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### Saturday, October 24 | 1pm

Pinellas Park Senior Center  
Main Hall  
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### Friday, October 30 | 10am

Mease Countryside Hospital  
Meeting Room 01  
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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Submitted by Gary Thrasher



The Governing Documents Committee continues their work, and in late August completed a review of proposed changes to our Rules document, and in early September a completed copy of the rules document was mailed to the shareholders. On September 16, a meeting of the board of directors was scheduled to vote on the new rules document. The By-Laws review will continue after the updated rules are approved and sent to the state.

The rules awareness campaign is on the agenda for the Governing Documents committee nearly every time we meet. There is a schedule of planned flyer releases, and the committee is always looking for ways to more actively spread the word. Some of the flyers are about rules the community is not always aware of and others are just common-sense ways that we can all be better neighbors.

The Canal gate was on the August BOD agenda, and the board approved additional funding to cover the cost of activation using our existing key fobs. We look forward to getting the activation completed and closing one more security issue we have in the park. There will be a transition process to using the gate that is intended to insure a smooth transition.

From the Infrastructure committee, I can report:

- Lift Station Revision. The front lift station work was finally completed a couple of weeks before this writing. Everything went smoothly and the project was completed in two days. We did have a lot of rain during parts of the project and that lead to realization that some of our manholes are not watertight. They are made of brick with mortar that has fallen out. These manholes are taking on a lot of ground water and putting extra strain on the lift station pumps. We have about 50 manholes in the park, and they are being inspected to see how many we may want to rebuild.
- We are also continuing to study our water line infrastructure to develop a plan to replace some of this 60 plus year old pipe. We have two systems, the potable water that we drink, and the non-potable used for irrigation. Both systems are being looked at. Over time, this will impact our reserve spending and budget.

Respectively submitted,

Gary Thrasher

President, Board of Directors





## MANAGER'S CORNER

*Submitted by Debra Agamaite, CMCA*



**I**t's still hotter than blazes here in Florida. When all start returning, would you bring us some cooler weather please.

We had Mosquito Control in the park to take a look around and advise if there was anything we needed to address. The biggest thing he found was pots and saucers. If you don't have plants in your pots, please at least turn them upside down so they won't hold water. This has been a bad season for mosquitoes (Dengue and West Nile in Hillsborough) and we want to keep them out of Sunset Palms as much as possible. Some plants (bromeliads especially) hold water, so 'rinse' out the tubes every few days. It doesn't take long for mosquitoes to hatch.

We've had a lot of rain and the ground is saturated. There are some areas of the park that may not get cut each week due to the rain, but the landscapers will get those areas the following week if the ground is a little drier. They don't want to leave any ruts from the mowers in those areas. If you have someone coming to do work at your home, please remind them of the speed limit in the park and that the STOP signs and STOP bars are there for a reason.

When you have to replace your ESA animal, please remember to notify the office so the appropriate paperwork can be done/replaced.

**Electronic Notices and Voting** - If you have made changes to your share – added the children for estate purposes, put share into a trust, etc. – please make sure the correct paperwork is completed for voting issues. Whoever is on your share certificate is **required** to sign any voting paperwork (Voting Certificate, Electronic Notices, Electronic Voting). If you have any questions, please contact the office. We are happy to help.

Any violation issues that you would like addressed or that you notice must be put in writing and turned into the office.

Hope to see all return in the fall.

Respectfully submitted,

*Debra Agamaite, Manager*

## SUNSET PALMS HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR

*Submitted by Drew Lawrence*



**O**n Thursday, November 19, 2026, the Sunset Palms Clubhouse will host a community health and wellness fair. The event is **free of charge** for all residents, guests, and families. The event will run from 11 am to 2:00 pm. A guest speaker will deliver a half-hour health-related presentation in the library at 11 a.m., noon, and 1 p.m. Over twenty-five health care agencies, organizations, and businesses will be represented. They will provide information about the services available to our senior community.

