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Letter from the Editor

Hello fellow Orange Harbor residents! My name is Jennifer Krogulski at 78 Sun Circle, and I am your newsletter editor.

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

- Life is too short to worry about what others think and say about you. Have fun and give them something to talk about.



Save the Date
(dates tentative to change)

February

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| 3 | All Park Breakfast- Clubhouse |
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Thought for the Day

*It matters not how long we live
but how.*

*"There is nothing on this
earth more to be prized than
true friendship."*

~ Thomas Aquinas

*Happy Valentine's Day,
my friend!*

Laughter Is the Best Medicine!



- If at first you don't succeed, try doing it the way your wife told you.
- Every family has one crazy relative. If you don't know who that is, then it's probably you.
- The answer may not lie in the bottom of a bottle of wine, but one should at least check.
- 3 Signs of Old Age: 1. Memory loss. I forget the other two.
- Did you know "DIET" stands for "Did I Eat That?"
- • I just stepped on a cornflake. Now I'm officially a cereal killer.
- I got my husband a "Get better soon" card. He's not sick. I just think he could be better.
- My teacher told me not to worry about spelling because in the future there will be autocorrect, and for that I am eternally grapefruit.
- Good friends know how you take your coffee. Great friends add BOOZE.
- Always remember. If you fall, I will pick you up . . . after I finish laughing.



This Photo

Let's Get Social

Orange Harbor has a very busy schedule for the next couple of months.

Please help us bring the community together. We want to get to know new and existing residents with activities. If you have ideas/suggestions for any other activities, send them our way. Come and help us make Orange Harbor an even better community by volunteering and joining in the events.

New Volunteers:

- Billiards – Bob Coats
- Men's Golf Kim Franks
- Bunco – Betty West – Bunco is back on – see you on Thursdays at 1:00 – bring \$2.00.

I want to thank those few residents that both volunteered to decorate and then take down the decorations. We need to do something different next year to get more folks to volunteer to help decorate. We had a great turnout for the Christmas Golf Cart Parade, but next year we will start later so our lighted decorations will be seen by all.

New Year's Eve was a great success. Thank you to Nancy for organizing several fun games that everyone enjoyed and Doug Eskew for the great music.

It was so wonderful and much appreciated to see all the volunteers that came to help empty the container and organize the clubhouse for the park sale. All the donations from Orange Harbor Residents are what makes this Park Sale a success as a Fund Raiser for the Social Committee. The Park Sale is no easy undertaking from start to finish. A special thank you needs to go out to Jeannie Jeffery and her peeps for maintaining and organizing the container for the Park Sale throughout the year. A special thanks to Roger and Deb McNeal for preparing great meals at these events.

If you have an event you want to schedule for Clubhouse, Pavilion or RV Gypsy Haul, please contact me 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 that they 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

Meet Your Neighbors

We want to get to know our neighbors! If you have lived here for one month or 30 years, it doesn't matter! Please submit a picture of yourself and a description of where you are from and where you live here. We would like to post your story! Send your story to ohnewsletter@aol.com



We are Tony and Jennifer Krogulski at 78 Sun Circle. We have been residents of Orange Harbor since September of 2014. We are originally from the Wilkes-Barre and Allentown region of Pennsylvania. We currently live part-time in Palmerton, Pa and part-time here in Ft. Myers. We had and still have a busy automotive sales and service business in Pa. with a partner who runs the everyday business duties. We spend a few hours a week on the phone working but have the freedom to spend doing the things we love to do. Our favorite past times of course, is fishing the waters of Orange Harbor and the Gulf of Mexico. Another activity we love to do is go off-roading in Big Cypress next to the Everglades looking for snakes (don't ask), sometimes we get lost in the swamp, but it keeps our hearts beating! We also love to hunt together and used to breed and show Bluetick Coonhounds, but since "retirement" we have no more four-legged friends, so we tend to watch our grand dogs when we need a "fur fix". We love to travel all over the world and spend time with our kids and grandchildren. Between the two of us we have 7 children and 17 grandchildren. The grandkids range in age from 3-23 years old. Currently, Tony is a board of director, and I am the editor of the newsletter. Orange Harbor has a truly special place in our hearts. We have developed life-time friendships here and want to continue to live here living the "island life" and see the park prosper. Thank you to everyone who has made us feel welcome and we look forward to spreading the "love" throughout our community.

Have You Read Your Rules 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.

More Friendly Reminders

XII. PETS

Note: Pursuant to the ADA and the FHA, a service animal or emotional support animal is not generally considered a pet.

All animals and pets must abide by appropriate Rules and Regulations. Dogs, cats, and birds are allowed, but are subject to the following restrictions:

1. Dogs, cats and birds must be registered with the community office.

2. A maximum of two (2) pets are allowed per household. A cat cannot weigh more than twenty (20) pounds at full maturity. The following breeds are not allowed: Pit Bull Breeds, German Shepherds, Great Danes, Rottweilers, Bull Mastiff, Akita, Alaskan Malamute, Doberman, Chow-chow, Presa Canario, Siberian Husky, Wolf Hybrids, and mixed breeds which include any of the previously mentioned breeds.

XII. PETS (Cont.)

3. Lee County Ordinance No. 14-04 outlines animal/pet owner responsibilities in communities where the animal/pet resides. Violations of this ordinance constitute a civil infraction subject to a fine of up to \$500. A copy of the ordinance is available in the community office, and it is recommended that it be reviewed, especially the section on nuisance.

Animal/pet owners are responsible for any violation within the ordinance, and a violation of the ordinance shall be deemed a violation of these Rules and Regulations.

4. Any approved animal/pet residing in the community must have current vaccinations and be licensed per Lee County Ordinance, including seasonal animals in Lee County for more than 30 days.

5. Unless inside a dwelling, all animal/pets must be restrained by a proper leash no longer than eight (8) feet, or a buried electric wire "fence" always.

6. No animal/pet may be left unattended outside the home or in common areas (including buildings) even if the owner is present. The animal/pet must be restrained with a proper leash no longer than eight (8) feet in length. A peripheral fence, cage or kennel on an owner's property is not allowed.

7. Pets can be walked in the streets only; they are not allowed in clubhouse or pool area.

8. Animals/pets are not allowed on the property of another resident, even if restrained, unless the resident has given written permission. Offenders should be photographed, and the resident can file a signed complaint with a photo to the community office.

9. If the Co-Op determines that an animal/pet is dangerous, the animal/pet must be removed from the park. A determination by the Lee County Domestic Services that an animal/pet is dangerous is not necessary but will be deemed conclusive evidence that the animal/pet must be removed.

10. As provided in the PROCEDURES FOR SOLVING ANIMAL/PET PROBLEMS, any resident perceiving a violation of these Rules and Regulations can file a written and signed complaint with the community office or the community Dog Warden. The complaint is confidential unless disclosure of the complaint is required at any hearing or trial regarding a violation of these Rules and Regulations.

11. These Rules and Regulations apply to everyone. Guests may not bring pets into the park.

12. Present pets, as of 2/17/2017, are grandfathered.



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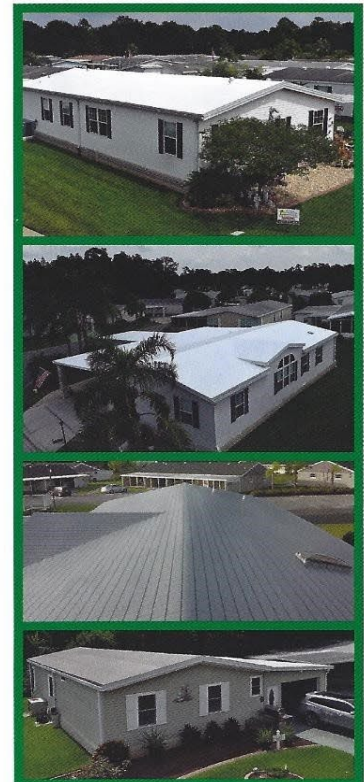
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Swimming Pool

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 are 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.

