

## June/July 2025 "Island News"

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#### **Letter from the Editor**



Hello fellow Orange Harbor residents! My name is Jennifer Krogulski at 78 Sun Circle, and I am your newsletter editor. If you have anything you would like to see added to the newsletter, please reach out to me at <a href="mailto:ohnewsletter@aol.com">ohnewsletter@aol.com</a>.

After hours Community Related Emergencies, please call 844-285-2099.

Thought for the Day...

Either you run the day or the day runs you!

ON THIS DAY, REMEMBER THE SACRIFICES THAT MADE OUR FREEDOM POSSIBLE. UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL!



#### Let's Get Social...

Summer is here and I'm going to enjoy the quiet time. It does seem like every year we do have more and more year-round residents. June is going to be a very quiet month, no special events scheduled. We only have lunch on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Lunch/Bingo and the rest of July is relaxing time. July does seem to be the time when a lot of OH residents go north for family visits. Safe travels to everyone.

Thanks go out to all the games and sports leaders for keeping the activities going. We have a fabulous team that all work hard together and I want to thank all of you who were there to help whenever you saw a need. The new Pickle Ball, Bocce Ball and Shuffleboard courts look really great.

Reminder: In our recent Social Committee meeting, we determined and are reinforcing that any purchases that require reimbursement must be approved prior to purchasing. If you have an event you want to schedule for Clubhouse, Pavilion or RV Gypsy Haul, please contact myself and Jennifer so we can be on the same page with newsletter and Google Calendar. Also, if you want something to be put on the Signage Monitors, please reach out to me or Sharon Little, who is doing a wonderful job.

**Reminder:** Residents need to sign up in Clubhouse for any event that involves food in advance in order to purchase the correct amount.

\* Exception is Bingo Night – no sign up required for food purchase.

Calendars and Newsletters will be at Clubhouse. We will not be delivering to each household. We will also put some at the RV Bathhouse.

Have a Great Summer wherever you are! Thank you, Denise Miller, OH Social Chair 603-493-1719 dmillernh@comcast.net



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## Have You Read Your Rules & Regulations Lately?

This is a reminder that the Rules and Regulations are in effect and being enforced. All residents and their guests are expected to know and abide by these rules. New Rules and Regulations were voted on and adopted by the Board of Directors on May 27, 2022. You can access the Rules and Regulations by going to our website at Orangeharbormhc.com, click on the documents tab, click on community rules, and click on the pdf file.

#### XIII. VEHICLES, WATERCRAFT AND PARKING

- 7. Overflow parking for guests with permit is limited to the east side of the bocce court parking area and west side of the boat storage parking area. Additional overflow parking is available at the clubhouse, management office and boat ramps, however, overflow and parking at the management office is for after office hours only, 6:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. Overnight parking at the boat ramps is not permitted without prior management approval.
- 8. Except for loading, unloading, or charging batteries for a period of NO more than 48 hours, recreational vehicles, trailer, commercial vehicles, and boats shall be parked in the RV section or the storage area only. Residents must register with the office and receive written permission from management before parking in the designated area as there is a rental fee charge. No person is allowed to live in a stored recreational vehicle parked in the community.
- 9. No resident shall sell any vehicle within the community unless the vehicle is owned by the resident. No resident owned, leased or primarily used commercial vehicles, including any vehicle or golf cart displaying a "for sale" sign, are allowed to be parked on any empty lot or common areas of the community at any time without management approval.
- 10. No major repairs including oil changes to vehicles shall be permitted in the carport with the exception or replacement of a flat tire or dead battery.
- 11. The Co-op specifically reserves the right to restrict the operation of all delivery, transportation or other vehicular traffic within the community which is deemed by the Board of Director to be detrimental to the interest of safety and traffic control, the well-being of the residents and preservation of the grounds and roadways in the community.
- 12. Pedestrians, golf carts and bicycles have the right-of-way but must observe posted speed limit and stop signs.

- 13. Stop signs shall be observed by all vehicles and golf carts. Speed limit for ALL vehicles and golf carts is 15 MPH.
- 14. No parking on the grass at any time, except when washing vehicle. Motor vehicles found to be parking in the common areas may be towed at the Resident's expense.
- 15. Parking on another resident's driveway is prohibited unless written consent is given by the resident. A copy of the written permission must be on file at the community office.
- 16. No golf cart or any other vehicle can be driven by any person under the age of 16.
- 17. Only personal vehicles, licensed and used for daily transportation, will be allowed to be operated in the community. Management will ban from the community any vehicle that, in their sole judgement, interferes with the peace, privacy, and/or general welfare of other residents or the appearance of the community. Personal vehicles where more than 30% of the vehicle is covered with decals or stickers of any kind are deemed unsightly and are prohibited from the community.
- 18. Vehicles in violation of these Rules and Regulations will be noticed, towed and stored at the vehicle owner's expense.

#### XIV. DOCKS, FLOATING DOCKS, BOAT LIFTS AND SEAWALLS

- 1. Residents who own waterfront lots are allowed to build and maintain docks, floating docks, and boat lifts; however, any alteration to existing structures or new construction must abide by local, state and federal laws regarding these types of structures.
- 2. All residents' docks are personal property of the resident, and maintenance and general liability are the sole responsibility of each resident with a dock attached to their lot whether the current resident built, changed or acquired existing dock through resale. If resident does not continue to maintain the structure and the structure is falling or causing a hazard to the surrounding waterway, the Co-op shall remove the structure and bill the resident for the expense.
- 3. No additional utility outlets or services shall be permitted on docks/floating docks/boat lifts without prior approval of management.
- 4. The seawalls are the responsibility of the Co-op; however, residents who have waterfront lots should inspect the seawall from time to time to ensure there is no soil erosion or seawall weathering from docks, boatlifts or other items homeowner has that might cause degradation. Homeowner shall notify management if degradation or damage is occurring to a seawall.

## Saturday Coffee

Come join Orange Harbor's "Coffee Hour" at 9 a.m. in the clubhouse every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. This hour event serves as a local hub and gathering for attendees to visit with other park residents, learn about new items of interest, upcoming park events, club activities are announced, and ticket sales are available for functions. Bring your favorite mug or use one of our cups, but please join us. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board. Please don't forget to sign up so the chairperson will know how many to order so we do not run out of donuts! Hosts are needed for ALL SEASON.

#### **Park Sale Donations**

Donations to the park sale will be accepted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month. You must sign up at the clubhouse to make your donations, there will be a sign-up sheet with the dates and times. If you have many items to donate you may contact Denise Miller at 603-493-1719, please leave your name and address in the message and a Social Committee member will contact you.

Don't miss the **All-Park Breakfast** on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. in the clubhouse. This delightful morning gathering provides a hearty meal and an excellent opportunity to meet with neighbors, discuss community events, and start your weekend with a smile.

#### Directory

If you would like to be included in the directory, please contact Jeannie Jeffery at 317-716-9778 or email jem1931823@gmail.com.

