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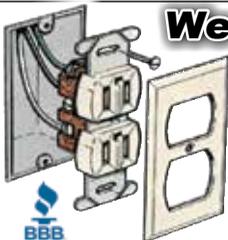
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6. **SAFETY HINT:** Use a **FLASHLIGHT** when walking during the dark hours after 6:00P. Golf Carts turn lights **ON**.
7. Residents should have Emergency Contact information in their office file, in case of medical problem or weather emergency.
8. 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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Pointe West: Enjoying the Good Life



In times that often feel divisive, celebrating community and fostering genuine connections becomes even more important. At Pointe West, we're focused on creating inclusive events and shared experiences that bring neighbors together, regardless of differing viewpoints or backgrounds. By organizing gatherings like the weekly Koffee Klatch, St. Patrick's Day Lunch, Friends and Music, regular dances, group fitness opportunities, and Veteran's Coffee, we provide welcoming spaces for open conversation, shared laughter, and mutual support. These moments remind us that we are united by the joys of friendship, the value of kindness, and a shared commitment to making life good for everyone in our Park. Celebrate March by picking a new event or activity and join your neighbors in community!

St. Patrick's Day Lunch

March 17, Noon, Clubhouse

On St. Patrick's Day, we all are a little Irish. So put on your green and come enjoy delicious food, lively conversation, and a touch of Irish charm. There is no cost for lunch, but you must sign up in the Activity Room. The REC will provide Shepherd's Pie and salad. You provide a dessert to share and bring your own beverage.

"As we gather to celebrate, may the luck of the Irish enfold you and may laughter light your days. May the road rise up to meet you, and may warm friendships and good cheer always be at your side."

Tuesday Night Bingo Is Back!



EVERY TUESDAY in the Clubhouse

- Doors open at 4:30pm.
- Bingo cards go on sale at 5:00pm.
- Card sale ends promptly at 6:15pm so we can calculate the pots.
- Games begin at 6:30pm. Usually done by 9pm.
- We play 16 regular games of bingo along with 2 small Jackpot games and 2 Large Jackpot games.
- We also have a 50/50 game.
- We have a small concession stand, serving candy, popcorn, ice cream, chips and soft drinks or water.

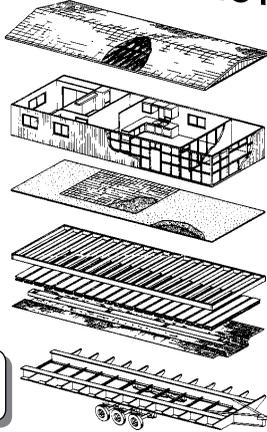
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In-Park Shuffle Tournament

By Susan Barnard

Mark your calendars for our Pointe West **In-Park Shuffle Tournament** on **March 23rd at 8:30 a.m.** Whether you're a seasoned pro or brand new to the game, everyone is welcome. Players will be paired with a teammate based on skill level, making for a fun and balanced day of competition.



This is a full-day event, so be sure to **bring your lunch** and settle in for a great time of friendly rivalry and fellowship with your friends and neighbors. It's the perfect way to enjoy some healthy competition while having fun.

The cost is just **\$2.00 per person.**

Be sure to **sign up in Activity Room #1 by March 16th** to guarantee your spot in the tournament. Don't miss out on this fun-filled day of shuffling and camaraderie!

Wine Walk ~ March 27

By Dee Newbury

Get ready for a fun twist to the old Progressive Dinners! Visit a few of your neighbors who will be hosting pre-dinner gatherings, then meet for an Italian themed dinner. You won't have to be a "Wino" or a Wine Enthusiast to enjoy a variety of pairings. Between 3:00pm and 4:30pm, visit each of the hosts' coaches, sample great wine and delicious appetizers, then head over to the Clubhouse at 5:00pm for a baked spaghetti dinner with salad, rolls, and a red or white sangria. Tickets will go on sale the first week of March at \$15 for both the tasting and dinner OR \$10 for just the dinner for those who do not partake or are not wine lovers (tell me that can't be true?). This will be a great way to socialize, meet new neighbors, and enjoy great wines and food. As always, stay tuned to KK news for any changes.



