

# THE BEACON

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Let's give a "Warm Welcome" to our  
Beacon Terrace HOA Board of Directors.

Thank you for stepping up and volunteering your time to support our  
community. We appreciate your willingness to serve and to make  
Beacon Terrace a great place to live. Congratulations and Welcome Aboard!

Cathy McLean  
Bonnie Archibald  
Alice Murray  
Cathy Ann Nicholson  
Ken Raper  
Marilyn Ogonowski  
Lynn Kowalenko

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Director  
Director  
Director

## Help Wanted for Neighborhood Watch!!!

We are dangerously low on people serving in BT Neighborhood Watch.  
We have experienced health issues with some of our volunteers and we want to  
avoid volunteer burnout too! Your help is much appreciated.

Please contact Gary Gearheart at lot 241, or call 863-940-2380



**Mark your calendars!**

**2026 Vendor Fair  
Meet & Greet  
Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>  
9am-1pm at the Clubhouse**

You will have the opportunity to:

- Talk to Vendors regarding your home needs & upgrades
- Have your golf cart maintenance check by Ah La Carts
- Learn about the activities offered in Beacon Terrace
- Pay your 2026 HOA & Social Dues
- Update your Directory Information
- Purchase a BT 40th Anniversary Recipe Book & sooo much more!

One lucky resident will win a basket of goodies!

**We'll see you there!**



Due to the holidays and colder temps next week, pool exercise will resume on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 11am-12 noon.  
**Please note the new time!**

I cleared this new time with the pool guy.

I hope it will be warmer at this new time so more will be able to attend.  
Hope to see you there!

**Ann Snively #56**

Last year holiday cards were delivered to your door as the clubhouse was closed. I'd like to remind everyone...especially our new residents this is a great time of the year to utilize the internal mail cubbies in the Clubhouse library.

Cubbies are numbered and correspond with lot numbers.

Please remember to check your cubby. They are exploding with holiday cheer!



**Sarah #251**



## ***FROM YOUR H.O.A. PRESIDENT***

### ***Happy New Year!***

*Now that the holiday season is over, we can look forward to an exciting 2026.*

*Our park is truly a wonderful place to live, whether it's for 6 months or 12 months. Our community definitely feels like home.*

*There are lots of fantastic things booked for the months ahead. I believe there is something for everyone to enjoy. Our social committee has worked endlessly to put together activities. A big thank you goes out to them all.*

*A special thank you to Linda Castor and Bonnie Pocock for their constant time and energy while working on the social committee. They have taken a step back to letting the new committee take over.*

*I am looking forward to my year as your HOA President. Please feel free to contact me about any issues or questions you may have.*

*Cathy McLean  
HOA President  
(416) 464-0361  
Lot #211*

# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Hello Everyone,

As the new president of the HOA I feel there are a few items that should be brought to your attention.

First, I think you all should be aware of what your HOA does for you. As you might know, the HOA represents all of the BT Home Owners but if you pay your HOA dues you get to vote on the things brought forward at meetings.

Some of the things your HOA has done this past year are:

- Purchased the Christmas lights and decorations for the park.
- Purchased the new shed, picnic tables and the lids for the barbbque pits on the island.
- Put in 2 Bocce Ball courts.
- Leveling of the pool table in the Clubhouse.
- Lighting over the shuffle board courts.
- Purchasing all the supplies for clubhouse i.e. Saturday morning coffee, etc.
- Bought a new fridge for the Clubhouse.
- Pay Legal Fees for running the HOA.
- Pay Insurance for running the HOA and the Clubhouse.
- Provides free pizza after golf cart parades.
- Cover extra costs when the social events fall short.

In saying all that, the main source of income for the HOA is the dues from BT homeowners and the Annual Rumage (Bazaar) Sale. Without the HOA dues and Annual Sale, the HOA will not be able to continue as it has in the past.

Out of 297 houses in our park, we only had 113 HOA Members in 2025 (not even half of our homeowners), This steady decline has been due to losing older members and new homeowners moving in and not supporting or understanding how important HOA is to their community.

**We are having an Early Bird Special if you pay your dues by Dec 31st, the fee is only \$15 per household. As of January 1st the fee will be \$20 per household.**

HOA dues can be paid to:

Cathy Nicholson, HOA Treasurer, #12, (845) 625-9455.

Please be aware not all of the ELS parks operate the way our park currently does. In some parks HOA has failed, had their Social Committee's spending ability taken away from their homeowners. We do not want that to happen in our wonderfully active park.

