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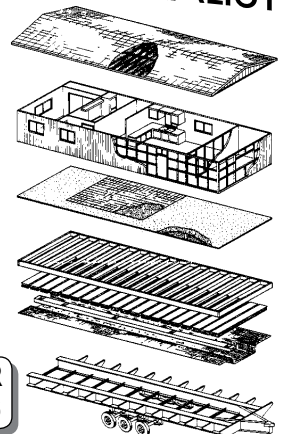
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The Presidents News Release

The members of the HOA spoke very precisely on how you wanted our park to continue. This has been a very busy week with the changes on the board, the resignations of two board members requiring a search to begin for replacements.

I am pleased to announce that residents came forward to fill the positions. Due to a time constraint to meet the media publishing deadline, we could not show names for Secretary nor the 3-year Director.

Our new Vice President: Ned Grove has a background that will support growth in our park. His responsibilities place him in charge of monitoring and supporting the Activities Committee. I am sure he brings fresh ideas to the table.

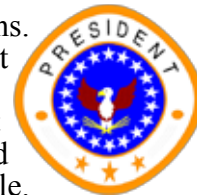
Help us make 2017 a year to remember. My goal is a large one, to increase HOA members, bring back the Block Captain program, and represent each of you in regards to issues that affect our lives.

Always feel that you can contact me with concerns, ideas or just visit.

If you need to contact me, my email is transtom2@msn.com and my phone number is 727 216 6092, so you can keep me updated with concerns or issues you may want to discuss. Take time to enjoy life, spend time with friends and reach out to new neighbors, make them welcome like you did when Cassie and I moved in.

Thank you for supporting me.

Thomas Watson, President HOA Island in the Sun



Ladies Lunch Bunch

Submitted by Helen Dennison, Lot 210, 727-754-6977

On Feb.16th, over 30 of The Golden Girls from IITS, met at Johnny's Italian Restaurant for a wonderful luncheon date. The food at Johnny's is always a treat. It was the first visit there for several of our ladies, and they were pleasantly surprised. We had our door prize drawing, and Pat Henderson won for the third time. Pat seems to be one lucky lady. You might like to have her rub your lottery tickets just for luck the next time there is a big jackpot. Ha Ha! In March, we were



supposed to dine at The Bahama Breeze Restaurant, but due to reservation restrictions, we switched to Rumba's instead. The next outing for our Ladies' will be on Thursday, **April 20**, when we will have lunch at **THE SUNSET GRILL** 2328 Sunset Point Rd. Clearwater, 12 noon. **PLEASE sign up in the activities book at the clubhouse.**

Spotlight on John & Bella Lukach

Lot #80, submitted by Pat Henderson, Lot #266, 727-400-6002

On many occasions, I have seen this good-looking couple participating in events in the clubhouse. They seem to always be smiling and they just exude happiness. I have often wondered about them, so decided I should make an appointment and interview them. I knew I wanted to be friends.



I was greeted with delicious cake and ice cream and a nice cup of hot tea. What a “welcome” and a surprise. That was such a nice way to get acquainted. We had some general chit chat while eating, and then I began my usual asking about their lives.

John’s parents moved to Northern Ontario, Canada from Ukraine. John was born in Kapuskasing in a log cabin. He was the youngest of five boys and one girl. He had all his schooling there and after high school he worked at a paper mill for about six years. He later moved to Montreal where he worked for Mayflower moving. Then he was hired at Atlas Alloy where he had

a great career and could retire after twenty years with a good pension and great benefits.

Bella was one of five girls and 1 boy-just the opposite of John being one of five boys and one girl. When she was eight years old, her family moved to Sudbury, Ontario. At the end of the eighth grade, she quit school as she wanted to go to business school and take bookkeeping and typing. She was very mature and apparently looked older than her age, so she had no problem finding work. She worked in the office for a dairy, later trained for office manager. She was only fifteen years old and could not be bonded until she was sixteen. The boss was flabbergasted when he found out how young she was, but held off bonding her until she was sixteen as she was such a good employee.

