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Letter from the Editor



Hello fellow Orange Harbor residents! My name is Jennifer Krogulski at 78 Sun Circle, and I am your newsletter editor. If you have anything you would like to see added to the newsletter, please reach out to me at ohnewsletter@aol.com.

Newsletters will not be delivered. Copies are available in the clubhouse and RV washrooms.

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Editor's note:

I personally wanted to thank the First Mates for their very generous gift of \$250 to purchase the butterfly and fragrance plants for the Memorial Garden. The plants will be purchased and installed in the beginning of January. I hope that everyone, not just "Community Gardeners" use this space. It is for everyone to just relax and enjoy some quiet time. I would also like to thank the residents who have purchased plaques for the bench. The plaques are open to everyone to purchase one who lives in the community and who would like to remember a loved one.

Need to Know!

New kitchen procedures have been posted. Phone numbers are posted on the door, and anyone wishing to reserve or use the kitchen should contact one of the Social Committee members listed. Also, the Social Committee has purchased a new color printer to replace the black and white one in the clubhouse conference room. The B/W one will be placed in the general area for resident use.

Propane service is no longer available inside the park. The large tanks can be refilled at Tractor Supply, Ace Hardware, Lowes, or Loves Truck Stop.

Directory-Everyone is asked to fill out a new information form (available at most functions and in the front office). Be sure to indicate if you want to be included in the directory. You must sign the form for it to be valid.

If you see violations of the community rules, if you have an issue with the management company, etc., you need to speak to our CAM. It is the responsibility of the CAM to enforce the policies set forth by the Board of

Directors. It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors to create the policies set forth. Know the difference between the two separate entities. You can also contact the Regional CAM if needed.

CAM Kelley Herrera is no longer employed by Newby Management.

The gate construction continues to move along. There is a guard on duty at night from 9pm-5am. Please be sure to have identification. You may pick up a sticker from the office for your vehicle for a faster process. Once the project is complete RFID tags will be issued to one vehicle per household. Additional tags will be available for purchase. RV residents will also be able to purchase RFID tags or use a personal code.



CO-OP President

The park is filling up quickly, and it is nice to see so many faces slowly return. It looks like we are going to have a great season of fun and activities, your Social Committee has a full schedule of fun set for the year! Many of you may not recognize the park when you return, with everyone working so hard not only to bring OH back, but also to move it forward and make it better than ever.

The new pickleball courts are still on track to open the 1st of the year, and the new front entrance is well under way. Please come in and out slowly, there is a lot of construction going on and we need cooperation with safety. We have a night security guard at the gate 7 days a week and it has been working out very well thanks to our residents being so cooperative and polite. The guard reported to me how wonderful everyone has been, this just shows the type of people that live in our park, nice job all! The road sealing coating and paving has been completed, and some new street signs have been put in place.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, and Newby Management, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas! I hope to see you all at the first big event of the season, the New Years Eve party!

Butch Chambers, Board of Directors President

Thought for the Day

"A friendly wave and a cheerful hello can brighten up anyone's day, especially when it comes from a neighbor."

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Let's Get Social

The next Social Committee meeting will be on Jan 6th at 4:00pm in the clubhouse. If you are a leader of a Club or Activity you should take time to join us. This is your opportunity to promote your events and discuss your needs for your club or activity. We will be discussing the Park Sale and all the volunteers needed.

Thank you to all that helped to decorate Orange Harbor. See below the Take Down Dates.

Must take down decorations inside to make room for the Park Sale.

Volunteers (Take Down)

-Inside Clubhouse 1/8 - 1/9

-Outside wk 1/12 - 18 (anytime)

Park Sale / Bake Sale - There will be signup sheets in Clubhouse for volunteers to help with Park/Bake Sale. This is just an outline:

Friday Jan 10th

Setup Tables in Clubhouse - 9:00am

Empty Donation Container and bring to Clubhouse - 9:00am

- Need men and trucks for larger items.

Organize items on tables 10:00am - until it's done.

Bake Goods - Please bring your baked goods by Friday 8:00pm, but if you can't make that deadline, then Sat 11th by 8:00am bagged/plated and priced.

Saturday Jan 11th

Volunteers

Manage the tables

Auction

Take down tables and pack up

Reset tables

If you have an event you want to schedule for Clubhouse, Pavilion or RV Gypsy Haul, please contact myself and Jennifer so we can be on the same page with newsletter and Google Calendar. Also if you want something to be put on the Signage Monitors, please reach out to me with what you want to display.

Reminder: Residents need to sign up in Clubhouse for any event that involves food in advance in order to purchase the correct amount.

- Exception is Bingo Night - no sign up required for food purchase.

Calendars and Newsletters will be at Clubhouse. We will not be delivering to each household. We will also put some at the RV Bathhouse.

Thank you,

Denise Miller, OH Social Chair

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January 25, 2025 9:00am - 2:00pm

(Carnival will be in Clubhouse)

We will have booths with outside vendors and OH clubs for you to visit and get information. During the carnival we will have raffle baskets with all kinds of gifts that you can win. The kitchen will be open for food to purchase (11:00am - 2:00pm). Come support and mingle with your community, we hope to see you there!

Orange Harbor History

Part 1

On November 9, 1956, Mr. Alfred Buell and his wife G. Ruth Buell from Siesta Key purchased 55.57 acres from Mr. Norwood R. Strayhorn and his wife Marietta F. Strayhorn who were from Lee County. Then on April 14, 1961, Mr. Alfred and G. Ruth Buell purchased 11.1 acres of land from Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Mr. Alfred Buell was a nationally known artist who was born in Hiawatha, Kansas in 1910 and grew up in Cushing, Oklahoma. He attended classes at the Art Institute of Chicago, which, in concert with a trip to New York City, decided on a career in art.

In 1935, Buell and his wife moved to Chicago, Illinois, where he joined the Stevens/Hall/Biondi Studio. By 1940, he had opened his own studio. During this period, he did a number of pin-ups for the Gerlach-Barklow calendar company. Buell also did work for several other calendar companies in the early 1940s.

During WWII, Buell was rejected by the draft, so he spent the war painting a variety of popular and patriotic pin-ups for Brown & Bigelow. After the war was over, he began contributing to Esquire's Gallery of Glamour. He produced two calendars for Brown & Bigelow, called "Al Buell's Delectables" and "Al Buell's Beauties".

Mr. Alfred Leslie Buell died on February 4, 1996, in Sarasota.



Alfred Buell



One of many Alfred Buell's pin-ups from the 1940's.

In 1965, Mr. Buell owned 78 acres of land on the Orange and Caloosahatchee rivers. He and his brother Dwight, a retired engineer with the Shell Oil Co., were in the planning stages of a waterfront park. Their dream was to build a beautiful mobile home park in this ideal location. They took their idea to the Mobile Home Mfg. Assn. of Chicago who helped plan the park. Johnson Hall Engineering Co., which later became Carl E. Johnson & Associates, were given supervision of the contract to build the park. They were instructed to spare no expense in the park development to assure those features that would add to the comfort and safety as well as beauty, such as wide paved palm-lined streets, off street parking, only one entrance, the very finest utilities, etc.

The park was officially opened on January 15, 1967, with Mr. & Mrs. John Sandidge as managers. Mr. & Mrs. Gene Freeman were the first residents.



Have You Read Your Rules & Regulations Lately?

This is a reminder that the Rules and Regulations are in effect and being enforced. All Residents and their guests are expected to know and abide by these rules. New Rules and Regulations Update-

The new rules and regulations were voted on and adopted by the Board of Directors on May 27, 2022. You can access the Rules and Regulations by going to our website at orangeharbormhc.com, click on the documents tab, click on community rules, and click on the pdf file.

Approved by the Board of Directors on May 27, 2022 The purpose of these Rules and Regulations is to promote the comfort, welfare, and safety of the residents of ORANGE HARBOR MOBILE HOME AND RV RESORT and to improve and maintain the appearance and reputation of the Corporation.

