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Residents Work to Save Bingo

By Sherry Defrancisco, Social Activities Chair

As most of you probably know by now our Bingo machine went kaput. The BT Home Owners Association (HOA) would like to purchase a rebuilt system costing approximately \$3000 since a brand-new system would cost over \$10,000.

ELS has graciously committed in writing that they will pay for half the cost of the rebuilt system. We will also need to purchase a large screen television which also can be used for other events. This community works together to make things happen. I thank you for pulling together to save bingo!!

Together we have developed "We Will Work for Bingo" fund!! We have raised to date over \$950. Be proud when I say we! It's the people here at Beacon Terrace. We are half of the way there.

Tony Hudson (right) and Jimmy Gumbs (below left) have been power washing driveways for a \$25 donation. Chef Tim De-francisco (bottom right) put on a great pasta dinner where we raised over a \$100.



Notes from Alice . . .

- Batteries are needed for Toys for Tots. We have filled the bucket once and now let's repeat that!!
- The blood mobile will be here on November 13 from 8-11. There will be a basket raffle for all who donate. We had 8 donors at our last drive in March. Let's try and beat that. Watch the bulletin boards.
- Thanksgiving dinner is BACK in the clubhouse. Turkey is being provided by ELS and all bring a dish to share. See the posters for more information.
Alice Murray

**FROM THE H.O.A.
PRESIDENT**



SHERRY DEFRANCISCO

H.O.A. Acting President

Lot# 215; Cell 614-309-2605


One person can do so much...! BE THE ONE!!

When face-to-face with one of the many trials and tribulations in our world, it's commonplace To hear a voice in the crowd say someone should do something! (I may have been guilty Of it once or twice myself!) But I wonder how many of those people have stopped to think Hey wait... Maybe that someone is me! If by chance like me, they have thought about it, I know that it's super easy to follow up with well, I'm only one person and really 1 person can only do so much. As humans it is so easy to rationalize and to and justify that we don't have enough time have enough energy or money. But my favorite excuse is that that ultimately, we think it's S.E.P. Someone else's problem!!

Unfortunately, it's that attitude that got us into half our messes to begin with. It's the wonderful people of Beacon Terrace That means you and me as we stand up and be the one. The difference we make doesn't have to be grand or momentous. And it doesn't have to cost money but will require a whole lot of heart. Let Passion drive the spirit of your volunteerism, shift your enthusiasm into high gear and push through the fog of complacency. The point is to get out of our comfort zone, roll up our sleeves and make a difference however and wherever we can. So instead, tell yourself One person can do so much and then Be the One!!!

I am so overwhelmed every day by the people in our community and their willingness to help their neighbors The willingness to Be kind and stand for each other. I think this is a rare Thing to find. I for one feel so blessed to be a part Of this Community. I thank you for All you do. Together I believe that there is nothing that we can't accomplish when we all work together. We are the proof; we are proud we are BEACON TERRACE!!!

Sherry



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A 55+ SENIOR COMMUNITY

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2021 BeaconTerrace

HOA Officers

President—Sherry DeFrancisco
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What's up hoot hoot!!

So much fun is just around the corner

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Let's look ahead at a few activities coming up in November. We have an overnight adventure which will be great fun at the beach. This one is sold out, but look in the future for more to come. Watch for pictures!!

- ◇ We will be enjoying our lady's luncheon at Miller's Ale house
- ◇ A sock hop is planned
- ◇ Arts in the park will give you an opportunity to start your holiday shopping, hosted by Bonnie Irwin Pocock.
- ◇ We will hold a Thanksgiving dinner hosted by the one and only Alice Murray
- ◇ A decorate for Christmas, Get in the Spirit party is planned.

As always please see posters at the mailboxes and sign up sheets inside the clubhouse for additional information. (Thank you Bonnie)

A small peek at December:

- * A carport sale
- * The golf cart parade
- * The ladies' luncheon will be a catered event in our clubhouse with a fashion show

- * Christmas dinner
- * And of course, get ready for the fun!! A putting on the ritz New Year's Eve Gala. That is going to be fabulous!!

