more difficult.

Many species of birdlike dinosaurs kept going, ultimately evolving into the birds we see today. Scientists speculate that because much of the diet of today's birds consists of seeds, earlier flying reptiles may have relied on the same food source, which can last for decades.









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Like a good neighbor . . .

We depend on our neighbors to water our plants and walk our dogs when we're out of town—or do we? A study from the Pew Research Center found that only a little more than half of Americans—52 percent—say they trust all or most of their neighbors, and 48 percent they trust only some of their neighbors, or none at all.

The Pew Center found that among households with incomes of \$75,000 or more, 67 percent of residents trust all or most of their neighbors, but in households earning less than \$30,000, only 37 percent feel the same.

Race may also be a factor, although the connection is unclear: Sixty-two percent of white Americans say they trust their neighbors, just 31 percent of African-Americans do, and only 27 percent of Hispanics.

The Zika virus: Protect yourself with the facts

The Zika virus is spreading in the headlines and around the world, but you don't have to panic. The best defense is information. Here are some basic facts about the virus from the NBC News website:

- Origins. Zika comes from the continent of Africa. It was first observed in 1947, but didn't seem dangerous. That changed when it migrated across the South Pacific and ultimately arrived in Brazil, where immunity against the virus is low.
- Effect. The virus itself doesn't seem to cause major health problems in most people beyond a rash, headaches, and fever. But it can in some cases cause paralysis, nerve damage, encephalitis, and miscarriages, as well as birth defects and deaths in newborn children.
- **Transmission.** The Zika virus is mostly spread by mosquitoes native to tropical regions. It can also be sexually transmitted.
- **Reach**. Zika has already arrived in the United States, where approximately 700 people have been infected after traveling to foreign countries. Mosquitoes that carry the disease are common in many areas, even as far north as New York, so localized outbreaks could occur in several states.
- **Prevention.** Air conditioning and windows screens are both good defenses against the mosquitoes. In addition, officials advise that people wear long clothing and insect repellant when going outside.







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The night shift takes a bigger toll on women

W orking the midnight shift is hard on everyone, but it may be more detrimental to women's health than men's, according to a study by a sleep research center at the University of Surrey.

The center put 16 male volunteers and 18 females in a controlled environment where each day lasted 28 hours without natural day-night light levels. Every three hours during "daytime" the volunteers performed a range of tasks that measured brain function, alertness, motor control, and memory. Both men and women were affected by the lack of natural circadian rhythms, but the impact was greater on women, who exhibited more problems than men during the early hours of their awake period. The information is useful for everyone contemplating work on the so-called graveyard shift.

Loneliness is bad for the heart

oneliness and isolation may be bad for your mental health, and they can also have a negative impact on your physical health. That comes from a British study reported on the CBS News website, which found that in addition to high blood pressure and compromised immune systems, loneliness can apparently lead to problems with the heart.



The British researchers looked at data from more than 180,000 people. They found that adults with few friends or social relationships were 29 percent more likely to suffer a heart attack or angina, and also 32 percent more likely to have a stroke.

The cause and effect relationship remains unclear, but the findings suggest that strong relationships can influence your health in many ways.

Choose the right food to combat stress

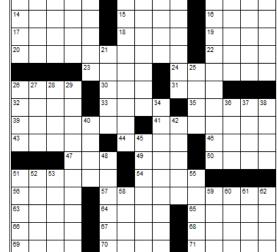
e all have our go-to foods when we're stressed out—chocolate cake or a bowl of ice cream. But certain foods can actually help you relax without blowing your diet. Consider these alternatives:

- Leafy greens. Spinach, lettuce, and other leafy vegetables can help your brain produce dopamine, which can calm you down.
- Turkey. The tryptophan in turkey boosts serotonin levels, relieving depression.
- Salmon. Salmon is high in omega-3 fatty acids, which can inhibit hormones that cause stress.



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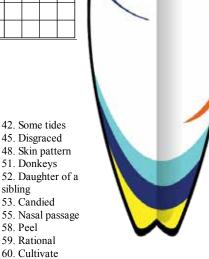
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Brit astronaut runs marathon in space

stronauts in the International Space Station travel thousands of miles around the Earth each day, but one man has added to that total on his own: British astronaut Tim Peake ran an actual marathon while in orbit, running 26.2 miles strapped to a treadmill as more than 37,000 runners participated in the London Marathon 250 miles below.

Running in zero gravity, Peake completed his marathon in three hours, 35 minutes and 21 seconds—an impressive figure, though about 15 minutes more than his time running an actual marathon on Earth in 1999, when he finished at 3:18:50.

Try these tips when deadlines are tight

Being creative is hard enough when you've got time to sit and think, but when you're on a deadline, inspiration can feel impossible to summon. Don't give up, though. Try these tips for creativity when time is tight:

- Eliminate distractions. Find a quiet room, or put up a "Do not disturb" sign where everyone can see it. If you play music, keep it low and soothing so it doesn't disturb your concentration.
- **Don't watch the clock**. You'll only increase the pressure on yourself if you obsess about every passing second. Concentrate on your task, not on how much time you have to complete it.
- **Take a break**. Sometimes you need to let your mind relax. Take a short walk or get a cup of coffee and clear your mind by chatting with a co-worker or just thinking of a different subject.



