

Around The Ponds



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Message from the Board

WOW it is November already, the snowbirds are coming back, the weather is a little cooler, the yards are green, the ponds are full, and the activities are really starting to pick up. It's going to be a great season in the ponds.

Special thanks again to Alice Peck and her team for keeping everyone busy this past summer.

The annual bazaar is set for November 12 - 14. Thursday night is for residents only. We will once again be selling hamburgers and hot dogs in the outdoor kitchen. Yes, we will have the $5 meal deal again this year! Shop til you drop and eat dinner with friends. All the details for the bazaar are inside.

Please be sure to attend coffee plus on Friday Nov 6th beginning at 9am. We will begin setting up for the bazaar immediately afterwards. We need all the volunteers we can get to help.

The Christmas drive thru is set for Sunday December 13th this year. Please do whatever you can to decorate your house and offer to help to your friends and neighbors if you are able. Last year we had over 400 cars drive thru besides all the residents and guests.

Please stay healthy and enjoy life in the Ponds.
Gary Lange
HOA President

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Managers Message

It's so hard to believe that it is November already. It's time to welcome back our northern families to the park for another terrific season. I know Alice has worked very hard at planning lots of activities…big shout out to her and all her hard work. Thanks Alice!!

Let's welcome Denyele Kovac and Jolene Vaughan to the park. They bought 1756 Bar Harbor and are from CA.

Thank you to everyone that has worked hard to spruce up around their house. We all appreciate it. With that being said, please take a few minutes to walk **ALL** the way around your house and check for the need to power wash. There are still a few houses that need power washing – especially in backs.

Some carports still need more cleaning, so please check yours.

REMINDERS:

There are still a few who have not paid for yard waste and recycling. Please check to see if you did, and if you haven't, please pay as soon as possible. Payment was due in September.

Just a reminder of the lot rent increase coming up in January. Please check and make sure your payment is correct.

Make sure ALL overnight guests are registered. If you have guests here, make sure you are with them within the park.

"You don't stop laughing when you grow old, you grow old when you stop laughing."

Yvette Peppard
Park Manager

Letter From The Editor

Happy November everyone, and a very Happy Thanksgiving as well!

It is hard to believe that Christmas and Hanukkah are just around the corner. In fact, the holidays are staring us in the face everywhere we go. Home Depot and Lowe's were putting out the holiday decorations along with the back-to-school supplies in September!

Growing up, my dad owned the local hardware store, and he had a strict rule: no Christmas items or decorations went out until after Thanksgiving. Back then, we enjoyed three distinct holidays—Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. They arrived one after the other, rather than being blurred together like they are today.
Even the radio stations have jumped on the early bandwagon, with SiriusXM playing holiday music starting November 1st. Don't get me wrong, I am "Mr. Christmas" himself and absolutely *love* the season. But by the time the actual holidays arrive, it is easy to feel a bit burned out. If I hear "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas" one more time before Turkey Day, I think I might turn into the Grinch!

I suppose at this point, the best we can do is slow down and refuse to let the calendar be rushed. Let's keep our focus right here in November, enjoying the anticipation of a wonderful Thanksgiving feast, and of course the Macy's parade. No Thanksgiving is complete without tuning into the parade, even if just for a little while! There will be plenty of time for holiday magic next month.

But first, let's enjoy the smell of roasting turkey and pumpkin pie filling the house. We can pour another glass of cheer and appreciate the wonderful blessings right in front of us. The holiday rush can wait a few more weeks. For now, it's time to just take things one holiday at a time.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!



Mike

Veterans Day
November 11, 2026

Veterans Day is a U.S. federal holiday observed annually on November 11 to honor all American military veterans. Originally it was called "Armistice Day" to mark the end of World War I, which occurred **at** the 11th hour **on** the 11th day **of** the 11th month in 1918. In 1954, following World War II and the Korean War, Congress amended the 1938 act by changing the word "Armistice" to "Veterans." This change expanded the holiday to now honor **all** American veterans, not just those from World War I. Veterans Day takes place to honor and thank all living and deceased U.S. military veterans for their service, unlike Memorial Day which is specifically to mourn and honor military personnel who have died while serving in the armed forces.



Some statistics for our veterans:

- More than 11 percent of living veterans are women.
- 5.6 million living veterans served during the Vietnam War era from 1950 to 1973.
- 7.8 million living veterans served in the Gulf War era.
- 767,000 living veterans served during the Korean War.
- Approximately 31,000 Americans who served in World War II are still alive as of 2026, according to The National WWII Museum data compiled from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- There are no living American veterans who served during World War I. The last surviving U.S. veteran, Corporal Frank Buckles, passed away in February 2011 at the age of 110.

