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Golf Cart Parade December 19 @ 6:00 PM

Merry Christmas

Calling all residents to join in the Christmas parade!
Decorate your Golf Cart, Motorcycle, Car or Bike!
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YIPPIE HOLIDAYS



Christmas Sneak Peek December 2021

HOA put together a month of holiday activities



- December 4th - Choralaires Holiday Shows
- December 5th - Entrance Lighting
- December 11th - HOA Board of Directors House and Pool Decorating Contest Judging
- December 11th - Christmas Charity Toy/Food Drive (Starlight Ballroom)
- December 12th - HOA Pancake Breakfast Hosted by the Holiday Decorating Committee
- December 13th - HOA Santa Shuttle
- December 14th - Holiday House and Pool Decorating Winners announced at Tues. morning Coffee
- December 18th - Christmas Caroling at the Pools
- December 19th - Community Holiday Golf Cart Parade, HTA Sponsored



TOWER DEADLINE: The 9th of the month, for the following month's issue. All articles and flyers must be submitted in a Microsoft Word document format, or you may drop off at the HOA office in a TYPED or HAND PRINTED format only. Questions - please contact us via e-mail: Toweredit@yahoo.com or drop them at the office. Thank You



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DEL TURA FMO UPDATE

By Bertie Dugo, Community Representative

Be a part of FMO, the non-profit that advocates for manufactured Homeowners in Florida and provides educational opportunities. FMO has legal counsel and legislative counsel. The FMO volunteers and the three staff in the office will provide information and services as needed. Staff phone number is 727-530-7539.

FMO is improving their website. Now new members can join FMO via the website, fmo.org. The application is online. You can print and mail it with a payment or go the easy way by completing the online application and pay via a credit card. Members who need to renew can do the same. If your are not happy with the

online process, see me at coffee every Tuesday morning. I will be glad to assist you.

The FMO is pushing to renew the tie down law that ends next June. FMO succeeded in getting a one-year extension of this important 20-year program. Now they are seeking more years to avoid losing this vital program.

The tie down law is a federal program where contractors come into our communities and will inspect and replace your tie downs if needed at no cost to you. Presently there is a 5 year wait period. Homes built before 1999 qualify.

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SATURDAYS	SUNDAYS	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
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MERRY CHRISTMAS ~ CLOSED ~	NFL SUNDAYS! BEER SPECIALS	SMOKN BILL 5-8	JAY & CHERYL KARAOKE 5-8	COLTON LIVE 5-8	TRIVIA NIGHT! THIRSTY THURSDAYS	New Years Eve party with Bob Lussi

HAPPY HOUR EVERY SINGLE DAY 3-6PM



PRESIDENT'S KORNER

By Lisa Bellanca, President - Board of Directors

REMINDER YOUR VOTE IS NEEDED!!

I would like to welcome back all of the returning snowbirds. The weather is improving, activities are resuming, and everyone is getting back into the 'Del Tura State of Mind.' We all need to continue to follow the state and federal government post-pandemic suggestions in order to avoid future restrictions.

I have been asked to remind everyone that the community stop signs are not just a suggestion. Vehicles, as well as golf carts, need to come to a

complete stop at all stop signs. The right of way goes first to pedestrians, then bike riders, followed by golf carts, then finally cars and trucks. There have been numerous complaints made regarding drivers ignoring stop signs; especially the one at the intersection of Gran Via and Las Palmas Blvd. Also, please be mindful of the 16-mph speed limit posted throughout Del Tura. Following the rules of the road makes for a safer community for everyone.

Are you interested in serving the residents of Del Tura? There is an HOA election for directors in early in 2022. If you are interested in running for a position on the HOA Board of Directors, please contact the HOA Election Committee to get the necessary information to put your name in the hat!

Wishes to everyone for a great 'Holiday Season' and 'Happy New Year' from myself and the entire Del Tura HOA Board of Directors.



NEW SUGGESTION BOX

You can now send your suggestions to the HOA office at the following email address: DTHOASuggestionBox@gmail.com. With the current pandemic situation and everyone not readily having access to suggestion boxes in the Starlight Ballroom and the HOA Office, the HOA Board created the new email address to make it easy for you to send your suggestions to us! Each Suggestion MUST have your NAME, STREET ADDRESS and PHONE NUMBER on it along with the suggestion that you would like the HOA Board to address with Hometown

America. Along with the suggestion you should write a brief solution to help us address your concerns more quickly. You will be notified upon receipt, when your suggestion is brought before the BOD, and what actions will be taken with it. Please let us know what your concerns are so we can make Del Tura our continuing Paradise!

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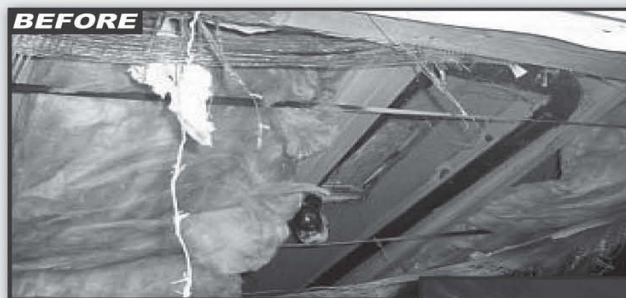
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CRAFT FAIR THANK YOU

By Darlene Fincham

A gigantic thank you to our craft fair volunteers for their immeasurable hard work to support our annual fundraiser craft fair and raffle. Proceeds for 2021 are for National Breast Cancer Foundation and Movember. Dorothy Cook headed up the raffle which brought in an amazing \$1,264. A special thank you to Jim and Sue Hooper who donated and cooked our pulled pork lunch with proceeds amounting to \$575. Thank you to our generous residents for their bake sale donations, as well as Susan Bell, who headed the bake sale, for raising a new high of \$1,300 for the Holiday Basket Drive. Also, thanks to Fred and the office staff for renting the additional tables needed, as well as the maintenance crew that set up the tables perfectly!

