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Community Christmas Party	Open
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4th of July Celebration	
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Ladies Christmas Luncheon	Anita Reed, 535-8557
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By Pat Humphries

new law passed in 2019 in Florida that bans local governments from regulating tree removal and re-planting on private property. Property owners are required to obtain proper documentation from an arborist certified by the international society of Arboriculture or



a Florida licensed landscape architect that the tree presents a danger to the property. Approval is required from the Management Office at Paradise Island Co-Op prior to tree removal.

City of Largo to roll out life-saving Decal Program

By Pat Humphries

he City of Largo will soon roll out the Yellow Dot program in coming months. This decal will let Largo Police Department, Largo Fire Rescue and other first responders know there's vital personal and medical information in your glove compartment. Drivers who get the yellow dot sticker will also receive a form that lets emergency workers know who you are and if you have medical conditions, allergies, or medications.

For more information about the Yellow Dot decal, visit Largo.com/Public Safety.

Public Education Specialist

By Pat Humphries

n May 12, 2020 at 7 PM in the clubhouse, Summer Mahr, Public Education Specialist, Largo Fire and Rescue, will have a presentation on hurricane preparedness. Hurricane season runs from 1 June to 30 November. This is always an informative and educational program for all residents and look forward to a great attendance.

Social Committee Calendar 2019-2020

By Marcia White

13-Jun	Pool Party	Summer Pool Parties Return	\$2 ea. Bring a dish
27-Jun		Summer Dance	
11-Jul	Pool Party	Summer Picnic Pavilion/Pool after meal	\$2 ea. Bring a dish
25-Jul	-	Summer Dance	_
15-Aug	Pool Party	Summer Picnic Pavilion/Pool after meal	\$2 ea. Bring a dish
Aug. 29	-	Summer Dance	_
12-Sep	Pool Party	Summer Picnic Pavilion/Pool after meal	\$2 ea. Bring a dish
25-Sep	-	Dance	_



The Paradise Island Homeowners Association, Inc.

By Mary Ross, President and Renée D'Arcy, Director

ary is finally home and having additional therapy which she is hoping will take the use of the wheelchair and walker away. In the meantime, Peggi Toner is in charge and can be reached at 727-475-8157.

The HOA would like to welcome Resource Property Management as our new management company. We look forward to new ideas or suggestions and we also are looking forward to working with you and continue to function as one big community.

We missed our March 18th meeting with the new Management Company due to the coronavirus but they mailed us a packet that contained lots of useful information instead.

We know all our bingo players are going bonkers without their favorite Thursday thing to do. We are sure Frank cannot wait to get in the kitchen. As soon as we reopen, we will be back having fun. Check on Positively Paradise and PiFan for when everything will reopen.

Even during a pandemic, some evil people (scammers) try to take advantage of us. Do not fall for: the IRS needs your Social Security # or your bank account # in order to deposit your stimulus check. The IRS NEVER calls. Do not answer any calls if you don't recognize the number. If it is a legitimate call, they will leave a message.

This is a reminder that until the Co-Op is re-opened, everyone should abide by their guidelines as specified by the CDC and scientists: mostly no more than 10 people gathering together and staying 6 feet apart. In breaking the rules, you put us and others in danger of getting this disease. Please be socially responsible.

Even in extreme bad times, there is always something good that comes out of it. In this case, maybe it could be: ~ to be better prepared ~ to act faster ~ to realize that we had become materialistic ~ to be aware that we do not need a lot of what we have ~ to have taken too much for granted like hugging and kissing~ to have acquired full knowledge without any doubt that the only important things for a happy life are: HEALTH, FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

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Post from "Womenworking.com"

You are not stuck at home you're safe at home. One word can change your attitude and one cough can change your life.

There are also advantages and positive things happening in keeping a 6 ft. distance.

- ► Nobody can tell if you did your pedicure
- ► Nobody can tell if you shaved your legs
- Nobody can see if the 2 inch chin hair that pops up once in a while (usually you notice it in the morning as every women know, many things seem to happen during the night)
- ➤ You can eat as much garlic, beans, etc. as you want.
- ► MEN Nobody can tell if you trim the hair out of your nose and ears.

