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Summer 2019

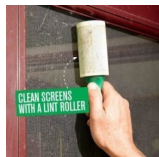
Update on the Proposed Rental Sites

While Ed and Cathy Landry are off exploring the Northwest for the summer, Ed has continued to work on the project to create full-service rental sites in the boondock area.

Sterling Carol of the Florida Rural Water Association has sent Ed a 6-site drawing including trench requirements for water, electric and sewage.

Ed has also contacted E. O. Koch, Cobb Construction and Hash Construction. The three companies have all expressed an interest in the project.

The next step is for the site plan to be approved by the Board and the county. The project will then be sent out for bids. Once the quotes are received and approved by the Board, the project will be presented to the membership for their approval to move forward with the project.



Cleaning Hack

Clean your screens with a lint roller.

Fall/Winter Arrivals—FYI



Call the office at least one week before you plan to arrive at the resort, and your site will be weed wacked before your arrival.

Reservation News

Reservations are still available for Oct, Nov, Dec, Mar, and Apr and can be made online at www.fl-skp-resort.org under the “Home” drop-down menu on the home page. Our rental policy and rates are also under this drop-down menu.

For those interested in how this year’s rental policies have affected reservations during the peak months of Jan, Feb, and Mar, here’s what we know:

1. Jan and Feb were booked by 11:30 am on May 1, the first day reservations were accepted.
2. Of those requesting a 3-month reservation Jan—Mar, 100% still made a reservation with the 2-month limit.
3. This year’s non-refundable deposit has not been an issue.
4. There are currently 9 people on the stand-by list in the event of a cancellation.
5. Reservations requests are still coming in.
6. The rental pool has 6 fewer sites than last year.
7. Creating the 5-6 full-service sites under consideration would have a positive impact, generating additional rental income to offset members’ maintenance fees.

What’s On the Calendar?

We’re hoping ALL available opportunities to be involved in the life of the park make it to the calendar every month.



In order to prevent scheduling conflicts and to make sure everything makes it onto the calendar, all calendar-worthy information should be sent to Margery Zeller

by the 25th of the prior month. She can be reached by phone or text at (412) 480-4535, or email, Margery.zeller1@gmail.com.

Of course, the calendar is only as good as the information that you provide. Let Margery know the date, time and location of your event or activity. If there is a change in that information during the month, let her know ASAP so that information can be disseminated in a timely fashion.

Once the information makes it on the calendar, Margery will promote it in *Cracker Crumbs* as well as provide sign-ups, bulletin board notices, announcements, etc.



The Fun ‘n Sun Committee invites you to share your ideas of what activity you would like to see considered for next season’s calendar.

Email suggestions to either

Cathy Landry
eclandry1@gmail.com
 Susan Wszalek
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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday

9 am—4 pm



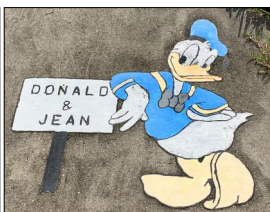
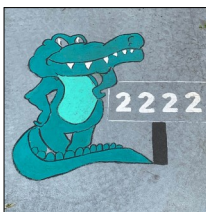
Have You Noticed?

By Lanette Breault

When you are walking around the park, have you noticed some driveways with a painting?

These were originally painted by a guest whose name was Luke. His wife's name was Daisy, and she was the sister of Brenda Rea. Unfortunately, no one remembers their last name.

Alligator Alley boasts three: a butterfly on A-24, Donald Duck on A-27, and an alligator A-26.



On Leisure Lane you can find a faded frog on H-19 and a lighthouse on H-04, a tribute to Vera Green's fond memories of her father's safe return to their New England harbor guided by the local lighthouse.

Doesn't it make you wonder about the meaning behind the other paintings?

Board Action Taken

The Board has determined that it is necessary to install gutters on the back of the clubhouse to prevent the continued water infiltration along the back wall. It's been a particularly rainy season, and it is important to get the job done as soon as possible.

