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## MEMORIAL DAZE

By Steve Banko

When the ads trumpeting sales of mattresses, furniture, beer, and picnic supplies threaten to turn Memorial Day into a farce, a trip to the local cemetery refocuses attention on what the day is for. A stroll through these graveyards gives one a thumbnail sketch of the cost of service to those who have paid the blood tax levied by our country. It is not pleasant to calculate the brief life spans of those now at peace, lying beneath government-issued markers, but it is necessary for a nation teetering on the razor's edge of calamity and in danger of losing any notion of shared sacrifice. Spend as much or as little time as you like recognizing the cost of war and the true meaning of Memorial Day. Those who served need more time to remember those who gave it all because it is more personal to those who paid their own price to love their nation. We also need the time to reflect while trying to expiate our own enduring guilt for the sacrilege of feeling relieved that it was our buddies, and not us, filling the body bags. Time may, indeed, heal wounds but it does little to erase the scars resulting from those wounds, be they physical, emotional, or moral.

Many veterans patrol the gardens of stone with painful memories seeping from their pores. To us, the stones talk without speaking. They talk of a little laughter and a lot of pain; of feigned bravado that melted in the candent heat of combat; of a brotherhood unknown away from the battlefield. What they don't say, what they don't offer, what the stones can't provide is the absolution the living seek for the sin of survival when so many others died. Without that forgiveness, we walk on making scant note of the names but remembering faces and slowly the faces of friends morph into the faces of our enemies; those we killed so we could stay alive. Half a world away, Asians walk through cemeteries not unlike our own. They mourn. They weep. They seek solace from the bravery of their ancestors. But not all of their loved ones were laid to rest in formal fields of memory and loss. Our commitment to live meant they had to die. Expediency meant they were buried where they fell, with few honors and less mourning. This universal pain is what defines war.

Those from my generation have wrestled for more than half a century with that pain. Some of us went to war reluctantly. Others jumped at the chance. But all of us soon learned the immutable truth of combat: we fight only for our own survival and for that of our comrades. The young men who went into combat would never be young again. They were forced to face their fragile mortality at a time when they should have been thinking about proms or jobs or girlfriends instead of deciding who to kill in an ambush. Instead of worrying about a chemistry class or a sociology quiz, they were patching up sucking chest wounds. Their universe was reduced to one nameless tract of jungle after another. And through it all, they learned the inimical truth that only the death of a friend is worse than killing an

enemy. Ernest Hemingway once referred to life in combat as "a way you'll never be." The unspoken caveat was "a way you were never meant to be." Just as the enemy exacted a physical toll, the brutality of war shredded the soldier's soul. Some died in the blink of an eye, others died slowly, consumed by the guilt of merely surviving. We once thought ourselves lucky for living before we realized only the dead are truly at peace. The living suffer the slow, silent, karmic disaster of minds unable to dispatch the dreams, unable to mute the memories, and rapidly becoming unable to be unable any longer. Occasionally, we were able to fight off the sleep that gave way to nightmares but we are never fully able to ward off the dreams. We live with the cataclysmic truth of combat that there are always worst things than dying.

The combat veteran remembers the nation but our memories are not confined to a single day. They crop up on "memorial" days unique to the individual; a day when he came to understand that killing and dying and suffering were elements of the same nightmare. Those memories are never far from the surface of consciousness, forever reminding us of that way we were never meant to be.

An old adage says there are no atheists in foxholes but it took a long time to get over my anger at God for allowing us to endure that kind of physical and moral devastation. Still, a prayer is in order for those we remember, a prayer that our lives might stand in silent salute to our absent comrades and our lives will give meaning and honor to their deaths.



## MEMORIAL DAY 2024 OBSERVANCE

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## HELLO NEW RESIDENTS!

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Please come join our table right inside the front door to the Ballroom or stop by and say hello.

RSVP Sherry Cottini, Welcome Committee Chair  
239-770-7711



**TOWER DEADLINE:** The 10th 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: [dttoweredit@gmail.com](mailto:dttoweredit@gmail.com) or drop them at the office. Thank You







# F.I.S.H. NEWS

By Laura Dritt, President

We want to review with our fellow residents when and where we can offer transportation.

those conditions you should have a family member or friend with you who can stay with you after you get home.

1. We provide transportation to appointments, such as doctor's appointments, and to the grocery store.

### How does requesting services work you ask?

2. The areas to which we provide transportation is north to Punta Gorda, south to Daniel's Parkway, east to I75, and west to Chiquita Blvd.

1. Whether you need medical equipment, want to donate equipment, or need a ride, please call the main F.I.S.H. line, 239-997-3474. If you are requesting a ride, please call at least one day prior to the appointment. This allows us to make the arrangements.

3. The transportation is available for people in Del Tura to the locations listed above. For liability reasons we cannot transport you from a rehabilitation facility or hospital and then back to that facility.

2. This reaches a voicemail. Please leave your name, number, address, and your request.

4. Also, for liability reasons we cannot transport you if you can't get from your house to the car and into the car by yourself. The people providing transportation are your neighbors, fellow residents of Del Tura. They are not trained medical professionals who can transport people who are not mobile. If you are completely wheelchair bound or stretcher bound, we can provide the numbers of local medical transportation companies.

3. A volunteer will call you back shortly to arrange what you need. All requests are done through a central point so that we can make sure just a couple of volunteers aren't being overloaded and others never get a request.

5. If you were sedated or anesthetized for a procedure, we also can't bring you home. Under

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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER *By Cindy Baron*

Hello to everyone. I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter holiday. To those of our friends and neighbors who have returned north, I wish you a very happy summer and I look forward to seeing you all in the fall.

I wanted to update you on a few items that happened in late March and early April. Congrats to the Del Pool League for second place in the league. HTA installed a new spotlight on the bathrooms opposite the driving range. This will light up an area that had been quite dark. All of the lights around the restaurant and courtyard that were out have been repaired. Landscaping continues around the community with several areas getting much needed work done. New street signs have been ordered to replace those that are bubbling and coming apart. Over the next months, pool furniture will be marked with a different color tape for each pool area. Please make sure all pool furniture is left in its correct area. HTA will not move furniture back. The night ranger that has been hired by The golf course has made a huge difference. No more free golf. Anyone wanting to play after 4 pm must either be a member or go to the pro shop to pay prior to 4pm. Also Kudo's to the golf

course superintendent for doing an excellent job in keeping our course in such great shape. Have a safe and wonderful summer. Enjoy your families and friends and please treat everyone with kindness and respect.