A big thank you to the men and women who helped the vendors bring their merchandise in and out of the fair, as well as traffic control, parking lot attendants and shuttle drivers, especially since they had the extra challenge of some pretty ugly weather on Friday. Because of everyone's positive energy and "get it done" attitude, our vendors were very pleased with everyone's help and how organized it was from their arrival to their departure. Some of our guests even talked about how much fun? the shuttle rides were, mentioning handsome men, downhill rides and AC/DC music.

I cannot thank you enough, and honestly we could not have done it without you. Your generosity and kindness is what makes Del Tura a wonderful place to live!



CRAFTIN' IN "THE HOOD"

Come join us on Tuesday afternoons, 12:30-4:30, in the Starlight Ballroom. We quilt, knit, crochet, spin wool, and other various crafts. We all work on our own projects, but occasionally have a class to learn a technique. Bring your own equipment and supplies. If you bring a sewing machine, bring an extension cord as the outlets are few and far between. For more information, call Wendy Wells at 309-264-9147. I hope to see you there!



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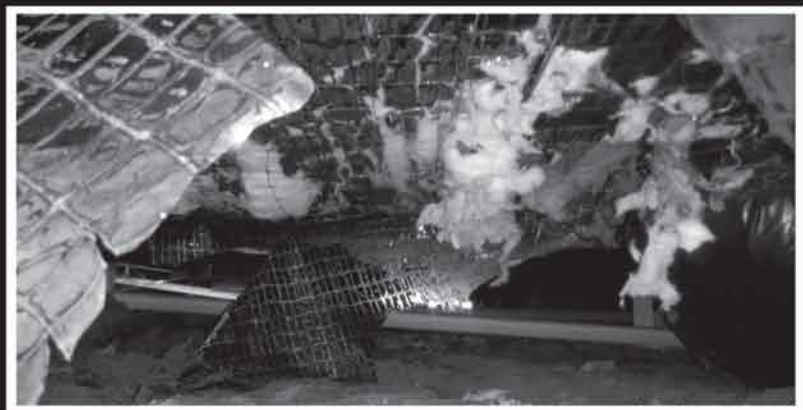
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Check out these statistics for this year so far:

- **Hometown America – 114 homes sold – Average selling price \$89,900**
 - Competitors – 20 homes sold – Average selling price \$50,435
 - For Sale by Owner – 19 homes sold – Average selling price \$56,570

This truly highlights how our sales team works hard for you by getting the best price possible for your home.

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18 HOLE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

By Margie Blackwell

Happy Holidays to all!
Upcoming Tournaments/Events

The Club Championship is going to be held on the following three days:
• Wednesday, December 8 • Thursday, December 9 • Wednesday, December 15

Information about times, courses and pairings are/will be posted in the dungeon.

On Thursday, December 16th, we will have our annual Christmas luncheon sponsored by the Association. If you haven't already signed up, please do so as soon as possible so that we have an accurate head count for the meal. Sign-up sheet with details is also in the dungeon.

New and Returning Members

This month we have one returning member and one new member:

1. Darlene Brinker from Michigan has returned and rejoined our league. Many of our ladies will remember Darlene as she played in our Thursday league for a few years in the past. Welcome back, Darlene, and we hope it's warmer here than in Michigan!



2. Deb Gonsalves, photographed here between Bertie and Terry, has also joined our group. She is from Massachusetts and we all look forward to golfing with her soon. Welcome, Deb!



Posting Scores

To provide a fair playing experience for all members of our league, it is important that players post every golf score played. It is the responsibility of players to post their own rounds in the GHIN system on a personal device/computer or in the computer located in the Pro Shop. As always, Thursday golf rounds will continue to be posted by the Pro Shop.

Hope to report next month on one or more ladies getting a hole-in-one! That's it for now.

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NINE HOLE WOMEN'S GOLF

By Sandy Gove

Congratulations to Pat Dinitto on her recent Hole in One! Way to go Pat!

There was great participation in our first event of the season-a Couples Challenge November 3rd. Winners were Diane and Don Skinner with First Place South Course, and Mary Kay and Glen Tointon with First for West Course. Following golf, members enjoyed a catered pulled pork dinner with all the "fixings." It was great to have everyone lingering with conversation after. Thanks again to the social committee and others who helped with prep and serving.

Our membership chair, Kathy Klein, recently introduced two new members, Patt Glen and Priscilla Higley. We look forward to golfing with them and getting to know them better. New members are always welcome and encouraged to participate in any of our extra events and tournaments. Kathy can be reached at (715-927-1163) and will gladly answer any questions you may have about our league. If you've not received your new membership book, please contact Kathy or see her before play Thursday morning.

Please note: our League will go to two tee times beginning December 9th. You will have a choice of starting at 7:15 or 9:00 am. You can choose either time from week to week, but be sure you are signing up for the correct time as they cannot be changed the day of play.

The next fun event offering friendly competition is the Member/Member on December 15 and 16, with the Holiday Luncheon held at noon December 16th at the Southern Grill at the Shell Factory. Our General Meeting will follow. So, find a partner and add your names to the signup sheet to be posted in the "dungeon". The cost to golf is \$4.00 per person. Information on the luncheon will be posted in the dungeon including cost, menu choices etc. Payment for golf, the luncheon or for both is by check payable to DTNHWGA and dropped off to the Pro Shop.

Best wishes to all for a wonderful Holiday Season



BILLIARDS

Every Monday through March at 1:15 PM, we have double-elimination 8-ball tournaments. Handicaps are assigned so that all players have an opportunity to win. First, second and third place winners receive points which are accumulated to determine the overall champion at the end of March. No need to come every Monday. Come as often as you can. A sign-up sheet is posted

in the billiard room along with more details about the format of play.

Del Tura also has two teams in the 10-team North Ft. Myers Seniors 8-Ball League. Players from nearby communities participate Tuesday evenings from November through March.

For more information, call Harry Christopher at 239-997-7345.



FRIDAY SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE EXPANDS TO 16 TEAMS

This year we have expanded from twelve teams to sixteen to accommodate the interest in shuffleboard. Our first week was rained out but we hope to start November 12th. The league starts at 12:30 so if you are interested in watching or subbing we'd love to have you join us.

We keep score, we keep standings, but most importantly we keep having fun. If you want to

become part of our ever growing league please call or email me and I will get you started. If those of you who are new to Del Tura would like to learn to play I will be very happy to teach you the game (free lessons of course).

