



INSIDE SUNSHINE NEWSLETTER

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SEPO Board: President



Welcome back to Sunshine!

As more of our seasonal residents return, I want to welcome everyone home. We've had a busy summer and fall, and I wanted to share a few updates from our October 19 Board meeting to let you know what's coming up.

November 9 - Luncheon and Board Meeting:

We're planning a special fundraising luncheon, organized by our wonderful Women's Club, before our 1:00pm Monday, November 9 SEPO Board Meeting in Retzlaff Hall. The luncheon will begin at 11:30am. (See the following Poster on Page 8 of this Newsletter for more information.) Board members will be available during the luncheon to visit with residents, answer any questions, and hear your concerns and suggestions.

We want to create more opportunities for open communication between residents and the Board. Our goal is simple - to listen, help everyone better understand the issues facing Sunshine, and make sure residents have opportunities to share their opinions.

With our open communication plans in mind, we also expect to include a **resident comment period** at the Monday, November 9th Board Meeting. I encourage everyone interested in the future of Sunshine to attend and participate.



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Planning for Sunshine's Future:

We've made significant progress this year on much-needed improvements, including roofing repairs, road repairs, and pavement preservation. Our Five-Year Planning Committee continues to identify future needs and ways to protect our community's infrastructure.

At our October meeting, we discussed several potential financial measures, including changes to the annual HOA assessment increase limit, a new purchaser capital contribution, and a possible special assessment to replenish our reserves. For those who missed the meeting, you can watch it on the Sunshine website.

No decisions have been made to implement these measures. We are seeking legal guidance before determining wording and how proposals may be presented to residents for a vote.

I recognize that additional costs are a concern for many residents. They are for me, too. Our challenge is finding a reasonable balance between affordability today and maintaining the community and amenities we all enjoy for years to come.

Other Community Updates:

Insurance: Our treasurer has identified several areas of our insurance coverage that need attention. We are working with our insurance representative to ensure our facilities and amenities are properly protected and to determine the financial impact.

Electronic Voting: The Board approved moving forward with electronic voting. Our Election Committee has been conducting successful test elections, and additional opportunities to participate will be available. We're excited about making voting easier for all residents, especially those who are away during election season.

Resident Survey: Thank you to everyone who completed our recent survey. We received approximately 130 responses from our October meeting. Your feedback



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is helping guide our discussions on finances, safety, community improvements, and other priorities.

Safety Committee: Our new Safety Committee is taking shape, with an initial focus on traffic concerns, speeding, and emergency preparedness. We would welcome a couple more volunteers.

We Need Your Help!

We will have at least four Board positions up for election in February 2027, and we're also looking for residents interested in serving on our Nominating Committee.

Sunshine benefits tremendously from the talents and generosity of our residents. Whether you serve on the Board, join a committee, or volunteer occasionally, your involvement makes a difference. Call/text me at **(956) 238-0082**.

Looking Ahead:

We have some important decisions ahead of us, and I want everyone to feel informed, heard, and included in the process.

We may not always agree, but I believe we all want the same thing - a beautiful, welcoming, financially healthy community that we can continue to enjoy and be proud of.

Thank you to our Board members, employees, committee members, and volunteers for everything you do for Sunshine.

I look forward to seeing you at the November 9 luncheon and Board meeting. The next **Residents Meeting is on Tuesday, November 10, at 1:00pm in Retzlaff Hall.**

-Lisa Seiser

President, SEPO Board of Directors
Sunshine Country Club Estates



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Communications



SEPO Emails:

I've received inquiries lately that residents aren't receiving SEPO emails. There are times when the email system SEPO uses (BREVO) shows exactly why someone isn't receiving email(s) and I work with the resident(s) to get resolutions. However, most of the time the system indicates all emails sent are being delivered. On those occasions, I inform the resident to check their SPAM/JUNK folders and, if they aren't there, they need to contact their email provider to see if they are possibly blocking emails from sepoenews@sunshinecountryclub.com on their end. As a last resort, setting up a new email address will resolve the issue. Please let me know when this happens to you.