The job was put out for bids and three roofing contractors submitted their recommendations and bids. The Board approved a budget, and gutters and better flashing will be installed as soon as it can be scheduled.



Board Members

President..... Frank King, A-15
Vice-President Ed Landry, A-35
Secretary..... Anne Warren, H-18
Treasurer Pat Dubuc, A-34
Ass't Treasurer..... Jim Krueger, H-20
At Large Bud Hodgkins, H-10
At Large Bob Lewis, A-13



SKP Chapter 57 2019 Fall Rally

November 4-8 are the dates of the Florida Sun Gators Chapter 57 fall rally at Sherwood Forest RV CG in Kissimmee.

Reservations are currently being taken by Kelsey Nelson at 863-324-7400.

Check out the rate information and rally schedule on the sign-up table in the clubhouse.



The new Costco on SR-64 just east of the I-75 junction will open on August 21.

This location puts both the Bradenton locations of Costco and Sam's Club within about an hour's drive of the park.

The new location will include departments of optometry; hearing aid; pharmacy; beer, liquor and fine wine as well as 18 gas pumps with competitive prices. Vaccinations for shingles, flu, pneumonia, tetanus, whooping cough and pet medications will be available at the pharmacy.

Costco is known for their \$1.50 all-beef hot dogs and drink with free refills and the variety of food samples they offer to shoppers on a daily basis among other things.

Choices...it's always nice to have choices.

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Deadline for submitting articles

20th of each month

All articles are subject to editing...and all mistakes are made with love!

Non-member subscription available via email for free.



We see a lot of rainbows here, but Dick & Nancy Pearce caught a picture of this particularly spectacular one.

Library Donations

Help keep our library shelves stocked.



Donations of books with copyright dates of 2011 or newer are always appreciated.

Books that are in demand include large print, Christian, westerns, biographies and military.

Consider saving books you, family, and/or friends enjoyed this summer and donating them to the library. We'd love to have them for members and guests to check out this fall.

We have received many compliments from guests about our library. Kudos to the Library Committee for their diligence in making it user-friendly as well as keeping it organized and relevant.

Housekeeping Note

Make sure all trash is bagged and tied securely. Instead of bagging, cardboard boxes should be flattened.

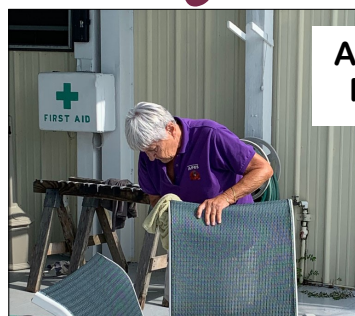
1. Trash and garbage that is not bagged when placed in the dumpster is creating an eyesore and a health hazard.

2. Loose trash/garbage frequently doesn't make it into the garbage truck and falls to the ground and either sticks to the wet pavement or gets blown around the park.
3. Maggots that feed on the loose garbage in the dumpster often end up on the ground.



Rob Beatty captured this outstanding picture outside their site of the launch of Atlas V from Cape Canaveral on August 8.

Summer Projects



Annual Pool Patio Power Washing





Laundry Room Upgrade



**Masking of Library Walls
Prepping for Paint**



Game Room Facelift in Progress



**Doors Put on
Cubby
To Right
of Stage**



Pool Hallway Bulletin Board Refurbishing



Front Sign Refurbishing



Serving Window Mural by Artist-In-Residence Joan Tarkin



Summer Around the Park

Flora and Fauna

by Paul Zeller, Landscape Committee Chairman

Volunteers (Kenny Breault and Kevin McIntyre) have been helping weed whack around the retention pond periodically this summer to keep the banks clear of weeds and brush. The pond looks great!

The pond continues to attract a variety of birds. The whistling ducks from last year return occasionally for a visit. Numerous ibis and cattle egrets are regular visitors, and we also get an occasional great egret. Last year, an osprey visited a couple of times, and it has come back a couple of times this year, too. Another return visitor is the little blue heron.