You might be interested to know that we have the best courts of any of the parks in our area. We also have twenty-four beautiful county courts behind the

new library which are open to the public six days a week at 12:30. Get a chance to play against people from other parks as well as some of the best professional players in Florida. No pressure, just a fun afternoon!

Stay safe, stay healthy, and keep enjoying life. For information Glenn Tointon at 920-309-1294 or email at glenn1947@yahoo.com.



PICKLEBALL FUN

By Jamie Wyman

Welcome to another addition of "Pickleball Info." I hope you have enjoyed learning about Pickleball. This month we are going to talk about the court, equipment, and types of pickleball.

Pickleball can be played singles (one on one) or doubles (mixed or same gender). If you were to play in a tournament, you would sign up for one of these categories, in addition to age and skill level.

Singles can be played by either using the whole court or half of the court (which is called skinny

singles). Doubles uses the whole court.

The size of a pickleball court is 20' x 44', which is much smaller than a tennis court. Pickleball also has a "non volley zone" (also known as the "kitchen") which comes back from the net 7'.

The height of the net is 36" on the sides and 34" in the center. As you can see, hitting the ball over the center is probably a little easier just because of the 2", not to mention the confusion you will cause (this will be talked about in another article.)

Next, let's talk about the paddles. Paddles used to be made of wood, but today's paddles have evolved dramatically. Most paddles today are made of a lightweight composite material making them lighter, allowing more power and accuracy. Choosing a paddle depends on the person and what you are looking for, and how it feels when you play.

Well that's it for this month....Next month we will continue on with equipment (balls, shoes, and maybe a little more on paddles). *Happy Holidays!*



DEL TURA BOWLING

The Del Tura Bowling league started their 2021-2022 season on November 2. Fourteen teams will show off their bowling skills at Bowland of Cape Coral through the end of March.

This is a fun league and bowlers of all skill levels are involved. League officers are Cindy Baron, Sue Baron and Denise Rose. If you interested in joining our sub list or would like additional information please contact Denise Rose at 815-222-6466



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HOLIDAY BASKETS By Charlene Ruotolo

Now that we are through with Thanksgiving we can prepare for the Christmas Baskets.

- Flyers will be put on houses starting Nov 22nd
- Donation Collections began on Nov 30th. Remember all food donations are to be brought to the Royal Palm kitchen by Dec 14th. Financial donations are to be brought to me.
- Gift wrapping will be Dec 12th in the Royal Palm room starting at Noon **(We need lots of volunteers).**
- Packing of boxes will start at 7pm, on Thursday Dec 16th.
- Nations will pick-up Friday Dec 17th at 7:15am.

(We need Volunteers to carry the boxes to the curb and load the truck, hand trucks are helpful)



THE MAGIC IN THE MUSIC

By Steve Banko

For me, Christmas will always be found in the music.

From those long-ago days of grammar school innocence when the nuns embarked on the crusade to drill the words of every carol in Christendom into my brain, until today - with innocence a faded memory but the joy of Christmas a constant prayer, I found great delight and consolation in the music of Christmas. Some of my most enduring memories involve those nuns, the songs they taught me, and the way we sang them.

The holiday seemed so much simpler back at Holy Family School when the annual Christmas pageant was followed by Skippy Cups, Christmas cookies, and an hour or so of caroling. It hardly mattered that puberty rendered the male voices in our choir much more akin to a pond of bull frogs than the Vienna Boys Choir. The real music wasn't in our voices anyway. It was in the words - in the hope and the promise, and the triumph of Christmas.

Less than a decade later and a half-world away from the well-scrubbed faces of grade school and light years away from the simple joy of ice cream and Mothers' Club cookies, I spent a different kind of Christmas under the spell of the carols.

I was a just arrived patient in the transient ward in Yokota, Japan. I'd taken two bullets to my right knee and a pound or so of shrapnel all over my body. I was on the verge of losing my leg to a raging infection and

my mind to the horror of a five-hour battle playing over and over again in my mind. At the end of that brutal, bloody day, our rifle company was gone. We sustained 86% casualties, almost every man killed or wounded. Through three weeks and four operations, the doctors struggled to save my leg from a savage infection. They turned the fight over to a new team of docs in Japan.

I arrived in Japan late on Christmas Eve, 1968. The friendly faces of nurses I'd come to know were replaced with new faces in a new hospital. My body hurt but my mind was worse off. I was frightened by what this pain might mean for my future. I was angry for what my country made me do and endure in its name. But more than anything, I was lonely. Christmas was always something to be shared and now, I was alone in the bleakest sense of the word. My only consolation came from the sound system piping music through our ward.

"The First Noel" ... "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" ... "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing" ... by the time the carols recycled for another rotation, I was on the verge of believing there could really be joy in the world. No matter how close I came to believing, though, the pain in my knee and the sadness in mind kept me mired in despair.

I was interrupted in my self-pity by a low moan from the bed next to me. So self-absorbed had I been that I needed to be reminded that others were enduring the same, if not worse, plight as I.

The man in the next bed was covered in plaster from the tops of his knees to his lower jaw. Gauze covered his face and head and only cutouts for his eyes, nose, and mouth broke the field of white. His arms were plastered and held away from his body with metal rods. His hands were the only skin not covered.

The sounds of hope and love and triumph were frequently punctuated by the sounds of pain, the result of man's inhumanity. Throughout, however, the man in the cast could issue only low moans. I couldn't conceive of what unspeakable horror had left him like this; what terrible pain wracked his body; what hopes and dreams had been crushed by the brutality that rendered him so helpless.

Suddenly, my pain didn't seem nearly as important and my loneliness became more tolerable. When the nurse came around with our pain meds and the lights were dimmed, the strains of "Silent Night" were my last recollections of that strange Christmas Eve. Before I nodded off, I asked the nurse to push my bed closer to the man in the cast. She looked puzzled but complied. I reached out and touched my comrade's hand. Finally, it did seem as though "all was calm, all was bright."

No words were spoken. None were needed. I felt a gentle tightening on my hand and for the first time that awful December, I believed that I might survive and for the first time in weeks, I wanted to.

