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Of Note: Mother's Day on the 14th Memorial Day on the 29th

















#### PARK PLACE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

#### **MEETING SCHEDULE**

Open to All Park Place Residents

#### **PPHA Board Meetings**

10:00 AM In The Clubhouse Library - These

Dates:

May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, Sept. 12, October 10, November 14, December 12

#### **PPHA Resident Meetings**

3:00 PM In The Auditorium - These Dates:

May 23, July 25, September 26, November 28

#### Please Note:

Notices of any changes, or additional meetings, will be posted on the PPHA bulletin board in the mailroom at least 48 hours prior to such a change.

#### PARK PLACE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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#### SEBASTIAN POLICE CRIME PRESENTATION

On March 24<sup>th</sup> Sargent Bill Jersik and Officer Don Hart of the Sebastian Police Department C.O.P.E unit made a presentation to almost 60 Park Place residents. It included a wide range of Florida and Sebastian statistics and provided strong recommendations concerning preventing property crimes. They reported:

Crime is down in Florida and at a 50-year low (2021 data).

Crime volume dropped 8.3%, in 2021, compared to 2020.

Over the same period, murder was down 14% and robbery 17.5%.

Sebastian is one of the safest cities in Florida based on the economic cost of crimes. In Sebastian, the cost of crime was \$264 per person, first among small towns. (2017/ 2018 data). Sebastian has a State Safety Score of 95.3% which ranked among the best.

Along with the data, the officers talked about types of crimes and ways to reduce or prevent their occurrence. They emphasized:

Larceny and burglary are the most common crimes against property. The key lesson is to "Lock your car and your house". Unlocked cars, sheds and garages offer crimes of opportunity. Such can also lead to motor vehicle theft.

Do not leave valuables in your car!

- Fraud and scams are extremely prevalent. Remember that our Block Captain program provides regular updates on the latest of these including credit card and identity theft.
- Seasonal residents were encouraged to sign up for the SPD "House Watch". This program involved weekly house checks by volunteers driving marked SPD vehicles. Your Block Captain has the sign-up form.

A vigorous question and answer session followed, with the emphasis on locking your car and securing your valuables. Several suggestions were made concerning the benefit of installing motion activated lights under carports and at the front of garages.



#### **Meeting Minutes**

If you wish to read the Meeting Minutes, you can find them, once completed, in the white PPHA Minutes binder in the library.



Once again, it has been a very busy few weeks since I wrote my last article for the April PRESS, and unfortunately, it has not all been good for guite a number of residents. I am sure that by now everyone has heard about vehicles being vandalized, and then, within two weeks, catalytic converters were removed from motorhomes stored in the lot on East Derry. As we have been informed by Tom Butts and the Block Captain team, the best thing we can do is to be sure that our vehicles are locked with all valuables removed. As for the storage area, the PPHA Board has taken the recommendations from affected and concerned residents, the Block Captains, and the Sebastian Police Department and had an initial meeting with Sun Management regarding potential improvements to that area. Gate repairs to the south storage lot on W Lakeview were also addressed and will be worked on as well. More details will follow as we work through this issue.

Also, in our April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting with Sun management, we covered community improvements, and, after many years of waiting, there will be a new regulation size Bocce court built later this summer! In addition, Sun is working on getting a quote for a sound system for the clubhouse auditoriums. This could be done late in 2023 or be a project for 2024, but either way this is great news for all residents that participate in clubhouse activities. There were also discussions about common property appearance, most especially the perimeter areas, and although there is currently no solid plan to address it, please know that it is on Sun's radar for needing attention.

As a board, we have several items on our plate with one of the most important currently is preparing ourselves for upcoming lot rent negotiations. There is a lot of work involved for us to be effective. Some of that work will involve resident research. So please complete any surveys or questionnaires that you receive. It's vital that we have your thoughts and opinions.

Other exciting news is that the Decorations Committee is up and running under the leadership of Sue Wells. It has met and generated ideas for themes as well as starting a lot of legwork to get this accomplished for all of us. Personally, I cannot wait to see the final display!

Lastly, we completed the new 2023 Community Directory and have distributed them on four different days. We are all glad to hear that it meets, even exceeds your expectations. If there are any errors or omissions, please contact me so that I can make the necessary corrections for next year's edition. Also, if you were not able to pick up a directory on any of those distribution dates, please contact me and I'll work with you to coordinate getting one to you.



As most of you know, this summer the PPHA Board will be meeting with Sun Management to "negotiate" what the rental rates for our homesites will be for (most likely) the next two years. Without question, there will be a "proposed" increase of some significance. Without exception, the Board is the only body that has any impact on what the new rates will be.

