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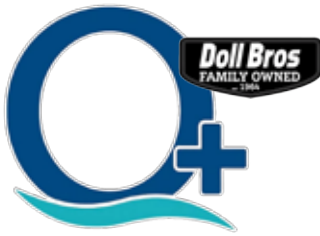
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#### Warning signs of identity theft

- Bills for items you did not buy
- Debt collection calls for accounts you did not open
- Information on your credit report for accounts you did not open
- Denials of loan applications
- Mail stops coming to, or is missing from, your mailbox

#### How to report identity theft

- To report identity theft, contact:
  - The **Federal Trade Commission (FTC)** online at [IdentityTheft.gov](http://IdentityTheft.gov) or call 1-877-438-4338
  - The three **major credit reporting agencies**. Ask them to place fraud alerts and a credit freeze on your accounts.
  - The **fraud department at your credit card issuers**, bank, and other places where you have accounts

#### How to protect yourself from identity theft

- **Do not answer phone calls**, texts, social media messages, or email from numbers or **people you do not know**.
- Do not share personal information like your bank account number, Social Security number, or date of birth.
- **Collect your mail every day** and place a hold on your mail when you will be on vacation or away from your home.
- Review credit card and bank account statements. Watch for and report unauthorized or suspicious transactions.
- **Understand how ATM skimming works** and how to protect yourself
  - Learn when it is safe to use a public Wi-Fi network
  - Store personal information, including your Social Security card, in a safe place. **Do not carry it in your wallet.**

### Imposter Scam

#### The top types of imposter scams:

An imposter scammer may call, text, or email to convince you they are **someone in authority**. They may even use caller ID to make it look like they are calling from an official government or business' number. To commit identity theft, they try to get you to send money or a gift card or share personal information.

- **Government** imposter scams - Unless you contact them first, government agencies typically initiate communication with you by letter. Unexpected contact or demands through any other method may be a scam.
- **IRS** imposter scams - scammers pretend you owe the IRS money for taxes and may threaten legal action
- **Social Security** imposter scams - scammers claim there is a problem with your Social Security account or promise to increase your benefits
- **Charity** scams - scammers pretend to be from a real or fake charity and try to get you to contribute
- **Grandparent** scams - scammers pretend to be a grandchild or other relative who needs emergency financial help
- **Tech support** scams - scammers tell you your computer's security is at risk and try to remotely access your device and steal personal information or ask for payment
- Scammers may also pretend to be from your **bank or a company you do business with**. You might be told you owe money or there is a problem with your account.

[ReportFraud.ftc.gov](http://ReportFraud.ftc.gov)

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Submitted by Jan McCoy*

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It is that time of year when our annual elections, which are managed by Resource Property Management, take up a great deal of time and focus by our office staff. Not only are they managing their daily tasks, but they are also kicking into high gear at the window welcoming our snowbirds back to the park, all the while working to meet several annual meeting communication deadlines. I can't stress enough how a few moments of your time to choose to ease the demands will make a difference. We want your vote to count, and we want our communications to reach you in a timely manner. Here are some ways you can help:

1. Please ensure your **voting certificate** is up to date by checking in with the office. This is the designated voter form that would have been completed to determine who in your household is the designated shareholder to cast a vote. There may only be one vote per share. This is required only if there are multiple shareholders on your share. The form is not required if husband and wife are the only names on the share. The form is only valid if signatures of all shareholders of your unit are included. If you've added names to your share (example: for estate purposes); a voting certificate is required.
2. Please consider signing up to **vote electronically** if you haven't already done so in a previous election. An email will be sent where you may choose this option. We have had trouble with the mailing of paper in the past. It has become inefficient and unreliable, in my opinion, but we are required to do so unless you choose otherwise. Please help us by choosing this option if you are comfortable with using your computer, tablet or cell phone to access the web-based link to answer proxy questions and to vote privately for the candidates of your choice. Please ensure the email address to reach you is valid if you signed up previously.
3. And lastly, as a shareholder, you have the option to **receive official park-business notices via email**, rather than by surface mail. Such notices include the Year-End Financial Statements, proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations of the park and the proposed annual budget. Choosing to receive association business emails electronically is separate from being on the Sunset Palms 3401 email distribution list for daily communications such the pool is closed. Do not assume because you receive those emails that you are signed up to receive park-business emails electronically. **This is entirely separate from the electronic voting form.**

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Please note that ALL shareholders must sign the form and only ONE email address may be used for the notices. The email address used must be receiving emails from the SunsetPalms3401 email address, i.e. you have not unsubscribed from receiving emails.