At seventeen Bella married and had three sons. She was a housewife and mother for about ten years. She and her husband and sons moved to

Kapusksasing, and Bella’s husband went to work at the mill where John worked. After a while Bella opened a confectionary store. John happened to be one of their first customers and became friends with them.

After thirty years of marriage, Bella’s husband passed away. About three years later, and after being alone, Bella contacted John, who had never been married, and she invited him to a show. He accepted and the rest is history. They have been happily married for twenty-three years. John has no children and never really wanted any. He didn’t think he had the patience to deal with screaming and crying kids. Bella’s children were grown so no problem with that. She has five grandchildren consisting of four boys and one girl. Three of them live in Winnipeg and two are in Ottawa.

Bella worked for a pharmacist as a bookkeeper in Kapuskasing for ten years when she and John married. Later she quit and they moved to Montreal, and they lived there five years and John retired. They lived in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Bella’s pharmacist friend bought another pharmacy in Ottawa, Ontario and she helped him and his wife set up an office there. Bella still does some part time work for the pharmacist.

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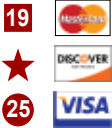
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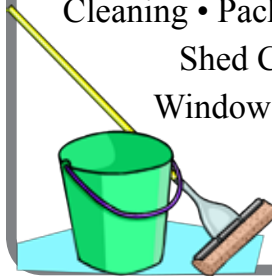
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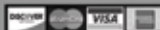


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A friend from work told them about Island in the Sun community. They absolutely love it here-the beauty and all the wonderful amenities. Their next-door neighbors, Ron and Judy Koonter have “bent over backwards”, and have become the best friends and neighbors ever, and help them in so many ways. Bella and John are renting here and have come here for several years. They are only able to come for four or five months of the years, so don’t plan to buy, but will continue to rent.

Bella’s favorite thing is golf. John doesn’t play anymore, but sometimes he goes with her and drives the cart. She has a nice group of ladies in her golf group. They have dinner friends, poker friends, bingo friends, pool noodle friends so it is evident to see why they are beaming with joy anytime you see them. I am so glad I met them. Just speak or try to sit near them sometime and you will find them to be “charming”. Bella asked if she could hug me, and I said “yes, I am single and I love hugs”, John gave me a hug, too.

Being such a pleasant couple, they just made my day, extraordinary

Neighbor Helping Neighbor

submitted by Larry & Kris Taylor, Lot #296, 727-286-7740

The First Saturday of each month at 1PM we will pick up any donations of canned food, boxed food, soaps and paper goods. Just place your donated items by your mailbox in a plastic bag. Monetary contributions accepted also.

Thanks to all who gave last month’s supplies and monies, it was greatly appreciated. If you know of someone who could use a little help, please let us know.

Thank You

Men’s Monthly Breakfast

submitted by Ed Dennison, Lot 210, 727-754-6977

On Feb.16, seventeen of our gents went to Papa's New York Diner for breakfast. Our fearless leader, Ed Dennison, could not make it due to that bug that went around our park, but our entourage trudged ahead without him. Unfortunately, the restaurant was not expecting them. Big mistake on their part, because Ed and Helen went there in person to make the reservations because the restaurant phone lines were unavailable. The food was satisfactory and it's just great to be able to get out and spend time together. **On April 20th**, we will meet again for breakfast at **ACROPOL RESTAURANT**, 2552 Sunset Point Rd. Clearwater. Be sure to **sign up in the Activities book** at the clubhouse. Let Ed know of any different restaurant that you can recommend. He's always open for suggestions.



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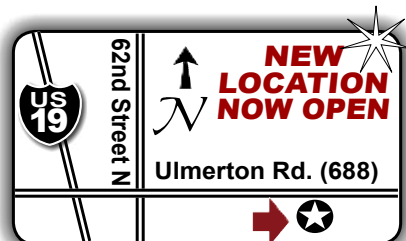


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Submitted by Rose Leduc, Lot #160, 727-797-8026

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Feb 21

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Anyone have foot and leg cramps?

submitted by Pat Henderson, Lot #266, 727-400-6002

Place a bar of soap under your fitted sheet. I put mine in the bottom corner between the sheet and mattress cover. I used a small bar like you get at a motel. I unwrapped it, but I have heard others say you can leave it in the wrapper. I don't know why this works, but I did this over a month ago, and I have not had a single foot or leg cramp since.

