

INSIDE SUNSHINE NEWSLETTER (revised)

FEBRUARY 2022



SEPO Board

The 2021 Board will hold the Annual Shareholders Meeting on February 15, 2022. There will be two meetings that day. The 1 PM meeting is strictly to determine if there is a quorum to proceed with counting the ballots received. The 3 PM meeting will include reporting on votes for three Board Director positions and acceptance or rejection of several proposed amendments to our Bylaws and Covenants. The Board committed a lot of time, energy, effort and discussion associated with the proposed amendments. It is important that every homeowner votes on these critical issues.

You can request a printed copy of the proposed changes from the SEPO Office. A 'Do Not Remove' copy is available in a binder on the table outside the SEPO Office. You can also view/print them on the Sunshine Web site (<https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/sepo-rules-2022vote>). Please read the comments adjacent to each proposed change for an explanation of why each change is being proposed. If you have questions regarding these matters, please reach out to other Board Members or me if needed.

Two of your Board members, Tony Tramel and Beth Parrish, hosted an Open Forum in Retzlaff Hall on Thursday, Jan 27 and believe it went well. Lots of comments were made and questions asked, and hopefully answered. We are contemplating holding another Open Forum if there are residents who are interested in attending. Please e-mail Beth Parrish (sepoboardbeth@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Everyone should have received their voting materials by now. If you have not received them, please contact the SEPO Office (956-425-1420) and another package will be prepared for you.

Everyone in the community is encouraged to attend the Shareholders meeting on Tuesday, February 15 to show your investment in and support of this great community we all live in.

Tony Tramel, SEPO President

Beth Parrish, SEPO Secretary and Governing Documents

Good News and Bad News -

We will be having a golf tournament on March 3, 4, and 5, 2022, Thursday through Saturday. However, the committee decided we would call it the Sunshine Country Club Estates Golf Tournament, rather than the Good Neighbor Golf Tournament, for this year only. The name change is because of input from the organizing committee and others. We will be limiting participation to only residents/renters of Sunshine and/or their immediate family. Additionally, the golfers must be 55 years of age or older. We plan to

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host everything outside, so we will not have an awards dinner on Saturday. We hope to award prizes every day by drawings beginning the first day for the morning and afternoon participants. We moved the dates back a month in hopes of having great weather.

We will be reducing the entry fee as well. Stay tuned for more updates and details.

Tony Tramel
2022 Sunshine Country Club Estates Golf Tournament, Chairman

Women's Club: From the President

I want to thank all of the women who braved the cold weather and attended the January meeting. I didn't even want to go outside! We had about 25 in attendance. Our next meeting will be held on February 18, 2022.

The history of Sunshine Estates slideshow played to a full audience. It was great to see so many residents come out to a Women's Club event. Thanks to Share Nelson and John Combs for putting the program together.

Our first Breakfast was a success. Thanks to Pam Davis and her fantastic crew. More breakfasts will be planned with different menus.

The events for February will be the Superbowl party on February 13 and the Mardi Gras on February 24. More information will be sent out in SEPO E-News E-Mails for these events. We are still looking for someone to chair the Hog Roast (or an activity of your choosing) in March. There are several people who will be able to help with this event.

Our new Women's Club Activities Director effective February 1, 2022 will be Judy Stone. A big thanks to outgoing Director, Sue Swidryk, for serving the last two years. Thanks Ladies!

We welcome all women who live at the Estates to come to our meetings, held once a month, October through March. Our Club plans activities that will raise money so we are able to purchase things for our community. If you have any questions or comments, please call.

Marian Young, President
719-468-4556

Women's Club: Mardi Gras

Party time on February 24, Thursday, at Retzlaff Hall. Dance the night away in your costumes. Prizes will be given away!!!

Doors will open at 4 pm for Happy Hour! Meal at 4:30. Music from 5-7 with DJ Doug and his wife, Kathy. Kathy works the crowd and is so much fun.

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This party is being thrown by the Women's Club. The cost will be \$10.00 a person. The Signup sheet will be available in the Library on Feb 10 and will be taken down on Feb 21. So be sure and signup and support our club!!

Mary Hendrickson
Mardi Gras Committee Chairperson

Golf: Guys & Dolls Tournament

This tournament will consist of one Guy (man) and one Doll (woman) on each team and will take place on Friday & Saturday, February 11 & 12. Rain dates are scheduled for Friday & Saturday, February 18 & 19. Start time for mornings is 9:30, afternoon start time is 12:30.

Signup sheets are posted in the library. There are two signup sheets - one for teams and one for singles without partners. Cost is \$10.00 per person (cash only).

Saturday evening there will be an old fashion Happy Hour and awards ceremony. Bring your favorite finger food to share. BYOB. It will be a lot of fun for all!!!!

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Birding and Nature Club

The Sunshine Birding and Nature Club will meet in the library at 7:00pm on Monday, February 7, 2022. All are invited.

We will be discussing the rescheduled field trip and planting trees.

Questions? Text Debi Warner at 956-357-8999.

Sunshine Garden Club

New Meeting Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm.
February 8th in the library.

