

INSIDE SUNSHINE NEWSLETTER

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Happy St. Pat's Day



SEPO BOARD

March usually marks the beginning of the exodus to the north. I guess some of us miss the cold weather. We wish everyone a safe trip north and a great summer. Hope to see you all in the fall.

I would like to remind everyone of the following SEPO rules:

- Signs: one per lot on the street and golf course, no larger than 144 square inches. This applies to all signs.
- Setback: 10 ft from the street and 5 ft on the rear and sides. No structure, fence etc should be within the setback. I believe this is also city code.
- Landscaping/Dumping: This area in the Storage Lot is strictly for natural landscaping debris – no wood products.
- The board will be looking at the following projects this summer:
 - Indiana Circle: patch or a major permanent repair
 - Pavilion: sound proofing will be investigated again
 - Pool: raise the deep section to 4 ½ or 5 ft, less water = less chemicals, less gas = lower expenses
 - North end of Missouri entrance to Encore property: cement slope, consider drainage and access to Resaca for NHW patrol access
 - Storage yard: Pave or concrete from gate to golf net

We could sure use some feedback on these projects. Thanks

John Chajec
SEPO President

SEPO Communications

One of the best forms of communication within the Sunshine community is via the SEPO e-mails. If you have anything you want communicated over the summer months you can continue to send the info to me at sepoenews@gmail.com.

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For anyone who isn't familiar with the Guidelines concerning the Sunshine E-Mails, Newsletter and Web site, you can find them listed under the "Rules/Officers tab" on the Web site under "Communications": <https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/sepo-laws>

Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have questions concerning SEPO Communications.

Beth Parrish
SEPO Communications
(314-960-6710)

Women's Club

The new Women's Club Executives have been elected:

- Janis McFee - President
- Marian Young - Vice President
- Glenda Wetherbee - Secretary
- Diane Tewell - Treasurer

Please contact Marian Young if you know a resident in need of a get well or sympathy card.

To contact Janis McFee please call 651-271-8214 summer or winter, or Email:
jkteacho@gmail.com

Thank you!

Janis McFee
Women's Club President

Women's Club: Activities Director

2019-2020 Season –

The Women's Club is finishing up the season with two events for March. The first event is March 7th and is a live performance put on by Lassey Dahlstrom and the final event for the season will be the Shrimp Boil on March 13th. Please check the library for times, signup and other details.

A big THANK YOU to the Super Bowl Party Committee, the Valentine's Day Dance Committee and the Remember When Committee. All events were well attended and a lot of fun for everyone involved.

Vickie Jones - Activity Director (outgoing)
262-689-7068

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2020-2021 Activities Planning –

I know you enjoy attending the Women's Club (WC) activities each season - RIGHT !!!

Well - Those activities don't just 'come out of the blue' and magically happen.

Each year we hold a 'planning' session, led by the current WC Activities Director. At this meeting, attendees are given the opportunity to present idea(s) for activities for the upcoming season. Then we discuss pros & cons of these ideas and decide what goes into the calendar. This list of WC proposed events must be presented to the SEPO Board for their approval by the next Board of Directors meeting on Mar 9, 2020.

In order to meet this deadline, **the planning session is scheduled for March 3rd at 10 AM in the Card Room.** This is an open invitation for you to get your ideas out there on the table. And for those of you who are new, it's a great way to meet new residents and learn how this all works behind the scenes.

Also - At this meeting it is customary to try and determine who would be willing to chair or work on the committees of these activities or have attendees put forth name(s) of people they think/know would be willing to chair or work on them. Never fear - There are WC Committee Guidelines to assist all Chairperson(s) and Committee members with what needs to be done to plan and carry out an event. These guidelines are available in the WC file drawer outside the SEPO Office and also on the Web site: www.sunshinecountryclub.com/wc-rules.

So please come and be heard. Thanks in advance for your assistance.

Sue Swidryk

Women's Club Activities Director (incoming)

847-452-7804

Women's Club: Sunshine Resident Photo Directory (in Process)

Thanks to all residents (and furry friends) who had your picture taken for the Resident Photo Directory. These pictures, along with shots of various activities around Sunshine have been organized and sent to the printing company. We are expecting to receive the photo directories in their complete form by the end of March for distribution to all who purchased them. Some of you have asked if we can mail the directories to you if you have already departed the valley when we receive them. That is still being discussed and the solution will be conveyed to all via SEPO e-mail.

