

INSIDE SUNSHINE NEWSLETTER

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SEPO Board

WOW – How time flies. March is almost upon us and some residents will be starting their journeys back up north. We want to wish everyone safe travels and we look forward to seeing you right back here next season.

The elections are over and the 2022 SEPO Board of Directors is at work for the community. About three years ago, Robin and I decided to move to Sunshine Country Club Estates for three reasons - The safe living environment, the quality of living and the enjoyment of living. One of my goals as President is to work with the SEPO board to focus on and, if needed, improve these three areas in our managing this community.

Another goal I want to accomplish is to bring the owners back into the process, not only with your suggestions, questions, and concerns, but with volunteering knowledge and abilities to aid each board member in the managing of our areas of responsibility. If we do this, we will continue to make Sunshine Country Club Estates one of the best places to live in the RGV.

David Fleiner, SEPO President

Communications

I am currently in the process of getting the Web site updated with the new officers in various SEPO Clubs, including the Board, and also the Bylaws updates for both SEPO and the Women's Club. If your Club hasn't provided your new Board/other names to me as of yet, please do that soon. I'm also working on updating the Resident Directories on the Web site. Wow did I get a lot of them when I did a shoutout last week for everyone to get their info up-to-date. I'll let you know when these various items are completed.

As a reminder, Guidelines for the various forms of SEPO Communications are here:

<https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/communication-guidelines>. I know sometimes it's hard to know which e-mail address to send various types of e-mails to. They all dump into a 'bucket' e-mail address I have set up, so I get them all in one spot. I can usually determine by the content of the e-mail what you are wanting me to do with them. But to make absolutely certain I understand, if you add the word – Email, Newsletter or Web - to the Subject, I'll know exactly what to do with them.

As some of you know, the 'Do Not Reply' guideline is one in particular that I would like everyone to take note of. When you reply to sepoenews@gmail.com I'm the ONLY person who sees your reply. So please reply to the 'composer' of the e-mail. I don't send out an e-mail unless the composer name is in the signature.

Thanks everyone for understanding my requests. Keep that information flowing!!!

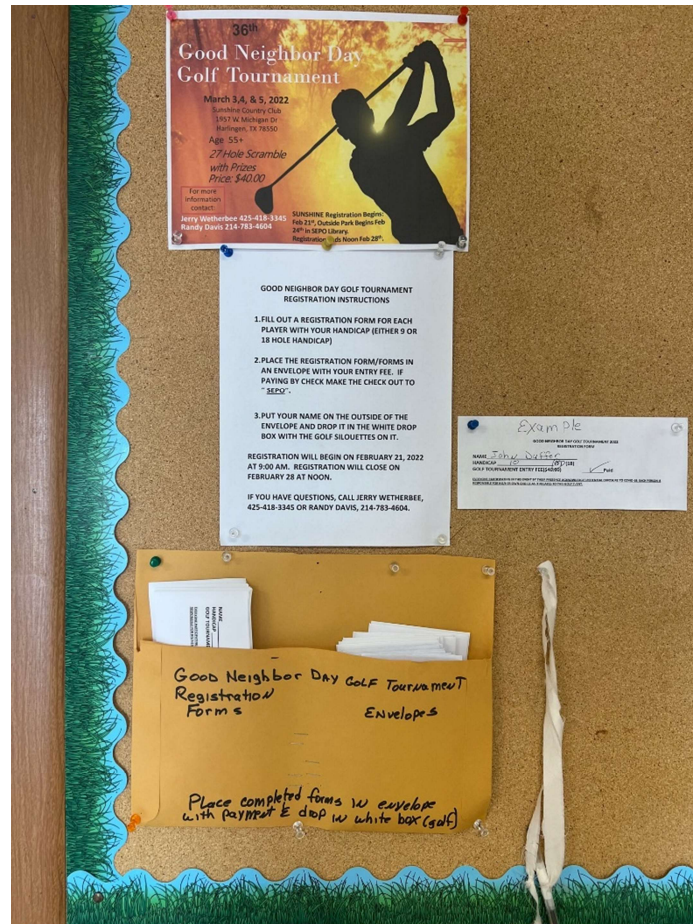
Beth Parrish
SEPO Communications

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Good Neighbor Day Golf Tournament (GNDGT)

The 2022 GNDGT tournament is scheduled for March 3, 4, 5. **Registration is currently open to SEPO residents and their guests thru Monday, Feb 28 at 5PM!** This is a self-registration process. Registration forms and envelopes are on the bulletin board next to the door to the pool. The entry fee is \$40.00. The white dropbox with the golfer silhouettes will be used as a depository for your registration envelopes.



Due to an excellent response, registration is nearing its goal. We encourage those interested to sign up as soon as possible, since we are filling up quickly. Please note that if your registration is received after the number of teams is established, you may be placed on our reserve/standby list.

We will be providing "Closest to the Pins" awards each day for the morning and afternoon groups. "Tournament Award" prizes will be provided on Saturday after each group finishes their round. We will be playing a "Florida" type scramble this year. These rules will be clearly explained before starting.

