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Good Bye 2020

Hello 2021

PRESENTING THE FIRST ISSUE OF POP

By Dana Matlock, Betty Vandermyn & Peggy Jordan



We are so excited to bring you the first issue of your new newsletter, The POP - Plantation Oaks Press. The POP will focus on stories by and about our residents, with articles that will be of interest. To be successful we need you to participate by contributing articles on something you find of interest, giving us constructive feedback or, a suggestion of

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE

By Terry Johnson, Social Committee chairperson



The Plantation Oaks social committee is comprised of residents interested in helping to plan events throughout the year for our community. We have had seasonal dances (Valentines Day, Christmas, etc.) with live entertainment along with other topics (50's night, Western night, etc.) Planned outings to areas within our state are also on our agenda. We have themed golf cart parades and cookouts. I encourage all to attend our monthly meetings held on the 1st Monday of each month at 1:30 pm. Let's come out and meet others and give suggestions.

BLOCK CAPTAINS - WHO THEY ARE AND WHAT DO THEY DO...

By Donna Copeland, Block Captain Coordinator



How many of you have been wondering who Block Captains are and what do they do? Maybe you were asked to be one and it sounded like too much responsibility. I would like to tell you it is a great way to meet your neighbors and an easy job.

When you move into PO you are given a welcome packet and included in this packet is a CERT form for you to fill out. Sometimes you are not ready when you first get here to fill out such personal information, and you might think about why this is needed. Here is why? Hurricanes, Fires, and Tornados happen. CERT (Certified Emergency Response Team) are your neighbors who volunteer their time here to help neighbors during these emergencies. Your Block Captain collects these completed forms and keeps a copy for their records and gives original to Block Captain Coordinator. The information on these forms is not shared with anyone unless an emergency arises and only then is it given to the head of our CERT Team. Block Captains also distribute the annual reports and PROXY forms for PORA Members who do not receive these electronically. This is usually done in the first two weeks of December.

Block Captains are encouraged to have one or two group

events a year with their neighbors if possible. Of course, this is Pre-COVID19. My block had an event scheduled in March that had to be canceled and we cannot wait for the "All Clear" to go ahead and "Party" again.

Starting with this newsletter Block Captains and helpers will begin delivering it to those in their Block Zone. We can use your help---do you like to walk? Would you be willing to help with these deliveries? Please let me know if you can help. Donna Copeland 704 886 7706. We can also use a few Block Captains and Block Captain Assistants. Fun!! (not work)

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We can use your help; do you like to walk? Would you be willing to help deliver the new monthly newsletters to your neighbors? We can also use a few Block Captains and Block Captain Assistants. Fun!! (not work) Please let me know if you can help. Call **Donna Copeland 704 886 7706.**

BISMARCK PALM TREE

By Mary Ann Rabuazzo



When my husband, Rich, and I bought our house at 1 Bidmont St. in 2003, we also were pleased with the landscaping. But, naturally, as time went on, we have to replace some of the plants.

Approximately 2010, our gardener added a 2-3-foot Bismarck Palm by the garage side of our house. As one can see, it has really grown. As we have since learned, the Bismarckia Nobilis is a native of Madagascar (a country in East Africa) that grows to a height of 30-60 feet with a spread of 12-16 feet. The massive 4-foot-wide costapalmate leaves (elongated leaves with a midrib) are typically silver-green in color but a light olive-green leaved variety also exists. It's been a beautiful specimen and has been admired by many. Please check it out the next time you're in our lovely neighborhood.



GARDEN CLUB DIRT

By Judy Kelly



I would like to introduce you to our club. We are a small group of garden enthusiasts who aim to socialize and enjoy several modes of planting, growing and problem solving as a group. (The wildlife challenges we face every day or night!) Of course, we include looking at other people's efforts as a real part of our agenda. We've had a few field trips enjoyed by our members.

- A field trip and a great tour of a unique nursery near Deland.
- A Christmas nite lighting of the ruins in Bulow State Park and their holiday entertainment.
- A tour around the area's light displays.
- We currently have monthly meetings once again at the clubhouse on the last Saturday of the month
- at 10 AM.

