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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. Your

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

Please note...At the time of publication some events may not be included in the newsletter due to the deadline, please watch the Orange Harbor Friends Facebook page for more information.

Thought for the Day...

On September 11, we mark the 25th anniversary of the attacks of September 11, 2001. On this National Day of Remembrance, we pause to honor the lost lives, the families forever changed, and the courage of the first responders, service members, volunteers, and everyday citizens who came together in the face of tragedy.

May we continue to remember with respect, reflect with gratitude, and carry forward the spirit of unity, kindness, and service that followed that difficult day. We will never forget.



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Island Hopper Songwriter Fest Returns to Southwest Florida in 2026

Music lovers can mark their calendars for the return of the Island Hopper Songwriter Fest, one of Southwest Florida's most popular annual events. The 10-day festival will take place **September 18–27, 2026**, bringing more than 60 acclaimed BMI singer-songwriters to intimate venues across the region.

Known for its unique “behind-the-song” performances, the festival gives audiences the opportunity to hear the stories behind some of their favorite hits while enjoying live music in beautiful waterfront settings. Most performances are free and will be held throughout **Captiva Island (Sept. 18–20), Cape Coral (Sept. 21–22), Downtown Fort Myers (Sept. 23–24), and Fort Myers Beach (Sept. 25–27).**

Whether you're a country music fan or simply looking for a memorable Southwest Florida experience, Island Hopper offers a perfect blend of music, storytelling, and coastal charm. Additional artist announcements and the full performance schedule will be released closer to the event. Download the app for everything you need to know at your fingertips.

Welcome to Our New Social Committee Directors

Please join us in welcoming our new Social Committee Directors:

- **Chairman:** Joanne Lose
- **Vice Chairman:** Tracy Chambers
- **Secretary:** Tammy Crum
- **Treasurer:** Sheran Little

This dedicated group of volunteers is truly the heart of our community. Over the next three years, these ladies will help keep Orange Harbor active, connected, and full of opportunities to gather, celebrate, and enjoy time with neighbors.

Please give them a warm welcome—and lend a helping hand whenever you can.



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Nation's Birthday Celebration

As we celebrated our nation's birthday, we are reminded of the importance of community, friendship, and the freedoms we share. What better way to honor Independence Day than by gathering together for an afternoon of fun, laughter, and good company? Residents enjoyed an all-American game of bingo, a delicious pizza party, and the opportunity to spend time with neighbors and friends. Celebrating together is what makes our community special, and we hope everyone had a safe, happy, and memorable Independence Day!



Bingo Winners!



Hey Orange Harbor!

Dear Everyone,
It is pleasure to be your Community Association Manager.
For those who don't know me, my name is John Dahlman. I have a background in

Management, Fraud Prevention, Accounting, Marketing and Sales.

I grew up in New York, spent thirty years in Northern Virginia and now find my home in North Fort Myers, just over the bridge from the park.

I have worked here in the office since March of 2025 and so most of you probably recognize me but some of you may appreciate Hello, and introduction, so here I am.

Please feel free to stop into the office anytime if you have a question or concern, I am here to help.

Sincerely, JD

Penny Less?



On May 11, 2026, Gov. Ron DeSantis signed a bill allowing cash transactions to be rounded to the nearest nickel, with immediate effect. In response to the penny no longer being manufactured in the United

States, SB 1074 was introduced, helping the state prepare for the absence of one cent pieces.

The bill does not require vendors to change their prices but affects the total of the purchase when payments are made with cash in person. The new law provides guidance to vendors for rounding purchases prices as follows:

- If the transaction ends in 1 or 2 cents, it rounds down to zero.
- If the transaction ends in 3 or cents it rounds up to 5 cents.
- If the transaction ends in 6 or 7 cents, it rounds down to 5 cents.
- If the transaction ends in 8 or 9 cents, it rounds up to the next 10 cents.

Transactions ending in zero or 5 cents are not rounded, and rounding does not apply for payments tendered by a method other than cash. The new law also has no impact on how sales tax is assessed, as tax will be calculated on the total cost of the transaction, prior to rounding.

Friends Across the Miles...



Bob & Julie Tarbox were able to visit Teri & Jeff Schuman in Indiana. Grateful to stay connected, no matter how many miles are between friends.



This crew had their own kind of Olympics; I'm thinking it was the U.S. vs. Canada? Cheyenne & Darlene Youngblood, Pennie Gillock, Gary Kirk, Tracy Bostelman, Grey Ludwig, John & Carol Coleman, Barb & Jamie Caldwell celebrating in Ohio!



In Loving Memory of Our Neighbors

One of the greatest blessings of living at Orange Harbor is the friendships we build along the way. We share morning walks, community gatherings, holiday celebrations, and countless conversations that turn neighbors into dear friends. When we lose members of our community, we are reminded just how precious those connections truly are.

In recent weeks, we have said goodbye to several of our Orange Harbor neighbors. While their absence leaves a space that cannot be filled, their kindness, laughter, and the memories they created will continue to live on in the hearts of those who knew them.

On behalf of the Orange Harbor community, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families, friends, and loved ones of those we have lost. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

As neighbors, let us continue to look after one another, offer a helping hand, share a kind word, and cherish the friendships that make Orange Harbor such a special place to call home. Life is a precious gift, and every day we have together is an opportunity to create memories that will last a lifetime.

May those we have lost rest in peace, and may their families find comfort in the love and support of this caring community.



Exotic Visitors Aren't Always Good Neighbors: Iguanas at Orange Harbor

Recently, several residents have reported seeing green iguanas throughout Orange Harbor. While these large reptiles are certainly fascinating to observe and are considered exotic because they are native

to Central and South America, they are actually an invasive species in Florida. They do not belong in our natural environment and can create significant problems for our community.

Green iguanas dig extensive burrows that can damage seawalls, sidewalks, landscaping, and other structures. They also feed on flowers, shrubs, fruits, and vegetable gardens, leaving a trail of destruction in their wake. As their population grows, so does the potential for costly damage to our park and common areas. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) encourages the humane removal of green iguanas because of the negative impact they have on Florida's native wildlife and habitats.

If you discover an iguana on your property, there are safe and legal options available. Residents may hire a licensed nuisance wildlife or iguana removal service or remove iguanas themselves using humane methods that comply with Florida law. Professional removal is often the safest and most effective solution, particularly for large animals or those located in difficult-to-reach areas.

It is important to remember that **Orange Harbor's Rules and Regulations strictly prohibit the discharge of firearms anywhere within our community.** For the safety of all residents and pets, firearms may not be used to remove iguanas under any circumstances. Even though Florida law allows humane removal of invasive green iguanas under certain conditions, our community rules take precedence regarding the use of firearms within Orange Harbor.

If you notice repeated iguana activity in common areas, please notify park management so the issue can be addressed appropriately. By working together, we can help protect our beautiful community while ensuring that invasive wildlife is handled safely, legally, and humanely.



Vacation Excursions

At Orange Harbor, we are incredibly fortunate to have not just one, but two exceptionally organized groups planning unforgettable Caribbean

getaways for our community. This season, residents can choose between the excitement and adventure of a spectacular Caribbean cruise or the relaxation and luxury of an all-inclusive island resort experience. Thanks to the dedication, hard work, and attention to detail of these volunteer organizers, our residents have wonderful opportunities to travel, connect with friends, and create lasting memories in some of the most beautiful destinations in the world.

Secrets-La Romana Punta Cana Adults Only-All Inclusive



Travelers will enjoy seven nights in luxurious Preferred Club accommodations at this all-inclusive beachfront resort in the

Dominican Republic. The package includes round-trip airfare, round-trip airport transfers, all meals and drinks, resort amenities, taxes, and accommodation based on double occupancy.

