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Holidays  
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**December 2025**

## *"Island News"*

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*Deck the palms with bows and holly.*



### Letter from the Editor

Greetings to all Orange Harbor residents! I'm Jennifer Krogulski, your newsletter editor, and you'll find me at 78 Sun Circle. If there's anything you'd like featured in our newsletter, don't hesitate to contact me at [ohnewsletter@aol.com](mailto:ohnewsletter@aol.com). Your

suggestions, stories, and community spotlights are what make our publication truly capture the spirit of Orange Harbor.

*Thought for the Day...  
May your home be filled with coastal  
cheer, warm breezes, and the joy of  
family, friends, and community this  
holiday season!*



**Get into the Holiday  
Spirit in Ft. Myers!**

**50th Annual Holiday Nights "Golden Jubilee" at the  
Edison & Ford Estates**

**November 28-January 4, 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Come see Southwest Florida's 50th Annual Holiday celebration! Thousands of lights, hundreds of historic decorations, and one unique holiday experience await you nightly! Plan your trip, find a fabulous place to stay and get ready to enjoy all the magic of the season. The 50th year of Holiday Nights' theme is "Golden Jubilee" inspired by the historic "Light's Golden Jubilee" that was a celebration of the 50th anniversary of Thomas Edison's incandescent light bulb! Opening night is November 28th with a Tree Lighting Ceremony and the American Sirens performing at 6 p.m.!

- Nightly guided Holiday Tradition Tours at 6 and 7 p.m. (except opening night)
- Inside the Homes Holiday Tours on 12/3, 12/10 and 12/17 (additional cost, purchase online)
- Children's Holiday Tree Trail with handmade ornaments created by students from local schools
- Shop in the Museum Store and Garden Shoppe for unique holiday gifts
- Refreshments available for purchase on select nights
- Santa on Sunday nights, 6-8 p.m. (until Christmas)

- Family Science Nights on Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m.

- Carolers and music on select nights

ADMISSION:

Adults: \$23

Teens: (13-19) \$13

Children: (6-12) \$3

Members FREE

GUIDED TOURS:

Adults: \$35

Teens: (13-19) \$28

Children: (6-12) \$20

Members: \$15

Children 5 and younger admitted FREE!

Closed Christmas Eve & Christmas Night

See the nightly calendar on [EdisonFord.org](http://EdisonFord.org)!

2350 McGregor Blvd. Ft. Myers, FL 33901

### **OH GOLF CART PARADE**



**Decorate your carts for our annual Orange Harbor Golf Cart Christmas Parade. Join us on Monday Dec 22 at clubhouse parking lot at 5:45 pm and parade will start at 6:00pm.**

### **New Year's Eve Party 12/31**

- Starts at 6:00pm – **ALL ARE WELCOME & ENTRY IS FREE**
  - No Reserving Tables until 5:45pm
- Bring appetizer type food to share
- Split the Pot – bring extra moolah
- DJ-Doug 8:00pm - 12:00am
- Countdown at 10:00pm for "Early Birds"
- Countdown at 12:00am for "Night Owls"



## Let's Get Social...

Christmas is just around the corner, where did the time go? We are ready for a full fun season 25-26 with all kinds of activities and events. Make sure you check your calendars, so you don't miss any of the activities that interest you.

Halloween was lots of fun with amazing costumes, great golf carts decorations and great prizes at Bingo.

Janell is hosting Christmas dinner potluck dinner at 2:00pm in the clubhouse. Please sign up in the clubhouse if you are joining the festivities and select if you are bringing a dish to share.

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.**

Thank you,

Denise Miller, OH Social Chair,

603-493-1719 dmillerh@comcast.net



### The OH First Mates Giving Tree

This holiday season, the OH First Mates Club invites you to share the spirit of giving through our annual Giving Tree program. This year, we are providing gifts for 53 children (and a few families) from Tice Elementary School.

Each ornament on the tree represents a local child or family in need. Each child will have 2 ornaments on the tree, one for clothing/personal items and one for a toy.



To participate, simply select an ornament, purchase the requested gift, and return it (along with the ornament to identify the recipient) unwrapped (or wrapped if you prefer) to the clubhouse by **Tuesday, December 9th**.

## A few things to know



The Giving Tree will be up in the Clubhouse by 11/15/25 – watch for it!



You do not need to take both ornaments for the same child.



The spending limit is \$25 per gift per child



In lieu of purchasing gifts, feel free to make a \$\$ contribution to the First

Mates Club and we will shop for you. Contact one of us below to contribute.



There will be a collection box set up in the Clubhouse to gather the gifts

*(In the past, we've had some problems with gifts disappearing but are hoping our new camera installations help to prevent that)*



First Mates will host a **wrapping party on Wednesday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>** to prepare the gifts for delivery!

Your generosity will help brighten the holidays for a lot of children and continue to strengthen the sense of community that makes OH so special. Together, we can make this season a little warmer and more joyful for everyone. We hope you will join us for this wonderful opportunity to brighten a child's Christmas morning.

For more information or to donate, please contact us:

Gayle Argenzio at 574-206-5131,

Jeannie Jeffery at 317-716-9778, or

Sharon McGuire-Will at 219-898-3465



### White Elephant Gift Exchange

Date: Thursday, 12/12/2025

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Join us for a festive evening of fun and surprises! Bring a gift—something gently used, handmade, or simply an item you'd love to part with. Get creative and let your imagination shine!

If you're interested, many attendees dressed in Christmas attire last year and it added to the fun. Feel free to wear your favorite holiday clothes! Snacks to share are optional but always appreciated.

We hope to see you there for laughter, holiday cheer, and neighborly connections!



# 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](http://Orangeharbormhc.com), click on the documents tab, click on community rules, and click on the pdf file.**

Approved by the Board of Directors on May 27, 2022

The purpose of these Rules and Regulations is to promote the comfort, welfare and safety of the residents of **ORANGE HARBOR MOBILE HOME AND RV RESORT** and to improve and maintain the appearance and reputation of the Corporation.

These Rules and Regulations have been established by the Board of Directors of ORANGE HARBOR CO-OP, INC. (hereinafter called the "Co-op"), the owner of the community, and may be changed by them from time to time to achieve this and other purposes. Notice of changes in these Rules and Regulations shall be given to the residents at least 90 days prior to the date of the implementation of the changes.

## II. RESIDENCY, TENANCY, AND RENTING

1. It is the intent of the Co-op that the community be operated as a retirement community for older persons. At least one resident per Unit must be at least fifty-five (55) years of age, unless they were already in residences prior to formation of the Co-op. With respect to all new residents, at least one resident of each unit must be fifty-five (55) years of age or older. Persons under forty (40) years of age are not allowed to reside in the community. In the event the oldest occupant of a manufactured home dies or vacates the manufactured home, the remaining occupant may continue as a resident of the community and an occupant of the manufactured homes so long as at least eighty percent (80%) of the occupied homes in the community, including that remaining resident, are occupied by at least one person fifty-five (55) years of age or older. Caregivers as defined by the Federal Fair Housing Law and employees of the community who live on the property are exempt from the senior only exemption. Residents who require a caregiver must have written confirmation from a physician, and this documentation must be on file at the management office.

2. All new residents must go through the application and screening process and be approved by management to be a resident of the community. If the manufactured home is sold to a tenant who is not approved by management, then management reserves the right to terminate the tenancy pursuant to Chapter 723, Florida Statutes.

3. All caregivers and renters residing in the community must first go through the application and screening process and be approved by management.

4. The Co-op shall limit the number of manufactured homes a resident can own to two (2). Any resident who owns more than two (2) manufactured homes at the execution of these Rules and Regulations shall be permitted to retain ownership of those manufactured homes. Management reserves the right to conduct a credit check for each additional manufactured home purchased by a Resident. The Co-op reserves the right to refuse the sale of additional manufactured homes to current resident based on the criteria established to determine the credit history of Resident.

5. The Co-op reserves the right to refuse admittance to any prospective resident or renter based on the criteria established to determine the credit history and criminal background of prospective resident.

6. The Co-op reserves the right to require an application fee not to exceed the greater of \$100.00 or the maximum cost allowed under 719.106 (i), Florida Statutes or Chapter 723, Florida Statutes. Management reserves the right to require a processing and screening fee. The failure of any prospective resident or renter to provide general background information, personal references and proof of financial responsibility shall be deemed a cause for refusal of residency.

7. The Co-op specifically reserves the right to terminate the tenancy of any tenant pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 723, Florida Statutes, upon determination by the Co-op that the tenant misrepresented or falsified any information on any application or entry forms required by the Co-op prior to admittance as a tenant of the community. In addition, the Co-op reserves the right to terminate the tenancy of a renter if the renter misrepresented or falsified any information on any application or entry forms required by Co-op prior to admittance.

