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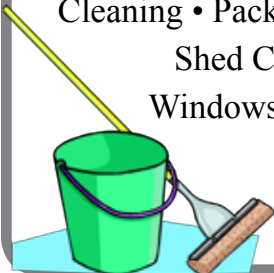
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Social Club

Submitted by Pat Jones

Nov. 2 was the start of a new season. Coffee was held at 9:00 a.m. It was nice to welcome back several friends. After coffee our social club monthly meeting was held. The discussion concerned upcoming events for November and December.

In November the second coffee of the month was a Breakfast. Eggs, sausage, muffins, OJ and coffee for a cost of \$3.00 per person. Based on attendance and response this may become the second coffee of the month for the season. Also in November and under discussion was the Thanksgiving Dinner. A committee was requested for this event.

December kicks off with a Coffee and meeting on Saturday the 7th. After the meeting the hall will be decorated for the holidays. If you would like to help just show up. Later that same day will be our welcome back party. this year it's a pizza party at 5:00 p.m. followed by entertainment at 7:00 p.m. This event is free to residents, but you must get your ticket from a board member prior to Dec. 4th If you wish to bring a non-resident guest the cost is \$6.00 per person. At this event there will be door prizes.

Our second coffee of the month will be canceled due to the close proximity to Christmas. Our Christmas dinner will need a committee to plan, host and execute the event. Funds are supplied by ELS so this is another perfect opportunity to take advantage of some of your rent monies. Non-resident guests will be charged according to the menu selected. In the past prime rib has been served and the cost was \$8.00 per person.

Finally in December is New Years Eve. Ticket pricing and availability will be discussed at the December 7th meeting.

The underlying theme here? These events are fun times, with good food and wonderful fellowship. Just like raising a child, it takes a village. So please consider volunteering. With ELS sponsored events you do not need to be a member of the social club but we certainly would love the support.





Potluck

Our first potluck of the season was on November 14. The second was Thanksgiving. The same will happen in December. The first is December 12, the second is Christmas. When joining us for potluck please bring your prepared side dish, and your place setting, cup and utensils. Do not plan on using the stove or microwave as the host/hostess will most likely be using those appliances.



There is a sign up sheet in the red book for both attending (so we have enough entree) and also a sheet to host the potluck. Again we need volunteers. This is also an ELS sponsored event.



Shuffleboard Club News

Welcome back all returning members. Some "Snowbirds" have returned already and we wish safe travels to the others who will be returning soon. "A" Team captain is Jim O'Connell and "B" Team captain is Dick Rankin. The Court Managers are Roy Morgan, Fred Reynolds, and Robert Strang.

Welcome to new members Larry & Donna Currie, and Bill Petrivelli from Serendipity Park who have joined the team.

Our 2019-2020 Big 10 League games began on Tuesday, November 12, 2019. Teams play on Mondays and on Wednesdays, except Thanksgiving Week when the games are played on Monday & Tuesday. We will continue doing a 50/50 Split Club Raffle at each home game to raise extra funds to help cover expenses. Hope everyone will support this endeavor.

Fun Shuffles will continue every week. Check the bulletin board for day & time. The cost is \$1.00 per person and all park residents are welcome to come out and have some social fun.

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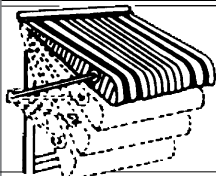
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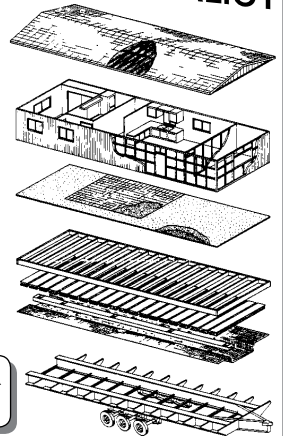
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From the Archives

submitted by Pat Jones

Some things never change, and while we may occasionally think we are confronting a new situation or problem, that is not necessarily the case. The following article was from the July 2004 Monthly Media.

Updates From Hillcrest Residents, Inc.

We all pay the same lot-rent each month, which as you are all aware, goes up each calendar year. Why be short-changed by someone who wants to do it their way and injure you and I and our neighbors by their acts and deeds? If more folks would speak out in writing as we mentioned in last month's newsletter about all of the incidents that go on throughout our small community, Hillcrest would be a better and safer place to live. More time could be devoted to starting more constructive activities opposed to many of us being policemen against those who don't care at all and have no respect or regard for the Rules and Regulations set forth by the Hillcrest Prospectus.

By the way - aside from association president Harvey Levinsky, our only other volunteer for the evening security run went back to Minnesota for the summer months. Some interest in participating by other full-time residents would be appreciated. Remember, every homeowner including their spouses are automatically members of the Hillcrest Residents, Inc., by the fact that they are homeowners in Hillcrest. By paying dues and becoming an active member with voting privileges opposed to being passive members affords one the change to cast a vote for any important issues the association puts up for change or improvement.

