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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:

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 back to our friends and neighbors that are returning for the season! I hope that everyone had a fun packed summer and look forward to seeing all of you around the community.

At the time I had to submit this article there are several things still up in the air regarding the 2024 lot rent increase. I understand that many of you have questions, so to bring you up to date (as of this date 10/15), here's where things stand. The Board of Directors has submitted, in writing, our request to Sun Communities that the rent increases be deferred until February 1, 2024, as they failed to comply with the 90-day notification requirements as stated in Florida Statute 723. In addition, we are working on coordinating a meeting with Sun Communities to finally discuss the lot rents and get some answers relating to those increases. Hopefully you will have seen some updates through email by the time you are reading this. Without rehashing all the details, it has been a very frustrating process, as Sun has changed its approach to presenting lot rent increases from years past.

That is just one of the many things that the Board is working on. The gate at the entrance of the community has been a major source of frustration for everyone for the past couple of months. We are working with the office staff to get it repaired as timely as possible. We will also be working with them to explore alternatives for emergency operation and access into the community should the gate fail again, or even situations of traffic back up. We are also trying to get Sun to explore options for more shade around the reconstructed Bocce ball courts. Watch for updates as we make progress in addressing your concerns on this subject.

Lastly, I wanted to bring to your attention several things that will be coming up in the next few months. First, as I mentioned in my article last month, you will be receiving your 2024 homeowner association dues notices in the mail. We would greatly appreciate your support in becoming a member! Second, we are quickly approaching 2024 PPHA Board elections. There will be two positions opening and we'll be looking for interested candidates.

Our plate is full. We have more challenges ahead, but the results are surely rewarding.

In closing, I thank our veterans for their valiant service and wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Kurt



Sebastian's Best Kept Secret

I hope some of you were able to see our last-minute presentation at the North Indian River County Library on October 18th. When the speaker cancelled 2 weeks before the event, our Sebastian River Area Historical Society filled the spot with a talk featuring photos of our museum and some of the most interesting items there. It's the "Best Kept Secret" because it's been there 15 years and every day we're open someone comes in who never knew we were there!! We've recently renovated, rearranged, and added "new" items like the "Sebastian Rocket" and the Billy Bowlegs bronze figurine by local artist Rosalie Taylor Hume. More unseen items and better signage will be in place by January courtesy of our retired "Disney Imagineer" and his eye for visual appeal.

If you missed the library program, fear not! Our FREE Museum is open Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 11 to 2. We also offer FREE private tours in the off-hours. If you have visitors coming on an off day, or would prefer a private viewing, I can help! I normally work the second and fourth Saturdays of the month but, with my trusty set of keys, I can guide you through anytime it works for you and I. If I'm not available, we have others who can open for you, just call us at 772-581-1380 and leave a message if we're not open. If you'd like to hear tales about growing up in Sebastian in the 50's and 60's, my friend Patrick works the Saturdays I'm not there! If you read this column, I know you'll find the museum very interesting and worth a visit! Maybe I'll see you there.

Eileen Derrick



PARK PLACE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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.



Service For Two

Soon there will be an opportunity for two Park Place residents to help the community thrive into the future. At the annual meeting early in 2024, two, two-year director positions will come open on the Board.

What does it take to be a board member? It takes little more than a few hours a month to give back to your community. It takes someone that thinks he or she can contribute in some way. It takes someone with an opinion, education, background, beliefs, and talent that differs from a neighbor. It takes what you have! It pays nothing except self-satisfaction, seeing a pleasing community, and perhaps a grateful 'thanks' from a neighbor.

Find out more. Talk to any PPHA board member to get more information (listed on page 2). Nominations will be coming up soon.



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Theresa Alaimo	1	422
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Audrey Soucy	4	374
Delores Little	6	146
Gary Argraves	6	393
Barbara Earl	6	426
Penny Schmidt	7	234
Susan Pletcher	7	378
Liz Menzie	7	175
Neal McCane	8	17
Thomas Hawke	9	125
Michael Sorci	10	27
Lynne Metzgar	11	104
Cheryl Schmeisl	11	398
Marion Kutch	12	65
Donna Tenniswood	12	65
Art Pingree	16	357
Sue Bowles	16	305
Susan Spencer	16	369
Maryann Contino	16	452
Debbie Reed	17	28
Garry Fisette	19	80
Joyce Allison	20	237
Paul McElroy	21	385
Tim Sandmeyer	22	300
Alan Gast	23	288
Linda Thatcher	23	464
Susan Gast	23	288
Paul Main	24	418
Keith Siens	24	239
Barbara Whittaker	24	469
Gilbert Di Salle	27	359
Marie Delrose	27	406
Gregory Pschar	28	439
Elenor Costantini	29	252
Cheryle Johnson	29	216
Susan Goodness	29	30



NAME	DATE	PH#
Richard & Penny Schmidt	6	234
Larry & Sharon Talty	7	468
Larry & Randa Tiggis	8	470
David & Cathy Patrie	9	20
William & Nancy White	9	446
Gerard & Carol Moussette	14	99
Larry & Judith Mease	18	454
Robert & Margie Dingee	22	353
Michael & Denise Shaw	22	338
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ESTIMATED QUARTERLY TAX PAYMENTS - WHO NEEDS THEM?