## Did you know...

- When people refer to OH, they don't mean the state of Ohio, they are abbreviating Orange Harbor! 😂
- ARC is the Architectural Exterior Modification Form that requires you to fill out when you alter the exterior of your home.
- BC means the Boat Club
- OHSC is the Orange Harbor Social Club
- CAM is the Community Association Manager
- BOD is the Board of Directors
- Resident is a shareholder, tenant and approved occupant





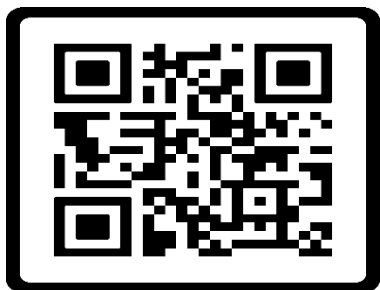
# Happy New Year!

*In  
APPRECIATION  
to the  
Residents  
at Orange Harbor,  
We send  
a heartfelt  
THANK YOU  
and  
WARM WISHES  
for happy  
holidays and  
a wonderful  
2026!*

**Barefoot Realty Sales Team**  
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## Orange Harbor Happenings...



### New Feature Alert!

Check out our new live streaming webcam located at the fishing pier on the Orange and Caloosahatchee River! Residents and guests can now enjoy real-time

views of the water, spot wildlife, and check on river conditions from anywhere. Just click on the QR code!

New automatic door locks have been installed in the clubhouse, laundromat, and pickleball bathroom located at the back of the office. The doors automatically unlock at 7:00 AM and lock at 10:00 PM each day. No worries if you are still inside the building, because you can always open them from the inside to exit. These upgrades enhance both convenience and security for residents and guests.

**Amenities Use Restriction** – Amenities in the community are available to residents and guests who are currently living in Orange Harbor Mobile Home and RV Resort. Homeowners who rent out their property are not permitted to use the community facilities during the period their home is rented. Homeowners may still access their property for necessary purposes but should refrain from using any common areas or amenities while tenants occupy their home.

We would like to extend a special thank you to the Hobby/Crafts group for generously donating a new commercial deep fryer for the kitchen. In addition to providing the equipment, the group also covered the cost of the electrical work required to ensure the fryer was installed safely and met all code requirements. Their support and dedication continue to enhance our community facilities and events.

We are excited to announce that the social committee has purchased a new outdoor TV monitor for the pool area, featuring an anti-glare screen. This addition is designed to keep everyone updated with the latest community activities and events in a convenient and visible way. We hope this new amenity enhances your poolside experience and keeps you connected with everything happening in Orange Harbor!

In addition to the new outdoor TV monitor at the pool area, we're pleased to let residents know that the TV located at the pavilion is available for everyone to enjoy while relaxing in the Tiki Chill Zone. Broadcast streaming service is available for your use, making it easy to catch football games, movies, and more with friends and neighbors. We invite you to make the most of this amenity and gather for some fun and entertainment in the heart of our community.

### Seawall Study

A seawall study is being conducted to review the condition and durability of the community seawalls. Residents are encouraged to share any concerns about their seawall.

Please submit to the office the following items so that issues can be documented and addressed.

- Your name
- Lot number
- Phone number

**Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to the protection of our community shoreline.**

We would also like to express our heartfelt appreciation to the dedicated volunteers who organized and conducted the Veteran's Day event. Their time, effort, and commitment ensured a meaningful celebration that honored our veterans and brought the community together in gratitude. Thank you for making this special day memorable for everyone at Orange Harbor!



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**Coffee & Donuts** Meet fellow park residents at Orange Harbor's monthly "Coffee Hour," held in the clubhouse every 4th Saturday at 9:30 a.m., just before the 9:45 a.m. Town Hall. Enjoy coffee, donuts, club announcements, and ticket sales for upcoming events. Bring your favorite mug or use ours. Please sign up on the bulletin board so we have enough donuts for everyone. Hosts are needed for the season—add your name if you can help!

### 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.



Please visit our websites at:

[Orangeharbormhc.com](http://Orangeharbormhc.com)

[Ohrvresort.com](http://Ohrvresort.com)

[Orangeharborhomes.com](http://Orangeharborhomes.com)



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](mailto:jem1931823@gmail.com).

### Guest Parking

During peak season at Orange Harbor, managing guest parking can prove challenging due to the increased volume of visitors and limited space. To ensure smooth coordination, residents hosting overnight guests are encouraged to utilize designated temporary guest parking areas within the community. It is important to secure a parking permit by visiting the office beforehand. Adhering to this procedure helps maintain order and prevents inconveniences such as vehicles blocking driveways, occupying streets, or using vacant lots unauthorizedly.

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## *Featured Amenities Guide*

Welcome to our community! We take pride in offering a variety of amenities to make your visit both relaxing and memorable. Please review the following guide to familiarize yourself with our facilities, their locations, and the rules that help keep them enjoyable for everyone.

**Swimming Pool**-Enjoy a refreshing swim from sunrise to sunset. All guests aged 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult. For your safety, please do not remove the rope separating the deep and shallow ends of the pool. If you do move it, be sure to replace it—failure to do so may result in a fine.

**Library**-Our clubhouse library is well-stocked with books, puzzles, and games for all ages. When you're done enjoying them, please return items to their proper place.

**Billiards**-Test your skills on our new billiards table in the clubhouse. Please follow posted rules to ensure everyone can enjoy the game.

**Ice Machine**-The ice cube machine is located in the clubhouse. Use the provided scoop, take no more than three scoops at a time, and remember to close the lid after use.

**Bocce Ball & Shuffleboard**-Bocce ball courts are situated next to the clubhouse parking lot, with equipment readily available nearby. Shuffleboard equipment is in the shed beside the court.

**Storage and Boat Slips**-We offer 41 storage spaces and 17 boat slips, all rented annually on a first-come, first-served basis. For pricing or availability, contact the office directly.

**Clubhouse**-Located at the heart of our community, the clubhouse is the venue for many of our social activities. It is also available to rent for special occasions. For reservations, please contact Denise Miller at 603-493-1719.

**Garbage Disposal and Plant Cuttings**-A dumpster and a trailer for plant cuttings are available 24/7. Please do not dispose of large items in the trash compactor—these must have a paid sticker from the office. Sort your waste into the appropriate containers.

**Boat Ramps**-We have two boat ramps: one near the office and another next to Gypsy Hall by the RV section. Be mindful not to park trucks or trailers where they may be towed during boat launching.

**Ping Pong**-The table is located in the clubhouse with all of equipment needed for play.

**Horseshoe Pits**-Horseshoe courts are located near the pavilion and the pool for your enjoyment.

**Fishing Pier & Fish Cleaning Station**-The fishing pier, found on the northwest side of the park, is open to all residents. Please follow all fishing regulations and dispose of used fishing lines in the designated bin. There's also a fish cleaning station in the RV park, complete with a cutting surface and running water. Please dispose of fish waste properly.

**Dog Park**-A fenced-in dog park is open 24 hours daily for your pets. Dog waste bags and bins are available—remember to clean up after your pet.

**Pavilions**-There are two pavilions—one near the pool and one in the RV section. Both are available to rent for special occasions. To reserve, please contact Denise Miller at 603-493-1719.

**Pickleball Court**-Located next to the office, the pickleball court operates under rules posted at the entrance. Please note: lights out at 11 p.m.

**Laundry Room**-Our laundry room is open daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Help us keep it clean by closing the door at all times and reporting any maintenance issues to management immediately. If you discover a problem with a machine, kindly write down the issue and notify the office, as well as place a note on the affected machine.

**Restrooms and Showers**-There are restrooms and showers located in the clubhouse. They are also available in the RV section. You can find a restroom near the shuffleboard courts and restrooms located in the back of the office with an access door on the outside of the building.

**Memorial Butterfly Garden**—All are welcome to enjoy the beauty and tranquility of our memorial butterfly garden, thoughtfully designed as a peaceful refuge for quiet reflection. Whether you seek a serene moment alone or wish to admire the fluttering visitors among the blooms, this garden provides a gentle space amid the vibrancy of our community.

**Community Vegetable Garden**—For residents wishing to cultivate their own fresh produce, the community vegetable garden is open to all paid participants. Plots may be reserved through the garden club on a seasonal basis.

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## Do Not Put FROG Into the Drain!

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## 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](http://leegov.com)

## Trash Removal and Yard Waste Schedule:

Are you prepared for brush pick-up? **Wednesday** is your day to embrace your inner gardener and tie up those yard clippings into tidy bundles—**each no longer than 3 feet**. Let's keep those sprawling shrub beasts at bay! **A quick tip: keep your green piles away from the mailbox to avoid any accidental tractor showdowns.** Together, we can keep our streets neat and our tractors happy!

**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 kick off our days at Orange Harbor with the goal of being the absolute best! Let's work together to keep our community clean and efficient by following these guidelines:

1. **\*\*Dog Owners\*\***: Remember to pick up after your furry friends and dispose of their messes properly—even in the dog park area. Let's keep our spaces enjoyable for everyone!
2. **\*\*Yard Waste\*\***: Trim it, cut it, bundle it! Yard trimmings, weeds, and other green waste should be bundled in 3-foot sections and bagged appropriately.
3. **\*\*Sticker System\*\***: Everything placed in K-Mart or scheduled for pick-up must have a sticker. These stickers help offset the costs of hauling to the scrap yard or managing the extra compactor weight. You can grab stickers from the office!
4. **\*\*Manageable Garbage\*\***: If you can't lift it, neither can we! Use multiple bags for your garbage instead of overstuffing one. Let's make handling trash a breeze!
5. **\*\*No Maggots Policy\*\***: A clean trash bin is a happy trash bin! Please ensure your bins are clean and free from pests.