We want good neighbors to become involved. We are all supposed to be looking out for each other while trying to improve our standard of living here at Hillcrest; that's why they call the program **Neighborhood Watch**.

If something does not look right, inform the Police. If it's negligence on the part of your neighbors, or someone that they loan their home to without Manager approval, tell our Manager in the complaint form so that she can act in our behalf and hopefully answer your complaint personally within a few business days.

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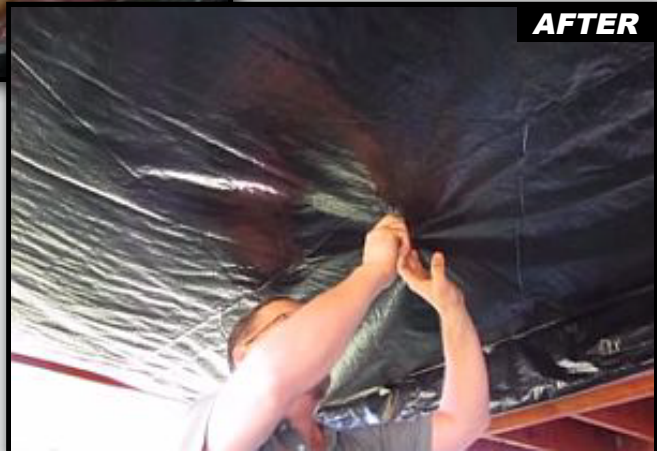
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“Putting limits to encourage creativity might sound counterintuitive,” writes JotForm CEO Aytakin Tank on the website. “But the thing is, constraints encourage more divergent thinking—and you can leverage built-in limits or apply them to the project at hand. For example, sometimes we'll tell our designers that they can only have 10 elements on a product screen. These limits stretch their problem-solving abilities and typically produce surprising results.”

Four paths to inspiration

Creativity calls for patience and a willingness to make mistakes along the way to success. The Thrive Global website offers some advice on how to begin this sometimes difficult path:

- Anticipate the future. Look at trends instead of the status quo. What's changing, and how can you take advantage of it? This helps you challenge conventional thinking and start finding new areas to explore.
- Let yourself play. Don't take your projects too seriously. Take time to relax and do something different. When working, give yourself the freedom to try something new and outlandish. Even if it leads nowhere, it should loosen up your mind so you can spot new possibilities.
- Let your mind wander. Focus is important, but so is a wide perspective. Think about the project you're working on, and allow your mind to explore all the angles without worrying about what's “right.” A wandering mind will sometimes come across a useful idea.
- Embrace ambiguity. Look at elements that don't seem related, and try to forge connections in your mind. Looking for similarities instead of differences can help you link ideas usefully and develop more options than what's immediately apparent.



A strange thing, words. Once they're said, it's hard to imagine they're untrue.
—Lauren DeStefano

Happy Puppy

Our pets make us happy, or we wouldn't have so many of them. Thirty-three percent of U.S. households have a dog, 11% have a cat, and 14% have both. The 2018 General Social Survey looked at the connection between pets and overall happiness.

The survey found that 36% of dog owners describe themselves as happy, and 18% of cat owners said the same. (Twenty-eight percent who have both a dog and a cat agreed)

Does that mean you'll be a happier person with a dog as opposed to a cat? Not necessarily. The survey found that dog owners are more likely than cat owners to be married and own their own homes, two factors that influence happiness and life satisfaction. Dog owners are more likely to engage in outdoor physical activity, another factor in overall happiness.

Whatever kind of pets you have, enjoy them and they'll bring you lots of happiness.



It's hard to make friends

Here's some sad news: The average American hasn't made a new friend in five years, according to a survey of 2,000 adults by OnePoll, reported on the Sputnik News website. Forty-five percent of respondents said they struggle to make new friends.

Thirty percent said they have trouble finding new friends because they don't like going to bars. About 33% said they're worried everyone already has a well-established circle of friendships, and 29% said their hobbies aren't good for making friends. Twenty-one percent said moving to a new city had made it difficult to forge new connections.

Age may be a factor. A majority of participants felt that making friends was much easier in their early 20s. Most said they had the largest circle of friends at 23. The survey noted that the average U.S. adult has 16 active friendships.

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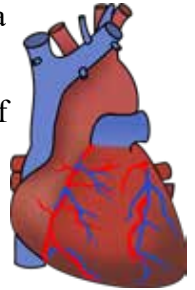
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Health News

Learn about stroke - and how to recognize one

What is a stroke? Also called a “brain attack,” it’s when blood to an area of the brain is blocked, or when there’s sudden bleeding in the brain. Someone suffers a stroke every 40 seconds in the United States, according to the NBC News website. The website describes two different kinds of strokes that can occur:

- **Ischemic stroke. This is caused by a blood clot or plaque blocking a blood vessel in the brain.**
- **Hemorrhagic stroke. This is the result of a blood vessel bursting and bleeding into the brain.**



The main causes of a stroke, according to the CDC, are high blood pressure, high cholesterol, smoking, obesity, and diabetes. How can you tell if someone is having a stroke? Remember the acronym FAST:

F: Face. The face of a person having a stroke usually droops. Ask the person to smile. If the smile is uneven, a stroke could be happening.

