



Spanish Trails West



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Notes from the Office

Peggy Foote

OFFICE HOURS

Office hours are Mon-Thur. 1 p.m.- 4 p.m.
Friday 12:00 Noon - 3:00 p.m. In case of an emergency, I am always available.

Copies: B/W 5¢ each, Color 15¢ each.

Faxes sent: \$1.25 First page, 25¢ each additional page.

Faxes received: 5¢ per page.

Local & toll-free faxes 25¢ per page.

Information Sheets: If you have not completed an Information Sheet, please stop by the office to get one and fill it out. **It is important that we have up-to-date contact information in case an emergency arises.**

Notary Service: Free to residents. Others there is a fee of \$5.00.

STW Sticker: If you are a resident, don't forget to pick up your STW sticker for your vehicle at the office.

Passes for Overnight Guests: If you are having guests, please stop by the office pick up a pass to go on their vehicle and a personal pass for each person.

Email: If you want to receive emails from the office, please send an email to the office requesting me to add you to the list. Email: spanishtrailswest@gmail.com or spanishtrailswest@yahoo.com

Community Directory: If you want your email address in the directory, please send me an email requesting me to do so. I will

NOT put your email address in unless you tell me to in writing.

Any and all changes/corrections to our community directory should be sent ASAP. Deadline is August 15, 2018.

Statements: Statements are/were sent out. If you feel there is an error on our part, please contact the office so it can be corrected.

Contracted Personnel: Under no circumstances are you to stop our contracted mowing personnel. If you have a problem and need it addressed, you are to contact the office and fill out a form. One of the Board members will address it for you.

Website address:
www.spanishtrailswestcommunity.com
Newsletter via Email: Contact Elsie McFarland at macscats@aol.com

STW HOA

Tim Morrison, President

Wow, summer is really here to stay with high temps and humidity along with the usual storms. I guess this is Florida life. We even have seen a hurricane try to start up already.

I want this chance to offer one more note of thanks to all shareholders for their efforts in either completing proxies or attending the meeting and voting on Spectrum contract considerations. These efforts made it possible for the shareholder meeting on May 17th to meet requirements for a quorum and to finalize required votes on pending

business. As you are aware by now, negotiations between Spanish Trails West Home Owners Association and Bright House Networks LLC have come to a successful conclusion. This said, we now have a new agreement in place which will take effect on **October 1, 2018**. With this new five-year agreement will come several changes for **all** STW residents. Of primary interest are:

1. All share holder residents of Spanish Trails West will see a monthly fee increase from the current \$123.00 per month to the new \$142.00 per month. Non-Share Holders will see a fee increase from the current \$23.00 a month to \$42.00 a month.

2. This fee increase will be effective October 1, 2018.

3. This fee increase will enable us to provide these services for the length of the agreement with no additional fee increases over the contract term.

4. With this agreement:

a. Every home in the park will be entitled to two HD Boxes at **NO** additional monthly fee.

b. Every home in the park will receive 100 meg Internet at **NO** additional monthly fee.

c. Every home in the park will be entitled to a modem/router at **NO** additional monthly fee.

d. Every home in the park will receive approximately 200 HD Television Channels at **NO** additional monthly fee.

e. NOTE: In the event you already have this equipment in place in your home you will not need to take any action. This will result in a billing adjustment. In the event you do not

currently use this equipment it will be provided by Spectrum to you.

Going forward, all equipment being provided by Spectrum will remain their property. When a home changes hands this equipment must remain with the property. Spanish Trails West will not be responsible for any additional products or services which are negotiated between residents and Spectrum. This includes recording devices, telephone service etc. We have been told that more detailed information regarding billing adjustments, equipment returns etc. will be forth coming by the end of August. Channel line-up for the service offerings included in this agreement are now available in the office. As more information comes available in the next several weeks we will keep you informed of all details associated with service connection etc. We appreciate your patience and support.

