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Bill Swenson, 14th (Lot 1221)

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

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3 cups chopped or shredded chicken
8 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled, divided
3 ounces (6 tablespoons) cream cheese, softened
8 ounces (about 2 cups) shredded cheddar or Colby jack cheese, divided
1/2 cup ranch dressing
1 teaspoon garlic powder
Black pepper to taste
2 tablespoons chopped green onion or chives
2 cans/refrigerated tubes of original crescent rolls (eight each, 16 total)
Optional: extra ranch dressing or sour cream for dipping

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375°

STEP 1: Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper or use a round baking stone for more even browning.

STEP 2: In a medium bowl, combine chicken, 6 slices of chopped bacon, cream cheese, half of the shredded cheese, ranch dressing, garlic powder, black pepper, and 1 tablespoon green onions until evenly coated.

STEP 3: Arrange the crescent rolls in a ring on the baking sheet with the wide ends overlapping slightly to form a circle, points facing outward. Press to seal the inner edges.

STEP 4: Spoon the chicken mixture evenly around the center of the ring. Fold the points of the crescent rolls over the filling and tuck them underneath to close. Sprinkle the remaining 1 cup of cheese and 2 slices of crumbled bacon over the top.

STEP 5: Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown and crisp. Remove from the oven and sprinkle a few chopped green onions over the top.

STEP 6: Let rest 5 minutes before cutting. Serve with ranch dressing or sour cream dip.





REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES:

Bingo - Every *Wednesday*; cards sold 5:00-5:45 p.m. sharp; Bingo starts promptly at 6:00 p.m.
NOTE: THIS IS A NEW START TIME!

Bingo - Every third *Saturday*, cards sold 1:00-1:45 p.m. sharp; Bingo starts promptly at 2:00 p.m.

Canadian Club Meeting - February ONLY, 2nd Friday of the month. Otherwise, third Friday of the month, 10:00 a.m.

Cribbage - Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Dance - Third Saturday of the month, 7:30-10:30 p.m. (NOTE: February's dance is the 2nd Saturday — Valentine's Day.)

Embassy Luncheon - 2nd Thursday of every month

Embassy Resident Update Meeting - 3rd Wednesday of the month; light refreshments starting at 9:00 a.m.; meeting starts promptly at 9:30 a.m. All residents welcome to attend.

Euchre - Every Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse

Exercise - Every Tuesday and Friday, 8:45-9:30 a.m. in the Clubhouse.

Food from Good Neighbors - The 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 12:00/noon. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. See calendar.

Fun Night Practice - Every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse

Neighborhood Watch - The last Thursday of every month, 1:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse

Pancake Breakfast - Third Saturday of every month, 8:30-10:30. NOTE: THIS IS A NEW TIME!

Poker (Dealer Choice) - Every Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. in the Hobby House

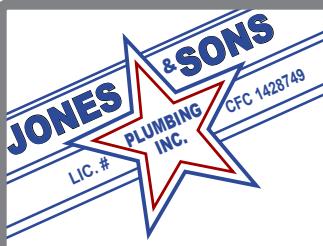
Sewing Club - Every Tuesday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. at the Hobby House

Shuffle Club Meeting - February ONLY, 2nd Friday of the month. Otherwise, third Friday of the month, 11:00 a.m.

Social Club Meeting - First Wednesday of the month; light refreshments at 9:00 a.m.; meeting starts at 9:30 a.m.

Texas Holdem - Every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in the Hobby House





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Tim Dorsey, a native Floridian, was a reporter for Tampa Tribune from 1987-1999. He has authored fifteen novels. His main character, Serge A Storms, is a mentally disturbed vigilante antihero who rampages across Florida enforcing his own moral code against lowlife criminals. In his book, "Tiger Shrimp Tango", Serge is up to his usual thing. What I enjoyed the most about this book is reading the elaborate schemes people do-to cheat a person out of their money!



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Submitted by Vanessa Nead

FROM THE OFFICE



I need to revisit a few things regarding park rules.

1. We are motorcycle friendly to the extent that you can ride into your residence, then out of the park. During the time you are home with your motorcycle, do not let it idle for any length of time, and if it needs work, take it to a shop. Revving the motorcycle in your carport is not an option. If you have guests with motorcycles, it is up to you to make sure they understand these rules. I am not against motorcycles, (we had several "chopped" Harley's over the years), but I have a problem with Senior residents being disturbed by unnecessary noise from them.
2. Outdoor cats - Pinellas County passed an ordinance a few years ago allowing outdoor cats—we originally did not allow outdoor cats. It is impossible to monitor the outdoor cats, most of which are fed on a regular basis. They climb on cars, leaving tracks and claw marks; they make the indoor cats go crazy watching them through the windows; they don't have litter boxes outside, so they use our flower beds, etc. With all that being said, it still does not allow you to shoot them with a BB gun! I suggest you call the non-emergency police number and report any incidents involving a cat being shot; if you are caught shooting at cats (or dogs) you will be in violation of several park rules and could be asked to leave.
3. Dogs----First, dogs in general are not allowed except on the perimeter of the park. (This would be the RV section, 4th Street, 8th Street, 16th Street, 18th Street, and 19th street). A true service dog must be allowed. Definition of a service dog is one which performs a task for you to make life easier and is certified annually. The paperwork and vest you pay for on the internet is not acceptable. The same goes for an emotional support dog; you must provide a letter from a local doctor showing your need and the dog must be registered and