Spread the cheer with love, peace, and kindness. As always, thoughts are things so please think the good ones. xxoo Sherry.



Beacon Terrace Homeowners Association, Inc.

MISSION STATEMENT

To promote, provide and encourage healthy, beneficial, and enjoyable living conditions for the benefit of all residents

OBJECTIVES

Social Activities —Promote social activities, bingo, dinners, games, educational events, and general good fellowship for all residents

Support Groups —Cooperate and support the Beacon Terrace chapter of the Federation of Mobile Home Owners (FMHO) of Florida and Lakeland Inter-Park Council (LIC) for the benefit of all residents

Park Facilities — Promote and encourage the proper care of all facilities in the Park by all residents

Rules and Regulations — Establish reasonable rules and/or regulations for all activities in the best interest of all residents and such rules are not to conflict with those of the Park management

Problem Resolution — Promote cooperation between residents and Park management where differences arise and seek agreed resolution; represent residents to seek proper resolution

BEACON TERRACE HOA BOARD NEEDS YOU!

Do you have a passion for making Beacon Terrace one of the BEST 55+ communities in Central Florida? If so, consider running for the HOA Board. We have several Board spots opening up for the coming term.

Step 1: Please contact me at nennster63@gmail.com or text 863-738-8781, **before November 15th** with your name, lot number, and email address. I will get your name on the ballot.

Step 2: Attend the **November 16th** HOA community meeting. *You will be given the opportunity to give a brief five-minute speech to the resident attendees as to why you would like to be on the Board.*

Step 3: Attend the December HOA community meeting. Elections for the open Board spots will be held at that time.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me or Acting HOA President, Sherry DeFrancisco (Lot 215).

Good Luck to our candidates! **Jenny Barnette**, (Lot 134)

Lakeland Named One of the Best Places to Live



Our little secret is out!

US News & Word Report has named Lakeland one of the “Best Places to Live in the U.S.” The news magazine analyzed 150 metro areas in the United States to find the best places to live based on quality of life and the job market in each metro area, as well as the value of living there and people's desire to live there.

- ⇒ **#80 in Best Places to Live**
- ⇒ **#12 in Best Places to Retire**
- ⇒ **#5 in Fastest-Growing Places**
- ⇒ **#13 in Best Places to Live in Florida**
- ⇒ **#14 in Safest Places to Live**

“Aptly named for its 38 stunning lakes, Lakeland is infused with Old Florida history and natural beauty. Remnants of Lakeland's past, like Polk Theatre and Munn Park, remind residents of the metro area’s 19th-century roots. Meanwhile, dozens of parks allow Lakelanders to enjoy the beautiful Florida weather,” notes reporter Nicole Slaughter Graham.



In the Park

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20
9 TO NOON

*Looking for Vendors, \$10 per Table

*Looking for Volunteers to Help w/Event

Set-up in Clubhouse, Friday, Nov.19

From 6 – 8 pm (vendors & workers only)

(The clubhouse will be closed from 6PM to 7AM)

LET'S MAKE THIS A GREAT SUCCESS!

If you are a vendor or would like to volunteer,
please contact Bonnie Irwin-Pocock, #101

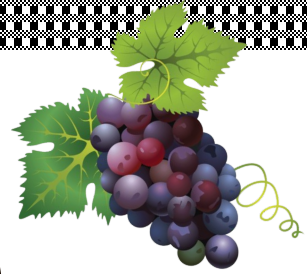
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Italian



Night



November Birthdays



- 2 Larry Henn
Pamela Kuslik
Ethel McDonald
- 3 Betty Holliday
- 4 Mary Allphin
Regina Marshall
- 6 Clark Cooper
- 7 Don Hamilton
Katherine Karp
Faye Rose
- 8 Karen Myers
- 9 Mary Lou Sharpe
- 10 Betty Mayo
- 11 Debbie Lengyel
- 12 Marjorie Gumbs
- 13 Enid Baird
Barbara Bradley
- 18 Betty Kindle
- 19 Rita Wauters
- 24 Kathleen Carr
- 30 Millie Sleeth

BEACON TERRACE

Travel Notes

By Bev Furno

Jan. 16, 2022 - Our week cruise on Harmony of the Seas is fast approaching. We will have our usual document meeting with Don early January.

