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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
This Date:

December 12th

PPHA Resident Meeting No December Meeting

Please Note:

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



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.



Greetings of the season!

December is a very busy and exciting time of year for everyone with many parties and celebrations to attend. For most, this is the happiest time of year, and I hope that it will be for all of you. To be honest, I had full intentions of doing something entirely different for this month's article, something appropriate for the season and not more of Joe Friday from the TV series Dragnet "Just the facts, mam". Unfortunately, with our move from NH over 4 years ago, and using new computers, I've lost what I was going to share with you. My apologies so here are "just the facts".

Many thanks to all of you that have already paid your 2024 PPHA membership dues. The board worked very hard to make this year's membership drive even more professional than in the past, including incorporating some of your suggestions made last year. We feel that the result was what we were striving for, but if you have other suggestions to make it even better, please let me know. For those that have not become members, there is still plenty of time so please consider joining your Park Place Homeowners Association for 2024.

I also want to remind everyone of the approaching 2024 PPHA Board of Directors elections at the Annual Meeting in February. There will be two positions open, and we'll be looking for candidates interested in running. Filling the positions is critical to keeping the board effective and able to support our community. It's very important that the Board is comprised of individuals that can offer a wide variety of skills, knowledge, and opinions. You will see more articles in this month's PRESS so please be sure to read them. If you have any questions, or simply want to be a candidate, please see me or any other board member for help.

Lastly, thanks to all of you who contributed to and supported everything that occurred in Park Place throughout the year.

In closing, I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year!





IRA DISTRIBUTIONS—NEW RULES

This article discusses the new rules for Traditional IRA's. Rules for Roth IRA's, made with after tax money not deducted in the year of contribution, are subject to slightly different rules.

The old rules passed prior to 2020 allowed for no distribution before age 59½ and mandatory distributions when a person reached age 70½. At 70½, a person had to take a "required mandatory distribution" calculated by a life expectancy chart. Congress passed the Secure Act effective 2020 creating an increase in the age for required minimum distributions (RMDs) among other things affecting retirement plans.

The Act raised the age of required minimum distributions to age 72. Then beginning January 1, 2023 the age was raised to 73 and finally, on January 1, 2033 for those born after 1960, to age 75. In 2022 also new life expectancy tables were introduced by the IRS for calculating RMD's. The new tables extend life expectancy and thus lower RMD amounts.

The rule for early withdrawal penalty of 10% was kept at age 59 ½ because the federal government wants to encourage people to save for their own retirement. There are exceptions to the 10% penalty for early withdrawal such as for a first time down payment on a home limited to \$10,000, or for qualified higher education expenses, or to pay for health insurance premiums if you are unemployed, and a few others. You cannot take a loan from an IRA as you can from an employer 401K plan.

The passing of the Secure Act does not impact any existing beneficiaries who inherited IRAs before 2020. All those individuals can continue to stretch the distributions over their lifetime.

The Secure Act states, if a person inherits an IRA from a spouse who was taking their RMD, they may roll it over into their own name and treat it as their own, or distribute it over their own life expectancy, or continue the distributions based on the spouse's RMD. If your spouse didn't take his/her RMD in the year of death, you must remember to take it or be subject to the 10% penalty for failure to take a required distribution. If the deceased spouse wasn't at the RMD age, the spouse can take the entire balance within 5 years or treat it as their own using their own age for RMD's.

An option for a spouse, if they are under age 59½ and need to access some or all of the inherited IRA assets now or before they are age 59½, is to transfer the IRA assets to an inherited IRA. The beneficiary won't be subject to a 10% penalty when they take withdrawals from an inherited IRA prior to age 59½ as you would be if they were withdrawing assets from their own IRA

Another category of inheritor is the beneficiary who is chronically ill or disabled, a minor child, or not more than 10 years younger than the original owner.

