

SUNSET PALMS COMMUNITY

ORGANIZATIONS

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ACTIVITIES

&

EVENTS

INFORMATION BOOKLET

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Please Note:

The Organizations/Clubs/Activities/Events listed are subject to change from time to time, i.e. dates, times, sponsors, availability, etc. Always check on the latest status with the office or the Sun Seeker News!

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PREFACE

This Information Booklet is being provided to you through the joint efforts of Sunset Village, Inc. and Sunset Palms Community Social Club.

We want to thank all those that participated in the development and cooperated in providing the information.

We hope that you will find it very useful and informative.

All information contained herein is intended solely for the personal use of the residents of Sunset Palms Community.

The information has been obtained from various sources and has been compiled as accurately as possible.

We regret any omissions, incorrect data or spelling in this Information Booklet.

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ORGANIZATIONS/CLUBS/ACTIVITIES

AEROBICS

To promote an interest in low impact exercise. All residents are invited to participate. All residents are invited to participate. Meets at 10:00 A.M. M-F Nov. through Apr.

ART

To enhance basic skills of art in Oil, Acrylic, and Water Color painting. All residents are invited to participate. Meets each Wednesday of the months October through April at 1:00 P.M. Beginners group meets Thursdays. Sponsors the Spring Art Show.

AQUA EXERCISE

Exercise to keep the muscles in shape, and to keep you motivated with the help of everyone to keep trying. All residents are invited to participate. Every Monday through Saturday at 9:00 A.M. (weather permitting) each month November through April.

BINGO

To provide entertainment for all park residents who like to play "BINGO". A game of chance to win money, and to fellowship with friends and neighbors. All residents are invited to participate. Meets every Monday and Friday (except dance nights) 6:45 to 9:00 P.M. Last cards are sold at 6:30 P.M. Come Early! Summer Bingo meets Mondays 5:30 to 9:30 P.M.

BOWLING

Sunset Fun Bowling. All residents and their visiting guests are eligible to bowl. Every Monday each month October through April at 9:00 AM. It s \$6.50 for 3 games. If you can t show up you do not have to pay or phone. When you are able just show up and have fun with your neighbors. You will also earn coupons for open bowling.

BRIDGE

To provide a time of fellowship for park residents who like to play "BRIDGE". All residents are invited to participate. Every Wednesday night at 7:00 PM year round, and every Thursday afternoon at 1:00 PM year round.

BUNCO

Makes a good evening to get acquainted with other residents, as you are constantly changing partners. Come and join us! All residents are invited to participate. Every Thursday each month, all year, from 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. Everyone contributes 25 cents, which is given out at 10 cents for each time a person makes a "bunco" ..three dice with the number being called for at the time. At the end of the evening the balance of the money is given out to those who have won the most games (a punch is given for each time a game is won).

CANASTA

To provide an entertaining and fun evening for all park residents who like to play "CANASTA". All residents are invited to participate. Every Thursday all year round at 7:00 P.M. We play Hand & Foot Canasta.

CERAMICS

A challenge to oneself in creating greenware (clay) to life by different methods of painting. All residents are invited to participate. Every Tuesday each month all year at 1:00 P.M. \$1 per person per week.

CHOIR

To provide music for the Sunday Worship Service. All residents are invited to participate if they love music, like to sing, and are so inclined. Practice - Every Friday each month October through May at 3:00 P.M. Worship Service - Every Sunday each month October through May at 10:30 A.M.

COMPUTER CLUB

The purpose of the Computer Club is to promote an interest among the residents regarding purchase and use of computers, using e-mail to contact family and friends, maintaining household records, surfing the internet, etc. You probably get the picture. The Computer Club is the latest addition to the activities available here at Sunset Palms Community. We meet each Tuesday of the month (Wednesday the week of the Community Pot Luck). The 1st & 3rd Tuesdays are designated for the Beginners and the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays are for the more Advanced. Anyone with an interest is invited to attend any session. Our clubroom is available at other times for use of the equipment by the members and all residents and their guests. Our meetings last approximately two hours and consist of one hour of training and one hour of problem solving, hands-on experience, discussion, etc.

CRAFTS

To learn to make new craft items. We have a lot of very talented people in the park who make an active craft group and have a lot of fun making new objects. There are enough of us that someone could always be teaching others what they are working on. All residents are invited to participate. Each Thursday afternoon at 12:30 P.M. Supplies needed are posted on the bulletin board in advance.

CRIBBAGE

To have fun and to teach those who want to learn the game. All residents are invited to participate. Every Tuesday each month October through April at 7:00 P.M.

DOMINOES (CHICKEN)

To provide an entertaining and fun evening for all park residents who like to play "DOMINOES". All residents are invited to participate. Every Saturday all year round at 7:00 P.M. We play with 97 white pieces and the dots are colored. Very easy to learn.

EUCHRE

Fun Card Game. We play 10 games and the highest score wins. We play around the table twice each game and the person with the high card deals at the next table. The losing pair do not move. All money collected is given out each week as prize money to the 1st, 2nd and lowest. All residents are invited to participate. Every Friday each month at 12:30 P.M. all year. The 1st winner is in charge of setting up the cards and running the Euchre game the next week. 25 cents per week.

