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Bible Study/Prayer Fellowship .....	Serena Johnson, 530-5905
Billiards.....	Open
Bingo.....	Bob Ammann, 419-262-1058
.....	Mary Ross, 804-614-6901
.....	Open
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.....	Sec-Treasure - Jan Meeks, 523-8135
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.....	Rosie Cahill, 538-9453
Bus Bingo.....	Shirley Morrissey, 536-6164
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Cards.....	Gail Barber 532-9106
Channel 732 .....	Harold Noeller, 744-3181
Chess.....	Open
Community Christmas Party.....	Open
Craft Club.....	Wendy Milledge 443-553-0426
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Dances.....	Nancy Sullivan 508 314-1412
Darts.....	Anne Elkins, 210-7364
.....	Kay Sanborn, 729-4070
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Easter Dinner .....	Brenda VanHouten, 330-6425
.....	Marcia White, 953-3616
Euchre.....	OPEN
Exercise.....	8:45A - Bev MacMillan, 412-8958
.....	10:00A - Diane Ussher 536-6599
Flagman.....	Art Yeo 330-6685
Flea Market.....	Ken & Mary Ann Hopkins, 303-3417
FMO.....	Mary Ross 804-614-6901

Food Collection.....	Ruthie Charron, 559-2034
4th of July Celebration.....	Men's Club
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.....	Mary Ross 804-614-6901

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Monthly Breakfast .....	Open
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Double Pinochle.....	John Cordone 729-8171
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.....	Joe Burley 585-5332
Prayer Bears .....	Pat Murphy 203-605-2681
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Shuffleboard .....	Gary MacDonald, 474-6420
Talent Show .....	Ken Hopkins 303-3417
Thanksgiving Dinner .....	Community Volunteers
Theater .....	Don Melke, 240-4162
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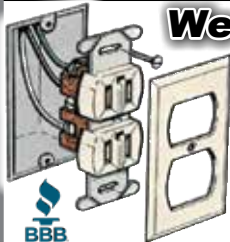
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# The Paradise Island Homeowners Association, Inc.

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

**A** message from Mary: Currently there is a disagreement between a group of shareholders and their board. The position of the HOA is to remain neutral until all the investigations are completed. At that time, there will be a HOA meeting to discuss the factual results of the investigations.

Finally there is light at the end of the tunnel. According to some experts, we should have a vaccine within a few months. After the FDA approval, it should take a year to a year and a half to vaccinate everyone.

In the meantime, we have the POWER, the MEANS and need the WILL to accelerate the return to a more normal life before the vaccine by following the guidelines of the medical experts, by now you all know what they are. Stay positive.

Yearly reminder: Termites can destroy your house without your knowledge. By the time you discover the problem, the damage can be extensive. It is a good idea to have your house inspected for termites annually.

## *News Reports:*

Years ago, the reporters would state the news and had different standards, you never questioned Walter Cronkite or Barbara Walters. Today we practically witness the news as it is happening. The media is not the enemy. It is true that some media outlets are looking for their moments of fame, this is the reason we must listen to different channels and read different publications. If we keep an open mind, it doesn't take long to figure out who is telling the truth; especially nowadays everything is on tape, thus there is very few fake news that last too long making it easier for us to make the best decision we can. These people should not be wasting our time with nonsense. Let's face it folks, we are too old and life is too short to be bothered with worthless opinions and rumors.

Let's be grateful we have a free press that can say anything otherwise, if we curtail the press we would be living under a dictatorship.

## **DO NOT ANSWER THE PHONE**

It seems that there are more and more scammers calling you regarding problems with your social security (social security never calls you) or you will be arrested if you do not call a certain number to pay some money that you owe, etc.

If you do not recognize the number, never answer the phone. If it is a legitimate number, they will leave a message.

We cannot wait to resume all of our activities and enjoy each other again. Stay safe.