I don't get on the Sunshine Facebook pages daily. So, if you post information there that meets the email guidelines, please send that same info to me so that those who do not use Facebook are aware.

As I mentioned in the Residents' meeting on October 20, I'm hoping to start working with one of the Sunshine residents so that she can assist me with sending emails, as well as be my backup when I don't have access to BREVO. I will let everyone know if that comes to fruition.

-Beth Parrish,
SEPO Email Manager
Phone: (314) 960-6710



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Sunshine Website:

Last month, I attached the Activities 2-Pager to the Newsletter. I didn't receive any updates, so I assume the data is correct and now that 2-Pager is on the Website under the events tab. I will keep that updated as any changes are made to the SEPO Calendar.

I am working to ensure the items under the Amenities tab are completed and/or updated this winter. I have been contacting individuals responsible for these various items to assist me with this task.

Finally, I am on the committee working on getting new Directory Photos taken. I will be putting the photos on the Web site. They will be replacing the current photos in the 'resident section'. **(See more information on the Photo Directory on page 15 of this Newsletter.)**

As always, please let me know whenever you see anything that needs to be corrected/updated on ANY web page.

-Beth Parrish, Sunshine Website Manager
Phone: (314) 960-6710

Women's Club: President



It is great to be back in the Valley, and especially back at Sunshine!

Our November Meeting will be Friday, November 20 at 9:00am in Retzlaff Hall.



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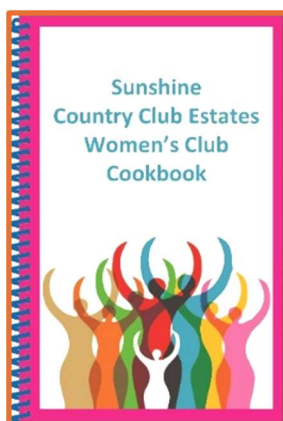
The Women's Club is off to a great start. Our first meeting was held Friday, October 16th with 36 women in attendance. We had one first time attendee, and new resident, Anabel Byers. Welcome Anabel!

Officers' reports were given and all were approved unanimously. Committee reports were also presented.

Liz Dietrick reported on the massive number of supplies and decorations in the storage area and encouraged committees to use these items prior to purchasing new items. Liz reported that she was resigning from this position. She will be missed dearly! She has done an amazing job organizing both our storage area as well as the area in the room off Retzlaff Hall. **THANK YOU, LIZ!** Your hard work has paid off and is appreciated!

It was reported that during the summer the Women's Club board received a request to donate \$500 towards the Retzlaff Hall bathrooms remodel and did, in fact, provide a check to the community to begin this work. A motion was then made to fund the remaining balance for the renovations. This motion was unanimously approved. If you have not seen these renovations, you should check them out. They look great!

The much-anticipated **Cookbooks** have arrived and they look fabulous! Anyone who was unable to attend the October Women's Club meeting and wishes to pick up their pre-ordered cookbooks or wants to purchase one (**Cost: \$15.00**), please contact Deb DesLauriers-Eich at (715) 821-4552.





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POP-UP: The Women's Club will be holding a Luncheon prior to the Monday, November 9th SEPO Board Meeting. Lunch will be served from 11:30am to 1:00pm in Retzlaff Hall. (See the following Poster on Page 8 of this Newsletter.)

This meeting will be of particular interest to all residents as big decisions will be made by the board. This luncheon will provide an opportunity for you to visit SEPO Board members prior to the meeting to ask questions about the agenda items. **(Please look for additional details to be posted in the office and in the library.)**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

ART AND CRAFT SHOW & SALE: November 21, 2026, Chair – Cathy Richmond

THANKSGIVING DINNER: November 26, 2026, Chair - Joanne Anderson

BAKESALE: December 5, 2026, Chairs – Terry Debackere and Nancy Lynne

CHRISTMAS DINNER: December 25, 2026, Chairs – Brenda Bond and Jane Meehan

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY: December 31, 2026, Chairs – Women's Club Board

We continue to be excited about this season and hope you will attend some, if not all, of our events to help support this community!