The Board will be prepared to do its best. Led by President Kurt Nault and Board member Dave Daniels (the only Board member that was on the last negotiating board), the group will use every tool available to keep the increase minimal. The last negotiating board developed a "negotiations manual" for guidelines. Studies will be purchased, and research will be done. However, the thing that gives our board the greatest strength, a real impact, is a strong membership. That's what helped two years ago.

**THERE IS STRENGTH IN NUMBERS!** At present, only a little over 40% of our fellow residents are 2023 members! That does not say, we are a community of unity with a common cause. Spending only \$25 could save you hundreds, or thousands, over the next couple years.

There are many other benefits of PPHA membership, such as:

- Or Production and distribution of the community newsletter, the Park Place PRESS.
- ◊ Maintenance of the PPHA website: parkplacehoa-fla.info.
- ♦ Eblast's of time sensitive and urgent messages.
- ♦ Maintenance of the bulletin boards.
- Or Production of and posting of informative posters.
- Support of the Block Captain programs including paying the cost of the Welcome Packets.
- Management and operation of the CARES equipment lending and assistance program.
- Free annual Community Phone Directory (a \$20.00 value) that is produced totally by the PPHA.
- Management, coordination of, and absorbing some of the cost of special projects and events such as the annual Community Yard Sale, Christmas Decorations and more.
- Ongoing representation and negotiation with community management.
- ♦ Full voting privileges at annual meetings.
- Representation at State & FMO meetings.

The benefits are the same for year-round or seasonal residents. Join! It's easy. Write a check for \$25.00 to Park Place Homeowners Association and drop it in the PPHA mailroom box today. **TODAY!** 

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Winners of the April "HOMESITE OF THE MONTH" were 3429 Heatherway Lane and 4202 Galloway Court, each received \$25 gift cards. Thank you for maintaining your homesite and helping to keep our curb appeal top notch at Park Place.

Before the summer temps arrive now is the time to get outside and take a look at your homesite. Trimming of trees, weeding of landscape beds, and spraving for dollar weed. Remember to do a 4-sided inspection: the front may look great, but the side of the home that does not get full sun may become mildewed and need cleaning. When weeding your home site please remember the weeds that are coming up through expansion joints in your driveway that also need to be removed.

Also, a reminder if you plan to make any changes to the exterior of your home, you must complete an exterior change request form. The change must be approved by management. The forms are available in our office, or if you would like we can email you the form.

Bulk trash pick-up is the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, our pickup in May is scheduled for Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Please do not place bulk pick-up curbside until the evening before the scheduled pick up day.

Back by popular demand and enjoyed by many our Coffee Hour is brewing!! Save the date: Friday, May 12th at the clubhouse 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. SEE YOU THERE!!!

I do have an open-door policy and am available if you need to meet to discuss anything.

If you need an extended period, please call the office to set up an appointment.

PLEASE OBEY SPEED LIMIT 15 MPH AND DON'T FEED ANY WILD ANIMALS IN PARK PLACE!

Kathy Fulton, District Manager

Happy Memorial Day IN MEMORY OF MANYIN HONOR OF ALL.

#### HOMESITES OF THE MONTH



3429 Heather Way

4202 Galloway Court





Flowers that thrive in our Florida climate may differ from anywhere else in the nation. Varying temperatures, humidity, wind and soil contribute to the challenge that gardeners face throughout the state.

The flowering plants chosen for the cover promise to provide color, at varying times of the year, every year. They return every year and typically require minimal care ideal for us retirees. They are identified by number.

- 1. Blue Daze
- 2. Mexican Heather
- 3. Lantana
- 4. Buttercup
- 5. Scarlett Bush
- Cuban Gold Duranta 6.
- Bougainvillea 7.
- Persian Shield 8.
- 9. Anise Hyssop
- 10. Sedum
- 11. Shooting Star
- 12. Shrimp Plant
- 13. Bush daisy
- 14. Cat's whiskers
- 15. Bulbine
- 16. Pettas
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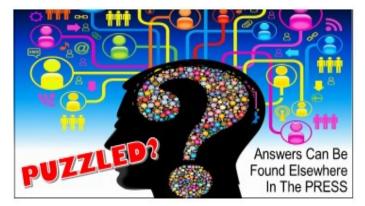




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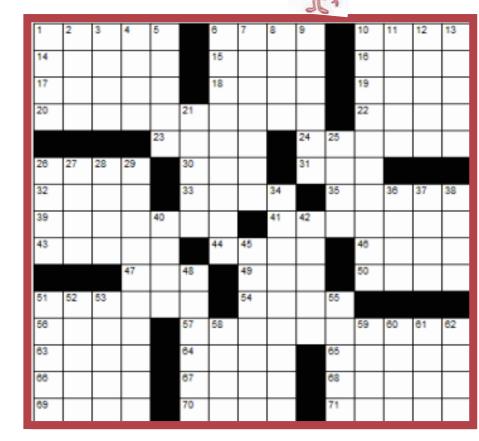
### RIDDLES

1. There are two moms and two daughters. One mom is the daughters mom. The other mom is the mom's mom. One daughter is the mom for the

little daughter. One daughter is the little daughter. How many people are all together?

