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FLAGLER BEACH PIER

From the 1950's to the proposed plan for the new concrete pier.

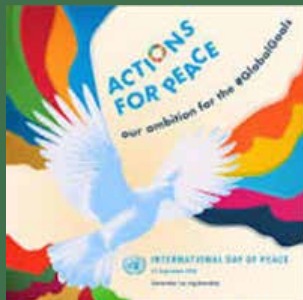
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Proposed Concrete Pier



Flagler County's beaches are known for striking pink and red colors that come from a nearby source of eroded coquina bedrock. Learn how coquina is formed on Page 4.



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ON THE COVER – OUR BELOVED PIER

By Dana Matlock



In early 2002, Bob and I came to Flagler Beach to visit friends. As we drove over the bridge on Route 100, we both gasped at the beauty that appeared before us. We fell in love with Flagler Beach immediately and agreed this is where we wanted to live. We bought our first home here within two days of crossing that bridge. We have spent many happy hours with friends and family fishing (and some times catching), or just walking and enjoying the view on that pier. It is the first tourist attraction that we take our visitors to. How fortunate we all are to live in Flagler Beach with all its charm and beauty.



The Flagler Beach Fishing Pier's grand opening was held July 4, 1928. I found conflicting data in my research - some sites stated the original pier was 800 feet long while others cited it was 1,000 feet long. Whatever it was, it lost 432 of those feet in a 1984 nor'easter. On October 7, 2016, Hurricane Matthew took an estimated 163 feet and, in September 2022, Hurricane Ian blew in and ripped off another 120 feet. The proposed plan for the new pier will be concrete to withstand the elements. It will run the original footprint of 800 feet, preserving the reinforced first 100 feet of the old wooden pier as a historical gesture. Engineers plan to widen the concrete pier to 25 feet and raise the height to 28 feet (currently 17 feet) to get away from the water so it can be more storm resistant. To demolish the pier, the engineers will have to build a scaffolding structure to the south of it and work from there because the old pier is not stable enough to work on. FEMA will pay 75 percent of the cost; the state will fund 12.5 percent and the city will pay 12.5 percent. Flagler city officials hope to have the new pier ready to open for the Flagler Beach City Centennial in 2025. The Flagler Beach Fishing Pier stands as a testament to

the resilience of the community and its commitment to preserving its historical and recreational heritage.

CHARLES SCHULZ PHILOSOPHY

Submitted by John Mercurio



The following is the philosophy of Charles Schulz, the creator of the "Peanuts" comic strip. You don't have to actually answer the questions. Just read straight through, and your brain will see the pattern.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman Trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America pageant.
4. Name 10 people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do? The point is that none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

Easier? The lesson: The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards.

They simply are the ones who care the most. They were just there. Remember who you are. Be yourself. Everyone else is taken.

Congratulations on learning something about your brain today. You are a genius! Enjoy your brain.

THE MAGNOLIA TREE FARM THAT WASN'T

By Joanne Kegel, Amateur Gardener



My magnolia tree out front gave me many seed pods with red seeds last August. I was fascinated with them, but I didn't have a clue what to do with them. So, naturally, I Googled it. Then I found a YouTube video that taught me how to get seedlings out of the pods. I had to get them before the birds did. I only took one pod which gave me about 30 seeds. The instructions were to soak, gently peel off the red outer coating, place them all into a baggie halfway filled with potting soil, add just a little water for moisture and zip lock closed. Then they go in the refrigerator for the winter. I put mine in my beer chiller.



I left them alone for the cold months. In early February I checked the bag and the seeds had roots! I was so excited.

So, I got some seed starter pots, placed one or two seeds into each, and kept them on a tray in the screened lanai. By the end of the month, they were sprouting green leaves. Once they all shed their seed cap, I planted each fiber pot into a slightly larger pot to grow and get root bound. I got about 20 to survive. Then they started shriveling up one by one. What went wrong? Too hot? Too cold? Too dry? Too early? I concluded that I took them out of the chiller too early. It was still too cold out on the lanai at night. The poor little things were just too weak. But there is hope! I still have one little seedling with green leaves, all alone in a big pot outside, with plenty of room for stronger roots. Not too much sun, not too much shade. Or perhaps if I just ignore it, it will grow.

