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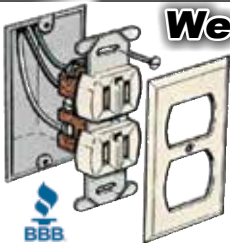
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1. **All renters/visitors required to register and apply for background check at the office. Show proof of age. Owners check-in and also leave departure date. Update your information.**
2. Permit required for overnight parking in **designated** areas. Overnight street parking is not permitted. Obtain permit at office (5-L) during office hours.
3. Speed Limit in park: 10 MPH. Be aware of other cars when parking on streets. They are very narrow. Emergency vehicles should be able to pass easily.
4. Check Clubhouse Activity Room # 1 for information on possible sales or rentals available.
5. Children must be accompanied by resident adult to use Pool & Clubhouse. **All residents are to wear cover-up or Tee shirt when in clubhouse. DO NOT WALK INTO CLUBHOUSE WITH WET FEET!**
6. **SAFETY HINT:** Use a **FLASHLIGHT** when walking during the dark hours after 6:00P. Golf Carts turn lights **ON**.
7. Residents should have Emergency Contact information in their office file, in case of medical problem or weather emergency.
8. Any requests for our maintenance staff is to be submitted, **IN WRITING**, so work order can be generated. No verbal requests, please.

Pointe West Community Organizations

1. **Residents Owned Community - ROC**
 - a. Residents who bought a share in community which owns the land. They display a black permanent tag on their coach.
 - b. These residents pay real estate taxes to Pinellas County.
 - c. They pay a monthly maintenance fee to the ROC.
 - d. Organization elects residents to the Board to govern the running of Pointe West. These (9) directors elect yearly: a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.
2. **Recreation Association - REC**
 - a. All residents are eligible to join, paying \$2.50 per person for life.
 - b. It's managed by a Board of Directors (9) for rotating three year terms. They then elect a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer each year.
 - c. They plan a Social calendar for winter and summer seasons.
3. **Home Owners' Association - HOA**
 - a. Pointe West Homeowners Association Inc. A not-for profit corporation. The H.O.A. is by law, the official and legally recognized representative.
 - b. Members – Non-shareholders who rent their lots here regarding , rent increases, park rules and regulations, park amenities, state governing statutes.
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Respecting Our Shared Clubhouse



Dear Residents,
We’ve recently noticed that a number of items have been taken from the clubhouse without authorization. The clubhouse and everything in it are shared community resources intended for everyone’s enjoyment, and it’s important that we all do our part to respect and care for these belongings.

Lately, we’ve discovered that batteries from the blood pressure cuff were removed; a griddle is missing; paper towels in the restrooms are being rolled out at will along with soap containers being emptied in a single day; and the kitchen can opener has disappeared. Please remember that these items are not personal property and should not be removed or borrowed. The only exceptions are chairs and tables, which may be used outside the clubhouse *only* if they are properly signed out in advance.

When items go missing, it affects everyone—events become harder to organize, supplies need to be replaced, and costs increase for the entire community. We ask for your cooperation in helping us maintain a well-equipped and welcoming space for all residents.

If you have borrowed something in error, please return it promptly. Moving forward, let’s all be mindful and respectful of our shared space.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Terri Rider, ROC President

Susan Barnard, REC President

Preparing for Hurricane Season -- Hurricane Expo

May 9, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, Free, The Centre, 1500 16th St, Palm Harbor
Hurricane season starts on June 1st. Being prepared can help save lives during a weather crisis.

Numerous Pinellas County departments will be present to provide information on how to prepare for and respond to hurricanes. There will be over thirty-five booths filled with information, tips, and giveaways! Don’t miss out on the chance to win many door prizes, including generators, hurricane supply kits, chainsaws, and more! You can also see rescue equipment and vehicles on display. <https://phparksandrec.org/events/>





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Conserving Water

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One of the perks of living at Pointe West is that residents don't receive individual water bills—but the Park still pays. A recent two-month water bill totaled \$58,000! At the same time, the Southwest Florida Water Management District has issued a **Modified Phase III "Extreme" Water Shortage Order**, calling for immediate conservation across Pinellas County.

Even without individual billing, water use matters here. Our shared aging plumbing means excess use can cause low pressure, more repairs, or even shutoffs. Rising water costs can also lead to rent increases over time.