Nothing last forever, everything comes to an end. Let's keep our hopes up. Longing for the days that we can hug and kiss again, soon we hope. In the meantime, follow religiously the directive of the CDC or expert scientists and stay safe.

FLEA MARKET PICKUPS TO BEGIN IN APRIL

By KEN HOPKINS

quick thank you to all our residents who generously donated to last year's flea market. We had a fabulously successful event and would not have done so without you!! Flea market pickups are on hiatus until

April 3rd, when we will begin the regular two week pickups. One change will be beginning in June, we will go to a three week window,

Through August, due to the heat and many in our community having gone north for the summer. Two week pickups will resume in September. Please see the calendar of events for the exact dates. Again, thank you for your donations!! We appreciate them.

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

FLEA MARKET PICKUP SCHEDULE

By Ken Hopkins

5/1/20, 5/15/20, 5/31/20, 6/19/20, 7/10/20, 7/31/20, 8/21/20, 9/11/20, 9/25/20, 10/09/20, 10/23/20, 11/06/20, 11/20/20, 12/4/20, 12/18/20, 1/08/21, 1/22/21, 2/05/21, 2/19/21, 3/05/21 LAST PICKUP, 3/06/21 FLEA MARKET

Social Committee Updates

By Marcia White

hope this finds each of you in good health and that you practiced all the CDC guidelines to help slow the spread of Covid-19. In a community as close as ours it is very important that we do as asked. We have so many residents over the age of 65 which is the magic number for being most vulnerable. I miss my friends but not enough to take a chance on getting sick. I personally have a 96 year old mother who I am protecting by staying home where I belong so as not to bring in anything unwanted in to her home. I would love to go and see her in person but for now the phone works daily. At least I know she is safe at home.

This is the time to remember our friends and neighbors and call to see if everyone is ok or if they need anything that you might be able to provide for them. Not everyone can get out to a store for supplies, so if you live near someone who might need help please take the time to see if you can help by shopping for them when you have to go for yourself..

Small gestures are huge appreciations for those who are not able to go themselves.

As you know we have not had any events since the flea market, but this too shall pass. We have a summer schedule set up starting in June. If we need to make any changes we will post them on channel 732. I will post the fall schedule in the July media. There are no updates at this time due to the virus but hopefully next month we will be able to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

If we all do our part we can stop this horrible virus. Each time you break the rules you are adding on more time to those of us who are staying home. In the end it will take much longer to make this go away. Better to give up a little fun for the moment to shorten the length of time there will be NO fun had. Food for thought....

Stay Safe and protect yourselves....

Warm Regards, Marcia White

Summer water aerobics classes

By Anita Reed



ur summer classes will start approximately April 1st.,2020, at the usual time of 8:45 am. (weather permitting). It will be good to see everyone again, and some warmer temps.!! Any questions, call Anita at 535-8557. Thanks.



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Dart League

By Anne Elkins, Kay Sanborn

e had another great Dart League Season which unfortunately was cut short this year, but we had 19 weeks of darts and fun. We will be having an end of the season outing sometime in the fall when we will award prizes for the following:

FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
Team 2	Team 3	Team 5	Team 1
Rosie Cahill	Shirley Morrissey	Anne Elkins	Betty Walsh
Sam Bardo	Tommy Donohue	Rich Carver	Betty Hiscock
Steve Sullivan	Joyce Nohmer	Ken Stagner	Linda Carver
Charlie Latimer	Paul Snellenberger	Randy Reitz	Nancy McCann
Gail White	Dolores Calonita	Pat Canning	Ted Ostrowski

FIFTH PLACE	SIX PLACE	SEVENTH PLACE	EIGHT PLACE
Team 6	Team 7	Team 8	Team 4
Jim White	Nancy Sullivan	Ron Mushow	Kay Sanborn
John Hiscock	Pat Humphries	Joan Dunn	Denise Donohue
Colleen Cowdon	Marilyn Ventura	Fran Meegan	Jane Reitz
Kat Thompson	Jim McCann	Larry Kraus	Kathy Kehl
Mike Chambers	Linda Smith	Bob Canning	Bob Beauto