This year, I am going try again if I can beat the birds. They will stay in the chiller longer, perhaps until April. I hope to have little trees to plant and give as gifts in the near future. Will keep y'all posted!



COQUINA - The Rock That Saved St Augustine

Submitted by Dana Matlock



A Fort Made Out of Seashells?

Who would think that a fort made of seashells would last 300 years? Who would think that a fort made out of seashells would last three days under cannon fire? But the Castillo de San Marcos in St. Augustine, made of local coquina stone, did just that. What exactly is this strange rock? How was it formed, and where did it come from?

How Coquina is Formed

Thousands of years ago, the tiny coquina clam (*Donax variabilis*) lived in the shallow waters of coastal Florida - as they still do today. These are the small pink, lavender, yellow, or white shells one sees along the beach at the waterline. As the resident clam died, the shells accumulated in layers, year after year, century after century, for thousands of years, forming submerged deposits several feet thick. During the last ice age, sea levels dropped, exposing these shell layers to air and rain. Eventually, the shell became covered with soil, then trees and other vegetation. Rain water percolating through the dead vegetation and the soil picked up carbon dioxide, which became carbonic acid (the same ingredient that makes soda fizz). As this weak acid soaked downward, it dissolved some of the calcium in the shells, producing calcium carbonate. That in turn solidified in lower layers - much like how flowstone and stalactites are formed in caves. This material "glued" the shell fragments together into a porous type of limestone we now call coquina, which is Spanish for "tiny shell".

My wife just stopped and said, "You weren't even listening, were you?"

**I thought to myself...
"That's a pretty strange way to start off a conversation."**

JUST STUFF

By Jeanie Scionti



Last month I wrote about coming home and you all know how that went. This month I thought I would be writing about my enjoyable summer...Nope!

The other day, I went down our basement to get an extension cord from my hubby's workshop. I could hardly get into the room. I waded through broken fans; broomsticks without heads; a lot of wood; and boxes of screws and nails in old coffee cans and baby food jars. I finally found an extension cord minus the input plug! I had enough.

Okay, I thought, there's an easy solution. Call my children and say, "Hey kids, come over and see what Mom has for you."



They came and I explained that we were going to give them all our household maintenance equipment. They looked at me and said, "No thanks."

"But girls, what about this 1975 Sears table saw with attachments. This bunch of your grandfather's antique tools are priceless. See here, a pile of all kinds of wiring.

Look, never opened packages of toilet parts. We all have toilets! Oh, and look at all these nails, screws, widgets and whatever. How about a rug shampoo machine or maybe this electric chain saw? You both have homes and could use this stuff."

I wasn't looking at them when I was giving this animated monologue. When I finally turned around, I realized my kids were gone. Evidently, the younger generation leads very busy lives with no time to fuss with household maintenance.

After that fiasco, I gave the same speech to the multitude of repair people that have visited with us this summer. The appliance guy who fixed our refrigerator (there was a dead 'mummified' mouse stuck in our frig fan for the three years we were gone), smiled and declined. The plumber and his friend (had a minor flood in kitchen when the dishwasher gave up the ghost) laughed and said, "Lady, no one uses this 'stuff' anymore." The landscaper was adamant with his, "No thanks!" Every one of these service people added that



most of our collection was either too old, too heavy and this is the best...not safe for a human to use. "Really?" I thought. "My husband used this table saw and never lost an eye or body part. He never damaged his hands with the staple gun, or even pierced one finger using these nails. I could try to sell all this stuff, but I really don't have the patience to do so."



Tyler, the plumber gave me a suggestion, "Ya know, I get rid of trash as a sideline job. I'll come over with my truck and cleanout the basement, garage/attic, and under the house." I immediately responded, "Absolutely!" Our faithful plumber/junk removal man compiled 5000 pounds of this so-called rubbish!

One last thought - it took years to accumulate two tons of what we now consider trash, and just one day to discard a lifetime of STUFF! Perhaps there is a lesson here.

TRIVIA

By Rich Bencal



Happy September and Labor Day to all in Plantation Oaks. Summer is starting to wind down and hopefully cooler weather will be here before long. Once again, I have thoroughly researched various facts and information that hopefully you will find interesting. As

always, the answers to the questions will be on another page of the POP.