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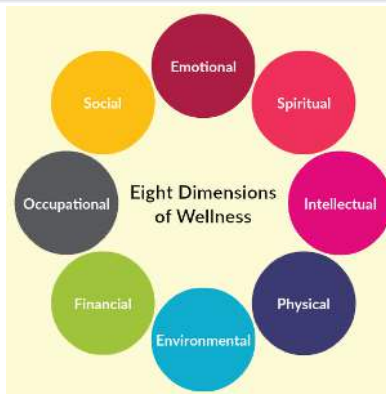
Other representatives will be:

1. **The Accessible Abode- Aging in Place, Diane McCarthy**
2. **Alzheimer's Association Gulf Coast Chapter-** The Alzheimer's Association leads the way to end Alzheimer's and other dementias by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection.
3. **ArchWell Health** – Senior Primary Care Health Provider
4. **Area Agency on Aging-Pasco Pinellas-** connecting older adults, adults with disabilities, and caregivers with the resources they need to live independently and with dignity.
5. **Axiom Brain Health, LLC** - Axiom Brain Health is a clinical research site that has been providing exceptional, concierge-level attention to residents in the Tampa area for 30+ years.
6. **BayCare Health- 10 am- 3:00 pm Health Screening-** Blood pressure, BMI, glucose monitoring, and cholesterol screening; FREE flu vaccine
7. **Dr. Ashley (Ash) Mitchell, Founder, Backstory Wellness** - mobile chiropractic practice providing convenience and dedication.
8. **City of Pinellas Park - Senior Center** – learn about the services and facility in our community.
9. **CVS Pharmacy-** Daniel Sikora- Pharmacy Manager-senior dose flu shots, COVID-19 Vaccination, RSV, Pneumonia.
10. **Dedicated Senior Medical Center- Medical services- Kaitlyn Dyson Garris-** the most influential Primary Care Provider, transforming care for seniors and strengthening communities.
11. **Empath Life/PACE Program** – PACE is the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly. This model of care is designed to help seniors live safely at home and in the communities they love while improving their overall health and quality of life.
12. **Florida Blue-** Medicare Open Enrollment- Mr. Earl Lee Jr.
13. **Florida Department of Health-** Mr. Colin Hilliard – Flu, Hep A, and Hep B immunizations
14. **Florida Department of Health-** Ms. Valarie Lee – Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening information
15. **Gulfcoast Jewish and Family Services-Kara Forsythe-Gulf Coast JFCS is a onsectarian, community-based, Florida nonprofit** that helps the most vulnerable individuals in our community, from babies to seniors, find safety, comfort, and a path toward a fulfilling life. To help as many people as comprehensively as possible through complex life challenges, Gulf Coast JFCS programs span a broad human service spectrum. The outcome – *lives uplifted!*
16. **Gulfside Healthcare Services-Hospice, Palliative Care, Home Health**
17. **Hallmark Homecare-Darby Rimes** – Independent Caregiver to provide personalized senior care.

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17. Humana – Medicare Open Enrollment  
**18. Klean Housekeeping- Jennifer Supulveda** – windows, house cleaning, and more  
19. Neighborly Senior Care Network- Meals on Wheels-Georgia Smith  
**20. Seniors in Service**-connects adults 55+ with meaningful volunteer opportunities throughout our community.  
21. Pinellas County Government - Speaker: Veterans Services  
**22. Pinellas County Government**–Amanda Sciarrotta Farell - Speaker: **Scams and Fraud Protection**  
23. Pinellas County Government - Speaker: Disability and Advocacy Program



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## CRAFTS CLUB

*Submitted by Sandy Tourtellotte*

**W**e are changing up the Thursday afternoon Arts and Crafts sessions! Many of us are interested in trying a new craft but don't know where to start. How about some instructions?

Twice a month, we will introduce a new craft. Some ideas are glass magnets, CD card holders, frosted candle holders, greeting cards and rock painting just to name a few.

You may still bring your own project and work on it with other crafters. I know we have very talented crafters in Sunset Palms, so please consider teaching a new craft to your neighbors.

This is an exciting opportunity for us to get together with like-minded people and enjoy good crafts and good people. The group will meet every Thursday afternoon at 1pm in the Clubhouse Library. Can't wait to see you all there!

For more information please contact:

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## BINGO – NEW SEASON!

*Submitted by Darlene Arsenault*



**W**e are looking for Bingo volunteers on Mondays - all positions are needed. Bingo is scheduled to start November 23<sup>rd</sup> and if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Darlene Arsenault, [darandal1987@gmail.com](mailto:darandal1987@gmail.com)

This is a fun night for everyone and who knows, you may even win some \$\$!

Bring a friend, a relative or a neighbor. See you on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Doors open at 4:30pm.

Snack, beverages & hot dogs will be available for sale.