The Internal Revenue Service requires tax money to be paid in as it is earned during the year. This is easy if you have withholding taken from your paycheck. But if you don't get a paycheck, you are required to do the tax payments yourself or through a third party. People who need to pay directly are business owners, rental property owners, prize winners, and anyone with income that tax hasn't been withheld such as sellers on Etsy and people who earn interest, dividends, and capital gains. The IRS allows you to owe \$1000 or less when you file your tax return otherwise you will get a late payment penalty and interest charged from the date you received income to the date you paid the tax due.

Before I discuss making the payments, it is usually easier to have the tax withheld from other sources of income, that could have the tax withheld, such as your Social Security or pension payments.

If you get Social Security, you can have tax withheld to cover not only what you may owe on the taxable part of SS but also to cover your other income. If you get a pension, you can also have tax withheld to cover not only the tax on the pension but also for what you will have due for other income. Usually you can just tell the payer to withhold a certain amount such as \$100 per monthly payment.

If you don't wish to do that, then you must make the payments yourself. These payments are set by the IRS with a 1040 ES coupon that is due four times a year on April 15, June 15, September 15, and January 15. Now that January 15 date confuses people because it is always last and due in the next year after the tax was actually due. Those four payments should be in equal amounts, each quarter, to pay in the tax you expect to owe. Please note these are not the same quarters of the year you will usually see (which are January-March, April-June, July-Sept, October-December).

Now you may think "How do I know what I will owe? My income varies year to year." Well, first you can prepare an estimate of the income you expect and compute the tax due. For example, you know if you plan to sell stock, start a business or start an annuity payment.

You can make these quarterly payments in several ways. One you can phone the IRS, or you can use a mobile app on your phone "IRS2GO". You can pay electronically through the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS) by setting up an account with the IRS at "IRS.gov/account". A tax professional can also set up the payments for you that go directly to EFTPS from your bank account to the IRS when you have your taxes prepared. Most people our age use IRS paper coupons to mail in their payments each

quarter with a check. Be sure to mail the payment certified return receipt requested to be able to prove you made the payment on time. Late payments are subject to penalties and interest.

As with a lot of IRS regulations there are exceptions to receiving the penalty and interest if you owe over \$1000 with your return. Exception One, as it is called, is to pay what your tax liability was the year before. The government only expects you will have the same income year to year and owe the same tax. That is the safeguard to avoid penalty and interest regardless of what you finally owe. This option does not work well if you had an exceptionally high income and large tax the prior year and then your income drops.

The other exception is to pay the tax in the quarter you actually received the large income payment. If you sold the stock in August, then you could make one payment due on the September 15 due date if you were not making any other payments.

The penalty for underpayment of income tax is an interest charge, per day late, compounded daily. The IRS uses the Federal short term interest rate plus 3% adjusted quarterly. So, in 2022 first quarter was 3%, second quarter was 4%, third quarter was 5%, and fourth quarter was 6%. This penalty is calculated on Form 2210 and should be attached to your tax return when you file it and see that you owe over \$1000. The IRS will charge you the penalty unless you tell them you qualify for one of the exceptions. They don't automatically give you the exception.

Please be aware that if your status changes from married to single, your tax can substantially change up or down. So, although you may never have owed before, you may owe it in the current year. It is best to check and not get an unpleasant surprise.

You can read IRS Publication 505 for a more detailed explanation to the Estimated Tax issue.

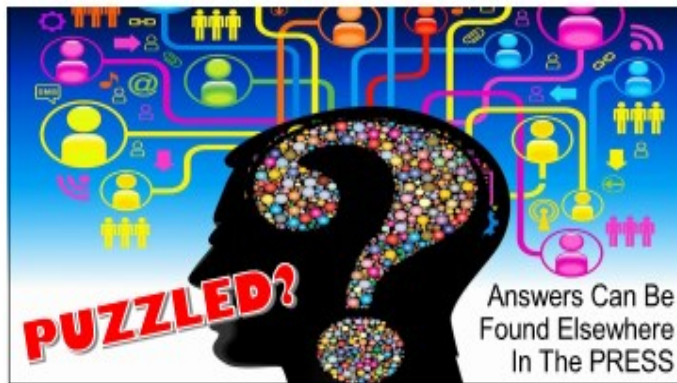
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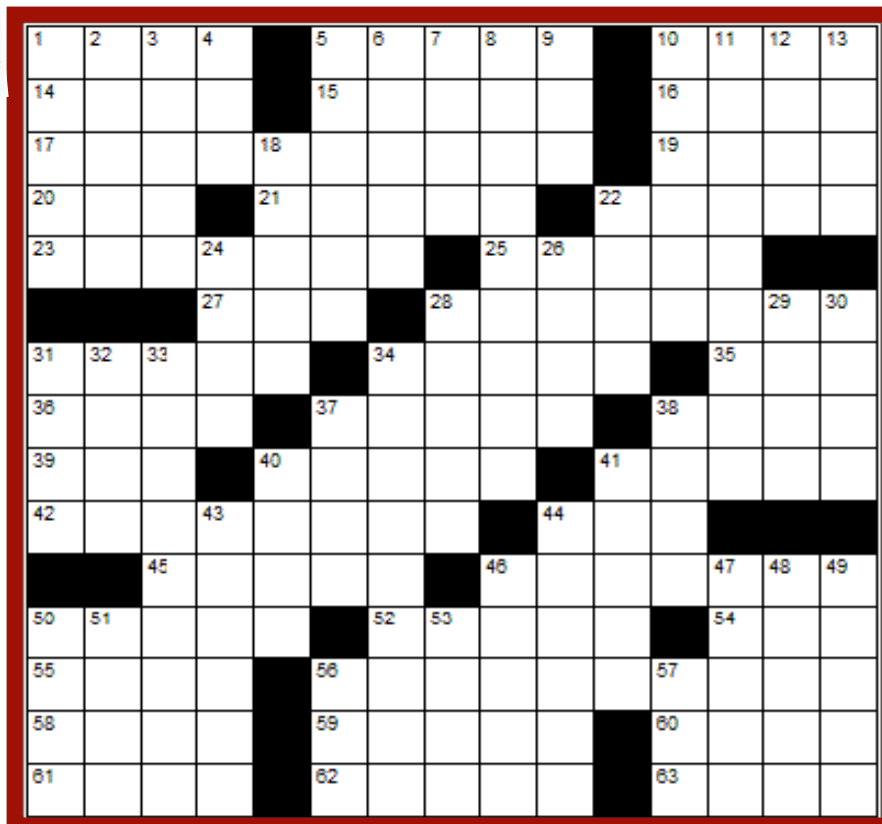
RIDDLES