**ALERT:** Suspension of 50/50 raffles effective May 1. 849 Statues for the state of Florida cover bingo games, raffles and 50/50 games. It has been known for quite a while that 50/50 games are illegal in Florida except under certain circumstances.

Over the years, it has sort of been turned the other cheek because it's ok. Unfortunately, it has cropped up again in training sessions for HOA board members and FMO training sessions. Del Tura currently has a 50/50 on Tuesday mornings known as share the wealth, as well as 50/50 raffles at various events during the year.

We have contacted our attorney and it is his opinion that unless we have an IRS determination letter, the games we are currently allowing are illegal and can result in fines and jail time for the directors.

We believe that the organization would qualify as a 501c7 organization according to

the definition of the IRS which would allow us to offer 50/50 raffles.

We are currently in the process of speaking with a CPA firm to determine if the Association qualifies to file an application with the IRS requesting a determination letter designating the Association as a 501 (c) 7 organization. Until we get answers to these questions, the HOA board of directors has decided to suspend the 50/50 raffles at all HOA sponsored events. If the Association is granted a Determination Letter, we will reinstate the 50/50 raffles. Raffles for goods and services will continue.



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## REFLECTIONS

By Dianne J. Roderick

### "Joyful Memories and Future Dreams"

Memories of the past aren't always sad. Recalling the happy times of our lives can bring lots of joyful moments. I think the concern of "thinking of the past" gets mixed up with the notion of "living in the past", and that's where things get concerning. When we relive, or recall the enjoyable times and places spent with the people that we love, or have loved, we should feel moments of thankfulness, peace and contentment. Those memories should motivate us to look towards the future... allowing us to set new goals, follow our dreams, and fill

us with new hope and promise. Conversely, "living in the past", inhibits our ability to move forward, causing many to become depressed and isolated.

I realize that our lives are not that simple. Life can bring many of us to our knees and we question the fact that we could ever go forward again. So we isolate ourselves, avoid making new friends, and find it difficult to think of the future...and this is normal after your heart has been broken, or you have experienced a devastating illness. I think all of us have had these experiences at one time or another. Thankfully, many of us have loving support systems. We are blessed to have friends and families who respect our times of solace, and at the same time continue to uplift us with their acts of kindness and compassion.

Life will always throw us curves and those bumpy roads along the way make it very difficult, but we somehow find a way to maneuver through them. How do we manage that? Everyone handles those curves differently but I truly feel that the experiences and beautiful memories that we encounter along the way gives all of us the ability to cope with the unexpected... we become stronger, think more positively, and have strong faith as we move forward.

Thinking of the happy memories of the past helps us move forward in our lives. There isn't a day that goes by that a memory from the past doesn't put a smile on my face, and I do admit sometimes a tear... but the happiness of the memories that I have shared with my loving family and dear friends outweighs any of those tears. Those memories have made me the person that I am today and I am so very thankful for each and everyone of them. The recollection of my childhood times and the adult times of my past have been the motivation that has kept me moving forward over the years.

Thinking of the happy times of the past is so much healthier for us than living in the past. It connects us with the experiences that made us giggle as children, laugh in our crazy teenage years with friends, and reminds us of those very special times spent with our families and friends. Living in the past stifles our ability to move forward and enjoy what lies ahead in our lives. Thinking of the happy times in our lives also gives us the motivation to move forward, make new plans, and make new memories that will connect us with a healthier, enjoyable life.

So my friends, within this season of renewal my wish for all of you is to enjoy, be healthy, and continue to make happy memories that will make you giggle!

*Sincerely, Dianne*

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# AT-THE-HYDRANT *By Justine Fitzgibbons*

Even though we have talked about these toads in the past, it is important that you are aware of their danger to our dogs and cats.

These frogs are not native to Florida. They are very poisonous to dogs and cats.

If you see one you should humanely kill the toad. This is the recommended way:

The University of Florida recommends euthanizing them by rubbing or spraying 20% benzocaine toothache gel or sunburn spray (not 5% lidocaine) on the toad. In a few minutes, it will become unconscious. Put the toad in a sealed plastic bag in the freezer for 24-48 hours to ensure it is humanely euthanized.

Identify: Unlike native frogs, adult cane toads have all of these features:

- distinct bony ridges above the eyes, which run down the snout.
- a large paratoid gland behind each eye.
- unwebbed hands but webbed toes.
- dry warty skin.



### IF YOUR PET IS SPRAYED

If you think that your pet has come into contact with a bufo toad, immediately rinse out your pet's mouth with a soaking wet wash cloth several times to remove any toxin from the mouth.

Thoroughly wipe out the insides of the lips and cheeks, as well as the gums on the outside of the teeth.

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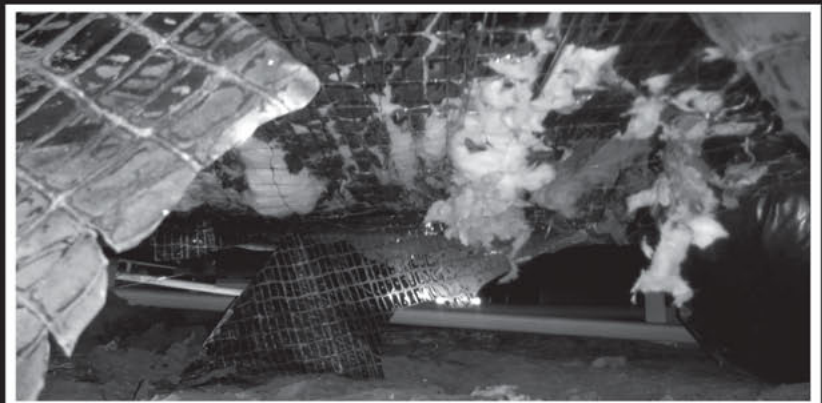
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**18 HOLE WOMEN'S GOLF**

By Tammi Carleton

The ladies have held a couple of fun events over the past month or so, and we are happy to share the results with everyone! On February 29th, it was the Member/Guest "Swing for Bling" tournament, where these two teams definitely demonstrated how to "swing for the win!" Congratulations go to:

- Flight A - Corrie Leckie & Elen Cadieux
- Flight B - Wilma Antaya & Sue Ellen Slack

The "2024 Club Championship" took place on March 21st, 27th and 28th where we saw 26 ladies compete for the top spot. After great rounds of competition, Bobbie Asper was the overall champion for this year! Congrats Bobbie! Congratulations are also extended to the following players for finishing in the top of their flights:

- Flight A: 1st Place - Maria Matthews;  
 2nd Place - Deb Goodwin; 3rd Place - Sue Passineau
- Flight B: 1st Place - Sandy Vassallo; 2nd Place (tied): Jean Reimer & Denise Rose
- Flight C: 1st Place - Gail Gulino;  
 2nd Place: Donna Ulch; 3rd Place: Patty Trepanier
- Flight D: 1st Place - Jean Wiley; 2nd Place (tied): Bertie Dugo & Wanda Perkins

We also have another extra-special congratulations to extend to Denise Rose who got a hole-in-one on 4-South on March 14!! It was "extra-special", as her son was there to witness it! You've also got to love it when neighbors offer up beverages to celebrate such a rare occasion! Cheers!

