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Reserving the clubhouse for an event? Call Cheryl at 727-547-1676 regarding requests for the clubhouse. Whether the event is a club activity or a private event, be sure to verify the availability before Applying for the space. Please keep the area clean and organized to receive your deposit fully refunded.

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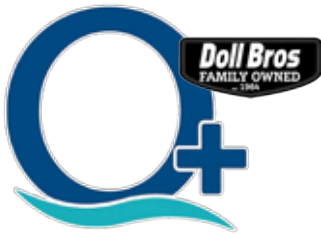
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- Debt collection calls for accounts you did not open
- Information on your credit report for accounts you did not open
- Denials of loan applications
- Mail stops coming to, or is missing from, your mailbox

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.



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Report Imposter Scams Online to the Federal Trade Commission



HOA Calendar & Meetings:

HOA Calendar:

Monday January 12th
6:30 p.m. Annual Meeting

HOA Meetings:

November 9th
Sewer & Water initiative 10 am & 6 pm

Meeting: 6:30 pm
Monday November 10th
Sewer & Water initiative 10 am

New Neighbor Welcome!!!

5:30 pm to 7:30pm

The event will include snacks & drinks, games and a raffle for new neighbors co-hosted by the Royalite and RHOA. Information regarding Facebook Groups, Monthly Media, Directories and more will be provided. If existing resident, bring or encourage a new neighbor to attend. All are welcome!

Royalite Social Club Events

Saturday December 6th
Christmas Craft/ Bake Sale
9am – 1 pm

Saturday December 6th
Golf Cart Parade Family Event
Lineup starts at 5:30 pm
Come with your cart Decked to your best!
After Parade come and enjoy some Hot Chocolate and snacks at the clubhouse

Tuesday December 9th
Christmas Ladies Dinner
Roosterfish
776 Missouri Ave N Largo
6:30pm
Private Room Limited to 32 people only
Sign up soon!!!

Friday December 12th

Jingle Bell Stroll

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HOA Meeting

Monday December 8th
6:30 pm

Upcoming Events

Saturday January 3rd 2026

New Year Celebration

Catered Event & Entertainment

5:30pm -9:30pm

\$30 per person

Tickets on sale now!!!

Saturday January 17th

Poker Tournament

1 pm – 4 pm

\$20 to play /\$10 Buy in

Snakes provided

Saturday January 24th

Derby Day at Tampa Down

10 am – 4 pm

Price to be announced – outside event - No transportation provided

Saturday February 14th

Murder Mystery Dinner

\$15 per person

Saturday February 21nd

Park Royale Trivia

Know your park, County, City, State

Bring a snack to share

Bring your own drinks to all events.
Don't forget to sign up in clubhouse!

Here is a list of our upcoming events for 2026 so you can plan your time.
Keep this on your Refrigerator so you don't miss any fun!!!

Park Royale Community Events Calendar for 2026

ALL RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND -- COME JOIN THE FUN