- When may a man's coat pocket be empty, and yet have something in it?
- 3. I have four legs but never walk I may be covered in flowers but have no soil I hold food three times a day but never eat a meal. What am I?

### **CROSSWORD**



#### DOWN

1. Platter	<ol><li>Squalid</li></ol>	42. Delete
2. "Do others"	21. Hello or goodbye	45. Scram
3. Anagram of "Dome"	25. F F F F	48. Peyote
<ol><li>Not stiff</li></ol>	26. Achy	51. Noodles
<ol><li>Aquatic mammals</li></ol>	27. Throat-clearing	<ol><li>52. Identical</li></ol>
6. A type of explanation	sound	53. 1/16th of a pound
7. Retaliator	28. Large luxurious car	55. Aroma
8. Carry	29. Dentifrice	58. Ripped
9. Veer	<ol><li>Communicator</li></ol>	59. Region
<ol><li>Manufacturing</li></ol>	<ol><li>Border</li></ol>	60. Absorbs
11. Perch	<ol><li>Litigates</li></ol>	61. Poems
12. alia	38. Command (archaic)	62. Infamous Roman
	40. Calf's meat	emperor

Answers found elsewhere in the PRESS.



#### **Best Antivirus Protection**

#### Pros And Cons Regarding Our Top Antivirus Software Picks To Protect Your Devices

With so many antivirus software programs on the market, it's hard to know which is right for you. With new scams and increased amount hacks popping up all the time, it's important to protect your personal information and devices. So, we've picked our Top 5 best contenders when it comes to Antivirus Software. We've made it easy by breaking down the prices, pros, and cons, and giving my top overall pick.

Why install Antivirus Software and Apps? As technology improves and grows every day, so does the chance of your private information getting hacked. We've talked about it before, but sometimes you'll receive an email or text message that looks legitimate. when in fact it's an attempt to get you to click and inadvertently install malware onto your computer. The goal of antivirus software is simple: to prevent, detect, and remove any malware. Cybercriminals create malicious software with the intention of damaging or interrupting the data on your device. It's the best layer of protection between you and the malicious attacks that target all our devices.

**TOTALAV** (BEST CHOICE WINNER CyberGuy's Top Choices for Antivirus Software) PROS

- Easv setup ٠
- Paid users receive real-time protection •
- Phishing scam protection
- Ransomware Protection •
- System tune-up tools

• Disk cleaner (find out which files may be wasting space and remove from your computer)

Browser manager and cleaner

• Protects Windows, Mac, Android & iOS Devices Customer service is very prompt CONS

Not really a con, but additional features like VPN and password vault come in higher-tiered plans Only protects up to 6 devices on the most expensive version

COVERAGE: Up to 6 devices with the Total Security package (Scroll to bottom of page to select different packages). This is the package I chose and use for my family's protection based mostly on the number of devices we need to protect.

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#### ACROSS

 Honor fights Rodents 10. Colored part of an eye 14. An independent film company Affirm 16. Not a single one 17. Leaf opening 18. French for "Head" 19. Shower with love 20. Crybaby 22. Utilized 23. Plod along 24. Sacristy 26. Sodium chloride 30. Half of two Eastern newt 32. Buckeye State 33. Stringed instrument 35. Not stale 39. Deletion 41. Ash 43. Overact 44. Always 46. How old we are 47. An unskilled actor 49. An Old Testament king 50. " we forget" 51. Persons 54. Untidvness 56. Shade of blue 57. He works with rocks 63. Stars 64. Codger 65. Wear away 66. Diplomacy 67. Backside 68. Pariah 69. Away from the wind 70. Lascivious look Lariat

#### BITDEFENDER PROS



• Offers a free, yet limited version for desktop and mobile. (free isn't always better)

Research showed Bitdefender blocked 100% of • threats last year

Offers great features including Anti-fraud and Antiphishing (they help stop the problem before it begins) CONS

Customer service isn't as easily available to free users, and it isn't free for paid users. Installation isn't as guick - it is a bit of a process to get set up. MacOS support is available only with paid plans.