As this wraps up the special events for the Women's 18-Hole Golf League for the next little while, now would be an opportune time for anyone who is interested, to join this league to golf with and get to know a great group of ladies! All you need to do is contact Cilla Canney at 978-314-3773 and she will be happy to provide you with all of the information you need.

We always look forward to meeting new members! Until then, keep on shooting 'em straight ladies and we will see you on the links!



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## NINE HOLE WOMEN'S GOLF

By Nancy Ashe

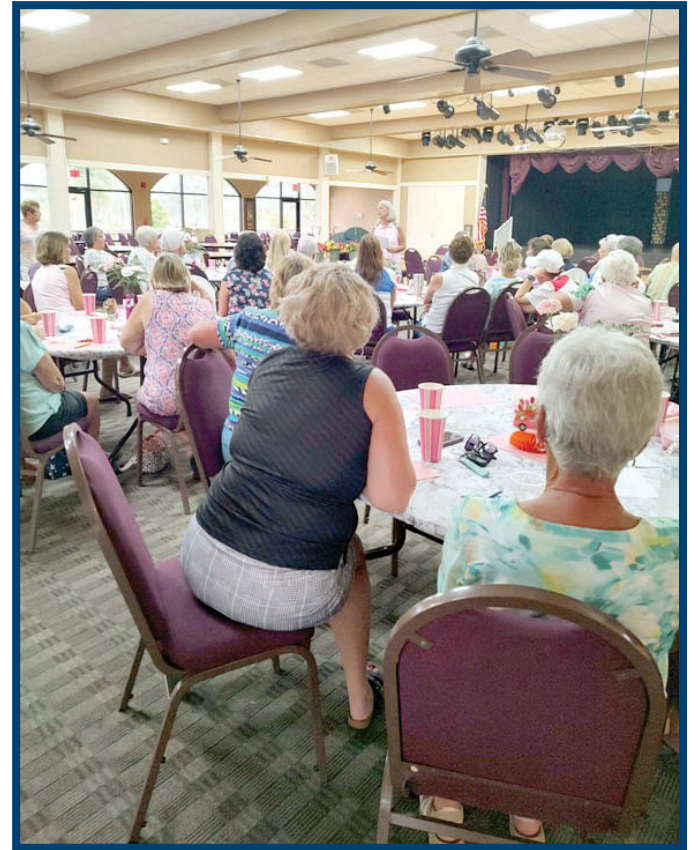
We are into April, when our northern friends are leaving or preparing to leave our community for the summer months. Stay well and we look forward to your return.

We are at the beginning of our President's Cup competition. We meet again next week for final games and results. The results will be posted next month. Heavy winds during the competition but we endured and kept moving forward.

The annual meeting of our 100+ members of the league was held today. Bylaws were reviewed and election of officers took place while enjoying a wonderful luncheon with great ladies.

Officers: Sue Hooper, President, Mary Ann Light, Vice President, Nancy Ashe, Secretary and Lucy Schaeffer, Treasurer.

As summer approaches we look forward to games played with our 18 hole golf ladies league and other golfing events in the area.



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North Fort Myers Seniors 8-ball League  
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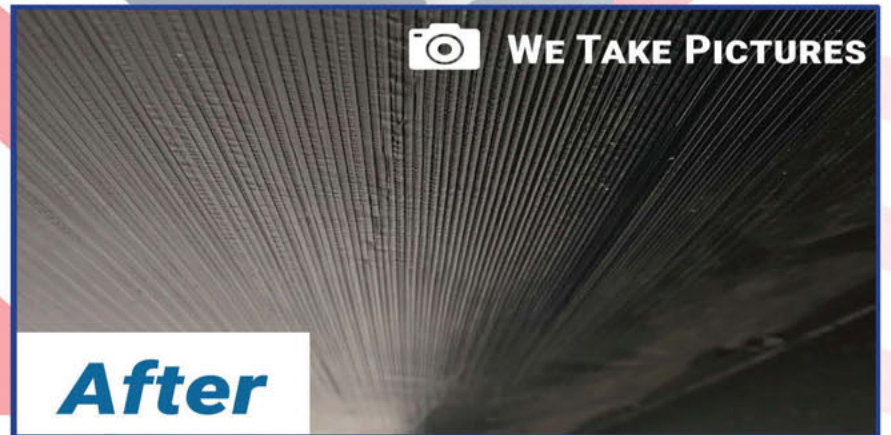
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## DEL TURA **A NOTE FROM DEL TURA MANAGEMENT**

As you prepare to move onto your next adventure, we would like to remind our residents that when leaving for the season: Hurricane Season is right around the corner June 1, 2024.

1. Please secure all lawn furniture and yard decorations. Bring in any loose items including trash and recycling receptacles.
2. Please ensure we have your current contact information, (Phone and alternate address) before you leave. (This information is needed for an emergencies)

### Friendly reminders:

1. No swimming in any of the bodies of water in Del Tura. (Pools Only)
2. Please watch your small grandchildren and pets around any body of water in Del Tura. While we all enjoy the wildlife, it is best to maintain a safe distance from them.
3. Please do not feed any wildlife at all.

4. Please lower umbrellas when not in use at all pool locations. This will help avoid breakage due to wind and random storms we have.