QUESTIONS:

1. What year was Taco Bell founded?
2. How big is the "Mona Lisa" painting?
3. When was the first Trans-Pacific flight?
4. How big is Staten Island?
5. When did the US Post office start the five-digit zip codes?
6. How many provinces are in Canada?
7. What is a young hen called?
8. What fictional character debuted in the late 1800's
9. What is the highest mountain in the lower 48 United States?
10. What was the real name of the famous outlaw "Billy the Kid"?

Answers elsewhere in the POP



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US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY HISTORY

By Greg Pankau



Last month I wrote about Coast Guard history for their anniversary. This month I thought I would write something about their volunteer component. The USCG Auxiliary, along with the Civil Air Patrol, are the only two volunteer military support organizations in America.

Following America's entry into World War II in December of 1941, recruits flooded into Auxiliary flotillas in a burst of patriotic fever. Throughout the war, some 50,000 Auxiliarists performed a variety of coastal defense and search and rescue duties, which freed up for service overseas.

By 1950, following the war, the four traditional Auxiliary cornerstone missions had been established: public education, operations, vessel examination, and fellowship.

Today, some 30,000 Auxiliary members serve throughout the United States and its territories. Auxiliary aircraft and boat crews search for boaters in distress, floating hazards, pollution spills, etc. They also do aerial environmental surveys in support of various agencies. Communications watch standers handle distress calls at Coast Guard stations. Vessel Examiners conduct Vessel Safety Checks under which recreational vessels are examined for properly installed Federally required equipment and systems, etc.

Under legislation passed in 1996, the Auxiliary's role was expanded to allow members to assist in any Coast Guard mission except direct law enforcement and military operations, as authorized by the Commandant. Since 9/11, members have been integrated into the Department of Homeland Security and perform a variety of port security functions. In 2006, on any given day, the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary averaged saving 1 life, assisting 28 people, completing 62.5 safety patrols, performing 299 vessel safety checks, educating 369 people on boating safety, participating in 100 Coast Guard Operational Support missions, attending 70 public affairs functions, and more. The 32,950 members of the USGA Auxiliary field: 4,971 vessels; 2,873 personal watercraft; and 226 aircraft. They also man 2,641 communications stations.

Over the years, Auxiliary programs also have kept pace with boating trends. They introduced new courses, such as those for sailors and personal watercraft (PWC) operators, as their numbers increased. Now, they are also examining all manner of personal watercraft from

canoes to kayaks to stand up paddle boards. The U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is the largest volunteer marine safety organization in the world and has fostered similar ones in foreign countries.



Our local Flotilla 070-04-04, in Daytona Beach, was established on December 18, 1941, less than 2 weeks after Pearl Harbor, making it one of the oldest flotillas in the country. We patrol the ICW and offshore, both on the water, and in the air. We provide weekly support to Coast Guard Station, Ponce de Leon Inlet, in New Smyrna Beach in the radio room and the galley, as well as conduct training drills with Coast Guard boats and helicopters. We also perform all the recreational boating safety functions that have always been the heart of the Auxiliary. If you are looking for a great volunteer opportunity, whether or not you have a boat or an airplane, we would love to have you. No nautical or military experience is required. Contact Greg Pankau if you are interested.

TRIVIA ANSWERS:

1. 1962
2. 30 inches tall by 21 inches wide
3. June 30, 1927 from Oakland, CA to Wheeler Field, Hawaii
4. Approximately 58 square miles
5. July 1, 1963
6. 10
7. A Pullet
8. Pinocchio
9. Mount Whitney in California at 14498 feet
10. William H. Bonney



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL CHICKEN MONTH

By Chef Kevin Gallagher MS, CEC



For over two decades, the National Chicken Council (NCC) has banded together with major chicken producers in the U.S. to promote chicken sales in September. As a result, September is known as National Chicken Month!

This once slow month, as the summer grilling season waned, has turned into one of the year's best performing sales periods.