Veterans Day shouldn't be a one-day observance. The most meaningful way we can honor those who have worn the uniform is by supporting them long after they've returned to civilian life. Whether by volunteering at a local VA medical center, hiring a veteran, or simply saying 'thank you.' Our actions should reflect our gratitude 365 days a year.

Veteran's Day

Veterans, on November 11 we will be putting a flag by your light pole to honor all veterans past and present and spouses of past veterans. If you got a flag last year, you **DO NOT** need to do anything. You are on my list. If you are new in the park and are a veteran, please fill out the form that will be on the table in the North Clubhouse.
If you have a picture of yourself in uniform, there is separate form to fill out with your name, branch, years served and rank at discharge. We will need to copy that picture with the information, so we can display it at coffee plus on November 7.

November 11 is on a Wednesday this year and the clubhouse will be set up for our bazaar so we can't do it on actual Veterans Day.

Pat Lake

Thanksgiving
November 26, 2026

We all know that Thanksgiving's modern roots stem from the 1621 autumn harvest feast shared by Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag tribe. The feast included 50 Pilgrims and 90 Wampanoag Indians. It is believed by historians that only five women were present at that event. When the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag gathered in 1621, it was a three-day celebration that likely included such things as venison, ducks, geese, and a wide array of seafood like lobster and clams. It's uncertain if turkey was even on the menu. In the US the holiday was not an official holiday until 1863 when Abraham Lincoln declared it a National Day of Thanksgiving and gratitude to foster unity during the Civil War.

As part of my normal research on each month's holidays, I always like finding interesting, sometimes quirky facts about each one. So, in keeping with that tradition, here are some fun facts about Thanksgiving maybe some of you never knew!

Jingle Bells" was originally a Thanksgiving song: Written by James Lord Pierpont in 1857, this adored classic was originally composed for a children's Thanksgiving celebration at a Boston Sunday school before it became synonymous with Christmas.

The first Macy's parade featured real zoo animals: When the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade began in 1924, it didn't use the massive floating balloons we see today. Instead, organizers borrowed live bears, elephants, and monkeys from the Central Park Zoo.

A Christmas author lobbied to make it a holiday: Sarah Josepha Hale, the abolitionist and author who wrote the nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb," spent 17 years writing letters to politicians and presidents to make Thanksgiving a national holiday. She finally succeeded when President Abraham Lincoln declared it a National Day of Thanksgiving and gratitude in 1863. BTW, just 17 days earlier, Abraham Lincoln gave his famous Gettysburg Address on November 19th, 1863.

There are 4 towns in the US with the name "Turkey."
Turkey Creek, Louisiana (Population 398),
Turkey, Texas (Population 326),
Turkey, North Carolina (Population 218)
Turkey Creek, Arizona (Population 474).

Gobble, Gobble, Gobble! Only male turkeys, or gobblers, make the famous "gobble" sound. Hens only cackle!

Pardon that Turkey! The history of U.S. presidents pardoning turkeys is vague. Harry Truman is most often credited with being the first president to pardon a turkey, but that's not quite true. He was the first to **receive** a ceremonial turkey from the National Turkey Federation. And he ate it for dinner! John F. Kennedy was the first to let a Thanksgiving turkey go, and Richard Nixon sent his turkey to a petting zoo. George H.W. Bush is the first president who formalized the turkey pardoning tradition in 1989.



National Diabetes Month

Let's be honest: getting older comes with plenty of perks. We get the senior discounts, we finally have time for hobbies, and we have earned the right to speak up. But aging also brings a few uninvited guests, like slower metabolisms and higher health risks. November is National Diabetes Month, making it a great excuse to talk about a condition affecting nearly one-third of us in the 55+ club.

The good news is that managing or avoiding type 2 diabetes doesn't mean you have to survive on cardboard and run marathons. Small tweaks can keep your blood sugar happy without ruining your enjoyment of food.

Subtle things you can do

- **Upgrade your plate (subtly):** You do not have to give up carbs forever. Just try to make sure your vegetables take up more real estate on your plate than your pasta.
- **Move a little, laugh a lot:** You do not need to lift weights or wear neon spandex. A walk around the neighborhood, a game of pickleball, or even dancing in your kitchen counts as exercise. If it gets your heart pumping, it works.
- **Monitor your numbers:** Knowledge is power. Ask your doctor for an A1C test during your next visit. It is basically a three-month report card for your blood sugar.