Let's all do our part. (Showering with a friend is optional.) Here are simple, effective ways to conserve water without sacrificing comfort:

Smart Ways to Save Water

1. **Fix leaks promptly** – Dripping faucets and running toilets can waste hundreds of gallons each month.
2. **Upgrade fixtures** – Install low-flow showerheads, add faucet aerators, or use a dual-flush/low-flow toilet.
3. **Take shorter showers** – Cutting just 2–3 minutes makes a big difference.
4. **Turn off water when not in use** – While brushing teeth, shaving, or hand-washing dishes.
5. **Run full loads only** – Washing machines and dishwashers work best when full.
6. **Shut off outdoor water** at the faucet when not in use.
7. **Water plants efficiently** – Water early or late, use drip hoses or watering cans, and aim for roots.
8. **Choose low-water plants** – Native and drought-tolerant plants need far less water.
9. **Sweep, don't hose** patios, driveways, and decks.
10. **Insulate exposed pipes** – Reduces wasted water and helps prevent leaks.
11. **Check skirting and access areas** for hidden leaks.
12. **Consider a tankless water heater** to reduce wasted water while waiting for heat.
13. **Report leaks in common areas** such as restrooms and laundry rooms.

My parents didn't want to move to Florida, but they turned sixty and that's the law.
–Jerry Seinfeld



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Dear Residents:

As we come to the close of another wonderful and active season here in our park, I want to take a moment to reflect on what a truly successful year it has been for our Recreation Committee (REC) and our entire community.

Thanks to the enthusiasm, participation, and support of so many of you, we have enjoyed a wide variety of events—from social gatherings and tournaments to shared meals and special celebrations. Many new events like music bingo, themed dances, the wine walk, line dancing and more were introduced this past season. These activities are what make our park not just a place to live, but a place to connect, laugh, and build lasting friendships.

I would especially like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our residents who volunteered their time and energy throughout the past year. Your willingness to step up, lend a hand, and support one another is what truly makes our park's activities so successful. Whether you helped organize events, set up and clean up, or simply pitched in wherever needed, your efforts have made a meaningful difference and are sincerely appreciated.

As we transition into the summer months, things naturally begin to slow down a bit as many of our seasonal residents head north. However, for those who remain, please know that the fun doesn't stop. We will continue to offer a number of activities designed especially for our full-time residents. Expect to see casual get-togethers like picnics, smaller social events, and other opportunities to enjoy each other's company in a more relaxed setting. Summer gives us a chance to keep things simple, stay connected, and continue building the sense of community that makes this park so special.

On behalf of the Recreation Committee, thank you again for being part of such a successful year. We look forward to seeing you throughout the summer and to another fantastic season ahead.

Warm regards,
Susan Barnard, President
Recreation Committee



Memorial Day

By Susan Barnard

Memorial Day is a day set aside to remember those who did not come home, and to reflect on the freedoms we enjoy today. Join us at the Clubhouse as we come together to honor and remember, and to celebrate a truly historic milestone -- the **250th Anniversary of America**. As our nation marks this incredible anniversary, it is a perfect time to reflect on the sacrifices that have helped preserve our freedoms for two and a half centuries.

The day will begin with a special **flag ceremony at 9:00 a.m.**, offering a meaningful moment of remembrance and gratitude for those who have served and given so much.

Following the ceremony, please join us for a **community picnic at 12:00 noon**. The REC will be providing hamburgers and hot dogs, and we invite everyone to contribute to our potluck by bringing a favorite dish to share.

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Kindly **sign up in Activity Room #1** and indicate what you will bring. Your participation helps make this a warm, festive, and memorable occasion for all.

We look forward to sharing this special day together as we honor our heroes, celebrate our nation’s 250-year legacy, and enjoy the wonderful community we call home.

Veteran’s Corner~



Janice Thiede will be taking over for Gil Himes. Contact her at 12-O (Circle Drive) or 203.623.9643 if you would like to:

- Donate new men’s or women’s underwear, socks, toiletries, single size personal hygiene items; puzzles; or board games;
- submit an 8x10 photo with military information for the Wall of Honor; or
- properly dispose of damaged or retired U.S. flags.

*“It doesn’t take a hero to order men into battle.
It takes a hero to be one of those men who goes into battle.”
- Norman Schwarzkopf*

*“As we set today aside to honor and thank our veterans,
let us be mindful that we should do this every day of the year and not just one.”
—Beth Pennington*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to all the May babies!

