

Southfork News

“FOR THE RESIDENTS, BY THE RESIDENTS”

Have a great month!

January 2021

Recipe for a Happy New Year

Author Unknown

Take twelve whole months.
Clean them thoroughly of all bitterness,
hate, and jealousy.
Make them just as fresh and clean as possible.

Now cut each month into twenty-eight, thirty, or
thirty-one different parts,
but don't make up the whole batch at once.
Prepare it one day at a time out of these ingredients.

Mix well into each day one part of faith,
one part of patience, one part of courage,
and one part of work.

Add to each day one part of hope,
faithfulness, generosity, and kindness.
Blend with one part prayer, one part meditation,
and one good deed.

Season the whole with a dash of good spirits,
a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play,
and a cup full of good humor.

Pour all of this into a vessel of love.
Cook thoroughly over radiant joy,
garnish with a smile,
and serve with quietness, unselfishness,
and cheerfulness.
You're bound to have a happy new year.





Newsletter Information

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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	Harry Gerrish	2020-2022
Vice President	Ron White	2019-2021
Secretary	Pam Way	2020-2022
Treasurer	Tom Flanagan	2019-2021

Directors:

None	2020-2022
Donna Elder	2020-2022
Sue Kerschner	2019-2021
Bob Lynch	2019-2021
Bob Dougherty	2019-2021



Emergency CONTACT NUMBERS IN PASCO COUNTY (911)

Pasco Cty Sheriff 352-518-5000

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.

Rick Hood Kitty Belesky Jean Matela

Get Well Wishes To All!

In Memoriam

Bill Coffman

Resident passed away



Our condolences to the family and friends!

New Residents



No new residents to report for this month!

Welcome to our Community of Southfork!

Wedding Anniversaries

Jan 3 Bob & Carol Sanborn

Jan 3 Rick & Diana Unger

Jan 7 Bob & donna Elder

Jan 8 Rick & Bobbie Zahm

Jan 17 Marcus & Kathy Harmon

Jan 20 Jimmy & Katie Valentine

Jan 27 Bill & MJ Cline

Riddle of the Month

The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?





January Birthdays

Sonja Ring	Carolyn McAdams	Dennis Bartley
Linda McCulloch	Melissa Dougherty	Dorene Ball
Donald Koehler	Charles Reeder	Dennis Lambert
Jean Harvey	Diane Stricklen	Bert Williams
Shirley Hood	Andy Davidson	Kathrine Fry
Lavonne Hoffman	Dixie Logoyda	Joe Lily
Betty LaForest	Kelly King	Richard Zahm
Hope Beckett	Rhonda Benner	Tammie Hamilton
Paul Rockwell	Joyce Harvey	Bob Sanborn

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.





Southfork Ambulance Program Annual Meeting Recap

Annual Meeting 12/8/2020 10am

A last minute concession by Southfork Management allowed us to meet in the Clubhouse. Much, much nicer than the cold pavilion. Thank You, Management!

As expected a small turnout, about twenty three (23) people, attended this brief meeting. All board members have agreed to stay on with no election needed. Tom Geyer had stepped up as Treasurer last month. Our \$200.00 trial payout program has been extended thru 12/31/2021 and includes three (3) counties (Pasco, Hillsboro and Polk).

ASAP, renewing dues are required by 12/31/2020. New members are always welcome. Any questions, please contact Jim McAdams.

Thanks, Jim McAdams 352-206-2782

NOTE: Harry Gerrish, Tom Geyer, Jo Bellows, Jim & Carolyn McAdams, all can take dues Checks.

2021

A brand new year!

A clean slate on which to write our hopes and dreams.

This year:

Less time and energy on things; More time and energy on people.

All of life's best rewards, deepest and finest feelings, greatest satisfactions,
come from people--people like you.

Happy New Year!

By Joanna Fuchs





From Harry's desk

Hoping that this finds you happy, healthy and looking forward to 2021

Thanks again to June and her helpers for the golf cart contest and parade.

Am sure there were some unbelievable carts. (Just saying that because this was written before the parade). Hope that all those who were not in the contest came out to see all the carts as they paraded around community after the winners were announced.

Thanks to everyone who has put out Christmas decorations to brighten our community during the day and especially at night.

Hopefully many of you signed up for the house decoration "contest".

I have noticed that some card players have returned to the clubhouse on Monday nights.

The quilting and craft clubs have also started up.

Donuts are still happening on Monday mornings at the pavilion, and the Friday night group (6:30 at the pavilion) is growing.

Am also aware that some homes are hosting card games. More walkers are out in the nicer weather, even the bike riders are growing in numbers.

There are a few things for everyone to do, and do safely.

