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JOCKEY CLUB OF NORTH PORT

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Community Update:

What a great August it was, with lively events aplenty! Be sure to check out our events section below and keep an eye on The Jockey Club Facebook page for announcements! We're gathering interest for a Derby Dispatch Delivery system. If you would be interested in getting the Derby Dispatch delivered to your house, please contact the office at JockeyClubNorthPort.com or 941-426-3800 to be added to a list. Please keep in mind that this is not a guarantee a delivery system will be implemented, but we are looking into options.

Streaming community meetings via Zoom was approved through a vote.

Residents can access Zoom through Ciranet (<https://resident.ciranet.com>) to view live and recorded meetings.

Construction Update

We're breaking out of the gate with some fantastic updates on the clubhouse! The group of back-to-back city inspections that were required prior to moving forward are finally complete. The electrician completed a long overdue upgrade to our bathroom lighting. New bathroom doors have been framed and hung along with walls rebuilt, modified, and tile backers are up thanks to our Board volunteer facilitators, and our amazing contractor E&M Construction and Development. As of the end of August, tilework has begun and is making great progress. We are extremely thankful to all of our volunteers who helped us save time and the community's money. Stay tuned for more updates on The Jockey Club Facebook page and the Derby Dispatch.

We appreciate the community's patience and resilience during this time.



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FROM THE BOARD: COMMUNITY NEWS

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Future Repairs

As many of you know, this is only the beginning of the many repairs our amenities need. Speaking of repairs, unfortunately the back office ceiling and light collapsed above our Secretary's desk. It was discovered that the overhead lights were not installed properly and as the ceiling deteriorated over time it compromised the integrity of the drywall. Due to this degradation, the ceiling gave way from the weight of the light. We are thankful that no one was injured, and so far the back office is the only room showing signs of collapsing. However, this issue is pervasive throughout all rooms in the clubhouse with a popcorn ceiling and will eventually affect them all. The Board is looking into solutions at this time.

Financing

The Board looked into loan options to cover the needed repairs, but options are slim. Unfortunately, we were denied by one and given a maximum payoff schedule of 3-4 years for the others, which would have made the monthly payments approximately \$10,000-\$15,000. This was not financially feasible for the community and the Board has decided to stop putting resources into this avenue going forward.

Canine Club Dog Park

The Board is pleased to announce a decisive win for our neighborhood. At our recent meeting, the Board officially approved the termination of our long-standing dog park lease with the City of North Port.

While originally intended as an amenity, the dog park has long ceased to provide meaningful value to our residents while continuing to expose our association to unnecessary liability. Releasing this property eliminates a major point of exposure, safeguarding our neighborhood's financial and legal security.

To ensure our interests were fully protected, our legal counsel thoroughly reviewed the termination agreement. Their evaluation confirmed that it is a standard, clean contract designed to deliver maximum legal protection and strategic benefit to our community.

This action marks a pivotal milestone in our ongoing efforts to eliminate unnecessary risks, streamline community assets, and keep our neighborhood secure and thriving.

Get in Touch with Your POA Board

We're here for you! Whether you have questions, suggestions, concerns, or neighbor recognition, your POA Board is always happy to hear from residents. Don't hesitate to connect with us.

Your voice Matters!

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2027 Budget Committee

The 2027 Budget Committee was established to help prepare our community for the upcoming year. Welcome to our lovely Committee members: Sebastian Gardner, Bain Edmondson, Stacey Sappenfield, Jill Luke, Edna MacIver, and Bill Schimpf. We are forever grateful to everyone for volunteering their time to help in this endeavor!

Attention All Creative's!

Did you know, the Jockey Club newsletter used to have a column for resident submissions of poems and short stories? We want to showcase our neighbors and their wonderful art in our monthly Derby Dispatch! From poems to short stories, paintings to sculptures, send us your submissions for a chance to be featured in an upcoming issue. Pictures of artwork will be in black and white for our printed newsletters, but will be available online in full color! We look forward to seeing your amazing work!