These Rules and Regulations have been established by the Board of Directors of ORANGE HARBOR CO-OP, INC. (hereinafter called the "Co-op"), the owner of the community, and may be changed by them from time to time to achieve this and other purposes. Notice of changes in these Rules and Regulations shall be given to the residents at least 90 days prior to the date of the implementation of the changes.

IV. MANUFACTURED HOME SITES (Cont.)

6. Lawns will be maintained by the Co-op only to the extent of mowing and edging. The resident is responsible for watering, trimming, weeding, clipping, and fertilizing of the lot and maintenance and/or removal of any tree or shrub located on the lot. The only exception is the large palm trees that line the streets that are owned by the Co-op. Dead sod must be replaced and maintained in good condition. Planter beds should contain mulch or decorative rock. Resident must keep lot free of harmful insects. Lot must be maintained by Resident even when home is for sale or when Resident does not reside in the home. If the lot is not satisfactorily maintained, remedies according to Florida Statutes 719 and Prospectus for Shareholders or to Florida Statutes 723 and Prospectus for tenants will be implemented.

7. Watering of lawns is the responsibility of residents. Residents should abide by the watering guidelines and restrictions imposed by the governmental agency having jurisdiction over the community. Sprinklers should be located so no excess water runs down the street.

8. Residents may mow their own lawn using their equipment. Grass, shrubs, clippings, palm fronds and tree limbs should be disposed of according to the current trash pickup schedules. See Section XV Refuse.

9. Trimming of mangroves must be in accordance with the Mangrove trimming and Preservation Act implemented by the Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection.

10. Laundry and bathing suits shall not be hung on any open carport or patio, but only on an umbrella type clothes drying device or folding rack placed at the rear of the manufactured home. The device shall be removed when not in use. In the interest of maintaining openness for all residents, no perimeter fences will be permitted.

11. Decorative dividers, lattice work or trellis may be permitted, but must have written approval from management before installation.

12. Any permanent changes to the home site must be submitted in writing to management and approved by management prior to the commencement of work.

13. UTILITIES a. Each homeowner is responsible for the payment of all electric, propane, telephone, cable, fiber optic TV service and other utility service charges associated with the provisions of such services to their associated lot. The homeowner's charges for these services are not included in the tenant fee or Maintenance Fee. The Co-op is responsible for electric and telephone lines to the boundary of the lot and for the meter boxes. The homeowner is responsible for the electrical lines from the meter boxes of the lot to the home.

b. No above ground propane gas tanks are permitted; however, above ground tanks installed prior to 1997 may remain. Small tanks used for outdoor grills are allowed.

c. All other services required by the resident are solely the resident's responsibility



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Swimming Pool

The pool is open from sunrise to sunset. All guests 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult. If you remove the pool rope that is across the pool separating the deep end to the shallow end, **PLEASE PUT IT BACK**. We will be fined if safety protocol is not followed.

Library

The library is full of books, puzzles, and games in the clubhouse. Please return them when you are finished.

Billiards

Be sure to use our new billiards table in the clubhouse. Please respect the rules pertaining to them.

Ice Machine

The ice cube machine is in the clubhouse. Please use the scooper provided, take maximum 3 scoops, and please close the lid.

Bocce Ball

Enjoy our bocce ball courts with all the equipment you need near the court located next to the clubhouse parking lot.

Shuffleboard

Shuffleboard equipment is for everyone's use and can be found in the shed next to the court.

Storage and Boat Slips

There are 41 storage spaces on the premises and 17 Boat slips. All spaces are rented annually and are rented first come, first served. Please contact the office for prices.

Clubhouse

The clubhouse is in the heart of the community. It is where we host a lot of our activities. It is available to rent for special occasions. Please contact Denise Miller at 603-493-1719.

Garbage Disposal and Plant Cuttings

There is a dumpster and plant cutting trailer available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please do not put large items in the trash compactor. All large items need to be paid for with the proper sticker from the office. Please place the appropriate items in the correct trailer.

Boat Ramps

We have two boat ramps in the park. One is located near the office and the other is next to the gypsy hall near the RV section. Please do not park trucks or trailers where they will be towed when launching your boat.

Horseshoe Pits

There are horseshoe courts near the pavilion and pool. Please replace the equipment when done using.

Fishing Pier & Fish Cleaning Station

There is a fishing pier available to all residents on the NW side of the park. Please obey all fishing regulations and dispose of your used fishing line in the proper waste bin that is available at the pier. There is a fish cleaning station in the RV park that has a cutting surface and running water. Please dispose of your fish carcasses appropriately.

Dog Park

For your convenience there is a fenced in dog park open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for your pets. There are dog waste bags and bins. **PLEASE** clean up after your pet.

Pavilions

There are two pavilions on the premises. One is located near the pool and the other is located in the RV section. They are available for rent for special occasions. Please contact Denise Miller at 603-493-1719 to make a reservation.

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We Recycle on Fridays

Please place your handle towards your house and the open side toward the street for proper pickup!

Recycle Smart-5 For the Cart:

Paper-junk mail, newsprint, magazines, copy paper, phone books, etc. **DO NOT** put in used paper towels, tissues, napkins.

Metal cans-aluminum or steel (tin) cans. No need to remove labels or crush cans.

Cardboard-Any kind of box unless it held a liquid (such as those to hold milk, juice, wine, and broth). Pizza box lids can be recycled, the bottoms can be recycled if they do not have any food residue on them.

Plastic Containers-Look for the number 1-7 within the recycle triangles on the bottom of the container (no Styrofoam, no plastic bags) Lids can be either on or off.

Glass-green, brown, and clear bottles and jars.

Literature provided by Lee County Southwest Florida website leegov.com

Trash Removal and Yard Waste Schedule:

Wednesdays - Brush pick-up. Please keep in maximum 3 foot bundles.

Tuesdays & Fridays - Garbage pick-up Please put your garbage out first thing in the morning, so animals won't get into it.



Mosquito Control: It's Up To You

Empty all standing water you have around your house to avoid breeding mosquitoes!

Maintenance Crew News



We start our days with Orange Harbor to be the very best!

1. Dog owners, please pick up and dispose properly of your dog's mess, this includes dog park area.
2. **Yard wastes, trimmings and weeds, etc. are to be cut and bundled in 3ft sections and weeds bagged.**
3. Anything you place in K-mart or we pick-up MUST have a sticker. This is to cover the costs of hauling to scrap yard or the added costs of the extra weight in compactor. Stickers are available in the office.
4. If you can't pick it up, we can't pick it up! Put your garbage in a couple of bags instead of stuffing it all in one!
5. We don't do maggots! Please clean out your bins!

Thank you all for complying and making our jobs more efficient.



BULK TRASH

Please see the prices of bulk trash below for dumping

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Big Sugar's Power Play reaches U.S. Court of Appeals

Big Sugar's latest legal maneuvers threaten to derail years of progress on Florida's most critical Everglades restoration project.

The EAA Reservoir is a cornerstone Everglades restoration project under construction, designed to store and clean water before sending it south to the Everglades, rehydrating wetlands, and reducing damaging discharges to coastal estuaries. It's the single most important Everglades restoration project on the books—but Big Sugar is suing over it.

In their lawsuit, which dates back to 2021, Big Sugar claims the project violates the "Savings Clause" in the Water Resources Development Act of 2000, which was written to ensure that implementation of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) wouldn't eliminate existing legal water supplies without providing comparable replacements.

Big Sugar's argument? They believe the EAA Reservoir should compensate them for water allocation changes made in 2008 to improve public safety under the Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule (LORS08). But here's the catch: those changes had nothing to do with the EAA Reservoir or the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan.

Despite losing this argument already in district court, Big Sugar appealed the decision, bringing the case to the appellate level.

If Big Sugar succeeds, the EAA Reservoir could be repurposed to serve private Industrial Sugar interests as a water supply tank, funded by taxpayers, rather than fulfilling its intended mission of Everglades restoration. This would undermine nearly a decade of hard work, millions of taxpayer dollars, and public engagement.