Boat Ramps

We have two boat 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.



Do Not Put FROG Into the Drain!

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!



Meet Your Barefoot Realty Team!

Assisting Orange Harbor Residents is what we do!

- **Our History:** We were hired by the Orange Harbor Board of Directors in 2013 to assist residents with their home buying and selling needs. We serve the residents of the community. We also support the community through office rent, newsletter advertising and donations for various events.
- **Low Commissions:** We have one of the lowest commission rates--if not the lowest--in the industry! We appreciate your business and work hard to keep it!
- **Full Service:** We are a full-service real estate company and manufactured home dealer. We sell new homes, shares only and assist residents with the sale of their homes, whether real property or the home only. We understand cooperatives and the difference between a home only sale and real estate.
- **Marketing:** According to the National Association of Realtors, 98 percent of home buyers look on the Internet first, then contact a Realtor®. Our internet marketing program ensures that our listings--both real property and homes only--are shown on all major real estate sites including Zillow, Homes.com, realtor.com, and Trulia.com. We created and maintain a dedicated website that is updated daily showcasing properties for sale at orangeharborhomes.com. We advertise on Facebook, Google and MHVillage to ensure that properties are constantly in front of potential buyers. Few real estate companies make this extra effort!
- **Walk-in Traffic:** We handle the walk-in traffic that comes to the community. We see on average 20 to 30 people per month, depending on season, and field phone and e-mail inquiries. We have three salespeople who live in the community and take appointments whenever it's convenient for buyers and sellers. That includes nights and weekends.

Experience the Difference!

We are excited about 2024 and the opportunity to assist residents with the sale of their homes and assist buyers who are interested in living at Orange Harbor.

There has been a lot of change within the community and also with our sales team. We have five Realtors and a manufactured home salesperson ready to assist.

Here's the Barefoot Realty team: Realtors Bill Ignatuk, Tracy Bostelman and Joanne Lose and Salesperson Tracy Chambers. Three agents are your neighbors who live at Orange Harbor. All of our agents can sell under Barefoot Realty's dealer's license.

Sales Assistant Jill Daugherty and Website Manager Kaleb Delhaye work behind the scenes to assist the sales team.

Broker/Dealer Marty Pozgay and Realtor Charity Cicardo are the owners of Barefoot Realty and also work at Orange Harbor assisting residents.

How to Reach Us!

- Call: 877.360.7577 or call an agent direct!
- View homes on orangeharborhomes.com
- Visit the Barefoot Realty sales office at the front of community!

Barefoot Realty Sales Team Brokerage Agent for Orange Harbor

Marty Pozgay: 727-692-6677
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HISTORY OF GROUNDHOG DAY

The Pennsylvania Dutch were German-speaking immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania. They developed their own take on the legend of Candlemas in the 18th and 19th centuries, bringing with them the custom of the native Groundhog as their annual weather announcer. Candlemas involved the clergy blessing and distributing candles needed for winter. The Pennsylvania Dutch transformed the idea by selecting an animal to predict their needs for winter.

The first-ever Groundhog Day was created by a local newspaper editor Clymer Freas around 1886, who convinced Groundhog hunter and local businessman, and all members of his Punxsutawney Groundhog club on the idea of Groundhog Day. Together, they all made their way to Gobbler's Knob where the Groundhog

would make the final decision on the weather. Today, a group called the inner circle who wear top hats, conduct the official proceedings on February 2 in a Pennsylvania Dutch dialect, where tens of thousands of people attend the day's events every year.

Studies have proven no strong correlation between a Groundhog spotting its own shadow and the arrival of spring subsequently. According to German lore, the badger known as Dachs is their forecasting animal. A separate version of traditions states that clear weather on the holy Christian day of Candlemas would often prohibit winter being prolonged.

Groundhog lore suggests much about Punxsutawney Phil. It is said that he drinks a magic "elixir of life" every summer, giving him seven more years to live. He has been predicting since around 1886, and a badger's life span is around six years roughly, so go figure. There is also supposedly only one Phil and any other groundhogs who attempt to do what he does, are imposters. He is said to speak to the club president on the day, in front of the crowds in Groundhogese which is understood and then translated.



February is American Heart Month, a time when all people can focus on their cardiovascular health.

With so many Americans affected by heart disease, it's important to make sure you know how to lower your risk. Keep the following heart-related facts in mind this month so you can learn healthy habits for the future.

1. **Ten minutes of exercise helps your heart.**
Getting ten minutes of activity can lower your risk of a heart attack significantly.
2. **Less screen time is heart healthy.**
If you tend to spend four or more hours per day sitting in front of your TV, computer, or other device, your risk is double of having a heart attack.
3. **Heart disease starts early.** Heart disease starts when you are a teenager or young adult. Being obese as a child can make the risk even higher when you become an adult.

4. **Stress and heart disease go hand in hand.**
Find ways to reduce stress, such as deep breathing and keeping your anger in check.
5. **Heart disease is an ancient disease.**
CT scans done on mummies shows it was around in ancient Egypt times.
6. **More sleep is better for your heart.**
Women who get less than five hours of sleep, have a 39 percent chance higher risk.
7. **Laughter protects your heart.**
Laughing helps relax your blood vessels and expand them.
8. **Mondays are the worst for heart attacks.**
9. **Heart disease fatality rates are high.**
25,000 people die in the U.S. from heart disease every day.
10. **Age is the biggest risk factor.**
Although heart disease can develop in your younger years, other factors include high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, smoking, a sedentary lifestyle. You can't control certain factors, such as family history, but making healthy choices can help reduce your risk overall.

Hurricane Preparedness

It seems like we just got through the hurricane season, but the best time to begin preparing for a hurricane is long before the official hurricane season begins on June 1. Many of us have lived through it, but it never hurts to learn a little more. Let's start with understanding the hazards typically associated with hurricanes:

- While hurricanes pose the greatest threat to life and property, tropical storms and depression also can be devastating. The primary hazards from tropical cyclones (which include tropical depressions, tropical storms, and hurricanes) are storm surge flooding, inland flooding from heavy rains, destructive winds, tornadoes, and high surf and rip currents.
- Storm surge is the abnormal rise of water generated by a storm's winds. This hazard is historically the leading cause of hurricane related deaths in the United States. Storm surge and large battering waves can result in large loss of life and cause massive destruction along the coast.
- Storm surge can travel several miles inland, especially along bays, rivers, and estuaries.
- Flooding from heavy rains is the second leading cause of fatalities from landfalling tropical cyclones. Widespread torrential rains associated with these storms often cause flooding hundreds of miles inland. This flooding can persist for several days after a storm has dissipated.
- Winds from a hurricane can destroy buildings and manufactured homes. Signs, roofing material, and other items left outside can become flying missiles during hurricanes.
- Tornadoes can accompany landfalling tropical cyclones. These tornadoes typically occur in rain bands well away from the center of the storm.
- Dangerous waves produced by a tropical cyclone's strong winds can pose a significant hazard to coastal residents and mariners. These waves can cause deadly rip currents, significant beach erosion, and damage to structures along the coastline, even when the storm is more than 1,000 miles offshore.

It is vital to understand your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding, and wind in order to be prepared.

Know your Evacuation Zone

Hurricane evacuation zones are no longer referenced by storm category, but are now named by hurricane surge evacuation zones: A, B, C, D and E. We want you to know your zone, and to challenge your friends and family to know the same! In Lee County, we are evacuated by zones for storm surge and wind, in a phased manner. This means we may order the evacuation of zone A before you see any effects of the tropical storm. Orange Harbor Mobile Home and RV Resort is in Zone A due to our location right along the river and canals.