1. Where does Christmas come before Thanksgiving? 2. Why did the turkey cross the road? 3. What smells the best at Thanksgiving? 4. Why didn't the turkey finish his desert? 5. Where did the pilgrims land when they arrived in America? 6. Why did the Indian chief wear so many feathers? (ENOUGH)

ACROSS

1. Small containers
5. Personnel
10. Circle fragments
14. Brews
15. Reef material
16. Arid
17. Writing paper
19. Gush forth
20. Be mistaken
21. The best people or things
22. Femme fatale
23. Dawdled
25. Domicile
27. N N N
28. Assembled in one place
31. Thin person
34. Legal setting
35. Chapter in history
36. Durable wood
37. Nonpoetic writing
38. Make a sweater
39. Commercials
40. High-pitched woodwind instrument
41. Waits
42. Chide
44. Encountered
45. Sesame
46. Illness
50. Select by voting
52. Ice a cake
54. Needlefish
55. Telegram
56. Blending
58. Makes a mistake
59. Mistake
60. Countertenor
61. Articulates
62. File
63. Kind of moss

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



DOWN

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Enclosed | 18. Sugarcoating | 40. Typeface |
| 2. Extreme | 22. Tallow source | 41. Beats |
| 3. Necklace item | 24. Fluid escape | 43. Alcove |
| 4. Supersonic transport | 26. Beast | 44. Woe |
| 5. A large amount | 28. Bicuspid | 46. Sorrow |
| 6. In shape | 29. A Great Lake | 47. Nimble |
| 7. District | 30. Rodents | 48. Father Christmas |
| 8. Farmer's home | 31. Asterisk | 49. Grain disease |
| 9. Travel by plane | 32. Formally surrender | 50. Flock members |
| 10. Help | 33. Boo or hiss | 51. Former Italian currency |
| 11. Criticize | 34. Shaped like a cross | 53. Scarce |
| 12. Algonquian Indian | 37. Scheme | 56. C |
| 13. Stitched | 38. Toy with a tail | 57. Type of hat |



Scam Problems and Prevention

We continue to have problems with people trying to steal our identity and get us trapped in scams. In the past weeks as times get tougher, inflation gets worse, and money gets tighter, we are seeing even more attempts to steal from us.

The Block Captain Program, along with the Sebastian Police Department, financial institutions, and government agencies, credit card companies, and news outlets provide information and warnings to help you protect your personal information and hard-earned money. Here's some examples:

Scam e-mails. Before you open an e-mail from some company or person you are not expecting something from, stop – don't open it! Move your cursor over the sender's name and see what information appears. It will tell you more about the sender. Here are a few examples that have shown up recently in my "Junk or Trash Folder":

'Ear Flex':
no reply.qqbv@shodpycrimsmu.eu.org

Global Life Offer:
info@craftborders.org plus in
fo@mybabypix.com

Global Life Notice:
noreply@dentalriszta.hu

American Airlines:
noreply@balkingincisewiserlast.com

AR Home Warranty:
noreply@hating-
oneones.termtrek.comican

I hope you get the idea. None of these e-mails should be opened. If they don't immediately go to your Junk/Trash folder, send them there, and always empty that folder daily.

Scam phone calls: A recent popular scam centers around the phony "your account at the bank (or other financial institution)" has been hacked or your subscription account at XYZ has been hacked and you need to act now to move or protect your money. Do not listen to them. HANG UP! If you are seriously concerned, contact the named institution (bank number or the number on the back of your credit card and ask for the fraud department). They will tell you if there has been a hack and what to do.

If you get a call on the weekend or after hours, call the Sebastian Police Department non-emergency number: 772-589-5233. Explain the situation to them. They will probably send a unit to your home to take down more information. They may ask to look at your recent phone calls to make a note of the number from the scammers. They will NOT ask you to move money, change banks or give them a check to protect your account.

Also, no bank, government agency, or credit card will ever ask you to transfer funds into a government cryptocurrency exchange. NEVER move your money or accounts without sitting down with your banker or financial advisor first. They are there to help protect you.