Water Belongs to the People, Not Private Interests

Big Sugar's central argument hinges on the flawed assumption that they own the water flowing through the Everglades Agricultural Area, and that the government is without the authority to reduce those flows under essentially any circumstances. Multiple times during the hearing, they referenced "our water" and how "we're getting robbed of our water." This couldn't be further from the truth. In Florida, water is held in trust for the public and managed for the greater good. The EAA Reservoir was designed to address environmental restoration and public benefit, not to prioritize

private interests over the health of Florida's ecosystems and communities.

The Challenge Is Over a Decade Too Late

Big Sugar's grievances trace back to 2008 when the Lake Okeechobee regulation schedule (LORS08) was updated to address public safety concerns. Any issues with these changes should have been raised at that time, not years later when the EAA Reservoir was introduced. By failing to act in 2008, the sugar industry missed its opportunity to challenge the Lake Okeechobee operation changes made, and trying to get around that missed deadline by creating a strained interpretation of the Savings Clause misrepresents its intent and scope.

The EAA Reservoir Enhances, Not Reduces, Water Supply

The notion that the EAA Reservoir violates the Savings Clause is fundamentally flawed. The reservoir increases available water storage, with one-third of its capacity already allocated to water supply interests, including Big Sugar. Claiming that a project designed to improve water management and supply somehow harms their access ignores the clear benefits it provides and undermines the reservoir's primary purpose: restoring the Everglades and reducing harmful discharges to coastal estuaries.

Unfortunately, at this point in the legal process, there's nothing that can be done to influence the outcome—it's a waiting game from here.

In the meantime, it's critical to continue raising awareness of the lawsuit's stakes. If Big Sugar prevails, the EAA Reservoir could lose its ability to send much-needed clean water south to the Everglades and reduce damaging coastal discharges, undermining years of restoration efforts and millions of taxpayer dollars.

We're committed to defending the EAA Reservoir and the greater fight for clean water. This case is a critical juncture for Florida's water future, and the outcome will have lasting implications for the environment, public health, and local economies.

Big Sugar's lawsuit is a self-serving attempt to derail one of the most vital Everglades restoration projects. The EAA Reservoir was designed to benefit the public, not private industries, and turning it into a water supply tank for Big Sugar would undermine its primary mission. As we await the court's decision, the message is clear: Florida's water belongs to all of us, and protecting it is a fight we cannot afford to lose.

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Saturday Coffee

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Park Sale Donations

Donations to the park sale will be accepted after the Coffee & Donuts social hour. You must sign up at the clubhouse to make your donations, there will be a sign-up sheet with the dates and times. If you have many items to donate you may contact Denise Miller at 603-493-1719, please leave your name and address in the message and a Social Committee member will contact you.

Directory



The e-directory is ongoing. We are working together with the OH office and the Welcome Committee to gather information. If you would like to be included in the directory, please contact

Jeannie Jeffery at 317-716-9778 or email jem1931823@gmail.com



Don't miss the **All Park Breakfast** the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. in the clubhouse.

Orange Harbor Social Committee

The Orange Harbor Social Club Committee meets once a month on the first Monday of the month at 4pm. If you would like to join this amazing group of people, please attend these meetings!

Compliance Policy Reminder

As you are aware, one of the goals of all residents of Orange Harbor is to keep the community looking beautiful. Enforcing the rules plays an important role in that goal. The goal of this policy is NOT to penalize residents or to charge fines. The goal is simply to keep our community attractive and to remind all residents that we all share in this responsibility. If you receive an email or a letter, please do not panic. If you need additional time to address an issue, just reach out to the office Management. Communication is key! We all need to work together to maintain a community atmosphere here at our own little slice of paradise...

OURROC-SWF

WWW.OURROC-SWF.ORG

OURROC-SWF continues a long tradition of maintaining an organization for the benefit of our member communities in SWFL. We offer information and support to our resident owned communities. At the present time, we represent 23 communities with over 6000 residents.

The focus of OURROC-SWF continues to be on meeting the needs of our members through presentations of interest and importance to owners of homes. Our membership consists of both resident owned communities and professional members who provide services and support to the communities in our area. In addition to our board training conferences, presentations have focused on insurance, hurricane preparation, legal issues affecting residents' owned communities, and 'roundtable discussions' focusing on member generated concerns and questions.

All meetings begin with networking and refreshment at 9:00am, executive meeting at 9:30am and program at 10:00am All close by 11:30-12:00pm except board certification ends at 2pm.

Tuesday January 14, Old Bridge Village Co-op, Inc.
14535 Paul Revere Loop, North Fort Myers, FL 33917
<https://oldbridgevillage.net/about/> 800 676 3005

Park in Clubhouse parking lot. Additional parking on the street. Please do not block drives.

Program: Pets, Animals, and RULES Presenter: Kristie Mace, esq. Goede, DeBoest & Cross, PLLC



Dinner & Show.

Date: 1/23/2025 – **Time:** Dinner 5:30 – 6:30pm (be there by 6:00pm for dinner) Show: 7:00 – 8:30 (no intermission)

Cost: \$30.00pp – (no tickets for show only) Meals – two options (Beef or Chicken). **Place:** OH CLUBHOUSE

Tables will be setup for 6 people – some exceptions for 7. Tables will be assigned – so if you want a table of 6 (you will need to purchase the table). Ticket Sales – 12/14/2024 – 1/18/2025 Contact Denise Miller at 603-493-1719 or Butch Chambers at 708-204-6053 for tickets.

Broadway Palm

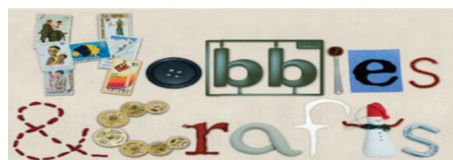
March 22, 2025, the First mates and anyone else interested in seeing “Crazy for You” tickets are \$85 per person. Contact Betty West at 207-404-3030 or westbetty33@gmail.com. Checks must be made out to First Mates and turned into Betty by February 14. She needs a total count of those going by that date. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A FIRST MATES MEMBER TO ATTEND.**

This Tony-award winning musical comedy follows Bobby



Childs, a young banker who dreams of becoming a star. Sent to foreclose on a failing theater, he falls for the theater owner's daughter. To win against her & save the theater, he

disguises himself as a famous Broadway producer, but when the real producer shows up along with Bobby's fiancée, hilarity ensues.



Hobbies and Crafts meets on Tuesdays from 9 to 11 in the clubhouse. In

addition to the weekly project, you are welcome to join us to work on your individual projects—knitting, crocheting, quilting, sewing, etc. Bring your own sewing machines. Stay as long as you like. There usually isn't anything scheduled when our group is finished.

Tues. Jan. 7 – Card Making – Jan. E. has some neat samples to get us started

Tues. Jan. 14 – Napkin designs on any object with a white background – we've expanded our napkin collection – lots of new designs; Napolean Dessert demonstration and tasting.

Sat. Jan. 18 – Set up for Used Fashion Sale after All Park Breakfast

Sun. Jan. 19 – Used Fashion Sale – ladies' and men's clothing, jewelry, purses, scarves, hats, intimates, and swimwear.

Tues. Jan. 21 – Suncatchers – small mirror shapes will be added to what we did last year

Tues. Jan. 28 – Beaded Garden Stakes

Looking ahead to February

Tues. Feb. 4 – Sea Glass/Seashell Resin project – we will also use crushed glass.

Tues. Feb. 11 – Used Clothing Style Show

Sat. Feb. 15 – Setup for Spring Craft Bazaar (if you would like a table to sell your crafts, please contact Dolly Jones (989-928-1900) or Gail Bower (239-464-3981)

Sun. Feb. 16 – Spring Craft Bazaar

More activities will be in the February newsletter.



Water Aerobics

Starting January 2025 water aerobics will be Tuesday & Thursday at 9 a.m.

Wednesday & Friday at 10 a.m. There will be no class on Mondays.



