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Paradise Island Update

Cheryl Mathews Park 1 President

HO HO HO!! The holidays are upon us. I hope you had a fantastic Thanksgiving with family or friends. A lot of us have so many wonderful friends in this community that show how much they care about us.

Thank you to everyone who came out for Park 1's Thanksgiving potluck! Peggy made some awesome turkeys and our residents brought dishes galore. No one left hungry! With that said we will not have a potluck for December since we may still be eating leftovers from Thanksgiving and will be trying to save ourselves for our Christmas Dinner.

The Clubhouse and pool is decorated and just brings out that festive feeling. We have a wonderful Lake Haven Christmas party planned December 13th at the Elks Lodge. So excited that we have such a huge response for tickets! I hope you got your tickets!

Our residents never disappoint us when it comes to Christmas lights and decorations. I will be posting sign up sheets for multiple opportunities to take people around in golf carts to see the Christmas lights in all three parks.

Remember to check the calendar in this month's happenings for all the fun events going on in our Lake Haven Community! Park 1's regular events; Meeting 1st Saturday, Ladies Hobby Club every Tuesday, Bingo every Thursday, and the I Got It game the 3rd Friday of each month. Check out our facebook page Lake Haven Park Happenings to see what's going on.

I hope to see you at the January meeting!



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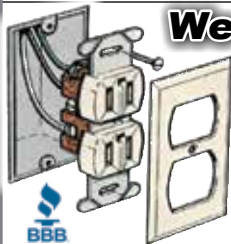


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 - The **fraud department at your credit card issuers**, bank, and other places where you have accounts

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PARK 2 TREASURE COVE

Secretary: Jeanette Powers

The Holiday Season is now upon us....Our Christmas Party for all three parks will be December 13th at the Elks Club Dunedin...Looking forward to the Celebration.

The Lottery Tree Raffle winner will be drawn at the Christmas Party...You can purchase tickets from Park 2 Board Members and are available at all Park events. The tickets are \$10 each for a chance of winning \$250 in Lottery tickets...The proceeds go to the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund.

Park 2 Association Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm. These meetings are important to attend...Our current board is coming to the end of their 2 year term. Elections are in January..anyone interested in being on the board, the current board will be happy to assist with the transition.

SCHEDULED EVENTS:

- **December 13th Christmas Party at the Elks Club Dunedin at 6pm**
- **January 10th Park 2 Kick-off the New Year CORNHOLE Tournament and BBQ.. details to follow.**
- **January 30th...Game Night 6:30pm Park 2**
- **February 17th. Fat Tuesday Italian Dinner. Park 2...details follow.**

Keep watching for events on the poster board in all the clubhouses. Look for updates and details in your tubes and on **Lake Haven Happenings on Facebook.**

Enjoy the Holiday festivities and Cheers to a Safe and Peaceful Holiday Season.

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LAKE HAVEN HOA

President: Bobby Kawasaki

I cannot believe how quickly this year has gone by.

The November and December Monthly HOA meetings will be held on **December 3rd at 10:15 in the Park 1 Clubhouse**. My understanding is that the Lot Negotiation Committee had their first meeting with ELS and we will get an update on their progress at this meeting.

Capital Expenditure Updates for 2025

Park 1 Pool Heater – No new updates, Park Management has been working with the installers on a start date. I still have some glimmer of hope the work will begin this year.

Canal Seawall work behind Lots 411-413 in Park 3 – Work will begin the last week of November or early December of this year.

Food Resources

As I am writing this we are still amid a government shutdown and food benefits including SNAP were still in jeopardy of not being delivered to recipients. Here are a couple of resources that are available in our community that are available to all of us:

Dunedin Cares Food Pantry serves Dunedin, Clearwater and Palm Harbor. **Dunedin Cares Food Pantry, 1630 Pinehurst Road, Dunedin**, opened its doors in 2015 and over time evolved from providing food bags to a “supermarket” approach, which enables clients to choose items they would prefer. Dunedin Cares Food Pantry days and hours are Mondays, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. – noon.

