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## From The President

Diane McSweeney



Dear Shareholders,

Welcome to December at Holiday Shores. It has been an honor to serve as president the last few years. As all good things come to end, my volunteering as president shall too. It has been wonderful to get to know so many residents during this time and help many of the residents.

Many things have transpired during this time with the help of dedicated volunteers and board members, we all worked cohesively as a team to make Holiday Shores even better.

I have strived to save money for the park. A recreation area behind the maintenance shed was developed with only the cost of paint. Our volunteers did a miraculous job creating warm inviting area. Due to the donations of activities and the steak committee the area became enhanced with storage, and picnic tables. It was especially special useful during the hurricane season of 2024 and other activities.

Aesthetically the park was enhanced by a gardening committee. The landscaping was donated by the steak committee with no cost to the shareholders. The park looks amazing with their efforts.

The clubhouse was updated with programmable thermostats that aided in reduced energy costs. The air conditioners had all seen their better days and were replaced. Handicap access door opener was added inside the clubhouse, making it easier for folks to enter and leave independently. The door on the rear of the clubhouse was replaced with a more energy-efficient door and a new automated opener.

The pool had a new heater installed as the old one became inoperative. This is also more energy efficient. Pool lights (LED) were added to meet the state requirements. The adult swim hours were changed as was requested by an overwhelming number of residents. An agreement with Duke Energy to install LED lighting throughout the park came at a sale of \$2000 per year for the park.

One of the greatest highlights was the addition of golf cart parking. This was highly needed as the number of carts has increased dramatically over the last few years. This had made it easy for the shufflers, pool folks, and attending activities.

Erosion control behind lots 1-6 was implemented with natural native grass. This was to save the expense of an expensive sea wall. This has been very effective.

There was a huge commitment from dedicated volunteers to replace aging storm water drainpipes. This was done for about 5000 dollars rather than the \$70000-dollar estimate. Water lines were replaced in different areas due to breakage. The most memorable thing was moving the lines around the shuffleboard courts rather than under the courts. This saved us from repairing the courts once again.

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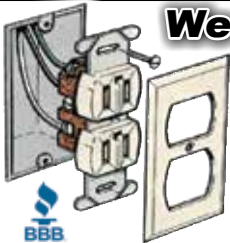


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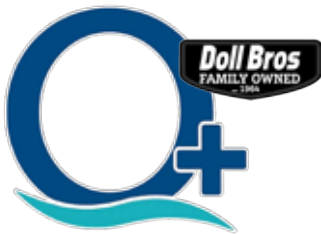
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We are in the midst of the sewer project which is running smoothly. The contractors have been great to deal with. There have been very few complaints as residents understand the hurdles they are facing. Literally, I know of one complaint when a resident was not happy. Hopefully the project will continue with the same greatness.

Our treasurer, Judy Garneau did an amazing job on investments and budgeting. The park has the largest reserve bank account that I have seen. Her budgeting skills kept us on track and within a budget yearly.

Pay HOA replaced Volo. The state mandates the park to have a website. By replacing Volo, we were able to have Pay HOA and the website for the same cost. I must admit it is a terrible name, but a great source of communication for the office staff and residents.

The staff is remarkable. They tend to do so much! They are dedicated and exemplary staff. I could not have asked for any finer folks to deal with.

Once again, it has been a remarkable experience between staff, board members, and shareholders. I hope the new board has the same positive experience I encountered.

Best Regards,  
Diane McSweeney

## From The Community Association Manager

Camille Robinson

### Finishing Strong!

Dear Holiday Shores Park Residents,

**A**s the year draws to a close, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on our incredible journey and extend my sincerest thanks to all of you.

On behalf of myself, **Camille Robinson, Licensed Community Association Manager**, and the entire staff of Holiday Shores Park, **thank you for allowing us to finish strong!**

This year presented us with significant challenges as we began the necessary and extensive rebuilding efforts following the damage inflicted by **Hurricane Milton** and **Hurricane Helene** in our community.

The progress we have made in restoration and recovery is a testament to the sheer **strength, cooperation, and resilience of our community**. Your patience, understanding, and active participation have been instrumental in allowing us to overcome these hurdles and truly *finish strong*.

