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### FLORIDA'S FALL COLORS

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# KNOW THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MILITARY HOLIDAYS

Submitted by Betty Vandermyrn



A resident in Plantation Oaks (Joe Dalrymple) just happened to ask me if I knew what each military holiday represented. Well, I knew we honored the military on Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, and Veterans Day but I did not know the individual significance of each

holiday. Joe asked if I could write a submission for the POP newsletter to reflect on the true meaning of each of these holidays, so this is a short synopsis of Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, and Veterans Day (which we will celebrate November 11 this month).

## Armed Forces Day

**Who:** Honoring all military men and women currently serving, as well as those who have served, and the contributions they have made to our country and the world.



**When:** The third Saturday in May.

**What:** : Armed Forces Day was created in 1949 by the Secretary of Defense, Louis Johnson. It replaced separate days that honored various branches of the military and was intended to “expand public understanding of what type of job is performed and the role of the military in civilian life.” Armed Forces Day is celebrated with parades, displaying the flag of the United States and often by volunteering or making donations.

## Memorial Day

**Who:** All who died in military service.



**When:** The last Monday in May.

**What:** Memorial Day was first known as Decoration Day. It emerged several years after the end of the Civil

War as a springtime celebration when the graves of the war dead would be decorated with flowers. Today, it is celebrated annually on the last Monday in May to honor those who gave their lives in service.

## Veterans Day

**Who:** All those who have served in the military.



**When:** Celebrated annually on November 11th.

**What:** Veterans Day was originally known as Armistice Day. It coincides with similar observances in Great Britain, Australia and Canada that all commemorate the armistice that went into effect on November 11, 1918, ending the fighting between the Allies and Germany. In the US, Veterans Day specifically honors all former members of the US military.

So, on Veterans Day, November 11, 2022, let us all take a moment to honor and support all those who have served in the armed forces protecting our freedom, liberty, and rights. A BIG THANK-YOU FROM ME and I’m sure from all of us in Plantation Oaks!



On Veterans Day, **Thursday, November 11th @ 11 am** all of the Plantation Oaks residents who have volunteered their military information will be recognized for their service to our USA republic.

A **golf cart parade** will follow the Veterans Day Celebration starting from the clubhouse parking lot.

??? George @ 386-503-9903 ???



# CRUSING THE GREAT LAKES

By Mary Ann Rabuazzo



## Part 2 of 2

Our next stop was Midland, ON., the main town and economic center located at the southern end of Lake Huron's 30,000 islands. At the harbor is a large statue of the trumpeter swan, the symbol of Midland. Midland is also known as the town of murals. We spent most of the day touring a reconstructed 19th century British Naval and military base. We also saw a Martyr's Shrine, hockey museum and curling arena. We were welcomed back to the ship by Bagpipes playing on our dock.

We spent the following day cruising Lake Claire and Lake Huron. Lake Huron is the second largest Great Lake by surface area and fifth largest freshwater lake in the world. It has the largest shoreline of the Great Lakes. From there we sailed to Windsor, ON., known as "Rose City." Windsor is Canada's southernmost city, located directly south of Detroit, MI. Windsor has many acres of green space, trails and tourist attractions. There is also a Charles Brooks Memorial Peace Fountain in the Detroit River which symbolizes the peaceful relationship between Canada and the United States. We bused to



Dearborn, MI. and toured the Henry Ford Museum. We learned how Henry Ford changed the world of technology and manufacturing.

There were many rare exhibits: Thomas Edison's laboratory, antique automobiles, aircrafts, locomotives, presidential limousines, exhibits such as women's suffrage, etc. We saw President Kennedy's limousine where he was shot, President Teddy Roosevelt's horse carriage (he didn't like automobiles), and five other presidential limousines. Also on display was the chair in which President Lincoln was shot.

We spent the evening in Windsor and left the following day sailing Lake Erie, the fourth largest lake by surface of the five Great Lakes and the tenth largest globally in

volume or twelfth largest globally in surface area. It is the southernmost, shallowest, and smallest by volume of the Great Lakes. Ontario is north, Ohio, PA. south, NY to East and MI. to west.

Lake Erie was the last to be discovered. It is 871 miles of fairly smooth and unbroken shores. The greatest depth is 210 feet. We sailed that night through the Welland Canal and its eight locks to get from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario. Even though Welland Canal is only 26 miles long, it took a very long time to get through the locks due to water traffic.



There were also many phenomenal daily lectures, great entertainment, and delicious food. We were unable to sail to Lake Superior because our ship was too large to get through the locks. One day we hope to do so. Lake Superior is the largest of the Great Lakes and could hold all the water of the Great Lakes plus three more the size of Lake Erie.