• Have a drink. Of course you don't want to start drinking at work, but some studies suggest that a small amount of alcohol can loosen up your mind and help you develop new ideas. Just remember not to drink so much you can't get back to the task at hand.

Every discovery in science is a tacit criticism of things as they are. That is why the wise man is invariably called the fool. —Martin H. Fischer

Get started on your writing project today

If you've dreamed of writing a novel, a short story, or even a poem, but you don't know how to get started, don't worry. Most creative writers have trouble with the first page from time to time. Try these tips for charging up your imagination:

- **Try some exercises.** Instead of launching right in on your thousand-page trilogy, try writing a few short scenes to get the hang of the process. Don't be a perfectionist—just get your story down as quickly as you can until you're used to writing.
- Keep a notebook. Whether you use paper or a smartphone, keep a running list of observations about the people and things you encounter every day. Use it to spark your imagination when you feel low on ideas.



- Find the right time. Determine when you feel most creative. For many people, it's the first few hours of the morning, but some do just as well writing late at night.
- **Cut yourself some slack.** Your first attempt probably won't be perfect. Remember that you're just trying to get your ideas out on paper (or the screen). You'll have plenty of time to rewrite and revise later.
- Have fun. If writing is drudgery, it may not be for you. Whatever you're working on, relax and try to enjoy what you're doing. Your emotions will show through in the finished product.

Shake up your habits to spark innovation

Innovation doesn't happen all by itself—you and your team have to work persistently to develop creative new ideas. Here are some strategies to kick your innovative impulses into high gear:

- Change your routine. Reschedule your day so you're doing things in a different order.
- Vary your surroundings. Rearrange your office for a different view, or switch offices with someone else if that's practical. Hold meetings off-site.
- Share data differently. Look for different ways to distribute information. For instance, write a report in rhyme, or deliver a presentation as a skit.
- Switch jobs. Spend a day doing someone else's job—inside your department or outside it.



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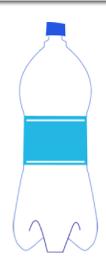


Water—are you getting enough?

Why reneed water to live, but if you're worried that you're not fully hydrated every day, information from the U.S. National Health Nutrition Examination Survey may ease your mind. The survey found that adult men drink an average of 14 cups of water every day— 117 ounces—and women consume about 12 cups, or 93 ounces.

The Institute of Medicine advises that men get about 125 ounces of water a day, and women 91 ounces, so the study suggests that most men and women are getting adequate amounts of fluid.

The report notes that "water" doesn't mean just plain water, though—in fact, only about 30 percent of fluid intake comes from the tap or bottle. We also get water from juices, sodas, coffee/tea, and even food. But juice and soda can add extra calories to your diet, so don't depend on these too much for your daily dose of H2O.



New findings on lifespans - How long will you live?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently reported that the average life expectancy for a Caucasian American born in 2014 is currently 78.8 years, down from 78.9 years one year before.

The life expectancy of non-Hispanic white women born in 2014 is 81.1 years, a slight decline from 81.2 years. For non-Hispanic white men, the figure is 76.5 years. The CDC notes that the drop, though mild, is unusual in nations like the United States, which tend to have higher standards of public safety and health care.

No more dumb blondes

The stereotype of the dumb blonde doesn't hold up, according to a study from The Ohio State University. Researchers studied data from more than 10,000 Caucasian women and found that natural blondes had an average IQ score within 2 or 3 points of brunettes and redheads. No word on whether the researchers determined that blondes really do have more fun.

The difference between the poet and the mathematician is that the poet tries to get his head into the heavens while the mathematician tries to get the heavens into his head.

-G.K. Chesterton

Lost in translation

Henry was visiting a distant country where he didn't know the language. He managed fairly well with the help of a guide, but on Sunday he wanted to go to church, and his guide had the day off. So he found a small church in the village where he was staying and followed a friendly-looking man inside.

The man greeted him and smiled, so Henry took a seat next to him and decided to copy his every action. When his new friend rose with the congregation to sing a hymn, Henry did the same, finding the hymn by looking at the man's hymnal. When the collection plate came around, Henry put in the same amount of money as the man next to him.

Toward the end of the service, the minister made some kind of announcement. The man next to Henry stood up, so Henry did too. The congregation gasped in shock.

After the service, the minister approached Henry. So Henry's surprise, the minister spoke English. "You don't know a word of our language, do you?" the minister asked kindly.

"Uh, no." Henry was nervous. "Is it that obvious?"

"Well, when I was announcing the birth of a new child and asked the father to stand up..."

The real problem

A little girl was running a high fever with a bad cough and an aching feeling throughout her body, so her father took her to see the doctor. After waiting for an hour, the doctor finally took them into her office for an examination.

"Now, Christina," she said after checking her heartbeat and looking down her throat, "What's bothering you the most?"

"My brother Sam," she replied honestly. "He breaks all my toys!"

High stakes

man walked into a bar and ordered a beer. As he drank, he noticed slabs of beef hanging from the ceiling on hooks. "What's this about?" he asked the bartender.



The bartender smiled. "Well, if you can jump up and pull one of them, we cook it up and give you free beer all night. If you miss, though, you have to put \$100 into the charity jar we keep back here for orphans. What do you say?"

The man looked up, then shook his head. "Sorry. The steaks are just too high." 32 HILLCREST HIGHLIGHTS AUGUST, 2016 E







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