### Around Community:

Del Tura Staff along with the landscaping company would like to apologize for the length of time it took to do the landscaping beatification. Thank you for your patience. Please enjoy the new plantings around the community; the place looks great. Don't forget to check out the new Firepit area. May 1st the main pool area will be closed including the Pavilion, bathrooms, and Spa. This is for a renovation in the main pool area. Please keep out of the closed areas until project is complete. Del Tura Staff would like to wish all the mothers in the community a Happy Mother's Day!!! Please remember that May 27, 2024, the Administration office is closed for Memorial Day. We will reopen on Tuesday May 28,2024 @ 8:00am.

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HOA Members \$10 ..... Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 AM  
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## WRITER'S WORKSHOP

By Nancy Davy

Our fifth season drew to a close on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April. I'd like to thank all of our writers for their commitment and willingness to try new challenges. It has been a pleasure and a blessing to work with such talented people within our community. I thank our Del Tura HOA for allowing us to use the Royal Palm Room this season, which proved invaluable during some of our colder weather. Most of all, I'd like to thank all of you, our readers, for your support and appreciation of our efforts.

A recent challenge was to write about measuring time with something not expressly intended for that purpose, like cracks in a floor, scuffs on a boot, or weeds in the flowerbed. Draw out your observations and tell how you have been touched by the subject you are observing, adding your own memories as the years have passed.

*Rocking Chair* by Nancy Davy

The attic room is silent as the door scrapes open and light from the hallway penetrates, touching upon stacks of cardboard boxes, plastic totes, and; in a spot of honor; the wooden rocking chair. She smiles fondly as she recalls many hours of rocking their children, singing to them softly, and dreaming of the future they would share. The tall wooden chair, once glistening with new varnish, was a welcome addition to the nursery as they prepared for the arrival of their babies over forty years ago. The floorboards creak as she makes her way across the room. She reaches to touch the dusty chair lovingly, noting a small cobweb between the upper rails. She wipes it away and sits. The dry wood sends out a small squeal of protest. She remains seated, leaning forward to reach inside an open box marked "Toys." A teddy bear, worn and abandoned, meets her hand. She brings it close and is struck with a wave of memories. This little guy was dragged, squeezed, and transported for many miles over the years when their son was a toddler, a preschooler and even a primary school student. That little face, those large, round, searching eyes, that soft fuzzy body gave comfort in ways that sometimes no one else could, in the quiet moments when he was settling down to sleep, when the day had been demanding or he needed a friend. The little bear was cried upon, whispered to, and spilled upon. And he was trusted and loved beyond measure. She places him on her lap and reaches in again. This time her fingers find a rag doll. She strokes it lovingly and recalls their daughter's face; contented as she snuggled her companion; those red braided pigtails and stitched-on smile bright against the pillow. Where did the years ago? It seems like only yesterday that she rocked gently, in this chair, with this bear, with this doll, with their babies – singing softly, dreaming and savoring their blessings. Now they're grown and gone. She hugs the worn and faded toys and thanks them for the love they gave so freely. She sighs as she begins to rock once more. Again, the dusty, creaking floorboards speak out, adding to the evidence of how much time has slipped away.

I hope you'll enjoy the following responses:

*Swampy* by Marianne O'Malley

After our daughter passed, we decided to sell 1385. Our home of 30+ years was just too big, and the memories that stuffed the inside were much too tearful for us to stay. We decided that we would relocate to our home on Cape Cod. It was going to be a fresh start. George had retired, and although our home had seen many puppies, grandchildren, and traditions, it also was packed with deaths and illness; something we no longer could cope with.

Picking through his packed toys, I came across Swampy. Swampy was an alligator that was the 'trade-off.' Matthew loved his pacifier. However, at two years of age and already in a big-boy bed, the binky had to go. His dad made a deal. "Throw your pacifier into the trash, and I promise you, something will come and sleep in your bed." It was the beginning of a long love affair. Swampy was brushed and washed, talked to and kissed. He even accompanied us to Disney World one year later. My hands lovingly stroked his matted green fur. Bringing him closer to my face, I could feel the crusty mouth, once a spot for lots of kisses. I remember not a bedtime came without Swampy, gently tucked in beside my once little boy. I thought about the many friends that came for a play date. On these occasions, Swampy would be delegated to the far back of the closet. Swampy was not to be mocked. My son would never show his buddies his soft spot; his savior; his alligator Swampy.

I don't remember when Swampy ended up in the cellar, because life has a way of getting jumbled when you're raising a family and working. Those soft priorities somehow lose their appeal, their worth, and are tossed away like a used tissue. My son, now a dad himself, was asked if he wanted Swampy for his little girl. He declined my offer and explained that Margot would have her own stuffie. I couldn't leave Swampy behind. He saw Matthew through thick and thin, tears and heartaches, and sicknesses that no little boy should ever have. I stared at Swampy's eyes and I could see that it wasn't the alligator that had the magic. It was the heart of a small boy who needed nighttime comfort. I tossed Swampy away, drove to my son's house, and hugged him hard to thank him for his magic.

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*Passing of Time* by Gail Hodge

Sometimes when I put my golf clubs on my cart, I smile as the image takes me back. I remember when my grandsons were just toddlers and the fascination they had with a game or sport that involved a ball. We introduced them to golf with just a plastic golf club set. The oldest one was a lefty but that didn't keep him from using the right-handed set. They would occupy themselves for hours in the backyard hitting that little plastic ball as far as it would go.

Time passed, as it does. They outgrew that plastic golf club set with its plastic balls and it was time to move on to real clubs. Well, they were real, but a miniature of the ones their Papa and Grandma used. Now that plastic wiffle type ball evolved into a dimpled hard orb. The backyard was now replaced with a par three golf course. The fascination with a ball turned into a real game now. They liked when their ball would take a wild turn and go into the woods. They would bravely go to retrieve it and return with other balls that had found their way into the woods.

They would be all smiles, carrying their finds like Easter eggs found on Easter morning.

Time passed once again, and now they have outgrown yet another set of clubs. This time their set was adult size just like Papa's. Now it was time to also graduate up to the par three, four and five courses. Golfing with my grandsons is still a joy, but I can't help but drift back to a time long gone and those backyard games and par threes.

*As Time Goes On* by Ann Abramczyk

The alarm on the phone sounds and wakes me. A phone without a cord that seconds as a clock. Amazing! Arising, there is a sharp pain in my right hip; I must have slept on it too long. I pull off the mask of my breathing machine. It's supposed to make me sleep better, but it hurts my head and blows air into my face. I find it annoying, but necessary so the medical pros tell me. My feet hit the floor and I shuffle to the toilet. Ah, relief of the bladder that was silent all night - that's quite unusual. Brushing the remaining teeth in my mouth, I glance in the mirror.