Line Dancing



This class is scheduled to end March 31st, so take advantage while you can! Line dancing offers a unique blend of physical, mental, and social benefits. It enhances your balance, coordination, and flexibility, and provides gentle cardiovascular exercise. Join Kathie and Cathymae to connect with new friends, boost your mood, and engage your mind as you learn and remember new routines. Whether you're seeking fun, fitness, or friendship, line dancing classes deliver all three in a lively and supportive environment. Every **Tuesday through March 31, 12:30pm**, in the Clubhouse through March 31st.



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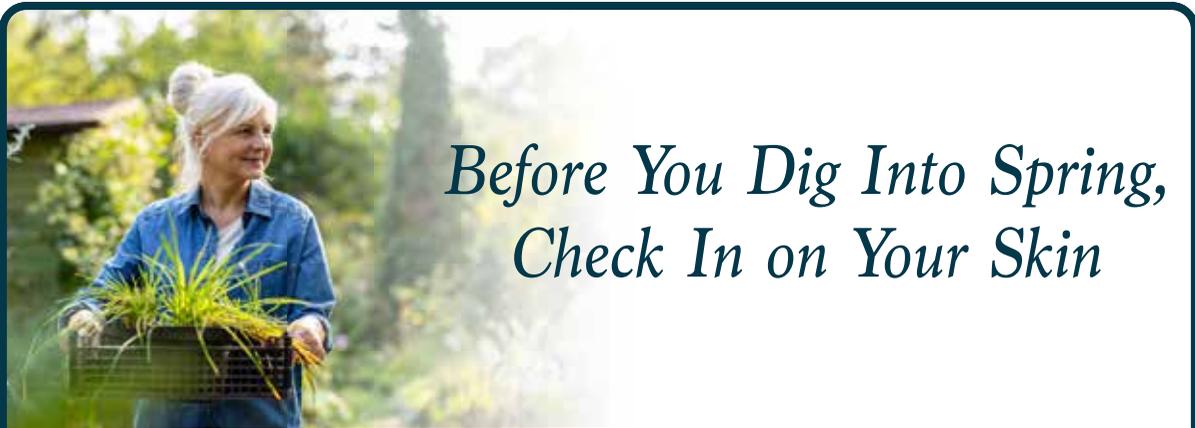
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Crafting With Julie

By Julie Cincotta



February's class was amazing. We offered the class at no charge and asked for help in the making of the decorations for our Taco Fiesta night. Such a big help. . . . and the decorations were fabulous!

Craft classes are always held on the first Monday of the month at 11:00am in the Clubhouse. Reminder: sign up early -- the March class is already full! Lucky March crafters will be making a resin board, with three instructors guiding the lesson.

Watch KK News for information about monthly crafting activities. Remember the fee that you pay is only to cover expenses. Crafting with friends is not only a fun way to spend a morning, sharing creative time also fosters a sense of community and belonging as you encourage each other and exchange ideas.

Have an idea for the monthly lesson? Please contact me about sharing your skills and expertise with our creative crafters!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to all the March babies!

- 3/01 JoAnn Bush
- 3/05 Erica Teti
- 3/05 Jeff Roberts
- 3/05 Karen Kron
- 3/05 Bonnie Ashley
- 3/09 David Cooper
- 3/10 Kevin Johnson
- 3/17 Michael Legare



Happy Anniversary

- 3/01 JoAnn and Bob Bush 1968
- 3/26 Jim and Judy Paradis 1976
- 3/29 Erica and Sharky Teti 1969



Bunco

Bunco dice will start rolling again March 13 at 6:30pm. Known for being lively and loud, filled with socializing, friendly competition, and lots of celebrating, Bunco is a great way to join neighbors for fun and friendship. Plus, prizes! Most Buncos, Most Winners, and Big Loser all go home with cash prizes. Bring your own beverage, a snack to share, and \$3 to play. Never played before? We'll show you how! Watch for updates at KK and join the fun!