They are known as an 'eligible designated beneficiary'. If you're in the eligible designated group, you have two options. First, if the original owner of the IRA was under or at least age 72, you can transfer assets into an inherited IRA in your name and choose to take RMDs over your life expectancy or that of the deceased account holders. Or a second choice would be to transfer assets into an inherited IRA in your name and choose to take distributions over 10 years. You must liquidate the account by Dec. 31 of the year that is 10 years after the original owner's death.

If you're not someone in one of these categories, you're known as a 'designated beneficiary' and you have a different set of rules. You would be someone like an adult child or a sister of the deceased IRA owner. Since the Secure Act, the new rules were interpreted to mean that if a decedent died after January 1. 2020, a non-spouse beneficiary must empty the retirement account by the end of the 10th year following the year of death and there would be no RMD's required. You could take any amount each year or wait until year 10 and take the whole lump sum. However, in early 2022, the IRS confused the issue by issuing guidance that would impact the payments by requiring minimum distribution in years one thorough 9, in addition to withdrawing all the funds in year 10, if the decedent was subject to RMD's when they died. The 10 year window would be based on the beneficiary's own single life expectancy reduced by one each year. This confused the original interpretation of withdrawing all the money within 10 years in any way you wanted. In July 2023 the IRS said they expect to release final guidance in

As mentioned earlier, another caveat for all beneficiaries of traditional IRAs is figuring out if the benefactor had taken his or her RMD in the year of death. If the original account owner hasn't done this, it's the responsibility of the beneficiary to make sure the minimum has been met even if the owner died in January. If you don't know about that or forget to do it, you're liable for a penalty of 50% of the amount not distributed.

If there is no designated beneficiary form registered with the IRA account holder and the account has to go to an estate, charity or some trusts, that beneficiary will have to take the entire balance by the fifth year following death of the owner.

If you inherit a Roth IRA, you're probably free of all taxes if you meet the age requirement of 59 ½ and the Roth account has had the money for the required five-year holding period. But with a Traditional IRA, any amount you withdraw is subject to ordinary

Betty Mattiford is a resident of PP, has a Bachelor of Science degree, 38 years' experience in tax preparation, and completes 18 continuing education credits per year per IRS requirements

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Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are.

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Why?

Have you ever had any interest in helping, serving, assisting, or leading those around you – your neighbors, friends, and fellow community members? (If you stop reading now, you may be doing yourself, and others, an injustice.)

I'm not trying to change you. It <u>is</u> simply my attempt to tell you the benefits of serving others – especially if you may have never had a past opportunity to help anywhere. Generally, we're talking about giving only a few hours a month. You may not know the benefits, joy, satisfaction, and challenges that go with volunteer work. You won't know unless you try it

I don't know how many times that I've heard "I worked all my life and don't need to work anymore". There are also those that simply lack confidence, that think they have no talent or ability. I've never met a person yet that can't help in some way! Everyone has a "gift" to share. I think this quote has a lot of merit.

"Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little."

Edmund Burke Anglo-Irish statesman, economist & philosopher.

I tried to put why I volunteer, serve, and join organizations, into words (obviously, I like to write.):

- I take pride in my community and want to help make it a good place to live.
- ♦ I use the parts of my body that still work my head, my heart, my hands.
- ♦ I like to think that I'm still learning, not just forgetting and, I get bored if I do nothing.
- ◆ I've always felt that I have abilities and knowledge that others may not have and can "give back". Just as I love when others share what they do best.
- ♦ I still welcome feeling a sense of accomplishment.
- Actually, I still enjoy using my God-given, learned, and practiced, talents and abilities.
- Finally, yes, I feel good when someone expresses appreciation – when someone says "thank you" or "job well done". It makes me feel good, useful, and young.

Here's what others around me said (limited editing) when I asked them "why":

"I always felt that service to an organization is the best way to affect change as opposed to just complaining about something from the outside." "When we moved into the community in 2019, we were blessed to be able to meet many residents that had worked tirelessly for many years to make this community the reason that we wanted to live here. That said, when the opportunity came to be on the board of the PPHA, I felt it was time to serve the community and to give long- serving residents a chance to get a well-deserved break. I wanted to take up the torch - to keep this the wonderful community that they had worked so hard to achieve, desirable, not only to present residents but to those that will live here in the future".

