



Veranda Springs Views

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December Scoop from the Office

Just a few short notes.....

*The rent payment portal is up and running. Make sure you let us know your email address here at the office and we can send you an invite. You can also email your information to Verandspringsmhp@nremgmt.com and we can set you up that way as well.

* We are still requesting copies of your titles and Driver's license or ID's cards for your file.

* Pool heater is on for the season.

* Lease renewals :

All leases need to be signed on or before your renewal month. If you aren't sure when your lease renews contact the office by phone or email and we can email you your lease to sign or you can pop in the office and sign.

• Mail or Packages

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President's Letter

One of the difficult things about writing this letter each month is that it must be done almost a month-and-a-half before the newsletter is distributed. So, I should be mentioning Christmas and it isn't even Thanksgiving yet. I can't even say how nice Thanksgiving was because that hasn't happened yet either. Anyway, have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas.

From an HOA perspective, there will be a lot of activity as the year winds down. Nominations are needed to replace those who will leave the board as of the February 5th, 2024 elections. There must be a special meeting no less than 30 days prior to the election to introduce the candidates and have them tell us why they would like to be on the board. A fourteen-day notice is required for that meeting. That will have to go out early to mid-December for a meeting that will be in early January due to all the holiday time at year-end.

Thanks to Dennis and Lin McCarthy for all the work done by them and those who helped them honor our veterans on Veterans Day. The preceding parade of golf carts wound through the park and was applauded by many along its path. The ceremony following the parade honored our park veterans from each branch of the service, those who are no longer with us, and their loved ones who supported them. It was a very moving and fitting way to say "Thank you".

Best regards,
Ted Hall





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Resident Report

10/14 - Roger Mowry is in rehab in St. Petersburg
10/22 - Tom Schappert's brother passed away
10/31 - Mike Young had surgery on his hand. He has also been diagnosed with colon cancer. He is having tests and then chemo.
11/4- Memorial service for Cindy Edwards

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I want to welcome the snowbirds and new homeowners to Veranda Springs! October and November have been full of activities. Hopefully some offered activity or get-together has piqued your interest and you decided to enjoy it.

In order to vote in the 2024 HOA board elections in February, you must have a 2024 HOA membership. They are now available. The dues are \$25.00 per household and can be paid either with cash or check (made out to VS HOA). You can sign-up at coffee hour on Thursday's at the clubhouse. If that time is inconvenient, please fill out a membership form and drop it in the HOA membership slot located in the mailboxes at the clubhouse. Please call me if you have any questions. Looking forward to the New Year!

Cheryl Longwell, 423-223-4585

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Veranda Springs Home Owners Association
HOA Membership Form

Members Names: _____

Members Resident Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

* Annual Membership Fee: \$25.00 (payable by cash or check).

Membership is valid from January 1 to December 31 of the current year. A membership card will be issued by our Membership Administrator.

* Membership entitles the card holder to receive membership rates on all sanctioned HOA provided events and annual voting on the Board of Directors elections.

Southeastern Guide Dogs

Please join me in a BIG THANK YOU to Marty and Frank Berles for their years of service, as well as others who have coordinated the Southeastern Guide Dogs fundraiser at Veranda Springs. As you may be aware they were able to collect over \$4000 during past campaigns in order to have the Park name a guide dog in honor or memory of a resident. Through the help of many fundraisers, the Park has named a guide dog most every year since in the 90s.

At this time, I will have started fundraising online through FaceBook. If it's more convenient for you want to contribute that way, please do so and Veranda Springs will get that amount credited toward the goal of \$4000 for 2024.

I hope you will be present at the Coffee Hour January 25, 2024 to welcome our guest speaker from Southeastern Guide Dogs.

Please consider purchasing a raffle ticket for a minimum of \$5, or 5 tickets for \$20 beginning February 1, or making a donation. Southeastern fundraiser is only done once a year in Veranda Springs during February and ends at the Grill Day, March 9, 2024. Any questions, please contact me.