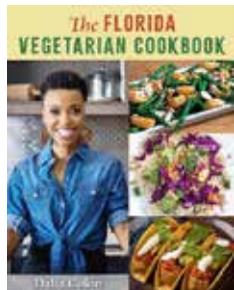


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Cookbook Book Club News

for Curious Cooks and Eaters By Barb Hyle



THE FLORIDA VEGETARIAN COOKBOOK

By Dalia Colon, Executive Producer of *The Zest* podcast from WUSF Public Media

With year-round harvests and incredible seasonal variety of crops, Florida offers a wealth of homegrown foods that make it easy to cook local and fresh. Food journalist Dalia Colon is our guide to discovering flavorful dishes that showcase Florida’s bounty of fruits, vegetables, herbs, and grains.

Crafted for home cooks seeking to lean into a plant-based lifestyle, the Florida Vegetarian Cookbook includes tips on how to plan meals around seasonal fruits vegetables and inspires us to try new twists on classic recipes and explore the cuisines of different cultures. Colorfully illustrated with simple step-by-step instructions, this book will take you on a delectable journey through the many ways that vegetarian and vegan foods are woven into Florida’s history and culture.

If you would like to join us for the Cookbook Book Club’s Florida’s vegetarian food tasting event:

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

Monday, March 9 at 6:00 pm

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

Questions ??? Contact Barbara Hyle #14C 978-257-0899 bshyle@gmail.com

What’s On Your Bucket List?

From *I Love The Burg*: It’s too easy to put off activities. The beach will still be there tomorrow, we can go to that festival next year, etc. This year let’s stop making excuses and take advantage of all the great things the area has to offer. Here’s a few suggestions to get you started:

- Florida Botanical Gardens
- Pinellas Farmers and Flea Market; Sat & Sun; 10490 Gandy Blvd, St. Pete FL 33702
- Philadelphia Phillies and Toronto Blue Jays Spring Training; Feb 27 – Mar 24
- Pinellas Botanicals and BrunchFest; England Brothers Park; March 28 - 29
- Pier 60 Sugar Sand Festival; Mar 27-Apr 12
- Snorkeling at Egmont Key
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Community Spotlight: Melanie “Mel” Pangburn

by Dee Newbury

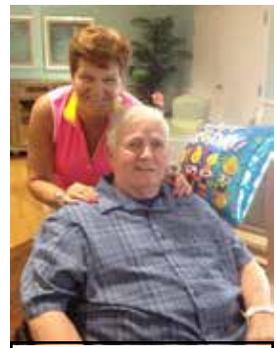


Summer in Newfoundland

Happy Birthday Month to Mel who turned 80 on February 2nd of this year. Mel has lived here in the Pointe West community for 22 years. Mel and her late husband Clyde moved here from Hastings, New York. They were high school sweethearts that were married 54 years before his passing in 2021. Clyde spent several years in a nursing home before his passing, and Mel recalled their very special 50th wedding anniversary celebrated at the nursing home. They have three children, Todd, Shelly and Shannon, as well as eight

grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. Mel is very close to her siblings and sadly has lost three of them over the past few years with four of them remaining. Recently her sister and brother in-law have moved into the park and Mel loves having them here.

Mel was a stay-at-home Mom while Clyde worked as an Engineer on the railroad. When her last child graduated, she started her career in food service at a local elementary school in



Mel and Clyde

Hastings for 17 years. Mel served on the Rec Board for ten years and then stayed on as Kitchen Coordinator here for the last 14 years. Mel also does all the coordination for Koffee Klatch, our weekly REC meeting, and keeps Susan, our REC President, on her toes. Often, those attending KK get a few chuckles when Mel and Susan banter, but they are really great friends. Many refer to Mel as the “Energizer Bunny”. The activities she enjoys here in the park are Shuffleboard (she has many team and personal trophies), Euchre and Poker. Mel also attends most of the events and dances.

