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In February there is everything to hope for and nothing to regret ~Patience Strong

Letter from the Editor



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

Newsletters will not be delivered. Copies are available in the clubhouse and RV washrooms.

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

Newby Management and your Board of Directors need all boats, trailers, box trailers to be removed from your carports. January 1 was the expiration date. You may receive a violation letter if you do not comply.

Thought for the Day
Sometimes your worst enemy is your own memory.
Let it GO!



Foxy Ladies are planning their annual Pajama Party. So, if you

think being in your pajamas is wrong by 5:30, I don't want to be right! The party is in the clubhouse with food, games, and wine and tons of laughs! Did I mention wine??? Join us on **March 1st at 5:30**. Cost is \$12. See Nancy Shepers for tickets at 80 Sun Circle or at social functions.



Sun's up and the floats are out! No shirt, no shoes, no problem, meet us at the pool party on February 23 from 2-4pm.



Live Music at the Pavilion

Dancing is the best cure for a bad mood, so why be moody when you can shake your booty?! So, let's dance to EXPRESS-not to IMPRESS and join us at the Pavilion for some live music!

February 4	D-Rox
February 22	Margarita Day w/Steel Drum
March 4	Mardi Gras-DJ Doug
March 13	Denver Sings
March 22	TBD



Not all who wander are lost, some are just looking for Thrift Stores!

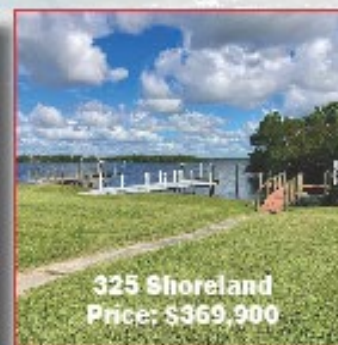
The "Cheap Chicks" are on a mission again to find the best deals. Sign up at the clubhouse and let them know if you can attend and are able drive for **February 1 at 10:30am.**

Save the Date February

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| 1 | All Park Breakfast |
| 3 | OHSC Meeting |
| 4 | Music at the Pavilion with D-Rox |
| 4 | Bingo |
| 8 | Coffee & Donuts |
| 8 | Commodore's Ball |
| 9 | Boat Club Change of Watch |
| 9 | Super Bowl Party |
| 11 | Mimosa Belles |
| 11 | Dingo |
| 13 | Foxy Ladies |
| 13 | Orange Sunset Dance with Rewind |
| 15 | All Park Breakfast |
| 16 | Hobby Bazaar |
| 18 | Bingo |
| 22 | Coffee & Donuts |
| 22 | Margarita Day Party |
| 23 | Pool Party |
| 24 | Boat Club Trip |
| 25 | Dingo |
| 27 | Dueling Pianos |
| 28 | CO-OP Meeting |



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Orange Harbor History Part II

The park officially opened on January 15, 1967, with Mr. Al Buell, a nationally known artist, as the owner of the community. The first section was filled in the first two years and 36 spaces added in 1969-1970. There were 147 lots built for travel trailers, each with a tree and shrubs with all utilities on paved streets. It was filled almost as soon as completed.

The Recreation Center was completed in 1970 and covers 8000 square feet of space. The auditorium, with its large stage, has seated and fed a hot co-op dinner for 364 from the double kitchen. There are two tastefully furnished lounge rooms which can be closed off for small meetings. There is a public address system, projection room, hi-fi colored television, a new piano as well as plenty of storage space for tables and chairs. Showers are incorporated for the beautiful new swimming pool opened Christmas, 1971. All of this building is air conditioned. The shuffleboard court was enlarged, lighted and a covered grandstand built.

Plans are now in the hands of the engineers and contractors to complete the park by adding 207 new spaces, making a total of 365 permanent home lots, and with the 170 travel trailer spaces, gives the park a total of 535 spaces for a total population of slightly over 1000 people. It is expected that this expansion will be completed in 1972.

Bill and Vera Pope were soon to become the new managers of the community and stayed serving the residents for 21 months.

There are many activities and something for everyone in Orange Harbor. A unique feature available is the three retired registered nurses, equipped with oxygen, blood pressure machines, first aid equipment and are available at all times. The Benevolent Society sends flowers and cards to

the ill and bereaved. A traveling library stops once a week. The Art Club meets once a week and has a show each spring. Bingo is one night a week. The Boat Club is very active with trips and outings from the Gulf to the Atlantic. There is bowling one afternoon a week. A monthly paper is published called "The Orange Harbor News". Dancing is held one or more times per week. Bridge and other forms of cards are held three times a week. Hobby class held once a week makes many and varied articles. There are two horse-shoe pits. Bible class and a sing each Sunday night is enjoyed. The shufflers play park teams as well as other groups. The park, being located on two rivers, affords an opportunity for all aquatic activities, especially fishing as is evidenced by pictures in the directory. A co-op dinner is held each month with entertainment after dinner. Other special dinners are held from time to time.



ALONG THE CALOOSAHATCHEE RIVER.



Let's Get Social

The next Social Committee meeting will be on Feb 3rd at 4:00pm in the clubhouse. If you are a leader of a Club or Activity you should take time to join us. This is your opportunity to promote your events and discuss your needs for your club or activity.

Our first Bingo in 2025 was packed with 124 residents and every Bingo was over \$100, what a night! Looking forward to Bingo every other Tuesday.

We're all blessed to live in this wonderful community called Orange Harbor. The volunteers in this community are amazing! Whether you donated your items, time or purchased items, you made this Park Sale a great success. THANK YOU!

We have decided to name our February 13 Dance with Rewind Band "Orange Sunset Dance" Theme. Tickets will be sold starting Feb 4th and at the door on the night of the dance.

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 with what you want to display.

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



2/09/2025 at 5:00pm – Bring food to share

We will have squares for purchase & split the pot so bring some \$ – BYOB.



Dueling Pianos 2/27/2025 Dinner & Show

Dinner 5:30pm – 6:30 & Show 7:00 – 9:00pm

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 Update-

The 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.

V. VACATING OF PREMISES

1. Thirty (30) days prior notice must be provided by any resident vacating their unit in the community, which includes the removal of the manufactured home from the lot.

2. Resident must furnish Co-Op with a true copy of the contract for removal of all of the above –ground improvements (the “Removal Contract”), which removal contract shall include, but not be limited to, the removal of the manufactured home, carport, storage shed(s), all attachments, skirting, anchors, and steps (the “improvements”).

3. Resident shall post with Co-op a surety bond (the “Bond”) furnished by the contractor of one hundred ten percent (110%) of the amount of the removal contract, which Bond shall act as security to ensure the removal of the “improvements” in a workmanlike fashion, leaving the lot in a broom-clean condition.