Our annual Fort Myers overnight for the Broadway Palm dinner theater....I only have heard from 2 people. I'm thinking it's a wait and see situation

Dec. 5-10, 2022 - My favorite a 5-night Christmas cruise from Port Canaveral on the Mariner of the Seas. Only \$100 pp deposit. Flyer is available in the clubhouse. Have 15 signed up already.

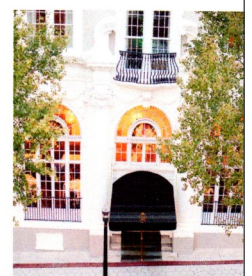


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Life

**I love country music, cowboy boots and hats
Big, old, barns, waterfalls, and sleepy barnyard cats
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Breathing in that country air surely tops the list.
I love the changing leaves alerting us it's fall
From shades of green to colors, such beauty for us all
Then when old man winter decides to come our way
He covers us with pure, white snow & settles in to stay.**

**Memories from long ago, still linger in my mind
Carefree days spent on a farm, a happy, peaceful time
Many years have passed since I was in that space
Marriage, family, love & loss has long been in its place
Life it seems has twists & turns, no matter young or old
Grab ahold, hang right on, look for that pot of gold
Should you find things difficult, let me then suggest
Visiting Ole Memory Lane will put your mind at rest.**

Yogi Berra—a One of

Well, here's to Fall, my friends! It is Fall and that reminds me of how I miss the leaves changing and the air smelling like wood burning and the temperatures getting cool and crisp as we began to bundle up into warmer clothing. But Fall brings back to mind something else and it came in the form a little white ball that somehow became our National past time.

This month is going to be fun because I'm talking about SPORTS (hey, ladies, no groaning) I think you just might enjoy a little history, a lot of humor.

So, why sports? Well, it just occurred to me that Tampa Bay has almost ALL the bases covered, pardon the expression... but THINK about the pro teams here in our backyard:

Tampa Bay Buccaneers football. Tampa Bay Lightning hockey. Tampa Bay Storm Arena football. Tampa Bay Titans basketball. Tampa Bay Rowdies soccer. Tampa Bay Krewe rugby. And the beloved Tampa Bay Rays baseball. [If I missed a pro team, you just let me know]

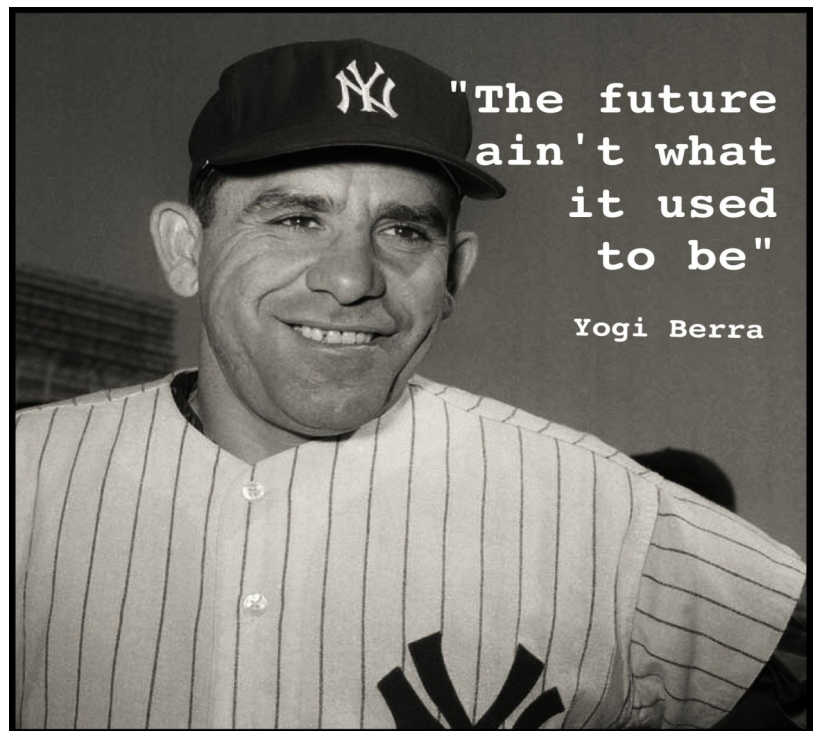
Never ever imagined little old Tampa, Fla would be what it is today! Gee, I can remember when all we had in Tampa was a tarmac for boarding a plane OUTDOORS ...then we had to walk up a long outdoor stairway...just like the President uses. But in those days, I never envisioned Tampa having all these professional sports teams.

