Southfork News

"FOR THE RESIDENTS, BY THE RESIDENTS"

Have a great month! December 2019

<u>Awesome</u> <u>Christmas Story</u>

'Twas the night before Christmas & out on the ranch, The pond was froze over & so was the branch. The snow was piled up belly-deep to a mule. The kids were all home on vacation from school, And happier young folks you never did see- Just all sprawled around a-watchin' TV.

Then suddenly, some time around 8 o'clock, There came a surprise that gave them a shock! The power went off, the TV went dead! When Grandpa came in from out in the shed With an armload of wood, the house was all dark. "Just what I expected," they heard him remark. "Them power line wires must be down from the snow.

Seems sorter like times on the ranch long ago." "I'll hunt up some candles," said Mom. "With their light, And the fireplace, I reckon we'll make out all right."
The teen-agers all seemed enveloped in gloom. Then Grandpa came back from a trip to his room, Uncased his old fiddle & started to play That old Christmas song about bells on a sleigh. Mom started to sing, & 1st thing they knew Both Pop & the kids were all singing it, too. They sang Christmas carols, they sang "Holy Night," Their eyes all a-shine in the ruddy firelight.

They played some charades Mom recalled from her youth, And Pop read a passage from God's Book of Truth. They stayed up till midnight-and, would you believe,
The youngsters agreed 'twas a fine Christmas Eve. Grandpa rose early, some time before dawn; And when the kids wakened, the power was on..

"The power company sure got the line repaired quick," Said Grandpa - & no one suspected his trick. Last night, for the sake of some old-fashioned fun,
He had pulled the main switch - the old Son-of-a-Gun!

Newsletter Information

Note, any information to be placed in the newsletter, must be submitted between the 1st and 15th of every month. Please contact the editor (Phyllis Grossi) at 567-6105, pkaygrossi@aim.com or drop off the information at 11150 Mesquite Dr. All newsletters can be viewed in color on the web site @ www.floridacommunities.com (click on Southfork at bottom of page.)

Facebook

Southfork community page (you know you are from southfork when)

Southfork Deceased residents (Southfork Fl "gone but not forgotten"

Must join on facebook to be able to view or add info.

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS:

President	**Tom Geyer**	**2018-2020**
Vice President	**Hollis Adams**	**2019-2021**
Secretary	**Marcia Alexander**	**2018-2020**
Treasurer	**Roger Layne**	**2019-2021**

Directors:

Ron White	**2018-2020**
Harry Gerrish	**2018-2020**
Sue Kerschner	**2019-2021**
Bob Lynch	**2019-2021**
Bob Dougherty	**2019-2021**

Emergency CONTACT NUMBERS IN PASCO COUNTY (911)

Pasco Cty Sheriff 352-521-5131 **Dade City Police 352-521-1493**

Hurricane Updates 800-427-8340 **Sheriff non-emerg 727-847-8102**

Southfork office 352-523-0022 **Fax 352-523-0611** **After Hours 352-206-4080**

Sick/Prayer List.

Faye Gallagher Kathy Tabor Bob Shears

Get Well Wishes To All!

In Memoriam

Betty Pruett	**Former resident passed away**
Barney Barnhart	**Resident passed away**
Ray Witham	**Resident passed away**
Harry Stilphen	**Resident passed away**
Bill Steding	**Resident passed away**
Rickey & Nancy West	**Son passed away**

Our condolences to the family and friends!

New Residents

Orien & Barbara Hall	**11054 Mustang Dr**
William & Marilynne Cregg	**11105 Palamino Dr**

Welcome to our Community of Southfork!

Wedding Anniversaries

Dec 2	**Burt & Sandy Case**	**Dec 13**	**Jimmy & Kelly Morandi**
Dec 14	**Norm & Mary Lou Conaty**	**Dec 18**	**Gary & Rosanne Mentro**
Dec 21	**Howard & Linda Dickinson**	**Dec 31**	**Mike & Faye Gallagher**

Riddle of the Month

Who is never hungry during Christmas?

