

JANUARY 2024



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Welcome to the January edition of our newsletter. This month, we're excited to introduce a slightly different format to our newsletter, Our ultimate plan is to transform the newsletter into a more organized newsletter format to make it more readable, more organized, and more enjoyable.



As this year is winding down, I want to thank all the volunteers who take their time to get the required work done around the park. The work everyone does certainly shows.

The Christmas dinner was a great success. A big thank you to Virginia and Harry for a fine job as always and all the volunteers who helped, It was a great time and the food was excellent.

As I look back on 2023, we certainly had good times, some stressful times and times of sorrow. The dinners, cards, cornhole, shuffleboard among others were good times and great fellowship for those that attended. There were stressful times in decisions that were made that all were not happy about. If you ever have questions, please come and see me. My door is always open to anyone who might have a question. Great sorrow when we lost some long-time residents of the park (a). Some by their passing and others moving closer to their relatives due to health reasons. We will miss them!

As we move into 2024, I wish you and your family a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year!

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream"



January 1, 1890 – The first Rose Bowl Parade was held. The first Rose Bowl football game was played in 1902, to help pay for the cost of the parade.

January 2, 1947 – Mahatma Gandhi begins his march for peace in East Bengal.

January 3, 1870 – Construction began on the Brooklyn Bridge

January 4, 1790 – President George Washington delivers the first State of the Union Address.

January 5, 1972 – President Richard M. Nixon signs a \$5.5B over 6 years to build and test a space shuttle.

January 6, 1975 – Television game show "Wheel of Fortune" premieres.

January 7, 1610 – Astronomer Galileo Galilei discovers four of Jupiter's moons.

January 8, 1964 – In his State of the Union address, President Lyndon B. Johnson declares his "War on Poverty Program".

January 9, 1951 – The United Nations opens its headquarters in New York City.

January 10, 1863 – The world's first underground passenger railway system opens in London, England.

January 11, 1838 - Samuel Morse and Alford Vail demonstrate the magnetic electric telegraph using Morse code

January 12, 1966 - Batman debuts on television.

January 13, 1943 – Germany's Adolf Hitler declares "Total War" against the Allies.

January 14, 1784 – The United States of America ratifies a treaty with England ending the Revolutionary War.

January 15, 1943 - The Pentagon opens. It is the world's largest office building at 6.5 million square feet.

January 16, 1991 – Operation Desert Storm begins to oust Saddam Hussein's' Iraqi forces from Kuwait.

January 17, 1873 – Andrew Hallikie receives a patent for a cable car system in San Francisco, and began service in 1873.

January 18, 1778 – Captain James Cook discovers the Hawaiian Islands.

January 19, 1883 – The first electrical lighting system using overhead wires was constructed by Thomas Edison.

January 20, 1981 – At 69 years, 349 days old, Ronald Reagan becomes the oldest person to become U.S. president.

January 21, 1950 – Science fiction writer George Orwell dies.

January 22, 1973 – Historic Supreme Court decision in Roe vs. Wade legalizes abortion.

January 23, 1556 – The deadliest earthquake in history strikes Shansi, China, killing 830,000 people.

January 24, 1935 – Beer was first sold in cans. See Beer Can Appreciation Day

January 25, 1924 – The first Winter Olympic Games begin in Chamonix, France.

January 26, 1875 – The Dental Drill was patented. Now open your mouth and say "Ahhh".

January 27, 1967 – Tragedy strikes the Apollo space program as a fire in the command module kills astronauts Lt.

Col. Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Lt. Col. Edward H. White, and Lt. Cdr. Roger Chafee.

January 28, 1986 – U.S. space shuttle Challenger explodes 72 seconds after liftoff, killing the seven crew members. Among the crew was schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe.

January 29, 1900 – Baseball's American League is founded.

January 30, 1968 – Tet New Year offensive launched by Viet Cong guerillas in Vietnam.

January 31, 1865 – U.S. House of Representatives approves a constitutional amendment abolishing slavery.



MARY MARSILLETT, PRESIDENT AND TREASURER
BEVERLY TANKE, ASST. TREASURER
AND ASST. SECRETARY
DAVE CALI, MAINTENANCE
TOM THOMAS, DIRECTOR
GREG KETT, DIRECTOR
CHERRI DILLING, SECRETARY

We have monthly Board of Directors meetings the 4th Monday of each month. The agenda for the board meeting will be posted on the bulletin board outside the clubhouse. Should you have an issue you would like to be brought in front of the board, please fill out the form located in the clubhouse by the 15th of each month to get it on the agenda for that month. Items not on the correct form or not signed will not be accepted.