In addition to television and internet concerns, work continues for other items of interest/concern in the park. Bids were received from three vendors to either repair or replace our existing fountains. It was the decision of the board to move forward with required repairs to maintain the existing fountains until the October time line when this matter will be on the agenda for board consideration again.

Other activities include: Jack doing a great job with the new fence. We now have a new survey and a great looking fence. Street sealing efforts that were approved and scheduled were completed as planned. Our park is looking great.

Finally, please be patient with us as we continue to work through office personnel

concerns. We cannot thank Peggy Foote enough for her help and support with getting these concerns rectified. Peggy has continued to work with us in the office through the summer. We may be hiring a temporary person to work part time to fill in for Peggy but will rely on her for the main office functions. Please give Peggy a big thank you when you see her.

Kitchen Korner

Wendy Lewis

I'm pleased to note that we have had a very nice turnout for the June and July events. In June, we had an ice cream social on Father' Day and a pizza lunch on June 23rd. I said it was trying something new and this is what I have to report. Instead of paying the pizza guy \$5.50 per person, I made and served all the pizzas myself. By doing this, instead of losing money on the event we actually made a small profit. Everyone seemed to enjoy the homemade pizzas and the variety offered. The Taco pizza was a big hit. I need to fine tune a few things. But the consensus was to do it this way in the future.

For July 4th, I again tried something new. We charged \$2.00 per person for a choice of a hamburger or hot dog with everyone bringing a side dish or dessert. Everyone agreed we had a nice variety. For future reference, for \$2.00 you do not get all the hot dogs and hamburgers you can eat. The hamburgers cost over \$1.00 each. Add to that the cost of the buns, lettuce, tomatoes, condiments, beverages, cups, napkins, etc. and the kitchen broke even for the event. We also had about twenty more

people to show up that had not signed up to attend. I don't know how to communicate to everyone, how important it is to sign up and to show up! I can only plan for a few extra or the costs will go up and we lose money. We also set up the dining room based on the number signed up. It causes chaos to have to set extra settings at the last minute. Also, if you sign up and don't show up, the kitchen is left with extra food that is not paid for. This also affects the amount of money we have for "free" events. All it takes is a phone call to any Social Club Board Member to add or subtract your name from the count. For bigger events coming up in the fall and winter, we will be selling advance tickets to help alleviate this problem.

We are having one event in August because everyone who attended the past few events said they enjoyed any kind of get together and didn't want to go all summer without "being social." So, we are having a Picnic in the Park on Saturday, August 25th at 11:30 a.m., cost \$6.00. Everyone will receive a picnic basket with their choice of an Italian sausage or hot dog. The basket will also include cole slaw, potato salad and home-grown corn on the cob. A variety of toppings will be available with dessert and beverage included.

September starts off with a regular Pot Luck on Labor Day, September 3rd at 1:00 p.m. On September 15th the Egg-in-a-Bag Breakfast Buffet is back at 8:00 a.m., cost is \$6.00. Also, September 29th at 5:00 p.m., we will have something different. We will be serving a roast pork dinner. It will be buffet style and include sliced roast pork loin, homemade stuffing, mashed potatoes and

gravy, vegetable, dessert and beverage for \$8.00 per person. Hopefully some of our snowbirds will be heading back and can attend.

By mid-September, I will have finalized all the food events for the season. It will be posted in the clubhouse, online on our home page and copies will be available.

So, get your calendars ready to reserve some special dates.

'Till then stay cool and have a great summer!

Romeo's
Tom Pete

Don't forget the Romeo's meet the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at the Golden Corral. All STW Romeo's are welcome. Join us at 9:00 a.m. As our president Buddy says, "Beat the heat, come and eat!!!!"



Sunshine Club
Lucille Wagner

In June Get Well cards were sent to Kathleen Pape, Pat Bousin, (Joanne Grimm's cousin), Dean Munger, Jack Veneman, Bob Lawrence, (Elaine Lawrence's husband), Judy Siddell, Joanne Flint, Jennie Bergmann and Jodi Bracknell.