Check emergency equipment

Now is a great time to be sure you have basic emergency items readily available. Check items such as flashlights, generators and storm shutters now, rather than waiting until the pressure is on.

Write/Review your Family Emergency Plan

Sit down with family or close friends and decide how you will get in contact with each other, where you will go, and what you will do in an emergency. Keep a copy of this plan in your emergency supplies kit or another safe place where you can access it in the event of a disaster.

Review your insurance policies

- Check your policies so you know what is covered;
- Flooding is the leading cause of damage from tropical systems, if possible, make sure you have flood insurance. You can visit floodsmart.gov to learn more about flood risk and flood insurance options;
- Plan to prepare your home and vehicles according to your specific insurance policies to ensure damages are covered;
- Know where your insurance documents and contact information are located. Take them with you if you evacuate.

Yes, it seems like hurricane season is a long way away, but let's begin to prepare now. Watch future issues for more information from our OH Hurricane Preparedness Committee.

Hobbies & Crafts

Hobbies and Crafts meets every Tuesday from 9-11 in the clubhouse. It is open to anyone in the park. There are no officers, just a group of volunteers who help to coordinate activities. We will have several fundraisers during the year.

Hobbies and Crafts – weekly activities

Feb. 6 - Project of the Week – Trivets (tentative)

Feb. 13 – 9 a.m. There will be a fashion show modeling clothes from the used clothing sale or thrift shop. Anyone in the park can participate. There will be prizes for various categories. This is always a fun day to see what folks have put together as an outfit for very little money. After the fashion show we will finalize details for the Craft Bazaar.

Feb. 16-17 Set up for the Craft Bazaar

On Sun. Feb. 18 Hobbies and Crafts will sponsor a Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale from 10 – 2. The event also includes a Trash and Treasures section and a Lucky Chance Raffle. Donuts and coffee are available for sale in the morning and a walking taco lunch can be purchased as well. The craft vendor area includes folks from the park selling what they make and outside vendors. **If you would like to reserve a table for this Bazaar, please contact Gail Bower at 239-464-3981. The cost is \$10 per table.**

Feb. 20 – Seashells (tentative)

Feb. 27 – Napkin designs (tentative)

If you would like to lead a project in March, please bring samples of your items for us to see. We will then determine if we will have that project in the coming weeks.



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CATCH OF THE SEASON

The 2023-24 ORANGE HARBOR CATCH OF THE SEASON Fishing Tournament is in full cast!! The season opened November 1, 2023, and will run through April 15, 2024. The only tournament entry requirements are that:

- you are an Orange Harbor resident,
- you landed your catch from one of our beautiful Orange Harbor shores, and
- you reported your catch to the tournament commissioner below, providing the species and length of your catch, and verified by a photo or reliable witness.

The winner gets their name and catch engraved for all the ages upon the tournament trophy plaques maintained in the OH Clubhouse on the Wall of Fame. Last year's tournament winner was fisherman John Gossett with his catch of a 36" Blacktip Shark. The Wall of Fame is pictured below with John's most recently added engraving for the



2022-2023 season.



The Infamous Wall of Fame!

This season's current leader is Don Vittitow with his catch of a 33" snook. He and his catch are also pictured below. Nice job, Don!



Report your catches below, preferably with a photo and via email or text to ensure correct spelling, and we will keep a running leaderboard. Your catch need not be a whale, because a huge catch of a smaller species can be a winner. Good Luck to all our OH fishermen and fisherwomen!!!

Commissioner: Jerry Yost 612-910-9097 (cell) yostjerry@gmail.com

*Anglers, please follow all FWC fishing requirements. Removal of tarpon from water over 40" is prohibited. Report all sawfish catches to 844-472-9347. View all fishing regulations at myfwc.com.

Why People Have Difficulty Driving at Night

Humans are born with two types of photoreceptors in their eyes: rods and cones. In the daytime, we utilize cones — the structures that allow us to see color. With the onset of night, however, we shift to a mix of rods and cones; in very, very low light, we rely entirely on rods — which is why, in the darkness, everything appears black and white. When you age you start to lose rod photoreceptors before you lose cone photoreceptors. So, while our vision in daylight may be just fine, our night vision becomes less acute. In people with age-related macular degeneration, this process is even more pronounced.

At the same time, our pupils, which regulate how much light enters our eyes, shrink with age. The older we are, the smaller our pupils are. Even for the same light level, there's less light getting inside our eyeballs. By the time we hit our 60s, the backs of our eyes are receiving only one-third the light they did when we were 20. The world just gets darker, day by day. The only reason we don't notice it is because it's so gradual. As we age, we also become less sensitive to changes in contrast and thus less able to distinguish objects — like road signs or pedestrians — from their background.

And the darker it gets, the more challenged our sight becomes, especially when it's a question of spotting objects along the side of the road. A study by the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute found that pedestrian fatalities were 22 percent more likely to occur on nights when there was a new — and essentially invisible — moon than on brighter nights with a full moon. Plus, in low-contrast conditions, it's difficult to estimate how fast objects, such as other cars, are moving, and our reaction times are slowed.

What's more, by the time we reach our late 50s, nearly 1 in 10 of us will suffer from cataracts — a blurring caused by a buildup of protein on the disclike lenses behind our pupils. By the time we hit our 80s, more than half of us will have cataracts.

How to See Better in the Dark

Driving as little as possible after dark is safety tip number one. But sometimes, especially when the days grow shorter, that simply isn't an option. To maximize your vision:

1. Use your brights at night in almost all cases, except when there are oncoming cars. Drivers often don't see as well at night as they think they do, and high beams give them the best chance of reacting fast enough to an unexpected hazard.
2. Don't economize. When buying a new or used car, look for models with top-rated headlights (go to iihs.org/ratings to find a car's safety ratings). When given a choice, opt for the best headlights available.
3. If your car is several years old, consider getting your headlights and casings replaced. A 2018 study by AAA found that in at least two popular sedan models, degraded headlights and yellowed headlight casings meant that on low beams, the headlights were emitting just 22 percent of the light that new ones would provide, making night driving more hazardous.
4. Keep your windshield and headlights clean, for obvious reasons.
5. Reset the illumination levels of your dashboard lights and any in-car screens to low. Bright light inside makes it harder to see outside.
6. Don't skip the after-dinner coffee. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that in 2017, 91,000 police-reported crashes involving drowsy drivers.



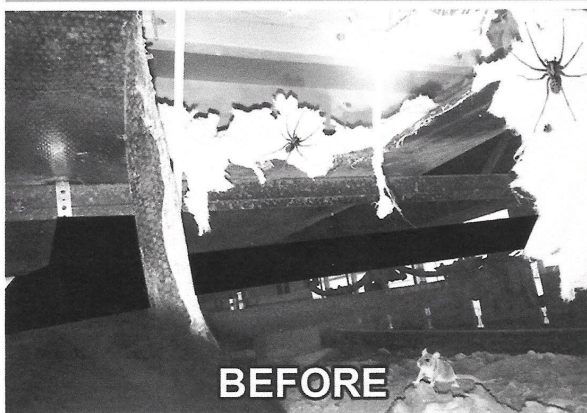
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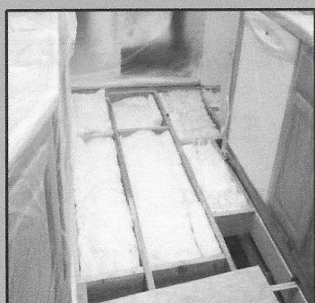
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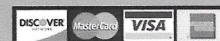
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Join us every Thursday at 1pm to play BUNCO.

Bunco is a dice game generally played with 12 or more players, divided into groups of four, trying to score points while taking turns rolling three dice in a series of six rounds. A bunco is achieved when a person rolls three-of-a-kind, and all three numbers match the round number. Bring \$2.

Join us every Wednesday at 11am for

MAHJONG. 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.