Thank you in advance for your support. Wishing everyone a happy holiday season!

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan McCoy  
President, Board of Directors

## **MANAGER'S CORNER**

*Submitted by Marilyn Corazza*

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### **Water to individual Homes**

**A**fter receiving numerous calls from the Resource Property Management After Hours Call Center with residents wanting to know when the water in the Park is going to be turned back on when the water has not been shut off, maintenance and I felt that it might be a good idea to explain how the water to individual homes in the Park works.

### **How do I turn off the water to my home when I leave for an extended period of time?**

Every home has a main water shut off valve that is located where the water line enters the home. This valve may be located under their home, near the hot water heater, or in some cases in the shed of the home. It is the homeowner's responsibility to know where this water valve is located and to be able to turn their water on and off.

### **What if I can't locate the water shut off valve to my home?**

The homeowner will need to contact a plumber to locate the main water shut off valve and show them how to turn the water to their home on and off. If the plumber is unable to locate a main shut-off valve to your home, one will need to be installed.

### **Do I need to turn the water off at the Water Riser behind my home?**

No. While it is the homeowner's responsibility to know what shut off valves on the Water Riser

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are for their home, utilizing the home's main water shut off valve is sufficient to turn the water off when you are leaving the park for an extended period of time and to turn the water back on when you return to the park.

### **What is the difference between turning off the Water Riser shut-off valve or my home's water shut-off valve?**

The Water Riser shut off valve is the connection point from the Park's main water line to your home. Turning off the riser valve cuts off water to your entire home at the point where it enters the property from the Park's system.

The mobile home's main shut-off valve is typically located outside the home where the water line enters the home or in newer homes near the water heater. Using the home's main valve to shut off water turns the water off at a point closer to the structure.

### **What are the different color pipes on the Water Riser?**

The yellow pipe is for well water, and the blue pipe is for fresh water.

### **What do I do if I have a plumber working on the pipes in my home?**

A licensed plumber will determine what shut off valves will need to be turned off to work on your home.

It is important for the homeowner to know which Water Riser shut-off valves are for their home to ensure that the plumber is turning off their water supply at the Water Riser and not their neighbors.'

Many of the after-hour calls that we receive are because a plumber was working at a home and turned off all the shut-off valves on the Water Riser and did not turn all the valves back on when he left, leaving the homeowner's neighbor without water.

Being aware of how to shut off and turn on water to your home is a necessity. If you are selling or subletting your home, please be sure to tell the new owners or the people that are subletting how to turn the home's main water valve on and off. Doing this can alleviate stress for the homeowner, the subletter, and early morning and late-night calls to the staff.

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Marilyn Corazza, CAM





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## HOLIDAY DINNERS

*Submitted by Maggie Stokes*

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**T**he traditional Holiday Dinner will continue this year at Sunset Palms. The event will take place on Tuesday, December 9th AND Wednesday, December 10th. Bridget Thomas is the event coordinator, and she will be asking for help as the event draws closer.

If you are new to the park, please contact Bridget at [brdgtthms1@gmail.com](mailto:brdgtthms1@gmail.com) for more information. It's a great way to kick off the holiday season with your fellow Sunset Palms residents.

## YARD SALE – JANUARY 24th, 2026

*Submitted by Bet LeBrun*

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### JUST A HEADS UP...

**I** will be chairing the Annual Yard Sale here at Sunset Palms and will be reaching out to you for your support soon. More information will be available soon and will be posted on SunsetPalms3401.

***DO NOT UNLOAD YOUR DONATIONS*** in the Laundry room as it is/will be cluttering the area. More info on that is coming soon as well. In the meantime, please box your items until further notice and keep them at your residence.

Bet LeBrun  
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## LINE DANCING AT THE CLUBHOUSE

*Submitted by Darlene Arsenault*

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**L**ine dancing will be starting December 5th then on the 12th and 19th. Beginners 11:45am, remainder 12:00pm - 1pm. Everyone is welcome!