This year, we also experienced a significant transition in our leadership team. We said a fond **goodbye and thank you** to our long-time Accountant for his dedicated service.

At the same time this year, we welcomed our new Accountant, **Martin Rainsford**.





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We also wish to recognize the invaluable contribution of **Judy Garneau**. Stepping into the role as Interim Accountant while maintaining her role as Board Treasurer, she started out with nearly nothing to build upon in the wake of the hurricanes.

Judy used her self-taught knowledge to stabilize our accounts and has continued to assist Martin Rainsford in his new position, allowing him to flourish. Please join us in supporting and appreciating Martin and Judy's hard work. Teamwork makes the dream work.

It is an honor to serve as your Community Association Manager. Knowing that we face challenges together, support one another, and ultimately succeed as a community is truly rewarding. Thank you once again for your dedication to making Holiday Shores Park a wonderful place to call home and a wonderful community to work in.

We look forward to a peaceful and prosperous new year ahead.

**With sincere gratitude and warm wishes for the holidays,**

Camille Robinson

Licensed Community Manager



## Social

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**F**or December, the Seniors in Service program has not been determined at this time nor the exact date. I was informed there will be no luminaries this year.

Thank you for supporting Holiday Shores first Coffee Klatch. I want to thank Nita Anderson for her delicious banana nut bread and Rose Maiolino for hosting the 50/50 with the proceeds going to Activities.

Tom VanZant was the winner of \$49 and Doug Kerr was the fortunate recipient of one of Nita's loaves of banana nut bread. I have heard good things about the first Coffee Klatch. The next Coffee Klatch social will be Thursday, December 4th at 9:30 in the clubhouse. There will be a basket with goodies raffled off, with the proceeds going to Activities.

December 12, 2025, at 1:30 in the clubhouse there will be a Holiday Season Cookie Exchange for anyone wishing to participate. There will be a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse and information on how the exchange is done. Please call me, 727 475 0702, if you have questions.

I want to wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.

Judy Matthews

Social



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Coming this Spring: Cheryl's Wedding! Our biggest event of the season is just around the corner, Cheryl's Wedding, a lively and heartwarming musical comedy that continues the story of Bedrooms with Benefits. Join Bonnie and Ron Patterson at the Bonne Nuit Bed & Breakfast as they navigate the hilarity and chaos of Cheryl's big day.

Performance Dates: March 22 - 25, 2026.

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, December 9 at 2:00 PM in the Clubhouse.

Rehearsals Begin: Friday, January 2, 2026

Rehearsal Schedule: Tuesdays and Fridays at 1:00 PM

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Let's make this season unforgettable. See you at the Clubhouse!

Dave Middleton  
Theater



## Activities

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I would like to thank Judy Matthews and Nita Anderson for organizing the coffee Klatch. We had a very nice turnout on our next coffee Klatch will be December 4 at 9:30 on December 12. We are having the jingle mingle and cookie exchange December 17, hamburger and hotdog December 18 and Seniors in Service, December 25 Christmas dinner. Please look for posters in the clubhouse and on the A-frames.

Rose Maiolino  
Activities



## Shuffleboard

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To returning shuffle boarders & newcomers, shuffleboard has started. Please come give it a try. We have such a fun group & would like to add you to the fun times.

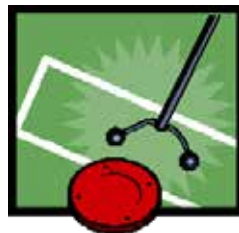
Shuffleboard is at 10:00 Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays.

Remember to see if green flag is out, meaning it's a shuffle day.

Since I fell behind in scheduling things, watch for any shuffleboard happenings on an A Frame.

Have a very Merry Christmas. Looking forward to seeing everyone in 2026

Mary Brown  
Secretary



## Wine and Craft Beer Tasting

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### Friday January 16. 3:00

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I am behind on the notification so pass the word!!

Kimberly Boyle



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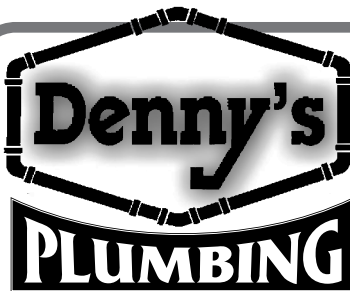


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## Steak Dinner Committee

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### Cook Out

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Hamburgers or Cheeseburgers \$5.00, Hotdogs \$4.00. A small bag of chips and some condiments included.