Mel has many friends, but she openly admits that she favors old people and children, ha. There are several older seniors that she has cooked for, and she is known for her macaroni and cheese. Mel is a volunteer at the nursing home, helping with Bingo. She also volunteers helping children learn to read through the Panther Pal Readers Program.



Sister Debbie and Brothers David and Jeffery

We discussed how great this community is for seniors in their golden years by providing community, compassion and connection. She told me she stressed to Clyde that this was the type of environment she wanted to retire in and she continues to thrive here. Life is what you make of it, and Mel definitely lives life to the fullest.



Just for Fun

The most wasted of all days is one without laughter.

- I've decided: Whatever age I am is the new 30.
- Don't let aging get you down; it's too hard to get back up again.
- When you consider the alternative, old age really isn't so bad.
- Aging gracefully is a nice way of saying you're slowly looking worse.
- Of all your children, the only one who won't grow up and move away is your husband.
- I always wanted to marry Mrs. Right. I just didn't know her first name would be "Always."
- My doctor told me I need to sweat daily, so I told him I'd start disobeying my wife.
- My husband cooks for me like I'm a goddess—by placing burnt offerings before me.
- Bickering with your spouse is like trying to read the Terms of Use for a new service. In the end, you just give up and click "I agree."
- After a big fight, my wife yelled at me, "You know, I was a fool when I married you." So, I replied, "That may be true, but I was in love and didn't notice it."
- Be kind to your kids. They choose your nursing home.
- Husbands are like lawn mowers: They're hard to get started, emit foul odors and don't work half the time.
- Apparently, saying "Oh, this old thing?" isn't an appropriate way to introduce my wife.
- You know it's time to retire when your co-workers are wearing clothing from your youth and calling it retro.
- My company recently gave me an aptitude test, and I found out the work I was best suited for was retirement.
- Retirement is what happens between doctors' appointments.
- Money isn't everything, but it sure keeps you in touch with your children.
- Sometimes the best part of your career is retirement.
- You know it's time to retire when your co-workers are wearing clothing from your youth and calling it retro.
- Retirement is wonderful. It's doing nothing without worrying about getting caught.



“Springtime in Florida is not a matter of peeping violets or bursting buds merely. It is a riot of color, in nature—glistening green leaves, pink, blue, purple, yellow blossoms that fairly stagger the visitor from the north. The miles of hyacinths are like an undulating carpet on the surface of the river and divide reluctantly when the slow-moving alligators push their way log-like across. The nights are white nights as the moon shines with dazzling splendor, or in the absence of that goddess, the soft darkness creeps down laden with innumerable scents. The heavy fragrance of magnolias mingled with the delicate sweetness of jasmine and wild roses.”

— Zora Neale Hurston





Phase II Water Shortage Order

Due to below average rainfall and declining water supply throughout the region, the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) has issued a Phase II Water Shortage Order that includes Pinellas County and other surrounding counties under their jurisdiction. The order goes into effect on Feb. 8, 2026. Pinellas County Utilities will move to one-day-per-week watering.

Pointe West's day is Thursday.

Watering hours are reduced to 12:01 a.m. to 8 a.m. or 6 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.; properties less than one acre in size may only use one of these windows.

Low-volume watering (micro-irrigation, soaker hoses, hand watering) of plants and shrubs (not lawns) is allowed any day and any time.