What am I?

December Birthdays

Bill Cline	**Bill Lare**	**Larry Garner**
Kathy Gallick	**Helen Stowe**	**Sandy (Sanford) Martin**
Bob Jones	**Joyce Myers**	**Eileen Sivak**
Mark Kaler	**Sally Cooper**	**Marie Johnson**
Rickey West	**Marge Otto**	**Chuck Welch**
Dave Guyette	**James Prokopek**	**Bruce Wharton**
Tina Garner	**Orien Hall**	**Isabel Wirth**
Carolyn Dyer		

Each month in the newsletter there will be a listing of people celebrating birthdays. I will also list Facebook members in our Southfork Facebook page so please forward to me at pkaygrossi@aim.com the month/day of any birthday.

from Tom's desk.

HELLO SOUTHFORK , DECEMBER 2019

WELL IT IS HARD TO IMAGINE THAT IT IS THE HOLIDAY SEASON AND THIS YEAR IS ALMOST OVER. ONE GOOD THING IS THAT IT HAS COOLED DOWN AND HURRICANE SEASON IS OVER WE HOPE.

WE ARE IN NEED OF A COMMITTEE TO RUN SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST. SO GIVE ME A CALL IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

IF NO BODY COMES FORWARD IT WILL BE CANCELLED.

WE WILL RUN HOT DOGS AND HAMBURGERS EVERY WEDNESDAY WEATHER PERMITTING. WE ARE HAVING A GOLF CART PARADE ON DEC. 21ST SO GET SOME IDEAS ON HOW YOU WANT TO DECORATE IT. THE WINNER WILL GET $50.

JUDY AND I WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERY ONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

TILL NEXT TIME TOM

Application for

Southfork Mobile Homeowners Association

$20.00 per year, due in January, per household

First/last Name _____

Spouse/Other _____

Address_____

Phone Number _____

Deposit in Association Suggestion box in the lobby of the clubhouse (Envelope stating Association Dues)

Application for

Southfork Women's Club

$5.00 per year, due in January

First/last Name_____

Address _____

Phone Number_____

Deposit in Women's Suggestion box in the lobby (Envelope stating Women's Club dues)

Come and join us

We welcome all of you!

Southfork Ambulance Service Program

Annual Membership Meeting

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 , 10:00 am, Clubhouse

Membership: **All individuals residing in Southfork are eligible and are welcome.**

Dues **: December is our membership renewal month. Please pay by check if possible. Make it payable to Southfork Ambulance Program, amount of $12.00 for renewal per year per resident.**
New members pay an initial fee of $15.00 and all memberships are per person..

Term : **A one year agreement, beginning January 1st, thru December 31st. All dues, either new or renewing are due by January 1st. All dues are to be paid before January 1st each year.**

Benefit: **Most hospitalization plans add a co-pay fee for ambulance service. Our Ambulance Service Program would pay to our user member $150.00 per usage, limited to two calls per year. Payment is restricted to an Emergency (911) call from anywhere in Pasco County. Example: Heart Failure, Stroke, Falls, Breathing Problems or any EMT determined emergency.**

Anyone may attend the meeting, but only members will vote on any issues. Tom Geyer, Lonnie Layne and Carolyn McAdams are up for re-election.

A general review of our program to be presented for the benefit of all new residents!

Please contact Jim McAdams with any questions (352-206-2754).

Christmas Dinner @ Clubhouse

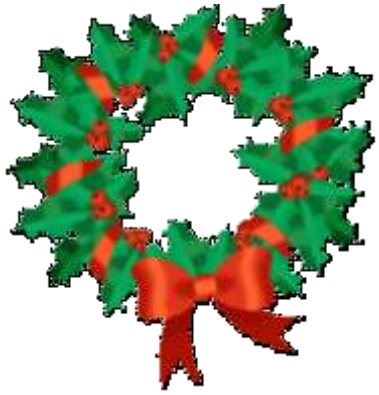
Dec 25th, 4 PM

On Christmas, usually all the family members, collect at their parents or grandparents house for a Christmas dinner. So we here in Southfork will be a replacement on this special day and all will come together to enjoy this fantastic dinner.

