

# Spanish Trails West

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#### NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Carla Eno, Office Administrator

### **Office Hours**

Office hours are Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Office closed Saturday and Sunday.

Days office will be closed: The office will be closed on the following days: November: 18, 19, 28, 29.

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<u>Lot Number</u> – Please remember to put your lot number on your checks so your payment is posted to the correct account.

<u>Guests</u> – If you are having company, please stop by and pick up a pass to go on their vehicle and a wristband for each person.

<u>Contractors</u> – If you are having work done, please have your contractor stop by the office to register and get a parking pass.

<u>Statements</u> are sent out around the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month to accounts with a balance due. If you feel there is an error, please contact the office so we can clear it up. We try to email as many statements and invoices as possible to save on postage.

<u>Vehicle Stickers</u> – Residents, if you don't already have a STW sticker on your vehicle, please pick one up at the office.

<u>Emails</u> – If you are not receiving emails from the office, please send an email to the office requesting to be added. Send email to:

spanishtrailswest@gmail.com or spanishtrailswest@yahoo.com

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving

#### STW Home Owners Assoc.

Tim Morrison, President

How about this? I am now a formal member of the bubble wrap club. I want to thank all who were involved with presenting me with this reward and to let them know I will do my best to pass on the honor as the opportunity presents itself going forward. Seriously, thank you one and all for the card and good wishes. As it is now it looks like I will avoid surgery. Keep your fingers crossed for me.

Now for more serious updates:

• We continue to press forward to have the installation of the emergency generator completed ASAP. It appears we are making progress and hope to have a new/different generator on site shortly. We have been working with our attorneys to ensure we come out on top with this one. As a result of the following board decisions during the October 24, 2019 board meeting, we will be moving forward to:

- Come up with a plan to implement the card access portion of our new ADT Security System between now and the next board meeting for a test case. Once in place this will result in residents using a card to gain access to the clubhouse. We need to work out the details and ensure everyone who should have a card for access does have one. We will keep you posted on progress.
- Address the one hurdle remaining with the front entrance equipment cooling issue. We are working on that now and believe we have a solution in process.
- On July 26, 2019 the air conditioner in the park office failed. The unit has been replaced and the board ratified the associated cost during the meeting.
- Distribution of the \$15,000.00 power company easement has been finalized and approved by the board.
- Contact the board approved vendor to have the required palm tree replacements completed.
- Move forward with new members and an updated charter for our Architectural Committee.
- Not move forward with selling advertising space in the park newsletter.

- Raise fees associated with resident requested work orders from \$25 to \$40 for each hour and partial hour worked at resident request.
- Renew our existing CD with CenterState Bank for the time being. This action is mainly driven due to penalty free withdrawal of our funds. We will be looking for higher interest rates going forward if they are available with this option.
- Approve several modification requests which had been addressed by the Architectural Review Committee now known as the Modification Review Committee.

I hope all residents are pleased with the results of these efforts. Please keep in mind that elections are nearly upon us and consider how you may fit into the team going forward. We always need new ideas.

## **Community Social Club**

Elaine Lawrence, President

Wow! This year is off to a great start. There were over 50 residents participating in the Social Club Meeting in October and much was accomplished. We voted to replace three tables in the clubhouse, purchase a backup coffee maker, replace many of the tired, old Christmas decorations and make a donation to the HOA to defray the cost of the new windows and blinds in the clubhouse and shuffleboard building.

Elections will be held in December. If you would like to serve on the Social Club Board please contact Deanna Fournier.

Please keep in mind that many hands make for light work. There is always a need for help, be it setting up, cleaning up, taking things out or putting things away. If you are not already doing so, please join a committee or help at a function. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. Your efforts will be sincerely appreciated!

See you at the next meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

Thank you for your interest and participation in our community's activities.

## **Widows Group**

Judy Siddell

Now that summer is over, and some ladies are back, the monthly widow's group is starting up again. Our first get together will be on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be going to the Sunshine Eatery at 1:00 p.m. At that time we will put our heads together to come up with some ideas as to what we might like to do monthly. Any questions please feel free to call me or Mimi. Thanks, Judy Siddell

# **November Birthdays**



John Archer	1 <sup>st</sup>
Karen McCabe	6 <sup>th</sup>
Bonnie Deiss	6 <sup>th</sup>
Gillian Cummings	$7^{th}$
Marcia Daly	8 <sup>th</sup>
Larry Skeens	8 <sup>th</sup>

Patti Williams	9 <sup>th</sup>
JD Davis	$10^{th}$
Bonnie Hollon	$11^{th}$
Larry Roser	$13^{th}$
Sue Blacklock	$13^{th}$
Pat Smith	14 <sup>th</sup>
Jane Knapp	$16^{th}$
Carol Wilson	$16^{th}$
Gloria Foss	$15^{th}$
James Allen	$19^{th}$
June Bouvia	$19^{th}$
Claudia Lawrence	21 <sup>st</sup>
Janice Kucharzac	21 <sup>st</sup>
Beverly Fishel	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Paul Sarginson	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Janet Weber	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Cheryl Montpetit	$24^{th}$
Bill Pike	$26^{th}$
Sandra Baxter	$27^{th}$
Janet Oberllin	$27^{th}$
Moncie Kiser	$27^{th}$
Robert Lawrence (Bob)	$28^{th}$

## November Anniversaries



Gerald & Clare Davidson	4 <sup>th</sup>
Larry & Bonnie Deiss	13 <sup>th</sup>
Garry & Marcia Daly	14 <sup>th</sup>
Robert & Sharron Gevaert	18 <sup>th</sup>
Charles & Cynthia Tasker	23 <sup>rd</sup>

#### **VETERAN'S DAY**

In honor of those who gave so much, there will be a Hot Dog and Bean Luncheon Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at noon. There will be a signup sheet in the clubhouse for those planning to attend.