Why it matters

Ignoring high blood sugar is like ignoring that weird rattle in your golf cart, it never fixes itself, and it usually leads to a much bigger headache later on. Catching prediabetes early gives you a chance to reverse the situation before it turns into a full-time job.

So, let's toast (water and unsweetened tea are fine!!) to staying active and making healthy choices. Talk to your doctor this month about your A1C and glucose control to make sure you are on the right track!



"People always ask me how long it takes to do my hair. I don't know, I'm never there!"

Dolly Pardon



Bike Fund

Just a reminder that we are collecting donations to purchase bikes for underprivileged children. All funds will go directly to the Fort Pierce Police Department, who will handle the purchase and delivery.

We will hand over the donations at the Golden Ponds Drive-Through on December 13, 2026.



If you would like to contribute, a donation basket is set up in our driveway at 9975 Gatsby Lane.

If you have any questions, contact Mary Terry at (772) 465-7376.

Thank you,
Ruth, Bob, and Mary Terry

2027 Golden Ponds Phone Directory

Look for the 2027 phone directory in the January 2027 newsletter. The 2026 Phone Directory underwent a major database reformat upgrade. Unfortunately, it was not a seamless transition as we hoped it would be. Phone Directory volunteers are asking folks to take a second look at your name, address, and phone number in the **current** 2026 directory. If we need to make a correction, please take a Phone Directory Update Form located on the bulletin board at the North Clubhouse. Fill out the form and return it to my mailbox located in the Card room. Our goal is to have a single working database that will serve our community more efficiently in the future.

HOA Membership

Any questions about your HOA membership? Contact Donna Bartolucci at: 802-917-4917
or
roybartolucci@gmail.com

Any homeowner that is renting out their unit and would like their renters to have a recreational card, please get in touch with me so I can have the card ready for them.

What do you get if you cross a turkey with a ghost?

Answer is in the ads!!



💍 November Anniversaries 💍

11/09/74 Harold & Elaine Bradley
11/09/91 Mitch & Ellana Cook
11/10/88 Jim & Patti Timm
11/11/60 Mike & Nancy Murphy
11/11/61 Charles & Ruth Sheehan
11/13/65 John & Brenda Voyer
11/19/66 Walter & Beverly Nichols
11/26/64 Tom & Karen Laird
11/28/07 Daniel & Christine Klink



🎂 November Birthdays 🎂

1 Kathleen Deganich
4 Phillip Rebolz
6 Gordon Goble
7 Eric Peltry
9 Garry Call Sr., Robert Insognia, Violet Kerstetter
11 Jack Elliott, Linda Speck, Greg Culver
13 Jerry Grace
14 Rosemary Durocher, Jim Hackett
17 Theresa Keegan, Patti Timm
19 Jeanne Nusbaum
21 Bev Atkinson, Wes Zoyac, Edgar (Ned) Nimmo
22 Fred Buck, Vikki Benedict, Sue Dahlstrom, Linda Huber, Galen Johnson, Brian Long
25 Donna Goble, Greg Simpson
26 James Groves
27 James Congdon, Jane Long
28 Jeanne Fournier
30 Ted Iacobucci

Just a reminder…….

Yard waste pickup for the month of Nov will be: Nov 4th & Nov 18th
Garbage: Every Monday & Thursday
Recyclables: Every Thursday

Barring any issues with Waste Pro!

WASTE PRO®
Caring For Our Communities®

For an **ENHANCED** version of the ATP
You can go online to:

https://goldenponds.com

and

https://goldenpondsfp.hoaspace.com

Or

Try the QR Code
How to use: Open camera app on your phone or tablet. Aim camera at the at the GR code below. Don't take a picture but center the QR code in your camera. A website will pop up on your screen that says **webpage**. Click on the popup and there you are!

***Riddle me this*.....**



I sail around your Thanksgiving table, yet I never go to sea. What am I?

Answer in the ads!

Library News

We have made it to November and the weather has finally cooled down. Welcome back to Golden Ponds. We have had many donated books given to us for your reading enjoyment

This past month we were given *The Secret History of Audrey James* by Heather Marshall. This gripping novel takes place during World War II. It is inspired by true stories of courageous women and the German resistance. You can find this book in the historical fiction section of the library.