Power Walking Exercise Class

8-9 am OH Clubhouse Monday through Friday. We have approximately 20 Leslie Sansone Power Walking DVDs. Join us for a good upper and lower body workout. Sansone's philosophy is centered around the idea that even the simplest of movements can have a huge impact on a person's fitness level. She believes walking is a sport for life, and that nearly everyone can participate. Her approach is one of encouragement and inspiration. Fitness isn't the only goal for Sansone, however. She also teaches that walking can reduce stress and renew the spirit. Contact Sue Steiner 920-810-0571 for any questions.

Foxy Ladies meet every 2nd Thursday of the month. Please contact Nancy Shepers 812-613-0846 for more information.



Mimosa Belles meets every second Tuesday of the month. Please contact Gayle Corson at 815-355-4352 for more information.



Art Club

The club meets every Monday from 12-3pm. and is for anyone who paints, draws, stamps, or creates other transportable art.

This season the club will offer mini painting lessons with each lesson focusing on one topic, such as how to paint trees, rocks, clouds, or water.

The club will have an art show this year.

Artists at all levels are welcome to join the Art Club. Club dues are \$10 for the year and cover the costs of art shows and a pizza party at the end of the season. Please contact Linda Trinkle at 812-278-4476 for more information.



Strong Seniors Strong Bones

You will learn one exercise you should do for the rest of your life!

You will learn balanced exercises that can be done every day.

Open to men and women

Lead by Sue Steiner – Trained Strong Senior Leader in Wisconsin

Sue has also served on the Advisory Board of a pharmaceutical company based on the fact that she has osteoporosis, and she volunteers and advocates for the Strong Senior – Strong Bones program.

Contact Info: 1281 Third St. 920-810-0571

January 3, 6, 8, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 27, 29, 31

9:15-10:15 OH Clubhouse

Weights are provided in the clubhouse, or you can bring your own weights.

Floor Mat optional. If you can't get down on the floor, I will show you an alternate exercise to do standing up.

- Starting in their mid-forties, people start to lose muscle and gain more fat. People also start to lose bone density.
- Approximately 10 million Americans have osteoporosis. 80% of them are women. Yes, some men do have osteoporosis.
- One in two women will experience an osteoporosis-related fracture.
- Arthritis affects more than 20 million Americans.
- Arthritis is a major reason why so many older adults are sedentary, which in turn results in an increase in joint stiffness and pain.
- Dr. Miriam Nelson, from Tufts University in Boston, conducted a study, looking at the benefits of strength training. When compared to people in the sedentary group, people in the exercise group increased: strength, muscle mass, bone density and balance.
- As a result of this study, Dr. Nelson developed a structured strength training program for mid-life and older people. This training improves/increases muscle mass, strength and balance, bone density, arthritis symptoms, metabolic rate, and glucose control and lipid profile.

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Paint with Kelly!

This season we'll once again be offering a painting/craft class led by Kelly of SeaScapes by KAN. The 2025 class will be held on Thursday, January 16th at 1pm in the clubhouse. Sign-up sheets were completed in

December. We will be doing a Gecko at the cost of \$45 (before optional resin). If you've not attended one of Kelly's Orange Harbor classes, she's great!!! Anyone can be successful and end up with a great art piece. You may have seen some of our work around the park, we've completed a surfboard and flamingo!! See Tammy Crum for further details. 513-532-4198

Art Club Project



As the New Year begins, the Orange Harbor Art Club takes off on a season of artistic adventures with their first mini paint-in/art lesson for all interested

residents on Monday, January 13, at 12:30 in the Clubhouse.

If you want to discover your talent at minimal cost, this event is for you. For just \$5 and approximately one hour of your time, Art Club president Linda Trinkle will walk you through the steps of paint blending and shading to create your very own Flamingo mini masterpiece. (If your flamingo doesn't eat orange shrimp, yours may be pink!)

Can't draw? No problem. Canvases will be pre-drawn. Canvases are approximately 4 by 4 inches.

Sign up in the Clubhouse. Limited to 20 painters. Pay when you show up for the event.

Come discover your artistic talent!

Live Theaters

Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall - bbmannpah.com

The Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall at FSW features the largest proscenium stage in Southwest Florida; and is an 1,874-seat facility that presents National Touring Broadway musicals such as: The Phantom of the Opera, Disney's The Lion King, Les Misérables, WICKED, Jersey Boys, The Radio City Christmas Spectacular starring The Rockettes® and The Book of Mormon. Additionally, the Mann Hall is host to prominent entertainers, dance performances, popular ensembles, and classical music concerts year-round.

The Laboratory Theater of Florida - laboratorytheaterflorida.com

Visit the Laboratory Theater while in the city to catch some live entertainment. This is a small local theater where sets are usually built as per the requirement of the play. You can also be a part of their acting team by enrolling in their auditions.

Broadway Palm Dinner Theater -

broadwaypalm.com Downtown Fort Myers offers an old-fashioned dinner theater and though it may be a throwback to the heyday of the 70's, it's a kitschy novelty to say the least. The evening starts with an expansive buffet topped with lavish desserts and the menu varies depending on the type of show. The main theater stages traditional musicals, while the children's theater presents fairy tales alongside hamburgers or pizza. The 'Off Broadway' Palm Theatre offers newer shows in an intimate general admission setting. Reservations are recommended, and no shorts or T-shirts are allowed.

Florida Repertory Theater - floridarep.org

For more than 15 seasons, the Florida Repertory Theater has provided on-stage entertainment to the people of Southwest Florida in a beautiful old vaudeville theater. The complex is comprised of two different centers, the Historic Arcade Theater, and the newer Art Stage Studio Theater. The former presents original features from when it was built in 1915, and the latter highlights a smaller, more modern space better suited for intimate pieces. The plays and different acts vary from comedy to classical - check the calendar for showtimes.



5K Race January 12 at 8am. Walk, Bike, Run. \$5 entry fee. No motors allowed. Sign up at clubhouse.



Cornhole is every **Wednesday at 1:30** for sign-ups and tossing at 2:00pm.

MAHJONG Join us every **Wednesday at 11am.**

Mahjong is a tile-based game that was developed in the 19th century in China. It is played with four players. It is a game of skill, strategy, and luck. Contact Kay Evans at 303-859-5566 for any help.

Hand/Knee/Foot is every **Sunday and**

Wednesday at 5:30pm. Hand/Knee/Foot is a card game similar to Canasta for four players.

Texas Hold-Em is held every **Friday at**

1pm. Two cards are dealt face down to each player, then five community cards are dealt face up. The goal is to get the best poker hand.

Dingo is every other **Tuesday at 6:30.** Please consult your calendar for actual dates.

Happiness is yelling, "BINGO"!

Play is every other Tuesday, please consult your calendar!

Bingo caller & Validator Volunteers Needed!

If you are interested in being the caller or validator sign-ups will be in the clubhouse.

Caller: Will use the OH computer that will auto select the numbers and then announce the number through the sound system. New callers will be instructed on how to use the Bingo Software.

Validator: Will call back the numbers of a potential Bingo, collect and dispose of the used bingo sheets.

BINGO RULES

- DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 P.M.
- NO CARDS CAN BE PURCHASED AFTER 6:15 P.M.
- CALLING STARTS PROMPTLY AT 6:30 P.M.
- NO ONE UNDER 18 IS ALLOWED TO PLAY
- NO ONE BUT PLAYERS WHO PURCHASED A BINGO PACK ALLOWED I.E. NO WATCHERS

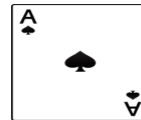
- YOU MUST CALL "BINGO" ON THE LAST NUMBER CALLED
- YOU MUST YELL "BINGO" LOUD ENOUGH FOR THE CALLER TO HEAR YOU.
- IF MORE THAN ONE PLAYER BINGO'S ON THE LAST NUMBER CALLED, THE POT WILL BE SPLIT AMONG THOSE WITH VALID BINGO'S



Pickleball, it's the real dill!

Play starts on Tuesday, Thursday and

Saturday at 10 a.m. in the clubhouse parking lot until the new courts are finished. We have a new app called "Team Reach" which enables us to invite people to play, notifies of cancellations, or need additional players. You can provide your phone number and be invited. See Midge Hennig for any details. Bring sneakers and water for hydration! Watch for the brand spankin' new court coming soon!