Who is that with those baggy sacks under her eyes? And how did those wrinkles appear? Another shuffle to the bedroom where I put on my robe. Ouch, damn shoulder ache! I must have slept on it too long. I really would have taken better care if I thought I was going to live past 30!

Into the kitchen to brew the coffee. That machine is so much easier than the old drip coffee pot. One cup at a time, it makes coffee at the perfect temperature. Adding the vanilla creamer; so much better than half and half. A tasty treat unheard of years ago. The news must be on, so I position myself on the sofa with the back support in place and reach for the remote. With the push of a button, the vivid color picture appears instantly. The newscasters have opinions and express them freely. I really miss Walter Cronkite, even if he was televised in black and white and only clearly seen if the rabbit ears were positioned correctly. Reaching for my tablet that has been charging overnight, I tap on the screen and many little pictures awaken. 'Icons,' they are called.

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Del Tura Country Club  
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Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_

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# GARDEN CLUB

By Sandy Gove

Garden Club will meet next on Friday, May 3, 10:00 am in the Jacaranda Room, and all those interested in learning about the club are welcome. Some Garden Club members will soon be away for the summer months or traveling: we wish them safe travels and look forward to their return.

The gardens maintained by Garden Club are thriving, and we invite each of you to visit. The Demo Garden offers a variety of plantings as examples of those that do well in our growing area. To enjoy the garden further, on the garden's entrance sign is a holder with brochures describing many of the plantings: feel free to keep the brochure or please return it to its holder when finished. Don't forget to look up!! New orchids were added to the oak trees including another white Swans Neck named so because of its blooming habit. Sitting at one of the benches near the fountain may reveal butterflies fluttering about, as an assortment of herbs they enjoy has been added completing the Butterfly Garden. If you're biking or walking near Via Estrella you might consider taking a moment to sit in the shade of the banyan tree (possibly one planted by Thomas Edison in his early quest for a rubber substitute). Lush ferns and a variety of bromeliads donated and planted by members provide ideal companion plants for this area.

Garden Club members are privileged to assist with the care of the potted plants at the Memorial site. We appreciate the efforts by all those who worked to make the Memorial area a reality. As we consider Memorial Day on May 27, we are indeed grateful to those Veterans who have fallen in service to our country.

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Activity	Location	Contact	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Exercise</b>									
Lap Swimmers	Main Pool	Floyd Kruschke, 716-713-7887	8:00-11:00	8:00-10:00	8:00-11:00	8:00-10:00	8:00-11:00	8:00-10:00	8:00-11:00
Tai Chi	Starlight Ballroom	Bonnie Carrol 309-454-4329	8:00-9:00		8:00-9:00		8:00-9:00		
Tap Dancing	Starlight Ballroom	Deb Cali 239-567-2925				11:45-12:45			
Tura Zumba / Dance Fitness	Starlight Ballroom	Adele Guthreau 973-865-8336	9:00-10:00		9:00-10:00		9:00-10:00		
Water Arthritis (Nov-Apr)	Main Pool	Laura Strickland, Certified Water Arthritis Instructor, 614-805-2173		10:00-11:00		10:00-11:00		10:00-11:00	
Water Aerobics	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
Water Walking	North Pool	Marylou Buss; 617-718-7878	8:00-11:00	8:00-11:00	8:00-11:00	8:00-11:00	8:00-11:00	8:00-11:00	8:00-11:00
Yoga Relaxation	Starlight Ballroom	Dea Wells 283-5603			10:30 - 11:30		10:30 - 11:30		
<b>Sports</b>									
Billiards, Men's	Billiards Room	Ernie Page 239-599-4272	1:00-3:00	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Bocce (Nov-April)	Bocce Ball Court	Peggy Terrasi 603-236-2209 <a href="mailto:peggyterrasi@gmail.com">peggyterrasi@gmail.com</a>	4:00 PM						
Bocce and Burgers (All Year)	Bocce Ball Court	Janet DeCosmo 239-776-9161							4:00
Bowling Mixed League (Nov-Mar)	Bowlero Coral on Santa Barbara	Denise Rose 815-222-6466		1:20					
Bowling For Fun	Bowlero Coral on Santa Barbara	Barb Green 302-463-7577						2:00	
Golf, Men's 18 Hole League		Bill Gronck 810-990-5878			8:00				
Golf, Men's 9 Hole League		Bart De Graaf 239-599-4404			8:00				
Golf, Women's 18 Hole League		Margie Blackwell 239-789-8060				8:30			
Golf, Women's 9 Hole League		Kathy Klein 715-927-1163				8:30			
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Pickleball	Pickleball Court	Janice Dodge 608-225-5227	open play	open play	open play	open play	open play	open play	open play
Pickleball Practice	Pickleball Court			5:00		5:00			5:00
Ping Pong	Jacaranda Room	Joe Rivera 631-786-6430				2:00 - 4:00			
Shuffleboard, Fun Couples	Shuffleboard Court	Darlene Brinker 586-431-0022	7:00 PM						
Shuffleboard, Traveling Team (Dec-Mar)		Glenn Tointon 920-309-1294			12:30				
Shuffleboard Open (Oct-Mar)	Shuffleboard Court	Judy Lessard 239-217-0924		2:30					
Shuffleboard Open (Apr-Sept)	Shuffleboard Court	Judy Lessard 239-217-0924		10:00 AM			10:00 AM		
Softball	Punta Gorda	Jim Hamilton 208-313-1321	5:30		5:30				
Tennis, Mixed, Open		Alice Harmon 954 478 4033 <a href="mailto:allieoop33@gmail.com">allieoop33@gmail.com</a>	8:00-10:00		8:00-10:00		8:00-10:00	8:00-10:00	
<b>Games</b>									
Bingo, doors open at 6:00pm, sales end at 6:45pm (Oct-Mar) (HOA Sponsored)	Starlight Ballroom	Jack & Janet Blevons 731-0892				7:00-9:30			
Bingo (all year)	Starlight Ballroom	Liz Poniatowski 800-2935	11:00-12:00						
Bridge, Duplicate	Jacaranda Room	TBD							
Bunco, (*All year, 1st & 3rd Wed of each month)	Poinciana Ballroom	Patty Large 559-285-2389			6:00-8:30				
Canasta	Jacaranda Room	Jean Cornwell 239-731-1580		1:00-4:00					
Dominoes	Royal Palm Room	Bob Crawford 239-777-8290			6:00-9:00				
Euchre	Poinciana Room	Marcella Carothers 239-233-6153		7:00-9:00					
Farkle	Poinciana Ballroom	Ruth Anten 997-9779	6:00-9:00						
Hand, Knee & Foot Card Game	Poinciana Room	Claire McNair 508-344-9920	12:45-4:00			12:45-4:00	12:45-4:00		
Left Center Right	Poinciana Room	Donna Henriques 239-540-1204			2nd & 4th Wed from 6:00 - 8:00 pm				
Mahjong	Jacaranda Room	Jean Cornwell 239-731-1580	1:00-4:00						
Mahjong	Card Room II	Pat Steele 863-446-2685				6:00			
Mahjong	Poinciana Room	Jean Sheaffer 330-201-6128		1:00-4:00					
Mahjong	Jacaranda Room	Wendy Wells 309-264-9147		6:00					
May I Card Game	Royal Palm Room	Jane Sheaffer 330-201-6128			1:00-4:00				
Mexican Train	Jacaranda Room	Barbara Turner 301-367-0917					1:00-4:00		
Pinochle	Jacaranda Room	Marcella Carothers 239-233-6153			6:45-10:00				
Rummi-kub	Jacaranda Room	Jean Cornwell 239-731-1580			1:00 - 4:00				
Samba	Royal Palm Room	Sandy Vassallo 248-755-1176 OR Debbie Welty 239-229-3928			1:00 - 4:00		12:45-4:00	Friday w/Claire McNair 508-344-9920	
Texas Hold 'Em	Card room 1	Mark Clover 239-980-3964	3:00		3:00		3:00		
<b>Other Activities and Clubs</b>									
Blood Pressure Readings (before coffee)	Starlight Ballroom	Marcella Carothers 239-233-6153		8:00-9:00					
Card Making (Oct-April)	Royal Palm Room	Mary Kay Tointon 920-309-2121 Gay Dye 614-519-8045			9:00-12:00				
Ceramics	Across from bocce court	Ruth Ann Blevins 239-220-9381	9:00-12:00		9:00-12:00		9:00-12:00		
Choralaires, (Sep-Mar)	Starlight Ballroom	Janelle Shallenberger, 765-437-2130		6:30					
Coffee & Social Hour	Starlight Ballroom	Kathy Williamson 239-825-5708		8:00					
Creative Writers Group	Royal Palm Room	Nancy Davy 239-599-4631	4:00 PM						
Garden Club, (*1st Friday of month)	Jacaranda Room	Rosemary Eiden 813-220-9269					10:00-11:00		
Good Timers, (*1st Tuesday of month)	Starlight Ballroom	Sandra Boykin 410-491-8824		4:00*					
Library, open every day	Clubhouse, Lower Level	Barb Jones 239-543-6922 Kathleen Quigley 239-543-1067							
Quilting/Sewing Club	Starlight Ballroom	Wendy Wells 309-264-9147		After Coffee until 3:00					
Wood Carving (Nov-May)	Ceramic Room	Bernie Forsey 239-217-6024	9:00-12:00						





