



APRIL 2024

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Here we are in April already. March sure did fly by. It is the time of the year when the snowbirds start leaving. This year we will be having a Snowbird Picnic on April 10th from 11:00-1:00 at the clubhouse. You do not need to bring anything, just yourself. There will be hamburgers and hotdogs along with the fixings. There will also be shuffleboard and cornhole. Come and wish the Snowbirds a safe journey back. We will miss them!

I wanted to take the time to give a special thanks to Skip Lockhart for taking his time and power washing the pool furniture and the deck. “A fantastic Job!” Thank you, it looks great!

Has anyone noticed the new umbrellas in the pool area? I want to give a big “Shout Out” to Greg and Nerita Fisher for the donation of the new umbrellas. Greatly Appreciated!

Recently, we had a line break in the sewer plant. James and I were not here as we were up at Moffitt in Tampa. I want to thank George Griffin who offered his expertise and stepped in to give the guys guidance in getting this line repaired. I want to thank George and all the guys who pitched in to get this repaired. “A Job Well Done!” **We have been having** trouble with the dogs in the house on the hill next to Twin Fountains. They have been coming down into the park. If you see the dogs, please call the Polk County Animal Control. The number is: 863-577-1762.

The A&A Committee has been organized and the first letters went out on Monday, March 25th . The letters that went out were mostly for power washing and weeds. If you have already taken care of the issue, please disregard the letter.

In talking with the water and sewer guys, it seems we need another reminder of what should not be flushed down your toilets. This time of the year, we have a lot of visitors here in the park. All residents need to remind their guests that wipes, tampons, pads, and condoms should not be flushed down the toilet. These can cause severe damage to our sewer system. Please take the time to talk to your visitors regarding this issue.

Again, I want to thank the volunteers for the wonderful job you do here in the park!



- April 1, 2004 – Google introduces Gmail.
- April 2, 1792 – Congress passes the Coinage Act and the U.S. Mint is born.
- April 2, 1823 – William Magear “Boss” Tweed, a corrupt NYC politician, U.S. Senator, and NY State Senator.
- April 2, 1877 – The first Easter Egg Roll is held on the White House Lawn.
- April 3, 1860 – The Pony Express begins delivering the mail.
- April 4, 1975 – Microsoft is founded by Bill Gates and Paul Allen.
- April 5, 456 – Saint Patrick returns to Ireland as a missionary Bishop.
- April 6, 1930 – Twinkies hit the market. The first Twinkies were banana-filled.
- April 7, 1969 – The Internet’s symbolic birthday.
- April 8, 1974 – Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hits his 715th home run to surpass Babe Ruth’s 714 home run record. The Twin Fountains Newsletter Editor was at the game!
- April 9, 1865 – Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrenders to Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Courthouse, ending the Civil War.
- April 10, 1912 – The “unsinkable” Titanic departs on its maiden (and only) voyage from Southampton.
- April 11, 1900 – The U.S. Submarine Force was officially established.
- April 11, 1968 – President Lyndon B. Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act of 1968.
- April 11, 1976 – Apple’s Steve Wozniak creates the Apple 1 computer.
- April 11, 2003 – Fossilized dinosaur eggs with embryo is discovered in China.
- April 12, 1862 – The Civil War begins when Confederate troops opened fire on the Union garrison at Fort Sumter, SC. 40,000 shells were fired before the Union troops surrendered. No one was killed.
- April 13, 1861 – After 34 hours of bombardment, Fort Sumter surrenders to the Confederates during the Civil War.
- April 14, 1865 – President Abraham Lincoln is shot by John Wilkes Booth at Ford’s Theater in Washington, D.C. He died the next day.
- April 15, 1955 – The first franchised McDonald’s restaurant opens in Des Plaines, IL.
- April 16, 1962 – Walter Cronkite begins as anchor of CBS Evening News.
- April 17, 1964 – The Ford Mustang is formally introduced to the marketplace. The base price: \$2,368.
- April 18, 1783 – Fighting ended for the American Revolution, exactly 8 years to the day when it first started.
- April 19, 1932 – President Herbert Hoover suggests a five-day work week.
- April 20, 1999 – Two teenage boys go on a shooting rampage in Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado. One teacher and 12 students are killed.
- April 21, 1956 – Elvis Presley’s first hit record, “Heartbreak Hotel”, reaches #1 on the charts.
- April 22, 1969 – The first human eye transplant is performed.
- April 23, 1861 – Robert E. Lee is named the Commander of the Virginia Confederate forces
- April 24, 1888 – Eastman Kodak Company is founded by George Eastman.
- April 25, 1901 – New York becomes the first state to require automobile license plates. The fee: \$1.00.
- April 26, 1514 – Copernicus makes his first observations of Saturn.
- April 27, 1937 – Senior citizens take note, the first Social Security checks were distributed.
- April 28, 1789 – Mutiny on the HMS Bounty, the most famous naval mutiny in history.
- April 29, 1852 – The first edition of Peter Roget’s Thesaurus is published.
- April 30, 1789 – George Washington is inaugurated as the first president of the United States.



