



MARCH 2026

CRACKER Crumbs

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to all:

First... let's hope we can start to get some Florida-type weather soon. Those chilly mornings got really old, really fast.

Second...One thing continues to amaze me about our resort - the never ending committment of so many of our members who volunteer a great deal of their time for the betterment of the park. No one should ever take what we have here for granted. We are what we are - a great place - but that doesn't happen on its own. If one "stops to smell the roses" even for a moment, it is quite clear - there are many, many of our members (and guests) who continually donate time and expertise to constantly improve our surroundings, create great activities, work to keep things running as smoothly as possible, and contribute in a variety of other ways to keep this such a wonderful place to live. If you have some yet untapped expertise, or energy, please pitch in - there is always

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Board Meetings

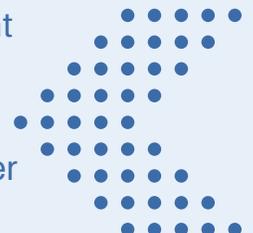
9AM
March 11
April 8



Sunday, March 8

BOARD OF OFFICERS

- Steve Little -G-27.....President
- Jeff Lamphere-G-26Vice President
- Mark Norton - A-3.....Secretary
- Lisa Geary - H-28.....Treasurer
- Kathy Canning - G-05.....Asst. Treasurer
- Jill Parnell - F-06.....At Large
- Tom Adler - A-5 -.....At Large



From the President cont.

something to be done or someone who can use some help. Thanks in advance.

Now...I gotta joke...Did you hear the one about...

Oh, never mind. I think I might have told that one already.

My best wishes and sincere thanks to all.

Steve Little
BoD President



St. Patricks
Dinner
March 16
5 PM

Dance with
Rick Arnold
6:30-9:30

Tickets on sale 3/2-3/12
\$15



CRAFT CLASS



March 6. 10 a.m. Craft "Fascinators" - Tea Party Headgear. Cost \$4. All supplies provided.



March 20 10 a.m. Craft Boho Bracelets. \$2. All supplies provided.



Welcome

The Welcome Committee invites you to a Meet & Greet for visitors and new members. March 4 @ 10AM in the clubhouse. Ask questions*Get clarification*Talk one-on-one.

Welcome to the Randall's



Bruce and Sue Randall come to us from Harvey, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, with a life story shaped by perseverance,

faith, and a quiet but steady generosity toward others.

Sue grew up with two brothers, one of whom was her twin. At just thirteen years old, she lost her mother, followed soon after by the loss of her father. Bruce, a friend of Sue's older brother, stepped in simply to help, driving her to school, ball practice, and wherever she needed to go. What began as kindness would eventually become a lifelong partnership.

After both of Sue's parents passed, the siblings were forced to sell their family home. With nowhere else to go, they moved in with Bruce's family. Bruce's mother was raising six children on her own after losing her husband when Bruce was twelve. Life was tight, and everyone worked hard just to get by.

During this time, Sue also helped Bruce's mother as she worked toward becoming a nurse, assisting with schooling and caring for the younger brother. When Sue was just eighteen, Bruce and Sue were married and soon moved into their own apartment.

Bruce later became a firefighter, a career defined by service to others, and Sue devoted herself fully to being a stay-at-home mother, raising their three sons. They are now the proud grandparents to eleven grandchildren.

Now settled here, Bruce and Sue have found their place in our park and are proud members of our community. Their kindness is evident, their willingness to help unmistakable. They are the kind of people who show up when someone needs them—quietly, sincerely, and without expectation.



Feb. Word Scramble Answers

In the February issue of "Cracker Crumbs" (page 5) there was a Valentine word scramble to test your skill at solving mixed up letters. Hope you had fun and practiced your vocabulary.

When you have time, check out the answers below and see how many you got correct.

