



INSIDE SUNSHINE NEWSLETTER

February 2023

SEPO Board

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends -

I don't think I'm the only person who tends to trust, rather than distrust, other people. I want you to pay attention. Even though we live in a community that we feel is safe, it is up to each of us to do the best we can to protect ourselves and our belongings. If you have valuables, be sure they are locked up and out of sight. A tip, take photos of your valuables. Be very aware of those who come into your house and keep them in your view. I'm speaking particularly of those who come to service appliances, or do repair work, or do carpet cleaning or pest control, that type of visit. You may have long-time helpers that you trust completely, but it's up to you to remove temptation. I am speaking from experience. I have had a loss which is under investigation.

Just a word about the election. Be sure to sign the attendance proxy on the back of your ballot envelope, become fully informed as to the amendments and have your ballots turned in by 1:00 p.m. on February 21st.

There will not be a Residents' Meeting on February 20th, but we look forward to seeing you at the Annual Shareholders Meeting on February 21st. We will be sharing information so we will welcome any updates from your club or group.

- Share Nelson, President

FROM THE BOARD

RESIDENTS PRIVATE EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LISTS –

The Board has been made aware that some residents are being contacted by other residents via private distribution lists. Some of those residents being contacted do not want to be on these private distribution lists. They are asking the Board how they got on the lists in the first place. The email addresses provided to the SEPO Office and that are in the "Residents Only" section of the Sunshine Web site are 'private' information and not to be used by just anyone.

Anyone contacting other residents via a private distribution list needs to confirm with the residents on your list that they 'want' to be on your list. If you don't have/get this permission, remove them. Everyone's cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.

ON-STREET PARKING –

Since the Board has been receiving complaints from residents about people not getting their vehicles far enough off the street overnight (and that includes tires), we must state the following, which is in our Policies & Procedures under the heading, **ON-STREET PARKING**.

1. Pursuant to Article VI, Sec. 6.4 of the Covenants, there is to be no overnight parking of vehicles on the streets except that RVs may be parked on the street for up to three days for the purpose of loading or unloading. An extension may be granted for unusual circumstances or in the case of overnight guests as to parking on the street. Apply in the office for permission.
3. Failure to comply with any or all of the above will result in the vehicle being tagged, showing date, time and violation. The owner will then be responsible for a **\$20.00 per day** fee for each violation. This fee will be due by the 10th day of the month following the violation. All violation fees not paid within 30 days of due date will be assessed an 18% per annum penalty and possibly result in SEPO filing a lien against the owner's property.



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For your further information, that means any part of a vehicle including tires. If your vehicle cannot be off the street, even tires, it may be necessary to modify your property. If that is your situation, please notify the office that you have a plan and a timeframe to meet this requirement to **avoid receiving a violation tag**.

NON-SEPO OFFSITE ACTIVITIES -

In December the SEPO Board created a new area on a bulletin board in the library where non-SEPO offsite activities can be advertised and sign up sheets displayed. It is located just to the right of the Women's Club activities sign up area. Each offsite item posted must include who is organizing the event, location, cost, date and telephone number of who to contact for more information.

If what you are advertising is simply "information" for Sunshine Residents to be made aware of a non-SEPO offsite activity, that poster should be posted on the Bulletin Board behind the Coffee Pot. The new area is being reviewed periodically by the Board and those items not meeting the criteria above will be removed. Thank you for your cooperation.

DOGGIE DROPPINGS NOT BEING PICKED UP –

The Board has again been receiving complaints about dog owners not picking up after their pets, particularly when this occurs in a resident's yard. This is occurring in both residents' yards and in the dog parks. We all know that, when a dog has to go, it has to go. However, if you are unable to pick up after your dog, please ensure someone else is with you and can help you out with this. Thank you.

SPEEDING AND NOT STOPPING AT STOP SIGNS IN SUNSHINE –

The Board has also been receiving multiple complaints about those who are speeding and/or not stopping at the posted Stop Signs within the boundaries of Sunshine. We own our streets and are therefore responsible for policing ourselves. Please adhere to these regulations. Thank You.

Communications

SEPO EMAILS: As you've probably noticed, I haven't been adhering to my 'overnight' email process. Some days, since I'm sitting at the computer most of the day, I just hit send when I create them. Other times, I hit send during the day by accident. Either way, hopefully, everyone is reading them and the information is beneficial.

