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The 1st is the  
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**PARK PLACE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEETING SCHEDULE**

Open to All Park Place Residents

**PPHA Board Meetings**

10:00 AM In The Clubhouse Library  
These Dates:  
**October 10,**  
November 14, December 12

**PPHA Resident Meetings**

3:00 PM In The Auditorium  
This Date:  
**November 28**

**Please Note:**

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

**FROM YOUR PPHA PRESIDENT Kurt Nault**

Welcome to October!

Although there are many important things going on right now, here's a subject that's just as important as any.

October 1<sup>st</sup> begins our annual Park Place Homeowners Association membership drive for 2024. Although the PPHA is experiencing increased operating costs, and expects them to rise further, we have made the decision to keep the membership dues at \$25 for 2024. This is a big risk on our part, but it is also hard to ask the reliable 53% of our community to absorb all the increased operating costs! We feel that keeping costs to a minimum will encourage membership.

Here's my pitch. For us to make the PPHA work financially we need more members. For the past few years, we have had 250 members of the 472 households in our community. My plea to everyone is twofold. First, I need all 250 current members to continue their membership in 2024. Second, I need more of the other 222 households to become members in 2024.

The Park Place Homeowners Association represents all the residents in the community whether we are working with local Sun Management regarding the upkeep and improvements at Park Place, as well as addressing other communitywide issues, or working with upper management regarding subjects as important as annual lot rent increases. In addition, the PPHA provides the following:

- Production and distribution of the free community newsletter, the *Park Place PRESS*.
- Maintenance of the PPHA website: [parkplacehoa-fla.info](http://parkplacehoa-fla.info).
- Eblast's of time sensitive and urgent messages.
- Maintenance of the bulletin boards.
- 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 or all 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.

I hope that you can see the value of your \$25 membership, and I ask for your support by becoming a member of the PPHA in 2024. Thank you for your consideration!

*Kurt*



**ENERGY CREDITS & YOUR INCOME TAX**

Looking around Park Place over the past year I have seen many people getting new roofs. If you have spent thousands of dollars to replace your roof, you may be eligible for a tax break. The Energy Credit reduces the tax you owe. It is not refundable, meaning, if you do not use all or part of it, you don't get the leftover in a refund.

There are two types of Energy Credits, and they were both increased for 2023. One is for Clean Energy Property Credits for people who install alternative energy systems such as solar, wind, geothermal or fuel cell or battery storage technology. These credits are for either your primary or vacation home. I don't think many of us will use this type of credit, so I won't go into details on them.

The second type is the Energy Efficient Home Improvement Credit. This credit was ended on 12/31/17 but was retro-actively extended in January 2021 from 1/2018 through 12/2021. It gave a credit of 10% of the cost of the qualified energy efficiency improvement for primary residences with a maximum of \$500 lifetime limit.

This Credit was increased in January 2023 to be equal to 30% of the cost of improvements to your home through 2032. The products must meet energy efficiency ratings, which usually have an Energy Star symbol on them. There is now a \$1200 yearly limit. However, many different types of improvements have yearly caps. These limits are \$150 for a home energy audit, \$500 total for exterior doors with no more than \$250 per door, and \$600 for windows, skylights, natural gas/propane/oil water heaters, electric panels, central air conditioners, natural gas/propane/oil furnaces or hot water boilers.

Some items have a higher yearly credit of \$2000. These are biomass stoves or boilers, electric or natural gas heat pump water heaters, or electric or natural gas heat pumps.

Now which roofs are eligible and what are those new roofs worth as an Energy Credit? The tax credit is for an Energy Star certified metal or asphalt roof with pigmented coatings or cooling granules designed to reduce heat gain. Certified roof products reflect more of the sun's rays and can lower the roof temperature by up to 100 degrees Fahrenheit, thus keeping your house cooler. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) determines the Energy Star rating. To earn that rating a metal roof must be able to reflect a minimum of 80% of the sun's rays. All this information should be available from your roofer. The roof, if qualified, is eligible for 30% of the cost or a maximum of \$1200 credit to deduct from the tax you owe.

Please note most of these credits do not include installation costs and all must be for your primary residence. Energy Credits are calculated on form 3695

*Residential Energy Credit, transferred to Schedule 3, Additional Credits and Payments, and finally carried over to your 1040 line 20 to be deducted from your income tax. If you have no tax liability, you cannot use the credit.*

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If you wish to read the Board of Directors or Resident Meeting Minutes, you can find them, once completed, in the white PPHA Minutes binder in the library or on-line at [parkplacehoa-fla.info](http://parkplacehoa-fla.info).

