



## These Are Unusual Times: Annual Meeting Postponed

Our bylaws state in

Article II – MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS

Section 2: MEETINGS

- A. There shall be an annual meeting of the membership of the FLORIDA SKP CO-OP.
- B. Such annual FLORIDA SKP CO-OP meeting shall be held on the first Monday following the fifteenth of February for that calendar year.
- C. Due to unforeseen circumstances, meetings as outlined in "B" above may be re-scheduled by the Board of Directors upon prior notice to all members.

Therefore, due to Covid-19 and the necessity for having meetings online, the Board of Directors unanimously voted at the December 17 meeting "to postpone the annual meeting to a day in the future when we can get the membership to meet in the clubhouse and discuss any proposals and to proceed with the election as scheduled."



The Board then announced that the annual meeting date, February 22, will still be observed for the purpose of election of Board of Directors.

Annual packets were sent out a week early to ensure delivery and enough time for members to return their ballots for the Board of Directors by 10 am on February 22. At that time, ballots will be opened and tabulated by impartial observers, who will testify to the legitimacy of the election results.

Within 24 hours, the new Board will meet in Executive Session to determine their positions on the Board and to choose committees. Once decided, that information will be posted in the clubhouse and on the website.



**Virtual Gathering on Google Meet to Observe the Search and Election Committee's Counting of Ballots for Board of Directors.**

**Monday, February 22 ~ 10 am**  
Code Emailed When Available



Honeymoon Island State Park

**No Thruway When Sites Are Occupied**  
Please respect our visitors' privacy.

As a reminder to all of us, this sign is going to be placed on the south side of the retention pond behind the park's new, full-service sites. Please be considerate of our visitors.

### Board Members

- President** .....Frank King, A-15
- Vice-President**.....Ed Landry, A-35
- Secretary** .....June Post, H-21
- Treasurer** ..... Pat Dubuc, A-34
- Ass't Treasurer** Diane Luppens, H-29
- At Large** ..... Bud Hodgkins, H-10
- At Large** ..... Steve Little, H-09

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### Safety Reminders

*from Safety & Emergency Committee*

Park documents state the “Purpose of the Emergency/Safety Committee is to help us all live in a safe environment. “ Our committee takes this seriously. It is with this in mind, we ask all members and guests of the Florida SKP Park to take the following precautions.

#### COVID Safety

Florida is currently a **RED** zone which means Covid-19 is rampant in our State. As of Jan. 19, we have the third largest number of victims of Covid-19 in the country, 1,579,280 according to reports available through Hardee County’s website. Covid is out of control in our state.

Carry a mask with you when out and about in the park. If you stop to chat with anyone, place the mask on your face covering both mouth and nose.

Wash your hands frequently and use hand sanitizer.

Quarantine when you have been among large groups of people. Anyone could be carrying the virus. Avoid large gatherings and public activities indoors where the virus germs can be active. You could carry the virus back with you.

Stay 6 feet apart and choose your interactions wisely.

Encourage visitors upon arrival to wear masks and to quarantine on their sites for a minimum of 7 days and preferably 14 days. Doctors tell us that most people that are exposed will come down with symptoms within 7 days, thus the 7-day minimum suggested.

#### Golf Cart Safety

As the number of personal golf carts grows in our park, we highly recommend that each owner carry a portable fire extinguisher on their golf cart. This is for the safety of everyone.

In the spirit of CARING and SHARING, we ask your cooperation to keep everyone safe.



**Blood Drive**  
**Monday, February 1**  
**10 am - 2 pm**

Sign up sheet in clubhouse.



**Virtual Board Meeting**  
via Google Meet

**Tuesday, February 9**  
**10 am**

Code Emailed  
When Available

### MIA—One Oxygen Tank

*by Marsha Hodgkins, Chairman Safety & Emergency Committee*

An oxygen tank in a green carrier was removed from the laundry room sometime in the past six months.



The Emergency and Safety Committee would like to be notified if you have this tank in your RV or park model.

We are happy to see the medical equipment used, but it is helpful to know where it’s located when removed from the storage areas.



*Diane Merritt captured this picture of a bald eagle near the park when out with husband, Jay.*



Free tax assistance for those who need it.