Dominoes & Mexican Train is held every

Thursday at 6pm. We hope you can join us then for these great large group games.

Don't forget Bingo is every other Tuesday at 6:30.

Please consult your calendar for actual dates.

Join us every other Tuesday at 6:30 for Dingo.

Please consult your calendar for actual dates.

Euchre is back every Wednesday at 6:00.

Contact Larry Deutscher at 219-363-8439

Bridge, contact Doug Allen at 239-694-6092. Doug will provide free lessons to new players and help old players refresh their game. Date & time to be determined based upon participants.

Cribbage is on Thursdays at 6pm. Contact Dolly Jones at 989-928-2400 for more information. Please bring \$1.

Happiness is yelling, "BINGO"!

Bingo caller & Validator Volunteers Needed!

If you are interested in being the caller or validator sign-ups will be in the clubhouse.

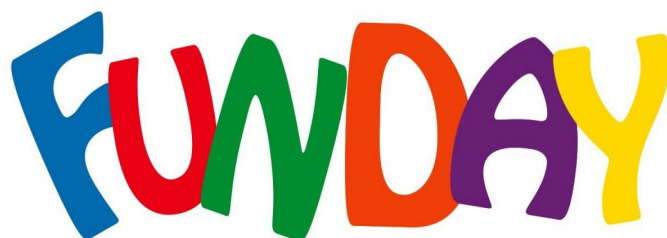
Caller: Will use the OH computer that will auto select the numbers and then announce the number through the sound system. New callers will be instructed on how to use the Bingo Software.

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!





ORANGE HARBOR BOAT CLUB HISTORY

JANUARY 1971

A new year was upon us, and the first meeting was January 21, 1971. Commodore Larcombe requested that a report to the Marine Patrol be made of boats on the river after dark without proper lights. Also, it was agreed that travel trailer residents owning boats be welcomed into the membership of the boat club.

February 1971

February was a busy month. There were two meetings called by Commodore Larcombe with nineteen members present.

Complaints were discussed regarding not having reflectors on Berth Pilings and Channel Posts. Tom Popik was asked to contact Mr. Hansen of the Hansen Marina to install them. A letter was read from the "Sundowners" requesting a donation to help defray their expenses for their operation. They dock at Naples and their function is to work north out of there along the gulf coast to help boats in distress. It was voted to donate \$10.

March 1971

Commodore Larcombe asked the club for a vote of thanks and appreciation for the fine job Lu and "Monty" Jones did in presenting the "Mock Wedding" sponsored by the Boat Club. Tentative plans were discussed for a cook-out or dinner here with the Cape Coral Sportsman Yacht and Sailing Club as our guests. There also was some discussion on planning and end of season banquet.

As had been discussed, the Cape Coral Boat Club was invited, and they accepted our invitation for a March outing here in Orange Harbor. Forty-eight guests came by boat, and everyone enjoyed shuffleboard, bingo, and afternoon square dancing besides a delicious dinner. "Kudos and Accolades" to Fleet Captain Walter Mast and his jolly boys for the hot fires for the cook-out and to Ed and Inez Sammons for the music and guidance in square dancing. Also, "hats off" to Lu Nelson and her committee of First Mates for setting up tables, coffee service and all the 'yummy' cakes the Mates furnished.

All our guests left with heartfelt gratitude for the wonderful and warm manner in which they had been entertained.

April 1971

In April our Club founder and Commodore, Claude Larcombe, entered the hospital. On April 9, 1971, the Lord called him home. He was sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Acting Commodore "Monty" Jones presided at the regularly scheduled April meeting. There was a moment of silent prayer in memory of Commodore Claude Larcombe. It then was agreed that the office of Commodore be left open for the remainder of the term in honor of our founder.

There was a very interesting discussion led by Wayne Clark on hurricanes, something that is always a threat to South Florida.

This is one of many excerpts that you will see in the next issues of the "Island News".

Live Theaters

Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall - bbmannpah.com

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

The Laboratory Theater of Florida - laboratorytheaterflorida.com

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

New Phoenix Theater - Newphoenixtheatrefortmyers.org New Phoenix Theatre creates entertainment to enlighten the community, celebrate diversity, and inspire imagination.

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

Florida Repertory Theater - floridarep.org

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



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Farmer's Markets

Lakes Park Farmers Market

OPEN ON WEDNESDAYS!!! The Lakes Park Farmers Market is a true local outdoor market selling local produce, fresh seafood, native plants, cut flowers, artisan foods, organics, and more. Established in 2010 with only 20 vendors, it is now one of the largest markets in Lee County with 50 vendors. Local Roots LLC, owners of the market, has teamed up with the Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation to help raise money and awareness for their Botanical Gardens. The market is open every Wednesday from October through April, 9am – 1pm. We invite shoppers to stay and eat breakfast or lunch at a picnic table while listening to live music each Wednesday enjoying one of the most beautiful parks in Lee County. Lakes Regional Park 7330 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers 33908

Cape Coral Farmers Market

Every Saturday from 8a-1p October-May. Located in downtown Cape Coral at SE 47th Terr. & SE 10th Pl, in Club Square.

The Cape Coral Farmers Market has been a favorite Saturday morning destination for 25 years. Over the years, we have grown to over 125 vendors. We have all the delicious foods and local crafts that you love to shop for. Fresh, local & healthy fruits and veggies, including Certified Organic produce, are the core of the market along with homemade and handmade foods and crafts. Fresh baked breads & pastries, homemade pickles, jams & jellies, Gulf fresh seafood, fresh meats, homemade pet treats, handcrafted soaps, essential oils, local honey, made-on-site guacamole, fresh, cut flowers, native plants & trees are just some of the fantastic products available. Since shopping and eating seem to go so well together, the market has endless options. A food truck court and tent vendors offer BBQ, Crepes, Mexican food, German street food and healthy options like Kombucha, health smoothies, Acai bowls and salads.

Rooster's on Route 80

Farm fresh market and green house featuring local fruits, vegetables, soaps, honey, jams, jellies.

Location 15500 Palm Beach Blvd, Alva, open Monday-Saturday 9am-6pm and Sunday 10am-5pm.

Local Libraries

Fort Myers Regional Library

2450 First St., Fort Myers, FL 33901

Library Hours:

Monday - Wednesday: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Friday - Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed Sunday

Curbside Holds Pickup:

Due to street closure, curbside service has been suspended for at least three months.

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: 9 a.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.

To view other area locations, please visit
leegov.com/library/branches



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

Residents who own waterfront lots are allowed to build and maintain docks, floating docks, and boat lifts.

Any alterations to existing structures or new construction must abide by local, state, and federal laws regarding these types of structures.

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 or not the current resident built, changed or acquired existing dock through resale.

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

Consideration should be given to neighbors when constructing boat lifts.

A plan must be submitted to the office prior to dock and boat lift construction. Authorization and inspection is required for all boat docks/floating docks.

Permits are required from the county office.

If the resident does not maintain the structure and the structure is falling down or causing a hazard to the surrounding waterway, the Co-op shall remove the structure and bill the resident for the expense.

Elder Helpline

The Elder Helpline offers support for the growing number of caregivers and their aging parents or spouses. It provides information for older adults and their caregivers by helping callers make informed decisions about available assistance. It is the starting point for getting connected with programs or services that can meet the needs of the older adult or caregiver. For more information contact 1-800-96ELDER or 1-800-963-5337 or visit www.AgingFlorida.com



Did you know that we have Three websites involving Orange Harbor?

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



Concerns/Complaints About Animals

For all concerns/complaints about animals in or around the park please call:

Lee County Domestic Animal Services at 239-533-7387

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 park who do not have authorized access. **DON'T GIVE OUT YOUR GATE CODE!**



Do your part, your children's grandchildren will appreciate it.