For me, Christmas will always be in the music.



In Memory Of...

William Laird (Bill)

From the family of William Laird (Bill):

My sister and I would like to thank everyone for all the sympathy cards, posts, phone calls, flowers and food brought to us, during this sad time of my father's passing. He was 93 years old and has lived in Del Tura since retiring in 1990. He was very active in many activities in the community, including: Golf, Tennis, Bowling and a time on the HOA Board. Since health setbacks, starting in 2006, he has been more limited in what he could do, but kept active as many residents have seen him out and about walking in his wheelchair. He always had a smile and kind words to everybody. He will surely be missed by us, BUT we know he is in Heaven and is now reunited with his wife and son, who went on before him.

Sincerely, Linda Laird and Nancy Cross



BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS

Del Tura Beginner Ballroom dance lessons will be offered on most Mondays in January and February in the Starlight Ballroom from 5-6pm beginning January 10. Partners are not needed Come and learn some basic beginner steps of popular dances that can be used on the

dance floor of Del Tura. For safety, please wear smooth soled shoes, no flip-flops. No lesson on January 17th.

Please contact Cindy or Ken Baron at 603-398-8001 with questions Hope to see you in January



New Residents 2018-2022 ACTIVITIES EXPO



When: January 12, 2022
Time: 4-6pm
Where: Main Clubhouse

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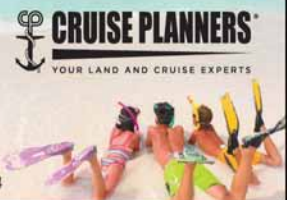
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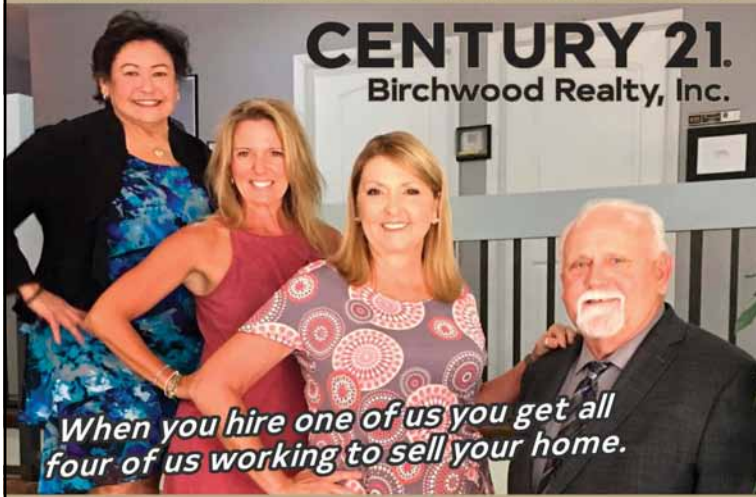
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DEL TURA FROM THE GROUNDS COMMITTEE

By Dave Tomaszewski

A couple of items that have come up from the Del Tura Grounds Committee for everyone's information and to make Del Tura beautiful again:

HOA policies and procedures regarding bulletin board use in the community

- Flyers that offer cultural events or club activities or other Del Tura events are allowed.
- Other than the advertising of the Pub or the beauty shop no other business cards are allowed
- Any flyers/ notices need to be submitted to the HOA office for approval with the official HOA stamp and expiration date listed on item then to be removed.
- Any other notices that have not been stamped will be removed, party contacted and advised to have the item stamped in the HOA office. If an item is removed it will get turned into the HOA office if that individual wishes to pick up the item or has stamped to put it back up.
- If any business wishes to advertise any services they may contact the Tower to place an ad in the monthly paper.

HTA has posted new Courtyard Etiquette signs that had been requested by residents within the community and have been placed. Please follow the etiquette items for everyone's good. Listed are:

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GOOD TIMERS'

By Liz Poniatowski

**Men work hard
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Christmas is a time for miracles and each of you can relate to all the miracles you have performed over the years. Time for you to appreciate yourselves. And, it's time to take care of yourself as much as you care for others...time to look into joining the women's club...read on so you can see what kind of fun is possible! Last month we had our luncheon at Rumrunners and then on Wednesday, 10 November we took a restaurant walking tour through Punta Gorda and visited 4 different restaurants that we want to go back to! The Saturday after Thanksgiving a group of us got together for a game day. Lots of fun and laughs and no sore losers! This month is our busiest month of the year...we kick it off with our Christmas party on Monday, 6 December at 4:00 in the Starlight Ballroom, our next meeting will be held the next day, Tuesday, 7 December at 4:00 in the Royal Palm. Then on Friday the 10th we will be going to the Broadway Palm theater to have dinner and see Holly Jolly Christmas. Whew! That's a busy week.

Then begins the next week on Sunday the 12th

with a Christmas lights canal cruise out of Punta Gorda and finally on Wednesday, 15 December a group of us will be headed to the Immokalee casino. Next up we're waiting to see when the new West Side Story movie is out so we can go to the AMC and see it and dine at Applebee's. If that all sounds like fun to you then it's time to give yourself a gift and be part of the Good Timers in 2022. Annual dues are \$30.00 and are due in January.

The Good Timers meet the first Tuesday of every month at 4PM in the Royal Palm Room. All you women who want to get out and do things, without your husbands, like go to plays, local fairs, boat rides, restaurants, etc. and enjoy them with a great group of ladies who are soon to become good friends then put the meeting on your calendar! Don't sit home wishing to do things...join us and actually get out there and start having fun! For now everyone in the Good Timers Women's Club wishes you a very Happy Holiday season and Happy and Healthy New Year! For more info please contact Liz Poniatowski at ciociliz@gmail.com or HOME PHONE: 239-800-2935.

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This special event is to provide residents that would
not normally have an opportunity to view the beautiful
holiday decorations throughout Del Tura a way to see them.
The VIPs aboard the Santa Shuttle carts will see holiday lights
and get the first viewing of the winning homes in the
HOA Community Home and Pool Decorating Contest.