COVERAGE

• Bitdefender Total Security protects up to 5 devices per year

 MacOS, Windows, iOS and Android device protection available

#### NORTON 360

PROS

- Competitive pricing (especially for just one device)
- Offers VPN on some plans •
- Norton's Virus Protection Promise guarantees full pro-• tection from any viruses or malware or money back. CONS
- Not as strong protection on iOS devices
- Safe search feature could use improvement
- Only protects 1 device on lowest plan. COVERAGE

 Norton 360 Deluxe protects up to 5 PCs, Macs, smartphones or tablets

• Available for Mac, Windows, iOS, Android, and for PC Gaming devices MALWAREBYTES

PROS

- Small-business friendly
- Easy to install •

Offers a Browser Guard which you can download and • add to Chrome, Firefox, Edge, or Safari on Mac computers, and blocks trackers while browsing websites

Has a VPN plan available in their higher-tiered plan CONS

Doesn't offer as many additional features as other Antivirus software. Real-time protection only available in paid-for version and doesn't have as high a performance rating as other programs. I note this because many users flock to the free version of this antivirus program. The item to note per their free download page is "After 14 days, your devices and data will not be protected in real-time." If you're going to protect your devices, you'll want to keep your software up to date looking out for the latest threats. The paid plans are the way to go.

COVERAGE

You can protect 5 devices with a Premium plan Available for Windows, Mac. Android, Chromebook, iOS

Submitted by Steve Giovinelli, written by Kurt Knutsson March 4, 2023



Hi, I'm Sharon and have lived in Park

Place with my husband John for the last eight years. We love to try different restaurants with our neighbors April and Bill and thought it would be fun to share our adventures with you. We plan to review different types of eateries, gourmet, Happy

Hours, Early Bird specials, etc. We hope you enjoy joining us on our adventures into the culinary world in and around our "little piece of paradise".

Hi, I'm April, and, with my husband Bill, we've owned our home in Park Place for eleven years. We have a passion for eating out and enjoy trying the large range of eateries our area has to offer. Needless to say, we enjoy sharing our passion with friends and thus was born the "Food Scoop". We hope you'll find our "Scoop" fun and a yummy adventure.

Now on to our first Scoop: THE LAZY TURTLE, 4445 Dixie Highway NE, Palm Bay, Fl. We arrived for Happy Hour which is Monday through Thursday, 3:00 to 6:00, offering appetizers and drinks for 25% off. We were greeted immediately and advised the formal dining room was not yet open but there were two more dining options, one with a casual vibe indoors or an outside area, each one with a beautiful bar, ample seating and a gorgeous view of the river!

On to the food: Our waitress, Taylor, approached us immediately and was extremely pleasant and patient as we looked over their extensive menu. Everything sounded delicious and we finally decided on our appetizers; we had *Hurricane Calamari Friti*; flash fried calamari, sliced cherry pepper in spicy volcano aioli for \$17.00 and *Island Coconut Shrimp* in sweet chili sauce for \$18.00. Both above appetizers were delicious and 25% off for Happy Hour.

On to the entrees - our choices: *Lobster Bisque* with Maine lobster meat served on a sourdough roll for \$13.00. This dish was plentiful and very good. *Crispy Shrimp PoBoy* with lettuce, tomato and tartar sauce side of sweet tartar sauce made it a little dry, and the sweet

potato fries were not up to par; this meal was \$19.00. Jack Daniels Pulled Pork Sandwich served with sliced pickles and crispy onion fries on top had a generous amount of pork, but a little too much sauce; price was \$17.00. *Mediterranean Seafood Bowl* with lobster, shrimp, jumbo crabmeat, sea scallops, clams and mussels in San Mariano tomato broth was \$32.00. This dish was excellent! *Grouper Fish & Chips* with beer battered grouper, capers, garlic tartar sauce served with regular fries, which were very good, at a price of \$24.00. This meal was excellent!

As a side note, the overall impression of this eatery was impressive. The ample seating, the bars, very clean bathrooms, and the gorgeous views of the river were definitely a great plus. All in all, our opinion was that we would definitely return and collectively gave it a rating of a high 4 on a scale from 1-5.

Hopefully you enjoyed our first Scoop adventure and look forward to many more.

The views and opinions expressed in this review are strictly those of the authors and are not an official endorsement or guarantee that the readers experience, positive or negative, will be the same.





#### BLOCK CAPTAIN LEADERSHIP CHANGES

As announced on March 24<sup>th</sup>, changes have been made in the leadership of the Block Captain Neighborhood Watch program. Tom Butts is now the leader of the program with Joel Roth continuing to serve, but now as Assistant Leader.

Joel has led the program for over 13 years since founding it with another resident, the late Bob Algore. We appreciate and thank Joel for his commitment to Park Place and its residents.

The Program is guided by an advisory board consisting of Tom, Joel, Joe Ranucci, Don Coons and Dave Daniels. The Board members have divided program coordination among themselves. This allows the workload to be distributed to all the advisors and the Block Captains. A yearly plan of activities was created and distributed to all Block Captains.