## Neighbor To Neighbor

By Eleanor Martin

Interested in helping Paradise Island residents get through a medical issue? Let's form a group to do just that. Together, we can lend a helping hand to our neighbors in need including: transportation for appointments and/or treatments; small grocery runs; assisting in placing online orders; light housework - dishes, dusting and laundry; dog walking; plant care. If you can volunteer for any of the listed chores, or have something you would like to add to list, please contact Eleanor Martin. Lot 600. 508-287-4197. Email: bemartin586@gmail.com

## Paradise Island Annual Craft Fair

By Nadine Peters – Fall Craft Fair Committee

The Annual Craft Fair will be held Saturday November 7th, from 9 am to 2 pm at the PI Clubhouse. Spaces are \$15 for wall space and \$10 interior space.

Spaces are sold on a first come basis, deadline is October 15th. We are limited on the number of spaces available because of social distancing guidelines, and spaces are filling up fast. In conjunction with the Craft Fair, the Flea Market will be holding a yard sale outside on the north lawn.

Bake Sale – 9 am – 2 pm or until sold out.

If you love to bake, we would love to have your donations of cakes, pies, candy, bars, muffins, quick breads, and cookies. NOTE: Please bring items bagged and ready to sell. Bring items either Friday evening 6-9 pm or Saturday before 10 am to the Clubhouse. If you would like to help at the bake sale or have questions, contact Rosie @ 727-538-9453 or Nadine @ 402-750-3083.

Kitchen – Due to concerns about COVID-19 social distancing, the kitchen will not be open during the craft fair. We will have a coffee, tea & water bar next to the bake sale. Sorry for any inconvenience.

More information will be in the November Monthly Media. If you would like to serve on the Annual Craft Fair planning committee or have any questions or suggestions, please contact Nadine Peters. Call or text 402-750-3083; email: nadine5106@gmail.com; stop by 631 Palm Island.

We're aware that these uncertain times are limiting many aspects of life as we all practice social distancing. While we're continuing to plan events, we will follow the CDC guidelines for the safety of everyone involved.



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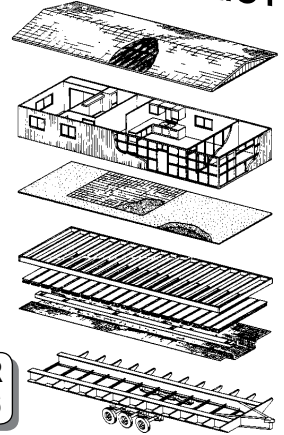
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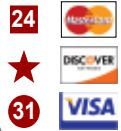
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## Golf Cart & Motorcycle Events

By Harold Noeller

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**B**ecause of Covid19, these 2 events will not be held in December this year.

## FLEA MARKET PICKUP SCHEDULE

By Ken Hopkins

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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



## PI FLEA MARKET TO HOLD OUTDOOR SALES EVENT NOVEMBER 7TH

By Ken Hopkins

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**D**ue to the overwhelming response for donations this year, we have an abundance of items and no place to keep them. Therefore, we are going to hold an outdoor Flea Market this fall in advance of our March Flea Market. This event will take place on November 7th, 2020, from 9AM to 2PM and will be on the lawn and surrounding area next to the shuffleboard courts. We will feature furniture, tools, household items, electronics, kitchenware, lamps and many other items. There will be no early entry and the hours are firm. We are holding this in conjunction with the Annual PI Craft Fair, which will be inside the clubhouse. A great opportunity to stock up for the holidays coming on fast. For information or to volunteer to help, contact Ken or Mary Ann at 727.303.3417. Look forward to having a fun outdoor event.

## OUTDOOR FLEA MARKET: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

By Ken Hopkins

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**A**s noted elsewhere in this publication, the PISC Flea Market will be holding an outdoor flea market on November 7th. Volunteers are needed for setup on Friday and Saturday morning, as well as during the sale. To volunteer, contact Ken or Mary Ann at 727.303.3417. Thanks for your help.



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## Library

By Roz La Rocco



**H**i all  
I take care of the community library. I just want to remind everyone, please don't donate anything older than 2009. (Books n magazines) I end up throwing them out in the recycle bins.