Thursdays in the clubhouse are card night extravaganza!

Play begins at 6 p.m. and these are the games being played weekly!

Euchre

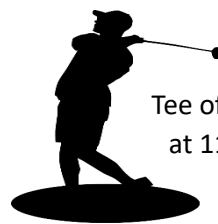
Pinochle

Cribbage

Dominoes/Mexican Train

Shuffleboard enthusiasts! Meet your team members on Tuesday mornings at 11:00am. Equipment is provided.

Men's Golf League



Join the men as they start their league play on Mondays at noon. Tee off is at Cape Royal Golf Club located at 11460 Royal Tee Cir. Cape Coral. Contact Larry Franks at 413-834-0699 for more information.

Are you interested in playing **Bridge**? At this time there is no set date or time for bridge, however, if you want to play, please contact Sandy Gagnon at 765-714-1584 to get a group together and get this card game started again!



Golf Carts vs Bicycles and Pedestrians

Please remember that golf carts and bikes must follow the same “rules of the road” as cars and other motor vehicles. Golf carts need to stay on their side of the street, stop at all corners, and proceed into an intersection after carefully looking both ways. There have been way too many “near misses” on our streets involving cars, bicycles, and pedestrians, with drivers not following the “rules of the road”. Please follow the speed limit of 15 mph on our streets and stop at all **STOP** signs for the safety of our residents.

Pedestrians, please use a flashlight at night on your evening walks for your safety and others.

NEED TO KNOW! PLEASE READ!

THE NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER FOR THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT IS 239-477-1000. IF IT IS AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE DIAL 911.

NO SMOKING IN THE PAVILION AND GYPSY HAUL!

SMOKING IS PROHIBITED WITHIN 30’ OF THE EXTERIOR OF THE CLUBHOUSE! PLEASE DISPOSE CIGARETTE BUTTS IN THE PROPER PLACE, NOT ON THE GROUND!

QUIET TIME IS FROM 10PM-7AM.

AFTER HOURS COMMUNITY RELATED EMERGENCIES CALL 844-285-2099.



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Facebook

If you are a resident of Orange Harbor, please join “Orange Harbor Friends” on Facebook for another source of information of the activities, meetings, events, etc. going on in our community. While the Friends page is not affiliated with the office it does have rules of conduct that are strictly adhered to.

“ARC” Architectural Review Committee

Applications are required for **ANY** changes affecting the exterior of the residence, **including Air Conditioning Units, check the “other” box.** **Applications must be submitted 30 days prior to the start of the work.** Work cannot commence without ARC approval. All work shall commence within 90 days of approval. Any changes or modifications must be submitted to the Arc committee for review and consideration. **Homeowners must comply with all local and state building codes and obtain permits as required.** When using a contractor, the homeowner must obtain the business license, Certificate of Insurance (COI) showing coverage for Liability and Workman’s Compensation (Certificate Holder must show Orange Harbor Co-Op Inc. on the COI) Any unapproved or non-complying improvements may be subject to enforcement procedures, including but not limited to the demand of removal, imposition of fines, and/or legal injunctions at the homeowner’s expense. You can find the form on the website at orangeharbormhc.com under the “Documents” tab or at the office.



Please visit our websites at:

Orangeharbormhc.com

Here you can find lots of information regarding our park and what it has to offer. Once there you can click on different tabs which will take you to our RV resort page that website is:

Ohrvresort.com

You can also click on the tab for homes for sale from Barefoot Realtors, that website is:

Orangeharborhomes.com

Front Gate Security

When entering the park through the gate, please be sure to wait until the gate closes before proceeding to keep people out of the community who do not have authorized access. **DON’T GIVE OUT YOUR GATE CODE! Use the pin pad/kiosk at the front gate to allow guests into the community!** **AT THIS TIME THE GATE IS NO LONGER ACTIVE AND HAS BEEN REMOVED. PLEASE WAIT FOR FUTURE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE NEW ENTRANCE.**



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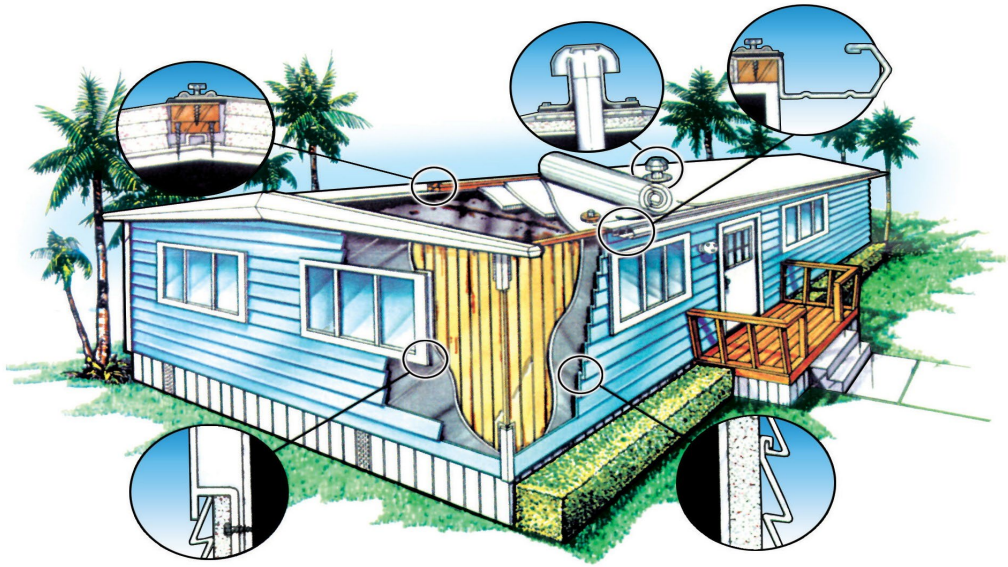
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Rat's favorite game is Hide and Squeak!

How to rid your home of rats!

One of the simplest and most widespread methods for getting rid of rats is to trap them. There are various types of traps, including live traps, glue traps, snap traps, and baited traps. A very productive trap to use is a rat bait station. You place the station outside of your home along a wall, place a poison in the box with Bromethalin as an active ingredient. You can lure them into the box with peanut butter along the edges of the box to encourage them to eat the poison. **If everyone invested in a rat station, we could lower the population in the community.**

How to Deter Mice and Rats

Since mice and rats can enter homes through tiny openings, the best way to deter them is to make sure your home is completely sealed. This includes your roof, foundation, siding, doors, and windows.

You can also deter rodents in Florida by eliminating their food and water sources. Do not leave food out on your counters or on dirty dishes in the sink. Store your pantry items in metal containers and keep airtight lids on your garbage and compost bins. If you have pets, take up their food bowls when it is not their mealtime.

Lastly, make sure your pipes are secure as a leaky pipe can become a valuable water source for indoor rodents in Florida.

Clubhouse Kitchen Rules

Function Details / Responsibilities

- **Private Party**
 - **Clubhouse must be scheduled – contact SC Chairman**
 - Must meet with Kitchen Staff **2-3 days** prior to event if kitchen is required
 - Power strips can be available for Electrical needs if Kitchen access is not needed
 - Need to make sure to distribute power so no overload occurs
 - Bring own Paper Goods and Silverware
 - Small Freezer is available if needed
 - Do Not put food in Drains – **NO Garbage Disposal**
 - **Kitchen Refrigerator is not available – Back-room Refrigerator is available**

- **Drain sinks slowly to prevent overflow at floor drain**
- **Community Function** (Kitchen will be opened by SC Member)
 - **Clubhouse must be scheduled – contact SC Chairman**
 - Must meet with Kitchen Staff **2-3 days** prior to event to discuss needs
 - SC will supply Paper Goods and Silverware
 - Small Freezer is available if needed
 - Do Not put food in Drains – **NO Garbage Disposal**
 - Power strips are available for Electrical needs
 - Need to make sure to distribute power so no overload occurs
 - **Kitchen Refrigerator is not available – Back-room Refrigerator is available**
 - **Drain sinks slowly to prevent overflow at floor drain**
- **Social Committee Member** - will open Kitchen door prior to event
 - If Kitchen door is not open – Please contact a SC Members / Phone# list on Kitchen Door

Clean Up:

- **Tables** - All tables in the clubhouse must be left clean and dry, and chairs replaced at the tables. If you have rearranged tables and chairs, please return tables and chairs to their original layout.
- **Refrigerator**-use refrigerator in the back room to keep food fresh, but not for long term storage. No food or drinks may be left overnight in the refrigerator after the function. **Must be empty for the next function.**
- **Kitchen** - Counter tops, appliances, pots and pans, sinks and floor must be left thoroughly cleaned before leaving. (Leave all dishes on countertop for SC to put away)
- **Trash** - Empty garbage bins, replace liners, haul garbage away.
- **Cleaning Supplies** – Mop, Broom, misc. cleaners, garbage bags and paper towels (Supply Closet by Billiard Tables)
- **Linens** – Dish Cloths and towels - please bring home, wash and return on counter by TV.