We have no dues, no refreshments and lots of information to share. Annuals to plant now are Pansey, Phlox, Dianthus, Stocks, Flowing Kale, and Dusty Miller. At one meeting we decided to share extra plants. I watch a lot of YouTube. A few of my favorites are The Impatient Gardener, Minnie's Garden, Jim Putman, Dr. Allan Armitage. I encourage every gardener whether outdoor pots, houseplants, landscape or hardscape to start a journal. Month by month record of plantings, water needs, feeding schedule, bug and disease control. All varieties used and certainly your success or failure. Add plant sources and it is also fun to add temperature. It can be invaluable to remember in the future. Bring your journal to meetings and continue to add notes of interest to you.

Our backgrounds and garden experiences vary greatly. Come and join in with this fun-loving group.

P.S. Oh, I almost forgot – if you have a poinsettia plant how about planting in your yard (deer don't like it). Put out the word and you might have a variety to try. More hints for care to come. Take care of yourself and have a Happy New Year!

SELLING YOUR HOME IS ABOUT MARKETING RIGHT!

By Mike & Irma Reed, Residents of Plantation Oaks, helping the community since 2017. Sold more than 30 Plantation Oaks homes in 2020



A combination of the important "Four P"

1. Product -Home conditions: upgrades, age of roof, A/C, etc.
2. Place - Community Services and amenities, Lot rent.
3. Price - Perceived value for the price
4. Promotion- Wide Exposure of the home

There are many factors that influence the pricing of your home:

1. The status of the current market. Comparable sold homes within the community and Actual Inventory: Offer and Demand.
2. The expertise and market knowledge of your agent (Within your community, but most important in the area and other similar communities).
3. Condition and presentation of your home. Year of Roof, A/C, appliances and recent improvements made. (Curb appeal. Brightness. Cleanliness, Declutter, No Signs of Pets)
4. Buyers factors: Price, location, size, house attributes.
5. Effective marketing. Exposure in Web Sites, external promotion, Newspaper ads.

Factors that shouldn't be considered when pricing the house:

1. Profits you wish to make for the sale.
2. The full recovery of the money invested in improvements.
3. Others' opinions (friends, neighbors) have said about the house worth.
4. What you originally paid for the house.

Do not Overprice your House

1. Will reduce the number of showings.
2. Will lose the momentum. New listings get immediate attention.
3. It may attract lookers but not real buyers
4. It may help to sell other similar homes
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ANNOUNCEMENT

Lifetouch just announced that due to the tremendous impact of COVID-19 on their business, Lifetouch Church & Community Photography has permanently stopped operations. Our pictorial directories fall in this category, so we can no longer provide updates to our Plantation Oaks Pictorial directories.

PLANTATION OAKS HEROS

by Dana Matlock

In our community of Plantation Oaks, we have so many amazing people that are always ready to lend a hand and help out wherever they can. We would like to honor our heroes and keep this column going in our new newsletter. I invite you to submit an entry about yourself or someone you know in our community that deserves recognition for their good deeds.

I am so pleased to start this off by honoring Tina Jeffe for her amazing feat of producing over 2,000 COVID-19 masks and still going. Masks are freely given to anyone on request. I asked Tina why she took this project on and these are her words:

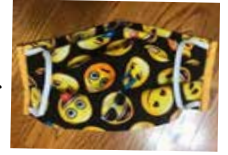


“I sure don’t think of myself as a hero. I just wanted and needed to help. Our son lives in NYC so watching news reports back in March was giving me panic attacks. It made me know that I had to do something and I kept hearing that masks were impossible to

get, so I started sewing. It was therapy! I posted some pictures on Facebook and asked for places to supply and got several replies. I’ve sent several hundred to a clinic in Buffalo, the VA center in Canandaigua, NY, and to 2 friends who gave them to nursing home residents. I also sent a box full to my niece who’s a respiratory therapist at a hospital in Buffalo. She was so thankful because, in her words, they were getting “slammed”. At this point, I decided to keep track of how many I have given away and to date have donated 1950 masks and counting. I need to thank Sue Proper, Terry Johnson and, Dorothy Lawrence for donating fabric, and to my friends and neighbors who gave me money for postage. I love that

my PO neighbors are taking and using the masks that I am offering at my house every day. Keep wearing them and stay safe! If you know of a place that needs masks, let me know.”