The Program needs a new Block Captain in several neighborhoods. Please contact Joel Roth if you are interested. The only requirements are a strong desire to look after your area and the ability to send and receive e-mails. Here's how to contact our leaders. Dave Daniels

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#### DART BASEBALL

The 2023 Dart Baseball Major League season ended with the Yankees defeating the Dodgers in two straight games to claim the championship. This was a hotly contested event and if you missed it, you missed one of the best matches ever. The two teams combined for 57 hits, 35 runs, and a solid .300 average per player with multiple lead changes. It would be impossible to single out any one player because they were all MVP's. Lenny Zitz and Jackie Hojnacki were in the .500 Club for the series. These stats are provided to us by Brad Sary.

The games were played on the brand -new dart boards that the players so graciously funded. Thank you again for making this happen. The boards were made by Hoyt Heineman of Hilbert, WI. It would have cost a great deal to ship them to Sebastian, but one of Hoyt's friends (Neal Ott from Wisconsin) happened to be coming to Florida for a function and brought them down. Joan and I spent time with Neal and his wife enjoying a lovely afternoon on our lanai. We now have equipment that should last for several years.

We will start gearing up for the 2024 season by the end of November. I don't know if we will have enough players to field a Minor League season this summer, but I think I will post a sheet and see how much interest there is. We would play in September and October for 8 weeks. Interested in Dart Baseball? Come out on a Wednesday morning and check us out.

Charley Hlavin "The Commish'







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**APRIL MADNESS!!!** 

In a blind draw single elimination style Bocce Ball tournament, teams competed vigorously in early April for a spot in the esteemed Final Four. They knew well that cash prizes were being awarded, and they all fervently dreamed of being crowned Park Place April Madness Champions. Many partnerships had their hopes dashed on Monday, but four skilled teams advanced to a place in the Final Four. Here, the intensity level was heightened, and the competition was fierce! In an epic three-game semifinal matchup, Garry Fisette & Carol Petronaci outlasted Debbie Bula & Mere-

did not disappoint. Dozens of fans arrived early and crowded the facility, vying for the best seats. They were aware of what was at stake and did not want to miss a minute of the action. As the match began, the air around the court was crackling with anticipation, tension, and excitement. The contestants, motivated by the cash prizes and Champion status, were rolling their bocce balls with both precision and strategy. Their unbelievable accuracy often astounded the gathered throng. Spectators were often amazed at how guickly opponents would reverse a previously perfect ball, knocking them ever so slightly askew. dith McElroy. This was an excellent match, with many Eventually, Doreen Whittaker and Corinna Thompson deoutstanding frames rolled. Spectators appreciated the feated Garry Fisette and Carol Petronaci, and were therehigh quality of the rolls, often bursting into enthusiastic fore crowned April Madness Bocce Ball Champions! applause. A big thank you to all the participants, and The other semifinal featured equally excellent

frames and was also not decided until the third game. There, Doreen Whittaker & Corinna Thompson prevailed over Barb Whittaker & Barb Lawson friendship all comingled during this spirited event. This match, as well as all the others, had the highest degree of sportsmanship on full display





Enthusiasm, competitiveness, fun, and friendship all comingled during this spirited event.

In a surprise to no one, the Championship Match

to Sara Cullinan and Tony Sporer, for organizing this fun event. Park Place Bocce Ball continues through the summer with informal pick-up play, and an organized session will again be offered next fall. KEEP ON ROLLING!



#### PICKLEBALL

Pickleball was again a great success this season. We had some new faces join our regular group: Calvin & Jim. Also, the Beginner Clinic that was done in February brought in some new faces as well: Laurie Miller, Jill & Tim Žimmerman, Maggie Monk, Marie & Joe Delrose & Garry Fisette. Our farewell to our snow birds pickleball gathering was great - thank you Kim Helms & Laurie Miller for pulling it all together and everyone that contributed to the feast as well to those that helped get it all setup & cleaned up. For those of our residents that will be here for the summer, pickleball will continue with the Monday, Wednesday & Friday schedule starting at 7:30am, so please come and join in!!



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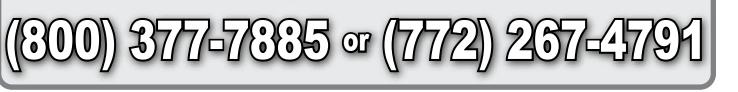


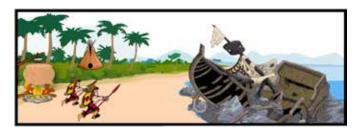
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Jonathan Dickinson's Journal or **God's Protecting Providence** Being the Narrative of a Journey from Port **Royal Jamaica to Philadelphia** Between August 23, 1696, and April 1, 1697

More than once I've referenced this Dickinson journal, including his shipwreck on Jupiter Island on the night of September 23/24, 1696, and his time among the local natives until arriving in St. Augustine on November 15<sup>th</sup>. While his journal continues until his arrival in Philadelphia. I'm focusing on journey of 230 miles to St Augustine. The journal didn't get published until 1699 because there was no printing press in Philadelphia before then!!