SUNSHINE WEB SITE: I'm slowly but surely getting things updated on the Web site. If you have something in particular you would like me to work on, just let me know.

WOMEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER: As most of you are aware, I'm exiting the SEPO Board next month. With more time on my hands after that, I plan to retain the position of Newsletter Manger for at least the 2023-2024 winter season.

As a reminder, guidelines for these SEPO communications processes are here:

<https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/communication-guidelines>. Thanks everyone. Let's keep that information flowing!!!

- Beth Parrish, SEPO Communications



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Election Committee (2023 Election)

All ballots that were not picked up in the library on the 16th or 17th of January were put in the mail on the 19th. We had a successful pickup on the two days listed and I would like to thank all who remembered to make an effort to save the committee time and the organization mailing fees. We would like feedback from those who did not pick up your ballots as to what we might do different in order to increase the numbers.

Interesting Facts re: Ballots Picked Up

<i>Indiana</i>	<i>75%</i>
<i>Iowa</i>	<i>45%</i>
<i>Kansas</i>	<i>73%</i>
<i>Michigan</i>	<i>70%</i>
<i>Minnesota</i>	<i>52%</i>
<i>Missouri</i>	<i>59%</i>
<i>Montana</i>	<i>59%</i>
<i>Nebraska</i>	<i>50%</i>
<i>Wisconsin</i>	<i>46%</i>

I will have a total in my report on the 21st of February also."

PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE!

Ballots must be turned in no later than 1:00 PM on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.
And to reiterate - If you do not turn in your vote, it will be counted as a 'disapprove' vote.

Thank You.

- MARLENE HALL, Election Committee Chairperson



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Women's Club: From the President

Sunshine Estates Community

I would like to remind everyone what our By-Laws state:

ARTICLE II

OBJECT

The object of this Club shall be to promote a spirit of unity and friendship among its members through programs and events – socially, culturally, and educationally entertaining and enlightening. The Club may engage in philanthropic endeavors and discussions of vital interest of the day but never be political or partisan. This Club is designed for fund raising and profit to benefit Sunshine Country Estates and no part of the net earnings shall be used for the benefit of any private individual.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any woman who lives in Sunshine Country Club Estates is considered to be a member of this Club. NO DUES are required of the membership, however, members shall be expected to attend meetings and demonstrate an interest in the Club's activities by serving as hostess or on a committee.

It was brought to my attention that there were women in our community that were not sure if they were a member of the Women's Club > I just want to welcome you and want you to understand you are a member just by residing in Sunshine Estates Community.

I also want you to understand all the events that we do only work if we have people that help serve as a hostess or on a committee. There is always support from others that will help, but we have to have people willing to organize the group to make it all happen. So not just the same people are having to do the bulk of the load all of the time.

We formed a couple of committees at our last meeting on Dec 20th.

- 1) To look at the lighting in Retzlaff Hall. Looking at the possibility of adding some dimmers and maybe changing the lighting in the hall to LED's.
- 2) Add some new microphones to our system or update what we have for better use.

IF ANY OF OUR RESIDENCES HAVE KNOWLEDGE AND COULD ADD TO THESE PROJECTS PLEASE LET US KNOW.

OVERALL IT HAS BEEN A GREAT YEAR AND I JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR SUPPORT!!!

AND THERE IS STILL MORE TO COME > COME AND JOIN US AND MAKE IT HAPPEN!

Thank You,

Vicky LeRoy Krueger

Women's Club President

P.S. Please text or call if you need me. 785-418-6208



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Women's Club: NYE Party (Thank You)

We would like to thank:

- Our super great committee who made our planning sessions so much fun.
- Everyone who attended the party and helped us bring in the new year of 2023.

We hope you all enjoyed our casual fun-filled evening of eating, drinking, dancing and laughing.

- Denise Utterback & Beth Parrish

Women's Club SuperBowl (canceled) (02-12-23)

Women's Club is going to cancel the Super Bowl Party. We are going to have a lot of people out of town. So, with low interest otherwise it is going to be canceled. Thanks as always for your support of Women's Club.

- Vicky Leroy Krueger, Women's Club President

Women's Club: Bow-Tie Brunch is now "Bow-Tie Happy Hour" (02-14-23)

Valentine's Day February 14 Alert!