Americans consumed 1.45 billion chicken wings during Super Bowl weekend, according to the NCC. That number is a record-breaker! It's an increase of 2%,

or a whopping 84 million wings, over the amount consumed during the same time last year. What would 1.45 billion wings look like? The National Chicken Council figured that: laid end to end, the wings would stretch from New York City to San



Francisco about 24 times. It's enough to give four wings each to every man, woman, and child in the United States. Phoenix's State Farm Stadium (home of last year's Super Bowl LVII) can hold 73,000 people. If 1.45 billion chicken wings were distributed to the full stadium, each fan could have enjoyed 19,863 wings!

Although a lot of recipes call for frying chicken wings in order to get that crispy skin, most home cooks don't want the mess or the smell in their home (including me!). If you have an air fryer, then chicken wings will cook great in there. If you don't have an air fryer, most newer ovens have a convection setting.

Air fryers have a fry basket that allows air to circulate around the food to help brown and crisp. If using a convection oven, a wire rack set inside a sheet pan will get the same air-fried results. Because many air-fryer recipes are intended for small batches, you can often double or triple the recipe for a convection oven. Just remember to space food out on the rack/tray to make sure the air can easily touch all sides of the food. Although cooking times for recipes should be close in both an air fryer and convection oven, keep in mind that air fryers cook a little faster than convection ovens. Therefore, some air-fryer recipes may take a bit longer in a convection oven. Check to see if the wings are ready around the time stated in the recipe, then follow up every couple minutes if they need a bit more time to brown.

Crispy Chicken Wings

1 ½ - 2 pounds chicken wings cut into drumettes and flats.

Dry Rub:

1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon baking powder (really!)
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon ginger powder
1 teaspoon onion powder
1 teaspoon cumin powder
1 teaspoon smoked paprika
1 teaspoon chili powder
1 teaspoon black pepper



Combine in small bowl and mix well.

Preheat convection oven to 400 degrees F. Place wire rack on baking sheet that's been covered with foil (for easy clean-up). Spray rack with cooking spray.

Dry wings with paper towels then place them in a large bowl. Rub the skin liberally with 2 tablespoons or more of the dry rub (the rest will keep well in a jar).

Place wings on wired rack place on baking sheet. Convection bake for 20 minutes. Wings should be nicely browned and crispy... if you need a couple more minutes, check after every 3-5 minutes so they don't burn. Temperature of meat (not bone) should be 165 degrees or higher.

Serve immediately with your favorite dipping sauce like BBQ, Ranch, Teriyaki, Cajun or Thai. There are tons of easy quick sauce recipes on the web or buy ready-made sauce at the store. Enjoy!

FOOD HACKS

Submitted by Dana

- Cut your cake or cheesecake like a pro by using a sharp knife, dipped in hot water, then dried off before cutting. Do this before each cut and you'll get perfect slices!
- Use a plastic knife to cut warm brownies and you'll get clean lines without the crumbled mess.
- Toss a slice of bread into hardened brown sugar and it will soften it right up. *It's magical!*
- Tired of your cake getting stale? Attach a piece of bread with a toothpick to the cut side of the cake. The bread will get stale and keep the cake as moist as ever!
- Have a whole loaf of bread or baguette that's going stale? Quickly run the bottom of it under water, then put it directly into a 400°F oven for about 10 minutes. It'll be as crispy and fresh as the day it was made!

WELCOME COMMITTEE

By Bob Matlock



Move Over Law. After you have read this article and - whether you are a new resident or a seasoned one - you might be wondering why this Matlock guy, of the Welcome Committee, is writing about Florida law. You would have every right to be confused. Me

too because my SOP doesn't mention anything about Florida law in relation to my job. Well, I just want you all to be informed and not end up having to pay any kind of fine/fee to the State of Florida. So, hang on and pay attention! Governor DeSantis signed a bill that expands Florida's "Move Over Law". It goes into effect January 1, 2024. The current law requires drivers to slow down and/or move over one lane for emergency responders such as ambulances, fire trucks, wreckers, tow trucks, municipal vehicles and utility vehicles. Florida becomes the 17th state that requires drivers to also move over for all disabled vehicles as well. The expanded Move Over Law adds three additional scenarios to Florida's current law, section 316.126, Florida Statutes. Motorists will be required to move over if:

- There is a disabled vehicle that is stopped and displaying warning or hazard lights.
- If a vehicle is stopped and is using emergency flairs or posting emergency signage.
- When a vehicle is stopped, and one or more persons are visible.