***START YOUR DABBERS!!!!***

## VOLUNTEERS

*Submitted by Joan Murphy*



**H**ello everyone!

Time is moving quickly, and events at Sunset Palms will soon be picking up. We need volunteers to help make them happen.

Halloween is coming soon, and we are looking for someone to coordinate the event. I will not be in Florida at that time, so please contact me or Maggie Stokes if you are interested.

**IF NO ONE VOLUNTEERS, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HOLD THIS EVENT.**

Please let us know if you can help; everyone benefits when we all pitch in.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation. I look forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

Joan Murphy,  
Social Club President





## TRAVEL CORNER

*Submitted by Kim Paquette*



### **T**ravel Smarter in Retirement

Retirement brings a wonderful freedom: more time to see the places we have always dreamed about, visit family and friends, take a cruise, or simply enjoy a change of scenery. The best advice from experienced travelers is simple: **do not wait too long to enjoy the trips that matter most to you.**

Whether your idea of travel is a Caribbean cruise, a river journey through Europe, a road trip, or an overseas adventure, a little thoughtful planning can make the experience more comfortable, enjoyable, and memorable.

### **Put Your Dreams First**

Many retirees find it helpful to make a travel wish list and place the more active trips near the top. If hiking, cycling, extensive walking, or an ambitious sightseeing itinerary is important to you, it may be best to enjoy those adventures while you feel able and enthusiastic.

That does not mean travel has to slow down later in life. It simply may look different: perhaps a cruise, escorted tour, scenic rail journey, or a relaxing stay in one beautiful location rather than moving from city to city every few days.

### **Take Your Time**

One of the great joys of retirement travel is not having to rush home after a short vacation. Rather than trying to see everything at once, consider allowing extra time in each destination.

A slower pace means:

- More time to rest and settle in after a flight
- Less stress when unexpected delays occur
- More opportunities to discover local cafés, shops, and neighborhoods
- Fewer long days of packing, unpacking, and rushing from place to place
- Sometimes the nicest travel memories come from an unplanned afternoon, a beautiful view, or a leisurely dinner—not just checking attractions off a list.

### **Travel at Quieter Times**

Since your schedule allows, travelling outside school holidays and peak seasons can be a real advantage. You may find smaller crowds, more comfortable temperatures, and often better value. The same idea applies to sightseeing. Visiting popular museums, attractions, or historic sites early in the morning can make the experience far more pleasant. You may see more, walk at your own pace, and avoid the busiest part of the day.

### **Plan Comfort Into the Trip**

A well-located hotel, a convenient cabin, and sensible flight arrangements can make a big difference. It is often worth paying a little more for choices that reduce unnecessary walking, difficult transfers, or very early starts.

When planning, consider:

- Choosing accommodations close to the sights or transportation you want to use
- Allowing a day or two to adjust after a long flight or major time change
- Reviewing travel insurance and making sure it meets your personal needs



- Packing medications in your carry-on bag, along with a copy of prescriptions
- Leaving room in the schedule for rest, meals, and flexibility

### Enjoy the Local Experience

A few words in the local language—hello, please, thank you, and goodbye—can go a long way. It is a small gesture that often brings a warm smile and helps make connections wherever you go. Local hotel staff, guides, and trusted travel advisors can also be excellent sources of recommendations. Ask where they would eat, what neighborhoods they enjoy, or which experiences are worth your time. Some of the best meals and most memorable outings are found through local suggestions rather than a guidebook.

### Make Cruises Your Way

Cruising remains one of the easiest and most enjoyable ways to travel, especially when you want to unpack once while visiting several destinations. It offers a comfortable home base, dining choices, entertainment, and the option to be as active—or relaxed—as you wish.



For shore days, it is wise to look at all your options. Cruise-line excursions offer convenience and the reassurance of returning to the ship on time, while carefully selected independent tours may provide smaller groups or a more specialized experience. Whichever you choose, book with reputable providers and allow plenty of time to return to the ship.

### Be Prepared, Not Overpacked

Bring the essentials you know will make you comfortable but try not to overpack. A small day bag with medications, travel documents, a water bottle, hand sanitizer, a light sweater, and any personal comfort items can be especially useful on flights and touring days.

Most importantly, remember that travel does not need to be perfect to be worthwhile. Flights may be delayed, weather may change, and plans may occasionally need adjusting. A little patience, flexibility, and a sense of humour can turn an unexpected moment into part of the adventure.

