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This publication, Island in the Sun Sentinel, also referred to as the Monthly Media, contains names, contact information, community articles and information, an activities calendar as well as general interest articles. IITS residents can contribute ideas, articles, and photos to the publication. Contact Linda Olone at 727-214-7334, email linda.olone@gmail.com, or Lot 73

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Need Volunteer

Please submit corrections to linda.olone@gmail.com or report to an HOA Board member.

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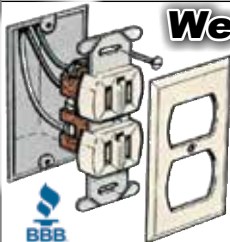


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FROM THE EDITOR

Linda Olone



Hello IITS!!

I hope this finds you all well. We are approaching prime hurricane season, so please be ready. I hope this season is much better than last year's for our community. Some of you are still dealing with last year's damage.

Good news – Bingo is starting back up on Mnday, September 22nd, and we are hoping to make it a fun event for you. Please join us!

Reminder to pick up your doggie poop and help keep our community clean. Waste stations are located all around the park for your convenience.

Please send any articles, suggestions, or photos to me at linda.olone@gmail.com or stop by Lot 73. If you would like to be highlighted or have a resident event highlighted in an upcoming edition for any of our sections, please let me know.

Thank you - Linda Olone – linda.olone@gmail.com – 727-214-7334.

From the HOA president:

Pattie McDonough



IITS HOA President

I am pleased to announce I have accepted the HOA president position. I look forward to serving this community in this position. You will be hearing more from me in the coming weeks. Our next HOA meeting is September 9th, and I hope to see you all there. I can answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to seeing you at our Labor day picnic!

Sincerely,

Pattie McDonough.

OPEN POSITIONS:

We have a few open positions if you are interested in volunteering for anything.



NON-Board Positions

1. Remembrance Corner - OPEN - Need this person to report obits to Rusty Leslie for adding to Media Guide and so we are able to send a card from the community.
2. Neighbor Helping Neighbor – OPEN - need Volunteers.

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2. Check out the Marquee at the park entrance by the clubhouse for upcoming events. HOA Events and announcements are located on the front and Resident Sponsored Activities are located on the back, if you would like your activity listed on the back please let Tammy Blaisse know.
3. The calendar is kept current in the glass case at the Clubhouse.
4. Please join any or all of these IITS Facebook Groups, we post activities on these pages only.
 - a. Island in the Sun Social Group
 - b. IITS uncensored, sort of
 - c. The Official Island in the Sun HOA (HOA Members only) This page is only for HOA business.

Please contact the activities committee for activities you would like to start at mcdonoughpattie@gmail.com, chrissiegriley@gmail.com We will provide you with help to get started.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

September Birthdays

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5 Aurora Akers
5 Rose Leduc
6 Phil Tursi
14 Lucinda Grow
14 Cindy Malliet
15 Terry Black
16 Rose Long
19 Phil Blaisse
24 Darlene Marshall
24 David St Clair
26 Donna Slover
29 Betsey Springman



September Anniversaries

1 Ron & Connie Castor
18 Ernest & Lucinda Grow
23 Larry & Debbie Frier
29 Bert & Cynthia Kerkhoven
29 Mike & Cindy Sadusky



We would love to add your birthday and anniversary to our list! E-mail your name and date to linda.olone@gmail.com so your friends and neighbors can help you celebrate your special days!

RESIDENT ACTIVITIES ANNOUNCEMENTS

These activities are not HOA or Cal-Am sponsored activities. They are resident led.