# BINGO – MONDAY NIGHT

Submitted by *Bingo Ladies*

**B**INGO is back at the Clubhouse starting Monday December 8th and every Monday afterwards.

- Doors open 4:30pm
- Sales end at 5:40pm
- Bingo starts 6:00pm
- No bills over \$20 (\$50 bills will NOT be accepted – no exceptions!)



Looking forward to seeing you and don't forget to bring a friend!

Bingo ladies: Darlene Arsenault, Ada Bagatin, Renee Farrington and Bet LeBrun

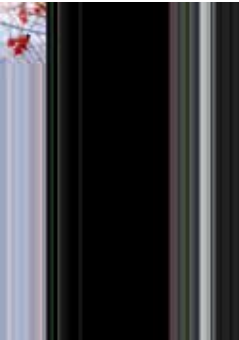


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Submitted by Kim Paquette

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### **But here's the exciting news...**

The Sunset Palms Travel Committee is thrilled to announce that our 2027 Valentine Cruise is already in the works!

More details will follow soon and will also be shared on our Sunset Palms Travel Facebook page — your go-to source for updates on all our trips, including day trips, cruises, and more.

### **Imagine this:**

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Our large group cruises are always the envy of others on the ship — and for good reason! Travel with friends (and soon-to-be friends) while enjoying unbeatable value and all those little extras that make every moment more special.

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### **Booking early gives you flexibility, too!**

You can spread your cruise fare over 12 equal monthly payments or contribute any amount at your own pace. Plus, all our group cruises remain fully refundable up to 90 days before sailing. So as we plan forward, we invite you to dream big, stay connected, and prepare for another incredible shared adventure.

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It's community. It's connection. It's curated joy — Sunset Palms style. For updates on the 2027 Valentine Cruise and all our exciting trips year-round, be sure to follow our Sunset Palms Travel Facebook page.

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Start dreaming now—the world awaits!

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*Wishing you peace, joy, and all the blessings of the season.  
Happy Holidays from all of us at Sunset Palms Travel Committee*

For additional information, questions or comments. Please contact Kim

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### **Sunset Palms Spotlight is on the website!**

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The newsletter is available on the 1st of each month.

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*Submitted by Yvette Cardoso*

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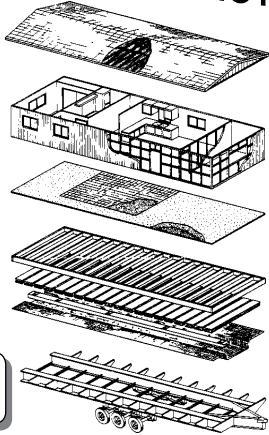
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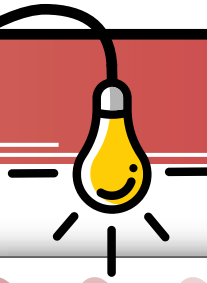
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| <b>7</b><br>10:00 AM Church Service (L)<br>5:00 PM Private Party<br><br><b>Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day</b> | <b>8</b><br>7:45 AM Exercise Class<br>9:00 AM Pool Exercise<br>9:15 AM Sewing & Quilting<br>Crafts<br>1:00 PM Hand & Foot (L)<br>1:00 PM Social Shuffle (S)<br>5:00 PM Bingo<br>7:00 PM Bridge (L)  | 7:45 AM<br>9:00 AM<br>9:00 AM<br>Comm (M)<br>10:00 AM<br>(S)<br><b>5:00 PM</b><br>6:30 PM<br>sons (S)<br><br>All a                             |
| <b>14</b><br>10:00 AM Church Service (L)  | <b>15</b><br>7:45 AM Exercise Class<br>9:00 AM Pool Exercise<br>9:15 AM Sewing & Quilting<br>Crafts<br>1:00 PM Hand & Foot (L)<br>1:00 PM Social Shuffle (S)<br>5:00 PM Bingo<br>7:00 PM Bridge (L) | 7:45 AM<br>9:00 AM<br>9:00 AM<br>Comm (M)<br>10:00 AM<br>(S)<br>1:00 PM<br>5:00 PM<br>5:00 PM<br>6:30 PM<br>6:30 PM<br>sons (S)                |
| <b>21</b><br>10:00 AM Church Service (L)  | <b>22</b><br>7:45 AM Exercise Class<br>9:00 AM Pool Exercise<br>9:15 AM Sewing & Quilting<br>Crafts<br>1:00 PM Hand & Foot (L)<br>1:00 PM Social Shuffle (S)<br>5:00 PM Bingo<br>7:00 PM Bridge (L) | 7:45 AM<br>9:00 AM<br>9:00 AM<br>Comm (M)<br>10:00 AM<br>(S)<br>1:00 PM<br>5:00 PM<br>5:00 PM<br>6:30 PM<br>6:30 PM<br>sons (S)                |
| <b>28</b><br>10:00 AM Church Service (L)<br>6:00 PM Euchre Tournament                                       | <b>29</b><br>7:45 AM Exercise Class<br>9:00 AM Pool Exercise<br>9:15 AM Sewing & Quilting<br>Crafts<br>1:00 PM Hand & Foot (L)<br>1:00 PM Social Shuffle (S)<br>5:00 PM Bingo<br>7:00 PM Bridge (L) | 7:45 AM<br>9:00 AM<br>9:00 AM<br>Comm (M)<br>10:00 AM<br>(S)<br>1:00 PM<br>5:00 PM<br>5:00 PM<br>6:30 PM<br>6:30 PM<br>sons (S)                |