#### **Guest Parking**

When Orange Harbor is in full season, guest parking is always a challenge. If you have overnight guests and you do not have sufficient parking space for them at your home, Orange Harbor has several areas for temporary guest parking. If you have a need for temporary overnight parking for your guests, please come into the office to get a parking permit. Do not park in empty lots, in other people's driveways or on the streets overnight

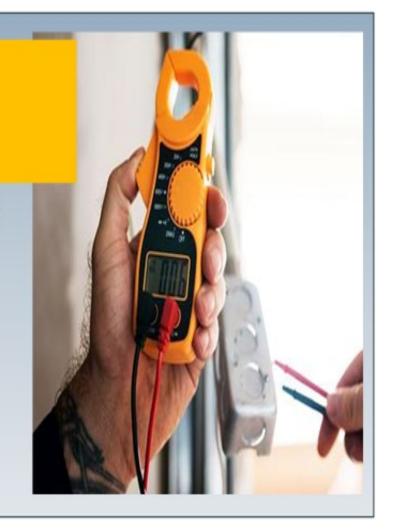
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#### Featured Amenities...

#### **Swimming Pool**

The pool is open from sunrise to sunset. All guests 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult. If you remove the pool rope that is across the pool separating the deep end to the shallow end, **PLEASE PUT IT BACK**. We will be fined if safety protocol is not followed.

#### **Library**

The library is full of books, puzzles, and games in the clubhouse. Please return them when you are finished.

#### **Billiards**

Be sure to use our new billiards table in the clubhouse. Please respect the rules pertaining to them.

#### **Ice Machine**

The ice cube machine is in the clubhouse. Please use the scooper provided, take maximum 3 scoops, and please close the lid.

#### **Bocce Ball**

Enjoy our bocce ball courts with all the equipment you need near the court located next to the clubhouse parking lot.

#### **Shuffleboard**

Shuffleboard equipment can be found in the shed next to the court.

#### **Storage and Boat Slips**

There 41 storage spaces on the premises and 17 Boat slips. All spaces are rented annually and are rented first come, first served. Please contact the office for prices.

#### **Clubhouse**

The clubhouse is in the heart of the community. It is where we host a lot of our activities. It is available to rent for special occasions. Please contact Denise Miller at 603-493-1719.

#### **Garbage Disposal and Plant Cuttings**

There is a dumpster and plant cutting trailer available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please do not put large items in the trash compactor. All large items need to be

paid for with the proper sticker from the office. Please place the appropriate items in the correct trailer.

#### **Boat Ramps**

We have two boats ramps in the park. One is located near the office and the other is next to gypsy hall near the RV section. Please do not park trucks or trailers where they will be towed when launching your boat.

#### **Horseshoe Pits**

There are horseshoe courts near the pavilion and pool.

#### Fishing Pier & Fish Cleaning Station

There is a fishing pier available to all residents on the NW side of the park. Please obey all fishing regulations and dispose of your used fishing line in the proper waste bin that is available at the pier. There is a fish cleaning station in the RV park that has a cutting surface and running water. Please dispose of your fish carcasses appropriately.

#### **Dog Park**

For your convenience there is a fenced in dog park open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for your pets. There are dog waste bags and bins. **PLEASE** clean up after your pet.

#### **Pavilions**

There are two pavilions on the premises. One is located near the pool and the other is located in the RV section. They are available for rent for special occasions. Please contact Denise Miller at 603-493-1719 to make a reservation.

#### **Pickleball Court**

Located next to the office. Rules located at the entrance of the courts. Lights out at 11pm.

#### **NEWS, NEWS. NEWS!**

Get ready to have a blast on the newly refinished shuffleboard and bocce ball courts! Plus, splash into fun with exciting new changes to the pool, all set to be completed this summer!

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partially treated sewage can back up into homes or flow into the streets, rivers, and bay. Do not put the following items down the drain:

Food scraps, butter, margarine, cooking oils, sauces, dairy products, greasy leftovers. Facial tissues, baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, moist wipes, toilet bowl scrub pads, napkins, paper towels, dental floss, eggshells, nutshells, bones and coffee grounds, hair, sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms. Vitamins, medicines, sheet plastic, or plastic of any kind, diapers. The best recommendation for toilet paper is that it is made from 100% recycled materials.



#### We Recycle on Fridays

Please place your handle towards your house and the open side toward the street for proper pickup!

#### **Recycle Smart-5 For the Cart:**

**Paper**-junk mail, newsprint, magazines, copy paper, phone books, etc. **DO NOT** put in used paper towels, tissues, napkins.

**Metal cans**-aluminum or steel (tin) cans. No need to remove labels or crush cans.

**Cardboard**-Any kind of box unless it held a liquid (such as those to hold milk, juice, wine, and broth). Pizza box lids can be recycled, the bottoms can be recycled if they do not have any food residue on them.

Plastic Containers-Look for the number 1-7 within the recycle triangles on the bottom of the container (no Styrofoam, no plastic bags) Lids can be either on or off.

Glass-green, brown, and clear bottles and jars.

Literature provided by Lee County Southwest Florida website leegov.com

#### Trash Removal and Yard Waste Schedule:

Wednesdays: Brush pick-up! Let's keep those bundles under 3 feet, folks - no giant shrub monsters, please!

Tuesdays & Fridays: Garbage pick-up! Rise and shine, it's garbage time! Get those bags out early to keep the critters away. Remember, no animal buffets!



#### Mosquito Control: It's Up To You

Hey, mosquito warriors! Time to level up your game! Eliminate any standing water around your home to prevent those pesky mosquitoes from breeding. Let's make your yard the ultimate no-fly zone!

#### **Maintenance Crew News**



We start our days with Orange Harbor to be the very best!

- 1. Dog owners, please pick up and dispose properly of your dog's mess, this includes dog park area.
- 2. Yard wastes, trimmings and weeds, etc. are to be cut and bundled in 3ft sections and weeds bagged.
- Anything you place in K-mart or we pick-up MUST have a sticker. This is to cover the costs of hauling to scrap yard or the added costs of the extra weight in compactor. Stickers are available in the office.
- 4. If you can't pick it up, we can't pick it up! Put your garbage in a couple of bags instead of stuffing it all in one!
- 5. We don't do maggots! Please clean out your bins!

Thank you all for complying and making our jobs more efficient.



#### **BULK TRASH**

#### Please see the prices of bulk trash below for dumping

**\$25.00** - Mattress, box spring, armoire, sofa, refrigerator, washing machine, dryer, freezer, stove, shower stall, **\$25.00** - TV antennas (Satellite dish type) **ALL LARGE** 

\$25.00 - TV antennas (Satellite dish type) ALL LARGE APPLIANCES.

**\$20.00** - Over-sized chairs, dining tables, dish washer, rear projection TV, door, entry size rug.

**\$10.00** - Dining chair, barstool, end table, computer, monitor, small flat screen T.V., printer, battery, tire.

\$ 5.00 - Golf cart tires, small items in this size range.

### No construction materials, paint, oil or hazardous materials allowed.

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10550 Buckingham Road, Fort Myers, FL 239-533-8000
Contact the office if you have questions regarding a specific item not listed.



#### Hours of Operation:

Daily 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Any person using the facility should.
report any maintenance issues to
management immediately.

Please keep our laundromat neat
and clean and keep the door closed! If you have an issue

with a dryer or washer, PLEASE write down what the problem is so the repairman can repair it correctly. Either let the office know and place a note on that machine. It will save us a service call!

#### **Compliance Policy Reminder**

As you are aware, one of the goals of all residents of Orange Harbor is to keep the community looking beautiful. Enforcing the rules plays an important role in that goal. The goal of this policy is NOT to penalize residents or to charge fines. The goal is simply to keep our community attractive and to remind all residents that we all share in this responsibility. If you receive an email or a letter, please do not panic. If you need additional time to address an issue, just reach out to the office Management. Communication is key! We all need to work together to maintain a community atmosphere here at our own little slice of paradise...