On the next to last day, we sailed on Lake Ontario to Niagara Falls. Lake Ontario is the smallest of the Great Lakes but the fourteenth largest lake in the world. It ranks fourth among the Great Lakes in maximum depth, but its average depth is second only to Lake Superior. The following morning, we arrived in Toronto, Ontario, Canada on Lake Ontario where we all said our goodbyes and sadly departed a wonderful experience!

## EXTERIOR ELECTRICAL BOX

By Mike Reed



Our exterior electric boxes are 20 years old. Take a look at yours and look closely at the main support grey post at the back of the box. At least 50% are rusted at the bottom and should be replaced. The post alone can cost \$180 to replace. If the interior of the actual box is seriously rusted inside, the entire package including a new post can run between \$850 and \$1200 to replace. Prices can vary depending on the costs and the interior wiring.

If your box and post are in good shape, paint them. Ours was painted 10 years ago and the box and post are in excellent condition.

Timely maintenance can save you money in the long run.



# A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

By Jean Scionti



Thanksgiving is upon us and while I am planning the holiday festivities, I find myself thinking of family. What is family? The dictionary says that it is all the descendants of a common ancestor.

While growing up on Long Island in the 1950s, my family included parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins all of whom lived within a mile of each other, if not next-door. Somewhat like a compound, only on adjacent streets. It was great to be young and a part of such a huge variety of relatives. Then, as what happens in all families, we children grew up and moved on not forgetting anyone but starting our own adult lives. That being said, we all moved away from the Island to different parts of the country. We, the first cousins, actually lost contact with each other. Recently, I posted a picture on Facebook that was taken in 1950 of my parents and others of my first family enjoying a celebration. Unexpectedly, a day after that initial post, I began to receive texted comments from those many cousins of whom I had not heard from since childhood. The simple idea of putting an old black and white photograph up on the Facebook board brought my extended family back to me.



Circa 1950

Soon after that first post, many of these cousins began to post their own pictures of our treasured past. You might say it was like having a “virtual mini-reunion!”

With these old photographic images and the most powerful words in the English language, “I, You, We,” my cousins and my only surviving uncle were back together once again, messaging wonderful memories of our younger days.

We have now re-connected as a family. I have seen photographs of my grandmother, great-grandmother, aunts and uncles that I had never viewed before.

“A picture is worth a thousand words.” It’s easy to

interpret the meaning of this expression. Of late, my cousins and I have written more than the number quoted in that old adage.

On this Thanksgiving as I say what I am thankful for, I will be adding that I am very grateful for not only my immediate family but also those past and present that have touched my life over these many years. My husband and I want to wish all of you and your families, a very Happy Thanksgiving!

## TRIVIA

By Rich Bencal



Who am I? Over the years there have been many famous people we know, not by their given birth name, but by the name they changed to before becoming famous. Listed below is the birth name and the name they are known by is in the answer

section on another page the POP. Good luck and a thank you to all of our Veterans whom we salute not only on November 11, but all year-round.

### QUESTIONS

1. Barry Alan Pincus
2. Archibald Alexander Leach
3. Benjamin Kubelsky
4. Cherlyn Sarkisian
5. Thomas Mapother IV
6. Caryn Elaine Johnson
7. Nathan Birnbaum
8. Audrey Faith Perry
9. Steveland Hardaway Jodkins
10. Bernice Frankel



Without coffee, I'm always walking into rooms and forgetting why I went in there. With coffee, I still don't remember, but at least I have something to sip while I try to figure it out.

-Nanea Hoffman-



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## WHAT I DON'T MISS ABOUT FALL

By Joanne Kegel



So, it is officially fall. Still great weather here in FL. Perhaps a little cooler which is a nice break from the high heat. Fall in New England is a whole different animal. Most people love the colors of the leaves turning.

The colors change because it is cold and the ultimate end of summer. I don't miss that in September you can feel the chill in the air. Kids go to school with sweatshirts on and forget to bring them home when it warms up in the afternoon. October means colors, falling leaves and more chill. They close up the pools and put the boats away for 6 or 7 months. Jeans weather. I prefer wearing shorts. I have seen leaves turn as early as July. It always just reminded me of what was to come. Raking leaves becomes the dreaded chore on a large house lot.

By November, it's downright cold, the trees are mostly bare and grey skies prevail. Snow is also possible. Yuk! At least here the palm trees and pines prevail, and you hardly notice the oaks without leaves. Then everything turns to Christmas. Oh, that's December. It's even colder. Sometimes snowy. The holidays are great no matter where you are, but why do so many people come to Florida around that time? Because it's warm. Period. New England stays freezing or cold until June. There is hardly any spring anymore. It becomes mud season. March cold winds. Relentless April showers (heavy rain). Gardeners are anxious to get outside to garden. I once planted annuals in April around Easter when we got a warm weather tease. They died. May was too cold. My friend who grew up in a farm family told me not to plant until at least Mother's Day. She was right!