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NAME	DATE	PH#
Cynthia Hubbard	2	187
Sandra Coy	2	473
Ann Nolan	2	34
Clarence Weagle	5	191
Gail Eppler	6	329
Donna Duheme	7	375
Jack Venditti	9	285
Al Masino	10	98
Mary Monroe	10	71
Denise Rackley	10	214
Mary Callanan	11	81
Tom Bried	12	401
Cherrie Sporer	12	324
John Rodriquez	12	201
Joyce Urban	13	423
Larry Talty	14	468
Christina Woods	15	119
David Powell	16	167
Catherine Heffner	16	139
Betty Bried	17	401
James Buttonow	18	51
Greg Voss	18	430
Teresa Lambert	18	136
Edward White	20	238
Nancy White	20	446
Adria Krull	21	291
Nancy Wolaver	22	181
Brenda Guevremont	22	44
Tom Clark	23	52
William White	23	446
Michael Shaw	24	338
Mike O'Brien	24	415
Margaret Garvey	24	32
Allan (Al) Sherwood	26	304
Lillian Massaro	28	411
Judith Mease	30	454
Kathleen Truman	31	377
Eppler	31	329

**NEW YEAR/NEW YOU!!**  
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# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

NAME	DATE	PH#
Rick & Lisa Bonner	16	447
Tony & Lynn Cappetta	15	443
Sara Cullinan & Peter Kelly	23	327
Ron & Barbara Groh	27	316
Ralph & Tina Howe	20	448
Richard & Kathy Keller	10	457
Paul & Meredith McElroy	19	385
Gary & Carol Petronaci	25	174
Jerry & Christine Rosenberg	23	402
Greg & Gayle Voss	23	430

**KATHY'S COMMENTS**  
 Kathy Fulton, Manager  
  
 Due to the medical leave of Kathy, our Sun Communities Manager, there will be no October comments from her or Homesite selections.

**AMAZING CAT STORY**



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**Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida**  
 Dave Daniels  
 Park Place FMO Representative

**FMO NEWS**

Several things are going on with FMO, the original organization advocating for Florida manufactured and mobile homeowners on rented lots.

The bi-monthly FMO magazine will return to print in September. Magazines will be sent only to subscribers with Florida addresses. Copies of the magazine are always available online through the FMO website. This includes current and past editions.

The bi-annual FMO 2023 State Assembly will be held virtually this year on Wednesday, December 6, and Thursday, December 7, 2023. FMO members can expect guest speakers who will bring you up to date on trending topics and changes within the manufactured home industry, updates from FMO's leadership on current and future initiatives, and most importantly the 2024-2025 FMO Board of Directors Election. More information will be announced in the coming weeks.

FMO is rewriting its proposed legislation from the 2023 session. Representative Paula Stark, (District 47, covering parts of Osceola and Orange Counties), will sponsor the House Bill, on behalf of manufactured homeowners, again next year. She said, "We are doing some research and working on several details to improve the bill. Most of the issues from the 2023 bill will remain. Our homeowners have many challenges, and I will continue to try to find some solutions!"

Here are two of the proposals:

Provide that a live-in aide or assistant caring for a manufactured homeowner will not be required to pay additional rent or be charged in any way nor will he/she have any rights of tenancy during the homeowner's life or if he/she is deceased; Current law addresses an "invitee", and this new language will assure that caregivers are included. [amend s. 723.051].

Requires participation for Chapter 723 disputes with the existing pre-suit mediation process that has already been created for condominium, cooperative, and HOA disputes. This will avoid the ineffective dispute process that currently exists within the Division which has been a major homeowner complaint. [amend s. 723.003, s. 723.037, s. 723.038];

There will be more on this proposed legislation, and you will be asked to contact the various committee members to show your support. Please look on the FMO section or the bulletin boards for updates.

FMO membership is only \$30 per year or \$75 for three years. The easiest way to join is at: [www.fmo.org](http://www.fmo.org). Membership applications are also available from our community representative, Dave Daniels, by calling 813-504-6143.

**FOR SALE OR SERVICES OFFERED BULLETIN BOARD # 10 RULES**

- The PPHA Board of Directors will enforce the following rules for posting items on Bulletin Board #10.
- The Board is reserved for use by Park Place community residents only.
- Ad size can be no larger than 5 1/2 x 6 1/2, printed or typed.
- All postings must include the seller's phone number (name optional).
- Service ads can only be offered by residents.
- Ads offering the rental of your home are allowed.
- Non-resident ads will NOT be posted.
- For Sale ads will be posted for 30 days but then must be renewed by reapplying.
- Services Offered ads will be posted for 60 days then a new ad is necessary.
- Only one ad for Services Offered per resident. All services must be on one ad.
- Please place your proposed ad in the PPHA Mailbox. Allow 2-5 days for your ad to be posted. PPHA 10/1/23

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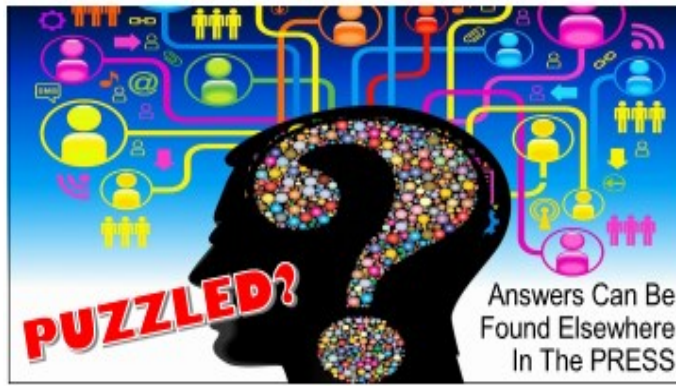