#### Romeo's

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)

Tom Pete

All Romeo's are invited to breakfast the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of November. Join us for a low calorie, cholesterol free breakfast of your favorite foods and stimulating conversation by our President Mark James. Mark's goal is to Make Breakfast Great Again. (MBGA hats will be available soon - see Mark.) Romeo's meet at the Golden Corral @ 8:30 (Regular time) 7:45 (STW time.)



### **Sunshine Club**

Lucille Wagner

Get Well cards were sent to Patrick Brill, Tim Morrison, Jodi Bracknell and Melba Slates.

Thinking of You cards were sent to Jan Oberlin, Dick Flint, Steven Lewis, Carol Holmes and Dorothy Justus.

Sympathy cards Christine Dernier on the loss of her father, Gloria Foss on the loss of her brother-in-law, Christine Bleich on the loss of her mother and Juanita Huntzinger on the loss of her son.



Ronald Stelle

Bingo is right around the corner. I hope everyone is getting excited. Bingo starts NOVEMBER 4, 2019. Doors will be open at 5:30 p.m. so you can purchase your cards. Early Bird Bingo starts promptly at 6:30 p.m. and regular Bingo follows at 7:00 p.m. If you are new to the park, we welcome you to come and enjoy the evening with us.

We are still looking for someone to be on the Bingo Committee. We are also looking for someone to call Bingo in case one of our regular callers are unable to be there. We could use an extra call-back person (someone to call back winning card numbers).

If you are interested in any of the positions, please contact Ronald or Phyllis Stelle at (814) 572-5489 or come by our house at 37702 Rio Lane.

Hope to see you at Bingo, November 4, 2019. Bring your neighbors or family members.

## **Card Bingo**

Judy Siddell

Wednesday night October 23<sup>rd</sup> was our last Card Bingo for the summer. There was so much fun with a great group of people. We certainly had our share of laughter. We ended the season with a little party with lots of food, and money prizes to 3 lucky people. Names drawn were Cindy T, Henry L, and Bud C. each winning \$78.00.

Thanks to all who joined in this summer, helping to make Card Bingo a success. We will start up again next May. Everyone is welcome, the more the merrier.

## **Sunday Games**

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

November 3, 10, 17, 24.

## **Karaoke Schedule**

Thursdays 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **November 7, 14, 21, 28.** 

Pool Exercise
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
1:00 p.m.

### **Juliet's**

Lucille Wagner

Six of us went to the Saigon Café to enjoy great food. We will go back again soon.

November 20<sup>th</sup> will be our next get together. We will be going to Sergio's another favorite. Meet at the clubhouse at 12:30 to car pool.

# **Recycling Aluminum Cans**

Please remember to recycle your aluminum cans. All proceeds are donated to Hospice. There is a recycle container in the Clubhouse next to the soda machine and a large recycling container next to the dumpsters.

Thanks! Elaine Lawrence

#### **Thomas Promise**

Tom Pete

Many thanks to all who have donated food to Thomas Promise. Through your efforts you have helped Thomas Promise fill over 1,100 bags of food a WEEK throughout the school year. For more information please visit their web site:

## http://www.thethomaspromise.org

Please mark your calendar, as Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> is our fourth Thomas Promise Christmas Breakfast. We will have Santa, gifts galore, 50/50, music and all the pancakes you can eat. More information to come!!!

# Thank you STW

Ken Fabiani from the Elks Veteran Affairs would like to thank STW for their help in furnishing apartments for Veterans. From STW we have collected chairs, dining furniture, beds, tv's, towels, linens, homemade jams and so much more.

To show his appreciation and thanks on Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m., you are invited to lunch, of Ziti, meat sauce, garlic bread and salad. Bring your own beverage of choice. To meet Ken and learn more of his mission please join us.

This is a free event. A Good Will offering will be taken to go to Veterans to help furnish more apartments.

A signup sheet will be posted in the clubhouse. Please sign up so we have a head count.

HORSESHOES: Horseshoes will begin again in November. If you are interested in playing Horseshoes, join us on Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. at the horseshoe pits located behind the shuffleboard court. Anyone is welcome to come play.

Ronald Stelle

#### **Entertainment**

Lucille Wagner

Betty Moores and I are selling tickets to our first dance on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$5.00 can be purchased at coffee hour or at the door. Hal and His Gal entertained us on one of our cruises. Dance will be 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Also, there will be a 50/50 drawing.