Top 7 Facts to Know:

- Without exception, recycling is the top action society can do to simultaneously improve: the environment, the economy, sustainable manufacturing and to prevent waste from going into oceans.
- Recycling is in a crisis in the U.S. due to public confusion about recycling.
- U.S. recycling levels are currently 21.4% (recent EPA funded Yale University Study)
- When U.S. recycling levels reach 75% it will be the environmental and CO2 equivalent of removing 55 million cars from U.S. roads each year.
- When U.S. recycling levels reach 75% it will generate 1.5 million new jobs in the U.S. (net).
- Manufacturers truly want these materials back to reuse in their manufacturing, but they aren't able to reuse the materials if people don't recycle *right*.
- The nonprofit standardized label mission is the #1 solution to help society begin to recycle right and therefore, help recycling begin to thrive.

General Recycling Facts

There is no other action available today that can have this type of simultaneous positive impact on so many things critical to our existence on this planet.

For the economy:

- Recycling is a \$200 billion industry in the U.S.
- Recycling generates 7-10 more jobs than landfills and waste to energy plants.
- Recycling properly creates valuable resources for U.S. manufacturing and can become a highly valuable export to countries such as China and India.

For the environment:

- Recycling conserves finite natural resources - this is critical as population continues to grow exponentially.
- Recycling conserves fresh water up to 95% in the mining and manufacturing process for many materials.
- Recycling prevents waste from going into oceans - it is proven, when there is a strong recycling culture, there is less litter and less waste going into ocean.
- Protects forests which help to reduce CO2 emissions.
- Significantly reduces use of fossil fuel energy and reduces CO2 emissions.
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Additional facts to know:

- According to a recent Yale University/EPA study, the U.S. recycles less than 22% of its discarded materials.
- The U.S. recycling levels have not improved in 20 years despite the billions of dollars spent on recycling competitions, symposiums, awareness campaigns and new sorting technologies.
- Despite only representing 5% of the world population, the U.S. generates more waste than any other country in the world. (World Watch Institute)
- In less than 15 years, worldwide waste is expected to double. (World Watch Institute)
- One fact remains - if the public is confused when they approach the recycling bin, they will continue to: make mistakes, be apathetic and be skeptical about recycling - and therefore, contamination levels will continue to be high, recycling will continue to be economically crippled, recycling levels will not increase, and environmental progress will be stalled.
- Good news: With the help of standardized labels displayed on recycling bins throughout society, recycling can begin to thrive and when the US recycling levels reach 75%, it will be the *environmental benefit of removing 50 million cars from the road each year and it will generate 1.5 million new jobs (net). (*Tellus Institute)



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Fun Events to Look Forward To!

February 2024

Pool Party
Rod Stewart Show
Commodores Ball
Super Bowl Party
Paint Night w/the Art Club
Mardi Gras Party and Parade
Music @ the Pavilion
"Cheeseburger In Paradise" Jimmy Buffett Party
Hobby Club Bazaar
Broadway Palm
Hippy Dance @ the Clubhouse

March 2024

Pajama Party
Murder Mystery Dinner
Wine & Cheese Party
Music @ the Pavilion
Pool Party
St. Patrick's Day Dinner
80's Lunch
Block Party
(Events Subject to Change)



Foxy Ladies/Red Hatters

Meet on every 2nd Thursday of the month.

February 8, 2024, we will meet for lunch at Habaneros on Bayshore/Pine Island Rd at 11:30a.m. Please sign up at the clubhouse.



Ladies Golf League League plays weekly on Mondays at 10:30 at Del Tura. Cost is \$35 for 9 holes including cart. The league plays a different game each week. They play Low Putts, Most 5's, a Shamble, or Step Aside. After golf, we join up at the club's restaurant to talk about the "shot" that got away or "if only". See Sharon Milliken for details or contact her at 317-362-5040 or Gretchen Lovelock at 586-303-1188.



Line Dancing

Thursdays from 9:00 to 9:45 in the clubhouse and continuing weekly.
It's always a fun time so come and enjoy!!!!



Horseshoe League plays every Tuesday at 9a.m. We provide coffee and donuts each week. Cost is \$2. Seasonal veterans or beginners, men and women are welcome. If you are interested, please sign up at the clubhouse or contact Richard Jeffery 257 Hamlin Dr. 612-850-4149.



First Mates Broadway Palm show
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You can find the form on the website at orangeharbormhc.com under the “Documents” tab or at the office.

The Orange River is an “Idle” zone river all season long. The definition of that is as follows:

- “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.

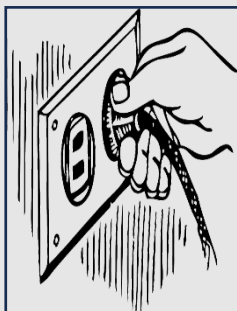
The Caloosahatchee River has a “slow wake” from November 15 to March 31. The definition of that is as follows:

- 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.

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Cook's Corner



Spinach Artichoke Dip

Ingredients:

- Eight slices bacon
- 1 (10 oz) package frozen chopped spinach (thawed and drained)
- 1 (14 oz) can quartered marinated artichokes hearts (drained)
- 1 (5 oz) container garlic-herb flavored cheese spread
- 1 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1 (8 oz) container sour cream
- ½ cup mayonnaise

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Fry bacon in a large skillet over medium-high heat until brown & crisp. Drain off the grease and crumble it into a bowl.
3. Combine spinach, artichoke hearts, cheese spread, parmesan cheese, sour cream, and mayonnaise into the bowl with bacon. Mix well.
4. Place the mixture into a 7x11 baking dish. Bake in the oven for 20 minutes or until golden brown and bubbly.
5. Serve warm, and enjoy!



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. The next meeting will be **February 23, 2024**.

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 scheduled for **February 28, 2024**.



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Orange Harbor is a pet-friendly park. Our pets are a part of our family and bring so much comfort and joy to our lives. We have so many pets in the park, and we'd like to get to know them better. Please send me a picture of your pet for a future issue. Send your pictures to ohnewsletter@aol.com or text it to me at 570-237-5409 with your pet's name, breed, age, and any other interesting tidbits that you'd like to share (quirky habit, etc.).



My name is Cooper, and I am a Pudelpointer, a cross between a German hunting poodle (pudel) and an English Pointer. Some Pudelpointers have furnishings or wiry hair on their face, tail, and body. I'm what is called "slick" so people think I am a chocolate lab.... but I'm not.

My Momma is Kay Evans, and my Daddy is Craig Connor. We have been living in our RV starting in our 3rd year now at 1240 Second Street. Daddy has been working on our homes at 221 Temple and 204 Shoreland renovating them after the hurricane. I can't wait to live on the water and see the manatees every day. They are so fascinating!

I love going to the dog park and playing ball but hate it when people do not pick up their poop. It gets in my paws and Momma calls me a "Stinky Boy". I also like to hunt geckos, rabbits, and birds. Most fun of all is going on cart rides. I know where to sit and stay in the cart, so I don't get hurt.

Momma takes me on lots of walks around the park, but I like to walk faster than she does. I have to drag her around because you never know what is out there. I am a fun-loving boy who likes people and other dogs but sadly not cats. If you see me in the park, stop by and say hi!

Pet Disaster Kit for Emergency

- ID tags with phone numbers for collars and/or harnesses.
- Leashes, harnesses, and carriers to transport pets safely and securely.
- Water and food for 7 days.
- Medication for 7 days.
- Vaccination records, medical conditions, behavior problems, feeding schedule, vet information stored in a water-proof container. This is needed if you must board your pets.
- Current photo of your pets in case they get lost.
- Pet bed, toys, treats, food bowls.