Please join and support your HOA so we can support you!

Thank you,

Cathy McLean, HOA President



*December was an amazing month with so many activities to enjoy. By the time this is read, the ladies enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch at Cleveland Heights Golf Course, while being serenaded by the Harrison School for the Arts choir (if you haven't heard them sing; we strongly encourage you to attend one of their concerts).*

*Sheri Little and her helpers did a wonderful job setting up the annual carport sale. It was a huge success with many residents participating. In addition, most of the furniture stored in the compound container was sold with the profits going to the Rummage sale for the HOA.*

*Jan Trask organized a wonderful trip to Gaylord Palms.*

*Let's not forget the bountiful Christmas Brunch that was served to 100 residents and their guests.*

*Thank you, Pam Chine and her elves, for hosting this event. Lastly, tickets to the New Year's Eve dance sold quickly and our very own DJ Pablo helped to bring in the New Year.*

*Our community is blessed with so many social activities for everyone and anyone to enjoy. The Social Committee would gratefully appreciate it if residents attended the Social Club meetings held at 3:00 pm on the second Wednesday of each month with your ideas and the dates/times you are considering. It makes it much easier to coordinate events to benefit the entire community.*

*There are more special events for January in addition to the normal monthly and weekly happenings:*

*Bowling, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm (weekly event)  
Potluck, January 8<sup>th</sup>, Social 4:30/Dine 5:00 pm  
HOA General Meeting, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm  
Personal Safety/Defense Class, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-3:00 pm  
Vendor Fair and Meet & Greet, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am-1:00 pm  
Gadabout Bus Trip, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am-6:00 pm  
Sock Hop with the Rockin' Flamingos, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-9:30 pm  
Soup Supper, January 31<sup>st</sup>, Social 4:30/Dine 5:00 pm*

*We would like to take this time to give a huge thanks to Linda Castor and Bonnie Irwin for the many years, months, days, and hours spent on the Social Committee. You've done such a fantastic job we now have the task of having very big shoes to fill.*

*Happy New Year from your BT Social Committee!  
Marilyn, Lisa, Lynn, Trudy*



## ***My Better Half***

Those of you who knew Sandy, know that she truly was “My Better Half”.

Sandy and I met during our high school years in 1960. I was a senior and Sandy was a freshman in different schools... about 35 miles apart. We were both in our respective high school bands. Our band directors were friends in college, and they decided to have an exchange concert. This meant that our bands would visit each other's schools. We would practice together, spend a night at one of their band members homes and then give a concert for each other's school and residents.

This is how Sandy and I met. I stayed at the home of a neighbor of Sandy's. We began to date and fell in love with each other. I went to a local college and we continued to date. I didn't have a car at the time, so I would hitchhike down to see her. This continued for almost four years. I went with her to home coming dances, and proms, football games, basketball games, and all the normal high school functions. I knew her classmates as well as she did. Sandy graduated on June 4th and we married on June 20th, 1964. In September 1965 Deborah Lynn was born. It's a wonder how she ever grew up to be the wonderful woman she is, because her parents, namely Sandy and I, didn't have a clue how to be parents. Three years later we had Jodie, our second beautiful daughter. She also turned out to be a wonderful woman.

Sandy was a saint. I changed jobs and we moved from Ohio, where we both had been born and raised, to Independence, Missouri where we knew not a soul. I took her away from all family 1,100 miles from “home”. Oh, and I failed to mention that we had a two-year-old and she was 7 months pregnant with Jodie when we moved.

After about 15 years in Missouri, my job took us to Illinois, to the suburbs of Chicago. Shortly after moving Sandy decided to follow her long-time desire to be a nurse and started her collegiate career at 37. She graduated magna cum laude and had her RN degree. She had earned a scholarship from a local hospital and started working nights as soon as she got her license after acing the state test. We lived in several suburbs around northwest Chicago. Most of this time, my job required a lot of travel, so my “Better Half” raised our two daughters. Sandy is the primary reason they turned out to be wonderful successful women.

Sandy and I became Grandparents. It's been Grammy's/Mimi's and Papa's joy of our lives to have JD and Hope as a part of our lives, even though we only had Hope for 12 years before a brain tumor (DIPG) took her from us. JD was a very successful athlete and ranked fourth in the state in cross country. JD has followed in his parent's footsteps and after graduating from Carthage, is a teacher and coach in a Milwaukee suburb.