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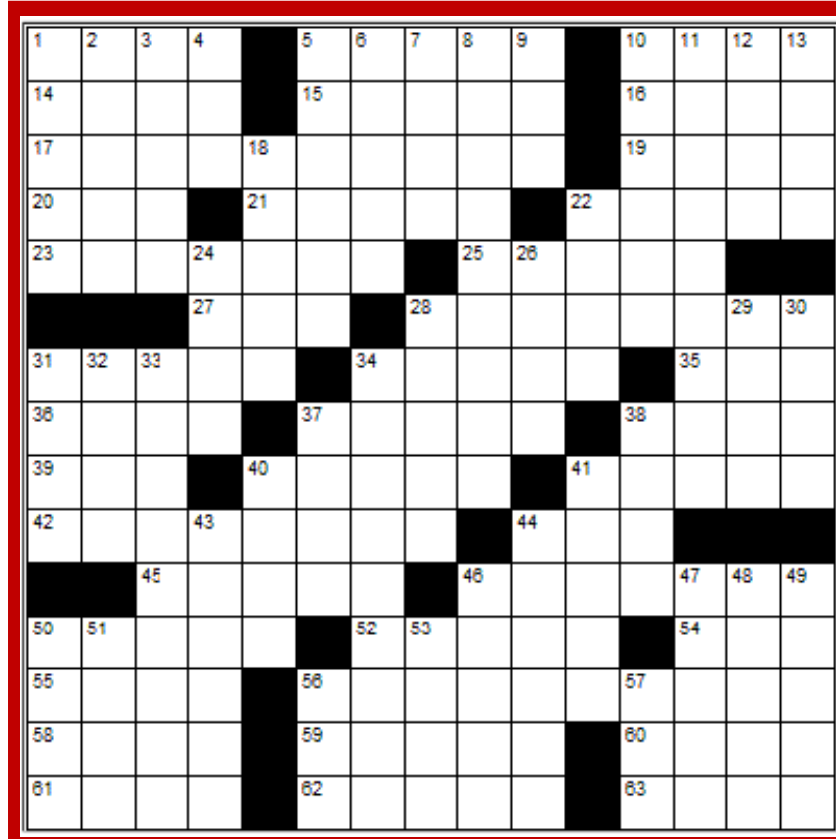


**RIDDLES**

1. While on my way to St. Ives, I saw a man with 7 wives. Each wife had 7 sacks. Each sack had 7 cats. Each cat had 7 kittens. Kittens, cats, sacks, and wives. How many were going to St. Ives? 2. If 5 cats catch 5 mice in 5 minutes, how long will it take one cat to catch a mouse? 3. What happens after it rains cats and dogs? 4. Scientists have proven that cats have more hair on one side than on the other side. Some people believe that this is because when cats lay on their sides they need insulation from the cold on the floor or ground. Which side of a cat has more hair?

- ACROSS**
- 1. Insulation
  - 5. Panorama
  - 10. Wings
  - 14. Portent
  - 15. Hurt
  - 16. A large amount
  - 17. The coldest season of the year
  - 19. Horse feed
  - 20. Conceit
  - 21. Chubby
  - 22. An independent film company
  - 23. Handcuffs
  - 25. Hoses
  - 27. Emote
  - 28. Aesthetically pleasing
  - 31. Breasts (slang)
  - 34. Beg
  - 35. Mineral rock
  - 36. Covetousness
  - 37. Offensively bold
  - 38. Nameless
  - 39. French for "Summer"
  - 40. Voting groups
  - 41. All tuckered out
  - 42. A certain lock of hair
  - 44. Beer
  - 45. Pamphlet
  - 46. A fold
  - 50. Discharge a firearm
  - 52. Small egg
  - 54. Scarlet
  - 55. A magician's tool
  - 56. Praiseworthy
  - 58. Away from the wind
  - 59. Wampum
  - 60. Disable
  - 61. Untidyness
  - 62. Stagnated
  - 63. Ancient Peruvian

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- DOWN**
- 1. Genuflected
  - 2. Girlfriend (Spanish)
  - 3. Adult male singing voice
  - 4. Explosive
  - 5. Rascalion
  - 6. Convulsion
  - 7. Leveling wedge
  - 8. Femme fatale
  - 9. Citrus drink
  - 10. Makes amends
  - 11. A permanent magnet
  - 12. Against
  - 13. To be, in old Rome
  - 18. Long stories
  - 22. Footnote note
  - 24. Child
  - 26. Salt Lake state
  - 28. Exclamation expressive of regret
  - 29. Weightlifters pump this
  - 30. 1/100th of a dollar
  - 31. Meat from cows
  - 32. Savvy about
  - 33. Hints
  - 34. Supervised an exam
  - 37. Coalition
  - 38. Pinnacle
  - 40. Bleat
  - 41. Mixture of rain and snow
  - 43. Wears away
  - 44. United
  - 46. Soft creamy candy
  - 47. Not rural
  - 48. Museum piece
  - 49. Swelling under the skin
  - 50. Travelled through water
  - 51. Fit
  - 53. Calf's meat
  - 56. Consumer Price Index

57. French for "Friend"



## TAKE A LOOK AT THE CHANGING PARK PLACE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION WEBSITE IN LIVING COLOR



## SEVEN FOOLPROOF WAYS TO SAVE MONEY IN A TOUGH ECONOMY

Expert tips to keep more money in your wallet during inflation. Saving money can be a challenge, especially with inflation driving up the cost of everyday essentials.

Challenging doesn't mean impossible, and there are apps, websites, and other services that can help guarantee that you save a few extra bucks. Here are my top easy and foolproof ways to save.