#### **Finding Help for Odd Jobs**

How to hire a handyperson for small tasks around the house...

#### Where to Start?

Watch YouTube videos of pros doing the job you want done. You'll then know what's involved, how long it takes and what questions to ask when hiring someone.

#### Get Recommendations

- Ask at a hardware store. The staff should know. trusted small contractors.
- > Get on social media. Neighborhood groups are a good source, and Instagram is a hot spot for handypeople to post photos and videos of their work.
- ➤ **Go Online.** Search these sites for professionals: Angi, HomeAdvisor, Houzz and NextDoor, Also check with the Better Business Bureau.
- If you've worked with a contractor on a large-scale renovation, that person likely knows someone who can take on small jobs.

#### Vetting

- In online reviews, look for performance feedback: on-time arrival and good communication. Read the negative reviews, too, and pay attention to responses. Quality pros reply to bad reviews politely, with an offer to resolve the issue.
- When interviewing a potential hire, ask how they find their clients. If it's mostly by word of mouth, that can be a good recommendation right there. Ask to speak with other clients.
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Standards Guidelines for Orange Harbor There is no defined color palette for homes in the Orange Harbor community.

The following guidance should be considered when selecting paint for exterior walls and trim on the home.

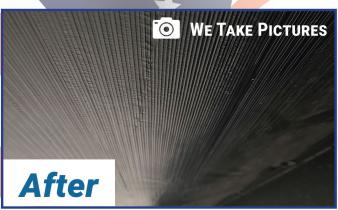
- Darker colors fade quickly in the Florida sun.
- Darker colors should be considered for trim rather than exterior walls of the home.
- Light colors and pastels should be reserved for the exterior walls of the home especially when a dark color is being used on the trim.
- Consideration should be respectful of the color palette of neighboring homes and the aesthetics of the community.



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Preparing for a hurricane can make a significant

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#### **Emergency Kit**

- Water: At least one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days
- Food: A three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or handcrank radio: With NOAA
   Weather Radio and extra batteries
- Flashlight: And extra batteries
- First aid kit: Including necessary medications
- Whistle: To signal for help
- Dust mask: To help filter contaminated air
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape: To shelter in place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags, and plastic ties: For personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers: To turn off utilities
- Manual can opener: For food
- Local maps: In case of evacuation
- Cell phone with chargers: And backup batteries
- Important documents:

   Insurance policies,
   identification, and bank
   records

#### Personal Items

Prescription medications and glasses

- Infant formula, bottles, diapers, and wipes
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Cash or traveler's checks and change
- Books, games, puzzles, or other activities for children

#### Before a Hurricane

- Know your evacuation routes
- Secure your home: Cover windows, secure outdoor objects, and reinforce doors
- Fill your car with gas and check your vehicle's readiness
- Review your insurance policies
- Take photos or video of your belongings for insurance purposes
- Stay informed with a batterypowered or hand-crank radio

#### During a Hurricane

- Stay indoors and away from windows
- Do not use electrical equipment and appliances
- Listen to weather updates and emergency instructions
- If you are in an evacuation zone, leave immediately when advised

#### After a Hurricane

- Stay tuned to local news for updates and instructions
- Return home only when authorities say it is safe
- Stay away from downed power lines and floodwater
- Document property damage with photos
- Contact your insurance company to file a claim

#### What is a Hurricane? -The

National Weather Service defines a hurricane as "an intense tropical weather system with well-defined circulation and sustained winds of 74 mph (64 knots) or higher." Hurricanes are powerful storms that originate over warm ocean waters and can cause significant damage with their high winds, heavy rains, and storm surges.

Hurricane Watch- A hurricane watch is issued when there is a possibility that a region could experience hurricane conditions within 48 hours. This means that the storm is not yet guaranteed to hit the area, but there is a potential threat. Residents in the watch area should take preliminary precautions, stay informed with updates, and be prepared to take action if the watch is upgraded to a warning.

Hurricane Warning- A hurricane warning is more severe and indicates that sustained winds of at least 74 mph are expected within 36 hours. This means that hurricane conditions are imminent or highly likely. Residents in the warning area should complete all necessary preparations to protect life and property and adhere to any evacuation orders or safety instructions issued by local authorities.

Understanding the differences between a hurricane watch and a hurricane warning is crucial for effective preparation and response to these powerful natural disasters. Always stay informed through reliable weather sources and be prepared to take immediate action when necessary.

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Foxy Ladies meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. Please contact Nancy Shepers

812-613-0846 for more information.

Mimosa Belles meets every second Tuesday of the month. Please contact Gayle Corson at 815-355-4352 for more information.

#### **Clubhouse Kitchen Rules**

#### Function Details / Responsibilities Private Party

Clubhouse must be scheduled – contact SC Chairman Must meet with Kitchen Staff 2-3 days prior to event if kitchen is required

Power strips can be available for Electrical needs if Kitchen access is not needed

Need to make sure to distribute power so no overload occurs

Bring own Paper Goods and Silverware Small Freezer is available if needed Do Not put food in Drains – NO Garbage Disposal Kitchen Refrigerator is not available – Back-room Refrigerator is available

Drain sinks slowly to prevent overflow at floor drain Community Function (Kitchen will be opened by SC Member)

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SC will supply Paper Goods and Silverware Small Freezer is available if needed

Do Not put food in Drains – NO Garbage Disposal Power strips are available for Electrical needs Need to make sure to distribute power so no overload occurs

Kitchen Refrigerator is not available – Back-room Refrigerator is available

Drain sinks slowly to prevent overflow at floor drain Social Committee Member - will open Kitchen door prior to event

If Kitchen door is not open – Please contact a SC Members / Phone# list on Kitchen Door

#### Clean Up:

Tables - All tables in the clubhouse must be left clean and dry, and chairs replaced at the tables. If you have

rearranged tables and chairs, please return tables and chairs to their original layout.

Refrigerator-use refrigerator in the back room to keep food fresh, but not for long term storage. No food or drinks may be left overnight in the refrigerator after the function. Must be empty for the next function.

Kitchen - Counter tops, appliances, pots and pans, sinks and floor must be left thoroughly cleaned before leaving. (Leave all dishes on countertop for SC to put away)

Trash - Empty garbage bins, replace liners, haul garbage away.

Cleaning Supplies – Mop, Broom, misc. cleaners, garbage bags and paper towels (Supply Closet by Billiard Tables)

Linens – Dish Cloths and towels - please bring home, wash and return on counter by TV.

\*\*\*\*\* Pets - No Pets in the Kitchen Area



**Bible Study** group gathers on Monday mornings at 10:30am in the clubhouse. Share your knowledge of the bible with other fellow worshippers.

#### **Memorial Garden**

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#### **FP&L Tips for Seasonal Residents**

#### Top tips for A/C and heating

- Weather is the top driver of high bills, as your A/C or heating system works longer to keep you comfortable. One way to take control of your energy use is to manage your thermostat settings.
- When traveling away from home in summer or during warmer temperatures, cool your home at 82 degrees or higher for additional savings. In winter or during cooler temperatures, set your thermostat to 65 degrees or lower when you're away.
- During summer or warmer weather, every degree you raise your thermostat can save 5% on your monthly cooling costs. It works the same in winter or cooler weather: you can save 5% on monthly heating costs for each degree you lower your thermostat.