- 5/04 Melvin Rowe
- 5/05 Patricia Velheim
- 5/11 Don Newbury
- 5/16 Vince Rider
- 5/30 Kim Chiriaco



Happy Anniversary

- 5/26 Joseph and Linda Oliver 2001
- 5/27 Michael and Jackie Legare 1990



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Crafting With Julie

By Julie Cincotta



As we wrapped up our final Crafting with Julie class of the season, it was impossible not to reflect on what a special journey this has been. This group of talented seniors has brought not only creativity to the table, but also wisdom, humor, and a wonderful sense of community that made every class something to look forward to.

Throughout the season, we explored new techniques, shared stories, and encouraged one another to try things we may not have attempted on our own. Each project told a story, and each class became a space where creativity and connection went hand in hand. It has been such a joy to see everyone's confidence grow and to witness the pride in each finished piece.

Our final class was a celebration not just of what we created, but of the friendships and memories we built along the way. It's a reminder that crafting is more than a hobby. It's a meaningful way to stay engaged, express ourselves, and connect with others.

As we head into the summer months, I encourage each of you to continue crafting in ways that bring you happiness and relaxation. Creativity has no season, and even small moments spent making something can bring a sense of purpose and joy to each day.

Have a wonderful summer and we will see you in the fall. XOXO

Julie

Poetry Corner

A Tree and Me

When a tree first pushes
Through the ground
That is when I was born
When a tree grows
Its main branches
Those are my children
When a tree develops
Deep roots
Those are my grandchildren
When the leaves of the
Tree turn colors

That is when my hair is turning gray
When the tree leaves fall
To the ground
That is when my hair is falling out
When a tree looks dead
In the wintertime
Always please remember
I am not gone
Because my roots are still alive!!!
Thank God for grandchildren
By George Timmins

Florida Fun Facts

- Florida is the only state visited by both Spanish and French explorers in the 1500s.
- The Florida Keys coral reef is the only living coral barrier reef in the continental U.S.
- Florida produces nearly all the oranges in the U.S. used for orange juice.
- Florida is the "Lightning Capital of the U.S.," so spring thunderstorms are not unusual.
- The Castillo de San Marcos in St. Augustine is over three hundred years old.
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Mother's Day ~ May 10

A Bouquet for Mother

If I had a garden of flowers rare,
In size so far beyond compare;
I'd wander through it on this day,
And pick for you a big bouquet.
I'd pick a rose of deepest red,
For the times you've tucked me into bed;
Another of a brilliant hue,
For the many times I've made you blue.
I'd put a snap in its right place,
For the times you've washed this dirty face;
An aster I would place in hand,
For the times I've spoiled the things you've planned.
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For each time I've been to you unkind;
And I'd try to find a violent blue
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Some daisies I would like to pluck,
For the times in past my part you took;
For the times my secret you have kept,
So that my Dad would spare the whip.
I'd break a marigold from its stem,
While thinking of the times when
I fell, while out of at play,
And you came, picked me up, kissed the tears away.
You'd try to kiss the place that hurt,
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The place I sat or "where did I land?"
This garden of mine would sure look sick;
All perfect blossoms would be picked
To move this bundle, I'd hire a van;
'Twould be too big to carry in hand.
Mother of mine, You're growing old.
There's silver threads among the gold.
There's wrinkles deep upon your face,
Time, worry and work have left their trace.
When the sun goes down at the end of your day,
And the Good Lord takes your soul away,
I dread to think of the space there'll be,
That will be empty, hollow for me.
So here's a bouquet of words for you,
While the sun still shines and skies are blue,
To let you know that I do love you,
And wish you might stay 'til my life is thru.

Written by Amos Hoyt
Printed in "The Central Square News,"
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Submitted by Melanie Pangburn





Cookbook Book Club News

for Curious Cooks and Eaters

By Barb Hyle

Favorite Food Finale

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Once again this year we will close out the season by celebrating our Favorite Foods. No cookbook this month. Instead, everyone will bring their favorite dish and a wonderful memory they associate with it. It will be a lovely evening sharing stories while enjoying a fabulous feast.

