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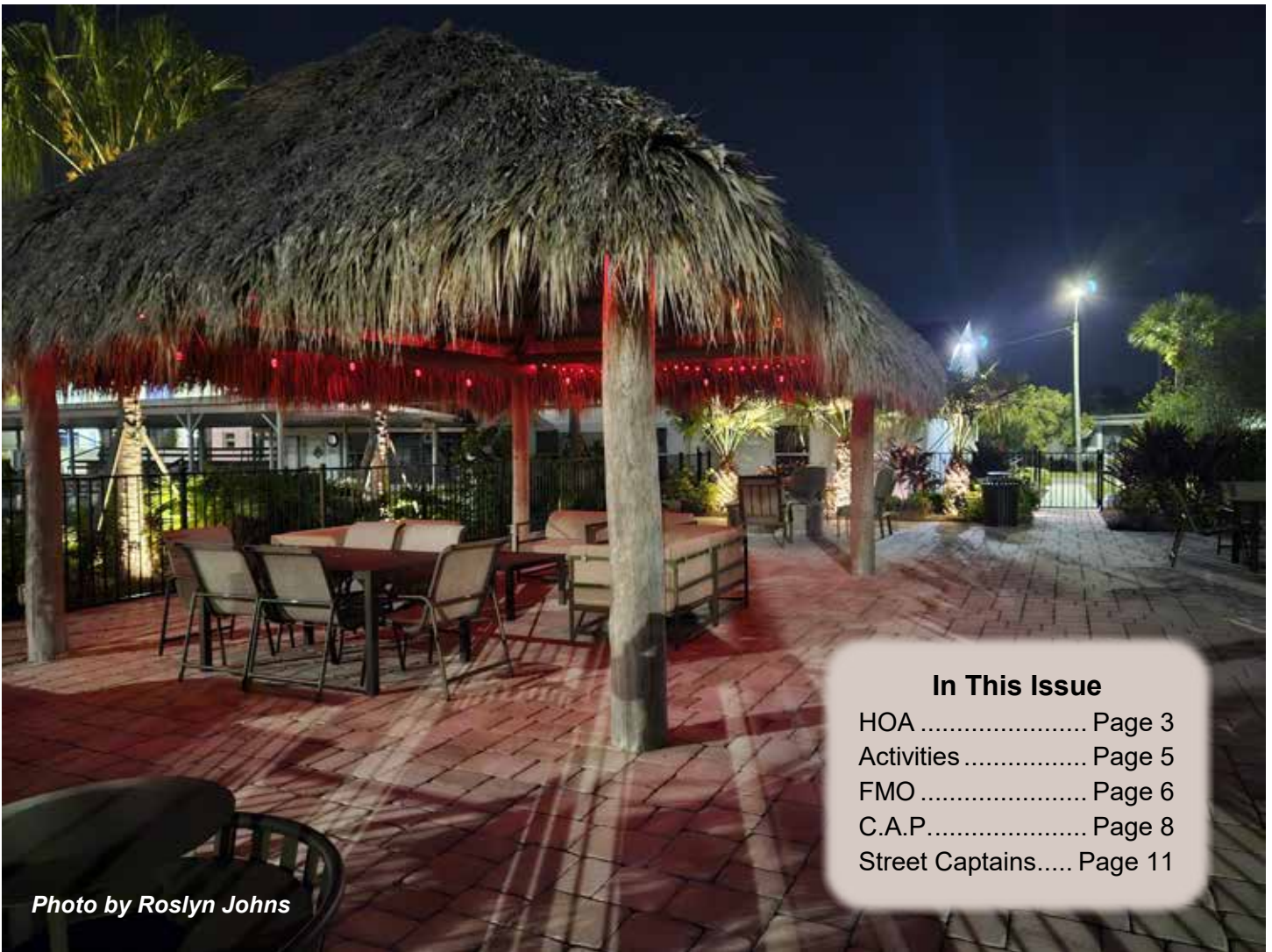


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Reminder!

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- Director Ed Falkner



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To promote, provide & encourage healthy, beneficial, & enjoyable living conditions for the benefit of all residents.

