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GARDENS
COMMUNITY NEWS



A Publication for The Gardens Residents – Parrish, FL.

May 2026



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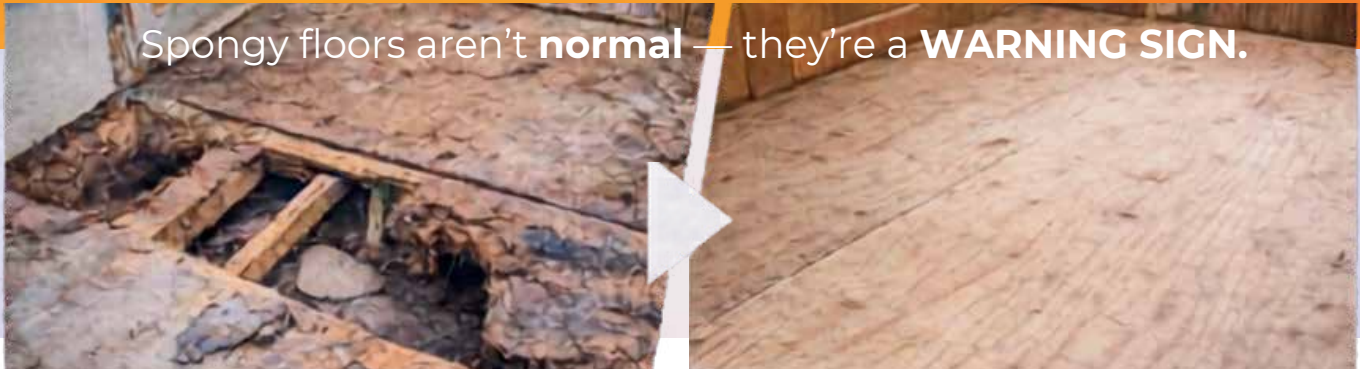
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HAPPY SUMMER

May marks the start of summer in southern Florida, bringing warm temperatures, lush greenery, and frequent afternoon showers. Sunny and humid days are ideal for beaches, parks, and poolside relaxation. Sea turtle nesting season begins, daylight hours lengthen, and vibrant flowers bloom. As the heat rises, some residents travel while others stay indoors during peak afternoon sun, though activities and games at The Gardens continue. Afternoon rain helps replenish ponds and cool things down. No matter what you chose to do hope, everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer.

Ted Birchmeier, TGHOA President

RESPONSIBILITIES IF YOU HOST A DANCE

It's easy and fun to host a dance. All it takes is a little creativity, organization, being excited, gathering up some friends to help you. Your responsibilities are, but not limited to, the following.

- Pick out a theme – Activity Coordinator will help.
- Go through packet given to you by Activity Coordinator
- Get someone to help you sell tickets for 3 weeks at coffee on Tuesday's- Activity Coordinator will give you the tickets.
- Decide on your decorations – you will be given a budget.

- Check w/Activity Coordinator before ordering anything, there is a decorator room we will check to see what you can use.
- Decorate the ballroom according to your theme!
- Find 2 people to take tickets, 2 people to do 50/50, and to help set up and clean up. Clean up goes quickly because everyone usually helps.
- ALL RECEIPTS must be turned in to get reimbursed for your expenses, but do not go over budget without approval from Activity Coordinator.
- All forms in packet must be filled out and turned in by Tuesday after the dance. Turn into the Treasurer or the Activity Coordinator.
- Make sure ballroom is cleaned and everything is put away.
- The Activity Coordinator will be there to help and answer all questions.

Candy Niemiec, Activities



MOTHER'S DAY & MEMORIAL DAY AT THE GARDENS

Each May, our community is touched by two meaningful moments, one celebrating the love that shapes our lives, and one honoring the courage that protects our freedoms. To all the mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures: we celebrate you. Your strength, kindness, and steady presence help make The Gardens the warm, connected place we're proud to call home. Whether you nurture through family, friendship, or the simple everyday acts that lift others up, we honor you this month with gratitude.