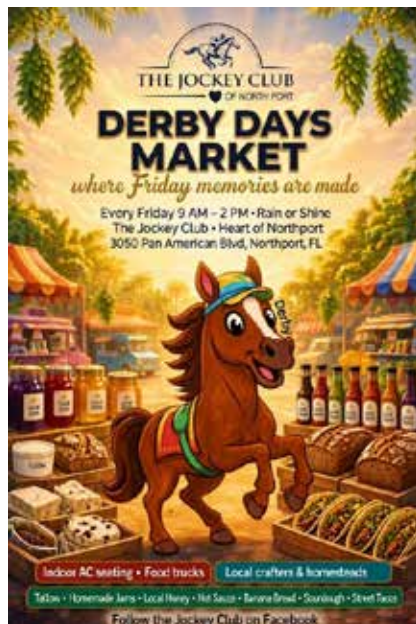
Please send submissions to

jockeyclubnorthport@gmail.com

Upcoming Events in the Area

Have you stopped by our weekly Derby Days Market? Come check out amazing local vendors every Friday from 9 am - 2 pm.

We're in need of vendors! If you are interested in becoming a vendor, please contact the office at JockeyClubNorthPort@gmail.com or 941-426-3800. If you know a produce vendor looking for a home at a Friday market, please send them our way!



Let's Foster a Love for Reading!



Every few Derby Days Market, The Jockey Club will be hosting a **free book table** in the Community Hall where every person can take home **one(1) free book** per market day.

Additionally, if you have any books you no longer want, feel free to bring them by for a **1-1 swap!** 1-1 swaps are unlimited, so bring as much as you'd like! Books of a variety of genres for all ages will be available. Any books will be accepted, even damaged ones! As long as all pieces of the book are still present, feel free to bring them in. We are able to accommodate most repairs so that the book may be in the hands of readers for a little while longer. Please keep in mind that we are unable to perform repairs the same day and cannot repair a book you are not planning to donate or swap. Check The Jockey Club Facebook page for announcements on which dates the book table will be present.

Homeschool Art Thursdays are Here!

The Jockey Club is thrilled to host the North Port Art Center's Homeschool Art Thursdays starting September 10th! Classes run in 4 week sessions on Thursdays from 10 am - 11:30 am and are open to ages 6-12. An enrolment fee of \$100 is required for every 4 week session which goes to support the North Port Art Center. Email NPAC.YouthArt@gmail.com or text 941-626-7176 to enroll!



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Jeepers Creepers

The 2nd annual Jeepers Creepers is confirmed! Come do a round or four of trunk or treat, enjoy some exciting games, and delicious food trucks. Admission is free and open to the public, so invite your friends!

Stop by on Saturday October 24th from 3 pm - 8 pm for spooky fun and delicious treats!



Honoring the Fallen

September marks 25 years since tragedy took nearly 3,000 souls from our world and more than 4,300 additional souls from the fallout of that day. The North Port Police Department is hosting a Patriot Day event at City Hall starting at 9:15 a.m. to pay tribute to the lives lost and the many more still battling

the after effects to this day. We honor their memory with deep gratitude, remembering the lives lost, the heroes who served, and the strength of our nation.



Spot the Difference – Derby Edition

Find the 6 differences between these two scenes of our favorite mascot living his best life right here at 3050 Pan American Blvd!

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1. Muscle spasm
6. Outcropping
10. Style of hairdo
14. Female demon
15. Relative of a rabbit
16. Neophyte, in modern slang
17. Kick out
18. Put _____ words
19. Storage site
20. A political government philosophy
22. Leg joint
23. 3 in Roman numerals
24. Rewrites
26. Sitting room
30. Complete
32. Give or take
33. Fantasy world
37. Small amount

38. Embroidered mat
39. Ice sheet
40. Likewise
42. Debonair
43. What we are called
44. Oleoresin
45. Displeased look
47. Grayish brown
48. Lives, in brief
49. Stewards
56. African sheep
57. Drill
58. Hawaiian greeting
59. Let out
60. French for “Wolf”
61. Lull
62. Countercurrent
63. Anagram of “Seek”
64. Sows

DOWN

1. Musical staff symbol
2. All-night party
3. In the center of
4. Rodents
5. Nationalist
6. Ground beef with peppery powder
7. Hindu princess
8. Cultural doings
9. Euclidean topic
10. Poorly done
11. Sharp end
12. Handouts
13. Double-reed woodwind
21. What we breathe
25. 24 hour period
26. Flat masses of soft material
27. Dugout shelter
28. Wander
29. Brightness
30. Dogs wag these
31. Greasy
33. Golfer's cry
34. "Oh dear!"
35. Exploded star
36. Regard
38. Deserving a curse
41. The collection of rules
42. Beach footwear
44. Hair style
45. Dismissed
46. Circular
47. Ocean trenches
48. Naked
50. Swiped
51. Not false
52. Away from the wind
53. Mark down
54. Impact sound
55. Exhausts





Spring Cleaning Reminder: Bulk & Cardboard Pickup in North Port

As you dive into spring cleaning, here's a helpful reminder about the City of North Port's bulk and cardboard pickup services—perfect for clearing out clutter without the hassle!

