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BIRTHDAYS:

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Viateur Viel, 14th (Lot 1209)
Lynn Turner, 22nd (Lot 206)

ANNIVERSARIES:

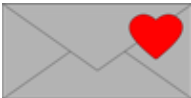
Steve and Cindy Foster, 22nd (Lot 425)
Bob and Liv Perras, 24th (Lot 1015)



REMINDER: I do not take this information from your paperwork; you must let me know if you want your birthday/anniversary in the News & Views. Info can be emailed to: embassymhp@hotmail.com. (Please put News & Views in the subject line.)

SYMPATHY CARDS WERE SENT TO:

Devin and Jan Guyer, Lot 615, on the loss of his father
Joyce and Paul Latuga, Lot 1422, on the loss of her brother



GET WELL CARDS WERE SENT TO:

Nancy Brown, Lot 520
Charmaine Kennedy, Lot 705
Mike Matheny, Lot 719
Al Norris, Lot 908 (card sent to his Michigan address)
Candy Lambourn, Lot 1116 (card sent to her Canada address)
Blanche Jones, Lot 1507
Scott Roberts, Lot 1808

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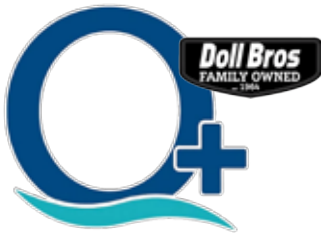
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Identity Theft

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 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

Report Imposter Scams Online to the Federal Trade Commission



IN REMEMBRANCE:

Former resident Diane Marsden passed away recently. We have no information on family or next of kin for sending condolences.

THANK YOU!

My family and I would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone for the kind words, prayers, and support during this difficult time of losing my younger brother, Ronny. Your thoughtfulness has been a great comfort to us.
Joyce and Paul Latuga

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

LAZY DAYS AMBROSIA

Ingredients:

- 1 20-oz can crushed pineapple, undrained
- 1 3.4-oz package instant vanilla pudding mix
- 2 15-oz cans, fruit cocktail, drained
- 2 11-oz cans mandarin oranges, drained
- 1 8-oz container frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 2 TBS sweetened flaked coconut, or more to taste (optional)

Directions:

STEP 1: Mix pineapple and pudding mix together in a bowl until pudding mixture is smooth. Fold fruit cocktail and oranges into the pudding.

STEP 2: Fold whipped topping into pudding mixture until smooth; top with coconut.

STEP 3: Refrigerate until chilled, at least 30 minutes.

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DECEMBER CALENDAR

(NOTE: Calendar events are based on the information provided at the time of submission. Events are subject to changes or cancellation by the sponsor. We make every effort to post notices when a change occurs.)

DECEMBER 3rd - Social Club Meeting; refreshments served at 9:00 a.m.,
meeting begins at 9:30 a.m.
DECEMBER 5th - Deadline for submitting articles for the January News and Views
DECEMBER 7th - Holiday Dinner, 4:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse
DECEMBER 8th - Good Neighbor Food pantry, 12:00/noon
DECEMBER 10th - Resident Monthly Update; refreshments at 9:00 a.m.;
meeting starts promptly at 9:30 a.m.
DECEMBER 12th - Canadian Club meeting, 10:00 a.m.
DECEMBER 12th - Shuffle Club meeting, 11:00 a.m.
DECEMBER 13th - Craft Fair, 9:00 a.m.
DECEMBER 15th - HOA Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
DECEMBER 16th - Christmas Parade and Social
DECEMBER 18th - Neighborhood Watch Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
DECEMBER 20th - Pancake Breakfast, 7:30-10:00 a.m.
DECEMBER 20th - Dance (sponsored by the Shuffle Club)
DECEMBER 22nd - Good Neighbor Food pantry, 12:00/noon
DECEMBER 25th - Christmas Day
DECEMBER 24th through January 1st, 2026 - Office Closed
DECEMBER 27th - Saturday Bingo, 1:00 p.m.
DECEMBER 31st - New Year's Eve Dance



REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES:

Bingo - Every Wednesday; cards sold 5:00-6:00 p.m. sharp; Bingo starts promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Canadian Club Meeting - Second Friday of the month, 10:00 a.m.

Cribbage - Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Dance - Third Saturday of the month, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Embassy Luncheon - 2nd Thursday of every month

Embassy Resident Update Meeting - 3rd Wednesday of the month; light refreshments starting at 9:00 a.m.; meeting starts promptly at 9:30 a.m. (NOTE: December meeting moved to the 2nd Wednesday due to multiple holiday activities in the 3rd week.)