Last month I created the 10% CLUB – an exclusive organization with no membership cards, dues, buttons, or special qualifications – just a willingness to give assistance to others.

You know the old saying; "10% of the people do 90% of the work". It certainly applies to the many organizations I have been involved with in the past. So, at Park Place, there might be 700 residents, that means that there should be at least a "pool" of 70 people willing to help others. So, take a chance and join the club.

- ◆ "The core feature of Park Place is, in a word, Community". By volunteering my time and talents, I help keep this community vibrant and alive."
- "My reason for "helping out" is we learned from our parents that those who can help, should." (However, some people are slow to make friends, although they would like to, and feel uncomfortable in groups. Volunteering is a great way to change that.)
- When we retired and moved to Park Place, we found we loved the neighborhood and especially... the people. I volunteer because I believe that doing what I can to help make this a fabulous place to live is the best use of my time. It gives me purpose and helps me to meet and socialize with new friends."

So, why not give being a "10 percenter" a try. Your homeowner's association will soon welcome two new board members when those positions open in early 2024. There's one chance to help. Or you can serve on a committee. Or you can lead an activity. Or help with an event. Or you can...

To volunteer, help, or obtain information on opportunities to contribute, in some way, call:

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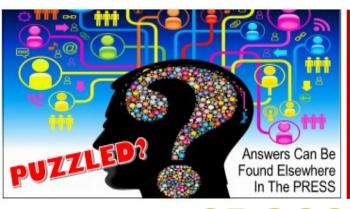
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For more information, see the Park Place Community Directory.

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1. Where does the snowman keep his money? 2. You will buy me to eat, but vou will never eat me. Not even during

Christmas. What am I? 3. People hang this, but it is not a picture. It is green in color, but it's not a coat. It is a plant, but it is not mint. It is seen mostly in December, but it is not the Christmas tree. What is it? 4. What is something that travels all around the world like Santa Claus, but never leaves its corner? 5. What do you call the fear of Santa Claus? 6. A bald man got a gift and proclaimed, "I'll never part with it." What was the gift? Merry Christmas

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ACROSS

- 1. It comes in a loaf
- 6. Cobras
- 10. Play parts
- 14. Spooky
- 15. Not the whole
- 16. The central part
- American symbol
- 18. Request
- 19. Hint
- 20. Wealth and success
- 22. Peel
- 23. Rock
- 24. Little kisses
- 25. Pear type
- 29. Retaliated
- 31. Arithmetic mean
- Resident
- Befall
- 38. Born here
- 39. Expunction
- 41. Expunges
- 42. Thin
- 44. Filth
- 45. Select by voting
- 48. Transfer
- 50. Teller of untruths
- Devastation
- 56. Put words
- 57. In the center of
- 58. Insignia
- 59. T T T
- 60. Rubber wheel
- : 61. Drama set to classical music
- 62. Makes a mistake
- 63. Cards with one symbol
- 64. Adjust again

DOWN

- 1. Toot
- Backside
- Therefore
- Afflicts
- Ocean trenches
- 6. Give permission
- 7. Containing salt
- Make-believe
- Remain
- Licensed
- 11. Infant's illness
- 12. Torso

- 13. Sows Knickknack holder
- 24. Prison-related
- legend
- 26. Not under
- 27. Bristle
- 28. Move back and forth 49. Work hard
- Universal
- 32. No longer a child
- 34. Tubular pasta
- 35. Always
- 36. Bird home

- 40. Confined to certain regions
- 41. Deciphers
- Ruth, baseball 43. Craving
 - 45. Gentry
 - 46. Protective covering 47. Consumer of food

 - Information 52. Adhesive strip
 - 53. Mid-month days
 - 54. Beast 55. Tidy

Florida cattle were scrawny, due to the poor quality of grass in the area. In the 1930's, Brahman