Bring a dish to share for 8-10 people for this Christmas Potluck and the meat will be provided. Remember to bring your own table service. Tea and coffee will be provided, but you may bring a different beverage if you prefer. *Please sign up at the Clubhouse so we know how much meat that has to be purchased.* Deadline for sign-up is 12/20 at noon.

Sponsored by the Southfork Association

PLEASE SIGN UP SO WE CAN PLAN



Annual Christmas Golf Cart Parade

Saturday , Dec 21st, 5 pm

(ANOTHER SOUTHFORK TRADITION)

Come one, come all, and join with all of your friends and neighbors for our annual Christmas Golf Cart parade. Decorate your golf cart and join the parade by lining up beside the pavilion on Palamino Dr at 5:00pm. *There will be Sloppy Joes , Chips and Soda available for $2.00*.

***Blue Jay & Harmony Heights Communities have been invited to participate again. Carts will line up along Palamino and the parade will start at 6:00pm*.**

We will tour Southfork first, then Blue Jay and Harmony Heights. The Parade will lead back to the Pavilion for a Bonfire, Hot Drinks and Cookies.

There will be sign up sheets posted at all three parks so we can make sure to have plenty of food.

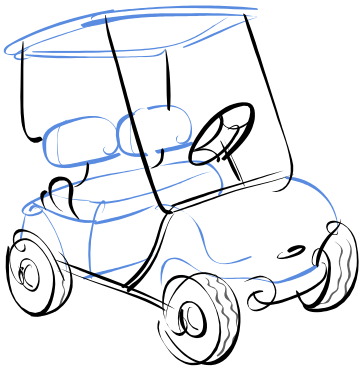
As in the past there will be a prize awarded to the best decorated cart from each park. The prizes will be awarded prior to starting the tour of the parks.

We will be closing Palamino Dr at 4:30 pm to allow the lining up of all the carts and the festivities.

Bring a chair to sit on while you enjoy a blazing fire and having fun. If you don't have a golf cart, just stand outside your house, wave and cheer then get in your car and drive to the pavilion for the fun.

Remember, Refreshments at the Pavilion following the parade!

Thank you and sponsored by the Homeowners Association.



Dec 10, 2019

Christmas Show , 7pm to 8:30pm

Only 80 tickets to be sold,, so get your ticket ASAP.

<u>Tickets $8.00, Contact Ron White @ 716-432-2129</u>

Dan Miller and Donna Mark will be entertaining the audience with an evening of beautiful Christmas Music with everyone getting into the spirit.

Drawing upon their substantial experience in entertaining and pleasing audiences, this duo gets the audience moving in their seats from the very first song and keeps the excitement going all night long.

Dan's lead/rhythm guitar and vocals along with Donna's vocals and percussion are well enhanced by studio produced drum, bass and keyboard tracks. You'll swear that you are listening to a full live band!

Southfork 2019

New Year's Eve Party

$5.00 admission, 100 max. Look for yard signs "New Year Eve tickets sold here".

Tuesday 12/31/2019
8:00 pm – Midnight
Doors open 7:30 pm

Food & Drinks are not provided. Bring your own drinks and treats. A table will be provide to share extra treats.

Music by Okey Doakey

aka Fred Smith. This is Fred's third year. He brings a library of thousands, 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s, and more. Forms are provided for special requests. Music will be soft enough to talk with family and friends, and loud enough for dancing.

Fred's fees are very reasonably. Show your appreciation with a stop at the tip bowl.

Special report!!! *The 1961 Calendar Girls are expected to visit Southfork. We do hope they have a song for us.*

We have openings for other specials; a skit, song, music, poem, reading, etc. Contact Phyllis.

Door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening. Winners must be present to win.