***Reminder- pet owners to observe the park rules regarding dogs, as failure to comply will result in a violation letter!** 1. Pick up and dispose of dog waste in YOUR trash or in the dog waste receptacles at the dog park. 2. Always keep your dog on a leash and walk them on the road. 3. Do not allow your dog to walk, defecate, or urinate in other resident's yards or RV sites. 4. Dogs must always be accompanied by an owner, when outside a residence or RV. 5. You must keep your dog under control, especially around other dogs, and pedestrians. 6. Under the noise ordinance, excessive barking is considered a nuisance to other residents; inside or outside a residence. 7. 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.**

Let's keep our pets SAFE and please clean up after your pets!

Residents for Hire and Services



I am Janell Webb at 1298 5th St. and I am available for petsitting and I am able to drive you to the airport/doctor appointments. Please contact Janell at 567-204-3492.

I am Capt. Billy Roberts and I am available if anyone needs help with their boat, I have over 30 years' experience in maintaining and operating boats of all sizes. I have been a licensed yacht 100-ton captain for 25+years. I do not repair outboard motors. Please contact Billy at 310-408-4015.

I am Kay Evan at 1230 2nd Street in the RV section, and I make 3D Pop-Up cards for special occasions. I have over 600 different designs that will make your friends and family awe with appreciation when they receive them! You can see all my designs at www.koriannndesigns.com, if you want to pre-shop and I can have your cards ready for you. I make all my cards. (Think of scrapbooking on steroids). You get a card, envelope all in a clear plastic bag. If there is something special you are looking for, let me know as well. You can reach me at koriannndesigns@gmail.com or 303-859-5566



Mardi Gras Party & Parade



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Decorate your cart/bike and yourself to join in the fun! Bring your happy hour appetizers to share & drinks/shots to the Paradise Pavilion at 4:30pm to kick off the party. Jambalaya will be provided. The parade will begin at dusk and return to the Pavilion for dancing with the sounds of Doug Eskew. Get your beads and join us on February 13.

Laissez les bons temps Rouler!



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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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Art Walk is every 1st Friday of the month which features local artists. Join us for the January Art Walk! You'll find local vendors, crafters, and artists demonstrating and selling their unique works-of-art from a wide variety of mediums. **See you on February 2 from 5-9p.m.**

Music Walk is every 3rd Friday of the month. **February 16 from 6-10 p.m.** the streets will come alive for a one night only concert showcasing musicians of all talent levels and a variety of styles.

All events are free to attend and fun for all ages.

Visit myriverdistrict.com for more information.



Gate Tutorial

To protect our residents and protect our gate codes, there is a simple way for all of us to let in our guests, contractors, vendors, etc. At the front gate there is a pin pad kiosk. Every resident has their own special code listed on the directory of the kiosk. If you would like to find your code, you can go to the gate, hit the # symbol continuously until you find your name which are in alphabetical order. When you see your name there will be a four-digit number behind your name. Memorize that number! When you must allow entry for someone just have them go to the kiosk enter your four-digit number on the pin pad. Your phone will ring, and your caller ID will show Orange Harbor Office. At this point, answer the call and you will be able to communicate through your speaker on the phone and the speaker on the kiosk. You then will press the number 9 on your phone, repeatedly, if need be, and the gate will open. If you do not want to look for your special code, your visitor can follow the steps on the pin pad of the kiosk. If you have any questions, please stop in, or call the office.



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- Pool hours: dawn to dusk (no night swimming)
- Emergency medical services: call 911.
- Warning-no lifeguard-swim at your own risk.
- Children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.
- Pool depths are measured in feet.
- Maximum water temperature: 104F/40C
- Do not swallow pool water (it is recirculated)
- Do not use the pool if ill with diarrhea.
- Please use walkways when entering or exiting the pool area.

Did you Remember to Renew your Mobile Home?

DECAL RENEWAL PERIOD The registration period for mobile homes is January 1st through December 31st.

The annual expiration date is December 31st. It is the responsibility of the mobile homeowner to renew their decal(s). When renewing decals, if you have a single-wide mobile home you will be issued one decal. In the case of a double or triple-wide mobile home, one decal will be issued per side. Regular mobile home decals (on colored backings that rotate color each year) are issued to mobile homes on rental property. These decals expire every year, or every 2 years if renewed biannually. Any attachments to the mobile home are considered personal property. Real Property, or RP, decals (on black backings) are issued to an individual who owns both the mobile home and the land on which it is permanently set up. These decals do not expire and are not required to be renewed.

DISPLAYING DECALS Decals are to be displayed in the lower left-hand corner of the window closest to the street or road which provides access to the mobile home. Decals are to be always visible and are not to be covered by awnings, shutters, foliage, etc.

HOW DO YOU RENEW? To renew, visit leetc.com 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If the Mobile Homeowner fails to renew their decal(s) they will receive a Notice of Impending Court Summons.

Life's Little Instructions

CHANGE THE WAY YOU SEE

By Donna Ashworth

I don't have crow's feet; I have happy memories of laughing with friends until the tears flowed.

I don't have frown lines, I have the marks of my frustration and confusion, which I battled through, smiling in the end.

I am not going grey, I have shimmering highlights of wisdom, dashed throughout my silver hair.

I don't have scars; I have symbols of the strength I was able to find when life got tough.

I don't have stretch marks; I have the marks of growth and the marks of motherhood. My womanly evolution.

I am not fat, I bear the evidence of a life filled with abundance, blessings, and good times.

I am not just forgetful, I have a mind so full of stories, memories, and moments there is hardly room to hold much else.

I am not old, I am blessed, with a life of great length, something not everyone can say.

Don't change the way you LOOK. Change the way you SEE.



80's Luncheon

Happy Birthday to Everyone 80 and over! This event has been a staple at Orange Harbor for quite a few years. For these special people, the luncheon will be held on Wednesday, March 20 from 11:30am to 1pm. To attend you must be 80 or older by March 2024. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse once it gets a bit closer. Please mark your calendars now for a free delicious meal and a fun "waitstaff" to commemorate YOU! If you are unable to attend the Clubhouse, meals can be delivered to your door. HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL SOON!
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10 FACTS YOU DID NOT KNOW ABOUT Valentine's Day

There are **180 million** Valentine's Day cards exchanged on the holiday



Average spending on Valentine's Day in the US is **\$13.19 billion**

The average person spends **\$130.97** on Valentine's Day



The top three gifts given on Valentine's Day are cards, candy, and dinner

85% of cards bought on Valentine's Day are by women

73% of flowers bought on Valentine's Day are by men

196 million roses are produced for Valentine's Day

Annual revenue from flower sales is **\$403 million**

Annual revenue from jewelry store sales is **\$2.2 billion**

6 million people get engaged on Valentine's Day



Happy Valentine's Day



Spring is just around the corner, here are some helpful tips to protect and rejuvenate your garden.

- Apply a pre-emergent weed killer (not a weed and feed) to lawns this month to prevent germination of warm season weed seeds.
- Begin planting warm season vegetables this month. Beans, peppers, cucumbers, tomatoes, and squash can be started while temperatures are cool.
- Inspect irrigation heads and adjust irrigation based on rainfall.
- Orchids show their natural blooms and make an ideal bedroom plant as they are essentially nocturnal and create great oxygen while you are sleeping.
- As your yard begins to emerge from their slight winter dormancy, monitor your garden's moisture paying specific attention to local water management and city codes.
- If you've been thinking about rearranging plants in your garden spaces, now is the time. Be careful to dig around the plant's root system and be certain to replant before the roots begin to dry out. Water sufficiently once replanted.
- This is a great time to add and prune your roses. Keep the plants to 3 to 7 main stems for best growth.
- It may be time to refresh your garden's mulch. Just about any kind is fine, but some gardeners prefer the eucalyptus mulch as it's a Florida product and is plentiful.

Please remember No invasive plants are allowed.

The Office has a list of 'Invasive Plants' and 'Florida Friendly Plants' on request.