4. Resident shall have five (5) days from the date of the commencement of the removal of the “improvements” to complete the removal and grade the affected area of the unit, or Co-op may use the proceeds of the Bond to complete said removal.

5. Neither the resident nor the contractor shall be entitled to any refund of any unused portion of the Bond if the contractor fails to complete the removal of the Improvements in accordance with the terms and conditions of this paragraph.

VI. CLUBHOUSE

1. The clubhouse is a non-smoking facility and is open daily to all residents, renters, and their guests from 8:00

a.m. until 10:00 p.m., except on scheduled occasions approved by management. Guests or visitors, 14 years of age and less, are required to be with residents when using the recreational facilities.

2. Wearing shoes and shirts is required for entrance into the clubhouse, with the exception when accessing the clubhouse restrooms from the pool. No pets are allowed in the clubhouse, except for those dogs as defined in the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

3. Residents can hold private parties in the clubhouse and/or the pavilion but must first coordinate with the Social Committee, who will provide the proper paperwork to be filled out to reserve the space. The Board of Directors shall set reservations and deposit fees.

4. Kitchen facilities are available in the clubhouse primarily for the use the residents. Guests under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a resident to use the kitchen facilities. The Co-op will not be held responsible to residents, renters or their guests for any injuries, accidents, or lost articles in the kitchen area.

VII. SWIMMING POOL

1. The swimming pool is open daily from sunrise to sunset for residents, renters, and guests. The pool is primarily for the use and enjoyment of the residents. All guests under 14 years of age must be accompanied by the host resident or an adult guest at the pool.

2. All posted Rules and Regulations must be observed, not only for health and sanitation reasons, but also for the maintenance of the pool.

3. Please do not apply oil-based suntan lotion before entering the pool.

4. No children under two (2) years of age, and/or diapered, are allowed in the pool unless wearing proper leak-proof swimwear.

5. No glassware of any kind is permitted in the pool area.

6. No smoking is allowed in the fenced-in pool area.

7. The Co-op will not be held responsible to residents, renters or their guests for any injuries or lost articles.





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Swimming Pool

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

Library

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

Billiards

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

Ice Machine

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

Bocce Ball

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

Shuffleboard

Shuffleboard equipment is for everyone's use and can be found in the shed next to the court.

Storage and Boat Slips

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

Clubhouse

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

Garbage Disposal and Plant Cuttings

There is a dumpster and plant cutting trailer available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please do not put large items in the trash compactor. All large items need to be paid for with the proper sticker from the office. Please place the appropriate items in the correct trailer.

Boat Ramps

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

Horseshoe Pits

There are horseshoe courts near the pavilion and pool. Please replace the equipment when done using.

Fishing Pier & Fish Cleaning Station

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

Dog Park

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

Pavilions

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



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Help us prevent fats, rags, oils and grease clog/blockages in the sewer system. Raw or partially treated sewage can back up into homes or flow into the streets, rivers, and bay. Do not put the following items down the drain:

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



We Recycle on Fridays

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

Recycle Smart-5 For the Cart:

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

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

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

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

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

Literature provided by Lee County Southwest Florida website leegov.com

Trash Removal and Yard Waste Schedule:

Wednesdays - Brush pick- up. Please keep in maximum 3 foot bundles.

Tuesdays & Fridays - Garbage pick-up Please put your garbage out first thing in the morning, so animals won't get into it.



Mosquito Control: It's Up To You

Empty all standing water you have around your house to avoid breeding mosquitoes!



Maintenance Crew News

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

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

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



BULK TRASH

Please see the prices of bulk trash below for dumping

\$25.00 - Mattress, box spring, armoire, sofa, refrigerator, washing machine, dryer, freezer, stove, shower stall,

\$25.00 - TV antennas (Satellite dish type) **ALL LARGE 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 239-533-8000

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



Hours of Operation:

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

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

Please keep our laundromat neat and clean and keep the door closed! **If you have an issue with a dryer or washer, PLEASE write down what the problem is so the repairman can repair it correctly. Either let the office know and place a note on that machine. It will save us a service call!**

Grooming Secrets for Mature Men

Gentlemen, look no further: here are your essential tips for healthy and attractive hair and skin, in your 50s and beyond.

We all want to look our best, and we can all use a little encouragement sometimes. Men entering their sixth and seventh decades may want to update their daily grooming regimen to address the natural changes that our skin and hair undergo over time. Below, find your encouragement and some pro tips.

The Hair on Your Face...

Beards are in style for right now, not least among men in their 50s and up. The consensus seems to be that a beard adds a few years to a person's look, but your mileage may vary. Keep in mind that maintaining a healthy beard can amount to more work than a clean shave. Beards need shampooing and conditioning; washing a beard with soap will lead to dryness. Beards also call for daily combing and regular exfoliation (more on that below). Using a beard oil is a great idea to condition and add shine.

...and the Hair in Your Ears and Nose

While you might be inclined to maximize your hair and beard, the nose and ear tufts, not so much. Men's and women's ears and noses keep growing as we get older, and for some, that can mean more visible hair. To keep it under control, use a small blunt-tipped scissors or an electric trimmer, available for under \$10 at drug stores. Don't try to pluck nose hairs! It's not worth the pain. But you might want to pluck bushy eyebrows, especially right after getting out of the shower, when hair tends to release more easily. Clever tip: Use a clean toothbrush to brush bushy eyebrows straight up, and then use a small scissors to snip the excess length above the browline. Now, even when your eyebrow hairs are out of line, they'll be too short to stick too far out.

Moisturize, Moisturize, Moisturize

Starting in our 60s and 70s, skin often starts to feel drier. Mature skin grows thinner and starts to lose water more easily. Moisturizer becomes a man's best friend. The American Academy of Dermatology Association suggests applying moisturizer within three minutes of washing your face or exiting the shower or bath, to lock

in moisture. Use warm, not hot, water, as hot water can strip skin of natural oils. Mature skin tends to be more sensitive, so looking for "gentle" skincare products is a good rule of thumb. But what constitutes a "gentle" moisturizer or sunscreen? Look for products that include these descriptors:

- Fragrance-free. Fragrances can irritate skin, causing redness and itchiness.
- Non-comedogenic. In other words, non-pore-blocking. Let your skin breathe.
- Hyaluronic acid. OK, this is an ingredient, not a descriptor, but it's a great term to find on the label. This moisturizing carbohydrate occurs naturally in skin and eyes, so few people are allergic to it, and it's super hydrating.