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## CERT *By Lisa Bellanca*

Been a busy month for CERT Fundraising. Due to the generosity of our community, between the HOA Spaghetti Dinner and the CERT Golf Outing, we feel confident enough money was raised to purchase a new equipment trailer. Thank you to everyone who supported these events. Hurricane season starts June 1st. CERT will be hosting a 'Hurricane Preparedness Presentation' on May 22nd from 6 - 7:30pm. We encourage the entire community to take the time to join us. Christi Fulton from the North Ft. Myers Fire Department will be leading this presentation. The information provided will be about life saving in case of emergency.

On May 10th CERT is organizing a Blood Drive. If you are interested in giving blood, please



contact Sue Smith at 201-232-4777 to schedule an appointment time. Have a great month. Remember you can never be too prepared, plan ahead.



## CRAFTIN' IN "THE HOOD" *By Wendy Wells*

Come join us on Tuesdays, after coffee until about 3:00, 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.

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I hope to see you there!

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# SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE By Glenn Tointon

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**In the seasonal dual meets the results were:**

- 1st: Craig Evans and Deb Mormon, 34-12
- 2nd: Cyndi and Bernie Grilli, 33-13
- 3rd: Glenn and MaryKay Tointon, 32-14
- 4th: Judy Lessard and Bruce Mars, 30-16

**In the MAIN tournament the results were:**

- 1st: Glenn and MaryKay Tointon
- 2nd: Craig Evans and Deb Mormon
- 3rd: Cyndi and Bernie Grilli

**In the CONSOLATION tournament the results were:**

- 1st: Ken Trombly and Darlene King
- 2nd: Jeff and Nella Meehan
- 3rd: Jim Ashe and Jim Miller

Remember, if you would like to be part of this league, as a team or a sub, please contact Glenn at glenn1947@yahoo.com. Also, remember, we have open play every Monday at 7:00 and every Tuesday and Friday at 10:00 throughout the summer. Everyone can come and play.

Have a wonderful summer and we'll see you in the fall!



*Left to Right:  
Jim Miller, Jim Ashe,  
Nella and Jeff Meehan,  
Darlene King and Ken Trombly.*



*Left to Right:  
Marykay and Glenn,  
Judy and Dave Lessard,  
Deb Mormon, Craig Evans*



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**Save the dates**  
**Friday, November 8th**  
**and Saturday, November 9th!**

The Holiday Craft Fair committee, co-chaired this year by Joyce Frase, Dawn Weimer and Jane Sheaffer, is opening the vendor registration to Del Tura crafters May 1 through May 22nd.

If you are interested in participating as a craft vendor, grab your spot now, because on June 1st we will be opening registration up to all former vendors from outside Del Tura to fill the remaining spots.

Please send an email to [delturacraftfair@yahoo.com](mailto:delturacraftfair@yahoo.com) with your name, address, phone number (at which you are easily reached), and email address requesting craft fair registration and guideline forms to be sent to you.

Remember it is a 1st come 1st served event, which means we must receive your completed and signed form along with your payment of \$25 for residents for an 8 foot table by May 29th in order to be considered registered.