Thank you, Tina! We are so proud of you and you are a hero to us!



WELCOME COMMITTEE

By Bob Matlock



Welcome, welcome, WELCOME! As of this writing there have been thirty-four home sales in Plantation Oaks so far in 2020. Those sales represent fifty-six new residents in our quiet little community.

Welcome to each and every one of you. Well, it has been a lot quieter than most of us would like. We know why, but still long to get back to some semblance of normal with functions rejuvenated in the clubhouse. However, we all should and can do the right thing to protect ourselves, family, friends and those who service our daily needs. Having said that, I, as your Welcome Committee representative, have been limited to phone calls instead of sit downs with personal-face-to-face contacts. In those meetings I offer a welcome package that includes introductions to the various organizations in the community, (who we are and what we do), services offered in the surrounding area and offer my personal assistance that might make the move here as easy and friendly as possible. Please call me at 386-439-3443 with any question you might have. If I don’t have the answer, I will direct you to someone who hopefully can help.

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PLANTATION OAKS STITCHERS & HOOKERS (POSH)

Submitted by Dana Matlock



This group of industrious and compassionate ladies enjoys knitting, crocheting, quilting, sewing, crafting and gifting their hand made treasures to others. POSH was conceived in 2002 when 22 members provided Project Linus with blankets for seriously ill and traumatized children. Since then, POSH has expanded to provides alarm bags, baby blankets, baby presentation wraps, layettes, bibs, booties, clothing protectors, cocoons, hats, lap robes, nursing pillows, scarves, shawls, shrugs, slippers, sweaters and walker bags to Alpha Pregnancy Center, Flagler Health

& Rehabilitation Center, St. Girard's Campus, scarves for Special Olympics, and Project WARM (rehab for substance abuse). New members are always welcome. There are no deadlines for completing items and no dues. A selection of patterns is available, and willing members to help you get started. If this group interest you, stop by one of their meetings and check them out. POSH meets the second Thursday of the month from 10 AM to Noon in the clubhouse



Pandemic Creations by POSH

HOW TO “LIVE IT UP” IN A LOCK

DOWN

by Joe Cortese



“Where do I begin”. The first problem was how to write something in August 2020 that would still be relevant to read in January 2021. A lot can happen in five months! There’s an old song that claims “What a difference a day makes” but that’s

nothing if you think about “what a difference the first three months of 2020 made” and so you see my anxiety. Who can say what the New Year brings but if things haven’t changed maybe we should listen to Mr. Bing Crosby when he told us that “you have to accentuate the positive” or as the saying goes “when life serves you lemons”?

So, what could possibly be “positive” about staying at home and social distancing? Well, if you happen to be an introvert, it’s a dream come true. If you’re like many retiree’s I’ve often heard “I’m so busy I don’t know how I ever found time to work” well your break peddles just got pushed and that may be better than you know. I’ve known too many people who have been married to their careers with no clue of how to slow down (I’m holding my hand up, I may be one of them). Even retired they continue to stress out which is probably not healthy. This forced slowdown could or should be the time to “stop and smell the roses”, ride your bike (which is probably rusting away in your carport) or take long walks around the neighborhood. Ride or walk down the beautiful park road that runs along the north side of our community and enjoy the forest and wildlife that’s all around us. I’ve had the good fortune to hike and camp through much of our Country and I can honestly tell you, there’s not much that compares with our back yard. We really live in an amazing place and after all, isn’t that why we moved here?