***(All other resident's will be notified of the winners at
Tuesday Coffee on December 14th)***

C.E.R.T. will also be placing special NFM Fire Department
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AT THE HYDRANT

By Justine Fitzgibbons

If Dogs Could Talk

My name is Bogie, and I'm very shy, but I'll try to be brave long enough to tell you my story. My Mommy and Daddy (Steve and Nancy Davy) rescued me on September 12th from Canine Castaways in Arcadia. That was after four other dogs and I were confiscated from the owner's home for animal cruelty and neglect. My "before" picture looked like a long dirty mop! It was hard to even see my little face in there, and my eyes were matted shut. My parents named me Bogie because I am "one more than they planned on," but I am so happy to now be a part of a family who loves me. And they were surprised to discover how sweet and loving I am after what I went through.



I am six years old, and I am a very well-behaved little boy. I am in learning mode right now. I am learning how to walk on a leash. I don't walk a long distance yet, but I am gaining.

I don't run, and I don't play. Mommy and Daddy think I might have grown up in a cage, and sometimes they will play a game and race and run with me in the house to get me moving.

I am learning how to ride in a golf cart. I am a little bit afraid of that but I keep trying. I am afraid of noises and thunder, too. But, do you know what? I get lots of hugs and kisses now. I get dry food every morning and my Mommy and Daddy cook for me every night. They share what Daddy cooks on the grill- meat or fish, or both, and I get lots of vegetables, too. I love sweet potatoes, peas, broccoli, and butternut squash with my dinner. When I am good, I get a dog treat. Sometimes for a treat I will get a baby carrot or a snap pea, and I love those.

Mommy and Daddy bought me my very own bed when they brought me home, but my favorite place to sleep at night is in their bed! I guess I can agree that I am spoiled. And I know that I am lucky. But they feel lucky, too, because now we are all together.

I guess that is the most important thought that I can leave you with. If you are considering adding a pet to your family, please think about adopting a rescue animal. You could literally save a life, and the love that you'll receive in return is beyond measure.

Keep your tail waggin!

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By Jacqueline St-Jean
President, Del Tura Tennis Association

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There is Open Tennis on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays for anyone wanting to play from 8:00 to 10:00 am. You don't need to find a partner. Just show up during these times and you will automatically be included in the group.

Two more free lessons for beginners or people who need to refresh their skills are being offered December 7 and December 14 from 10:00 to 11:00 am.

On December 12, we are hosting an Up and Down tennis afternoon to DTTA members followed by a Pot Luck dinner. Sign up in the screened room. The first 16 people to sign up will be playing.

The intra-mural leagues for the Group 1 & 2 Combo on Mondays at 8:00 or 10:00 am depending on weather, is well under way.

Our travelling teams playing at home in December are:

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December 10
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10:30 am Nickel team

Please feel free to come and watch and encourage our players.

We wish you a wonderful Holiday Season and a great New Year.

If you have any questions, please contact Jacqueline St-Jean at 239-599-4468 or jacstjean2016@gmail.com or the Del Tura Tennis Association at DelTuraTennis@gmail.com.

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- *Increase contributions to your retirement plans and health savings account.* The greater your financial resources, the greater your financial independence – and the less likely you would ever burden your family.

So, contribute as much as you can afford to your IRA, your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan.

At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's matching contributions, if offered, and increase your contributions whenever your salary goes up.

You may also want to contribute to a health savings account (HSA), if it's available.

- *Invest for growth potential.* If you start investing early enough, you'll have a long time horizon, which means you'll have the opportunity to take advantage of investments that offer growth potential. So, in all your investment vehicles – IRA, 401(k), HSA and whatever other accounts you may have – try to devote a reasonable percentage of your portfolio to growth-oriented investments, such as stocks and stock-based funds.

Of course, there are no guarantees and you will undoubtedly see market fluctuations and downturns, but you can help reduce the impact of volatility by holding a diversified portfolio for the long term and periodically rebalancing it to help ensure it is aligned with your risk tolerance and time horizon. Keep in mind, though, that diversification does not ensure a profit or protect against loss in a declining market.

- *Protect yourself from long-term care costs.* Even if you invest diligently for decades, your accumulated wealth could be jeopardized, and you could even become somewhat dependent on your family, if you ever need some type of long-term care, such as an extended stay in a nursing home or the services of a home health care aide. The likelihood of your needing such assistance is not insignificant, and the care can be quite expensive. In fact, the median cost for home health services is nearly \$55,000 per year, while a private room in a nursing home can exceed \$100,000, according to Genworth, an insurance company. To help protect yourself against these steep and rising costs, you may want to contact a financial professional, who can suggest an appropriate strategy, possibly involving various insurance options.

- *Create your estate plans.* If you were ever to become incapacitated, you could end up imposing various burdens on your family.

To guard against this possibility, you'll want to ensure your estate plans contain key documents, such as a financial power of attorney and a health care directive.

It's safe to say that no one ever wants to become a financial burden to their family.

But putting appropriate strategies in place can go a long way toward helping avoid this outcome.

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FISH NEWS

By Ginnie Benjamins

ATTENTION ALL DEL TURA RESIDENTS...

We are asking for your help. Fish is in danger of having to stop our transportation program. We need at least a dozen more drivers to keep going. The way it works is Sue Bennett (made up name) would call the FISH help line and leave a message saying that she needs to go to the doctor, dentist or grocery store. One of our "Bookies" would pick up the message and then call you to see if you are able to transport Sue Bennett. If you cannot, just say you are unavailable and the "Bookie" will call someone else on the list. If you accept, then the "Bookie" would give you all the information and ask that you call Sue Bennett to introduce yourself and to confirm the correct time to pick her up at her home. The day of when you are going to drive her, you would either go into the doctor's waiting room with her (if allowed) or wait for her in your car. You will then drive her home and make sure she gets safely in her house. Please consider joining our transportation program! You would be surprised what a good feeling you get when you help others.

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By Bertie Dugo

At coffee on Nov. 2, 2021, the Del Tura CERT Team had Christi Kulwicki and Beth Helmick from the North Fort Myers Fire Department do a Safety Seminar. It was highly informative. After the talk, approximately 80 residents signed up for a free fire alarm inspection which could result in free fire alarms. They also had handouts for residents to take .