A big thank you to everyone for your cooperation—together, we make each day brighter and 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 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.**

*Lee County Solid Waste Resource Center*

*10550 Buckingham Road, Fort Myers, FL 339-533-8000*

**Contact the office if you have questions regarding a specific item not listed.**





**Decorating** for the holidays in Southwest Florida gives you a fun opportunity to lean into tropical, coastal, and beachy elements while still bringing in seasonal cheer. Here are ideas and tips to make your space festive and suited to our warm-weather climate.

- A “beachy snowman” made from sand, shells or driftwood instead of snow.
- Palm trees, palms or tropical plants lit up with string lights (up-lighting fronds.)
- Mixed tropical foliage (palms, monstera leaves, ferns) with holiday accents (lights, ornaments, shells).
- Coastal wreaths or garlands that incorporate seashells, starfish, driftwood, coral motifs.
- Subtle color palettes: aqua, turquoise, sandy white, coral, seafoam greens-paired with classic holiday metallics (silver, gold) or warm white lighting.
- Using native tropical plants (e.g. coleus, bromeliads) as part of holiday landscaping or container arrangements.
- Outdoor lighting outlines-screens, lanais, pool cages-plus floating lighted ornaments in water features.
- Fill clear ornaments or jars with a bit of white sand and tiny shells or miniature tropical figurines to mimic snowglobes with a Florida twist.
- Use seashell garlands, starfish ornaments, sand dollars, or small pieces of coral in wreaths, table centerpieces, or tree décor.
- Instead of the classic evergreen wreath, use palm fronds, banana leaves, or tropical greenery as a base. Add a few ornaments, ribbon, or shell accent.



As we wrap up another beautiful year at Orange Harbor, we’re reminded of what makes this community so special-you!

The spirit of kindness, camaraderie, and generosity that fills our neighborhood shines brightest during the holiday. Whether you’re joining us for the winter or call Orange Harbor home all year long, we’re so grateful to celebrate the season together.

Join us in our holiday events, take a stroll to admire the lights, and stop to share a cup of cocoa (or something a little stronger!) with a neighbor. Small moments like these are what make life here truly joyful.

From all of us at Orange Harbor, we wish you peace, happiness, and good health this holiday season. Here’s to another wonderful year in our little slice of paradise!



## Happy Hanukkah!

As the Festival of Lights begins, may your home and heart be filled with the radiant glow of the menorah, the laughter of loved ones, and the warmth of cherished traditions. May each candle you light bring hope, happiness, and peace, illuminating your days with joy and togetherness.

Let’s celebrate the miracles-big and small-that brighten our lives, and share the spirit of Hanukkah with friends, family and neighbors. Enjoy the company of those you love and may this season bring you blessings, light, and lasting memories.



## Christmas Day Potluck

Join us for a festive Christmas Day potluck in the clubhouse! Ham will be provided, and we invite you to sign up in the clubhouse to bring your favorite side dish. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the holiday spirit with friends, neighbors, and loved ones. Let’s celebrate together and make this season memorable with great food and even better company!

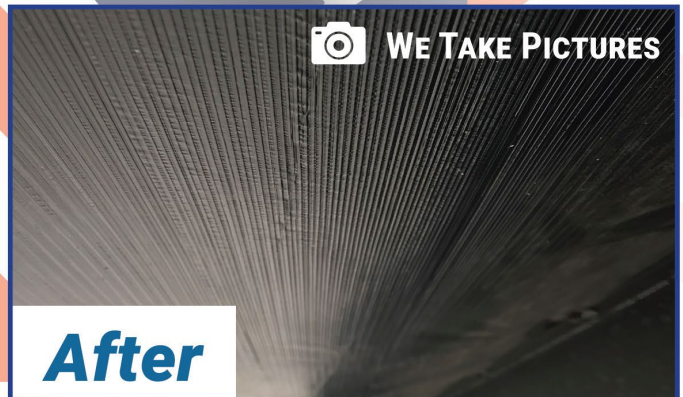


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## 10 Christmas Safety Tips

### 1. Check Your Christmas Lights

First, make sure to check the lights for any damage. Frayed

wires and broken bulbs can pose a serious safety hazard. If you see any damage, replace the lights immediately. It's also good to plug your lights into a surge protector to protect them from power surges.

### 2. Don't Overload Outlets

When putting up your lights and other decorations, use only one plug per outlet, and make sure not to exceed the wattage rating for the outlet. If you have any questions about the wattage rating for an outlet, consult an electrician.

### 3. Keep Your Christmas Tree Watered

A dry tree is highly flammable and can quickly ignite if placed too close to a heat source. To help prevent this, make sure to keep your tree well-watered. The water level should never get below the base of the tree, and you should check it daily to ensure it doesn't get too low. You should also avoid placing your tree near fireplaces or radiators, as these can cause the tree to dry out more quickly.

### 4. Don't Leave Candles Unattended

If you're using candles to decorate your home this holiday season, blow them out before you leave the room. In addition, consider using battery-operated candles, which are just as effective as real candles but don't pose the same fire hazard.

### 5. Keep an Eye on Your Pets

Christmas trees, electric lights, and ornaments can threaten your furry friends. Each year, thousands of pets are injured by these common holiday hazards. That's why it's important to keep an eye on your pets during the holiday season. Ensure they don't have access to any decorations or food that could harm them. And if you're traveling with your pet, bring along any medication or medical records they might need.

### 6. Drive Safely When Travelling

First, ensure your car is in good working order before going on a road trip. This means having it serviced and checked for any potential problems. Second, carry an emergency kit in your car, including a first-aid kit, jumper cables, and a flashlight. And finally, give yourself plenty of time to reach your destination. Rushing is one of the leading causes of accidents, so plan your trip accordingly and allow yourself some extra time in case of traffic delays or other unforeseen problems.

### 7. Be Careful with Space Heaters

Every year, thousands of fires are started by space heaters. First, never leave a space heater unattended. If you must leave the room, turn it off first. Second, keep your space heater away from any flammable objects. This includes things like curtains, furniture, and clothing. Finally, ensure your space heater is placed on a level surface. A tipped-over space heater can not only start a fire, but it can also cause serious burns.

### 8. Keep Raw Turkey Away from The Salad

First, keep raw meat away from fresh produce, as bacteria can easily spread from one to the other. Second, wash your hands frequently, especially after handling raw meat. Third, use a meat thermometer to ensure that all meats are cooked to a safe temperature. Finally, use separate cutting boards for cooked and uncooked meats to avoid cross-contamination.

**9. Don't Drink and Drive.** If you're going to be drinking alcohol, make sure to have a designated driver or take a cab home.

### 10. Be Aware of Scams

One of the most common scams around Christmas time is fake charity donations. Be wary of anyone approaching you asking for a donation to a local charity. If possible, research the charity before giving any money. Ensure the charity is legitimate and your donation will go to a good cause. Another common scam is the gift card scam. Be careful if you're buying gift cards from an unfamiliar source or if you're being offered a discount on a gift card. These scammers will often sell you a fake or already used gift card. Only buy gift cards from reputable sources and check the balance before giving them as a gift.



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Give the perfect gift and Adopt-A-Mantee. You can call 1-800-432-5646 or visit [savethemanatee.org](http://savethemanatee.org)



## New Orange Harbor Entry & Gate Procedure



After much delay, the Orange Harbor Entrance is complete. The demolition, sub-base, pavement, curbing, concrete islands, underground electric and

communication lines, paint striping, gates and their controllers have all been installed. Now we need to understand how to use our new system.

When entering the community, you will notice three lanes and two sets of entry gates.

1. The right lane is for RV staging prior to entering; RVs will park or idle in this lane while securing an entry code from either the office or the RV Host; RVs will then shift to the left lane and use their code (see 3. below); the short staging lane has no entry gate. It is expected that this procedure may change.
2. The center lane is for residents and staff that have been issued an electronic sticker; they will slowly proceed towards the right gate which will open automatically once the electronic sticker has been read; the reader is mounted on a pole in the island on the right (past the new parking area); the reader is circular in shape and will briefly display a blue-ish flashing light acknowledging it has read your sticker.
3. The left lane is for all other traffic; proceed to the keypad kiosk on your left; scroll down through the alphabetized resident list to find the desired resident (including yourself if you don't yet have a sticker) and press on the name; this will call the resident on the phone line that was given to the office, and they will press 9 on their phone, and the left gate will open.