So, in looking at the time of year we are in, it seemed appropriate to look at one particular sport and even one particular player who made the game so much fun. It was fun in the beginning of his career, fun all through his 19 years of playing and it can still bring a chuckle today.

This 5-foot 7-inch player holds a stunning record in professional baseball. And even if you are one who doesn't particularly LIKE baseball, this career has to impress.

I'm talking about Yogi Berra, who gives total credit for the development of his career to his mentor, Bill Dickey, even taking Dickey's number 8 to be his own. Check these accomplishments of Yogi:

- Led the Yankees in RBIs (runs batted in) for 7 consecutive seasons
- Left Major League Baseball with American League records for
- Putouts: 8,723 and Chances Accepted, 9,520
- Played 88 errorless games in 1958
- At age 37, he caught a 22-inning game which lasted 17 hours against the Tigers-1962.
- Caught a PERFECT GAME, a NO hitter, one of 2 ever played
- There is historic film of him leaping into the pitcher's arms after the 27th OUT!!!
- Imagine a PERFECT GAME...27 outs.
- All Century player of a Major League, named by fans, 1999
- Named to Baseball Hall of Fame, 1972
- His number was retired by the New York Yankees in 1972 when Yogi was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.
- Served in U.S. Navy 1943-1946 (gunners' mate on the USS Bayfield on D Day in France)
- Honored by the Boy Scouts of America with the Silver Buffalo Award, the highest adult honor in Scouts.



- a Kind Sports Role Model

Quite an impressive list, eh? ...especially for a guy who quit school in the 8th grade to help SUPPORT his immigrant family who came to America “in pieces”.: His father first in 1909 —through Ellis Island, then two older brothers who were born near Milan, Italy came next. Finally, his mother. L. P. Berra and his younger brother and sister were then born in America in St. Louis, Missouri.

Ever wonder where the nickname Yogi came from? It seems a teammate and friend, Bobby Hofman, repeatedly teased him, saying that he looked like a Hindu yogi when Berra sat cross-legged while waiting to bat. The name stuck. As I learned about this tremendous record and the contributions the man made to America’s past time, I smiled at this one:

Ever see a catcher’s finger sticking outside his mitt? Yogi was the first to leave a finger outside the mitt. It is now emulated by most catchers.

I, for one, feel a debt of gratitude to Yogi Berra for the fun, the excitement and the tenacity he displayed for us as we grew up watching him on weekends and year after year heard his name announced on our black and white TVs. He was a household name that everyone knew and we all felt somehow connected to a game that he made fun to watch as we began to endear this fun performer of our beloved sport.

He also raised a family with his wife, Carmen, and as with many long-lived marriages, she preceded him in death just months before his passing. He passed peacefully at his home on September 22, 2015 and that year, following his death, he was appropriately awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. I did a little research to the thought behind choosing a recipient of the Medal of Freedom. It is one that conjures respect, respect for country, and how the life of this one American enriched the lives of fellow countrymen.

May I say that in Yogi’s day, I cannot imagine a player of a major league team showing disrespect for his country, including the flag or the national anthem...not when our boys, our fathers and uncles had barely come home from fighting in World War II. As for me, I miss those days of honoring our flag, honoring our country. I miss those days of protecting our president from public embarrassment because of personal failures or physical impairments. I miss those times of respect for each other and respect for National treasures including our display of history, the good, the bad, the ugly of it.