These included: ICE Packets (Files of Life); free battery-operated reflectors; free All Hazards' Guides produced by Lee County; free drug deactivation bags; and pet finder. If you missed this session, the North Myers Fire Department will have a table at the Health Fair on Jan. 28, 2022.

The CERT Team is seeking volunteers and there will be training classes at Del Tura. The dates are Feb. 9, 11, 16 and 18. The fifth class will be at the Fire Department. You must be able to attend all five classes.

Five residents recently completed CERT Training and a big congratulations to them. They are Donna Ulch, Lisa and Frank Bellanca, Debbie Overholser and Laura Intini.

Our next project is to man the first aid station at the Laser show.

We will also be driving residents with mobility issues to see the Christmas lights on homes and of course our beautiful front entrance.

If interested to be on the team, contact Bertie Dugo at 617-974-8502 or ad4088@comcast.net.



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DEL TURA DEMONSTRATION GARDEN IS ALMOST DONE

By Rosemary Eiden

The garden is mostly planted and shell paths have been finished. Because Fred Taylor provided water in a timely manner, we were able to get the plants off to a great start. A soaker hose has been laid out throughout the garden with a timer to regulate the watering every other day. The plants have been showing growth. A new homeowner has pledged to deliver bricks to the garden to line the cement circles.

We found plenty of pine needles on the streets of Del Tura to mulch the garden.

A homeowner that moved has donated some bromeliads and sedums so that we could create a nice mound at the entrance to the garden. We would like to mulch the mound with some pea gravel but we are out of funds.

Anyone that would like to donate can make out a check to: "HOA Native Garden."

Send to our donation lead: Kat Rossman, 1404 Avenida Sienna, N Ft Myers FL 33903.

There are 'wishes' to add a pergola, arches, and some benches to the garden. We are still waiting to hear from Del Tura corporation if this is doable.

Our plant sale will be held on February 14th. It will be at the site (corner of Gran Via & Escorial) from 9-Noon. There will be native plants as well as some exotics.

Looking forward to a "grand opening" to this community garden in the new year. Hopefully, we will have a new sign to unveil.

The garden club is extremely happy that our efforts have gotten us this far. I hope you have seen our progress thus far as you drive by.

This garden is truly a demonstration garden. It is our hope that the garden will provide examples of native plant pairings for residents to follow.

We will monitor the garden over the winter months for weeds and any shaping that must be done.



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Wednesday night Pinochle By Marcella Carothers

10-13-21

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2. Henry Dzedzej

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2. Dick Boesel

10-27-21

1. Kathy Boesel
2. Henry Dzedzej

11-03-21

1. Kathy Boesel
2. Ken Nicolosi
3. Henry Dzedzi

DEL TURA THURSDAY NIGHT BINGO

Can't believe December is here already. Just can't seem to slow down Father Time, can we? Anyhow the first thing we want to do is to thank the new volunteers that signed up to be on our team to help us run our Thursday night bingo because without that help, it would be very difficult if not Impossible for us to run it. So, thank you to our new helpers, Jane, Janet, Allison and Barry who all are new callers to help Joe. As of this writing, we have run two nights of bingo last month and things went along very smoothly as well as having pretty nice crowds of people that come to play. October and December are usually a little slower because not all of the snowbirds have arrived yet & also November and December with the holidays, lots of people travel. Our biggest crowds usually start in January. As a reminder, in December there usually is no bingo on the 23rd and the 30th because of the Christmas holidays.

Also, this December Janet and I will be out of the country on the 9th and the 16th so we won't be able

to have HOA sponsored bingo those two Thursdays, but the people who run Thursday night bingo in the summer said that they would run their summer-style bingo those two Thursdays so you will still be able to come up there and play like you do in the summer. Then come January, we will be back to running the HOA sponsored bingo again. So, we will thank those people in advance for doing that so you can still play in December. One last reminder, remember that we sell game sheets from 6:00 to 6:45 only. Because of what we have to get done between 6:45 and 7:00 when we start to play, we are unable to sell anymore to anyone who comes after 6:45. Sorry, but that's the way we have to do things so don't forget to come between 6:00 and 6:45 if you want to play. Hope you all had a happy Thanksgiving and we want to wish you all a Blessed and safe Christmas holiday.

Jack & Janet

DEL TURA GATE GABBER

By Michael Johnson

Greetings from the gate.

This issue of the Tower is the debut of Travels With Mike....When I considered doing a monthly feature in The Tower, as The Gate Gabber, I thought stories about the gate would fill pages for quite some time. In actuality, there's only so much that goes on at the gate during the overnight shift. So, welcome to Travels With Mike.

There have been many jobs which I've held prior to my employment with Hometown, here in Del Tura. One, which you may find humorous, was a job I held as a dishwasher in Portland, Oregon. At the end of my junior year in high school, a friend and I decided

to drive across the country, to California. It was 1965. We left New York at the end of May and arrived in California the second week in July (lots of stops along the way). By the end of August I had met a young girl and made the decision to go back to Oregon with her, where she was attending Portland State University. My friend drove back across the country alone.

I arrived in Portland the beginning of September and began looking for work. I found a job at a restaurant in the Frank Lloyd Wright Shopping Center. The name of the restaurant escapes me.

My job as the dishwasher involved brushing unfinished meals into a large waste disposal, showering the dishes and glassware with a hand nozzle, then loading the large commercial dishwasher. Because I had NO money and very little to eat at the

start of this endeavor, there were occasions when I would put aside a piece of cake or half an uneaten sandwich. Sounds unappetizing. But, I was hungry. There was a Cuban man, who must have been 60 years old, and spoke no English, who was the pots and pans cleaner. He would take it upon himself to take my leftovers and toss them in the waste disposal. I tried explaining that I was saving these morsels for myself and to please not throw them away. He thought I was complaining that he was not emptying these plates of leftovers quickly enough and before I knew it, food was disappearing before I could say, "stop.."

That job lasted three days.

I'll stick with the subject of my various jobs as we go forward with Travels with Mike. See you here next month.