We don't accept encyclopedias or dictionaries either. Thanks for your understanding

## Social Committee Updates

By Marcia White



**I**am happy to announce that we can now open up a few of our activities in October. We will still be following the guidelines set forth for us by the county.

Darts will be starting in Oct. with the following guidelines in place. You must Social Distance 6' apart and you must use your own darts. No sharing!!! I have spoken to Anne Elkins, the chairperson, and we have discussed how to manage this. She will be contacting each of you who are past participants with how this can be accomplished. This will stay into effect for as long as the county keeps the distancing rule in place. All tables and chairs must be cleaned and sanitized after use.

Because no sharing of materials is allowed the Craft Club has decided to stay at home for another month to see if the mandates are relaxed by then. They are still working separately from their own homes and they are working toward the craft fair in Nov. Thank you again ladies for being so thoughtful to our residents with the beautiful fall magnets dropped off at our homes.

Exercise may resume classes also practicing the guidelines. Must social distance and clean and sanitize and tables and chairs used by you. Please DO NOT use spray cleaner or disinfectant on the DVD players. You may use disinfecting wipes to clean the buttons and outside of the player after use. Also the DVD.

As you have read in the media the Craft Fair and a Lawn Sale for the Flea Market group will be held simultaneously on Nov. 7th. The ladies on the Fair committee have been careful to sell spaces that will be 6' apart from each other. Traffic flow in the clubhouse will be monitored in order not to have too many at one time in the clubhouse. The committee is following all of the county guidelines. Save the date, and come support your community...

Cards are still on hold due to the sharing of cards and not being able to social distance. The Pool Room is open but masks are still being required at this time because they cannot social distance.

All entertainment programs and group gatherings are still not being held. Sadly we have cancelled our entertainment programs thru December. Social distancing does not allow us to offer an entertainment program due to the fees of the entertainers and the kitchen not being

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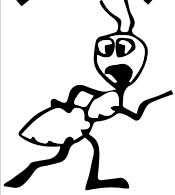
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open at this time. Like all other businesses the Social Comm. is taking many losses this year in income. Because of the fantastic performance of the Flea Market this spring we will be able to meet our 2021 budget without any cuts. Starting in January we hope to be able to open up full speed and maybe add a few extra surprises into the season to help make up losses and add some \$\$\$ for our 2022 budget. Actually the Lawn Sale addition in Nov will be added to the 2022 budget since it's for the Flea Market.

Until next time stay safe and remember to continue to wear your mask for your safety... Each of us is the key for beating this virus..

Warm Regards, Marcia

## Dart League

By Anne Elkins, Kay Sanborn

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A sign-up sheet for the 2020-2021 season is posted in the clubhouse. The new season will start when the clubhouse is open for activities. Please sign up if you are interested in playing so I can let you know the date of when we will start. I encourage anyone who is looking for a fun filled evening to try out darts. No experience needed!

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



## Halloween Dance

By Nancy Sullivan

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Due to the Covid19 virus we may not have our Halloween Dance. If things change it will be October 24 with entertainment by Tangent. For any updates check PIFAN, Positively Paradise or channel 732. It would be fun if everybody would dress in their favorite costume, start thinking of what you'll wear. Time 7 to 10 entrance fee \$8.00 per person BYOB and snacks. Hope we can have it

## The Midwest lunch

By Marge Murray

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The Midwest lunch group will meet at the Hungry Crab, 8841 Park Blvd (corner of Starkey). Saturday October 10, 2020 at 11:30 am. All Paradise Island residents are welcome to join us. Please RSVP to: shar4u68@gmail.com



## Ladies Luncheon

By Beth Pieckiel

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Well here we are, how can it be October already. This has been one very strange year, but we all need to get out and enjoy everyone's company. Our luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27th, 2020 at 11:30. The hostess for our October Ladies Luncheon is Nancy Sullivan and she has chosen:

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The luncheons are open to all of the ladies who reside here in Paradise Island. The sign-up sheet is available for you to sign up at the clubhouse. If you do sign up and then find you are unable to attend, PLEASE remove your name from the list so that your hostess can give her restaurant a correct head count. If you should have any questions regarding the luncheon, please contact me, Beth Pieckiel at (214) 538-7094. Hope see everyone and we hopefully will be welcoming our friends from the North back to Paradise .