Summer is too short up there. Pretty, but short. Before you know it Labor Day happens and you feel the chill.

Growing up in New England, you don't know any different. Then you take your first trip to warmer climate, feel the sun on your face, and enjoy being outside. We yearned for the day we could retire and enjoy the southern warmth. One or two week vacations were just never enough. Here we enjoy a short break from the extreme heat and by February we're swimming in the pool again. No problem. I don't miss fall up north at all. I'm thankful that we can eat our Thanksgiving dinner out on the lanai!

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**



## COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

By George Byrne



Hello Plantation Oaks from your CERT. I am so glad to report that we weathered the storm with No, repeat... no injuries that I'm aware of, and very little damage. Some residents did have problems from trees falling and hitting their homes, some had wind damage to gutter down-spouts and torn flashings, but for the most part the aftermath was mostly cleanup. My compliments to the office and maintenance staff for their quick efforts to get us back to normal. Your CERT members were prepared to go into action, but, after I and a few others inspected the community, we were relieved that CERT was not needed. Please know that your team remains ready, to assist in the aftermath of any incident, to fill in until emergency services can respond. We remain ready and equipped to serve Plantation Oaks. Also, we are always looking for volunteers and all are always welcome at our meetings. With any luck and by the grace of God it is clear sailing from here. Stay safe.



## TIS' THE SEASON?

(This article is written for the eyes of men only)

By Joe Cortese



We're not even halfway through fall, the "feels like" temperature on my phone was 99 today, there's storms running around the tropics and the stores are already pushing Christmas! It was bad enough that towards the end of August I started seeing pumpkins and Halloween stuff on the shelves and I'm not talking about Michael's or Hobby Lobby (where you'd expect to see that "stuff") but this was in Lowes and Home Depot. As I write this, Halloween is still weeks away and they already have Christmas trees and all the fixings out just when I was finally recovering from "Christmas in July" on QVC. "Yes, I said July", my wife, all her sisters and girlfriends spend the entire month of July texting and calling each other with "hurry up and turn QVC on, you won't believe what Valery has today". Who is this "Valery" with all these shiny, glittery, lighted bobbles that fill my house every Christmas season and worse than that, some of the stuff Glenda keeps out year



'round. There's no escape!

It seems to me that when I was young that we didn't even hear about Christmas until after Thanksgiving, but the merchants have been slowly and strategically pushing the season out further and further until (and men you need to hold on to something because this is pretty shocking) they now have year-round Christmas stores. It's true, last week Glenda and I were in Virginia and saw not one, but two, full time Christmas stores. How will we ever know when it's the "season to be jolly" if the season is year-round. They don't expect us men to be jolly year-round, do they? I've needed to get some paint and other hardware materials for weeks, but I'm terrified to go to Ace or Harbor Freight just in case they've joined the conspiracy. Gad Zeeks! Isn't there any sanctuary left? I guess I'll try ordering the materials online, oh no!!! pop up Christmas ads everywhere. What a cruel world, help me... I'm melting.... **Tis the Season!**



I COULD GIVE UP SHOPPING BUT I'M NOT A QUITTER

## DID YOU KNOW...?

By Dana Matlock



Several homeowners have asked me about the increase this year, especially our P2 homeowners. As I explained in last month's article, our agreed-on Rent increase for the P2 is \$10/month or CPI (Consumer Price Index), whichever is higher, and our agreed-on rent increase for P1 rent is 5% or CPI whichever is higher. The CPI applied to our rent increase for 2023 is 4.7% and our owner used that for both prospectuses P1 and P2.

If you question the amount of your rent increase, multiply your 2022 base rent by 4.7% and you should come up with your amount of increase that you received for 2023. Historically, the following is how CPI is calculated for our rent increases. Using tables from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, CUUROOOOSAO, Not Seasonally Adjusted make the following calculations:

2021 Annual Average = 270.970

2020 Annual Average = 258.811

To get CPI: 270.970 minus 258.811 = 12.159

Divide the difference, 12.159, by 2020 Annual average, 258.811 = 0.0469, multiply by 100 to get 4.7%

I know this is a bit complicated, but I hope it takes the mystery out of "what's up with my rent increase?"

## TRIVIA ANSWERS (FROM PAGE 4)

- |                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Barry Manilow | 6. Whoopi Goldberg |
| 2. Cary Grant    | 7. George Burns    |
| 3. Jack Benny    | 8. Faith Hill      |
| 4. Cher          | 9. Stevie Wonder   |
| 5. Tom Cruise    | 10. Bea Arthur     |



## MOSQUITOS – YIKES!

By Dana Matlock

We all know standing water is the perfect breeding ground for mosquitos. Eliminate as much as you can from flowerpot saucers, buckets, birdbaths, trash containers or any other vessel. Dish soap or shampoo added to the water will kill mosquito larvae. Also, olive or vegetable oil will get rid of mosquito eggs and larvae almost immediately. The mosquito is the hardiest of all the world's insects.