Sympathy cards were sent to Peter and Bonnie Hollon on the loss of their daughter, James Baker on the loss of his mother, Margaret, a long-time resident, Gary and Karen Goossen on the loss of a step-mother.

A Thinking of You card was sent to Pat DeRoche.

In July, Get Well cards were sent to June Bouvia, Alyce Martinez, John Freely, May Pillen and Sharon Schalow.

Sympathy cards were sent to Bruce and Judy Stimpson on the loss of her father

and to Jack Laroche's friend and his family on his passing.

A Thinking of You card was sent to Tom and Brenda Pete on the loss of their pet. A Thinking of You card was also sent to Kathleen Pape to wish her good luck on moving to New York.

Let's keep all in our prayers.



August

Susan Jacobs	2 nd
Connie Sersaw	3 rd
Bobby Sanford	4 th
Richard Dunlap	5 th
Larry Deiss	5 th
Judy Siddell	7 th
Sandy Wheeler	7 th
Virginia Sink	8 th
Cheryl Brining	8 th
Robert Guttliet	10 th
Tom Doran	11 th
Rose Roser	12 th
Tom Autry	15 th
Christina Dernier	15 th
Marilyn Pugh	16 th
Sandra Preece	17 th
Claire Mullen	18 th
Doris Dufort	19 th
Cheryl Pflugh	19 th
Robert Jinkens	23 rd
Don Oberlin	23 rd
Betsy Cuff	24 th
Norman Osborne	24 th
Jim Flavin	25 th
Patricia Williams	26 th
Phyllis Stelle	26 th
Charles Tasker	26 th
Else Signorile	27 th
Bruce Stimpson	28 th



August Anniversaries

Henry & Rita LaPointe	3 rd
Don & Cheryl Brining	4 th
Tom & Brenda Pete	4 th
Jacques & Ruth Cote	13 th
Stephen & Wendy Lewis	18 th
Edward & Doris Potvin	24 th
Richard & Judith Dunlap	30 th



Joan Breton	1 st
Susan Morrison	1 st
Shirley Witchley	3 rd
Don Brining	4 th
Pamela Sanford	10 th
Daniel Katrein	11 th
Elena Pike	11 th
Mark Calimeri	11 th
Clyde Bracknell	14 th
Lois Vredevoogd	17 th
Bruce Rind	17 th
Raymond Sorbo	21 st
Neil St. Andrews	27 th
Sharron Gevaert	29 th
Mimi Ballantine	30 th



September

September Anniversaries

Daniel & Linda Katrein	3 rd
Bruce & Judith Stimpson	3 rd
Charlie & Cheryl Pflugh	4 th
James & Diane Nutter	6 th
Larry & Denise Loeffin	7 th
Bob & Nancy Butt	9 th
Roger & Marie Bostock	15 th
Robert & Carol Taylor	18 th
Robert & Susan Jacobs	27 th
Dean & Shirley Munger	29 th
Bill & Elena Pike	30 th



Sunday Games

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

August 5, 12, 19, 26.

September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

Card Bingo

Every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.

September 5, 12, 19, 26.

Karaoke Schedule

Thursdays 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

September 6, 13, 20, 27.



Line Dancing

Peggy Foote

Line Dancing every Tuesday, beginning on Tuesday, August 7th at 9:30. and will continue every Tuesday unless you are advised differently.

So, get on your dancing shoes and come to learn and have a good time.

Creative Crafters

Ann Babbitt

The STW Craft Club has been fairly quiet for the summer months. Most of the time has been spent working on favors for upcoming Social Club functions.

Plans are being made for some interesting projects during the season. So, watch for further information.

If you have a craft you want to make or a craft you are willing to teach the group, please contact Ann Babbitt at 813-783-1083 or email: ababbitt@tampabay.rr.com





Juliet's

Lucille Wagner

On June 20th, twelve of us went to Great Catch for our get together. On July 25th, nine of us went to Los Chico's for great Mexican food.