Just a reminder the library will be closed November 11-14 for our yearly Bazaar. The clubhouse furniture will be stored in there to make room for the bake sale tables and decorations. We will try and leave the return basket by the door in case you need to return your books.



We are still looking for the book *Marriage at Sea* by Sophie Elmhurst. Please check your shelves as we now have a long waiting list for it.

Till next time. Happy Reading

Linda Merrill

Beautiful young people are accidents of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art."



— Eleanor Roosevelt

HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE LUNCHEON

Tuesday, December 15th, 12:00–3:00 PM
South Clubhouse

A Sweet Holiday Tradition with a Delicious New Twist!

Join us for a festive afternoon of delicious food, holiday cheer, and, of course, Christmas cookies!

This year's Christmas Cookie Exchange will feature a delightful twist! In addition to our traditional cookie exchange, we'll enjoy a light luncheon featuring an assortment of soups, fresh salad, and breadsticks or rolls.

To complement the festivities, we'll be serving punch, coffee, tea, and hot cocoa. You're also welcome to bring your favorite beverage.

HOW THE COOKIE EXCHANGE WORKS



Each participant is asked to bring 3 dozen homemade holiday cookies to share.

In return, everyone will go home with a beautiful platter of 2 dozen assorted homemade holiday cookies — a delicious variety of holiday treats to enjoy throughout the season!

It's a wonderful opportunity to share your favorite recipes, sample new creations, and spread a little holiday sweetness!

IMPORTANT — COOKIE DROP-OFF!

We ask that all cookies be delivered to the South Clubhouse on Monday, December 14th, between 4:00 and 5:00 PM**.**

This will allow us to prepare the cookie platters in advance so they're ready for everyone to enjoy at the luncheon!

IMPORTANT — ADVANCE SIGN-UP REQUIRED!



Space is limited to just 35 attendees, so be sure to reserve your spot early!

A sign-up sheet will be posted in the North Clubhouse.

You MUST sign up in advance to attend the Holiday Christmas Cookie Exchange Luncheon.

Come enjoy good food, wonderful company, and a little holiday magic as we celebrate the season together!

Let's make this holiday season extra sweet!

Medicare and Mingle

November 5th at 4:30

It's that time of year again, and some of us may still have questions about what the best options are for our Medicare coverage. This is the second time that Mary Murphy has to come here to help us out. This time her company, VMR Insurance group, is inviting us to come and share appetizers, mocktails and information. If you would like individual help Mary can make an appointment to come to your home. Their office represents several companies so I'm sure she can help you make the right choice.



A signup sheet will be in the north clubhouse

2027 ARTISAN & CRAFT FAIR

2nd Annual • Saturday, January 16, 2027

CALLING ALL GOLDEN PONDS ARTISANS & CRAFTERS!

Our first fair was a wonderful success, and we're looking forward to making the 2027 event even bigger and better, with more talented Golden Ponds residents sharing their creativity!

Do you make stained glass, woodwork, paintings, sewn creations, jewelry, ceramics, or other one-of-a-kind crafts? We'd love to have you participate. This fair celebrates handmade items created by the artisans and crafters themselves.

There is still plenty of exhibitor space available, so now is a great time to start creating and planning what you'd like to sell.

ARTISAN/CRAFT FAIR INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Tuesday, November 17 • 1:00 PM
South Clubhouse

Just a reminder that we will be holding a brief meeting to go over the details and arrangements for our upcoming Artisan/Craft Fair in January. We hope to address any questions and make sure everyone has the information they need.

If you are unable to attend, I will do my best to share the information with you following the meeting.

WANT TO EXHIBIT OR RSVP FOR THE MEETING?

Contact Rosemary May

Email: rmay12182@gmail.com

Text: 518-369-3037

Let's fill the fair with creativity, handmade treasures, and Golden Ponds talent!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

This month the Ice Cream Social will be different in TWO ways.
#1. It's going to be on Tuesday November 2nd.
#2. It's FREE!

Theresa Minnis representing Legacy Private Care is hosting an Ice Cream Social for us with idea of giving us information on health care in our own homes. We may not need the service ourselves at this time, but maybe at some point in the future, or we may know a friend or neighbor who might benefit from it.



There is a signup sheet in the North clubhouse so we will have a count of who may be coming.

Free ice cream….yum!