Guests departing from Miami will fly with American Airlines on January 23, departing at 10:45 a.m. and arriving in La Romana at 2:20 p.m. The return flight departs La Romana on January 30 at 3:20 p.m., arriving back in Miami at 4:56 p.m.

Miami departure package pricing:

- Pool View Room — \$2,919 per person
- Partial Ocean View Room — \$2,989 per person

Travelers departing from Chicago O'Hare will fly directly to Punta Cana before transferring to La Romana. The outbound flight departs January 23 at 8:08 a.m. and arrives in Punta Cana at 2:43 p.m. The return departs Punta Cana on January 30 at 2:31 p.m., arriving back at O'Hare at 5:46 p.m.

Chicago O'Hare package pricing:

- Pool View Room — \$3,150 per person
- Partial Ocean View Room — \$3,230 per person

Travel insurance is strongly recommended, and coverage options will be available to review during booking. The Miami-to-La Romana rates are locked-in group rates and will remain available until sold out. Chicago O'Hare pricing reflects current airfare and is subject to change.

For returning travelers, booking is even easier — your information may already be on file. Simply select your preferred room category and deposit information will be provided.

To reserve your spot or request additional information, contact Darrellynn:

- Email: darrellynn@worldwidetraveler.net
- Phone: 815-385-6900

* All travelers are encouraged to join our private Facebook group **Supergroup Travelers** to stay current on trip updates, important information, and group activities.



Orange Harbor and Friends Radiance of the Seas 7-night Western Caribbean Cruise January 30-February 6, 2027

The Radiance of the Seas can accommodate 2139 passengers based on double occupancy. There are 13 restaurants and 12 bars for your enjoyment. See the Broadway style shows and try your luck in the casino. Come join us!

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* Roundtrip driver and portage gratuities upon embarkation

* Seven-night Western Caribbean cruise

* Taxes of \$156 per person are included

For more information, please contact:

Marie Easterday (616)458-3937 or in person

Pat Phillips (in person)

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1/31	At Sea		
2/01	Cozumel, Mexico	7:00AM	6:00PM
2/02	Puerto Costa Maya, Mexico	8:00AM	5:00PM
2/03	Belize City, Belize	8:00AM	5:00PM
2/04	At Sea		
2/05	At Sea		
2/06	Tampa, Florida	7:00AM	

Have You Read Your Rules and Regulations Lately?

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

XIII. VEHICLES, WATERCRAFT AND PARKING, cont.

9. No resident shall sell any vehicle within the community unless the vehicle is owned by the resident. No resident owned, leased or primarily used commercial vehicles, including any vehicle or golf cart displaying a "for sale" sign, are allowed to be parked on any empty lot or common areas of the community at any time without management approval.

10. No major repairs including oil changes to vehicles shall be permitted in the carport with the exception or replacement of a flat tire or dead battery.

11. The Co-op specifically reserves the right to restrict the operation of all delivery, transportation or other vehicular traffic within the community which is deemed by the Board of Director to be detrimental to the interest of safety and traffic control, the well-being of the residents and preservation of the grounds and roadways in the community.

12. Pedestrians, golf carts and bicycles have the right-of-way but must observe posted speed limit and stop signs.

13. Stop signs shall be observed by all vehicles and golf carts. Speed limit for ALL vehicles and golf carts is 15 MPH.

14. No parking on the grass at any time, except when washing vehicle. Motor vehicles found to be parking in the common areas may be towed at the Resident's expense.

15. Parking on another resident's driveway is prohibited unless written consent is given by the resident. A copy of the written permission must be on file at the community office.

16. No golf cart or any other vehicle can be driven by any person under the age of 16.

17. Only personal vehicles, licensed and used for daily transportation, will be allowed to be operated in the community. Management will ban from the community any vehicle that, in their sole judgement, interferes with the peace, privacy, and/or general welfare of other residents or the appearance of the community. Personal vehicles where more than 30% of the vehicle is covered with decals or

stickers of any kind are deemed unsightly and are prohibited from the community.

18. Vehicles in violation of these Rules and Regulations will be noticed, towed and stored at the vehicle owner's expense.

XIV. DOCKS, FLOATING DOCKS, BOAT LIFTS AND SEAWALLS

1. Residents who own waterfront lots are allowed to build and maintain docks, floating docks, and boat lifts; however, any alteration to existing structures or new construction must abide by local, state and federal laws regarding these types of structures.

2. All residents' docks are personal property of the resident, and maintenance and general liability are the sole responsibility of each resident with a dock attached to their lot whether the current resident built, changed or acquired existing dock through resale. If resident does not continue to maintain the structure and the structure is falling or causing a hazard to the surrounding waterway, the Co-op shall remove the structure and bill the resident for the expense.

3. No additional utility outlets or services shall be permitted on docks/floating docks/boat lifts without prior approval of management

4. The seawalls are the responsibility of the Co-op; however, residents who have waterfront lots should inspect the seawall from time to time to ensure there is no soil erosion or seawall weathering from docks, boatlifts or other items homeowner has that might cause degradation. Homeowner shall notify management if degradation or damage is occurring to a seawall.

XV. REFUSE

1. The burning of trash and/or landscape debris is not permitted. Dumping of trash, garbage, gasoline, oils, brush and tree trimming, etc. in vacant lots or other open areas or in the waterway area surrounding the community is not permitted. Hazardous material, such as paint, oil or fluorescent bulbs, must be disposed of at a Lee County facility by resident. Do not place hazardous materials in garbage.

2. Roadside garbage pickup service is provided twice weekly. All garbage must be bagged in plastic bags and tied before placing in garbage cans. On day of pickup, either bagged garbage or garbage cans must be placed at curb. Yard waste, such as branches, should be neatly stacked or be tied in four-foot bundles and left at curb. Trimmings should be tagged, bundled or in a bin and left at curb.

3. When not at curb on garbage pickup days, recycle cans should be placed in carport where they are not obvious from the street.

Cane Toads in Florida: How to Spot Them and Why Pet Owners Should Be Concerned

Florida is home to a wide variety of wildlife, but one invasive species has become a growing concern for homeowners and pet owners alike: the cane toad. Originally introduced to control agricultural pests, cane toads have spread throughout much of South Florida and continue to expand their range. Knowing how to identify these amphibians and understanding the risks they pose can help keep your family and pets safe.

How to Identify a Cane Toad

Cane toads are often mistaken for native Florida toads, but there are several key features that set them apart:

- **Large size:** Adult cane toads can grow between 4 and 9 inches long, making them much larger than most native toads.
- **Warty, dry skin:** Their skin is rough and covered with bumps and warts.
- **Prominent poison glands:** The most distinctive feature is the pair of large, triangular glands located behind their eyes and extending down toward their shoulders.
- **Coloration:** They are typically brown, tan, reddish-brown, or gray, helping them blend into their surroundings.
- **Lack of ridges:** Unlike many native toads, cane toads do not have pronounced ridges running from their eyes down their backs.

Cane toads are most active at night and are commonly found around porches, sidewalks, gardens, and pet food dishes where insects gather.

Are Cane Toads Dangerous?

For humans, cane toads generally pose little danger unless handled improperly. However, they can be extremely dangerous to pets. When threatened, cane toads secrete a milky white toxin from their poison glands. If a dog or cat bites, licks, or mouths a cane toad, the toxin can quickly enter the bloodstream through the gums and mouth tissues.

Signs of Cane Toad Poisoning in Pets

Symptoms can appear within minutes and may include:

- Excessive drooling or foaming at the mouth
- Bright red gums
- Pawing at the mouth
- Disorientation or stumbling
- Vomiting
- Seizures
- Difficulty breathing

Without immediate treatment, severe poisoning can be fatal.