Whether it's something you tasted for the first time at the CBBC this year or a recipe passed down to you from your grandmother, we want to enjoy it with you. *NEW THIS YEAR: If your favorite food is not something you make—but something you buy (think Frieda's apple strudel), you can bring it to the Finale.* Whether you make it or buy it, we look forward to tasting your favorite breakfast dish, sandwich, appetizer, soup, salad, or dessert.

If you would like to join us for this special year-end event:

- register your name and the name of your favorite food on the sign-up sheet in the Activities Room;
- prepare your recipe or purchase your favorite prepared food; and
- bring it with you to the CBBC tasting party at the Clubhouse.

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Your foodie friends in Pointe West look forward to seeing you!!!!

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Community Spotlight: Pat and Carole Gillespie

by Dee Newbury

I want to start by saying that I've never met Carole and Pat until recently when she stopped by our table at the St. Patrick's Day luncheon and after introductions she told me she would always remember me by the Jellyfish costume at Halloween and that made me smile. I also learned that day that they had just sold their coach and were staying across the street from us for a few weeks before heading back to Canada. So, this was my opportunity to get their story.

The first thing I asked was if she spelled her first name with an "e" on the end or not to which she replied and then told me the story of why she spells it that way. Her brother married a Carol and since their names were the same, she had a lot of mail and other mix-ups when she was younger, so she paid to legally change the spelling of her name.

Carole and Pat married 48 years ago. Carole came from a large family of eleven siblings. Pat came from a family of four siblings and was originally from Scotland before his parents moved them to Canada when he was eight. Carole lived in Lancaster Ontario and Pat in Kingston. She became a nurse and eventually went to work at a teaching hospital in Kingston Ontario where she was a dialysis nurse for 30 years before retiring. Pat worked for Corrections Canada as a microfilm instructor at a shop for inmates.

Pat and Carole met at a dance one night and continued to dance for 48 years and, of course, they still are.

Upon coming to Florida, they rented several units over the years before buying 7I in 2008 and recently sold it to Mel Pangburn's sister and brother-in-law Mike and Deb Whitney.

Their time at Pointe West was filled with lots of fun and laughter with friends. They attended most every dance and are known as the dancing Queen and King. Carole loves Bingo and both are avid golfers. They have played at all the park tournaments and golfed 3 days a week in Clearwater. Their mission was to always have fun. After talking with Carole and sharing many stories between us, as she is very easy to talk to, I said I wish I would have met you sooner. Let us all pray this loved couple is able to return next season.



May in the Sunshine State

Some of us might be missing Spring in our home states, but May is actually one of the nicest times of the year to be on the Gulf Coast. Enjoy this time right before summer tourism peaks, with easier parking at beaches, less traffic than June – August, and restaurants are not as crowded. Plus.

1. It is the "sweet spot" weather-wise. May is one of the last months before Florida's intense summer heat and humidity kick in. Temperatures are warm (typically 75–88°F), but not as oppressive as July or August.
2. Afternoon showers start (but are not a big deal). You may notice short, scattered thunderstorms popping up—usually mid-to-late afternoon. They are quick (often 20–40



- minutes). Mornings and evenings are typically sunny and beautiful.
3. It is great for wildlife spotting. Manatees begin leaving warm springs and heading into open waters. You might spot them along the coast or in bays. Dolphins are very active in May and frequently seen from shore or while walking along the beach. Early morning or sunset gives you the best chance. Calm Gulf waters make them easier to spot.
 4. Flowers and tropical plants are thriving. Everything is lush and blooming—hibiscus, bougainvillea, and palms are at their peak thanks to the warm temperatures and increasing rain. Florida Botanical Gardens are especially beautiful this time of year.
 5. Prime fishing season begins. May is excellent for fishing in Florida. Species like tarpon, snook, and redfish are very active, especially along the Gulf Coast. Popular spots include the Intracoastal Waterway and nearby piers.
 6. Theme parks are less crowded (early May). Before schools let out for summer, early May can be a quieter time to visit spots like Walt Disney World.
 7. Sea turtle nesting season starts. Local beaches become important nesting grounds for sea turtles starting in May. Watch for protected nesting areas. Areas may be roped off to protect nests and night time beach lighting is kept low to avoid disturbing turtles.
 8. Sunsets get later and longer. Days are getting longer, with beautiful, colorful sunsets—and less crowds on the beach.