We are not meeting in August as I will be going to Maine for a Celebration of Life for my mother and join her with Dad.

On September 26th, we will go to Sergio's. Please meet at the clubhouse at 12:30 p.m. to carpool to our 1:00 p.m. reservation. Call me to inform me of your plans to attend or to decline.

Ladies, please remember that the Juliet's is open to **all ladies** in the park.

Social Club

The next Social Club Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 1, 2018 in the clubhouse at 2:00 p.m. Please mark your calendar to attend this important meeting.

Newsletter News

Tom Pete

Newsletter News: Did you know? You can now receive your Newsletter three ways???

1. On line:

www.spanishtrailswestcommunity.com

2. E-mail: Contact Elsie McFarland to sign up @ macscats@aol.com.

3. Newsletters are always available in the clubhouse or the office for pick-up on the last day of the month.

Now you know!



STW Travel Club

Shirley Munger

The summer is flying by and it is time to start making plans for fall and Christmas. We hope you all are having a safe and happy summer. We have listed some of the great fall and Christmas trips that you will need to book soon. Check out the flyers on the bulletin board and get your name added. Give Paula a call at 813-7022-4648 to get your tour reserved if it is a multi-day event. All of these trips require a deposit to hold space.

DAY TRIPS:

ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR - MT. DORA

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 27TH

Nationally ranked event has over 400 crafters and artists. There is music and entertainment throughout the day. Bus departs at 8 a.m. and departs for home at 4 p.m. Cost \$49.

LAKERIDGE WINERY, MISSION INN

& MT. DORA THUR. NOV.15TH

Come along and enjoy touring and tasting at Lakeridge Winery. We will lunch at The Mission Inn and have a couple of hours to shop at Mt. Dora. Cost \$79

SHOW PALACE

CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

WED. DECEMBER 19TH

The Show Palace Dinner Theatre celebrates Christmas by bringing back memories from Christmas past. Building a snowman, drinking eggnog. Singing carols as you trim the tree and kids opening presents. Includes awesome buffet and bread pudding with Bourbon sauce. Cost \$84.

MULTI DAY TRIPS

BILTMORE ESTATE & LAKE LANIER AT

CHRISTMAS – DEC 10-13

First class hotel accommodations for 3 nights. Tour of the Biltmore House, The gardens, Antler Village and the Winery, plus candlelight tour. Overnight stay at the Legacy Lodge plus Night of

Lights tour at Lake Lanier plus Holiday Village. 2 Dinners, 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch included. Cost \$899 PP double/ \$1099 PP sgl.

**KEY WEST & MIAMI
JANUARY 12-15, 2019**

Join us this exciting trip to Key West. We will spend one night in the Miami area, and 2 nights in Key West where you will have hop on hop off trolley tickets. On the return trip home visit Everglades Park to enjoy an airboat ride. Includes 1 dinner and 3 breakfasts. Cost \$699 PP Dbl/\$979 PP Sgl.

**FORT MYERS SEMINOLE MYSTERY TRAIN
FEBRUARY 21 & 22, 2019**

Accommodations at the Best Western Riverfront plus breakfast. Dinner and Show aboard Mystery Dinner Train featuring their great prime rib. Guided private tour of Ford/Edison Estate and lunch on the river at the estate. Cost \$395 PP Dbl/\$445 PP Sgl.

**CELEBRITY INFINITY 5 NIGHT WESTERN
CARIBBEAN CRUISE
JAN 14-19, 2019**

**FT. LAUDERDALE TO KEY WEST AND
COZUMEL**

Join your STW Friends and join in the fun. Still Inside and Ocean View rooms available with special perks for Ocean View Cabins. Travel Insurance included. Check with Steve at Advantage for price and availability.

863-859-9595 Shirley 813-782-8324 or Paula 813-702-4648

Exercise & Yoga Classes
Vinnie Stevens
Exercise and Yoga Classes will start on September 10, 2018.

