



INSIDE SUNSHINE NEWSLETTER

October 2023

SEPO Board

FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are finally at that time of year that we all look forward to. Coming back to our homes in Texas or welcoming back those who spent summer in the northland. Many of our residents have endured the extremes of high temperatures. For them, I'm sure it will be a welcome change to spend more time outside as temperatures lower. Members of the Board have been busy all summer. Be sure to thank them for their hard work.

Just a reminder that if you are thinking of selling your home, there is a requirement that you provide a Resale Certificate. An inspection report from the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) is attached to that. For your information, there is a file in the office for each of our properties. It will have previous reports of the ACC for your address. It will also have the information as to when improvements were made or added to your address for tax purposes. Interestingly, if those improvements were made or added prior to 2004, they are considered grandfathered. If you are curious, or just want to be sure your property has no violations, you may request an inspection by the ACC at any time.

Our next Residents' Meeting is Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 1 PM in Retzlaff Hall and available on Google Meet. We look forward to club reports and will continue to have an open forum segment with limited time constraints and always courteous behavior. Please remember to state your name when about to speak.

I am looking forward to all the fun activities our Women's Club has planned and seeing my friends and neighbors.

- Share Nelson, President

THE SWING OF THINGS

As more golfers return, I wanted to highlight some of the 20 course rules that can be found in our Policies and Procedures: <https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/policies>

- *Play is required to start at the number one tee at all times from October 1st through April 30th.*
- *Use of a tee is required at all times when teeing off.*
- *Keep riding carts on cart paths when teeing off and 20 feet from greens when possible and practical.*
- *During the months from October 1 through March 31 the SEPO golf course is restricted for:*
 - *Tuesday Men's League play from 8 AM to Noon.*
 - *Wednesday Women's League play from 9 AM to Noon.*

Saturday morning scrambles and a daily round with the "O'clockers" are great ways to enjoy casual golf and camaraderie.

The course is shaping up nicely. Manny and Joe have done an excellent job of maintaining the area, especially during long drought times and lack of irrigation water. Each time you play, think about leaving the course nicer than you found it. All of us, golfers and non-golfers, should want a nice course to see and play. Any help you bring will be appreciated. Any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Remember, a good golf partner is one who's always a little bit worse than you are.

- Randy Davis, SEPO Golf Course Director, 214-783-4604



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Sunshine Activity/Meeting Room Requests

The following is a reminder of an email that was sent on Aug 12 concerning the SEPO Activity/Meeting Room Request Process. This process was updated slightly as of August 7, 2023 to Revision 5 and is on the website here (<https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/activity-mtg-request>). Hopefully, this will answer some questions that have been asked in the past concerning when and how to request the use of Sunshine Common Areas. Thanks for your understanding of these revisions in order to make the scheduling of all of the Fun SEPO Events easier to coordinate.

- Valerie Basaldua, SEPO Office Mgr & Beth Parrish, SEPO Communications Mgr

Communications

SEPO Emails

Hi All – The 2023-2024 Winter Season is upon us already. I have been sending **SEPO enews emails** all summer and posting them on the Sunshine Web site (<https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/email-legend>) in case you missed one or need to go back and review a piece of information. I plan to resume the process of sending the emails overnight, unless you let me know you have an emergency email that needs to go out immediately.

I have noticed several of you are not getting the emails. The system is telling me your email does not exist. Please inform the office and sepoenews@gmail.com if you are using a different email address.

Sunshine Website

I've been working on the **Sunshine website** on and off all summer.

- One page I want to emphasize is the Table of Contents (<https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/tableofcontents-sitemap>). If you can't find what you are looking for from this page or you see anything in error on it, please let me know.
- I still have questions on both the Winter activities –
 - **SUMMARY** (<https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/summary-2023-2024>) and
 - **DETAILS** (<https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/d-w-m-details-2023-2024>) pages. Please provide me (sunshinecountryclubweb@gmail.com) with any updates/corrections you are aware of.
- I've implemented a new procedure for updating directories, and do that pretty much weekly now, (<https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/directories>).
- And please remember, if you see **anything** in error on the website or you want me to add something for you, please let me know. I maintain the website – but it is **YOUR website**.