ATTENDING BOARD MEETINGS IS A GREAT WAY TO LEARN WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR PARK SO YOU CAN STAY INVOLVED! ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO THE BOARD MEETINGS!

Hope to See You There!



This Breakfast will be NO CHARGE to all residents,
Please sign up in the clubhouse so we know how many to expect.



IF YOU HAVE ANY TROUBLE or have questions regarding your trash pickup, Call (863) 284-4319. Please remember that our pickup date is the **2**nd **Thursday of the month** for large items you want to discard that are too large for your trash container. Please put these items out by the curb **no earlier** than the day before the pickup date. Also remember if trash is scheduled on a holiday, the trash will be picked up the next day.

PLEASE NOTE that "before" you plan any event in the club house, you must confirm it with Carl Hodge 137 Candlewood Dr.- Phone (860)-202-2320

REMEMBER to sign up in the club house (Inside Clubhouse on Bulletin Board) if you would like your birthday to appear in the newsletter.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE to have something added to the newsletter, please put it in the slot in the office door in the clubhouse or give to Mary Marsillett or our Newsletter editor, Rob Lippert [Phone: 404 312-0995] by the 25th of the preceding month.

TWIN FOUNTAINS CONTACT INFORMATION:

website: twinfountainsclub.com

• email: <u>twinfountainsclub@gmail.com</u>

PLEASE DO NOT DISCARD YOUR EMPTY INK CARTRIDGES for your printer. They are valuable – each is worth a \$2.00 credit toward the office supplies needed by your condo owner's association. Please put them in the appropriate box in the clubhouse. This will help us to keep costs down.

FOR IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE, please contact Mary Marsillett at (574)551-9655) or one of the board members. If you have previously connected to the WIFI while up at the clubhouse, you will need to reconnect. Because of the bulk service agreement, we have a new Network Address & Password. See sign in at the Clubhouse.



WE HAVE A GREAT PARK! Please take the time to read the bylaws of the park. When moving into this park, you agree to abide by these bylaws. Following these rules makes this a great place we want to live in. Several of the key issues are maintenance of property, pets, speeding, leasing of property & visitors. If any of these issues concern you, please re-read the bylaws to make sure you are complying with these rules. Let's keep this park the great place that it is. The book containing these documents for the park is to stay with the home when it is sold along with the clubhouse key. If you do not have a copy, please let Mary know. We will work to get you a copy. We will begin to charge for the book if the property is sold and the sellers do not have the book.



January 1 - Barbara Morfitt

January 2 - Bob Morfitt

January 4 - Linda Ort

January 5 - Angela Barfield

January 8 - Gayla Gaudet

January 11 - Melissa Whitford

January 12 - Nerita Fisher

This week we had a visit from <u>David Stevens</u> who is the licensed inspector for the well & sewer plants. He comes in three times a week at the sewer & water plants for inspections and sampling. He had great things to say about the gentleman who are helping with the daily operations.

They are doing a FANTASTIC job.

So, a big THANK YOU to them for a job well done!





We are again having problems with items being put down the toilets that should not be. PLEASE ONLY PUT HUMAN WASTE OR TOILET PAPER IN YOUR TOILET. DO NOT PUT Condoms, Sanitary Napkins, Tampons or Wipes (even if the package says you can). These are harmful for our septic system. If these were to get into the motors, we will be in big trouble. It could result in our septic system being down and can cost \$\$\$\$\$. If you need a trash can to put in your bathroom for these items, please let me know. If you have visitors, please pass this along to them or put a sign up in your bathroom. I don't think you would want to be the cause of our system going down. Thank you.

Mary





Greg & Nerita Fisher

Even though Greg and Nerita Fisher moved into Twin Fountains in August of 2022, it seems like they've been here much longer because they got in here and became well known and well loved in no time! Actually, they moved to Lake Wales in 1979 but lived just down the street at Crooked Lake Park. They bought the home at 6205 Treasure Valley Loop (what used to be Jim and Linda Eubanks home), and we're happy they're here!

Both Greg and Nerita were born in and grew up in Nobelsville, Indiana. Greg's birthday is August 3rd and Nerita's is January 12th. They have been married for 49 ½ years and have 2 children: a son, Bradley (54 years old) and a daughter, Elizabeth (45 years old). They've been truly blessed also because they have 5 grandchildren. Four who live here in Florida and one who lives in Indiana.

