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The Buzz around town...

Hello Neighbors.



Here are a few updates for you....

New street signs have been or will be put up shortly. A request for some of the poles to be raised up has been given to ELS. The office said they would look into it for me.

By now, you have all heard that Kim Payne has decided to step down from being the social director. Kim and her wife, Theresa O'Meara have done a fabulous job in planning events for this community and also helping the Oaks with many of their events. Not only did they plan our events, they were leaders in helping with the cleaning and reorganization of the kitchen after it's remodel and also the HOA sheds. They have spent many hours working for our residents to keep activities going. I'm sure that anyone who attended one of Kim's activities would tell you they had the best time and the food was the greatest. And...as far as the food went... Kim did most of the cooking and it was always delicious. Thank you Ladies and thanks to all the people who continually helped you put a lot of smiles on the faces of our residents.

So with that bit of information, there is no plan right now to replace Kim as the social director. With the HOA Board of Directors election coming very soon, we will put the appointment of a new social director on hold until the election is over. Kim's last big event will be February 28th. It will be a BBQ dinner with music after. Tickets have been sold out for this event already. We will still be having the spring craft and bake sale on March 8th in our clubhouse. As a reminder, the Oaks still has activities planned, so watch facebook for updates.

As far as the HOA Board elections are concerned, this newsletter should be delivered prior to our next membership meeting, which will be on February 5th. I have not had any interest for a nomination committee, so we will be taking nominations from the floor at this meeting. So...if you have any interest in becoming part of the HOA Board of Directors, and you are a bonafide homeowner in the community and are a member in good

standing of the HOA, please join us at the meeting so your voice can be heard.

Lastly, this will be the last newsletter that goes to print for our community. There have been many requests for someone to take over the coordinator position of the newsletter and to date no one has offered to help. Therefore, after trying multiple ways to get the newsletter to our residents, including advising them that it does appear on the publisher's website, we have decided to eliminate it. We are throwing more newsletters out than what are being picked-up to read. The time and effort to put the newsletter together and for the publisher to print it for us, (which by the way was free) is not worth for us to be worrying about every month.

Times have changed...and I guess it's time for all of us that have lived in the park and have seen things handled a certain way for a number of years to realize it. Too many of our folks are working now and not wanting to participate after a long week at work. And that is totally understandable...things cost too much and people need to work. Socialization is dwindling.... people do not know how to socialize anymore....Cell phones and computers has helped to take that away. Why go to a party to hear music...stream it from your phone or computer. Want to play a game....add an app to your phone. Want to talk to your family...shoot them a text or an email. Kids don't play outside anymore. We get it....but oh, how the generations that didn't have all this technology miss those dances, games and visiting with family.

Thank you to all the people who have contributed to the newsletter and delivered them over the years. Your help has always been appreciated.

Please continue to stay positive.

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3. Watch out for suspicious links and malicious software

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SCAM WATCH

In his video, New Scams to Watch Out For in 2026, ThioJoe details a wide range of sophisticated new threats, from digital fishing to real-world physical scams.



Digital and Communication Scams

- **Industry-Specific Phishing:** Scammers are sending hyper-targeted emails to specific professions. For instance, lawyers receive fake state bar association emails with malicious attachments, and executives are targeted with “award” notifications that contain viruses
- **The “Clickfix” Technique:** A browser error is faked, prompting you to run a command that actually installs malware
- **Calendar and File Share Invites:** Scammers use legitimate services like **Google Calendar** or **Google Drive** to send notifications that bypass spam filters, containing links to scam sites.
- **Reward Point Scams:** A text message claiming to be from your phone carrier (like T-Mobile) warns that your reward points are expiring to trick you into a fake login page.

Retail and Physical Scams

- **Brushing Scam 2.0:** Beyond just sending unsolicited cheap items to generate fake reviews, scammers now include a **QR code** in the package. They claim it's a “gift” and prompt you to scan it, leading to a phishing site.
- **“I Paid Twice” Hotel Scam:** Scammers hack hotel systems to get guest lists and then contact guests with realistic-looking emails (including real order numbers) to demand a “second” payment.
- **Counterfeit Postage:** “Discounted” rolls of stamps sold on social media are often fake and will be rejected by sorting machines.

Payment and AI Threats

- **Tap-to-Pay “Ghost Tapping”:** Scammers use portable terminals to charge credit cards directly through a victim's wallet in close-quarters environments.
- **Forced Swipe:** Scammers may block or break the “tap” function on a legitimate terminal to force you to use the magnetic strip, which they have rigged with a skimmer.
- **Deep Fake Impersonation:** AI is being used to clone the voices and faces of creators to sell scam services
- Worse, scammers are using AI to generate fake images of “kidnapped” relatives or “injured” pets to extort money.