We also pause in observance of Memorial Day, a solemn time to honor the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our country. James A. Garfield's historic address helped shape the spirit of this day, reminding us that "for love of country they accepted death, and thus resolved all doubts, and made immortal their patriotism and their virtue." Memorial Day invites us not only to remember their sacrifice, but to reflect on the values that define us as a nation, recognizing that freedom carries a profound cost, and that unity must guide us in the wake of conflict.

Together, these two observances remind us of the power of love and the weight of sacrifice, two forces that shape our nation and our community in profound ways. Thank you for being part of what makes The Gardens such a special place to live.

Your poolside experience just got cooler, 25 chaises have been re-straped, and a replacement of 15 new 18" high chaises for added comfort and accessibility. Keeping the community a place, you are proud to call home comes from the efforts of Management and Residents. Working together to preserve the beauty of The Gardens is the ultimate goal. A gigantic THANK YOU to all the homeowners who do a stellar job keeping their homesite looking fabulous... your neighbor appreciates it too!

This May, our Resident Spotlight shines on Mary Cross. Mary and her husband, Kevin, made The Gardens their home in December 2022, bringing with them a story rooted in service, strength, and purpose. Mary proudly served our country as a Missile Systems analyst specialist in the United States Air Force. Her duty station

was Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri, where she held Top-Secret clearance and worked alongside officers to ensure missile systems were precisely aligned. She describes joining the military as not only a life-changing experience, but one that truly saved her life. Coming from a large family with a deep tradition of military service, Mary understands firsthand the emotions many residents may feel on Memorial Day. She wants every veteran and every family member of a veteran to know they are not alone. Mary is here with a compassionate shoulder and an open heart (you can find her in the directory). These days, you'll often find Mary and Kevin bringing their energy and kindness to community life co-hosting The Gardens dances, signing up to sell cards at Bingo, and volunteering for Night Watch. Their willingness to jump in and help reflects the very spirit that strengthens our neighborhood. We are deeply grateful for Mary's service to our country and for both Mary and Kevin's continued contributions to The Gardens.

P.S. Happy Birthday to Mary on My 2nd!
Sincerely,
Christina Szymankowski
Community Manager



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You've been diligently managing your inbox, unsubscribing from countless email lists you no longer want or deleting as much as possible. But suddenly, you're bombarded with promotional emails that lack an unsubscribe option. Don't worry – you're not alone in this frustrating situation. Let's explore some effective strategies to tackle these pesky emails and keep your inbox clean.

Before we dive into solutions, it's crucial to understand why you're receiving these emails and why they're potentially dangerous. First and foremost, never click links or open attachments from unfamiliar senders. These could be phishing attempts or contain malware that could compromise your device and personal information.

Legitimate companies are required by law to include unsubscribe options in their marketing emails. If you're receiving promotional emails without this option, they might be:

Spam or phishing attempts, Emails from companies not complying with regulations, Transactional emails (which don't require unsubscribe links).

Promotional emails can be a nuisance, especially when they don't provide an easy way to unsubscribe. These emails clutter your inbox, making it difficult to find important messages and reducing your overall productivity. Fortunately, there are several effective strategies to manage and reduce these unwanted emails, even when an unsubscribe option isn't available.

Mark as spam: Most email providers, like Gmail and Outlook, have a "Mark as Spam" or "Report Spam" option. When you mark an email as spam, your email provider will automatically filter similar emails into your spam folder in the future.

Block the sender: If you consistently receive unwanted emails from the same sender, you can block their email address. This will prevent any future emails from that sender from reaching your inbox. However, this may be a temporary solution, as spammers are always changing their email addresses, so this may not be a good long-term solution. It doesn't hurt to do it, though.

Sometimes, reaching out to the sender and requesting to be removed from their mailing list can be effective. Look for contact information within the email or on the sender's website.

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WATCHDOG

Guarding manufactured/mobile home owner rights

March 24, 2026

FINAL ACTION NEEDED!!

GOVERNOR SUPPORT for Senate Bill 594!!

Now is the time to do what FMO does best! Show **FMO People Power!!**

Both the House and Senate passed Senate Bill 594 **unanimously!!**

Please Help by sending an email to the **Governor**.

When the Legislature sends the FMO bill to the Governor, he has sole discretion on whether to approve the bill or veto the bill to prevent it from becoming the law. Information below may be helpful.