Date	Event	Time
1/3/26 - Sat.	New Year Celebration - Dinner & Dance - \$30/Person	5:30 - 9:30 PM
1/17/26 - Sat.	Poker Tournament - \$20 To Play / \$10 Additional Buy-In - Snacks Provided	1 - 4 PM
1/24/26 - Sat.	Derby Day at Tampa Downs - Price to be Announced - Outside Event - No transportation provided	10 - 4 PM
2/14/26 - Sat.	Murder Mystery Dinner - \$15/Person	5:30 - 9:30 PM
2/21/26 - Sat.	Park Royale Trivia - Know your Park, City, County, State - Bring a Snack to Share	6 - 8:30 PM
3/7/26 - Sat.	Comedy Night - Bring a Snack to Share - \$10/Person	6 - 9 PM
3/10/26 - Tue.	Ladies Tea - Free Event	11:30 AM - 1 PM
3/14/26 - Sat.	Outside Dinner Cruise - Price & Location to be Announced - No transportation provided	Evening - Time TBD
3/21/26 - Sat.	Carport Sale (\$5 Sign-Up to Participate in Carport Sale) - Bake Sale Contributions, Vendors	9 AM - 1 PM
4/11/26 - Sat.	Celebrating Women Brunch - Free Event for Our Special Ladies	9 AM - 12 PM
4/18/26 - Sat.	Celebrating Men Lunch & Corn Hole Tournament - Free Event for Our Amazing Men	12 - 3 PM
5/16/26 - Sat.	Luau Pool Party - Free Event - Donations Appreciated - Bring a Snack to Share	11 AM - 3 PM
6/20/26 - Sat.	Summer Kick-Off Pancake Breakfast - \$5/Person	9 - 11 AM
7/11/26 - Sat.	Red, White & Blue Cookout (Hosted by Scott, Sun Communities) To Be Confirmed	1 - 3 PM
8/1/26 - Sat.	Poker Tournament - \$20 To Play / \$10 Additional Buy-In - Snacks Provided	1 - 4 PM
8/22/26 - Sat.	Pool Party - Bring a Snack to Share	12 - 3 PM
9/26/26 - Sat.	Spaghetti Dinner - \$5/Person	5:30 - 7:30 PM
10/31/26 - Sat.	Halloween Costume Party - \$15/person	5:30 - 9:30 PM
11/7/26 - Sat.	International Dinner & Dance - \$15/person - Polish Food	5:30 - 9:30 PM
11/11/26 - Wed.	Honor Veteran's Day Breakfast Free for Veterans Only & Their Spouse Veterans Plus 1, any non-vets will be \$5	8 - 9:30 AM
11/14/26 - Sat.	Friendsgiving (Hosted by Scott, Sun Communities)	3 - 5 PM
12/5/26 - Sat.	Golf Cart Parade Family Event with Snacks & Hot Chocolate will be served in the Clubhouse - line up starts at 5:30 PM Family event and bring your kids	6:00 - 8 PM
12/5/26 - Sat.	Christmas Craft / Bake Sale - Cheryl L to manage this event	9 AM - 12 PM
1/2/27 - Sat.	Celebrate the New Year - \$25 per person / \$30 at the door	5:30 - 9:30 PM

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Royalite Events

Stay up to date with social activates and events. Contact: Jane Williams

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1. All postings are displayed in the exercise room
2. Signs should not be any larger than 5” x 7”
3. Please date and sign. If there is no date, the sign will be removed
4. If sold, please remove sign
5. If not removed by 2 months from date, the sign will be removed.

Thank You for your cooperation

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Park Royale Manager's Corner



Wishing you and yours a Wonderful Holiday

During the holiday season just a few tips for a joyful happy holiday season.

1. Keep your car locked and packages hidden at all times
2. Please enjoy all your holiday lights— but turn them off when you are not home—fires do happen
3. Keep items stored inside your home or shed - don't let The Grinch steal your happy
4. Take pictures, re-connect with friends and family, make memories and brag often about those relationships
5. Have yourself a merry little Christmas

Scott, Janet, Cheryl & Mike

Annual Friendsgiving

Thank you all that were able to attend our annual Friendsgiving Dinner event.

If you were not there— you were missed!

Thank you for all the donations to our local Food Bank and to the US Marines Toys for Tots program.



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Veteran's Corner

Dakto South Vietnam, December 24, 1968

We received information from our intelligence unit, that the North Vietnamese Army was preparing to attack and destroy a Catholic Orphanage in Pleiku province on Christmas Day, December 25th.

Our Company scrambled to a Landing Zone under darkness and were flown to Pleiku , outside that orphanage, with South Vietnamese Army regulars. Upon reaching the gates of the orphanage, the South Vietnamese Regulars, spoke with the Priest and Nuns informing them what was about to happen on Christmas Day.

Our company entered the orphanage which only baby girls were being cared for. We extracted the babies, and brought them out to our nurses. I carried a baby girl probably only two to three months young. We successfully liberated that orphanage before the NVA was preparing to destroy it, and all the occupants inside.

Upon returning home from Vietnam, I was assigned to Fort Knox, KY. Demonstrators were protesting the War and burning American Flags. Outside the post in my fatigues, before returning home, I was filling our car with gas, when a teenage boy approached me, pointing his fingers at me calling me "one of those Baby Killers".