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up to date on their shots; proof of registering and shot records must be provided to the office annually. Where allowed, dogs are limited to one per household, under 40 pounds, and certain aggressive breeds are prohibited. When new tenants have a dog, the paperwork is sent to the Park attorney for approval so he can verify all the information is correct and that the doctor's letter did not come from the internet. Once a dog is approved, it must be kept on a leash AT ALL TIMES when it is outside; there must be a "human" at the other end of the leash, you are not allowed to tie the dog up outside, or to let it run free in your yard even if it is fenced in. Some people are genuinely afraid of dogs, for various reasons, and they have a right to enjoy peaceful living here without the fear of an unprovoked dog attack, or worse, falling down because the dog wouldn't stop yapping around their ankles. Just because you are not afraid of dogs doesn't make this fear any less real to them!

4. Garbage---if you put your garbage out too early, the park will not pick it up! No one wants to look at garbage by the road from Saturday morning until Monday morning. This is either pure ignorance or a blatant disrespect for park rules! Notices will be posted on your door letting you know your garbage won't be picked up.
5. Parking on the streets.....while I am lenient during the holidays, they are OVER! If you have company and need a temporary extra spot, come see me to see if something may be available (such as a park owned mobile home or on a vacant lot).
6. Laundromats---shop rags and large rugs are not to be washed in any of the park washing machines. They are not industrial sized or heavy duty. You may want to wipe out the washer before you use them, we do not have 24-hour attendants! It is also recommended that you do not leave your clothes unattended, they sometimes come to life and disappear.

I am not sure how to address this issue; we are not a trailer park, we are a community. There are multiple nationalities living here, and owners/renters from various other countries. While everyone is entitled to their opinion, please do not feel the need to spout off at park events and in Park common buildings.....everyone has a right to be here and to expect to enjoy peaceful living. It's okay to have diversified opinions, just keep them to yourself or stay home. The many activities that residents enjoy during the winter months are often made possible by the residents who own or rent and live in a different country when they are not here. Some residents have made the United States their home of choice and should be able to live here without derogatory comments being made by Embassy residents. Most residents show a little class and keep these opinions to themselves, but it's the bad apple theory (one bad apple will spoil the fun for the rest). I do not allow illegal immigrants to be here, not even as guests. For those who don't know the law, a person with a green card has been approved to live and work here in the US. My only problem is the language barrier; if they choose to live here, they should be able to speak and understand English, and if not, it is up to them to provide an interpreter.

I recently received 2 counterfeit hundred-dollar (\$100) bills with the rent money. They were both counterfeit in 2 very different ways. Moving forward, a counterfeit pen will be used upon receipt of cash, so allow yourself some extra time when paying rent with cash. If you are

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a Club hosting an event, be on the lookout. Google “counterfeit bills” for the most common things to watch out for.

Mobile Home and lot maintenance....a second inspection will be happening soon. The letters will be more detailed on what is still in violation of the park rules. I would like to thank all of the residents that did what they needed to do or took the time to come to the office for a better explanation of what was expected.

Please take the time to read all the articles in this magazine, as there are still many fun events to participate in before this season is over.

Jessie Buchholtz, Property Manager

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Thank you very much for your support.

Submitted by the Embassy Shuffle Club

EMBASSY LUNCHEON

Mike Matheny and Ron Russell hosted January’s luncheon on Thursday, January 8th, at Eddie’s Bar and Grill (located where Fat Cats used to be). More than 20 people attended and we all had a good time. If you were a frequent visitor to Fat Cats, and haven’t been to Eddie’s yet, you should go. The interior has been completely redesigned and the food was absolutely fantastic.

February’s luncheon will be hosted by Angela Robinson and her daughter, Amy. Location to be determined so watch for a sign-up sheet at the Clubhouse.

Submitted by M. Bassy, Roving Reporter





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(NOTE: Calendar events are based on the information provided at the time of submission. Events are subject to changes or cancellation by the sponsor. We make every effort to post notices when a change occurs.)

FEBRUARY 3rd - Line Dancing; 10:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse

FEBRUARY 4th - Social Club Meeting; refreshments served at 9:00 a.m.,
meeting begins at 9:30 a.m.