What To Do If Your Pet Encounters a Cane Toad

If you suspect your pet has licked or bitten a cane toad:

1. Rinse your pet's mouth immediately with running water, directing the water from the side of the mouth outward to avoid choking.
2. Wipe the gums and tongue with a damp cloth if possible.
3. Contact your veterinarian or an emergency animal hospital immediately.
4. Do not wait for symptoms to worsen before seeking professional help.

Preventing Cane Toad Encounters

Homeowners can reduce the likelihood of attracting cane toads by:

- Bringing pet food and water bowls indoors at night.
- Cleaning up fallen fruit from yards.
- Reducing outdoor lighting that attracts insects.
- Removing standing water where amphibians may gather.
- Supervising pets during evening walks and outdoor play.



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Beat the Heat Without Breaking the Bank

As summer temperatures climb across Southwest Florida, so can your electric bill. Air conditioning is often the biggest contributor to household energy use during the hottest months, but a few simple changes can help keep your home comfortable while reducing energy costs.

Set Your Thermostat Wisely

A thermostat setting of **78°F when you're home** is a good balance between comfort and efficiency. If you'll be away for several hours, raising the temperature a few degrees can help lower energy use. A programmable or smart thermostat can make these adjustments automatically.

Replace Your Air Filter

A dirty air filter forces your air conditioner to work harder, using more electricity and reducing airflow. During the summer, check your filter monthly and replace it as recommended by the manufacturer.

Use Ceiling Fans

Ceiling fans don't actually cool the room, but they help you feel cooler by circulating air. This allows many people to raise the thermostat by a couple of degrees without sacrificing comfort. Just remember to turn fans off when you leave the room—they cool people, not spaces.

Block the Afternoon Sun

Close blinds, curtains, or shades during the hottest part of the day, especially on west- and south-facing windows. Keeping direct sunlight out can significantly reduce indoor temperatures.

Seal Air Leaks

Small gaps around doors and windows allow cool air to escape and hot, humid air to enter. Replacing worn weatherstripping or adding door sweeps is an inexpensive way to improve your home's energy efficiency.

Avoid Adding Extra Heat Indoors

Whenever possible, use the microwave, slow cooker, or outdoor grill instead of the oven. Running the dishwasher and washing machine during the evening can also help keep your home cooler.

Schedule Routine HVAC Maintenance

An annual inspection helps your air conditioning system operate at peak efficiency. A technician can clean the unit, check refrigerant levels, and identify small problems before they become costly repairs.

Keep the Outdoor Unit Clear

If your condenser unit is outside, remove leaves, grass clippings, and other debris from around it. Keeping at least two feet of open space around the unit allows it to release heat more effectively.

Take Advantage of Natural Light

Turn off lights when they're not needed and switch to LED bulbs if you haven't already. LEDs use less electricity and produce much less heat than traditional incandescent bulbs.

Stay Comfortable and Save

No single tip will dramatically reduce your bill, but together these simple habits can make a noticeable difference over the course of the summer. A little preventive maintenance and a few energy-saving adjustments can help keep both your home and your budget a little cooler.

Bingo is Back in September!

September 8 & 22-Dinner at 5 Play begins at 6pm



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

In Loving Memory...



William Alfred "Bill"

Theno, a dedicated farmer and skilled craftsman, passed away peacefully at the age of 86, on Tuesday, June 23, at Faith Cottages Memory Care in Basehor, Kansas. Bill, a lifelong resident of the Tonganoxie

area, leaves behind a legacy of hard work, ingenuity, and devotion to his family.

Born on February 18, 1940, in rural Leavenworth County, Kansas, Bill spent his formative years on the family farm, where the seeds of his strong work ethic were sown. He attended Dafer School, laying the groundwork for a life characterized by diverse skills and unwavering commitment. Bill's professional journey began on the family farm, instilling in him a deep connection to the land. Later, his industrious spirit led him to various roles, including work at the cold storage caves near Bonner Springs and in construction for Reno Construction. For over two decades, he meticulously batched concrete for Stewart Sand, demonstrating his precision and reliability. In the early 1980s, Bill embraced his passion for agriculture, transitioning to full-time Farmer raising hog, cattle and grain, a venture he pursued with characteristic dedication. Beyond his farming and construction endeavors, Bill was notably skilled in relocating structures, moving numerous homes, including some from the Kansas Speedway area to Western Leavenworth County, significantly expanding his own farmstead with repurposed buildings from the surrounding landscape.

Bill was preceded in death by his beloved daughter, Teresa M. Theno-Ditty, in 1997, as well as by two sisters and two brothers who also preceded him in passing.

He is survived by his three devoted children: Brenda Willis of Tonganoxie, Kansas; Lisa M. Ohlde and her husband, Curtis of Basehor, Kansas; and Scott W. Theno and his wife, Diane, also of Tonganoxie, Kansas. Bill is also survived by his sister, Mary Johnson of Basehor, Kansas. His memory will be cherished by his twelve grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren, and a wide circle of nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family members, all of whom will miss him profoundly.



Frances "Bettie" Elizabeth

McCandless, 88, of Fort Myers, Florida, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at Gulf Coast Medical Center, surrounded by the love of her family. Bettie was born on March 12, 1938, in Valley Station, Kentucky,

to Joseph Wessel and Mary Athelia (Kiefer) Wessel. On March 5, 1955, she married the love of her life, Andrew Clay McCandless, in Indiana. They built a life, family, and countless memories and adventures together over 58 years of marriage until Clay's passing on December 18, 2013.

Bettie, was a school bus driver for over 25 years the last 12 for Salem Illinois School District; a job she truly loved. She safely transported generations of children and was known for her patience, kindness, and caring spirit. It was a common scene around the Salem area for Bettie's, now adult, students to celebrate her and remember her abiding love for them.

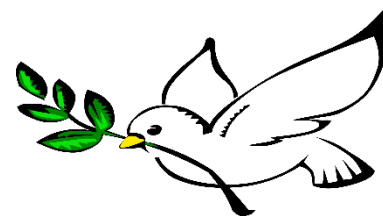
Bettie was a skilled and avid creator. She won numerous awards for her fine hand-quilting and generously shared her made-with-love art with anyone whom she thought it would bring joy. To be loved by Bettie was to receive a gift of her crafts, or a pot of her famous Chicken-N-Dumplings.

After retiring, Bettie chose sunshine, community, and a home closer to her beloved big sister by relocating to Orange Harbor in Fort Myers. Surrounded by an ever-growing group of good friends and great neighbors, Bettie embraced the warmth of Florida and friendships, treasuring the close-knit community and the many adventures that accompanied. Her greatest joy, however, was always her family. As the long-time matriarch, she continued to prioritize big family moments, celebrated her people, and desired little else than to revel in the successes and happiness of her children, grandchildren, and great-granddaughter.

Bettie was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband; her son Joseph (Joey) Clay, and her son-in-law, James Thomas.

She leaves behind a family who will miss her deeply and cherish the task of preserving her memory: her daughter, Mary Cae Thomas of Indianapolis; her son, Leo Daniel McCandless and his partner, Tom Lawson, of St. Louis, Missouri; her daughter-in-law, Angela McCandless of Collinsville, Illinois; her grandchildren, Jacob, Olivia, Beth (Sam) Wilson, and Amber; her cherished great-granddaughter, Rosemary (RJ) Wilson; along with her dear brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held on January 17, 2027, at the Orange Harbor Community Clubhouse in Fort Myers, Florida. Online condolences can be left at www.CrouseFH.com Bettie will be remembered for her fiery spirit, tender heart, quiet strength, unwavering love for her family, and the kindness she showed to everyone she met. Her legacy lives on in the lives she touched and in the family, she loved so dearly.





Sandra Faye "Sandy"

Castlebury, 71, passed away in July 2026.