November Birthday Cake

The November birthdays will be celebrated on Sunday, Nov 1st at 4:00 in the South Clubhouse. If you're celebrating your birthday this month, please sign up on the sheet in the North clubhouse for yourself and a guest and come and join us



💜WHAT CAREGIVERS DON'T SAY OUT LOUD

I feel guilty when I lose my patient.
I feel guilty when I need a break.
I even feel guilty when I enjoy myself.
Caregiver guilt has a way of following you everywhere.
You lose your patience after answering the same question again ...
Guilt.
You finally get a few hours to yourself and wonder if you should be home...
Guilt.
You laugh with friends, enjoy dinner, or have a genuinely good day...
And suddenly you think:
"How can I be enjoying myself when they're going through this?"
So even dementia isn't physically in the room with you, but sometimes it still feels like it came along.

💜 **YOU ARE ALLOWED TO LAUGH.**
💜 **YOU ARE ALLOWED TO REST.**
💜 **YOU ARE ALLOWED TO ENJOY SOMETHING THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH CAREGIVING.**
💜 **YOU ARE ALLOWED TO HAVE NEEDS Of YOUR OWN.**

And yes - you are allowed to have moments when your patience runs out.
You are a person first, not an endless supply of patience, energy, and strength.
Taking care of yourself doesn't take love away from the person you're caring for.
There should be room for you in your own life.

We will meet again on Dec 10th, at 10:00 AM.

You are welcome to reach out to us at any time. We are here for you.

MARY LOU MEENAN 815-546-8235
RUTHIE CHUQUI-CONDER 772-475-4638

Annual Christmas Caroling
Saturday, December 19th

We will be meeting in the clubhouse parking lot at 4:330pm. Bring your golf cart. If you don't have one, no problem! You can come to the clubhouse and hitch a ride with someone who does!

Please bring an appetizer to share and a beverage of your choice so when we get back after caroling we can have a light meal.



There will be a sign-up sheet at the beginning of December on the board in the North clubhouse for all who would like to join us.
Caroling usually take about 1 ½ hrs.
Please come out and join us!
It's a lot of fun for us carolers, but more so to the shut ins and others we sing to. They enjoy it so much and it adds to everyone's holiday cheer!

Any questions, text or call
Marlou Meenan 815-546-8235

BAZAAR BASKETS

I'd like to thank all those who donated baskets and items to complete a few baskets for the bazaar.



It is greatly appreciated.

Ruthie Chuqui-Conder
772-475-4638

Thanksgiving Dinner

Please join us for Thanksgiving Dinner in the South Clubhouse on Thanksgiving Day at 1:00 PM. We will be serving roast turkey, ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, green bean casserole, sweet potato casserole, corn, and various desserts.



Tickets are $10.00 per person, and go on sale Monday and Tuesday, Nov.16 & 17 from 9 to 10:30 for residents with your HOA card, and Nov. 18 for all others. Everyone is welcome but tickets will NOT be sold after Nov. 18th as we need a count to purchase the correct amount of food.

If you are unable to get to the Clubhouse during the time posted for ticket sales, you may text or email the number of tickets you will need to me. Again, please do not contact me after the 18th for tickets. If you know someone who wants tickets but will not be arriving until after the 18th, you can either have them contact me directly, or you can purchase tickets for them on the 18th.

My phone number is 407-508-9837 and my email is Vermontg19@aol.com.

Each year we have between 90 and 110 people, so you can see why it is Important to have an accurate count. Also, you may get a take-out meal on that day, just let our ticket committee selling the tickets know that you will want take out so we can prepare your meal to go.

I look forward to seeing you Thanksgiving Day!

Kim Krause

Thrifty Thursday

I'm looking for someone to take over Thrifty Thursday, as I will be stepping away. It is held on the 3rd Thursday in Jam., Feb., and Mar.

Thrifty Thursdays prove to be a big success! I'm happy to pass on all my notes and walk you through how it is run. If interested, please call or text me at 806-922-7160

Linda Burl



Festival of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 6th 6:30pm



The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song dating from the late 19th century. Nine Scripture readings trace the story from the Fall and the promise of a Messiah through the Incarnation and the Great Commission. Each reading is followed by a prayer and familiar carol reflecting its message.

If you wish to add some spiritual meaning into this Advent Season, please join us for a simple, yet meaningful *interdenominational* service Sunday, December 6 starting at 6:30p in the South Clubhouse.

If you are interested in reading one of the nine scripture lessons or prayers that follow, please speak with, text, or call Laurie Dillon at 413-219-8290.

The 2026 Golden Ponds November Annual Bazaar is HERE!

Our HOA's largest fundraiser is here! Together, we will transform Golden Ponds into a community marketplace filled with treasures at great prices for residents and the public.