FEBRUARY 6th - Line Dancing; 10:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse

FEBRUARY 7th - Park Rummage Sale, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 9th - Good Neighbor Food pantry, 12:00/noon (doors open at 11:00 a.m.)

FEBRUARY 10th - Deadline for submitting articles for the March News and Views

FEBRUARY 10th - Line Dancing; 10:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse

FEBRUARY 12th - Embassy Luncheon (see sign-up sheet for time and location)

FEBRUARY 13th - Canadian Club Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

FEBRUARY 13th - Shuffle Club Meeting, 11:00 a.m.

FEBRUARY 14th - Valentine's Day Dance, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 15th - Embassy Memorial Service, 7:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 16th - Office Closed for Presidents' Day

FEBRUARY 18th - Resident Monthly Update Meeting; refreshments at 9:00 a.m.; meeting
starts promptly at 9:30 a.m.

FEBRUARY 20th - Fashion Show, 1:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse

FEBRUARY 21st - Pancake Breakfast, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

FEBRUARY 21st - Saturday Bingo, cards sold 1:00-1:45 p.m.; Bingo starts promptly at 2:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 22nd - Ladies Fun Shuffle, 1:00 p.m. (Pre-registration required)

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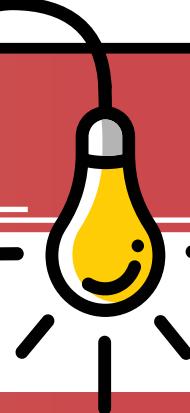
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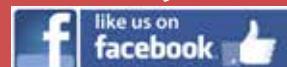
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When: Every Wednesday

Time: 6:00 p.m. (Doors open at 5:00 p.m.; cards sold 5:00-5:45 p.m.; games start promptly at 6:00 p.m.)

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Submitted by Lynne Tyler

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE AND RAFFLE



Every year the Bingo supports the Embassy Holiday Fundraiser with a raffle of some sort; in the past, it was collecting toys or clothes for children. This year it was a food drive. Raffle tickets were given out for each non-perishable food item donated. On Wednesday, December 17th, prizes were awarded to 6 lucky winners: Vanessa Nead won a bottle of wine, Ron Russell won a bingo bag, Patti Duvall won a gourmet assortment of nuts, Mike Matheny won a bottle of wine, Sherry Konig won a Christmas puzzle, and Linda Mairs won twice — a box of chocolates and a bingo bag.

But the real winners are the families who will benefit from the donated food.

A special thanks to Joelle for delivering the food bags, and to Jessie Buchholtz and Lynne Tyler for donating the raffle prizes.

Submitted by Yvette Novak, Social Club President





CHRISTMAS PARADE AND SOCIAL



Embassy Park's annual golf cart and bicycle Christmas parade was held on Tuesday, December 16. There were 11 entries in our parade, both bicycles and golf carts. Participants assembled on 7th Street near Larson Lake and the parade took off at 6:00 p.m. Led by Ron Russell, the parade drove a circuitous route through the park endeavoring to hit every street so that residents could watch from their driveway and cheer as they passed.

After the parade, everyone was invited to a Cookie Social held at the clubhouse. There were more varieties of cookies than I've seen at the same time at one place except a bakery. Jesse and Carla Osborne provided entertainment during the social. While people were arriving, getting their coffee and cookies, and

finding a place to sit Jesse piped soft Christmas music into the room. Once the sugar rush was over, we played a Christmas trivia game and then had a sing-along to some of the more well-known Christmas carols.

And THEN, small cash prizes were awarded for first, second, and third place winners for golf cart and bicycle decorations. In the golf cart category, 1st prize went to Dave and Sharon Howard, 2nd prize went to Ron and Kathy Russell, and 3rd place was awarded to Joyce Latuga and friends. There were only two bicycles in the parade; 1st place went to Ken Everett and 2nd place was awarded to Norm Hagen.

Just as the final prize was awarded, the snowball fight began. If you've ever attended one of our socials, you know this has become an expected activity every year. (Each snowball is about the size of your fist and is made of yarn.) The snowballs flew fast and furious across the clubhouse, and the sounds of laughter and people having fun were so loud we couldn't hear the background music.

I counted more than 40 people who attended the social this year. Everyone I spoke with said they were having a wonderful time. I look forward to next year's parade and social.

Submitted by Yvette Novak, Social Club President





CHRISTMAS CARDS

Another tradition here at Embassy Park is offering the opportunity for residents to send cards to their neighbors without spending money on postage. A “mailbox” was in the office since Thanksgiving to allow people to deposit their properly addressed cards in one place. John Halliday and Michelle Swanlund collected the cards and sorted them for delivery. Santa’s elves then delivered the cards throughout the park on December 18th, and again on the 23rd (for those of us who procrastinate).