### 1. Cancel subscriptions you don't use: TRIM

Often, we subscribe to a service that we think we're going to use all the time. Then we end up using it once and forgetting about it. You shouldn't be paying for such a service that you don't even use. There are helpful subscription tracking programs that can analyze your spending and figure out where you're spending your money each month. One I like is called TRIM.

TRIM helps save money by assisting in canceling unwanted subscriptions. Added savings often come from its ability to also negotiate cable and internet bills and lower the price in many cases. It's free to sign up and most of the features are available at no additional cost to you. TRIM charges are based on the savings it's able to achieve for you. If you register for one of their most popular features, bill negotiation, they'll charge you 15% of the total first year of savings. *They won't charge you if they don't save you money.*

### 2. Spend less on gas: UPSIDE (iPhone: 4.8 stars; Android: 4.6 stars (at time of publishing))

Gas prices are on the rise again. Filling up the tank eats up a lot of your monthly expenses. I would recommend using an app that helps you save money at the pump like **UPSIDE** because it is free, simple to use, and saves every time you get gas. All you have to do is download the free app, and it will give you a map of gas stations showing where you can get gas for the lowest price possible. Once you fill up at one of the gas stations suggested by the app, you'll get cash back within a few days. You can cash out quickly and easily whenever you want via your bank account, digital gift card, or PayPal.

### 3. Use GOOGLE MAPS (iPhone: 4.7 stars; Android: 4.1 stars (at time of publishing))

GOOGLE MAPS can be a great asset when you are looking for the cheapest places to eat, park, and more. One thing you can use it for is finding the best deals on rideshares like Uber and Lyft.

### 4. Compare prices app: FLIPP (iPhones: 4.8 stars Androids: 4.7 stars (at time of publishing))

There are numerous price comparison apps available that can help you save money and get the best deals on the things you need. One of the many advantages of using price comparison apps is that they can save you considerable time and effort. You'll get

access to different deals being offered at stores as well as reviews from customers. One of my top recommendations for price-comparing apps again is FLIPP. You can find savings on essentials like groceries, furniture, and more. FLIPP highlights savings from over 2,000 stores, including Walmart, Dollar General, and Walgreens. It also gives away deals at your local stores and has a powerful search feature. Plus, you can add any loyalty points and rewards that you have at a store to the app so that you can quickly access them at checkout.

### 5. Shop and get cash back: IBOTTA (iPhone: 4.8 stars; Android 4.5 stars (at time of publishing))

Not only are there cash-back apps for gas prices, but you can also get cash back, gift cards and save a lot of money while shopping at some of your favorite stores. There are many apps that you can use while shopping online, and one of my top picks is IBOTTA. It is an app to use for couponing that also gives you cash back on items that you're already purchasing at your favorite stores, including grocery stores, food delivery, movie and concert tickets, and more. Some of the most popular retailers you can find deals with through IBOTTA are CVS, Walgreens, Target, Lowe's, Petco, Domino's Pizza, REI, - more than 1500 brands and retailers. You can also use the Ibotta app for in-person shopping by taking pictures of your paper receipts. It has a browser extension, as well, for your desktop and laptop that will automatically give you money back while you're shopping and alert you when prices drop on certain products. The copy code to insert into the Referral Code Box on IBOTTA "Create account" page is "mpiaurm".

### 6. Use a VPN

I've written before about how important it is to have a VPN; however, the fact that using one can also save you money is not mentioned enough. When you don't have a VPN, your device's IP address can be tracked and shared with retailers and data collectors. If your IP address happens to be located in a higher socio-economic area, retailers can use that data to charge you more when you're shopping online. When you have a VPN, however, you will be able to choose your IP address and then see if you can get lower prices for the same products. It's not a guarantee that the price will be lower; however, it is worth it to double-check.

You can also get access to blocked or censored e-commerce sites when traveling, get better deals on things such as hotels and air travel, and even subscribe to services that are not available in your country for a great price. You can choose different IP addresses from different zip codes to not only access different content but completely different pricing structures. Some countries or service providers have limitations on payment types or countries of origin, but you can usually purchase debit gift cards or gift cards from the vendor directly.

My top recommendation is ExpressVPN. It has a quick and easy setup, is available in 94 countries, and will not log your IP address, browsing history, traffic destination, metadata, or DNS queries. Right now you can get 3 extra months FREE with a 12-month ExpressVPN plan. That's just \$6.67 per month, a saving of 49%! Try 30 days risk-free.



Hello Park Place Friends,

We're back this month with our beach surprise. The Citrus Grillhouse is located at 1050 Easter Lily Lane in Vero Beach. It is an American Bistro style restaurant which re-opened in 2019 under the leadership of Chef Scott Varicchio who brought with him vast experience which ranged from New York to California.

The coastal ambiance includes a beautiful view of the Atlantic Ocean with both indoor and outdoor seating Citrus is open from 11:30 AM -1:45 PM for lunch and then reopens from 5:00 – 9:00 PM for dinner. Outdoor seating on the Veranda is at a premium and reservations are encouraged. There is also a beautiful outdoor bar to enjoy either a cocktail or dinner. Its website boasts "Life is Short - Eat Good Food" and its choices definitely support that boast of "Good Food"!