Volunteer Opportunities

There will be a Volunteer Meeting on Monday, November 2 at 3:00p in the South Clubhouse for all volunteers; New and Experienced. Please plan to attend to gather more information and to see how you can help without taking up too much of your time. Any donated time helps and makes a difference:

- Help with setting up, organizing and pricing of donated items
- Assist with moving, setting up furniture and outdoor tent
- Donate baked goods, prepared meals, raffle baskets or items for baskets
- Volunteer for a short bazaar shift overseeing an area or helping with cashier or food service duties.
- Share the event dates with friends, neighbors and any organizations outside the community.



General Overall Bazaar Schedule

The following is a general overview. Watch daily announcements, requests, and updates on the community Facebook page, website, and clubhouse bulletin board/door:

Preparation

Sat	Nov. 7	10:00a	• Setup Tables in Clubhouse • Move donated items from Sheds to South Clubhouse • Begin unboxing, categorizing and placing items
Sun	Nov. 8	8:30a-1:00p	• Organize and price donated items
Mon	Nov. 9		• Organize and price donated items • Setup Outdoor Tent
Tues	Nov. 10		• Deadline to donate any further items, furniture • Move furniture and larger items from shed/homes to Outdoor Tent/South Clubhouse • Organize and price donated items
Wed	Nov. 11	5:00p-7:00p	• Organize and price donated items • Drop off Baked Good or Individual Meals to North Clubhouse

8:30a-1:00p is the window of opportunity clubhouse is open to help organize and price

Resident's Night

Thurs	Nov. 12	10:00a	• Drop off Baked Good or Individual Meals to North Clubhouse
		4:00p-6:00p	• Food will be served in the Outdoor Kitchen • $5 Meal includes hamburger or hotdog, chips and soft drink; $3 for extra hamburger or hotdog • Purchase Raffle Tickets for $, Baskets and Share the Wealth
		4:00p 5:00p 6:00p	• Doors Open for residents *who need assistance* • Doors Open for *all* residents • Raffle drawings begin

Public Bazaar Hours

	Nov. 13	8:30a-1:00p	• Open to the Public and Residents
Sat	Nov. 14	8:30a-12:00p 12:00-1:00p	• Open to the Public and Residents • Assistance with breakdown and re-set of Clubhouses into their original state

THANK YOU

for your Support!

LUNCH SNACKS

Ultimate Health Care is sharing snacks and information on their Medicare plans for 2027 at the South Clubhouse on Tuesday October 17th at 11:00. If you haven't selected your plan for next year or want to explore another option, come and join us.



Sunshine Committee

Hello and Happy Fall! Here are the cards which were sent out during the last month on behalf of the HOA. Thank you to everyone who posted something on Facebook or notified me that there was a need for a card to be sent to someone in the park.

Get Well:
Patti Timm, 1743 Walden Pond Drive
Ron McKowen, 1751 Bar Harbor Drive
John Morley, 1677 Bar Harbor Drive
Hobart (Hobe) Davis, 10107 Mill Creek Lane

Thinking of You:
John Hodge, 1700 Golden Ponds Drive
Russ Geiger, 1775 Stonybrook Drive

Sympathy:
Wayne Chapman, 1888 Walden Pond Drive, on the passing of his long-time partner, Sean Grealy.
Theresa Amana, 1748 Walden Pond Drive, on the passing of her husband Robert (Bobby) Amana.
Carol Leonis, 1835 Golden Ponds Drive, on the passing of her brother.
Tony DeJuliis, 10100 Mill Creek Lane, on the passing of his uncle.

Sharon VanDell
For the Sunshine Committee

Hospice Corner

Volunteers Needed for Our Hospice Fundraiser!

Our Treasure Coast Hospice fundraiser is fast approaching, and we need your help to make it a success! Whether you have a little time or a lot to give, there are many ways to get involved and support this important cause.

Here are some ways you can help:

- **Bake Sale:** Help with advertising, pricing baked goods, and selling items.
- **Luncheon:** Assist with preparation the day before and the day of the event, serve guests, or help with cleanup.
- **Ticket Sales:** Sell fundraiser tickets on designated dates.
- **Donations:** Pick up donated items from local businesses and help set up and display donated items for the fundraiser.

Every helping hand makes a difference! Your time, talents, and generosity help us support Hospice and the compassionate care they provide to patients and families.

Interested in volunteering? Please reach out and let us know how you would like to help. Together, we can make this fundraiser a wonderful success!