Here is a link to easily reach out to the Governor:

<https://www.flgov.com/eog/leadership/people/ron-desantis/contact>

Please supply the requested information and in the **SUBJECT** line:

Support for Senate Bill 594

ISSUE: Florida is home to hundreds of thousands who have chosen the lifestyle found in manufactured/mobile home communities and parks. Many live on fixed incomes without the ability to increase their income. In many cases our mobile home residents are forced to choose between paying lot rent or buying food and medicine.

Senate Bill 594:

- Amends Chapter 420, Part VII, of Florida law to assist eligible mobile homeowners who own their homes that are placed on leased land with lot rent payments.
- Assistance will be based on an **application** and the **homeowner's financial need**, specifically for persons of very low income, low income, or moderate income, **just like all other homeowners**.
- The program will assist persons and households having annual incomes of not more than 140 percent of area median income, **just like all other homeowners**.
- Require proof of income, tax returns, Social Security benefits, or unemployment status to determine the level of assistance, **just like all other homeowners**.
- An eligible homeowner will apply to the county or eligible municipality to participate in the Local Housing Assistance Plan **to assist with lot rent payments specifically**.
- The Florida Housing Finance Corporation, (FHFC), must monitor local governments to determine compliance with program requirements.

FMO supports homeowner's concerns about lot rent increases. We must eliminate the discrimination that exists against mobile homeowners within the larger conversation about affordable housing. Local Housing Assistance Plans are already in place and operating in most counties and some municipalities. **This will level the playing field among all homeowners!!**

It is very important that Governor DeSantis receives overwhelming support for Senate Bill 594 from his constituents!! Please help as quickly as possible!!! We need to do this outreach now!!

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Activity	Contact person	Phone	Day/Time	Location
Art Club	Bill Rouse	941-479-4148	Wed 1 pm	Craft Room
Bid Euchre	Todd & Betty Thoma	712-221-0993	Thurs 6:30 pm	Library
Billiards	Ron Howe	315-604-6010	Call contact for info	Billiards Room
Bingo	Adele Jencyk	941-531-3098	Tues 6 pm	Ballroom
Book Club	Lynn Johnson	612-889-9296	2 nd Thur 10 am	Library
Bowling	Harry Cammeyer	860-221-4194	Call contact for info	
Bridge	Rol Merkle	941-776-1591	Mon 6 pm	Library
Bunko	Sue Derden	303-909-3764	3rd Mon 6:30 pm	Ballroom
Calendar Coordinator	Candy Niemiec	260-602-5305	Call contact for info	
Canasta	Gloria Woolson	941-845-4559	Fri 1 pm	Library
Ceramics	Karen Illikman	989-737-6515	Thur 9 am	Craft Room
Chair Volleyball	Mike & Marion Duggan	941-776-4664	Sun 3pm	Ballroom
Clubhouse Scheduler	Candy Niemiec	260-602-5305	Call contact for info	
Coffee Coordinator	Open			
Coffee Greeters	Diane Benedict	607-221-6741	Call contact for info	
Corn Hole	Tom St. Onge	207-320-8511	Thur 9 am	Front of Clubhouse
Crafts	Lori Zanitsch	314-503-5559	Sun 1 pm, Wed 5pm	Craft Room
Cribbage	Jerry Derden	303-908-9328	Tues 1 pm	Library
Dance Party	Charlene Batalia	813-545-8300	2 nd Thur Noon	Outdoor Kitchen
Darts	Sue Derden	303-909-3764	Every other Sun 6:30pm	Ballroom
Dominos (Mexican Train)	Jerry Derden	303-908-9328	Mon 6:30 pm	Ballroom
Euchre	Barb Cairney & Jim Oliver	941-479-4042	Wed 1 pm	Ballroom
Food Pantry donations	Linda & Denny Karras	216-409-7723	Call contact for info	
Gardeniers (choir)	Lucy Fuller	941-773-5642	Call contact for info	
Gardens Newsletter	Alex Matich	607-644-3176	Email content by 10th	
Gardens Newsletter Delivery coordinator	Mary & Joe Thoma	641-420-4545	Call contact for info	
Gardens Veterans	Dennis Mount	941-981-3442	Call contact for info	
Golf Leagues	Sue Daly	860-966-0690	Call contact for info	
Hand and Foot	Sue Derden	303-909-3764	Fri 6:30 pm	Library
Hearts and Flowers	Deb Kiel	269-650-0494	Call contact for info	
Horseshoes	Brian Tufts	802-299-5032	Mon Fri 8 am	Horseshoe pits
Lending Closet	Andi Korfhage & Adele Jencyk	502-468-9599 941-531-3098	Call contact for info	
Library	Chery Edwards	678-472-4021	Call contact for info	Library
Line Dancing	Pam Myers	239-777-9379	Wed 11 am (\$5)	Ballroom
Neighborhood Watch	Alex Matich	607-644-3176		
Mahjong	Kathy Alletzhauser	315-882-5803	Mon 1 pm	Library
Mahjong	Roberta Miller	317-496-3714	Thurs 1 pm	Library
Pickleball	Judy & Jeff Scarpinato	309-912-0327 309-912-0330	Mon Wed Fri 8:30am	Tennis/Pickleball Courts
Pinochle	Ted Birchmeier	610-442-1466	Wed 6:30 pm	Library
Shuffleboard	Paul Hesselberth & Linda Anderson	941-981-3793 703-607-8837	Tues Sat 9 am	Shuffleboard Courts
Showcases	Linda Gosnell	330-472-0294		
Sr Chair Exercises	Peggy Bade	207-542-3148	Mon Wed Fri 8:30-9am	Ballroom
Travel	Open			
Tennis	Open		Mon Wed Fri 7:30am	Tennis/Pickleball Courts
Trivia	Rick Howrigan	269-650-1196	Every other Wed 7 pm	Ballroom
Water Aerobics	Anita Boiteau	474-402-4567	Mon Wed Fri 9:30am	Pool
Welcome Wagon	Peggy Bade	207-542-3148	Call contact for info	
Women's Poker	Betty Thoma	941-357-0814	Wed 12:30 pm	Library
Worship Service	Harvest Field Community Church, Pastor Renee Tucker	941-524-9031	Sun 10:00am	Ballroom