OK, OK, well that’s all well and fine, breath deep if that’s your thing, but how about something a little more constructive? Wow, I’m glad you asked. Even though my wife and I have lived here for going on four years, over the last four months we have finally finished unpacking. Then we tackled that closet where

everything we didn’t know what to do with ended up. Continuing on that same track we slowly organized the whole house as well as both of our art studios. We even completed refurbishing the master bathroom which we had started over a year ago. These were big projects so I do want to emphasize the word “slowly”, you’re not in a hurry, we’re not going anywhere. If we’re up late we sleep in, if we’re tired, we take a nap and we never miss our three-o-clock coffee.

One of the things my wife has found fulfilling that under normal circumstances she didn’t always have enough time for is staying in touch with our family and friends. She’s constantly texting, talking and even mailing cards and we have had many very enthusiastic responses. There’s a lot of people out there right now who are scared and/or lonely and a random act of kindness goes a long way. The best thing is to the best of my knowledge, you don’t even have to wear a mask when texting or talking on a cell phone.

Then of course there is now plenty of time for art. My wife and I love art and are taking full advantage of this “shelter in place” concept to pursue our passions. Now don’t get confused, you don’t have to be an artist to create, art is everywhere and can be anything. Building a bird house, writing, quilting/sewing or a beautiful landscaped yard are no lesser forms of art than a Picasso. I have spoken to several neighbors who have started new artistic hobbies and have even sold some of their work. So, you say that you don’t have any artistic talent, how do you know, have you tried? About twenty years ago my wife demanded that I take up some kind of art for stress relief. She suggested stained glass since I was once a welder and so after watching some U-Tube videos I gave it a try and now it’s a part of my life. In the first three months of the lock down I created a large stained-glass mural of humming birds and daffodils. With some help from Bob Ross I learned to paint and I even dabble in jewelry so you may not know it but you have hidden artistic abilities. My wife practices and teaches an almost lost art form, “china painting”. Her work will take me an entire article to explain, but she was forty something before she found out that a master artist was locked up

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inside her. Don't be afraid, reconnect to some kind of art you may have done earlier in life or try Googling "what kind of art projects can I do from home" you may surprise yourself.

So lastly (is that a word?) I wanted to wrap this up with the thought of utilizing this time to improve yourself. Read those books you've been putting off, learn a new language, exercise, try new recipes and try to eat healthy. These are all things that we are trying. I have said for years that if I only had the opportunity to control what I eat I know I could lose weight and now there was no excuse. As a result of not eating out and doing 99% of our cooking at home I have gone down eight pants sizes and for the first time in years, I can cut my toe nails while still breathing. It feels (el bien) good.

So, what could possibly be "positive" about being in a lock down, well, depending on how you look at it, quite a bit. Now I'm sure that you have probably already found many cool ways to stay busy (or sane) that haven't been listed here so how about sharing them with your neighbors. Forward your ideas to our editors and let them share them with our community. Your idea may help someone to find happiness and anyway, just the effort of sharing your ideas will give you something to do. Stay safe!

PROLOGUE FOR INTERVIEWS OF RESIDENTS FOR THE POP

By Bob Matlock



One of my favorite sayings is, "we are all just people". So, in many ways, we are all alike! But because of the influences of the environment(s) we were raised in, or the genes we were born with, we are all different! It is not my intent to study and lecture on the effects of the sociological, psychological, or physical influences that have affected the lives of us who live in Plantation Oaks. Sometimes a person's life is filled or consumed with the pursuit of a God-given talent, or a passion for something that requires years, or maybe even a lifetime of dedication, to achieve or to deliver their original vision. That's not to say that you, me or

even all of us have, at some time in our lives, shared or experienced a notable relationship with someone or something, or that there was some event in our lives that might be interesting too, and worthy of, sharing with our friends and neighbors. Anyway, I believe that our community is blessed with residents who have lived interesting or challenging lives or have tales to tell that we would be fortunate to have shared with us.

My intent here is to ask you guys and gals to get me the names of your friends and neighbors who you believe have interesting life stories or experienced events in their lives that may be published and shared here in our Plantation Oaks Press, the POP. So go get me names! That is your assignment! My job is to interview, write 'em up and get 'em published here in The POP. Please email me at matlock@cfl.rr.com, or call 386-439-3443 Just so you know, Helen Madden is our first resident whose life's experience will be told in The POP. As you read about her, I am sure you will learn what an amazing and talented person she is and agree that we are blessed to have her as a friend and neighbor.