### Make the Time

There will always be reasons to put off a trip: a busy season, a family commitment, uncertainty about the future, or simply waiting until everything feels just right. But the places we hope to see and the people we hope to travel with are worth making time for.

Start with one idea. Make a list, ask questions, attend a travel presentation, or speak with someone who can help turn a dream into a plan.

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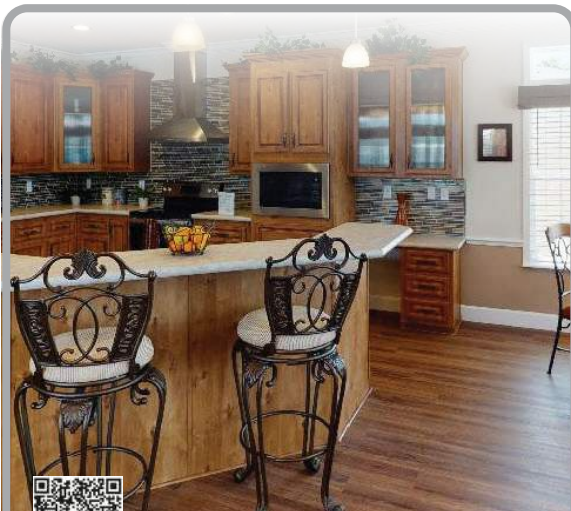
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| 6<br>Exercise Class<br>Pool Exercise<br>Real Estate (M)<br>Fiber Arts<br>Cribbage (L)<br>Cornhole  | 7<br>7:45 am Exercise Class<br>9:00 am Pool Exercise<br>12:30 pm Art Class                                         | 8<br>7:45 am Exercise Class<br>9:00 am Pool Exercise<br>1:00 Crafts Club  | 9<br>7:45 am Exercise Class<br>9:00 am Pool Exercise<br>9:00 am Ext Alterations (L)<br>10:00 Governing Docs (M)<br>6:00 pm Cornhole<br>6:00 pm Game Night (L)  | 10              |
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The newsletter is available on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.

Check it out!

## LET'S WELCOME OUR NEW TRAVEL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Submitted by Kim Paquette*

**T**he Sunset Palms Travel Committee is delighted to welcome two wonderful new additions to our team: **Maribeth Darrow** of Canal Dr, and **Paula Gallant** of Azalea Dr.

**Maribeth Darrow** brings a true love of travel, good food, great value, and plenty of fun to the committee. She will be helping explore all-inclusive beach vacation opportunities, especially appealing during the cooler January months. With her enthusiasm for finding the best "bang for your buck," enjoying delicious dining experiences, and sampling a variety of beverages, Maribeth and hubby Scott are sure to help plan memorable getaways. They are well travelled, enjoy new adventures, and will add fun to any event.



**Paula Gallant** has been a Sunset Palms owner for the past few years and, now that she has retired, will be spending more time in the community. Paula will be introducing a selection of shorter bus trips for residents to enjoy. She is also a Disney specialist and can assist with everything from park tickets to longer family Disney vacation packages. Having visited Disney many times herself, Paula is a wonderful resource for your family members or anyone considering a Disney getaway.

In addition to her Disney expertise, Paula is a travel agent who will assist the Travel Committee with a variety of future plans and will help escort some of our larger group departures.

We are very excited to have Maribeth and Paula join the Sunset Palms Travel Committee. Their experience, energy, and enthusiasm will help bring even more exciting travel opportunities to our community.

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## What's Coming Up

The Sunset Palms Travel Committee continues to diversify its travel offerings, with something for a wide range of interests, schedules, and budgets. Recent and upcoming trips range from a short two-day bus getaway to an unforgettable 24-day Scandinavian Escape, with many options in between.

We know that travel preferences and travel budgets are different for everyone. Some residents have told us they would rather take one special, more extensive trip every few years than travel on a trip annually. For that reason, our travel opportunities include a mix of experiences: from affordable local and short bus trips to more exclusive, longer-distance journeys and once-in-a-lifetime adventures. Whether you are looking for a simple getaway close to home or wish to plan for a larger dream vacation, we hope there will be something to suit your interests and budget. We are genuinely trying to accommodate everyone's travel wishes. If there is a destination, type of trip, or travel experience you would like us to consider, please email us at [info@sunsetpalmstravel.com](mailto:info@sunsetpalmstravel.com).