#### Mold prevention\*

- For programmable thermostats: Set your A/C to run at 72 degrees for just two hours each morning before sunrise and at 88 degrees the rest of the time.
- For non-programmable thermostats: Set your A/C to run at 80 degrees while you are away. If you live in a condo or apartment, set your A/C at 77 degrees.
- For maximum energy savings: Use portable dehumidifiers instead of air conditioning. Set dehumidifiers at 58 percent by sinks and showers, one for every 1,000 square feet. Be sure to place the dehumidifiers so the water runs into the drain.

#### **Appliances**

- Water heater: Unplug or turn off the circuit breaker to the hot water heater.
- Pool: Set your pool pump to run no more than six hours a day.
- Unplug appliances and electronics. For security reasons, you may want to place timers on indoor lamps.
- Refrigerators: If you prefer to keep your refrigerator on, set it at its warmest setting. If your prefer to keep your refrigerator off, make sure to clean the interior with a solution of 1 tbsp. of baking soda in 1 quart of water, dry thoroughly and leave doors open. Remove all food from the freezer and refrigerator and leave the refrigerator door propped open. If you have an automatic ice maker, switch it to the "off" position.

#### **Hurricane preparedness**

 Make arrangements for hurricane shutters to be installed prior to your departure if you are gone for the duration of hurricane season, which runs from June to November.

#### Other

- Make sure all smoke alarms are working and have fresh batteries.
- Ask someone to check on your property every two weeks while you're away.
- Turn off the main water valve unless you have an automatic fire-sprinkler system. If you do, turn off the water valves to your washing machine, kitchen and bathroom sinks, dishwasher and toilets.



<sup>\*</sup>These tips are intended as guidelines to help you save energy and prevent mold growth, but your results may vary. Because each situation is unique, FPL cannot guarantee any particular result will be achieved by following these tips.

#### **Understanding Red Tide**

Red tide is a phenomenon caused by harmful algal blooms (HABs), which occur when microscopic algae

grow excessively in marine environments. These blooms can produce potent toxins that harm marine life, affect human health, and disrupt local economies. The term "red tide" originates from the discoloration of water caused by these blooms, often appearing reddish-brown.

Red tide has far-reaching consequences that affect the environment, economy, and public health. Although red tides are naturally occurring, it's possible that human activities have exacerbated their frequency and severity.

#### **History of Red Tide**

The history of red tide dates back centuries. Early accounts of fish kills and eater discoloration were recorded by indigenous peoples and explorers. Some of the earliest documented cases in North America date back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century, when Spanish explorers observed massive fish kills along Florida's coast. The worst case was in the 1920's in Key West.

Scientic study of red tide began in earnest in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. In the 1940s, researchers identified Karenia brevis as the primary organism responsible for red tides in the Gulf of Mexico. Since then, advancements in satellite imaging and water monitoring have improved detection and understanding of HABs. However, despite increased research, red tide remains a persistent global issue.

#### **Environmental Impact**

Red tide is particularly devastating to marine ecosystems. The toxins produced by Karenia brevis can cause massive fish kills, leading to disruptions in the food chain. Marine mammals, seabirds, and other aquatic life can also suffer from exposure to these toxins.

#### **Economic Impact**

Coastal communities dependent on fishing and tourism suffer significantly from outbreaks. Contamination of shellfish, making them unsafe for human consumption. Beaches become hazardous and water-based activities are discouraged.

#### **Health Effects**

Red tide poses a significant health risk to humans. The airborne toxins can cause respiratory issues. Direct contact

with contaminated water may lead to skin and eye irritation. Consuming shellfish tainted can result in neurotoxic shellfish poisoning causing gastrointestinal and neurological symptoms.

#### **Scientific Approaches**

Researchers are exploring various methods to control blooms. One approach involves using natural predators and biological agents to limit the growth of algae. Clay flocculation involves dispersing clay particles into the water to bind with algal cells, causing them to sink and be removed from the water column.

#### **Community and Individual Actions**

Though red tide has been a natural occurrence, it is believed that pollution is contributing to outbreaks. Until science has more supporting facts for the theory, individuals can possibly contribute to red tide prevention by adopting environmentally friendly practices. Reducing fertilizer use, properly disposing of waste, and supporting conservation efforts all help to minimize nutrient pollution.



#### **Lee County Fertilizer Ordinance**

The Lee County fertilizer ordinance prohibits the use of fertilizers containing nitrogen or phosphorus from June 1 to September 30 each year.<sup>4</sup>

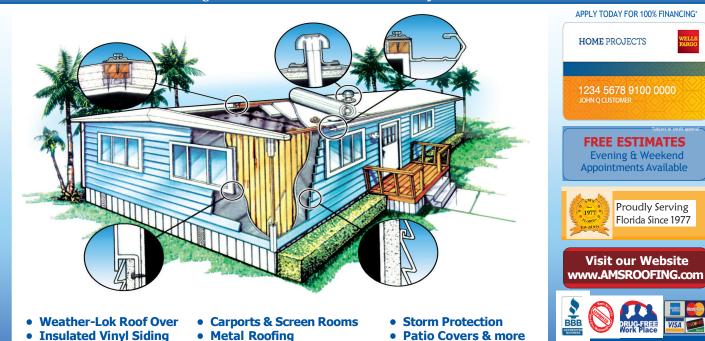
- **Effective Dates**: The ordinance is in effect from June 1 to September 30 each year.
- Prohibited Fertilizers: Fertilizers containing nitrogen or phosphorus are prohibited during the rainy season.
- Exceptions: Phosphorus fertilizer is prohibited any time of year unless a soil test in the past two years identifies a phosphorus deficiency.
- Additional Restrictions: Fertilizer cannot be used within 15 feet of any body of water, and no fertilizer is allowed if a flood watch/warning, a tropical storm watch/warning, or a hurricane watch/warning is in effect.
- Public Awareness: Lee County conducts surveys to gauge public awareness of the ordinance and its importance



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#### **Zoom Etiquette**

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Zoom meetings are now a staple in our day-to-day lives and show no signs of going away. Reliable, easy-to-use video platforms like Zoom have helped to restore the ability to hold meetings during difficult times. The challenges and benefits of Zoom meetings can be much different than in-person meetings. The advantage of virtual meetings is the ability to hold them almost anywhere and have more people participate from anywhere, but there are dos and don'ts associated with participating in a Zoom meeting.

#### ✓ Zoom "Best Practices"

- ✓ You should try to attend the meeting from a quiet area that has a neutral background.
- ✓ Eliminate distraction noises (dog barking, dishwasher, voices in the background, TV, etc.) and movement going on around you.
- ✓ Wear proper attire-not your pajamas or go shirtless.
- Avoid distracting behaviors-ironing, eating, moving around, etc.

✓ Don't do private things-brush or floss your teeth, shave, etc.

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## Embracing Text Messaging on Your Mobile Device: A Guide for Seniors on iOS and Android

Text messaging has become an essential part of communication, enabling quick and convenient connections with loved ones. Whether you're using an iOS or Android device, learning how to read, send text messages, and share photos can enhance your ability to communicate effectively. In this article, we will guide seniors through the process of using text messaging on both iOS and Android devices, ensuring a seamless and enjoyable communication experience.