Crackers and Cattle Ranching

in Sebastian

wanted to update you on what I think is a subject few

here know about. Although the two biggest industries,

for years has been tourism and citrus, the 3rd largest

industry in Sebastian was cattle ranching! A 2018 pro-

gram, sponsored by the Sebastian River Area Historical

Society, featured two of the surviving cattle ranchers

(Ronnie McMillan and Bobbie Hardee Chesser, III) who

talked for over an hour and answered questions about

their lifestyle here in Sebastian. Both of their families were among the original settlers here. Mr. Chesser's

father grew up working citrus groves but found himself

tle to the east coast of Florida in rabilia is displayed

and cattle drives to Georgia fed Confederate soldiers in the Civil War. Plenty of inexpensive, open area land

enabled James Herndon and Frank Hunter to be the first

known to raise cattle on the open range here in the

1880s. The railroad's arrival, in late 1893, enabled

ranchers to raise cattle locally and ship them north on rail cars. It replaced the arduous round-up and cattle

drive to Georgia through central Florida or over the

"Cracker Trail" to ships in Tampa. Incidentally, the term

"cracker" referred to cowboys who would "crack" their

braided whips to direct the cattle. Two women, part of

that audience in 2018, both lifetime Sebastian residents. were recognized as local whip makers. They still make

whips, and they noted that it takes the hides from 7 head

much in the area of the Sebastian and Buffer Preserve.

But you'll still see cattle today along 58th, 66th and out by

Sebastian River High School. The closest cattle ranch

to town was on the Chesser property, which extended to

the corner of CR 512 and Fleming, current site of the

Elks Club, Sea Winds Funeral Home, and the Chesser's

Gap Shopping Center. When asked what happened to

it, Mr. Chesser smiled and looked out at the audience of

former northerners and said the land became more valu-

able for development. They moved their operation to

Kenansville, in western-most Indian River County. As

Sebastian grew, the neighboring Sebastian Highlands

covered its pastureland with homes, but the commercial

Chesser's Gap area remained open fields until the mid-

Large scale ranching was mostly west of town,

Ranching memo-

in the Sebastian

Museum.

more interested in raising cattle, as did Mr. McMillan.

Cattle are nothing new to

Florida - the Spanish brought cat-

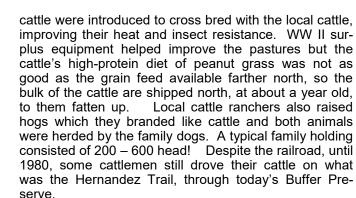
the 1500's. Cattle raised in cen-

tral Florida supplied beef to the

soldiers in the 3rd Seminole War

of cattle to make just one!!!

I wrote a little about this subject in 2018 but



Cattle ranching is still big today in Florida - but not here. Several large operations, e.g., the Adams and Rollins ranch holdings are visible along Route 60 as you head west out of Vero. Others exist farther west and throughout central Florida, where land is less expensive. Direct, and at certain high end grocery stores, you can still buy beef from cattle raised in the area!

Eileen Derrick

The older I get, the more I understand why roosters just scream to start their day.





ute to this wonderful cause.



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1990's.



Federation of Manufactured **Home Owners of Florida**

Dave Daniels Park Place FMO Representative

FMO Deserves Your Support!

The following is a summary taken from an article in the September/October issue of the FMO magazine written by FMO President, Rick Hollenbach.

> What has the FMO Board of Directors been up to this Summer? They have been planning the Bi-annual State Assembly, scheduled for Dec. 6 and Dec. 7, 2023. This will be a virtual, online assembly, saving members time and expenses in traveling to the meeting as in past years.

> A new BOD will be elected, legislative and legal updates will be given. Presentations on Homesteading and Domicile Documents and Procedures are on the agenda.