## Shuffleboard

By Gary MacDonald

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With community activities presently restricted in PI, winter shuffleboard details will follow in subsequent newsletters, and/or posted in the Clubhouse if and when activities are permitted to resume. In the meantime, continue following the guidelines as advised by medical experts and stay safe!




## Thursday Co-Ed Bowling

By Shirley Pultorak

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Liberty Lanes is ready for our anticipated starting date of October 15 at 12:15 for practice and 3 games beginning at 12:30. Masks and social distancing are mandated by the CDC. Because our Paradise Island Bowling League falls under the umbrella of the Social Committee which is required to adhere to the CDC rules, we must follow those rules too. I am waiting for the Social Committee to give us the go ahead to begin bowling remembering that the health and safety of all PI residents is of utmost importance.

As always we are in need of new bowlers as well as subs. Liberty Lanes will give you a voucher for free games if you join our league. For more information, please call Shirley Pultorak at 315 796-2110. I will also be posting a yellow sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. Stay safe and healthy. 

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# Paradise Island Church in The Park

By Serena Johnson



**H**appy Fall!  
Hopefully many of our snow birds have returned and some of the fall programs have begun or are ready to begin soon. Looking forward to some cooler nights? Thank God for His goodness and mercy. May the coming month be one of renewal and refreshment for us all.

You are all welcome to join us in the Clubhouse on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM for an hour of worship and fellowship. Please note: We as a church are following all the CO-OP's and CDC guidelines regarding Covid 19, so please feel free to come join us in safety. We are a Non-Denominational Church as many denominations are represented. We would love to have you stop by and be a part of the body of Christ worshipping 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. Hopefully we have been able to begin again. All are welcome, come join us!

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 look into what we can do to help.

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## Men's Club

By Art Yeo



**T**hings haven't changed much in the last few months as we deal with COVID-19. Some of us still haven't grasped the severity of the situation while many others are heeding the advice of the medical experts.

Unfortunately the Men's Club is sadly cancelling the first two shows of the winter season. There will be no show in November and no show in December (Park Christmas Party). Until we can feel safe gathering in large groups again this is the route we must take.

The Men's Club apologizes for having to do this but the health and safety of park residents is our first concern. As for shows in the new year we will take a wait and see attitude before making our decision.

If we continue to follow the advice of medical experts you will help to make our decision easier. Again, socially distance and wear a mask.



## Editor's Corner

By Harold Noeller

- For the November 2020 edition, articles are due by October 15, 2020 as are the dates you might want on the calendar for November 2020 events, meetings or dinners.
- If your name, Lot number, birthday or anniversary is incorrect, e-mail me at the media email address and it will be corrected.
- Please send all articles to: ( [monthly.media@paradiseislandlargo.com](mailto:monthly.media@paradiseislandlargo.com) )
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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:

- Within the media, there might be an article with all of the details.
- The calendar section of the media.
- The Bulletin Board in the Clubhouse.
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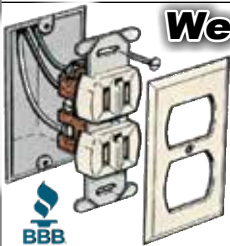
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## Letter to the Editor



From the Editor

**To: My fellow residents of Paradise Island.**

I normally would not write an article that is not related to the Social Committee but since I am being accused of doing something on Social Media that is not true I felt it necessary to address these accusations. I am not hiding behind a computer, but rather I choose to publicly state the facts so that you all have an opportunity to read them.