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| Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
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| Exercise Class 2<br>Pool Exercise<br>Share Approval<br>Social Comm Mtg<br>Seminole League<br>Cribbage (L)<br>Cornhole<br>Darts<br>Shuffleboard Les- | 7:45 AM Exercise Class 3<br>9:00 AM Pool Exercise<br>12:30 PM Art Class<br>7:00 PM Poker (L)  | 7:45 AM Exercise Class 4<br>9:00 AM Pool Exercise<br>11:00 AM Serenaders<br>1:00 PM Craft Club (L)<br>3:30 PM The Gathering - setup<br>5:00 PM The Gathering<br>6:30 PM Oh Hell<br>7:00 PM Bunco (L)<br>7:00 PM Poker (L)   | 7:45 AM Exercise Class 5<br>9:00 AM Pool Exercise<br>9:00 AM Ext Alterations<br>Comm (L)<br>10:00 AM Blue Sky League Meeting (L)<br>11:00 AM Line Dancing<br>1:00 PM Euchre (L)<br>5:00 PM Cornhole<br>5:00 PM Pancake Breakfast Set-up<br>6:30 PM Game Night (L) | 8:00 AM Pancake Breakfast<br>9:00 AM Holiday Yard Sale - TBD          |
| Exercise Class 9<br>Pool Exercise<br>Share Approval<br>Seminole League<br>Holiday Dinner<br>Shuffleboard Les-                                       | 7:45 AM Exercise Class 10<br>9:00 AM Pool Exercise<br>5:00 PM Holiday Dinner  | 7:45 AM Exercise Class 11<br>9:00 AM Pool Exercise<br>11:00 AM Serenaders<br>1:00 PM Craft Club (L)<br>3:30 PM The Gathering - setup<br>5:00 PM The Gathering<br>6:30 PM Oh Hell<br>7:00 PM Bunco (L)<br>7:00 PM Poker (L)  | 7:45 AM Exercise Class 12<br>9:00 AM Pool Exercise<br>9:00 AM Ext Alterations<br>Comm (L)<br>10:00 AM Blue Sky League (S)<br>11:00 AM Line Dancing<br>1:00 PM Euchre (L)<br>5:00 PM Cornhole<br>6:30 PM Game Night (L)  | 10:00 AM Hoss Collar League (S)<br>7:30 PM Christmas Dance (ticketed) |
| Afternoon and evening events are canceled   |   |   |   |   |
| Exercise Class 16<br>Pool Exercise<br>Share Approval<br>Seminole League<br>Cribbage (L)<br>Cornhole<br>Darts<br>Shuffleboard Les-                   | 7:45 AM Exercise Class 17<br>9:00 AM Pool Exercise<br>10:00 AM Hall Available<br>12:30 PM Art Class<br>7:00 PM Poker (L)  | 7:45 AM Exercise Class 18<br>9:00 AM Pool Exercise<br>11:00 AM Serenaders<br>12:30 PM Serenaders Concert<br>1:00 PM Craft Club (L) - Canceled<br>3:30 PM The Gathering - setup<br>5:00 PM The Gathering<br>6:30 PM Oh Hell<br>7:00 PM Bunco (L)<br>7:00 PM Poker (L)      | 7:45 AM Exercise Class 19<br>9:00 AM Pool Exercise<br>9:00 AM Ext Alterations<br>Comm (L)<br>10:00 AM Blue Sky League (S)<br>11:00 AM Line Dancing<br>1:00 PM Euchre (L)<br>5:00 PM Cornhole<br>6:30 PM Game Night (L)  | 10:00 AM Hoss Collar League (S)                                       |
| Exercise Class 23<br>Pool Exercise<br>Share Approval<br>Seminole League<br>Cribbage (L)<br>Cornhole<br>Darts<br>Shuffleboard Les-                   | <b>Christmas Eve</b> 24<br>7:45 AM Exercise Class<br>9:00 AM Pool Exercise<br>12:30 PM Art Class<br>6:00 PM Parade & Get-together<br>7:00 PM Poker (L) - Canceled<br>Please check with organizers on status of events<br><b>Christmas Eve</b> | <b>Merry Christmas!</b> 25<br>7:45 AM Exercise Class<br>9:00 AM Pool Exercise<br>11:00 AM Serenaders<br>1:00 PM Craft Club (L)<br>3:30 PM The Gathering - setup<br>5:00 PM The Gathering<br>6:30 PM Oh Hell<br>7:00 PM Bunco (L)<br>7:00 PM Poker (L)<br><b>Christmas</b> | 7:45 AM Exercise Class 26<br>9:00 AM Pool Exercise<br>9:00 AM Ext Alterations<br>Comm (L)<br>10:00 AM Blue Sky League (S)<br>11:00 AM Line Dancing<br>1:00 PM Euchre (L)<br>5:00 PM Cornhole<br>6:30 PM Game Night (L)  | 10:00 AM Hoss Collar League (S)<br>7:00 PM Kitchen Party              |
| Exercise Class 30<br>Pool Exercise<br>Share Approval<br>Seminole League<br>Cribbage (L)<br>Cornhole<br>Darts<br>Shuffleboard Les-                   | <b>New Year's Eve</b> 31<br>7:45 AM Exercise Class<br>9:00 AM Pool Exercise<br>12:30 PM Art Class<br>7:00 PM Poker (L) - Canceled<br>7:30 PM NYE Dance (Ticketed)<br><b>New Year's Eve</b>  |   |   |   |