We arrived a little early and were seated promptly at 5:00! We chose the outside veranda to take in the oceanfront views. Our waiter, Vernon, welcomed us almost immediately with menus and drink offerings. He explained all the specials and answered any questions that we had. He was extremely attentive throughout the meal.

On to our "Good Food": We started with appetizers of Beet Salad with baby organic red and yellow beets, herbed goat cheese, red wine vinaigrette and almonds for \$14.00 and Ricotta Meatballs with ground beef, pork and hot Italian sausage meatballs in a Parmesan broth and pastina at \$16.00. Both were delicious. Our entrees included U6 size Prawns-Calabrian – four large lemon marinated prawns over lemon capellini pasta, local birdie hogan cherry tomatoes and lemon-thyme vinaigrette at \$37.00 which was very tasteful and a 14 oz. grilled Pork Loin Chop with mashed potatoes, corn mixture with roasted garlic butter for \$32.00, tender, and perfectly cooked. The next entrée was Pan Roasted Snapper served atop lemon scented pasta, baby

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### 7. Use your LIBRARY CARD

You may think a visit to your local library isn't worth your time now with devices like Kindles to read all our favorite books. The truth is that if you are strolling through life without a library card, you may be missing out on some incredible free digital perks. It costs you absolutely nothing to get a library card in most cases, and having one could actually save you lots of money in the long run.

Submitted By Steve Giovinelli; By [Jenna Roach](#). 8/21/23. Edited.

heirloom tomatoes with a lemon thyme vinaigrette, at a price of \$36.00 which was excellent. Last, but not least, was the Coq au Vin Chicken served on top of mashed potatoes, mushrooms, carrots, parsley and a divine burgundy sauce at a price of \$34.00, this was sublime. The presentation of all the dishes was quite impressive.

Of course, we had to complete the meals with dessert: Deconstructed S'mores with toasted marshmallow, chocolate fudge cake, caramel whipped cream, house made graham cracker crisp - uniquely served "spread" out on the dish - mmm good at a cost of \$8.00, Vanilla ice cream cup for \$2.00 and a mini key lime pie with graham cracker crust and lime crema at \$4.00. All desserts were enjoyed.

This culinary adventure is one we would recommend for both the food and the ambiance. Our rating is a "5 out of 5"!

Our Food Scoop foursome will be on sabbatical for the months of November and December over the holidays, but we'll be back in January with more fun spots to share! Hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas season. See you in 2024!

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### Light it up! Lock it up!

Too often we don't do the easy things to protect our property.

The first is something most of us have. A pole light in front of our house. The community rules say the light must work. Does yours? Why do we have pole lights instead of streetlights? I don't know, but that is what the original owners thought would be better. Perhaps it was because streetlights would be more expensive and, since our streets were not all installed at the same time, it would have cost even more.

That does not matter now. Please look out your window at night and see if your light is working. If not, change the bulb(s) and see if that helps. Can't change the bulb? Call Dick Krull at CARES (772.480.6809) and we'll come and change it for you. Your only cost is to pay for the bulb. If it is still not working, check the circuit breaker in your electric panel. There should be a switch for the pole light. If it still doesn't work call a handyman or electrician.

The pole light, if bright enough, makes it easier for emergency vehicles to find the correct address if they have to make a call after dark. Also, sneak thieves and car prowlers don't like light. It also suggests that there might be a camera filming them at night. Bottom line! The reasons to have a pole light that works, with a clear strong bulb, outweigh any concern over the cost.

Beyond the pole light, there are several suggestions. Battery or solar powered motion sensor lights certainly help startle and encourage bad guys to leave. There are also systems connected to your doorbell with lights and cameras. These provide you and the police with a record of who was lurking around your house. Even a mounted, well made, fake camera can be a strong deterrent. A watchful dog can also help.

The next point is something the Block Captain and SPD have been preaching for years. Lock your house and shed and lock your car or truck. Lock your car when you get out of it and lock your house after you get inside. It's just that simple and easy. Why let bad guys get at your stuff.

Lastly, NEVER leave a gun in your car. The police will tell you that is a prime source of weapons for bad guys. Help Law Enforcement help you!

Remember: **If you leave it, LOCK IT! When you see it, REPORT IT!**



Now that the new school year has started, Park Place's community outreach program, **FOOD 4 KIDS**, has swung into action. For the benefit of our new new residents, the **FOOD 4 KIDS** program supplies two meals each weekend day during the school year in the form of individual packages of shelf stable food for each vetted child. As the school year opens, the number of vulnerable children are still being added; however, to date, we have 25 children needing a weekend supply of food each of for four weekends. September, the first full month of school, came with the need for 100 weekend food packs for eligible children.

The first Wednesday of each school month has been set aside for shopping (9:00 am) and the Community Center booked (1:00 pm) for sorting, packing and delivering for the upcoming month. Each food package contains 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 white and 1 chocolate milk, 2 juices, 1 apple sauce and 1 fruit cup and 2 sweet and 2 salty snacks! Our shoppers try to vary as much as possible while choosing healthy foods, using manufacturer's coupons, and always looking for a bargain. We'll stock ahead when possible to save a dime or a dollar!! This month we were able to use \$117.00 in coupons!!!! Even shopping at BJ's warehouse and using any coupons we can, our September costs totaled \$809.00!!

