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Amber Glades
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Florida from Detroit
with her husband
Jack in 1977.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Submitted by Gary Thrasher



As I mention every month, the Governing Documents Committee continue their work, and in early August completed a review of proposed changes to our Rules document. This included discussions with small groups of board members, and a preliminary review of questions assembled for our attorney. We are getting close to being able to send a document to the shareholders, and vote on that document at a board meeting. The Board offers their thanks to all the members of the Governing Documents committee who have been working for months to produce a final product that can be voted on and sent to the state. The By-Laws are up next, and the first review of the document has been completed.

The rules awareness campaign is also continuing to roll along with flyers being sent out every other week or so. Watch your email for these, and also for postings around the common areas. Recently approved are flyers dealing with items that cause issues in our sewer system. **Management has been talking for years about items being flushed down toilets, but a recent focus has been on what we put down our sinks, mainly grease, or food that turns into grease. Please help us to avoid costly repairs to our sewer infrastructure.**

The Canal gate should be on the BOD agenda soon and may have already been presented by the time you are reading this update. The delay has been about making changes to the design that will allow the gate to be operated by our existing fobs. We have a proposal now from our current vendor, Accurate Electronics, and a couple of options to choose from.

From the Infrastructure committee, I can report:

- Lift Station Revision: As of this submission, all materials have come in for the project, and our vendor is just waiting for the weather to cooperate. This is an important project for our hurricane preparedness strategy and should be complete long before you read this article.
- Main Sewer Line repair at 579 – 581 Gardenia and 305 Lilly. These maintenance projects were completed recently, and everything is back in operation. Both sections of main were compromised and plugged. Gardenia because of old, and unlined clay pipe and Lilly due to improperly installed sections of main line when a new lot was added to the community.

Respectively submitted,

Gary Thrasher

President, Board of Directors





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MANAGER'S CORNER

Submitted by Debra Agamaite, CMCA

Hope everyone is having a nice summer and staying as cool as possible. Although we are getting a lot of rain, Pinellas County is still under water restrictions. Please pay attention to your watering day.



STOP signs/stop bars... please STOP when you come up to them. They are not a suggestion or a slow and go. They mean STOP.

As you all are aware, dogs are not allowed at Sunset Palms. This means family, guests or anyone. ESA dogs are allowed for residents only with the appropriate paperwork.

It is getting to be budget and important meetings time of year. If you have made changes to your share – added the kids for estate purposes, put share into a trust, etc. – please make sure the correct paperwork is completed for voting issues. If you have any questions, please contact the office. We are happy to help.

Remember when you come back to check in and make sure we have any updated information that may have changed while you were gone.

We look forward to seeing all when you return in the fall. And hope you have had a good summer.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Agamaite, Manager



SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT SUNSET PALMS

Submitted by Maggie Stokes

Even though many of our residents have gone north, many activities continue throughout the summer. This is the perfect time to learn a new skill or start an exercise routine. Come down to the clubhouse and check it out.

Daily:

- 7:45 am Exercise in the clubhouse
- 9:00 am Exercise in the Pool



Weekly:

Monday

- 1:00 pm Hand and Foot cards in the library
- 6:00 pm Card Bingo in the library – **NEW activity**

Tuesday

- 9:30 am Fiber Arts (Sewing and Quilting) in the main hall
- 1:00 pm Cribbage in the library -- **learn a new game!**
- 4:30 pm Cornhole in the main hall

Wednesday

- 12:30 pm Art Class

Friday

- 6:00 pm Game Night in the library
- 6:00 pm Cornhole in the main hall



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TRAVEL CORNER

Submitted by Kim Paquette



As we look ahead to another exciting season of travel, the Sunset Palms Travel Committee is pleased to share a few wonderful opportunities currently available for our community. Whether you are looking for warm sunshine during the winter months, a shorter getaway close to home, or the trip of a lifetime, there is something to look forward to.

One of our featured upcoming journeys is our 15-day Panama Canal cruise in January. We chose this itinerary for several reasons, beginning with its truly unique ports of call. Unlike many traditional Caribbean cruises, this voyage offers the opportunity to experience fascinating destinations, diverse cultures, and scenery that many travelers may not otherwise have the chance to explore.