> Also, critical discussions and possible decisions will be made on the future of FMO for the next 1, 3 and 5 years. This will be an important part of our meeting. Since I became a member of FMO in 2012, we have gone from 27,000 members to about 9,500 members. This means we've dropped 62% of our members. Some have passed away; some have moved out of the state or out of a manufactured home community.

> Like any business, FMO relies on funding from members to get things accomplished. This is especially true when dealing with the Florida Legislature. Our 9,500 members are part of the 13 million registered voters in Florida. When you talk to state legislators on any topic, mention that you are a FMO member and support the organization.

> We also provide information and training to community HOA's. Board of Director member training starts in January of 2024, with five different dates scheduled. These are virtual (computer) based programs that make it easy to fulfill the legal requirements for HOD Board training.

> The key point is, as our membership ages, we need new residents to fill in the gaps, from both a financial, legislative representation and participation perspective.

As your FMO representative, I can answer your questions about the organization, and I encourage you to consider investing the \$30 for annual dues (or \$75 for 3 years). Please contact me at 813-504-6143 for membership information. Dave Daniels

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I have many hidden talents...I just wish I could remember where I hid them.

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New HOA board members have 90 days to complete a certified training course or file an affidavit that he or she has thoroughly reviewed FL Statute 723, administrative Code chapters 61-B-29 through 33, 35 and 50, and, in addition, your own HOA By-laws.

> Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024, 10 AM to 2 PM Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2024, 6 PM to 10 PM Saturday, March 16, 2024,1 PM to % PM Monday, April 15, 2024, 10 AM to 2 PM Tuesday, May 7, 2024, 1 PM to 5 PM

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HOW TO INCREASE THE FONT SIZE **ON ANDROID**

If you're struggling to read what's on your Android screen, we can help you fix it

Androids give us access to so much information, it's as if we're carrying around little 24/7 electronic encyclopedias in our pockets.

But what good is having instant access to all that useful information if you have to squint hard just to read what's on your screen because the words are so small? Or maybe you want to see as many words on your screen as possible to absorb everything more efficiently, and you wouldn't mind shrinking the font in order to get a quick read?

Sure, it's possible for you to just zoom in and out of your screen by using two fingers to slide the article closer and further away, but not every app or website that you are looking at is designed to respond to this

Whichever category you fall under, there is a way to adjust the size of the font on your Android to cater to your reading and eyesight needs. And it can be done just by following these few simple steps.

How to change the font size on your Android smartphone: (Settings may vary depending on your Android phone's manufacturer.)

> Go to Settings Click Display Select Font Size

A slider will appear at the bottom of your screen. Slide it to the left and right to determine how big or small you want your font to be

Android has tons of unique tips and tricks in order to give you the best use of your device. Submitted By Steve Giovinelli, written by Jenna Roach 10/14/23



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Here's a little information about our organization. Many years ago a group of Park Place residents got together and decided to participate in a community outreach program. We settled on the BackPack Program (AKA FOOD 4 KIDS) in which children were vetted and those qualified for the program receive meals covering breakfast and lunch, over the weekends, when school meals are not available!

Currently, we meet in the Community center (Auditorium 1@1:00 pm) the first Wednesday of the month to prepare the weekend "back packs" for the food-insecure children attending Sebastian Elementary School. We have a cohesive team working together to shop, sort, pack and deliver two healthy breakfasts and lunches (including milk, juice, sweets and snacks) to the school for distribution. We can ALWAYS use elves!

This standard doesn't come for free! Our September, October, and November costs were more than \$2200. Each qualified child receives a "to-go" bag every Friday. To date we have sent 400 bags of food home and we'll pack another 100+ for December by the time you read this. So far this year we have 25 eligible children (as determined by the school) enrolled in the program, but in the past (pre-COVID) we had as many as 55 children. So we are always looking to raise more funds to be prepared for increasing enrollment!

BJ's coupons are a big help in keeping expenses down in that much of the food comes in bulk from its warehouse. If you have coupons, please pass along any you don't intend to use. Shelf-stable milk in individual cartons is always a big expense, but each child gets 2 per weekend. Especially during this holiday season, let us remember those less fortunate and resolve to help those we can in our community.