Sandy was born on March 5, 1955, to Donna and Gaylord "GJ" Wallace. She grew up in Sheldon, Missouri, where she graduated from Sheldon High School. In the summer

following her graduation in 1973, she married the love of her life, Sam Castlebury, beginning a marriage that would span 40 wonderful years until Sam's passing.

She later earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree and dedicated her career to caring for others as a registered nurse. Throughout her nursing career, she served in several roles but found her true calling in psychiatric nursing.

Together, Sandy and Sam built a loving home and raised three children: Samantha (Tyler) Hammond of Northern Virginia; Rocky (Marissa) Castlebury of Greenfield, Missouri; and Shelly (Beau) Barwick of Neosho, Missouri. She was an adoring grandmother to Addilyn and Maisie Castlebury and Thaddeus Barwick, who brought immeasurable joy and pride to her life. Another Barwick grandson will be welcomed in the fall.

Sandy was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 40 years, Sam Castlebury, and by her parents, Donna and Gaylord "GJ" Wallace. She is survived by her three brothers, Jim Wallace, Gary David (Nancy) Wallace, and Lonnie (Lola) Wallace.

After retiring from nursing, Sandy embraced every opportunity to enjoy life. She frequently traveled to Northern Virginia to spend time with her eldest daughter, Samantha, and son-in-law, Tyler, delighting in the history of Virginia and exploring Washington, D.C. One of the greatest joys of her retirement was purchasing a vacation home in Fort Myers, Florida. There she loved exploring nature preserves, watching manatees, walking the beaches, and participating in activities within her community.

Sandy also cherished the adventures she shared with her dearest friends, Roberta Breau and Toby Ellison. Whether traveling together, exploring new places, or simply enjoying each other's company, their friendship was a source of laughter, encouragement, and countless treasured memories throughout the years.

A lifelong member of Sheldon Christian Church, Sandy treasured the friendships and fellowship she found through the church.

Always active, Sandy faithfully began each morning with a two-mile walk and eagerly participated in any local 5K fun run she could find.

An event she never missed was her grand kids ball games. Cheering and supporting and ever present. Sandy was always crafting or sewing. She loved sharing that passion with her grandchildren, and teaching Addilyn and Maisie to sew was

something she cherished. Her children and grandchildren will forever treasure the gloves, hats, scarves, trivets, dog bandanas, aprons, and countless other handmade gifts she lovingly crafted for them.

Above all else, Sandy loved her family.

She will be deeply loved, forever remembered, and profoundly missed by all who knew her.

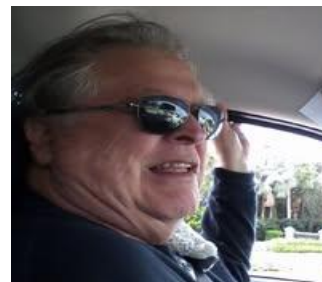


James "Jim" D. Peck, 66, of Londonderry, NH, passed away on Monday July 13, 2026, at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Cambridge, MA on December 5, 1959, a son of the late Daniel and Phyllis (Flibotte) Peck.

Jim or "Papa" to his grandchildren had a love of the water.

Growing up with summers in Sebago spending his most recent summers with his family on Ossipee Lake. Always behind the wheel of boat was pure happiness to him. Later life you could find him in Florida with the love of his life, Sheri and their dog, Lexi. Fishing was also one of his greatest passions and doing it with his grandkids made his day all the better. Jim was known as the jack of all trades. Building things with his hands and seeing it all come to life was something he had a passion for. Jim was quick witted with his humor and always had a great comeback. Never a day when we couldn't have a laugh with him. He will be missed every day

Jim is survived by his beloved wife of 13 years, Sheri (Mullick) Peck; two sons, Jim Peck, Jr. and Tim Peck and his wife Christine; three grandchildren, Molly, Madison, and Lucas; two brothers, Daniel Peck and Brian Peck, and 3 nieces and many friends.



John Schoellner

We are saddened to share the passing of our longtime Community Association Manager, **John Schoellner**.

John faithfully served Orange Harbor for many years, guiding our community through both good times and difficult challenges. His steady leadership was especially evident in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian, when he helped lead the rebuilding of Orange Harbor during one of the most challenging periods in our history.

John's dedication, professionalism, and commitment to our community will be remembered by all who had the privilege of working with him. He will be greatly missed, and we extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and loved ones.

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Understanding Florida's Proposed Homestead Tax Exemption Expansion

As many Florida homeowners know, property taxes can be a significant annual expense, especially for retirees living on fixed incomes. In 2026, Florida lawmakers approved a proposed constitutional amendment that would substantially increase the state's homestead property tax exemption. Before it can take effect, however, Florida voters must approve the measure in the November 2026 election.

What Is the Current Homestead Exemption?

Florida currently provides a homestead exemption for qualified homeowners who use a property as their primary, permanent residence. The exemption reduces the taxable value of the home, which lowers the owner's property tax bill.

The homestead exemption is not available for second homes, vacation properties, rental properties, or investment properties.

What Would the New Proposal Do?

If approved by voters, the proposal would significantly increase the homestead exemption for qualifying Florida homeowners.

The plan would:

- Increase the exemption to \$150,000 beginning in 2027.
- Increase the exemption to \$250,000 beginning in 2028.
- Continue to exclude school district taxes from the expanded exemption.

Who Would Be Eligible?

The expanded exemption would generally apply to homeowners who:

- Own their home.
- Use the property as their primary residence.
- Have established Florida residency.
- Qualify for Florida's homestead exemption.

Examples of potentially eligible properties include:

- Single-family homes used as a primary residence.
- Condominiums used as a primary residence.
- Certain mobile homes that qualify for homestead status and serve as the owner's permanent residence.

Who Would Not Be Eligible?

The proposal would not apply to:

- Second homes.
- Seasonal or snowbird residences.
- Vacation homes.
- Rental properties.
- Investment properties.
- Commercial properties.
- Properties that do not qualify for Florida homestead status.

For example, a resident who owns a mobile home in Florida but lives elsewhere most of the year generally would not qualify if the mobile home is considered a secondary residence.

Potential Disadvantages

Reduced Revenue for Local Governments

- Property taxes help fund essential local services, including:
 - Fire protection
 - Police services
 - Parks and recreation
 - Roads and infrastructure
 - Libraries
 - Community programs
- A significant reduction in property tax revenue may require local governments to reduce spending, seek alternative funding sources, or increase fees elsewhere.

Unequal Benefits

Only homeowners with homestead properties would benefit directly. Renters, seasonal residents, and owners of second homes would not receive the same tax relief.

Possible Future Tax Shifts

Critics argue that if local governments lose substantial property tax revenue, they may eventually need to rely more heavily on other taxes, assessments, or user fees.

Impact on Community Services

Some opponents worry that lower tax revenue could affect funding for services that many residents rely on, particularly in communities with large retiree populations.

What Happens Next?

The proposal has been approved by the Florida Legislature but has not yet become law. Because it is a constitutional amendment, it must be approved by at least 60% of Florida voters during the November 2026 election.

Until voters decide, Florida's current homestead exemption rules remain in effect.



Looking to become more involved in the Orange Harbor Community?

Joining one of our social groups is a wonderful way to meet neighbors, make new friends, and enjoy everything our community has to offer.

The Foxy Ladies meet on the **second Thursday of each month** and welcome residents interested in fellowship, fun activities, and community connections. For information, contact:

Nancy Shepers 812-613-0846

The Mimosa Belles gather on the **second Tuesday of each month** and provide another great opportunity to socialize and build friendships within the community. For information, contact **Gaile Corson** 815-355-4352

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Once registered, you'll have access to current postings, announcements, and important shareholder information.



Community Meetings

Board of Directors Meetings

The Orange Harbor Board of Directors meets on the **4th Friday of each month at 9:00 a.m.** in the clubhouse and via Zoom.