If you get a cramp, immediately drink a spoon of any kind of pickle juice, or eat a bite of mustard. These will relieve the cramp, but they may recur during the night. I get the mustard packages at fast food restaurants and keep them in my nightstand.

You can also apply heat. I have a rice pack (it's called a Bed Buddy). I microwave it for 1 1/2 minutes and apply to area of cramping. This will also relieve it, but it may come back. I heard about the bar of soap a long time ago, but recently know someone who did this and no more cramps. Now I am a believer!



Dominoes

Submitted by Nancy Barnes, Lot 157, 727-799-2434

Feb 06

Rosemary Gorney

Feb 13

Sandy Champigny
Rose Leduc

Feb 20

Sandy Champigny
Rick World

Feb 27

Rosemary Gorney
Sandy Champigny


To My Friends and neighbors

submitted by Richard Oliver, Lot # 184

As you know, 2016 was a very bad year for Rose and me. From 02/12/16 until 11/2/16, when she passed, she suffered 9 heart attacks and 7 strokes. Her medical regiment consisted mostly of untold days in the hospital or in Rehab. Our only days of sunshine and hope were given to us by you, our friends and neighbors. Your visits to her in the hospital would make her laugh and be happy again. They would raise her desire to get well as soon as possible so she could once again be with her "family" here in IITS.

Your daily morning visits as we sat on our carport reading the newspaper would fill her with elation that would last for hours. Then, at dinner time, there would be a knock on the

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door and there you would be with a complete home cooked meal, including dessert. We would savor it with much delight. We would eat it like we never had a meal. Rose always cleaned her plate. Me too.

It is these many kindnesses which made 2016 bearable for us. A very special "Thanks" goes to those of you who gave up your time Sunday, Feb 19th, to join me at 9am mass at St Catherin of Siena church for the mass in memory of Rose. I still sit on my carport mornings at 8 to 10AM reading the papers. As you pass by feel free to stop for some chat, a cup of coffee and donuts.

I cannot find the words required to properly express my deep-hearted "Thank You" for all that you have done for us, so I'll sign off by saying, you are all in my daily prayers and God Bless.

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Corrections for 2017

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HAPPY LIFE

submitted by Pat Henderson, Lot #266, 727-400-6002

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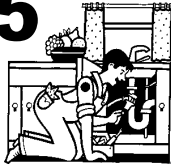
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submitted by Robert Newman, #46, 727-724-6283, pcfriar64@yahoo.com

April Birthdays

- 14 Jasmina Forcan
- Doris Ready
- 18 Mary Burke
- 21 Alta Keith
- 24 Trish Gudin
- 26 Rick Kiszka
- Mildred Matthews
- 30 Janet Coates
- Maria Kerkay



April Anniversaries

- 7 David & Rose Simmons
- 9 Don & Jaci Salisbury
- 12 Art & Betty Jackson
- 26 Rick & Eileen World
- 27 Rocco & Trish Gudin



Remembrance Corner

submitted by Dottie Newman, Lot 46, 727-724-6823, pcfriar64@yahoo.com

Mary Jane Segarra, #86, is now home from the hospital recuperating after having major surgery.

John MacKay, 271, was hospitalized with heart irregularities.