This writer always enjoys reading how some of our couples met and Greg and Nerita don't disappoint! They met when Greg made a trip to the hardware store where Nerita worked. My guess is that after a while, Greg would go to the hardware store just to see a certain employee but not because he needed anything in particular!

So far, I haven't mentioned the one individual that rules the Fisher home. Its of the female variety and she is a Chiweenie named Daisy. Daisy rules the house and is quite the watch dog. She barks at everything and everybody. She also lives to travel. Don't let the Fisher's fool you. There is PLENTY of spoiling going on there and Daisy is living proof of that!

Greg and Nerita share a love of Camping, hunting, and fishing. Just recently, Greg got a 10 point buck and let me tell you something, its going to result in a freezer full of the best cuts of meat one can imagine! Greg, next time you guys need to leave town, please keep me in mind to watch over everything for you. Just leave me the key to your freezer. – Uh, er I mean your home and I'll make sure we watch your freezer carefully. Dang! I mean your home!

Neither Greg nor Nerita served in the military but both love our country. They also love being in Twin Fountains. The things they like best about living here at Twin Fountains is all the dinners and meeting other Twin Fountain residents and the pool! In Nerita's own words, Twin Fountains' advantages include affordable living and great people! Yes. You guys hit the nail right on the head!

The Fisher's love Italian food and home cooked food. I really don't know how often they eat out, but I'll bet they can tell you the best Italian restaurants anywhere!

I've been saving the part they love talking about the most. They love their church and are both very active. They love good ole Southern Gospel and music from the 60's. There is no sports team where you'll find them cheering. They'll be cheering at their church and singing up a storm!

Something that you might be surprised to discover about Greg and Nerita. Greg is a Journeyman machinist but also taught High School math for awhile and Nerita was a bookkeeper at two different Real Estate offices.

Finally, it would be a crime to leave out the fact that Greg belongs to the Masonic Lodge and has been Secretary in Lake Wales for 30+ years. Nerita is 25+ members of the Eastern Star. These two are a couple of the sweetest people you would ever get to meet. Get to know Greg and Nerita. Come see what many others of us here have discovered about the Fishers!















To All Residents from the Board of Directors

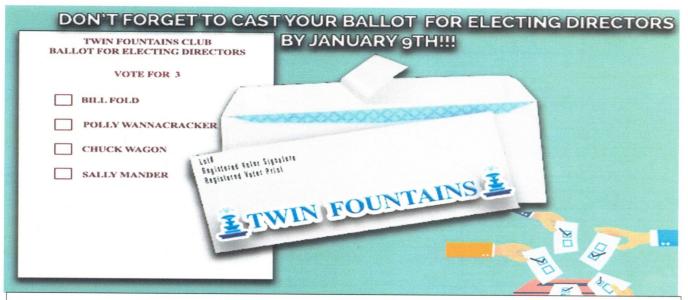
Do you have something you need to advertise?

See Mary at the Clubhouse Or Call Rob at 404 312-0995

 When asking that something be added to the newsletter, please include your name in case we have questions. Failure to add your name will result in your article NOT being published.



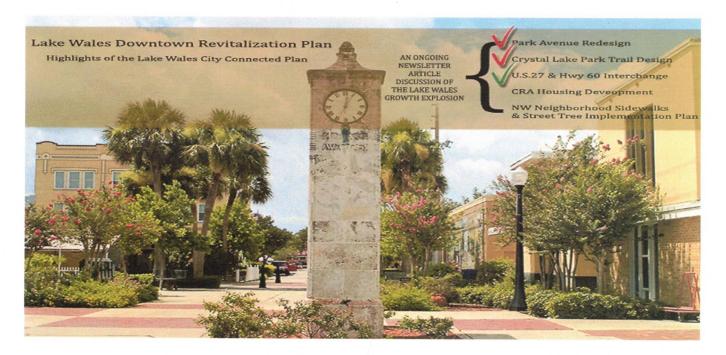
Melodie Thomas 101 Edgewood Blvd. Lot #1



When we began to deliver the packet for the Jan 9, 2024, we left out the Ballot envelope. We went back and handed those ballots out to the residents that had not received them. Please make sure you fold and put your ballot in the smaller ballot envelope and seal. The ballot envelope and the proxy, if required, then goes in the larger envelope and sealed. Your lot number, signature, and printed name go on the outside of the larger envelope in the preprinted area. This can be mailed in or dropped in the slot on the office door.