Quick Tips:

- Stay cool: wear hats, sunscreen, and keep water handy.
- Enjoy the outdoors in the morning or late afternoon to avoid the hottest sun.
- Try a fresh citrus recipe—oranges and grapefruit are abundant in May.
- Attend local community events: concerts, art shows, and nature walks are free.
- Visit Largo Central Park or a nearby beach. Look for birds, butterflies, and fresh flowers.
- Make a small citrus-scented flower craft for your home or front door.

Tampa Bay Bucket List: Titanic Exhibit

By Barb Hyle

HAVE YOU SEEN THE TITANIC ?

I have and you can too. I recently went to see “TITANIC: An Immersive Voyage” in Tampa. It was wonderful and I highly recommend it. Described as a “once-in-a-lifetime expedition to experience the Titanic through the eyes of the passengers,” it includes over one hundred artifacts, life-size recreated rooms and cutting-edge 3D projections and video animations.

It tells the story of the Titanic—from its creation, to the crash, and aftermath. When you “board” the Titanic, you walk through life-sized recreations of parts of the ship and even dramatically experience the sinking of the ship while sitting in one of the lifeboats.

Ticket prices start at \$23 and vary by day and time. I strongly recommend that you upgrade to a VIP ticket which includes a virtual reality exploration of the Titanic and the actual wreck site deep in the Atlantic. Believe me, it is a truly exhilarating experience.

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Bill's quest:

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"I'm sorry to bother you," says Bill, "but I'm a long way from home, my car's broken down, and I can't get a repairman today because it's Sunday. Would it be possible for me to stay the night here at the monastery?"

The monks graciously accept Bill, and they're happy for him to spend the night there. He's invited to have dinner with them and, as they're very resourceful, they even fix his car for him. After Bill has retired to his room for the night, and as he's trying to fall asleep, he hears a strange but seductive sound. It's a sound, unlike anything he's ever heard before.

It's a sound so seductive that Bill is reminded of the Sirens of Greek mythology, who lured sailors with their enchanting music and singing voices to shipwreck on the rocky coast. Well, Bill cannot sleep that night thinking about what he's just heard. He tosses and turns, trying to figure out what could possibly be making such a strange but seductive sound.

As you'd expect, at breakfast, Bill feels compelled to ask the monks about the sound he'd heard during the night. The Abbot, sitting at the head of the table, smiles benevolently at Bill and responds to his question by saying, *"Unfortunately, we cannot tell you because you're not a monk."*

Bill is disappointed by this response, but he thanks the monks for their hospitality and, having finished breakfast, he leaves the monastery. However, the matter doesn't end there. Bill cannot forget the hypnotic allure of this beautiful, seductive sound. So, a year later, he just has to go back to the monastery and plead with the monks to tell him more about this strange sound.

Once again, the response from the Abbot is, *"Unfortunately, we cannot tell you because you're not a monk."*

Bill is desperate, so he says to the Abbot, *"Look, if the only way I can find out what is making that beautiful sound is to become a monk, then please, make me a monk."*

"Before you can join our monastery," says the Abbot, "you must travel the earth and tell us how many blades of grass there are in total and the exact number of grains of sand there are, too. When you've found the answers to these questions, only then will you be ready to become a monk."

Bill realizes it won't be easy, but he sets about his task to become a monk. Years later, he's now getting old, but Bill is back knocking on the door of the monastery. The door is answered, and Bill is taken to the Abbot.

"In my quest to find what makes that beautiful sound, I've travelled the earth as you requested," says Bill. "Reflecting on the questions you asked me to answer, I've come to realize that the world is in a state of perpetual change. Only God knows what you ask. All a man can know is himself, and only then if he is honest and reflective and willing to strip away self-deception."

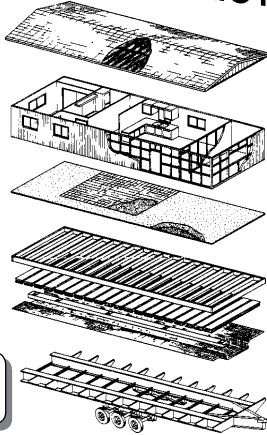
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“Indeed, you can,” the Abbot responds. “Follow me.”

The Abbot then leads Bill down a long, dark corridor, at the end of which is an old wooden door.

“The source of the sound is beyond this door,” says the Abbot, as he hands Bill a key.