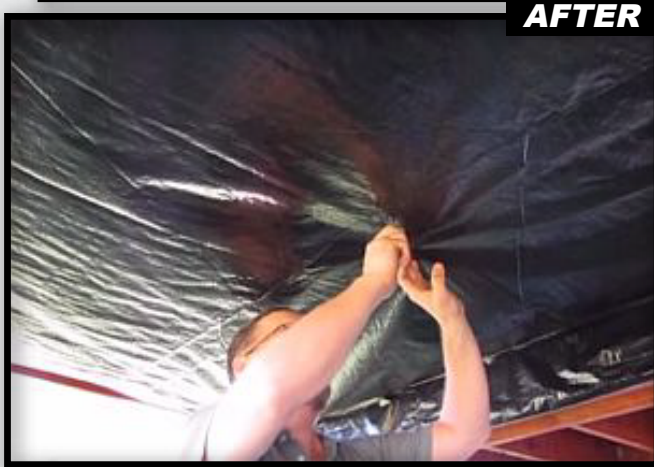


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As of Oct. 1, 2023, drivers under 18 must have a learner's permit or valid driver's license. Drivers 18 or older must have a valid government-issued photo ID. A functional, street-legal golf cart must have efficient brakes, reliable steering, safe tires, a rearview mirror, and red reflectorized warning devices.

Consult FL Statute 316 (several sections) to find out more information about driving a golf cart in Florida.

The people from Colony Cove are permitted to cross US 301 at the indicated crossing because Colony Cove exists on both sides of the highway. Residents of The Gardens cannot legally drive across US 301 to go to Publix or any other commercial entity. If stopped, a person can be issued a ticket, pay a fine and have points put on her/his driving record.

SEASON IS OVER

Darts, Corn Hole and Regular Euchre have ended for the season and will resume in November. More information to follow in the October newsletter.