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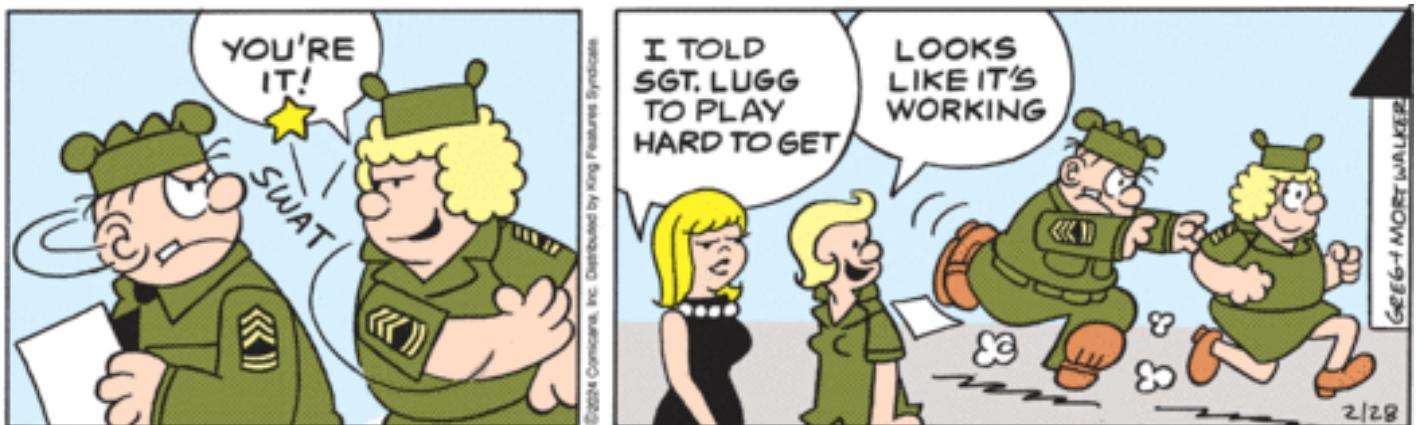
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The monthly board of directors' meetings are on the 4th Monday of each month. The agenda for the board meeting will be posted on the bulletin board outside the clubhouse. If you have an issue that you need brought up in front of the board, please fill out the form located in the clubhouse by the 15th of each month for the 4th Monday of the month. This form must be signed and returned by the 15th of each month to be on the agenda for the 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 MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS!

Hope to See You There!





TWIN FOUNTAINS CONTACT INFORMATION:

Website: www.twinfountainsclub.com

Email: twinfountainsclub@gmail.com

IF YOU WOULD LIKE to have something added to the newsletter, please place your request in the slot of the office door in the clubhouse, (Mary Marsillett's office) or our Newsletter editor, Rob Lippert [Phone: 404 312-0995] *by the 25th the of the preceding month.*

SIGN UP inside the clubhouse on the Bulletin Board if you would like your birthday to appear in the newsletter.

REMINDER - We will no longer collect used ink cartridges (See March Edition for details).

FOR IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE, please contact Mary Marsillett at 574 551-9655 or one of the board members

TO ALL RESIDENTS



WE HAVE A GREAT PARK! Please take the time to read the bylaws of the park. By moving into this park, you agree to abide by these bylaws. Following these rules makes this a great place we want to live!

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. There is a charge for the book if the property is sold and the sellers do not have the book.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS regarding your trash pickup, Call Polk County at (863) 284-4319. THE PICKUP DATE IS the *2nd Thursday of the month* for furniture and appliances ONLY. If other items do not fit in your trash containers, please call Polk County at the number above. These items **MUST** be at the curb no earlier than the day before the pickup date.

PLEASE NOTE - Before you plan any event in the club house, you must confirm it with Carl Hodge (Phone 860 202-2320).

EFFECTIVE October 1, 2024: There will be no more recycling in our area. You may call Polk County Waste to collect your toter.



April Birthdays

- April 6 - Dan Weaver
- April 8 - Daniel Czajkowski

Our newsletter editor is in deep trouble with his neighbor for accidentally excluding her birthday in March. Therefore, I have an addendum for this edition:

- **March 4 – Barbara Arpino**

Many apologies, Barbara. We all hope it was happy!