## FEDERATION OF MANUFACTURED HOMEOWNERS (FMO)

By James Pursley, Plantation Oaks FMO Rep



Hello everyone! Has everyone dried out from the hurricane? I know it was bad, but it could have been a lot worse.

This month's article is short because unfortunately I fell, and it seems I got a concussion. I have an appointment with a neurologist in a few weeks.

What happened? I fell and hit my hip and head on the hard ceramic tile. Fortunately, the tile is okay. For the people in here that know me know I had a very serious break of my left leg a number of years ago and my Orthopedic doctor assured me there is nothing much else he can do to my leg. I guess when I started to fall, I tried to protect my leg and ended up taking a hard hit to my head! With this concussion it is very hard for me to concentrate! I am not quite up to par! But one thing that is always up to par is the FMO. To get in touch with FMO contact me James Pursley, [jpinvest129@gmail.com](mailto:jpinvest129@gmail.com) or text 386-986-9632

More to come next month.

## VOLUNTEERING

By Donna Copeland



You may know me as the Block Captain Coordinator here in the community. I have been volunteering my entire life for all different types of charities, groups and organizations, I started out as a teenager and never stopped. Recently I found that as much as I enjoy working with the block captains, I was being called to do something else, I just wasn't sure what that was going to be. And then I found it, a local Non-Profit called Christmas Come True, Inc., they are a local 501-c3 Non-Profit organization, serving Flagler County. In 2021, they provided Christmas to 479 Children and 159 families, and they are expecting those numbers to be much higher this year. So naturally, I began training earlier this month to volunteer at Begin Again Home Goods, which is a store that is run to support Christmas Come True of Flagler County. However, they are extremely short on volunteers to keep the store running and as the holidays are fast approaching, they will need many more volunteers to set up Christmas Trees, wrap packages and help add the "Merry" back

into these families' Christmas. CAN YOU HELP bring JOY to those in need and VOLUNTEER? Any help that can be given would be greatly appreciated. If you can't volunteer, please considering donating to this amazing organization. Visit their website for more information at [Christmascometrue.org](http://Christmascometrue.org).

Also, please check out their store. You can donate items or shop at: Begin Again Home Goods, 2729 E. Moody Blvd, Suite 103, Bunnell, FL, 386-302-1290.

Store is open: Tuesday through Friday 10 AM – 5 PM and Saturday 10 AM – 2 PM.

Definition of a Volunteer: a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task.

## PLANTATION OAKS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (PORA)

By Gary Watkins-President



It is that time of year when the PORA Board of Directors appoint a nominating committee for the purpose of recommending nominations for election to the Board of Directors. The nominating committee accepts applications, reviews them, then recommends them to the board. There will also be a future meeting for nominations to be accepted from the floor. Presently there will be four positions up for election at our annual meeting in January. Two of the positions are presently held by board members who will be running for re-election, myself, since I was appointed to the board, and Muriel Fallon our secretary. There will also be two open positions to fill. I remind you that only members with dues paid up for 2022, thirty days prior to our annual meeting, can vote at election time. Our annual meeting is in the third week of January 2023.

It is important that we get members on the board who want to get involved with our community. If you are interested in running for election to the PORA Board of Directors pick up an application (posted on bulletin board) fill it out and give it to a board member. We would like to see a full board of seven directors.

I will end with welcoming back our returning snowbirds. I hope to see everyone at our PORA events. If you are not a PORA member I ask that you consider joining us as we work for our community.

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## WHAT ABOUT THE PIER?

By Bob Matlock



The Town of Flagler Beach was incorporated in 1925. At that time town leaders were not satisfied with the rate of development in the area as compared to the growth in other beachside locations such as Jacksonville, Ponte Vedra, Ormond and Daytona Beach. Many of those men (including the likes of D.D. Moody, sound familiar?) had heavily invested in land. In 1927 the Flagler Beach town leaders decided that Flagler Beach should have a pier that would provide fishing opportunities with an access to the ocean. They also believed that such a structure would attract visitors who would not only spend money but could be enticed to respond to real estate opportunities being offered in the area. They developed a plan for a 700 ft. pier and created a \$75,000 bond that would be offered in \$1,000 denominations. A Jacksonville construction company, of Wier & Benson, was contracted to build the pier. The proposed length dropped to 656 feet because only \$40,000 was raised out of the initial bond issue. Work continued into 1928 when it was opened to the public. A Mr. E. R. Escott was hired as the first Pier Manager for a salary of \$30 per month. It took until 1953 to pay off the bond! The major public complaint at the time was about the wild cattle running loose on the beach. Work on the pier operations building and the board walk continued into 1928. By 1938 a lunchroom had been added and a fire house was under construction. Charles Lindberg, Admiral Byrd and Amelia Earhart were some of the famous people to visit the beach. Interesting history for Flagler Beach at the time. During WWII the beaches were ordered closed at night. Mounted patrols on horseback and motorcycles with sidecars patrolled the roads along the beaches from Ponte Vedra to Ormond Beach. The pier became a favorite stop over for these patrols. Their job was to spot and identify German subs that frequently prowled this area of the Florida coast. The presence of some subs was so common their numbers (e.g.: U128, U504) became very familiar to the patrols. The pier has become such an icon for Flagler Beach that every time it sustains damage the event gains national media attention. The first time this happened was in 1928 when about 8 weeks after a 4th of July celebration for its opening a tropical storm toppled some of the pier into the ocean. In 2016 Hurricane Matthew tore 160 feet off the end. Hurricane Irma in 2017 did major damage. The cost of