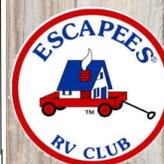
### Changes to Accommodate COVID

- This year’s temporary location **Avon Park Nazarene Church** 707 W Main Street
- Appointment required **Make appointment by phone 863-354-0520**
- No same-day tax returns
- Bring req’d documents to interview at Avon Park Nazarene Church
- Your return is prepared off-site
- Return by appointment to church the following week for exit interview and to pick up your completed return.
- Call for appointment ~ **863-354-0520** **Fridays 8am—10am; 1pm—4pm beginning January 21**
- Additional info on website **TaxAideHardee.com**

#### If you need a state return done.

- Visit [Avon Park VITA/TCE](#) site at Grogan Center of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church 595 E. Main Street
- By appointments only which must be made in person at Grogan Center
- **Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am—1pm beginning January 19**

Check posting on pool hallway bulletin board for additional information.



**Escapees Chapter 57 Spring Rally**

**April 12-16, 2021**

Cypress Campground & RV Park  
Winter Haven, FL



See Rose Irons on F-10 for more information.

### What's Going On This Month?



Free Wine & Cheese  
During Happy Hour

**Wednesday, February 3**  
**4 pm**  
Kitchen Patio  
BYO Chairs  
Sign up in Clubhouse



**Parade**  
**Tuesday, February 16**  
**2 pm**

All Walkers & Wheelers  
Scooters, Golf Carts,  
Bikes, Roller Blades

Are Encouraged to Participate!

At 10 am all manner of festive  
Mardi Gras paraphernalia will be  
available on the kitchen patio for  
you to use for decorating.



Parade staging begins at  
1:45 pm in the overflow area.

Mardi Gras Cake and Ice Cream  
Follow the Parade.



Kitchen Patio  
BYO Chairs  
Sign up in Clubhouse

**Stuffed Baked  
Potato Lunch**  
Tickets  
\$5



Variety of Your Favorite Toppings  
Dessert ~ Iced Tea

**Friday, February 12**  
**Noon**  
Kitchen Patio  
BYO Chairs

Tickets Available Feb 3-9  
From Fun 'n Sun  
Board Member

**Ice  
Cream Social** 2 pm

**Sunday, February 7**

Peanut Buster Parfaits

\$2.50



**Sunday, February 21**

Oreo Cookie Sundae

\$2.50



Kitchen Patio ~ BYO Chairs  
Sign up in Clubhouse

**SK Pettes**

All Ladies Are Invited!

Wednesday  
February 17

Meet at  
1:00 pm  
at



Sebring

2521 US Hwy 27 N  
Next to Home Depot  
Sign up in Clubhouse

**Mild Chili  
&  
Cornbread  
Lunch**

Tickets: \$5



Cornbread, Rice,  
Dessert ~ Iced Tea

**Tuesday, February 23**  
**Noon**

Kitchen Patio  
BYO Chairs

Tickets Available Feb 12-19  
From Fun 'n Sun Board Members



**Friday, February 5 ~ 2 pm**

Kitchen Patio ~ BYO Chairs  
Sign up in Clubhouse

**CAMPFIRE**

Featuring Roasted Hot Dog Snack  
While They Last  
Bring Your Roasting Stick If You Have One

**Thursday, February 25**  
**6:30 pm**

BYO Chairs  
Sign up in Clubhouse

## Weekly Activities

### Line Dancing



**Mon & Wed    Fri**  
**Instruction    Practice**  
**10 am**

### Shuffleboard



**Mon - Sat ~ 1 pm**



**Mon & Wed ~ 4 pm**  
 Monday~Weekly Announcements  
 Kitchen Patio  
 Bring Your Own Chair  
**Twice a Week**

**CARDS    Pegs and    GAMES**  
**Jokers**

**Mon-Tue-Thu-Fri-Sat**  
**7 pm**

**BINGO**  
**\$3.00**  
**Wednesday ~ 7 pm**

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



**PICKLEBALL** on Palm Lane  
**Wednesday & Saturday**  
**9:00 am**

Equipment & Instruction Provided  
 Players & spectators welcome!  
 Bring a chair.



**Thursday**  
**10:00 am**  
 \$10 for 3 Games  
 (Includes Shoes)

**Bowl of Fun**  
 943 S 6th Ave  
 Downtown Wauchula

### Wine B4 Dine



**Thursdays**  
**4 pm**  
**Pool Patio**

Whether beverage of choice is  
 pop, water, beer, or wine...  
 all are welcome!