As most of you know, we have much unrest in our community right now with some residents who seem to be unhappy with the way our park is being run by the Officers and Directors of the Co Op. That is most certainly their right but to accuse others of exactly what they are doing is wrong. I am being accused of calling and emailing our OLD TIMERS (their words, not mine) and telling you not to vote for them on the recall notice that is circulating in our community. If you have received your ballot you are one of the privileged ones because, not every Co-Op member has been given the privilege of receiving a ballot, so you may not even know what I am talking about. However there is a ballot being mailed to specific residents who agree with what they are trying to bring about. That is their right to do so. It is NOT their right to accuse myself or anyone else of doing exactly what they are doing with NO PROOF or FACTS to prove their allegations. But if I wanted to, I do however have the right, to do just that.

You can't give me one email that I supposedly sent or one person who is willing to stand in front of me and tell me to my face that I called them. There is NO such email or Phone calls from me because I believe each of us has a right to our own beliefs and who we vote for now or in the future is no one's business but our own. Would you like me to tell you who to vote for in the Nov. election? That is what's happening in our community right now and I will personally vote for who I think can best represent my investment in this community, not who I like and who I don't. You should do the same.

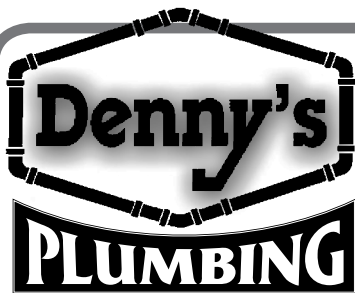
I represent the Social Committee and we are totally NON BIAS against the Co OP and the HOA and it would be wrong of me to support one side and not the other. Everyone is entitled their belief's, they just can't bring them into the Social Comm. when working for our community. If you are on our board your personal feelings get left at the door when you serve our community. If you can't do this then I suggest we have a one on one conversation.

In closing if you have something you would like an answer to regarding MY activities please give me the courtesy of speaking with me and I will be happy to give you the FACTS. 727-953-3616 I do NOT post on Social Media anything other than to my personal friends or a thank you to someone deserving, and I don't appreciate being put on your Freedom of Speech site or PIFAN with Lies, lies, lies as you so aptly put it.....

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Marcia White (President Paradise Island Social Comm.)





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# The Future Of Paradise Island

By Jim White

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**W**e are largely a community of retired people who have decided to live in Paradise Island because of the quality of life offered here. We have activities that provide entertainment, relaxation and a chance to interact with our neighbors. We also have a sense of security because we look out for each other and have our neighbor's best interest at heart. We have left the stress of our younger years behind; and, seek a more relaxed daily life style.

During my 10 years in Paradise Island, I have seen us work together to build the life we desire for ourselves. We have been assisted by a group of tireless volunteers that freely give of their time to make good things happen. These people work to put on community activities and also to manage and direct the governance of Paradise Island by serving on the Co-Op and HOA Boards. The only reward a volunteer receives is the gratitude of the people they help. All volunteers do their best to accomplish a proper out come from their efforts.

This year we have been subjected to the upheaval of Covid-19. Our lives have been turned upside down and the uncertainty is very stressful. We are now subjected to additional uncertainty by those among us who seek to replace the volunteers that were elected to serve on the Co-Op Board. The election in January decided who these volunteers should be. There will be another chance to choose which volunteers will continue to serve us in the election next January. The question before us is whether things are so out of control that we cannot wait until January, and instead must disrespect these volunteers and throw them out of their elected positions.

This extraordinary show of force and disrespect will surely affect all aspects of life in Paradise Island. The Social Committee and the HOA will also be affected. People may not be willing to volunteer freely of their time and effort if they feel they may be unappreciated. Our quality of life could be diminished and our property values may be lowered if prospective new residents sense upheaval and uncertainty in the management of the park.

We must consider what is important to each of us for the future of Paradise Island. Do we promote unrest and uncertainty or do we continue to conduct ourselves as we have in the past and follow the path that we know will give us a predictable future?