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Countryside Cares Helping Hands Food Pantry serves all residents of Pinellas County. **Helping Hands, 1850 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater**, is an outreach and food distribution service to those in need. This location provides drive through food distribution on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. and distribution starts at 11 a.m.

Registration: The only requirement is a valid photo ID with a Pinellas County address.





PARK 3 GUANA CAY

President: Bobby Kawasaki

There will be no Park 3 Association Meeting in December. Instead, I encourage everyone to attend the last HOA Meeting of the year on **Wednesday December 3, 2025**. The meeting will be held in the Park 1 Clubhouse at 10:15 am.

I wanted to take this opportunity to **THANK YOU** all for supporting the Park 3 Association this past year.

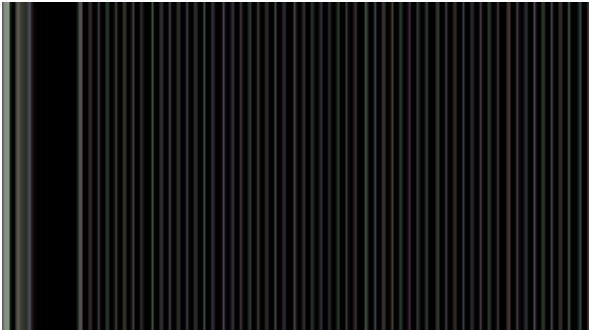
A special **SHOUT OUT** to **Brenda Hayworth, Nancy Kawasaki** and **Tracey Rast** for coordinating, decorating and coming up with all the great ideas for the events that we hosted in the Park 3 Clubhouse. It was a creative mix of themed parties and events that offered something for everyone.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!



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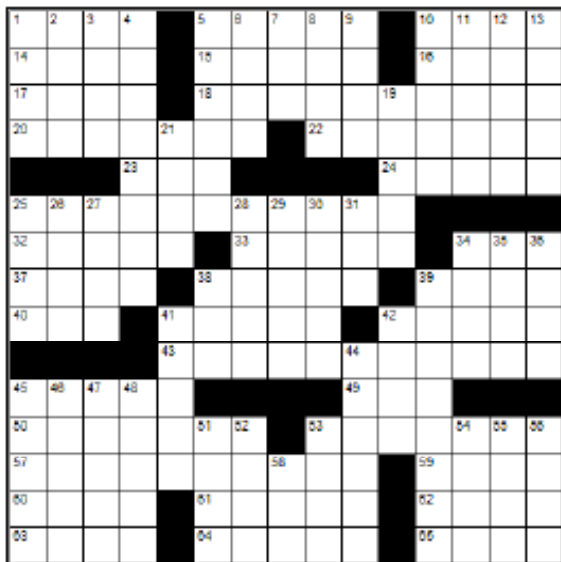