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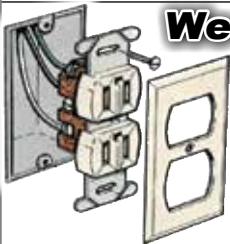
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Spotlight on Sherry Bartmanski & Alex Lozecki. Lot # 102

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I have admired the pristine looking home of Sherry and Alex for several years. In the mid 90's Alex was here for a conference, and when he drove across the Courtney Campbell Causeway (Hwy 60) he just fell in love with the area. A few years ago, he and Sherry stayed at Indian Shores and loved the beaches. Several friends of theirs took them around to ten or twelve parks. One day as they drove into Island in the Sun Community and stopped in the office. Darcy, the saleslady at the time, drove them around on the golf cart showing them homes available. Alex asked to see this one and eventually his offer was accepted and they purchased the home.

They have completely remodeled everything from beautiful flooring to a roof over and lanai. The walls are now all sheet rock, updated electrical, all new bathrooms, new lighting, etc. They have pretty much done everything except replace kitchen cabinets. They looked fine, so he left them alone. They have some Florida touches like a beautiful, large painting that you see upon entering the home. Alex is quite a handyman and they have done a lot of work themselves. Sherry helped with the demolition, painting and chose colors, decorations, and furniture.

Alex has an older brother and a sister, who is now deceased. He was born and grew up in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. He boasted that he was the baby in the family and truly a "mamma's boy" and he had a big smile when he said it. Alex has an 8th grade education. He went to work for Al's catering and because he was only about 13 years old, he had to be driven to work in the catering truck. He also worked for both Pepsi and Coca Cola hauling cases and eventually became a driver for them. By the time, he was sixteen he was running earth movers and bulldozers. He was a good young man and turned his earnings over to his family.

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His marriage produced four sons, all of which are married. They have blessed him with nine grandkids-six girls and three boys. He was married almost forty-two years.

Sherry was born in a little town named Mt. Hope which was just outside of Hamilton, Ontario. Sherry went to school in Stoney Creek and graduated grade 12. She has four sisters, one older and three younger. Two live near her in Hamilton Ontario but the youngest is in PEI and one is in Fairbanks Alaska. Sherry was a good student which allowed her to be exempted from final exams so she left school about a month early. She married at age 17 and seven years later she had a set of twins, a boy and a girl. That marriage lasted thirty-four years. Although,



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both of her children are married, neither has had any children and they also live in Hamilton. Both Alex and Sherry's parents are deceased.

Sherry worked for the Bank of Nova Scotia for thirty-six years, starting as a clerk, then supervisor and was promoted into management. The bank opened an automotive finance center for car loans both retail and commercial lending. She was Manager of the Accounting, Flooring and Leasing Dept.'s. As well as being the Operations Manager for Ontario. After she retired in 2009 she began doing volunteer work for the Red Cross in the role Emergency Response Team/ Disaster Management. She has been deployed multiple times across Canada and most recently when she returned home last May and spent 6 weeks in Ft. McMurray Alberta during the return on the residents who evacuated from the wildfires. She is also a volunteer with the Hamilton Police Dept. She is the supervisor for the Records Department who assist the Business Centre who complete records checks. She continues to do her volunteer work electronically while here and will return to it when she is back in town.

Frank Greco, the co- founder of Elvis Presley Tribute Artist Festival in Collingwood Ontario also started a festival in Hamilton and approached Alex about his business being a sponsor. Sherry was serving on the committee and Alex and Sherry had some interactions. But Sherry thought Alex was somewhat of a jerk. Two years later, they met at a classic car show. Sherry has a 75 VW Super Beetle and Alex has a 71 Malibu and 57 Ford Convertible. They have won awards for their restored classic cars. By this time, Sherry had become interested in Alex and was throwing out "bait", but he just wasn't catching it. One night after a car show, they sat and talked for five hours. Then again, a few nights later. This led to their getting together when they discovered they had so much in common.

They have a 22ft. Catamaran here and another boat in Canada. They enjoy boating, fishing and scuba diving. Once when they were scuba diving, Alex surfaced early to repair a leak in his line. He noticed a diver up and realized it was Sherry. She was lying face down and motionless in the water. He called out her name and even whistled very loud, but no response. The boat moved closer and just as he was about to jump into the water..she moved. He was very relieved and very perturbed that she had scared theout of him. Sherry said she was just relaxing and watching the other divers below her while she waited for the boat to come over.