The following individual awards were presented:

Women's High Score	Men's High Score
1st Pat Humphries (127)	1st Larry Kraus (133)
2nd Kat Thompson (126)	2nd Ron Mushow (130)
3rd Kathy Kehl (111)	3rd Tommy Donohue (121)

Thanks to everyone who helped set up and put all the tables and chairs in order at the end of Darts each week. Special thanks to the captains for their help throughout the year. Our subs were wonderful this year and big thanks to Denise Samson-Nadeau for being our contact with the Social Committee and for their generous contribution for our prize money.

A sign-up sheet for the 2020-2021 season will be posted in the clubhouse once it has reopened. The new season will start in mid-October at 6:30 pm. I encourage anyone who is looking for a fun filled evening to try out darts next year. No experience needed!

Any questions call Anne Elkins 727-210-7364 or Kay Sanborn 727-729-4070

Ladies Luncheon

By Beth Pieckiel

ello ladies of Paradise Island. Hopefully after having to cancel March and April's luncheon due to the Coronavirus we will have our luncheon on Tuesday, May 26th, 2020. Your hostess for May is Linda Smith. She has chosen:

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LADIES LUNCHEON

As soon as it is possible I will be putting up yer sign-up sheet in the clubhouse. Please plan to join for another fun afternoon with all our ladies from PI. Please also stay tuned to PIFAN or Positively Paradise should I have to cancel May's luncheon. As always if you do sign-up for the luncheon and find you unable to make it, it is your responsibility to remove your name so the your hostess can give her restaurant an accurate head count. If you should have any questions regarding the luncheon please contact me, Beth Pieckiel at (214) 538-7094.

SHUFFLEBOARD

By Gary MacDonald

inter shuffleboard has now come to a close. Thanks to everyone who came out on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and to those who helped me prepare the courts for play each week. Winter



shuffleboard will tentatively resume in November providing our community activities have resumed at that time and is safe for us to do so. Further details of shuffleboard times will be noted in our Fall Newsletters. Have a great summer.

Walkers and Wheelchairs Available for Residents

he Social Committee has Walkers and Wheelchairs available to help residents who need them TEMPORARILY. We need to get them back to be available for other residents.



To check one out, please contact Mike Gervasi 507-8947, Myron Zarlinski 533-8208, or Chuck Wellock 417-9538.



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Thursday Co-Ed Bowling

By Shirley Pultorak

opefully, the next season of the Paradise Island Bowling League will begin on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at Liberty Lanes. We are hoping to add new bowlers to our roster as well as subs. Please call Shirley Pultorak at (315) 796-2110, if you are interested in having fun with us. Liberty Lanes will give you a voucher for some free games if you sign up with our league.

BOWLERS of the WEEK

Women. Men

March 5. Anita Haun. Mike Ryle March 12. Barb Hall Joe Fleyzor

STRIKE OUT Covid 19. (Sorry, couldn't help it.)

Stay healthy and be safe!



Paradise Island Church in The Park

By Serena Johnson

ith the Clubhouse closed in March and April we were unable to have our Worship services but we have been praying for everyone. Hopefully, by now the Clubhouse has opened and we can get back to somewhat normal. This has been a trying time for us all. As many of us realize Jesus is the answer to our problems, to our life actually. We need to seek Him in all things. If you have not asked Jesus into your heart and life now is a

good time for He loves you and wants you to be His child. If you are not sure how, please call Pastor Bob, Pastor Bill or Serena Johnson (numbers listed below). We will be happy to answer any questions and pray with you and for you. You will be glad you did! Jesus awaits you with open arms.

You are all welcome to join us in the Clubhouse on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM for an hour of worship and fellowship. We are a Non-Denominational Church as many denominations are represented. We

would love to Worship services have you stop by and be a part of the body of Christ worshiping here. If unable to attend, you can tune in to Spectrum Cable Channel 732 at the above time on Sunday mornings.