Without incident, I left and drove home. My new bride Jane noticed I was upset. I told her what just happened. We both hugged each other teary eyed. If that young boy only knew what we did in that orphanage several months earlier, he may have not called me that.

We were Peacekeepers, not Baby Killers. If the baby I carried out survived all these years later. She would probably be over 50 years of age. I regret I never knew her age.

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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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December Birthdays

- 1 Brian Smith
- 4 Roy Roberts
- 12 Melissa Dichiera
- 15 Joe Kuhn, Susan Seibert



Happy Birthday to all!!!

Sincere apologies if anyone was missed on the Birthday list. To be added, corrected, or removed from the birthday list please email Cheryl Leist at: cherylmediaeditor@yahoo.com
Thank You, Cheryl Leist

December Birthstones

December has three primary birthstones: Turquoise, Tanzanite, and Zircon. These stones are known for their various shades of blue, with turquoise featuring sky-blue hues, tanzanite offering a blend of blue and violet, and zircon often seen in brilliant blue colors. While blue topaz is also a popular choice for December, especially in a deep "London Blue" variation, it is not considered an official birthstone for the month.

Turquoise

- Appearance: Recognizable for its vibrant blue-green color, often with visible veins or inclusions.
- Symbolism: Historically, it symbolized strength and good fortune, and it remains one of the oldest gemstones.

Tanzanite

- Appearance: A relatively new gem, tanzanite is known for its rich blue to violet tones.
- Symbolism: It represents spiritual growth and transformation, connecting to the Crown Chakra and promoting wisdom and intuition.

Zircon

- Appearance: A naturally occurring gemstone available in many colors, though December's is typically blue, known for its brilliance.
- Symbolism: Cherished for its luster, it is thought to promote prosperity and wisdom.

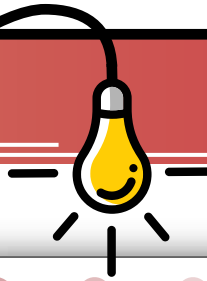
Blue Topaz

- Appearance: A modern favorite for December, often found in a range of blue hues, from pale sky blue to a rich, deep "London Blue".
- Symbolism: Known for bringing clarity and calmness, and associated with elegance and grace.

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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<div>8:30 am Ladies Boosterfish 10pm</div> <div>9</div>	<div>Pickleball 8:30 am Hand & Foot 6:30 pm Bocce Ball 6:30 pm</div> <div>10</div>	<div>Pickleball 8:30 am Cornhole 6:30 pm Poker 6 pm Turkey Foot 10 am</div> <div>11</div>	<div>Pickleball 8:30 am Fun Friday Shuffle 10 am</div> <div>12</div>	<div>Pickleball 8:30 am</div> <div>13</div>
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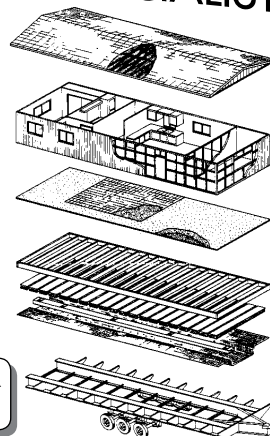
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Please have your information in to me no later than December 5th

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Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) Awareness Month

encourages education and empathy for those who experience mental health challenges during the darker, colder months.

National Safe Toys and Gifts Month

promotes safety and well-being for children during the holiday gift-giving season.

Other Notable Events

World AIDS Day: is observed globally on December 1st to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS.

International Day of Persons with Disabilities: is recognized on December 3rd.

National Flu Vaccination Week: often falls in early December, emphasizing the importance of flu shots.

December Fun Facts & Recipes

Christmas traditions often have pre-Christian and pagan roots, with the celebration on December 25th being established in the 4th century to coincide with existing winter solstice festivals like Saturnalia. The word "Christmas" itself originates from the Middle English phrase "Christ's Mass". Key figures and traditions, such as Santa Claus's image and the popularizing of Christmas trees, were influenced by marketing and historical events, while the date of Jesus's birth is not mentioned in the Bible.