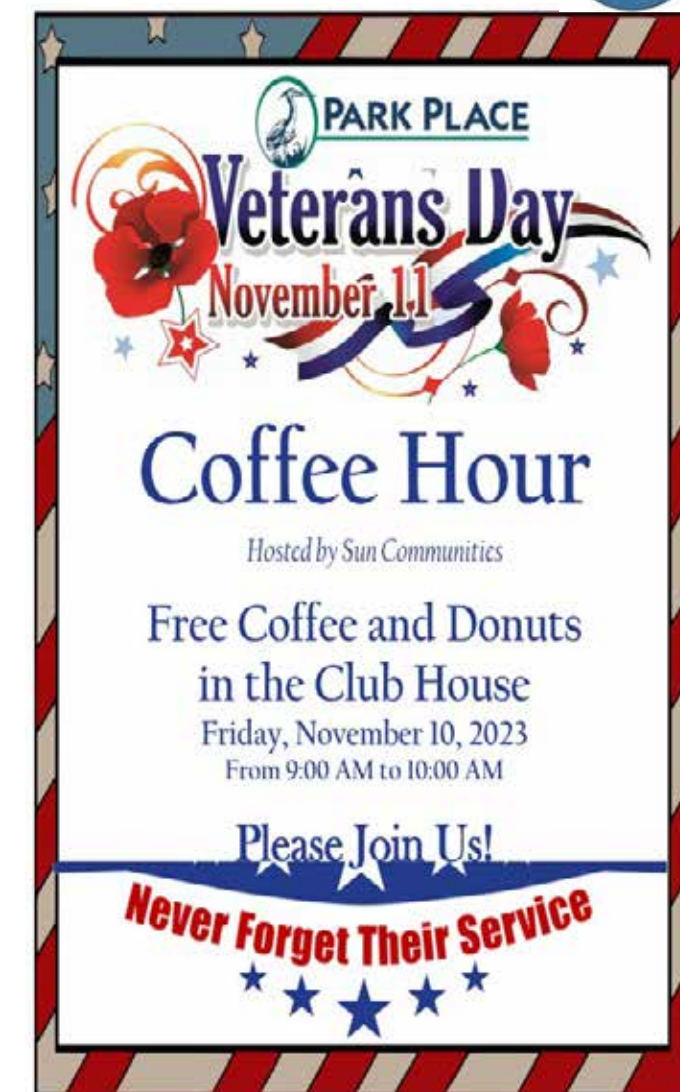
Here are some additional hints from American Express:

- Are you being pressured to act immediately? Imposters may try to rush a reply or payment. Pause for a moment and make sure the email, call, or SMS is legitimate.

- Did someone request your personal information? Don't share any personal info, like your card number, bank details, or codes via social media, SMS, email, or phone - especially if the request comes from an unknown source.

- Are they asking for unusual methods of payment? Examples include gift cards, wire transfers, or payment apps.

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BLUE HERON
 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The *Blue Heron Community Service Award*, presented annually, honors an individual who has contributed to the betterment of the Park Place community, and to its residents, through community volunteerism and acts of service.

Any resident can nominate another current resident.

All Park Place residents, (except prior award recipients) including PPHA Board members, are eligible.

Deadline for nominations will be January 14th.

Finalists will be announced via email blast, posters and in the Park Place PRESS.

Voting will be by numbered *Official Ballot* placed in each resident's "pigeonhole" box. One vote per household.

Ballots will be distributed on or about February 1st.

Deadline for final voting will be February 17th, 6:00 PM, placed in PPHA mailbox.

Award is a unique, contemporary sculpture with base and engraving added (see above).

The winner of the *Annual Blue Heron Community Service Award* will be announced, and the awardee honored at the PPHA Annual Meeting February 24th, 2024.



Houses of Refuge

Last month I wrote about the lucky shipwreck that benefited Sebastian, and mentioned a House of Refuge Keeper who happened upon the wreck. Fortunately, the lucky wreck resulted in no loss of life and a seaworthy ship, but often things didn't end that well. Countless ships sank off our coast. Think of Jonathan Dickinson and his fellow survivors, that I wrote about recently, and the loss of life in the 1715 fleet. Imagine if this help had been available to them!

Remember, in those times, the only means of transportation along the east coast of Florida was by water until the Railroad reached our area in late 1893. According to Wikipedia "In the 1870s, the middle and lower east coast of Florida was described as a 'howling wilderness' with no means for shipwrecked sailors to find food, fresh water or shelter. Other than lighthouses at Cape Canaveral and Jupiter Inlet, and a few settlers at Lake Worth and Biscayne Bay, the coast south of St. Augustine was uninhabited." We know that there were a few settlers here in Sebastian during that period, but they lived along east side of the river, not on the Atlantic coast.

A hurricane in October 1873 resulted in shipwrecked sailors near today's Ft Lauderdale but there was nothing and no one there to assist them. They ate some salvaged food, spoiled fish and drank marsh water to survive until they were found a few days later. The resulting publicity in northern newspapers prompted Congress to act, in 1874, authorizing the construction of five "Houses of Refuge" along Florida's central and south areas of the east coast.