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## FROM THE EDITOR

Submitted by Bet LeBrun

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**N**ewsletters are no longer being delivered by volunteers to your doorstep. The monthly edition is available for pick up in the office by the fifth of each month. The publication is also available on the website.

### **IMPORTANT!**

*I would like to remind everyone that this volunteer job is NOT a Monday-Friday, 9 to 5 job. I work all hours during the week as well as weekends and holidays whether I'm in Canada or the USA. I am committed to providing you with an informative newsletter that reflects the happenings in YOUR park, and I can usually accommodate your requests. I know everyone is busy with their lives but if you want your submission to appear in the Spotlight, then please respect the deadline of the 10th of the month prior to publication. The earlier I receive it, the better. Before I submit the newsletter to the publisher, the articles are reviewed for approval, so timing is crucial.*

*As a courtesy, I send out a monthly reminder a few days ahead specifying the deadline date for newsletter submissions and it appears on Facebook under Sunset Palms 3401.*

*Thank you for your attention.*

You can email me with articles, pictures, resident interest stories, etc. or if you have an idea for a monthly newsletter article. Email: [sunsetpalmseditor@gmail.com](mailto:sunsetpalmseditor@gmail.com)

If you notice incorrect Newsletter article content, please notify me at [sunsetpalmseditor@gmail.com](mailto:sunsetpalmseditor@gmail.com). Edit requests for the calendar can be made on our website at <https://sunsetpalms.org/events/>. Our goal is to send you, our Sunset Palms residents, the most updated and correct information pertaining to activities and other articles of interest to our community; and remember, you can browse past Newsletters at <https://sunsetpalms.org/newsletters/>.