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, 3 for a Quarter will be performing at the Thomas Promise Breakfast which again this year is free. Any donations will go to Thomas Promise.

### **Crafts**

Crafts will be on Wednesday, **November 6**, **13**, **20**, **27**.

## **Exercise and Yoga Classes**

Exercise and Yoga Classes are on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Any questions, please contact Betty Moores who has graciously taken over the classes.



### **COME ONE - COME ALL**

If you ever wanted to be one of Santa's elves now is your chance. Join us at the Clubhouse at 4:30 on Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup> to decorate for the Holidays. Bring some "cheer" and a cookie or two, we'll put on some music and have a great time putting up the decorations for the season.

### **STW & TRINITY TRAVEL CLUB**

Shirley Munger

Hello Everyone:

We welcome all of the snow birds back and everyone else and let everyone know that the next Travel Club meeting will be on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at STW Clubhouse at 10:00 a.m.

We are fast approaching the Holiday Season and we have some great trips planned for you.

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CRUISE AT PUNTA GORDA - WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

This is one of our favorites. Shopping at Fisherman's Village with over 30 shops to choose from, dinner on your own at one of the great restaurants or bars, cruising by boat to see beautifully decorated homes all decked out in lights to really put you in the Christmas mood. Cost \$75. Departure from

clubhouse at 1:00 p.m. Be back home approximately 10:00 p.m.

# FOUR GREAT SHOWS ALONG WITH LUNCH AT RUTH ECKERD HALL FOR \$75.

- Merry Country Christmas Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> "Live from Nashville"
- 2. Elvis's Birthday Bash Sunday January. 5<sup>th</sup>
- 3. Bee Geez Concert Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> "Staying Alive"
- 4. 112 years of Broadway Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

Bus will depart from Clubhouse at 10:00 a.m. Get your spot reserved and paid for. Shows are selling out fast. In some cases, we have 2 buses.

There are numerous Christmas shows available including The Fort Lauderdale Xmas Pageant Dec. 4-6, St. Augustine Night of Lights Dec. 9-10, Myrtle Beach Christmas Dec. 16-19.

Call for information and flyer but time is getting short.

# **Special Presentation**

Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at the clubhouse.

# CANADIAN ROCKIES FEATURING CALGARY STAMPEDE & ROCKY MT. RR.

Come check out the trip of a lifetime. Rocky Mountaineer has elevated rail travel to match the grandeur of western Canada's most majestic landscape. July 10-17, 2020. Call Paula or Shirley to reserve a spot at the presentation. Paula 813-702 4648 Shirley 813-782-8324

**Library News:** Lucille Wagner has a collection of World War II books (mostly pictures) for anyone who is interested in history.



#### Spanish Trails West, Rules & Regulations

(These Rules and Regulations pertain to shareholders, non-shareholders as well as guests, visitors, renters, tenant, lessees, or sub-lessees)

#### VII. TRAFFIC TRAILERS AND VEHICLES

A. All residents' vehicles **must** display a STW sticker on rear window. This is for the safety and welfare of all residents so that they know who is supposed to be in the park. Optional park name plates are available at no charge for the front of the vehicle(s). Both are available at the office. *Ernie Foote, BOD* 

# Thanksgiving Day

Elaine Lawrence

Our Thanksgiving Feast will be held on Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. This will be a community event so please sign up in the clubhouse if you will be dining with us, indicating what side dish you will bring.

STW HOA Board Meeting will be held on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the clubhouse.

The Cancer Support Group will not meet in November. Next meeting will be Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at the Golden Corral.



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If anyone has an older EZGO Golf cart with a rectangular hole for battery charger. Please contact me. Either my charger is bad or my golf cart. *Lucille Wagner*, 813-782-1186.

## **Origin of Thanksgiving**

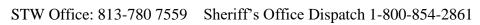
Thanksgiving was first celebrated by the Pilgrims in 1621 after their first harvest following their arrival to the New World. The Pilgrims suffered a severe drought after reaching Plymouth Rock in 1620, but after much fasting and prayer, they were blessed with a bountiful harvest, resulting in a celebration.

The celebration continued for three days but was not repeated until 1623 when the Pilgrims suffered another drought. The Pilgrims learned to grow numerous crops such as corn, beans and pumpkins, many of which are still served at Thanksgiving feasts.

While Thanksgiving was proclaimed a day of thanks in 1676, it was not until October 1777 that all 13 colonies joined together in a celebration of thanks for their victory and freedom from Great Britain. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln officially proclaimed the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day. The proclamation was a result of the efforts of magazine editor Sarah Josepha Hale, who wrote numerous articles expressing the need for a federal holiday centered around giving thanks.

Any questions or concerns about the newsletter, please contact me either by email or phone. <u>Macscats@aol.com</u> or 317-403-4022. Elsie McFarland

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Trash Pickup 8:00 a.m. Monday & Thursday	Happy Thanksgiving!		6:30 – 9 pm Karaoke	8 am Exercise 8:30 am Yoga 8:30 am Romeo Breakfast 1 pm Pool Exercise 6:30 pm Mexican Train	2 10 am Open Shuffle
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