As with food products, skincare manufacturers can slap advertising copy like "natural" and "for sensitive skin" on their labels with nothing to back up those claims. Be sure to read the ingredients.

Add a Face Scrub to Your Routine

Exfoliating weekly removes dead skin cells from the face that cause skin to look dull and dry. Plus, dead skin cells can clog pores, leading to other problems like acne. And dermatologists say that exfoliating is especially important for men, who often have thicker, rougher skin because of higher levels of testosterone. Scrubs can also help you get a closer shave and remove dirt and dead skin from beards. Plus, it's refreshing, kind of like a satisfying back scratch for your face. Give exfoliation a try—you may never go back.

The Inevitable Plug for Wearing Sunscreen

Alright guys, no surprises here: sunscreen is for you, too. According to the **Skin Cancer Foundation**, using an SPF 15 sunscreen as directed every day can reduce your risk of squamous cell carcinoma by 40%, and your risk of melanoma by up to 50%. Should you use sunscreen even when it's cloudy? Yes: up to 80% of the sun's harmful rays can still reach your skin on cloudy days. It's never too late to up your sunscreen game and reap the protective health and beauty benefits.



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Saturday Coffee

Come join Orange Harbor's "Coffee Hour" at 9 a.m. in the clubhouse every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. This hour event serves as a local hub and gathering for attendees to visit with other park residents, learn about new items of interest, upcoming park events, club activities are announced, and ticket sales are available for functions. Bring your favorite mug or use one of our cups, but please join us. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board. Please don't forget to sign up so the chairperson will know how many to order so we do not run out of donuts! Hosts are needed for ALL SEASON.

Park Sale Donations

Donations to the park sale will be accepted after the Coffee & Donuts social hour. 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.

Directory



The e-directory is ongoing. We are working together with the OH office and the Welcome Committee to gather information. If you would like to be included in the directory, please contact

Jeannie Jeffery at 317-716-9778 or email jem1931823@gmail.com



Don't miss the **All Park Breakfast** the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. in the clubhouse.

Orange Harbor Social Committee

The Orange Harbor Social Club Committee meets once a month on the first Monday of the month at 4pm. If you would like to join this amazing group of people, please attend these meetings!

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...

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.

Tuesday February 11, River Forest Village, Inc. 4300 Riverside Dr. Punta Gorda, FL 33982

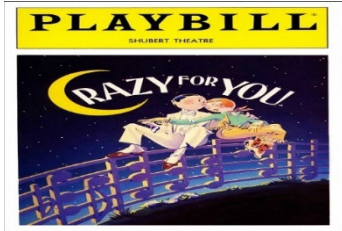
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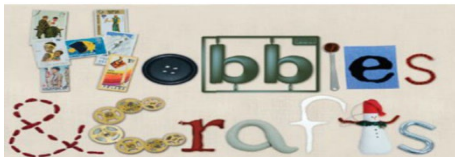
March 22, 2025, the First mates and anyone else interested in seeing "Crazy for You" tickets are \$85 per person. Contact Betty West at 207-404-3030 or westbetty33@gmail.com. Checks must be made out to First Mates and turned into Betty by February 14. She needs a total count of those going by that date. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A FIRST MATES MEMBER TO ATTEND.**

This Tony-award winning musical comedy follows Bobby



Childs, a young banker who dreams of becoming a star. Sent to foreclose on a failing theater, he falls for the theater owner's daughter. To win

her & save the theater, he disguises himself as a famous Broadway producer, but when the real producer shows up along with Bobby's fiancée, hilarity ensues. The music includes Gershwin's 'I Got Rhythm' and 'Someone to Watch Over Me' as well as much more.



Hobbies and Crafts meets on

Tuesdays from 9 to 11 in the clubhouse. In addition to the weekly project, you are welcome to join us to work on your individual projects—knitting, crocheting, quilting, sewing, etc. Bring your own sewing machines. Stay as long as you like. There usually isn't anything scheduled when our group is finished.

Tues. Feb. 4 – Sea Glass/Seashell Resin project – we will also use crushed glass.

Tues. Feb. 11 – Used Clothing Style Show

Sat. Feb. 15 – Setup for Spring Craft Bazaar (If you would like a table to sell your crafts, please contact Dolly Jones (989-928-1900) or Gail Bower (239-464-3981))

Sun. Feb. 16 – Spring Craft Bazaar

More activities will be in the February newsletter.



Water Aerobics

Starting January 2025 water aerobics will be Tuesday & Thursday at 9 a.m.

Wednesday & Friday at 10 a.m. There will be no class on Mondays.



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. Sansone's philosophy is centered around the idea that even the simplest of movements can have a huge impact on a person's fitness level. She believes walking is a sport for life, and that nearly everyone can participate. Her approach is one of encouragement and inspiration. Fitness isn't the only goal for Sansone, however. She also teaches that walking can reduce stress and renew the spirit. Contact Sue Steiner 920-810-0571 for any questions.

Foxy Ladies meet every 2nd Thursday of the month.

Please contact Nancy Shepers 812-613-0846 for more



information. **Next meeting is**

February 13 at 11:30 for lunch at Rum Bucket.

Mimosa Belles meets every second Tuesday of the month. Please contact Gayle Corson at 815-355-4352 for more information. **Next meeting is February 11 at 11:30 lunch at Rum Bucket. Signup at Clubhouse. Hosts Ellen Gerbracht and Janet Lentz.**



Art Club

The club meets every Monday from 12-3pm. and is for anyone who paints, draws, stamps, or creates other transportable art.

This season the club will offer mini painting lessons with each lesson focusing on one topic, such as how to paint trees, rocks, clouds, or water.

The club will have an art show this year.

Artists at all levels are welcome to join the Art Club. Club dues are \$10 for the year and cover the costs of art shows and a pizza party at the end of the season. Please contact Linda Trinkle at 812-278-4476 for more information.

Strong Seniors Strong Bones

You will learn one exercise you should do for the rest of your life!

You will learn balanced exercises that can be done every day.

Open to men and women

Lead by Sue Steiner – Trained Strong Senior Leader in Wisconsin

Sue has also served on the Advisory Board of a pharmaceutical company based on the fact that she has osteoporosis, and she volunteers and advocates for the Strong Senior – Strong Bones program.

Contact Info: 1281 Third St. 920-810-0571

January 3, 6, 8, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 27, 29, 31

9:15-10:15 OH Clubhouse

Weights are provided in the clubhouse, or you can bring your own weights.

Floor Mat optional. If you can't get down on the floor, I will show you an alternate exercise to do standing up.