As more children become eligible, our monthly costs go up as well as our costs for each 3 day weekend, and for those few months with 5 weekends!

Relying on just 1 or 2 fundraisers a year is risky with the commitment we've made to the Sebastian Elementary School. While we still need you to set aside those "hidden gems" for our annual auction, more ideas are needed to help us keep our community committed to the vulnerable children at the school. We are always looking for new ways to raise money and we desperately need your help!!!  
Meredith McElroy Chairperson



**COMING SOON**

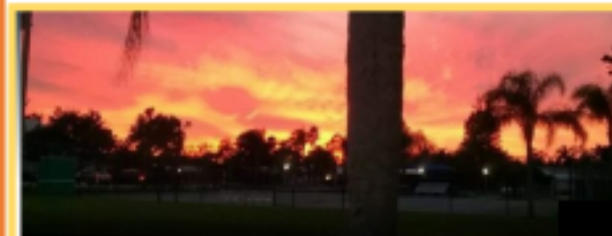
It's time to decide who to nominate for this year's *Blue Heron Community Service* award. The honor is given to a fellow resident who has contributed most to the betterment of the Park Place community through volunteerism and acts of service. Except for PPHA Board members, all residents are eligible, can nominate someone, and can vote.



2024

## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

The community has two Facebook pages\* operated by, and for, Park Place residents. These pages are private groups and membership is restricted. All requestors need to answer the "membership questions" and agree to the rules.



PARK PLACE FRIENDS, SEBASTIAN FL

**PARK PLACE FRIENDS** is a general interest page with community events, announcements, comments, jokes etc.



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Not to be **CAT**ty, it seemed to be the purrrfect time to **CATER** to the other large Park Place pet population. I knew that it would be impossible to **CAT**egorize our many feline friends, so I decided to put them in a **CAT**chall and simply recognize those that wished to be famous.

So, I gave a mighty **CAT**call as I know they respond to humans. I thought I'd **CATER** to them by serving **CAT**fish with **CAT**sup and **CAT**nip for dessert. Well, some missed out – they were too busy **CAT**napping and **CAT**fighting. They were simply too **CAT**-tywampus to respond.

Those that did were truly "**THE CAT'S MEOW**". What a good-lookin' bunch – letting me know just what they wanted - food, play, affection and their photo taken. It wasn't **CAT**aclysmic, just a special time.

"I've got a **CAT**chy idea, let's do this every year"

Your Editor



### FELINE FACTS

**Have pity on Kitty...**The oldest cat to give birth was Kitty who, at the age of 30, gave birth to two kittens. During her life, she gave birth to 218 kittens.

**Cleanliness is next to...**Cats spend nearly 1/3 of their waking hours cleaning themselves.

**Not so choosy...** A 2007 Gallup poll revealed that both men and women were equally likely to own a cat.

**The heaviest...** The heaviest cat on record is Himmy, a Tabby from Queensland, Australia. He weighed nearly 47 pounds (21 kg). He died at the age of 10

**The lightest...** The lightest cat on record is a blue point Himalayan called Tinker Toy, who weighed 1 pound, 6 ounces (616 g). Tinker Toy was 2.75 inches (7 cm) tall and 7.5 inches (19 cm) long.

**And the oldest...** The oldest cat on record was Crème Puff from Austin, Texas, who lived from 1967 to August 6, 2005, three days after her 38th birthday. A cat typically can live up to 20 years, which is equivalent to about 96 human years.

**Sweet...** Unlike dogs, cats do not have a sweet tooth.

**Right versus...**Female cats tend to be right pawed, while male cats are more often left pawed. Interestingly, while 90% of humans are right-handed, the remaining 10% of lefties also tend to be male.

**Missed a lot...** On average, cats spend 2/3 of every day sleeping. That means a nine-year-old cat has been awake for only three years of its life.

**Seeing red...** A cat's eyesight is both better and worse than humans. It is better because cats can see in much dimmer light, and they have a wider peripheral view. It's worse because they don't see color as well as humans do. Scientists believe grass appears red to cats.

**O my...** Most cats give birth to a litter of between one and nine kittens. The largest known litter ever produced was 19 kittens, of which 15 survived.

**Look out mouse...** A cat can travel at a top speed of approximately 31 mph (49 km) over a short distance.

**Better than a dog...** A cat's hearing is better than a dogs. And a cat can hear high frequency sounds up to two octaves higher than a human.

**A drink is a drink...** Cats can drink seawater.

**Outnumbered...** Cats are North America's most popular pets: there are 73 million cats, 63 million dogs.

**Outdone...** Cats make about 100 different sounds. Dogs make only about 10.

**And levelheaded...** When a cat chases its prey, it keeps its head level. Dogs and humans bob their heads up and down.

**Look out below...** A cat can't climb headfirst down a tree because every claw on a cat's paw points the same way. To get down from a tree, a cat must back down.

**I could care less...** Researchers say your cat \*does\* know her name. She just doesn't care.

**Lookin' for a home...**There are up to 60 million feral cats in the United States alone.

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### A Lucky Shipwreck Aids Sebastian!

In very early Sebastian, times were hard. Most settlers arrived with next to nothing, aiming to eke out an existence by living off the land. They arrived determined to homestead in this wilderness. The few supplies that occasionally arrived by steamboat were a luxury few could afford. So, the October 28, 1887 "shipwreck" of the 450-foot Spanish Steamship, Panama, traveling the Atlantic coast from New York to Havana, brought good fortune to those in Sebastian and other equally needy small settlements from Titusville to Jupiter.