Thank you, John and Michelle for volunteering to be Santa’s helpers. Michelle has even volunteered to do it again next year!

Submitted by Yvette Novak, Social Club President

...AND THE DECORATIONS!

Iwould be remiss not to mention all of the holiday home and yard displays I saw throughout the Park. One of my favorite activities during the Christmas season is to drive around the Park at night and look at the many ways people have decorated to celebrate the holidays. It really is hard to be a “Scrooge” when you see the effort people put into their displays.



CRAFT FAIR



Iattended the Sewing Guild’s Craft Fair on Saturday, December 13th at the Hobby House. Each year I try to pick up one unique gift during a Craft Fair. This year, I found a gorgeous handmade quilt with matching throw pillows for my granddaughter. But there was so much more than just quilts. I saw bowl covers in two sizes (small and medium), chest protectors, aprons, potholders, and the list goes on. Sonny O’Leary was there with some of the most gorgeous embroidered Christmas decorations... and this year he expanded to earrings and other decorations such as wine glass charms. I, of course, had to buy some of the tree decorations.

If you saw something there, but didn’t have the spare money to buy it right then, you can go back to visit the Sewing Guild and ask to buy it. They meet on Tuesday and Friday mornings, 9:00 a.m. to noon, at the Hobby House. I’m sure they’ll be happy to see you.



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NEW YEAR'S DANCE

The New Years dance was just the event we needed to get us ready for 2026! The Canadian Club did an amazing job on the decorations, music and charcuterie treats! So many people helped .. as always .. to make this a reality.

Here's to a Healthy, Happy 2026 for us all!

Submitted by Joanne Murphy



RUMMAGE SALE

WHEN: Saturday, February 7th

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Clubhouse on 4th Street

Instead of our usual park-wide yard sale, Embassy Park is having an indoor rummage sale this year. Tables will be set up in the Clubhouse; the Social Club will sell coffee, water and cookies from the kitchen and there will be a 50/50 drawing to defray the cost of advertising. There is no fee for table space; however, you must pre-register and tables will be assigned on a 'first come first served' basis.

Questions? Contact any member of the Social Club Board (listed in the back of your monthly *News and Views* magazine) for details.



VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

You are invited to celebrate Valentine's Day at a dance held on Saturday, February 14, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Music will be provided by DJ Wigman, guaranteeing a fun and festive evening.

Tickets: \$5 each

Ticket sales: At the Clubhouse

- Wednesday, February 4th, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 12th, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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Submitted by Jeannine Goguen



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There will be a Memorial Service on Sunday, February 15th, (the 3rd Sunday in February) at 7:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

The service is to honor those from Embassy who passed away in 2025. Sponsored by the Social Club, the service is being organized by the Bible Study group.

This will not be a long service ... a couple of hymns or praise songs, a couple of readings, and a tribute with the Cross and Carnations for those we lost in 2025; perhaps 25 – 30 minutes.

Refreshments will be served after the service. Any sweets or sandwiches that you could bring would be appreciated. Thanks to Mike Matheny for making tea and coffee.

Everyone is invited. This is just a small way to pay tribute to those we have lost, whether it is family, friends, or neighbors. The Bible Study group is honored to be able to do this event; it is really a thoughtful tradition to continue for Embassy Park.

Any questions, please call Dave Burris, 727-536-9937.

FASHION SHOW

Come one, come all, man or woman, everyone is welcome to attend the annual Fashion Show.

When: Friday, February 20th

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Where: Clubhouse

Sponsored by the Social Club, the Fashion Show has become a tradition at Embassy. Ladies: this is your opportunity to preview the latest Spring fashion without having to leave the Park. The theme this year is “Flowers Everywhere”.

The models are all Embassy residents — your friends and neighbors — and the clothes they model are from the latest Spring line offered by, and available for purchase at, the Patchington store located in Belleair Bluffs.

Many details are still being worked out as this issue goes to press, so watch for our flyer for additional details.

Submitted by Patricia Carrier



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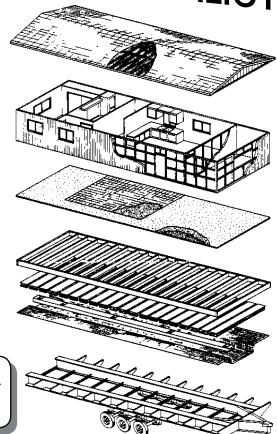
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LADIES FUN SHUFFLE

It's time for Embassy Park's annual Ladies Fun Shuffle.

When: Sunday, February 22nd

Time: 1:00 p.m. (participants are asked to assemble at 12:30 to go over the rules and draw for partners)

Where: Shuffle Courts next to the Clubhouse

Admission: There is a \$5 fee to play. Space is limited to 24 players so pre-registration is required. A sign-up sheet is posted near the shuffle courts or you can call Trina Whipple at 506-651-2778, Lot 1505.