- Social Activities:** Promote social activities, Bingo, dinners, games, educational events, entertainment events and good fellowship for all residents.
- Support Groups:** Cooperate and support the Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida, Inc. (FMO) and Lakeland Interpark Council (LIC) for the benefit of all residents.
- Park Facilities:** Promote and encourage the proper care of all facilities in the Park by all residents.
- Rules and Regulations:** Establish reasonable rules and/or regulations for all activities in the best interest of all residents, and such rules are not to conflict with those of the Park management.
- Problem Resolution:** Promote cooperation between residents and Park management where differences arise and seek agreed resolution; represent residents to seek proper resolution.

HOA NEWS

Our HOA President, Dave Woodford, overworked and underpaid.



Happy Mother's Day



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TWIN PALMS COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CLUB

Happy May Day to everyone. While growing up in Michigan, I always looked forward to May 1st, making May baskets and then leaving them full of goodies on the doorsteps of my friends. The fun part was watching them try to figure out who left it. It was a great tradition while it lasted. Hope some of you might've enjoyed this as well.

While May starts off with May Day, it ends with Memorial Day and the official kickoff of summer. As summer approaches, you have probably noticed a few less people in the park as the snowbirds started heading back to the North last month. Most of us will be gone by the end of May.

While about 35% of the park residents are snowbirds, the largest percentage of people in our community make Twin Palms their full-time home. Mark and I want you to know that all activities will continue, but a few have slight modifications for summer. This schedule lasts from May through October. Always remember to check the calendar in the clubhouse for changes.

Activities impacted:

- Potlucks are now on the third Saturday at 5:00 pm
- Regular Bingo is twice per month on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, and starts at 6:30 pm
- Community Breakfast is still on the 3rd Saturday, but is headed by the co-chair, Ed Olmstead. Be sure to contact Ed to see if he needs volunteers.

Contact myself or Mark for more information about:

- Shuffle: Courts are open to play, but we need a coordinator to have scheduled weekly games.
- Pickleball: Courts are open for play, but more players are needed to hold scheduled weekly games.

Upcoming Events:

May 18th Community Breakfast 8 am-9:30 am

May 18th Community Potluck: 5 pm – bring a passing dish and your table service

May 18th Movie Night: 7 pm – bring your own snacks

May 20th MHM BBQ – 5:00 pm. Be sure to sign up for this.

I have heard of other happenings being organized and will publish those in our next newsletter. In the meantime, be sure to check the calendar in the community center for additions or changes and let us know if you would like to start an activity or volunteer to help.

In closing, here is a quote for May that I try and remember for myself.

“The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention”




Oscar Wilde

Debbie Teller 517-262-3166

Mark Friedrich 585-794-1225

MONTHLY CLUB HIGHLIGHT

Men's Club Monthly Community Breakfast

Do you know, the Community    Breakfast is open to everyone and is put on by the Men's Club. It is a big event that happens on the third Saturday of each month. Our Men's Club chair, Mike Poyer, organizes this event in the winter months and the Men's Club cochair, Ed Olmstead, heads it up for us during the summer season.

You do not have to bring anything to this monthly event except your appetite! Breakfast along with coffee and juice is provided between 8 am – 9:30 am.

This event can only take place with the help of volunteers. Not sure how you can help? Please contact Ed Olmstead or Mike Poyer to find out what you can do.

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TWIN PALMS COMMUNITY WEEKLY, MONTHLY AND ANNUAL ACTIVITIES:

Weekly: Arts/Crafts, Bible Study (bi-monthly), Bingo, Cards (Pepper, Euchre, Poker), Community Coffee Hour, Darts, Game Night, Library, Pickleball

Monthly: Barnyard Bingo, Book Club, Community Breakfast, Ice Cream Social, Movie Night, Potluck Dinner, Veteran's Group Meeting

Annual: Activities change year-to-year, but include a bazaar, special dances, social events, an art festival, and entertainment.

Do you have ideas for new activities or events? Do you have a talent for dancing, cooking, writing, crafting, etc. that you would like to share? We would love to hear about it! Contact one of the Community Activity Chairs: Debbie Teller or Mark Friedrich.

SHHHH! VADA'S 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Save the Date for Vada's 100th Birthday Open House that will be held on Wednesday, May 15th from 1-4 pm in the Clubhouse.