Using Text Messaging on iOS Devices (iPhone/iPad):

- 1. Reading and Sending Text Messages:
- Reading Text Messages:
- Locate the "Messages" app on your home screen. It features a green speech bubble icon with white lines.
- Tap on the conversation with the contact you want to read messages from.
- The most recent message will appear at the bottom.
   Scroll up to view older messages.
- To reply, tap the text input field at the bottom of the screen and type your response. Tap the send button (represented by a blue arrow) to send the message.
- Sending Text Messages:
- Open the "Messages" app and tap the new message icon, typically a square with a pencil in the top-right corner.
- Enter the recipient's phone number or select a contact from your phone's address book.
- Tap the text input field and type your message. Once ready, tap the send button to send the message.
- 2. Sending Photos in Text Messages:
- Attaching Photos:
- Open the "Messages" app and start a new message as described above.
- Tap the camera icon located beside the text input field to access the photo options.
- Choose to either take a new photo or select an existing photo from your device's gallery.
- Once you've selected the desired photo, tap "Choose" or "Send" to attach it to your message.

Using Text Messaging on Android Devices:

- 1. Reading and Sending Text Messages:
- Reading Text Messages:

- Locate the "Messages" app on your home screen or app drawer. It typically features a green speech bubble icon with white lines or may vary depending on your device's manufacturer.
- Tap on the conversation with the contact you want to read messages from.
- The most recent message will appear at the bottom.
   Scroll up to view older messages.
- To reply, tap the text input field at the bottom of the screen and type your response. Tap the send button (often represented by a paper plane or arrow) to send the message.
- Sending Text Messages:
- Open the "Messages" app and tap the new message icon, usually represented by a square with a pencil or a floating action button (FAB) with a message icon.
- Enter the recipient's phone number or select a contact from your phone's address book.
- Tap the text input field and type your message. Once ready, tap the send button to send the message.
- 2. Sending Photos in Text Messages:
- Attaching Photos:
- Open the "Messages" app and start a new message as described above.
- Look for an attachment icon, usually represented by a paperclip or a camera icon, located near the text input field.
- Tap the attachment icon and choose to either take a new photo using the camera or select an existing photo from your device's gallery.
- Once you've selected the desired photo, tap "Send" or an equivalent option to attach it to your message.





ATD - At The Doctors

BFF - Best Friend Fell

BTW - Bring The Wheelchair

BYOT - Bring Your Own Teeth

FWIW - Forgot Where I Was

GHA - Got Heartburn Again

IMHO - Is My Hearing-aid On

LMDO - Laughing My Dentures Out

TTYL - Talk To You Louder

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## Safe and Convenient: A Guide for Seniors on Using Uber and Rideshare Services

Uber and other rideshare services have revolutionized the way we travel, offering a convenient and reliable transportation option for people of all ages. For seniors, these services provide an accessible and flexible way to get around town without the need for driving or relying on public transportation. In this article, we share essential tips and guidelines for seniors to use Uber and rideshare services safely and confidently.

#### 1. Setting Up Your Account:

- Download the App: Start by downloading the Uber or preferred rideshare service's mobile application onto your smartphone. Follow the instructions to create an account, which typically requires entering your name, email address, phone number, and payment method.
- Familiarize Yourself with the App: Take some time to explore the app's features and interface. Learn how to request a ride, view estimated arrival times, and communicate with the driver.

#### 2. Before Requesting a Ride:

- Verify Driver and Vehicle Information: When you request a ride, the app will provide you with details about the driver and their vehicle, including the driver's name, photo, license plate number, and vehicle make and model. Always verify these details before getting into the vehicle.
- Check Driver Ratings and Reviews: Uber and other rideshare services allow passengers to rate drivers and provide reviews based on their experiences. Take a moment to review driver ratings and read feedback from other riders to gain additional peace of mind.

#### 3. During the Ride:

- Confirm the Driver's Identity: Before getting into the vehicle, confirm the driver's identity by asking them to confirm your name. This simple step helps ensure you're getting into the correct car with the right driver.
- Share Trip Details: Use the app's "Share Trip" feature to send the ride details, including the driver's name, vehicle information, and real-time GPS tracking, to a family member or friend. They can monitor your journey for added safety.
- Trust Your Instincts: If at any point during the ride you feel uncomfortable or unsafe, trust your instincts. Politely ask the

driver to stop at a well-lit and populated area and consider ending the trip. If necessary, contact emergency services.

- 4. General Safety Considerations:
- Travel with a Companion: When possible, consider traveling with a friend or family member. Having a companion can provide an extra layer of security and make the journey more enjoyable.
- Stay Aware of Your Surroundings: While in the vehicle, be mindful of your surroundings and stay alert. Avoid distractions, such as excessive phone use, and keep your belongings secure.
- Keep Emergency Contacts Handy: Store important contact numbers, including emergency services, in your phone's address book for quick access.
- Stay Up-to-Date with App Updates: Regularly update your
   Uber or rideshare app to ensure you have the latest security
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#### Daily

Wear sunglasses or a wide-brimmed hat outdoors. It's estimated that at least 15 million people worldwide are blind from cataracts; approximately 10 percent of them may be due to UV exposure. Sunlight can also exacerbate AMD and even put you at risk for skin cancer in the eye.

**Get Moving**. Getting your heart pumping and more oxygen and blood flowing to your eyes can reduce your risk of glaucoma by up to 73 percent.

**Eat Your Veggies**. Eating at least 2.7 servings a week of leafy green vegetables slowed the progression of age-related macular degeneration.

**Prioritize sleep**. Even one night of poor sleep can cause reduced tear production that could exacerbate dry eyes. **Control your blood sugar.** Diabetes can lead to vision issues, but with monitoring, they can be treated and sometimes even reversed.

#### Yearly

**Get a comprehensive eye exam**. That means having your eyes dilated and examined. This exam should be done at least every one or two years.

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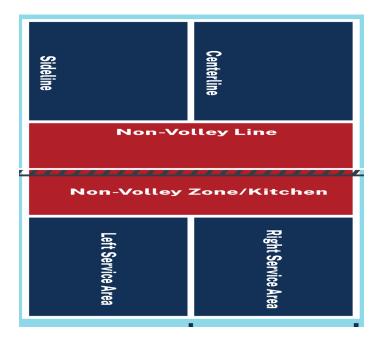
to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all attendees, creating a lively and pedestrian-friendly atmosphere. On the first Friday of each month, the Art Walk unfolds, showcasing the creative talents of local artists who present their unique and captivating works across a variety of mediums. This event transforms the streets into a bustling gallery, where art lovers can explore and purchase beautiful pieces directly from the creators.

Not to be outdone, the third Friday of each month brings the Music Walk to life. For one night, the air fills with melodies as musicians of all levels and styles perform, turning the streets into an open-air concert venue. This musical extravaganza draws crowds who revel in the diverse performances, making it a night to remember for attendees of all ages. Both events are free, ensuring that everyone can partake in the cultural richness of Ft. Myers. For more detailed information and updates, one can visit **myriverdistrict.com** 

## Standards Guidelines for Orange Harbor Co-op Mobile Home and RV Park

Invasive trees, coconut trees and citrus trees <u>are not allowed</u> to be planted in the park. The Office has a list of both invasive and approved trees upon request.