Many thanks to all who helped with and contributed to this month's newsletter.

**You can access the monthly newsletter as well as the calendar at <https://sunsetpalms.org/>.**

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DECEMBER AT SUNSET PALMS?

*Submitted by Maggie Stokes*

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**I**t's a busy month at Sunset Palms.  
Many of our seasonal residents are returning and the clubhouse is hopping.

Saturday, December 6th - Pancake Breakfast

Tuesday, December 9th and Wednesday, December 10th - Holiday Dinners

Saturday, December 13th - Christmas Dance (a ticketed event)

Thursday, December 18th - Serenaders Concert

Wednesday, December 24th - Christmas Parade

Sunday, December 28th - Euchre Tournament

Wednesday, December 31st - New Year's Eve Dance (a ticketed event)

## Weekly events that are back this month include:

Bingo: Mondays at 4:30 pm

Line Dancing: Fridays at noon. Come at 11:45 am for extra instruction

Darts: Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

Serenaders: Thursdays at 11:00 am

Shuffleboard Leagues are also starting up in December. Please check the bulletin board at the shuffleboard courts for more information.

Mondays at 1:00 pm – Social Shuffle

Tuesdays at 10:00 am – Seminole League

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm – Lessons

Thursdays at 9:30 am – Nova League (league play in January)

Fridays at 10:00 am – Blue Sky League

Saturdays at 10:00 am – Hoss Collar League

## And, last but not least, these events continue to be held:

Monday through Friday - Floor exercise at 7:45 am

Monday through Friday - Pool exercise at 9:00 am

Sunday - Church Service at 10:00 am

Monday - Sewing and Quilting Group at 9:15 am

Tuesday & Fridays - Cornhole at 5:00 pm

Wednesday- Art Class at 12:30 pm

Thursday - Crafts Club at 1:00 pm

Thursday - The Gathering at 5:00 pm

Friday - Game Night at 6:30 pm

No, we did not forget the card games!  
Please check the newsletter for an article just about cards.

For the latest and most accurate information, please look at the calendar on the Sunset Palms website (<https://sunsetpalms.org/events/>)

# Enjoy Christmas in Florida!



## December Sudoku

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|   |   |   |   |   |   | 7 |   |   |
| 9 |   |   |   |   | 1 | 2 |   | 3 |
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| 4 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 1 |
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## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

*Submitted by Tina Rodocker*

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**B**ecause of a timing issue, cards that would have been sent this month will be sent next month.  
Apologies to all.

My contact information is:

Email: [tinarodocker@yahoo.com](mailto:tinarodocker@yahoo.com)

Address: 303 Lily

Phone: (727) 420-0236

*If you know of someone who is under the weather or has a loved one who has passed, please contact me.*

## CALLING ALL CARD SHARKS

*Submitted by Maggie Stokes*

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**I**f you play cards, you don't have to look very far for a game. Every weekday has at least one card game played in the library. Plan on joining them and sharpening your skills.

Monday at 1:00 pm: Hand and Foot

Tuesday at 1:00 pm: Cribbage

Wednesday at 7:00 pm: Poker

Thursday at 7:00 pm: Bunco, Oh Hell, and Poker

Friday at 1:00 pm: Euchre

If your preferred game is not listed and you want to play, contact Maggie Stokes at [StokesMag@gmail.com](mailto:StokesMag@gmail.com) and she can let you know when the library is available.

DECEMBER





## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

*Submitted by Pastor Nelson Blount*

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**T**is the season to be jolly... but the reality for us as a community is that the season may be quite blue for you or for someone you know. One year I did a series which was highlighted in Westlake/ Bay Village Observer entitled “Blue Christmas.” I spoke from a variety of perspectives with a desire to positively impact the lives of persons in our Cleveland OH community who suffer from seasonal depression. People may not want to admit such a thing in their life. They may want to wear the mask to portray that everything is fine. However, the reality in their life is that someone significant is no longer at the dinner table. No gifts are being purchased for that loved one. I’m encouraging you to be real and to let your memories include loss this year.