The Panama, at 3 AM that moonlight Friday morning, ran aground on a reef just off the coast, on a section of the barrier island opposite Sebastian. German immigrant Gottlieb Kroegel, lived, at the time, on Barker's Bluff, an old Indian midden that was about 50 feet high and extended along the shore about 1000 feet. From that vantage point, at daybreak German Gottlob and his son Paul, spied the mast of a ship in the ocean on the other side of the barrier island, and set out across the river and the island to help. Although the ship struck the reef, and was listing, the 54 passengers and crew were unharmed, and the vessel was still seaworthy. To float the ship free, the captain ordered the crew to dump the 1,347-tonnage cargo from the ship's hold, reportedly worth \$50,000. That cargo quickly began washing ashore. Others from Sebastian and nearby areas rushed to the scene. No one knows why the other boats appeared. Perhaps they were fishing boats who saw the Kroegels rushing to the barrier island and thought help might be needed.

A Refuge Station Keeper\*, Henry Archibald, traveling south from Titusville, happened on the scene and tried to organize a salvage operation. He'd hoped the company's insurance agent from Jacksonville would arrive and take charge of the salvaged goods, but it took three days for word to reach him. By then the goods were scattered along miles of beach. Boats from other areas began arriving and helping themselves to the most valuable cargo. Archibald could not cope with the vast number of "salvagers" who continued to arrive. Some even swam out the steamer to grab anything as it was tossed overboard! Eventually the goods were hauled away by locals, and others, who realized they would suffer no consequences.

The ship continued to offload cargo and eventually some of the coal that was on board.

On Saturday night the mail Steamer Cleo arrived in Melbourne with news of the shipwreck near Sebastian. That same night at least 5 vessels sailed down the Indian River by moonlight. More arrived on Sunday. In fact, one local observed that Melbourne was "about depopulated for 4 days". Some say the ship eventually floated free at high tide, others say a tug arrived, but by

Monday morning, the "Panama" was on her way south. Even after the frenzied weekend, some cargo remained on shore and the self-appointed salvagers continued their work until the official agent arrived the following Friday. One must wonder if there was anything left by then!

The hard-scrabble local folks ended up with a bounty that included bolts of calico, gingham, muslin, and canvas, plus plates and cutlery, clocks, and lamp oils. Staples such as flour, butter, apples were also had been heaved overboard. Casks of wine and brandies were very popular with the salvagers. Even furniture and a sewing machine appeared. Those goods, which appear simple to us, were a godsend to the early inhabitants. In the end, no one was killed, the ship survived, the cargo was insured, so the only loser was the insurance company! I doubt that the locals shed tears over that!

If you'd like to read more details of the event, see the last chapter of "More Tales of Sebastian". Parts of this article appeared in the Pipeline 7 years ago.

\* Due to numerous shipwrecks, the east coast of Florida maintained a number of "Houses of Refuge" which provided shelter for shipwrecked or stranded mariners. Read more about that next month! Eileen Derrick

**Cats**  
**PURRRR**  
A cat usually has **12 WHISKERS** on each side of its face  
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**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:** We meet 1st, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> (if there is one) Friday of each month. Doors open at 6 PM and Bingo starts at 6:30. Playing 10 regular games, 2 jackpot games, losers' game and 2 lucky numbers. (\$100) Enjoy an evening with your neighbors. Feel Lucky? Clara Beyer (772) 205-9566.

**FALL BOCCE NEWS:** The new bocce court should be installed, and the "other new" court should be rehabbed by the first week of October, weather permitting. Giving time for delays, I am hoping for the start of the season to begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of October!!!! The length of the season will depend on the start of the season – family time is important to all of us.

The bocce league signup will be posted in the mail room by September 15th. No experience needed to play. Sign up as a 2-person team or as a single (I will try to find a partner for you). Any questions, please contact Sara Cullinan at (716)807-1503 or by email at saracullinan@gmail.com

**CLASSIC BOOK CLUB** We will meet on Wednesday October 11th at 1:00 PM to discuss Anna Karinina by Tolstoy. We meet in the library at 1 pm. Call Betty for more information. 772-589-8478.

**DARTBALL:** Our next season will start as usual in January 2024. Look for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Mail Room towards the end of October. It will stay posted until December - or until 96 people sign up. I'm looking forward to catching up with old friends and welcoming new members to a fun activity. As always you can drop a note in PH #31 if you have questions or suggestions. I'll see you in January. Charley Hlavin "The Commish" 772-581-1484

**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 \(388-1198\)](mailto:Nancy.Wolaver@att.net)

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

**LADIES MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY & LUNCHEON** Beginning October 2, 2023 in the Clubhouse. 1st Monday each month at 12-2 PM. Bible study, fellowship, prayer, lunch, out reach. Come check us out. All ladies are welcome. 1Corinthians 12: 6-7. Claire Defazio 401-413-5787; Dalys Caron 772-300-2576 Corrina Thompson 724-493-7081; Karen Coonz 603-477-0434

**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: 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. Nancy Wolaver @ [nancywolaver@att.net](mailto:nancywolaver@att.net).  
**OPEN POOL: (Not swimming):** The one with the Balls, Cues, & Pockets! Wednesday night 6:30 - 8PM. Better then TV! Activity Chair: Brad Sary  
**PARK PLACE BOOK CLUB:** The Park Place Book Group will start meeting again Wednesday October 25th at 1 PM in the Library. We will be discussing Miss Benson's Beetle by Rachael Joyce. Call Betty for more information 772-589-8478.