repairing the damage done by major storms prompted local leaders to work with the Army Corp of Engineers to come up with a storm resilient design. In 2021 such a plan was put in place for a concrete structure. The major damage done by Tropical Storm IAN, this year, supports the necessity of such a plan. The cost of that is estimated to be 20 to 30 million dollars. Removal and rebuild is projected to start next year. If you go just watch out for the wild cattle on the beach.....



*We are happy you are here!*

**Porcia Morrow**

18 Julip Lane

Moved from Palatine, IL and is anxious to get involved in community activities.  
*(no picture available)*

## A QUEEN'S TALE

*Received from Glenda Metzler, Canada*

We'll always remember her sense of humor and that beautiful smile.

I was on Guard of Honour, waiting for the King of Saudi Arabia, on Horseguards.

On the right flank, Scots Guards (100 guardsmen), a gap, HM The Queen, mounted in uniform; alongside her the CO Colonel Gerald, another gap, then on the left flank, the Queen's Company Grenadier Guards (100 guardsmen).

We were standing at ease waiting.

Suddenly the silence was broken by Colonel Gerald's charger erupting with horse farts at full volume for two minutes.

Embarrassed and staring straight ahead Colonel Gerald says, "Sorry about that your Majesty!"

She replies, in a wonderful voice, "That's alright Gerald, I thought it was your horse!"

200 guardsmen silently cried with laughter and tapped their rifle butts on the gravel. From that moment, every man there adored her!



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- |                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Porcia Morrow     | 18 Judy Behanick    |
| 1 Dennis Tull        | 18 Mike Kahn        |
| 2 Fran Irizarry      | 19 Susan Bataille   |
| 2 Toni Stearns       | 19 John Shoemaker   |
| 4 Elise Berry        | 20 Kathy Krug       |
| 5 Joan Edwards       | 20 Steven Cina      |
| 6 Joan McElhinney    | 21 Anna Glauda      |
| 6 Richard Schmidt    | 22 Tom Ledwith      |
| 9 Sam Miller         | 23 Doug Mahoney     |
| 10 Karyl Ferguson    | 24 Joe Bartolotta   |
| 10 George Niedhammer | 24 Bob Kelley       |
| 11 Donna Dallatore   | 24 Richard Rabuazzo |
| 11 Fred Mason        | 25 Paul Przybysz    |
| 12 Willis Card       | 27 Marilyn Campbell |
| 12 Bill Hepworth     | 27 Norm Wendorf     |
| 13 Jerry Meek        | 28 Pat Hamer        |
| 15 Kevin Brown       | 30 Al Knopf         |



## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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|----------------------------|
| 6 Fred & Sue Fix           |
| 9 John & Diane Pires       |
| 9 Roy & Joan Salthouse     |
| 9 Mike & Chris Amodio      |
| 11 Keith & Anne Mowling    |
| 11 Fred & Carol Mason      |
| 11 Sam & Nena Miller       |
| 17 Tom & Enza Lee          |
| 22 Bob & Sharon Avery      |
| 25 Bob & Elise Berry       |
| 25 Glenn & Deborah Woodall |
| 27 Robert & Susan Maxwell  |



**Happy Anniversary!**

*We try hard to get it right. However, if we have missed your birthday or anniversary, have the dates wrong or name misspelled, please contact [dbmatlock@live.com](mailto:dbmatlock@live.com). Thank you!*

### THINGS THAT USED TO HURT MY BACK:

- Jumping off garages
- Crashing my bike
- Falling out of a tree
- Diving in the shallow end
- Contact sports

### THINGS THAT HURT MY BACK NOW:

- Sneezing
- Washing the dishes
- Brushing my teeth
- Tying my shoes
- Rolling over in bed



### RETRACTION

The photo below was on the front cover of the October 2022 issue. The information above the photo inadvertently stated that photos were by Jeff Williams. Jeff was unable to take the photos for that event and did not want to take credit. The photos were gleaned from Facebook and sent by residents. This is how it should have been shown.