Bill then opens the door, only to find that behind it is another door made of stone. The Abbot hands Bill another key, and he opens it, only to find yet another door, this time one that is encrusted with emeralds. Well, the process goes on and Bill finds a series of doors, encrusted with various precious gems, including pearls, sapphires, rubies, and diamonds. He’s given keys for each, and he opens each one.

Finally, Bill reaches a door that is made of solid gold. He can now hear the strange and seductive sound clearly as the Abbot hands him the final key.

“This is the last key to the last door,” says the Abbot. “On the other side of this door is the source of the sound that has enchanted you so much, for so long.”

Bill is feeling a little apprehensive at this point, after all, the answer he’s been seeking for so long is behind this door. With trembling hands, Bill unlocks the door, turns the knob, and pushes the door open, slowly. He falls to his knees in amazement, as he finally discovers the source of that haunting, seductive and beautiful sound.

And what is the source?

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When they got home, Mildred asked George to get her a bowl of ice cream from the kitchen refrigerator.

“Should I write that down for you, George?” she said.

“No, Mildred. I’m sure I’ll remember a bowl of ice cream,” George responded.

“OK, George,” said Mildred, “but I want some whipped cream with my ice cream, too. Should I write that down?”

“No,” said George. “I’ll remember. You want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream.”

“George, I’d love a cherry on top too,” said Mildred. “Should I write that down?”

“No, I got it,” said George. “You want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top.”

So, George disappears into the kitchen to get the ice cream, and he then spends an unusually long time there before returning about 40 minutes later.

He returns to the living room and hands Mildred a plate of eggs and bacon.

Mildred stares at the plate momentarily, and then she looks at George.

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- Install storm shutters if available
- Turn refrigerator / freezer to coldest setting
- Unplug small appliances

IF EVACUATING

- Leave early (do not wait)
- Follow official routes
- Take emergency kit & documents
- Lock home before leaving

DURING THE STORM

- Stay indoors and away from windows
- Do not go outside during the “eye”
- Listen to local alerts and radio

AFTER THE STORM

- Avoid flooded areas
- Watch for downed power lines
- Check on neighbors
- Report emergencies as needed

Regular Pointe West Happenings ~

- **“KK” (Koffee Klatch):** weekly gathering to meet your neighbors, hear any news or event updates, and enjoy free coffee and donuts, yogurt, or fruit. Doors open at 8:30 for socializing; meeting starts at 9:00. Leftover donuts are sold for fifty cents each. Come meet your neighbors and find out what is happening at Pointe West. **KK Recap:** *If you know of anyone who is not receiving the KK recap you can email their email address to pointewestresidents@gmail.com or speak to Susan Barnard at the KK meetings.*
- **Weekly Bingo:** Thursday afternoon in the Clubhouse at 1pm.
- **Aquasize:** Weekdays at 9:30am. (No Aquasize if air temperature is less than 70 degrees.)
- **Ladies Luncheons** (3rd Friday of the month at noon) and **Men’s Luncheon** (2nd Tuesday of the month at noon). Monthly plans are shared at KK, and the sign-up sheets are in the Activity Room.
- **Bowling:** Bowling for Fun every Wednesday, 2:00pm at Liberty Lanes on Starkey. Cost is \$3.50 a game plus \$2.00 shoe rental. We usually do two games. We have a lot of laughs and cheers for those rare STRIKES! This is not a league. We just go and have fun! Everyone is welcome to join us or to just to come and cheer.
- **In Park Friendly Shuffle:** whether it's your first time or you've been playing for years! Friendly Shuffle happens every Monday and Friday at 1:00 pm.
- **Indoor Table Shuffle** every Thursday, at 7:00pm, through April.
- **Crafting with Julie:** first Monday of the month at 11:00am. Sign up in the Activity Room and prepay for your supplies. The monthly project is shared at KK.
- **Cookbook Book Club:** second Monday of the month at 6:00pm. Review the cookbook of the month and sign up in the Activity Room.
- **Line Dancing** will end April 14; **T'ai Chi Chih** will end April 17. **Euchre** and **Cornhole** are done for the season. See y'all in the fall!
- **Wall of Honor:** Any veteran who would like their picture and military information placed on our “Wall of Honor,” please contact Janice Thiede, 12-O, 203.623.9643.
- **Donations for Vets:** Ed Longtin, Lot 5M, is collecting manufacturer’s coupons for troops overseas. Elks cut, separate, and forward them. Donations for CW Bill Young VA Medical Center are always welcomed, such as men’s and women’s new underwear, socks, new toiletries, single size personal hygiene items, puzzles, and board games. There are female veterans at Bay Pines, as well as male veterans. Donations can be dropped at 12-O (Circle Drive) or call Janice Thiede, 203.623.9643.