Ladies, you don't have to be a member of the Shuffle Club to participate. Players will be divided into A and B Divisions and there will be 3 games of 8 frames each. Male Shuffle Club members will serve as referees and scorekeepers. Shuffle cues are available for those who need one.

*Proper footwear (soft-soled, closed-toe shoes) **must be worn.***

Light refreshments will be served during intermission and prizes will be awarded at the end of the afternoon.



BIBLE STUDY

We had our first Bible study of 2026 on Tuesday, January 6th at the Hobby House. There were 5 attending; at least one other couple will be joining us later in the month. Somehow we usually start slow and add attendees as we go along.



We got a start on planning the Memorial Service for February 15th, and we decided on a subject for our Bible study for this year - a study on Jesus' parables, which should be quite interesting. The booklets are ordered and are on the way. We do have a couple of lessons from last year's "Christian Beliefs" study left over to begin this year.

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Submitted by Jeannine Goguen



CANADIAN CLUB

You don't have to be a Canadian to join our club. Membership fee is \$5.00 per person and we have a lot of great activities going on through the winter social season; i.e., dances, Bingo every Wednesday, and Canada Days in March — to name but a few.

So, regardless of where you're from, think about joining us. It's a great way to meet your friends and neighbors at Embassy Park.

Submitted by Trina Whipple, Canadian Club President

TIPPING IS IMPORTANT

If you have ever attended the Good Neighbors food events on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month you will have noticed a Tips Jar at the end of the line. And you may have asked yourself "Why?"

Have you 'shopped' one of these events? The variety and magnitude of food available can boggle the mind. More than once I've heard people comment that they've saved \$100 or more on their grocery bill because of the free food from Good Neighbors. So why not give back a little?



The practice was started 2 years ago as a way to thank Heather and her family for the service they provide (their work is 100% volunteer and the food they distribute is donated by merchants and vendors in the Tampa area) and to help with operating costs to keep the program going.

On Monday, December 22nd, Jessie presented a check for \$1,360 for the Good Neighbors charity and \$500 cash for Heather and her family to thank them for their work throughout the year. Once again, Embassy residents show just how generous they are. Thank you all.

Submitted by M. Bassy, Roving Reporter



CANADA DAYS



When: Saturday and Sunday, March 7th and 8th

Time: Registration is 10:30 a.m., with the opening ceremonies at 11:00 a.m.

Admission: \$5.00 for two days of fun , food and entertainment

We'll have games, food, and a street dance on Saturday. Then, on Sunday, a fun Shuffle tournament!!

Whether you hail from Canada, the USA, or somewhere else on the map, everyone is welcome to come out and join us near the lake and on the shuffleboard courts on 7th Street for a fun day!!

Submitted by Joanne Murphy

LINE DANCING



Marg Burris is once again offering classes in Line Dancing

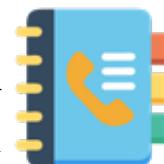
When: February 3rd, 6th, and 10th

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Where: The Clubhouse

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PARK DIRECTORY



We will be updating/adding names to the park directory this year. It will be updated and published in January 2027. If you were in the current directory and wish to continue, I will need an email or form completed that you want to continue and any changes. We have gotten new residents since the last publication and hope to get them added. I will have the forms available for the update confirmation. Please send me an email at davehoward2924@yahoo.com if you want to continue or you can drop off a note at lot 922. Thank you.