Sandy and I decided to retire and move to Lakeland Florida and Beacon Terrace in 2012. Up until the last two years we have been very active in the park. Health problems took us out of most activities. Sandy and I made many good friends and have appreciated those friendships.

I appreciated all of the support I have received helping with Sandy's care particularly this last year. As most of you are aware, I lost my “Better Half” on December 4th. I didn't realize that I could miss anyone as much as I miss her. I realize that she is no longer in pain and for that I am grateful. Thanks for all the love and support you have given me.

***Doug***



***Sandra Lee Howison  
May 3, 1946 - December 4, 2025***



# INFORMATION

## KNOW YOUR WATERING DAYS

**Even Addresses:** ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, or 8 may only water on **Thursday and/or Sunday**

**Odd Addresses:** ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, or 9 may only water on **Wednesday and/or Saturday**

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Watering is allowed **before 10 a.m.** or **after 4 p.m.**, but not both.

**HOA Board Meeting**  
**January 5th, 10:00 am**

**HOA General Meeting**  
**January 13th, 7:00 pm**  
**ALL RESIDENTS WELCOME!!!**

**Social Committee Meeting**  
**January 14th, 3:00 pm**

### Important Information

**BT Emergency (863) 315-1256**  
**Beacon Terrace Office (863) 687-1695**  
**Lakeland Electric (863) 834-9535**  
**POLICE non-emergency (863) 834-6966**  
**Bulk Trash Pickup (863) 834-8773**  
**Garbage, Recycle, Lawn Trimmings Pickup on Tuesdays**

### WATER VALVE - ZONE CHART

<u>ZONE</u>	<u>HOMES</u>	<u>VALVES</u>
1	119-128	1 & 3
2	98-118, 77-95, 22, 57-60	3, 4 10, & 14
3	96-97, 243-246, 258-274	4 & 5
4	233-242, 257, 275-288	5 & 6
5	40-56, 61-76	10 & 11
6	1-21, 23-39	14 & 12
7	129-145, 146-161	9
8	162-167, 188-190, 195-231, 297	7, 8 & 12
9	168-187, 191-194, 232, 289-296	6, 7 & 8
	WHOLE PARK	1 & 2

**Beacon Terrace**  
**Facebook Group**



**Andy Ertel - BT Facebook Group Administrator**  
**Lot 175**  
**(815) 370-4383**  
**andrewertel@att.net**

Andy manages the membership, moderators, settings & posts for BT Facebook Group.

**Private:** Only members can see who's in the group & what they post.  
**Visible:** Anyone can find this group.  
**History:** Group created on December 25, 2021.

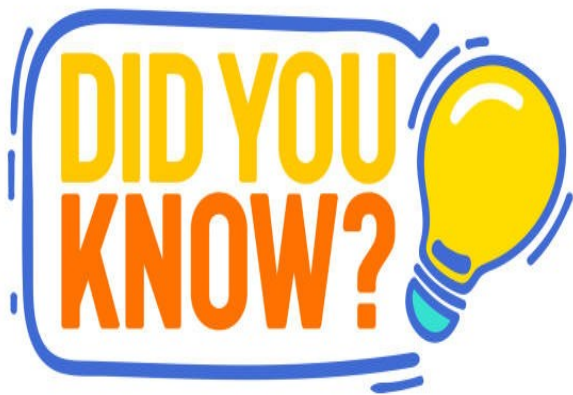
**Did You Know ?**



**BEACON TERRACE**  
**HAS AN OFFICIAL WEBSITE...**

**GO TO:**  
**beacon-terrace-hoa.com**





**OPERATION SENIOR SHIELD**

HELPING FLORIDA SENIORS AVOID SCAMS BY EQUIPPING THEM WITH THE REAL-TIME, RELIABLE INFORMATION THAT KEEPS THEM SAFE FROM FRAUD

**THE CRISIS IN NUMBERS**

**The problem is accelerating.** Nationwide, Americans over 60 lost nearly \$5 billion in 2024—a 43% increase in losses and 46% increase in complaints over just one year.

**Most victims suffer in silence.** Only 1 in 5 elder fraud victims report the crime, meaning the true scope of this crisis is far greater than official numbers suggest. Older adults tend to suffer the largest losses to fraud yet are least likely to report being victimized by scams.

**As the fastest-growing** and wealthiest segment of the population, currently controlling 65% of the U.S.'s total wealth and an estimated \$13 trillion in home equity wealth, older adults are increasingly likely to be targeted by scammers.