Euchre - Every Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse

Exercise - Every Tuesday and Friday, 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the Clubhouse.

Food from Good Neighbors - The 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 12:00/noon.

See calendar.

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Neighborhood Watch - The last Thursday of every month, 1:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse
(NOTE: December meeting moved to December 18th.)

Pancake Breakfast - Third Saturday of every month

Poker (Dealer Choice) - Every Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. in the Hobby House

Sewing Club - Every Tuesday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. at the Hobby House

Shuffle Club Meeting - Second Friday of the month, 11:00 a.m.

Social Club Meeting – First Wednesday of the month; light refreshments at 9:00 a.m.;
meeting starts at 9:30 a.m.

Texas Holdem - Every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in the Hobby House

Sunshine Lady is Patricia Carrier, 502-552-5493

LIBRARY

In the book “The Troubled Man”, by Henning Markell, Kurt Wallander is a Swedish policeman on the other side of 60 years old who is feeling every one of those years and worried about aging. He has a daughter, Linda, who is also a police officer; she and her fiancé Hans have a daughter whom Kurt loves with all his heart. Hans’ father goes for a jog one day and never comes back. Kurt decides that for Linda’s sake he needs to find him. So off he goes doing things his way. This book is filled with talk of history, wars, and submarines. The ending is a real surprise! Even though I wasn’t sure I would like it, once I started reading the story I found I couldn’t put it down.

Henning was born in Sweden. Not only is he a Swedish crime author but he also writes children books and has written screenplays for television. He is best known, though, for his Kurt Wallander series.

The library is located at Lot 231 and is open daily 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. We have WiFi and air. We also have a lot more than books. There are DVDs, puzzles, CDs, books on tapes, and so much more. Come in, select something, take it home and enjoy.

Please remember to shut the door and turn off the lights when you leave.

Submitted by Vanessa Nead

FROM THE OFFICE

As I am sure you have noticed, Snowbirds are returning, which means more people and activities in the Park. Please slow down! Bicycles and golf carts should stop at all stop signs and drive on the same side of the road as cars do.

This paragraph is addressed to the ignorant person who ran over 3 ducks by the Lake..... hitting one duck at night may be an accident, but running over 3 speaks to what an idiotic moron

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you are! Yes, the residents are aware that you are not supposed to feed the ducks; adults are also not supposed to drink and drive....I am willing to bet alcohol was involved in this situation, and it wasn't the ducks who were drinking!

If you have a ring camera and witness something going on, please forward the photos to the office email, embassymhp@hotmail.com. I was able to narrow down a suspicious person checking for open car doors as a white male, clean haircut, about 6 ft 2 in, between 35 and 40 years old, with a bad lower left leg. This description was turned over to the Largo PD so they could follow up.

As I mentioned last month, Joelle will be helping me with projects around the Park. She is currently working on touring the entire park, looking for rule violations that make the "Community" start to look like a "trailer park". Examples: cracked windows; blankets, cardboard and plastic bags on the inside of your windows; mold on the exterior of your mobile; carports with debris and or household furniture in them; the area between your shed and mobile; junk in the backyards; overgrown weeds; etc. If you receive a letter and come in to see me about it, be sure and bring the letter so I know what your violations were. Joelle sends me the pictures she takes, but I have hundreds of them, so seeing the letter would be helpful.

Again this year, the pool heater will be on based on the weather which translates to cold nights, cloudy days, and rain means no heater! So far this year, the solar has broken down, the pool heater timer blew-up, and a water filter going into the heater broke. Chuck has fixed it as soon as parts were available each time, and Ed rewired the timer and corrected several existing wiring problems. I will again try to keep it a little warmer during the Christmas Holidays when a lot of residents have company. I will be up north part of this time, praying for snow!

"I've Fallen and I can't get up."

In 1989, Life Call Medical alert system used this phrase. They first applied to the US Patent and Trademark Office in Oct. 1990, and it was registered as a trademark in Oct. 1992. They went out of business in 1993. In Oct 2002, Life Alert Emergency Response Inc. registered it as "Help! I've fallen, and I can't get up". They went on to register the original phrase, "I've fallen and can't get up", in June 2007. Both phrases are currently used on their website as well as in their commercials. They are a medical alert system.