REFLECTIONS By Dianne J. Roderick

"The Magic of December"

There's no other month of the year that strikes me as being more magical than December. What is it about this particular month that seems to make us feel differently? Even with all the hustle and bustle of the holidays, people seem to be cheerier, greeting one another more frequently with a smile, a hug, or a handshake. Leaving each other with a warm kind-hearted feeling... you know that "Oh, What a Wonderful World" kind of feeling! Why can't all the other months be as magical?

I think Thanksgiving plays a big role in answering that question. Thanksgiving sets the stage for all the magic of the Christmas holidays. Even though we are thankful each day of the year that special day allows us to truly stop, reflect, and give thanks for all the gifts in our lives. As we give thanks for our families, dear friends, and the true necessities in our lives we stop and realize how blessed we all are. Those blessings are the gifts that bring us to December and add to its magic.

The gifts of sharing, caring, and love are not the ones wrapped with shiny paper and tied with pretty bows. Long after those beautifully wrapped gifts that sit beneath the tree are opened and the holiday decorations have been neatly packed away, these gifts will continue to provide the "magic" that we feel in December all year round.


We feel these gifts each time we place those treasured handmade school ornaments on our trees. I can still remember the love and

excitement in our children's eyes and how proud they were standing there, with the gift that you knew they had wrapped all by themselves, anxiously waiting for us to open them. They could hardly contain themselves! I feel it and remember it like it was yesterday and I know they do, too!

How about those precious hours spent in the kitchen making dozens of cookies? I remember hearing these words, "Mom, our class is having a Christmas party and I volunteered you to bake those special cookies." "Okay, when is the party, Son?" (I bet you already know the response) "It's tomorrow, Mom!" Of course they had to be "the special cookies" no store bought cookies would do! I look back at those times and realize even more how blessed I am to share this memory. We made the cookies but even more importantly we spent cherished family time together.

During this holiday season we will toast to the cherished memories of the past and enjoy making new memories, celebrating special times with our families and friends. Old traditions will be honored and new traditions will begin, each one adding more to the magic of the season. Those traditions, so ingrained in all of us will serve as reminders of those amazing times we have shared with our loved ones. As we go through the next year, a certain song, an old photograph, a familiar scent will suddenly remind us of those memorable times allowing that "magical feeling" of December to overcome us once again.

