

# Southfork News

"FOR THE RESIDENTS, BY THE RESIDENTS"

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Have a great month!

March 2021

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May your  
**CLOVERS**  
have leaves  
of four...

and may  
your  
**LUCK**  
be evermore.





### Newsletter Information

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### Facebook

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

Southfork Buy/Sell (Southfork Dade City Marketplace)



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

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### ASSOCIATION OFFICERS:

President	Harry Gerrish	2020-2022
Vice President	Ron White	2021-2023
Secretary	Pam Way	2020-2022
Treasurer	Dot Cady	2021-2023

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### 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.

Prayers for all the sick here in the community!

Pray for this Covid-19 to go away and that all Vaccine injections stop it!

Get Well Wishes To All!

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### In Memoriam

Mel Kinney	Former resident passed away
Rick Hood	Resident passed away
Max Elkins	Former resident passed away



Our condolences to the family and friends!

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### New Residents

No new listing for this month



Welcome to our Community of Southfork!

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### Wedding Anniversaries

Mar 6 Kerry & Sandy Stoddard

Mar 17 Bill & Peggy Lare

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### Riddle of the Month

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





### March Birthdays

Lynda Adams

Kim Hartley

Bill Walker

Hollis Adams

Donna Elder

Linda Rogers

Linda Dickinson

Roger Blevins

Lynda Estabrook

Nancy A Jones

Mary Hatch

Pat Cantine

Ruthie Holcomb

Louella Green

Larry Hoffman

Shirley Durocher

Diana Marsden

Julie Solomon

Marcia Mayer

Jackie Morgano

Marilynne Cregg

Nora Tomaino

Paul Myers

Edward Mills

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](mailto:pkaygrossi@aim.com) the month/day of any birthday.





**HOME DELIVERY CANCELLATION STARTING WITH THIS ISSUE**

For newsletter deliveries, this was a decision made between Office Managers and Paul Johnson, Heiler's Manager.

Most people have already read the newsletter online well before they are printed and delivered so there is no need to print 240 copies and hand deliver them.

There will be a box located outside the Manager's office at the Clubhouse with approx. 25 newsletters for those who do not have computer or internet. The clubhouse library computer is also an option to view them.

Those who are homebound or sick can request a newsletter and it will be delivered to them. Please let your neighbors and friends who do not have email/facebook know this info.

If more than 25 newsletters are needed Office Managers will be able to print more. With viewing the newsletters, you will have an advantage of seeing them in color, versus black printing. It might take getting use to for some of you but at least you know you can go in and view as soon as you get a message via email and no time element on any issues for viewing.

December phone directories will be printed 1 per household and be delivered to each home.

**If any issue or concerns, please contact Tim & Megan at [southfork@Floridacommunities.com](mailto:southfork@Floridacommunities.com)**





**From Harry's desk**

**Wow, what has been and will be happening here in beautiful downtown Southfork.**

**Had a meeting for volunteers to help with the Covid needle project and 55 people showed up. Cannot give enough pats on the back for the event leaders and all those who stepped up and made everything go so well, including Blue Jay.**

**Monday was donuts at the pavilion at 8:30 and a board meeting at the clubhouse at 9. the regular HOA membership meeting is February 22nd at 9. Where will be announce at a later date.**

**Some cards are beginning to be played at the clubhouse on Monday night. Stop by.**

**Tuesday morning is craft club, and a bylaw committee meeting at 9. The afternoon will have FREE entertainment at the pavilion from 2-5**

**Wednesday morning is quilting at 9 in the clubhouse. In the afternoon is the dog and burger cookout at the pool from 4 until 5:30. There is a poker game scheduled for 7 pm.**

**Friday night at 6 is the pavilion gathering**

**Saturday we will have our first food truck adventure from 4-7.**

**It is a great week to attend the scheduled events. See those you saw for the first time in a long while, or meet new people. Get out, walk, ride your bike, or ride around in your golf cart. Stop and say hello to someone.**

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**Do not forget that the "rules" have not changed. Everyone in the park did not get the first shot.**

**Masks and social distancing rules are still in effect.**

**Stay safe, be careful and continue to respect others opinions.**

**Harry Gerrish, President HOA**





## HOA Board members

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Home Owners Association Meeting

### Election of Board

Listed below are the officers and directors that were elected and voted upon at the January annual membership meeting.

The “terms of Office” are listed below:

#### Officers

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Sue Kirschner	2021 – 2023
Nancy Steding	2021 – 2023
Tom Geyer	2021 – 2023

After the transition meeting the new board started their new terms immediately.

The first official board meeting of the new officers/directors was held on February 22nd, 2021.





## EMAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED

In the last newsletter there was an insert from the managers stating that because of the need of volunteers, *the delivery of the newsletter will be stopped as of this March newsletter. If this goes into effect (which it has), all residents must go to the office and get a newsletter or go on line to view it.. Details will be sent out via email/facebook.*

So because of that, the need for emails is essential to all. If you are not on email it would be advisable to install it to read the newsletter on line. It would also help when any Southfork news has to be sent between newsletters so that everyone gets the latest updates.