All shareholders are welcome to attend.

Next meetings are August 28 and September 25

Town Hall Meetings

Town Hall meetings are held every Saturday following coffee and donuts at **9:45 a.m.** in the clubhouse.

All residents, both shareholders and land lease residents, are encouraged to attend.

Next meetings are August 29 and September 26



Coffee & Donuts

One of the best ways to stay connected at Orange Harbor is by joining your neighbors for our monthly **Coffee & Donuts Gathering** on the **4th Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m.** in the clubhouse, just before the **9:45 a.m. Town Hall Meeting**. This casual get-together offers residents a chance to catch up with friends, welcome new neighbors, hear club announcements, and learn about upcoming community events. Whether you're a longtime resident or new to Orange Harbor, Coffee Hour is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen friendships and stay informed about what's happening in our community. Please sign up on the clubhouse bulletin board so we can have enough donuts for everyone. Hosts are also needed throughout the season, so consider volunteering if you'd like to help make this event a success.



All-Park Breakfast

The **All-Park Breakfast**, held on the **1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month at 8:00 a.m.** in the clubhouse, has become a favorite Orange Harbor tradition. More than just a delicious meal, the breakfast provides a welcoming setting where residents can gather, share stories, discuss community happenings, and enjoy the company of friends and neighbors. It's a great way to start the weekend, meet new residents, and strengthen the sense of community that makes Orange Harbor such a special place to live. Whether you come for the food, the fellowship, or both, we invite you to pull up a chair and join us for a relaxing and enjoyable morning.



Park Sale Donations

Have items you'd like to donate to the Park Sale?

Donations are accepted on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month.

Sign up in advance at the clubhouse.

Donation dates and times are listed on the sign-up sheet. Large donations may require special arrangements. For larger donations, contact: **Joanne Lose**

☎ 517-294-6912 Please leave your name and address in your message, and a Social Committee member will contact you.



Guest Parking Reminder

During the busy season, guest parking can become limited. To help keep traffic flowing smoothly and ensure parking is available for everyone, residents hosting overnight guests are asked to follow community parking procedures.

Before Your Guests Arrive:

- ✓ Obtain a guest parking permit from the office.
 - ✓ Use designated temporary guest parking areas when needed.
 - ✓ Help guests avoid blocking:
Driveways, Streets, Emergency access areas, Vacant lots
- Following these simple guidelines helps maintain safety, accessibility, and courtesy throughout the community.**



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. There will be no more meetings through the summer months. See you in the fall!**



Calling all homeowners-

Do you have your name tag? If not, don't fret! Dolly Tye is your go-to hero for all things name tag. Grab yours for free and wear it with pride! Reach out to Dolly at **708-542-1978** and get ready to show off your badge of honor!

Directory

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

FEATURED AMENITIES GUIDE

Welcome to Our Community!

We are proud to offer a variety of amenities designed to make your stay enjoyable and memorable. Please help us keep these facilities clean, safe, and available for everyone.

Recreation & Activities



Swimming Pool – Open sunrise to sunset.

Children 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Do not remove the deep-end safety rope.



Billiards & Ping Pong – Located in the clubhouse. Please follow posted rules and return equipment when finished.



Bocce Ball & Shuffleboard – Courts are located near the clubhouse parking lot. Equipment is available nearby, with shuffleboard equipment stored in the shed beside the court.



Horseshoe Pits – Located near the pavilion and pool.



Pickleball Court – Located next to the office. Please observe posted rules. Lights out at 11:00 p.m.



Fishing Pier & Fish Cleaning Station – The fishing pier is on the northwest side of the park. Dispose of fishing line and fish waste properly. The fish cleaning station is located in the RV park.



Dog Park & Wash Station – Open 24 hours daily. Waste bags and disposal bins are provided. The wash station is located between the shuffleboard courts and laundromat.

Community Facilities



Clubhouse – The center of many community activities and available for private rentals. Contact **Joanne Lose at 517-294-6912** for reservations.



Library – Located in the clubhouse and stocked with books, puzzles, and games. Please return items when finished.



Ice Machine – Located in the clubhouse. Use the provided scoop, limit use to three scoops at a time, and close the lid after use.



Laundry Room – Open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Please report maintenance issues to the office and place a note on any machine that is not working properly.



Restrooms & Showers – Available in the clubhouse, RV section, near the shuffleboard courts, and behind the office.

Outdoor Amenities

Pavilions – Two pavilions are available for special event rentals: one near the pool and one in the RV section. Contact **Joanne Lose at 517-294-6912** to reserve.



Memorial Butterfly Garden – A peaceful space for reflection and enjoyment of nature. Contact **Jennifer Krogulski at 570-237-5409** for more information.



Community Vegetable Garden – Seasonal garden plots are available through the Garden Club for participating residents. Contact **Jennifer Krogulski at 570-237-5409** for more information.

Storage & Convenience



Boat Ramps – Located near the office and beside Gypsy Hall in the RV section. Please avoid parking in launch areas.



Storage Spaces & Boat Slips – 41 storage spaces and 17 boat slips are available on a first-come, first-served annual rental basis. Contact the office for pricing and availability.



Garbage Disposal & Plant Cuttings – Dumpster and plant-cutting trailer available 24/7. Large items require a paid disposal sticker from the office. Please sort waste properly.

Please respect posted rules, clean up after yourself and your pets, report maintenance concerns promptly, and help keep our community beautiful for everyone.

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- Produce stickers
- Celery, corn husks, potato peels, and other fibrous foods
- Medications
- Paint and solvents
- Flushable wipes and baby wipes
- Hair and dental floss

Why? These items can cause clogs, sewer backups, pipe damage, and environmental contamination.



FRIDAY RECYCLING REMINDER

Cart Placement Matters! Place your cart with the **handle facing your home** and the **opening facing the street**.

Paper

Newspapers, magazines, junk mail, copy paper, and phone books.

Metal Cans

Aluminum and steel cans. No need to remove labels.

Cardboard

Most boxes accepted. Pizza box lids are recyclable; bottoms must be clean.

Plastic Containers

Recycle plastics #1–#7. No Styrofoam or plastic bags.

Glass

Green, brown, and clear bottles and jars.

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239-533-8000 Questions about a specific item? Please contact the Orange Harbor Office.



TRASH & YARD WASTE

Garbage Collection Tuesdays & Fridays

- ✓ Place garbage out early.
- ✓ Secure bags to discourage animals and pests.

Yard Waste Collection Wednesdays

- ✓ Bundle branches and brush in sections no longer than 3 feet.
- ✓ Keep piles away from mailboxes and utility equipment.
- ✓ Bag loose yard waste when possible.



MAINTENANCE CREW NEWS

Thank you for helping us keep Orange Harbor looking its best!

Pet Owners

Please clean up after your pets, including in the dog park.

Yard Waste

Bundle and bag green waste properly for collection in 3 foot bundles.

Sticker Program

Items placed in K-Mart or scheduled for pickup require a sticker from the office.

Manageable Garbage

Please use multiple smaller bags rather than one heavy bag.

No Maggots Policy

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Exciting Updates for Orange Harbor RV Guests!

We have some exciting news for our RV guests and future visitors!

Orange Harbor is excited to announce several updates designed to make your stay more enjoyable, flexible, and affordable.

To better accommodate our guests, **new RV rates have been implemented to provide a more comfortable cost for visitors while continuing to offer the quality experience Orange Harbor is known for.** In addition, we have made an important change to our peak season reservation requirements.

Shorter Minimum Stays During Peak Season

The previous **90-day minimum stay requirement for Pull-Through sites** and **120-day minimum stay requirement for Waterfront sites** have been eliminated. Guests may now reserve these popular sites with just a **30-day minimum stay**, providing much greater flexibility for seasonal visitors and travelers looking for a shorter stay.