**PARK PLACE SINGLES:** Join us for some good food, drink, music and socializing. October next event. Contact Tony Macaluso (630-347-8893) to join the group.

**PARTY BRIDGE:** In the card room on Thursdays @12:30. Interested? Betty Burgess 772-589-0979.

**PICKLEBALL** Pickle ball is now in its summer schedule with play on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday's beginning at 7:30 AM. Come join the fun!

**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)

**POOL AEROBICS:** 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:** The folks in Park Place sure like a Potluck Supper. I've had several inquiries in the last few weeks. The good news is that we will continue them, but probably not until early October (or maybe late September). We like to wait until our snowbies return so we can all enjoy ourselves and have a larger crowd. Until then, keep cool. Joan Hlavin Chair 772-581-1484

**TEXAS HOLD'EM:** Monday night Texas hold-em is going strong. Great fun and competition for \$5. Always room for more players. Starts promptly at 6 PM. Contact: Tony Macaluso 630-347-8893

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT POKER:** Wednesday night men's poker looking for 1 more player at 6:00 PM. Tony Macaluso 630-347-8893

**Wii BOWLING:** On summer vacation. Winter League sign-up in November. Sue Wells 772-584-9312

**RIDDLES**

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4. The outside of the cat of course.

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**Eileen Nault, Chairman**

The **Pancake Breakfast**, hosted by Jack Kubsch and his crew, is back! Where can you get pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, juice, and coffee for \$4.00?! Watch the postal center for the sign-up sheet! These are the dates for the 2023-2024 season: October 14<sup>th</sup>, November 11<sup>th</sup>, December 9<sup>th</sup>, January 13<sup>th</sup>, February 17<sup>th</sup>, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, and April 20<sup>th</sup>.

On Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM we will be hosting our annual **Halloween Party**. 6:00 – 6:30 BYOB/social, 6:30 – 7:30 dinner, 6:00 – 10:00 music by DJ SHHHOP Entertainment. So, get your costumes ready and dancing shoes on! There will be prizes for the best costumes: *funniest, scariest and best couple*. Don't forget to bring your wallet as there will be a 50/50.

On the menu for this event will be veggie platters, wings, stuff your own baked potato, chili and cornbread, chicken meatballs with rolls, and desserts with coffee and tea.

Cost per ticket is \$15.00. You may purchase your tickets for this event on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm and Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

On Halloween, October 31<sup>st</sup>, there will be a **Pet Parade** starting at 6:30. Sign up for this event is from 6:00 to 6:15 on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Please donate, if you can, pet food, paper towels, or sheets/towels for Halo's no kill shelter. There will be a prize for the *best pet costume*. Following the Pet Parade, there will be a **Golf Cart/ Bike Parade** at 7:00 pm with an ice cream social to follow. SCOPP will be giving out prizes for best cart/bike. Categories will be for the *most original cart/bike and the scariest cart/bike*.

November 18<sup>th</sup> we will be serving a delicious **Thanksgiving dinner**. Betsie and her crew will be cooking up turkey and gravy, ham with raisin sauce, mashed potatoes, stuffing, green beans, carrots, sweet potatoes, rolls and butter, hot mulled cider, coffee or tea and assorted pies for dessert. The cost is \$10.00 per ticket and the cutoff will be at 275 people. There will be no reserving of tables without full payment for the individuals sitting with you. Social hour will be from 4:00 – 5:00 pm (byob). Dinner will be served at 5:30. Tickets will be sold on the following dates: Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm, Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, and Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to noon.

SCOPP is working to put together a **craft fair** towards the end of November/beginning of December. Crafters, if you were not able to attend the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, please contact Eileen Nault at 603-254-5448 if you are interested in participating. A huge thanks goes out to Betty Mattiford for all of her help in trying to make this happen. Look for more information in the November issue of the Press.

The annual **Park Place Christmas Party**, with

Jerry and the Dolls, will be on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Social hour is from 4:00 to 5:00 pm (byob). Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm. The menu will consist of shrimp cocktail, bread and butter, salad, sirloin tips or stuffed chicken, twice baked potatoes, green beans, cheesecake and coffee or tea. Cost per ticket is \$20.00. Look for ticket sale dates in the November Press.

More to follow on the Christmas golf cart parade next month.

SCOPP has decided that there will be no New Year's Eve party this year. There has been very little interest in this event for the past two years. If you would like to host a New Year's Eve party, SCOPP would be more than willing to help you out. Please contact Eileen Nault at 603-254-5448 if you are interested in hosting a New Year's Eve party.

Please join us at our next Community Meeting on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.

**CRAFT FAIR MEETING** Crafters met September 15, 2023 and decided to hold another organizational meeting on Friday, October 13, at 3pm in auditorium A. Table locations will be drawn and payment of \$10 per table will be due at that time. Information on advertising and hints for how to have a successful sale will be presented. Contact Eileen Nault for more information.



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