Due to a variety of reasons we have changed this year's Valentines Day celebration from a Bow-Tie Brunch to a Bow-Tie Happy Hour.

February 14 at 4:00 in the hall. More information will be forth coming.

- Pam Lacy

Women's Club: Taste of Sunshine & Cake Walk (02-23-23)

Mark your calendar for this upcoming Women's Club event – and stay tuned for details.

- Beth Parrish (for Pam Davis & Vicky Leroy Krueger)

Women's Club: Valley Voices (02-24-23)

The Women's Club is hosting another Valley Voices concert on February 24th @ 3:00 pm in Retzlaff Hall. See additional details below.

- Jill Ventrello, Women's Club Activities Director





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Women's Club: Drama Skit (03-18-23)

You are needed to create a fun Drama Event on March 18. **Memorization is not required**, we can scroll the script to you on stage if you have a speaking part. Mainly we need players to act and gesture and move about. We also need helpers to run a projector or scroll scripts or move furniture around on stage

We need two men: To be Noah and God (a voice off stage)

We Need two neighbors: One needs to help the other with figuring out a puzzle.

We need a radio announcer to interview an 80-year-old women who just married again for the fourth time.

We need one woman alone writing an email to her husband about a slight accident with a car

For the pantomime we need: a villain, a hero, an old man and his young daughter, an over the hill burlesque Queen, A middle age business couple touring. A Constable to arrest someone. And an announcer to read the story. **Please sign up if we do not get enough performers we cannot do the show.**

Rehearsals will generally be on Wednesday afternoon between 1:00 and 4:00 for four weeks. Starting Wednesday Feb 22.



- Nancy Steele, 614-657-3428



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Golf: Guys & Dolls Tournament (02-10 & 11-23)

Attention Guys and Dolls:

The Guys and Dolls tournament is coming up Friday and Saturday, February 10th and 11th with rain dates set for February 17th and 18th. So start making plans and finding your partners for two fun-filled days of golf. More information will be sent out to the community soon.

- Deloris Percy

Ladies Golf: Baked Potato Supper (02-25-23)



LADIES GOLF

BAKED POTATO SUPPER

**WITH ALL THE FIXINS AND DESSERT
ICE TEA AND COFFEE PROVIDED**

February 25, 2023

Social Hour at 4:30 pm

Serving Dinner 5:00 pm-6:00 PM

**Virtual ticket sales in the Library starting FEBRUARY 11,2023
\$8.00 per person, open to all. Put \$8.00 per person in an
envelope with names on the outside, cash only.**

Takeout available.

SEE YOU THERE

- Glenda Wetherbee



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Men's Golf: Various Information

A new Handicap Roster is out today (February 24) because it is a 5-week month. That means the January 31 scores will be calculated with the following 3 weeks in February, which will be updated after the round play on Feb 21. So, for our tournament on Feb 27 and 28 we'll have an updated Handicap for everyone's score. In noting that Feb 27 and 28 will be our end of year tournament, please, those who haven't paid your dues, please pay. If you are unsure who you are, there is a list up in the library.

Also note that after play on Tuesday, March 7 we have reserved the pavilion from 11 am to 1 pm to hand out awards/money and eat and drink. So please put this your own schedule and plan on attending.
- Any questions contact Rocky Lockwood at 360-481-0124 or Matt Lyne.

Good Neighbor Day Golf Tournament (GNDGT) (03-2,3,4-23)

37th Annual Good Neighbor Day Golf Tournament

Early registration for Sunshine residents will be on February 23 and 24 in the library from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The last registration day will be February 27 from 10:00 AM until noon. Please mark your calendars for these dates and times. The event will be on March 2, 3 & 4, a Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. You will play three scramble-type rounds of golf as a team and have an awards dinner on Saturday evening in the 37th Annual Event. The cost is \$60 per player. Dinner-only tickets will be available for players' significant others or guests for \$20.

Another reminder will be sent out before the registration dates noted above. However, we want an early start on registration.

Good Neighbor Day Golf Tournament Committee Chairman
Tony Tramel

A poster for the 37th Good Neighbor Day Golf Tournament. The background is a silhouette of a golfer in mid-swing against a bright, sunlit sky. The text is white and black. The title "37th Good Neighbor Day Golf Tournament" is at the top. Below it, the dates "March 2, 3, & 4, 2023" are listed, followed by the location "Sunshine Country Club, 1957 W. Michigan Dr, Harlingen, TX 78550". The age requirement "Age 55+" is also included. The format is "27 Hole Scramble with Award Dinner & Prizes" and the price is "\$60.00". At the bottom, there are two boxes: one for contact information and one for registration details.