TECH TIDBITS

By Steve Vandermyn



TIRES: One of the most important and cost-effective ways to save yourself money and headaches is to Check...Monitor... and Maintain the appropriate air pressure in the tires of all your vehicles including your golf cart.

Years ago, we all had bias tires which were standard 4 ply nylon tires. These tires wore out fast usually within 15,000 miles, would slide during right and left-hand turns and were not great for braking safely and stopping within a safe distance especially on wet or snow-covered roads. They were rigid with no flexibility and picked up road debris and stones within the treads.

So then in the 1970s, we advanced to polymer and steel-belted tires or better known as the radial tire. Made of several compounds and steel fibers, this allowed steel belts to run from side to side giving the radial tire the appearance of bulging sidewalls. This bulging effect

increased the surface area between the tire and the road which enhanced better steering, a firmer ride, and improved braking capability.

However, even with the improvement made in tires, consistent maintenance is required to improve the efficiency and lifespan of all tires. One of the most important things we all can do is to "CHECK THE AIR PRESSURE." If air pressure is too low, your car could pull to the right or the left---too high you can get premature tire wear necessitating costly replacement. Tires are so expensive that just a quick air pressure check on all your tires will keep you safer and with more money in your pocket. Most cars today have a computerized system built in to notify you when the pressure is too low. Do not IGNORE this important notification! Correct tires pressures are in your vehicle guidebook or are located on the guidelines on the inside of your door frame. Correct air pressure for the type of tires that are currently on your vehicle can usually be found on the outside sidewall of the tire. Check your tire air pressure frequently especially with the hot and humid weather we have here in Florida and add air as needed. We have many golf carts in our community here at Plantation Oaks and perhaps you are the happy owner of one. When is the last time you checked the air pressure of your golf cart? As a ONE-TIME courtesy, I will be announcing a checkpoint for a free golf cart tire air pressure check and will have an air compressor available to add air, as necessary. Please check future newsletters and/or emails for a selected DATE/TIME/PLACE to be designated here at Plantation Oaks. Hope to see you there!!

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FMO

By James Pursley, Plantation Oaks FMO Representative



After a lifetime of being in real-estate as my profession, I semi-retired and moved permanently to Florida nine years ago. As most of us remember the Crush of 2008, it had been a long time since I had seen so many homes for sale. I bought a home in the C-section of Palm Coast. As time went on, the for-

sale signs started to say Sold on them. The real estate industry slowly was making a comeback. Most of us know what comes along with homeownership, the cost of up-keep. Not complaining, owning a home is the American Dream for many. My home had a pool and had a nice size yard. As we know what comes with that is the mowing of the lawn, cleaning the pool, and everything that comes along with these perks.

I had been involved with mobile home parks with my stepfather. We had owned several parks over the years in Georgia. I was introduced to Manufactured Homes by the Love of my Life, who eventually became my wife. She owned a Manufactured Home. When we married, we moved to my home in Palm Coast. She kept her home. We put it up for sale, but we purposely priced it above what the others were selling for. After a lot of consideration, we decided to sell our Palm Coast home, reasons being, too much upkeep with the pool and yard maintenance and many other issues. The home was a two-story and I've had nine surgeries on my left leg, so needless to say, steps and I do not get along. Why I purchased this home to start with, is another story at another time! After moving to my wife's home, it was great. I now had a pool, a yard, a sprinkler system, an exercise room, and many other enmities that I didn't have to maintain.

After living there for a year or so, we received an invitation from Bob and Dana Matlock to attend a Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida (FMO) meeting. I was not familiar with that organization. My wife could not go to the meeting, so I attended the meeting. WOW, and a few other adjectives did I say to myself when I found out what was and could happen without this organization. I had owned and been around all kinds of real estate but never the kind where you do not own the land. The concept is very workable, but without representation, the Owners of the Parks can make it difficult for the homeowners.