- Consideration should be given to the estimated **matured size** of the plant, not to encroach on the
- 5' lot line set back and not to create a hindrance in neighbor sight lines.
- The use of Florida friendly plants is encouraged because they survive Florida weather and require little maintenance.
- Call 811- 3 to 5 days before any digging with a shovel for the free service to have utilities marked. Residents must have written permission from Management to avoid damage to underground facilities and for lawn maintenance considerations.
- No plants or trees can be planted or removed unless written permission is received from Management.



History of the Hobby Club Dolls

At the Jan. 2, 2024, Hobby Club meeting, Dolly Jones shared some of the background of the dolls. The Hobby Club began making dolls in 1985 during Polly Chase's presidency. Kathryn Dobbins suggested making the dolls and shared the procedure. Her daughter-in-law was a nurse at a local Doctor's office in Immokalee. The dolls were donated to give a young child something to hold when getting a shot or vaccine, hence the 'shot doll' began.

Since 1985, the dolls have been donated to doctor's office, maternity wards, migrant camps, Doctors without Borders, child abuse centers and sent to Africa and Haiti via missionaries in the pockets of pillowcase dresses.

Dolly's mother-in-law made pillowcase dresses. Dolly estimates that over the course of about 5 years she took about 1500 dolls to Michigan to put in the pockets of the dresses. They were given to At Risk families via doctor's office and missionaries. Approximately 2000 were given to Doctors without Borders.

Hobby Club averaged making about 400 dolls a year. In going through some old Hobby Club minutes, we found that in 2015, 200 went to Haiti, 37 to Children's Oncology and 100 to Nicaragua.

Dolly Jones did the research on the dolls and got information from Norma Peronis, Diana Heaton, Shirley Schroeder, and Gail Bower.

Wanderlust (n)

A great desire to travel and rove about

We may live in Paradise here in SW Florida, but it is not natural for many of us to be sedentary, travel is in our genes. For most people, travel is a positive means of escape. It's natural to want a break from routine, from work, from responsibilities, and the people who drive you crazy on a daily basis. Not all those who wander are lost. Here are some travel planning tips for those who are still inspired to be a Wanderlust!

TRAVEL WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES FAR

The first and BEST tip for traveling on a budget is traveling where your money goes far. What this means is that if you're coming from countries with a strong currency (USA, Europe, Australia, etc.) you become "richer" in countries with weaker currencies. Did you know the US Dollar is one of the world's strongest currencies?

TRAVEL IN THE OFF-SEASON

Traveling a few weeks before or after peak tourist season can mean fewer crowds and lower costs. By analysis Kayak found travelers saved up to 27 percent flying to Europe in the so-called shoulder-season months of March, April, October and November.

STOP SITTING ON YOUR POINTS

A study last year by LendingTree found that 7 in 10 credit card holders had unused cash-back rewards, points or miles.

TRACK and FIND FLIGHT DEALS

The cost of flying, most of the time, is the most expensive part of any trip. Getting from a to b can be costly, but if you can find the right deals, then you'll be shocked at what you can get flights for these days.

AVOID TOURISTY AREAS

This tip truly goes without saying, but the more iconic the destination is, the more expensive the prices will be. Certain destinations, especially major cities, will jack up the prices of things simply because they can. They know people are going to travel there regardless and they can charge more money to be there. Try staying outside of the city, or adding another small town to your itinerary, eating where the locals do, going to really cool sites that not many people visit.

BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE

Traveling in countries where clean drinking water isn't readily accessible is more challenging, but it still is doable. A lot of people recommend a water filter.

EAT YOUR BIGGEST MEAL FOR LUNCH

Most places you travel to are almost always going to have separate menus for lunch and dinner, with the lunch menus highlighting smaller portions and lower prices. If you want to go out and try restaurants that intrigue you, it's best to go for lunch since you can still experience a nice meal out and not pay dinner prices.

With the prices being lower, you can also order smaller plates and share to try more things if you don't think you'll be coming back to this spot and/or city! With a large dinner, you may opt for something lighter for dinner, and therefore a cheaper option.

BUNDLE THROUGH AN AIRLINE

Booking your hotel or rental car along with your airfare can yield significant savings.

"FREE BREAKFAST" / "BREAKFAST INCLUDED"

Whether you love to chow down on food when you travel or not, snagging a spot with a free breakfast is one of the best ways to reduce your food budget. However, it does depend on where you're staying, so compare the room cost with breakfast versus a room without and breakfast in town somewhere.

MAKE A BUDGET AND STICK TO IT

As boring and mundane as budgeting and number crunching is, for you to stay on top of your budgeting goals, you need to be tracking what you're spending.



Orange Harbor Art Club

Join the art club every Monday at 12:30pm in the clubhouse. Please contact Mary Anne Kriesen at 440-354-6898 or Jan Staten at 815-353-6691 of your plans to attend. Bring your ideas, reference materials, supplies, and any work you want to share with the group. Hope to see you soon! *We need to prepare the tables for painting.

Creativity requires the courage to let go of certainties.!

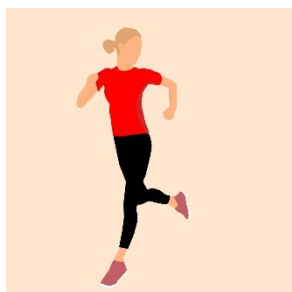
Join us for a special Paint Night on Monday, February 12 at 6pm. We will paint an exotic and colorful fish on a 9x12 canvas. The cost is \$25 for the first 24 people to sign up. Feel free to bring your favorite drink. Find the sign-up sheet at the clubhouse.

Art show will be Sunday 3/24/24 from 1-3 p.m.

Bocce Ball

Join us at 10:00 a.m. on Mondays. If you don't know how to play we will teach you. Single folks welcome. You don't need a partner.

Power Walking Class



Join Sue Steiner Monday-Friday at 8-9am for power walking classes in the clubhouse. There are 20 Leslie Sansone Power Walking DVD's. Join us for a good upper and lower body

workout. You don't have to do the whole workout, just do what you can...1 mile, 2 miles, 3 miles. Contact Sue at 920-810-0571 for more information.

Water Aerobics



Join us Monday-Friday at 9 a.m. for water aerobics in the swimming pool.

Ping Pong

All Ping Pong players will meet in the clubhouse at 4pm on Tuesdays began January 9, 2024. Beginners and seasoned players are welcome. We play for FUN. You're welcome to join in!

Bible Study

Every Monday at 10:30 a.m. there will be a bible reading class conducted by Tim Waters. If you have any questions please contact Tim at 239-826-1294.

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 the first Saturday of each month and start immediately after the breakfast social hour.

Our annual Card and Game Party will be on March 13, 2024, starting at 11 a.m. This is our money-making project where monies are donated out.

We will be having our annual Broadway Palm luncheon and musical-Elvis Tribute on February 17, 2024.

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.

Vicki Deutscher, President First Mates

Shuffleboard

The Shuffleboard league starts at 10 a.m. and runs every Thursday. It is a fun activity for men and women and a great way to meet new people.



Cornhole

"I play too much cornhole"—said no one ever, so join us on Wednesday's at 1:30, be there early to register. Everyone is Welcome!



Pickleball is a paddle sport that over the last 50-plus years has drawn in nearly 3 million enthusiasts across the country and now has an international following. In fact, efforts are underway to make it an Olympic sport. The game was invented in Washington State in 1965. It is reported that more than half of those engaged in Pickleball are at least fifty-five years old. 65-year-olds make up almost a third of those that indulge in this growing sport.

Be sure to join the fastest growing sport in the U.S on:

Monday at 4pm, Thursday at 9am, and Saturday at 2pm

Some days may be cancelled due to other events taking place at the clubhouse.

Be sure to wear tennis or court shoes and bring water for hydration.



Commodore Ball

The Commodore's Ball will take place on February 10, 2024. Tickets are \$35 per person and will include dinner, dancing, photos, and fun!