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## AROUND THE GROUNDS

By Denny Andrews, Grounds Committee Chairman

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- In the subject state WOR

- In the body of the email describe the location and give a short description of the concern.
- Attach a clear photo (if possible) of the concern

Update of what is currently in the WOR process as of 04/10/2024:

- 19 in process
- 2 completed
- 17 remain active

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**DEL TURA WRITER'S WORKSHOP**

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With the touch of a finger, I scroll through emails, Facebook, the New York Times crossword puzzle, and, of course, Wordle. But first, I need to find my reading glasses that have been a necessity for the past 15 years or so.

How did this happen? All the changes to my body! It seems like yesterday I was hopping out of bed after a restful night's sleep. Waking up to a buzzing alarm clock. Walking haphazardly to the toilet in no rush. Brushing my teeth with a smile and looking into the mirror to see a bright eyed, freckled girl with skin as smooth as a baby's bottom. How did this happen? All this technology! It seems like yesterday I was typing my thesis with carbon paper and using White-Out for corrections. No cut and paste on the old IBM "Selectra" typewriter. Using pen and fancy paper to write letters to friends.

Picking up the morning newspaper that was delivered to my front porch to see what was going on today. Eyesight was sharp and there was no need for glasses. And, who ever heard of Wordle?

It's true that the passing of time is a constant unavoidable fact. These aches and pains came from years of living a hard, but an exceptionally fun and meaningful life, so I guess all those wrinkles have been well earned.

The machines that make life easier these days are a wonder. Ideas built upon ideas led to new inventions that are taken for granted today. Memories are fun and cherished. And now as time goes on, I hope to live to see many more wrinkles, aches, pains and inventions; because I can't wait to see what tomorrow brings!

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**DEL TURA BOWLING** *By Cindy Baron*

Our final week of the Del Tura bowling league shows that The Turkey Hunters, Steve Thibodeau, Chris Bunker, Danny McDonald and Sue Brown have won First Place. The second place team is Ball Blasters with Marianela Tamayo, Jane Larsh, Ken Baron and Pat Henry. The League Banquet and nine-pin no tap fun tournament and banquet was held on April 2. Prizes for each team plus various high games and high series were awarded to both male and female top scorers.

League play will begin again in November on Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 at Bolero Cape Coral. This is a fun league with bowlers of all skill levels and is a great afternoon to spend with friends and enjoy the sport of bowling.

League officers are Denise Rose, Cindy Baron and Sue Brown. If you are interested in additional information, please contact Denise Rose at 816-222-6466.

**DEL TURA EX-GATE GABBER** *By Michael Johnson*

So, my sister and her friend came to visit us here in Florida... We thought it would be nice to do a day trip up north and we found ourselves in Kissimmee. My sister's friend looked at her and said, "How cute. naming a city KISS immee....."

I hated to butt in... But, I thought I should let her know a bit of the history of the state... I told her the name was pronounced KissSEEMmeeEE, with the emphasis on the middle syllable... I informed her it was an Indian name and should be pronounced accordingly...

My sister chimed in, to save further discussion, I thought...

"Let's stop for lunch" I proposed.

When we all entered the roadside stop my sister stated to the waitress, "We're not from around here... Could you settle a bit of an argument we're having?"

The waitress said, "I'll be glad to help, if I can."

My sister said, "How do you pronounce where we are?"

The waitress stated, "That's easy... it's pronounced BUUR GEERR KING"

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Here's the basic tax information on some key sources of retirement income:

- **Social Security** – Many people don't realize they may have to pay taxes on their Social Security benefits. Whether your benefits will be taxed depends on how much other taxable income you receive from various sources, such as self-employment, stock dividends and interest payments. You'll want to check with your tax advisor to determine whether your income reaches the threshold where your Social Security benefits will be taxed. The lower your total taxable income, the lower the taxes will be on your benefits. The Social Security Administration will not automatically take out taxes from your monthly checks — to have taxes withheld, you will need to fill out Form W-4V (Voluntary Withholding Request). Again, your tax advisor can help you determine the percentage of your benefits you should withhold.
- **Retirement accounts** – During your working years, you may have contributed to two basic retirement accounts: an IRA and a 401(k) or similar plan (such as a 457(b) plan for state and local government employees or a 403(b) plan for educators and employees of some nonprofits). If you invested in a "traditional" IRA or 401(k) or similar plan, your contributions may have been partially or completely deductible and your earnings grew on a tax-deferred basis. But when you start taking withdrawals from your traditional IRA or 401(k), the money is considered taxable at your normal income tax rate. However, if you chose the "Roth" option (when available), your contributions were not deductible, but your earnings and withdrawals are tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions.
- **Annuities** – Many investors use annuities to supplement their retirement income. An annuity is essentially a contract between you and an insurance company in which the insurer pays you an income stream for a given number of years, or for life, in exchange for the premiums you paid. You typically purchase a "qualified" annuity with pre-tax dollars, possibly within a traditional IRA or 401(k), so your premiums may be deductible, and your earnings can grow tax deferred. Once you start taking payouts, the entire amount — your contributions and earnings — are taxable at your individual tax rate. On the other hand, you purchase "non-qualified" annuities with after-tax dollars, so your premiums aren't deductible, but just like qualified annuities, your earnings grow on a tax-deferred basis. When you take payments, you won't pay taxes on the principal amounts you invested but the earnings will be taxed as ordinary income.

We've looked at some general rules governing different sources of income, but you should consult your tax professional about your specific situation. Ultimately, factors such as your goals, lifestyle and time horizon should drive the decisions you make for your retirement income. Nonetheless, you may want to look for ways to control the taxes that result from your various income pools. And the more you know about how your income is taxed, the fewer unpleasant surprises you may experience.