Proactive Defense Tips

- **iPhone Settings:** Enable “Silence Unknown Callers” to block anyone not in your contacts.
- **Browser Security:** Turn on **Enhanced Protection** in Chrome or **Balanced Security** in Microsoft Edge to better vet dangerous sites.
- **Package Protection:** Register your home address on **UPS** and **FedEx** websites to prevent scammers from rerouting your deliveries

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DONNA'S CORNER

Good morning,

February, the second month already. It's hard to believe that we are in 2026. It just seems too early, yet too fast.

I keep thinking how can I do this each month? A person doesn't realize just much a brain (my brain) is thinking not just for today's article, but for future ones as well. I have a plethora (a new word to try out) of ideas that are in mind. Sometimes I begin and all of it comes nice and easy.

Some aren't so easy after all. Boom those other times, it's like pulling teeth, you must yank and hope it comes out all at once. Sometimes it's not that easy after all.

Too many things are jumping around in my brain that cause me to lose what should be written, but it's not, UGH? That's when I must stop and read what I did write, and cross out half of what I wrote. Why? Because it had nothing, I mean nada with what I had intended to write. This is what takes me forever to rewrite and make sure the info is correct and my thoughts are on the right info. When I've done what I then I can holler "Hoo-Ray"

I'm hoping that I don't have too many of those episodes. It takes me forever. Right now, I'm doing okay. At least I hope so. I'll read this before I turn it in.

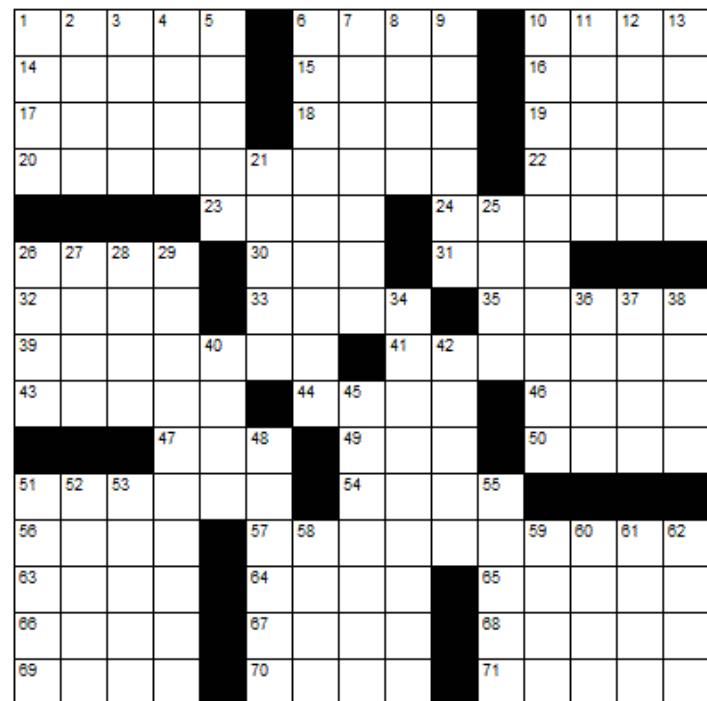
I have an idea that involves those of you who read my articles. If you all have ideas that you want to share with me, I'd appreciate if you'd let me write them down, so when I'm having another "blank" moment, your ideas may help. How about it? Thank you in advance for trying to solve my predicament!

Love you all,

Donna Heitfeld, Lot 1031



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ACROSS

- Utilizers
- Soft drink
- Handguns
- Send, as payment
- Baking appliance
- Mine entrance
- Genus of heath
- Let out
- Capital of Peru
- Placenta
- Anagram of "Keel"
- Ages
- Guarantee
- Employ
- Half of a pair
- Thick flat pad
- Cards with one symbol
- Notion
- Honorable
- Belligerent
- Adolescent
- Caper
- Assess
- Freudian topics
- Encountered
- Neither ____
- Droops
- Flail
- A math subject
- Miami basketball team
- Passing from place to place
- Hindu princess
- Anger
- Hawaiian greeting
- Therefore
- 3
- Low point
- Anagram of "Need"
- Cravings
- Vogue

DOWN

- Component used as fertilizer
- Lowly worker
- Broadcast
- Oriental grain
- Fixed gaze
- Curry-powder ingredient
- Supervise
- Advanced
- National tune
- Bilestones
- Farewell
- Countdown clock
- A post in the ground
- Grill
- What we're called
- Laugh
- Computer symbol
- Repose
- Approximation
- Lawyers
- Indian music
- Excited
- Not more
- Frosts, as a cake
- Spooky
- Immune response trigger
- 3 tens
- Trio
- Discovered
- Scope
- Allow
- Empty weight
- Winglike
- Connecting point
- Lower jaw part
- Almost a meter



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