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# CULINARY CONUNDRUMS, THANKSGIVING 2022

By Chef Kevin Gallagher, MS, CEC



Whose Thanksgiving menu needs an update? Who's tired of the same old food? Here are 3 fresh ideas for updating your classic Thanksgiving side dishes! All can be easily made ahead.

## Melting Sweet Potatoes, Servings: 4

### Ingredients

- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 medium sweet potatoes (about 1½ lbs), peeled, ends trimmed and sliced into ¾-inch-thick rounds
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- ½ cup chicken or vegetable broth
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- ¼ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes (optional)
- 6 sprigs fresh thyme (or ½ tsp dried thyme)
- 10 large marshmallows, cut in half crosswise

### Instructions

1. Put the racks in the top and center positions and preheat the oven to 400 degrees F.
  2. Heat the butter and olive oil in a large cast-iron or ovenproof skillet over medium-high heat. Add the potatoes in a single layer, then sprinkle with a good pinch of salt and several grinds of black pepper. Cook until the first side is golden brown, about 4 minutes.
  3. Meanwhile, whisk the broth, maple syrup, pepper flakes and ¼ teaspoon salt in a small liquid measuring cup until combined. Flip the potatoes carefully with tongs, then pour the broth mixture over and top with the fresh thyme.
  4. Transfer the skillet to the oven and bake on the center rack until the potatoes are very tender and the broth mixture has reduced slightly, 20 to 25 minutes.
  5. Remove the skillet from the oven and preheat the broiler to high. Top each piece of potato with a marshmallow half, cut side down. Broil on the top rack until the marshmallows are puffed and lightly toasted, about 1 minute. Watch closely to prevent burning.
- Tip to make ahead: Cook potatoes for 20 minutes then remove from oven and cool. Refrigerate until ready to use. When wanting to serve, place back in oven at 350 degrees and cook for another 5-7 minutes. Finish by adding marshmallows and placing under broiler for 1 minute. Serve!

## Roasted Brussels Sprouts with Grapes Servings: 6

### Ingredients

- 2 pounds Brussels sprouts, trimmed and halved
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 cups red seedless grapes
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme
- 1 bunch scallions, chopped
- 2 tablespoons honey
- ¼ cup chopped toasted walnuts or pecans



### Instructions

1. Put a baking sheet on the middle oven rack and preheat to 450 degrees F. Toss the Brussels sprouts with the olive oil, ½ teaspoon salt and a few grinds of pepper in a large bowl. Spread on the hot baking sheet (make sure the cut side is down) and roast, until tender and charred in spots, 20 to 30 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, melt the butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the grapes and thyme and cook, tossing, until the grapes start to burst, about 4 minutes. Add the honey. Increase the heat to high and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium low and simmer until the juices thicken and the grapes are glazed, 1 to 2 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Transfer the Brussels sprouts to a serving dish; spoon the grapes over the top and sprinkle with the chopped scallions and nuts.

## Whipped Mashed Potatoes with Celery Root

### Servings: 8

### Ingredients

- 1 lb. celery root, trimmed and cut in ½" cubes
- 2 cups half-and-half
- 8 Tbs unsalted butter
- 8 sprigs thyme
- 3 lbs. russet potatoes, peeled and cut into ½" cubes
- 2 tsp kosher salt, plus more for seasoning
- 1 cup finely grated Grana Padano cheese
- Freshly ground white pepper



### Instructions

1. Place celery root in a 2-qt. saucepan with half-and-half, butter, and thyme and bring to boil over medium-high heat. Lower heat to medium-low and simmer, partially covered, until celery root is tender, about 25 minutes.
2. Discard thyme. Transfer celery root mixture to a food processor and purée. Scrape mixture through a sieve into a clean saucepan; keep warm over low heat.
3. Meanwhile, combine potatoes and 2 tsp. of the salt in a 6-qt. saucepan and add water so that potatoes are covered by 1". Bring to a boil over high heat, lower the heat to medium low, and simmer until potatoes are tender, 10–15 minutes. Drain potatoes and pass them through a ricer into a large bowl.
4. Transfer potatoes to the saucepan of puréed celery root and whisk in cheese until cheese is melted and potatoes are smooth and hot. Season with salt and pepper to taste.





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# FUN FACTS AND HOLIDAYS IN NOVEMBER 2022

By Betty Vandermyn



I can't believe it is already November! November is the last full month of autumn in the northern hemisphere. Already many parts of the country are beginning to experience colder temperatures and even snow. The days are growing shorter and most of the U.S. "falls back" by one hour on November 6, which at least gives us an extra hour of sleep. So, to celebrate our transition to November, here are a just a few fun facts and holiday info I would like to share.