The first refuge, "Bethel Creek", was built in 1876 on the barrier island, in today's Vero Beach. Constructed of Florida Pine, all of the buildings were covered in clapboard, had a fireplace and 3-sided porch. They were configured as a house for the use of the civilian contract "keepers" who were expected to reside there year-round, with their families and maintain a daily weather log, record the passing ships, and search the beaches for wrecks and survivors after a storm. The houses were built to withstand hurricanes (but not all survived.) Houses were equipped with a brick cistern to collect rainwater for drinking water and the attic of the home was furnished with cots and provisions to support up to 20 sailors for 10 days. They also provided medicine chests and books to read. An outbuilding held 2 lifeboats, "breeches buoy tackle", and flares for signaling.

This building was used until 1915 when it became a US Coast Guard Station. It burned down in 1917, was replaced then torn down in 1936 to build a 40-foot tower during WWII to watch for German submarines. The site today is Jaycee Beach and Park.

Although not the original building, the Bethel Creek House in Vero Beach, just west of Jaycee Beach, is a city owned building still in use for classes and is available for rental.

The second House of Refuge was "Gilbert's Bar", 2 miles north of the St Lucie inlet near Stuart. It survived use as a refuge, became a Coast Guard station, and was used by the Navy during World War II. It is the only original refuge still standing and is now operated as a museum by the Martin County Historical Society.

The other three Houses of Refuge were named "Orange Grove" – now the site of Delray Beach, which burned down, "New River" near Ft. Lauderdale, and "Biscayne" - now Miami, the last two were destroyed in that 1926 hurricane that struck the Miami area.

Another group of 5 Houses of Refuge were built in 1885 and 1886. The closest to us were in Cape Malabar and Indian River Inlet (now the site of Pepper Park in Fort Pierce). Also, during that period, two "Life Saving Stations" served from 1886 – 1896 (at Jupiter Inlet and Santa Rosa). They each employed a year-round keeper and 6 surfmen to crew a lifeboat but only during the winter season. I guess they didn't expect any hurricanes in the summer or fall..... Eileen Derrick

(Most of this information came from Wikipedia and a recent column by Barbara Secor in Lemmon Lines.)

TOYS FOR TOTS BOXES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PICK UP IN THE OFFICE. WATCH FOR A NOTICE SOON.

Gifts must be unwrapped and placed in these boxes only. Thank you to all who contribute to this wonderful cause.

RIDDLE ANSWERS

1. In the Dictionary.
2. Because he wasn't chicken.
3. Your nose.
4. Because he was stuffed.
5. On their feet.
6. To keep his wigwam.

FALL BACK ON THE 5TH



Five Secrets To Shopping Smarter On Amazon

Learn how to use Amazon's latest search and shopping tools to find the best deals.

Online shopping and e-commerce have revolutionized the way we shop and live. They have transformed the landscape of many neighborhoods, both big and small, and left many malls empty and abandoned. Yet, online shopping is not all doom and gloom.

It has also brought us many benefits and conveniences. However, sometimes shopping online can feel like a puzzle. With so many products and choices, finding what you want can be a challenge. That's why Amazon has introduced some new features to help you search and discover the best items for you. These features are designed to make your online shopping experience easier and more enjoyable.

These tips will be especially great to know before Amazon's Prime Day, which is set for October 10-11. *(My Note; We do realize that this piece is being published after Amazon's Prime Day event)* Don't have an Amazon Prime membership? Here are 5 tricks for getting an Amazon Prime Membership for less.

1. Snap, search and find

Imagine needing a specific home appliance part, yet the exact name escapes your mind. Trust me, it happens at the worst times. Well, one of Amazon's new shopping features called **Amazon Lens** allows a picture to be snapped and uploaded for a search.

- Simply open the **Amazon app**
- Tap the **camera icon** in the Amazon search bar
- Capture a **photo of the elusive piece** Tap **Search** and let the visual search algorithms do their work. After snapping the picture and viewing the search bar with the uploaded image, there's a new option to **add additional text**. This **" + Add text "** new feature allows typing in any extra information or descriptors that can help refine the search results. It's an add-on to help narrow down the hunt for the right product. However, its effectiveness will rely on the clarity of the image and the efficiency of the algorithms in action.

MORE: NOT SO FAST – DON'T CLICK THAT FAKE AMAZON OR MICROSOFT AD

2. Augmented reality shopping

When buying items for the home, visualizing them in the actual space ahead of spending money can make a world of difference. Amazon's **'View in Your Room'** feature uses augmented reality to help see how a product will look and fit in a specific space, aiding in making more informed decisions.

Not every product has this feature enabled. You can check if a product has this feature by looking for the "View in Your Room" button under the product image in the Amazon shopping app or on the desktop web browser. If you don't see this button, it means that the product does not support this feature. Here's how to embark on this virtual venture:

- Go to the **search bar** in the Amazon app and conduct a search for the item you are looking to purchase
- Then click on the **item or product**
- Next, click the **"View in Your Room"** button under the product image on the mobile product detail page
- Then you will be asked to point your phone at the floor. Move your phone around and then click tap to place.

It seamlessly places the products in your home through the phone's screen, offering a glance at how these items will mesh with the existing surroundings. It's as simple as a click, and the products can be virtually moved from one surface to another for a comprehensive evaluation. However, the visual representation might not always be perfect, and users should be prepared for potential discrepancies.