They also love to travel, just recently returned from a trip to South Africa. They only live here about four months of the year because they make annual trips to Bahamas and Vegas.

I could tell from our conversation how much fun they are having in their "golden years". I had spoken with them briefly on several occasions, but it was a pleasure to sit down and share some of their memories. They are very friendly and sociable, so don't miss a chance to talk with them. They have many friends in our community, so they stay quite busy and love having a home here in our community.





Behind the Scenes of the Activity Committee: March 13, 2017

submitted by Tom Watson, President of IITS, Lot # 68, 727-216-6092

Have you ever thought about what occurs in our monthly committee meetings?

Neither had I and you will not unless you attend one of these meetings.

Here is the step by step process, I hope this allows you to understand why we are always looking for people that will host an event, support an event or contribute to the process.

Let's begin with April events:

Our committee looks at the upcoming month and people start talking about the event itself.

A. They must decide the one event for the month that will attract our residents.

B. We have a set monthly dollar amount from Cal Am to use for entertainment for that month only.

C. So, for example, let's use April 1, as the event, everyone agrees and then we begin building that event.

D. Who is going to chair this event? Let's say Ned Grove and Linda Webster agree to chairing this event.

E. Time of the event to be held: For example 7-10PM.

F. Will the HOA furnish food, if so what will be offered? We will use finger food for this example.

G. Entertainment must then be decided. This requires someone to agree to research entertainment for the event, get an estimated cost associated with the entertainers. All entertainers will need to have a contract signed as soon as they are accepted and a Form W-9 filled out. They will get a 1099 at the end of the year if we use them more than once and they are paid \$600.00 and over.

H. The chair must then prepare a budget for the event. The budget is then presented to the HOA Board for approval. No tickets can be printed until the budget is approved. The chairperson of the event requests tickets be printed by Linda Opaczewski, based on an estimated number to attend the event. Ticket cutoff date is established.

I. A flyer is created and presented to Cal AM, who will enter in the display case

J. Tickets are then given to our sellers along with all the details of the event. Time, Theme, Food menu, cost, entertainment

K. Chairperson builds his/her team to work the event.

L. Everyone works together and we all relax and move on for the next event.

Our activity committee consists of residents from all types of backgrounds, working together, making suggestions and chairing an event.

We are missing opportunities to host new events because we do not have people to staff the entertainment. I know we have residents that have thought about chairing or helping on an event, but held back due to lack of experience leading a team. We have you covered! Many experienced people are here to help, you are not alone and will get the support you need from the committee as well as the HOA board.

Please help where you can, join us on the **1st Saturday** each month, date is posted and in your media.

Sincerely: Thomas Watson, President HOA, Island in The Sun.

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Hello from the IITS Activities Committee and Linda Walker, Lot # 301, 540-272-1992

Meeting Notes: There will be two activities meetings in April. One on Saturday April 1 at 10:00 am, and the next one on Tuesday, April 18th at 7:00 pm. We had a great turnout for our March 11 meeting, and hoping we can continue the momentum! Please join us whenever you can, and share your ideas for events.

Thanks to the chair persons and their team of volunteers who pull all the activities together for the enjoyment of the Island in the Sun residents. Don't be afraid to step up and volunteer even if you haven't hosted before, as we have a great resource in the people who are familiar with how to chair an event, and who have coordinated parties in the past. They can help guide you through the process, and aid where needed. I am also available to assist, as is Ned Groves, Lot # 77, our new VP in charge of activities.

We are establishing a 'welcoming committee' to greet new residents and introduce them to our great community here at IITS. More details about this once the committee has had a chance to get together and discuss their strategy for making our new neighbors feel welcome. Thanks to those of you who are making this happen, we look forward to your ideas!

We need a few people to step up and volunteer for the following events:

- We desperately need at least two additional people willing to call bingo. There are currently four – two of us work full time and are only available occasionally; one will be leaving in early May, and one will be starting a seasonal job in April that runs through October. The only requirement is to be available from approximately 6:30 – 9 pm on Thursdays, and have a working computer knowledge to be able to operate the bingo program. If we can get at least four people signed up, each one would only have to call once a month, so it wouldn't be a burden on anyone.