January can also be one of those months when Florida weather is not always at its warmest or most predictable. This cruise is a perfect opportunity to head farther south, follow the sunshine, and enjoy warmer temperatures while discovering one of the world's most remarkable engineering wonders - the Panama Canal. It is a wonderful combination of relaxation, adventure, and unforgettable sightseeing.

We also have a few remaining cabins available on our February 14 cruise departing from Tampa. Although this sailing is now completely sold out, we are grateful that a small number of cabins remain available through our group. If you have been thinking about joining us, this may be your last opportunity to do so.

For those who enjoy shorter outings, Paula Galant is working on plans for a possible bus trip to Disney Springs, as well as a Christmas-shopping day trip later in November. These local excursions are always a fun way to get together with friends and neighbours, enjoy a change of scenery, and leave the driving to someone else. More details will be shared as plans are confirmed. Looking farther ahead, we are especially excited to offer an extraordinary 26-day Scandinavian cruise with Oceania Cruises. This remarkable journey begins in Sweden and ends in Reykjavík, Iceland, with visits to spectacular Scandinavian and Northern European destinations along the way. We begin in Sweden, visit several ports in Norway and Denmark, Latvia, Estonia, Poland, Germany and Iceland.

This itinerary is particularly special because it will be sailing aboard an elegant Oceania ship carrying a maximum of only 650 passengers. The smaller size of the ship allows it to visit ports that the larger “jumbo” ships simply cannot access, offering a more intimate, enriching, and immersive travel experience.

While we do not expect a large group for this exceptional voyage, it is truly an itinerary worth exploring for anyone who has dreamed of Scandinavia, the Norwegian fjords,



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charming northern villages, or Iceland's incredible landscapes. It is the kind of journey that creates memories for a lifetime.

As always, information on all our upcoming trips and travel opportunities can be found on our Sunset Palms Travel Facebook page. We will also continue sharing updates through email and on the Sunset Palms 3401 Facebook page.

If you would like additional information about any of these opportunities, or if you have a destination in mind for a future group trip...please feel free to reach out at any time. We are always happy to talk travel!

Wishing everyone a wonderful September and many happy travel dreams ahead.

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MORNING EXERCISE CLASS

Submitted by Yvette Cardoso

I'm a volunteer for the morning exercise class at the Sunset Palms Clubhouse.

This Summer, we will continue having morning classes daily starting at 7:45am at our Clubhouse.

Please join us! Classes are free!

Wishing our friends from the north safe travels back home!

Thank you

Yvette Cardoso

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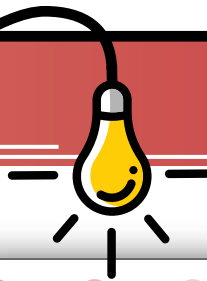
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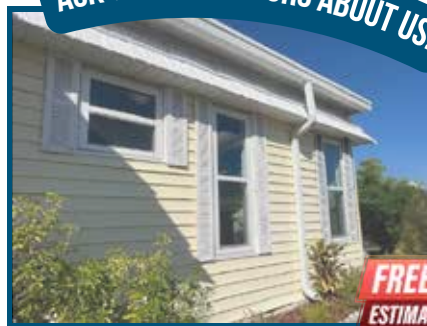
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FROM THE EDITOR

Submitted by Bet LeBrun



Newsletters are no longer being delivered by volunteers to your doorstep. The monthly edition is available for pick up in the office by the fifth of each month. The publication is also available on the website.

IMPORTANT!

I would like to remind everyone that this volunteer job is NOT a Monday-Friday, 9 to 5 job. I work all hours during the week as well as weekends and holidays whether I'm in Canada or the USA. I am committed to providing you with an informative newsletter that reflects the happenings in YOUR park, and I can usually accommodate your requests. I know everyone is busy with their lives but if you want your submission to appear in the Spotlight, then please respect the deadline of the 10th of the month prior to publication. The earlier I receive it, the better. Before I submit the newsletter to the publisher, the articles are reviewed for approval, so timing is crucial.

As a courtesy, I send out a monthly reminder a few days ahead specifying the deadline date for newsletter submissions and it appears on Facebook under Sunset Palms 3401.

Thank you for your attention.