- **The Men's Breakfast** - meet monthly. The restaurant, date and time are announced on various IITS Facebook pages, sign up is online or at the Clubhouse. The participation is typically 6-12 men. All guys are welcome including people visiting the community. It's a great way to meet your neighbors!
- **The Ladies who Lunch** - meet monthly. The restaurant, date and time are announced on various IITS Facebook pages, sign up is online or at the Clubhouse.
- **8 or 9 Ball Pool** - Like to shoot pool? Every Saturday at 10 am there is a group who play 8 or 9 ball at the clubhouse. They are always looking for new players.
- **Texas hold 'em Poker** is played in the clubhouse on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 6:30 pm. Come prepared to have fun.
- **Bingo** – Every Other Monday, played in the clubhouse. Starting back in September.
- **LRC (Left, Right, Center)** – 3rd Tuesday of every month – bring your dollars!
- **Pickle Ball** – Played Monday and Tuesday night at 6:30

Anyone wanting a resident activity to be spotlighted in the Media Guide please contact Linda Olone.

Calendar

See the calendar in the Media Guide or on the clubhouse board for upcoming daily activities, HOA activities and Cal-Am activities.

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Ladies Lunch

Cindy Sadusky

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SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE HOA EVENTS

Activities Committee

Hi everyone.

The Resident Activities committee has the following activities planned for each month this coming year. Please contact Pattie McDonough if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

Volunteers are always needed to host, set up and tidy up – please let Pattie know if you would like to help out at any of these events.

Thank you to all those who volunteer their time to make these events great for our community.

September 1st Labor Day Cookout.

September 9th HOA Meeting

October 31st 6:30 PM Halloween Golf Cart parade and Party immediately afterwards. There will be cart and house judging this year, we will also be having a chili cook off at the party.

November 4th, 9 - 2 – Arts & Craft Fair

November – Collecting items for our Veterans,

November 27th Thanksgiving Dinner at the clubhouse. Host Melissa Lynch

December 31st New Years Eve Party - More to come.

All activities are held by the residents, the HOA's only involvement is to provide the funds needed to set up the activity, provide guidance if the host wishes, we will help the host if needed, provide the 50/50, Raffle Basket and tickets if needed. The HOA does not determine what activities are held, you as residents do that.

Thanks to all those who volunteer their time to make these events a great one for our community.

Your activities committee is working hard to provide the residents with fun activities.



Communications

Notice: Cal-Am will be communicating information to the residents via texts. Would you like to receive text messages? Just go into Rent Café and edit your profile and select text messaging. (no texting and driving please). If you need help setting this up please contact Katy at the office or Tammy Blaisse, we will be happy to help you.

HOA will continue to use Robo call.

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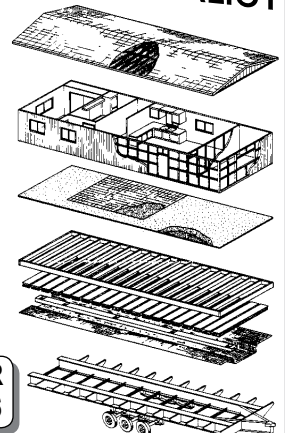
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by Rusty (Rosalind) Leslie

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If you have lived here awhile and have any questions, don't hesitate to ask.

I hope you take advantage of all the activities we offer and that you love living here as much as I do

Have a wonderful month of September

Rusty (Rosalind) Leslie

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If you are looking to get involved in something, come join us for Bingo.

Let's get our crowd up so we can pay more money! Participation is sure way to keep this event going. Please feel free to bring your family and friends.

See you all soon! Thank you ~ Linda Olone



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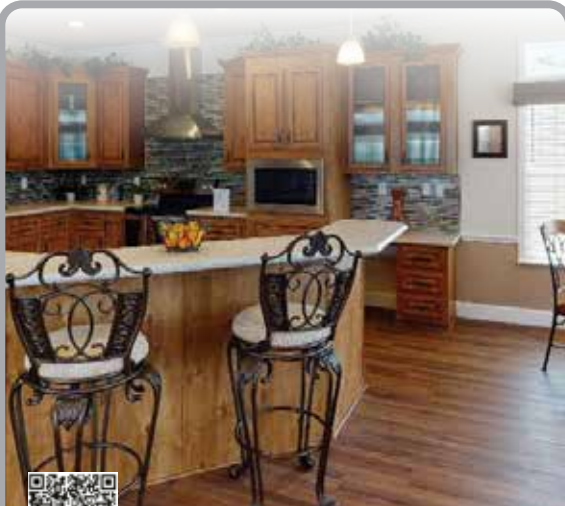
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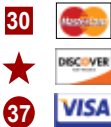
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Recipe Row