Thank you for your consideration. *Judi Windle, 941-518-7450*
VSHOA Coordinator



December Theatre Trivia Corner

This month, the Manatee Performing Arts Center will be celebrating the holidays with DraMature's patriotic Christmas, **She Loves Me** continues, two productions of The Nutcracker, a Christmas concert, and Soul Legend John Ellison closing out the year.

This month is all about Christmas songs in Broadway shows. We give you the title and the composer and lyricist. You name the show.

1. **"We Need a Little Christmas"** by Jerry Herman
2. **"Christmas Bells"** by Jonathan Larson
3. **"Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas"** by Hugh Martin & Ralph Blane
4. **"New Deal for Christmas"** by Charles Strousse & Martin Charmin
5. **"The Who's Christmas Pageant"** by Stephen Flaherty & Lynn Ahrens
6. **"Christmastown"** by Matthew Sklar & Chad Beguelin

1. **Name (1966)** starring Angela Lansbury in the title role.
2. **Rent (1996)** starring Anthony Rapp, Adam Pascal, Daphne Rubin-Vega, Jesse L. Martin, Wilson Jermaine Heredia, and future Disney Queen Elise, Idina Menzel.
3. **Meet Me in St. Louis (1989)** is based on the 1944 film of the same name where the song was famously sung by Judy Garland.
4. **Annie (1977)** -starred Andrea McArdle as Annie, the plucky orphan who melts the heart of Oliver Warbucks and is a perennial favorite in musical theaters across the country.
5. **Sensical (2000)** was considered a flop, but gained new life when it began touring, made its debut on West End and became a frequent production for schools and regional theatres.
6. **Elf (2010)** is based on the 2003 Will Ferrell film about Buddy Hobbs, a young orphan child who mistakenly crawls into Santa Claus' bag of gifts and is transported back to the North Pole.

Answers



Come join your VS neighbors and friends for a fun filled party December 31st complete with dancing to your favorites tunes played by TJ the DJ, games, 50/50, music trivia and a few surprises throughout the evening. Doors open at 6:30pm. Please bring an appetizer or dessert. We'll make sure there's plenty of food throughout the evening. Water will be provided. Bring your own beverage. The admission fee is \$12 for HOA members/\$15 for non-members.

REMEMBER!!!! We will have two celebrations, one at 9pm and the traditional celebration at midnight.

Taste of Italy Dinner

Thank you to Edna and Pauline for hosting, to Al and Dawn Siems, the Veterans committee, and everyone else who made this a very successful and delicious event in supporting our ongoing Veterans Monument effort.

If you happen to see **Pauline Ransdale** around the community let her know how much she's appreciated for the contributions and the efforts she's made. They haven't gone unnoticed. Pauline genuinely loves and cares for the residents of Veranda Springs. She devotes a lot of her time and money to events to benefit the Veterans and the memorial monument, not to mention **Pauline's Saturday Social's** held once a month, check the calendar in this newsletter for date and time. Spread the word to friends and neighbors and come support her efforts to better and strengthen our community.

Thank you Pauline from the bottom of our hearts
(Excerpted from Larry Burch's FB post) Thank you, Larry



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Ladies Luncheon

The Ladies enjoyed a wonderful lunch at Der Dutchman. The ladies go to lunch every third Wednesday of the month. Sign-up sheet on the table in the Hall. Hope to see you there.

Editors note:

Due to all the current & future events there wasn't enough room in this issue to place any luncheon pictures.



Men's Day Out

This month we were going to Riviera Dunes in Palmetto and you may bring your spouse or significant other. Please join us on Wed. Dec 13th. Sign up sheet in the hall at the back table.

Last month we had a great time, and meal at Glory Days Grill.