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The committee is offering various other items for purchase (**until End of Day, Friday, March 6**):

- A 5x7 for \$4
- An 8x10 for \$5
- The picture file (*.jpg file) to do with whatever you like for \$5

All proceeds from these sales will go to the Women's Club. If you are interested in any of these purchase options, please:

- contact Debbie Robins at 956.230.3115 **OR**
- bring money to 4129 N Minnesota

We are also working on just how to make the pictures available on the Sunshine Web site (Resident's section). Please watch for further communications about this as well.

Sincerely, your friends: Terry DeBackere, Sue Swidryk, Debbie Robins & Beth Parrish

Women's Club: You, Me & Alexa (Mar 7, 2020)

(Updated Feb 29, 2020)

Thirty five of us (yep, 35) are preparing a fun musical called "You, Me and Alexa" that we'll be presenting on Saturday, March 7th in Retzlaff Hall. Tickets went on sale Monday morning February 24th. Signup sheets and a poster describing this event are located on the bulletin board in the library. We are selling virtual tickets and they are \$10.00 per person and available until March 4th.

Join us in the pavilion, by the pool, at 6:30 pm, for Hot Fudge Sundaes before the show, which starts at 7:00 pm.

Then the "Sunshine Video" that we've been struggling to put together will also have its first showing. It is by no means finished. It's been a "character building" experience! We're trying really hard.

Hope you'll be able to come and see the results of both parts of the night.

Following the performance & video: Champagne Punch and Hors d'oeuvres will be served in the Hall.

Any questions, please call Carolyn Anderson 309-253-5543.

Women's Club: Shrimp Boil (Mar 13, 2020)

There will be a Women's Club Mardi Gras Shrimp Boil Dinner in Retzlaff Hall on Friday, March 13.

Happy hour/social time will begin in the pavilion at 4:30. Doors will open at 5:00 and dinner will

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begin as soon as everyone is seated.

The menu consists of snacks, coleslaw, shrimp boil mixture (shrimp, potatoes, corn, & sausage with seasonings), bread/butter and dessert. Coffee, tea, and water will be available; otherwise, BYOB.

The committee will be selling \$10 tickets in the Library on Monday, March 2 and Tuesday, March 3 from 9-11 am. Seating will be by tables, with ten at each table (you may sign up as a group or just choose a table). Only 160 tickets will be sold so be sure to mark this date/time on your calendars!

If you have questions please call Cathy Chajec 708-280-8910 or Linda Jones 573-631-7849.

Golf: Women's League

Annual Golf Tournament:

The Women's Golf League annual tournament will be held March 4-6. Members are to meet at 8:30 for hole assignment. Tee time is 9:00. The ladies will be using the course each day from 9 am to approximately noon. Thank you in advance for respecting these hours and planning other golf around these times.

On March 11 we will have a golf scramble followed by the Golf League Banquet where winners will be announced.

Bonnie Fransene, President & Cathy Richmond, Tournament Chair

The Women's Golf League Board:

The new board for the 2020-2021 season is as follows:

- President: Terry DeBackere
- Vice President: Judy Parker
- Secretary: Pam Lacy
- Treasurer: Connie Robertson

Bonnie Fransene, President

Golf: Men's League

The Men's Golf League will hold its yearly free tournament on March 2nd and 3rd. We play four rounds of golf with rounds starting at 8:30 am, 10:15 am, 12:30 pm and 2:15 pm. All members have signed up for round placements.

Tournament prizes will be handed out Friday, March 5th at 4:30 pm in the Pavilion. We will

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have - all free: beer, margaritas, hamburgers and brats.

Thanks,
Steve Phillips

Golf: Guys & Dolls Tournament

The Guys & Dolls tournament will be held on Friday and Saturday March 20 and 21. It is open to SEPO owners and renters only. The cost for golfers will be \$20 per person and limited to 108 golfers. A meal by Dave's BBQ (price included in the entry fee) will follow on Saturday and 'meals only' will cost \$12 each. Signup will be from 9am til noon on March 10, 11, and 12 in the library. Please bring cash, not checks. You may want to start looking for a partner if your better half doesn't want to golf.

Thx. Dave Pickett

Golf: Thursday Scramble

The Thursday Golf Scramble is starting up again - which costs one dollar and includes a beverage after. It begins at 3 pm every Thursday (weather permitting) and signup sheets are on the bulletin board near the Office, beside Saturday's sheets.

Dave Pickett

Crafty Creations Info for the Mar 2020 (LAST) session (Updated Mar 1, 2020)

Here's your last chance to get in on the Welcome Sign w/Danglers!