3. Riding the waves of sales trends

Amazon is now displaying Sales Trend data on search results and product detail pages, indicating a product's recent popularity. It shows a broad estimate of the number of customers who recently purchased a product on Amazon. It is updated at least daily and does not include returns and cancellations. While this information can be helpful, you should remember that popularity does not always equate to quality or suitability for individual needs.

Note that this feature is not available on all products. At the time of publishing, Sales Trend data is only displayed for certain categories such as health and personal care, home, and sports. It also requires a minimum number of customers to have recently purchased a particular product, usually at least 50 in the last month. Therefore, some products may not show sales trend data even if they belong to the eligible categories.

4. Shortcut shopping with 'Find-on-Amazon'

If you ever come across a product online and want to find it on Amazon? The **Find-on-Amazon** feature has got that covered. For a shortcut search experience, when a product is spotted anywhere online, simply tap the **"Share"** button, choose the **Amazon Shopping app**, and click **"Find products on Amazon."**

This handy tool will take you straight to the Amazon Shopping app, displaying similar products available on Amazon and making it easier to find, compare, and decide. It's a convenient feature, minimizing the hassle and time spent searching for products. However, it's worth noting that finding an exact match might not always be guaranteed, as it depends on the product's availability and listing on Amazon. Also, remember to always use price comparison tools to make sure you are getting the best deal.

5. Regret-free reordering

For frequently purchased items, Amazon is aiming to make the reordering process more straightforward. The platform will highlight previously purchased items in search results, making them easier to find and reorder. It's a useful feature as long as the tracking and history functions work seamlessly. Keep an eye on Amazon's fluid pricing when reordering to make sure the cost did not unnecessarily get jacked up.

Key Takeaways

Amazon, the world's big tech retail giant, wants our money. With more convenient shopping features, they are likely to win over more from our wallets by making it easier to shop. Don't let convenience overshadow good prices. Keep Amazon on their toes by price comparing before you hit the "Place Order" button.

Pro tip: Most items are returnable within 30 days outside of holiday periods. Set price trackers in case the amount goes down after your purchase. A picture for a search? A virtual view of products in the living room? It definitely makes the online shopping process much easier. Sure, there might be a few kinks to iron out. Submitted by Steve Giovinelli, written by Kurt Knutsson, 9/29/23



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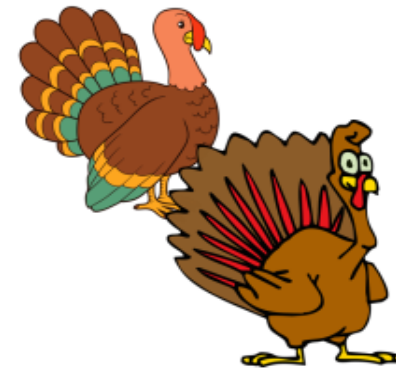
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November Is "For The Birds"



November brings two very important forms of fowl to the state of Florida. With the approach of Thanksgiving, the Turkey remains the delicious and fulfilling symbol of that celebrated day. That wild bird reminds us of what was thankfully consumed at the settling of our country.

A more recent November Florida "bird" takes flight each year from the cooler, northern environs. - the "Snowbird". Increasing the Florida population by an estimated 5 - 10% each winter, bringing full use of the streets and capacity to our restaurants. Without them, many businesses would flounder. Here's some "facts" about each:

The Turkey

- The bird we know as "turkey" is native to North America and belongs to the genus *Meleagris*. The name "turkey" is believed to have originated from a confusion between the bird and the country Turkey. The bird was first introduced to Europe through the Ottoman Empire, which was often referred to as Turkey. The English referred to the bird as "turkey cock" or "turkey coq" (coq being French for "rooster"), and eventually "turkey" for short. (Bing)
- And Wikipedia says: "The turkey is a large bird in the genus *Meleagris*, native to North America. There are two extant turkey species: the wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*) of eastern and central North America and the ocellated turkey (*Meleagris ocellata*) of the Yucatán Peninsula in Mexico. Males of both turkey species have a distinctive fleshy wattle, called a snood, that hangs from the top of the beak. They are among the largest birds in their ranges. As with many large ground-feeding birds (order Galliformes), the male is bigger and much more colorful than the female.
- Native to North America, the wild species was bred as domesticated turkey by indigenous peoples. It was this domesticated turkey that later reached Eurasia, during the Columbian exchange. In English, "turkey" probably got its name from the domesticated variety being imported to Britain in ships coming from the Turkish Levant via Spain. The British at the time therefore associated the bird with the country Turkey and the name prevailed. An alternative theory posits that another bird, a guinea fowl native to Madagascar introduced to England by merchants trading to Turkey, was the original source, and that the term was then transferred to the New World bird by English colonizers with knowledge of the previous species."
- Here at home, the turkey is known for it's "tasteful" part of the American Thanksgiving, and other holiday, celebrations.