Some other items residents should know:

4. The target activation date for the new gate system was September 15, 2025.
5. Residents that are currently of record with the office may have their electronic sticker installed by the office starting now.
  - a) Unregistered folks living in Orange Harbor will NOT be issued an electronic sticker.
  - b) Just a reminder that all tenants of subleases must be criminally and financially vetted by the office prior to residing in Orange Harbor.
6. There are two types of gates in each of three sets, two entering and one exiting
  - a) The Lift Gate will be active and in a down position nearly all of the time. It will open for each individual vehicle that is authorized to enter and all vehicles exiting.
  - b) The Swing Gates will be open at 6:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.

c) Both the Lift and Swing Gates will open using either the keypad or electronic sticker from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

7. When someone calls you from the keypad kiosk the number displayed on your phone will be **727-627-0781**. You should probably store this number in your phone.
8. There are many cameras viewing and recording many angles entering and exiting the community, for surveillance.
9. Emergency vehicles have their own EVAC entry system. Our new gate system is compatible with theirs. As an emergency vehicle activates their system, both sets of gates will open.
10. Common community vendors and delivery companies already have their own keypad code. Those that do not may apply at the office.
11. Other personal delivery services such as pizza, ride-share, food or grocery delivery, will need to use the keypad kiosk and contact you for entry.
12. Amazon has their own proprietary entry system in use.
13. The U.S. Mail has its own key type entry system in use.
14. During power outages and natural disasters, the gate system will open.
15. Short-term keypad entry codes are available from the office.
  - a) Contractors may obtain a code via the resident they are working for, for the duration of the project they are working on. However, these contractor codes must be renewed monthly by the resident. Example: a 2-week project will be granted a 2-week code; a 6 month project will be granted a code one month at a time, renewable in the office by the resident that is having the project done.
  - b) Guests may also obtain a code via the resident. The guest registration policy that has long been in effect still applies. The guest code will be limited in duration according to the policy.
16. A second electronic sticker can be purchased for your (not your guest's) second vehicle, from the office at a price of \$14.00 with payment by credit card or check.
17. **NO TAILGATE ENTRY!** The under-pavement sensors that detect vehicles are able to distinguish between trailers and tailgating. The Lift Gate will close on tailgaters. Do not allow vehicles to tailgate behind you. Instead pause after the gate allowing it to close behind you. Again, there are many cameras at the entrance. Violators that damage the gates or the entry system will be held liable and may face prosecution.

Most of this is new to all of us. We expect there will be changes made over time. Any questions should be addressed to either Dan or Newby CAM in our office or Bill Michals in our community.

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5. When the home arrives, and the decision is made to purchase the share, the deposit can be used towards the cost of the share.

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## Do You Want to Make Your Community Even Better?

Orange Harbor thrives thanks to the dedication of its volunteers, whose generosity and commitment truly make a difference in the community. Whether helping with events, assisting neighbors, or supporting the Board's efforts to keep resident information current, volunteers are worth their weight in gold. If you have time and energy to share, consider joining the volunteer team and help make Orange Harbor an even better place to live. **Social Committee meets on the first Monday of the month at 4pm in the clubhouse.**



## Facebook Fun

If you are a resident of Orange Harbor, please join **"Orange Harbor Friends"** on Facebook for another source of 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.



## Planning a stay at Orange Harbor?

RV reservations for our resort are easily made through Campspot, a user-friendly and free-to-use platform. Simply search

"Orange Harbor" on the Campspot website to view available options and secure your spot. Whether you're a returning guest or new to the community, RV sites are open for booking for the 2025-2026 season—don't miss your chance to be a part of our vibrant waterfront lifestyle!



## Special Celebration: Luverne Mayo Turns 100!

We are delighted to announce that Luverne Mayo (Gail Bower's mom) is celebrating her 100th birthday! To honor this incredible milestone,

there will be an open house at 1271 3rd St. on December 17 from 2:00–4:00 PM, with cake served for all guests. Please note, no gifts are necessary—your presence is the greatest gift of all.



## OURROC-SWF

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OURROC-SWF continues a long tradition of maintaining an organization for the benefit of our member communities in SWFL. We offer information and support to our resident owned communities. At the present time, we represent 23 communities with over 6000 residents.

The focus of OURROC-SWF continues to be on meeting the needs of our members through presentations of interest and importance to owners of homes. Our membership consists of both resident owned communities and professional members who provide services and support to the communities in our area. In addition to our board training conferences, presentations have focused on insurance, hurricane preparation, legal issues affecting residents' owned communities, and 'roundtable discussions' focusing on member generated concerns and questions.

All meetings begin with networking and refreshment at 9:00am, executive meeting at 9:30am and program at 10:00am All close by 11:30-12:00pm except board certification ends at 2pm. Programs will begin in the fall season. **Next meeting is December 9 at Sun N Fun**

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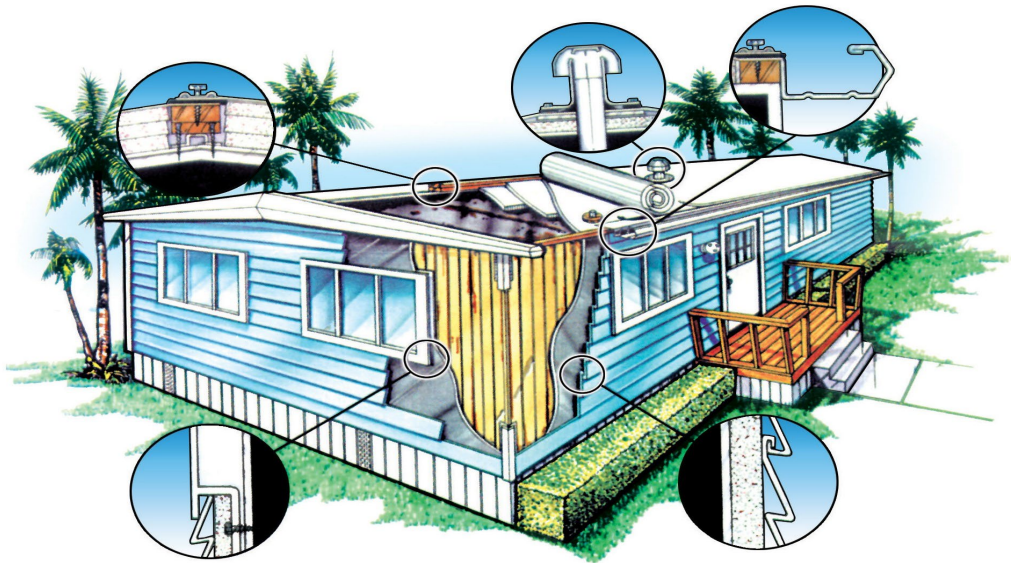


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## Zoom Etiquette

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### ✓ 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.

**REMEMBER: THE CAMERA SEES EVERYTHING & EVERYONE ON ZOOM CAN SEE YOU.** While we like to see everyone, you do not have to participate using video to attend a Zoom meeting. You do not have to have your camera on to see what is going on at the meeting either. Another option is to just cover up your camera lens at the top of the screen with a post-it note. If you choose to have your camera on, aim the camera 'straight' at your face (not from a position that looks up your nose) and try to follow the Zoom "best practices".

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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

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- Orange Peels: Up to 6 months
- Paper Containers: 2–5 months

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## Buckle your seatbelt and put on your dancing shoes—get ready for some amazing talent coming to Orange Harbor!

Music kicks off in the pavilion on January 13, 2026, with D-Rox performing from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. On January 22, you'll have the opportunity to see Dan Sperry, an America's Got Talent contestant, as he entertains with his magician show; dinner will be available

during the event.

The excitement continues in February, starting with the "Island Dance" featuring the Robert Williams Band on February 10 from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Don't miss "Sunday Funday" on February 15 with DJ Sean, bringing lively music and good times to all. Later in the month, we'll celebrate National Margarita Day and Bob Marley's birthday with a golf cart Tailgate party—enjoy-frozen drinks and vibrant steel drum music as you mingle with neighbors. March is packed with even more festivities. The month begins on March 8 with our annual Block Party, headlined by the popular band Kickstart. Keep the energy going on March 12 with another music session in the pavilion, this time with D-Rox and crew. And for a twist, "Sunday Funday" will take place on a Wednesday, March 25, promising midweek fun and entertainment.

Stay tuned for additional music acts and dinner shows coming your way, plus plenty of opportunities to connect, celebrate, and create new memories with friends and fellow residents. Orange Harbor is the place to be for unforgettable events and community spirit!

More events for the season include:

Park sale, Fish fry, Fashion sale, Carnival, Super Bowl party, Pool parties, Mardi Gras party, Craft bazaar, Pajama party, Art show, St. Patrick's Poker Run, and many more in the works!



**Remember: to survive the Orange Harbor party season, stock up on snacks, hydrate like you're a houseplant, and practice your best dance moves in front of the mirror (pets make an excellent audience). Rest up now—because with all the excitement ahead, you'll need the energy of a caffeinated squirrel just to keep up! Let's make this season so epic that even our flip-flops can't keep up with us.**

## 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. **Three players are needed to play, please contact Kay Evans at 303-859-5566 if you intend to play.**

### **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.



**Please note the First Mates will be hosting a dinner at Dingo, those dates will be 12/2, 2025, 1/13, 2/24, 3/24, 2026.**

**Euchre** is every Thursday at 6pm. Please sign up in the clubhouse!

## **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 sign-ups will be in the clubhouse.

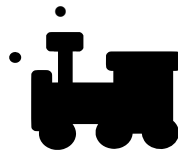
**Caller:** Will use the OH computer that will auto select the numbers and then announce the number through the sound system. New callers will be instructed on how to use the Bingo Software.