1-20:

Cupid, hugs, February, Valentine, kisses, chocolate, love, sweetheart, red, lace, Saint, hearts, doilies, pink, arrow, roses, romance, candy hearts, happy and Friendship

WATERMATTERS.ORG

Modified Phase II Water Shortage Restrictions

Always refer to your city or county; regulations first.

Effective Date and Areas

- The District's Modified Phase II one-day-per-week water shortage restrictions are in effect Feb. 8, 2026, through July 1, 2026.
- We received below average rainfall during the summer rainy season and, as of January, have a 13.6-inch rainfall deficit compared to the historical average 12-month total. Water levels in the region's aquifers, rivers and lakes are declining. Public water supplies in the Tampa Bay area are lower than expected at this time of year.
- The District addresses dry conditions through water shortage actions, which are temporary measures that restrict water use among the various types of permit holders during extended dry conditions.
- The restrictions apply to all of Citrus, DeSoto, Hardee, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota and Sumter counties; portions of Charlotte, Highlands and Lake counties; the City of Dunnellon and The Villages in Marion County; and the portion of Gasparilla Island in Charlotte County.

Lawn Watering Days and Times

- The Modified Phase II Water Shortage Order reduces lawn watering to one day per week Districtwide, including residents on private wells, through July 1, 2026.
- Residents should check with their city or county for their allowable day and times as many have different schedules or stricter hours in effect. Below is the standard watering days schedule based on addresses ending in:
 - 0 or 1 shall only water on Monday
 - 2 or 3, on Tuesday
 - 4 or 5, on Wednesday
 - 6 or 7, on Thursday
 - 8 or 9, on Friday along with locations with a mix of addresses or for which an address cannot be determined (such as common areas associated with a subdivision)
- Watering hours are reduced to 12:01 a.m. to 8 a.m. or 6 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.; properties less than one acre in size may only use one of these windows.
- Low-volume watering (micro-irrigation, soaker hoses, hand watering) of plants and shrubs (not lawns) is allowed any day and any time.

Our Clubhouse Awakens

Unless you are up and about early, you might not be aware of how our clubhouse comes alive to evolve into a shared space each morning. Some of us are programmed to be in that welcoming space very early, to even venture out when the cold snaps bring a chill wind.

An early bird arrives to get that all important coffee machine brewing, ready for the Table of Knowledge members who stroll in at leisure. The aroma of coffee welcomes them all as Tomasa arrives to ensure our facilities are clean and presentable. All is peaceful, and there is a quiet rhythm to the waking up of the building - except on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

Our gentle exercise group has ballooned into sometimes thirty members stretching, balancing and strengthening three times each week. The clubhouse becomes alive with chatter and the setting out of chairs as the clock moves towards 7:30 am.

Thanks to George Reckentine's technology improvements, we now exercise to a full stage projector screen and we have privacy screens to partially divide the room. We even provide the Table of Knowledge with a muted television version of our dvd so that they can subliminally soak up the benefits of us doing all the bending and stretching. We are assured that they prefer to lift coffee mugs to weights. (cont.)

Thank you for sharing the space so gracefully guys. Of course, you are very welcome to cross the line and come on over.

All chatter is silenced, and voices from the Table are gentle as we focus on our well-being for an hour, following our instructor and pondering on the stunning scenery behind her. By 8.30 we are packing up and the clubhouse is fully awake, ready for the business of meetings, classes, games, event preparations and casual visits. Another day of splendid service to our members begins.

With special thanks to all who upgrade and maintain our special space.