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- Hand-watering a lawn on a restricted day or more than once a day.
- Hosing down a driveway, solid surface or structure when another method could be used.
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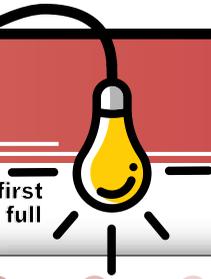
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<p>8</p> <p>1:00pm Cornhole</p> <p><i>Daylight Savings Begins @ 2am</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:30am Aquasize*</p> <p>1:00pm Friendly Shuffle</p> <p>8:00pm Cook Book Book Club</p>	<p>9:30am A</p> <p>9:30am T</p> <p>Noon Me</p> <p>12:30pm</p> <p>6:30pm B</p>
<p>15</p> <p>1:00pm Cornhole</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30am Aquasize*</p> <p>1:00pm Friendly Shuffle</p> <p>6:00pm HOA Mtg</p>	<p>9:30am A</p> <p>9:30am T</p> <p>Noon SL Lunch</p> <p>6:30pm E</p>
<p>22</p> <p>1:00pm Cornhole</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30am Aquasize*</p> <p>8:30am In-Park Shuffle Tournament</p>	<p>9:30am A</p> <p>9:30am T</p> <p>12:30pm</p> <p>6:30pm E</p>
<p>29</p> <p>1:00pm Cornhole</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:30am Aquasize*</p> <p>1:00pm Friendly Shuffle</p>	<p>9:30am A</p> <p>9:30am T</p> <p>12:30pm</p> <p>6:30pm E</p>

Palm Sunday

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- **“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. February Aquasize will meet at 11:00am.)
- **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.
- **T'ai Chi Chih:** every Tuesday and Friday in the Clubhouse at 9:30am. Moving Meditation and improves flexibility, balance, and peace of mind. Easy to do and learn and is very low impact. It can be done standing or sitting in a chair.
- **Cornhole:** every Sunday afternoon, weather permitting, beside the Clubhouse at 1:00pm. Cost is \$5. First, Second and Third Place winners will receive cash awards.
- **Line Dancing:** every Tuesday, 12:30-1:30pm in the Clubhouse, through March 31st. Bring your smiling face and comfortable shoes!
- **Bunco** dice are rolling! Prizes -- Most Buncos, Most Winners, and Big Loser all go home with cash prizes. Bring your own beverage, a snack to share, and \$3 to play. Watch updates at KK and join the fun!
- **Wall of Honor:** Any veteran who would like their picture and military information placed on our “Wall of Honor,” please contact Gil Himes at (727) 585-0001.
- **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 Lot 15-I, Pleasant View Drive, or call Gil Himes, (727) 585-0001, for pick up.

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- **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. If there is a Clubhouse event planned (dance, park dinner, other events) you will not be authorized to borrow tables or chairs.
- **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.**
- **Monthly Media online:** www.monthly-media.com
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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](tel:727-393-8711)
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Sunny days ahead

Sam was the worst meteorologist in the history of the science. When he forecast sunshine it would rain, if he said it would rain it would snow. After a miserable run on a local TV station in the Pacific Northeast, Sam decided to apply for a job in a small town in Arizona.

“So, what prompted your decision to leave Washington?” the Arizona station manager asked.

“The weather didn’t agree with me,” Sam replied.



Just the music

When a famous violinist told a wealthy patron that his fee to perform at her upcoming party would be \$5,000, she balked at the price, but agreed to pay it.

“Please keep in mind,” she added, “I do not expect you to mingle with the guests.”

The violinist replied, “In that case, it will only be \$4,000.”



Dan’s lucky night

Dan had a bad case of stage fright and was nervous about a presentation he was to give at the community business forum. He’d rushed there after supper, and as he took his seat, he realized he’d left his dentures at home.

“I don’t know how I’ll get through this,” he lamented to the man seated next to him. “Without my teeth, people might have a hard time understanding me.”

“You’re in luck,” the man replied. “I happen to have a pair of dentures in my pocket. They won’t be an exact fit, but it’ll be better than nothing.”

Dan tried the dentures and they weren’t too bad a fit. He made it through his presentation and afterward found his new friend. “This was my lucky night, forgetting my dentures and meeting a dentist with an extra set.”