37th
**Good Neighbor Day
Golf Tournament**

March 2, 3, & 4, 2023
Sunshine Country Club
1957 W. Michigan Dr
Harlingen, TX 78550

Age 55+

*27 Hole Scramble with
Award Dinner & Prizes*

Price: \$60.00

For more information
contact:

**Randy Davis 214-783-4604
Dick Parrish 314-402-0219**

Sunshine Registration:
Feb 23 & 24, 1:00-3:00 PM &
Feb 27 10:00 AM-Noon
In the Library, Please Register
Early



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Woodworkers: Spaghetti Supper

The woodworkers would like to thank everyone who supported our Spaghetti Supper fundraiser. We had a great turn out and everyone seemed to have a great time. Thanks to all the volunteers who made it possible. Those who baked cakes, cooked for two days, kitchen help, hall set up, all the servers and cleanup crew. This endeavor could not happen without all your support. We hope you all enjoyed your meal and look forward to seeing you in the woodshop.

- *Cathy Chajec, Woodworker Club Treasurer*

Memorial Committee

FYI - The Memorial Committee is busy working on updating the Memorial Books. If you wish to make a donation in honor of a past resident we ask that the **minimum** amount be \$5.00. We thank you in advance as this makes it easier for our accounting records. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me about the Memorial Committee.

- *Vickie Jones, 262-689-7068*

Sunshine Garden Club

There will be no meeting on February 14th, Valentine's Day, instead we will tour a local native plant park on February 17th. See details and signup in the library.

Thank you to the community for your help, interest and donations to the Sunshine Gardens.

- *Susanne Ulrich for the entire Garden Club*

SCCE Fishing Association

Attention All SEPO residents and renters. If you have an interest in learning about the different styles and locations to fish in the RGV, The SCCE Fishing Association is the organization for you. They are a great start. SCCE Fishing Association's monthly meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 in Retzlaff Hall . Join us for fellowship with folks with common interests. We usually have an Expert in the angling field as a speaker to talk on topics and field your questions. This month we have Cameron Co. Game Warden, Cody Levey. If you decide to participate there is a \$10 lifetime Participation fee. For Questions or concerns you can contact me.

- *Bill Peterson @309-945-2108*



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Rock Painting Club

- **Contact:** Karren Amos
- **Meets:** 1st* and 4th Monday each Month from 1 PM to 3 PM (changes to the schedule will be communicated via Sunshine email distribution list). The next 4 meetings are Monday,

February 6th & February 27th, 2023 and the same dates in March, the 6th & 27th, 2023. Keep your eyes open for painted "Easter Rocks" in the Sunshine community.

- **Time:** 1pm to 3pm.
- **Location:** Retzlaff Hall
- **Participants:** Open to all Sunshine Residents/Renters, men and women, and their immediate adult family members. Persons with no "rock painting" experiences and those with some "rock painting" experiences are encouraged to join us and have some fun!
- Just a quick reminder – our rock painting club mission is to spread kindness!
- **Cost:** In order to cover the cost of rocks and painting materials being supplied, there is a \$5 per participant fee per session. New members receive a "welcome kits" containing paint, paint brush, rocks, "chalk", and a few other "must haves" for rock painters! Rocks may usually be purchased after the "monthly " Rock Painting meetings, \$1 per rock, maximum of 5 rocks.

The Sunshine Rock Painting Club & Sunny Glen Children's Home in San Benito jointly agreed to postpone the 7th of January 2023 event at the "children's home request." NOTE: We plan to reschedule during their March spring break.

Upcoming Rock Painting Club "project being discussed" - painting rocks for a local "Nursing Home!"

Come join the fun with Rock Painting Club members at a future meeting!

NOTE: Questions and suggestions for the Sunshine Rock Painting Club are always welcome via phone 309-781-3479 (call or text (with your name please), or by gmail karrenaamos@gmail.com.