*** SC – Social Committee

***** **Pets** – No Pets in the Kitchen Area



Go Shopping in your Closet

C'mon ladies the "Woodstock" hippie vibes have been rebranded as Boho-Chic! If you have any of these items, you're trendy this year!

- Bell-bottoms
- Fringed suede jackets
- Flowery maxi-length dresses
- Anything crochet
- Oversize cotton shirts
- Patchwork denim
- Chunky or metallic jewelry
- Hair scrunchies



Staying Connected with Family

In today's fast-paced digital world, staying connected with loved ones, especially with grandchildren, has become more accessible than ever. Grandparents, often separated by distance, are finding innovative ways to bridge the generational gap and build meaningful relationships with their tech-savvy grandchildren.

For many grandparents, the prospect of diving into the digital realm may seem daunting. However, it's essential to understand that it's never too late to learn. Embracing technology can open a world of possibilities for staying connected with grandchildren.

Today's smartphones, tablets, and computers are user-friendly and offer a multitude of apps and features that simplify communication and provide valuable resources.

One of the most powerful ways to connect with grandchildren is through face-to-face interaction. Video calls via platforms like Zoom, Skype, or FaceTime enable grandparents to see their grandchildren in real-time, share stories, and watch them grow, even when miles apart. These calls bridge the gap between physical separation and emotional closeness.

Additionally, messaging apps like WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger, and Telegram offer instant communication. Grandparents can send quick updates, photos, and voice messages to keep the conversation going throughout the day. These apps are user-friendly and can be easily installed on smartphones and tablets.

Social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter provide a unique opportunity for grandparents to stay updated on their grandchildren's lives. Setting up and managing social media profiles allows grandparents to see photos, videos, and posts shared by their grandchildren. These platforms also enable direct messaging for private conversations. When using social media, it's essential to consider privacy and security settings, ensuring that personal information is protected. Learning to navigate these platforms with the guidance of tech-savvy family members can make the experience enjoyable and secure.

Do's and Don'ts of Social Media

- ✓ **Don't** Use platforms like Snapchat and TikTok, where the silly friend stuff thrives.
- ✓ **Do** Use tools that allow a quick hello, such as BeReal or Locket. At regular intervals you send a picture or short video to one another.
- ✓ **Do** Use Instagram, kids can filter which posts you see.
- ✓ **Don't** Share your address
- ✓ **Don't** Share your grandchild's school's name
- ✓ **Don't** share anything in the background that might be personal or private
- ✓ **Don't:** Over-comment or intrude on their conversations
- ✓ **Don't:** Use social media as the only form of communication
- ✓ **Don't:** Tag them without permission
- ✓ **Do:** Use emojis and GIFs sparingly
- ✓ **Don't:** Believe everything you see online

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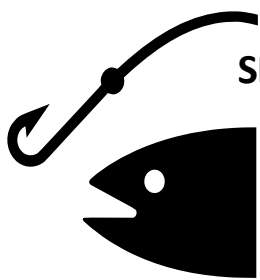
The Orange River is an "Idle" zone river all season long.

"Idle Speed, No Wake" Zone: A designated area where vessels must be operated at a speed no greater than that which is necessary to maintain steerage and headway. The vessel should not produce a wake at this speed.

The Caloosahatchee River has a "slow wake" from **November 15 to March 31.**

Slow-No Wake means operating a boat at the slowest speed necessary to maintain steerage and reduces or eliminates waves that appear as white water behind the boat. the same location frequently.

Resume normal operating speed from April 1- November 14.



CATCH OF THE SEASON IS BACK FOR 2024-25!!

The 2024-25 Orange Harbor Catch of the Season fishing tournament commenced November 15th, but

as of the date of the press deadline for this January issue of "Island News" we have no reported catches. So, either it's been too early for "season", or our residents aren't fishing from shore, or the fish aren't biting, or the catches just aren't being reported to the tournament Commissioner below.

Please report your catches, and it does not need to be a monster or whale of a catch. Also send us a photo and we will attempt to publish ALL catches, their species and length, and the name of their successful angler. The tournament winner needs to be a resident, as opposed to a vacationing tourist, but the tournament welcomes all catches for pride and publication, especially those smiling visiting grandchildren!! Also, the tournament has never had a winning fisherwoman, and we welcome that challenge as well.

So, report your catches via text or email or telephone call below, with a photo of your catch if at all possible and we'll see you in the News!!!! And the next time you're in the clubhouse, check out our Catch of the Season plaques with the engraved names and fish of past year's tournament winners going back to 1998.

Jerry Yost
yostjerry@gmail.com 612.910.9097 cell phone

Memorial Garden

Plaques will be available for purchase for our new "Memorial Garden" located in the "Community Garden". The plaques are 4" wide x 2" high, Engraved Brushed Brass Plate Black Etched Letters. They are rounded edge with six choices of font design. They are available for \$50 each and the proceeds will go to the "Community and Memorial Clubs" for future expansion of both projects. You may purchase one through Jennifer Krogulski at 78 Sun Circle, ohnewsletter@aol.com or call 570-237-5409. All checks will be made out to the Orange Harbor Social Committee. Order must include name of purchaser, address, email, phone number and the script you would like engraved along with your choice of font. I will send a verification that everything is correct. Each plate will hold 5 lines max with 30-40 characters per line. Below are the examples of fonts available:



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Cook's Corner



Garlic Butter Steak Bites

Prep time 10 minutes

Cook time 15 minutes

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons of butter
- 1 lb baby red and yellow potatoes cut into ½ inch cubes
- 3 large garlic cloves minced
- 1 teaspoon fresh parsley chopped
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme chopped
- 1 teaspoon fresh rosemary chopped
- ¼ -½ teaspoon red pepper flakes depending on your taste
- 1- 1 ¼ lb sirloin steak cut into one inch cubes
- Salt and pepper to taste

Instructions

- Heat a large skillet over medium heat and melt one tablespoon of butter with ½ tablespoon of olive oil.
- Once the butter has melted, add the potatoes, garlic, chopped herbs, and red pepper flakes. Cook them for about 5-6 mins or until tender but still firm. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
- Remove the potatoes and place them on a plate.
- Discard any pieces of burnt garlic and herbs from the skillet and turn the heat up to high. Once the skillet starts smoking a little bit, pour in the other ½ tablespoon of olive oil and add the second tablespoon of butter.
- Add the steak bites to the skillet and let them sear for about a minute without moving them around so they sear nicely.
- Keep cooking them until they are brown on all sides and they reach your preferred level of doneness (between 4-6 minutes). Season with salt and pepper to taste.
- Return the potatoes to the skillet and cook for another minute until they are heated through.



Co-Op Board of Directors Meetings

The Orange Harbor Board of Directors meet every fourth Friday of the month at 9:00 am in the clubhouse and via Zoom. Shareholders will be notified of the meeting via email. All shareholders are welcome to attend. **Next meeting is January 24, 2025.**

Town Hall Meetings

Town Hall meetings are held every Wednesday after the Board of Director meetings from the previous Friday. All residents of Orange Harbor are invited to attend. Whether you lease the land or are a shareholder all are encouraged to attend. Meetings are held at 10 am in the clubhouse. **The next meeting has not been posted due to the "Welcome Back Carnival" on January 25.**



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Are You 'CPR Certified' When It Comes to Fishing?