Bible Study is on Thursdays in the Clubhouse at 9:30 AM led by Pastor Bill Ogburn. We are now studying the book of Daniel. All are welcome, come join us! Choir Practice Thursdays from 10:30 till Noon.

If you know of someone in the Park that has a need, please let us know. All requests are confidential. We would like to help if we can. Please call one of the numbers below and we will

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If you have a prayer request or would like a visit, please contact: Pastor Bob Brookhart (727) 480-9793, Pastor Bill Ogburn (727) 474-2722 or Serena Johnson (727) 530-5905.

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Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays.
- Soren Kierkegaard

Men's Club

By Art Yeo

s I write this article on April 3, 2020, I am on Day 11 of social isolation since my return to Canada. I sincerely hope that all residents of Paradise Island are observing the necessary safety precautions to ensure a healthy park.



This COVID-19 threat is real whether you live in Canada or the United States. Social Distancing is one way to avoid the spread of this life threatening virus.

To that end, all Men's Club events are cancelled until further notice. Hopefully we can all return to our normal activities sooner than later.

Remember to listen to the health experts and follow their lead as we work through this pandemic.

Let us all stay safe and pray for a quick end to this war on the Coronavirus.

Editor's Corner

By Harold Noeller

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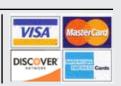
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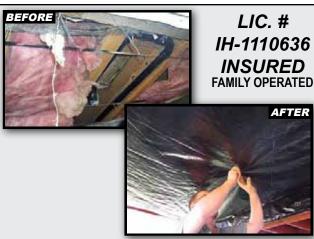
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Also, there are 5 places to look for an activities date and time either in the current month or in future months. They are:

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Letter to the Editor

Three Natural Ways to Reduce Mosquito Bites

By Pam Stover

praying to kill adult mosquitoes isn't an effective solution. There's no way to avoid having a fatal impact on beneficial insects, such as bees and butterflies, and other wildlife when spraying broad-spectrum insecticides (regardless of what companies who spray tell you). Mosquitoes are a persistent annoyance during the summer months, and while we can empathize with the fantasy of totally eradicating these biting insects in a tornado of poisons, we at the National Wildlife Federation encourage people to avoid insecticide sprays in favor of more natural solutions. Here are three better, more natural ways of reducing the chance of being bitten by mosquitoes this summer as you enjoy your outdoor spaces.

First, focus on larval control by eliminating the standing water where mosquito lay their eggs and go through their aquatic larval stage. This is more effective at reducing mosquito populations in your yard than spraying for adults. Clogged gutters that hold small pools of water are a favorite breeding spot. Clean them out and install screening on top to prevent debris from collecting and holding water. Check garden décor, outdoor debris or any other place that holds standing water and drain it.

Mosquitoes take five to seven days to complete their metamorphosis into winged adults so empty and refill birdbaths every two days and you'll eliminate any eggs or larvae. For garden ponds or any other water source you cannot drain, add the natural soil bacterium called Bacillus thuringiensis or "Bt" which targets mosquito larvae and other biting flies but is essentially harm-

less to other wildlife and people. Bt is sold in most garden or home improvement centers and online as "mosquito dunks" or "mosquito bites." You can also add a pump or fountain to keep the water surface moving, which reduces the chances of adult mosquitoes laying eggs there.



Second, make it harder for mosquitoes to bite you. Repellents applied to the skin or clothing that use Picaridin and DEET are most effective, as are those with the oil of lemon eucalyptus if you're looking for a more natural option. Devices that emit repellent can be effective in areas such as a patio, porch, pool area or a small backyard. Mosquitoes are not strong flyers so another simple solution is to install a few large fans which will blow most mosquitoes away before they can get close to you. Wear loose-fitting long sleeves to minimize exposed skin.

Third, use Mother Nature's method for controlling mosquitoes by supporting and attracting mosquito predators. Mosquitoes are on the menu for a wide variety of wildlife, including some species of birds, dragonflies, bats, salamanders, lizards, frogs and spiders.