You can email me with articles, pictures, resident interest stories, etc. or if you have an idea for a monthly newsletter article. Email: sunsetpalmseditor@gmail.com

If you notice incorrect Newsletter article content, please notify me at sunsetpalmseditor@gmail.com. Edit requests for the calendar can be made on our website at <https://sunsetpalms.org/events/>.

Our goal is to send you, our Sunset Palms residents, the most updated and correct information pertaining to activities and other articles of interest to our community; and remember, you can browse past Newsletters at <https://sunsetpalms.org/newsletters/>.

Many thanks to all who helped with and contributed to this month's newsletter.

You can access the monthly newsletter as well as the calendar at <https://sunsetpalms.org/>.

Bet LeBrun,

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ELECTRONIC NOTICES OF PARK BUSINESS

Submitted by Maggie Stokes



As a shareholder, you have the option to receive official notices via email, rather than by the Postal Service. Such notices include the Year-End Financial Statements, proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations of the Park and the Proposed Annual Budget.

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- It saves the association, thus you, money.



Please note that ALL shareholders must sign the form.

Only ONE email address may be used for the notices.

If you haven't already signed up for this option and would like to do so, please pick up the form from the office. The form may also be downloaded from the website (SunsetPalms.org). Click on the first option of the Residents tab (Resident Information) and download the form labeled "Electronic Notice Consent Form." Please fill out the form completely and return it to the office. The form may also be scanned and sent to SunsetPalms3401@gmail.com.

The email address used must be receiving emails from the SunsetPalms3401 email address, i.e. you have not unsubscribed from receiving emails.

Sunset Palms Spotlight is on the website!

Keep up to date on park events while you are away.

There is no need to login.

Just click the "Newsletter" tab on the Sunset Palms Website
(SunsetPalms.org)

The newsletter is available on the 1st of each month.

Check it out!