Meredith McElroy, Chairperson; Barbara Zitz, Co-Chair; Sharon Warren, Treasurer; Eileen Derrick, Publicity/Secretary SAVE THE DATE!!

MARCH 2, 2024 ANNUAL CHINESE AUCTION AND DINNER FUNDRAISER. Start saving auction donations NOW!



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AUTO BURGLARIES CONTINUE IN SEBASTIAN

A recent article in the <u>Sebastian Daily</u> newspaper covered the continued auto burglaries that have occurred in town. Specifically, there has been a rash of thefts in gated communities as was experienced recently in Park Place. Here are excerpts from that article:

"Sebastian Daily, alongside the Sebastian Police Department and Indian River County Sheriff's Office, has repeatedly urged locals over the years to secure their vehicles.

"The culprits? Captain Timothy Wood from the Sebastian Police Department points to a blend of possible youths and individuals outside the area. They specifically target vehicles that are not locked, given the ease of entry.

"Recently, these criminals penetrated gated communities, raising questions about their entry methods – whether through acquaintances or following authorized vehicles into the subdivision.

"The recent spree of vehicle break-ins included Ashbury, a gated subdivision at the crossroads of Sebastian Blvd and Ashbury Blvd. Residents from Briarcliff Circle contacted the Sebastian Police early in the morning to report that 13 vehicles had been entered and one had been stolen. Each car had been left unlocked and bore no indication of forced entry.

"Another resident discovered their unlocked Toyota Corolla with the keys inside stolen while walking their dog. The vehicle was later found abandoned in a ditch near Indian River Charter High School and recovered by the sheriff's office the same day.

"In an ironic twist, at another house, while the thieves had rummaged through an unlocked vehicle, they left behind valuable power tools and designer sunglasses.

"One neighbor found a brown wallet in his yard, which turned out to be his neighbor's, with all contents intact except for the cash.

"Another neighbor noted their car had been rummaged through but presumed a family member had not closed the glove box.

"Authorities continue to investigate these incidents but stress the importance of locking vehicles, and not leaving valuables like cash, purses, wallets, or firearms in them."

Sebastian Daily 11/1/23

If only vegetables smelled as good as bacon.



1 A snow bank 2. Cutlery 3. Mistletoe 4. A Stamp 5.Claustrophobia. 6. A comb



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 (see p.2) to obtain more information.

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

Deadline for nominations is 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.



NOMINATE SOMEONE TODAY

SUGGESTED NOMINATION FORMAT

Write a concise description of Nominees' community contributions such as:

Service, Volunteerism, Activities, Committees, Work Programs, Chairmanships, Resident Assistance, Entertainment, Etc. Add any other things that you would like to tell about his/her personality, attitude, helpfulness, sharing, caring and so on.

Please keep it to 150 words (or less). Use bullet points if that helps. You need not identify yourself as the nominator. Deposit in the mailroom PPHA wall mailbox by January 14th, latest.

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The entry gate is now working, and fully operational. Reminder, if you do not know your 3-digit code, or if you are having issues with your code not working. please stop by or give us a call at the office. Also, a reminder if you change phone numbers, it is very important that you let us know so we can update your new number

Just a reminder all hurricane shutters are to be removed by December 1st.

With the cooler temps that will hopefully be rolling in soon, it gives us all an opportunity to get outside and take a look at our home sites. Please pay attention to the trimming of trees, weeding of landscape beds, and spraying for dollar weed. 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 the weeds that are coming up through expansion joints in your driveway that also need to be

There have been many 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, for guests.

Bulk trash pick-up is the 1st Saturday of the month, our pickup in December is scheduled for Saturday, December 2nd. Please do not place bulk pick-up curbside until the evening before.

Back by popular demand and enjoyed by many our Coffee Hour is brewing! See the ad, this page.

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.