- **Starting in their mid-forties, people start to lose muscle and gain more fat. People also start to lose bone density.**
- **Approximately 10 million Americans have osteoporosis. 80% of them are women. Yes, some men do have osteoporosis.**
- **One in two women will experience an osteoporosis-related fracture.**
- **Arthritis affects more than 20 million Americans.**
- **Arthritis is a major reason why so many older adults are sedentary, which in turn results in an increase in joint stiffness and pain.**
- **Dr. Miriam Nelson, from Tufts University in Boston, conducted a study, looking at the benefits of strength training. When compared to people in the sedentary group, people in the exercise group increased: strength, muscle mass, bone density and balance.**
- **As a result of this study, Dr. Nelson developed a structured strength training program for mid-life and older people. This training improves/increases muscle mass, strength and balance, bone density, arthritis symptoms, metabolic rate, and glucose control and lipid profile.**

Clubhouse Kitchen Rules

Function Details / Responsibilities

Private Party

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

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

Need to make sure to distribute power so no overload occurs

Bring own Paper Goods and Silverware

Small Freezer is available if needed

Do Not put food in Drains – NO Garbage Disposal

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

Drain sinks slowly to prevent overflow at floor drain

Community Function (Kitchen will be opened by SC Member)

Clubhouse must be scheduled – contact SC Chairman

Must meet with Kitchen Staff **2-3 days** prior to event to discuss needs

SC will supply Paper Goods and Silverware

Small Freezer is available if needed

Do Not put food in Drains – NO Garbage Disposal

Power strips are available for Electrical needs

Need to make sure to distribute power so no overload occurs

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

Drain sinks slowly to prevent overflow at floor drain

Social Committee Member - will open Kitchen door prior to event

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

Clean Up:

Tables - All tables in the clubhouse must be left clean and dry, and chairs replaced at the tables. If you have rearranged tables and chairs, please return tables and chairs to their original layout.

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

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

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

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

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

******* Pets – No Pets in the Kitchen Area**



Orange Harbor Boat Club Historical Summary – Allen Jones, Boat Club Secretary.

1975-80

The Orange Harbor Boat Club has a long and rich history being first organized 55 years ago. The Boat Club membership was generally around 45-50 members and was active year-round. The members were active concerning boating issues in the Ft Myers community waterways, working with the Lee County Sheriff's department concerning Caloosahatchee boat speeds, collecting signatures to opposing a proposed change in the flow of water in the Orange River and Manatee conservation. In addition, boater safety courses were being made available to club members by the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Monthly Boat Trips were a mainstay of the club and there appeared to be many options for such trips. Trips included:

- Elegant Pelican at the Yacht Basin
- Cypress Inn at Whisky Creek
- Little Shell Island
- Levees
- Ox Bow – LaBelle
- Waterways Marina.
- South Seas Plantation
- Oyster House – Matlacha
- Lockmore Country Club Marina
- Labelle Lions Club Steak Fry

As of 2025, few of these restaurants are still in existence making trips harder to plan. The average number of people attending Boat Club sponsored trips appeared to be between 50 and 110.

The Flagpole at the Fishing Pier was installed and initiated by the Boat Club and First Mates club in March of 1978.

The annual Boat Club Banquet was renamed to become "The Change of the Watch" in 1978.

OH boat docks were rented at \$7.50 per month with trailer storage \$5.00 in 1978.

The club took several overnight trips involving them to such places as Lake Okeechobee and Everglades City. I don't know for sure, but I expect there were fewer pontoon boats because the Everglades City trip required about 2 hours of travel in the Gulf of Mexico.

The author of the document from which this history was summarized is not known but it is in the care of the OH Boat Club Secretary.

Summary provided by Allen Jones, OH Boat Club Secretary/Treasurer

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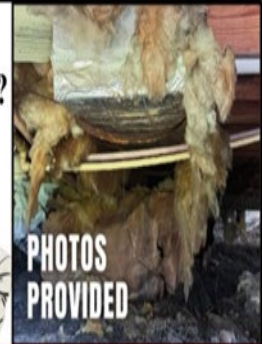
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Donald Gene Murat passed away peacefully on December 21, 2024, at the age of 88. He is survived by his devoted wife of 67 years, Lois Earlene (Boltz) Murat; his daughter, Cynthia Murat; his son, Rex Murat (Jill); 7 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Violet (Smith) Murat; his siblings, Barbara, Harold, and Dale; and his son, Randal Murat.

Don and Earlene resided in Plainfield, Indiana for 31 years before moving to Fort Myers, Florida, where they spent 30 sun-filled years. Don passed away in Danville, Indiana.

Don was the proud owner of Marc Products in Plainfield and dedicated 30 years of service to Eli Lilly. He also made a lasting impact as a Boy Scout leader, guiding scouts on adventures to Philmont Scout Ranch and canoeing expeditions in Canada. Don's commitment to scouting earned him the prestigious Silver Beaver Award, a testament to his years of service and leadership.

Don enjoyed boating, fishing and helping others in his community.

Dale William Ramelot

87 of Lake Ozark, Missouri, born September 8, 1937, in East St. Louis, Illinois, died Friday, December 27, 2024, with family at his side.

Dale retired from Taylor Roofing in Belleville, IL.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Delores Ramelot; his parents, William and Margaret Ramelot; and a brother, Donald Ramelot.

Surviving is his daughter Debra (Richard) Heine of Waterloo, IL; a son, Duane Ramelot of Lake Ozark, MO; a sister, Barbara Lehr of Dunedin, FL; and three grandchildren.

In following Dale's wishes he was to be cremated. Braun Family Funeral Home, Columbia, Illinois was entrusted with the care of Dale.



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Cornhole is every **Wednesday at 1:30** for sign-ups and tossing at 2:00pm.

MAHJONG Join us every Wednesday at 11am.

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

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

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

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

Happiness is yelling, "BINGO"!

Play is every other Tuesday, please consult your calendar!

Bingo caller & Validator Volunteers Needed!

If you are interested in being the caller or validator 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

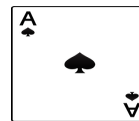


Pickleball, it's the real dill!

Play starts on

Tuesday, Thursday and

Saturday at 10 a.m. in the clubhouse parking lot until the new courts are finished. We have a new app called "Team Reach" which enables us to invite people to play, notifies of cancellations, or need additional players. You can provide your phone number and be invited. See Midge Hennig for any details. Bring sneakers and water for hydration! Watch for the brand spankin' new court coming soon!



Thursdays in the clubhouse are card night extravaganza!

Play begins at 6 p.m. and these are the games being played weekly!