Stay safe, follow the rules: maintain "social distancing" and wear a mask

Respect others feelings if they are different than yours.

Next Board meeting January 18th, 2021 and the next membership meeting is January 25th, 2021

**To become a Southfork HOA member see Harry Gerrish or Sue Kerschner
Remember that the dues this year only is \$5.00**

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND AN A HAPPY virus free NEW YEAR.

Harry Gerrish, HOA President





Southfork Annual Association Meeting

What: Our annual homeowner's meeting is a chance to meet new neighbors, catch up with old friends and discuss local issues. This January meeting has been designated by our by-laws to be the first meeting of the fiscal year with the election of new officer's and directors. Please plan to attend and learn what's happening in Southfork!

Where: To be announced, January 25th, 2021(Watch for postings on sign, email and facebook)! COVID-19 is standing in the way, so stay tuned!

Why: It's your neighborhood, too! With our combined efforts, we can continue to make our community a better social environment with better communication to everyone. We need everyone's support to help and vote on issues that everyone is happy with! It is next to impossible to please everyone but there are ways to try and appease most of the people.

Who: You, the homeowners, must have your yearly dues paid by January 10th in order to vote for any new officer/director's. This year 2021 will be only \$5.00 per household (1 time fee) and only one (1) member of each household is eligible to vote.

How: No need to RSVP, just show up!

Reason: We need one candidate for each office to run. If there is only 1 person for each office with no competition, elections will be held and the slate is automatically given to the only ones listed for each office. Please, come and submit your name or your ideas.



Southfork HomeOwners Assoc (HOA)

It's time to join the HOA for 2021. While this past year has not been our typical HOA activity filled year due to Covid restrictions, we are looking forward to 2021 with hopes that many of our activities can be restarted and eventually to full capacity.

So many activities were cancelled during this past year that the HOA voted to reduce dues to \$5.00 per household for 2021.

As we re-open activities, we will be needing volunteers to get things running. With volunteers, we can restart activities like Wednesday evening Hamburgers and Hotdogs. With volunteers we can open activities with new physical distancing and other health related safety procedures and still give us opportunity for the social interaction we all enjoy in Southfork. So join the HOA with your dues and your time. You will be giving to the whole community.

Dues will need to be paid before January 10, 2021 to be eligible to vote in HOA January elections. Dues application forms are also available in the clubhouse close to or on the HOA Bulletin board beginning Nov. 27. Please complete the form and attach to your dues payment. No worries if you do not know your Lot #; Pam Way will fill that in for you. If you choose to put the payment in the HOA suggestion box in the Clubhouse, please place your money/check and form in an envelope and mark "DUES" on the front of the envelope. You may also pay in person to Pam Way at 11048 Ewing or Harry Gerrish at 11045 Palamino.

We look forward to you being part of your Southfork HOA!

Submitted by Pam Way, Secretary of HOA





APPLICATION

For

Southfork Mobile Homeowners Association

2021 DUES in the reduced amount of \$5.00

To be paid by January 10, 2021

OFFICE USE ONLY

DATE _____

RECEIVED BY _____

FIRST/LAST NAME _____

SPOUSE/OTHER _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

LOT # _____ AMT PAID _____



PAID IN PERSON



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Southfork Women's Club

What a way to end the year!!! Everyone responded so generously to our Christmas Food Drive that even Santa's sleigh wouldn't hold all your donations. So, Jackie made a phone call to Day Star Hope Center and they agreed to send a truck to our community to pick up all the items. Besides the huge amount of food, we also presented them checks and gift cards totaling a whopping \$580. What a fantastic outpouring from our members, residents, and management! None of this would have been possible without all of YOU!

I know this has been an unusual year and we have asked for a lot of donations to help those in need. Our members have always answered our pleas for help and we all should be very proud of what we have done. June, Jackie, Dot and I want to personally thank each and every one of you for your generosity!

VERY IMPORTANT - As we have previously stated, we need names of women that are willing to step forward and become officers so the charity work can continue. A couple of names have been floating around, but no one has officially announced that they would serve. Without officers, THIS GROUP WILL BE A THING OF THE PAST. What a shame if that were to happen in this time of extreme need. Please seriously consider this and contact June, Jackie, Dot, or myself with your name and the position you would be willing to hold. If we get names for all the positions, we will have an election by ballot in January.

I would like to thank everyone for their support of the current officers and our activities. We had a lot of ideas we wanted to try this year, but unfortunately, we were unable to do them because of COVID-19. I am sure you all join me in praying for a better 2021.

Marcia Alexander/Comer, President





Dear Southfork Residents, Heilers, Paul, Tim & Megan Kelly,

The Southfork Women's Club would like to thank all of you for your generosity in helping with our Christmas Food Drive for Day Star Hope Center.