Whether you're planning a month-long getaway, an extended vacation, or simply want to enjoy Florida's beautiful winter weather, Orange Harbor now offers more options than ever before.

Reserve Your Stay Making a reservation is easy!

Visit the Orange Harbor Office or Book Online Through CampSpot

Our online reservation system allows guests to view available sites, compare options, and reserve their stay anytime.

These new rates and flexible stay options are part of our ongoing commitment to making Orange Harbor a welcoming and affordable destination for both returning guests and first-time visitors.

Come enjoy the Orange Harbor experience—whether for 30 days or the entire season!

We Look Forward to Seeing You!



ORANGE HARBOR LIMITED-TIME LOT OFFER

Have you dreamed of building your future in Orange Harbor? Now may be the perfect time. For a limited period, Orange Harbor is offering Co-op owned vacant lots through a special program that allows buyers to secure a lot today and purchase their share later at the original 2012 share price. With share values increasing significantly over the years, this opportunity could provide substantial savings while giving you time to plan for your new home.

HOW IT WORKS

✓ Reserve Your Lot

Place a \$5,000 deposit on the available lots.

✓ Six-Month Grace Period

Monthly lot fees begin six months after reservation at the current shareholder rate.

✓ Purchase Your Share Later

When your home arrives, you may purchase your Orange Harbor share at the original 2012 share price.

✓ Deposit Applies to Share Purchase

Your \$5,000 deposit will be credited toward the cost of your share.

⚠ Important Requirement

A home must be installed, or an approved home purchase contract must be in place within one year. If not, the agreement ends and the deposit is forfeited.

POTENTIAL SAVINGS

Lot Type	Today's Share Value	Original Share Price
1st Interior	\$88,594	\$45,000
2nd Interior	\$108,281	\$55,000
Corner Interior	\$118,125	\$60,000
Waterway	\$141,750	\$72,000
Lower River A	\$144,375	\$77,000
Lower River B	\$151,594	\$77,000
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Along the way you'll discover peaceful nature preserves, mangrove islands, waterfront views, sandy beaches, and incredible wildlife, including **dolphins, manatees, bald eagles, osprey, pelicans, and roseate spoonbills**. Anglers can enjoy fishing for **snook, redfish, tarpon, spotted seatrout, mangrove snapper, largemouth bass, Mayan cichlid, and tilapia**.

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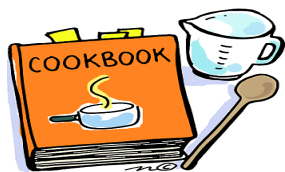
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Recipe from the Kitchen of Joe Collier

Sweet Potato Crème Brulee

Ingredients:

1 Sweet Potato, approximately 12oz
¼ cup brown sugar
1 tsp. fresh rosemary, finely chopped
1 tsp. fresh basil, finely chopped
½ tsp. fresh cracked pepper
½ tsp. salt



Instructions:

Mix sugar, herbs, and spices together, set aside. Wash and dry sweet potato, poke with fork. Bake at 400 degrees until internal temperature of 210 degrees or microwave on 7 power for 5 minutes. Split potato in half. Sprinkle sugar mixture over potato. Heat with torch or place under broiler. Enjoy!



Resources for Hurricane Prep

Living in Florida has its advantages but severe weather is not among those. Residents quickly learn to be prepared for severe weather, from winter freezes, to tornadoes, to hurricanes. As hurricane season begins June 1, it is an opportune time to make advance preparations.

Special Needs

Do you or anyone in your family have special needs or accommodation, such as a physical disability, medical needs, etc.? Now is the time to plan for care during a storm. Register with the Florida Special Needs Registry (flhealthresponse.com) to receive important information from local emergency management officials about evacuation and sheltering options available. This registry allows local personnel to plan should you need electricity to operate medical equipment, transportation to evacuate, or help in accessing medication.

Create a plan for yourself or your family member(s) with special needs now. Having a plan in place will make an emergency less stressful and allow everyone to better respond to the situation. Visit Make a Plan/Florida Disaster (floridadisaster.org) to assess the needs and considerations in creating a plan for preparedness.

Stay Informed

Accessing detailed information about community hazards and knowing what resources are available to you is crucial during a severe weather event. This information will be provided by your local emergency management agency. Also, make sure you sign up for emergency weather alerts in your area. A subscription could save your life!

Florida Public Radio Network stations broadcast public safety and emergency messaging as needed throughout the state as partner stations report on local emergencies. Visit Florida Public Radio Emergency Network (FPREN) floridastorms.org to download their app to your phone or get updates on your computer. For real-time public safety alerts and advisories for the entire state, download, the Futuri Alerts app to your phone.

If you need to evacuate or travel during an emergency, you'll need to know what roadways are safe and free of hazards. Florida Highway Patrol (flhsmv.gov) allows you to view live traffic crash and roadway condition reports.



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I said, "Somewhere I haven't been in a long time."
She suggested the kitchen.

At our age, "getting lucky" means finding your car in the parking lot on the first try.

My doctor told me I should watch my drinking.
So now I watch myself drink in the mirror.

I only drink on two occasions:
When it's my birthday...
and when it's not.

My wife told me to stop acting like a flamingo. I had to put my foot down.



Golf Carts, Bicycles & Pedestrian Safety

Golf carts and bicycles must follow the same rules of the road as motor vehicles. Please stay on your side of the street, stop at all corners and STOP signs, look both ways before entering intersections, and obey the **15 MPH speed limit**.

We've recently experienced several "near misses" involving vehicles, golf carts, bicycles, and pedestrians. A few extra seconds of caution can prevent accidents and injuries.

Pedestrians: Please carry a flashlight or wear reflective gear when walking after dark to improve visibility and safety.



Payment Reminders

Late fees for Rent and Maintenance Fees are assessed after the 15th of each month.

Homeowners: Check, Resident Portal (Credit Card One-Time or Recurring Payments), or E-Check.

RV Owners: Check, Credit Card in the Office, or Credit Card/Check through the Camp Spot Link.

Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) Policy

Returned payments (bounced checks, stop payments, insufficient funds, etc.) will require payment by **certified funds** for the next 90 days. ACH participants will be removed from ACH and may reapply after the 90-day period.



Important Numbers

Lee County Sheriff's Office (Non-Emergency): 239-477-1000

Emergency: Dial 911



Smoking & Quiet Hours

- No smoking in the Pavilion or Gypsy Haul.
- Smoking is prohibited within 30 feet of the Clubhouse.
- Please dispose of cigarette butts properly.
- **Quiet Hours:** 10:00 PM – 7:00 AM



Compliance Policy Reminder

Our goal is to maintain the beauty and appeal of Orange Harbor. Compliance notices are intended as reminders—not penalties. If you receive a letter or email and need additional time to address an issue, please contact the office. Communication is key, and we appreciate everyone's efforts in keeping our community attractive and welcoming.



Questions, Comments & Suggestions

Residents are encouraged to share feedback through any of the following:

- Suggestion Box (include your name and phone number)
- Work Orders for maintenance requests
- Town Hall Meetings
- Request for Action Forms (must be signed)

Thank you for helping keep Orange Harbor safe, beautiful, and enjoyable for everyone!

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.



Residents for Hire & Community Services

Need a helping hand? Support your neighbors while getting things done!

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Home & Property Services

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- Offering:
- Pressure washing
- House cleaning
- Boat cleaning
- Landscaping & weeding
- Home watch services
- Transportation
- Grocery shopping
- Meal preparation
- Organizing
- Light carpentry

 Heather: 269-568-1501

 Tim: 269-986-6371

Painting & Power Washing

Lisa Wylie (322 Shoreland)

Interior & exterior painting and power washing services.