Euchre

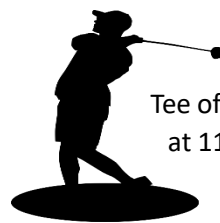
Pinochle

Cribbage

Dominoes/Mexican Train

Shuffleboard enthusiasts! Meet your team members on Tuesday mornings at 11:00am. Equipment is provided.

Men's Golf League



Join the men as they start their league play on Mondays at noon.

Tee off is at Cape Royal Golf Club located at 11460 Royal Tee Cir. Cape Coral.

Contact Kim Franks at 413-834-0699 for more information.

Are you interested in playing **Bridge**? At this time there is no set date or time for bridge, however, if you want to play, please contact Sandy Gagnon at 765-714-1584 to get a group together and get this card game started again!



Golf Carts vs Bicycles and Pedestrians

Please remember that golf carts and bikes must follow the same “rules of the road” as cars and other motor vehicles. Golf carts need to stay on their side of the street, stop at all corners, and proceed into an intersection after carefully looking both ways. There have been way too many “near misses” on our streets involving cars, bicycles, and pedestrians, with drivers not following the “rules of the road”.

Please follow the speed limit of 15 mph on our streets and stop at all **STOP** signs for the safety of our residents.

Pedestrians, please use a flashlight at night on your evening walks for your safety and others.

NEED TO KNOW! PLEASE READ!

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.

AFTER HOURS COMMUNITY RELATED EMERGENCIES CALL 844-285-2099.

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.

Facebook

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.

“ARC” Architectural Review Committee

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



Please visit our websites at:

Orangeharbormhc.com

Here you can find lots of information regarding our park and what it has to offer. Once there you can click on different tabs which will take you to our RV resort page that website is:

Ohrvresort.com

You can also click on the tab for homes for sale from Barefoot Realtors, that website is:

Orangeharborhomes.com

Front Gate Security

When entering the park through the gate, please be sure to wait until the gate closes before proceeding to keep people out of the community who do not have authorized access. **DON’T GIVE OUT YOUR GATE CODE! Use the pin pad/kiosk at the front gate to allow guests into the community! AT THIS TIME THE GATE IS NO LONGER ACTIVE AND HAS BEEN REMOVED. PLEASE WAIT FOR FUTURE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE NEW ENTRANCE.**



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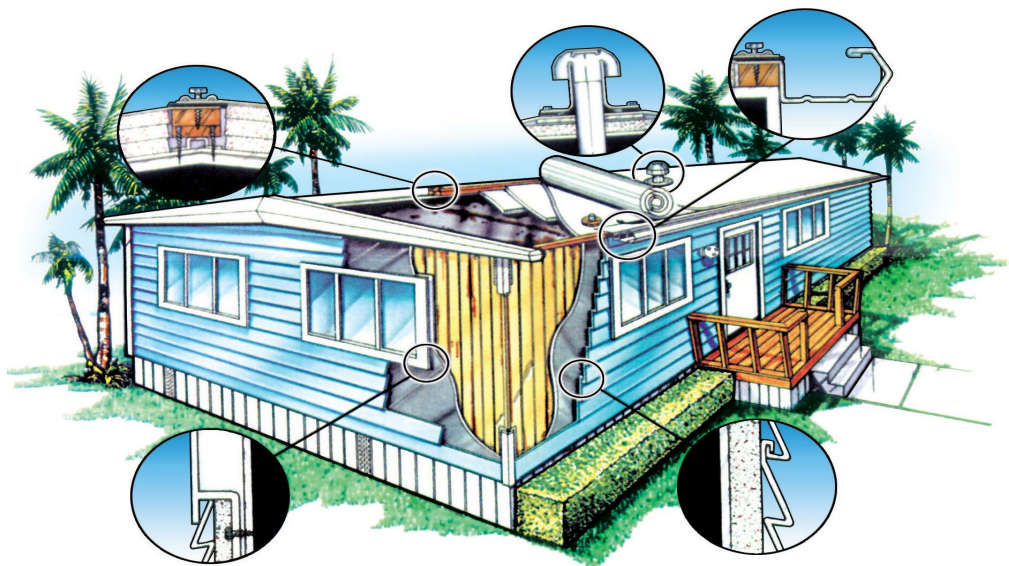
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Medicare Minute: What's New for Medicare in 2025?

Part A premium

- Free if you've worked 10 years or more
- \$285 per month if you've worked 7.5 to 10 years
- \$518 per month if you've worked fewer than 7.5 years

Part A hospital deductible

- \$1,676 each benefit period

Part A hospital coinsurance

- \$0 for the first 60 days of inpatient care each benefit period
- \$419 per day for days 61-90 each benefit period
- \$838 per lifetime reserve day after day 90 in a benefit period (You have 60 lifetime reserve days that can only be used once (They're not renewable.)

Skilled nursing facility insurance

- \$0 for the first 20 days of inpatient care each benefit period
- \$209.50 per day for days 21-100 each benefit period

Part B premium

(For individuals with incomes below \$106,000 or couples with incomes below \$212,000)

- \$185 is the standard premium
- Part B deductible \$257 per year
- Part B coinsurance 20% for most services Part B covers

Part D: Prescription drug coverage

National average Part D premium

- \$36.78 per month

Part D maximum deductible

- \$590 per year

Catastrophic coverage You will owe \$0 on covered drugs after reaching this cap.

- \$2,000

Changes to Part D in 2025

The \$2,000 cap on out-of-pocket drug costs

- Starting in 2025, your annual out-of-pocket Part D costs are capped at \$2,000. After you reach this out-of-pocket limit, you owe nothing for covered drugs for the rest of the year.
- Your Part D plan should keep track of how much money you have spent out of pocket for covered drugs and your progression through coverage periods—and this information should appear in your monthly statements.
- Remember that only costs associated with covered drugs help you move through the coverage phases. If you spend money on non-covered drugs, those costs will not help you reach the annual cap.

The Medicare Prescription Payment Plan (MPPP)

- Beginning in 2025, you have the option to sign up for a payment plan for Part D out-of-pocket costs.

- The MPPP allows you to spread your drug costs throughout the year, with the goal of helping you manage your monthly expenses.
- For example, if you anticipate reaching the annual Part D cap quickly due to expensive medications, you can spread those costs throughout the year—rather than paying a lot in the first months of the year and nothing in later months of the year.
- When you sign up for the MPPP, your plan will communicate your choice to your pharmacy. You should pay \$0 at the pharmacy for your covered Part D drugs. Your plan will pay the costsharing at the time of your purchase and send monthly bills to you for the cost-sharing amounts. You pay no fees or interest, even if your payment is late.

"New" Medicare card schemes

Do you know what isn't new this year? Your Medicare card.