**Please be sure to like and follow our Facebook page so you receive the latest flyers and trip information.**

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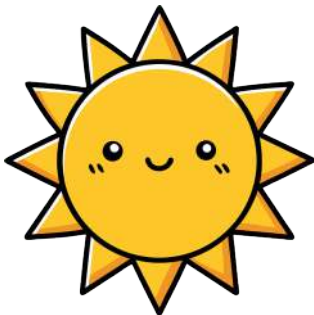
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## ON GOLDEN POND

*Submitted by Paul Causey*

**T**his photo was taken at the pond on August 24, 2026. Hope you enjoy it!





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*Submitted by Tina Rodocker*

**T**o 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:

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Thank you for your assistance!

Sunset Palms Management

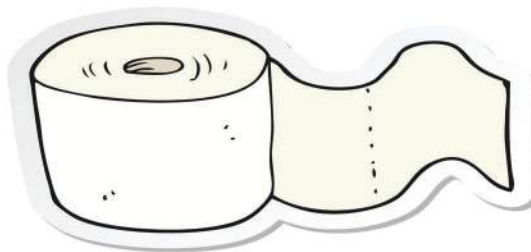
**FLUSH ONLY:** Body waste and toilet paper. (The 3 P's = pee, poo, paper)

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

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| 1 Al Hunt            | 12 Madonna Sharpe | 22 Phyllis Drozdak  |
| 2 Peter Ewing        | 13 Heidi Hamilton | 22 Tim Stanley      |
| 2 Vernon Radway      | 13 Doreen Hillier | 23 Irene Herrick    |
| 3 Michael Baker      | 13 Becky Lohrman  | 24 Donna Skalos     |
| 3 Marilyn Bench      | 14 Joe Ancona     | 25 John Church      |
| 3 Al Perasso         | 14 Bob Francois   | 26 Ron Korte        |
| 4 Terrance Hornyak   | 14 Dan Paquette   | 26 Dennis Korte     |
| 4 Samuel Martinez    | 14 Carol Perasso  | 27 Dottie Marvel    |
| 5 Gail Beikirch      | 15 Alan Blyski    | 28 Regina Brown     |
| 5 Bridget Kubes      | 15 Kim Leslie     | 28 Gary Christensen |
| 5 Dave Mikolajczyk   | 15 Vincent Mezera | 29 Warren Parham    |
| 6 Dominic Calandra   | 17 Sheryl Stewart | 29 Clyde Walker     |
| 8 Sharon Hillier     | 18 Aubrey Hillier | 30 Joan Jackson     |
| 9 Dawson Bick        | 18 Paul Lisun     | 31 Chuck Hamm       |
| 10 Sue Anthony       | 21 Joe Beikirch   | 31 Dawn Johnson     |
| 11 Roger Cirrencione | 21 Chris Cormier  | 31 Ava Noonan       |



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYONE**

**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.

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

*Happy Anniversary*

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| 2 Ruth & Les Brookings        | 11 Julia & David Eveleigh    |
| 3 Marcia & Bud Plescher       | 16 Elizabeth & Robert Murphy |
| 4 Kathleen & Terrace Hornyak  | 16 Laura & Rex Philpott      |
| 5 Brent & Becky Buxton        | 20 Kim & Ron Leslie          |
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| EVENTS & PROGRAMS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Park wide Carport Sale Friday and Saturday October 2 & 3, 2026 from 8am - 1 pm. Vendors Outdoors and Clubhouse both days. Bake Sale and Hot Dog Special will be available. LaPlaza MHP 6700 150th Ave N. Clearwater, FL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Community Bazar Dec. 5th at Palm Hill Country Club 401 8th Ave Largo 9am-1pm. Christmas Decorations, Household Items, Bake Sale                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Crafters Wanted! Regency Heights 3rd Annual Craft Fair on November 14 from 10am-3pm. 8 foot table \$20. Email regencyheightscraftfair@gmail.com or text Naomi at 518-248-3735                                    |
| Community Flea Market. Paradise Island, 1001 Starkey Rd. Largo. Saturday, October 3rd 9-2. Early bird entry 8am for \$1.00. Bake sale, Hot Dogs, Golf Cart Taxi Service. Follow signs to the clubhouse                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | New Oldsmar Flea Market Vendor: Booth I26. Selling Jewelry, Chain by the Inch, and Crystal. Saturday-Sunday 8-3.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Vendors Wanted. Pointe West MHP Holiday Market in Largo. Sat. 12/5/26. \$20/table or \$30/2 tables. Contact Susan Barnard 317-402-7904                                                                           |
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