Drivers who don't slow down and move over could receive a noncriminal moving violation and be fined up to \$158, plus additional fees and points on your driver's license.

If you can't move over – or are on a two-lane road:

- You will slow to a speed that is 20 mph less than the posted speed limit and,
- Slow down to 5 mph when the posted speed limit is 20 mph or less.

According to AAA, nearly a quarter of all drivers do not know "move over" laws exist. A nationwide survey says nearly 350 people are hit and killed outside a disabled vehicle each year. Florida had 112 such deaths between 2016 and 2020. Only two states, California and Texas, had more fatalities.

Now, that wasn't so difficult, was it? The bottom line is that when we are behind the wheel there are additional responsibilities. Being aware of where we are, who or what could suddenly enter the picture and especially for our community – what is the speed limit

is imperative. Why can't every driver be aware of and adhere to it?

Now, on to my regularly scheduled duties: please help me welcome our new friends and neighbors as they get settled in our beautiful community.



We are happy you are here!



Tim & Dawn Anderson
17 Winthrop Lane
Moving here from Jefferson, GA with their 2 canine friends, Sadie & Rosie. Have family in the area and love riding their Harleys.

Paul & Theresa Halstead
121 Habersham Drive
From New Jersey. Moving here from Palm Coast with Maxie, their Chihuahua.



Wendy Morrison
6 Galemont Drive
From Orange County, California. Has family here.

LC Vail
84 Habersham Drive
Moving from Palm Coast. Lots of family and friends nearby. Accomplished artist and published author.





SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 13 Cynthia Easter | 25 Debbie Dinkins |
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| 16 Mary Rago | |

HOW I MET MY HUSBAND

By Cara Kavan



I grew up in a small one stoplight town on eastern Long Island. My town didn't have a high school and still doesn't. We had a choice of three high schools in surrounding towns. I went to Westhampton Beach High School as did my three older siblings. I was a bit overwhelmed as the new kid but made friends easily. My classmates were very welcoming. There was one boy who caught my eye. He was a bit of a flirt and a bit of a clown. After several weeks Kenny(not the boy I had my eye on) came and asked me if I would go out with Tommy (the boy). I told Kenny that if Tommy wanted to go out with me, he would have to ask me himself. I guess he got up the courage because we've been together ever since. As usual in teenage love, we broke up several times but then got back together again. After high school I went to nursing school in Brooklyn, Tom went to Suffolk County Community College for a year and then enlisted in the Navy.

We got engaged in 1964. I graduated from nursing school and started my nursing career in Riverhead. We were married in March of 1965. We stayed in Virginia Beach and had seventeen days together before he shipped out to Viet Nam on the Independence CVA 62. I met the ship in Norfolk when it returned in December. After spending Christmas on Long Island with family we left for Virginia Beach for a month and then to Jacksonville for nine months. Tom was stationed at Cecil Field. Tom got out of the Navy that September, and we returned to Long Island.

We have been fortunate to have weathered many storms and ups and downs as most marriages do. So, after fifty-eight years of marriage, four children, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren we are still going strong.



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Bill and Gayle Lane
- 4 Robert & Margot Small
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FEDERATION OF MANUFACTURED HOME OWNERS (FMO)

By James Pursley, Plantation Oaks FMO Rep



Hello once again. It's hot and that's my weather report.

Let's talk about our homes that set out in the hot sun and keep us cool. My personal opinion of a manufactured home versus a stick-built home is the manufactured home is much more energy efficient.

The HUD Code, implemented in 1976, changed manufactured housing for the better by setting new standards but these standards were updated again in the nineties. By being built in a factory there were no short-cuts to be made in the building process. Being a former home builder, I tried to stay on top of my sub-contractors as much as I could. One Friday afternoon, I remember it well, my insulation contractor was installing the insulation in one of the homes I had under construction. This particular home had a crawl space, as our homes do here in Plantation Oaks. The person that was installing the insulation under the crawl space area got his materials and away he went under the house. He was not gone very long. I did not think much about it as I was busy with several other contractors. Well, after everyone had left for the weekend, I got to thinking, that was a strange occurrence. I thought that person was not under the house long enough to insulate the area properly. I went to my truck, put on my coveralls and got down and dirty. I got my flashlight and Polaroid camera and then I went to check under the house. Looking at the area from the crawl space door everything looked pretty much the same. When I got about half way under the house, the insulation stopped. He had quit early. I gave them the benefit of the doubt, thinking they would come back Monday. No show, but the bill came in. I adjusted the bill and sent in pictures. They came back that afternoon.