What I have found is that a lot who do have email do not have facebook and vice versa and some neither. So there will always be some who do not get any info and we do not want that to happen. You do not have to be on facebook to receive important Southfork info in between newsletters.

*So to all who do subscribe and to those whose emails keep coming back (as not available) and to the ones who do not have email/facebook , how do we contact you?*

If you do get a new email address or changed email addresses and not getting any emails from me with Southfork notices, let me know. Everyone in your household can be listed separately if you have different emails. Please let your neighbors who do not have Email/Facebook know what is happening!

You can contact me (Phyllis Grossi) at 352-567-6105 or email at [pkaygrossi@aim.com](mailto:pkaygrossi@aim.com)

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# Veteran's Corner

By Penny Tardona

This month's Southfork Veteran is Don Reno who resides on Mesquite.



Don graduated from High School in 1956 in New Castle, PA. Don's homelife was not the best which led him to running with the wrong crowd. He ended up face to face with a Judge and an ultimatum of "You can join the Military, or you can go to Jail!" (Something not uncommon in those times.) He left for Boot Camp in Cape May, New Jersey and spent 13 weeks getting hands on training. Ever the rebel, Don enjoyed his liberty time way more than his work time, but he kept his commitment with the Coast Guard. He had follow on tours at 9<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District, Port Huron Lifeboat Station followed by Erie Lifeboat Station. While at Port Huron, Michigan he had the "privilege" of painting the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse, the oldest Lighthouse in Michigan, built in 1814 during the war of 1812. In 1959 Don went to Rochester, NY where he was instrumental in saving lives. While manning the lookout tower, Don spotted several boats on Lake Ontario that had capsized in 4-6-foot swells. By the end of the day, 11 people had been rescued! Don left the Coast Guard in 1960, spent some time in California then moved to Ohio. He worked at GM for 28 years, then moved to Alexandria, VA to do some work in Security before moving to Florida. He was one of the first eight residents of Southfork. Don and his wife Carol have been Southfork residents for 25+ years. (Don and Carol also are the owners of my Maddie Dog's boyfriend, Teddy!)

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## Free Tax Preparation for Veterans

Tax season is here again, and it can be particularly tricky for military families. VA has partnered with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to ensure Veterans and service members receive free tax preparation and electronic filing services. Learn about the assistance services available to you!

<https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/16726/free-tax-return-preparation-for-veterans-military-members-and-their-families/>

**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**



## Southfork Women's Club

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It was wonderful to see a great turn out for our February meeting. Thank you Linda Baile for keeping up with the bulletin boards and for being our roaming photographer. Great job Linda!

The door prizes were hand made pots with succulent plants in them by Judy Weston and hand made crocheted kitchen towels by Darlene Welch. Thank you!

The March meeting will be held at the club house. Our guest speaker is an Estate Attorney. The business meeting will follow his presentation.

We are continuing to collect can goods at all of our meetings. I had the opportunity to deliver our most recent donations to Day Star. I met with Robin, they are so grateful for anything and everything we do for them. This club is an awesome group of women, always willing to help those in need.

Thank you to the volunteers that are providing refreshments and door prizes for the March meeting. Ladies, this is your organization. We each get out of it by what we can and/or are willing to do. If all of us just do a little bit, then a few will not have to do it all. THANKS AGAIN! I am so proud to be a part of the club with you.

See you in March!

Bobbe Gilpin, President



# Hotdogs & Hamburgs are back!

***Date Starting: Jan, 2021***

***Time from 4 to 5:30pm***

***Every Wednesday afternoon, (unless weather prohibits)***

***MENU, Hamburgs/Hotdogs, Chips, Soda and Water***

***Desserts when available, Donations appreciated***

**We have a new committee of workers and looking for volunteers to help. Social Distancing will be practiced. Masks will be required while in the food line.**

***So keep Wednesday afternoons clear on your calendar and come have your***

***Meal with your friends and neighbors!***



## **COVID VACCINE SUCCESS**

February 12, 2021 will go down in Southfork history as a day we all came together to try to conquer the Covid 19 pandemic.

We were able to vaccinate 349 residents from Southfork and Blue Jay in under 5 hours with minimal wait time for anyone.

A special shout out goes to the 18 nurses as well as the National Guard who helped us orchestrate a smooth event. In addition, volunteers from both parks played a major role by verifying paperwork, serving lunch to the workers, checking people in, providing transportation and directing traffic and parking. Great job, thank you!

When you were vaccinated, you should have received a card showing the date that the second dose will be given. It is scheduled for March 12, 2021. It is extremely important to bring that card with you for the second dose, so put it in a safe place. We will be distributing a new consent form which will also indicate your new appointment window.

In the next few weeks we will be contacting some of the people who offered to volunteer to help with the next round. For those residents who requested transportation, we will once again provide that service to you. If anyone else feels they need a ride, please contact Ron White or Sue Kerschner.

Remember- the rules haven't changed. KEEP WEARING YOUR MASKS!