- Tree should not interfere with power lines, water & sewer lines, cable or phone lines. Call 811 3 to 5 days prior to digging to have utilities marked. No plants or trees can be planted or removed unless written permission is received from Management.
- A drawing showing the location, the name (type) of tree and the expected size at maturity should accompany this modification request form.
- Consideration should be given to neighbors: sight line, tree debris and shedding and the 5' lot line set back.



**Pickleball Court Size-**A pickleball court is the same size as a doubles badminton court and measures 20×44 feet. In pickleball, the same court is used for both singles and doubles play. The net height is 36 inches at the sidelines and 34 inches in the middle. The court is striped similar to a tennis court with right and left service courts and a 7-foot non-volley zone in front of the net (referred to as the "kitchen").

#### **Basic Rules Overview**

- Pickleball is played either as doubles (two players per team) or singles; doubles is most common
- The same size playing area and rules are used for both singles and doubles

#### **The Serve**

- The server's arm must be moving in an upward arc when the ball is struck.
- Paddle contact with the ball must not be made above the waist level.
- The head of the paddle must not be above the highest part of the wrist at contact.
- A 'drop serve' is also permitted in which case none of the elements above apply.
- At the time the ball is struck, the server's feet may not touch the court or outside the imaginary extension of the sideline or centerline and at least one foot must be behind the baseline on the playing surface or the ground behind the baseline.
- The serve is made diagonally crosscourt and must land within the confines of the opposite diagonal court.
- Only one serve attempt is allowed per server.

#### Service Sequence

- Both players on the serving doubles team have the opportunity to serve and score points until they commit a fault \*(except for the first service sequence of each new game).
- The first serve of each side-out is made from the right-hand court.
- If a point is scored, the server switches sides and the server initiates the next serve from the lefthand court.
- As subsequent points are scored, the server continues switching back and forth until a fault is committed and the first server loses the serve.
- When the first server loses the serve the partner then serves from their correct side of the court (except for the first service sequence of the game\*).
- The second server continues serving until his team commits a fault and loses the serve to the opposing team.
- Once the service goes to the opposition (at side out), the first serve is from the right-hand court and both players on that team have the opportunity to serve and score points until their team commits two faults.
- In singles the server serves from the right-hand court when his or her score is even and from the left when the score is odd.

\*At the beginning of each new game only one partner on the serving team has the opportunity to serve before faulting, after which the service passes to the receiving team.

#### Scoring

#### **Traditional Side-Out Scoring**

- Points are scored only by the serving team.
- Games are normally played to 11 points, win by 2.
- Tournament games may be to 15 or 21, win by 2.
- When the serving team's score is even (0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10) the player who was the first server in the game for that team will be in the right-side court when serving or receiving; when odd (1, 3, 5, 7, 9) that player will be in the left-side court when serving or receiving.

#### **Rally Scoring**

 A point is scored after every rally, regardless of which team is serving. This method rewards success after each point.

The next issue of the "island News" will begin with the two bounce rule and continue the rules of pickleball.

#### Games, Games, Games...

#### MAHJONG Join us every Wednesday at 11am.

Mahjong is a tile-based game that was developed in the 19<sup>th</sup> century in China. It is played with four players. It is a game of skill, strategy, and luck. Contact Kay Evans at 303-859-5566 for any help.

Hand/Knee/Foot is every Sunday and Wednesday at 5:30pm. Hand/Knee/Foot is a card game similar to Canasta for four players.

**Texas Hold-Em** is held every Friday at 1pm. Two cards are dealt face down to each player, then five community cards are dealt face up. The goal is to get the best poker hand.

**Dingo** is every other Tuesday at 6:30. Please consult your calendar for actual dates.

#### Happiness is yelling, "BINGO"!

Play is every other Tuesday, please consult your calendar!

Bingo caller & Validator Volunteers Needed!

If you are interested in being the caller or validator signups will be in the clubhouse.

Caller: Will use the OH computer that will auto select the numbers and then announce the number through the sound system. New callers will be instructed on how to use the Bingo Software.

Validator: Will call back the numbers of a potential Bingo, collect and dispose of the used bingo sheets.

#### **BINGO RULES**

- DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 P.M.
- NO CARDS CAN BE PURCHASED AFTER 6:15 P.M.
- CALLING STARTS PROMPTLY AT 6:30 P.M.
- NO ONE UNDER 18 IS ALLOWED TO PLAY
- NO ONE BUT PLAYERS WHO PURCHASED A BINGO PACK ALLOWED I.E. NO WATCHERS
- YOU MUST CALL "BINGO" ON THE LAST NUMBER CALLED
- YOU MUST YELL "BINGO" LOUD ENOUGH FOR THE CALLER TO HEAR YOU.
- IF MORE THAN ONE PLAYER BINGO'S ON THE LAST NUMBER CALLED, THE POT WILL BE SPLIT AMONG THOSE WITH VALID BINGO'S



#### Pickleball, it's the real

**dill!** Play starts on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 10 a.m.

We have a new app called "Team Reach" which enables us to invite people to play, notifies of cancellations, or need additional players. You can provide your phone number and be invited. See Midge Hennig for any details. Bring sneakers and water for hydration and enjoy our brand new courts!



Join us every Thursday evening for a funfilled card night extravaganza at the clubhouse! Whether you're a seasoned

card player or looking to learn a new game, there's something for everyone. The excitement begins at 6 p.m. with a variety of games to choose from, including Euchre, Dominoes/Mexican Train.

#### **Pickleball Rules**

The use of the court is for Orange Harbor residents and their guests only. Any player under 14 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

Use of the courts is at the players' own risk. Do not use during hazardous weather or environmental conditions.

Proper footwear required. Tennis/court shoes with non-marking soles must be worn.

No alcohol, vaping, or tobacco use allowed in courts. Rotational play is expected when players are waiting. The losing team should submit to allow waiting team play time. Each winning player should only play two consecutive games.

Glass containers are not allowed. Please dispose of trash properly. Trash, debris, refuse is not to be left on courts.

No pets are allowed on courts.

No bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, etc. are allowed on courts.

Damaged or unsafe court conditions must be reported. Orange Harbor Office-239-694-3707 Court illumination is available.

A twist-on timer is located at the court entrance. Please enjoy yourself and be respectful of others!

Have a great game!



## Golf Carts vs Bicycles and Pedestrians



Hey there, road warriors! Just a friendly reminder that golf carts and bikes need to follow the same "rules of the road" as our four-wheeled friends. Golf carts should stick to their side of the street, hit the brakes at all corners, and enter intersections only after giving a good look both ways. We've had way too many "near misses" with cars, bicycles, and pedestrians playing a game of "who goes first?" Let's keep it safe and sound by sticking to the 15 mph speed limit and stopping at all STOP signs.

And for our fabulous pedestrians, don't forget to bring a flashlight on your evening strolls. Let's light up the night and keep everyone safe!



## Some things you may need to know about...

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### **BroadStar**

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#### **Facebook Fun**

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information of the activities, meetings, events, etc. going on in our community. While the **Friends** page is not affiliated with the office it does have rules of conduct that are strictly adhered to.