Questions and concerns contact;

Phyllis Fisher
11122 Ewing DR
(417) 291-0726

Southfork Women's Club

The November Women's Club meeting had only 40 members this time. The meeting started a little differently, with a wonderful speaker from the Lacoochee elementary school going first. Savanna Harris is a parent and teacher at the school. She gave a very frank and informative talk. We are definitely doing a lot of good things for this school.

We had a lot of business to get through, with much discussion. First, a volunteer was need to take over the history book and picture taking. Linda Bailie volunteered but she is not here in the summer time so we still need someone to help out, talk to Linda. The next business was to get a vote on whether we want an Activities Committee, and yes we do. Then we had to define their duties and budget. Jackie is going to write up the addendums and we will have it for the next meeting. Next, we talked about having a Memorial Committee and decided that if asked we could help the family, but with no financial cost to us.

In the new business area we have the Christmas Bags and Stockings for Day Star. If you want to fill one or both, Diana Unger or I have the bags, lists and stockings, just call. This is a wonderful Christmas giving activity to be part of. When you have filled the bags or stocking please return them to Diana or me. We would like to have them by the next meeting. Thank you for your help and support.

Jackie and Linda are leading us in a variety of exercise programs. Some in the club house and in the pool. Check it out.

The next meeting, Dec 4th is the Christmas luncheon and it will start at 11:00 with a small, friendly meeting, then a wonderful lunch, followed by the gift exchange, for those who want to exchange, a gift around $10.00. Just a reminder you must be a paid up member to attend. See you at the party.

Nancy McCallan

Women's Club Bazaar

The Bazaar was held after this newsletter went to print so more news will be in the January newsletter.

I did want to take this opportunity to thank the following local businesses who kindly donated items and gift cards for our silent auction. When you patronize these businesses please let them know how much we appreciate them.

DADE CITY:

Pizza Hut
I HOP
Tropical Wine Shop
CBE Chocolates
Tina & Joes
Southern Style Restaurant
ABC Pizza
Coyote Rojo
Green Door
Kafe Kokopelli
The Glamour Room Hair Salon
Shellie's Nails
Pasco Rehabilitation
Treasured Friends
Sugar Creek Too
Dog Mania
Dominos Pizza
Beef O'Brady's

ZEPHYRHILLS:

Village Inn
Coney Island
Sunrise Eatery
Fresh Country Cafe
Pet Supplies Plus
East Pasco YMCA

* A big thank you goes to Jackie Morgano Melissa Dougherty and Barb Gerrish for helping me to get the businesses who donated.

Submitted by Susan Kerschner, 2019 Bazaar Chairperson

Out & About

"GUYS ONLY" (sorry Gals)

Wed, December 11, 2019

Leave Club House at 10:00am

Driving to Tampa Area, Touring (New South Window Solutions)

Car Pooling is a great idea!

We will tour their exclusive window making factory and be given background information and sales info.

***LONG PANTS AND CLOSED TOE SHOES REQUIRED ON FACTORY FLOOR*.**

Around noon we will leave and head to lunch. The Lunch Trip will be a MYSTERY ROUTING.

Always for a good laugh.

Sign-up Sheet, LIMITED NUMBER.

Contact Jim McAdams with any questions.

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MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST Needs a Chairperson

The monthly Pancake breakfast held on the First Saturdays of each month from December through April of each year is on a temporary hold and in Limbo until we can get a chairperson to organize an get it started again.

Is there anyone here in the Community interested who would like to chair this event so we can get it back?

If anyone is interested, please contact Tom Geyer @937-645-9064

I thought I would take the time to welcome all of our many new homeowners here in Southfork. We here are so happy to have you all as neighbors and sure hope you love Southfork.

When you see us neighbors outdoors stop and say hello. If you have any questions on Southfork ask us and we will try and answer any questions you may have. You will find everyone here in Southfork is very friendly and more like family and we do look out for one another.