Morris and his wife Esther went to the state fair every year, and every year Morris would say, “Esther, I’d like to ride in that helicopter”. Esther always replied, “I know Morris, but that helicopter ride is 50 dollars — and 50 dollars is 50 dollars”.

One year Esther and Morris went to the fair, and Morris said, “Esther, I’m 85 years old. If I don’t ride that helicopter, I might never get another chance.” Esther replied, “Morris, that helicopter is 50 dollars — and 50 dollars is 50 dollars”.

The pilot overheard the couple and said, “Folks, I’ll make you a deal. I’ll take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say a word, I won’t charge you! But if you say one word, it’s 50 dollars. Morris and Esther agreed and up they went.

The pilot did all kinds of fancy maneuvers, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, but still not a word. When they landed, the pilot turned to Morris and said, “By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn’t. I’m impressed!” Morris replied, “Well, to tell you the truth, I almost said something when Esther fell out, but you know — 50 dollars is 50 dollars.”

The Eastern Mole

By: Greg Kett

If you are new to Florida or if you have been really fortunate over the last few years, you won't



know that those mounds are the tunnelling that is associated with the Eastern Mole. The scientific name is *Scalopus Aquaticus Linnacus* and contrary to common understanding, they are NOT rats or rodents. These smallish animals actually spend almost all of their time below ground and venture out of their tunnels only at night and only on rare occasions.

In spite of what many think, they do not feed on vegetation and as such are more of a nuisance than anything else. The article in the attached link provides more information on their habits and what can be done to try to control them. Suffice it to say that they can be trapped but those efforts will be prolonged and will likely yield minimal results.

The single most effective method is to reduce lawn watering which helps to make it more difficult for them to do their tunnelling and results in them moving elsewhere once they determine that digging elsewhere is easier for them. [The University of Florida IFAS Gardening Solutions website](#) is an excellent source of detailed information on this subject.

(check the Twin Fountains newsletter on our website for the link)

Oh, and those home remedies, like castor oil beans or similar do not work and some of them may cause more damage than the tunnelling itself. There are no recommended pesticides for control, again because moles are not vegetarian. And those Mole traps – actually needle-based devices - are somewhat effective but are quite dangerous to operate. If you choose to use them, be VERY careful.*

Twin Fountains welcomes Board Director Greg Kett as a regular contributor to the Twin Fountains Newsletter.



Gary and Kathy Burwell

Last year a beautiful home here in Twin Fountains was for sale and my wife and I loved it but couldn't justify switching houses. It was 6285 Treasure Valley loop. It was a pleasure to meet the couple that bought the house - Gary and Kathy Burwell! This delightful couple moved into our park in March of last year. Gary grew up in Peoria, Illinois and Kathy was born in Louisville, Kentucky, but her dad got a job at John Deere, so they moved to the Quad Cities, on the Illinois side. Gary is 70 years old, and Kathy is only 64 years young. Gary has managed the design and construction of major highways and has played a crucial part in many roads, bridges, and highways that you and I use frequently, one of which was Interstates 75-85 that goes through the middle of downtown Atlanta, GA.

Both Gary and Kathy were married before but were in difficult marriages, so needed to free themselves and found themselves unattached again. Kathy was managing a restaurant in Quad Cities and Gary started to frequent that place. She served him occasionally, and Gary finally invited her to ride with him on his motorcycle. She refused frequently, but finally gave in and the next thing you know, she started liking him and eventually *loving* him. Isn't that the way it usually goes? They'll be celebrating their 20th anniversary this December.

Gary has 2 sons and Kathy has 2 daughters. Between them, they have 7 grandchildren and Kathy has 5 great grandchildren, but Gary treats them as his own. They had fulfilling jobs for most of their lives. Gary and Kathy have one child still at home, Molly Ann. She is a dachshund that Gary refers to as his daughter. They love living here at Twin Fountains and consider it a nice quiet place with nice people. I couldn't agree more! They haven't yet gone to any of our game nights, but they will be soon. Afterall, they can't let you guys have all the fun, can they?

Gary considers his favorite restaurant Sonny's Barbeque, but Kathy, being a good Kentucky girl prefers buffets but especially loves fried chicken. My guess is that Sonny's probably offers the best of both worlds.

As far as music is concerned, Gary likes Classic Rock and likes his rock LOUD! So far, I haven't seen his house on that big double-lot s-h-a-k-i-n-g yet, but if it does, the folks around here would probably enjoy the beat and join in the fun! Kathy likes Country and is particularly fond of "Tennessee Whiskey" by Chris Stapleton.