Submitted by Dave Howard

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| FURNITURE, good clean, pre-owned. Top dollar paid. Charles, 727-657-7021 | Rummage Sale 2/28, Westwind MHP 1&2. 3301 Alt 19 Dunedin, 8-1 |  |
| STAMP COLLECTIONS - wanted to buy. Price depends on quality and quantity. Highest prices paid. Call 709-682-9499 | Community Flea Market, 2000 East Bay Drive, Largo. Sat. Feb 28. 8 to 12. Bikes, Furniture, Small Appliances, Golf & Household Items, Apparel, Baked Goods | White Elephant/Bake Sale. Saturday March 7, 2026 8:00AM - 1:00PM. Lake Highlander Park: 1500 County Road #1, Dunedin, FL. Small appliances, furniture, lamps, linens, jewelry, household appliances, tools, outdoor furniture, miscellaneous items, baked goods, snack bar |
| ARTICLES FOR SALE | DORAL VILLAGE YARD SALE BAZAAR, Saturday, February 28th, 8am-1pm, 29250 US Hwy 19 N, Clearwater. Furniture, Clothing, Linens, Books, Electronics, Glassware, Jewelry, Kitchen Items, Baked Goods, Lunch, and Great Raffles and Prizes! | Palm Hill Country Club Annual Bazaar, Saturday March 7th. 8am - 1pm. 1800 Seminole Blvd. Largo |
| EVENTS & PROGRAMS |  <p>ATTENTION RESIDENTS! Did you know this Emporium/ Classified listing reaches over 21,500 homes in Pinellas County? It goes into 60 community newsletters (just like this one) from Dunedin to St. Petersburg. This is a great market to sell items, advertise your next event, try and get help for a function, and many other things. Remember to think about this the next time you're planning something.</p> <p>-Monthly Media Staff</p> | Rummage Sale, Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater, 2470 Nursery Rd, Clearwater, Saturday March 7, 8am-2pm. Kitchen ware, home decor, books, clothing/accessories, linens and more |
| ANNUAL RANCHERO VILLAGE CARPORT SALE. Ranchero Village, 7100 Ulmerton Road, Largo, will be hosting their annual carport sale on Saturday, February 7, 2026 from 8 AM to 8 PM. A wide variety of items will be for sale throughout the park! | Embassy Mobile Park, Inc. Rummage Sale, Saturday, February 7th, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in the clubhouse on 4th Street. 16416 US Highway 19 N., Clearwater - Largo area. Off East Bay just West of Tri-City Plaza; come in by Wendy's onto Pine Forest Drive. | Crafters Wanted March 21st at Palm Hill Country Club. 401 8th Ave, Largo, 8am - 1pm. Contact Tom Sagitas at 727-315-4369. \$20 per table. |
| Embassy Mobile Park, Inc. Rummage Sale, Saturday, February 7th, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in the clubhouse on 4th Street. 16416 US Highway 19 N., Clearwater - Largo area. Off East Bay just West of Tri-City Plaza; come in by Wendy's onto Pine Forest Drive. | Clearwater Cascade park-wide yard sale. Saturday, February 21, 8:00am - 2:00pm. 9790 66th Street N, Pinellas Park | Paradise Island Annual Flea Market, March 28th 9am-2pm. 1001 Starkey Rd. Largo. 8am early entrance \$1.00. Large selection of home goods, tools, furniture, linens, clothes, bake sale and more. Follow signs for Clubhouse. |
| Blue Jay Estates - Annual Community Rummage Sale. Friday and Saturday, February 27 and 28, 2026. 8am - 1pm. Bake Sale and Lunch available both days. In clubhouse and deck. 2755 Curlew Road, Palm Harbor, FL 34684 |  | |

MARCH AD DEADLINE - FEBRUARY 10, 2026

Advertise EVENTS, BUY, SELL, TRADE ITEMS, by sending copy & check to Monthly Media at 220 Bahama St, Venice, FL 34285. Ads over 10 words must be accompanied by \$.80 per extra word or publisher will edit. Each new word indicated by a space, numbers included. No mobile home sales, no professional products or services. Envelope must be postmarked by 10th of the month to meet deadline. **SORRY: No ads accepted by phone or email.**



SATURDAY BINGO



Don't panic! Contrary to rumors you may have heard, we will continue to have a Saturday bingo once a month. Beginning this month (February) we are going back to the same format as our summer bingo. This means all the money collected on the sale of games will be paid out on that day. We will use our portion of the 50/50 drawing to defray expenses.

Mark your calendars for the 3rd Saturday of the month and come join us.

Time: 2:00 p.m. Cards sold 1:15 p.m.; games start at 2:00 p.m.

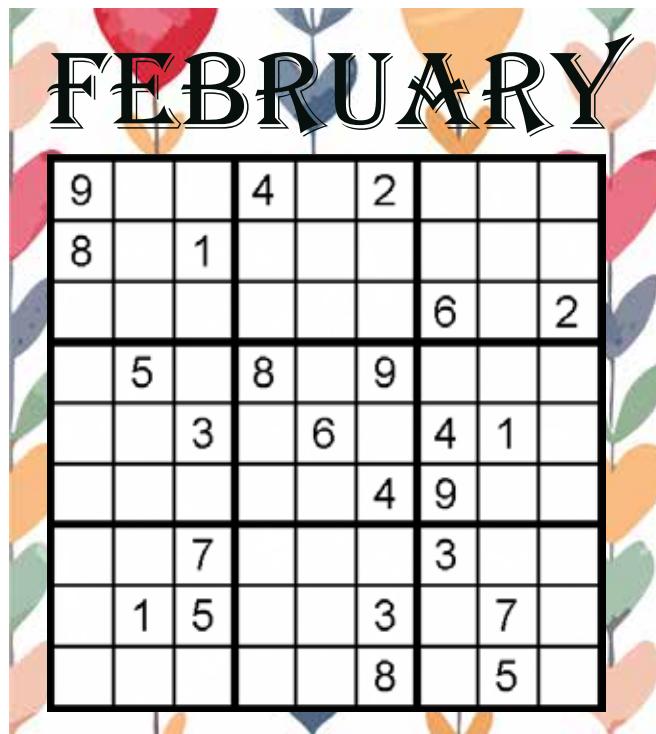
Where: In the Clubhouse

This is a shorter program and runs approximately 2 hours.