What do you like to do? Do you play cards? Do you like potlucks? Do you like entertainment that you can attend at the clubhouse? The list can go on and on but we who have been here for many years would like for you to become our friends and interact with the many activities we have going on and would like to know if you have any suggestions or new ideas and something we too can enjoy with our new friends and neighbors.

We have here in Southfork 1. Monthly newsletter (lists all activities and events for the month) 2. Communication via email and used to convey messages from the managers and the reporting of friends who passed away and this is not used for anything that is not Southfork related 3. We have three "Closed groups" on Facebook meaning only Southfork can view or post. One of the groups is a daily communication , The other is a Marketplace where you can sell, buy, borrow or loan and The other is a group of reliving old time memories.

We need to know what you want and what you like to do and any new ideas to make living here a lot of fun.

We always are looking for volunteers for the many activities and there are easy things to do and a way of interacting. You can use me to relay your issues or ideas and I will make sure to pass the info on to the right people. Read the monthly newsletter for all of monthly events.

So looking forward to hearing from all of you and you can contact me at: pkaygrossi@aim.com, or call me at 352-567-6105.

Thanks and again "welcome"

Phyllis Grossi

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Monday Morning Coffee Hour

There is a Monday morning coffee hour each week starting at 8am to 9am. There is always coffee brewing which is free to all residents and we do have donuts for those who are a little hungry and with a small charge of $.50 each for each donut. What a good way to meet some of your neighbors and start your week.

The men are usually talking about the latest sport event on TV or some current political news item that is causing a stir in the world. (There is so much discussion that the world problems could be solved right here in Southfork by our locals.) (smile) On the other hand the women are always talking about the latest happenings right here in our own community . Just sitting at one of our tables of residents you can learn a lot about what is going on here in Southfork and the surrounding community.

There is no agenda or speakers and just a chance for our community to come together. Bring your smile and wit and we'll furnish your coffee free.

We would love to get to know all of our new residents and the others that have been in hibernation lately. Come join us on Monday's!!!!

BINGO CORNER NEWS

Welcome to our Southfork Bingo on Wednesday nights. The doors are open at 4pm and the sales start at 4:30pm and we stop selling at 5:15pm.

We have a new (machine) which is a computer with out the real bingo balls and really neat. We still need a caller as the computer brings up the balls on the machine and the caller relays the info. We have 4 TV screens and you can see the computer working just like a real bingo machine.

We have some really good payouts and you will be amazed at how competitive we are with other area bingo's. So if you are bored try us out…….

Any questions, contact Kay Tuttle our chairperson.

Southfork Newsletter Deliveries

Introducing….. June Sandberg, the new Chairperson of all the Street Captains.

June has taken on the job of making sure all residents receive their monthly newsletters and she is trying to co-ordinate all the streets here in Southfork with a Street Captain and 1 or 2 alternate's. This could be a little over whelming at times and June just wants to make sure everyone is receiving there newsletters in a timely manner.

Now she needs your help. There are a few people who have not always received their newsletters and these are a few questions she has for all here in the park.

(1) If you are a snowbird she would like to know when you leave and when you get back here to Southfork to make it more easier for a smoother delivery and that you do not miss anything important of any news delivery.

(2) If you are a resident with no vehicle in your driveway and do not drive, your street captain may not know if anyone lives there and will not leave any newsletter so this info is also needed.

(3) If you are away on any vacation around the time the newsletters are delivered towards the end of the month, do you still want one left at your door?

Most newsletters are left on the door handles, mailbox attached to your home and under the car window wipers. In windy weather the wind may pick them up and blow them away even though you got one. So help is needed in this area if possible.

Not only the newsletters are delivered we now will have the Telephone Directories delivered starting sometime in December and at times special notices from other HOA or Office Managers. So it is imperative that June be called to let her know who and when you will not be at home for any period of time.

Any and all info on any of the deliveries you can contact June at 11054 Ewing Dr or 763-257-2023.

"Did you remember to stop our news feeds while we're away?"

Our Block Captain Chairperson, June Sandberg has a message to all Southfork Residents.