THE TEAM AT PARK PLACE WOULD LIKE TO WISH **EVERYONE A VERY "HAPPY HOLIDAY"** Kathy Fulton, District Manager

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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, 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 foundation was installed and we're waiting for the second new carpet to be installed. Oops! The Fall Bocce League session had to be cancelled due to the problems encountered with the construction of the new court and problems with the rehab of the old court. This was very discouraging since the construction has been delayed for months. Twentyfour teams had signed up, and I hope they will decide to play in the Winter League. The Winter Bocce League session signup is almost complete. Thirty-five teams are signed up. I am looking for one more 2 person team. If you are interested, please give me a call. Games will start on January 8th and continue on until March 18th. The games are scheduled to be played on Mondays, but rescheduling a match is acceptable. 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 discuss the Classic The Fixer by Bernard Malamud on December 13 at 1pm in the Library. We will also vote on books for 2024. Anyone with questions can call Betty Mattiford 589-8478.

DARTBALL: Can you believe it's December? And it's also when the rosters for the eight Dart Baseball teams are created. I have noticed guite a few new names on the sign-up sheet this year. The teams are created to be as equal as possible based on the prior year's batting average. The newcomers have a "point 0" average and that will have varying effects on the teams. I think we'll see a lot of interesting games. I hope to have a few practice days this month to serve both as early fee collection (\$10.00) and, hopefully, to get more people interested in learning how to keep game scores. You don't have to be on a team or be a player to keep score. We really need more help in this area. I will post dates on the mail room bulletin board when we have the practice days. I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and look forward to January 3rd when we throw the first official dart. Charley Hlavin "The Commish"

DOMINOS: Mexican train dominos is being played every Sunday afternoon 1:00 in the card room. All are welcome to join the fun. Leader: Nancy Wolaver (388-1198) **GOLF:** Every Tuesday at Vista Plantation. Sign up on bulletin board. Tee off @ 9:30 AM Contact: Jack Kubsch (772-589-3753) jackubsch@bellsouth.net

LADIES MONTHLY CHRISTIAN BIBLE STUDY & POT-LUCK LUNCHEON. All ladies & denomination's welcome. MONDAY, DECEMBER 4th in the Clubhouse from 12 -2 PM. Speaker: Claire DiFazio on Why The Nativity? John 1:29 "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." 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 DANCING: MARK YOUR CALENDARS for MONDAY, JANUARY 8th @ 1 PM! Get your feet moving and join LINE DANCE 101 - a very BASIC BEGINNER class for those who haven't danced before but ALL are welcome! We meet in Auditorium 1 on Mondays from 1 to 2 PM, and dance to a wide variety of music and dance genres. Even if you have 2 LEFT FEET but want to learn - we can make it happen! Continuing class will meet at 2 PM. For questions, call 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 PAINTERS CLUB: Open to all levels of medium painters. Meet Wednesdays from 1-3pm at the Clubhouse in the Bingo room (ongoing). Beginner class available for \$5/class (as scheduled) plus supplies. Classes are limited to 10 students/class, and registration is required. JOIN our group Park Painters Club on Facebook, or call Teresa Fajardo Lambert at (772) 539-6256.

PARK PLACE BOOK CLUB: We have moved our meeting to December 29, a Friday, due to Christmas vacation conflicts. We meet at 1pm in the Library to discuss The Lions of Fifth Avenue by Fiona Davis. If you have questions, contact Betty Mattiford 772-589-8478.

PARK PLACE SINGLES: Had a fun night with dinner at Sandy's Grill and then the Haunted Barn at LaPorte Farm 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 After a grueling hot summer we are finally feeling some relief & just in time to start welcoming back our snowbirds. The courts have been filling up with many regular faces and few newcomers! Our current schedule is every Monday, Wednesday & Friday @7:30. Generally play lasts to 10:30 or 11. Come down & join us for some Fun, Fitness & Friends. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Barbara Whittaker or Kurt Nault.