Best Regards,

-Cindy Mead, President

cindypresident@yahoo.com



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Women's Club: Activity Director



November is starting off with a **Pop Up Luncheon on Monday, November 9th from 11:30am-1:00pm in Retzlaff Hall.** Enjoy a lunch of sloppy Joe's, potato salad, baked beans and a dessert bar for only **\$10!** What a great deal.



Don't forget the Women's Club meeting on **Friday, November 20th at 9am in Retzlaff Hall.**



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Saturday, November 21st from 3:00pm-7:00pm is our Women's Club Arts/Crafts Show & Sale in Retzlaff Hall. Come "ooh and ahh" at all the talented artists and crafters who live in our community. Sip a little vino and try some snacks as you walk around enjoying the various works of art. Some items are for sale and some just to admire. Please come to support your neighbors and share camaraderie! If you want to be an "Artist in Residence", contact Cathy Richmond to secure a spot! **(See following information on the Art and Craft Show & Sale.)**

Thanksgiving will be celebrated in Retzlaff Hall on Thursday, November 26th. Joanne Anderson is our Chairperson. **Stay tuned for more information!!**

-Mary Hull, Women's Club Activity Director

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Art and Craft Show & Sale





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The Women's Club is sponsoring an **Art and Craft Show & Sale on Saturday, November 21st from 3:00-7:00 pm.** Light refreshments will be available. **Set up will be on Friday, November 20. Hanging art information is due by Monday, November 16th so that labels can be printed. More information on the reservations to come. Tables for artists and crafters are free and must be reserved by November 16, as well.**

Looking for a wide variety of art & crafts!

Questions may be directed to:

-Cathy Richmond Cathrich1952@yahoo.com

Phone: (303) 990-2730

Christmas Program



Good news! I have gotten the final count for the second graders at LaMar Elementary School for our Christmas Program. There are "only" 71 second graders: 30 girls and 41 boys. Better than the 104 that was expected after the 2 schools combined!

We still need:

- *Geneva is handling stuffed animals. Still in need of some. Talk to her about size.
- *Need children's games (ages 7-10). Nothing that requires batteries.
- *We have enough regular socks but still need Christmas socks.
- *Packages of markers, children's books, notebooks.
- *I would like to buy juice boxes, candy canes and maybe a treat for that day.



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Thank you to everyone who has already donated. You are all so appreciated.

Unfortunately, the school still hasn't given me the date in December. Stay tuned for that date, as well as a date to fill backpacks. Lots of hands make fast work!! Thanks again! This will be special.

-Mary Hull, Women's Club Activity Director

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Soup/Chili Cook Off



January will be here before we know it! It's not too early to think about the soup/chili that you wish to enter for our **Soup/Chili Cook Off on Friday, January 15th**. We look forward to the variety of soups that will be entered. **More information will follow.**

Thank you.

-Deb DesLauriers-Eich

Phone: (715) 821-4552

Men's Golf



The Men's Golf League will begin on **Tuesday, November 3rd, and will continue every Tuesday through March 30th, 2027. We meet in the library to form teams.**



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The League will have two shifts (8:15am draw/8:30am tee off, and 10:00am draw/10:15am tee off). The cost to play the entire league including weekly payouts, the league tournament and the tournament awards pizza party is **\$40.00**, due before playing your first round. The League Tournament will be on Monday and Tuesday, March 1st and 2nd, with the awards party on Tuesday, March 9th right after league golf (approximately 11:00 a.m.) For those arriving prior to November, there is a Tuesday League for both men and women. This league costs \$1.00 per person to play with all entry fee money going for the weekly prize fund. The ladies have their own separate CTP'S and prize funds. Tee time for this League is 9:00am with squad draw at 8:45am. Everyone at all ability levels is welcome!!