Dickinson vividly describes the natives, their habits, social structure, and general way of life while he and his fellow survivors were their captives. As far as I can tell, this is the ONLY first-hand description of these Florida natives who were long gone by 1760 when settlers arrived there. This report of their lives, so near their point of extinction, sheds a little light on their ultimate demise. Although I've never watched the TV show "Naked and Afraid", Dickinson's description of their captivity tells us that show is a very mild in comparison! His party was indeed "stripped as naked as we were born," starved, and constantly threatened. Their hardships were unimaginable to us. Reading it was eye-opening and chilling, so I'll use his own words from his journal. The books are available in the Indian River County library system.

Here's a little background on Jonathan Dickinson who born in 1663 in Port Royal, as the son of a well-to-do Jamaican mercantile family. As a married man of 33, he decided to head for the new prospering community of Philadelphia to open a branch of the family business. He chartered the Barkentine (a schooner with 3+ masts) named Reformation for he, his wife, their 5-month-old son, an older relative, and a Quaker missionary, along with eleven of his slaves. (They included ten Blacks and an "Indian girl" whom I assume was a Florida native, but who died before the shipwreck.) The Captain, Joseph Kirkle, had a crew of eight including two Blacks. Of note was a crewmember, Solomon Cresson whose knowledge of Spanish saved their lives many times during their captivity. Also aboard were 1500 British pounds of merchandise.

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Due to the active threat of piracy ships traveled in convoys for protection. Word of a French fleet preying on merchant vessels governed their every move when they left Port Royal on August 23, 1696. They dodged the French fleet for a month until the storm struck about 1 AM on September 24th. By daybreak their vessel was beached, laying on its side. They salvaged some masts for a tent as the deserted beach offered no shelter, built a fire, and salvaged what goods they could from the ship. A couple of hours later along came "two Indian men (being naked except for a small piece of platted work of straws which just hid their private parts and fastened behind with a horsetail in likeness made of a sort of silk grass) from the southward, running fiercely and foaming at the mouth having no weapons except knives.....Their countenance was very furious and bloody. Their hair was tied in a roll behind in which stuck two bones one like a broad arrow, the other a spearhead." The survivors wanted to kill them with their guns. Dickinson persuaded them not to, and "I bethought myself to give them some tobacco and pipes, which they greedily snatched from me, and making a snuffling noise like a wild beast, turned their backs upon us and ran away."

The survivors realized the natives would be back with reinforcements and knew their reputation as the "Cannibals of Florida" who were in awe of the Spanish and hated the English! The group decided to use Solomon Cresson to convince the Indians that the survivors were Spanish when the Indians showed up "in great number" about three hours later. They looted the ship of everything except rum, sugar, molasses, beef, and pork. The survivors were rounded up and the Indians accused them of being "Nickaleer". Although the word was a mystery to them, they soon realized that referred to anyone English. An Indian stood behind each survivor with a knife in their raised arm when, according to Dickinson "They were high in words which we understood not. But on the sudden it pleased the Lord to work wonderfully for our preservation, and instantly all these savage men were struck dumb, and like men amazed the space of a guarter of an hour in which time their countenances fell, and they looked like another people. They guitted their places ... and came among us requiring having all our chests, trunks, and boxes unlocked: which being done they divided all that was in them. ... They went to pulling off our clothes, leaving each of us only a pair of breeches, except my wife and child, Robert Barrow and our master, from whom they took but little THIS DAY." The rest of their clothes were soon stripped off too. Little did the survivors know but the next 2 months would be even worse." Eileen Derrick





Thank you to those who attended our recent SCOPP meeting. The team truly appreciates your input and support. I would also like to thank the SCOPP team for cleaning and organizing the back room and for their hard work in helping Betsie and Les with the reorganization of the kitchen. On another note, SCOPP donations should not be dropped off at the clubhouse. Please contact Eileen Nault at 603-254-5448 or email me at <u>Eileen.nault6061@gmail</u> to arrange to drop them off at my home.

Park Place Community, mark your calendars for the upcoming events that will be held this May and June!

Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Mother's Day brunch at 10:00 a.m. On the menu is a Virgin Bloody Mary, orange juice, granola parfait with fruit, assorted muffins, veggie quiche, a meat quiche, ham on this side. Ticket costs: \$12.00/adult, \$8.00/children 6 to 13 years of age, children under 6 free. Sale dates: Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm, Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 11:00 am, Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm, Kathleen Rob-

Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm, Kathleen Roberts will be leading the annual ceremony in honor of all American men and women who died in the military service. SCOPP will be providing a free luncheon with subs from Publix's, chips, soda, and a hot fudge sundae. You must have a ticket to have lunch so that we may have a general idea of how much to order. You may stop by the clubhouse on the following dates to pick up a ticket: Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> during the Pancake Breakfast or Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Our **last event** until the end of August/ beginning of September will be Father's Day on Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. On the menu is cantaloupe, ham and cheese omelet, hashbrowns, chicken waffles, Bloody Mary. Ticket costs: \$12.00/adult, \$8.00/children 6 to 13 years of age, children under 6 free. Stay tuned for ticket sale dates in the June Press.

The next SCOPP community meeting is on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. We will be serving cookies, fruit, water, soda, and coffee. All residents are encouraged to attend. SCOPP would like to hear your ideas on events beginning this Fall.





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Any Park Place veteran interested in participating in the ceremony, call Kathy Roberts, 772-581-9435.



**3-13**: We will continue on Wednesday nights at 6:30. We always seem to have a lot of laughs for 2 hours!!! Bring \$3.00 in quarters and try your luck! Contact Brian Carpenter at 772-268-0145 with any questions.

**BINGO**: The schedule for the rest of the 2022/2023 season is posted on the Bingo bulletin board. Doors open at 6:00 PM and Bingo starts at 6:30 PM. Playing 10 regular games, 2 jackpot games, losers' game and 3 lucky numbers. (\$100) Enjoy an evening with your neighbors. Feel Lucky?? -- Jackie Hojnacki (630.707.0253) Catherine Heffner (513.470.4049)

**WINTER BOCCE NEWS:** The Winter Bocce League has finished with the East Division winners of Karen Ruddy and Sara Cullinan and the West Division winners of Lynn and Tony Cappetta. A huge THANK YOU to all the bocce players. There is no summer league, HOWEVER, the bocce balls are always at the courts and go have some fun and play some games. Introduce your neighbors to bocce. Bocce is an ageless game!

The FALL bocce league signup will be posted in the mail room in late September. The league will start up the  $2^{nd}$  or  $3^{rd}$  week of October – it all depends on if all the teams will be back in order to play. Any questions, please contact Sara Cullinan.

CLASSIC BOOK CLUB: The Club will read A Death In

the Family by John Agee. We meet the second Wednesday of the month in the clubhouse library May 10th at 1pm to discuss the book. For more information contact Betty at <u>mattiford@yahoo.com</u>.

**CRAFT CLUB:** will continue to meet on Tuesdays at 1pm. Our gatherings will be to finish some projects we all have around somewhere! We will even attempt to work out of our comfort zones, so join us any Tuesday afternoon. Contact Lynn at 772-300-2256

**DARTBALL:** The 2023 Major League Dart Baseball season ended this year with a big event. Yes, we crowned a World Series champion and had a lovely luncheon. But there was another event that was just as rewarding. It was the unveiling of our brandnew Dartboards and Darts. Thank you again to everyone who made this happen. Charley Hlavin The "Commish" **DOMINOS:** Mexican train dominos is being played every Sunday afternoon 1:00 in the card room. All are welcome

#### to join the fun. Leader: Nancy Wolaver (388-1198)

**GÓLF:** Every Tuesday at Vista Plantation. Sign up on bulletin board. Tee off @ 8:30 AM Contact: Jack Kubsch (772-589-3753) jackubsch@bellsouth.net

LADIES CARDS: Tuesday night ladies' cards is back. Join us in the card room at 6:30 pm to play hand and foot. Activity leader: Melanie Thompson (713-3181) & Nancy Wolaver (388-1198)

**LINE DANCE:** Get on your feet and dance! Lessons every Monday afternoon – starting time for regular class 1:30 PM, lasting until 3 PM. Old classic dances and a few challenges will be taught until 3:30! New dancers should call first. Eileen Derrick 772-589-6867

MAHJONGG: At 12 noon Fridays in the card room. Open to all. Contact: Nancy Wolaver @ <u>nan-</u>cywolaver@att.net.

**OPEN POOL: (Not swimming):** The one with the Balls, Cues, and Pockets! Wednesday night 6:30 - 8PM. Better then TV! Activity Chair: Brad Sary

**PARK PLACE BOOK CLUB:** The club will read *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles. We will meet on May 24th at 1 PM in the clubhouse library. We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednes-day of every month. Call Betty for more information at 772-589-8478 or email at mattiford@yahoo.com

**PARK PLACE SINGLES:** Check the bulletin board for may event. Tony Macaluso 630-347-8893

**PARTY BRIDGE:** In the card room on Thursdays @12:30. Interested? Betsy Kubsch, (772) 589-8348.

**PICKLEBALL** Pickleball was again a great success this season. We had some new faces join our regular group: Calvin & Jim. Also, the Beginner Clinic that was done in February brought in some new faces as well: Laurie Miller, Jill & Tim Zimmerman, Maggie Monk, Marie & Joe Delrose & Garry Fisette. Our farewell to our snow birds pickleball gathering was great - thank you Kim Helms & Laurie Miller for pulling it all together and everyone that contributed to the feast as well to those that helped get it all setup & cleaned up. For those of our residents that will be here for the summer, pickleball will continue with the Monday, Wednesday & Friday schedule starting at 7:30am, so please come and join in!!