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. Women's class at 9:30 AM, led by Clare Bolt & Debbie Clark. The 10:30 AM class is women or mixed, 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: CHRISTMAS DAY No place to go for Christmas? Not having company? Then why not come to the Annual Christmas Day Potluck Supper at the clubhouse. If you have someone visiting, you may bring them also. There is no charge. Just bring your own place setting and a GENEROUS dish to pass. It's BYOB and we provide iced tea and coffee. TIME IS 2:30 PM. Look for a sign-up sheet in early this month. Joan Hlavin Chairperson 772-581-1484

TEXAS HOLD'EM: Monday Texas Hold'em cards is growing, a number of new players. We will have 2 tables and combine down to one table and one winner. New players welcomed. 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 poker also is growing with the snowbirds back. Tony Macaluso 630-347-8893

Wii BOWLING: The 2024 signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Orientation meeting is on December 14th in auditorium #2 at 1 PM. Bowling season starts January 5th,1 PM. Teams will bowl on Friday afternoons 1 - 4 PM. We will require at least 8, 10 or 12 teams to have a season. You will have a good time and meet many neighbors. 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

What does the Social Club of Park Place (SCOPP) do? There are 5 members of our team that plan events for residents and their families to enjoy at Park Place. SCOPP volunteers to put together a plan for the event that includes entertainment, menu, setting the price, ticket sales, decorating, food prep(if applicable) and clean-up of the auditorium and kitchen. A lot of time and energy goes into planning Park Place events. This March, SCOPP will be seeking three individuals that are ambitious, work well as part of a team, is computer literate and can commit to attending events, board meetings and community meetings each month. If you are interested in joining SCOPP, please contact Eileen Nault by phone at 603-254-5448 or email me at Eileen.nault6061@gmail.com or Jody Saulnier at 603-348-8811 or email her at Jodysjava@yahoo.com

SCOPP also helps residents host events. If you host an event, you'll be responsible for setting a theme, date, budget, and menu (if applicable). If food is involved, you will be responsible for shopping, cooking, and cleaning the kitchen. SCOPP will assist with auditorium set-up, decorating, creating/selling tickets, publicity, arranging entertainment, and breaking down the auditoriums. The SCOPP board would work with you from beginning to end of your event. We really need people to step-up to keep Park Place a happening community! An example of an event is *Night at the Races*, hosted by Al and Joan Ambrosini.

Toys for Tots boxes are in the office until December 15th. Please consider donating a gift for our low income families. All gifts should be boxed. Please do not donate stuffed animals, clothing or any items not boxed. Items must be their original box.

The new **Resident's Christmas Tree** went up in the card room on November 28th! On it you'll find ornaments that carry the residents' name and the year they moved to Park Place. So, if you haven't put an ornament on the tree or if you have lived here for years and would like to have a new ornament, please stop by the clubhouse and you will find the tree in the cardroom.

The annual **Park Place Christmas Party** is on December 16th. See below..

The **Annual Golf Cart/Bike Parade** will take place on Sunday, December 17th at 5:00 PM. Please gather at the clubhouse at 4:45 pm. Judges will be present to select "most festive cart"!

Get ready for the return of **Night at the Races**, hosted by Al and Joan Ambrosini, on January 27th! There is a mandatory \$2.00 entrance fee. Hamburgers will be sold for an additional \$9.00 and hotdogs for an additional \$7.00. Also included will be chips, soda, water and assorted desserts. Watch for ticket sale dates in the January *PRESS*!

Jack Kubsch and his crew will be hosting **Pancake Breakfasts** on the following dates. Where can you get pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, juice and coffee for \$4.00?! Watch the postal center for the signup sheet! These are the dates for the 2023-2024 season: Dec. 9th, Jan.13th, Feb.17th, Mar. 23rd, & Apr. 20th. *Merry Christmas & Happy New Year*



GOLF CART CHRISTMAS CAROLING
Sun. 12/3 Join in or watch from home. Meet @ club
@ 3:45 PM Questions: Claire DeFazio 401.413.5787

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