Very interesting and informative topic for the night is "Cut Flower Arrangements" with our very own Terry DeBackere.

***Community volunteers needed.**

I am planning a garden cleanup day on Monday, February 7th, meet at gazebo at 10:00am. Inclement weather will cancel. Area's we will focus on is the plantings around the gazebo and the community office garden. Tasks will include, weeding, deadheading, planting seeds and rearranging of small plants. I have a few tools, but feel free to bring what you may have. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Susanne Ulrich

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Sunshine Neighborhood Watch – CERT Team
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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
Officers Bravo and Moreno, NW HPD District Representatives

Dear NW - CERT Volunteers, Residents and Friends,

Our next NW-CERT meeting will be Monday 21 February 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.

Officer Rebecca Cruz is our newly assigned HPD NW liaison and she will be here at the February meeting (21 Feb 3pm). They (our District Officers) may go over the new Texas Golf Cart laws, now referred to as low speed vehicles. It would be great if some of the owners of these vehicles would be present to share their 2 Cents.

Recent happenings and reports:

Suspicious vehicle

1. It was reported - a suspicious vehicle (dark color) parked by the Gazebo about 4:30am last week. (Was it the paper delivery?????)

I did not call it in because I did not have enough info to give PD - so I am sharing this with you all hopefully to get more information.

The Police Dispatch needs some data for a typical call to report a concern. - For instance, I need supporting info on your concern - vehicle make model year, distinctive markings, comments about passengers / driver etc., direction they may have driven etc. (always - ?any guns & drugs: Something unusual or strange etc). Just a short briefing.

Keep your eye out and if you can give me more details I will call it in.

2. I did call it in to Harlingen PD 956 216 5940 and also notified NW at Encore of the concern. What was reported to me was a concern about strange cars driving around.....; ? a person walking thru the homes to get to the street into SCCE. Again not much info for a report to justify an “area to patrol” but HPD said they would check us out anyway - and Encore too. As well, they will pay a visit to the Carnies on the corner to inform them this is private property.

3. Wednesday, it was reported to Valerie by a resident that a business vehicle was in here driving around soliciting for security systems.

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4. There is a NO SOLICITING sign at our front entrance and an offense can be treated with a fine etc. Again, if you wish to report a soliciting issue, I need more general info if possible - who what where when - and a description of the vehicle - make model distinctive markings etc. I did call Brinks Security but to no avail.

5. I believe the issue for someone (?? a visitor and friend) in our Pavilion bath & shower was resolved.

Locking up the buildings and shutting doors - everyone's responsibility. please be careful about exiting these areas and double check the doors.

Orange decals for vehicles

These orange happy face sunshine decals are available from me, Jean Burgoine and the Office for your vehicle and Golf Cart. They are free and are simply to acknowledge that the vehicle and golf cart belong to Sunshine residents.

The vehicle decal should be placed on the rear window - in the upper driver's side so it is out of your view.

The decal for your Golf Cart is best mounted on the driver's side - window - lower corner (so as not to impede visibility). Call me or Jean for a suggestion or question.

NW Evening Patrols: Linda & Dick Jones Thanks to Linda for her due diligence on making our Patrol Calendar happen. February's is ready.
Thanks to Dick for doing some Patrol orientations.

There are 2 new Maglights in the McGruffmobile.
Thanks to Rich Debacere for looking after McGruff and thanks to Tom Gossins for looking after the batteries in the flashlites.

RED Envelopes - with current health history.
Complete the health hx, place in red envelope.
If you have a DNR (Do Not Resuscitate document) make sure a copy is in there too.

Street Lights - if one is out, report it to me or Valerie. AEP has to be notified.

Block Captains: - We have 9 streets – Depending on the number of homes are there, a Block Captain and Co-Captains play a role is getting out information and sharing it. How 'bout signing up?

Operation ID – Officer Bravo & Moreno HPD

Contact Lenore 956 245 1276 so we can make arrangements with you. First, complete your **Personal Inventory List** then we can set up the engraving process & give you the Operation ID decal. Additional Personal Inventory Lists are available in the Library next to the NW display.

Misc:

Vial of L.I.F.E. decals - available. What about "Who's Your Buddy" ?

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“Sunshine Emergency Contact” forms are available in the Office. Please keep your info current. Has the Office a spare key or your designate here in case of ???

Refrigerator Magnets to call in at HPD **216 5940** report suspicious activity.
Have your story together – not an epistle. You will be speaking to an Officer who simply wants to know what, where, who and how (any drugs or guns?)

Next meeting: Monday 21 February 2021 3pm Retzlaff

Easter is 17 April and we usually discuss efficient ways to set up your home before heading up North at the February meeting. Please be thinking of some good ideas. In March we will do a Utility Ride around SCCE. We will see where gas and electric and other utilities are located and the Lift Station - and who to call in an emergency.

FROM THE EDITOR

January weather hasn't been the greatest but here's to hoping February brings us lots of sunshine and warm weather. And Happy Valentine's Day to all. Thanks for submitting your articles for this Newsletter to keep the community informed of upcoming events. SEPO Newsletters Guidelines can be found here: (<https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/guidelines-sepo-newsletter>).

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