Medicare beneficiaries are not receiving new cards this year, but scammers may try to convince you otherwise. For example, scammers may falsely tell you that Medicare is issuing new cards—perhaps a card that is plastic, or a card that has a chip in it. The scammers may tell you that for them to send your new card, you need to verify your identity, which could include your Medicare number. This is an attempt to get your personal or financial information.

Here are some red flags to look for:

- Unsolicited calls from anyone claiming to be from Medicare
- Anyone needing your personal information so that they can send you an updated Medicare card
- Anyone saying your card is expiring, and they need to send you a new one or you will be charged a fine
- Anyone stating Medicare is issuing new cards and you need to verify your number.

Who to contact

- Contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) if you have questions about 2025 coverage, enrollment periods, or cost assistance programs. In Southwest Florida, call 866-413-5337 or email shineinfo@aaaswfl.org.
- Contact your Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) if you may have experienced Medicare fraud, errors, or abuse. In Southwest Florida, call 866-413-5337 or email shineinfo@aaaswfl.org.
- Contact your Medicare Advantage or Part D plan to ask about 2025 changes to your costs or coverage. In Southwest Florida, call 866-413-5337 or email shineinfo@aaaswfl.org.
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) to request another copy of your 2025 Medicare & You handbook.



Valentine's Day

Whether you love Valentine's Day or hate it, one thing's clear: Valentine's Day history goes way back. And while Valentine's Day is not known for kissing, gifts, and hard-to-get dinner reservations, the origins of the holiday are far less romantic.

The holiday we know today got its name from a man named Valentine. While a few different stories are told about what he did to inspire the holiday, many people believe he's celebrated for his role as a Roman priest who helped couples secretly get married.

As the story goes, Emperor Claudius II of Rome—who reigned from the year 268 A.D. to 270 A.D.—banned marriage because he thought unmarried men made better soldiers. Valentine thought this was unfair and decided to break the rules and perform marriages anyway. He kept the ceremonies quiet, but he was eventually caught and later killed on February 14 of the year 270 for defying the emperor. Right before he died, Valentine supposedly wrote the first-ever “valentine” to his jailer's daughter, with whom he'd fallen in love. Later, in the 5th century, Pope Gelasius I declared the day of his death as St. Valentine's Day.

ANCIENT MATCHMAKERS

The celebration surrounding this day actually has roots in an ancient pagan festival that started centuries before Valentine was even alive. Held in Rome each February, part of the event focused on bringing new couples together.

During the festivities, it's said that boys drew the names of girls from a container. The pairs would stay together during the festival, and some would actually get married when the festival was over. After Pope Gelasius I created St. Valentine's Day, the festival turned into a Christian celebration that focused on the saint. The Catholic Church doesn't recognize St. Valentine's Day on its calendar anymore, but people throughout the world still celebrate the day.



February 2, 2025

Does anyone know a good Groundhog Day joke?

I keep hearing the same one over and over again!



Although I can still party like an Absolute Rockstar, it appears I can't recover like one,

but who cares, let's get the party started!
The Rewind Band is back in Orange Harbor and is ready to get us on our feet and dance the night away. The theme this year is "Orange Sunset Dance" and begins at 7-10pm on February 13 in the clubhouse. Get your tickets starting February 4 and tickets will also be available at the door on the night of the dance.

Valentine's Recipe

4 small kisses
6 giant hugs
1 cup of kindness
3 cups of love
5 tsp of happiness
2+ caring hearts
Mix together and spread the love!

Meet Your Neighbor...Dolly Tye



Meet Dolly Tye, our neighbor at 288 Valencia. Dolly originally hails from a western suburb of Chicago, Illinois. Dolly and her husband, Dick, owned a Mom and Pop rental business there for many years. You could rent anything from glassware to trucks.

Dick and Dolly have two daughters. When their younger daughter was a teenager, she became sick and needed a kidney. Dolly donated one of her kidneys to her daughter thirty years ago this month. She is doing fine to this day.

While Dick and Dolly were in Illinois, they had a small camper on a lake and loved it. They decided that when they retired, they wanted to be on the water on the west coast of Florida. They had friends who loaned their place in Naples and between the internet and driving around they found Orange Harbor.

Dick retired but Dolly was still working so Dick came down and stayed in the RV section of Orange Harbor for six months. Dolly flew down to look for their retirement home. When she got here the manager showed them two houses in the park and she told them that was enough. They fell in love with 288 Valencia and bought it. That night Dick asked Dolly what she was going to make for dinner. Dolly said, "oh no-I am the guest you should be cooking". Dolly had bought him the book "A Man, a Can and a Plan". He never opened the book. Their first meal consisted of Spaghetti O's, peas and strawberries.

After moving to Orange Harbor full-time Dolly joined in all of the activities that the Park had to offer and met many new people. Orange Harbor will always remember Dolly as the member of the community with a funny story to tell at the end of Saturday morning coffee so everyone left with a smile on their face.



Calling all Parrotheads and Anyone who loves music, margaritas and cheeseburgers!

In Florida we don't salt sidewalks, we salt Margaritas! It's National Margarita Day Saturday February 22, 2025! This is one holiday you don't need to fake enthusiasm for!

The only thing better than one Margarita is two Margaritas and of course, nothing goes better with a Margarita than a big juicy cheeseburger and some steel drum music.

Festivities start at 12pm for lunch and music begins from 1-3pm. Get your Hula gear on let's "Change our Lattitude and Change Our Attitude and just go Insane!"



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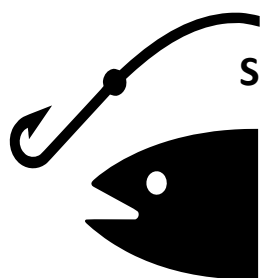
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CATCH OF THE SEASON

Our 2024-25 Orange Harbor Catch of the Season fishing tournament is off and running, or really, off and fishing!

John Gossett reported multiple catches of a 34.5" Blacktip Shark, a 35.5" Blacktip Shark, a 39" Bull Shark, and an always colorful Peacock Bass, Jamie Caldwell reported a catch and quick release, as required by Florida law, of a 60" Sawfish, with the assistance of fellow residents and comrades, Doug Eskew and Ron Hass.

Congratulations to both of them and their catches have been noted and entered into this year's tournament.

Please report your catches, from our beautiful Orange Harbor shores, of any size and species of fish. Include a photo and we will attempt to publish ALL catches, their species and length, and the name of their successful angler in the next issue of Island News. The tournament winner must be a resident, but we welcome all catches for pride and publication.