FMO (FEDERATION OF MOBILE HOME OWNERS OF FLORIDA, INC.) Sunset Palms Community Chapter

To serve as a means of expression for all members to seek fair and equitable treatment of members, and other park residents, and to promote rules and regulations consistent with the best interests of both home owners and park management. To cooperate with its parent organization. Each mobile home unit that has paid annual or lifetime membership dues to the Florida State FMO is a member. All residents are encouraged to join.

HOBBY & COLLECTORS

Many people in the park have many various hobbies and different collections. The object of the club is to hold a show(s) each year for other residents to have an opportunity to see what is being done and to ask questions and have a learning experience. All residents are invited to participate.

LADIES BRIDGE

To promote a social outlet outside of the home where one can enjoy a nice luncheon, the sociability of other ladies and an afternoon of social bridge. All lady residents are invited to participate. The second Saturday of every month January through December at 11:30 A.M. \$1.00 per year dues. Luncheon and Bridge - \$3.00. Bridge only - 25 cents. January is a "Birthday Luncheon" where every members' birthday is celebrated. February is the Anniversary Luncheon.

LADIES PINOCHLE

An afternoon of social fellowship. All lady residents are invited to participate. Every Tuesday each month, all year, at 1:30 P.M. Everyone contributes 25 cents, which is given out at the close of the afternoon as prizes for the highest scores and a booby prize.

LINE DANCE

To have fun and to teach those who want to learn. All residents are invited to participate. Every Monday each month October through March at 1:00 P.M.

LUNCH BUNCH

This provides the opportunity, for those who like companionship along with a bite to eat, to accomplish their desire. All residents are invited to participate. 3rd Wednesday of each month for the entire year at 10:20 A.M. Held at 'Bob Evans'. Each person participating orders their repast from the menu and is responsible for their own check.

MANAGER S COFFEE

A resident favorite. An informal, informative gathering. All residents are invited to participate. MEETS: 3rd Thursday at 9:00 A.M.

MICHIGAN-CANADA CLUB

To promote friendship and fellowship among residents from the same geographic area. To provide fun and entertainment for all. All residents who claim Michigan or Canada as their home state or province are invited. Relatives, friends, and visitors are welcome. Pot Luck Dinner and Entertainment - 1st Sunday of each month November through March at 5:00 P.M. Special events Picnic, etc.

PINOCHLE (Wed. nite)

To provide a time of fellowship for park residents who like to play "PINOCHLE". This is a closed group activity (full tables). Others wishing to form their own tables are welcome. Every Wednesday each month October through April at 6:30 P.M.

POKER

To provide a time of fellowship for park residents who like to play "POKER". This is a closed group activity (one full table). Others wishing to form their own table are welcome. Every Monday each month Oct. through April at 7:00 P.M.

POKER (Penny)

To provide a time of fellowship for park residents who like to play "POKER". This is a closed group activity (one full table). Others wishing to form their own table are welcome. Every Sunday evening at 7:00 P.M.

SEWING

To sharpen our skills and to learn new techniques of the modern trends. Also the sociability of gathering with people of like interests. All residents are invited to participate. Every Tuesday at 9:30 A.M. in the card room. The club has their own sewing machine and serger for group use.

SHUFFLEBOARD

To provide a time of fellowship for park residents who like to "SHUFFLE". All residents are invited to participate. Every Monday, Thursday, and Saturday each month October through April at 1:00 P.M.

SOCIAL CLUB

To provide opportunities for the edification and entertainment for all residents. All residents are members.

SUNSET SERANADERS

Provide entertainment for the Christmas Eve party, Milestone Anniversary Party, and the March Family Buffet. Also to provide a creative opportunity for the members. All residents are invited to participate, especially if they enjoy singing and playing unusual instruments. Meets every Wednesday each month November through March at 9:00 A.M.

SUNSET PALMS MOBILE HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION (Non-Shareholders)

To provide a voice with the Board of Directors of Sunset Village, Inc. via the non-shareholders committee chairperson in matters which directly affect the non-shareholders of the community.

SUNSET VILLAGE, INC. (Co-operative owner of Sunset Palms)

The corporation is represented by a Board of Directors, nine duly elected shareholders, who oversee the management of the community on behalf of the shareholders. Three Board members are elected every year for a term of three years, and must be shareholders in the Co-operative to remain on the Board. The annual meeting and election of Board members is held every January. Notice of meetings, minutes of Board Meetings and Financial Statements are posted on the corporate bulletin board, located in the hall outside the manager's office.

TONING/EXERCISE CLASS

Exercise to keep the muscles in shape, and to keep you motivated with the help of everyone to keep trying. All residents over 50 are invited to participate. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7:30 A.M. each month November through March.