From 2020 to 2024, the number of reports from older adults who lost **\$10,000 or more** to scams increased more than fourfold.

During the same period, reports of losses over **\$100,000** by seniors increased nearly sevenfold.

**STATEWIDE FRAUD STRIKE TEAM:**

This team brings together top cyber experts, law enforcement, government agencies, community leaders, and seniors themselves, all united in the mission to protect Florida's seniors from fraud.

The Strike Team will coordinate intelligence, raise public awareness, and confront senior fraud with the speed and focus it demands.

**FLORIDA'S VULNERABILITY**

**THREE FACTORS MAKE FLORIDA A PRIME TARGET:**

- Large senior population
- Dense metropolitan areas like St. Petersburg and Jacksonville
- Tourism-driven economy with transient populations and high mobile phone usage

**WHY IT MATTERS:**

- Florida has one of the largest older populations in the nation.
- Scam tactics are evolving faster than ever.
- Seniors are being scammed out of thousands of dollars – and the stories are heartbreaking.
- This initiative empowers Floridians to protect themselves with confidence and foresight.

**HOW IT WORKS:**

- ✓ Sign up with an email or phone number.
- ✓ Receive timely alerts about current scams in Florida.
- ✓ Alerts include what the scam is, how it works, and what to do next.
- ✓ Designed to protect older adults, families, and caregivers.

Sign Up Today to Stay Informed and Secure:  
**WWW.OPSENIORSHIELDFL.COM**

**Elder Affairs FLORIDA**

**OPERATION SENIOR SHIELD**

## OPERATION SENIOR SHIELD

Helping Florida Seniors avoid scams by equipping them with real-time, reliable information that keeps them safe from fraud.

Operation Senior Shield is a free alert system committed to keeping Floridians alert, informed, and secure. Launched as a collaborative initiative by Lt. Governor Jay Collins and DOEA Secretary Michelle Branham, its mission is to empower older adults and caregivers with the knowledge they need to stay one step ahead of scammers.

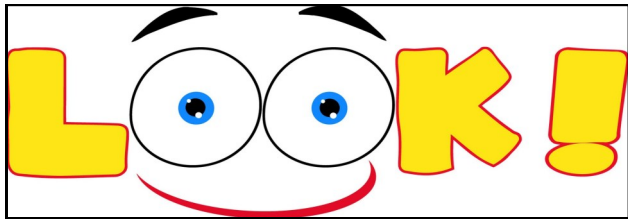
By signing up, you'll receive timely updates on the latest scams targeting seniors in Florida and nationwide — from phone calls and emails to text messages and door-to-door schemes. Operation Senior Shield helps you recognize red flags, protect your personal information, and remain confident in your safety.

Staying safe starts with staying aware — and Operation Senior Shield is here to keep you informed, prepared, and secure.

To sign up go to [www.opseniorshieldfl.com](http://www.opseniorshieldfl.com)

Scroll down and you will see a video on the right. To the left of that says Sign up here.

I signed up - it was quick and easy. Don't wait, sign up today!



### **BEACON TERRACE RESIDENT DIRECTORY**

Please check the 2025 directory for any corrections that need to be made on your information.

Send any changes to via email or text to:  
Sarah Kaplan #251 at 904-318-9147  
sarahkaplan80@gmail.com

The new directory for 2026 will be distributed in early February so it is important that I get your changes by:

**JANUARY 17th, 2026 DEADLINE**

Thank you, Sarah



### **Welcome Committee**

Sarah Kaplan #251, (904) 318-9147  
and  
Regina Marshall #122

**NEW RESIDENTS  
WILL BE SHOWCASED IN NEXT  
MONTH'S NEWSLETTER!**

**IN LOVING MEMORY**  
We honor Beacon Terrace  
residents who have died this year.

**12/22/24**

Sue Wilsman, #149

**1/16/25**

Sandy Bennett, #296  
Liz Buell, formerly #49

**1/30/25**

Millie Sleeth, #177

**3/3/25**

Bob LaForest, formerly #254

**4/14/25**

Shirley Goetz, #84

**5/2/25**

John Blackburn, formerly #155

**6/20/25**

Phil Holmes, #194

**7/1/25**

Chesley Campbell, #167

**7/8/25**

Connie Hopkins, #108

**8/7/25**

Genese Campbell, #167

**9/13/25**

Bill Hopkins, #108

**9/22/25**

Authur "Duffy" Dauphinais, #33

**10/27/25**

Daryl Norrix, #117

**11/16/25**

Dave Carr, #150

**12/4/25**

Sandy Howison, #152



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Anthony Hudson
- 7 Terry Richardson
- 11 Marie Scopa
- 12 Chuck Castor
- 14 Jacqueline Provost  
Barbara Virts  
Dave Zimmer
- 16 Sharon Pingitor
- 17 Barbara Parmeter
- 18 Beverly DeFrancisco  
John Reid
- 19 David Bradley
- 21 Jenny Barnette
- 24 Helen Impbruglia
- 26 Karen Rankin
- 27 Richard Savage  
Bonnie Pocock
- 28 Norm Provost
- 29 Diane Deming  
Robin Dunn  
Betty Probasco

Please add the name of anyone we may have missed or let me know of errors.  
Thank You, Alice Murray #72



Come join your fellow  
BT residents every Saturday for  
Coffee in the Clubhouse at 8:00 am.



### FEELING LUCKY?

Try your hand every Tuesday & Friday on the island  
playing dealer's choice poker games.  
Old standards and new creations played.

If interested, contact:  
Jon Norrix (863) 279-5854  
Jeff Chine (330) 933-4429



### Beacon Terrace Library

For your reading pleasure there are mystery,  
romance, large print and puzzles. We re-shelf the  
books for you so just drop them off in the book bin.  
Check your cubbyhole for mail. Lost and Found is  
also in the library.

Librarians:  
Sharman Carney #21, Ann Snavely #56  
& Cathie Niemann



## CARE AND CONCERN

Why live in a mobile home community where you could afford a condo or home? That's question "outsiders" often ask. I've had this conversation with my neighbor, Dean Clawson #250. We both agreed, if we lived in a condo or house, we would know one or two neighbors. Here we know almost everyone. We say hello, create relationships and look out for each other. It's amazing how much we all have in common if you take the time to visit.

I'm sharing pictures of lot #74 – 1994 and 2025. A lot has changed but the true feeling of Beacon Terrace hasn't. I remember never being able to get my parents on the phone because they were busy with BT activities, trips or enjoying the pool. David and Robin Dunn took over in 2017 and continued that trend with golf, pool and other activities. Different people but keeping the Beacon Terrace vibe alive – community and friendships.

Care and concern can be many things – cards, visits, food deliveries – but the most important thing to remember is we are ALL a part of this committee. We represent you. Here's to a new year of caring, loving and helping each other. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Sarah Kaplan #251  
904-318-9147  
Sarahkaplan80@gmail.com

Peggy Bullen #166



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## 2026 Beacon Terrace Bus Trips



Nestled in the heart of our vibrant community, Beacon Terrace has long been known for its commitment to bringing residents together through enriching activities and shared experiences. As we look ahead to the 2025-2026 season, the Beacon Terrace Bus Trips promise not only scenic adventures but also the joy of camaraderie, exploration, and discovery. For more complete details refer to the travel site on the Beacon Terrace Bulletin Board.

### BEACON TERRACE 2025-2026 PLANNED BUS TRIPS

JANUARY 20, 2026	"Gadabout" stopping at several locations (chocolate, bread, lunch & wine)
FEBRUARY 5, 2026	Early Bird Dinner Theatre
MARCH 5, 2026	Polynesian Fire Luau
MARCH (TBA) 2026	Amelia Island, 3 day/2 night
APRIL 17, 2026	Tarpon Springs
MAY (TBA) 2026	Vero Beach

### How to reserve your spot: Call or Text: Jan Trask - 863/660-1741

Payment is necessary to guarantee your seat. You may put your check in the box at the office or better at #261. There is a blue treasure chest on a small table in the garage for this purpose.

Spaces are limited and trips often sell out quickly, so early registration is encouraged.

Guests are welcome, but priority is given to residents. We bus share with another community so the numbers shown may not reflect the availability of space.

**PLEASE NOTE: CHECK THE CLUBHOUSE BULLETIN BOARD FOR FLYERS POSTED WITH DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE ABOVE BUS TRIPS.**



The Beacon Terrace community is proud to revive a long-term tradition of a local residents' Talent Show.

To be held on March 20, 2026, 7:00 pm

The committee of eight (8) will feature piano, singers, dancers, skits and humor.

The admission will be either a dessert to share or a minimal cost. Proceeds will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project.

So, dust off that old instrument or pair of shoes.