As a reminder, Guidelines for the various forms of SEPO Communications, including the SEPO-Sanctioned Facebook Group, are here: <https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/communication-guidelines>. I know sometimes it's hard to know which email address to send various types of emails to. To make certain I understand what you want me to do with what you send me, if you add the word – Email, Newsletter or Web - to the Subject, I'll know what to do with them.

Thanks everyone. Please contact me with any questions you have. Let's keep that information flowing!!!

- Beth Parrish, SEPO Communications



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Women's Club: From the President

We are excited to start our new season with everyone back home.

LET THE FUN BEGIN!

Women's Club Officers (2022-2024)

Vicky LeRoy > Board President / 785-418-6208

Vice President > Judy Stone / 715-813-0770

Dee Novak > Treasurer / 956-230-2229

Karen Baase > Secretary / 515-608-7172

Jill Ventrilo > Activities Director / 720-660-8417

Our first general meeting is Oct 20 at 9am in Retzlaff Hall.

To start the season off before our first meeting Oct 7, 2023 -

“WELCOME BACK POOL PARTY” >> We are still needing volunteers for this party.

**As everyone knows all of this only works when everyone does their part so,
please consider volunteering when you can.**

There is still a lot of things we will be adding to our schedule as this year moves along.

I also encourage you to speak up and share your ideas because there are no bad ideas, just some we have not tried yet.

If you would like to volunteer to Chair/Co-Chair or be on one or more Committees, please sign up on the poster(s) in the Library or contact Jill Ventrilo

Jill Ventrilo

Women's Club Activities Director

720-660-8417

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE!

THANK YOU,

VICKY LEROY KRUEGER

TEXT OR CALL > 785-418-6208

Lasley Dahlstrom

Friends of Lassey Dahlstrom:

The sibs and I are coming to see Mom on her next birthday and would like to invite her friends to stop by her house on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 1:00 to 4:00 to meet all of us and wish Mom a happy Birthday. Light refreshments will be served—No gifts please.

- Laurel Becker



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Golf: Good Neighbor Day Golf Tournament (GNDGT)

Please mark your calendar for this event scheduled for Feb 29, through March 2, 2024. That is right we begin on Leap Day, February 29, 2024.

This event consists of playing three scramble-type rounds of golf as a team and an awards dinner on Saturday evening in this 38th Annual Event. We have had more than 160 people participating in the past.

Please consider bringing back goodies from your summer place for a basket to be donated for the awards dinner to show how we are really “Good Neighbors.” And if you are fulltime in Sunshine, fill your basket with RGV goodies. Details concerning these baskets were emailed to everyone last June and can be found on the website here: <https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/golf-events-2023-2024>.

Chairman of Good Neighbor Day Golf Tournament Committee
- *Tony Tramel*

The Killer Bees

The Killer Bees, Thursday morning quilting group, has started to meet for the Season. Our schedule of activities starts in October so come and check us out at 9:30 AM in Retzlaff Hall. FYI...we’re not your Grandma’s quilting group! :)

- *Contact Jan Baethke or Diane Tewell with any questions.*

Birding & Nature (B&N) Club

Hello all Sunshine Residents

The Birding and Nature Club; Is a club organized to address specific concerns about native plants and birds of the RGV and how they can be utilized within Sunshine’s property to enhance the appreciation of birds and enjoyment of nature. We are run by a board of directors who reviews and organizes implementation of projects around the facility. We take several field trips to wildlife centers in the valley to see the native wildlife and fauna in the RGV. The club participates in the annual bird count organized by the National Audubon Society since the RGV has the most bird species of anywhere else in the world. Please join us at the 1st meeting of the season on Nov 6 @ 7:00 PM in the Library.

- *Bill Peterson*

Rock Painting Club

The idea of spreading kindness through distributing painted rocks has spread worldwide. Over a year ago Karren Amos brought the idea to Sunshine Country Club Estates when she and her husband became new residents and the Rock Club was born.