Newsletter Deadline

Please note the deadline for submitting articles to be included in the newsletter is always the third Monday of the month.



Joke of the Month

Buddy Siddell

Little Johnny's Chemistry teacher wanted to teach his class a lesson about the evils of liquor, so he set up an experiment that involved a glass of water, a glass of whiskey, and two worms. "Now, class. Observe what happens to the two worms," said the professor putting the first worm in the glass of water. The worm in the water moved about, twisting and seemingly unharmed. He then dropped the second worm in the whiskey glass. It writhed in pain for a moment, then quickly sank to the bottom and died. "Now kids, what lesson can we derive from this experiment?" he asked. Little Johnny raised his hand and wisely responded, "Drink whiskey and you won't get worms!"

**STW Newsletter, Calendar,
Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Elsie McFarland

I have left those activities on the calendars that I was not advised to delete or change. Please review the calendars and notify me if an activity is to be deleted, changed or added.

Please if your birthday and/or anniversary is not listed in the newsletter or is not correct, **please** contact me so I can investigate it and make it right. Do not contact anyone else as I may not get the message. Thank you! Elsie McFarland: Home: 813-780-8364, cell: 317 403 4022 or macscats@aol.com.

*Editor: Elsie McFarland; Proof: Susan Womble;
Assembly: Tom & Brenda Pete, Chris West.*



Robert & Ann Jinkens

Robert and Ann live at 37701 Campo Avenue. They are originally from Sherman, Texas. They came to STW due to friends.



Jim & Sandra Flavin

Jim & Sandra live at 37637 Campo Ave. They are originally from Maine. They were referred here by friends. Jim has been retired since 2013 and Sandra since 2015. They have three children and six grandchildren.

Jim does woodworking, reading and enjoys walking. Sandra enjoys knitting, sewing and gardening.

They love the weather here.



Barb & Bob Hancock

Barb and Bob live at 37611 Amigo Dr. They are originally from Plant City, Fl. The pond out front of STW attracted them to here.

Bob was a shipping/receiving clerk and has been retired 10 years. Barb was in customer service/distribution and has been retired for 7 years. They have two daughters and four grandchildren.

Bob states he is jack of all trades, master of none. But likes to tackle home repairs. Barb collects parrots and nautical items.



Charlie & Cheryl Pflugh

Charlie and Cheryl reside at 7039 Siesta St. They are originally from Pennsylvania. They knew about STW as Charlie's father, David Pflugh had been a long time resident here.



Wilfredd Reyes

Freddy lives at 37614 Rosalita Ave. He was born in Puerto Rico. He retired in 2013 from working for USPS. He has two daughters, five grand children and three great grandchildren. He enjoys working in the yard.



Vinny Divinsky & Lynda Eddlemon

Lynda and Vinny reside at 7104 El Rancho Way. They are from California. They chose STW due to being a small community and no golf course.

Vinny plays guitar and teaches music. Enjoys jogging and collecting sport and music memorabilia. Lynda's interests are music events and painting. She is not retired. She has a cat named Jasper.



Spanish Trails West Rules & Regulations

Ernie Foote



Reminder

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

V. GUESTS

A. All residents are responsible for their guests' actions.

B. Residents must be present in order to have guests stay in their home.

C. Guests/visitors may not stay in excess of fifteen (15) consecutive days or thirty (30) days total per year unless such person has the permission of management.

D. All guests/visitors must register at the office upon arrival. If office is not open, please register the next day. Guest(s) will be issued a visitor tag to be displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle. Visitor pass will be given to the guest to carry.

E. Guests under eighteen (18) years of age must be accompanied by a resident while using any recreational facility.

Pictures/Information in Newsletter

Elsie McFarland

Those residents whose pictures and information have not appeared in the newsletter and wish them to be published. Please contact me and I will obtain the information and include them in a future issue. H: 813-780 8364; Cell: 317-403 4022. Email: macscats@aol.com