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- **Office Hours:** Regular office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9am to 1pm. If you wish to come to the office outside these hours please call to make an appointment (727) 584-8924.
- **Gate Fobs:** Fobs (like a garage door opener) for the gate between Pointe West and Four Seasons are available for purchase at the Pointe West Office during regular business hours. The cost is \$31.00 each, cash only, no checks. If you do not buy a fob for the gate, the manual code will still work.
- **Water Restrictions:** Pointe West’s designated days for watering are Wednesday or Sunday, before 10am and after 4pm. Please adjust your watering schedule accordingly or you may receive a violation notice and be subject to fines. **Residents are reminded that leaving the water on when hose is not in use, even if the spray nozzle is closed, is in violation of county regulations. Please ensure that all water is turned off when hoses are not in use.** For more information, see <https://pinellas.gov/watering-schedule-and-rules/>.
- **Borrowing from the Clubhouse:** Residents are reminded that if you wish to borrow chairs or tables from the Clubhouse you are required to sign for them. When you want to borrow items, please ask a REC member. The sign-up sheet is in the storage room which is normally locked and can be accessed by the REC board members. Borrowing tables or chairs is not allowed if there is a Clubhouse event planned.
- **Yellow Directory (Dial Directory):** Please contact Donna in the office and let her know of any changes or additions. The office number is 727-584-8924, and is located at Lot 5-L.
- **Pool:** If you open an umbrella at the pool, please close it before you leave. We don’t want any umbrellas damaged by unexpected storms. If you use it and don’t close it, you may be responsible if it gets broken. Reminder ~ Wear bracelet in the pool area.
- **Parking:** Please park your bicycles and golf carts in the designated areas only and not on the walkways or in front of the doorways. There is a bicycle rack to the left of the main clubhouse door, and golf carts should park in parking spots. Please keep the sidewalk areas clear and hazard free. No vehicle parking on sidewalks ~ it may crack the concrete.
- **If you are leaving the Park for an extended period** please remember to notify the office. Make sure your ‘out of the Park’ address and phone number are current. Also inform the office who has a key to your unit, if you have authorized anyone to park in your driveway etc. Our community looks out for one another so it is important that information about your unit is current.
- **Please DO NOT CHANGE the programming for microphones, TV, and other electronic equipment.**
- **Reminder about Bulletin Boards in the Activity Room:** All notices must be dated and can be left up for 30 days. Notices without a date will be removed.
- **“That Internet Guy” Contact Info:** If you receive your internet from “Tom, the Internet Guy,” please make note of his information in case you ever need to contact him for connection issues. You will need to contact him via text. **Tom Northrup, Park Wi-Fi Solutions, 585.727.4286.**

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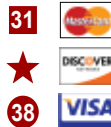
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 - **E-Blast System Reminder:** The Pointe West office uses an E-blast system to advise residents of important issues and emergency notices. To ensure that you receive these critical messages, please make sure the office has your email address.
 - **Use your ashtray!** Whether you're driving, riding around in your golf cart, using the common spaces, or enjoying the pool, please use proper receptacles for your cigarette butts. They are scattered over the sides of the roads and sidewalks, and wind up in our yards. They not only present a fire hazard, they also detract from the beauty of our Park.
 - **Automated External Defibrillator (AED)**, located in the Clubhouse, is a portable device designed to treat people experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It also provides prompts for assisting a person who is choking. The Seminole Fire Department offers **FREE** training on using the device with their CPR classes. Seminole Fire Rescue | 9199 113th Street, Seminole, FL 33772. Call: 727-393-8711
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24. Low point
26. Worldwide
30. Stash
32. Scrutinize
33. Pomp
37. Pretentious person
38. Desert watering holes
39. You (archaic)
40. Idioms
42. Offering little or no hope
43. Twiddled one's thumbs
44. Purchasers
45. Chocolate source
47. Not thin
48. Roman robe
49. Hyperactive
56. Wicked
57. Knockout
58. Custom
59. Peddle
60. Distinctive flair
61. Genus of heath
62. 3
63. Break
64. Adjust again