Want to Learn More?
Join Us at the First Meeting
Date: November 19, 2026
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: South Club House
Zoom Lyn/Nancy

Anyone else? – please provide us with your email address ASAP if you need to Zoom

We'll be discussing event plans, assigning roles, and brainstorming ideas and we'd love to have your voice at the table. It's also a great opportunity to meet other community members and find out how you can get involved in a way that suits your time and interests. If you're interested in volunteering or have questions, feel free to reach out to any of the following:

Paul Rodrigue (207) 213-9241 coachpaulrodrigue@gmail.com	Donna Ashton (607) 371-2039 Drashton04@icloud.com
Lynn Leiterman (315) 521-9912 Lynn.Leiterman@gmail.com	Nancy Mitchell Leiterman (315) 651-5799 Nancymitchell303@gmail.com

Let's make this year's fundraiser the best one yet — together.

With gratitude,
Golden Ponds Hospice 2027
Fundraiser Planning Committee



Cruise News

Six members of our cruising group met on Sunday October 16th where I had to give them the sad (to me) news that I was not going to be able to go with them this next January. They were all very kind about it. I will, however, be doing everything I can to help until the cruisers get on the bus January 23, 2027. I have contacted Bob and Jean Kennedy, who have graciously agreed to be the on-board hosts. Bob and Jean have gone with us in the past and I know everyone will be in very good hands. The number of people who are going has decreased due to injury or scheduled surgery but I'm sure they would rather be on a cruise ship than recuperating. For me....better luck next year!
Alice Peck



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

This month the November Ice Cream Social will be held on Saturday 11/ 21 in the South Clubhouse at 2:00. As usual we will have at least four flavors of ice cream and an array of toppings, as well as bananas to make banana splits. The charge is $5.00 at the door. A great deal and an opportunity to come by see old friends who have returned for the winter.



ELECTION DAY 2027
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February 6, 2027, has been designated (as per the HOA Bylaws) as "Election Day" to elect four (4) Officers and two (2) Directors for a two (2) year term to serve on the GP HOA Board of Directors.
The following six (6) positions, Group 2 are up for Election:

- President
- Vice President Activities
- Secretary
- Assistant Treasurer
- Directors - Position 1 and Position 5

The roles and responsibilities of each position can be found on our HOA website under Documentation, General Documents-HOA, GP HOA Guidelines March 2026.
Included in the November ATP is a copy of the Nomination Form. If you are a paid in full member of the Association and in good standing you are eligible to run for any of the above positions. If interested, please complete the Nomination Form.
The Nominating Committee will gladly assist should you have any questions.
Please note, Nominating Committee members will be finalized and made available by mid November.

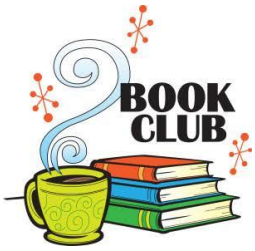
Douglas J Marshall, Nominating Committee Lead
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Weight Loss & Chair Yoga Groups Will start again on 11/16 Just in time for the holidays!

GOLDEN PONDS BOOK CLUB

Our October book club selection was *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans which we selected from the AARP best sellers list. It's not unusual that the rating of the story varies. This was one of those times. There were seven of us who read the book and the ratings ranged from a 2 to 4.5 out of 5, averaging out to 3.5. It took a little work at times to keep the characters straight, but I like the way the author tied things up at the end and would personally recommend it.



The Correspondent, Sybil Van Antwerp, is a letter writer. All of them, handwritten, to the people in her life; her brother, daughter, best friend, deans of a university, young boy to whom she is a confidant and oh, so many others. That is the way we follow her life. No outside interaction, however, the story the author writes kept me turning the pages. It is an easy read because the chapters are short but I always found time to read one more.

As is usually the case, a copy was donated to our library, usually by Linda Merrill. Stop by and pick it up.

Our group will meet on Thursday November 19th at 1:00 this month because the Bazaar is being held on our usual Thursday. Our selection is *Mrs. Endicott's Splendid Adventure* by Rhys Bowen. The book starts in Surry England in 1938 when Mr. Endicott decides that he wants a divorce. Mrs. Endicott sees this as an opportunity to go on an adventure and asks two of her friends to take a road trip which ends up in the south of France. Sounds interesting, so find yourself a copy and join us. We are always welcoming new members.