I wonder if you all miss these things too. I guess that is why I wanted to take a nostalgic look back...maybe in an attempt to capture that feeling of safety that we felt in our country, in our Imperfect but united country. I miss that unity. I miss that feeling of safety and that era of respect- respect for others as well as for ourselves. I wonder, do you miss it too?

I wonder what Yogi would say to the state of his country, our country, if he could see the news today, watching the players of the games today. I wonder how he would “manage” his players if he were in the game today. Yes, FREEDOM he earned with his service in our Navy and freedom he enjoyed...freedom of expression, freedom of speech, without fear of being cancelled, without fear of having his words weighed by those disagreeing with his thinking.

As we all know, Yogi made his voice heard when he disagreed with the owner of the team he managed, going as far as to not SPEAK to George Steinbrenner for 14 years after Steinbrenner went back on his word to Berra. Talk about weighing words...your word was your “bond” to these guys and Steinbrenner let Yogi know his word was not to be trusted. An apology finally came after 14 years but for those 14 years, Yogi Berra refused to walk into Yankee stadium, the venue owned by Steinbrenner.

Yogi’s words have continued to weigh in, but for us, his fans, it’s in a different way... in a way that entertained, especially when it comes to his famous Yogi-isms—probably as well-known to fans as his baseball prowess. Think carefully and smile as you take a look in the rear view at these Yogi-isms and stroll into a time that was a kinder, gentler one. I say, I’m glad we live in a place like Beacon Terrace ...one that is gentle and kind.

Here you go...these are from Mr. Berra, the Yogi himself: “It’s déjà vu all over again.” “When you get to a fork in the road, take it.” “Nobody goes there nowadays. It’s too crowded.” “Baseball is 90% mental and the other half is physical.” “A nickel ain’t worth a dime anymore.” “We made too many wrong mistakes.” “I usually take a two-hour nap from one to four.” “Pair up in threes.” “All pitchers are liars or crybabies.” “If the people don’t want to come out to the ballpark, nobody’s going to stop them.” “You better cut the pizza in 4 pieces because I’m not hungry enough to eat six.” But my very favorite of all: “It ain’t over til it’s over.”

In closing, I leave you with another fond memory you surely heard as that announcer yelled out to the crowd just before the start of every game, “Play ball!!!”

Regina Marshall

- Played 7 games in 1946, 83 games in 1947, and 100+ games for the next 14 years
- Key player for the New York Yankees for 18 years, 1946-1963
- Played 14 World Series
- Winning 10 of those World Series, unprecedented
- Established records for catchers, (all broken now)
- Most “at bats”, 259
- Catcher “put outs”, 457
- Home runs hit, 313
- Most errorless consecutive games, 148
- Most consecutive chances handled, 950 (“handled” means he took a chance on a putout, an assist or an error, right? You guys have to define that term more clearly to some of us...LOL
- In Game 3 of 1947 World Series, he pinch-hit a Home Run making World Series history with Brooklyn Dodgers pitcher, Ralph Branca.
- Batted Left-handed, Threw Right-handed, Caught Right-handed
- Named 3-Time Most Valuable Player
- Hit 12 World Series Home Runs
- Caught 75 World Series games, more than any other catcher
- One of 4 players to be honored as MVP in American League
- One of 7 Managers to lead a team to the World Series
- Participated in 21 World Series, winning 13 of those 21
- All Star Player, 15 seasons
- Selected to play 18 All Star games