Report your catches to the Commissioner via text or email information below, include a photo and we'll see you in the News!! And the next time you're in the clubhouse, check out our Catch of the Season plaques with the engraved names and catches of past years' tournament winners going back to 1998.

Jerry Yost, Commissioner

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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. the same location frequently.

Resume normal operating speed from April 1-November 14.

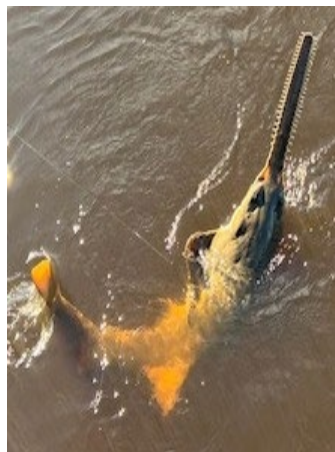


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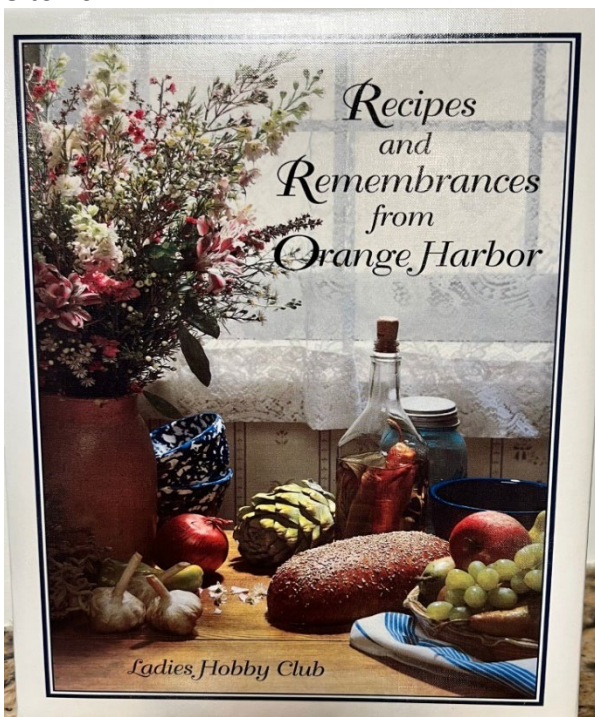
By Alta Pinkley

Meatball ingredients:

5 slices bread
2lbs. ground beef
1 medium onion, chopped
1 tablespoon garlic salt
½ teaspoon pepper
Soak bread in water and squeeze out water. Mix in with remaining ingredients. Mix well and shape into walnut-size balls. Place on broiling pan and bake at 450 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes. Makes about 80 meatballs.

Sauce ingredients:

2 cup tomato juice
¼ cup vinegar
1 ¼ cup brown sugar
½ teaspoon salt
8 to 10 gingersnap cookies
Combine all ingredients in large saucepan. Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally. Reduce heat and simmer until gingersnaps are dissolved. It will thicken. Add meatballs and heat thoroughly. Serves 8 to 10.



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 February 28, 2025.**

Town Hall Meetings

Town Hall meetings are held every Wednesday after the Board of Director meetings from the previous Friday. All residents of Orange Harbor are invited to attend. Whether you lease the land or are a shareholder all are encouraged to attend. Meetings are held at 10 am in the clubhouse. **The next meeting is March 1, 2025.**



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Unless your dog can do this, please remember to pick up after your pet!

***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.
- 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:

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Cash, check, or card?

These days, the question isn't so simple. When you can complete any transaction with half a dozen apps and taps, how do you choose?

The pros and cons of cash vs. check vs. cards are fairly well baked into our consciousness. But in recent years, with the advent of tap-to-pay, Zelle, Google Wallet and what can feel like a mountain of other new payment options, it's not as straightforward to judge the safest and most secure method for any given transaction.

What's the Safest Way to Pay at Point-of-Sale Terminals?

In our everyday physical lives, most of us still use cash and checks occasionally. More often, though, we're conducting transactions using point-of-sale (POS) terminals to connect to our bank or credit card accounts. Historically, plastic cards have been the medium, and now our cell phones also do the job. These point-of-sale transactions at stores, restaurants, and gas stations have evolved over the years—and rapidly since the pandemic. Each evolution has aimed to protect cardholder information from fraudsters.

The Swipe. The swipe has been with us since 1979. When you swipe a plastic card, the strip on the back transmits your account information to the point-of-sale terminal directly. The risk associated with swiping cards is called **skimming**. Skimming refers to when criminals set up an illegal device to collect debit and credit card numbers and PIN data, usually at ATMs or gas stations where a point-of-sale terminal is often unattended.

The Chip. We've been inserting credit cards into readers since the late 2000s. Chip cards generate a different new "token" every time they're used, making them encrypted. Chip cards are safer than swipe cards, but they're still vulnerable to an illegal tactic called **shimming**. Thieves insert a thin sleeve called a shim into a card reader that is able to capture your card data and reconstitute and authenticate it later.

Tap-to-Pay: Card, Apple Pay, and Google Pay. Also called contactless payment, tap-to-pay is currently the safest physical payment method. Tap-to-pay runs on technology known as RFID (Radio Frequency

Identification) or NFC (Near-Field Communication): in other words, encrypted radio waves. Contactless cards and tap-to-pay apps on smartphones have only gained popularity in the U.S. in the last several years. So, while tap-to-pay crime exists, it's not yet enough of a problem to have earned its own neologism like *skimming* or *shimming*. In theory, thieves can buy RFID skimming devices that steal and decrypt contactless card information, but it's not worth their while. The devices are expensive, and to employ one, the would-be thief needs to hover near the point of sale. Until the best criminal minds catch up with the latest technology, contactless is the most secure way to pay at a point-of-sale terminal.

What's the Safest Way to Pay via Mobile Payment Apps?

When you're shopping online, buying from small merchants in person, or exchanging money between family and friends, you have plenty of options for mobile payment apps.

Apps like Zelle, CashApp, Venmo, and PayPal offer "peer-to-peer" (P2P) payments, meaning they allow you to transfer money to friends and family without any fees. Most of these apps also work with retailers to process payments—and usually those transactions incur a fee. The retailer either pays that fee themselves or passes it on to the buyer.

Apple Pay

Apple Pay is a mobile payment solution. When users add an existing credit card to Apple Pay, they can then tap their phone, instead of the plastic card, to the point-of-sale terminal.