Rosie Sinclair



Happy Birthday



- 5 Carol Patterson
- 6 Norman Milliard III
- 7 George Gandero
- 7 Trinity
- 8 Lisa Brubaker
- 11 Arlene Krueger
- 16 Tony Pettinato
- 17 Debbie Abernethy
- 18 Cathy Landry
- 29 Dale Schmidtendorff
- 30 Diana Hinson



ACTIVITIES

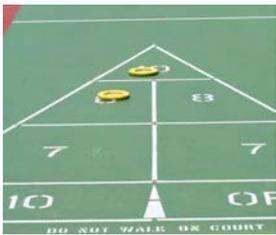
Coffee & Table
of Knowledge
7AM Daily



Gentle stretches for
strength & balance
Tues., Thurs.
& Sat.
7:30-8:30
AM



Shuffleboard
Daily @
1pm



Water
Aerobics
(self directed)
2PM daily



Monday Morning
Breakfast
7:45 - 8:45 AM



Movie
Night
Tuesdays
@ 7PM



Bingo
Wednesdays
7 PM



Monday &
Wednesday
4 PM on the patio

HAPPY HOUR!



Fiber & Threads
& Stitching Cards
Thursdays
2:00 PM




Pickleball
Tues., Thurs., & Sat.
9AM
Instruction Wednesday
9AM



Whine B4 Dine
Thursdays at 4:00
PM Pool Patio



Ukulele Fridays
1-2pm Beginner's
2-3pm Advanced
3-4:30pm Music Jam



Pencil art class
every Thursday @
9am



Woodcarving
Friday's at
9AM





What's Happening This Month?



Signup sheets and more info about activities can be found in the Clubhouse



Fun' N Sun Spirit Day

March 2nd @ 9am
Fun 'n Sun meeting.
Don't forget your yellow shirt.



March 7
7PM

Nickels Card Game



Ice Cream Social
March 8 @ 2PM
followed by Bean Bag Baseball.



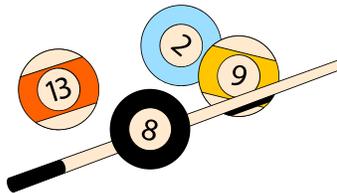
March 11
and
March 25,
2:30PM



Coffee Cafe
March 17, 3-4pm
at Ron & Susan's
S-2

SKPettes

March 18
11:30AM
Kiki's Egg House
720 N.
Charleston Ave.
Ft. Meade, FL



March 19, 5PM
Double Billiards
sign-up in clubhouse



March 21
7PM

ICE CREAM SOCIAL



March 22
2PM
followed by:
CHAIR VOLLEYBALL



March 24, noon
"MusGo"
Luncheon
-Clean out the fridge-
Chili
Bean Soup
Ham & Beans
Chicken sandwich
Tickets \$5 each

LEO'S
March 25 @
12pm
Cowpoke's
Watering Hole
Sebring

March 26
2PM
High Tea



Tickets available
3/16-23, \$10 each



DAMAGED LANDSCAPING

This has been a very harsh winter, even here in Florida, and our foliage has sure paid for it. Many have reached out to Paul Zeller seeking guidance, and he has shared the info below to help us.



Freeze Damage to Plants

A couple of people have asked me what to do about plants that were damaged by the recent freezing temperatures. The natural tendency is to want to prune right away to get rid of the ugliness.

The best thing to do now is to do nothing.

Wait until the plant begins to show signs of new growth, usually around the end of February or early March in this area. Pruning too soon may encourage new growth, and if there is more cold weather, the plant will be weakened even more when the new growth freezes. Also, do not fertilize now for the same reason.

Keep plant roots moderately moist because the windy, dry weather will dry the plants out. However, do not overwater. Watering too much now may also encourage new growth too soon, or it may even rot the roots (especially for plants in pots).

Some plants may show brown, withered leaves. A few branches may not make it (especially some of the more tender tips), but the plant will most likely survive. Some plants may die back all the way to ground level, but the roots will survive, enabling the plant to regrow. Waiting to see new growth will help you know how much to prune and which plants to pull out.

For more information, see the articles below from the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

Recovering From Freeze Damage [<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/CH004>]

Cold Damage on Palms [<https://edis.ifas.edu/publication/MG318>]



Seminole Brighton Bay Casino
Okeechobee

Monday, March 23. The bus leaves the park at 10 AM

The bus will accommodate 14 people.

\$30 per person w/\$20 back in free play.

Restaurant on premises.