



INSIDE SUNSHINE NEWSLETTER

November 2023

SEPO Board

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is nice to be back in my winter home where I can continue to enjoy summer-like weather while my family back in Illinois is pulling out the jackets and boots. My first look at the pool and pavilion area was amazement. Thanks to Jim Kennedy with helpers, Lupe and Lalo, for the new look. Driving in Texas Avenue and around and through the storage area, I see so much improvement. Thanks to Tom and Frank. A big thanks to Mark for keeping our money secure. Randy, I don't think I've ever seen our golf course so beautiful. I also appreciate our employees, Valerie, Lupe, Lalo, Manny and Joe. We are fortunate to have them.

The Board has begun its meetings, along with the Residents' Meetings as well. Please be aware that we are holding Board Meetings a day ahead of Residents' Meetings. We encourage the residents to submit their ideas, suggestions, (even complaints) on the form provided in the office. It is also available to print from the website: (https://2851bf60-6e92-4440-b098-0166b6640e11.usrfiles.com/ugd/2851bf_c4cafc5963af4962a8f8074f138a14f2.pdf)

We will check the box frequently and address each one as it is received. We will attempt to resolve them during the month ahead of the upcoming meeting and will address the status of each at the meeting.

Please notice there is a change in Policies and Procedures pursuant to a motion made and passed during the Board of Directors Meeting held March 13, 2023 as follows: *"PETS": All pets must be kept on a leash except when located on the owner's lot or within the SEPO designated dog parks (which are the north side of Texas Avenue and the fenced area within the storage area built for that purpose)"*. The updated Policies & Procedures document is available on the Sunshine website here:

<https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/policies>

Now, let's all enjoy the golf course, tennis court, shuffleboard court and pool area along with all of the fun activities available in our special Sunshine Country Club Estates.

- Share Nelson, President

Communications

As a reminder, Guidelines for the various forms of SEPO Communications (Emails, Newsletter etc) are here: <https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/communication-guidelines>.

If you are not a 'paper collector' with a drawer-full of possibly outdated directories, SEPO Rules etc. and/or just want to have the latest information about SCCE (Sunshine Country Club Estates) at your fingertips, the 'Table of Contents/Site Map' on the Sunshine website is the place to go. You can find that page here: <https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/tableofcontents-sitemap>. And, PLEASE, if you find anything on this page that is outdated, incorrect, etc, please let me know so I can correct it. I want to ensure this is your guide to all (or most) things Sunshine.

Thanks everyone. Let's keep that information flowing!!!

- Beth Parrish, SEPO Communications



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Sunshine Stickers & Golf Medallions

Does your vehicle have a Sunshine sticker on the rear window?

While on Neighborhood Watch last evening, I noticed how many vehicles parked in driveways or under carports did not have a sticker. The sticker lets everyone know that the vehicle and the people inside it belong here. If a person is on Neighborhood Watch and sees a vehicle without a sticker cruising through the streets, we follow it around to make sure it has a legitimate reason for being here.

If you need a sticker for your car, truck or golf cart, Please, contact me, Jean Burgoine (956-244-0442) and I will give you a sticker.

And you golfers; are you visibly displaying your Sunshine golfing medallion on your golf bag? It should not be tucked away in a pocket. Any resident in need of a golfing medallion can get one from Valerie in the office.

Let's display our Sunshine pride on our cars and golf bags.

- Jean Burgoine

SUNSHINE COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES – VENDOR PROGRAM

Please be aware that we are again initiating the VENDOR Program.

Help-wanted (NW volunteers) for this project. Perhaps even a “block captain” for each street to assist.

--- If you are a homeowner considering a project, please visit the “Mr. Fix-It” list – available in the Library and on the Sunshine website (<https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/mr-fixit>). This is a resident compiled list of dependable vendors.

--- My NW goal is two-fold: **1. to have a “hanging tag”** for the vehicles of our “usual” vendors (lawn guys, housekeepers, etc.). It will be visible on their vehicle - windshield mirror. I will issue these.

2. Vendors – Procedure:

You (homeowner) hire them. Workers (head guy) will then apply at the Office for an Orange Vendor ID. He/she will produce their Driver's License – Valerie will “xerox” it for our records. This cardboard “orange card” will remain in their windshield until the job is completed. The card will have their name, your address and expected date for job completion. When the job is completed, the orange card should be returned to you.

This way everyone is aware of valid workers on your property and not opportunistic Bad Guys, (like the one who stole \$51,000 from an unsuspecting retired resident a few years back).

Please call me with any questions. Thanks

- Lenore J. Combs Coordinator 956 245 1276

Women's Club: From the President

Women's Club's first meeting is under our belt. It ran a little long, but I think there were a lot of good exchanges.