Forget trying to walk a  
 mile in my shoes.  
 Try Spending a  
 day wandering  
 around in my  
 mind. Now that  
 will give you something  
 worth thinking about!



"One day Son, this will be all yours."

Back in 2017, it was reported in the *Boston Globe* that the average household has about 300,000 things in it.

### Yard Sale Donations

**See Jan Pratt H-9**  
**or call 937-418-9835**  
 to make arrangements to  
**drop off donations at the shed.**

**FLASH**  
**YARD SALE #5**  
**Thursday, February 18**  
**1:30 - 3 pm**



Northern Beach Bums

### Really Bad Analogies Written by High School Students

She had a deep throaty genuine laugh like that sound a dog makes right before it throws up.

She grew on him like she was a colony of e Coli and he was room-temperature Canadian beef.

## Family News



2/01	Bob Clark
2/03	Ann Ed
2/05	Rick DeCiero
2/09	Julie King
2/12	Bob Hunt
2/14	Val Young
2/20	Jewell Gosselin
2/22	Elsie Pettinato
2/23	Janet Gibson
2/26	Beverly Miller
2/26	Ed Landry
2/28	Nancy Pearce



2/07	Richard & Helen Frenz
2/17	Mel & Katsue VonPloennies
2/27	Bob & Judy Hoffman

### Arrivals / Farewells / Moves

#### New to Park

Jill Parnell	Site H-13
William Marsh	Site H-37

#### Farewell

Jim & Brenda Caldwell	Site G-07
Dolores Griffey	Site-F01

#### Moved to a Different Site

Skip & Jan Pratt	H-09 to G-07
Steve & Diane Little	H-13 to H-09
Norm & Laurie Milliard	H-37 to F-01



*The White B4 Diners, sunbathers, and swimmers are enjoying this attractive shade that has been added to the pool patio.*

### ICE Your Cell Phone

ICE is an acronym for "In Case of Emergency." Adding ICE to your phone is simple. Just scroll to the letter "I" in your phone contact list, and list your emergency ICE contact with the word ICE before their name. For example, "ICE-John Smith." Then, be sure to enter every phone number (home, mobile phone and work) you have for that individual, as well as their email and physical address.

#### For iPhone Users

1. Open the Health app and tap the Summary tab.
2. Tap your profile picture  in the upper-right corner.
3. Under Medical Details, tap Medical ID.
4. Tap Edit in the upper-right corner.
5. To make your Medical ID available from the Lock screen on your iPhone, turn on Show When Locked. In an emergency, this gives information to people who want to help. To share your Medical ID with emergency responders, turn on Share During Emergency Call. When you make a call or send a text to emergency services on your iPhone or Apple Watch, your Medical ID will automatically be shared with emergency services.
6. Enter health information like your date of birth, allergies, and blood type. Tap Done.

#### For Android Users

If you have an Android phone, you can download an app called QuickIce. This ICE app helps Android cell phone users quickly access their ICE information even if the phone is locked. You must follow the prompts to add the app to your Android's lock screen.

For Samsung Galaxy users, you can utilize the Samsung contacts app that comes with your phone. Find ICE emergency contacts and add your ICE entry. They can now be accessed even from a locked phone screen by pressing the emergency call button.

For more information go to: [www.medicalalertadvice.com](http://www.medicalalertadvice.com)

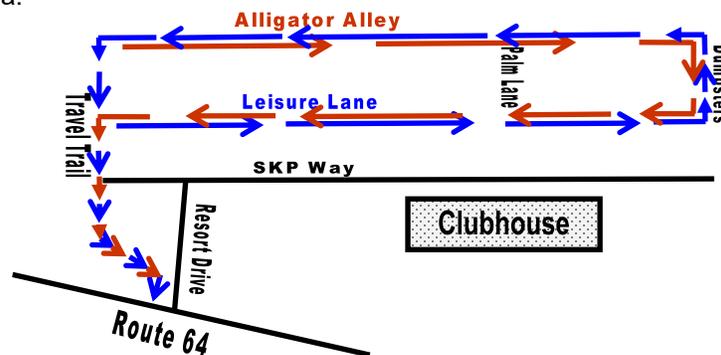
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YOU.  
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### Please Help Reduce Congestion in Front of Clubhouse

Residents of Leisure Lane and Alligator Alley are being asked to please help the traffic flow in the park by avoiding the clubhouse area whenever possible.