 419-349-6389

Support Local Residents

Hiring within the community helps support your neighbors while keeping Orange Harbor connected and thriving. If you have a service you would like to provide to the community, please contact Jennifer Krogulski at 570-237-5409 or email to ohnewsletter@aol.com to have your services listed.

Downtown Ft. Myers



Every month brings a fresh wave of excitement to the downtown area, with vibrant events drawing locals and visitors alike. Streets are often closed to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all attendees, creating a lively and pedestrian-friendly atmosphere. On the first Friday of each month, the Art Walk unfolds, showcasing the creative talents of local artists who present their unique and captivating works across a variety of mediums. This event transforms the streets into a bustling gallery, where art lovers can explore and purchase beautiful pieces directly from the creators.

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

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Back-to-School Safety Reminder



Lee County schools return to class on **August 11**.

Please use extra caution on the roads, watch for school buses, obey bus stop signals, and help keep children safe as they travel to and from school.



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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.

Current Officers are:

Commodore: Jim Robinson 815-353-7280

Secretary: John Masters 239-887-2894

Fleet Captain: Bud Will 219-218-0669

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.

Our meeting season runs from November through April, with boat outings scheduled for the fourth Monday of those months.



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.

Current Officers

President: Sue Franks 413-834-2925

Vice President: Holly Masters 239-994-0077

Treasurer/Secretary: Sharon Will



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!



Memorial Garden

Customized plates are to be mounted permanently on the Memorial Sign in the Community Garden. Cost \$50. Proceeds to benefit the community and memorial gardens for future expansion. Checks can be made to: Orange Harbor Social Committee.

- 4" wide x 2" high Engraved Brushed Brass Plate Black Etched Letters. All plates will be round edged.
- Traditional Diamond Point Engraving
- All engravings are included. About 30-40 Characters Per Line Recommended. 5 line maximum
- Please contact Jennifer Krogulski at 78 Sun Circle, email ohnewsletter@aol.com or 570-237-5409 with your name, address, phone number and inscription for plate and font preference. Verification will be done prior to ordering. Order forms are in the clubhouse.

Labor Day: Honoring the People Who Keep America Moving



Keep America Moving

Labor Day is observed each year on the first Monday in September as a time to recognize the hard work, dedication, and

contributions of American workers. What began in the late 1800s as a way to honor laborers and their role in building our country became a national holiday in 1894. For many families, Labor Day also marks the unofficial end of summer and the start of a new season filled with school routines, community activities, and fall plans. It is often celebrated with cookouts, gatherings, parades, and time spent relaxing with family and friends.

As we enjoy the long weekend, let us also take a moment to appreciate the workers, volunteers, caregivers, service providers, and neighbors whose efforts help keep our communities strong, safe, and welcoming. Wishing everyone a safe, restful, and happy Labor Day!

Hurricane Preparedness List



Preparing for a hurricane can make a significant difference in ensuring safety and reducing injury and damage. This comprehensive hurricane preparedness list will help you stay organized and ready.

Emergency Kit

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

Personal Items

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

Before a Hurricane

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

During a Hurricane

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

After a Hurricane

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Orange Harbor Office-239-694-3707

Court illumination is available.

A twist-on timer is located at the court entrance.

Please enjoy yourself and be respectful of others! Have a great game!

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.



Power Walking on the small tv screen will continue with the help of volunteers **Monday -Friday at 8am** in the clubhouse. Come get sweaty with us!

Staying Fit During the Warmer Months in Florida

Florida's sunny climate and high temperatures can make staying active challenging during the warmer months. However, with a thoughtful approach, you can maintain your fitness routine while staying safe and comfortable.

First, consider exercising early in the morning or later in the evening when temperatures are cooler and humidity is lower. Hydration is also crucial—always carry water with you and take frequent sips, even if you don't feel thirsty.

Take advantage of Florida's natural beauty by swimming in pools or at the beach. Water exercises are gentle on the joints and provide a refreshing way to work out in the heat. Listen to your body, and rest in shaded areas if you start to feel overheated. With these tips, you can enjoy an active, healthy lifestyle throughout Florida's warm months.

Stingray Shuffle

Ft Myers Beach is part of Florida's Gulf Coast, where stingrays are commonly found in shallow waters, particularly during the warmer months of April through October. The combination of calm, warm waters and sandy bottoms makes the area an ideal habitat for these creatures. For visitors, this means a higher likelihood of encountering stingrays during peak beach season.

While stingray injuries are rarely life-threatening, they can result in intense pain, swelling, and, in severe cases, infection. Medical attention may be required to treat the wound and remove any embedded tail barb fragments. Employing the stingray shuffle is a simple yet vital precaution to prevent such incidents.

The stingray shuffle is an easy, preventive technique designed to reduce the risk of stepping on stingrays hidden beneath the sand. Stingrays often bury themselves in the shallow coastal waters to rest or avoid predators, making them nearly invisible to swimmers and waders. If startled by a sudden step, stingrays may defend themselves by whipping their venomous tail barb, potentially causing painful injuries.

The shuffle involves dragging your feet lightly through the sand as you walk in the water instead of lifting them with each step. This creates vibrations in the sand that alert stingrays to your presence, encouraging them to move away calmly rather than react defensively. It's an effortless and effective way to coexist with these marine animals.

- Keep your feet on the sand: Instead of lifting your feet, slide them forward smoothly, letting your toes stay in contact with the seabed.
- Create vibrations: The subtle movement of sand and water will alert stingrays to your presence without startling them.
- Stay vigilant: Observe the water's surface for signs of marine life and avoid areas where stingrays might congregate.
- Educate others: Share the stingray shuffle tip with friends and family to ensure everyone enjoys a safe beach experience.

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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

FOR AFTER-HOURS WILDLIFE EMERGENCY RESCUE ONLY: (941) 416-4967. They are

dedicated to rehabilitating injured wildlife. They provide medical care and support for their recovery.

Follow Safety Guidelines: Always wear protective gear when handling injured wildlife and follow the guidelines provided by wildlife organizations to ensure the safety of both you and the animals.



Pet Policies & Procedures

To maintain a clean and enjoyable community, all pet owners are expected to follow Orange Harbor's pet policies.

Pet Owner Responsibilities

- Pick up and properly dispose of pet waste.
- Keep dogs leashed at all times (maximum leash length: 8 feet).
- Do not allow pets in other residents' yards or RV sites.
- Pets must always be accompanied by their owner outdoors.
- Keep pets under control around people and other animals.
- Excessive barking is considered a nuisance.
- All pets must be registered with the office.
- Cats must remain supervised and, on a leash, when outdoors.

Vaccination Reminder

Please submit current vaccination records for all dogs and cats to the office.

Dog Park Reminder

If they poop, you stoop and scoop!

Please help keep our dog park clean for everyone.



Animal Complaints

Lee County Domestic Animal Services

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Support Our Veterans: Donate Medical Equipment

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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!

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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	May-October	November-April
Art Club	May-October	November-April
Corn Hole	May-October	November-April
Hand, Knee, Foot	Year Round	Year Round
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Pinochle	May-October	November-April
Cribbage	April-December	January-March

Local Thrift Stores in Ft. Myers and Surrounding Areas

A Guide to Affordable Shopping

If you're looking for thrift stores in Ft. Myers and nearby communities, there are several options offering a wide variety of gently used clothing, furniture, and household items. These stores provide great opportunities to find unique treasures while supporting local charities and organizations.

- Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida – Multiple locations throughout Ft. Myers and neighboring towns.
- Salvation Army Family Store – Located on McGregor Blvd, Ft. Myers.
- St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store – Situated in downtown Ft. Myers.
- Habitat for Humanity ReStore – Offers furniture, appliances, and building materials; located on Cleveland Ave.
- Hope Chest Thrift Store – Found in nearby Cape Coral.
- Community Cooperative Thrift Store – Located on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Ft. Myers.
- St. Matthews House-Located on Metro Parkway, Ft. Myers.