WORSHIP SERVICE

To provide a Non-Denominational worship service for all residents, family, friends, and visitors. We have people of various denominations in attendance. We meet for fellowship and the preaching of the Word of God. During the winter months we have a robed choir with a professional choir director. We also have an accomplished organist and pianist. Our service is one hour in length and we close on time. There are no elected officials, and all those who serve in leadership, do so in a voluntary way. We do not ask anyone to leave their church to attend our service but we do welcome anyone who desires to fellowship with us. Services: 10:30 AM each Sunday throughout the year. Communion - 1st Sunday of each quarter. Our service is financed by those who wish to give their gifts and offerings. Volunteers are needed to put out/take down chairs, tables, song books, etc. - usually serve on a monthly basis. Needed to serve as Greeters/Ushers - usually serve on a monthly basis. Men greeters are asked to also serve as ushers.

EVENTS

CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY

The Christmas Eve Party, with a live Santa Claus, is a fun night for all residents, their families and friends to enjoy. This party is sponsored by the Social Club and is held, of course, on Christmas Eve. Music and entertainment is provided, and all participants are asked to bring a plate of finger food, cookies, snacks, candy, etc. to share. Coffee, tea and paper products are provided. The highlight of the evening is the arrival of Santa Claus with his bag full of goodies for the youngsters in the crowd.

COMMUNITY HAPPY HOUR

This Event is to just enjoy your friends and have a good time. Participants have been known to break out into song. All residents are invited. Bring your own drinks and munchies. Held on alternating Wednesdays 4:00 - 6:00 P.M. Check the Calendar and bulletin board for dates each month.

COMMUNITY POT LUCK

These are normally held on the second Tuesday of each month (except Jul., Nov., & Dec.) year round. They are sponsored by the Social Club and are open to all park residents and their guests. All participants are asked to bring a covered dish to share with others. All participants are asked to bring their own dishes and silverware. Paper products, coffee and tea are provided. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board at the clubhouse following the previous months dinner. Everyone planning to participate is asked to sign-up and identify what dish they will bring. Hosts and/or hostesses are asked to serve for each of the dinners. It is their job to coordinate the dinner and solicit volunteers to help with the arrangements, serving, clean-up, etc. A donation of \$.50 per person is asked to cover necessary expenses.

DANCES

Dances, with live music, are held throughout the year and are sponsored by the Social Club. Ticket sales and table reservations are usually the preceding week. They are BYOB and refreshments. Door prizes, spot dances, 50/50, etc. are held throughout the evening. Typically on the schedule for the year are: November - Harvest Dance; December - Christmas Dance; New Year's Eve Dance; January - Snow Ball Dance; February - Sweetheart s Dance; March - St. Pat's Dance; April - Spring Fling.

GOING AWAY PARTY

This party is held to send off our winter residents for a happy summer. All Sunsetters are invited and party details and times vary.

HOLIDAY DINNERS

The Holiday dinners are usually held on the Tuesday and Wednesday of the second week in November and December. They are limited to park residents only (no outside guests). The main courses and entertainment are usually provided. All participants are asked to bring a covered dish to share with others at their table. All participants are asked to bring their own dishes and silverware. Coffee and tea are provided. Hosts and/or hostesses are asked to serve for each of the 10 tables for each night. It is their job to coordinate the covered dishes for their table, so that a good variety of food and dessert is available. Table decorations are furnished by volunteers from each table. Volunteers are solicited to help with the arrangements, serving, clean-up, etc. There are scheduled times for signing up per table. Everyone must sign-up ahead of time.

JULY 4th (Independence Day) PARTY

The July 4th party is usually held the first week of July (not necessarily on the 4th). It is limited to park residents only (no outside guests). The main courses, paper products, coffee and tea are provided. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board at the clubhouse in June. Everyone planning to participate is asked to sign-up. Volunteers are solicited to help with the arrangements, serving, clean-up, etc.

LABOR DAY PICNIC

Sponsored by the Social Club to recognize Labor Day. The Social Club provides the main menu and the attendees are asked to bring dishes to share. A sign-up sheet is put up on the Bulletin Board. It is held on Labor Day each year.

MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC

Sponsored by the Social Club to commemorate Memorial Day. The Social Club provides the main menu and the attendees are asked to bring dishes to share. A sign-up sheet is put up on the Bulletin Board. It is held on the holiday each year.

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY PARTY

This party is to honor those couples in the park that are celebrating their 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th, or 70th wedding anniversary in the current year. It held in March and is sponsored by the Social Club. Guests and friends are invited to share cake and coffee with celebrants.

SHOW, TELL & SELL

This event gives all residents a chance to display and sell all those arts and crafts items, etc. that they have been working on all year. It is usually held in November and is sponsored by the Social Club. Advertising is done so that others besides park residents can come, see and purchase items for sale. Refreshments and lunch items are made and sold by Social Club volunteers.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Other special events have been sponsored in the past by the Social Club, but are not necessarily annual events. The club usually has a special events chairperson for each year that will schedule and inform the residents of plans for these events. Events that have been held in the past include the following: Fashion Shows; Park Anniversary Party; Ice Cream Social, Scavenger Hunt, Bike/Golf Cart Parade, etc.

SUPER BOWL PARTY

This party is held on Super Bowl day to enjoy watching the game together. Attendees bring their own snacks and BYOB. The main dish is usually provided.

WELCOME BACK PARTY

This party is to welcome back to Sunset our winter residents. All Sunsetters are invited and party details and times vary.