June would like to see the Newsletters and any other important information for delivery to reach every home here in the community and this helps all the homebound and sick so they have delivery at their door..

The other issue is to know exactly when anyone leaves their home such as Snowbirds, Vacations and or anything that may keep you away from your home for any period of time. This also helps your Block Captains and neighbors to be on a lookout when you are gone and if they see anything not right will either contact you or the office manager and also to know if you should have the Newsletter dropped off at your door.

Below is a form that should be filled out and given to June to keep on file so that she can give your Street Block Captain the info as to whether a newsletter should be dropped off.

Send to: June Sandberg, 11054 Ewing Dr, 763-257-2023

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

Your Phone Number _____

Months/Dates you will be away with no delivery needed _____

Date to start back deliveries _____

What is the meaning of "Negotiating or Standing Committee" in our HOA Community?

From 723.037: This is from the Florida Statute 723 which our HOA must follow.

(4)(a) A "Negotiating/Standing" committee, not to exceed five in number, designated by a majority of the affected mobile home owners or by the Board of Directors of the Homeowners Association. ***This committee is selected to meet the park owner, at a mutually convenient time and place no later than 30 days after the post date before the effective date of the change to discuss the reasons for the increase in lot rental amount, reduction in services or utilities, or change in rules and regulations.*** **It also recommended that two other persons be selected as alternates for this committee.**

The negotiating committee shall make a written request for a meeting with the park owner or subdivision developer to discuss those matters addressed in the 90-day notice, and may include in the request a listing of any other issue, with supporting documentation, that the committee intends to raise and discuss at the meeting. This committee meets with the park owners representatives in private and does not answer to the HOA board for decisions made by them and the park owner.

(b)1. At the meeting, the park owner or subdivision developer shall in good faith disclose and explain all material factors resulting in the decision to increase the lot rental amount, reduce services or utilities, or change rules and regulations, including how those factors justify the specific change proposed.

The park owner or subdivision developer may not limit the discussion of the reasons for the change to generalities only, such as, but not limited to, increases in operational costs, changes in economic conditions, or rents charged by comparable mobile home parks.

For example, if the reason for an increase in lot rental amount is an increase in operational costs, the park owner must disclose the item or items which have increased, the amount of the increase, any similar item or items which have decreased, and the amount of the decrease. If an increase is based upon the lot rental amount charged by comparable mobile home parks, the park owner shall disclose, and provide in writing to the committee at or before the meeting, the name, address, lot rental amount, and any other relevant factors relied upon by the park owner, such as facilities, services, and amenities, concerning the comparable mobile home parks.

The information concerning comparable mobile home parks to be exchanged by the parties is to encourage a dialogue concerning the reasons used by the park owner for the increase in lot rental amount and to encourage the home owners to evaluate and discuss the reasons for those changes with the park owner. The park owner shall prepare a written summary of the material factors and retain a copy for 3 years. The park owner shall provide the committee a copy of the summary at or before the meeting.

Next page is what the Homeowners Association explanation is.

Homeowners "Statutory" Committee Job Description

Listed in the Homeowners Association Manual

First Duty: The first duty of this committee is to arrange meetings with the park owner, then to prepare for and meet with the park owner to contest unreasonable rent increases, unreasonable rent levels, unreasonable rules or unreasonable changes in rules/regulations or decreases in services or utilities without a corresponding reduction in rent, SEE FLORIDA STATUTE 723-037.

Procedure to follow PRIOR TO RECEIPT of rent increase notice:

The HOA Board of Directors should appoint a "Statutory: negotiating committee of up to "five" persons and a permanent record of this appointment resolution should be retained.

The "**Designation and Appointment of Homeowners Committee**" form should be completed promptly as per Florida rule 61B 32.003 and sent by CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, to the park owner, retaining at least two copies for further use and for your committee records.

Procedure to follow UPON RECEIPT of a rent increase notice……Verify that 90 day written rent increase notice has been given properly and timely. Do not just check the date on the notice, also check the date of the postmark on the envelope it was sent in.