## HOW TO REVOKE YOUR RECALL BALLOT

By Jim White

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**I**f you have submitted a recall ballot and have now changed your mind here is what to do:

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## Possum

By Pam Stover



Generally known as a possum, the Virginia Opossum is a living fossil in that its ancestors have been found to have existed 20 million years ago! Its name comes from the Powhatan language when the English established the Jamestown colony in Virginia in the early 1600's. As our only native marsupial, opossum babies, after birth, grow in the female's belly pouch, like a kangaroo. It has a widely varied diet, and eats just about anything, including seeds, birds, fruits, reptiles, an array of insects, including ticks, and even dead animals (carrion). Possums also possess a prehensile tail, which means they can use their tail as a hand and are thus able to hang upside down on a branch. Mother possum carries young ones on her back. They have short life spans, living only a couple of years.

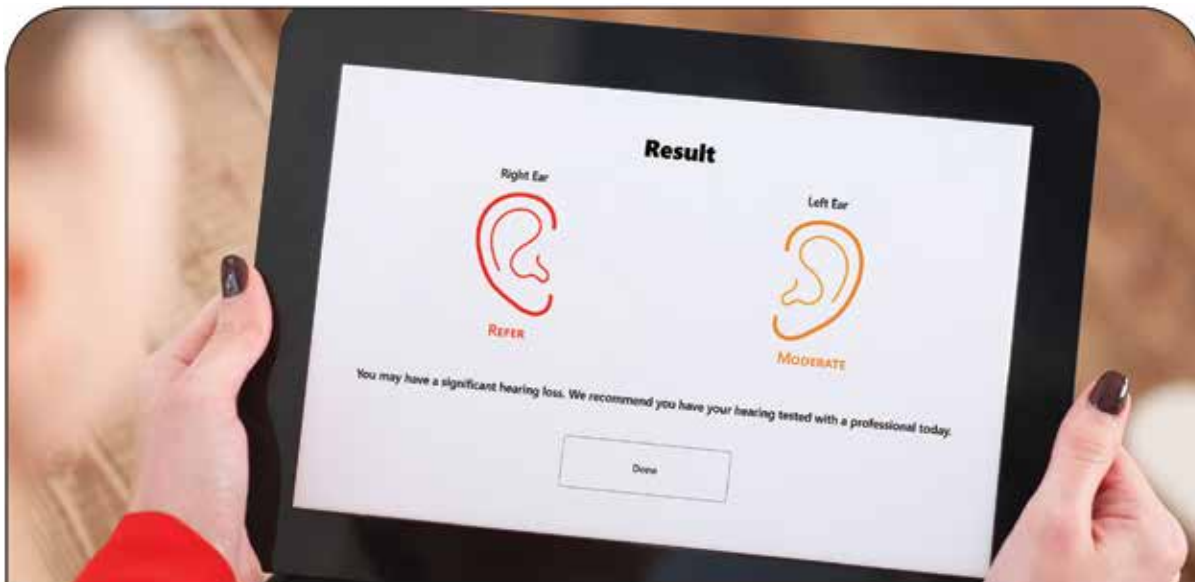
Possums are highly adaptable and may be seen in urban as well as rural areas. Some older individuals are immune to the bites of venomous snakes and may even eat the attacker. They have an interesting method to ward off predators such as owls: they play dead. When "playing possum," these animals will fall to the ground, lay still and bare their teeth. They even secrete a very bad smell to make it seem they are too nasty to consume.

## INVASIVE PLANTS

By Pam Stover

Invasive exotic plants are a major problem in Florida. These unwelcome species might be attractive, but they can rapidly run wild, threatening many natural areas by overgrowing native plants. We can take steps in our own gardens, yards and neighborhoods to prevent the spread of some of these invaders.