Let's dive into why proper CPR (Catch, Photo, Release) fishing is so important for the future of our fisheries. For most anglers, fishing isn't just a hobby-it's a lifestyle, one we hope to pass down to future generations. But that requires us to be good stewards of the waters and ensure the fish we release have the best chance of survival.

Here's how to give your catch the best shot at thriving post-release, focusing on five key areas of fish health:

1. **Gills:** Gills are vital for fish to breathe, and damage here can be fatal. Always use in-line circle hooks and avoid holding fish by the gills. If a fish is deeply hooked, it's better to cut the line.
2. **Skin:** Fish skin acts as a barrier against bacteria and toxins. Pre-wet your hands, deck, and landing nets before touching a fish to protect its slime layer. Avoid using cloths or bringing a fish in too quickly to prevent damage.
3. **Jaw:** A damaged jaw can prevent a fish from feeding. Never hold large fish by the jaw alone and avoid using barbed hooks for catch-and-release.
4. **Internal Organs:** Fish are not built for vertical positioning. Always support larger fish horizontally to prevent damage to their internal organs.
5. **Eyes:** Fish rely heavily on their vision. Be cautious not to scrape or touch their eyes during handling.

Perfecting Your Fish Photo: Capturing the perfect fish photo is satisfying, but it's important to do it safely. Always face the fish and yourself toward the light and be mindful of what's in the background. For solo anglers, plan ahead with a camera mount and practice using a timer or video mode.

Catch, Photo, and Release Tools:

Having the right gear can make a big difference:

- Fish grips for securing the fish
- Needle-nose pliers for easy hook removal
- De-hooker to minimize contact
- Waterproof phone case to protect your gear
- Camera mount for solo photos

Being a responsible angler means practicing and promoting proper catch, photo, and release techniques. Let's all work together to protect our fisheries for future generations, educating others along the way. And remember if you see someone holding a fish incorrectly, kindly guide them, don't shame them. We're

all here to enjoy the sport and preserve it for years to come.

Friends of the Pelicans

Even if you take precautionary steps to avoid it, sometimes you might hook a bird by accident. That's when it's important to remember-don't cut the line and let the bird fly away with it attached. This will lead to entanglement, resulting in death of that bird and possibly others as well. Instead, follow these simple steps to unhook the bird: Reel. Remove. Release.

1. Wear safety glasses and enlist a partner for help.
2. Reel the bird in slowly and lift it from the water using a hoop net. Even a large pelican weighs only 4-8 pounds.
3. Grasp the bird by the head just behind the eyes and fold the wings against the body. For pelicans, hold the beak, keeping their mouth slightly open so it can breathe. Cover the bird's head with a cloth to keep it calm.
4. Never pull the hook out but carefully push the end through the skin, cut off the barb and back the hook out using pliers or dippers. If the bird is entangled, remove the line.
5. Release the bird (if healthy) by placing it on the ground near the water and allowing it to take off.
6. If the bird has swallowed the hook or is severely injured, contact a local wildlife rehabilitator from the list at MyFWC.com/unhook.

How else can you help a seabird or wading bird?

1. Don't feed the birds, which teaches them to approach where they are more likely to be hooked.
2. Dispose of filleted bones where birds can't get them- in a trash can with a lid or at home. Bones of a filleted fish will become lodged in or tear throats, stomachs and intestines leading to the death of that bird.
3. Cover bait buckets and take unused bait home.
4. Dispose of fishing line in a monofilament recycling bin or cut into small pieces and place in the trash.
5. Don't leave your line unattended.
6. Cast carefully to avoid hooking a bird in flight or being snared on trees, bridge pilings, etc.
7. Help others learn what to do when they accidentally hook a bird. It's pretty easy, once you know how.
8. Sponsored by Friends of the Pelicans, Inc. More detailed information can be found at facebook.com/friendsofthepelicans.

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Picture Perfect Pets of OH!

Orange Harbor is a pet-friendly park. Our pets are a part of our family and bring so much

comfort and joy to our lives. We have so many pets in the park, and we'd like to get to know them better. Please send me a picture of your pet for a future issue. Send your pictures to ohnewsletter@aol.com or text it to me at 570-237-5409 with your pet's name, breed, age, and any other interesting tidbits that you'd like to share (quirky habit, etc.)



Unless your dog can do this, please remember to pick up after your pet!

***Reminder- pet owners to observe the park rules regarding dogs, as failure to comply will result in a violation letter!**

- Pick up and dispose of dog waste in YOUR trash or in the dog waste receptacles at the dog park.
- Always keep your dog on a leash and walk them on the road.
- Do not allow your dog to walk, defecate, or urinate in other residents' yards or RV sites.
- Dogs must always be accompanied by an owner, when outside a residence or RV.
- You must keep your dog under control, especially around other dogs and pedestrians.
- Under the noise ordinance, excessive barking is considered a nuisance to other residents; inside or outside a residence.
- ALL PETS must be registered in the office. 8. Please keep cats on leash and do not let them out of your home unsupervised.

Don't forget to send in your dog and/or cat vaccinations to the office.

Concerns/Complaints About Animals

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11:00 AM – 12:30PM Lunch

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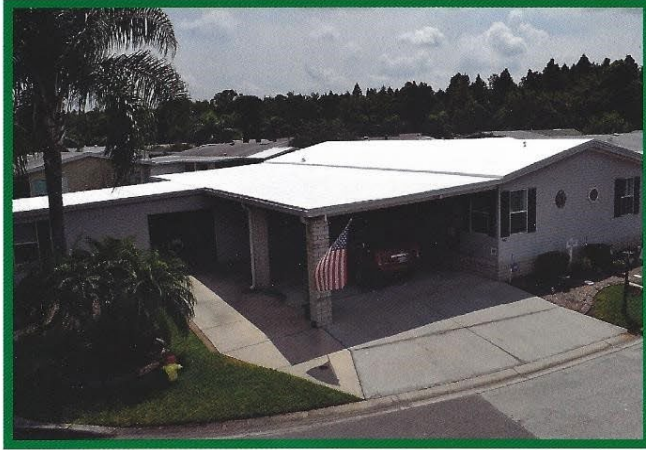
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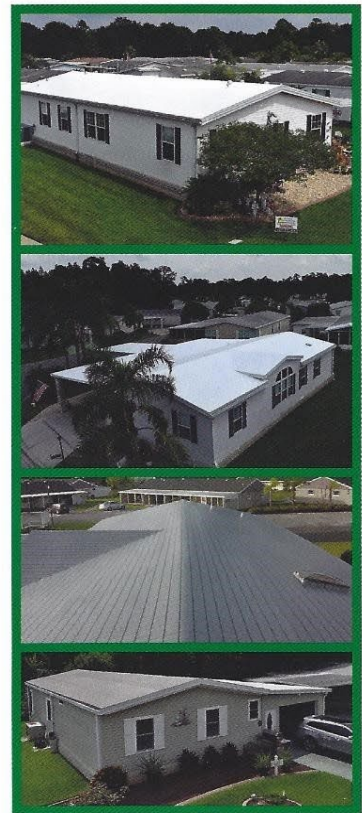
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✓ Zoom "Best Practices"

- ✓ You should try to attend the meeting from a quiet area that has a neutral background.
- ✓ Eliminate distractions-noises (dog barking, dishwasher, voices in the background, TV, etc.) and movement going on around you.
- ✓ Wear proper attire-not your pajamas or go shirtless.
- ✓ Avoid distracting behaviors-ironing, eating, moving around, etc.
- ✓ Don't do private things-brush or floss your teeth, shave, etc.