What I'm saying is a lot of things happen, and of the forty-plus years I was in the contracting business, I saw it all. In a manufactured home, everything is out in the open - no shortcuts.

Another thing that does not take short-cuts is the FMO, Federation of Manufactured Homeowners. It is a must have to keep us homeowners informed of what changes are being made to the laws that offer us protection from park owners. FMO works constantly to make our lives less stressful and allow us to enjoy our homes. To join call or text me. James Pursley, your Park Representative. 386-986-9632 or email me at

jpinvest129@gmail.com. Or better yet go to fmo.org where you can pay with a credit card. The price is \$30.00 for 1 year or \$75.00 for 3 years. Until next time take care and stay safe, James



FAMOUS QUOTES

- ☺ "It's paradoxical that the idea of living a long life appeals to everyone, but the idea of getting old doesn't appeal to anyone." - Andy Rooney.
- ☺ "The older I get, the better I used to be." - Lee Trevino, Professional Golfer.
- ☺ "Nice to be here? At my age it's nice to be anywhere." - George Burns.
- ☺ "The older I get, the more clearly I remember things that never happened." - Mark Twain.
- ☺ "You spend 90 percent of your adult life hoping for a long rest and the last 10 percent trying to convince the Lord that you're actually not that tired." - Robert Brault.
- ☺ "The years between 50 and 70 are the hardest. You are always being asked to do things, and yet you are not decrepit enough to turn them down." - T.S. Elliot.
- ☺ "The important thing to remember is that I'm probably going to forget." - Unknown.
- ☺ "At age 20, we worry about what others think of us... at age 40, we don't care what they think of us... at age 60, we discover they haven't been thinking of us at all." - Ann Landers.
- ☺ "I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a lot more as they get older, and then it dawned on me—they're cramming for their final exam." - George Carlin, Comedian.
- ☺ "Everything slows down with age, except the time it takes cake and ice cream to reach your hips." - John Wagner.
- ☺ "When your friends begin to flatter you on how young you look, it's a sure sign you're getting old." - Mark Twain.
- ☺ "Looking fifty is great—if you're sixty." - Joan Rivers.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

By John Clabaugh & Patty Watkins



SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September 4 – Labor Day Potluck Meal at the Clubhouse, 3:00 PM. Hamburgers, hot dogs, plates, plastic utensils,

napkins will be provided. PLEASE BRING your Beverage and a dish to share.

September 9 (2nd Saturday) Breakfast 8:30 AM. Plantation Oaks Cooks.

September 12 (2nd Tuesday) Monthly Coffee & Doughnuts 10 AM

September 15 (3rd Friday) Dinner. Chili, Corn Bread, Baked Potato, Toppings, Dessert & Drink 5 PM.

Ticket Sales: \$12 / PORA \$10. Wednesday, Sept. 6, 10-11 AM; Thursday, Sept. 7, 6-7 PM; Monday, Sept. 11, 12-1 PM.

September 15 Jazz Band Concert following dinner 6:00-6:30. (PORA will give Donation.)

September 24 – Ice Cream Social 6-7 PM. Free by Murex & PORA.

September 30– Dance – *Vintage Now* band & light snacks. 6:30-9:30 PM.

Ticket Sales: \$12 / PORA \$10. Monday, Sept. 18, 12-1 PM; Wednesday, Sept. 20, 10-11 AM; Thursday, Sept. 21, 6-7 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Breakfast 1st Saturday of every month (Men's Cook Team)

Dinner 3rd Friday of every month (Men's Cook Team)

Coffee & Donuts 2nd Tuesday of every month/Betty Shaver

Ice Cream Social last Sunday of every Month
Patty/Betty/John

October 14 Elvis will be in clubhouse /Gary Watkins

Halloween October 31 Scavenger Hunt, Golf Cart Parade

November 11 Veteran Day with a lunch

November 17 Friday 6:00 PM Palm Coast Community Band with Betty Lou Cranston singing with the audience.