You may be surprised to find that Gary's love for Loud Rock and Roll and Kathy's love for quiet love songs, is quite the opposite of the other, but you won't find them squabbling, they're just too busy loving each other and loving the life God's given them right here among us. We're glad we got to know them, and I know you will also.

I'm convinced that there isn't anything this family wouldn't do to help their neighbors. Their love for others and for Twin Fountains is infectious! Go by and introduce yourself to this amazing couple! [U](#)

APRIL Breakfast

April 20, 9:00 AM

Sausage Biscuit Gravy with

Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Patties,

Beverages, & Assorted Pastries

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PLEASE HELP!!!

I am looking for volunteers to help
with opening / closing the pool!

If interested, please call
Jackie Lippert at 404.291-8691

Do you have something you need to advertise?

Or a message for all of us?

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.

We are accustomed to seeing a variety of waterfowl in our area. One of which is something that I originally thought was an Egret, but I have since discovered that it is called a White Ibis. This bird is medium sized and is in the Heron family. All thirty various species of the white Ibis have curved bills and do much of their feeding from shallow water, probing in the mud at the bottom. When you see a group of them on the ground, they are called a colony, whereas if they're in flight, they're referred to as a wedge. I've seen them in the shallow water behind the Shops on the Ridge Shopping Center and in other shallow water areas down Chalet Suzanne. Yesterday, I found a large colony behind the Walmart in Winter Haven.



Like geese in flight, they will fly in diagonal lines, maintaining a V-formation. This formation decreases the wind resistance for the trailing birds. When the leader of the wedge tires, he will fall to the back of the formation and another Ibis will take its place in the front of the V-formation. When they're in flight, one can also see their black wing tips.

White Ibes (plural for Ibis) usually are in the Southeastern United States and are found in colonies, foraging the shallow wetlands and estuaries. They are constantly probing the muddy surface of the bottom of our lakes and marshes for food. One can easily identify them because of their bright red legs and bills. Newly hatched and young Ibes have a brownish body with a white underside



and the adult Ibis will have an all-white body. They will nest their colonies in trees and shrubs along the edge of the shallow watery areas and change the location of their nests every year.

The male White Ibis is the guard of the nest and the female to keep other Ibis from stealing sticks from the nest and advances from other males during the egg laying season and during their annual nest building time. When the baby White Ibis is born, its bill is straight and will start curving when they're about 2 weeks old. The female White Ibis is smaller than the males and weighs about half a pound lighter than the male. She also has a smaller bill and shorter wings.



Its diet consists of crayfish and other crustaceans but also takes in aquatic insects and small fish. Outside of mating and nesting seasons, its diet varies with a strong preference for insects such as diving beetles, mayflies, houseflies, and dragonflies.

The White Ibis has an amazing ability to withstand hurricanes. The University of Miami's football team is the Miami Hurricanes, and its mascot is the White Ibis. The Ibis was chosen by Nathan Dunkin of the University of Miami in 1926, after the university's student body called their school's yearbook "The Ibis". Their mascot at their football games is affectionately known as Sebastian the Ibis. University folklore maintains that other birds look to the White Ibis (Sebastian, specifically) for leadership. The largest colony of the White Ibis was recorded here in Florida where over 30,000 birds were counted in a single breeding gathering. They will pair up in the spring and breed in huge colonies.





The American White Ibis is monogamous, and both sexes will provide parental care for their young. However, the male has a dark side and will sometimes engage in an extra-pair copulation with other nesting females after mating with its primary female partner. Only about 15 percent of “extra-pair affairs” are successful in having a brood of young. Although it is considered to be a protected species, the White Ibis population is considered “least concern”

because of its high population, projected as about 150,000 mature adults and its population is considered “stable”.



Answer to “House” Find-A-Word Puzzle on Page 15:

“An attic ladder is a retractable ladder that is installed into the floor of an attic.”