The proxy must be completed if you do not attend the meeting. Your vote will still count but the meeting requires 51% or more in attendance to conduct the meeting. Your completed proxy counts as your attendance.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mary Marsillett or Bev Tanke. We have two ballot only envelopes that were put in the office box. They were submitted without the large envelope. These votes will not be counted. If you have dropped just the ballot envelope in the box, please see either one of us.



In last month's issue of our newsletter, we discussed the Park Avenue Redesign Project and the Crystal Lake Park Trail Design. This month, we'll look at the US 27 and Hwy 60 Interchange that was started in September of 2020. Unfortunately, it will be with us for at least another year with the projected completion date of the second quarter, 2025. With all the mess at 60 and 27, the project improvements that Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) plans to implement are to improve US 27 and SR 60 are:

US 27 Improvements Include:

- Widen roadway from 4 lanes to 6 11-foot lanes
- Paved Shoulders with bicycle lane on the outside
- Curb and gutter along the inside and outside
- Install a closed drainage system
- Install 6-foot-wide sidewalks

SR 60 Improvements Include:

- Construct a new bridge over US 27
- Widen roadway from 4 to 6 11-foot lanes
- Install a 7-foot-wide bicycle lane
- Curb and gutter along the inside and outside
- Install a closed drainage system
- Install 6-foot-wide sidewalks

Crews are working most of the time but there are long delays where no one is working at all. Therefore, its no surprise that they won't be done for another year and a half (estimate). However, what they have planned will improve much in that area. Crews will be constructing an urban frontage road in the southwest quadrant for access to local businesses, a noise wall will be constructed along SR 60 and will stretch from S. Miami Street to Sharp Street, signals will be installed along US 27 and SR 60, Central Avenue from west of US 27 to Miami street will be resurfacing the road there. Finally, there will be daytime and evening lane closures and a few detours on US 27 and SR 60 while construction remains. For those that may use public transport, access to and from all bus stop boarding and landing areas will be maintained through the entire construction process.

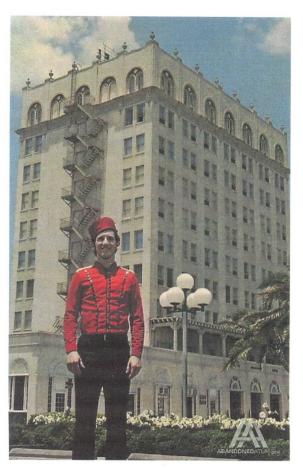
Therefore, what should we be expecting during all this construction? Well for one thing, while crews are out milling and paving, there will be some lane closures from time to time along SR 60 and we should also expect lane closures intermittently on US 27 (both the southbound and northbound lane while crews continue working on the pavement and signaling of the intersections. So, be careful out there along this stretch of road and watch for workers where you least expect them.

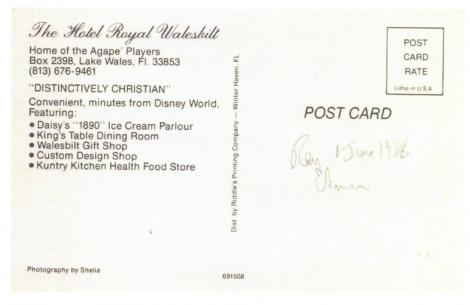
We touched on the progress of the continuing revitalization of the Dixie Walesbilt hotel and its elegant interior. It originally was meant to reflect the sensibilities and architectural styles that were popular during the Great Florida land boom during the 1920's before the Great Depression of 1929. The beautifully coffered ceiling was crafted in Italy, and the marble floors were brought from New England. A wrought-iron railing lined the mezzanine promenade surrounding the atrium lobby. Interest has been expressed by various groups interested in restoring the building for use as a hotel.



The last update for the future progress of this great site was back in April of this year. A lawsuit was filed by the city of Lake Wales and the Community Redevelopment Agency. They alleged that Dixie Walesbilt owner Ray Brown committed fraud in the inducement to obtain the title to the building. The bottom line? Brown had proposed to the city that he redevelop the hotel into 40 condominium units, with a health club and retail space on the ground floor. It is unclear at this point if the Lake Wales Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) regained the title to the property so that another qualified buyer can continue the restoration.

It was in different hands for a little while. In 1978, the hotel was signed over to the Agape Players, a nationally Christian music and drama group who pay the costs for the improvements and bring the building back up to the city fire and safety standards. The group operated for awhile, but the Agape Players disbanded in 1985 and put the property back up for sale.