A sign-up sheet will be posted in the clubhouse early December, so we have some ideas on what to buy. Very limited on-door sales without signing up. Carry outs available and we will deliver to shut-ins. Vicki Nichols has volunteered to lead us in a few Christmas carols following dinner. So, start tuning up those vocal cords.

Thanks everyone, hope to see you there. As always, all proceeds are used to purchase something for the park.

The Steak Dinner Committee  
Dave Crosman, Chairman



## Newsletters Cut Off Date

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## In Memory of....

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**A** Branch Has Fallen from Our Community

Dear Residents of Holiday Shores Park,



It is with a heavy heart that we share some very sad news with our community. In recent weeks, we have experienced the profound loss of our beloved neighbor.

October of 2025 a branch fell from our community as we say goodbye to our cherished resident. Our thoughts and support go out to the family and friends affected by this loss.

It is with additional sadness that we must announce the passing of our neighbor. In October 25, 2025, we said goodbye to Tom Sutcliffe.

Tom Sutcliffe will be deeply missed by all who knew them here in Holiday Shores Park. Our hearts go out to their families, friends, and loved ones during this difficult time.

We encourage everyone to hold onto the memories you shared and continue to be a source of strength and comfort for one another.

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### Tips for Avoiding Romance Scams:

- **Be careful what you post** and make public online. Scammers can use details shared on social media and dating sites to better understand and target you.
- **Research the person's photo and profile** using online searches to see if the **image, name, or details have been used elsewhere.**
- Go slowly and ask lots of questions.
- Beware if the individual **seems too perfect** or quickly asks you to leave a dating service or social media site to communicate directly.