“Oh, I’m not a dentist,” the man replied. “I’m an undertaker.”



Quotes

If you can find humor in your own troubles, you will actually begin to see them in a different light.
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If you could choose one characteristic that could get you through life, choose a sense of humor.
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Be contrary to plumb new ideas

Following the crowd is usually a safe bet, but it doesn't usually lend itself to creative thinking. If you want to be creative, sometimes you have to go against the grain. The trick is figuring out when you have a situation that calls for you to stand out from the crowd and take a contrary point of view from the majority.

The first thing to do before launching your career as a rebel is ask yourself whether you have a good reason for your contrary opinion. Just going against the conventional wisdom for the sake of taking the other side isn't usually smart. For instance, if you think your organization should change the color of a product, but it has a long history of making the product in only one distinct color, you have to be able to back up your opinion with reasons why you think this will benefit the organization. You might believe, for example, that your product needs to be rebranded—that it has grown stale with time and overexposure. Even if you don't ultimately succeed, you'll stretch your creative muscles and show an ability to think independently, which can only boost your career.



Careers for creative types

You may consider yourself a creative person, an innovative thinker, an unconventional performer—but you're not cut out to be a starving artist or wait tables while waiting for your big break. What are your options? Look into these careers:

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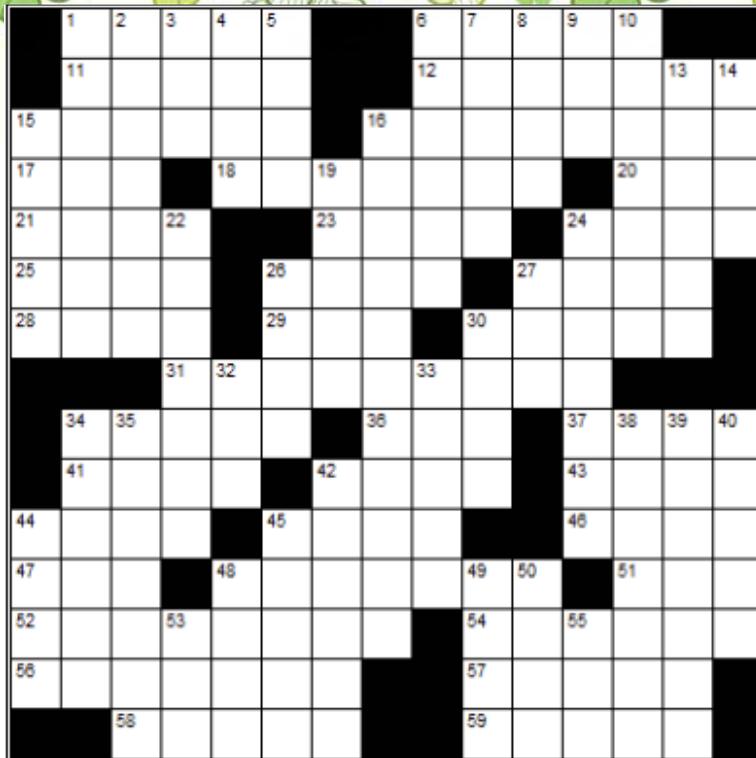


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23. Secluded valley
24. Belch
25. One less than 10
26. Dry
27. Puncture
28. Against
29. Animal companion
30. Invoices to pay
31. Flashy
34. Earth tone
36. Small piece of cloth
37. A cooperative unit
41. Jury member
42. Chats
43. Decorative case
44. Darling
45. Carry
46. Tatters
47. N N N
48. Kneecap
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52. Snobs
54. Blood vessel
56. Nerve junction
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58. Color of most grasses
59. Rip up

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5. Duration
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14. Cease
15. Sporting venue
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32. Arrange (abbrev.)
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49. Young woman
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55. Craggy peak





The weight of our words

Remember this cautionary tale the next time you're sniping and griping:

A man visited his pastor to speak of something that was troubling him. Earlier in the week he'd repeated a rumor about a neighbor only to find out later that it was not true. He felt had to do something to undo the damage he'd caused to his neighbor's reputation.