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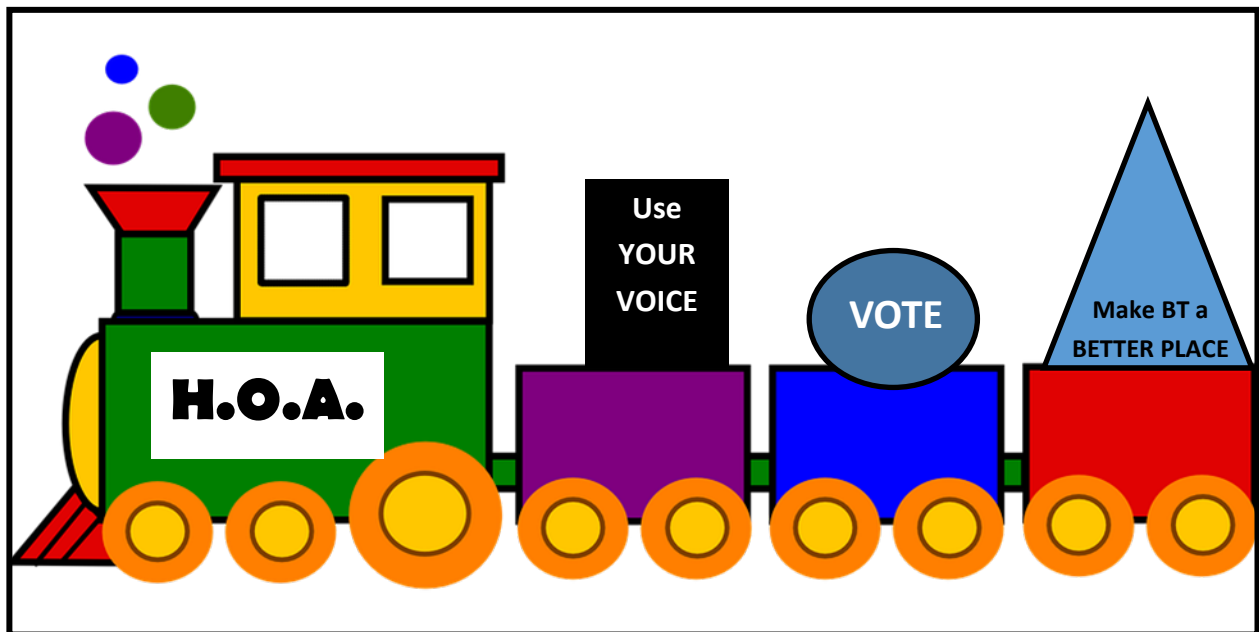
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Call or text me at 863-660-6835, or put it in my mailbox #60 in the library room

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BEACON TERRACE ACTIVITIES

Play Shuffleboard

We resumed shuffleboard games in October.

To accommodate more people, we are offering playing times on Mondays at 9:00 AM and Thursdays at 6:30 PM.

This is low-impact exercise in the fresh air, newcomers are encouraged and no (great) skill is required.

Contact co-cordinator David Bradley at #156, phone 401-474-3309. Come and play!

Time to Think BOWLING!

Hello, everyone. I hope your summer has gone well. The leaves have not begun to change here yet, but it won't be long before it's time for us to gear up for bowling (in January).

Please be thinking about whether you'll be returning, or if you're new, join the fun! A sign up will be posted in the clubhouse in November.

Keep in mind that we need an even number of full teams (with 4 members). I would like to see 8 teams or more. We could always use substitute bowlers if you'd prefer not to commit to every week. More information next month. Candie Pocock

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday

1:00 PM **Hand & Foot***

Monday

9:00 AM **Shuffleboard**, Dave Bradley, 401-474-3309

Wednesday

Ladies Golf, Linda Castor, 863-687-6068

6:00 PM **Mexican Train**, Sherry Defrancisco, 614-309-2605

Thursday

Men's Golf, Walt Swink, 412-691-0075

11:00 AM 2nd Thursdays, **Ladies Luncheon**, Sherry Defrancisco, 614-309-2605

1:00 PM **Hand & Foot***

6:30 PM **Shuffleboard**, Dave Bradley, 401-474-3309

Friday

1:00 PM **Bridge***, Mike Lowery, 863-688-6526

Saturday

8:00 AM **Coffee in Clubhouse**

** In Clubhouse*



November 2021



	1	2	3	4	5	6
		HOA Board Meeting			1 ^{PM} Bridge	8:00 ^{am} Coffee
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Daylight Savings Time 1 ^{PM} Hand & Foot Cards		HOA Members Meeting	6PM Mexican Train	<u>Ladies' Luncheon-</u> <u>Millers Ale House</u> 1 ^{PM} Hand & Foot Cards; Crafts	1 ^{PM} Bridge	8:00 ^{am} Coffee
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1 ^{PM} Hand & Foot Cards			6PM Mexican Train	1 ^{PM} Hand & Foot; Crafts	1 ^{PM} Bridge	8:00 ^{am} Coffee
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
1 ^{PM} Hand & Foot Cards	<u>8:30am</u> <u>Shuffleboard</u>		6PM Mexican Train	THANKSGIVING	1 ^{PM} Bridge	8:00 ^{am} Coffee
28	29	30				
1 ^{PM} Hand & Foot Cards	<u>8:30am</u> <u>Shuffleboard</u>					