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2. Towards the back
3. Diva's solo
4. Portent or omen
5. Navy jacket
6. Planet
7. African sheep
8. Nerd
9. Flavoring extracts
10. Without intention
11. Hindu loincloth
12. Scuba user
13. Flower stalk
21. Addition
25. Revelation response
26. Sharp intake of breath
27. Moon goddess
28. Scent
29. According to the Bible
30. Enclosed
31. Anagram of "Sage"
33. Rate
34. You (archaic)
35. Big laugh
36. Guffaws
38. Witness
41. American Dental Association
42. Meat retailer
44. Sheep sound
45. Shroud
46. Nimble
47. Not back
48. Exam
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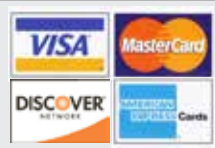


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The absent-minded composer

The famous composer Ludwig von Beethoven once went to a restaurant for some dinner, but being very absent-minded he forgot what he actually came there for. A waiter asked him several times what he would like to order, but Beethoven paid him no attention.

After an hour Beethoven called the waiter and asked him, “How much do I pay?”

The waiter replied, “Sir, you haven’t ordered anything yet. What I can do for you?”

Frustrated, Beethoven snapped back, “Oh, just bring whatever you want and leave me alone!”

Einstein: A genius with a human touch

Albert Einstein was a scientific genius, and stories about him are legendary. Three stories illustrate that he was as human as the rest of us:

- When Einstein went to Princeton University in 1953, someone asked what he would need for his office. His reply: “A desk, some pads and a pencil, and a large wastebasket to hold all of my mistakes.”
- A student visited Einstein in his Princeton office one day with a copy of this year’s final exam in his hand. “Professor, all the questions on this year’s test are the same as last year!” “Yes,” Einstein replied, “but this year all the answers are different.”
- After finishing a paper, Einstein and his assistant could find only one paper clip in his office to hold the pages together. Unfortunately, it was bent out of shape and impossible to use. They searched the desk for something to use as a tool to straighten the clip, and found a full box of paper clips in one drawer. Instead of taking one of those clips, Einstein used one as a tool to straighten out the bent clip.

The assistant asked why he didn’t just use one of the fresh clips. Einstein answered, “Once I am set on a goal it becomes difficult to deflect me.”

Quote

To hell with facts! We need stories!
—Ken Kesey



A lesson in taking chances

A story from the book *Art and Fear*, by David Bayles and Ted Orland (Image Continuum Press), illustrates the power of taking chances and risking failure when you're trying to achieve something of quality:

On the first day of class, a ceramics teacher announced that he was putting his students into two groups. Half the students would be graded on quantity of works produced, the other half on the quality of just one work. On the final day of class, the instructor looked at the pots from both groups and realized that the best pots—those with the most creative designs and those that seemed most beautiful—all came from the group graded on quantity.

As the authors put it: “It seems that while the ‘quantity’ group was busily churning out piles of work—and learning from their mistakes—the ‘quality’ group had sat theorizing about perfection, and in the end had little more to show for their efforts than grandiose theories and a pile of dead clay.”

Take a fresh approach to solving problems

You don't always want the same old solutions to everyday problems. Sometimes you want to try something different. From the *Fast Company* website comes these ideas for finding a fresh approach:

- **Rephrase the question.** The way you frame the problem may limit your options. Teach yourself to expand the scope. Instead of, “How can we throw a great birthday party for Ted?” Ask, “What can we do to make this a memorable birthday?”
- **Look for bad ideas.** Seeking perfect solutions can put too much pressure on your creativity. Give yourself a break and try coming up with some bad ideas. You'll get them out of the way quickly, and sometimes a bad idea can lead to something new and exciting.
- **Challenge your assumptions.** Take a hard look at your basic beliefs about the situation. Is the customer really always right? Is the lowest price necessarily the best deal? Turning your assumptions on their heads can suggest a different direction to go in.

Quotes

There are painters who transform the sun to a yellow spot, but there are others who with the help of their art and their intelligence, transform a yellow spot into sun.
—Pablo Picasso



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