The pastor told him to take a bag full of feathers and place a feather on the doorstep of each individual he'd spoken to, and also those that the news was shared with. The man did as instructed, then returned to the church to find out what he should do next.

"Now return to every place you left a feather and collect them," the pastor said.

As the man walked through his village, he was surprised that he could not find a single feather on any of the doorsteps where they'd been placed. He did find a couple blowing about the yard at a house he had not visited, but they were carried off by a sudden gust. He once again returned to the church.

"Were you able to retrieve any of your feathers?" the pastor asked.

"No," the man replied. "The wind blew them all away."

"We are not always able to retrieve the things we put into the world," the pastor explained. "They can take on an energy all their own and travel great distances. Please keep this in mind and choose your words mindfully the next time you speak of another's character."



Where the magic is hiding

A woman visited a fortuneteller to find out if her future would be successful, but instead of answering any of the questions, the fortuneteller gave the woman a box. She explained that it was a magic box that had the power to make dreams come true. She handed the woman a notepad and told the woman to write down three things she wanted and then place the paper in the box. She told her to take the box home and shake it three times each morning upon waking and three times in the evening before going to bed, making sure to repeat her wishes aloud each time. The fortuneteller also told the woman she'd have to return the box in one year.

A year later, the woman once again visited the fortuneteller. "I followed your instructions, and everything I hoped for came true," the woman said. "This box really does hold powerful magic."

"My dear, the magic is not in that box," the fortune teller replied. "The magic is inside of you, reminding yourself of the things you wanted and helping awaken your determination to get them."



Use social media responsibly

Here are some tips for both parents and children to follow to help create an atmosphere of positive citizenry on social media channels:



- **Pause before you press “enter.”** You leave a permanent footprint on everything you post, creating the likelihood it can resurface at any time and call your character into question later. Resist the urge to be impulsive, spread gossip, or promote hate.
- **Apply the Golden Rule.** You are what you post, retweet, and share. Ask yourself these three questions of anything you feel inspired to post: Is it true? Will it cause anyone harm? What is my motivation for posting this?
- **Get permission/Give permission.** Before sharing someone else’s photos or content, make sure you have their OK and ask the same of your contacts.
- **Review your privacy settings.** They are there for a reason—to limit who can access your information and how they can use it. You have locks on the doors and windows of your home to keep unwanted guests out; do the same for your social media profiles and feeds.
- **Police the content that appears on your page.** Not everyone is mindful of the content they post. Occasionally, that inappropriate material will make its way onto your social media feed, where it can be viewed by your contacts and misinterpreted as something you favor. Don’t hesitate to block contacts and remove posts from your feed if they are offensive.
- **Exercise caution.** You wouldn’t allow your children to walk around with a sandwich board displaying their legal name, age, address, and other personal information, so don’t allow them to create detailed profiles that can be accessed by strangers the world over. Never divulge too much information about yourself, your current location, or future plans unless you want to fall victim to unscrupulous internet trolls.

One big, happy family

Here are a few tips to keep in mind if you are inheriting a blended family situation:

- **Establish routines.** This can be an emotional and confusing time for all, and it might take some time to figure out how this new dynamic functions. It will be less chaotic if your household and schedules are organized and in sync.
- **Everybody needs space.** To help family members adjust, make sure everyone has sufficient time and space to nurture their needs for privacy.
- **Find common bonds.** Figure out activities that the entire family can enjoy. You’ll also need to find activities that encourage bonding between stepparents and stepchildren.
- **Talk things over.** Check in with family members frequently, listen to what concerns they might have, and be willing to create an environment where dialogue is possible.
- **Don’t forget date night.** It’s easy to get lost in the identity of your roles in your new family, but shift the focus back to your marriage. Keep the romance alive by scheduling a meal away from home at a favorite restaurant or a night out on the town with your spouse.