Linda Nadeau and Barbara Cairney

THE GARDENS BOOK CLUB

Please join us for May 14 at 10 am in the clubhouse library. We will be discussing "The Reading Promise" by Alice Ozma.

In the past we have paused meetings over the summer months but we now have a number of members that are in Florida over the summer so we will continue year around. Summer selections are still pending so watch for more information.

Monthly meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Please contact Lynn Johnson 612-889-9296 (phone and text) with any questions.

HARD BOILED EGGS IN YOUR AIR FRYER

This is a great choice for Air Fryer users. Here's what you'll have to do:

1. Heat Air Fryer: If your air fryer requires preheating, preheat to 250°F, as needed
2. Place in Air Fryer Basket and cook: Place the eggs in the air fryer basket and set the timer and air fry for 17-18 minutes for hard-boiled eggs, 13-14 minutes for medium-boiled eggs or 11-12 minutes for soft-boiled eggs. (The times will vary depending on your air fryer and number of eggs.)
3. Soak Eggs in Ice Water & Peel: Once the eggs are almost done, fill a bowl with ice water. Use tongs to carefully transfer the eggs into the ice bath. Allow the eggs to sit in the cold water until completely cool (about 10-12 minutes). Once the eggs are cool, grab each egg and run under cold water and peel.
4. Serve & Enjoy!

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The PLSC Gardens Activity Calendar

May 2026

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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<p>8:00am - Worship Service - w/Renee Tucker Service starts at 10:00am</p> <p>1:00pm - Crafters in Craft Room</p> <p>1:00pm - Pool League - Pool Room</p> <p>3:00pm Chair Volley in Ballroom</p>	<p>8:00am OneBlood - Horseshoes</p> <p>8:30am - Pickleball</p> <p>9:30am Water Aerobics</p> <p>11:30am Gardens' Singles Luncheon</p> <p>1:00pm MahJongg: Library</p> <p>3:00pm Coffee Set-Up</p> <p>5:30pm - Pool League - Pool Room</p> <p>6:00pm Bridge: Library</p> <p>6:30pm Mexican Train Dominicos in Ballroom</p>	<p>8:30am Tuesday Coffee 8:30-9:30 am</p> <p>9:00am Shuffleboard</p> <p>10:00am - Knitting/Crochet w/Andrea Kelly - Craft Room</p> <p>5:30pm - Pool League - Pool Room</p> <p>6:00pm Bingo starts at 6:00 pm. Ticket sales 4:30-5:45 pm.</p>	<p>8:30am - Pickleball</p> <p>9:30am Water Aerobics</p> <p>11:00am Line Dancing Lessons in Ballroom - \$5.00 p/p</p> <p>12:00pm - Pool League - Pool Room</p> <p>12:30pm Women's Poker: Library</p> <p>1:00pm Regular Euchere</p> <p>1:00pm Art Club Craft Room 1</p> <p>5:00pm Crafts: In Craft Room</p> <p>6:30pm Pinochle: Library</p>	<p>9:00am - Cornhole outside</p> <p>9:00am Ceramics: Craft Room</p> <p>12:00pm - Pool League - Pool Room</p> <p>1:00pm MahJongg: Library</p> <p>6:00pm - Pool League - Pool Room</p> <p>6:30pm - Bid Euchre - Library</p>	<p>8:00am Horseshoes</p> <p>8:30am - Pickleball</p> <p>9:30am Water Aerobics</p> <p>9:30am MahJongg: Library</p> <p>1:00pm Canasta: Library</p> <p>1:00pm Caregiver & Loved Ones in Craft Room 1:00</p> <p>6:00pm - Pool League - Pool Room</p> <p>6:30pm Hand & Foot: Library</p>	<p>8:00am Horseshoes</p> <p>8:30am Shuffleboard</p>

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NEW COMPUTER (PC)

I have been approached by several people asking about buying a new PC. Windows 10 is no longer being updated by Microsoft. If you have a Windows 10 PC and it is running well be careful about surfing the internet. If you feel the need to purchase a new PC, I would recommend one of the following:

- Brand: Dell or HP (USA), Asus or Acer (Europe), Lenovo (Asia) [CCP owned]
- Software: Windows 11 Home
- Processor: I5, I7 or I9 (better for MS Office), Ryzen 5, 7 or 9 (better for graphics)
- Storage: 250 (256) or 500 (512) GB SSD (Solid State Drive – NOT HDD)
- RAM: 8 or 16GB

If you need help I (Alex Matich) am happy to help you. I can also help you set it up. Keep in mind that Dell is the number one seller to corporations in the US and is more rugged while HP sells primarily to individuals and is more lightweight. Both are very good. Remember, a salesperson is there to sell you what he/she wants you to buy not necessarily what you need. Take the information above with you if you are going to purchase.