It takes a Village to get a shot!!

Sue Kerschner and Ron White









## **This Past Year and the New Year already!**

Year 2020 *is and was* a year we will never forget. Now we are in year 2021 and it is starting out the same way. Sure hope it ends soon so we can get back to more Activities and Outdoor events.

***Boredom has set in and how do we get rid of it? We need your help and ideas!***

In Southfork we do have a few other options for things to do and here just a few things to maybe get out of the house. None of these are run by any groups or committee's and we want all to have some fun! We have a lot of newer residents who have moved into Southfork in the last 2 years and have no idea what can be done so they stay at home bored! This has got to change!

There are open/free outdoor games for everyone. You can play Horseshoes or Bocce games at the pavilion. Corn Hole game....This another good one.

All days and times are open and if anyone is interested, contact Harry Gerrish at 352-458-0055 for any scheduling of Dates/Times and where the equipment is.

Shuffleboard games are available to all and again contact Harry for more info.

On Friday Nights at the Pavilion, some of our residents get together and literally "light the fire" with a bonfire at 6pm. Bring your own drink or snacks. At least you are not sitting at home "bored".

What about A Walking group? This could be around the Park or just walk up and back down on their own street for those who cannot walk that far. Any one who is disabled can ride their scooters and ride along with these groups. No one should be left out.

I know there has to be more things that the residents can do and we are looking for some new ideas from all of you to get the "ball rolling" so to speak. Southfork should be on everyone's lips on how active this park is and that it is not boring. There should be something scheduled for everyday or weekly. Just because most are retired does not mean to stop and do nothing.

This invitation for all activities are open to all and if you have any other ideas for games or get together, let someone know and basically it would be Harry Gerrish in cases of scheduling. Please, all residents who can, should attend a few of these events. Don't wait to be asked but just appear and you will be eagerly welcomed! Great way to meet new people and enjoy life! Because of the Pandemic keep in mind social distancing and Mask wearing but does not mean to stay away!

Submitted by, Phyllis G.







## **Federation of Manufactured Homeowners of Florida (FMO) news**

### **FMO REPORT**

There is a misguided belief that Residents in a Mobile Home Community believe that their HOA represents ALL residents in ALL matters.

This statement rings true ONLY if a HOA does not require Dues for Membership. Special privileges may be given when a HOA requires a Member to pay Dues.

Under certain conditions, a HOA may not be REQUIRED to represent ALL Residents in ALL cases.

A HOA is required to represent ALL Residents in Rental Negotiations, actions, or decisions by Park Owners (or local Government Agencies) that affect ALL residents, and in instances where Litigation or Legal Representation is pursued.

Otherwise, HOA's obligations are only to Dues paid Members of the HOA.

Example: If a non-HOA member is being harassed by management or receives an eviction notice, the HOA has NO obligation to that homeowner. Example: If there is an event sponsored by the HOA, a non-member may not be allowed to attend. Example: At a HOA meeting, a non-HOA member may not be allowed to speak or participate. Example: The HOA may not be REQUIRED to supply non-HOA members with newsletters or other HOA related communications. It is not fair to dues paying members when there are no restrictions on representation for those who do not pay dues. Dues paid members have access to ALL representation set aside by the requirements of HOA responsibilities. For the HOA to remain viable as a representative organization, your dues to belong allows the HOA to accurately represent you in ALL matters.

Contact a member of your board to join. Representation provided by your HOA is only as strong as the support provided by the residents.

Jesse James  
FMO Board, Section IX  
Chairman, Political Advocacy Committee  
Chairman, Membership Committee  
[jessejamesfmo@hotmail.com](mailto:jessejamesfmo@hotmail.com)  
727-271-9565



### Shuffleboard "Welcome" all Southfork Residents

We of the Southfork Community who play daily are issuing a Special Invitation to all residents of our Community to come and find out and learn more about the game of Shuffleboard.

There are so many people who have never played the game before moving into our community and afraid to try something new. Well, never let that stop you and that is what this get together is all about. Come and watch our game at 1pm to see what fun we have and how challenging the game can be.

We have available instructors to show you how to play the game and what we have available in equipment and so much more on this unique game.

This game is played daily and a group of guys start at 1pm, Monday through Saturday. The courts are always open to everyone. A key must be used for the closet where the equipment is stored. Any questions, contact Harry Gerrish.

Harry Gerrish @ 352-458-0055





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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> 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

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**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

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**A & J Landscaping (Josh)**

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

813-426-0443  
813-696-4997

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**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

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**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

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**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

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 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday

Bridge @1pm

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

Women's Club, 1<sup>st</sup> 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





Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Wed)	Womens Club meeting	10am (bring 2 cans of food plus)
Mar 12 <sup>th</sup> (Fri)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Covid Vaccine Injection	
Mar 15 <sup>th</sup> (Mon)	HOA Board Meeting	9am
Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup> (Mon)	HOA Membership meeting	9am

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

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Answer to riddle on page 3 is (Footsteps )

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Remember to change your clocks on March 14th. Spring ahead by one hour!!!!!!!