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*By Marcella Carothers*

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| <b>03-12-24</b><br>1. Tony Winn<br>2. Jean Wiley<br>3. Cindee Picklo<br>4. bruce Mars | <b>03-19-24</b><br>1. Bill Shaver<br>2. Bruce Mars (tie)<br>Dave Augustine<br>Tony Winn | <b>03-26-24</b><br>1. Tony Winn<br>2. Cindee Picklo<br>3. Andy Giovo (tie)<br>Jim Reinhardt | <b>04-02-24</b><br>1. Lynn Everett<br>2. Greg Roberts<br>3. Doug Schulze<br>4. Mike Nash (tie)<br>Sonny Jelonek |
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## WEDNESDAY PINOCHLE

*By Marcella Carothers*

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| <b>03-13-24</b><br>1. Jeff Czuchaj<br>2. Diane Nicolosi<br>3. Kathy Boesel | <b>03-20-24</b><br>1. Ken Nicolosi<br>2. Kathy Boesel<br>3. Chic Palmer | <b>03-27-24</b><br>1. Marcella Carothers<br>2. Ken Nicolosi<br>3. Fran Reinhardt | <b>04-03-24</b><br>1. Diane Nicolosi<br>2. Sonny Jelonek<br>3. Kathy Boesel |
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- 5/04/63 Larry & Joyce Scialabba, 61 years
- 5/04/68 Ed & Connie Regan, 56 years
- 5/04/91 Esther & Doug Stuber, 33 years
- 5/07/89 Marc & Lori Morrison, 35 years
- 5/09 John & Catherine Glenn, ? Years
- 5/09/13 Frank & Debbie Gianino, 11 years
- 5/09/98 Ron & Pat Whitney, 26 years
- 5/01/82 John & Gail Jager, 42 years
- 5/10/03 Ron & Bonnie Willin, 21 years
- 5/11/74 Jim & Sue Hooper, 50 years
- 5/12/04 Robert & Betty Radosevich, 20 years
- 5/12/12 Daniel & Melissa Wright, 12 years
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- 5/16/69 Lawrence & Michelle Archer, 55 years
- 5/16/87 Dave & Lisa Gabrielcik, 37 years
- 5/17/14 Paul Espindle & Rebecca Harper, 10 yrs
- 5/17/90 John & Gail Millson, 34 years
- 5/19/64 David & Nancy Olson, 60 years
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- 5/20/67 John & Marian Moore, 57 years
- 5/20/77 Mark & Janet Huss, 47 years
- 5/22/71 Patrick & Deborah Roush, 53 years
- 5/23/70 Charles & Cookie Feiner, 54 years
- 5/23/96 Jeff & Missi Polglaze, 28 years
- 5/24/12 John & Yow Norton, 12 years
- 5/24/85 John & Karen Healy, 39 years
- 5/24/86 Robert & Sharol Zimmerman, 38 years
- 5/25/03 Ernie & Kathy Page, 21 years
- 5/25/68 Barry & Sharon Plisch, 56 years
- 5/25/91 Don Dowell & Carol Hancock, 33 years
- 5/26/01 William & Bonnie Jones, 23 years
- 5/26/84 Steve & Laree Couwenhoven, 40 years
- 5/26/90 Kenneth & Melody Daniel, 34 years
- 5/27/00 Bill & Alice Kelly, 24 years
- 5/27/23 Charles Pixley & Rita Fuchs Pixley, 1 yr
- 5/27/92 Rudolph & Diane Brodsky, 32 years
- 5/29/87 Jon & Vicki Kehl, 37 years
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## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5/01 Mary Ciezadlo
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- 5/01 Michael Parker
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- 5/01 Marie Wickert
- 5/02 Betty Cornwell
- 5/02 Adele Guthreau
- 5/02 Ralph Rotondo
- 5/02 Martha Stockinger
- 5/02 Robert Walsh
- 5/03 Ken Duquette
- 5/03 Denise Hollenbeck
- 5/03 Joan Kachel
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- 5/03 Mary Pimental
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- 5/03 Don Williamson
- 5/04 Walter Benoit
- 5/04 Patty Duquette
- 5/04 Ricky Hollenbeck
- 5/04 Kay Rolader
- 5/04 Micki Sullivan
- 5/05 Donald Callahan
- 5/05 Joe Murdoch
- 5/05 John Umberger
- 5/06 Carol Cerami
- 5/06 Victor Klamans
- 5/06 Nancy Moyer
- 5/06 George Storminger
- 5/06 LaDonna Tessmer
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- 5/08 Karen Moehrle
- 5/08 David Paugh
- 5/08 Joseph Zadrozny
- 5/09 Allen Clark
- 5/09 Erin Fensom
- 5/09 Frank Gianino
- 5/09 Chuck Selbach
- 5/10 David Adams
- 5/10 Bill Shaver
- 5/10 Jacques Theriault
- 5/10 James Tranchitella
- 5/10 Dick Welch
- 5/11 Dennis Andrews
- 5/11 Linda Fredrich
- 5/11 Carol Hancock
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- 5/20 Gail Lawrence
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- 5/20 David Scheetz
- 5/21 Shirley Banko
- 5/21 Germaine Duffy
- 5/21 John Guarrera
- 5/21 Sonny Jelonek
- 5/21 Marlys Norve
- 5/21 Sylvia Slosarski
- 5/22 Mark Clover
- 5/22 Don Davies
- 5/22 Candace Starr
- 5/22 Joseph Sr Walsh
- 5/22 Laurie Ann Yard
- 5/23 Kenneth Abramczyk
- 5/23 Jeanne Csuy
- 5/23 Denise Gronck
- 5/23 Robert Smith
- 5/24 Jean Cornwell
- 5/24 Debby Goodwin
- 5/25 Steve Baney
- 5/25 Terry Borns
- 5/25 Pat Dinitto
- 5/25 Peggy Huntley
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## MOWING SCHEDULE

May - 3 Mows



May 2024						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29 Recycling 6AM (Addresses 1-3999) Household Trash Pickup 6AM	30	1 Recycling 6AM (Addresses 4000-6110) Horticulture Pickup 6AM	2 Household Trash Pickup 6AM	3	4
5	6 Recycling 6AM (Addresses 1-3999) Household Trash Pickup 6AM	7 Bulk Pickup (2 Items) 6AM	8 Recycling 6AM (Addresses 4000-6110) Horticulture Pickup 6AM	9 Household Trash Pickup 6AM	10	11
12	13 Recycling 6AM (Addresses 1-3999) Household Trash Pickup 6AM	14	15 Recycling 6AM (Addresses 4000-6110) Horticulture Pickup 6AM	16 Household Trash Pickup 6AM	17	18 Spring Dance 7PM Starlight Ballroom
19	20 Recycling 6AM (Addresses 1-3999) Household Trash Pickup 6AM	21 Bulk Pickup (2 Items) 6AM	22 Recycling 6AM (Addresses 4000-6110) Horticulture Pickup 6AM	23 Household Trash Pickup 6AM	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day 9:30AM Observance Recycling 6AM (1-3999) Household Trash Pickup 6AM	28	29 Recycling 6AM (Addresses 4000-6110) Horticulture Pickup 6AM	30 Household Trash Pickup 6AM	31	1