Happy Thanksgiving



SHARE YOUR COMMENTS:

Your Board is asking you for help. We may be the HOA Board, but all the power to make things happen within the community lies with the residents. Without your support, we are powerless. If you have a serious issue with something or someone within the community, please fill out a "Comment Form" available below and inside the Clubhouse. The form, once given to the Manager's office, requires a response. Your personal information will not be shared.

Comment Form

Property Name _____

What Type Of Comment Do You Have?

☐ Compliment

☐ Suggestion

☐ Concern

Your Contact Information

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ Site: _____

Email Address: _____

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Zone 3	Lots 96, 97, 243-256, 258 - 274
Zone 4	Lots 227-229, 257, 233-242, 275-288
Zone 5	Lots 40-56, 61-76
Zone 6	Lots 1-21, 23-39
Zone 7	Lots 129-161

Zone 8
Lots 162 - 167, 188-190, 195-226,
230-231, 297

Zone 9
Lots 168 - 187, 191-194, 232,
289-296



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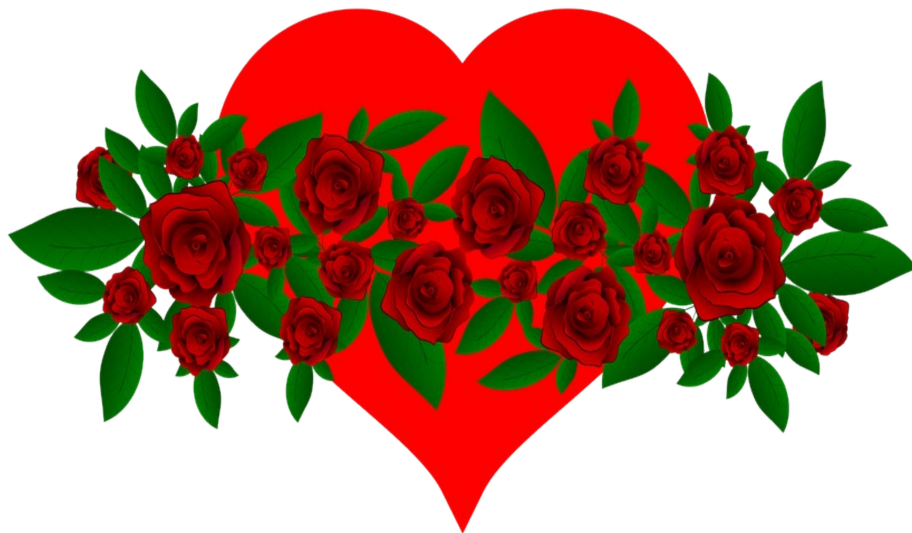
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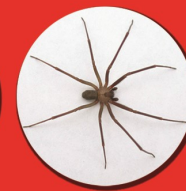
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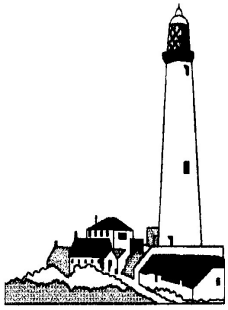
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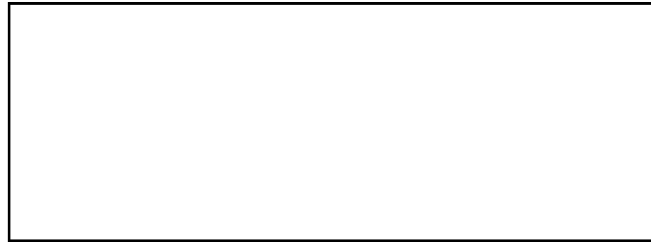


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