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- 3 - Dec. Dan Carr
- 5 - Dec. Fran Burdick
- 5 - Dec. Jan Fetterly
- 5 - Dec. Robert Johnson
- 7 - Dec. Jeanette Cooter
- 7 - Dec. Eleanor Kelly
- 8 - Dec. Rich Griffiths
- 9 - Dec. Kathy Binck
- 9 - Dec. Holly Daveluy
- 10 - Dec. Richard Bode
- 10 - Dec. Linda Courtright
- 11 - Dec. Niccie Carlesi
- 11 - Dec. John Dyer
- 11 - Dec. Lyle Spiering
- 13 - Dec. Ralph Ambrosia
- 13 - Dec. Tim Kimbler
- 13 - Dec. Dennis McCarthy
- 14 - Dec. Gloria Campbell
- 15 - Dec. Jean Busiere
- 15 - Dec. Ricky Gabriel

- 15 - Dec. Linda Meckley
- 16 - Dec. Josephine Richter
- 16 - Dec. Karin Stern
- 19 - Dec. Becky Elsner
- 20 - Dec. Judy Bowen
- 21 - Dec. Diane Sanguedolce
- 22 - Dec. Lillian Redmond
- 24 - Dec. Dennis Bielski
- 24 - Dec. Michael Konkel
- 24 - Dec. James Tucker
- 25 - Dec. Randy Brunner
- 25 - Dec. Will Morris
- 27 - Dec. Brian Banner
- 27 - Dec. Donald Vanderwest



December Anniversaries

- 5 - Dec. Robert & Brenda Clark
- 18 - Dec. Ralph & JoAnne Ambrosia
- 20 - Dec. Ron & Nina Weber
- 21 - Dec. Tom & Nancy Nighsonger
- 31 - Dec. Scott & Paula Hueter
- 31 - Dec. Victor & Colleen Procopio
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Thanks to so many in our park; this was just about the most successful Craft show to date!

Carol Gonzalez (my Right-hand Lady) made sure all of our signs were ready and she and her husband, Mike, made sure they were properly placed outside of the park for all to see as they drove by our park. Beside the article in the newspaper; Judy Windle and I made sure announcements appeared on social media. Mike Young posted signs everywhere he worked and Dave Storey posted signs around the Railroad Museum for all the many passengers who ride the train to see. Mike G. and Dave and others were available all day to lend a hand whenever they were needed.

As always, the Bake Table provided the biggest profit of the day. Carol Gonzalez headed the Baked Goods Table and with the help of Vicki Mulhern and Sue Freeman they priced all of the donations. Thanks to all of the talented bakers and candy makers who so graciously prepared and wrapped the delicious goodies. The packaging made it so much easier for all of our sellers who helped. We appreciate all who donated time at the table. We truly appreciate all of you who signed up and donated as well as all who just showed up with their delicious donations. We also appreciated the monetary contributions. Without the Baked Goods, we could never have the success that we experienced this year as well as years in the past.

Again, this year I felt it necessary to have a team to make sure all the baked goods and Vendor's Crafts were secure all through the night. Dave Storey, Bob Cullen, and Dennis McCarthy each took turns making sure there was someone in the clubhouse all night prior to the craft show.

The Kitchen staff was organized by Pam Stone. She did a fantastic job preparing food and getting together a great crew who worked for many hours preparing, selling food and cleaning up the kitchen. They all did a wonderful job! The grill was manned by Fran Mulhern and Bill Molloy who kept the dogs and burgers coming as needed.

Charlotte Frank again organized a wonderful group of ladies who sold raffle tickets throughout the day. There were three prizes for the day that were won by lucky ladies who live here

in Veranda Springs. Without the vendor donations to the prize baskets, I'm sure we wouldn't sell so many tickets each year.

The clubhouse was packed with returning vendors and several new ones this year. For the most part, I heard that their day was successful also. Most of them hope to return next year.

Now for the biggest thank yous of all! All of those I didn't mention; especially the many who came to set up the Friday afternoon before and those who helped break down the room so the Halloween Committee could set up for their event a few hours later.