We have put a lot of money into our homes and most of us don't want to move again. This is one of many reasons why we need and should be a member of the FMO so our investment is protected! I just cannot put everything

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that FMO does in this article but remember FMO is an organization in the state of Florida that watches over the interests of people living in manufactured home communities. Florida also is the only State that those living in manufactured homes have laws that guarantee them the right of their lifestyle. The Florida Manufactured Home Act (Florida Statute 723) was enacted in 1984. In part, it addresses the relationship between the Park Owner and the Homeowner.

To find out more about the FMO, it is available on your computer at www.FMO.org I hope I have gotten your attention about just how important the FMO is to us homeowners. For membership information please contact me at cbinvest@yahoo.com or 386-986-9632. Thank you again and be looking for more FMO updates in our next newsletter publication.



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We have not been able to gather all the birthdays and anniversary information so if you are missing from the above list or new to the community, please contact Peggy Jordan at granni41230@yahoo.com

COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

By Jim Nichols - Plantation Oaks Resident



The COVID-19 pandemic has made 2020 a year of upheaval for the world and most of us in Plantation Oaks. These times have made it even more important for us to learn new skills that can give older adults the confidence to access information and services online. Whether you own a smart phone, tablet, laptop or desktop computer or are looking at buying one of these devices, they can help us in staying connected with our families, friends, and communities. This is especially important for those of us who wish to live independently and age at home.

Following is a list of benefits you should consider:

- Browsing the Internet - Questions can be answered in an instant, and you can take advantage of being informed and connected
- Use email
- Manage your finances
- Play games
- Download and watch movies
- Listen to music
- Stay in touch with friends and family with social media software such as Facebook or voice calls and video chats via software like Zoom and Skype.
- Sharing photo albums

- Shopping online
- Edit your own video and photos
- Telehealth - the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) granted new flexibilities to promote the widespread use of telehealth. Whether through video or audio, telehealth enables residents to connect with clinicians virtually, which is critical in maintaining social distancing and freeing up physical hospital space for the most urgent uses

This is a first in a series of articles for the Plantation Oaks Newsletter. My plan is to discuss further subject matter including Computer Basics, Device Security, The Internet, Email and Applications (Apps).

OUR “NEW” LIBRARY

By Peggy Jordan



I want to let everybody know about the reorganization of the library.

Patty Deater has been trying to keep the library in order for more than a year. However, she is a “Snowbird” which accounts for the bad, bad mess it was in

a few months back. Patty has agreed to be our new Librarian and Malcolm Frazier will be her backup.

We have a few very simple rules for you to follow when you use the library:

1. Returned books are to be put on the grey cart.
Nowhere else.
2. Please do not attempt to re-shelve any books.
3. A garden basket is provided to put donated books into.
4. Inside the cover of all books (and on puzzles) has been put a label. We need you to initial and date when you have read a book or used a puzzle. This is how we will purge the library which we will start next August.

Thank you so much for your help and if you see Patty or Malcolm, tell them what a great job they have been doing. It took a LOT of time to put labels in over 2000 books!

The new POP Newsletter is coming to you in January and I will try to insert new titles for you. Also, I am

searching for large print books. On the clipboard in the library, you can tell me what authors you like to read.

If you have any questions or concerns, please E-mail me: granni41230@yahoo.com

Hard Back

Twenty Wishes - D. Macomber
Kentucky Hat - F. Michaels
Remembrance - J. Deveraux
Blinding Light - P. Theroux
A Time to Fight - J. Webb
Fire - S. Junger

New Books

Eye of the Leopard - H. Mankell
Brave Enemies - R. Morgan
The Bounty - C. Alexander
Decision Points - G.W. Bush
Just as I Am - G. Graham
Guinness World Records 2000

Paper Back

The Black Isle - S. Tan
And They Called it Camelot by - S. M. Thornton
The Grey Ghost - C. Cussler

PLANTATION OAKS COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

(CERT)

By George Byrne, Team Leader



Mission Statement: To provide emergency assistance to our community when State/Local emergency services are delayed or otherwise unavailable.