- November was the ninth month of the ancient Roman calendar and has retained its name from the Latin novem, meaning "nine" It is one of the four months with a length of 30 days on the Gregorian, or modern calendar. Once January and February were added to the calendar it became the 11th month.
- The traditional birthstone for November is Topaz, a semi-precious stone that symbolizes friendship and is found in many colors. However, it is the orange-yellow version of Topaz that is the traditional birthstone for this month. Citrine which is a quartz crystal that ranges from yellow to orange in color, is considered another November birthstone.
- The flower of the month of November is the chrysanthemum which is considered to symbolize honesty, joy, and optimism.
- Scorpio and Sagittarius are the astrological signs for November. Birthdays from November 1st through the 21st fall under the Scorpio sign, November 22nd through November 30th fall under the sign of Sagittarius.
- **All Saints Day** is a Christian festival in November which celebrates the lives of all saints, known and unknown. In Mexico, November 1 is also known as the Day of the Dead, a time for families to remember and honor loved ones who have passed. All Soul's Day, which is a day in which Christians essentially do the same, is November 2.
- **Veterans Day** is when we honor those who have served in the Armed Forces, and it falls annually on November 11. It also coincides with Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, which mark the end of World War 1.

- **Thanksgiving**, perhaps the most popular of all American holidays (after Christmas) is celebrated each year on the fourth Thursday in November. It is a time to gather with friends and family and give thanks for the blessings in our



lives and eat incredible food which usually includes turkey! And of course, the day after Thanksgiving is Black Friday which starts off the infamous Christmas shopping season. The following Monday is Cyber Monday where you can find holiday internet shopping deals without leaving home. I'm so there.

- Now there are too many little fun facts to mention, however I did find one which really intrigued me. It is: "**NATIONAL MEN MAKE DINNER DAY**" which is on the first Thursday of every November. I think that is a wonderful idea and think we should make this a Plantation Oaks Tradition. Either way, all you men get cooking the first Thursday in November



and all us ladies will drink wine or a libation of our choice and relax!!! *Happy Thanksgiving* to all our wonderful residents in Plantation Oaks!!



**HEAVY CREAM** -If you need heavy cream for a recipe, make your own by combining mix 2/3 cup whole milk with 1/3 cup melted unsalted butter. This will give you 1 cup of heavy cream....good to know!

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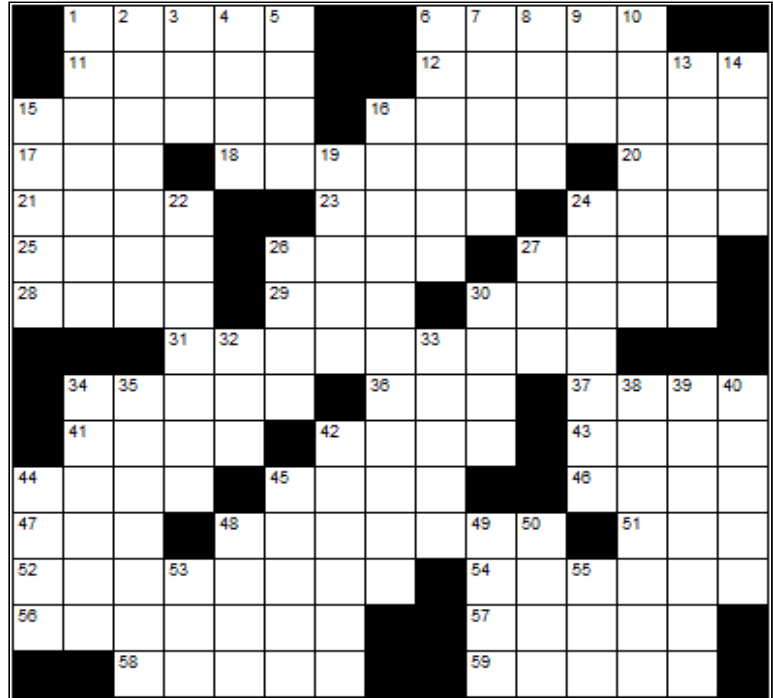




# November Crossword

## ACROSS

1. Degrade
6. Initial wagers
11. Sail supports
12. Torment
15. Type of bowling
16. Narrow flag
17. Chapter in history
18. Let go
20. Male adult
21. Finger jewelry
23. Behold, in old Rome
24. Cloak-like sleeveless garment
25. Cicatrix
26. Songbird
27. Empty weight
28. Lack of difficulty
29. Employ
30. Nymph chaser
31. Cabaret
34. Someone who is owned
36. "Eureka!"
37. Mid-month days
41. Neat
42. Baby's bed
43. Let out
44. Rate
45. Earth
46. Information
47. How old you are
48. Filters
51. Permit
52. Liking
54. First-aid item
56. Alloy
57. Publish
58. Aromatic solvent
59. Marsh plant