Nandina: escaped its intended garden boundaries and invaded natural areas in North and Central Florida. It forms dense thickets and displaces the native vegetation our native wildlife depends on. Some beneficial alternatives are native firebush (*Hamelia patens*) and Virginia sweetspire (*Itea virginica*). Coral ardisia (*Ardisia crenata*), also known as Christmas berry or Australian holly is another troublemaker. This native of Southeast Asia is a designated invasive species and illegal to propagate or sell without a license. Like nandina, it has dark green leaves and bright red berries and grows vigorously. The seeds are consumed and easily spread by wildlife, especially birds. Good alternatives to ardisia are wild coffee (*Psychotria nervosa*), and dwarf cultivars of our native hollies (*Ilex* spp.). Lantana camera is another invasive exotic plant that is often found in Florida yards and landscapes. It has spread widely to forests, citrus groves, creek banks and roadsides, crowding out native species. The exotic lantana has been able to hybridize with our native Florida lantana (*Lantana depressa*) which is now considered endangered. We can remove this invasive plant from our yards, ask our local nurseries not to sell it, and request an alternative like the beautiful red salvia, or Tropical sage (*Salvia* (*Salvia coccinea*)). Go to : (<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ep467>) for more information about alternative plants



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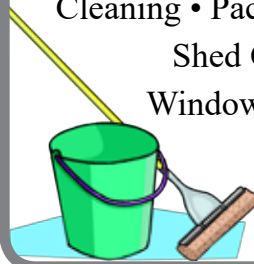
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## VETERAN'S CORNER

By ROBERT BEHM, President

Military Officers Association of America - Clearwater Chapter

I hope this message finds you and your Family's healthy and safe! The military is ditching flimsy laminated paper-based ID cards for military retirees and dependents for an all-new card system: The Next Generation Uniform Services Identification Card.

According to a Defense Department announcement published Monday, the cards, which represent the first ID update for these military communities since 1993, will be more durable and more closely resemble the Common Access Cards, or CACs, used by active-duty troops and DoD civilians.

The new IDs are already in circulation: the military quietly began issuing them to retirees, reservists and dependent military family members July 31 at a few ID card facilities, according to the DoD release.

The new USID cards are enhanced with an updated design and security features to deter counterfeiting and fraud, Michael Sorrento, director of the Defense Manpower Data Center, said in a statement. To date, only about 20 Real-Time Automated Personnel Identification Card System (RAPIDS) sites now offer the new cards; other sites await equipment upgrades in order to make them. All DoD USID card facilities are set to offer the IDs by December 2020, according to the release. The complete transition to new USID cards is targeted for January 2026.

This transition doesn't affect current card expiration dates and doesn't change the populations who are eligible to get the current USID cards.

In addition to dependents of active-duty troops and reservists and retirees and their dependents, those eligible for these DoD-recognized IDs include Medal of Honor recipients and their dependents and 100% disabled veterans and their dependents, among others. The cards facilitate access to military bases and to other exclusive facilities, such as commissaries and exchanges.

The COVID-19 pandemic has complicated the rollout of the new cards.

Sorrento advised that it would be better to wait to get the new card until next summer unless the holder's current one is expired. Applicants should call ahead for appointments to get the new USID cards.

In April, Pentagon officials announced that dependent and retiree cards set to expire in 2020 would be automatically extended through September in light of the pandemic, and changed policy to allow some ID updates and new enrollments to be done by mail.

DoD is further developing the ID card process, Sorrento said in the release, and eyeing changes such as a mail-in ID process with online vetting, eliminating the requirement to apply in person at a RAPIDS site.

Bob Behm, LTC (RET) Army





## In Memoriam

By Dianna Gilmore



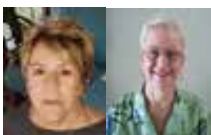
**T**here's a sunrise and a sunset every single day, and they're absolutely free. Don't miss so many of them. – Jo Walton  
It has been a month of sunrises and sunsets. Let us count our blessings!