**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



### **All Aboard the Mexican Train!**

**Play will begin at 6pm on**

**Wednesdays!** We look forward to all interested in coming and enjoying the ride! Pattie Porter and Jan Staten will be your hosts.

| Activity               | Off Schedule       | On Schedule      |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Men's Golf             | April-December     | January-March    |
| Exercise DVD           | April 1-October 14 | October 15-March |
| Water Aerobics         | Year Round         | Year Round       |
| Pool/Billiards         | May-October        | November-April   |
| Hobbie & Crafts        | April-October      | November-March   |
| Line Dancing           | April-December     | January-March    |
| Horseshoes             | May-December       | January-April    |
| Pickle Ball            | May-October        | November-April   |
| Bocce Ball             | April-December     | January-March    |
| 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 Train/Dominoes | Year Round         | Year Round       |
| Euchre                 | May-October        | November-April   |
| Pinochle               | May-October        | November-April   |
| Cribbage               | April-December     | January-March    |



## 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...

## IMPORTANT

LATE FEE PAYMENTS ON RENT PAYMENTS AND MAINTENANCE FEE PAYMENTS WILL OCCUR AFTER THE 10<sup>TH</sup> OF THE MONTH. BE SURE TO MAKE YOUR PAYMENTS ON TIME.

#### HOMEOWNERS PAY BY:

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- CREDIT CARD-RESIDENT PORTAL-RECURRING PAYMENT
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- CHECK TO THE OFFICE
- CREDIT CARD IN THE OFFICE
- CREDIT CARD OR CHECK-CAMP SPOT LINK

NON-SUFFICIENT FUND POLICY IS AS FOLLOWS:  
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ANY RESIDENT WITH AN ACH WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY REMOVED FROM ACH AND MAY RESUBMIT AFTER THE 90 DAY PERIOD IS COMPLETE.

THE NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER FOR THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT IS **239-477-1000**. IF IT IS AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE DIAL 911.

NO SMOKING IN THE PAVILION AND GYPSY HAUL!

SMOKING IS PROHIBITED WITHIN 30’ OF THE EXTERIOR OF THE CLUBHOUSE! PLEASE DISPOSE CIGARETTE BUTTS IN THE PROPER PLACE, NOT ON THE GROUND!

QUIET TIME IS FROM 10PM-7AM.

### 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...

### Questions, Comments, Suggestions, Complaints...

We value community involvement and have set up several convenient ways for members to share their thoughts, questions, or feedback. If you’d like to have your voice heard, you have four options besides reaching out to the office:

- Place your suggestion in the Suggestion Box found by the clubhouse’s front entrance. Please remember to include your name and phone number, as anonymous submissions cannot be considered.
- Complete a Work Order in the office for our maintenance team to address facility needs.
- Join one of our Town Hall Meetings, where you can openly discuss your concerns and ideas.
- Fill out a Request for Action Form and submit it to the office; don’t forget to sign your form for it to be processed.

Using these channels ensures your concerns and suggestions are acknowledged and addressed in a timely manner.





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## Orange Harbor Boat Club

Whether you're a boat owner or simply enjoy being out on the water, you're

invited to take part in all our club activities! Our main goal is to promote, protect, and encourage the sport of boating. We also strive to help members learn and follow navigation laws and seamanship, while fostering sociability and friendships throughout our community. As a member, you'll be able to join monthly group boat trips to local restaurants, participate in our annual Orange Harbor Christmas Boat Parade, and attend the Commodores Ball—just a few of the exciting events we offer. New ideas and volunteer leaders are always welcome.

We hold club meetings on the first Saturday of each month. If you're interested or have questions, please reach out to Jim Robinson at 815-353-7280 or via email at [litehouse@pga.com](mailto:litehouse@pga.com).

Our meeting season runs from November through April, with boat outings scheduled for the fourth Monday of those months. For more details, contact Boat Club

Commodore Jim Robinson.



### News and Notes from the Boat Club

In December the Boat Club starts the season activities with some changes to the original schedule. The

monthly meeting, normally held on the first Saturday of the month (which would be December 6), has been moved to December 13<sup>th</sup>. After that meeting there will be a demonstration on use and care of fishing nets by fishing captain Dalton Outlaw.

The boat club is also planning a boat parade of lights in conjunction with the Bay Pointe Yacht and Racket Club across the river from the power plant. As of this writing plans are still being formulated.

There are may more activities either planned or in the planning stage for this season. Anyone with a boat should come to the December meeting to find out all the benefits from a \$10 annual membership. If you don't have a boat come join us and see what is available to you.



Don't miss the **37th Annual Fort Myers Beach Christmas Boat Parade**, taking place on December 6, 2025, at 6:00 PM!

The parade will set sail from Salty Sam's Marina, heading northwest under the

Matanzas Pass Bridge toward the Pink Shell Resort. From there, it will cruise south along Estero Island before crossing the scenic Matanzas Harbor. Bring your

friends and family to enjoy a festive evening filled with holiday cheer, music, and the vibrant spirit of our community.



## Join the Orange Harbor First Mates Club!


Looking to get more involved, meet new friends, and make a difference right here at Orange

Harbor? The **First Mates Club** is the perfect way to do just that!

The First Mates are a fun, welcoming group of residents who come together to support our community through social events, fundraisers, and charitable projects. From organizing dinners to running the Giving Tree and other outreach efforts, the club plays a big role in keeping our community vibrant and connected.

Membership is open to all residents of the park. You don't need to own a boat, just have an interest in being involved in our community and support our outreach efforts.

Whether you have a little time or a lot, your participation makes a difference. Joining the First Mates is a great way to share your talents, stay active, and be part of something meaningful while having a great time with neighbors.

 **Monthly meetings** are typically held on the first Saturday of each month at 9:00am in the Clubhouse. Annual dues are \$10 per member.

Come see what we're all about! **Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am** (date changed to 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday due to schedule issues)

For more information or to join, contact Sharon McGuire (219-898-3465) or stop by the next meeting. We'd love to welcome you aboard!



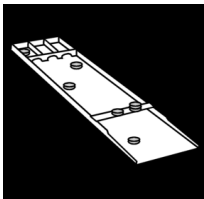
### Barb Robinson

Born:  
September 20, 1943  
Went to the Lord:  
July 25, 2025

On July 25<sup>th</sup> my wife, Barb, went home to the Lord. She left behind a daughter Candy, a son Randy, and three grandchildren. I am

**having a Celebration of Life for her December 20<sup>th</sup> at the clubhouse from 2pm – 5pm.**





## Calling all shuffleboard enthusiasts!

Gear up, shuffleboard players! Weekly games will be held every Tuesday at 11:00 AM. Whether you're a seasoned

pro or new to the game, come join the fun and friendly competition. All are welcome—bring your enthusiasm and let's keep the courts lively!

**December 13 we will have a nighttime play beginning at 6pm!**



## Cornhole Tournament

Get ready to toss, laugh, and maybe even show off your underhand technique. We'll be flinging bags (and maybe a little friendly banter) every **Wednesday at 2pm** near the pavilion. Whether

you're a cornhole pro or just want to see what all the fuss is about, come sign up and join the fun—good times (and questionable aim) are guaranteed!



## Pickleball, it's the real dill!

**Play is Monday-Friday at 9am and Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm.** All other times are for open use. 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. Contact Lisa Wylie at 419-349-6389 for more information. Bring sneakers and water for hydration and enjoy our brand-new courts!

## 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 in courts.

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

**Damaged or unsafe court conditions must be reported.**

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**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!**



Ready to rack 'em up?

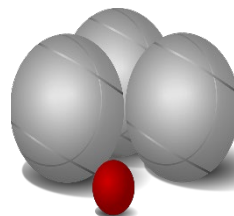
**Billiard's** kick off Monday

and Wednesday's at 9am—

and Wednesday evenings at 6pm,

everyone's welcome, no experience needed! All equipment is provided, and

friendly matches are encouraged. Come by, meet new friends, and enjoy some laid-back competition in a welcoming atmosphere.



Get ready to roll into some serious

(or not-so-serious) fun—**Bocce**

**ball** is coming this January! Join

us every **Monday at 11am** on

the court right next to the

clubhouse parking lot. Never played? Perfect! We'll teach you everything you need to know, from tossing technique to the art of friendly banter.