All residents are invited to register with us any special needs or emergency assistance you (or someone you know) may require in the aftermath of a catastrophic event. This information can be helpful in executing search and rescue, planning and purchasing necessary supplies and equipment. **To register; contact Donna Copeland, dmcopeland50@gmail.com, 704-886-7706**

Currently, we have 52 members and are always looking for new people. Please join us at our next meeting. For

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more information give me a call at 845-728-4679. For information on how to sign up for red alert warnings log on to **WWW.FlaglerEmergency.com**. You may also register for special needs evacuation assistance on this site or call **386-313-4200**.

Hello Plantation Oaks,



It has been a while since our last letter went out, but that doesn't mean your CERT has not been ready. Although we too have been affected by the virus, and have not been able to meet, I have maintained our emergency equipment and supplies. Should there be an event that requires the team's attention we remain ready to assist the community. All certified CERT members have hand-held radios and backpacks with emergency gear and our other volunteers remain ready to support our response in any capacity they are able. Rest assured; we are here for you!

It has been a tough season for hurricanes and bad weather, but, fortunately, our neck of the woods has been spared. (Knock wood!) My heart goes out to the Gulf States as they seem to have gotten the worst of it. Much of the rest of our country has been hit hard as well with tornados, floods and forest fires. I pray they all fare well and recover quickly.

I look forward to the end of our confinement and hope for a vaccine so we again can get together as a social group to enjoy each other's company. We will resume our CERT meetings and training as soon as it is safe to do so. Until then; God Bless everyone.

REFLECTIONS OF THE VIRUS:

Submitted by John Mecurio



1. Half of us are going to come out of this quarantine as amazing cooks. The other half with a drinking problem
2. I used to spin that toilet paper like I was on Wheel of Fortune, now I turn it like I'm cracking a safe
3. I need to practice social distancing with the refrigerator
4. I still haven't decided where to go for Easter - the

living room or the bedroom

5. Every few days, try your jeans on just to make sure they still fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
6. I don't think anyone expected when we changed the clocks, we'd go from Standard Time to the Twilight Zone
7. This morning, I saw my neighbor talking to her cat again. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. When I got back into the house, I told my dog and we both laughed.
8. My body has absorbed so much soap and disinfectant lately that when I pee, it cleans the toilet.
9. I'm so excited it's time to take out the garbage. What should I wear?
10. I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to "Puerto Backyarda" cos I'm getting real tired of "Los Livingroom"
11. Classified ad: Single man with toilet paper seeks woman with hand sanitizer for good clean fun
12. Better 6 feet apart than 6 feet under....!! Stay safe

ESPECIALLY THIS YEAR

By Joe Cortese



This year especially when so much is bad
And most things we hear only makes us
feel sad

So many are lost and don't know what to do
Well maybe the answers within me and you
What if we decide not to join with the rest?

We won't sweat the small stuff and we'll look for the
best

We'll face piles of trials with smiles, as it's said
And we'll choose to be happy as we make our own bed

They say misery loves company and I believe that's a
fact

But I prefer better colleagues so let's start a new pact
We'll take only the high roads and jump over the low
And spread happiness and love everywhere that we go

This year especially we're going to seek out the good

And count up our blessings like the Lord says we should
 And if we just do this, we may start a new trend
 And we'll make it through this year if we reach deep
 within

QUIET'S TIME

By Tom Bailey



As morn did break this autumn day,
 He saw the light as not before,
 Soft mist had settled on the land,
 As he stood nearby the open door.
 Stillness was given this time to show,
 The wonders of its pleasant task,

The sights and softness arrest the soul,
 And engages peace to those who ask.
 He breaks the seal of quietness,
 And moves with placid ease.
 As each sense slides into place,
 He walks into the morning breeze.