#### "ARC" Architectural Review Committee

Applications are required for **ANY** changes affecting the exterior of the residence, including Air Conditioning Units, check the "other" box. Applications must be submitted 30 days prior to the start of the work. Work cannot commence without ARC approval. All work shall commence within 90 days of approval. Any changes or modifications must be submitted to the Arc committee for review and consideration. Homeowners must comply with all local and state building codes and obtain permits as required. When using a contractor, the homeowner must obtain the business license, Certificate of Insurance (COI) showing coverage for Liability and Workman's Compensation (Certificate Holder must show Orange Harbor Co-Op Inc. on the COI) Any unapproved or non-complying improvements may be subject to enforcement procedures, including but not limited to the demand of removal, imposition of fines, and/or legal injunctions at the homeowner's expense. You can find the form on the website at orangeharbormhc.com under the "Documents" tab or at the office.



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#### **Permanent RV Resident Shed**

Shed installation in the RV section is allowed for permanent RV residents. A shed plan must be submitted prior to installation. All sheds require a Lee County permit.

- Shed must be professionally installed by a licensed and insured Florida certified shed installation company.
- Maximum dimensions: 10' x 12'. Maximum height:
   7' The shed must fit the size of the lot.
- Shed must be installed on a 4" to 6" depth level slab of concrete and bolted to the concrete or attached using hurricane straps (earth anchors).
- Shed may also be installed on leveled gravel 4" to 6" surface. Hurricane straps (earth anchors) must be used.
- Shed must have a window (minimum size 12" x 12").
- Shed must have a door.
- NO plastic sheds or storage containers.
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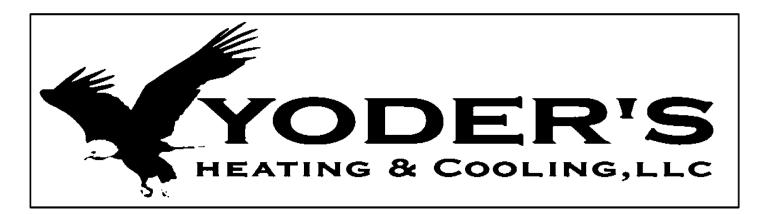
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- 2 Tablespoons butter
- 9" deep dish raw pie crust

Mix all of the above in large bowl with hands and pour into pie shell, dot with the butter.

#### **Crumb Topping:**

1 Cup Flour

1/3 Cup White Sugar

1 teaspoon Cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon Salt

1/2 cup softened butter

In bowl combine Flour, Sugar, Cinnamon and Salt. Cut in butter with pastry blender until mixture resembles coarse crumbs

Pat crumb topping all over pie.

Cover edges of pie crust with pie edge cover or foil to prevent excessive browning. Last 15 minutes remove foil or cover.

Bake at 425' for 40 to 50 minutes or until nicely browned crust

\*\*Does bubble over! May want to put parchment paper under entire pie\*\*

If you have a favorite recipe you would like to feature, please email to ohnewsletter@aol.com

#### **Co-Op Board of Directors Meetings**

The Orange Harbor Board of Directors meet every fourth Friday of the month at 9:00 am in the clubhouse and via Zoom. Shareholders will be notified of the meeting via email. All shareholders are welcome to attend. **No meetings in June or July.** 

#### **Town Hall Meetings**

Town Hall meetings are held every Wednesday after the Board of Director meetings from the previous Friday. All residents of Orange Harbor are invited to attend. Whether you lease the land or are a shareholder all are encouraged to

attend. Meetings are held at 10 am in the clubhouse. **No** meetings in June or July.

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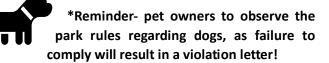
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#### **Pet Policies and Procedures**



- Pick up and dispose of dog waste in YOUR trash or in the dog waste receptacles at the dog park.
- Always keep your dog on a leash and walk them on the road. 8' lead is the maximum allowed.
- Do not allow your dog to walk, defecate, or urinate in other residents' yards or RV sites.
- Dogs must always be accompanied by an owner, when outside a residence or RV.
- You must keep your dog under control, especially around other dogs and pedestrians.
- Under the noise ordinance, excessive barking is considered a nuisance to other residents, inside or outside a residence.
- ➤ ALL PETS must be registered in the office. 8. Please keep cats on leash and do not let them out of your home unsupervised.

Don't forget to send in your dog and/or cat vaccinations to the office.

Concerns/Complaints About Animals For all concerns/complaints about animals in or around the park please call: Lee County Domestic Animal Services at 239-533-7387



#### **Wake Zones**

The Orange River is an "Idle" zone river all season long. "Idle Speed, No Wake" Zone: A designated area where vessels must be operated at a speed no greater than that which is necessary to maintain steerage and headway. The vessel should not produce a wake at this speed.

The Caloosahatchee River has a "slow wake" from November 15 to March 31. Slow-No Wake means operating a boat at the slowest speed necessary to maintain steerage and reduces or eliminates waves that appear as white water behind the boat in the same location frequently.

Resume normal operating speed from April 1-November 14.

#### **Residents for Hire and Services**

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Brett Kesler at 226 Temple. I am available to power wash your home, driveway, etc. and any odd jobs you may need done. Please call me at 660-414-7407.

Heather Elliot & Tim Carr at 157 Sun Circle are available to pressure wash, house clean, boat cleaning, landscaping, weeding, house check-ups, drive to appointments, grocery shopping, meal plan/preparation, organizing and light carpentry. You can reach Heather at 269-568-1501 and Tim at 269-986-6371.



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#### **Wet Weather Driving**

As summertime downpours seemingly become a daily occurrence, particularly during the

afternoon/evening commute hours, AAA is issuing some important safety reminders for Florida drivers. While strong downpours can limit visibility, the wet pavement can act as a slip and slide for your car, pay close attention to afternoon weather reports and adjust your driving time so you're not on the road when it rains. If you can't adjust your drive time, be sure to adjust your driving habits while driving during or after the storm.

## Ways to Avoid Common Mistakes when Driving in the Rain

- Turn your headlights on so you can see and be seen by other drivers.
- Slow down. New tires can still lose some contact with the roadway, even at speeds as low as 35 mph.
- Increase your following distance. Wet roads require more time to slow down and stop.
- Do not use cruise control. The chance of losing control of the vehicle increases when used on wet roads.
- Avoid hydroplaning by driving in the tracks of the vehicle in front of you and letting off the accelerator when approaching puddles.
   Also avoid hard braking or sharp turns.
- Never drive through standing water. It may be deeper than you think and concealing potholes, downed power lines, or other hazards that could damage your vehicle.

#### When Visibility is Low

- Do not drive with your hazard lights
   on. Hazard lights are meant to signify that
   your vehicle is disabled. Using them while
   driving could confuse other motorists.
- Get off the road. When driving on city streets, pull into a safe place like a gas station or grocery store parking lot to wait out the storm.
- Take the nearest exit. When driving on the interstate, don't just stop on the shoulder or under a bridge. If your visibility is compromised, other drivers may be struggling too.

If Your Vehicle Stalls in Rising Waters

- Do not attempt to restart the vehicle. This could cause further damage to the engine and components.
- **Escape the vehicle immediately** and move to higher ground or a safe location.

## If Rising Water Surrounds your Vehicle While Unattended

- Do not attempt to restart the vehicle.
- Do not open the door until the water level is beneath the door jam.
- If water entered the vehicle interior, use a wet vac to remove it.

AAA encourages people who live in a flood-prone area to be proactive. Before severe weather strikes, consider parking your vehicle in a parking garage or at a friend's house until the weather passes.