## Water Aerobics

Make a splash and energize your mornings by joining our weekday water aerobics classes! Sessions take place **Monday**

**through Friday at 9am**, offering a fun and welcoming environment for all ages and fitness levels.

**Starting January-March classes will be Monday 10am, Tuesday 9am, Wednesday 10am Thursday 9am Friday 10am.**

## Power Walking Exercise Class



**8-9 am OH Clubhouse Monday through Friday.** We have

approximately 20 Leslie Sansone Power Walking DVDs. Join us for a good upper and lower body workout

You don't have to do the whole workout. Just do what you can. 1 mile, 2 miles, 3 miles...Contact Sue Steiner for any questions 920-810-0571.



## Art Club



We meet every **Monday starting at 12pm**. Come join us if you have experience or no experience with a desire to learn. Everyone is welcome, and it's a great opportunity to make new friends and explore your creativity alongside supportive members.



The Art Club is excited to announce our annual Art Show on December 7 from 1–3pm. Join us for an afternoon of creativity and holiday spirit—wine, cheese, and crackers will be served, and paintings of all sizes will be available for viewing and purchase. It's the perfect

opportunity to pick a unique gift for your Christmas shopping!

Following the art show, stick around for Christmas caroling from 4–7pm, hosted by Ellen Gerbracht. Booklets with lyrics will be provided so everyone can sing along. After caroling, enjoy a festive Christmas concert featuring performances by Ellen Gerbracht, Jim Trinkle, and other talented members. If you'd like to perform, please contact Ellen Gerbracht. Refreshments will be served after the concert, so make plans to join us for a fun and memorable evening!



## Hobbies and Crafts 25-26 Season

Mark your calendars

Jan. 6 – Informational meeting – I will show you samples of the crushed glass project we do inside white frames. I will also show you samples of crushed glass projects that we put on canvas. If you plan to do either or both projects, you need to attend this meeting because there is some prep work you need to do ahead of time before we do the projects. Please watch the Orange Harbor Friends Facebook page for announcements about Hobbies and Crafts. We will meet on Tuesdays from 9-11. I will post things on the OH Facebook page and the Clubhouse, RV Bathroom, and Laundry bulletin boards.

## Food demonstrations

*Crushed glass project in white frames*

*Crushed glass on canvas prints – NEW this year*

*Small painting in conjunction with the Art Club – NEW this year*

*Beaded garden stakes (We need lots of beads with the larger holes.)*

*Seashell project with Karen Fox*

Other big events this coming season will be

**Display Table at the Welcome Back Carnival on Sat.**

**Jan. 17**

**Used Fashion Sale on Sat. Jan. 24**

**Craft Bazaar on Sat. Feb. 21**



## Strong Seniors Strong Bones

**Monday, Jan. 5 – 9:15 – Informational Meeting - If you have never attended**

**this exercise class and wonder what it is all about, then you should attend this meeting.** This program was developed by doctors at Tuft University in Boston. It is all research-based. I was trained as a leader and have been doing this class at Orange Harbor for 11 years. This class is open to men and women. You will learn one exercise you should do for the rest of your life. You will learn balance exercises that can be done every day. Does any of the following describe you? Losing muscle, gaining fat, losing bone density, osteoporosis, fractures, arthritis, joint stiffness, pain, balance is getting worse, etc. Then you should attend this meeting to learn more about the program. Classes meet MWF from 9:15-10:15 Jan. Feb. Mar. Contact Sue Steiner if you have questions. 1281 Third St. 920-810-0571.



We are pleased to offer a **Bible reading** class every **Monday in the clubhouse at 10:30 AM**.

Whether you are new to studying scripture or wish to deepen your understanding, this welcoming class is designed for all who want to advance their knowledge of the Bible. Join fellow residents for meaningful discussion and learning in a friendly atmosphere.



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## Meet Your Neighbor-We Want to Feature YOU!

Our community is full of interesting, talented, and friendly people-and we'd love to get to know each other better! The "Meet Your Neighbor" section of our newsletter is a fun way to share a bit about yourself and help build stronger neighborhood connections. Whether you've just moved in or have called this community home for decades, we want to hear about who you are! All you have to do is send a brief bio and photo to [ohnewsletter @aol.com](mailto:ohnewsletter@aol.com) or text to 570-237-5409. Let's celebrate the wonderful people who make our neighborhood such a great place to live. Don't be shy-your neighbors would love to meet you!



**Meet Joan and Fred Stevens** who live at 263 Hamlin Drive. They both hail from New England, which is a rarity here in Orange Harbor. Fred originally came

from Torrington, Connecticut and Joan from Hyde Park, Massachusetts. Fred was a Teamster and

drove for Entenmann's Bakery and Joan managed medical offices. They have been married for 40 years and have two sons, one daughter and 3 granddaughters.

In 2014 they retired on the same day. They headed down Route 95 South looking for a spot to retire to in Florida. They followed Route 95 all the way south and then across Alligator Alley and up Route 75, stopping at different communities as they went. They had family in Jamaica Bay Village in Fort Myers. It was located on Route 41 with no stop light at the entrance. They decided not to stay there and kept looking.

They rented for a while in Bonita Springs but decided that they would like to have a permanent place of their own instead of a rental. They approached the owner of their rental to see if he was willing to sell, but he was not. Then while speaking with people at the pool one woman suggested Orange Harbor. Fred said that if there was a gate...he would not be interested.

They arrived at Orange Harbor and...yes there was a gate, but it was open so in they came. They traveled all around the park looking at different homes. When they came to 263 Hamlin, they saw that it was for rent and the owner, Walter, was there working in the yard. Walter gave them a tour of the house and they loved it. Fred wanted to rent to own but Walter was not interested in that, so they left. Walter had suggested that they go to lunch at The Hut, now The Rum Bucket, so they went. The place was just opening, and they were the only two there. All of a sudden in came Walter and Fred jokingly accused him of stalking them. Walter replied that he was sort of stalking them as he had changed his mind about selling. They sat, had a wonderful lunch, and worked out all the details on a cocktail napkin. They have been in Orange Harbor ever since.

Fred enjoys fishing, helping in the kitchen and is a member of the Orange Harbor Boat Club. Joan is a member of the First Mates. They have both been extremely impressed with the warmth and welcoming atmosphere in Orange Harbor. They love it here very much.



## Live Theaters

For those who appreciate the thrill of live performance, the local theater scene offers a vibrant array of experiences.

Whether you prefer grand musical productions, intimate stage plays, or eclectic dinner theater, there's something to suit every taste. The city boasts venues that not only bring Broadway favorites to life but also nurture homegrown talent and community engagement. Set aside an evening to immerse yourself in the creative energy and storytelling that only live theater can provide. Here is a sampling of what is available in the area...

### **Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall -** **bbmannpah.com**

The Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall at FSW features the largest proscenium stage in Southwest Florida; and is an 1,874-seat facility that presents National Touring Broadway musicals such as: The Phantom of the Opera, Disney's The Lion King, Les Misérables, WICKED, Jersey Boys, The Radio City Christmas Spectacular starring The Rockettes® and The Book of Mormon. Additionally, the Mann Hall is host to prominent entertainers, dance performances, popular ensembles, and classical music concerts year-round.

### **The Laboratory Theater of Florida -** **laboratorytheaterflorida.com**

Visit the Laboratory Theater while in the city to catch some live entertainment. This is a small local theater where sets are usually built as per the requirement of the play. You can also be a part of their acting team by enrolling in their auditions.

### **Broadway Palm Dinner Theater –** **broadwaypalm.com**

Downtown Fort Myers offers an old-fashioned dinner theater and though it may be a throwback to the heyday of the 70's, it's a kitschy novelty to say the least. The evening starts with an expansive buffet topped with lavish desserts and the menu varies depending on the type of show. The main theater stages traditional musicals, while the children's theater presents fairy tales alongside hamburgers or pizza. The 'Off Broadway' Palm Theatre offers newer shows in an intimate general admission setting. Reservations are recommended, and no shorts or T-shirts are allowed.

### **Florida Repertory Theater –** **floridarep.org**

For more than 15 seasons, the Florida Repertory Theater has provided on-stage entertainment to the people of Southwest Florida in a beautiful old vaudeville theater. The complex is comprised of two different centers, the Historic Arcade Theater, and the newer Art Stage Studio Theater. The former presents original features from when it was built in 1915, and the latter highlights a smaller, more modern space better suited for intimate pieces. The plays and different acts vary from comedy to classical - check the calendar for showtimes.

### **Players Circle Theater-** **playerscircletheater.com**

The Players Circle Theater was developed by veterans of the Southwest Florida Theater Movement. Players Circle is a professional black box theater providing Broadway-level entertainment.

### **Music & Arts Community Center-** **gulfcoastsymphony.org**

Founded in 1995, the Gulf Coast Symphony is now the second-largest non-profit performing arts organization in Lee County. The GCS offers over 100 programs that include classical music, jazz, world music, dance, opera, film and musical theater.

### **Cape Cabaret-** **capecabaret.com**

Cape Cabaret is a unique restaurant in that they offer dining, dancing and live music in an upscale environment. Wednesday through Saturday they present live bands performing music from the 50's through the 90's and even some more current music selections as well. So whether you are a dancer or just enjoy listening to great live music their bands are crowd-pleasers.