The info meeting will be on:  
Tuesday, January 6, 2026  
5:45 pm at the Clubhouse.

Barb Baird #161, (419) 356-4854

#### Weekly Activities Outside the Park

MON.-Bowling Candi Pocock #61  
MON.-Men's Golf Dave Sharpe #139  
WED.-Ladies Golf Linda Castor #228  
THUR.-Men's Golf Walt Swink #20

#### WEEKLY/MONTHLY BT ACTIVITIES

##### SUNDAY

Hand & Foot 1:00 pm

##### MONDAY

Pool Exercises 11:00 am  
Bowling 1:00 pm  
Mahjong 1:00 pm  
Men's Night Out 4:30 pm/1-time mo.  
Bingo 5:00/6:00 pm

##### TUESDAY

Pool Exercises 11:00 am  
HOA Bd. Mtg. 10:00 am/1-time mo.\*  
Bocce Ball 2:30 pm  
Shuffleboard 4:00 pm  
Chair Yoga (TBD)  
HOA Gen. Mtg. 7:00 pm/1-time mo.

##### WEDNESDAY

Pool Exercises 11:00 am  
Social Com. Mtg. 3:00 pm/1-time mo.  
Line Dancing 4:30 pm  
Euchre 6:00 pm

##### THURSDAY

Pool Exercises 11:00 am  
Ladies Luncheon 11:00 am/1-time mo.  
Hand & Foot 1:00 pm  
Crafts 1:00 pm  
Social Island 4:00 pm\*  
Splish Splash 4:00 pm\*  
Shuffleboard 4:00 pm

##### FRIDAY

Pool Exercises 11:00 am  
Bridge 12:00 noon

##### SATURDAY

Coffee 8:00 am  
Pool Exercises 11:00 am  
Bocce Ball 12:00 noon

\* DATES MAY VARY, CHECK MONTHLY CALENDAR FOR UPDATES.

PLEASE NOTE: YOU CAN ALSO CHECK THE SOCIAL CALENDAR IN THE CLUBHOUSE FOYER OR BULLETIN BOARD FOR UPDATES.

# JANUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Years Day	2 Bridge 12:00 noon	3 Coffee 8:00 am Bocce Ball 12:00
4 Hand & Foot 1:00 pm	5 HOA Board Meeting 10:00 am Pool Exercises 11:00 am Bowling 1:00 pm Mahjong 1:00 pm Bingo Doors open 5:00 pm Games begin 6:00 pm	6 Pool Exercises 11:00 am Bocce Ball 2:30 pm Shuffleboard 4:00 pm Talent Show Practice 5:45 pm	7 Pool Exercises 11:00 am Chair Yoga 2:00 pm Line Dancing 4:30 pm Euchre 6:00 pm	8 Pool Exercises 11:00 am Hand & Foot 1:00 pm Crafts 1:00 pm Shuffleboard 4:00 pm Social Island 4:00 pm PotLuck Dinner Social 4:30 pm Dine 5:00 pm	9 Pool Exercises 11:00 am Bridge 12:00 noon	10 Coffee 8:00 am Pool Exercises 11:00 am Bocce Ball 12:00
11 Hand & Foot 1:00 pm	12 Pool Exercises 11:00 am Bowling 1:00 pm Mahjong 1:00 pm Men's Night Out Duke's 4:30 pm Bingo Doors open 5:00 pm Games begin 6:00 pm	13 Pool Exercises 11:00 am Bocce Ball 2:30 pm Shuffleboard 4:00 pm HOA General Meeting 7:00 pm	14 Pool Exercises 11:00 am Personal Safety/Defense Class 1:30-3:00 pm Social Committee Meeting 3:00 pm Line Dancing 4:30 pm Euchre 6:00 pm	15 Pool Exercises 11:00 am Ladies Luncheon Ford's Garage 11:00 am Hand & Foot 1:00 pm Crafts 1:00 pm Shuffleboard 4:00 pm Social Island 4:00 pm	16 Pool Exercises 11:00 am Bridge 12:00 noon	17 Vendor Fair Meet/Greet 9:00 am-1:00 pm Pool Exercises 11:00 am Bocce Ball 12:00
18 Hand & Foot 1:00 pm	19 Pool Exercises 11:00 am Bowling 1:00 pm Mahjong 1:00 pm Bingo Doors open 5:00 pm Games begin 6:00 pm	20 Gadabout Bus Trip 8:30 am-6:00 pm Pool Exercises 11:00 am Bocce Ball 2:30 pm Shuffleboard 4:00 pm Chair Yoga (TBD) Talent Show Practice 7:00 pm	21 Pool Exercises 11:00 am Line Dancing 4:30 pm Euchre 6:00 pm	22 Pool Exercises 11:00 am Hand & Foot 1:00 pm Crafts 1:00 pm Shuffleboard 4:00 pm Splish Splash Pool 4:00 pm	23 Pool Exercises 11:00 am Bridge 12:00 noon	24 Coffee 8:00 am Pool Exercises 11:00 am Bocce Ball 12:00 Sock Hop Rockin' Flamingos 6:30 - 9:30 pm
25 FMO ELS Meeting 1:00 pm	26 Pool Exercises 11:00 am Bowling 1:00 pm Mahjong 1:00 pm Bingo Doors open 5:00 pm Games begin 6:00 pm	27 Bonnie A's Crafting 10:00-12:00 Pool Exercises 11:00 am Bocce Ball 2:30 pm Chair Yoga (TBD) Shuffleboard 4:00 pm	28 Pool Exercises 11:00 am Line Dancing 4:30 pm Euchre 6:00 pm	29 Pool Exercises 11:00 am Hand & Foot 1:00 pm Crafts 1:00 pm Shuffleboard 4:00 pm Social Island 4:00 pm	30 Pool Exercises 11:00 am Bridge 12:00 noon	31 Coffee 8:00 am Pool Exercises 11:00 am Bocce Ball 12:00 Soup Supper Social 4:30 pm Dine 5:00 pm

**DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL BLASTS AND ANY WEEKLY UPDATES ON THE BEACON TERRACE FACEBOOK PAGE FOR ANY CHANGES...THANK YOU!**

# Kudos Corner



Thank you Pam Chime and her elves for preparing a delicious Christmas Brunch that served 100 residents and guests, WOW!



Thank you Social Committee Team Marilyn Ogonowski, Lisa Meyer, Lynn Kowalenko and Trudy Le Blanc for taking over the reins as Social Committee leaders. BT looks forward to the 2026 Social Events you will be planning.



Thank you Bonnie and Linda for serving our community with your dedication and commitment on the Social Committee. You two are Beacon Terrace Angels!

## **Newsletter Editor Volunteer Opportunity**

Hi Everyone,

I'm writing to let you know that I am seeking a volunteer to take over my role as editor of "The Beacon" newsletter. This is a great opportunity to give back to the community while helping keep everyone informed and connected.

The role involves coordinating content, editing submissions, and preparing the newsletter for printing and distribution.

If you're interested or would like more information about what the role entails, please give me a call.



**From the Editor**

Thank you,  
Pam Murphy #289, (248) 346-7271





**2026**

## **Polk Senior Games**

Polk Senior Games is an annual two-week series of 37 Olympic-style sports and games for men and women 50 years of age and older. The Games inspire an active lifestyle; combine an interest in sports and games with fun and fellowship; promote a positive image of seniors and recognize their efforts and achievements; and encourage volunteerism.

Competitions are held at various locations throughout Polk County and include: **Archery, Bag Toss, Basketball, Shooting, Billiards, Bocce, Bowling (including Team Bowling), Bridge, Chess, Cribbage, Ballroom and Social Dancing, Darts, Euchre, Field Events, Fishing, Golf (18 Hole Singles, Mixed Doubles, and Putt & Chip), Horseshoes, Pepper, Pickleball, Punt Pass Kick, Road Race 5K, Scrabble, Senior Smarts, Shooting (Pistol, Rifle, Skeet, 5-Stand, Sporting Clays, and Trap), Shuffleboard, Softball, Sudoku, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Track, and Walking.**

Gold, silver, and bronze medals are awarded in each event and age division.

**Registration begins January 2, and the deadline is Friday, February 6.**

**There are two ways to register for the Games:**

- 1. Submit a paper entry (request an entry booklet with complete Games information and a paper entry form, call 863-533-0055, email [PolkSeniorGames50@gmail.com](mailto:PolkSeniorGames50@gmail.com))**
- 2. Use the new online registration at [www.polk seniorgames.org](http://www.polk seniorgames.org).**

The base entry fee is \$13, and each event is \$6. Facility fees are required for certain events: \$40 for Golf Singles, \$40 for Golf Mixed Doubles, \$15 for Pickleball, \$15 for Archery, and \$15–\$25 for Shooting events. A discount is available for participants entering more than seven events.