-Jerry Wetherbee (425) 418-3345 or Matt Lyne (308) 870-1423.

Women's Golf



Women's Golf League starts on **Wednesday, November 4th, 2026, and runs through March 2027. We meet in the library between 8:30am and 8:45am to sign in each week. We will collect league dues of \$30.00 for the season.** No checks. Small bills are appreciated. League is a great way to enjoy the outdoors, meet new friends and just maybe conquer the sport! Hope you join us.

-Glenda Wetherbee, League President

Phone: (425) 418-0031



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Good Neighbor Day Golf Tournament



Save the Date: 2027 Good Neighbor Day Golf Tournament

Mark your calendars for **February 24–26, 2027 (Wednesday–Friday)**, as we gear up for another exciting 3-day Good Neighbor Day Golf Tournament at Sunshine Country Club Estates. This annual event features three days of golf, camaraderie, and friendly competition.

We will wrap up the tournament on Friday evening with a formal awards ceremony, including dinner, cash prizes, and door prizes. It is always a highlight of the year – you will not want to miss it!

Feel free to invite your 55-Plus golfing friends to join the fun. The more neighbors we bring together, the better the experience for everyone.

-Randy Davis – 2027 Good Neighbor Day Golf Tournament Chairperson

Fishing Club



The fishing club will hold its first meeting of the season on **Tuesday, November 10th at 3:00pm in the SEPO Library**. Please note that we typically meet on the **second Wednesday of the month, however, due to Veterans Day celebrations, we have moved our November Meeting to Tuesday**. We will meet at the library, have a short introduction to attendees and then carpool to **Gulf Coast Outdoors, located**



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at 2323 N. Ed Carey Drive in Harlingen. Gulf Coast Outdoors is a new local fishing supply store, which opened in October. They sell tackle, bait, lures, rods, reels, and fishing essentials. Please join us for informal gatherings to learn about fishing, talk about our experiences and share what we wish to do as a group.

If you have suggestions for meeting topics, please feel free to reach out to any of the following members: Deb DesLauriers-Eich, Mark Fries, Bill Petersen, Chuck Henry or Doug Taylor.

Thank you.

-Deb DesLauriers-Eich

Phone: (715) 821-4552

Birding & Nature Club



It's time for our Club to start a new season! Our first meeting is Monday, November 2nd at 7:00pm, in the SEPO Library. We want this season to reflect the interests of our members. Please come and share your ideas on meetings, outings, speakers, or anything that would benefit our members.

From a historical perspective, our club was formed on March 5, 2009, and it was our members who were responsible for transforming the entire north side of Texas Avenue from what was "swamp" to the beautiful area it is today. Over the years we have continued to help maintain and improve Texas Avenue. This year we have started planning a new project that has generated some enthusiastic support.

Join us to find out more about this project, and how you can help!

-David L'Heureux, President

-Tom Stone, Vice President

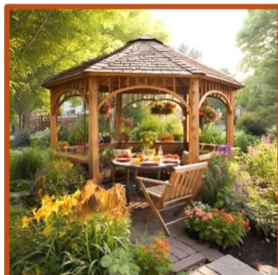


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Sunshine Garden Club



A huge thank you to everyone who came together, pulled weeds, and kept our community gardens watered through the hot, hot summer months! Thank you for your hard work and dedication as you kept everything thriving. Sunshine volunteers are the heart of our community!

There will NOT be a scheduled meeting on Monday, November 9th. Instead, we are planning a **Garden Clean-up Day on Friday, November 13th at 11:00am. Meet on Texas Avenue at the Gazebo.** Any help will be greatly appreciated!