## Local Libraries

### **Fort Myers Regional Library**

2450 First St., Fort Myers, FL 33901

Library Hours:

Monday - Wednesday: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Thursday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Friday - Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Sunday

### **Lakes Regional Library**

15290 Bass Road, Fort Myers, FL 33919

Library Hours:

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Curbside Holds Pickup:

Monday - Saturday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### **North Fort Myers Public Library**

2001 N. Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers, FL 33903

Library Hours:

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Curbside Holds Pickup: Monday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday: Noon - 4 p.m. Wednesday - Saturday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### **Riverdale Public Library**

2421 Buckingham Road, Fort Myers, FL 33905

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4 T. margarine, melted  
1 tsp. vanilla extract  
1/8 tsp. salt  
1 c. pecans, chopped  
1 unbaked 9-inch pie shell

#### Instructions:

Mix together eggs, syrup, sugar, margarine, vanilla and salt until well blended. Add pecans. Pour into pie shell. If pie shell is in an aluminum foil pan, place it on a heavy baking sheet so the crust will bake better. Bake at 400 degrees for 10 minutes, then 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes.



## 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. **Next meeting is December 19, 2025 due to the Holidays.**

## Town Hall Meetings

Town Hall meetings are held every Saturday 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 9:45am in the clubhouse. **Next meeting is December 20, 2025 due to the holidays.**

## BroadStar

**Residents: You must call Broadstar before you dig in your yards. Let's**

**avoid any interruptions of our internet service. Call Dana Miller, Director of Operations at 561-472-5022 ext. 139.**

**If you find injured wildlife in Lee County, here are some steps you can take:**



**Contact Local Agencies:** Reach out to local wildlife rehabilitation organizations such as CROW Wildlife Hospital at 239-472-3644 for injured birds and wildlife.

**Report to FWC:** If you encounter injured or orphaned wildlife, contact the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) at 866-392-4286 (Alligators) 888-404-3922 (Other Wildlife)

**Visit Wildlife Hospitals:** The Paul & Veronica H. Gross Wildlife Center at (941) 484-9657 FROM 8 AM-6 PM

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MOVIE NIGHT Karl Merz 603-738-3792

PICKLEBALL Lisa Wylie 419-349-6389

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SHUFFLEBOARD Pattie Porter 603-315-0488

STRONG BONES Sue Steiner 920-810-0571

WATER AEROBIC Sharon Milliken 317-362-5040

Barb Hayden 585-610-0213





## Support Our Veterans: Donate Medical Equipment

### Community Service Opportunity at Orange Harbor

If you have gently used medical equipment such as walkers, portable toilets, shower seats, crutches, or similar items, there is an opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of veterans. Tammy Roberts, located at 1364 Fourth Street in the RV section, is currently collecting donations of medical equipment on behalf of the 351 American Legion Post. By dropping off your items at her residence, you are helping provide essential support and comfort to veterans who may benefit from these supplies. Tammy has generously offered to collect and deliver all equipment directly to the legion, ensuring that your contributions reach those in need.

- What to donate: Walkers, portable toilets, shower seats, crutches, and other assistive medical devices
- Where to drop off: 1364 Fourth Street, RV section (Tammy Roberts)
- Who benefits: Veterans through the 351 American Legion Post

Your act of kindness will help provide greater independence and improved quality of life for veterans in our community. Thank you for supporting those who have served!

For questions or further information, please reach out to Tammy Roberts at her residence.



Looking to get involved in the Orange Harbor community? Consider joining

one of our vibrant social groups! **The Foxy Ladies** gather every second Thursday of the month—reach out to Nancy Shepers at 812-613-0846 for details. Prefer a Tuesday get-together?

**The Mimosa Belles** meet every second Tuesday and welcome all interested; contact Gayle Corson at 815-355-4352 to learn more.

These groups offer wonderful opportunities to connect with neighbors, make new friends, and enrich your community experience.

**Special Event Announcement: This year, the Mimosa Belles and Foxy Ladies are teaming up for a festive Christmas party! Join us on Thursday, December 11 at 11:30 AM in the clubhouse for a delightful celebration. Please remember to bring a white elephant gift to**

exchange and reserve your spot by signing up at the clubhouse no later than December 7. We look forward to celebrating the season together!



### Chili Dinner

It's that delicious time of year again! The Orange Harbor Boat Club is excited to announce our annual Chili Dinner, happening on December 14 from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM in the clubhouse. Come enjoy a warm bowl of chili, great company, and plenty of fun with fellow members and friends. We hope to see you there!

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## Flamingos Are Back in Florida!

New Nests and a Hurricane-Powered Adventure

Guess who's making a splash in Florida again? Flamingos! These

fabulous pink birds are popping up in new nesting spots, and they've got quite a story to tell. Hurricane Idalia even gave some flocks a wild ride from the Yucatan Peninsula and Cuba, making their Florida comeback extra dramatic!

Flamingos were once regulars in Florida until habitat loss and hunting made them rare guests. But lately, sightings and nests are painting the wetlands pink once more. It's like nature's own comeback party! Nesting flamingos show off healthy wetlands and bring a pop of color to Florida's landscape. But to keep the party going, conservation efforts are still super important. With a blend of conservation magic and a hurricane's helping hand, flamingos are back and brighter than ever in Florida. Here's hoping their pink parade keeps growing!

## Pet Policies and Procedures



**\*Reminder- pet owners to observe the park rules regarding dogs, as failure to comply will result in a violation letter!**

- 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.



**Protect yourself from the sun!  
Wear your sunscreen &  
sunglasses!**

## Residents for Hire and Services



- Janell Durr (1298 5th St.)- Offering reliable pet sitting services and transportation to the airport or doctor's appointments. To schedule, please contact Janell at 567-204-3492.
- Kay Evans (304 Shoreland)-Specializes in creating unique 3D Pop-Up cards for any occasion, with a selection of more than 600 stunning designs sure to impress your loved ones. Browse all available designs at Koriannndesigns.com and pre-order your cards for quick pick up. Each handcrafted card comes with an envelope in a clear protective bag. Looking for something special? Reach out to Kay at koriannndesigns@gmail.com or call 303-859-5566.
- Brett Kesler (226 Temple)-Available for power washing homes, driveways, and more, as well as for miscellaneous odd jobs. For service, call Brett at 660-414-7407.
- Heather Elliot & Tim Carr (157 Sun Circle)- Providing a wide range of services, including pressure washing, house cleaning, boat cleaning, landscaping, weeding, home check-ups, transportation, grocery shopping, meal planning and preparation, organizing, and light carpentry. Contact Heather at 269-568-1501 or Tim at 269-986-6371 for more information.
- Lisa Wylie (322 Shoreland) can provide you with power washing, interior and exterior painting. Contact Lisa at 419-349-6389

## The Ladies Golf season will



commence on January 5 at DelTur Golf Club, with the specific time to be announced. Prospective new members are encouraged to contact Sharon Milliken at 317-362-5040 for additional information.

## Heading north for the holidays? Here's some



good news to put a spring in your step: the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has waved goodbye to the shoe-removal shuffle at airport security! That's right—no more hopping around on one foot or frantically unlacing boots. You can keep your shoes on and breeze through the checkpoint like a travel pro. Happy travels, and may your feet stay cozy from gate to gate!



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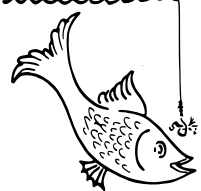
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## **Catch of the Season** runs



from November 1 until April 15, 2026. The only requirements are, the angler must be an Orange Harbor resident, the fish must be

caught from the shoreline of Orange Harbor or the fishing pier, not from a boat, the catch must be reported to the commissioner at the information provided below via text or email with the angler's name the length and species of the catch, and hopefully a photo of the fish and angler.

Report all catches large or small, whether caught by residents for the tournament or caught by vacationing guests and grandchildren. We will attempt to publish all reported photos in the next issue of The Island News and make the angler Orange Harbor famous.

We will keep a running leaderboard of the first, second and third place. After April 15, 2026, the first-place winner will have their name and catch engraved onto the COTS fishing plaque displayed in the clubhouse.

Report catches to Tony Wellbaum 815-262-1881  
[thwellbaum@aol.com](mailto:thwellbaum@aol.com)

Currently our leader is Terri Brown with a 44" bull shark.




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## In Loving Memory...



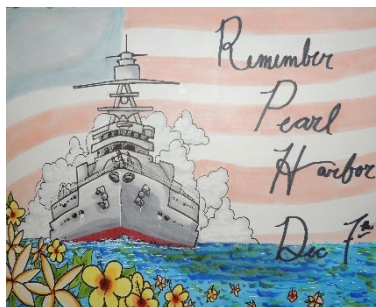
### Wilbur Dale Bostelman

Wilbur "Jake" Bostelman, formerly of Grand Rapids, Ohio, passed away on October 25, 2025, at Brookdale Memory Care with Hope Hospice. He was

born on October 11, 1940, in Whitehouse, Ohio, to the late Wilbur F. and Lucille (Leidorf) Bostelman.