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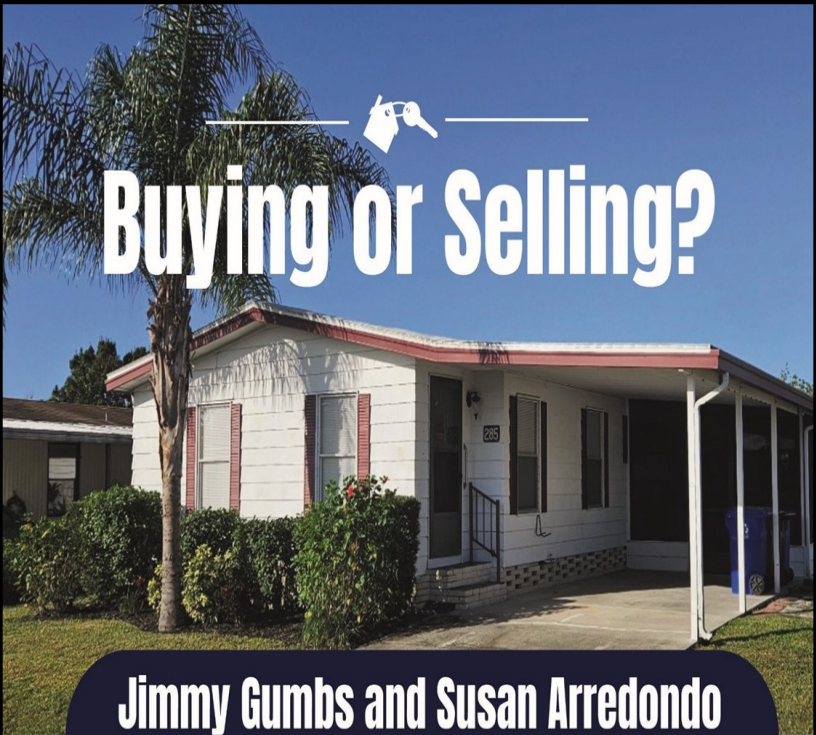
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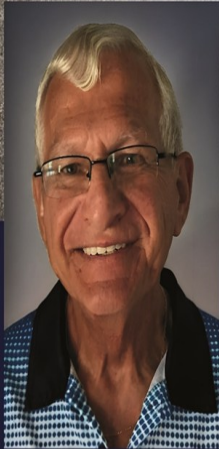
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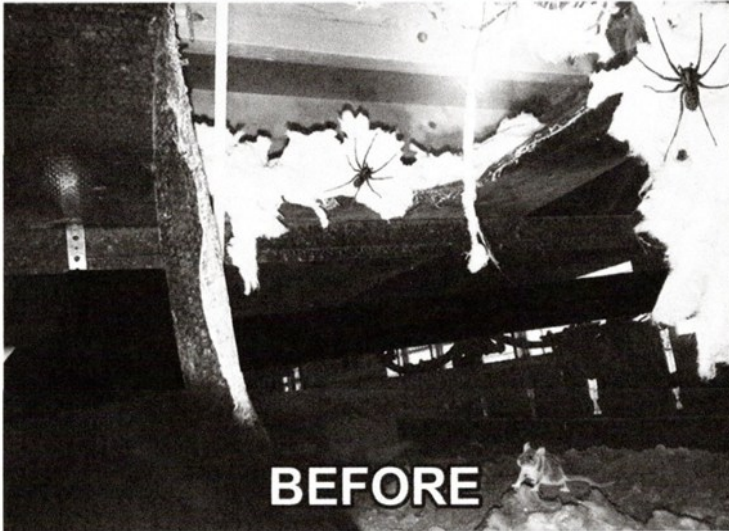
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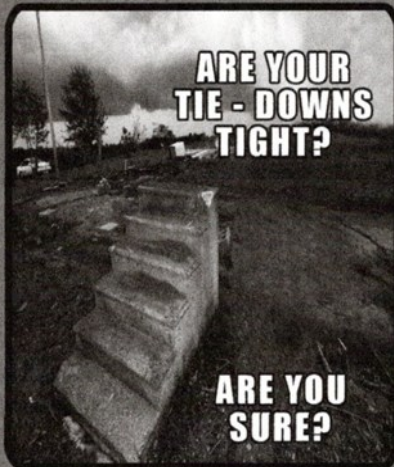
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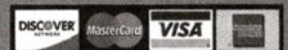
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