Beer, sodas and water will be provided as we have done in the past.

Women's Golf will be serving lunch on two of the three days from 11am to 1pm for a nominal cost. Menu and exact pricing will be provided via SEPO E-News E-mail very soon.

We are in need of resident's golf carts for persons who need to use a golf cart in the GNDGT. If you can make your golf cart available to GNDGT players, please send an email response to: trtramel@icloud.com.

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Currently the long range weather forecast looks pretty good!

Tony Tramel
2022 GNGT Chairman

Technology Assistance: Help is Here!

When Beth Parrish put out a call for someone who could assist other residents with Technology (computers, printers, pads, phones, etc) issues, I volunteered. If I don't know the answer, I know several people who are way smarter than me in the IT field that I can call upon!!

As for contact information, you can email me at K5sas@yahoo.com. Or you can call me at (956) 292-8119. Just know, I normally don't answer phone numbers that are not in my contact list. I allow it to go to voicemail and then once the voicemail is reviewed, I will respond accordingly.

Spencer Smith

Women's Club: From the President

February activities were completed, and it's on to the March events. The Hog Roast had to be canceled, but we will have a fundraiser in its place. If you haven't attended any of the Women's Club events this season, you still have time. We are planning two more events for March.

At our last meeting, Marge Sandusky asked for our support to have a fundraiser for homeless dogs that are running around the streets of Harlingen. The shelters are full, and there are so many dogs and cats in need of a home. It will be a fun event, and you may even win a prize!

Vickie Jones and Sherri Gardner are planning an event to welcome our new residents. That will take place the last week in March. We have a large number of new residents for this gathering because we had no activities in 2020. If you moved here two years ago, you are still considered new, and will not have to pay to attend.

We held our planning meeting with Director of Activities, Judy Stone. We had a good turnout and some great ideas.

I want to thank everyone who gave their time, ideas, skills, and creativity for the Women's Club. Your time is valuable, and I appreciate it. I especially want to thank everyone who helped me conduct the meetings.

Our last meeting this season is Friday, March 18, 2022. The meeting will begin at 9am, and the doors will open at 8:30. Come and join us for coffee, donuts, and apple fritters.

Marian Young, President
719-468-4556

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Women's Club: Fundraiser

The Flyer below says it all. Hope you come join us. Tiffany Prater



Women's Club: Breakfast

Our final breakfast of the season will be in March. Look for details in the sunshine email!
Cathy Richmond

Pesticide Applicator

The SEPO Board is looking for a resident (preferably full-time) who has a Noncommercial Pesticide Applicator License to assist with weed and pest control in our community (with special focus on the golf course). The volunteer service would be required every few months. If you have an interest in obtaining a License, please contact Randy Davis (214-783-4604) to discuss what that entails (a background in the sciences and a thirst for knowledge is a plus).

Randy Davis (SEPO Board Golf Course Director)

Woodshop Orientation

Wood Shop Orientation Class Thursday Mar 10th 5 pm in the woodshop.

This class is a requirement for using the woodshop.

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A one-time attendance is required.
The shop will be closed during the class.
Probably the last class of the season.

Everyone attending this event "in person", by their presence, acknowledges potential exposure to Covid-19. Each person is responsible for his/her own choice as it relates to attending events

Call John Chajec 708-280-8940 with any questions.

Sunshine Garden Club

We would like to invite all Sunshine residents and renters to a special Native Plant Presentation on March 8th at 6:30pm in Retzlaff Hall.

Our guest speaker is from the Cameron County Extension Office, (Horticulture Department). Topic of discussion is native plantings for your gardens and landscape projects.

Should be really interesting and looking forward to seeing you there.

Thank you for a great season.
Susanne, Terry, Brenda, Sue, Glenna

The Killer Bees (Thursday Morning Quilting)

The Killer Bees meet Thursday mornings at 10:30 by the pool unless it's cold and then we find a room to go to that's available. Our next project is a zippy bag that we'll make on March 10th. With a project day, we'll meet at 9:00 AM that morning in Retzlaff Hall and sew into the afternoon. Come and see what this "not your grandmother's quilting group" is all about. Contact Jan Baethke with any questions.

Great Minnesota Get Together

Catered by Stefano's
When: Wednesday, March 9th @ 11:am
Where: Retzlaff Hall

We will be having Pizza, gluten free pizza, spaghetti w/meatballs, spaghetti w/meat sauce, bread knots, desserts & a soft drink will be provided. We will also be having games with prizes. The cost is \$15.00 which will include your meal, tip, prizes and fun!

Please come and join us and get to know the people that live with us in our community who were born, raised or lived in MN at one time or another.

Take out will be available if you do not want to be in a large group.

Please call me @ 218-851-6353 for tickets.

See you at the party! Linda Ramsdell

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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!