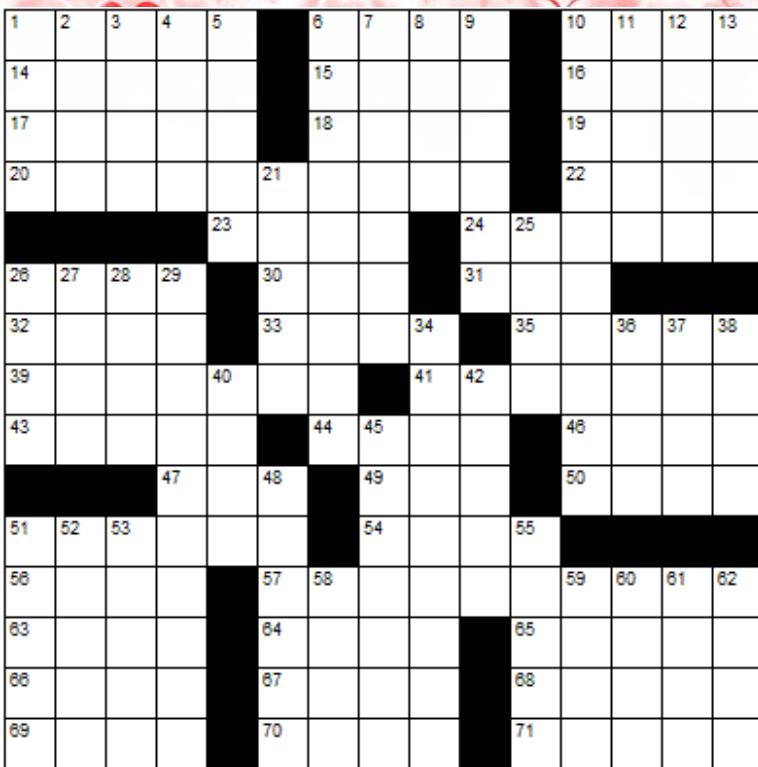
EMBASSY FUN NIGHT

Planning for our annual Fun Night show has begun. Participants have met twice (Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse) but more performers are always welcome! If you'd like to act, sing, dance, or work behind the scenes, please come to our Tuesday night meetings. Not sure it's right for you? Contact Bob Steckley at 289-407-7531 with your questions.





FEBRUARY CROSSWORD



DOWN

1. Component used as fertilizer
2. Lowly worker
3. Broadcast
4. Oriental grain
5. Fixed gaze
6. Curry-powder ingredient
7. Supervise
8. Advanced
9. National tune
10. Bilestones
11. Farewell
12. Countdown clock
13. A post in the ground
21. Grill
25. What we're called
26. Laugh
27. Computer symbol
28. Repose

29. Approximation
34. Lawyers
36. Indian music
37. Excited
38. Not more
40. Frosts, as a cake
42. Spooky
45. Immune response trigger
48. 3 tens
51. Trio
52. Discovered
53. Scope
55. Allow
58. Empty weight
59. Winglike
60. Connecting point
61. Lower jaw part
62. Almost a meter

ACROSS

1. Utilizers
6. Soft drink
10. Handguns
14. Send, as payment
15. Baking appliance
16. Mine entrance
17. Genus of heath
18. Let out
19. Capital of Peru
20. Placenta
22. Anagram of "Keel"
23. Ages
24. Guarantee
26. Employ
30. Half of a pair
31. Thick flat pad
32. Cards with one symbol
33. Notion
35. Honorable
39. Belligerent
41. Adolescent
43. Caper
44. Assess
46. Freudian topics
47. Encountered
49. Neither ____
50. Droops
51. Flail
54. A math subject
56. Miami basketball team
57. Passing from place to place
63. Hindu princess
64. Anger
65. Hawaiian greeting
66. Therefore
67. 3
68. Low point
69. Anagram of "Need"
70. Cravings
71. Vogue





WHO'S IN CHARGE?