Leaving the park using Leisure Lane or Alligator Alley, even after using the dumpster, would be a big help in alleviating a potentially unsafe traffic jam.

Because of the number of golf carts and cars that stop in front of the clubhouse, as well as RVs checking in, it is difficult to safely maneuver in this area.



## January Around the Park



This crew picked 28 lbs. of strawberries for the strawberry shortcake ice cream social. L-R Cathy Landry, Mary Ann Corcoran, Kathy Canning, Sue Mannery, Ginny Milliard, and Gary Canning



Kevin Polter and Denny Luppens power washed and painted the shade shelter by the pool.



Tom Corcoran climbed to the roof of his rig to capture this gorgeous sunset.



The SKPettes enjoyed lunch at Giovanni's in downtown Wauchula. L-R Julie Polter, Janet Sanders, Barb McKenzie, Audrey Wyatt, Lillian White, Rita Molitor, Jewell Gosselin, Bev Miller.



The January Jamboree Kick-Off was the start to a fun time.

The weather for January Jamboree was mild and sunny, perfect for all the activities planned for outdoors. The kick-off event's large attendance was just the start. Thursday's Flash Yard Sale the next day netted \$517.50. Added to the previous flash sales, the total raised so far in the 4 flash sales to date is \$1,898.50.

Over 90 people enjoyed the grill out on Friday. Winners of the games were Bob Schumann and Mike Milliard, Pickleball; Rick DeCiero and Ed Landry, Shuffleboard, and Bruce and Sue Randall, Corn Hole.

Saturday's Bingo Bonanza winner was Julie Wold who won about \$44.

### Photos from January Jam Kick-Off



Under the leadership of Jane Lewis, Sue DeCiero and Kathy Canning were part of the team that prepared the snacks for everyone.



Janet Gibson and Skip LaPlante, aka Anthony & Co., delighted the crowd.



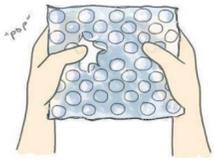
The Jamboree Jewels had the crowd in stitches L-R Dale Mahnken, June Post, Janet Gibson, Joan Tarkin. Missing from this picture is Barb Fletcher.



Line dancers strutting their stuff from L-R: Rick DeCiero, Judy Hoffman, Sue DeCiero, Kathy Canning, Lynn Lunde, Becky Lunde, Katsue von Ploennies

# Fun Facts

Source: <https://bestlifeonline.com/did-you-know-facts/>



If you can't wait to pop every air-filled pocket the minute you pull a piece of bubble wrap out of a package, can you imagine how irresistible it would be if it were covering your walls? Engineer Al Fielding and Swiss inventor Marc Chavannes probably didn't consider that when, in 1957, they invented bubble wrap while trying to create a textured wallpaper by sealing two shower curtains together to trap air bubbles.

The top speed of the winning car in the first U.S. race was seven miles per hour. Frank Duryea reached a top speed of 7 mph when he raced the second car he had ever built with his brother, Charles, on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 1895. The *Chicago-Times Herald*-sponsored race featured a 54-mile course that ran from downtown Chicago to Evanston and back.



## Hardee County Emergency Numbers

- Life Threatening ..... 911  
(Law Enforcement, Fire, and EMS)
- Hardee County Sheriff .....(863) 773-4144
- Ambulance .....(863) 773-3313
- Hardee County Emergency .....(863) 773-9390  
(Storm, Disaster, etc.)
- Power Outage—Peace River Electric .....(800) 282-3824

**The RESORT is located on the north side of Hwy 64, just over 2 miles east of where Hwy 64 intersects with Hwy 17.**

**Code for Gate Beside Site A-1.....13-35-13**

**Code for Drive-Through Gate Between Sites A-28 and A-30.....32-14-22**

Back in 1939, Ernest Vincent Wright, an American author, published *Gadsby*, a 50,000-word novel that doesn't use the letter 'e' once. That's even more astounding when you consider that 'e' is the most commonly used letter in the English language.

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