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Do Not Park Under
Or Near the Portico

TIE-DOWN PROGRAM FOR HOMES 1999 AND EARLIER

The State of Florida Division of Emergency Management Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program allocates funds through a contract with Gulf Coast State College to implement the Mobile Home Tie-Down Program. The college contracts with licensed mobile home installers to retrofit additional tie-downs to homes installed 1999 and earlier. The program does not intend to bring existing mobile homes and manufactured homes up to code, but makes the home as wind resistant as funding, physical characteristics, and condition of premises will

allow. The additional tie-down and anchoring systems could help minimize damage to the mobile home arising from windstorms, tornadoes or hurricanes.

This program is at NO COST to the participant. Skirting removal and re-installation services for the tie-downs are also provided by the program. All fees to the contractor are paid directly by Gulf Coast State College.

INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION is for stand-alone individually-owned homes that are NOT located in a Manufactured Home Community which has a park manager and/or HOA.

PARK APPLICATION is for Mobile Home and Manufactured Home Parks and Communities with a Park Manager and/or HOA. A park manager or HOA president who represents the entire community is the preferred contact.

POST APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Parks: GCSC sends a Vendor to conduct a site visit to evaluate for program eligibility.
2. Parks/Individuals are assigned to a Vendor.
3. An approval letter identifying the Vendor that has been assigned will be sent to the park representative (or individual homeowner), along with authorization forms required by participants.
4. Community TGHOA/Murex meetings – When the opportunity presents itself, a program presentation and Q&A session will be scheduled with Park.
5. Authorization forms are collected by the Vendor.
6. Park (or individual homeowner) is scheduled for home pre-inspection, skirting removal, and tie-down installation.
7. Post-inspections are completed as required.
8. Homeowners are provided with a Certificate of Completion.

More information Call: 448-201-6882
Email: tiedownprogram@gulfcoast.edu

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 James Donovan
 Shirley Fosco
 Ryan Gerard
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 Pam Latimer
 Lauren Ockenfels
 Kerrie Pohlen
 Sally Raque
 Thomas Smith
 Jill Tezanos
 Sarah Thompson
 Paul Urbanek Jr