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|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Bible Study..... | Tuesday 7:00 pm Hobby House | Dave and Marg Burris..... | 727-536-9937 |
| Bingo | Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. start time..... | Lynne Tyler | 705-886-4000 |
| Canada Days | March 7th and 8th | Barry and Jo-Anne Murphy | 902-883-2121 |
| Canadian Club..... | 2nd Fri of month, 10:00 a.m..... | Trina Whipple | 506-651-2778 |
| Chinese Auction | Jan 20, 2026 | Sharon Bullee..... | 705-436-7300 |
| Christmas Parade | Dec 16, 6:00 p.m..... | Hosted by the Social Club | |
| Comedy Show..... | Mar 14, 2026 | Bob Steckley | 289-407-7531 |
| Cribbage..... | Thursday Nights 6:30 pm | Bob & Trina Whipple..... | 506-651-2778 |
| Euchre | Monday, 6:30 p.m. in Hobby House | Jesse Osborne..... | 937-520-3491 |
| Exercise..... | Tues and Fri, 8:45-9:30 a.m | Jeannine Goguen..... | 506-382-9660 |
| Fashion Show..... | Feb 20, 2026..... | Patricia Carrier | 502-552-5493 |
| Holiday Dinner..... | Dec 7th | Hosted by Shuffle and Canadian Clubs | |
| Homeowners' Assoc..... | Mtg Dec 15/Jan 19, 2026 | John Halliday | 508-360-3875 |
| Ladies Fun Shuffle | Feb 22, 2026..... | Trina Whipple | 506-651-2778 |
| Library..... | Open Daily 10 – 6 | Vanessa Nead | 586-212-1194 |
| Memorial Service..... | Feb 15, 2026..... | Dave and Marg Burris..... | 902-865-2886 |
| Monthly Calendar | Posted in case by the clubhouse | | |
| Monthly Residents' | | | |
| Update Meeting..... | 3rd Wednesday of the month..... | 9:00 a.m. coffee, 9:30 Meeting | |
| Neighborhood Watch Meetings.. | Last Thursday of the Month..... | Norm Hagen..... | 517-769-5850 |
| New Year's Eve Dance..... | 8 pm-12:15 am | Sponsored by Canadian Club..... | |
| New Year's Day Brunch..... | 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m | Hosted by Shuffle Club | |
| News & Views Editor | | Yvette Novak | novakyvette1@gmail.com |
| Distribution | | Yvette Novak..... | 727-333-7322 |
| Poker (Dealer Choice)..... | Tuesday 1:00 p.m. in Hobby House.. | Judi Hoke | 727-536-3417 |
| Sewing Club..... | Tuesday and Friday in the Hobby House ... | Judi Hoke | 727-536-3417 |
| Shuffle Club | Meets 2nd Fri, 11:00 a.m | John Halliday | 508-360-3875 |
| Social Club Meetings | 1st Wed. of the Month | Yvette Novak..... | 727-333-7322 |
| Texas Holdem | Sunday 11:00 a.m. in Hobby House.. | Janis Wilson | 727-474-5050 |
| Valentine's Dance..... | Feb 14, 2026..... | Hosted by the Shuffle Club | |
| Park Wide Rummage Sale . | Feb 7, 2026..... | Yvette Novak..... | 727-333-7322 |



Embassy Park Directory

Owner:.....Walter Larson
Park Manager:.....Jessie Buchholtz.....Phone: 727-531-5386
.....Email: embassymhp@hotmail.com
.....Fax Number: 727-754-6486

Office hours: Monday-Wednesday-Friday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm....727-531-5386

Office Assistant

Park Maintenance.....Roy727-678-2066

Park Websitewww.embassyparkflorida.com

Embassy Homeowners Association

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|---------------------|----------------------|----------------|--------------|
| President | John Halliday..... | Lot 1606 | 508-360-3875 |
| Vice-President..... | Mike Matheny | Lot 719 | 727-530-7306 |
| Treasurer | Dave Howard..... | Lot 922 | 706-333-7900 |
| Secretary | Yvette Novak | Lot 1718 | 727-333-7322 |
| Directors..... | Angela Robinson..... | Lot 1810 | 203-505-3321 |
| | Bob Whipple..... | Lot 1505 | 727-474-6044 |
| | Doug Bentley..... | Lot 1121..... | 469-585-8173 |

Embassy Social Club

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|----------------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| President..... | Yvette Novak | Lot 1718 | 727-333-7322 |
| Vice President | Patricia Carrier | Lot 1207 | 502-552-5493 |
| Secretary | | | |
| Treasurer | Vanessa Nead..... | Lot 1809 | 586-212-1194 |
| Directors..... | Mike Matheny | Lot 719 | 727-530-7306 |
| | Lynne Tyler..... | Lot 434 | 705-886-4000 |
| | Sharie Leone..... | Lot 1415 | 727-215-5979 |

Embassy Regional Clubs

Canadian Club President.....Trina Whipple.....Lot 1505

Embassy Shuffle Club

Meets 3rd Friday of each month

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| President..... | John Halliday,..... | Lot 1606 | 508-360-3875 |
| Vice President | Judy Besharah..... | Lot 912 | 613-483-3663 |
| Treasurer | Dennis Larocque..... | Lot 416 | 508-633-0406 |
| Secretary | Bev Morrison..... | Lot 1010 | 506-333-6677 |

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