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Lenore J. Combs, Coordinator 956 245 1276 LJCombs44@gmail.com
Sgt. Rebeca Cruz, District Representative Unit
Officers Bravo and Moreno, NW HPD District Representatives

Dear NW - CERT Volunteers, Residents and Friends,

Our next NW-CERT meeting will be Monday 21 March 2022 at 3pm in Retzlaff Hall.

This is an open meeting and we welcome your constructive input. We wish to get as many helpful suggestions and opinions as possible to move our NW – CERT program forward. Neighbors getting to know one another and working in a program of mutual assistance is an advantage not many communities have available.

You matter. Sunshine matters. Your **2 Cents** matters.

Everyone attending this meeting "in person", by their presence, acknowledges potential exposure to COVID – 19. Each person is responsible for his/her own choice as it relates to attending NW-CERT meetings.

Generally, since Easter is in April and folks are "heading out" – this March meeting addresses suggestions on how to button up your house when going "up north" (and possibly your Shed/Parking Lot space). So, once again, this is an open meeting and we hope you come with your great suggestions. One general concern is if we have a hurricane or etc. – are you prepared? Flying flower pots and other loose stuff can cause some real damage to your neighbor's home etc. So come and share in the dialog. Is your Sunshine Contact Emergency form up to date? Coffee's on and cookies too – some come with your 2 CENTS..

Our NW is always recruiting for volunteers – we have a spot for you and a thorough orientation will be presented. Your Guardian Angel watches over you but your NW watches over Sunshine while you're gone. We need some summer volunteers to stand up. Block Captains play a role. You will be fully oriented and you'll feel you have contributed to something that matters when giving back to your neighborhood.

Now that Sunshine appears to be opening up from the COVID curse, and we have many newcomers to Sunshine, - you are always and especially cordially invited to our meetings. Our NW just isn't Patrols – it is bringing the community together and looking out for each other. So give it a thought.

NEXTDOOR.com - this is not my doing. These solicitations (invitations) come in the mail and they are not from me nor endorsed or sponsored by me. If you pull this site up – decide for yourself if it is what you want. Their reputation has come concerns. My 2 CENTS - I call HPD if I think "suspicious activity" requires a Patrol Unit to come out. **956 216 5940** – talk to a real dispatcher and say your 2 Cents - Have your story straight so they can take a good note. Who What Where When Why How etc.

The other day, HPD came to Encore-Sunshine RV Resort for a united Harlingen NW meeting and we were invited. HPD addressed several topics among which was our role as a NW member, elder fraud and rules about

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the new style 4-wheel vehicles. These low speed vehicles are not your “grandma’s golf cart” as it was once said..... And they have real rules of the road. Make sure you are in compliance.

Elder Fraud – Internet Crime Complaint Center - Dept. of Justice Hotline 833 372 8311

A series of prompts take you to another specific number – ie financial and loss of money, robo calls – no loss of money and devices hacked – no loss of money. Check it out. The Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act of 2017 was signed into law to prevent elder abuse and exploitation etc.

Encore Parks had planned a NW meeting as Encore Corporate wants to create a NW modeled after our Neighborhood Watch groups. We are both great NW role models and have been in existence many years. Observe and Report is the mission. We have a great rapport with HPD and our local law enforcement agencies including the City of Combes and the County.

NW does not substitute for the role of the Police – we work with them on your behalf. SCCE NW has been in operation since Hurricane Dolly in 2008. We are Harlingen’s premier NW because we have set the bar. There are many facets to an operational NW not just Patrols. And we have meetings and classes. On the other hand, we are not Paramedics. We have training available for the asking on First Aid, CPR, (Hands-Only CPR), and Stop-the-Bleed. We have established a fantastic rapport with HPD and HFD because many of us have had a *Citizens Police Academy* class (HPD) and or a *CERT* class from HFD.

They appreciate us and we appreciate them. So, Encore Corporate came to Harlingen and our neighbors from Encore-Sunshine invited us to the meeting and the Police invited the other NW groups in Harlingen also for a sharing of ideas and concerns..

Sgt. Rebecca Cruz is our newly assigned HPD NW liaison and she is the lead Officer for our District Representatives. Officer (Detective) DeLua gave a presentation on the updated Texas Law for “low speed vehicles. Sgt. Cruz provided a brochure and discussed Elder Abuse.

Mark your calendars for Monday 21 March 3pm ----- Bring your 2 CENTS

FROM THE EDITOR

I HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE. This is my final Sunshine Newsletter as editor. Sue Swidryk has volunteered to take over as the Women’s Club Newsletter Editor starting with next Winter Season (2022-2023). It has been my pleasure to keep the community up-to-date with information, including dates, about our various Sunshine Meetings, Activities and Events, including those related to the SEPO Board.

I won’t be leaving Sue high-and-dry. I told her I would be available whenever she needed. And I know you will all be gentle with her as she learns the ropes as editor.

I will be retaining my responsibilities as SEPO E-News E-Mail and Sunshine Web site Manager. And, of course, your 2022 SEPO Board Secretary.

Thanks all.

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