WALKING

If you are walking in the streets **PLEASE:**

- Walk facing the traffic.
- Wear light colors (white/yellow/lime green) or a reflective vest if dark.
- Carry flashlight and/or other lights (bicycle lights work well) if dark.
- As the temperature rises make sure that if YOU cannot walk with bare feet on the road that your dog doesn't walk without paw protection.
- Do not walk around resident's home without her/his permission. Stay on street or sidewalk.
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| 2 Mary Cross | 17 Lynne Hawksby | 6 Ted & Linda Anderson |
| 2 Kirk Brannan | 18 Julie Arnold | 10 Ron & Vickie Hossler |
| 2 Gary Gill | 19 Robert Dodge | 10 Dan & Patty Sanders |
| 2 Kathy Henry | 19 Randy Illikman | 14 Jeff & Bonnie Nadeau |
| 2 Paul Hesselberth | 19 Judy Johns | 15 Stephen Messersmith
& Patricia Riley |
| 3 Pete Petrie | 19 Mary Taylor | 15 John & Nancy Newman |
| 4 Rocco Scundi | 19 Michael Kurilec | 18 Gary & Sharon Rine |
| 5 Dave Arnold | 19 David Weiss | 19 Jim & Dottie Stockwell |
| 5 Susan Georgopoulos | 20 Marsha Baumgartner | 19 Robert & Debra Evans |
| 6 Peg Baum | 20 Kathy Bristol | 19 John & Jennett Long |
| 6 Rosemary Mejia | 20 Lori Duffy | 22 Jack & Trudy Consiglio |
| 6 Judy Scarpinato | 20 Rol Merkle | 22 Tom St Onge & Linda Nadeau |
| 6 Barbara Stokar | 20 Kelly Short | 23 Joe & Peggy Baum |
| 7 Tony Morris | 21 Peter Georgopoulos | 23 Dick & Mary Gordon |
| 7 Ted Alletzhauer | 21 Jesse Huffman | 27 Bill & Maryellen Crawford |
| 7 Bill Evans | 22 Raymond Fraser | 27 Charles & Francine Reppel |
| 7 Sylvia Ross | 23 Polly Rampanelli | 28 Fausto & Debbie Mateos |
| 7 Karen Warshal | 24 Kathy Ballingall | 29 Bill & Bonnie Roper |
| 8 Wendy Walters | 24 Jim Donovan | 29 Ray Ocano & Darren LeClerc |
| 8 Gail Klocke | 24 Kelly Gaudreau | |
| 8 Wayne LaChance | 24 Denise Loeffl | |
| 8 Debbie Postma | 26 Trudy Consiglio | |
| 8 Jean Warden | 26 Maryellen Crawford | |
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| 9 Deb Davis | 27 Lyndsey Davis | |
| 9 Karl Ford | 27 Mike Sullivan | |
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| 9 Mary Thoma | 28 Roger Clemmons | |
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| 11 Bill Yates | 29 Dave Leonard | |
| 12 Debra Barnard | | |
| 12 Sue Merchant | | |
| 12 Bonnie Nadeau | | |
| 13 Howard Beeler | | |
| 15 Howard Martin | | |
| 16 Steve Peters | | |
| 16 Peggy Porter | | |

Happy Birthday

Anyone with a May birthday is invited to be our special guest and enjoy free coffee/tea and a donut on your Birthday. Pick up a coupon from the coffee greeter.

2025

BINGO SCHEDULE



May 5
 Pat Gross Caller – Sandy
 Bill Gross
 Nita Brummel Cash- Wayne & Candy
 Sue Derden
 Jerry Derden 50/50 Leanne McCartney

May 12
 Diane Benedict Caller- Sue
 Berta Miller
 Sandy Moss Cash- Jo Jackson & Jo
 Cathy Mauder
 Kelly Disney 50/50 Leanne McCartney

May 19
 Mary Cross Caller-Linda
 Kevin Cross
 Dottie Stockwell Cash – Nelson & Ron
 Anita Bouteau
 Carol Kicliter 50/50- Leanne McCartney

May 26
 Jeri Diener Caller- Adele
 Mae Hage
 Chery Edwards Cash- Linda & Andy
 Deb Davis
 Michael Nahalka 50/50 – Leanne McCartney

BICYCLES

In Manatee County and Florida, bicycles are legally considered vehicles, requiring cyclists to obey traffic laws, ride with traffic, and use lights at night (white front, red rear). Cyclists must ride as far right as practicable, and yield to pedestrians. Helmets are required for riders under 16. **Full stops are required at all stop signs and red traffic lights.** For more details and safety information, you can view the Manatee County Sheriff's Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Guide.

A reflective vest is available from Linda Dansberger (TGHOA) for \$5. It is a fantastic investment – one size fits all.

PLSC UPCOMING EVENTS 2026

MAY 16 TJ the DJ
 JULY 4 POOL PARTY
 SEPT. 12 SILVER ALERT
 OCT. 31 BOOMERS (HALLOWEEN DANCE)
 NOV. 14 SILVER THUNDER (NEW BAND)
 DEC. 18 KLINK BAND
 (CHRISTMAS DANCE-FRIDAY)

EVENTS 2027

JAN. 16 DR. DAVE BAND (NEW)
 FEB. 20 SHAKES SOCIETY
 MARCH 13 CRUISE CONTROL
 (ST. PATTY'S DANCE)





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May's Coffee Greeters

May 5: Jeri Diener and Linda Gosnell
 May 12: Cyndy and Ron Howe
 May 19: Kelly Disney and Joe Jackson
 May 26: Jacki Morelli and Deb Davis

If you would like to sign up to be a greeter, please call Diane at 607-221-6741

FUTURE NEWSLETTER POSTS

If you wish to post something in future newsletters, please send it by the 10th of the preceding month (May 10th for the June newsletter) to Alex Matich (alexjmatich@gmail.com). Please make sure to send it electronically using MS Word or PDF or high-resolution JPG (picture) and send these as attachments to your email. You can also send your information as the body of your email. **DO NOT** give it to Alex on a piece of paper or verbally over the phone or text.

