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## **MANAGER'S CORNER**

By: Victoria Greenwood December 1, 2025

#### **HOME MAINTENANCE**

utters are the focus for December. Please take a look at yours and see if your gutters need to be cleaned out. We also check for other home issues. With your help we can keep Sugar Creek looking its best. As always, letters will be sent out if you don't comply. Thank you for your diligence in this matter.

#### **BBQ**

Thank you to all who joined us for our annual BBQ at the clubhouse. It was great to see such a turnout and meet some new people who have joined our community. I have had a lot of great feedback from this event. Thank you to all who helped make this evening perfect!

#### PARK CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

We have volunteers that have been dedicating their time EVERY year to make our park look amazing for the Holiday Season.

Art and Nancy Bouchard # 69 are leading this amazing group. Thank you, Art and Nancy, and all of the volunteers.

We have people from all over driving through the park just to see the lights. If you are new to the community and you happen to find a box in your shed with 12, 3–4-inch poles and a 4 ft. pole and some lights, you have a tree. Usually, the trees are put up on Saturday after Thanksgiving (weather permitting) and will be taken down the 1st week of the New Year. If you do not know how or cannot put the tree up, leave the box, the poles, and an extension cord near the edge of your carport, just not too close to where you put your garbage. With this being said, if you are able to assist, the Bouchard's please give them a call.727-581-2549 and they will certainly appreciate the help. Thank you all for keeping Sugar Creek fabulous!

#### **ACH PAYMENTS FOR JANUARY**

If your ACH payments come directly out of your account from Sugar Creek, your lot rent will automatically change to the new amount, for the January 2026 payment. If you use any other method to pay Sugar Creek, please remember to update the amount to avoid any issues.

#### **HOLIDAY HOURS**

The office will be closed from Monday December 22nd through Tuesday December 30th. If you have a park emergency, please call 727-301-9589. The office will be open on December 31st and closed for New Years Day!

#### AMERICAN FLAGS

If you have or if you see a flag in poor condition, please let us know and we will let the homeowner know. If you have a flag that needs to be disposed of, please contact Floyd Lot #154, Jerry Lot #75 or bring them to the office and we will see to it they get disposed of properly.

#### **HOME SALES**

If you know of anyone wanting to purchase a home, now is the time to have them call the office and see all the options.

Current residents that refer someone who purchases a home from Sugar Creek's sales team will receive a \$250.00 referral check after closing! Are you considering selling your home? Give Daniel or Vicki a call or stop in the office and we will use the resources at our fingertips to sell your home as quickly as possible. 727-586-2002.

GARBAGE PICKUP FOR THE HOLIDAYS: CHRISTMAS DAY: WILL BE PICKED UP ON FRIDAY THE 26th NEW YEAR'S DAY WILL BE PICKED UP ON FRIDAY JANUARY 2nd. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FROM KAREN, VICKI, DANIEL, DAVID AND BENJAMIN.

## SUGAR CREEK MANUFACTURED HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Another year is coming to an end and the HOA will be looking for volunteers from the community to fill the HOA Board Member positions, including the President. There will be a signup sheet posted on the bulletin board next to the pool table. We will be having our elections at the January meeting. Please sign up or contact one of the existing Board members if you are interested.

The cost of our HOA membership is \$10 a year. If you are not currently a member, please consider joining by contacting our membership chairman.

I look forward to seeing all of you.

Thank you, Philip Hough, President

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# SUGAR CREEK SOCIAL CLUB PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Is the season to be busy Welcome December! A round to applause to all the people who assisted with the Thanksgiving Dinner and a big thank you to all those who came to join in on the festivities. Also, we are thankful to Karen and her family for the donation that is given to the Social Club each year to bring the Community together for a celebration dinner.

We have a few things in December:

Monday, 12/1 – Social Club Meeting 6:30p

Saturday, 12/4 – Music Bingo 7p \$5 a card & a 50/50

Friday, 12/12 – Happy Hour 4p

Saturday, 12/13 – Breakfast 9 to 11a– Bacon & Egg Sandwiches tickets \$6

Sunday, 12/14 – White Elephant 5p – Bring a dish to share & bring a wrapped gift from your home. Come join the fun for a night full of laughter. Sign Up Sheet on Board.

Wednesday, 12/31 – New Year's Eve Party 8p-12pm tickets \$15 members \$20 non-members. Deadline to purchase tickets is 12/21

As always tickets can be purchased from Nancy Pietro #28 or Diana Williams #218. Sign-up sheet is on the board for the White Elephant.

Keep an eye for things we are going to add to the calendar. Such as; Sugar Creek's version of Bar Cards, Soup and Sandwiches, Pasta Dinner etc. If you have any idea's please let someone on the board know, ideas are always welcomed.

If you don't receive the weekly email letting you know what's going on in the park, please email me your name and house # and I will add you to the list. The more people on the list the better the communication. My email is Debrmcclain@aol.com.

Have a fantastic December. Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah

Debbie McClain.