NOW, I am sure you are wondering what this has to do with Embassy; there have been several instances in the last few months where residents have fallen and laid for several hours or even overnight, — one lady for 3 days — before they got help. If you are one of the many who live alone, you should set up some type of system with a neighbor to let them know you are going to bed, that you got up in the morning, etc. A phone call, turning a certain light on or off, closing the window blinds, etc. It is understandable that your cellphone, or your landline, will not always be close by. If you have a car with a remote control, remember that if you push the panic button on it, an alarm will go off to alert your neighbors that something is wrong. You can also get an alert button (with a monthly fee) that will call someone you have designated to

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go check on you. If that person doesn't answer, they will then call 911. If you fall and are able to reach a phone, you can call 911 and tell them you need "Lift Assist". They will send out an EMT, but here's the problem....if you are locking your house, as you should be, they will have to break into your mobile to get to you. It is suggested that you get a lockbox and put a key in it; when you call 911 you can give them the code. You can give this code to any neighbor that you want to have emergency access. The EMT will ask you several questions, just to make sure you didn't hit your head, or that the reason you fell was not a medical condition; you do not have to accept a ride to the hospital. Trying any of these things could mean the difference between just needing help getting up, or laying for several days, causing other issues (think going to the bathroom, missing needed medications, taking care of a pet, drinking water, food). If this article saves one person, it will have been worth me writing about it.

1. Rent checks:

- A. must be written in Blue or Black Ink only! No pencils, markers, or colored ink. This is coming from the bank. If the office doesn't receive a correctly written check, by the 5th of the month, you will be charged a late fee of \$30 and an administrative fee of \$5.
- B. Checks can be written out in advance and left in the office. They are put into a monthly folder, then deposited in the correct month. Rent can be paid in advance, but only up to 6 months per Florida law.
- C. Remember that rent increases on January 1, 2026; just add \$60 to what you are currently paying. If you are paying for a 3rd person, that fee is going up to \$50 a month.

A special thank you to whoever put Publix gift cards in the office door for me to distribute to residents in need; they were greatly appreciated by all of the recipients. They also wanted to thank you; I told them I was just the delivery person!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Jessie Buchholtz, Property Manager

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Family Scams

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Once the scammer makes you think they're your grandson and in trouble, they pressure you to quickly send them money. **But it's all a scam.** Your family member was never in trouble.

- The scammer will say it's **urgent** and that you're the only one who can help.
- The scammer might tell you it's **important to keep it secret**. They don't want you talking to other family members and friends and realizing it's a scam.
- The scammers will **play with your emotions**. They're counting on you to act quickly to help your family or friend. And they're counting on you to pay without stopping to check out whether there's really an emergency. If you get a call like this, you can be sure this is a scam.

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OUR MOTORHOME ADVENTURES ACROSS EASTERN CANADA

What a summer it's been! It all started with a crazy idea at the beginning of June: "*Why don't we get a motorhome?*" And before we knew it, there it was — our new little home on wheels, ready to roll! We promised ourselves we'd use it often... and boy, did we ever! Five separate trips later, we can confirm: there's no better way to travel if you love freedom, fresh air, and good company (without overstaying your welcome in anyone's driveway!).



Trip #1 – Destination: Ottawa, the Nation's Capital

Our first adventure took us to Ottawa for a very special reason — our grandson's graduation! Proud grandparents? Oh, absolutely. Along the way, we managed to squeeze in a few visits with friends and family and even a lively dinner in Québec City with several Embassy friends. That evening was filled with laughter, great food, and just enough stories to last until the next get-together.

Trip #2 – Northbound to the Saguenay

Next stop: Saguenay, a gem in northern Québec. We camped with a couple of Embassy friends, soaked in some stunning views, and even attended a grand theatrical production that left us speechless (well, almost — we still talked about it for days!). And of course, more visits with friends and families because what's a trip without a few warm hugs and shared memories?

Trip #3 – Touring Western Nova Scotia

Ah, Nova Scotia — where every little fishing village seems to have a story to tell. We meandered along the coast, taking in the history, the charm, and yes, the seafood. Halifax was our final stop, but not before visiting world-famous **Peggy's Cove**, that postcard-perfect spot perched on the rocks above the Atlantic. Beautiful... and humbling, too, as we paused to remember the tragic Swissair crash of September 1998, when 229 souls were lost at sea nearby.

We ended the trip on a lighter note with a cozy night at Jerry and Lynne's — always the perfect hosts!