- **Minestrone Soup:** This is a fantastic way to use up any vegetables you have on hand. Sauté onions, carrots, and celery, then add garlic. Add broth, canned tomatoes, canned beans (kidney, cannellini, or Great Northern), pasta (small shells or macaroni are good choices), and herbs like basil, thyme, oregano, and rosemary. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer and cook until the pasta and vegetables are tender. Add spinach and lemon juice right before serving. You can also use a jar of pasta sauce as a shortcut for the base.



Be Active

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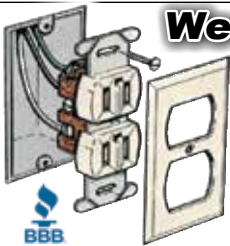
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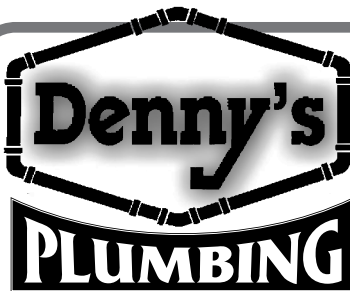


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The American Red Cross offers free smoke alarm installation through its Home Fire Campaign. You can request a free smoke alarm installation in Clearwater, FL, by completing a form available on the American Red Cross website. The Home Fire Campaign also provides home fire safety education.



Here's how to request a free smoke alarm installation:

1. Visit the American Red Cross website: Go to the Smoke Alarm Request page for South Florida.
2. Complete the form: Fill out the online form with your information.
3. A Red Cross team will follow up: A member of the Home Fire Campaign team will contact you to schedule a free smoke alarm installation appointment.
4. Learn about home fire safety: The Red Cross also provides valuable information and resources on home fire safety.

Also - Many Fire Departments offer free smoke detectors. Call them to inquire.

Hurricane season

It's that time of year again! Living in Florida means that we all need to understand and get ready for hurricanes. *"Florida history is defined by hurricanes. They are to this state what tornadoes were to Dorothy's Kansas"*. You cannot stop a hurricane, but you can take steps to protect yourself, your family and your home from the dangers of these powerful storms. It's a good time to start preparing for those summer storms. Last year was a hard time for a lot of this county. Get your plans in place now. Make evacuation plans, where will you go, what should you bring with you, make a checklist of things you need to take. Keep your important papers all in one place so you can grab and go.

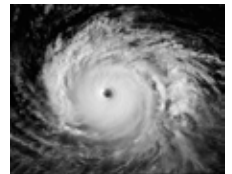
People with special needs should determine if they may need assistance. The following are key considerations:

- Do you use equipment that requires electricity? Make sure you have a backup power source, or plan to go to a location that does.
- Do you have family or friends who can help you make your plan, shelter in place or evacuate? Work with them now to make a plan and assemble the items in your kit. Be sure to include any medical devices, equipment or medications you will need.
- If you need assistance, register for the Special Needs Program. Pinellas County can help with your pet; transportation needs and sheltering.

Build an Emergency Kit

When getting your emergency kit together, think about each member of your family and what they would need for two weeks. Pinellas County Emergency Management offers a full list of recommended items. Basic items include:

- Important documents.
- Medication.
- Sanitation (wipes, antibacterial hand gel, soap, cloth).
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Planning in advance is critical.

Trash collection in Clearwater - 2025



May 26 - Memorial Day: Business as usual

June 19 - Juneteenth: Business as usual

July 4 - Independence Day: Business as usual

Sept. 1 - Labor Day: Business as usual

Nov. 11 - Veterans Day: Business as usual

Nov. 27 - Thanksgiving Day: CLOSED. Thursday's collections will be made Wednesday,

Nov. 26. Friday's collections will remain the same.

Nov. 28 - Day After Thanksgiving: Business as usual

Dec. 25 - Christmas Day: CLOSED. Thursday's collections will be made Wednesday,

Dec. 24. Friday's collections will remain the same.