We have a rather large soft shell turtle in the pond. Last year, I saw him sunning himself on the bank several times. This year, Denny Luppins saw the big fella walking down Alligator Alley.

New visitors to the pond this year include a green heron



and an anhinga.



While not a water bird, I also saw a pileated woodpecker in a tree next to the pond for the first time this year.



Another visitor to the Co-op was a caracara. It landed in the front dog-walk area one day when I was out checking on the new hedges.

We've had a pair of Muscovy ducks hanging around this year. In July, the female showed up with 5 ducklings.



Speaking of the new hedges, they are doing great. All the rain we've been having is bringing out a lot of new growth. It will still be a couple of years before they fill in completely, but they're off to a good start.

Breaults' site got beautified when Capt'n Kenny with help from Kevin McIntyre installed a new flower post to showcase the addition of hanging baskets.



In January 2017, we planted dwarf Ixora shrubs around the yard sale shed. They really struggled that first year with the cool, dry winter weather. Well, they are finally starting to thrive with almost every single one of them blooming.



Park Fun



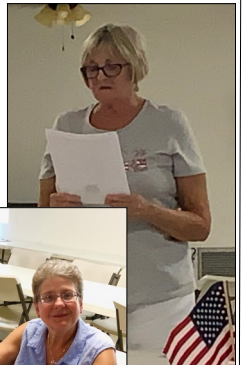
July 4th All American Picnic



We enjoyed a Mother's Day Brunch with a program presented by Bev Miller, Janet Gibson and Bob Clark. and in June celebrated Father's Day with root beer floats.



The Memorial Day Grill Out included a program by Rose & Dave Irons.



Water aerobics has been a big hit.



We have been celebrating birthdays and half birthdays.



We are enjoying LEOs (Let's Eat Out)



What I Did on My Summer Vacation

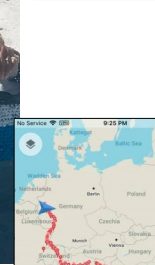


Rob & Diane Beatty's summer road trip included a stop at the CN Tower in Toronto



New Co-op members Gary & Audrey Wyatt met up with Bill & Jan Maas in Burnsville, MN.

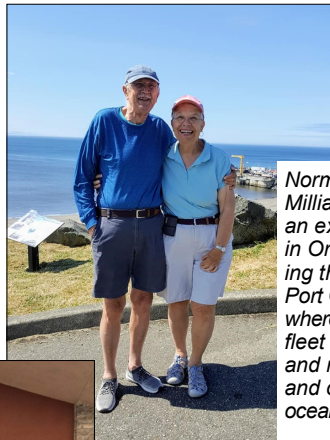
Vera Green reveled in a week at Emerald Isle, NC, with her 'adopted daughter,' Lois Gray.



Ken & Betsy Hixon's road trip this year started in the tulip fields of the Netherlands and extended down to Greece.



Ed & Cathy Landry are on a 5-month exploration of the Northwest. Rainbow trout ... it's what's for dinner when Ed went fishing at Yellowstone.



Norm & Ginny Milliard enjoyed an extended stay in Oregon including the harbor at Port Orford, OR where the fishing fleet is lowered and raised into and out of the ocean every day.



Four wheeling and indoor skydiving were some of June Post's adventures this year.



Norm & Laurie Milliard met up with Cathy & Ed Landry and Jan and Skip Pratt to show them around Port Townsend, WA.



Dave & Rose Irons have enjoyed visits to Key West and the Navy Station at Mayport in their new rig. Dave likes traveling again!

Robert Mellis held court at King Arthur Flour Company's flagship location in Norwich, VT when he and Jo met up with Bud & Marsha Hodgkins.



Skip & Jan Pratt's 2019 Adventure in the West included hiking in Zion National Park, Utah.



Ray & Kathy Heaton's family celebrated Kathy's 80th birthday and Ray & Kathy's 60th wedding anniversary during their camping trip over July 4.



Bobbie & Judy Hoffman met up with Steve & Anne Warren at a Bluegrass Festival.