REMEMBER: THE CAMERA SEES EVERYTHING & EVERYONE ON ZOOM CAN SEE YOU. While we like to see everyone, you do not have to participate using video to attend a Zoom meeting. You do not have to have your camera on to see what is going on at the meeting either. Another option is to just cover up your camera lens at the top of the screen with a post-it note. If you choose to have your camera on, aim the camera 'straight' at your face (not from a position that looks up your nose) and try to follow the Zoom "best practices".

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Art Walk is every 1st Friday of the month which features local artists. You'll find local vendors, crafters, and artists demonstrating and selling their unique works-of-art from a wide variety of mediums.

Music Walk is every 3rd Friday of the month, the streets will come alive for a one night only concert showcasing musicians of all talent levels and a variety of styles. All events are free to attend and fun for all ages. Visit myriverdistrict.com for more information.

Guest Parking

When Orange Harbor is in full season, guest parking is always a challenge. If you have overnight guests and you do not have sufficient parking space for them at your home, Orange Harbor has several areas for temporary guest parking. If you have a need for temporary overnight parking for your guests, please come into the office to get a parking permit. **Do not park in empty lots, in other people's driveways or on the streets overnight.**

Activity	Off Schedule	On Schedule
Men's Golf	April-December	January-March
Exercise DVD	April 1-October 14	October 15-March
Water Aerobics	Year Round	Year Round
Pool/Billiards	May-October	November-April
Hobbie & Crafts	April-October	November-March
Line Dancing	April-December	January-March
Horseshoes	May-December	January-April
Pickle Ball	May-October	November-April
Bocce Ball	April-December	January-March
Shuffleboard	May-October	November-April
Ladies Golf	May-December	January-April
Bible Reading	July-October	November-June
Mahjong	Year Round	Year Round
Art Club	May-October	November-April
Corn Hole	May-October	November-April
Hand, Knee, Foot	Year Round	Year Round
Mexican Train/Dominoes	Year Round	Year Round
Euchre	May-October	November-April
Pinochle	May-October	November-April
Cribbage	April-December	January-March

*Dates subject to change

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Bible Study group gathers on Monday mornings at 10:30am in the clubhouse. Share your knowledge of the bible with other fellow worshippers.



Line Dancing with Caryn Noonkester on Thursday mornings from 9-10am starting January 9



Horseshoes on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome!



Bocce Ball Mondays at 11:00am. Everyone is invited to join, and we will teach you too!



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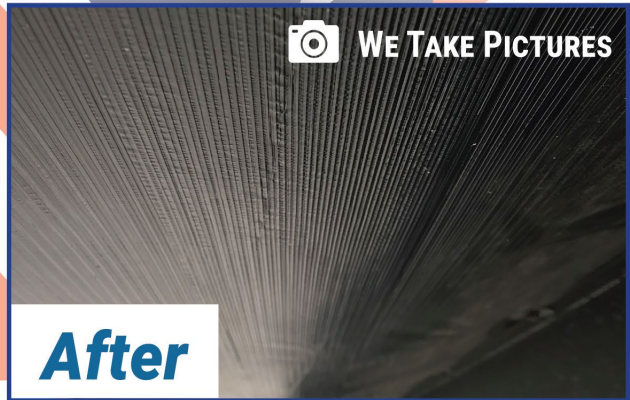
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- 1. PUT YOUR NAME IN THE SUGGESTION BOX WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE CLUBHOUSE NEAR THE FRONT DOOR. BE SURE TO FILL IT OUT COMPLETELY WITH YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER. IF YOU DO NOT ADD YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER ON IT, IT WILL BE VOID.**
- 2. FILL OUT A WORK ORDER LOCATED IN THE OFFICE FOR OUR MAINTENANCE STAFF.**
- 3. PARTICIPATE AT THE TOWN HALL MEETINGS.**
- 4. FILL OUT A REQUEST FOR ACTION FORM AND DROP IT OFF AT THE OFFICE. FORMS MUST BE SIGNED.**



Orange Harbor Boat Club

If you own a boat or just like being on the water and want to enjoy all our activities!

The object of this club is to promote, protect and encourage the sport of boating. To encourage the members to become familiar with, to adhere to the Rules of the Road and laws of navigation and seamanship, and to promote and encourage sociability and friendships among its members.

As a member we have monthly group boat trips to local restaurants, an OH Christmas Boat Parade and a Commodores Ball amongst other fun activities! Ideas and leaders are always welcome. Our meetings are on the first Saturday of the month. Please contact Jim -Robinson at 815-353-7280.

Boat club meetings begin in November and run through April. Boat outings are the 4th Monday of those months.

For more information:

Boat Club- Jim Robinson – Commodore
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First Mates

The objective of our organization is to encourage the sport of boating: To encourage members to become familiar with and adhere to the rules and laws of navigation and seamanship and to promote and encourage sociability and friendship amongst its members (husband or significant other does not have to be a member of the Boat Club).

Dues are \$10 annually.

Our meetings are on the first Saturday of each month and start immediately after breakfast social hour.

Applications are in the clubhouse in the Boat Club/First Mates area on the bulletin board. We welcome you!

If interested, grab an application, fill it out and drop it off at 195 Sun Circle or to Gayle Argenzio.

Boat Club Events

January 2025

- 1/4 All Park Breakfast, Meeting
- 1/4 Part 1 of Coast Guard Safety Class
- 1/11 Coast Guard Boat Inspection
- 1/17 Fish Fry
- 1/18 All Park Breakfast
- 1/25 Social Board Carnival (Boat Club Booth)
- 1/27 Boat Trip

February 2025

- 2/1 All Park Breakfast, Meeting
- 2/1 Part 2 Coast Guard Safety Course
- 2/7 Commodore's Ball Set-Up
- 2/8 Commodore's Ball/Change of Watch
- 2/15 All Park Breakfast
- 2/25 Boat Trip

March 2025

- 3/1 All Park Breakfast, Meeting
- 3/1 Coast Guard Seminar- "Suddenly in Command"
- 3/15 All Park Breakfast
- 3/24 Boat Trip
- 3/29 All Park Breakfast

April 2025

- 4/5 All Park Breakfast, Meeting
- 4/14 Boat Trip
- 4/19 All Park Breakfast

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 2025						
			1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4 8-9am All Park Breakfast 9-10am BC/FM Meeting
5	6 4pm OHSC Meeting	7 6:30pm Bingo	8	9 11:30am Foxy Ladies 12pm Mimosa Belles Lunch Clubhouse	10 9am Set Up Park Sale	11 9am Park Sale & Auction
12 8am 5k Run/Walk 2-4pm Pool Party	13 12:30 Art Club Project 6:30pm Dingo	14	15	16 1pm Paint with Kan	17 8am Blood Drive 5-6:30pm Boat Club Fish Fry	8-9am All Park Breakfast 9am Remove Decorations 10am Fashion Set-up
19 10am Used Fashion Sale	20 Martin Luther King Day	21 6:30 Bingo	22	23 5:30 Neil Diamond Show	24 9am CO-OP Board Meeting	25 11am Welcome Back Carnival
26	27 9:30 Boat Club Trip	28	29	30	31	

Weekly Activities-Dates & Activities subject to change

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5:30pm Hand, Knee, Foot	8am Exercise DVD 9:15-10:15am Strong Bones 9am Pool/Billiards 10:30am Bible Reading 10:30am Ladies Golf 11am Bocce Ball 12pm Art Club 12pm Men's Golf	8am Exercise DVD 9am Water Aerobics 9am Hobbies & Crafts 9am Horseshoes 10am Water Aerobics 10am Pickle Ball 11am Shuffleboard	8am Exercise DVD 9am Pool/Billiards 9:15-10:15am Strong Bones 10am Water Aerobics 11am Mahjong 1:30pm Cornhole 5:30pm Hand, Knee, Foot 6:00pm Nickel Dime Billiards	8am Exercise DVD 9am Water Aerobics 9am Line Dancing 10am Pickle Ball 6pm Pinochle 6pm Euchre 6pm Mexican Train 6pm Cribbage	8am Exercise DVD 9:15-10:15am Strong Bones 10am Water Aerobics 1pm Texas Hold'Em	10am Pickle Ball