Keep on Reading,
Alice Peck

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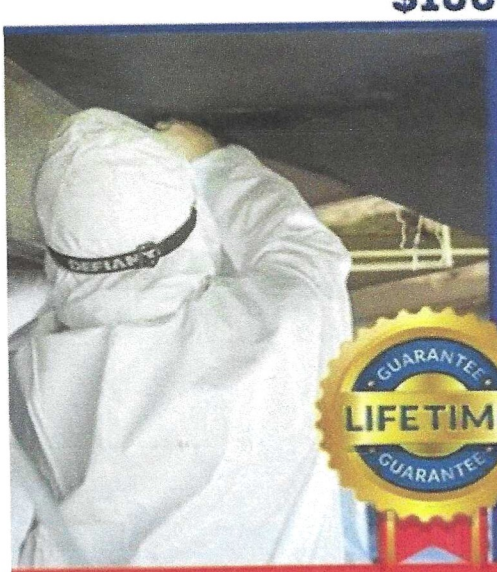
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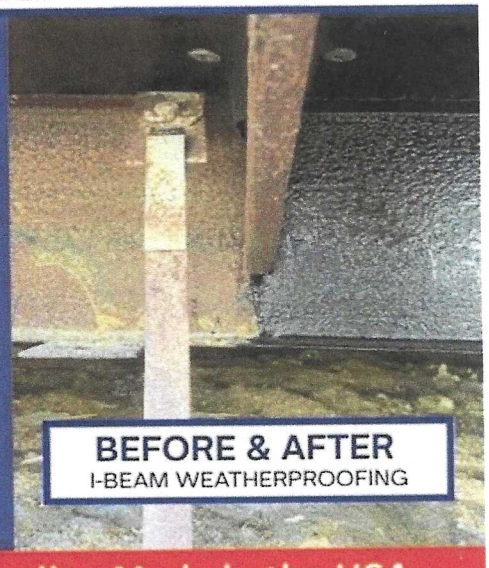
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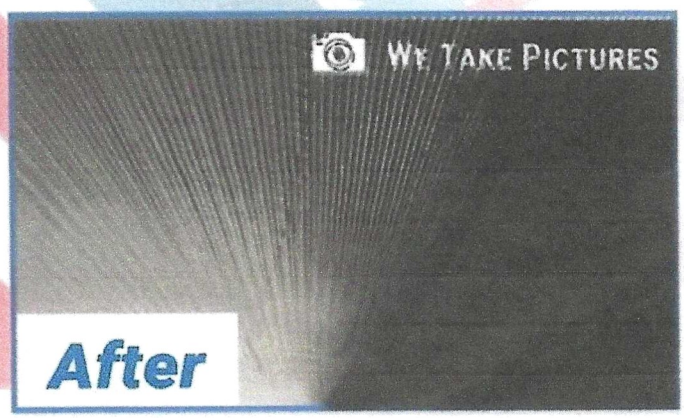
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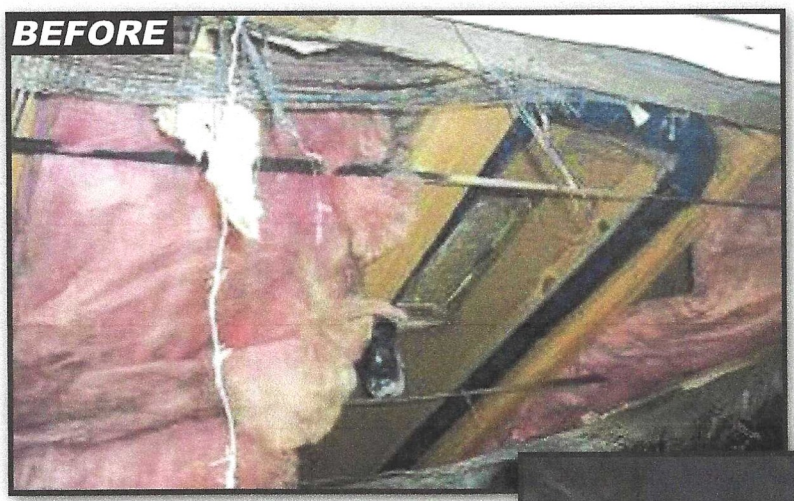
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Bazaar opens to residents 5:00
Bazaar Raffle 7:00

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Tuesday 11/17
Ultimate Health Care Luncheon 11:00-12:30

Wednesday 11/18
HOA General Meeting 7:00

Friday 11/20
Coffee with Freedom Vapor Barrier 9:00

Saturday 11/21
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Thursday 11/26
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