A: Arms. Ask the person to lift one or both arms above the head. A weak or numb arm is another symptom of stroke.

S: Speech. Is the person slurring his or her words, unable to speak, or difficult to understand?

T: Time to call 911. If the person exhibits any of these symptoms, call for medical help immediately.

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Universal Human Rights Month

Universal Human Rights Month began in 1948, when the United Nations wrote up a document called the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to define what human rights would be protected universally. The first article of this declaration states: “All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.”

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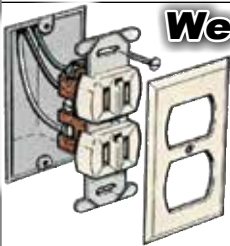
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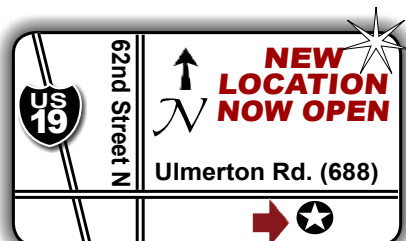
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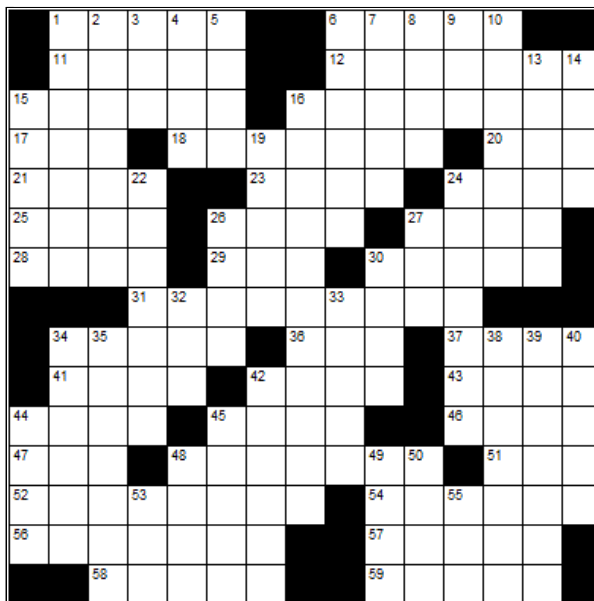
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The police officer frowned. “That’s because the picture I showed is his side profile.” Annoyed by this ridiculous response, she flashed the picture for five seconds at the second man. “This is your suspect. How would you recognize him?”

The second man smiled. “Ha! He’d be too easy to catch because he only has one ear!”

The officer grew angry “What’s the matter with you two? Only one eye and one ear are showing because it’s a picture of his side profile! Is that the best answer you can come up with?”

Extremely frustrated, she showed the picture to the third man and in a very testy voice asked, “This is your suspect—how would you recognize him? Think hard before giving me another stupid answer.”

The third man looked at the picture intently for a moment. “The suspect wears contact lenses.”

The policeman was surprised. “Wait here for a few minutes while I check his file.” She left the room and went to her office, checked the suspect’s file on his computer, and came back with a beaming smile on her face.

“Wow! I can’t believe it. It’s true! The suspect does, in fact, wear contact lenses. Good work! How were you able to make such an astute observation?”

“That’s easy,” the third man replied. “He can’t wear regular glasses, because he only has one eye and one ear.”



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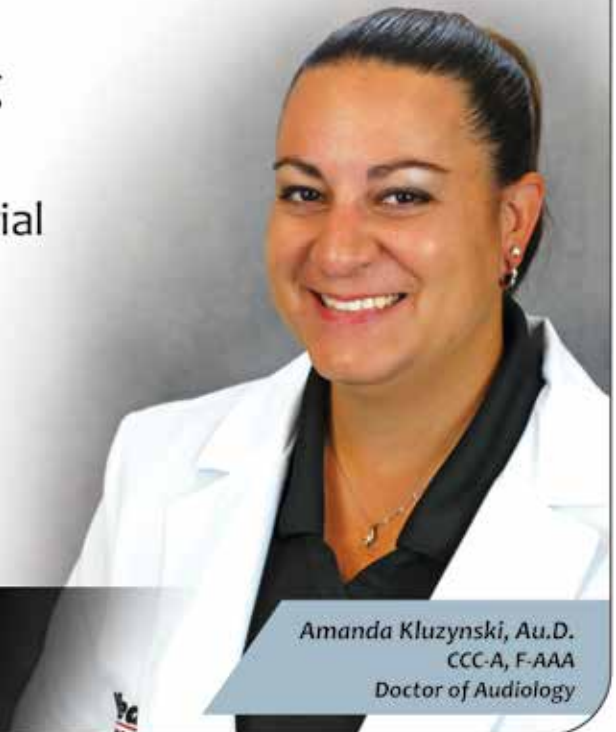
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