**PINOCHLE:** If you enjoy playing pinochle, you are invited to join us Monday afternoon at 1:00 in the card room. Activity leaders: Nancy Wolaver (388-1198) and Bill Bolt (388-0302)

**POOL AEROBICS:** Due to changes in the pool cleaning schedule, pool aerobics are as follows: 9:30 &10:30 Mon., Wed., & Fri. A women's class is held at 9:30 AM, led by Clare Bolt/Debbie Clark. The 10:30 AM class can be women or mixed, ladies & men depending on the interest. Leader Joan Kohl.

**POOL VOLLEYBALL:** Come on down and join the fun! Tue., Thurs., & Sat. Two one hour sessions: 11:45 AM & 1 PM. You don't have to be GOOD, but you do have to get wet. The other half of the pool is open swimming. Activity Chair: Brad Sary

**POTLUCK SUPPERS:** See the bulletin board for details on the final one this season. Thursday, May 18th. 5:00 PM . Charles & Joan Hlavin

**TEXAS HOLD'EM:** Monday night Texas hold-em is growing. Great fun and competition for \$5. Still looking for some more ladies. Starts promptly at 6 PM. Contact: Tony Macaluso 630-347-8893

**WALKING CLASS:** We walk in the auditorium. We will be moving to the other side of the temporary wall and be walking on the dance floor to a DVD by Leslie Sansone, 4 miles. All ladies of Park Place are welcome. Join us for 1 mile or stay for all 4. You choose. We meet Wednesday morning at 10:00 am. Please bring water to stay hydrated. Hope to see you. Questions: Karen Glendening 330-821-1141.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT CARDS:** Wednesday night men's poker is looking for a couple new players. Tony Macaluso 630-347-8893

**WEIGH TO GO:** The weigh to lose a few pounds. Meets Fridays at 10 AM in the Clubhouse. Prizes, support and more. What do you have to lose? \$2.00 per week. Claire DiFazio @ 401-413-5787; Jody Saulnier @603-348-8811 **Wii BOWLING:** On summer vacation. Sign-up sheet for the Winter League will be posted in November with Wii Bowling starting in January 2024. Looking for more players to sign up and have a lot of fun.

YOGA: Yoga Classes meet on Tuesday and Thursday at 9am for Mat and 10:15am for Chair Yoga. We learn proper breathing, practice balance, gain flexibility, and build strength through focused mind and body connections. Thanks to all the class members who contributed to our beautiful lightweight signs that replaced our 15 year old heavy worn metal ones. These signs are to remind people to respect the requirement of yoga classes for quiet and to not have interruptions. The classes require those things to concentrate and focus the mind on which part of the body is being moved and to coordinate the breath to the movement. Yoga can be done by anyone with adaptations to your individual issues. Try a class and see how helpful it can be. Contact Betty for more info 772-589-8478 or mattiford@yahoo.com.



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Many thanks to all who attended our Backpack dinner and auction. Special thanks to those who generously donated prizes and, of course, Betsy Kubsch and her kitchen crew; the set-up and tear down crews; the clean-up crew and all our teams who gave so much of their time and talent!! A special shout out to Carol Bennett and her team in charge of centerpieces which helped to provide a visual of our weekly food delivery.

With everyone's help we netted \$4500 for the Food 4 Kids program! Wish we could rest on our laurels until next year but that only covers about half the school year! The monthly food cost averages \$900 - \$1000 for the school year! It seems like a lot until you realize that we provide 35 children +/- with 2 meals per day (breakfast and lunch) x 2 days per weekend x 4 (or sometimes 5 weekends) a month, + Monday holidays that make for a 3-day weekend. That's between over 560-630 meals per month! Also, for the children we need to buy individual serving sizes that do not require refrigeration or minimal heat as some families are unhoused. Our biggest ticket item is shelf-stable milk which costs us \$22 a case of 18 milk cartons. That's half the cost of their meal! Coupons from BJ's catalogs, clipped by park residents and placed in Pigeonhole 385, help bring the bill down. The more coupons we collect means greater savings!

Stay tuned over the summer for more fundraising news. We welcome your ideas also!! Point of contact: Meredith McElroy (978) 888-3217.

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