Bulk Item Pickup

North Port offers convenient curbside pickup for large items such as furniture, mattresses, appliances, and other oversized household items.

- Bulk pickup is not automatic—residents must schedule a pickup in advance through the City's Solid Waste Division.
- Items should be placed curbside no earlier than 24 hours before your scheduled collection day.
- Please keep bulk items separate from regular trash and recycling.

Scheduling is quick and easy—you can request pickup online or by calling the Solid Waste Division.

Cardboard Recycling Pickup

If spring cleaning leaves you with stacks of cardboard boxes, the city has you covered!

- Cardboard is collected every other week with your recycling service.
- Boxes must be broken down and flattened to ensure they fit inside the recycling cart.
- If you have more cardboard than your cart can hold, you can schedule a dedicated cardboard collection through the City's online request form.

A little spring cleaning goes a long way—happy decluttering, Jockey Club neighbors!

Watering & Water Conservation Tips for North Port Residents

As we enter spring and begin more outdoor projects, it's good to be aware of current water restrictions in North Port so we can keep our yards healthy while conserving water and protecting our precious water resources. North Port follows watering guidelines set by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) and the city to help manage water use sustainably, especially during dry periods. Here's what residents should know:

Lawn & Landscape Watering Schedule

Established lawns are generally limited to one designated watering day per week through early summer, based on your address ending number:

- 0 or 1: Monday
- 2 or 3: Tuesday
- 4 or 5: Wednesday
- 6 or 7: Thursday
- 8 or 9 (and common areas): Friday

Allowed watering times are typically before 8:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m. – which helps reduce evaporation and makes the most of the water used.

New Lawns & Plants

Newly installed grass or landscaping gets a 60-day establishment period with more frequent watering allowances to help plants take root.

Efficient Water Use Tips

Hand watering and soaker hoses for plants and shrubs are allowed any day, any time, so long as you avoid wasteful practices.

Using reclaimed water (when available) for irrigation is encouraged and not subject to specific schedules under city rules.

Why It Matters

These guidelines help protect our community's water supply, reduce unnecessary waste, and can even lower your utility bill. It's a small effort that makes a big difference for our environment!

If you have any questions or want more details about watering schedules or conservation programs, you can visit the City of North Port Utilities page or reach out directly to North Port Utilities.

Thank You to Our Amazing Boosters!

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to each and every Booster who has supported our POA and helped make our community events, improvements, and initiatives a success. Your generous contributions make a real difference—bringing neighbors together and enhancing the quality of life we all enjoy here in the Jockey Club.

From sponsoring seasonal events to helping us keep the community vibrant and welcoming, your support has truly been the heartbeat behind our success. We couldn't do it without you!

In Memory of Joe Layden | 01/15/2027

In Honor of Mary Layden | 01/15/2027

In Memory of Bill & Catherine Bingham | 01/15/2027

Glenn & Ellen Jeffers | 01/15/2027

In Memory of Carol Hammond | 03/15/2027

In Memory of Robert o& Edna Schelenberger | 10/15/2026

In Memory of Ken & Bev Sharkey | 10/15/2026

In Appreciation of Bill & Jen Liams | 10/15/2027

Marcia and Galen | 11/15/2026

In Memory of Edward & Alice Stysick | 05/12/2027

In Memory of Kathy Stysick | 05/12/2027

In Loving Memory of Jane D. Schimpf, from her family | 06/14/2027

Want to Become a Booster?

It's easy—and it means so much!

A minimum contribution of \$10 makes you a Booster for the year.

How to Join:

- Bring your contribution to the Clubhouse office.
- Make checks payable to: The Jockey Club
- Be sure to include your name exactly as you'd like it to appear in the Clarion newsletter.

Whether you're a returning supporter or joining for the first time, becoming a Booster is a meaningful way to show your community spirit and be part of something special.

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