Contact Jim Robinson at 815-353-7280

Hobby Club Craft Bazaar

Sunday, February 18, 2024, from 10-2 in the Clubhouse.

If you are a crafter and would like to sell your items at the bazaar, there are still some table spaces available.

The cost is \$10.

Contact Gail Bower at 239-464-3981 for more information.

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Calling all Parrotheads!

The weather is here, come join us for a "Cheeseburger in Paradise" to celebrate the life of Jimmy Buffett!

It's 5 O'clock at the Pavilion, the margaritas are being poured and cheeseburgers are grilling! Join us February 22. Watch Facebook for more details.

The Passing (for Jimmy Buffett)

The blender has broken, the circus left town.
And the lost salt shaker was finally found.
The Kid weighed the anchor, the Drifter sailed away.
And all of the Parrotheads are in such disarray.
Jimmy, you held the magic your passing was tragic.
We feel like we've drowned.

You were the life of the party when summertime came.
We put on our grass skirts; we danced in the rain.
We sang along with you; we were kids for the night.
And for just a few moments, the world seemed so right.
We need some cheap airfare, got to fly to St. Somewhere
We're going insane.

And the stars fell on Alabama tonight.
And the Gulf Coast is clear and blue.
As the Son of a Son of a sailor
Reached that far distant shore
And passed through.

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Rules of Ownership and Rentals

ALL SALES AND ALL RENTALS MUST GO THROUGH THE OFFICE. CREDIT AND CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS TO BE PERFORMED. If you do not follow the proper procedure, you will be in violation of our governing rules and regulations and will be subject to eviction.

2. All new residents must go through the application and screening process and be approved by management to be a resident of the community. If the manufactured home is sold to a tenant who is not approved by management, then management reserves the right to terminate the tenancy pursuant to Chapter 723, Florida Statutes.
 3. All caregivers and renters residing in the community must first go through the application and screening process and be approved by management.
 4. The Co-op shall limit the number of manufactured homes a resident can own to two (2). Any resident who owns more than two (2) manufactured homes at the execution of these Rules and Regulations shall be permitted to retain ownership of those manufactured homes. Management reserves the right to conduct a credit check for each additional manufactured home purchased by a Resident. The Co-op reserves the right to refuse the sale of additional manufactured homes to current residents based on the criteria established to determine the credit history of Resident.
 5. The Co-op reserves the right to refuse admittance to any prospective resident or renter based on the criteria established to determine the credit history and criminal background of prospective resident.
 6. The Co-op reserves the right to require an application fee not to exceed the greater of \$100.00 or the maximum cost allowed under 719.106 (i), Florida Statutes or Chapter 723, Florida Statutes. Management reserves the right to require a processing and screening fee. The failure of any prospective resident or renter to provide general background information, personal references and proof of financial responsibility shall be deemed a cause for refusal of residency.
 7. The Co-op specifically reserves the right to terminate the tenancy of any tenant pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 723, Florida Statutes, upon determination by the Co-op that the tenant misrepresented or falsified any information on any application or entry forms required by the Co-op prior to admittance as a tenant of the community. In addition, the Co-op reserves the right to terminate the tenancy of a renter if the renter misrepresented or falsified any information on any application or entry forms required by Co-op prior to admittance.
- All these articles can be found in the Rules and Regulations located at the office or online at orangeharbormhc.com under the Documents tab.**



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Share vs Land Lease

Orange Harbor is a unique community. We are a Cooperative but fall under several different statutes under Florida Law. First and foremost, we are a 617 Not for Profit Corporation.

Shareholder: Resident owned mobile home parks and communities in Florida or manufactured home co-op share is ownership interest in the entire mobile home community. You do not own the land that your manufactured home is sitting on (known as fee simple, in traditional real estate). Instead, your ownership is comparable to being a stockholder owning an interest in the entire community. The monthly fees are generally half of the lot rent fees paid on a land lease basis for those homes without a share.

Cooperative properties are listed on the Multiple Listing Service or MLS alongside conventional real estate. When purchasing or selling a mobile home that is part of a co-op you are able to gain massive exposure in both selling your manufactured home or searching to buy your next mobile home.

You pay real estate taxes just as you do on real property. Because the purchase price is relatively low, your taxes are not that high. If you are, or will be a Florida resident, you can homestead the property resulting in significantly lower real estate taxes. Other qualifying reductions in real estate taxes include disability and more. All rules and regulations must be followed. Applicants must be credit checked and background checks must be performed. **Florida state statute 719 known as The Cooperative Act is followed.**

Land Lease Owner: A land lease community is one where the owner of the home leases the land under which the home sits from a third party. The homeowner will need to renew the registration on their home annually. All rules and regulations must be followed. Applicants must be credit checked and background checks must be performed. **Florida state statute 723, known as the Florida Mobile Home Act is followed.**

You can find more information regarding these statutes at [flsenate.gov/laws/statutes](https://www.flsenate.gov/laws/statutes).

Our ROC-Resident Owned Communities, SWFL

OURROC-SWF continues a long tradition of maintaining an organization for the benefit of our member parks in Southwest Florida. We offer information and support to our member parks and have consistently represented many units in Resident Owned Communities. At the present time, OURROC-SWF represents ten parks comprised of approximately 3,600 units.

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 in Resident Owned Communities. Our membership consists of both Resident Owned Communities and Professional Members who provide services and support to the Parks in our Southwest Florida area. In addition to our Board Training conferences, presentations have focused on insurance, hurricane preparation, legal issues affecting Resident Owned Communities, and “roundtable discussions” focusing on member-generated concerns and questions.

All are invited to attend their meetings, whether you are a board member or a resident of your community. Next meeting is February 13, 2024, at River Forest Village at 4300 Riverside Dr. Punta Gorda, FL 33982 914-916-9074. **Pre-Registration is required. Contact Bob Snyder at reofs65@gmail.com.**

Program: BOARD MEMBER TRAINING & CERTIFICATION Presenter: Jonathan P. Whitney, esq. Lutz, Bobo & Telfair.

All begin with Networking and refreshment at 9:00am, our executive meeting at 9:30am and program by 10:00am. All close by 11:30-12:00pm, except board certification ends at 2pm. Our website is ourroc-swf.org.

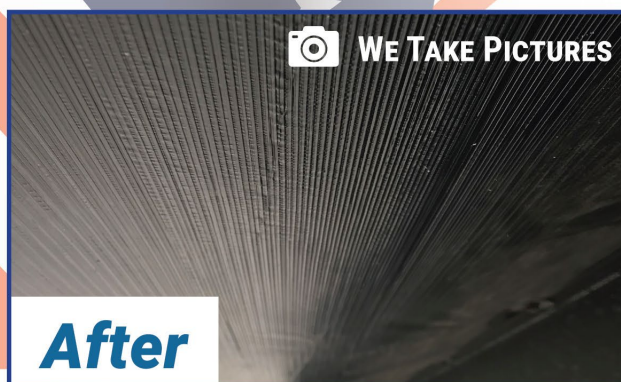


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Saturday Coffee

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

If one of the clubs you're in, or you and a couple friends, would like to host a coffee please sign up on any available dates!

*Effective July 1, 2023~All hosts will be in charge of ordering and picking up the donuts at Publix. A gift card will be supplied for payment.

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



Pool League Monday and Wednesday 9a.m.

Nickel Dime Pool Wednesday 6p.m.



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 the first Saturday of the month. Please contact Jim -Robinson at 815-353-7280 or litehouse@pga.com to update or join for membership.

For more information:

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

First Mates- Vicki Deutscher – President
219-851-0901 vickideutscher@yahoo.com



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



Mimosa Belles meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 11:30. **Join us on February 13 at 11:30 at Mary Margaret's Tea & Biscuit at 10 S. Polk Ave. in Arcadia.**

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

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

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