November 18 Thanksgiving Dinner Cooks team.

December 7 & 8 Christmas House tours /Windy Woods Dec 8 hot chocolate & light snacks

December 9 Gingerbread house Making 10 AM-12 will leave on display in clubhouse till 3 PM.

December 31 New Year's Eve 8-12 PM. Music with Steve Tonya 9-12:15 PM Appetizers

PLANTATION OAKS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (PORA)

By Gary Watkins-President



Hoping everyone is enjoying and having a great summer. I have seen a lot of residents with family members visiting and I am sure you are having a great time with them. Our fellow residents and friends up north (we call snowbirds) will be coming back to Plantation Oaks before we know it.

After taking a short break during the summer, our social club and cooks will soon start up again with great events sometime in September. Ken Pate will be taking over as Chairman of the Cooks Team. I wanted to touch base on a couple of items. First, I urge all of us to read and refresh yourself with the prospectus and rules given to us when we purchased our homes here in Plantation Oaks. They may explain what to do if you are having issues that need to be taken care of and what, as a resident, we are responsible for on our lot. If an issue comes up or a concern you may have that would involve the community office, your best option is to send the community office an email, (or drop off a written letter). You can also copy me, if you would like, and keep a copy for yourself. The next step would be to stop by and speak to the office. You can always contact me or a PORA board director for advice. Also, it's that time of the season where everyone should be prepared for storms and hurricanes. Don't wait for the last minute to get supplies in the house. The Plantation Oaks CERT team is there for us and are constantly training and making sure they are prepared. I thank them for that and appreciate the time and effort each member puts in. Hopefully we won't need to put them into action. I urge you to join PORA and FMO if you are not members. There is truth to the old saying "strength in numbers". There are applications for both in the clubhouse. Keep informed: PORA website (ourpora.org), channel 732 on the TV (events listed), social club board and the bulletin boards by the office. See you around the ranch.





The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during CERT exercises, members can assist their community or workplace following an emergency event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

Registration is Open - Fall Class Schedule below:

Flagler County Emergency Operations Center
1769 E Moody Blvd. Building #3,
Class time is 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Class Schedule:

- Tuesday, Sept. 26 - Disaster Preparedness
- Thursday, Sept 28 - CERT Organization
- Tuesday, Oct. 3 - Disaster Medical Operations—Part 1
- Thursday, Oct. 5 - Disaster Medical Operations—Part 2
- Tuesday, Oct. 10 - Disaster Psychology
- Thursday, Oct.1- Fire Safety & Utility Controls
- Tuesday, Oct. 17 - Light Search & Rescue Operations
- Thursday, Oct.19 - CERT & Terrorism
- Tuesday, Oct.24 - Course Rev, Final Exam, Simulation
- Thursday, Oct.26 - Disaster Simulation and Graduation

Register online at:

<https://www.needsconnector.com/CERTFALL23>

Registration Closes: 09/22/2023

Attendance is necessary at ALL sessions to receive certification. (If unable to attend a session, it can be made up in our summer class. You will then receive your certificate upon completion)



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To view or print current or previous *POP* newsletters go to the PORA website, ourpora.org and click on Contacts/Links/*The POP*. If you are unable to reach this site you can also access all of the publications on www.4communitymedia.com; click on the *Newsletters* tab on the right hand side of the page and scroll through the list until you find Plantation Oaks – Flagler Beach, FL. Click on it and then you will have access to all of the newsletters published so far.

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**PORA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2023
ALL MEETINGS AT THE PLANTATION OAKS CLUBHOUSE**

MARCH 2, 2023 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP – 3PM

MARCH 5, 2023 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING – 7PM
TOWN HALL – 6:30PM

JUNE 1, 2023 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP – 3PM

JUNE 4, 2023 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING – 7PM

SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP – 3PM

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING – 7PM

NOVEMBER 30, 2023 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP – 3PM

DECEMBER 3, 2023 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING – 7PM

JANUARY 21, 2024 – ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – 7PM



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