It's been a really rough year with the Coronavirus taking so many lives and shutting down our economy, its people like you who have kept so many spirits high.

We can't tell you enough how much it means to folks to know their community is there to support them, because there are people like you. It's just not the food and monetary gifts, it's also knowing they are not alone.

Thank you for being such good neighbors and friends.

Sincerely,

Southfork Women's Club Officers





YOGA CLASSES CANCELLED AT SOUTHFORK

Because COVID-19 is still on the rise I have decided to postpone all YOGA classes til May of 2021.

Since we all here in Southfork have seen COVID-19 on the rise I have spoken to a few yoga ladies and they think that is ok to cancel and be checking for updates next year on the restarting of the group.

Thank you, Gloria Bilski

FRIENDLY REMINDER

Please check your Email and Southfork Facebook groups daily.

There have been many events either added, cancelled, change of time, meeting places (pavilion or clubhouse) or otherwise, announced in between newsletters. Weather related events can be changed on the day of if inclement weather or too cold especially if being held at the Pavilion.

Some events are scheduled after the newsletter is published and delivered and the only communication to all is either Email or Facebook and no other way of communication, (forgot we do have the sign on Wilds Rd).

If there are any of these changes, please remind or tell your neighbors and friends who do not have email or facebook.





Veteran's Corner

By Penny Tardona

This month's Southfork Veteran in the spotlight is Ron Glenna.



Ron grew up in Minnesota, graduating from High School in 1961. While sitting around talking with his buddies, he told them he was thinking about joining the Military. They didn't believe him and pretty much challenged him to "put up or shut up". He accepted the challenge and enlisted in the Navy in 1962. He knew he didn't want to wait until his number was called, knowing it was pretty much a guarantee the Army would send him to Viet Nam. Besides, he knew being in the Navy afforded him a better chance to see more of the world. Having scored very high on the entrance exam, Ron was selected to be an ET (Electronic Technician, Communications) which required almost two years of training. From there he spent some time at Point Mugu and Treasure Island in California followed by an eighteen-month tour in Okinawa, Japan where he was advanced to Petty Officer Third Class. In 1966 he was slated for two more schools for advance training which he completed with follow on orders to the USS Taussig, DD746 homeported in San Diego. The ship was then deployed to provide gun support off the coast of Viet Nam. Luckily for the Sailors onboard, the ship visited Hawaii, the Philippines, Guam, Midway Island and Hong Kong before arriving in Viet Nam. The ship went so far up the river that they went from salt to fresh water, qualifying them as part of the "Brown Water Navy". Ron left the Navy in 1966 and met his lovely wife Pam in 1985 on a blind date. He was in need of a dance partner, so he agreed to the blind date. He met Pam on a Saturday night, the following Saturday they were engaged and the Saturday after that they were married!! They truly believed in Love at First Sight! Ron and Pam were obviously meant to be together since Ron has survived being struck by lightning, a serious motorcycle accident and being at Mt. Saint Helen the day it erupted! They have been together for 35 years. In 2015 they moved to Southfork full time to join Ron's sister Sharon Guyette who lives on Mesquite.

Benefit Rates Get a Boost

Starting Dec. 1, all compensation benefit rates will increase by 1.3%. VA is required by law to match the percentage of cost-of-living adjustments made to Social Security benefits.

Local VA Offices: Dade City, 37255 Florida Ave, Dade City, FL 33525, **352-521-5172**

Brooksville, 621 W. Jefferson St, Brooksville, FL 34601 **352-754-4033**

The Need and Value of Volunteers

by Patricia J. Keough-Wilson
FMO Director of Communications

I am one of maybe a half million people who have bought a manufactured or mobile home that sits on leased land. And I am one of the many who had no concept of what that entailed. All I cared about at that time was that I was out of the cold snowy winter of too many blizzards and spring floods.

I soon learned the importance of having a strong HOA with a good board and a competent negotiations-statutory committee; or sometimes called the committee of five. Regardless what it is called, it is the committee that strives to reduce proposed rent increases. Not remove but reduce. It is the committee that produces a list of problems and suggested improvements, be it better chairs around the pool or an improved bulletin board. I ended up chairing that committee through several new contracts. I believe in serving as a volunteer when my time might make a positive difference.

That leads me to the topics in this article. I urge support of several types when you live in a park where you own your home but lease the land. In fact, much of this holds true for parks where residents own their homes and the land. First is to support your HOA by paid membership. Those funds are used to pay various state fees, buy needed insurance, and arrange social events. The HOA board appoints the all-important statutory committee.