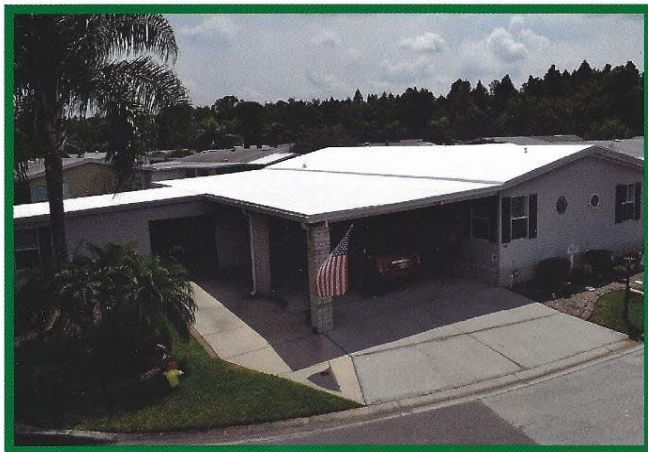
Google Pay is Dead. Long Live Google Wallet.

If you're confused by the difference between these proprietary payment apps, you're not alone. It would seem that Google has also struggled to determine whether its users need one payment app or two. For now, they've decided to gradually discontinue Google Pay (as of June 2024) and direct users to Google Wallet. Google Wallet functions similarly to Apple Cash.

As with your regular bank account, stay vigilant against scams, check your account balance and transactions often, and contact the app immediately if you notice anything amiss.

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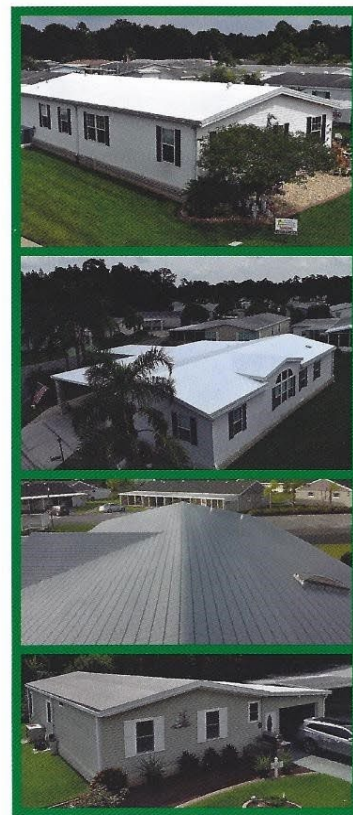
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Zoom Etiquette

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

✓ Zoom "Best Practices"

- ✓ You should try to attend the meeting from a quiet area that has a neutral background.
- ✓ Eliminate distractions-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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Guest Parking

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

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	Year Round	Year Round
Pinochle	May-October	November-April
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Line Dancing with Caryn Noonkester on Thursday mornings from 9-10am starting January 9



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- 3. PARTICIPATE AT THE TOWN HALL MEETINGS.**
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Orange Harbor Boat Club

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

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

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

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

Boat Club- Jim Robinson – Commodore
815-353-7280 litehouse@pga.com

First Mates

The objective of our organization is to encourage the sport of boating: To encourage members to become familiar with and adhere to the rules and laws of navigation and seamanship and to promote and encourage sociability and friendship amongst its members (husband or significant other does not have to be a member of the Boat Club).

Dues are \$10 annually.

Our meetings are on the first Saturday of each month and start immediately after breakfast social hour.

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

If interested, grab an application, fill it out and drop it off at 195 Sun Circle or to Gayle Argenzio. **All First Mates are encouraged to attend the next meeting on February 1 at 9:00am.**

Boat Club Events

February 2025

- 2/1 All Park Breakfast, Meeting
- 2/1 Part 2 Coast Guard Safety Course
- 2/7 Commodore's Ball Set-Up
- 2/8 Commodore's Ball/Change of Watch
- 2/15 All Park Breakfast
- 2/24 Boat Trip

March 2025

- 3/1 All Park Breakfast, Meeting
- 3/1 Coast Guard Seminar- "Suddenly in Command"
- 3/15 All Park Breakfast
- 3/24 Boat Trip
- 3/29 All Park Breakfast

April 2025

- 4/5 All Park Breakfast, Meeting
- 4/14 Boat Trip
- 4/19 All Park Breakfast



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Photo by Jan Coy



Photo by Sandy Johnson



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	February 2025					1 8-9am All Park Breakfast 9-10am BC-FM Meeting
2	3 4pm OHSC Meeting	4 1-4pm Music Pavilion D-Rox 6:30 Bingo	5	6	7 12pm Set-up Commodore's Ball	8 9am Coffee & Donuts 5:30pm Commodore's Ball
9 11am BC Change of Watch 5:30pm Super Bowl Party	10	11 11:30am Mimosa Belles 6:30 Dingo	12	13 11:30am Foxy Ladies 7-10pm Orange Sunset Dance w/Rewind Band	14	15 8-9am All Park Breakfast 12pm Hobby Bazaar Set-up
16 10am Hobby Bazaar	17 President's Day	18 6:30 Bingo	19	20	21	22 9am Coffee & Donuts 12pm Margarita Day Party
23 2-4pm Pool Party	24 9:30am Boat Club Trip	25 6:30 Dingo	26	27 5:30pm Dueling Pianos	28 9am CO-OP Meeting	

Weekly Activities-Dates & Activities subject to change

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5:30pm Hand, Knee, Foot	8am Exercise DVD 9:15-10:15am Strong Bones 9am Pool/Billiards 10:30am Bible Reading 10:30am Ladies Golf 11am Bocce Ball 12pm Art Club 12pm Men's Golf	8am Exercise DVD 9am Water Aerobics 9am Hobbies & Crafts 9am Horseshoes 10am Water Aerobics 10am Pickle Ball 11am Shuffleboard	8am Exercise DVD 9am Pool/Billiards 9:15-10:15am Strong Bones 10am Water Aerobics 11am Mahjong 1:30pm Cornhole 5:30pm Hand, Knee, Foot 6:00pm Nickel Dime Billiards	8am Exercise DVD 9am Water Aerobics 9am Line Dancing 10am Pickle Ball 4pm Bocce Happy Hour/Gypsy Haul 6pm Pinochle 6pm Euchre 6pm Mexican Train 6pm Cribbage	8am Exercise DVD 9:15-10:15am Strong Bones 10am Water Aerobics 1pm Texas Hold'Em	10am Pickle Ball

Under the Floridian sun so bright, Oranges glow with juicy delight. Citrus scent in the warm air, Florida's bounty, none can compare. In groves where sunbeams dance, Oranges in their sweet trance. Ripening under skies so blue, In them, the taste of sunshine brew. Sunset mirrors their golden hue, A Day in Florida, fresh and new. In each orange, a sunlit sphere, Florida's essence, ever so dear.