A BEE LAWN

By Pam Stover

If your landscape goal is to have the perfect lawn, who is it for? Yourself? Your neighbors? If the answer is both, perhaps you should expand your definition of neighbors and rise to a different challenge: Try growing a perfect lawn for bees.



That means you'll have to change your concept of a perfect lawn. Most people probably think a lawn should consist of a single type of grass that's manicured and maintained to look like a golf course. And why not? It's a lawn they can love and their neighbors will admire. It's a look millions of Americans strive for.

But all the time, money and effort Americans spend creating a perfect lawn for themselves isn't so perfect for bees. In reality, it's a food desert. Luckily for homeowners and bees, there's a happy middle ground, one that can provide an attractive look for homeowners as well as foraging opportunities for bees. It's called a bee lawn.

Bee lawns have a mixture of low-growing flowering plants as well as turf grasses. Properly planted and maintained, they can have a pleasing aesthetic appearance that shows neatness and care while achieving the environmental purpose of establishing a habitat for honeybees and native bees.

Choose your flowers. This will vary from region to region and from lawn to lawn within regions depending on how much sun or shade you have and how much foot traffic you get on your lawn. There are three critical considerations in flower choices: They should be able to easily adapt to the soil type that exists in your lawn, they should survive mowing and they should be a good source for pollinators. Let your bee lawn grow higher than you would let a typical lawn grow, and mow it at a higher level than you have mowed previously. Typically, homeowners set

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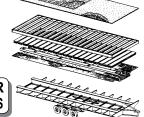
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mower heights at 2.5 to 3 inches. With a bee lawn, letting grass and flowers reach a height of six inches and then mowing them back to four inches. You can still have a bee lawn at a lower height, but there may be fewer blooms.



New Residents Joining our Community

By Nancy Sullivan

Please add the picture of Nancy Jonas (attached) to this with Nancy Sullivan

If you are a new resident of Paradise Island, we would like to schedule a short visit with you; go over the events in our park, and give you some freebies. Thank you.



See, when you drive home today, you've got a big windshield on the front of your car. And you've got a little bitty rearview mirror. And the reason the windshield is so large and the rearview mirror is so small is because what's happened in your past is not near as important as what's in your future. - Joel Osteen

EMBRACE IT!

By Noel Argueta

mbrace it! Embrace it!

I said embrace it, or what, can't you hear me! No, no please forgive me, I mean not to yell at you. I mean not to scare you, or anyone else.

Hear me out! I am scared as much as you are and many other thousands of people as well. Oh! for our sake this global epidemic virus is getting almost everyone crazy. You and I are not alone

So hear me hear me what I have to say, not as a command, but as an encouragement, as a hope, as a lift up. We can do it, and we will do, we will do it together! You and I are not alone.

Embrace this moment to reflect in the things we took for granted. Embrace the isolation of time. To value yourself for in times past you been so busy doing for others, not knowingly you were neglecting yourself.

You need to be strong, not to be weak. You need to be calm, not to be panic. You need to be positive, not to be negative. You need to be happy, not to be sad. You think you are alone, but not lonely. Yes my friend you and I are not alone

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Embrace this moment, embrace this day, for the hope of today is the joy of tomorrow. For your sake, obey the government's rules. As if you do, you are obeying God's laws!

The sun will shine tomorrow. Showers will refreshes us from the sky. There is light at the end of the tunnel. If you believe there is so much to come, so much to enjoy, indeed it will be. You and I are not alone

Embrace this moment! Embrace this day. Embrace this global calamity of time. Embrace it!