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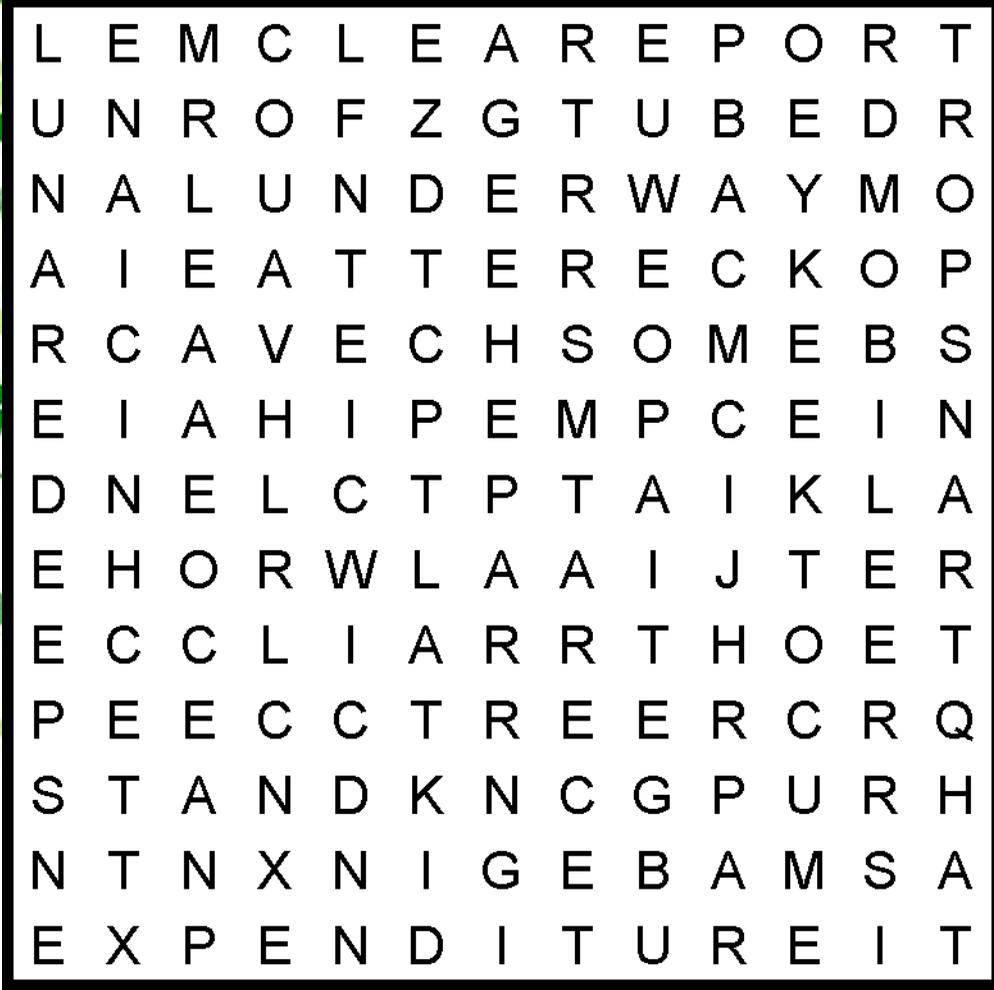
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Have You Looked **UNDER** **PROTECT**
Your Home Lately? **YOUR HOME**

**Fix Small Problems Today
Before They Cause Serious Damage!**

We will inspect and photograph any issues, showing you pictures of the underside of your home. Damaged & worn vapor barriers can create high energy costs and allow mold & mildew to grow and weaken your sub floor creating "Soft Spots". Keep Mold, Moisture & Animals out of your Home.



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