Everyone in the park is invited to stop by and wish our Miss Vada a very "Happy Birthday" on her special day.

Please no gifts, just your presence and your best wishes are all that is needed. Cake, ice cream and beverages will be served.



MANAGER'S CORNER

PETS

Your pet, whether cat, dog or other are not allowed to roam freely throughout the community.

Please know that your pet is to be on a leash in your hand if it is outside of your home. No exceptions.

Let's all be mindful when walking our pets and not let them use other residents' lots, mailboxes, planters, etc., for their potty needs.

The lot you lease is the potty destination for your pet. Dog, Cat or any other pet's feces is to be picked up immediately.

Please be considerate.

HOMES

This is the perfect time to spruce up your mobile and lawn.

There are still many homes that need to be washed and/or painted and lawns that need to be mown, weed-eaten, edged and treated for weeds. Planter beds and home skirting is to be free of weeds.

Let's work toward keeping our home and lawn the best it can be.

Smile and be blessed,

Linda Maxwell

Community Manager

FMO REPORT MAY 2024

FMO Membership: The application form can be found at FMO.org or in the Clubhouse foyer under the glass case. Cost is one year for \$30 or three years for \$75.

As there are no legislative updates at this time, I am going to pass on some Fire Prevention tidbits for everyone's home from a recent seminar I attended. After viewing photos of a fire that totally destroyed a mobile home in less than 10 minutes, I feel it is even more important that we, as mobile home owners, are aware.

The Six Leading Causes of House Fires: Cooking, Heating Equipment, Electrical, Candles, Smoking and Christmas trees, in that order.

1. COOKING

- Keep lids nearby to smother fires.
- Keep oven doors closed.
- Keep combustibles at least 30 inches away from heat sources.
- Put handles to the side or to the back to avoid being upended.
- Use timers in the kitchen to avoid forgetting about something cooking.
- Pets on counters may cause a fire.
- Clean up after use.
- **DO NOT** throw water on a grease fire as it causes it to projectile out of the pan/pot and spread fire elsewhere very quickly.

2. HEATING EQUIPMENT

- **TURN OFF** before bed and if leaving home.
- Make sure heaters have a tilt switch which will turn it off if it tips over.
- Keep combustibles three feet away from heaters.

3. ELECTRICAL

- **DO NOT** use small gauge extension cords. Always check acceptable amperage of the cord for the item.
- Avoid extension cords and use power bars instead.
- Turn off appliances when not in use.
- Remove all plugins when empty as they continue to heat up!
- Only use UL listed electric fireplaces as they are safe.
- Self-cleaning ovens get **very hot**; let the cycle finish and the oven cool off.

4. CANDLES

- **NEVER** leave unattended.
- Trim wicks to 1/4 inch.
- Keep 12 inches away from combustibles.
- Keep away from curtains, blankets, children, pets, etc.
- Avoid burning down low.
- Make sure it is secure and the base is strong enough to hold it sturdy.
- Do not remove hot clothes from a clothes dryer and leave them piled up as they are very combustible. Let

the dryer cool down and separate clothes.

5. SMOKING

- **NEVER** smoke while using oxygen.
- Smoke outside.
- Never smoke in bed, while tired or drowsy from medicine.
- Use noncombustible ashtrays and put butts out in sand or water.

6. CHRISTMAS TREES

- Live trees must be kept well-watered.
- Sap is super flammable.
- Keep away from heat/ignition sources, doorways and exits.
- Do not use old lights as the bulbs get too hot.
- Make sure artificial trees are fire resistant.

Smoke Alarms:

- Should be placed in every room including bedrooms, hallways and attics.
- In the kitchen it should be 10 feet from the cooking areas and a minimum of 5 inches and maximum of 12 inches from the ceiling.
- Test once a month; change batteries once a year.
- Smoke is the killer as it has CO₂ in it and incapacitates people.

Also:

- Acid-lead and lithium batteries can explode as they draw a lot of power. These fires are hard to extinguish and often cannot be put out.
- Hand sanitizers contain a lot of alcohol which is very flammable. Be sure to keep away from any heat source. Alcohol burns clear so the flames are not visible and therefore a fire would not be detected easily.
- The fire department recommends the use of a fire extinguisher as opposed to a fire blanket. It coats the source and stops the fire. If a blanket is thrown on a grease fire, for example, there is a good chance that it would spread.