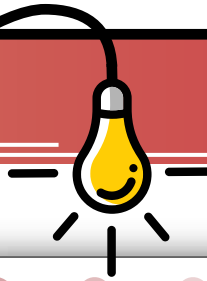
Trip #4 – The Acadian Peninsula, New Brunswick

This one was pure joy. Warm people, unique culture, and more friendly visits (you're sensing a theme here, right?). The scenery was simply unforgettable — the kind of beauty that makes you whisper "*We live in a beautiful country,*" even if no one's around to hear you.

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Did You Know?

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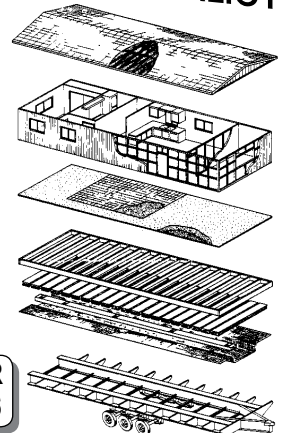
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Submitted by Viateur Viel and Jeannine Goguen

HOLIDAY DINNER

When: Sunday, December 7th

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Where: Clubhouse

Tickets: \$5.00 per person (last day to buy tickets is Wednesday, December 3rd, after the Social Club meeting)

Hosted by the Shuffle and Canadian Clubs, your \$5.00 ticket includes turkey, ham, dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce, and wine served family style. Participants are required to bring a side dish, ready to serve, to share with their table (think vegetable, salad, casserole, etc.).

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Submitted by Trina Whipple, Canadian Club President

EMBASSY LUNCHEON

Jessie hosted the November luncheon at Applebee's on November 13th. Twenty friends and neighbors attended for a light meal and, more importantly, great fun and conversation. The table decorations were Fall/Thanksgiving themed and door prizes were gifts cards which I'm sure will come in handy during the holiday season.

If it's been a while since you've been to Applebee's for lunch, you should consider going again. The menu has a variety of soups, salads, sandwiches, and appetizers. It is quite easy to have a filling meal, with drink, for \$20 or less. I ordered the "Ultimate Trio" appetizer plate and ended up bringing half of it home for dinner.

The food was good and the conversation was lively. I'm glad I signed up to attend.



NOTE: There will be no luncheon in December. Everyone is so busy with holiday activities and family and shopping and whatever that we decided NOT to have a luncheon. The next luncheon will be after the new year, January 8th. Location and host to be determined. As always, watch for a sign-up sheet to be posted at the Clubhouse.

Submitted by Yvette Novak

HALLOWEEN STREET DANCE

I'd like to start by thanking everyone who helped to make the Halloween Street Dance a success. So many people were available to lend a hand with decorations, setup and teardown that I couldn't possibly remember or list everyone. Therefore, thank you all!

The dance was held on Friday, October 31 -- coincidentally Halloween night -- on 4th Street in front of the Clubhouse. It was very hard to get an accurate count on how many people attended as the crowd was fluid with people coming and going, dancing, and moving around during the entire event. I can say with confidence that there were at least 30 people, with the group sometimes growing to near 40. And considering this was an outdoor event, we couldn't have asked for better weather. At times we felt a nip in the air but that only served to get people up to dance and warm up.

Jesse did a wonderful job as our DJ and he and Patricia selected a wide variety of music for our entertainment. Some of the partygoers brought snacks to share and most everyone remembered to bring their own chair to sit on.

So, thank you all for supporting this Social Club sponsored event. I hope we can get more people to attend future dances.

Submitted by Yvette Novak, President of the Social Club



NEW YEAR'S DANCE

When: December 31st

Time: 8:00 p.m. to 12:15 a.m.

Cost: \$10 per person

This is just to let everyone know we will have a dance on New Year's Eve. Tickets sales will begin in November. Watch for updates in future issues of the News and Views and flyers posted in all the usual places.

Submitted by Jo-Anne Murphy



CHRISTMAS PARADE AND COOKIE SOCIAL

Each year the residents of the park decorate their golf carts and bicycles for a fun holiday parade. We meet at 6:00 p.m. on 7th Street by the lake for judging of the best decorated cart and bike and then parade throughout the park. Even if you do not want to participate in the parade, plan to sit outside and cheer us on.

Following the parade everyone is invited to the clubhouse (around 7:00 p.m.) for a Cookie Social. Join us for cookies, drink, and games.

If the weather does not cooperate for the parade, the Cookie Social will still go on! Cookie donations are appreciated.