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34. Beer
37. Not yours
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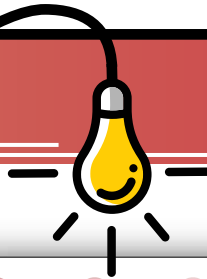
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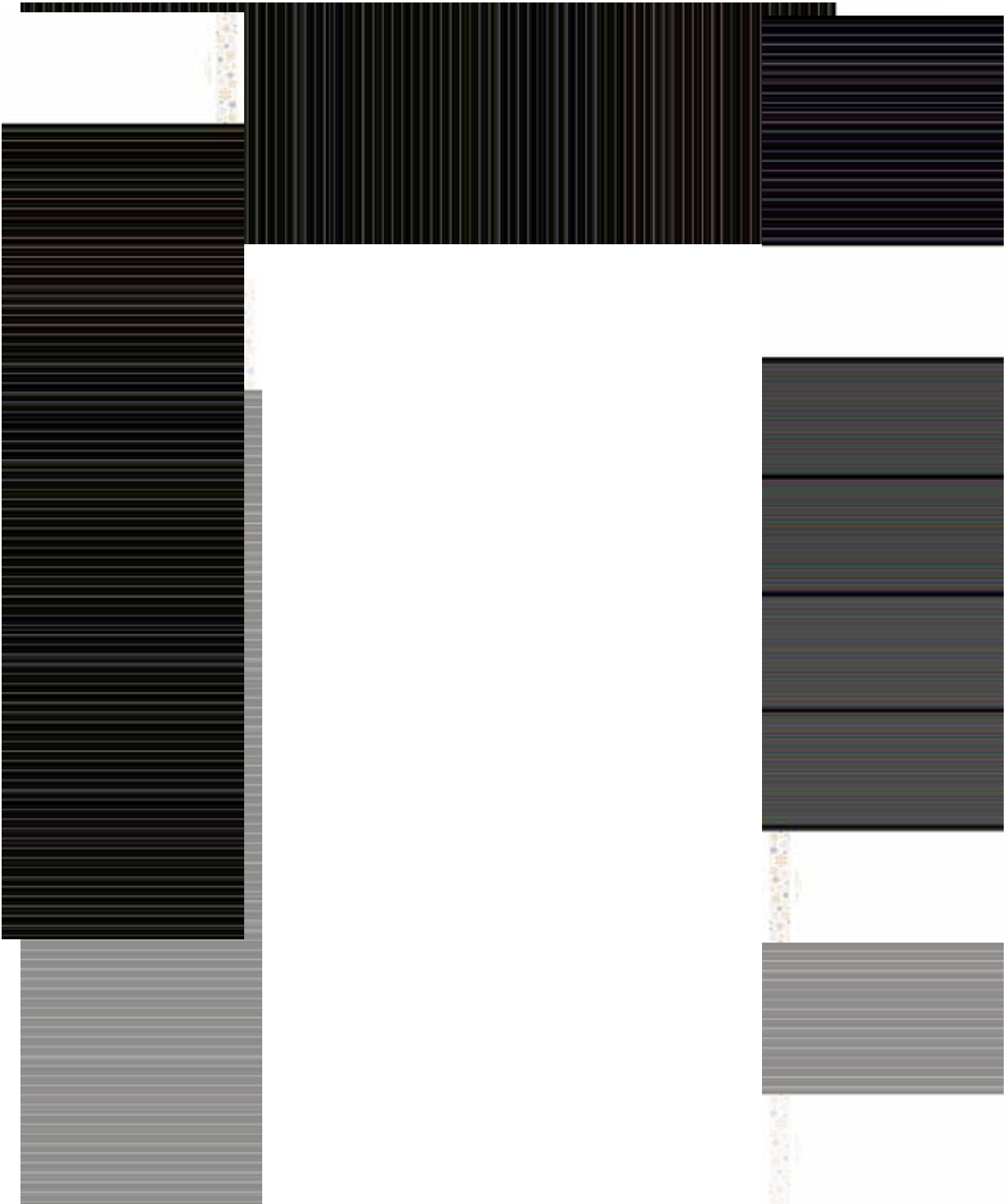
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Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe – Dec 12 (Mexico)
Santa Lucia Day – Dec 13 (Scandinavia)
Winter Solstice / Yule – Dec 21
Hanukkah – Dec 22–30 (Jewish communities)
Christmas Eve – Dec 24
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New Year's Eve – Dec 31. [jocalendars.com]



U.S. Observances & Fun Days

Giving Tuesday – Dec 2
National Cookie Day – Dec 4
Day of the Ninja – Dec 5
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National Cocoa Day – Dec 13
National Ugly Sweater Day – Dec 20
Festivus – Dec 23 (pop culture holiday from Seinfeld). [today.com]



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The Mysterious Gift Under the Tree

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The Christmas Truce of 1914

During World War I, on Christmas Eve 1914, something extraordinary happened. British and German soldiers, entrenched in bitter combat, spontaneously ceased fire. Soldiers from both sides emerged from their trenches, met in no man's land, and exchanged greetings, food, and even played a game of football. They sang carols together and buried their dead with dignity. Though brief, the truce was a powerful reminder of shared humanity—even in the darkest of times. It remains one of the most poignant examples of peace breaking through conflict, if only for a day.