Final class is on March 25th!!! 12:30 to 3:30 in Retzlaff Hall

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Come make one of these beautifully-crafted personalized signs!



(These Signs are 15x20in)



(This Sign is 12x12in)

Crafty Creations by heidi

Wednesday, Mar. 25th,
12:30-3:30pm



This is your final chance to get in on this project!!



You pick any of the dangles you'd like to create.
(Two or three is best to finish within one class period)
Check out The Pickle Jar on Facebook to see all the dangle options.

March Dangler Options:



(Dangles are 5x5in)



Please register in the Library at the Sunshine CC Estates
All classes are held at Retzlaff Hall

Any questions, please call or text Heidi Dill at 307-272-2440

Create any of the Dangles you wish!

New designs and/or any we have already done during the 2019-2020 Winter Season.

Dangler Options

Please choose the dangles you wish to make at the March 25th Crafty Creations Class.

(How many of each)		(How many of each)	
Scarecrow	_____	Candy Hearts	_____
Pumpkins	_____	Sending Love	_____
Candy Corn	_____	Irish Blessings	_____
Witch Hat w/Spider	_____	Get Your Irish On	_____
Turkey	_____	Camping Under the Palms	_____
Incognito Turkey	_____	Happy Easter Bunny	_____
Uncle Sam	_____	Somebunny Loves You t	_____
Veterans Appreciation	_____	Hibiscus	_____
State/Province	_____	Gnome	_____
Name of State _____		Crows	_____
Rudolph	_____	Blue Birds	_____
Grinch Ornament	_____	Blooming Cactus	_____
The King is Born	_____	Cowboy Cactus	_____
Nativity	_____	Golfing Green	_____
Snowflake w/Mittens	_____	Birthday Cupcake	_____
Sunshine Smiles	_____	Country Jar w/Name	_____
Golf Cart	_____	Snowman w/Cardinal	_____
Happy Feet Flip Flops	_____		

Dangles total..... (_____ + _____) x \$ 10 _____

I have also added a mini-sign option that can hold your dangle. Cost of is \$20.

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Signup will be Feb 19th - 28th
At the Sunshine Country Club Estates Library.
Anyone is welcome to attend but everyone must pre-register.

Crafty Creations by heidi

March 2020 Class — Interchangeable Sign w/ Danglers

Class Date: Wednesday, March 25th
12:30pm - 3:30pm
at Sunshine Country Club / Retzlaff Hall

Name: _____
Phone: (____)____-____ Text? Yes/ No Facebook? Yes/ No
Email: _____
(Circle your choices)
Sign Shape: Quatrefoil OR *Large Letter Mini Sign for Danglers
Words: Welcome OR **Last Name
** _____ *
(If last name, please print) (letter)

Large Quatrefoil Sign	x \$ 50 \$
Large Letter Sign	x \$ 50
*(Sign prices include wording)	
Mini Sign for Danglers	x \$ 20
Danglers total.....	x \$ 10
Total Amount (due with sign up)	\$

Bring total payment and forms to SEPO Library before Feb 28th
(Make check payable to: Heidi Dill)

Any Questions, please call or text Heidi 307-272-2440

Heidi Dill --

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SUNDAY NIGHT BAND APPRECIATION

On Sunday, March 1, we will have a finger food potluck appreciation night for the musicians who have played classic country music every Sunday evening, except for Super Bowl Sunday, during this winter season. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. and we will eat at 5 p.m. They have played country music and entertained us for our listening and dancing pleasure, and they have done it all for free! Other places in the Valley they would be paid. Donations will be taken at the door; let's show them how much we appreciate all their efforts. Bring finger food for the buffet; coffee, iced tea, water, paper plates and plastic silverware will be provided. The Band will play for us from 6 to 8 p.m. So, put it on your calendar, March 1, 4:30 p.m., bring finger food. And then come and enjoy the fellowship and the music.

A little information for those of you who are newer residents at Sunshine Estates. For at least the last 25 years, with the exception of last year, there has been a band, made up of residents and their friends, playing dance music at Retzlaff Hall on Sunday evenings during the winter season from 6 to 8 p.m. This year one of our newer residents, Roy Ridlon, put together a classic country band. The Women's Club has provided and sold ice cream for \$1 a bowl at 7 p.m. while the band takes a short break. Each year the band has played for free. Near the end of each winter season there has been a potluck supper, with donations for the musicians, in our appreciation for the music they have provided us.