Here is an actual picture-postcard featuring a bellhop posing in front of what was known as the Hotel Royal Walesbilt (originally known as the Dixie Walesbilt Hotel) The back of the postcard read, "Home of the Agape' Players" "Distinctively Christian" Convenient, minutes from Disni World, featuring: Daisy's "1890" Ice Cream Parlour, King's Table Dining Room, Walesbilt Gift Shop, Custom Design Shop, and the Kuntry Kitchen Health Food Store." c. 1978. Courtesy: Abandoned Atlas Archives

Information of Garbage, Recycling, brush & Bulk Pick-up

- 1. Please place garbage or recycle totes at least 3 feet apart so the truck "jaws" can get your tote. This is on the website. Also make sure your lid closes so items don't fall out.
- 2. Bulk pickup is the 2nd Thursday of each month. Furniture and appliances Only!
- 3. Brush pickup is Wednesday. All brush must be in bundles (tied) or bins or bags. No bigger than 2" around & 3 feet long. You can have 4 containers per week up to 30#. No Loose Brush.

A mailer was sent to everyone back in May with this information. If you're unsure, please check the website:

www.polk-county.net or call 863-534-6000

Also: Effective October 2024, there will be no more recycling. This is also on the website.

BREAD MAKING CLASS







I will hold another bread making class on:

Saturday, January 13, 2024

I will put a signup sheet in the clubhouse. I can do 5 loaves at a time.

I will post times for a 9:00 am start, so please sign up starting at 9:00 am.

If more than 5 people (or you want more than one loaf) want to participate, I can add a class at 10:00 am, but will start at 9:00 am.

It will be \$2.00 per loaf. Please bring your own loaf pan (9x13). I will provide everything else.

Hope to see you there!

Shawn



Simply Healthcare

will be visiting Twin Fountains Clubhouse on

Thursday, January 18th at 10:00 am

They will be distributing Food Bags for those in need. It will be first come, first serve. If you are in need of a bag and cannot make it up to the Clubhouse, please call Bev Tanke at: 269-252-7546 and she will make sure you receive one.

Thanks, Bev



Picture is just an illustration, actual bags will be different

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!

Golf Cart Parade

1st Place - Sharon Gardner

2nd Place - Ruth & Del Ryzengas

3rd Place - Jim & Bobby Scheuren



House Decorations

1st Place - John & Tommie Hamilton

2nd Place - Virgina & Harry Beck

3rd Place - Mark & Cathy Smithmeyer

4th Place - Ted & Phyllis Dittmer



<u>Thanks</u> to all who helped in any way on the Christmas events. Without all of you, none would take place or be a success.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Virginia & Harry. Deb. Barb. Melissa. June & 7om. Sharon G. and Mary M. and many who were not listed.





EVERYDNE WELCOMESS

Art Trends

All the words are hidden vertically, horizontally or diagonally—in both directions. The letters that remain unused form a sentence from left to right.

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TWIN FOUNTAINS ACTIVITES (See description of activities on back)

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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SHUFFLEBOARD: Men's, Women's & Couples. Please see calendar for days and times.

Bingo – always room for more players, lots of fun, great payouts. All \$\$ taken in is given out. The more that play, the bigger the

Nickle Nickle - Lots of fun, plenty of laughs. Again, always room for more or just come and see if you'd like to play. We play two games. 11 nickels & 1 quarter is required for each game. Come and join in on the fun!

Horseshoe Pits are ready to be used.

POKENO is on Friday afternoon at 1:00 pm. in the clubhouse. Bring your own pennies. This is a fun inside game using pennies. It is similar to bingo. A signup sheet is in the clubhouse.

COLIMINATE -Thursdays and every other Saturday. (See Calendar) Come and join in on the fun! Played down in front of the horseshoe pit near Tract C (Boat & RV storage) Eurchre - We have put a signup sheet in the clubhouse so that Arlene can get it by Sunday afternoon. This way she can have time to get the tables filled prior to Euchre night. We want everyone that wants to play to be able to play. We hope you will come and join us. Just sign up in the Clubhouse. The more people we have, the more don't make it. We have 4 places you can win. We start at 7:00 pm and you are out by 9:00 pm. We play the 1st money you will win and the more fun you'll have. Remember, it is only \$2.00 to play $+25\phi$ if you go alone and and 3rd Monday of the month. If you have any questions, please see Arlene.

Hand & Foot - Sunday Night - Card Game - Do not need a partner to play. Come and Join in!