Jan. 1, 2026 - New Year's Day:

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Energy savings: Recycling conserves energy. For example, recycling just 10 plastic bottles saves enough energy to power a laptop for more than 25 hours. To estimate how much energy you can save by recycling certain products, EPA developed the individual Waste Reduction Model (iWARM).

Waste and pollution reduction: Recycling diverts waste away from landfills and incinerators, which reduces the harmful effects of pollution and emissions.

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What I love About walking as the sun rises

Rusty Leslie



So many reasons - To love walking at sunrise
The birds wake up And sing a happy good morning.
The herons and sea gulls and others Fly across the sky, looking for the perfect place to find breakfast.

The night creatures are scurrying back to their lairs.

I saw a possum mom, with children on board carefully crossing the road.

A racoon, humpbacked running to its home.

The sky turns from dark to gray as trees become visible, and then colors seep in as the sun starts to slowly rise, the colors become more and more intense.

Clouds bathed in brilliant oranges and reds, as the sky turns blue.

The birds moving about in the trees.

Crows cawing back and forth.

Sudden flashes of color.

As bluejays begin their hunt.

And then the loud squawking of the Nanday parakeets.

As they fly across the skies, flashes of green as they land wherever there are feeders.

People walking now, some with their dogs.

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Hurricane Season is June 1st to November 30th

Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit

- ☐ Water and non-perishable food for several days
- ☐ Extra cell phone battery or charger
- ☐ Battery-powered or hand crank radio that can receive NOAA Weather Radio tone alerts and extra batteries
- ☐ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- ☐ Whistle to signal for help
- ☐ Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation Non-sparking wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- ☐ Can opener (if kit contains canned food)
- ☐ Local maps



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Additional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit:

- ☐ Prescription medications and glasses
- ☐ Infant formula and diapers
- ☐ Pet food, water and supplies for your pet
- ☐ Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a portable waterproof container
- ☐ Cash and change
- ☐ Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from www.ready.gov
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 - Prioritize fiber: Fiber helps slow sugar absorption and promotes a healthy gut microbiome, which can improve insulin sensitivity and lower blood sugar.
 - Limit sugary drinks and refined carbs: These contribute to blood sugar spikes and can hinder diabetes management.
 - Practice portion control: Utilizing methods like the plate method can help regulate calorie and carbohydrate intake.
2. Incorporate regular exercise
 - Aerobic activity: Engage in activities like walking, swimming, cycling, or dancing to improve insulin sensitivity and lower blood sugar levels.
 - Strength training: Builds muscle mass, which helps your body utilize glucose more efficiently.
 - Aim for a balance: Combine aerobic and resistance exercises for optimal blood sugar control.
3. Maintain a healthy weight
 - Weight loss can improve blood sugar control: Losing even a small percentage of body weight can significantly improve blood sugar levels.
 - Combine healthy eating and exercise for weight management: This combination is key to achieving and maintaining a healthy weight.
4. Prioritize sleep
 - Adequate sleep supports insulin sensitivity: Aim for 7-8 hours of quality sleep each night.
 - Sleep deprivation can negatively impact blood sugar regulation: Lack of sleep can raise cortisol levels, a hormone that affects blood sugar.
5. Manage stress
 - Chronic stress can affect blood sugar levels: Stress hormones like glucagon and cortisol can elevate blood sugar.
 - Explore stress reduction techniques: Consider exercise, meditation, mindfulness, deep breathing, or seeking support.
6. Stay hydrated
 - Drink plenty of water: Water helps flush out excess sugar through urine and can rehydrate the blood, potentially lowering blood sugar levels.
 - Opt for water or low-calorie beverages: Avoid sugar-sweetened drinks that can negatively impact blood glucose.