--Jean Eich

SUNSHINE HEROES UPDATE: WALL OF HONOR

This is a final call for this season for our residents who served in the armed forces of all nations and the men and women in our community who served as Police Officers, Fire Fighters and EMT/First Responders. The service wall plans are moving along. The wall display is to recognize residents living and deceased where the surviving spouse or other relation resides within the estates.

I will be available in the library on **March 12, 2020 between 10:00 and 12:00** to take pictures and accept applications. If you have a picture, I will be accepting them at these times.

If residents want their picture or their spouse's picture included on the wall, they will need to fill out an application form. These forms are available in the office. Check with Valerie to get one or see me. My information is below. She also has pledge forms available if you need one.

The picture you provide for use will be copied and returned, please write on the application form so that I can return your picture.

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All name plates and pictures that are placed on the wall and in the book should remain there indefinitely.

I want to inform our residents on the status of this project. The wall is installed and the name plates are ordered. Engraving is being done on 28 of the plates, as that is the amount of applicants we had when the order was placed. Additional plates will be engraved as we receive applications.

The pledges that I asked for at the Annual Meeting are coming in with many neighbors preferring to make cash donations rather than a pledge. I am keeping an accounting of all donations and expenditures and will make it available for anyone to see upon request.

It is hoped that the first name plates will be on the wall very soon. Thank you for your pledges and donations towards this project and for those still to come in.

Jim Tennant
4161 N Missouri
616-866-9960
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Woodworker's Club Report

The days are flying; by and, if you drive by the Woodshop, you'll hear the woodworking power tools buzzing away. The woodworkers, some of whom will be leaving next month, are spending time on the projects they want to take home. The Woodshop now has two SAWSTOPs up and functioning; and both saws are paid for!! Our thanks to the SEPO residents/Woodshop Members who supported the fundraising effort to pay for the second saw after the Woodworker's treasury paid for the first saw.

Our thanks to Pat Harvey for leading the SAWSTOP effort and his committee members who put in hundreds of hours transitioning from the older table saws to the SAWSTOPs.

Jack Berning, Richard McCorkle, Kelly Kennedy, Steve Valmossoi, Vic Hillman, and Vern Luellen are thanked for helping with the installation of the new saws. Members are finding the new saws easy to use and, of course, safer. Feel free to visit the Woodshop because we'd like to show off the new equipment.

Suzie Sawyer, President

SEPO Web site

Thanks to all of you who have shown me your appreciation for the upkeep I do on the Web site. I hope everyone continues to utilize it even throughout the summer. I am considering putting

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together a Sunshine Web site 'training' session to make available next winter season to residents who still don't feel comfortable using the site.

If you ever find anything on the Web site that isn't working or I need to investigate for accuracy etc, please let me know. Also – If you have any pictures or videos of events that have been held at Sunshine - this season or in the past - I would sure appreciate you sending them to me at sunshinecountryclubweb@gmail.com so I can get them posted on the Web site.

Remember one of the primary purposes of the Web site is to get outsiders interested in Sunshine and moving in to join our super fun community!!!

Beth Parrish

SEPO Web site Admin (www.sunshinecountryclub.com)

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Neighborhood Watch – CERT Team

Sunshine CC Estates Neighborhood Watch (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

Dear NW-CERT Volunteers, Residents and Friends:

Our next NW-CERT meeting is Monday 16 March 2020 3pm Retzlaff Hall
Coffee's always on. Sunshine community is always invited. Please mark your calendars. This March issue addresses two topics – informational and the NW Vendor Program concern.

Thanks to the Sunshine Women's Club and you all for approving a payment for the McGruffmobile for new batteries and a new headlight which was recently installed.

The NW – CERT March meeting typically entertains a discussion from you about how to prepare your home for your trip back North. Great suggestions are always welcome – let's have some sharing of ideas.

Is your SEPO Emergency Contact form up to date? Does your home have adequate solar lighting and noisy alarms to scare away Bad Guys or are you keeping it dark and cozy for them? We will also have a fun and informative "area-fam" golf cart tour around SCCE pointing out items of interest such as the Lift Station on Montana & Missouri and - why the alarm sounds when it is not working and WHO you should call, - what a transformer looks like (working or

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fried), - Utility poles and Meters that should be clear of foliage and other stuff etc, etc.. Please don't miss out!

April is our Disaster Preparedness meeting – covering your concerns and your input. How to Be Prepared vs become a Shelter of Last Resort from previous lessons learned.