MEMBERSHIP S.C.C.: The cost is \$10.00 per person per year or \$25.00 per person for 3 years. Remember the members of the S.C.C.C. always get first choice. Please contact Diana Williams to join.

## **TINA'S CRAFT CARDS**

Please join Tina in making cards for your special occasions. Tina's card crafting class will be Dec. 6 and the 20th at 11am. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse.

#### **EXERCISE WORKOUT**

Please join us every Tuesday and Thursday at the Clubhouse at 9:30 a.m. New attendees welcome....just drop in wearing your running shoes for a gentle Senior workout fit for any age and level. Call me at 306-222-3527 if any questions.

Cheryl Mercier

## **DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 10 Danny and Connie Hisle
- 13 Gary and Terri Carlisle
- 16 Leon and Pat Benadom
- 23 Ian and Sharon McLeay



## **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Belinda Brockway

1	Cynthia Grossman	12	Sharon McLeay
3	Sharon T.C. Birks	13	Sheldon Gregg
	Rosanna Balzano	14	Susan Kennedy
4	Jennifer Barry	18	Jane Fillon
	Kelly Krueger	20	Sherril Longano
5	Michael Saulnier	27	Debbie Fern
9	Karl Harmon	31	Cheryl Tilley



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Jerry and Marie

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itting at the bar one night, I overheard this conversation from the guys sitting next to me. I can't help but think that you're from Ireland. Where would you be from? "Dublin" he answered. My gosh, so am I.

What school did you go to? "St. Mary's, he said." What?? So, did I.

What year were you born? "I was born in 1964." Holy Mother, this is unbelievable.

We were blessed to meet tonight, truly blessed.

The bartender then learned over to me and said softly "We're in for a long night; the Murphy twins are drunk again."

During a game, a coach called one of his 7-year-old football players over and asked, "Do you understand what a team is?" The boy nodded yes.

"Do you understand that what matters is whether we win or lose together as a team?" The boy nodded yes.

"So," the coach continued, "I'm sure you know that when a penalty is called, you shouldn't argue, cuss, or attack the referee. Do you understand that?" Again, the boy nodded yes.

He continued, "And when I take you out of the game so another boy gets a chance to play, it's not good sportsmanship to call your coach a worthless idiot, is it?" The boy nodded no.

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Have a Great Month, Kate McGettigan

## **KITCHEN:**

See anything that's running low? Please add it to the list on the fridge. Need anything special for an event or activity you are hosting, also add to list on fridge with your name & event. Anything you are leaving in the fridge, please check it for freshness & dispose of it if needed.

Thanks everyone, Kate McGettigan

#### **EDITOR:**

eservations for the Clubhouse can be made with me by email at terricarlisle48@gmail. com or by calling me at 727-224-5650. You will then need to inform the Office of your event and leave a \$200 security deposit.

January newsletter submissions need to be received by December 6, 2025. Please email me at terricarlisle48@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please call me at 727-224-5650.

Please remember, if you need to cancel a scheduled activity at the Clubhouse, post a cancellation notice on the Bulletin Board. Thank you.







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Romance scams occur when a criminal adopts a fake online identity to gain a victim's affection and trust. The scammer then uses the illusion of a romantic or close relationship to manipulate and/or steal from the victim.

The scammer's intention is to establish a relationship as quickly as possible, endear himself to the victim, and gain trust. Scammers may propose marriage and make plans to meet in person, but that will never happen. Eventually, they will ask for money.

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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.
- Beware if the individual promises to meet in person but then always comes up with an excuse why he or she can't. If you haven't met the person after a few months, for whatever reason, you have good reason to be suspicious.
- Never send money to anyone you have only communicated with online or by phone.

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#### ACROSS

- On-line journal
- Rhinoceros
- 10. Gangs
- 14. Former Italian currency
- 15. A red fluorescent dye
- 16. Send forth
- 17. A Freudian stage
- 18. Totally
- Vixen
- 22. Hypodermic
- 23. L
- Donkeys
- 25. Class chums
- 32. Held on tightly
- 33. Japanese cartoon art
- 34. Beer
- 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
- 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)

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1. Ho-hum

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sailing ships

6 Owl sound

7 Belief

Bites

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11 Portents

12. Cause to leak

4. Square-rigged

5. Summon to return

10. Anagram of "Smite"

2. Connects two points

- Blockage
- 25. Flat-bottomed boat
- 26. Hint
- 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
- 13. Infections of the eye 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
- Unit of land
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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]



#### 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]



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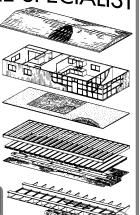


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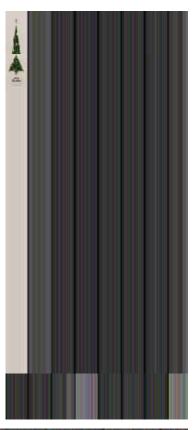
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But what he didn't realize was that the bowl was sitting directly under the heat vent.

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



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."

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



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