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- In Lakeland, the fire department gets 27,000 calls per day. There are more calls on the North side as it is more densely populated.

Enjoy your summer everyone. If I have any news, I will keep you posted. See you all back here in December.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My info is in our Blue Book.

Respectfully,
Barb Taylor
Chair FMO
Twin Palms Park

C.A.P.

Citizens Assisted Patrol (C.A.P.) works with the Polk County Sheriff Department to patrol our park to help keep us all safe and protected. We are always looking for additional volunteers and are very flexible. C.A.P. members do not police the park, however, they are an extra set of eyes. Training and all supplies are provided. Please see any C.A.P. member for additional information.

As a reminder, we all can help keep our park safe. If you see something that looks suspicious, please say something. Please remember never to approach anyone, as your personal safety is much more important than property. If possible, pictures can help.

New this summer, C.A.P. will be offering home checks for those away for an extended time. If you would like your home to be included in more detailed drive-by monitoring, please get in touch with Joe Lamanna to have your address included.

Thank you and STAY SAFE
Tracey Howard
C.A.P.

BOOK CLUB

The Nook of the Palms Book Club was founded by Linda Halifax in June of 2022. Linda was a non-reader and thought a book club would be a fun way to meet new friends. And we, the readers, are really glad that she decided to start our book club. So...Thank you, Linda,

who is now a Happy Reader! It has been fun meeting neighbors, plus getting us to read books outside of our comfort zone!

In the almost two years that we have been meeting we have read a lot of great books, and maybe a couple iffy ones...but time does fly, and reading is a great way to make it so! We currently have 12 members. Attendance can range from three to six people, depending on who is where, and what is happening around the Park.

We meet at the Tiki Hut, weather permitting, on the first Friday of the month at 2 pm. Not permitting? The Clubhouse library, and on occasion a member's home.

We are very low-key and social, but we do not gossip or discuss politics or religion. We likely all have some thoughts, but please, not at the BC meeting. Bad language is at a minimum (that's mostly for me). We discuss our books, but we are also a very chatty group.

In April we are reading *The Other Einstein*, a historical fiction book about Einstein's first wife, Mitza. Albert and Mitza met at college in Zurich forming a partnership of mind and heart. But just how much influence did Mitza have on his brilliant discoveries? I think we are all looking forward to this one!



Note: Historical Fiction is just that...a novel based on a true story or event, or in this case, a life. Details and actions can be a mix of actual events or from the author's imagination. A combination of real people and pure fiction.

Our secondary book is the fifth in the Miss Fortune Mystery Series, *Gator Bait*, a cozy mystery set in the Louisiana Bayou. Cozy because it has murder, mayhem, and lots of laughs with Ida Belle and Gertie. An entertaining series all along. Our secondary book is always optional.

If you are interested in coming to a meeting, talk with Linda Halifax, Brenda Ross, or any member. As they say, the more the merrier, until it isn't. Come and check us out!

Margaret Brown
Nook of the Palms



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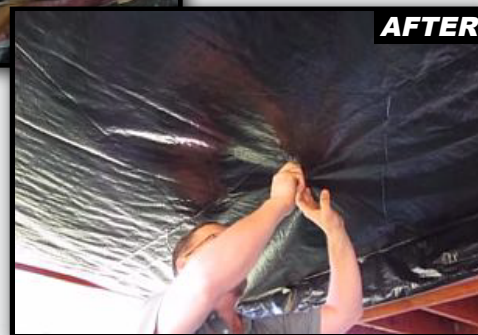
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SUNSHINE REPORT

March–April 17

David Kushnir passed away
 Joe Conconte passed away
 Margaret Brown – hospital
 George Bakko – hospital



God Bless Everyone,
 Janet Sawyer

FERAL CATS

I tried to find someone to come and speak about the feral cat problem in our community but wasn't able to find anyone. I did speak with animal control at the Polk County Sheriff's Office and was told that if you trap a cat they will come and pick it up if you call them.

The other problem is that people are feeding them. Please pass the word to your neighbors TO STOP FEEDING THE FERAL CATS. Maybe you can have a meeting with the offenders and get them to take RESPONSIBILITY for the cleanup; good luck with that!