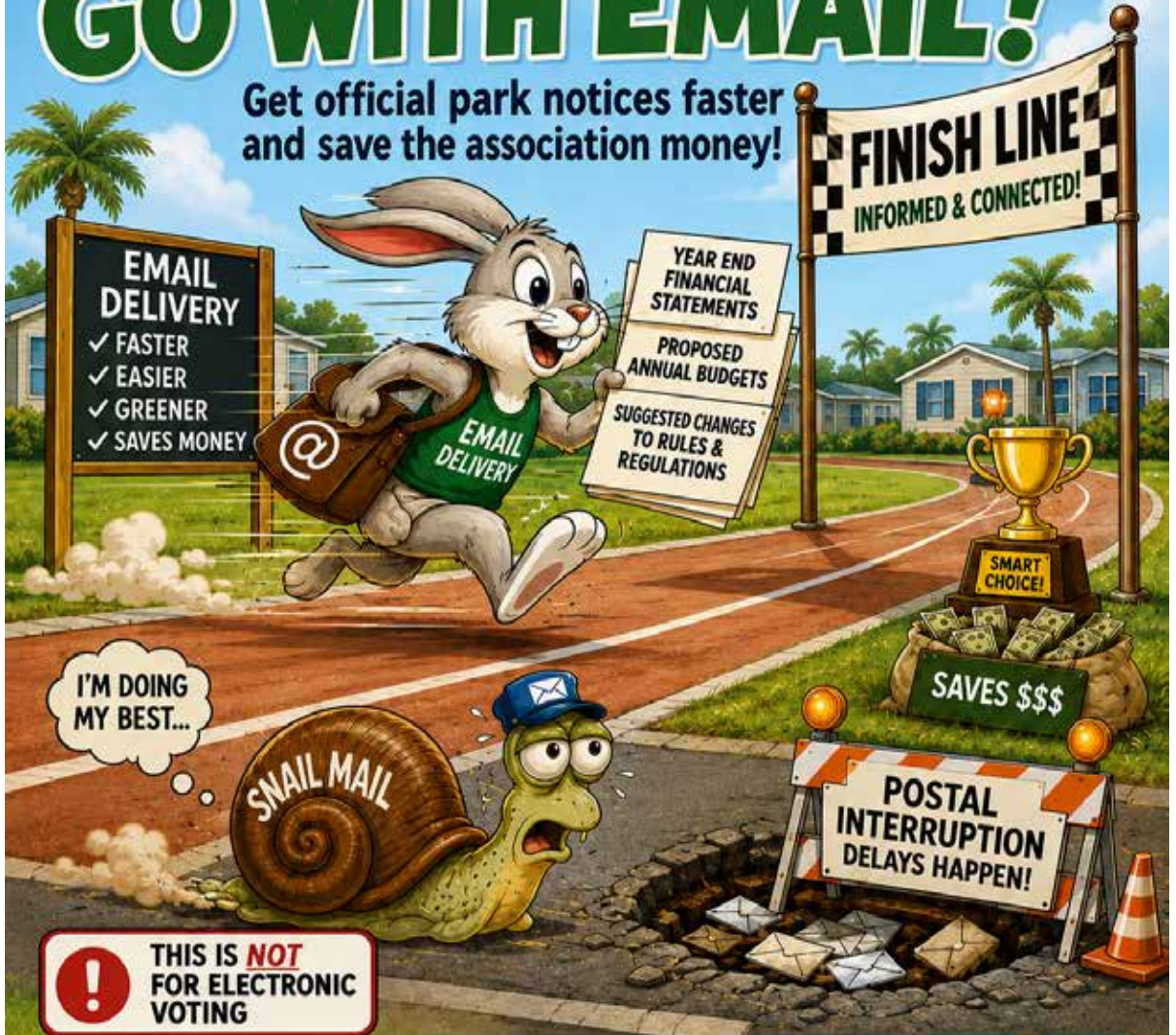


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SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Submitted by Tina Rodocker

This summer has been a hard one for our Park community. We are saddened by the loss of three neighbors, Derrick Andrews, Ida Babineau and Harold Cline. We send our deepest sympathy to their families and friends.

We are also keeping one of our residents Donald Barnes in our thoughts as he has recovered well from surgery.

To everyone else who has been feeling under the weather, we wish you a speedy recovery. Please reach out if the Sunshine Committee can help in any way.

My contact information is:

Email: tinarodocker@yahoo.com

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If you know of someone who is under the weather or has a loved one who has passed, please contact me.



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Thank you for your assistance!

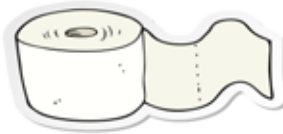
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FLUSH ONLY: Body waste and toilet paper. (The 3 P's = pee, poo, paper)

*It is highly recommended that only **ONE-PLY** toilet paper be used to prevent clogging the toilet.*

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5 Frances DeWolfe	12 Tony Barron	21 Bob Lohrman
5 Sim Hickman	13 Maria Bicolla	21 Rita Pelley
6 Jan Hawkins	13 Beth Hibbs	22 Thom Simoes
6 Ralph Payne	13 Wayne Steinberger	23 Debbie Andrews
7 Ada Bagatin	15 Tina Boske	25 Joseph McCarthy
7 Donna Johnson	15 Elizabeth Murphy	25 Lorraine Parham
7 Janet Pauley	16 Ted Fields	26 Agnes Hanrahan
7 Bonnie Thrasher	16 Betty Johnson	26 Reg McCarthy
8 Lois Bastien	16 Roger Kydd	30 Thomas Sinnott
8 Larry Smith	16 Mandee Mlcek	30 Edie Squires
8 Linda Tobin		

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SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1 Mai Le & Bill Cook	15 Danielle & Richard Rockett
3 Catherine & Dawson Bick	18 Chris & Bear Cormier
3 Darlene & Paul Stamp	21 Patricia & James Schwan
3 Nancy & Wayne Steinberger	22 Sharon & Dave Bell
4 Carolyn & James Shepherd	23 Betty & Art Johnson
8 Joan & Greg Jackson	23 Cyndie & Clyde Walker
10 Susie & Terry O'Neil	28 Sandi & Tim Slaunwhite
12 Maureen & Harold Harvey	29 Elizabeth & Byron Dawe
14 Vicki & Ron Korte	

Happy Anniversary

NOTE: If your birthday or anniversary doesn't show up, it may be because we don't have it. If you would like to have it shown in the Spotlight Newsletter in the "event" month, please let me know and I will add it to the master list. On the other hand, if you don't want your event to be published, I can remove it from the list - no questions asked.

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