This day, as most, starts with a thought,
 Of how he serves the one true God.
 Who loved us from the start of time,
 But on who, many feet have trod.
 He takes the step and hears the sound,
 Of creaking boards and bones.
 The task these days is difficult,
 But one his body owns.
 His eyes follow the clouds above,
 Where the eastern sun does rise.
 And remembers too many times he missed,
 The glory of the skies.
 His plow still stands beside the barn,
 Where happy children play.
 At least they did in times long past,
 While they helped to gather hay.
 He looks and sees like yesterday,
 His loving bride, long gone.
 His mind brings back memories,
 As he struggles to linger on.

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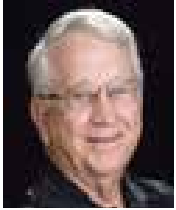
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POINTS TO PONDER

By Bob Matlock



Sometimes we are presented with a question that has been created by a situation that we are not familiar with. The answer to our question may not be what we expected or wanted to hear.

For example, suppose there is a large tree in your neighbor's yard. And suddenly that tree falls on your house causing damage you don't even want to think about. Your first impulse might be to visit your neighbor and ask him/her when is he/she going to have her/his tree removed from your house? And has that neighbor called his/her insurance company to report the damage her/his tree did to your house? Well. Just as you expected, that good and responsible neighbor had already called his/her insurance company and they had told her/him that Florida Law says that YOU the person sustaining the damage and your insurance company is responsible for taking care of the damage. WHAT? That was not my tree! Sorry. But that is the way it is. I can't give you legal advice so call your insurance agent and ask them the question. Who is responsible?

One thing we all should do is ask the community office to provide us with a copy of our lot. The trees that are on your lot, that you would be responsible for, should be noted. You should take that copy and check it against the trees that you believe exist on your lot. If you don't agree then you need to go back to the office, invite them to your lot and get their agreement as to which trees exist within your scope of responsibility. I suggest that you also note any large trees that are near to, but outside of, your lot. This can become important if a tree needs care and it is not "your" tree and then you should not have to pay for trimming, disease control, or removal. If you observe a tree that is not on your lot and appears to need care or repair you should take a picture(s) and share them with the community office (via registered receipt requested mail) because that tree could represent a safety problem.

BEAUTY TIPS

By Terry Johnson



Make your lipstick last longer by after applying your favorite color, use a coffee filter to gently blot your lips. Next, lay the filter over your lips and brush on a small amount of face powder. The filter will allow just enough powder through to set the color, so your lipstick appears fresh all day.

QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES IN PLANTATION OAKS

By Peg Jordan

The speed limit in our community is designed to protect walkers, golf carts, bicycles, residents on walkers, visitors (including children), etc. Our streets were not designed for speed. Please inform your visitors (including service contractors) about the speed limit and please pay attention to it yourself. This along with the "clean up after your pet rule" are quality of life issues and should be taken seriously.



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PLAIN NOT FANCY

by Peg Jordan

PEA SALAD

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15 oz. French Cut Green Beans 2 oz. Diced Pimentos

FINELY CHOP: ½ Cup Each: Celery, Green Pepper, Onion

MIX: 1 Cup Sugar, ¾ Cup Vinegar, ½ Cup Vegetable Oil
½ tsp. Salt, 1.2 tsp. Pepper

COOK over low heat until boiling.

POUR over Vegetables and **CHILL**.



TEX-MEX LASAGNA

1 pound ground beef 20/80 ½ cup chopped onion
1 cup tomato paste 1 cup Picante sauce medium or mild
¾ cup water 1 tsp. dried oregano
1 tsp. dried basil 1 cup ricotta or cottage cheese
¾ cup plus 1 ½ cups shredded mozzarella
½ pound uncooked lasagna noodle (use rice noodles for gluten-free)



In a large skillet over medium-high heat, brown ground beef with onions. Drain. Add tomato paste, Picante sauce, water, oregano, and basil. Mix well and set aside.

Spray an 8 x 11 baking dish with non-stick vegetable spray. Layer in the pan: 1/3 sauce mix, half the lasagna noodles, and half the cheese mixture; repeat the same layers and top with remaining sauce, then the 1 ½ cups mozzarella cheese. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 1 hour or until golden brown. Let stand 20 minutes before serving.



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