Rosemary Hatch

MEN'S CLUB

Men's Club meeting: Thursday, May 16 @ 9 am
 Community Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, May 18,
 8 am – 9:30 am.

Mike Poyer–Men's Club Chair
 Ed Olmsted–Men's Club Co-Chair

PICKLEBALL COURTS

Pickleball is now scheduled each week (weather permitting) on Tuesdays and Fridays at 8:00 am. Everyone welcome!

MOVIE NIGHT!

Every third Saturday in the Clubhouse!
 Next movie night is May 18th at 7 pm.



CARD NIGHTS

Pepper on Tuesdays and Thursdays
 Euchre on Wednesdays
 6:30 pm



POKER NIGHT!

Fridays at 6:30 pm
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BINGO!

Cards for sale 5:45-6:15 pm
 Bingo starts at 6:30 pm
 Tuesday May 13 and May 27

MEN'S DARTS

Join in on the weekly Men's Darts fun Thursday nights at 6:30 pm. Everyone welcome!

VETERAN'S MEETING

The Veteran's group meets the first Monday of each month at 1 pm in the clubhouse.



GAME NIGHT

Every Sunday at 6:30 pm



GROW YOUR GARDEN – FLORIDA STYLE

May 10 is National Public Gardens Day. What a great time to view someone else’s hard work while getting new ideas for your own garden!

There are some great places in Lakeland to view gardens. A longtime favorite is Hollis Gardens. They are near downtown Lakeland on 702 E. Orange St., and they overlook Lake Mirror. This garden is small but is loaded with a wonderful variety of plants. There is also a walking path all the way around Lake Mirror. If you’re hungry, the Garden Bistro is right next door where you can get a lovely lunch.

Our new gem is Bonnet Springs Park, and it’s just down the road! Head down 92 toward downtown Lakeland and take a left at the light right before the bridge. Bonnet Springs is quite large at 168 acres! They have gardens, a butterfly house, children’s museum, café, walking paths, playgrounds, an event center, a nature center and really, just too much to mention. If you love to walk (dogs are welcome outdoors), run or ride a bike, this is the place. If walking is a challenge, there are many places to sit and enjoy the scenery, or you can catch a tram that will take you around the park from 10 am to 5 pm.

Brenda Ross
Newsletter Editor

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The **JUNE** Newsletter Submission Deadline is **no later than Friday, May 17th**

- *Email: send all newsletter submissions to TwinPalmsNewsletter@icloud.com.*
- *Articles: You may copy and paste your text into the email or send it to me in a Microsoft Word document as an attachment.*
- *Photos: send original, high-resolution photos of the best quality. Make sure to include details such as names of the people in the photo, the event name, the club’s name, etc.*
- *Contact: Brenda Ross if you need help with the techie stuff!*

Thank you so much!



TWIN PALMS STREET CAPTAINS 2024

Street	Captain Name	Phone	Co-Captain Name	Phone
Boyd St.....	Gloria Haney.....	616-446-0955	Diane Richer.....	289-512-9437
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Jay Ave.....	Marvin Manninen	906-281-2484	Rosemary Hatch.....	518-466-8667
Jeff St.	Mark Friedrich.....	585-794-1225	Steven Lung	330-949-1830
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			Bob Blondell	574-850-3634
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Stephens St.....	Debbie Arnold	813-720-5468		
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May Crossword

ACROSS

- 1. Letters and postcards
- 5. Elbowroom
- 10. Toot
- 14. Coastal raptor
- 15. Lone Star state
- 16. Spindle
- 17. Affection
- 19. Bridge
- 20. East northeast
- 21. Dispatches
- 22. Colossal
- 23. Think likely
- 25. Occurrence
- 27. A rotating disk
- 28. Earaches
- 31. Noble realm
- 34. Cigarette remains
- 35. Avenue (abbrev.)
- 36. Black-and-white cookie
- 37. Distributes
- 38. Put away
- 39. Petroleum
- 40. Roof overhangs
- 41. Scenes
- 42. Avoid responsibilities
- 44. Bowling target
- 45. Not over
- 46. LA baseball team
- 50. Chimes
- 52. Eagle's home
- 54. Grassland
- 55. Largest continent
- 56. Soil and plant sciences
- 58. Against
- 59. Had in mind
- 60. Decorative case
- 61. Sow
- 62. Donkeys
- 63. Anagram of "Rent"