## DOWN

- |                                    |                                     |                     |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Common name for the US          | 15. Brusque                         | 35. Permission      |
| 2. Elongated crescent-shaped fruit | 16. 1973 Triple Crown winner        | 38. Conducting      |
| 3. Viper                           | 19. Tether                          | 39. Rapprochement   |
| 4. Arouse                          | 22. Small exploder                  | 40. Condition       |
| 5. Slave                           | 24. Type of American songbird       | 42. Intersection    |
| 6. Assault                         | 26. Racing sled                     | 44. Daddy           |
| 7. Scandinavian                    | 27. Letter after sigma              | 45. Phase           |
| 8. Tall woody plant                | 30. Thick slice                     | 48. Monarch of Iran |
| 9. Greek letter                    | 32. Climbing vine                   | 49. Bites           |
| 10. Abridgement                    | 33. Ground beef with peppery powder | 50. Achy            |
| 13. Harvester                      | 34. Levels                          | 53. Director's cry  |
| 14. Sea eagle                      |                                     | 55. Accomplished    |





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## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

By Paula Davies, Social Committee Chair



Well, hello! Looks like someone volunteered me to coordinate the social committee events, so here I am!

First, a big Thank you to Terry Johnson for all her patience and hard work. I have been very pleased by the number of supporters and people who have encouraged me into this new position. My first social committee meeting as Chair was held October 3 and I was very impressed with the turn out and all the positive fun activities that are being planned. Mark your calendars now and join us as we continue having fun in Plantation Oaks!

**Nov 11: Veterans Day Service** Thursday, November 11 at 11 AM. Recognizing Plantation Oaks Residents' Military Service. A Golf Car Parade will follow the Service starting from the clubhouse parking lot. Questions: Call George @ 386-503-9903

**Nov 20:** Full blown Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. Andrew Ronaldo. More info to follow.

**Dec 3** Tree trimming at the clubhouse 7:00 PM -Betty Vandermyn. Please bring an ornament you would like to put on the tree. Come in your Jammie's.

Now what fun is that going to be!

**Dec 10:** Terry Johnson will host her Gingerbread house making. 10:00-12:00. Please bring your house and the supplies you will need for an afternoon of fun decorating. All gingerbread houses will be left up till 3:00 PM for everyone to stop by and enjoy our fine crafty group. Remember: No Eating the displays.

**Dec 12:** Christmas/Holiday card box. Cathleen Niedhammer. Drop off your cards in the box and Cathleen and her Elves will deliver to all our neighbors. No stamps needed!

**Dec.** Santa and the Elves - Diane Williams will be checking on and delivering a sweet package to our shut-ins. So, if you are aware of any shut ins, please contact Diane or your street captains with the info.

**Dec 31:** New Year's Eve Party: Paula Davies. I'm so excited to have this amazing team I get to work with. We, as a team, came up with so many great and fun ideas. Yes, our goal is to first get you there and most importantly keep you there & awake till midnight. So, with great food, super fun entertainment with The Resting Beach Face, lots of games & prizes and a surprise at midnight, you will not want to miss this one.

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The last morning to drop your cards for delivery will be December 22.

Anyone interested in helping may contact Cathleen by email: [cathleenn62@gmail.com](mailto:cathleenn62@gmail.com) or text/call 207-838-2459. Start thinking about those holiday cards and stay tuned for more information as the time gets closer.



## HOW TO TAKE GREAT PICTURES

October 6. Jeff Williams presented a very enjoyable and informative class on what is involved in the art of taking interesting and beautiful pictures. He covered camera settings, lighting, composition, flash, and even how to get great pictures with a phone camera. Attendees were so happy with what they learned they asked Jeff if he would consider a field trip so they could practice their newfound knowledge. Jeff agreed. He will choose the place and date so stay tuned.

## TREE TRIMMING PARTY!



We would like to start a new tradition in Plantation Oaks. We have purchased a new Christmas/Holiday Tree through the generous donations of our Plantation Oaks residents *Keith and Anne Mowling*. We really appreciate their thoughtfulness and again wish to thank them so much for their generosity. So, on that note we would like to begin a yearly Tree Trimming Party at our clubhouse. Our goal is to have this tree decorated by our community by your own personal touches so please bring your decoration(s) to hang on your new tree. Specifics to follow on date and time (tentative date is December 3). Please check your email and check the social bulletin board for upcoming information. The tree is tall and will require ladders and a couple of our wonderful male residents to hang the higher decorations. If unable to attend, we will set up an ornament drop box so we can hang all the ornaments safely. We would like to make this a magical Christmas/Holiday season this year so we would like to jump start with this being our first **“Christmas/Holiday Pajama Party.”** We would like to sing Christmas carols, have Mr. and Mrs. Claus attend, hang our ornaments, and just have lots of fun. We also want all our residents to meet and greet and wish each other “A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS”! Stay tuned for Christmas Tree updates!!



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