The Turkey That Got Away

One Christmas, a family decided to go all out and buy a fresh turkey from a local farm instead of the usual frozen one. The dad was in charge of picking it up, and he proudly brought home a massive bird. But when it came time to cook it, the oven door wouldn't close—it was too big.



So, they tried trimming it. Still too big. Then they tried rotating it. Still no luck. Eventually, they gave up and decided to cook it on the grill outside. But halfway through, it started raining—hard. The dad, determined not to let Christmas dinner be ruined, stood outside with an umbrella, flipping the turkey like a warrior defending his feast.

Hours later, they finally brought it in, only to discover... it was still raw in the middle. They ended up eating side dishes and pie for dinner, and the turkey became the next day's project. The family now jokes that the turkey was so big it needed its own zip code—and they've gone back to frozen ever since.

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The Great Eggnog Explosion

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But what he didn't realize was that the bowl was sitting directly under the heat vent.

As the party went on, the eggnog slowly warmed up... and fermented. By the time people started ladling it into cups, it had developed a surprisingly fizzy texture. One brave soul took a sip and immediately spat it out, yelling, "It's ALIVE!"

Moments later, the bowl cracked from the heat, sending a tidal wave of eggnog across the table, soaking cookies, gifts, and one unfortunate intern's laptop. The smell lingered for days, and the punch bowl was never seen again.

The moral? Never mix dairy, heat, and ambition.

The Cat vs. The Christmas Tree

One family had a beautiful, towering Christmas tree decorated with delicate glass ornaments, shimmering tinsel, and twinkling lights. It was their pride and joy—until their cat, Mittens, decided it was her personal jungle gym.



On the first night, they heard a crash and found Mittens halfway up the tree, dangling from a branch like a furry ornament. She had knocked off several baubles and was batting at the star like it owed her money.

They tried everything: citrus spray, aluminum foil around the base, even a motion-activated air puffer. Nothing worked. Every night, Mittens launched a stealth attack. One morning, they woke up to find the entire tree tipped over, ornaments scattered like confetti, and Mittens sitting triumphantly on top of the fallen pine like she'd conquered Everest.

From then on, they decorated only the top half of the tree and left the bottom bare—except for a sign that read: "Mittens' Zone – Enter at Your Own Risk."

*"Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people once a year."
— Victor Borge*



Ask the right questions

Asking questions is the key to creative thinking, but you’ve got to ask the right kinds of questions. Here are some ideas for generating questions that get results:



- Write variations of the same question. Without overthinking it or second-guessing yourself, quickly write at least 10 variations of the question you’re exploring. “How can we reduce expenses?” could become, “How can I persuade people to reduce expenses?” and “Where can we easily cut expenses?” and so forth. Each iteration will produce a new and different idea.
- Analyze everything. Don’t go through life on autopilot. Take a hard look at little annoyances, for example, and try to find ways to eliminate them—“How can I stop getting interrupted for nonessential problems?” for example. Examine the tools that help you every day and look for ways to maximize them: “How can I get more out of all the applications on my computer?”
- Question your first solution. Maybe you’ve got an answer to your question, but don’t stop there. Reinterpret it. For example, look for ways your solution could be improved, misused, or used to solve other problems. This helps you look past your assumptions and consider new perspectives.

Marvin Gaye’s serendipitous accidents

One of singer/songwriter Marvin Gaye’s most successful albums was *What’s Going On*. Gaye worked hard on the album, but some of its most original moments came from mistakes. As an article of the LifeHacker website relates:

“Interestingly, two of the most singular aspects of *What’s Going On* that were extended to the album began as errors. The opening alto-sax solo by Eli Fontaine actually was a warm-up phrase for an overdub that Gaye decided to keep. And Gaye’s harmonized duets with himself occurred when Ken Sands, the engineer, accidentally played back two of his vocal versions on one mono tape.”

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