In Memoriam

By Marilyn Frederick

- Leonard Lipka, Lot 204, passed away on March 8, 2020 after a short illness. He is survived by his wife, Pamela; 2 step-daughters, Susan and Lynette; son, Richard; 2 grand-children and 3 great grand-children. Leonard was a Marine. Many in our Park will know him for the repair work he did on bicycles for our park residents. Services will be held in New York.
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- Dorothy McAvey, Lot 642, passed away on March 19, 2020. Dorothy was a long-time resident of Paradise Island (30 years). She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob. She is survived by six children: Robert, Michael, Colleen, Timothy, Daniel and Dorothy; and also six grand-children: Chase, Cody, Michael, Aaron, Christian and Spencer. Services will be held in New York.
- Lorraine Fitzgerald, Lot 33, passed away on March 20, 2020. She was the step-mother of Peggi Toner (and husband Frank) who also live in our Park. She is survived by 6 sons, 6 step-children, several grand-children and 3 great grand-children. Lorraine loved to play bingo. Her smiles will be missed every Thursday!

Please notify me, Marilyn Frederick at 727-244-1841 of any deaths that you are aware of in our community. I would be honored to lower our Park Memorial Flag and post a notice on the flag board, in the clubhouse and in our Monthly Media when I am notified of any deaths. Any calls to me would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

"Don't be sad for me, we all come to this world to be tourists, enjoy life, go sightseeing, do good deeds. I just happen to be leaving earlier than others." - Shared by resident, Deborah Diskin, words from her beloved Aunt Connie.



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VETERAN'S CORNER

By Bob Behm, US ARMY (RET)

hope this finds you all in good health, for those of you who have access to MacDill AFB per order of the Pentagon you will be required to wear a mask while on base. Plus, you must use the social distancing guidelines.



The Military has just sent about 1,100 Military doctors, nurses and medical aides to New York City hospitals. Many of them will help out in overburdened hospitals where the staffs are exhausted from fighting the daily battle against the coronavirus. But the bulk of them will help out at the Javits Center which has been converted by the Army Corps of Engineers into a makeshift hospital for 2,900 non-COVID 19 patients. But before any of those patients arrived, the decision was made to convert Javits to take in coronavirus-positive patients in light of the escalating crisis. So, in essence the United States military will be running the largest hospital in the United States.

Furthermore, on Friday, Governor Cuomo of NY signed an executive order to have the National Guard go to hospitals and health centers around the state and take any unused ventilators and other needed medical supplies so they can be utilized by other hospitals in dire need. He says he cannot simply cannot allow them to sit there when they could be saving lives.

On a sad note the Defense Department has confirmed that they have been asked to provide up to 100,000 body bags and have them readied for shipment in response to a grim request to help states with burials as the numbers of deaths from the coronavirus continues to escalate. The bags are typically 94-by-38-inch body bags and are usually sent to war zones for combat casualties. The need for burial assistance is becoming more and more evident in New York where the death toll is rising higher every day. Right now, the bodies are being stored in refrigerated trucks, but the pentagon is considering utilizing the National Guards Fatality Support and Recovery Teams to assist with burials, possibly to prevent spread of the virus if requested by the States to do so.

Not sure if you received a request for callback to the Military? Unfortunately, they are looking for more recently retired veterans with any type of Medical MOS background. It's not clear how many they will be calling back but they were overwhelmed by the response. They have already received a response from about 20,000 after just a couple of days of reaching out. Now HRO will have to validate all the applications and make your that they are still valid for bringing them on and placing them in medical units.

Veterans who are concerned they may have symptoms of COVID-19 (Coronavirus), flu or cold are encouraged to contact the VISN 8 Clinical Contact Center at 1-877-741-3400 (toll Free). Clinical staff provide 24/7 virtual care and support, including nurse advice and triage. This service is available at no cost to Veterans enrolled for care in at VA health care facilities in Florida.

Please remember to stay in unless you have to go out to Doctors, Grocery Shopping or other essential things. If you have to go out wear a cloth mask and if you have to you can wear cloths but make sure you dispose of them in a bin not on the ground or a grocery cart. If you go out remember your social distancing. Just think of it this way a few more weeks in the house is better than spending a lifetime in a coffin.

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Happy Mother's Day!

Men's Golf

By Bob Pultorak

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Walk Away the Pounds (8:45 am)

By Bev MacMillan

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Exercise Class

By Diane Ussher

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Donations of Non-Perishable Foods

By Ruth Charron 727-559-2034

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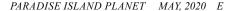
board, in the club house. Please make sure they are not outdated.