Summer Lawn Tip for Lee County Residents!

Did you know? From **June 1 through September 30**, Lee County's Fertilizer Ordinance prohibits applying nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizers to lawns and landscapes.

Why? Summer rains can wash fertilizer into our waterways, impacting rivers, canals, and the beautiful Gulf waters we all love.

Help protect our environment by:

- ✓ Skipping fertilizer during the rainy season
- ✓ Mowing high and leaving grass clippings on your lawn
- ✓ Watering wisely
- ✓ Using Florida-friendly landscaping practices

Together, we can keep Lee County green while keeping our water clean!

Local Libraries

Residents can enjoy our well-stocked community library, and nearby branches offer even more options. Library cards are free.

- **Fort Myers Regional Library**
 - 2450 First St., Fort Myers, FL 33901Library Hours:
 - Monday - Wednesday: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 - Thursday: 9a.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:
 - 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
 - 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:
 - Monday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tuesday: Noon - 8 p.m.
 - Wednesday- Thursday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Friday - Saturday: 9a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Sunday
 - 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
 - Library Hours:
 - Tuesday: Noon - 8 p.m. Wednesday - Thursday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Friday - Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 - Closed Sunday and Monday
 - Curbside Holds Pickup:
 - Tuesday: Noon - 4 p.m.
 - Wednesday - Saturday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 - **Leegov.com/library/branches**





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HOW TO LOCK A GOLF CART:

SECURITY IDEAS

Golf cart security is important as long as there are thieves willing to jack your cart. It's really not that difficult for a thief to steal your golf cart and get away with it. Think about it. There's no breaking-in involved. A quick hot wire will get it started and next thing you know your cart is on eBay about to be sold to the highest bidder. Unless your cart really stands out in a crowd, it is unlikely that any witnesses will be able to pick it out of a line-up. Here are some simple and inexpensive ways to make your golf cart more secure.

- Install a unique key switch.
- Install a pedal lock.
- Install a steering wheel club.
- Install a wheel lock boot.
- Lock and chain.
- Park it close to your door and put your vehicle behind it.



New Orange Harbor Entry & Gate Procedure

There are three entry lanes: right for RV staging (get code, then shift left), center for residents/staff with electronic stickers (automatic gate opens), and left for all other vehicles (use keypad to call resident for entry).

- The new gate system was activated on September 15, 2025. Only registered residents can get stickers; all sublease tenants must be vetted by the office.
- Each gate set includes Lift and Swing Gates. Swing Gates are open 6:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.; after hours, both gates require keypad or sticker access. Lift Gates open individually for authorized vehicles and all exiting traffic.
- Residents are called from 727-627-0781 at the keypad for gate opening. Surveillance cameras monitor entries/exits.
- Emergency vehicles, Amazon, and U.S. Mail use dedicated entry systems. Vendors and delivery companies may have special codes; other services must use the keypad.
- During emergencies, gates open automatically. Temporary codes for guests/contractors are available from the office and must be managed by residents.

- Residents can buy a second sticker for \$14.00 for a second vehicle. Tailgating is prohibited and enforced by sensors and cameras; violators are liable for damages.



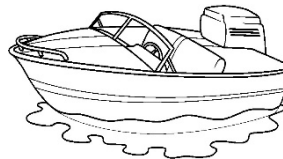
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Wake Zone Information Orange River

The Orange River remains an **Idle Speed / No Wake Zone** year-round. Vessels must travel only fast enough to maintain steerage and must not create a wake.

Caloosahatchee River

November 15 – March 31 Slow Speed / Minimum Wake
April 1 – November 14 Normal operating speeds may resume.

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Orange Harbor Resident Information 2026

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.

Due to the lack of engagements for the months August & September, there will not be a printed calendar for those months.

Weekly Activities Schedule

Dates and times subject to change

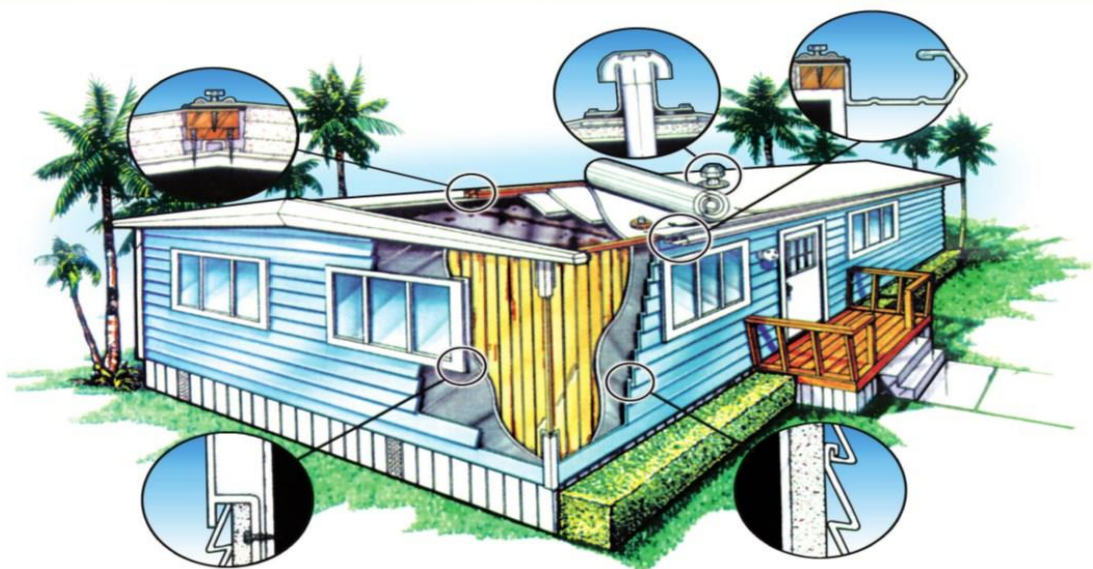
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5:30pm Hand, Knee, Foot	8am Power Walking 9am Water Aerobics	8am Power Walking 9am Water Aerobics	8am Power Walking 9am Water Aerobics 5:30pm Hand, Knee, Foot 6pm Mexican Train Dominoes	8am Power Walking 9am Water Aerobics	8am Power Walking 9am Water Aerobics 1pm Texas Hold'Em	



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Hear Thunder? Lightning Is Close Enough to Strike!

If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to be struck by lightning—even if the sky above you looks clear. The safest place to be is inside a substantial building or a hard-topped vehicle with the windows closed. Avoid open fields, tall trees, playgrounds, picnic shelters, and bodies of water during a storm.

Stay indoors for at least **30 minutes after the last clap of thunder**. Many lightning injuries occur because people head back outside too soon.

Don't wait for rain. At the first sound of thunder, move indoors and encourage family, friends, and neighbors to do the same. Remember: **When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors®**—it could save your life.

“May every sunrise hold more promise and every sunset hold more peace.”

Photo by Frank Arteaga



Photo by Janet Graham





August & September 2026 at a Glance



Power Walking
M-F 8am
Water Aerobics
M-F 9am

Hand, Knee,
Foot Sunday
5:30pm
Wednesday
5:30pm

Mexican Train
Dominoes
6pm
Wednesday

Texas Hold-
Em
Friday 1pm

Upcoming Event You Don't
Want to Miss!



BOD Meetings
August 28
September 25



Town Hall Meetings
August 29
September 26

All -Park Breakfast
August 7 & 21
September 4 & 18

Coffee & Donuts
August 29
September 26

Did You Know?
Florida is the flattest state
in the U.S., with an average
elevation of about 100 feet
above sea level.

Bingo is Back!
September 8 & 22
Dinner at 5
Bingo starts at 6:30