- Beware if the individual attempts to isolate you from friends and family or requests inappropriate photos or financial information that could later be used to extort you.
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21  First Day of Winter	22 9:00A: Exercise 10:00A: Chair Exercises 12:30P: Bridge 6:00P: Cards & Poker	12:00P: F 1:00P: G 6:00P: C
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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9 Pool/Billiards Games/Cards ards/Euchre	10 9:00A: Exercise 10:00A Office Party -Clubhouse 10:00A: Chair Exercises 6:00P – Cards	11 1:00P to 3:00P - Hand & Foot Card Game 1:00P to 4:00P - Music  Long & Short and Finance Committee Meeting	12 9:00A: Exercise 10:00A: Chair Exercises 1:30P – Cookie Ex- change -Clubhouse 5:00P Golf Cart Parade 6:00P: Cards	13 9:30A Annual Meet- ing of Shareholders
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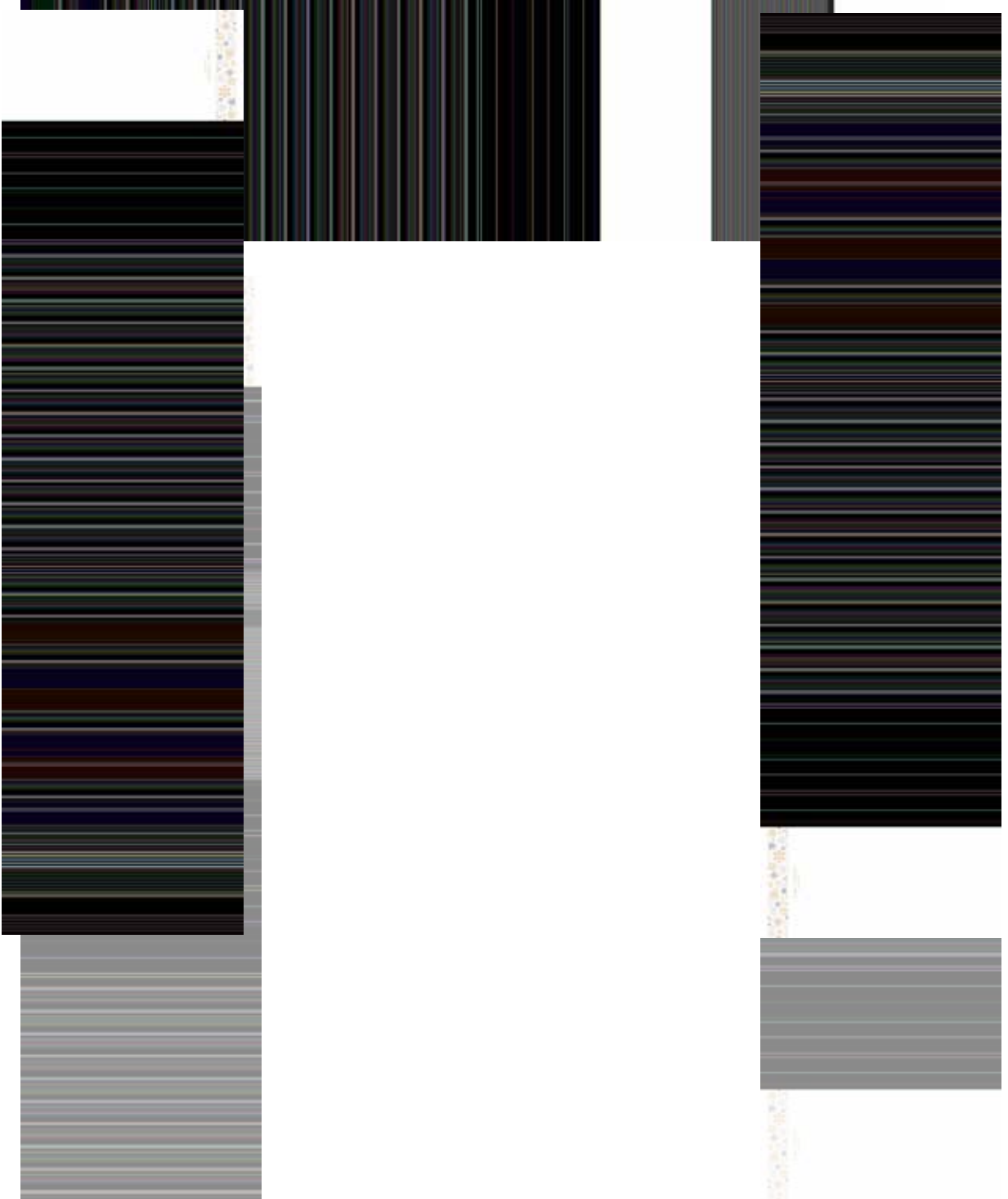
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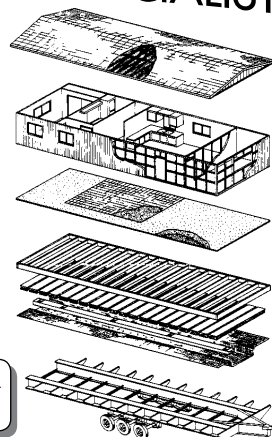


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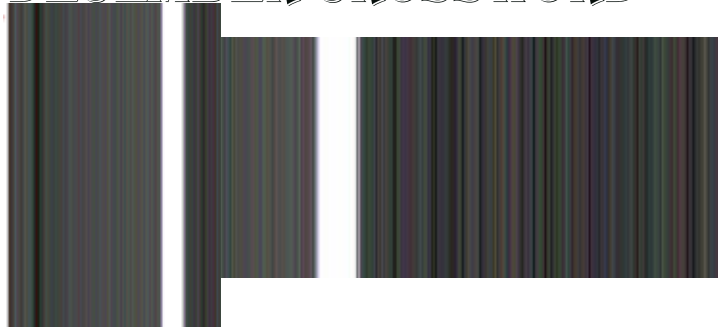
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35. Hawaiian feast
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38. Bro or sis
39. Happy
41. Lose consciousness
42. "Smallest" particle
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45. Hemp
46. Small goat antelope
47. Licorice-like 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

# DECEMBER CROSSWORD





## The Great Eggnog Explosion

**A**t an office Christmas party, one enthusiastic employee decided to make homemade eggnog to impress everyone. He brought in a giant glass punch bowl filled to the brim, complete with nutmeg sprinkles and cinnamon sticks. It looked amazing.



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

**O**ne 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."

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