Put the date on your calendar - December 16th - and help spread some holiday cheer!

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Christmas is coming fast and it is once again time to hail your park friends and neighbors with a holiday greeting card. A red mailbox will be available in the office for you to “post” your cards. Or you can drop them off at John and Michelle’s house, Lot 1606.

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Volunteer elves are needed.

The first delivery will be on December 18th and the second on December 23rd. Cards must be in the mailbox by 3:00 p.m. the evening before delivery. Please have a container available to receive the cards.

Submitted by Yvette Novak, Social Club President

CRAFT FAIR

When: Saturday, December 13th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Where: Hobby House

In days gone by, residents of Embassy Park used to hold a craft fair which featured a wide variety of items made by people in the park. The timing (November or December) was perfect for finding that special gift for someone on your holiday list. This year, our Sewing Guild (i.e., Janis Wilson and Judi Hoke) will have their own craft fair on Saturday, December 13th. I have been to previous craft fairs at Embassy and each time I am absolutely amazed by what I find.



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SAVE THE DATE

January 31, 2026 - New York Club Dance (Hoedown)

The New York Club will be having one final blowout bash! This will be unlike any other dance we have put on before. The New York Club wants to go out with a BANG, and have everyone talking about their final farewell Dance/Party.

Make sure to look for flyers and more information in the next edition of News and Views.

Submitted by Joelle Byron, New York Club President

SATURDAY BINGO

Back by popular demand, the Canadian Club is offering a Saturday Bingo event once each month during the winter season.

When: December 27th, January 10th, February 21st, April 18th
(March's date is to be determined)

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Bring your daubers and join us!

Submitted by Lynne Tyler

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS FOOD DRIVE

Each year, residents at Embassy Park open their hearts (and their wallets) to make the holidays special for others. Some years, we collected toys for the children; last year we 'adopted' an elementary school and bought shoes and jackets for the kids. This year we decided that charity begins at home. So we are having a food drive to help the families who are struggling in our own Park.

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Suggestion: Each time you find yourself in Publix, and you pick up an item marked "BOGO", donate the second item to the food drive.

Another thought: Look in pantry for items you thought you'd use, but haven't (check the expiration dates!) Someone else will surely appreciate it.

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Submitted by Yvette Novak, Social Club President



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Fashion Show.....	Feb 20, 2026.....	Patricia Carrier	502-552-5493
Holiday Dinner.....	Dec 7th	Hosted by Shuffle and Canadian Clubs	
Homeowners' Assoc.....	Mtg Dec 15/Jan 19, 2026	John Halliday	508-360-3875
Karaoke Night.....	2nd Fri, 7:00-10:00 p.m.	Sponsored by the Social Club	
Ladies Fun Shuffle	Feb 22, 2026.....	Trina Whipple	506-651-2778
Library.....	Open Daily 10 – 6	Vanessa & Gordon Nead.....	586-212-1194
Memorial Service.....	Feb 15, 2026.....	Dave and Marg Burris.....	902-865-2886
Monthly Calendar	Posted in case by the clubhouse		
Monthly Residents'			
Update Meeting.....	3rd Wednesday of the month.....	9:00 a.m. coffee, 9:30 Meeting	
Neighborhood Watch Meetings..	Last Thursday of the Month	Norm Hagen.....	517-769-5850
New Year's Eve Dance.....	8 pm-12:15 am	Sponsored by Canadian Club.....	
New Year's Day Brunch.....	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m	Hosted by Shuffle Club	
New York Club.....	2nd Tuesday of month.....	Joelle Byron	585-208-2905
New York Club Fundraiser... Hoe Down,	Jan 31, 2026	Joelle Byron	585-208-2905
News & Views Editor		Yvette Novak.....	novakyvette1@gmail.com
Distribution		Yvette Novak.....	727-333-7322
Poker (Dealer Choice).....	Tuesday 1:00 p.m. in Hobby House..	Judi Hoke	727-536-3417
Sewing Club.....	Tuesday and Friday in the Hobby House ..	Judi Hoke	727-536-3417
Shuffle Club	Meets 2nd Fri, 11:00 a.m	John Halliday	508-360-3875
Social Club Meetings	1st Wed. of the Month	Yvette Novak.....	727-333-7322
Texas Holdem	Sunday 11:00 a.m. in Hobby House..	Janis Wilson	727-474-5050
Valentine's Dance.....	Feb 14, 2026.....	Hosted by the Shuffle Club	
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