#### If your Vehicle is Damaged by Flood Water

- Take photos and document any damage.
- Contact your insurance provider.
- Call AAA or a towing provider to take your vehicle to a qualified mechanic.
- Get the vehicle fully inspected to ensure it's safe before driving.

## Insurance Coverage for Storm-Damaged Vehicles Physical damage to a car - caused by heavy wind, flooding, or fallen tree limbs - is covered under the optional comprehensive portion of an auto policy.

#### **Vehicle Maintenance Tips**

Knowing how to drive in severe weather is equally as important as ensuring your vehicle can perform in adverse conditions. AAA encourages drivers to see if the following items are in proper working order:

#### **Windshield Wipers**

Replace windshield wipers that leave streaks or don't clear the glass in a single swipe. Do not forget the wiper on your rear window if you have one. The life of a rubber insert is typically six to twelve months.

#### Lights

Make sure all headlights, taillights, brake lights and turn signals are properly functioning to be sure other drivers will see you during downpours.

#### **Tires**

Tire tread and inflation levels are imperative to maintaining good traction on the road. Check the tire pressures (including the spare) at least once a month when the tires are cold. Always follow the inflation pressure recommendations in your owner's manual, or those on the driver's door jamb.

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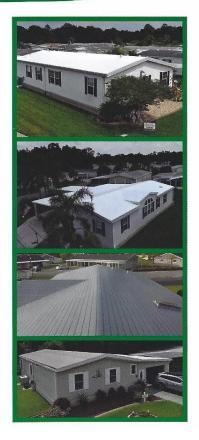




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Exercise DVD	April 1-October	October 15-
	14	March
Catch of the Season	April 15-	November-April
	October	14
Water Aerobics	Year Round	Year Round
Pool/Billiards	May-October	November-April
Hobbie & Crafts	April-October	November-
		March
Line Dancing	April-	January-March
	December	
Horseshoes	April-	January-March
	December	,
Pickle Ball	May-October	November-April
Bocce Ball	April-	January-March
	December	
Shuffleboard	May-October	November-April
Ladies Golf	May-December	January-April
Bible Reading	July-October	November-June
Mahjong	Year Round	Year Round
Art Club	May-October	November-April
Corn Hole	May-October	November-April
Hand, Knee, Foot	Year Round	Year Round
Mexican	Year Round	Year Round
Train/Dominoes		
Euchre	Year Round	Year Round
Pinochle	May-October	November-April
Cribbage	April-	January-March
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- Hover over box that reads: Shareholders: Keep informed! Log in to view co-op information. Click here and click.
- Type in your email address.
- Hover over FORGOT PASSWORD and SUBMIT.
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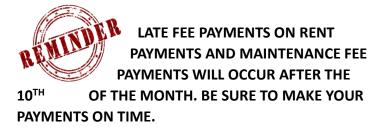


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- 1. Make the outside mower friendly, and spray weeds before leaving.
- 2. Have a local summer caregiver and give the name/number of the person to the office.
- 3. Spray for ants before leaving.
- 4. Put away ALL outside lawn furniture, hoses, barbeque grills, statues, fountains, etc.
- 5. Unplug all electrical appliances and computers.
- 6. Make sure RV sheds are hurricane tied down and security locked.
- 7. Discard all perishable food items.
- 8. Make sure all smoke alarms are working and have fresh batteries.
- 9. Turn the refrigerator and freezer off. Prop doors open.
- 10. Put plastic wrap over the toilet and tank to prevent water from evaporating.
- 11. If you leave the air on, set the thermostat at 80-90 degrees (set it to cool and auto).
- 12. Put fresh batteries in thermostats.
- 13. If you have a humidistat, set to 65.
- 14. Clean or replace your air conditioner filter.
- 15. Turn water OFF.
- 16. Turn off hot water heaters.
- 17. Close and lock windows and doors before you leave.
- 18. Forward your mail and put a note in your mailbox.
- 19. Make sure the office has your correct address, phone number, email, and a set of keys.
- 20. Put phone and cable "on vacation."
- 21. Return all books, puzzles, videos, and DVDs to the Community Library.
- 22. Call the Electric Company and give them your summer address.
- 23. Put all awnings down and secure.





#### **Orange Harbor Boat Club**

If you own a boat or just like being on the water and want to enjoy all our activities!

The object of this club is to promote, protect and encourage the sport of boating. To encourage the members to become familiar with, to adhere to the Rules of the Road and laws of navigation and seamanship, and to promote and encourage sociability and friendships among its members.

As a member we have monthly group boat trips to local restaurants, an OH Christmas Boat Parade and a Commodores Ball amongst other fun activities! Ideas and leaders are always welcome. Our meetings are on the first Saturday of the month. Please contact Jim -Robinson at 815-353-7280.

Boat club meetings begin in November and run through April. Boat outings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of those months. For more information:

Boat Club- Jim Robinson – Commodore 815-353-7280 <u>litehouse@pga.com</u>

## First Mates

The objective of our organization is to encourage the sport of boating: To encourage members to become familiar with and adhere to the rules and laws of navigation and seamanship and to promote and encourage sociability and friendship amongst its members (husband or significant other does not have to be a member of the Boat Club). Dues are \$10 annually. Our meetings are on the first Saturday of each month and start immediately after breakfast social hour.

Applications are in the clubhouse in the Boat Club/First Mates area on the bulletin board. We welcome you!

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If you have something on your mind that needs to be addressed, you have four alternatives to make your voice heard besides contacting the office:

- 1. Drop your suggestion in the Suggestion Box located in the clubhouse near the front door. Be sure to include your name and phone number; submissions without these details will be considered void.
- 2. Fill out a Work Order located in the office for our maintenance staff.
- 3. Participate in the Town Hall Meetings, where you can discuss and share your concerns directly.
- 4. Complete a Request for Action Form and drop it off at the office. Remember, forms must be signed to be processed.

By using these methods, you can ensure that your concerns are heard and addressed promptly.



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#### **Orange Harbor Resident Information 2024**

The Orange Harbor Board of Directors would like to update and verify resident information to have a complete and accurate resident file.

Please complete this document as accurately as possible. We plan to continuously update your files electronically and would appreciate your help in keeping Orange Harbor records as complete and accurate as possible.

Full Name: Resident 1)				
Resident 2) _				
Current Orange Harbor A	ddress:			
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	Resident 2)			
Current Phone Numbers:	Resident 1) C	н		
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I agree to receive notices address.	and current park informa	tion regarding Orange Harb	or Mobile Home & RV Park usinį	g the above designated e-mail
Signature 1	Signatur	e 2	Date	
I would like to be added to	o the Orange Harbor Mob	oile Home and RV Park Direc	ctory. Yes No	
Signature 1	Signatur	e 2	Date	

This information shared with Orange Harbor Mobile Home & RV Park is considered confidential and is for the Orange Harbor CoOp & office use only.

#### "May every sunrise hold more promise and every sunset hold more peace."

Please submit your photos to me through email at <u>ohnewsletter@aol.com</u> or text to 570-237-5409. I know there are a lot of great photographers here, so let's share your talent with everyone!

Photo by Lisa Wylie



Photo by Cheryl LeRiche



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8	9	10 11:30am Mimosa Belles 6:30 Bingo	11	12 11:30am Foxy Ladies	13	14
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22	23	24 6:30pm Bingo	25	26	27	28 9am Coffee & Donuts
29	30					

#### Weekly Activities-Dates & Activities subject to change

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