-Susanne Ulrich, Garden Club

Phone: (507) 351-0647

Sunshine Country Club Estates Photo Directory



It's been a few years since there's been a resident directory and we decided it's about time for a new one. Soon we'll begin calling residents to set up appointments to have your photos taken. Feel free to dress up or dress down. If you have furry "kids", they are welcome as well. The photo dates are as follows:



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December 21, 22 & 23

January 25 & 26

February 1 & 2

The time for these dates is from 12 Noon until 6:30pm. If you are unable to make it to any of the photo days, you may submit a photo of your choice for a \$15 fee. The directories are free, plus you'll receive an 8 x 10 portrait of your choice since there will be more than one photo taken. If you would like additional pictures, you may order as many as you'd like for an additional cost. We have a great group ready to put this directory together, but we can always use volunteers for the actual photo days. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

-Judy Stone (715) 813-0770

-Jill Ventrello (720) 660-8417

Woodshop



Just a quick note to inform you woodworkers that we will be having a must-needed **Shop Clean Up held on Tuesday, November 3rd. Come to the Woodshop around 7:30am,** or if you are like me (an early riser) **I plan on being there around 7:00 am.** If you are unable to attend the woodshop clean up, maybe think about coming to do your part the day prior. We need to get several things cleaned up.

Monday, November 9th is our Wood Shop Meeting at 1:00pm. Please all monitors plan to attend. We have some things to go over, and John will set up our Monitor meeting.



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I have posted a note on the side of the front door and on the back side of the front Wood Shop door so you can be reminded of these two dates. Thank you for your attention.

We will catch up at the meeting to bring you up to speed. Thank you.

-Nancy Lyne, President

Helping Hands



There are some of our friends and neighbors here in SEPO that occasionally require assistance. Especially those that live alone, don't drive or have mobility issues. Last season, we started a group called **HELPING HANDS** which allows people to ask for help and give others the opportunity to offer help. So, someone could make a request such as "I need a ride to the doctor" or "I have a heavy package I need help moving" or "I need some help setting up Wi-Fi on my device". Someone in the group could respond saying that they would be available to assist.

We are using the WhatsApp platform for group messaging because this allows many people to be on a single message. Please reach out to me directly if you have any questions or are interested in being added to **Helping Hands**, and I will help add you to the group.

-Rich Hulswit

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SEPO Library



Despite the past six months being a slow time in the neighborhood, the library has seen a fair amount of activity. About 300 books have been donated to the library, and over 175 of these have been added to our shelves. Over 200 books have been borrowed by residents and returned. We now have a “New Books” shelving unit for books that are in route to the regular shelves. Look for it beside the door with the coded lock.

Many folks have found jigsaw puzzle completion to be an enjoyable - and addictive – activity. At times, we’ve had three puzzles in progress simultaneously! We have a closet full of jigsaw puzzles. Feel free to either start a puzzle on one of the tables in the library or borrow one (or more) to complete at home. We accept donations of puzzles as well as books. Please leave donations and returns on the book cart located at the end of the library shelves.

A reminder: A box in which you can donate used eyeglasses is located on the shelf above the books by Jance. No eyeglass cases, please. The glasses are taken to the Lions Club, which gives them to people in need.

PLANS:

- We are expanding the Library Committee, the purposes of which are to help plan and present programs and to assist me in the library as needed. If you are interested in joining, please send me a text (985-750-8077) with your contact information.
- We are following up on a request that we host a book club. Judy Bell has volunteered to get that project organized.
- We are also exploring the possibility of offering occasional lectures and/or workshops related to books and writing. Stay tuned for details.



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BOOKS FROM THE SEPO LIBRARY THAT I HAVE BEEN READING LATELY

To give you an illustration of the types of books we have in the library, I am listing books that I have read recently.