What can we do?

Call a friend or family member who you know is challenged emotionally during the holidays.

Help someone you don’t know.

Risk being kind with someone you don’t know.

Invite someone over for tea and watch a Christmas movie or a basketball game!

Send a personal note to someone through snail mail.

Thank God for at least ten blessings in your life.

Make something for someone — homemade card, homemade cookies, homemade candy etc.

Ask someone to share their story with you and actively listen.

Sing “happy birthday” to Jesus.

Let’s make new memories this year that will benefit others and ourselves. May the end of this year provide opportunities for fresh experiences of the season. We have some wonderful traditions for sure but stretching ourselves can open new doorways to life. Life Is For Everyone! May your life this December be impacted positively as you consider and take action on the **THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**.

Yours truly,

Nelson

PS: There are two opportunities for spiritual growth: Sunday Fellowship 10 AM in the library and The Gathering on Thursdays at 5 PM. All are welcome. You are cordially invited to open the Bible and learn with us as we consider **Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth**

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*Submitted from the Office*

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**PLEASE ALSO INFORM YOUR SUBLETTERS OF THIS LIMITATION!**

**Thank you for your assistance!**

**Sunset Palms Management**

**FLUSH ONLY:** Body waste and toilet paper. (The 3 P's = pee, poo, paper)

*It is highly recommended that only **ONE-PLY** toilet paper be used to prevent clogging the toilet.*

### **DO NOT FLUSH:**

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When in doubt, DON'T FLUSH IT!



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# Merry Christmas!





# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

|    |                    |    |                |
|----|--------------------|----|----------------|
| 2  | Denise Smith       | 20 | Robin Smith    |
| 3  | Eugene Anstey      | 20 | Wayne Fudge    |
| 5  | Laurier LaChapelle | 20 | Sandy Miller   |
| 7  | Rich Beaupre       | 21 | Rosie Green    |
| 7  | Tony Vazquez       | 21 | Betty Garland  |
| 8  | Maureen Ready      | 22 | Carol Webb     |
| 8  | Yvette Cardoso     | 23 | Rhonda Gidge   |
| 10 | Ron Leslie         | 23 | Sue Cooper     |
| 12 | Jennifer Goodyear  | 23 | Kitty Freake   |
| 12 | Barbara Stewart    | 23 | Judy Jefford   |
| 12 | Gloria Freake      | 24 | Robert McEntee |
| 13 | Nancy Fields       | 25 | Mary Peddle    |
| 13 | Frank Blair        | 26 | Dennis Bowen   |
| 15 | Joan Swisher       | 27 | Frank Eates    |
| 15 | Nita Montano       | 27 | Carole Huckle  |
| 16 | Cindy Anderson     | 28 | Abel Aquino    |
| 16 | Andrew Polny       | 30 | Gayle Kovach   |
| 19 | Danielle Rockett   | 30 | Melody Warne   |



# DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

|    |                        |
|----|------------------------|
| 1  | Marilyn & Dave Jones   |
| 14 | Judy & Wesley Jefford  |
| 15 | Rita & Bing Pelley     |
| 27 | Carole & John Titus    |
| 30 | Linda & Dan Noseworthy |
| 31 | Billie & Donald Barnes |



**NOTE:** If your birthday or anniversary doesn't show up, it may be because we don't have it. If you would like to have it shown in the Spotlight Newsletter in the "event" month, please let me know and I will add it to the master list. On the other hand, if you don't want your event to be published, I can remove it from the list - no questions asked.

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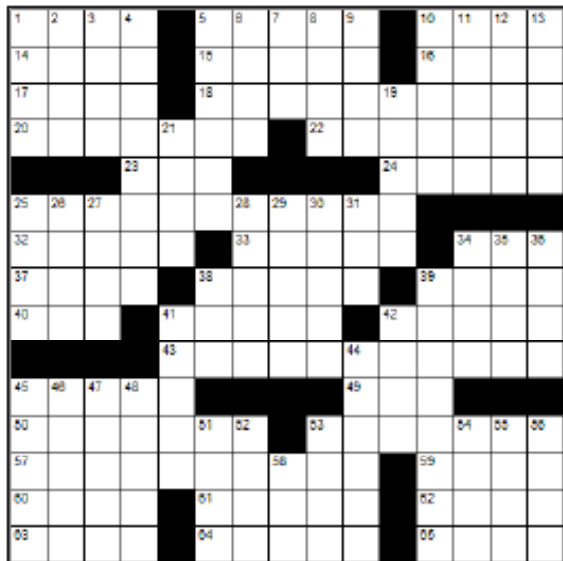