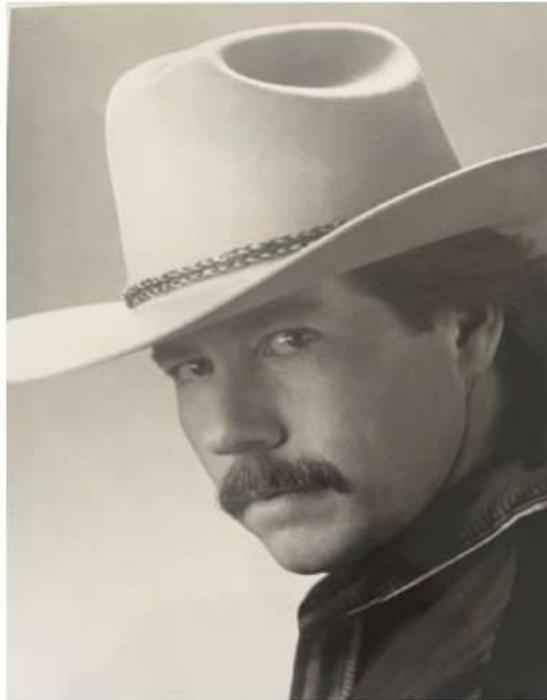
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Concert: 59 ½ Minutes w/Brett (03-25-23)

Please come join me while I sing some of nearly sixty songs written and recorded by me in Nashville. There will also be some songs sung by me from a few other artists . People like to know the meaning behind the song, or I am asked how I came up with the idea. So, before I sing an original, I will tell the audience how I came up with it. I will be singing and playing guitar with backup harmonies.

I was on the radio for two years being promoted in country music. This is an opportunity for me to showcase one more time my musical past before I find myself unable to do it any longer.

- Dana Boettcher



Brett Dana Photo in 1995

Brett is now a member of Sunshine Country Club Estates
Bring your friends and family August 25th, at Retzlaff Hall

Hear Brett sing his own songs and
tell the stories behind them.

Music, Parody, Comedy



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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!

Lenore J. Combs, Coordinator 956 245 1276 LJCombs44@gmail.com
Sgt. Rebecca Cruz, NW HPD District Representative

Dear NW – CERT members and Friends,

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 20 February 2023 at 3pm in Retzlaff Hall. Please mark your calendars. We will have a split second NW meeting and then go on to this class – *SENIORS SAVING A LIFE*. You all are invited for this class as we will do a presentation on "Hands Only" CPR and the use of the AED. (compliments of John & Lenore) Just a thought - with 70% of out-of-hospital cardiac arrests happening at home if you are called to give Hands Only CPR you'll likely be trying to save someone you know. This class is designed to empower Senior Citizens with the confidence to take quick action in Saving A Life.

You are all welcome so please come to the meeting – NW volunteer or not.

Gameplan:

Without giving a dissertation on the use of these skills, we will offer a concise 90 minute class plus an optional skills testing at the end (about 30 minutes more).

You can receive a Certificate of Attendance or receive the Responder Certificate based upon successful completion of the optional skills test which includes the CPR and AED.

What is Hands-Only CPR?

Hands – Only CPR is "compression only" Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation and is a call to action by a bystander in response to a sudden, out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. It is recommended by The American Heart Association that Hands-Only CPR be used on adults who suddenly collapse. "Hands-Only CPR" performed by a bystander has been shown to be as effective as conventional CPR. CPR includes breaths in the first few minutes of an out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrest. An attempt at Compression-only CPR is better than no attempt.

What is an AED? – Automated External Defibrillator

Regarding the AED - another lesson recently recalled – cardiac arrest and commotio cordis on the football field – quick response with the AED saved this Football player's life.

An AED – Automated External Defibrillator is a medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and if necessary, deliver an electrical shock (defibrillation) to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.

***Remember to always call 911 first – survey the scene for safety – send someone for the AED**



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FROM THE EDITOR

WOW – Thanks to everyone who provided such great information for this Newsletter. I hope I have included everyone’s article since I received so many. If I missed anyone send it to me again and I will get it out in an email. And I hope any info I inserted for those I didn’t hear from is to your liking. The monthly Newsletter is a great way to get the word out.

That said, I’m exhausted just putting this Newsletter together, let alone attending the great Sunshine Activities that are coming up in the next couple of months. Everyone had better put on their “I’m busy” caps. As additional details are finalized for your events, they can be sent out at any time in a SEPO email via sepoenews@gmail.com.

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