The "Snowbird"

- One definition reads: "A snowbird is a term used to describe people who migrate from colder regions to warmer areas during the winter months. The term was first used to describe men who enlisted in the armed forces to get food and clothing during the winter months and then deserted as the warm spring weather approached. Later, it was applied to northern laborers who would flock down south to work as the cold, harsh winter set in up north. Today, northerners of all kinds, from vacationers to retirees, can be seen migrating as soon as the first frost arrives." (Bing)
- Wikipedia description reads: "Snowbirds are typically retirees who wish to avoid the snow and cold temperatures of northern winter, but maintain ties with family and friends by staying there the rest of the year. In recent years, younger people with jobs tied to seasonal tourists often migrate southward, following the tourist season, to southern resorts. Some are also business owners who have a second home in a warmer location or whose business can be easily moved from place to place. Many families in the United States often spend their Christmas holiday time (up to 2 weeks) at beach resorts in Florida" and other Southern environs.
- There can be tax advantages especially for Canadian "birds"
- "Snowbirds" tend to cluster within reasonable distance of major airports. Thus the Tampa, Orlando, Ft. Lauderdale, and Fort Myers.
- Most "snowbirds" rent or live in an RV for a few years before purchasing a winter residence.
- There actually is a 30 year old Canadian Snowbird Association, an advocacy support group.
- Whether liked or disliked by full-time Florida residents, the fact remains - "Snowbirds" are a vital part of the Florida culture, economy, and way of life.



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With the cooler temps that will hopefully be rolling in soon, it gives us all an opportunity to get outside and look at our home sites. Trimming of trees, weeding of landscape beds, and spraying for dollar weed continue to be important. Remember to do a 4-sided inspection: the front may look great, while the side of the home that does not get full sun may become mildewed and need cleaning. When weeding your home site, please remember those that are growing through expansion joints in your driveway that also need to be removed.

There have been a lot of residents and guests parking in the grass at your home sites. Please do not park in the grass. We do have overflow parking at the clubhouse, near the boat ramp, that your guest can use while visiting.

Also, remember that if you plan to make any changes to the exterior of your home, you must complete an Exterior Change Request form. Any changes must be approved by management. The forms are available in our office, or if you would like we can email it to you.

Bulk trash pick-up is the first Saturday of the month. Our pickup in November is scheduled for Saturday, November 4th. 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, November 10th at the clubhouse from 9:00 – 10:00 AM. 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 THE SPEED LIMIT 15 MPH AND DON'T FEED ANY WILD ANIMALS IN PARK PLACE!

"Wishing All a Very Happy Thanksgiving"

Kathy Fulton, District Manager

Gala Thanksgiving Dinner

November 18th
 Social Hour 4-5 PM
 Dinner at 5:50 PM

Betsy, and her crew, will be preparing turkey and gravy, ham with raisin sauce, mashed potatoes, stuffing, green beans, carrots, sweet potatoes, rolls and butter, hot mulled cider, coffee, tea, and assorted pies for dessert.

Cost is \$10.00 per person. Tables, of eight, can only be reserved with full payment for those at your table.
 Ticket Sales: Thur. 11/2 11:30 AM—12:30 PM;
 Mon. 11/6 11 AM—Noon; Sat. 11/11 8—10 AM



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, 3rd & 5th (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.

BOCCE: "The new bocce court should be installed and the 'other new' court should be rehabbed by the first week of October, weather permitting." Oops! That didn't happen and no new schedule has been given to us, BUT I am hoping for a shortened schedule. Twenty-two teams are signed up and I will divide the teams into two groups of 7 and one group of 8 – all by random draw. For those on Facebook, I will post updates on Park Place Friends, Sebastian FL. In addition, I will email those of you who provided an email address. Any questions, please contact Sara Cullinan at (716)807-1503 or by email at saraccullinan@gmail.com.

CLASSIC BOOK CLUB We will meet on Wednesday November 8th to discuss Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison Tolstoy. We meet in the library at 1 pm. Call Betty for more information. 772-589-8478.

DARTBALL: The sign-up sheet for the 2024 Dart Baseball is posted on the board in the mailroom. There is a copy of the rules and a schedule of games. Remember, if you are signing up as a couple wanting to be on the same team, please enter it as "John & Jan Doe. I will do whatever I can to accommodate those who want to be on certain teams but remember that teams are created by past batting averages and made to add up to equal totals. Let's get the word out and put some new dart holes in our new boards. Many thanks again to all the players for their donations to help us get the new equipment. If you have any questions, please call me, or drop a note in PH #31. Charley Hlavin "The Com-mish" 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)

GOLF: Every Tuesday at Vista Plantation. Sign up on bulletin board. Tee off @ 9:30 AM Contact: Jack Kubsch (772-589-3753) jackkubsch@bellsouth.net

LADIES MONTHLY CHRISTIAN BIBLE STUDY & POTLUCK LUNCHEON.

Monday November 6, 2023 in the Clubhouse from 12pm -2pm. Bible study, fellowship, prayer, lunch, out reach. Looking to meet wonderful friends? Come check us out. All ladies are welcome. Jesus says, "Come as you are". Any questions please contact: Corrina Thompson (724) 493-7081; Karen Coons- 603-477-0434; Claire DiFazio- 401-413-5787

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 .

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 November 22nd at 1 PM in the Library. We will be discussing The Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George. Call Betty for more information 772-589-8478.