Recipe

The oldest recorded recipe associated with Christmas is for a spiced meat and fruit pie, a precursor to the modern mince pie, found in the English cookbook *The Forme of Cury*, dating back to 1390.

Written by the master cooks of King Richard II, the book contains a recipe called "tartes of flessh" ("tarts of flesh"). This medieval dish was a mixture of savory and sweet flavors, made with meat, dried fruits, spices, and a pastry crust. The ingredients, such as saffron and spices, were status symbols of the wealthy and were often associated with important feasts.

The original Christmas spiced meat and fruit pie evolved from medieval recipes and became the traditional mince pie. In the Middle Ages, meat, fruits, and spices were combined as a method of food preservation and later developed religious significance for Christmas.



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20. Vixen
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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)



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



Week-Long & Month-Long Observances

National Cat Lover's Month
National Giving Month
Write to a Friend Month

Seasonal celebrations like gingerbread, peppermint bark, and fruitcake days are scattered throughout the month.





December Word Search



beset
brain
bring
candy
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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.



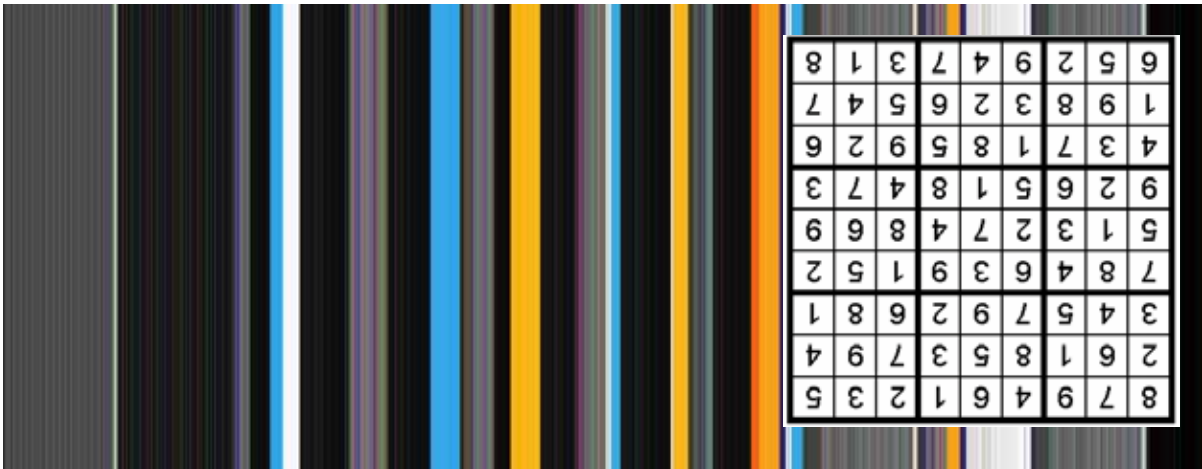
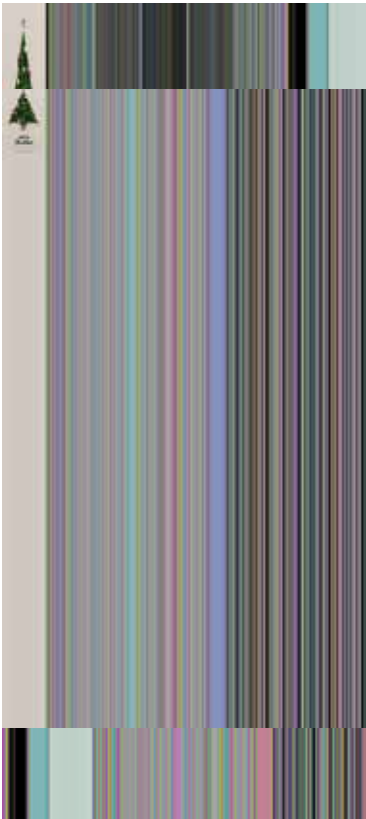
So, they tried trimming it. Still too big. Then they tried rotating it. Still no luck. Eventually, they gave up and decided to cook it on the grill outside. But halfway through, it started raining—hard. The dad, determined not to let Christmas dinner be ruined, stood outside with an umbrella, flipping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