Gary S. Darling, 74, of Lake Wales, passed away Tuesday, March 26, 2024, in Sebring, Florida. He was born August 16, 1949, in Buffalo, New York to the late Stuart and Hazel (Love) Darling, he moved to Lake Wales in 1992 coming from New York. He served his country in the United States Army and worked as a machine operator for International Paper in Auburndale. He loved motorcycles, working in his garden, being outdoors and bird watching.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Gail Darling of Lake Wales; daughter Tracey Maiorana (Joseph) of Buffalo, New York; sons Michael Darling (his late wife Brenda), and Jay Darling and fiancé Terri all of Buffalo, New York; step sons Shawn Blackmer (Deborah) of

Orange Park, Florida and Shannon Blackmer (Crystal) of Callahan, Florida; sisters Carol Malcomb (Wayne) and Colleen Herr, all of Buffalo, New York; Stuart Darling (Mary) of Buffalo, New York; 13 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Monday, April 1st, from 10:00 AM until service time at 11:00 AM at the Marion Nelson Funeral Home Chapel in Lake Wales. After the service, attendees are encouraged to attend the Celebration of Life in Gary's memory at the Twin Fountains Clubhouse located on 6400 Twin Fountains Drive in Lake Wales, Florida 33898.



Gary's Celebration of Life is following the funeral at the Twin Fountains Clubhouse located on 6400 Twin Fountains Drive, Lake Wales, Florida 33898

CHANGES TO YARD WASTE AND BULK COLLECTIONS

EFFECTIVE MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024

FOR TWIN FOUNTAINS RESIDENTS

CHANGES TO ROUTINE HOUSE TRASH

- Branches should not exceed 2 inches in diameter
- Branches should be no longer than 3 feet.
- All yard waste should be containerized (bundles, bins, or PAPER bags), each weighing less than 30 pounds. (Yard waste bags must be paper.)
- Polk County will empty plastic bags and leave them.



CHANGES TO BULK COLLECTION

- Will be limited to furniture and appliances
- Collection will be once a month on a pre-set scheduled day (www.polkwastewis.net)
- Household items that were not structurally attached to your home will be collected
- No construction debris, evictions, or move-outs



(863)284-4319 www.polkwastewis.net

Get ready for still another **BREAD MAKING CLASS!**
This class could be the last one until December so plan accordingly!

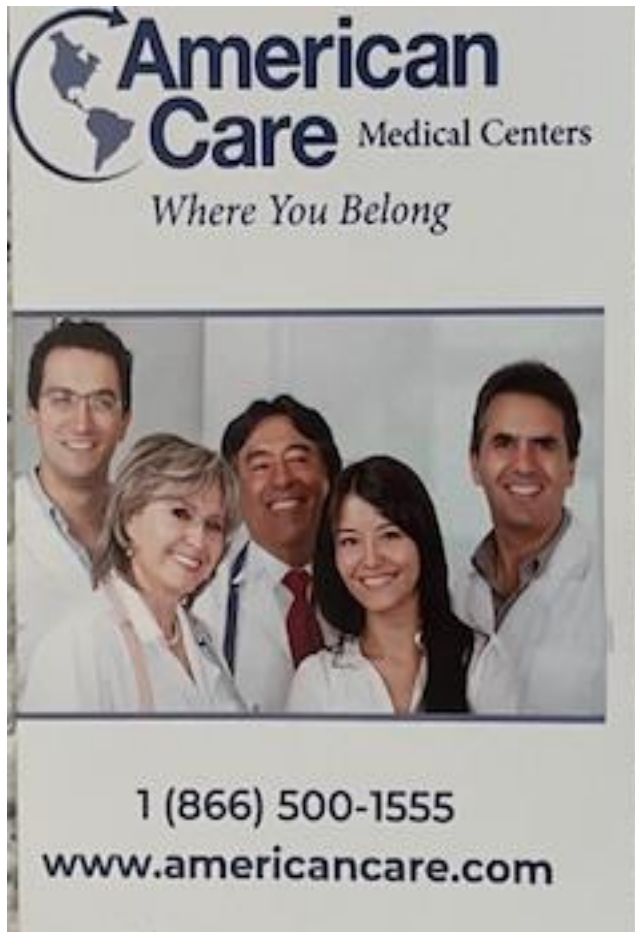
**Saturday,
 April 13**

I can do 5 loaves at a time and I will post times for a 9:00 start. so please sign up starting at 9:00 a.m Shawn

Still only \$2.00 per loaf

bring your own 9x13 loaf pan or dish if you want to make Cinnamon Rolls!





FRIDAY, APRIL 12 AT 12:00 (noon)

They will be handing out bags of vegetables & fruit at the Clubhouse.

They will have a tent set up with information about the Medical Center and medical insurance.

House

Find A Word Puzzle Answer on page 12

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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C A N H O L L O W W A L L A T
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E A L W I N D O W S I L L B C
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SITTING AREA
STOVE
STUDIO
TURRET
WALL ANCHOR
WELL
WINDOWSILL

ARCADE
BATHROOM
BEDROOM

BEDSTEAD
CEILING
CHIMNEY

COLONNADE
CORRIDOR
DOORSTEP



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