Evening Patrols change hours for the summer. Please contact Linda Jones for your opportunity.

Our NW generator will need a summer volunteer to start it once a month – any takers? (Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sept and Oct). The McGruffmobile would like a buddy to check his batteries and etc. too. Any takers?

The CERT Teams attend the *All Hazards* Conference every March in McAllen. (over 3000 attendees - among many other organizations, Public Health, LE, FD, EMS, Hospitals, Educational Institutions and NOAA) --- Networking, Training, Lectures, Break-out sessions etc. We will bring back the latest and greatest plus reveal the next named Hurricanes for 2020.

The Harlingen Fire Department will be starting a CERT class..... Free!
Saturday April 21 & 28 8am til 5p Saturday 4 April 8a – 2p (mock drill and graduation)
I have applications. Prepare for everyday emergencies. Protect you and your family and your neighborhood in an emergency situation. Classes on What is CERT, Fire Safety, Disaster Psychology, Light Search & Rescue, Disaster Medical Ops, Disaster intelligence to support First Responders and more.....

A Citizens Police Academy Class is also in the works. Applications available. Free!
Penal Code SWAT Active Shooter K-9 Gangs Traffic safety Child Safety Seats Fingerprints
Firearm Safety Use of Force Taser Court Documents A typical PD day Ride-Alongs etc.

The American Red Cross - is looking for volunteers from communities (like ours) to go with the Fire Department and CERT. -- Project: Home Fire Preparedness (Harlingen area)
Statistics: Deaths from fatal fire in USA = 7 a day. Goal: to reduce fire deaths & injuries by 25% in next 5 years. FIRE is fast hot dark and deadly. BTW - How's your Smoke Alarm? Do you need a bed rattler? What about your CO2 alarm? ? Canaries 400 fatalities a year!
Plan: Daylight Savings Time is Sunday 8 March – Are you ready? Check yours out.

NW concern:

Vendor Patrol Program etc. Please give the following security matters your attention. Recently we were confronted with a dilemma. The SEPO Board wants to disband (and essentially has) the NW Vendor Program. The new Board may wish to reconsider so your input is important. It was instituted in Dec 2011 after a rash of home invasions and criminal mischief. The VENDOR protocol was described in the November- December 2019 Sunshine newsletter.

This was brought to your attention a month or two ago and again at the February Informational Meeting, the NW meeting and at Women's Club. Game plan: Essentially the Vendor registers

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with us and you, the resident via a simple process – helps to point out good vehicles from the treasure hunters. They are issued a VENDOR hanging tag or a NW Orange card for identification purposes. Included in this program is also the vehicle “Vendor” Tag and the long term “Guest” tag for our regulars who do lawns and other work here etc..

Your opinion is important. Please take time to register your input on the following issues to the Board. For your convenience, there is a Sunshine form for *Suggestions, Complaints and Ideas* which is in the Office to the right of Valerie’s window. When completed return it to the Suggestion Box (looks like a mail box with a slit - painted a cream color).

The NW program is not fool-proof but it does take a bite out of crime by intimidating Bad Guys. Safety and security is not convenient – it takes an investment from you. Complacency is what the Bad Guys bank on. NW is also a great marketing tool for home resales. According to the Bureau of Criminal Justice, over 40% of homes these days have an active NW which has proven to have a positive impact.

1. Front Gate Code – decision to change it or not, when and how often etc.

NW discussion = up in the air since November – no action taken to change it yet.

Typically, it has been changed yearly or so to keep the Bad Guys on their toes.

2. Keypad entry lock to Card Room, Exercise Room Building, Office Building and Retzlaff Hall

– NW concern that these codes are all the same and are out there to one and all. Express your opinion – good idea or change it to another code or not.

3. Vendor Patrols (checking for **orange card on vehicle dashboard** if vehicle is not clearly advertised (such as Lowe’s, Home Depot, Air Conditioner Guy, Electrician, Rudy’s Roofing etc.) Established December 2011 after rash of home invasions and criminal mischief.

A protocol came out in the November- December 2019 Sunshine newsletter – now it is currently disbanded by a Board decision. Do you want to reinstate the Vendor Program or not?

FROM THE EDITOR

This is the final Newsletter for the 2019-2020 season. Thanks to all who submitted articles informing everyone of what’s going on here at Sunshine during March and over the entire winter season. March sounds like another busy month. Newsletter Guidelines can always be found on the Web site here: <https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/sepo-newsletter-guidelines>

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