Paying dues is the first and truly important way to help protect your lifestyle. Paid membership also allows you to speak up at meetings and vote. One vote per household. And if there is a call for volunteers, please consider going that extra step. Too often the load falls on a few while the many enjoy the leisure and the benefits of the over worked volunteers. At least consider this. Please. One more thing...the HOA must

represent every household in issues with management, in the negotiations, in all the things that can go wrong in any community. Thus, those homeowners who do not pay dues benefit from the dues paid by the rest and by the volunteer efforts of those who do step up.

And now onto the FMO; help FMO gain members. As an FMO member, you know your organization; you know that your organization provides valuable services to every homeowner that falls under the FS723 statute. While most FS723 parks have an appointed FMO Representative to promote new memberships in FMO as well as retain members and provide FMO updates, all FMO members in a park can encourage and help that representative. Invite a neighbor to join. Encourage a friend to continue as an active dues paying member.

Make sure that those who aren't members know that FMO has a lobbyist who works on behalf of all as does FMO. You know that. Share that information. Help your park rep.

Consider volunteering to serve on a FMO Committee. While FMO has paid staff, FMO volunteers make the needed difference. Review the committees and consider serving or ask if there is a need you can fill as a FMO volunteer.

Elected and appointed officials at all levels, from local to the Legislature in the state, are interested and aware of the strength, visibility and credibility of the FMO. And that holds true for HOAs on local issues and even at the state level.

I know that these are your retirement years unless you are still working part-time and many are. However, if your retirement dream did not include volunteering for your HOA or FMO, give

that some consideration. Ask your FMO District President or your park representative about volunteer needs. Do the same to your HOA board.

Thanks for reading.





As you all know we have a few Southfork groups on Facebook and would like to describe each and hope all of Southfork joins these groups. All the groups are a closed group which means no one outside of Southfork can view or post any info. Welcome all Southfork!

(Southfork Dade City MarketPlace)

For the selling and buying and borrowing of Household Items, Items need to buy, Loaners for (Wheel Chairs, Walkers, Canes or anything to help someone in despair), Handmade Items for sale, Household help such as (house cleaning, yard work needed etc). You can list known yard sales in the area, estate sales and these are just a few to mention. Whatever you want and don't know where to buy, sell or loan this is our own community MarketPlace post for all .

(You know you are from Southfork when)

This is our way of communicating between each newsletter and a chat group. It's a place where we keep everyone updated on current events here in the park. Management also uses this group along with mass emailing for any important items they want everyone to know about and some examples are water shutoffs or any closings, or anything pertaining to the park. That is the reason I ask for all email addresses and use it for "Southfork" only. When anyone passes away I also use this to inform all.

(Southfork, Fl growing up)

This was made for all who like to remember growing up and reliving all the old time memories. From early childhood to teens and what we liked and that includes games, food you ate, school years and so much more. Takes you mind off today's world and takes us back to our growing up years.

Southfork Vendor Listings

This group basically lists vendors in our local area that we can call for work around the home or some emergency we need help on. Please feel free to add any that you use and that might be helpful to all!

You can search in facebook for each of these groups and click to join and you will be added in. Again just community residents can join these groups.

Any questions send me a message at pkaygrossi@aim.com or give me a call at 352-567-6105



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

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

A & J Landscaping (Josh)

Gutter Roof Cleaning, Any Yard Work, Hauling, Pressure Washing, other odd jobs.

813-426-0443
813-696-4997

Notary Public

Lou Tardona

11206 Mustang

352-467-0140

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

Companion Care

Companion care for anyone that may need it. Cares for people coming home from a hospital stay that may need assistance , etc.

Jane Weatherbee
813-388-0160

Community Activities

Sunday:

"May I" card game @6pm

Monday:

Coffee Hour @9:00am

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

TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) @10am

Hand & Foot card game 6pm

Euchre @6pm

Tuesday:

Curbside Trash pickup

Craft Club @9am

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

Sequence @1pm

(Fall/Winter) Ladies Shuffleboard @3pm

Wednesday:

Recycling pickup every Wednesday (cans & paper)

Quilting @9am, weekly, except the 1st Wednesday

Bridge @1pm

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

Women's Club, 1st Wednesday of each month 9am

Thursday:

Hand & Foot card game 9am

Dominoes @1pm

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

(Fall/Winter) Ladies Shuffleboard @3pm

"Alley" Board game, cardroom @6pm

Friday:

Curbside Trash pickup

(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





Jan 8th (Fri)	Women's Club / Elections by Ballot @Pavilion 10am
Jan 18 th (Mon)	HOA Board Meeting
Jan 25 th (Mon)	HOA Annual meeting/elections

FOR ANY EVENT UPDATES MAKE SURE TO READ YOUR EMAILS AND FACEBOOK POSTINGS DAILY.

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

Answer to riddle on page 3 is (Footsteps)