- We need someone to chair the monthly potlucks starting on May 9. These are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Our current chair will be leaving to return home in late April, and won't be back until November or December. If you are interested in hosting this event, and have questions about what this entails, please contact me for details.



Special Up and Coming April Events

April 1, April Fools Event. Karaoke party 7-10, no other information is available

April 4th HOA Membership Meeting 7PM

April 5th, Cal-Am Luau Party in honor of New Residents 6PM

April 7th, Baseball Game.. Submitted by Ron Koonter, Lot 81

Just a reminder , if you don't already have your tickets for the Baseball game, there are only a few days left to get them. The game is the Clearwater Threshers vs the Dunedin Blue Jays on **April 7, 2017** at Spectrum Stadium. Tickets are **\$18 per person** and includes the game, food, and fireworks. Doors open at 5:30PM and food is served from 5:30-8 PM. Food includes all-you-can-eat hamburger sliders, hot dogs, BBQ pulled chicken, black beans & corn, chips, peanuts, ice cream sandwiches, soft drinks and bottled water. 16 oz. draft beer is available for just \$2.50 until 8:00 PM. Liquor Service is also available for a price.

The seating is in a covered area that is protected from the elements (but not foul balls). Cushion seats, bar type chairs, and standing areas are available by the first base area of the park. Friends and family of IITS residents, young and old, are also welcome to join us for an evening of fun. Even if you aren't a baseball fan, this is a fun event to be with your fellow IITS friends and neighbors. **The deadline is Thursday, April 6th.** You can park at the N.E. lot by the Stadium which is beyond Buffalo Wild Wings. **Parking is FREE.** Handicapped parking is down by the entrance to the tunnel. Enter the tunnel stadium entrance, turn left and take the elevator directly to the Big Shark Café. This is an open-air covered deck and offers a supreme view of the action. Very little walking required which should be appealing to those with mobility issues. Hope to see you all there.

You can get your tickets from: Ron Koonter, Lot 81, Bob Newman, Lot 46, John Opaczewski, Lot 312, and Bill Shiels, Lot 133.

April 11th, Monthly Potluck. 5:30PM. Bring a dish to share with all the people and come and enjoy. PLEASE sign up in the clubhouse book so there will be enough tossed salads made for all and so others will know what to bring. Suzanne Jones is the chair.

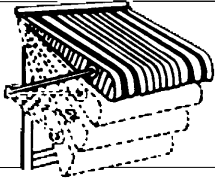
April 15th, 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt 12 – 3 PM, contact Linda Webster, Lot #27, 732-915-2458. There is still time to donate gifts for children and adults for the hunt. There is a basket by the Library in the clubhouse for donations.

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April 25th HOA Board Meeting 7PM come and meet your new board



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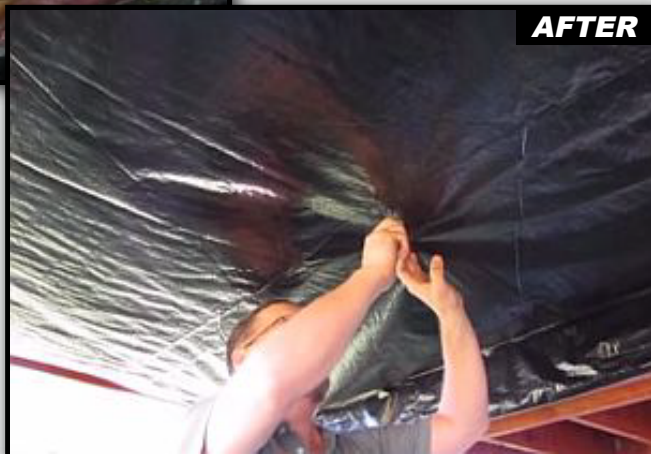
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