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I think everyone is looking for another year with good things going now!

Past Event: Last Saturday 10/28/2023 was the Halloween parade and party. The Parade started lining up in front of the office at 3:30pm and left by 4pm. We, again this year, paraded for dry goods for the needy. It was lots of fun both last and this year. And the Halloween Party was in the hall at 5pm after the parade.

Next week DJ Randy will be doing his karaoke in the hall on Friday 11/03/2023.

And then Saturday 11/04/2023 we will have a chili cookoff. Sign up in the library to bring your chili and / or cornbread. We will have Harlingen Firemen coming in for our judges. There will be games, dancing and lots of fun things going on.

So we are off to a great start for this season!!

One other thing that has been brought up to me. The funds that Women's' Club has and makes stays here in the Estates, unless it is an event that is a specific event such as the dog rescue. And everyone knows that ahead of time.

So Women's Club's funds are for the betterment of the Estates. And for the enjoyment of our residents.

Please come out and support your Women's Club!

Thank You,
- Vicky LeRoy Krueger

Women's Club President

Women's Club: Veterans Day & Christmas Dinner

AND

NW: Finger Lickin' Chicken

Dear Sunshine residents

I - we luv living here. We luv our community involvement and so I have signed up to help with these three (3) programs. I want your physical input and if you can't make the meetings, then send me a note or call me.

1. Veterans Day Saturday 11 November 2023

Plans are to begin - about 1:30pm -- I, We (John) can become available because we do the City program at Veterans Memorial at Pendleton Park.

In the past we have had a Golf Cart Parade with a short program at the Gazebo followed by a "Posting of the Colors" etc in Retz Hall and a Potluck in Retz Hall.



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2. Christmas Dinner Monday 25 December 2023

In the past, SEPO has paid for the Turkeys. We - You decide to make it a Potluck or Lupe sets up 12-15 tables of 8 and you pick your table and your group plans this dinner.

3. Finger Lickin' Chicken SCCE Friday 5 January 2024

This is a fund raiser for the Neighborhood Watch,
The Police and Fire are our guests.

(the mother of Chief Darrell Loftus will not rest unless she comes to do the beans) You'll love her !
Very simple - like a Potluck but - the Fire Dept comes early and cooks the chicken in a huge BBQ grill.

Do we want "extras" on the table or do we want a Take Home Box with a hunk of chicken - followed by Great Beans, Potato Salad,, Cole Slaw and etc?
(pickles, bread etc) Coffee & Iced Tea available

I buy the Chicken HFD cooks it You plan the extras.
We design the menu and shop.

Sometimes there is entertainment after but my focus is the food.



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Lenore J Combs 956 245 1276

SCCE Neighborhood Watch - CERT

GOLF: Women's League

Reminder that the Sunshine Women's Golf League will start Wednesday, November 1, 2023. We will be collecting League dues. The cost to play league remains \$25.00. We will have a brief meeting prior to assigning teams. Please plan to arrive around 8:15-8:30 in the library. Once dues are collected, a brief meeting has been conducted and teams are assigned, we will venture out to assigned tees and begin another fun year of golf as close to 9:00 as possible.

A reminder: Every third Wednesday of each month, we have a Women's League Meeting in Retzlaff Hall. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 9:00 am, with golf following the meeting. Everyone is encouraged to attend. We hope we have some new members who come join us. All are welcome to join in the fun.

Thank you for your attention.

- Nancy Lyne, League President

GOLF: Men's League

Men's Golf League plays every Tuesday. All are invited. Start times are 9:00 tee off time on the hole assigned for the early time and 10:30 for the later tee off. We usually meet for 15 to 20 minutes in the library and go to our hole that is assigned to each individual.



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Signup sheets for the next week will be in the library on the bulletin board near the coffee machine, with a pay box along the way by the door to the pool. The cost is just \$1.00 to play each week and all that is collected is paid back out to all levels of play by your handicap. If you don't have a handicap, you will establish one after five (5) games of play.

All levels of play are welcomed. It is open to all. We play to have fun and enjoy friendships.

Thanks in advance. Any questions call me at (715) 360-0436.

- Dan Boardman

Sunshine Garden Club

We will kick off this season on the second Tuesday in November.

Date: November 14, 2023

Time: 6:30 – 7:30pm

Location: Retzlaff Hall

Topic: Container Gardening Arranging containers inside and outside, emphasis on changing seasons.

We have invited a special guest, Rosie Garza Martinez, Cameron County Master Gardener from 2015 to present. If you have been to their plant sales in San Benito you may recognize Rosie.

She is also very active in Tip of Texas Orchid Society from 2019 to present. Maybe we can do a class on orchids in the future.