- J. A. Jance: *Den of Iniquity*. 30th book in Jance's J. P. Beaumont murder mystery series. We have almost all the books in this series, as well as those in her Joanna Brady, Ali Reynolds, and Walker Family series.
- Lynn Kurland: all 12 books in her Nine Kingdoms fantasy romance series – good vs bad magic and non-raunchy romance. We also have her de Piaget and MacLeod Family time travel romances.
- Allen Levi: *Theo of Golden*. 2023 novel about a mysterious man who arrives in the town of Golden, purchases portraits of local residents, and gifts them to their subjects. A moving, faith-based tale about people's life stories and relationships within the community. LOVED it!
- Lisa Wingate: *The Prayer Box*. A renter is charged with the task of cleaning out her late landlady's house and discovers 81 prayer boxes that reveal aspects of the last 81 years of the woman's life. The summary on the back of the book says her life was "filled with lessons in faith" and "observations on love." We have several books by Wingate.

That's it for now. See you around the library.

-Reva Allen

Phone: (985) 750-8077



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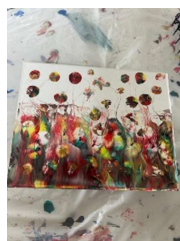
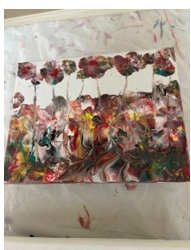
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Painting Club

This month, we meet **Monday, November 2 and Monday, November 23 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in Retzlaff Hall**. On November 2nd, Gay Paxton is teaching a class on color theory which will be “hands on”, so you will be able to try out the color combinations she explains. The class is free and all residents & renters are invited! Stay tuned for more information on the November 23rd class.

Here are a few samples of our recent “Fairy Garden” Painting Class:



The Paint Club will have a table at the **Art and Craft Show & Sale on Saturday, November 21st from 4:00-7:00pm in Retzlaff Hall**. (See Poster and Information on **Page 9 of this Newsletter**.) We will be selling Christmas ornaments, trivets, coasters, magnets and paintings. The proceeds will go towards supplies for the club.

-Cathy Richmond

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Art Club



Calling all painters and crafters! **Art Club meets on Tuesdays at 1:00pm in Retzlaff Hall**. Bring your supplies and join others as you paint, crochet, knit, etc. It's a lovely way to spend an afternoon!

-Jane Meehan & Janee Bledsoe



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Water Aerobics



The First Session of Water Aerobics is held on Mondays through Fridays from 8:25am to 9:20am. This class focuses on flexibility and stretching, helping you with your mobility and balance.

The Second Session of Water Aerobics will begin in early November. It will be held on Mondays through Fridays from 9:30am to 10:20am. This class focuses on Cardio, as well as stretching and improving balance.

-Genie Newsom, 1st Session Water Aerobics Instructor

-Roxane Hammer, 2nd Session Water Aerobics Instructor

Neighborhood Watch



SUNSHINE CC ESTATES – NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH – CERT

Third Monday Each Month – Retzlaff Hall – 3:00pm Sharp

Visit the **NW-CERT Display in the Library/Lounge** for additional Neighborhood Watch information & volunteer opportunities. Postings are kept current. Thank You!

-Lenore Combs

Phone: (956) 245-1276



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From the Editor



Well, we've already gotten our 1st freeze in Northeastern Wisconsin. Although temperatures can still fluctuate up into the 60's, and flirt with the 70's, I do believe that it's time to begin the process of deciding what we need to pack for our journey to South Texas. In no time, the "white stuff" will be falling from the sky here, & we will be reaching for our winter coats! Brrrrrrrrrrr!

As we say goodbye to the beauty of Autumn (my favorite season!), we enter the season of Thanksgiving. There are so many reasons to be Grateful! I never could have imagined that I would ever be a part of a welcoming & friendly community such as Sunshine Country Club Estates. I've met so many kind and talented people in this wonderful community. We can have differences in opinions, but we all want what is best for Sunshine!

With these thoughts in mind, I want to thank all of you for your participation, encouragement and patience in helping me put our SEPO Newsletter together.

God Bless and Happy Thanksgiving! (Gobble, Gobble!)



-Cyndi Skidmore, SEPO Newsletter Editor

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