BULK GARBAGE PICKUP

The Manatee County Board of County Commissioners has approved the launch of a Bulk Collection Pilot Program by Manatee County Utilities beginning May 1, 2026, expanding curbside bulk pickup service for residents to help evaluate future service options.

Under this program, residential customers will be able to have two bulk items picked up at the curb on a predetermined scheduled regular service day once per month, up to 12 collections per year, with no rate changes at this time. The program will also include one annual bulk collection per property (of up to 10 cubic yards) of the same material.

Certain items, including tires and appliances, as well as the annual large-bulk pickup, will require advance scheduling through the County's Customer Self-Service Portal at mymanatee.org/css. Household hazardous waste and electronic scrap services will not change as part of this program and will not be collected curbside.

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6. Engage in
10. Combines
14. Eagle's home
15. Minerals
16. Voucher
17. Coniferous forest
18. Regrets
19. Bay
20. Stuporous
22. Detail
23. Not new
24. Low point
26. Worldwide
30. Stash
32. Scrutinize
33. Pomp
37. Pretentious person
38. Desert watering holes
39. You (archaic)
40. Idioms
42. Offering little or no hope
43. Twiddled one's thumbs
44. Purchasers
45. Chocolate source
47. Not thin
48. Roman robe
49. Hyperactive
56. Wicked
57. Knockout
58. Custom
59. Peddle
60. Distinctive flair
61. Genus of heath
62. 3
63. Break
64. Adjust again

DOWN

1. An international trade treaty
2. Towards the back
3. Diva's solo
4. Portent or omen
5. Navy jacket
6. Planet
7. African sheep
8. Nerd
9. Flavoring extracts
10. Without intention
11. Hindu loincloth
12. Scuba user
13. Flower stalk
21. Addition
25. Revelation response
26. Sharp intake of breath
27. Moon goddess
28. Scent
29. According to the Bible
30. Enclosed
31. Anagram of "Sage"
33. Rate
34. You (archaic)
35. Big laugh
36. Guffaws
38. Witness
41. American Dental Association
42. Meat retailer
44. Sheep sound
45. Shroud
46. Nimble
47. Not back
48. Exam
50. Low-lying area
51. Nestling hawk
52. Empty weight
53. Nile bird
54. Moral weakness
55. French for "State"



PLSC NEW / RENEW MEMBERSHIP FORM
(CHECKS PAYABLE PLSC)

NAME (S) _____

ADDRESS _____ LOT# _____

CURRENT PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

NEED BADGE? _____ RENEWAL _____ NEW MEMBER _____

FIRST NAME _____ BIRTHDATE _____ / _____ no year needed

FIRST NAME _____ BIRTHDATE _____ / _____ no year needed

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SIGNING UP _____ @\$15 EACH= _____ CHECK# _____ CASH _____

PLSC DUES ARE \$15 PER PERSON. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO PLSC.

TGHOA Membership Dues one per household (Checks payable: TGHOA)

Name (s) _____

Address _____ Lot # _____

Phone _____ Email _____

2nd Phone _____ 2nd Email _____

1 year (2025-26) \$15.00 _____ 2 years (2025-27) \$25.00 _____ 3 Years (2025-28) \$35.00 _____

Check # _____ Cash _____ Total \$ _____ Date _____

If you are 90 years old during 2025 or 2026 or earlier, you receive a complimentary membership:
Are you willing to become a perpetual/lifetime member of TGHOA without having to sign up each year?

YES _____ NO _____

Signature required for those receiving a complimentary perpetual/lifetime membership:

Signature

How can TGHOA help you: _____

May Word Search

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Mother's Day

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