DOWN

- 1. Doled
- 2. Sporting venue
- 3. Not outer
- 4. Light Emitting Diode
- 5. Brook
- 6. One cent coin
- 7. Cut down
- 8. Magnetic tape containers
- 9. S
- 10. Establishing
- 11. Elaborate
- 12. Distinctive flair
- 13. Confined
- 18. English exam finale, often
- 22. Colloids
- 24. Bounce back
- 26. Tanks
- 28. Not inner
- 29. Affirm
- 30. Stitches
- 31. Ruination
- 32. Murras
- 33. Lumpy deposits of body fat
- 34. Drinks
- 37. A magician
- 38. Croon
- 40. Terminates
- 41. Not audio
- 43. Decorated
- 44. Sharp ends
- 46. Pilotless plane
- 47. Gentry
- 48. Happen again
- 49. Antelope of India
- 50. Bleats
- 51. Anagram of "Seen"
- 53. Ages
- 56. American Medical Association
- 57. Encountered



Twin Palms Events & Activities



May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Changes in the schedule will be posted on the calendar in the Clubhouse.						
5 1 pm: Ice Cream Social 6:30 pm: Game Night ①	6 1 pm: Veteran's Meeting	7 8 am: Pickleball ② 10 am: Arts & Crafts 6:30 pm: Cards–Pepper	8 8:30 am: Coffee & Donuts 6:30 pm: Cards–Euchre May Day	9 6:30 pm: Cards–Pepper 6:30 pm: Men's Darts ①	10 8 am: Pickleball ② 6:30 pm: Poker	11 National Train Day
Cinco de Mayo	12 6:30 pm: Game Night ①	13 5:45-6:15: BINGO sales 6:30 pm: BINGO starts	14 8 am: Pickleball ② 10 am: Arts & Crafts 6:30 pm: Cards–Pepper 6:30 pm: Bible Study ①	15 8:30 am: Coffee & Donuts 6 pm: Barnyard Bingo (doors open at 5:30 pm)	16 9 am: Men's Club Mtg. 6:30 pm: Cards–Pepper 6:30 pm: Men's Darts ①	17 8 am: Pickleball ② 6:30 pm: Poker
Mother's Day	19 6:30 pm: Game Night ①	20 5 pm: MHM BBQ	21 8 am: Pickleball ② 10 am: Arts & Crafts 6:30 pm: Cards–Pepper	22 8:30 am: Coffee & Donuts 6:30 pm: Cards–Euchre	23 6:30 pm: Cards–Pepper 6:30 pm: Men's Darts ①	24 8 am: Pickleball ② 6:30 pm: Poker
26 1 pm: CAP Meeting 6:30 pm: Game Night ①	27 Memorial Day	28 8 am: Pickleball ② 10 am: Arts & Crafts 6:30 pm: Cards–Pepper 6:30 pm: Bible Study ①	29 8:30 am: Coffee & Donuts 6:30 pm: Cards–Euchre	30 6:30 pm: Cards–Pepper 6:30 pm: Men's Darts ①	31 8 am: Pickleball ② 6:30 pm: Poker	Star Wars Day: May the 4th be with you.
<p>Location Key:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① Library ② Pickleball Court ③ Shuffleboard Court ④ Tiki Hut ⑤ Off-Site 						



**Coffee & Donuts each
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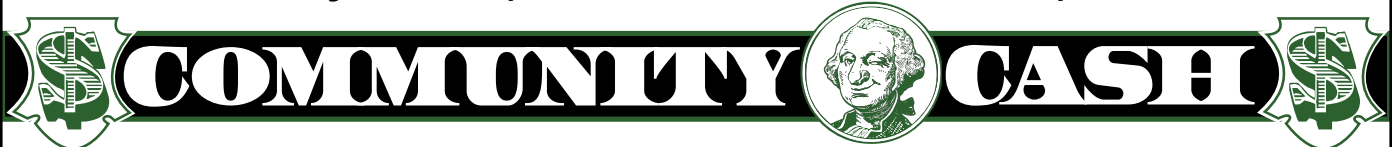
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