If you, or if you know of anyone in need of groceries, please contact me.

All information will remain confidential.

A big THANK YOU to everyone at Paradise Island!!!

One cannot think well, love well, sleep well, if one has not dined well. - Virginia Woolf





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69	Art Yeo	May 1	698	Ron Poirier	May 15
185	Harry Sweeney	May 1	210	Jacklyn Botti	May 16
272	Dawn Mckenzi	May 1	253	Randell Smeaton	May 16
296	Michael Troutner	May 1	296	Jean Troutner	May 16
644	Timothy Kinney	May 1	322	Maxine Winsor	May 16
810	Marcia White	May 1	566	Sharon Havens	May 16
186	Brian Raymond	May 2	199	Allie Bechtel	May 18
199	Harold Bechtel	May 2	360	Jill Boogaard	May 18
277	Evelyn Mcclure	May 2	704	Brenda Pittman	May 18
660	Denise Donohue	May 3	745	Nikki Heim	May 18
220	Dwight Widmer	May 4	91	Nancy Bauer	May 19
373	Michael Peachey	May 4	666	Arlene Rosenheim	May 19
547	Francis Fata	May 4	38	Stan Smith	May 21
816	Monique Vanasse	May 4	227	P. Alisa Sickler	May 21
208	Brenda Van Houten	May 5	740	Joyce Lewis	May 21
314	Rick Cowley	May 5	93	Linda Cable	May 22
370	Janyce Cruse	May 5	243	Delores Wagner	May 22
516	Leann Walsh	May 5	281	Richard Anderson	May 22
347	Katherine Herbert	May 6	503	Evelyn Piscopo	May 22
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321	Angela Cozens	May 7	242	Ken Hale	May 23
38	Joann Smith	May 8	594	Don Crone	May 23
133	Paul Gray	May 8	713	Mike Gervasi	May 23
695	Paula Knowles	May 8	810	James White	May 23
707	Beverly Hennig	May 9	31	Melvin Blaiss	May 24
814	Cathy Hickman	May 9	311	Tica Bagar	May 24
786	Linda Zykus	May 11	421	Linda Burtch	May 24
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257	Kenneth Skonecki	May 12	306	Marlen Roddy	May 25
281	Patricia Anderson	May 12	283	Mary Batista	May 26
444	Art Dumas	May 12	169	Richard Gibbons	May 28
560	Pat James	May 12	466	Catherine Booth	May 28
24	Beatrice Vandal	May 13	568	Bruce Carter	May 28
271	Dianna Campbell	May 13	698	Mary Poirier	May 29
274	Cynthia Holland	May 14	349	Cathy Corbin	May 31
381	Jean Ruffell	May 15	368	Cathy Del Brocco	May 31
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265	Richard & Catherine Rogers	May	6	1978
514	Dave & Audrey Ruvola	May	7	2011
410	Chuck & Sadie Wetmore	May	8	1982
185	Harry & Joan Sweeney	May	9	1969
461	Micheal & Wanda Dunn	May	10	1975
486	Lisa Lisak & Kelly Van Howe	May	10	2010
259	Larry & Phyllis Peer	May	12	1968
655	Sam & Mimie Bardo	May	13	1959
69	Art & Gloria Yeo	May	14	1996
66	Ronald & Carol Dellechiaie	May	16	1961
818	Jim & Peg Sayer	May	16	1992
784	Joe & Linda Žykus	May	18	1974
709	Art & Bonnie Steinmeier	May	18	2007
759	Howard & Janet Florczak	May	19	1973
25	Gary & Patty Budzien	May	19	1987
431	Jim & Sharon Moore	May	20	1967
460	John & Sandy Cordone	May	26	1978
399	Noel & Nelly Argueta	May	26	1984
646	Ken & Rena Fowler	May	28	1976
649	George & Nikki Phinney	May	30	1981
435	Charles & Julie Barlet	May	30	1986
575	Pat & Colleen Cowden	May	30	2005
606	Vern & Dorothy Cummings	May	31	1952





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- Mignon McLaughlin

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