After working for Massey Ferguson for 19 years he then opened "Jake's Farm Service" and operated the business for 20 years with Carol by his side. He loved working on machinery, building, tinkering, and traveling throughout the U.S. with Carol. They became "snowbirds" in Casa Grande, Arizona then Fort Myers, Florida, where they ended up residing. He also enjoyed being with family, camping and was active in the golf and pool leagues in and out of the community, remained a member of Alva N. Sidle American Legion Post 232 in Grand Rapids, Ohio, and was a member of the Tice and Shores Moose Lodge #1297, Fort Myers, Florida.

He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Carol (Woodling); daughters Tracy Bostelman (Greg Ludwig), Lou Ann (Grant) Whitaker, and son Andy (Rhonda) Bostelman. He is also survived by six of his seven grandchildren: Lucas (Dee) Rowe, Haley (Adam) Frager, Nate' (Kenny) Voelkel, Kaidee (Kevin) Gorsuch, Kyle (Angelica) Whitaker, Jacob (Alicia) Bostelman, and Megan Kelly (Mathew); thirteen great-grandchildren, including numerous step-grand and great grandchildren, sibling Kathie Carson. He was preceded in death by his grandson Mathew Whitaker, his parents, brothers Kenneth, Charles, Keith, and sister Jill Wellman. Donations to the memory of Wilbur can be made to the Alzheimer's Association or Hope Hospice of Fort Myers.



### Remembering Pearl Harbor Day – December 7

On December 7, we honor and remember the lives lost and the courage shown during the attack on Pearl

Harbor in 1941. This day serves as a solemn reminder of the sacrifices made by so many to protect our freedoms, and it inspires us to reflect on the resilience and unity that emerged from tragedy. Let us take a moment to pay tribute to the heroes of that day and keep their memories alive in our hearts and our community.

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Looking for something to do outside Orange Harbor? Check out these local markets and events in the Ft. Myers area:

#### 1. Miromar Outlets Weekly Pop-Up Market

Saturdays, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the Corkscrew Rd. entrance. Shop for fresh produce, handmade

jewelry, pottery, soaps, art, and more!

#### 2. Friends of Koreshan Sunday Market at Three Oaks Town Center

Sundays feature handmade jewelry, clothing, arts, crafts, and more.

#### 3. Babcock Ranch Farmers Market

Open every Sunday, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM at 42850 Crescent Loop, Babcock Ranch. Find fresh produce, homemade foods, and local specialties.

#### 4. Lakes Park Farmers Market

Wednesdays only. Since 2010, it is now one of Lee County's largest with 50 vendors selling local produce, seafood, plants, flowers, organics, and artisan foods. Get out and enjoy the vibrant, creative community just beyond Orange Harbor!

#### 5. Cape Coral Farmer's Market

Saturdays only from 8am-1pm. Located at SE 47<sup>th</sup> Terrace & SE 10<sup>th</sup> Pl., Cape Coral, FL 33904

**Shareholders, a new portal is now available for your use. Please follow these steps to create your account:**

- Go to the website: [www.orangeharbormhc.com](http://www.orangeharbormhc.com)
- At the top of the page, click on the tab labeled "Resident Portal."
- Scroll down and select "Shareholder Portal."
- Find the box that says: Shareholders: Keep informed! Log in to view co-op information. Click here and click it.
- Enter your email address.
- Click on "FORGOT PASSWORD" and then submit your request.
  - You will receive an email—open it and set a password to use for future logins.
  - This password will be how you access the site going forward.
- Once logged in to the portal, you'll be able to view available postings and information.
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### Winter Water Conservation Tips

During the winter month in SWFL, please consider conserving water.

- Water lawns less—winter growth is slow.
- Fix leaks promptly.
- Use drought-tolerant plants.
- Collect rainwater for gardens.
- Run dishwashers and laundry only when full.
- Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth or shaving. Sweep driveways instead of hosing them down. Install low-flow showerheads and toilets for extra savings.



### Welcome Back, Snowbirds! Tips for a smooth return to the Sunshine State

As cooler weather settles in up

north, it's time to welcome back our seasonal residents. Whether you're driving down I-75 with a car full of sunshine dreams or flying in for another warm Florida winter, we're so glad to have you home again.



Before you unpack those flip-flops and golf clubs, here are a few helpful reminders for settling back into your Florida lifestyle safely and comfortably:

**Check Your Home Systems:** turn the water back on slowly, test smoke alarms, replace A/C filters, and check for any signs of leaks or pests.

**Grocery & Pantry Reset:** restock essentials, toss expired items, and run a quick cleaning pass before fully unpacking.

**Re-activate Services:** confirm that cable, internet, and mail forwarding services are back on.

**Reconnect with the Community:** Stop by the clubhouse, attend the next social event, or join a club to catch up with friends you've missed over the summer.



### Safe Travels & Arrivals

If you're driving south, take your time and plan rest stops-especially if you're traveling with pets. For fliers, make sure transportation from the

airport is arranged ahead of time and that a neighbor knows when to expect your arrival.



### Stay Informed

Check your community bulletin board, website, newsletter for updated contact info, seasonal events, and reminders about gate access, parking, and maintenance hours.



### Settle In & Enjoy

After a long trip, nothing feels better than that first warm breeze off the Gulf or a peaceful morning coffee on the lanai. Welcome home to sunshine, friendships, and another beautiful season in paradise!



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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 Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Secondary Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Email Address:** Resident 1) \_\_\_\_\_

Resident 2) \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Phone Numbers:** Resident 1) C \_\_\_\_\_ H \_\_\_\_\_

Resident 2) C \_\_\_\_\_ H \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Status** in the Park

- ☐ Full Time
- ☐ Part Time

**Circle Months** typically in Orange Harbor: Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

**Pets:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Vaccine Dates:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Property Manager** when not in Residence: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check all that apply:**

- ☐ Shareholder
- ☐ Homeowner (Also known as Tenant: you own your home, but rent your land from the CoOp)
- ☐ Renter (Persons who do not own a home in Orange Harbor, but rent from Shareholders & Tenants)
- ☐ Seasonal (You can be any of the 3 above and also be Seasonal) Mail delivery only when you're in OH.)
- ☐ RV

I agree to receive notices and current park information regarding Orange Harbor Mobile Home & RV Park using the above designated e-mail address.

Signature 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Signature 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be added to the Orange Harbor Mobile Home and RV Park Directory. Yes No

Signature 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Signature 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 [ohnewsletter@aol.com](mailto:ohnewsletter@aol.com) 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 Julie Tarbox



Photo by Joanne Lose



| Sunday  | Monday                                 | Tuesday                               | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday                              | Saturday  |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| <div>December 2025</div>                      |  |                                       |   |   |                                     | 1   |
|   | 1<br>4pm Social Club Meeting           | 2<br>5pm Dingo Dinner<br>6:30pm Dingo | 3   | 4   | 5                                   | 6<br>8-9am All Park Breakfast   |
| 7<br>1-3pm Art Show<br>4-7pm Caroling/Concert | 8                                      | 9<br>5pm Bingo Dinner<br>6:30pm Bingo | 10  | 11<br>11:30am Mimosa Belles/Foxy Ladies Christmas Party | 12<br>6-8pm White Elephant          | 13<br>9am Boat Club & First Mates Meeting<br>6pm Shuffleboard             |
| 14<br>5-6:30pm Chili Dinner                   | 15                                     | 16<br>6:30pm Dingo                    | 17<br>2-4pm Luverne Mayo 100 <sup>th</sup> birthday open house 1271 3 <sup>rd</sup> st. | 18  | 19<br>9am Board of Director Meeting | 20<br>9:30am Coffee, Donuts, Town Hall<br>2-5pm Memorial Barbara Robinson |
| 21  | 22<br>6-7pm Christmas Golf Cart Parade | 23<br>5pm Bingo<br>6:30 Bingo         | 24  | 25<br>Merry Christmas!                                  | 26                                  | 27  |
| 28  | 29                                     | 30<br>6:30pm Dingo                    | 31<br>Happy New Year!<br>6pm-12am New Year's Eve Party                                  |   |                                     |   |

Dates and times subject to change

| Sunday                  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday |
|-------------------------|--|--|---|---|--|----------|
| 5:30pm Hand, Knee, Foot | 8-9am Power Walking<br>9am Water Aerobics<br>9am Billiards<br>9am Pickleball<br>10:30am Bible Reading<br>12pm Art Club | 8-9am Power Walking<br>9am Water Aerobics<br>9am Hobby/Crafts<br>9am Pickleball<br>11am Shuffleboard<br>7pm Pickleball | 8-9am Power Walking<br>9am Water Aerobics<br>9am Billiards<br>9am Pickleball<br>11am Mahjong<br>1:30pm Cornhole<br>5:30pm Hand, Knee, Foot<br>6pm Mexican Train | 8-9am Power Walking<br>9am Water Aerobics<br>9am Pickleball<br>6pm Euchre<br>7pm Pickleball | 8-9am Power Walking<br>9am Water Aerobics<br>9am Pickleball<br>1pm Texas Hold'Em |          |