Once the 90 day notice is received, the Association through its "Statutory Committee" must (in order to challenge and successfully dispute these changes) prepare, sign and send a letter "Request for Meeting with the Park Owner" to the park owner promptly by CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, retaining copies for your committee records. It is suggested that this letter specify the place of the meeting in the park and that it offer at least two proposed dates and times that are no later than 60 days before the effective date of the change at which the committee will be available for the statutory meeting. These dates ought to be toward the end of the 30-day time limit so as to give the committee ample time to prepare its presentation and secure necessary data. The meeting must be held no later than 60 days before the effective date of the change (FS 723.037(4) (a). Stick to your outline and cover each important point. Pick one person from the committee to be the spokesperson, do not have everyone talking at the committee meeting with the park owner. The Park Owner is mandated to attend this meeting.

If the park owner and committee are able to come to an agreement, the terms of the agreement must be stated in writing and signed by the committee and park owner. Do this at the end of the meeting while the agreement is fresh in everyone's mind. This is most important GET IT IN WRITING so that there are no misunderstandings between the parties.

A copy of this HOA Manual can be purchased through Phyllis Grossi ($16.00 each copy plus shipping) which has more details on all the HOA's Requirements.

Too late for this year but something for all to think about by next year!

Southfork Women's Annual Bazaar, 11/16/2019

Photo's submitted by Mike Morandi

Thanks to the chairperson, Sue Kirschner for a great job and thanks to all who made this a success again for this annual event. There was also the great Sloppy Joe lunch that was offered and so much more that I did not have room for it all.

Kudo's to our Southfork Women's Club and this again is a great Charity event.

Pancake Breakfast Nov 2. 2019

<u>Pancake Breakfast, Nov 2, 2019 and the first of the season.</u>

Kudo's to Larry & Crew for the first Pancake Breakfast chaired for this new Fall Season. Thanks to the many volunteers who helped in the Cooking, Serving, Setup and take Down and all who came for a fantastic Breakfast that was served to all.

It was great seeing some new residents and sure hope to see all the rest of Southfork attending these monthly Breakfast's through the season until April.

For those that were not in attendance you missed some great cooking by our great chiefs.

Again, Thanks Breakfast Committee for a job well done!

Pet Owners

It has been observed on many days there have been pet owners seen who are not always responsible when walking their pet. Please be sure to carry that extra bag, tissue, or whatever your pleasure might be to pick up after them.

Many people have been observed walking their dogs and allowing the dogs to do their business on the front lawns of homes and carried nothing to clean up after it.

Please, always, pick up after your pet when ever the need. Remember, not just the Dog area, but by bushes, driveways, someone's lawn and where no one walks. Other pets also walk in these areas (such as coyotes and other critters) and let's not spread disease and cause grief to the pets and their owners.

Please, also, don't allow your pet to urinate on neighbors lawns. Unseen, but other pets will gravitate to that spot, it's what they do and that's what's happening in front of our many homes.

We love our pets, so please be responsible. There are some residents taking their daily walk, early morning or evening at dusk and that might be their only pleasure for the day and need not be subjected to stepping in your pets "poop."

Thank you all, let's keep it clean.

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AND THEN IT IS WINTER:

You know, time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. And yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went.

I know that I lived them all……

And I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams…But, here it is, the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise…How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well…seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like…But, here it is…my friends are retired and getting gray…they move slower and I see an older person now. Many are in better shape than me, but , I see the great change…Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant, but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore…it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will, I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so, now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!!!

But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last, this I know, that when it's over..its over…Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done…things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime…

So, if you're not in your winter yet, let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!

Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not!

You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life…so, live for good today and "Life is a gift to you." The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one.

LIVE IT WELL!!...ENJOY TODAY!!!...DO SOMETHING FUN!!!...BE HAPPY!!!...BE THANKFUL!!!

Just a reminder that all jobs serviced in the community is the responsibility of each resident and does not in any way reflect on the Southfork management.