PARK PLACE SINGLES: Join us - good food, drink, music & socializing. Tony Macaluso (630-347-8893)

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: Sonia Boone 443-566-0167

POTLUCK SUPPERS: : We started out the season with a good crowd for our September Potluck and plan on another one for October 19th. We certainly have some good cooks here in Park Place. There will *not* be a Potluck in November, but we will once again have a *Christmas Potluck*. It will be on *Christmas Day at 2:00 p.m.* in the clubhouse. This is open to anyone in Park Place and their guests. There is no charge, but you are requested to bring a **GENEROUS** dish to pass and your own plate and silverware. We will provide iced tea. Joan Hlavin 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: The signup sheet for the 2024 season will be posted on the bulletin board around November 6th. The season will start on Tuesday, Jan. 9th at 9:30 AM and run for 12 weeks. If we have the required number of players signed up by Dec. 12th, a meeting will take place on Dec. 14th to finalize teams and team names, explain the rules, give each player a copy, and answer any questions you might have. Time to enjoy a fun game and socialize. Sue Wells (772)584-9312.

YOGA: Yoga Classes meet on Tuesday and Thursday at 9 AM for Mat and 10:15 AM for Chair Yoga. Call Betty for more information @ 772-589-8478.



Eileen Nault, Chairman

November 18th 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 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: Thursday, November 2nd from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM, and Monday, November 6th from 11:00 AM until noon and Saturday, and November 11th at the pancake breakfast.

Toys for Tots boxes will be arriving at the office in the very near future. Please consider donating a gift for our low-income families. Toys for Tots ask that all gifts are in boxes. Please do not donate stuffed animals, children's clothing or any other items that are not in a box. Items that are not in their original box are not gifted out.

Please join SCOPP at their next community meeting on Wednesday, November 15th at 2:00 pm. SCOPP will be discussing if there will be future events. We need residents to host events for this coming year.

On November 28th at 11:30 AM, SCOPP will be decorating the clubhouse for the upcoming Holiday season. All residents are invited to bring an ornament down to the club house to place on our new resident tree! Please put your name and the year that you arrived AT Park Place on your ornament.

Please join SCOPP, the Block Captains and our Park Place Crafters on Saturday, December 2nd, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, for our **Craft Fair And Bake Sale.** SCOPP will be selling coffee and tea, hotdogs, chips, soda, water, and harvest vegetable soup. Crafters, if you were not able to attend the October 13th meeting, please contact Eileen Nault at 603-254-5448

The annual **Park Place Christmas Party**, with Jerry and the Dolls, will be on Saturday, December 16th. 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. The cost per ticket is \$20.00. Tickets will be on sale **Tuesday, November 28th from 11:30 to 1:00 PM**, Saturday, December 2nd from 10:00 AM til noon and on Saturday, December 9th from 8 to 10 AM.

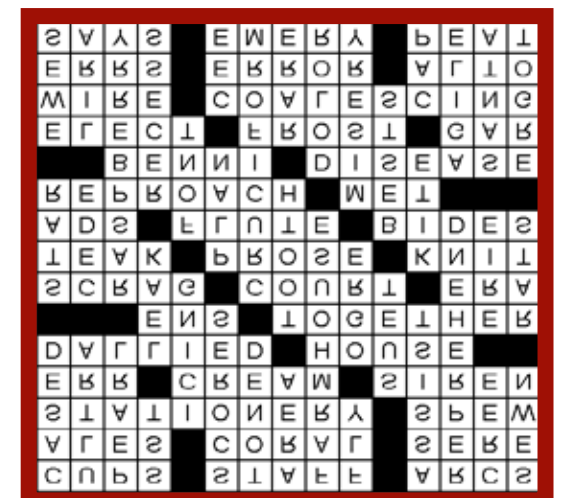
The annual golf cart/bike parade will take place on Sunday, December 17th at 6:00 PM.

Please gather at the clubhouse at 5:45 pm. Judges will be present to vote on the most festive cart!

Jack Kubsch and his crew will be hosting Pancake Breakfasts this season. 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 Breakfast dates for the 2023-2024 season: November 11th, December 9th, January 13th, February 17th, March 23rd, and April 20th.



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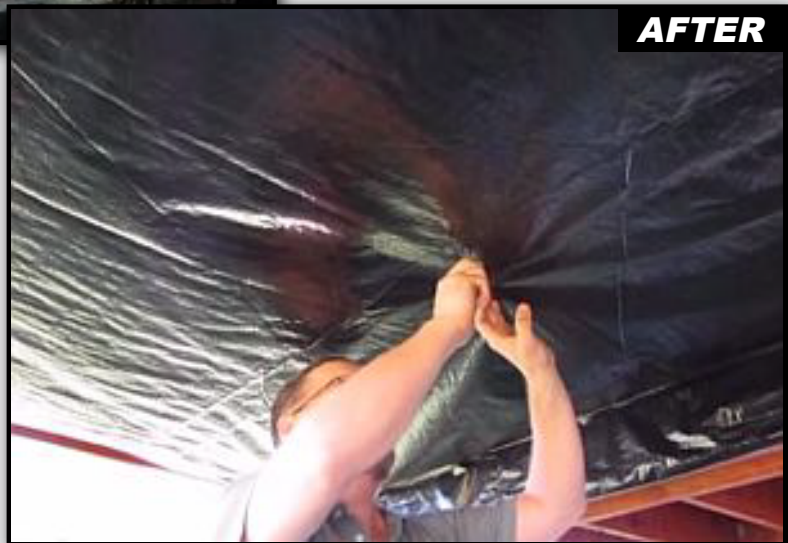
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