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1. On-line journal
5. Rhinoceros
10. Gangs
14. Former Italian currency
15. A red fluorescent dye
16. Send forth
17. A Freudian stage
18. Totally
20. Vixen
22. Hypodermic
23. L
24. Donkeys
25. Class chums
32. Held on tightly
33. Japanese cartoon art
34. Beer
37. Not yours
38. Inscribed pillar
39. Make unclear
40. Damp
41. Villain
42. Communion table
43. Self-restraining
45. A long-legged S. American bird
49. Dawn goddess
50. Windfall
53. Detective (slang)
57. Noble
59. Greek cheese
60. Actors in a show
61. Give a speech
62. Relating to urine
63. Beers
64. Waste conduit
65. Lake (Scottish)



## DOWN

1. Ho-hum
2. Connects two points
3. By mouth
4. Square-rigged sailing ships
5. Summon to return
6. Owl sound
7. Belief
8. Bites
9. Unique
10. Anagram of "Smite"
11. Portents
12. Cause to leak
13. Infections of the eye
19. Delete
21. Blockage
25. Flat-bottomed boat
26. Hint
27. Offended
28. Married partners
29. Concerning (archaic)
30. Diacritical mark
31. An uncle
34. Countertenor
35. Hawaiian feast
36. Makes a mistake
38. Bro or sis
39. Happy
41. Lose consciousness
42. "Smallest" particle
44. Spay
45. Hemp
46. Small goat antelope
47. Licoricelike flavor
48. Sail supports
51. Animal menageries
52. Unit of land
53. Way in
54. Protagonist
55. Ear-related
56. Every single one
58. Uncooked

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**World AIDS Day** – Dec 1  
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**Bodhi Day** – Dec 8 (Buddhist communities)  
**Human Rights Day** – Dec 10  
**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  
**Christmas Day** – Dec 25  
**Boxing Day** – Dec 26 (UK, Canada, Australia)  
**Kwanzaa** – Dec 26–Jan 1 (African-American heritage)  
**New Year's Eve** – Dec 31. [[jocalendars.com](http://jocalendars.com)]



### U.S. Observances & Fun Days

**Giving Tuesday** – Dec 2  
**National Cookie Day** – Dec 4  
**Day of the Ninja** – Dec 5  
**National Brownie Day** – Dec 8  
**National Cocoa Day** – Dec 13  
**National Ugly Sweater Day** – Dec 20  
**Festivus** – Dec 23 (pop culture holiday from Seinfeld). [[today.com](http://today.com)]



### Week-Long & Month-Long Observances

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| OTHER   | Lake Seminole Resort Christmas Craft<br>Show and Flea Market. On Saturday,<br>December 6th, 9:00am - 1:00pm.<br>Located at 10245 110th Ave. N. Largo,<br>Florida  | Biggest Church Wide Garage Sale In<br>The Area! Northwood Presbyterian<br>Church, 2875 FL-580, Clearwater,<br>33761. January 15th, 16th, 17th, 2026,<br>from 8am-2pm. Call Susan: 727-709-<br>8237 with questions or to donate.                                  |
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## The Mysterious Gift Under the Tree

One Christmas Eve, a family gathered around the tree, finishing up the last of the cocoa and carols. As the children were sent off to bed, the parents noticed a small, unmarked gift tucked deep behind the tree. Neither of them had placed it there. Curious, they opened it to find a handmade ornament with the words: “Believe in the magic.” Inside was a note from their late grandmother, written years before she passed, thanking them for keeping the family traditions alive. She had hidden the gift during her last Christmas with them, hoping it would be found when they needed it most. That year, the family had been struggling with grief, and the unexpected message brought comfort and tears—reminding them that love endures, even after loss.



## 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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