Really Bad Dad Jokes



- What did the bison say to his son when he left the ranch? Bi-son.
- Watch what you say around the egg whites. They can't take a yolk.
- I'm so good at fixing things, my motto is, "If it is broke, I'll still fix it."
- Were did the pumpkins have their meeting? In the gourdroom.
- What's the best way to save your dad jokes? In a dadda-base.
- I got a new pen that can write under water. It can write other words too.
- My boss said "dress for the job you want, not for the job you have." So I went in as Batman.
- I went to the aquarium this weekend, but I didn't stay long. There's something fishy about that place.
- What do you call a sheep who can sing and dance? Lady Ba Ba.
- What do you call a French man wearing sandals? Philipe Fallop.
- Why can't dinosaurs clap their hands? Because they're extinct.
- I gave my handyman a to-do list, but he only did jobs 1, 3, and 5. Turns out he only does odd jobs.

More humor...

✱ ✱ A young boy enters a barber shop and the barber whispers to his customer, "This is the dumbest kid in the world. Watch while I prove it to you."



The barber puts a dollar bill in one hand and two quarters in the other, then calls the boy over and asks, "Which do you want, son?" The boy takes the quarters and leaves. "What did I tell you?" said the barber. "That kid never learns!"

Later, when the customer leaves, he sees the same young boy coming out of the ice cream parlor.

"Hey, son! May I ask you a question? Why did you take the quarters instead of the dollar bill?"

The boy licked his cone and replied:

"Because the day I take the dollar the game is over!"

******A taxi passenger tapped the driver on the shoulder to ask him a question.

The driver screamed, lost control of the car, nearly hit a bus, went up on the footpath, and stopped inches from a shop window.

For a second, everything was quiet in the cab. Then the driver said, "Look, mate, don't ever do that again. You scared the living daylights out of me!"

The passenger apologized and said, "I didn't realize that a little tap would scare you so much."

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Finish the Lyrics



Questions Overview

1. Finish this lyric from “Forever Young” by Alphaville: “Forever young, / I want to be forever young. / Do you really want to ____ forever?”
 - a. Live
 - b. Love
 - c. Dance
 - d. Stay
2. Finish this lyric to “Anti-Hero” by Taylor Swift: “Sometimes I feel like everybody is ____.”
 - a. A sexy baby
 - b. An anti-hero
 - c. A monster on the hill
 - d. A problem
3. Finish this lyric from “Royals” by Lorde: “Let me be your ruler. / You can call me ____”
 - a. Queen bee
 - b. Anything
 - c. Royalty
 - d. Anytime
4. Finish this lyric to “Part of Your World” from The Little Mermaid: “Look at this trove. / ____ untold. / How many wonders can one cavern hold?”
 - a. Treasures
 - b. Wonders
 - c. Stories
 - d. Secrets
5. Finish this lyric from “Since U Been Gone” by Kelly Clarkson: “Since you been gone, I can ____ for the first time.”
 - a. Breathe
 - b. Leave
 - c. Sleep
 - d. D. Believe

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6. Finish this lyric to “Hound Dog” by Elvis Presley: “You ain’t nothin’ but a hound dog, / _____ all the time.”
 - a. Cryin’
 - b. Lyin’
 - c. Whinin’
 - d. Beggin’
7. Finish this lyric from “Girls Just Wanna Have Fun” by Cyndi Lauper: “I come home, in the morning light, / My mother says, ‘When you gonna _____?’”
 - a. Live your life right
 - b. Do what I say
 - c. Follow your dreams
 - d. Do what’s right
8. Finish this lyric from “All Star” by Smash Mouth: “And all that _____ is gold, / Only shootin’ stars break the mold.”
 - a. Glitters
 - b. Shimmers
 - c. Shines
 - d. Glistens
9. Finish this lyric from “Set Fire to the Rain” by Adele: “I set fire to the rain, / Watched it pour as I _____.”
 - a. Touched your face
 - b. Walked away
 - c. Cried in vain
 - d. Screamed your name
10. Finish this lyric from “Dreams” by Fleetwood Mac: “Now here you go again, / You say you want _____.”
 - a. Your freedom
 - b. My love back
 - c. What you lost
 - d. What you had

Word Scramble

Words That are Similar to “Amazing”

1. Bleubeenaliv
2. Eebcldini
3. Woacesm
4. Ssviimpeer



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