Special note, Rosie will be giving away one of her arrangements as a door prize. Save the date, Nov 14th, everyone is welcome, should be fun and informative.

See you then,

- Susanne Ulrich

KILLER BEES QUILTING

The Killer Bees quilting group meets at 9:30 most Thursday mornings. We actually sew about one Thursday a Month. Projects on our schedule this Winter are...a Twister Heart wall hanging, a Pyramid pin cushion, easy pillowcase and maybe a quilt or two! Come and check us out. Questions??

- Contact Jan Baethke or Diane Tewell

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!

HELP WANTED -- Neighborhood Watch



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Gather your neighbors together and protect each other!

As society has turned inward with car travel and TV and video, our sense of security that once came from chatting on front porches and knowing your neighbors has faded. COVID can be implicated also. Asking your neighbor to keep an eye out while away is a time-tested way to protect your stuff and increase your peace of mind.

But what if you expanded that same sense of commitment on your street or in our community??? Everyone would look out for their neighbors! Have you thought of joining our Neighborhood Watch? We have a time-tested program, a greater sense of security, community service, a great relationship with Police & Fire & EMS – what more could a senior community wish for?

Take back our ownership and safety and effect a positive change in an organized way. Create a neighborhood that is respectful of the needs and concerns of residents plus offers you a greater sense of positivity and inclusion! (even helps improve your property value).

The National Sheriffs Association created a NW program in 1972 to help improve neighborhood safety and increase awareness. Crime prevention programs were intended to give residents a feeling of responsibility for the condition and safety of their neighborhood and each crime prevention program served as a link between neighbors, police and other LE to reduce all forms of crime. It is estimated that about 40% of residential neighborhoods are covered by a crime watch program. We are Harlingen's premier Neighborhood Watch!

We have a comprehensive program – a great rapport with Police, Fire and EMS. They frequently attend our meetings and give info, advice and updates. We attend the annual National Night Out each August at Lon C Hill Park and visit with the other Harlingen NW groups. This type of ownership improves our quality of life and forms bonds of community and friendship. Be part of something that matters!

There are a multitude of NW jobs & projects – try it, you'll like it!. All of you are expected – *"if you see something – say something"*! Patrols are **the** main thing but there are many other areas in which to serve. We will not take away much time from your busy retired lifestyle. Please contact me for any more info. Again – a huge round of applause to all who have served and are serving. THANKS!

PS: We meet each month – 3rd Monday 3pm Retz Hall (Coffee's always on, goodies too)!
- Lenore J. Combs, Coordinator 956 245 1276

Neighborhood Watch Program at SCCE

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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 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 Harlingen Fire Department for their guidance.

We look out for each other which builds a sense of community and helps deter crime proactively. We also hope to make residents feel safer. We all take on this extra responsibility for the protection and security 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. Try it, you'll like it! We work with Harlingen PD and local Law Enforcement groups to help prevent crime. They also have a great Citizens Police Academy course several times a year. We also have CERT training with the Harlingen 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 meets the 3rd Monday of the month (3pm Retz Hall) with an emphasis on specific concerns in the community. Everyone is invited. Most of the time the Harlingen PD comes to visit and sometimes does Combes PD. Since October is Fire Prevention Month, our emphasis will focus on this program. This year's theme is *Protecting Lives and Property thru Education & Preparedness*. Hopefully we shall raise awareness about fire safety and promote fire prevention. This theme dates back to the Great Chicago fire of 1871 which resulted in widespread destruction and the loss of hundreds of lives. President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention proclamation in 1920. Our local Engine Company will be out to discuss fire extinguishers and give a practical demonstration on their care and use.

Our local Fire Department presented a Fire Extinguisher class for us – from a pamphlet to a practical! They have a portable fire teaching tool complete with TV screen and extinguisher. The screen depicts a fire and the fire extinguisher allows you to try to extinguish the fire – and you are on a timer. This enables you to have a hand-held practical lesson on the fire extinguisher and why you P.A.S.S. – Pull Aim Squeeze and Sweep. We also visited our kitchen and reviewed the elaborate fire system over the stove and etc. By the way – is your fire extinguisher at the ready?

The City of Combes recently sponsored a National Night Out & Fall Fest venue with their Police Department in their Community Park. You were all cordially invited to the festivities. Chief Quill has several times depended on us to help-out for several of their programs. Great fellowship!

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

- Lenore J. Combs, Coordinator 956 245 1276

FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks to those who provided such great information about upcoming events for November and beyond. I truly hope this Newsletter helps the community keep on top of things to come and helps all of you to keep your 'party' calendars updated. 😊

- Beth Parrish, SEPO Newsletter Editor