*Merry Christmas Everyone
& God Bless!*



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Activity	Location	Contact	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Exercise									
Line Dancing Advanced Class	Starlight Ballroom	Jackie Hinrichs, 616-916-7796			3:00-4:00 PM				
Line Dancing Beginners Class	Starlight Ballroom	Jackie Hinrichs, 616-916-7796			4:00-5:00 PM				
Low Impact Dance NEW	Starlight Ballroom	Debby Cali 239-567-2925				12:30 to 1:30			
Tai Chi		Marjorie Lord, 543-9072	8:00-9:00		8:00-9:00		8:00-9:00		
Tai Chi Chuan Instruction NEW	Royal Palm	Dr. Charles C. Longworth, Ph.D. 239-945-2106	8:00-9:00 AM		8:00-9:00 AM		8:00-9:00 AM		
Therapeutic Yoga Instruction NEW	Royal Palm	Dr. Charles C. Longworth, Ph.D. 239-945-2106	9:00-10:00 AM		9:00-10:00 AM		9:00-10:00 AM		
Tura Zumba / Dance Fitness	Starlight Ballroom	Adele Guthreau - 973-865-8336	9:00-10:00		9:00-10:00		9:00-10:00		
Water Aerobics (Oct-April)	North Pool	Betty Scheetz 609-477-9147	11:00-12:00		11:00-12:00		11:00-12:00		
Water Noodle Aerobics	North Pool	Marylou Buss, 612-718-7878		11:00-12:00		11:00-12:00			7:00 PM
Yoga Relaxation	Starlight Ballroom	Dea Wells 283-5603		10:45-12:15		10:45-12:15			
Sports									
Billiards, Men's		Harry Christopher, 997-7345	1:00-3:00						
Billiards, Women's (Nov-Apr)		Ann DeGrande, 989-2206			6:30-9:30				
Bocce (Nov-April)		Peggy Terrasi, 603-236-2209 peggyterasi@gmail.com	4:00 PM						
Bocce and Burgers		Janet DeCosmo, 239-776-9161							5:00
Bowling For Fun	Bowland Cape Coral	Denise Goodell, 614-792-3024 Claire McNair, 508-344-9920						2:00	
Bowling Mixed League (Oct-Mar)	Bowland Cape Coral	Denise Rose, 815-222-6466		1:20					
Fun Couples Shuffleboard League	Shuffleboard Court	Darlene Brinker 586-431-0022	7:00 PM						
Golf, Men's 18 Hole League		Bill Gronek 810-990-5878			8:00				
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Horseshoes NEW	Horseshoe Court	Bob Brinker 586-431-0022							3:00
Pickleball		Jim Hinrichs 616-299-4357	open play	open play	open play	open play	open play	open play	open play
Ping Pong	Jacaranda Room	Lois McDonnell, 505-228-1222				2:00-4:00	2:00-4:00		
Shuffleboard		Jack Blevons, 731-0892					1:00		
Shuffleboard NEW	Shuffleboard Court	Darlene Brinker 586-431-0022	7:00-9:00PM						
Shuffleboard, Open		Glenn Tointon 920-309-1294	9:00	2:30					
Shuffleboard, Traveling Team (Dec-Mar)		Glenn Tointon 920-309-1294			12:30				
Softball	Punta Gorda	Jim Hamilton 208-313-1321	5:30		5:30				
Tennis, Mixed, Open		Alice Harmon, 954 478 4033 allieoop33@gmail.com	8:00-10:00		8:00-10:00		8:00-10:00	8:00-10:00	
Games									
Bingo, doors open at 6:00pm, sales end at 6:45pm (Oct-Mar)	Starlight Ballroom	Jack & Janet Blevons 731-0892				7:00-9:30			
Bingo (all year)	Starlight Ballroom		11:00-12:00						
Bridge, Duplicate	Poinciana Room			6:00-10:00					
Bridge, Open	Jacaranda Room	Ken Knight, 305-746-3782			1:00-4:00				
Bunco, (*All year, 1st & 3rd Wed of each month)	Poinciana Ballroom	Darcie Rockenbough, 239-938-6865			6:00-8:30				
Canasta	Jacaranda Room			1:00-4:00					
Dominoes	Royal Palm Room	Ruth Anten, 997-9779			5:30-9:30				
Euchre	Poinciana Room	Marcella Carothers, 731-3315		7:00-9:00					
Farkle	Poinciana Ballroom	Ruth Anten, 997-9779	6:00-9:00						
Hand & Foot Card Game	Jacaranda Room			1:00-4:00					
Hand, Knee & Foot Card Game	Poinciana Room	Donna Moore, 543-5262	1:00-4:00			1:00-4:00	1:00-4:00		
Mahjong	Card Room II	Pat Steele, 863-446-2685				6:00			
Mahjong	Card Room I	Dianne Bevilacqua, 567-2234		1:00-5:00					
Mahjong	Card Room I	Rheta Kanen, 731-0809	7:00						
Mahjong	Card Room II	Ruth Anten, 997-9779		6:00					
May I Card Game	Jacaranda Room	Denise Rose, 815-222-6466	1:00-4:00						
Pinochle	Jacaranda Room	Marcella Carothers, 731-3315			6:45-10:00				
Rummi-kub	Jacaranda Room	Jean Cornwell 731-1580			1:00 - 4:00				
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Other Activities and Clubs									
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Card Making (Nov-Apr)	Call for location	Mary Kay Tointon, 920-309-2121 Gay Dye, 614-861-0007			9:00				
Ceramics	Across from bocce court	Ruth Ann Blevins 239-220-9381 Janet Ragone 856-693-8341	9:00-12:00		9:00-12:00		9:00-12:00		
Choralaires, (Sep-Mar)		David Adams, 508-284-6107		6:30 - 8:30					
Coffee & Social Hour	Starlight Ballroom	Kathy Williamson 239-825-5708		8:00					
Creative Writers Group (*2nd & 4th Thurs)	Craft Room	Nancy Davy, 239-599-4631				2:00-3:30*			
Garden Club, (*1st Friday of month)	Jacaranda Room	Rosemary Eiden, 813-220-9269					10*		
Good Timers, (*1st Tuesday of month)	Royal Palm Room	Liz Poniatowski, 800-2935		4:00*					
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Library, open every day		Barb Jones, 543-6922 Kathleen Quigley, 543-1067							
Quilting/Sewing Club	Starlight Ballroom	Wendy Wells, 309-264-9147		12:30-4:30					
Video Corner (check hours in the Library)		Elaine Schnur, (239) 464-0623						1:00-3:00	
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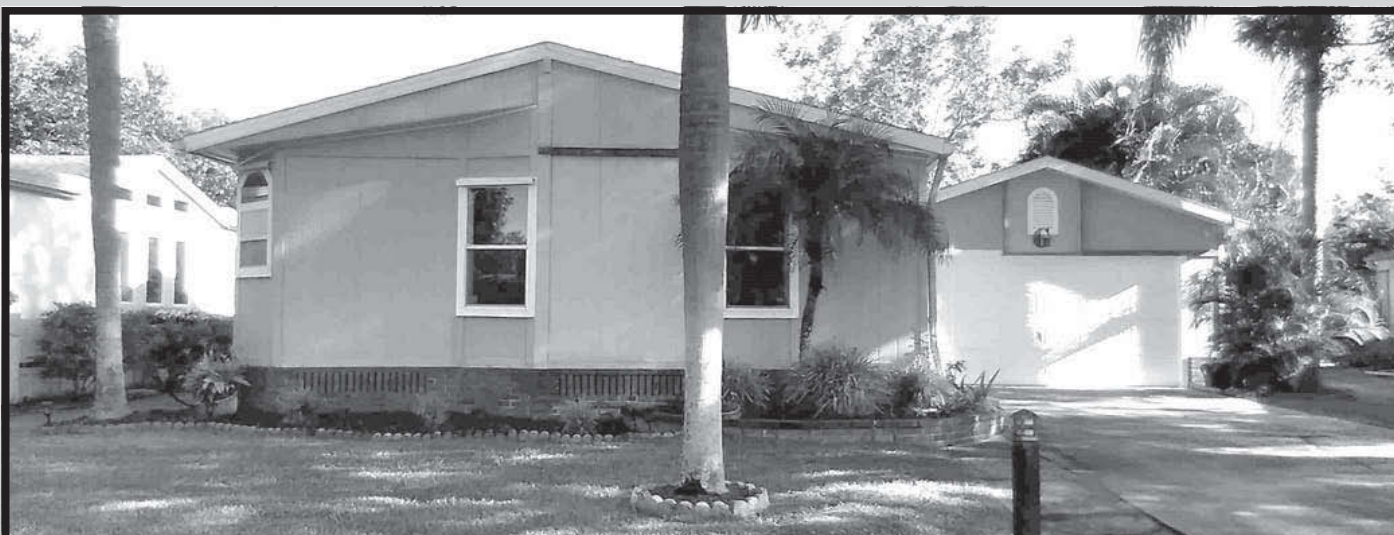
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			1	2	3	4
					Outdoor Movie Main Parking Lot 	CHORALAIRES HOLIDAY CONCERT Performances 2pm & 7pm Starlight Ballroom
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
MAIN ENTRANCE LIGHTING MUSIC 5:30PM LIGHTING 6PM			HOA Meeting 7PM Starlight Ballroom 			CHRISTMAS CHARITY Toy Drive Party 6pm-9pm Starlight Ballroom WIN WIN WIN
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Pancake Breakfast 8-11am	HOA SANTA SHUTTLE “HOESTED BY CERT”	HOLIDAY HOUSE & POOL WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT COFFEE				POOL CAROLING NORTH 6PM SOUTH 6:45PM MAIN 7:30PM BRING THE FAMILY!
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Christmas Cart Parade Line Up for Judging 5:15 pm Winners Announced 5:45 pm Parade Begins 6pm						
26	27	28	29	30	31	
					NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY 8pm-12:30am Starlight Ballroom MUSIC & FUN	