Please contact me, Dianna Gilmore at 303-748-6572 of any deaths you are aware of in our community. It is my honor to lower our community memorial flag and post notices on the flag board, the clubhouse and in the Monthly Media. Your calls to me will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

*If we lose love and self-respect for each other, this is how we finally die. - Maya Angelou*

## New Residents Joining our Community

By Nancy Sullivan and Nancy Jonas



**I**f 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

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By Bob Pultorak

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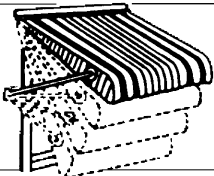
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90	Anita Reed	Oct	1	641	Gloria Garafola	Oct	18
91	William Bauer	Oct	1	6	Harold Noeller	Oct	19
102	Denny Pieczonka	Oct	1	546	Darwin Tweedy	Oct	19
231	Joann Meriwether	Oct	1	133	Cathy Gray	Oct	20
782	Cyndi Ponder	Oct	1	291	Margaret Claudy	Oct	20
539	Karen Ostrander	Oct	2	83	Joyce Nohmer	Oct	21
119	Peter Hebert	Oct	3	570	James Cloyd	Oct	22
196	Joan Nelson	Oct	5	804	Barbara Morin	Oct	22
586	Belinda Schimph	Oct	5	448	Jim Meegan	Oct	23
15	Eileen Bober	Oct	6	197	Rita French	Oct	24
777	Jeanne Grippio	Oct	6	269	Glen Oglesbee	Oct	24
41	Richard Morgan	Oct	7	653	Martin Newland	Oct	25
456	Carolyn Teter	Oct	7	359	John Miller	Oct	26
15	Duane Bober	Oct	8	441	Judy Hill	Oct	27
193	Linda Carver	Oct	8	758	Bonnie Melke	Oct	27
374	Ron Anderson	Oct	8	107	Bob Levin	Oct	28
314	Leslie Cowley	Oct	9	12	Bill Knudsen	Oct	29
422	Alice Tuson	Oct	9	81	Roy Sanders	Oct	29
634	Andy Szymaszek	Oct	9	341	Nick Turi	Oct	29
649	Nikki Phinney	Oct	9	445	Evan Olmstead	Oct	29
719	Stacy Finch	Oct	10	189	William Griffiths	Oct	30
759	Howard Florczak	Oct	10				
518	Madge Ladd	Oct	11				
715	Betty Good	Oct	12				
318	Stephanie Brown	Oct	14				
406	John Giovagnorio	Oct	14				
655	Mimi Bardo	Oct	14				
693	Bernie Esterberg	Oct	14				
138	Mary Halley	Oct	15				
164	Barbara Neirinck	Oct	16				
712	Leslie Fox	Oct	16				
261	John (Gene) Wells	Oct	17				
468	Janice Buchko	Oct	17				
132	Doris Clinton	Oct	18				
174	Ruth Ann Sherich	Oct	18				



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## October Anniversaries

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448	Jim & Fran Meegan	Oct	1	1961
562	James & Judy Akin	Oct	1	1965
91	William & Nancy Bauer	Oct	1	1990
76	Jeff & Esther Klauck	Oct	3	2006
712	Les & Mary Fox	Oct	4	1980
6	Harold & Marty Noeller	Oct	4	1986
683	Douglas & Eileen Smith	Oct	4	1986
178	Tony & Margueitte Bifano	Oct	5	1968
700	Roland & Patricia Eades	Oct	7	
402	Robert & Ester Mcquaid	Oct	8	1988
570	James & Barbara Cloyd	Oct	9	1954
434	Raymond & Delores Gaddy	Oct	9	1980
100	Michael & Stephany Bevis/Masi	Oct	10	2010
522	Wayne & Patricia Syler	Oct	11	1959
296	Michael & Jean Troutner	Oct	13	1990
599	Jack & Claudia Burbridge	Oct	17	1960
379	Charles & Diana Prain	Oct	21	1966
708	Joe & Sharon Ruzekowicz	Oct	21	2000
23	Dave & Linda Spence	Oct	25	1975
675	John & Betty Hiscock	Oct	26	1996
594	Don & Melissa Crone	Oct	27	1973
696	Edward & Lorraine Richards	Oct	27	1984
143	Amelia (Dora) & John Cappelli	Oct	28	1967
225	Patrick & Joanne Renaud	Oct	29	1982

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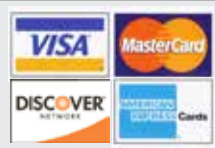
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