I hope I have properly thanked all of you who helped in one way or another. I couldn't begin to mention everyone for fear I would forget someone. The craft show seems to be down to a manageable science thanks to learning experiences from leaders in the past and help from so many in the park. It truly does take a "Family" to pull off this event. If all goes well, the event will be held again next year on November 16, 2024. See you then!!

For those wondering, the event made just over \$1,300 for the Veranda Springs HOA. Leftover baked goods went to the Halloween Party and the Godins' hosted a Grille Day to use up some of the excess kitchen frozen food.

Ginny Storey – Chairwoman and my wonderful committee, Carol, Vicki, and Faith



December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 6pm - Horse Race Game 6pm - Texas Hold 'em	27 7:30am - Pickleball 2pm - Water Aerobics 7pm - Prog. Hand & Foot	28 9am - Shuffleboard 10am - Line Dancing 11am - Pickleball 1pm - Mahjong 1pm - Pinochle 2pm - Darts	29 7:30am - Pickleball 2pm - Water Aerobics 4pm - Bingo	30 9am - Coffee 9:30am - Shuffleboard 10am - Craft Class 1pm - Canasta 3:30pm - Pickleball	1 7:30am - Pickleball 2pm - Water Aerobics	2 11am - Care Givers Meet
3 6pm - Horse Race Game 6pm - Texas Hold 'em	4 7:30am - Pickleball 2pm - Water Aerobics 7pm - Prog. Hand & Foot	5 9am - Shuffleboard 10am - Line Dancing 11am - Pickleball 1pm - Mahjong 1pm - Pinochle 2pm - Darts	6 7:30am - Pickleball 2pm - Water Aerobics 4pm - Bingo	7 9am - Coffee 9:30am - Shuffleboard 10am - Craft Class 1pm - Canasta 3:30pm - Pickleball	8 7:30am - Pickleball 2pm - Water Aerobics	9 10am - Christmas brunch 11am - Care Givers Meet
10 6pm - Texas Hold 'em 6pm - Tripoli	11 7:30am - Pickleball 2pm - Water Aerobics 7pm - Prog. Hand & Foot	12 9am - Shuffleboard 10am - Line Dancing 11am - Pickleball 1pm - Mahjong 1pm - Pinochle 2pm - Darts 6:30pm - Trivia	13 7:30am - Pickleball 11am - Men's Lunch 1pm - Ladies Poker 2pm - Water Aerobics 4pm - Bingo	14 9am - Coffee 9:30am - Shuffleboard 10am - Craft Class 1pm - Canasta 3:30pm - Pickleball	15 7:30am - Pickleball 2pm - Water Aerobics	16 10am - Christmas brunch 11am - Care Givers Meet
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31 6:30pm - NYE Party	1	2	3	4	5	6

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Meet Your Neighbors



Debbie & Tom McCarthy
9712 Avalon Drive



Introducing Debbie and Tom McCarthy, who moved here in June from a very active life in Fort Myers. They are originally from Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. As of now, they plan to spend summers in New Jersey and winters here in Florida. While there they are in NJ they will have plenty of enjoyable time with their four children and

families that comprise of 10 grandchildren.

They met while working in the Pharmaceutical field. Over the years, they worked at several Pharmaceutical companies until they both retired. Since then, Tom's favorite hobby is fishing but he also keeps busy with home repairs. Drive by their house and see the improvements he has been working on since they have been here. Debbie loved crafting in the past and is looking forward to encouragement to get back into it. In the meantime, she loves socializing and intends to possibly learn new card games.

If you have a chance, stop by their place and say "Welcome". They love to converse and make new friends. By the way, they are friends with others who have recently moved here from Fort Myers and they are encouraging others to come join us.

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Halloween Party!

The 2023 Halloween Party hosted by Fred & Jan with "DJ" Dave Wirth playing our favorite tunes was a great hit for all who attended.