All residents are invited to attend our meetings. There is a charge of \$5 per meeting which covers rocks and a ton of available supplies including several types of paints, brushes, ink pens, stencils, and more. New members receive a welcome box with rocks, paints, brushes and other goodies.



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We are not artists but you would never know when you see some of the rocks we have painted! We have several notebooks with sample pictures anyone is welcome to use and we even have carbon paper to trace ideas onto rocks.

We meet in the hall the first and fourth Monday of each month from 1-3 PM unless there is a holiday conflict. In that case, we reserve a different Monday to meet.

We have provided patriotic Veteran’s day rocks to the Harlingen Veterans Administration for several occasions as well as for our own Sunshine Veterans.

We have also shared our kindness rocks with:

1. Sunny Glen Children's Home in San Benito.
2. Harlingen Children's Home.
3. Valley View Assisted Living Facility.
4. Gave a rock painting class to residents of the Harlingen Children’s Home.

We are currently working on rocks to share with the Ronald McDonald’s houses locally.

You will also find our rocks in the butterfly garden identifying the butterfly friendly flowers planted there. Our rocks are also in the water feature where the bird feeder and water stream are located!

Throughout the community you will find beautiful painted rocks adorning homes and gardens.

Come be a part of our fun!

The Rock Club will meet the following dates scheduled for the rest of the year:

- October 2
- October 23
- November 6
- November 27
- December 4
- December 18 (moved from 4th Monday)

Neighborhood Watch & CERT



Sunshine Neighborhood Watch – CERT Team
(Est. 2008)

SCCE - Harlingen’s premier NW & CERT Team



Lights On -- Lock Up and Look Out for each other!

Lenore J. Combs, Coordinator 956 245 1276 LJCombs44@gmail.com

Ref: Neighborhood Watch Program at SCCE

Dear Friends,

The Neighborhood Watch program typically provides additional security for our community but it is up to you to make this program a success. The Bad Guys have little else to do but to see what monkey business they can get into.



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Our SCCE (Sunshine Country Club Estates) Neighborhood Watch has been going strong since Hurricane Dolly visited in 2008 (as is the CERT Team). We are a lucky community to boast this and to have such interested and supportive neighbors to keep it alive. Thanks. And lots of thanks to our local Harlingen Police Department, our Combes PD, our local Fire Department.

We look out for each other which builds a sense of community and it helps deter crime proactively. We also hope to make residents feel safer. We all take on this extra responsibility for the safety of the community by being vigilant.

Anyway, back to NW – simply a group of residents who live in SCCE and look out for each other's safety and security. We work with Harlingen PD and local Law Enforcement groups to help prevent crime. They also have a great Hgn Citizens Police Academy course several times a year.

We also have CERT training with the Hgn Fire Department, as they also have an interest in us and they teach the Community Emergency Response Training class. John Combs teaches a basic First Aid Class & Stop The Bleed class. The NW meeting is the 3rd Monday of the month with an emphasis on specific concerns in the community. Most of the time, Hgn PD comes to visit and sometimes Combes PD. Since October is Fire Prevention Month, our Hgn FD will be out for a visit and a lesson.

Other stuff: The City of Combes will sponsor a National Night Out & Fall Fest venue by their Police Department & Community Park on 21626 Hand Road. Mark your calendars – Thursday 14 October 5:30pm 'til 9pm. If anyone wishes to volunteer, contact me. You are all cordially invited to the festivities. Chief Quill has several times depended on us to help out. Essentially, - they are Neighborhood watch type duties - - patrolling in our Golf Carts, assisting with "parking" etc. The time commitment varies and details are to follow.

Friday the 5th of January 2024, we will hold our Finger Lickin' Chicken (FLC) fundraiser for Neighborhood Watch. Everyone is invited. Tickets will be available soon (\$10.00) for FLC, side and dessert w/beverage. Plans & specifics in planning stages.

- Respectfully, Lenore Combs

FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks to everyone who provided great information for this first Newsletter of the 2023-2024 Winter Season. Keep this sort of information coming each month. And for those of you involved in / leading other fun things to do at Sunshine, I hope to hear from you next month.

Thanks everyone.

Beth Parrish

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