Jerry's Handyman Services

I am a master electrician offering the following services: Electrical, Pressure Washing, Gutter Cleaning, Minor Plumbing, washing of 5th Wheels, Cargo Trailer & Motorhomes, Also, transportation to or from Orlando/Tampa airports as well as the Tampa Train/Bus stations.

Jerry McClellan
11040 Maverick Drive
Cell: (352) 999-2908

Gary's Handyman Service

Painting – Plumbing
Drywall – Flooring
Power wash & More

Gary Sanborn
352-206-3773

Southfork Maint.

I am available for many different jobs.

Pressure Washing - $70.00
North Side of House - $25.00
Gutters - $25 to $40.00
Plumbing $35.00 and up
Paint-Ceiling fans-Outlets and so much more.
Please leave a message at 813-508-2805 and I will return your call ASAP.

Andy Davidson

Would you like some assistance with Dr. appointments, errands, or personal care?

CNA for over 25 years. Have references.

Please call Dana 813-300-1996.

House Cleaning
Call "Carrie"

260-431-4927. Can use either your own cleaning supplies or hers.

Need a Ride

Southfork resident will take people to Doctors or Grocery Shopping in local area only.

Contact Lois Albrecht

352-458-9244

Home Maintenance Service By Berry

Home Repairs/Appliance installation

Yard Work/ Leaves raked-Bushes trimmed-Roof cleaned off-Gutters cleaned

Power washing / Home (All or Partial) - Driveways

Berry Garner
38730 Bronco Dr.
(352) 437-5207

HandyWoman Services by Gail

Grocery shop, cook, laundry, pet care. Drive to airport.

630-415-9880

Community Activities

Sunday:

"May I" card game @6pm

Monday:

Coffee Hour @8:00am

(Fall/Winter) Men's shuffleboard @1pm

Chair Stretches 11:30am

TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) @10am

Hand & Foot card game 6pm

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Tuesday:

Curbside Trash pickup

Walking Exercise 11am

(Fall/Winter) Men's shuffleboard @1pm

Sequence @1pm

(Fall/Winter) Ladies Shuffleboard @3pm

Wednesday:

Recyling pickup every Wednesday (cans & paper)

Quilting @9am

Bridge @1pm

Chair Stretches 11:30am

(Fall/Winter) Men's shuffleboard @1pm

Bingo @5:45pm (warmups), Sales stop at 5:15pm

Nov to April (Hotdogs/Hamburgs) 4 to 5:30pm pool area

Thursday:

Hand & Foot card game 9am

Dominoes @1pm

(Fall/Winter) Men's shuffleboard @1pm

(Fall/Winter) Ladies Shuffleboard @3pm

"Alley" Board game, cardroom @6pm

MEN'S poker, clubhouse hall 6pm

Friday:

Curbside Trash pickup

Chair Stretches 11:30am

(Fall/Winter) Men's shuffleboard @1pm

Saturday:

Community Weigh to Go Support group @9am

Game "65" 6pm

Office Hours

Mon thru Thursday 9am to 3:30pm

Friday 9am to 1pm

Dec 4th	**(Wed)**	**Women's Club (Christmas Party) 11am**
Dec 6th	**(Fri)**	**Men's Breakfast 9am (Smitty's)**
Dec 10th	**(Tue)**	**Ambulance Annual Meeting 10am**
Dec 10th	**(Tue)**	**Mark & Miller Music Entertainment 7pm**
Dec 11th	**(Wed)**	**(MEN only) Out & About 9:45am**
Dec 16th	**(Mon)**	**HOA Board Members Meeting 9am**
Dec 20th	**(Fri)**	**Men's Breakfast 9am (Smitty's)**
Dec 25th	**(Wed)**	**Christmas Day Potluck 4pm**
Dec 31st	**(Tue)**	**New Year's Eve Party 8pm**

"For details of all events please see the page inserts included in this newsletter".

Answer to riddle on page 3 is **(The turkey because he is always stuffed.)**