

INSIDE SUNSHINE NEWSLETTER

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SEPO Board

Happy Thanksgiving to all. Welcome back to those of you who have arrived here at Sunshine in the last month and safe travels to those of you still heading this way.

Although the Board continues to work on multiple items, we consider one of the most important of these is utilization of Law Firm LADD & THIGPEN, P.C. concerning **possible changes to our SEPO Covenants and Bylaws**, since we anticipate residents voting on these recommendations as part of the Annual Meeting election process on February 15, 2022. The attorney has already provided us with updates that should be made to our documents based on changes made to Texas HOA laws in September 2021. We anticipate a final reply from him on Friday, October 29, concerning the recommendations previously made by the Review Committee.

As part of this process we anticipate several educational-type meetings to be held so residents can ask questions and understand the all of the issues prior to casting their votes.

SEPO Board President

Tony Tramel

Sunshine Resident/Renter Identifier

The golf cart stickers arrived last week. This is the first communication going out to community about the stickers. As an added level of security for our community, the Board is asking all Sunshine golf cart owners and renters to place a sticker on their golf carts. The stickers are the same stickers we have on our cars. They are free and available from the office, Jean Burgoine or Lenore Combs. Please, place the sticker on the lower windshield on the driver's side. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated as we try to make our community just a little bit safer.

Jean Burgoine

SEPO Board

Residents Meetings (formerly Informational Meeting)

At the October 12 Board meeting President Tony Trammel emphasized that there are two (2) parts to the Residents meeting concerning 'speaker requests'. The first part is for those wishing to speak on the next day's Board meeting agenda items. The second part is for those wishing to speak concerning any topic. We are hopeful at the November 9 meeting we will have some people participate in that process. Anything brought up by residents will be information the Board will consider in the decision-making process in the next day's Board meeting.

Instructions for the 'speaker requests' and how to obtain the form are on the Sunshine Web site here:

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<https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/speaker-request>

Minutes will not be produced after a Residents Meeting. However, if there are any 'speaker requests' discussed at a Residents Meeting, those comments will be incorporated into the minutes from the Board meeting held the following day. Board Secretary Beth Parrish we will continue to send out the link to the Google Meet videos from the Residents Meetings.

Thank you in advance for being open-minded to this new process.

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Covid-19 BOOSTER Info and Other Vaccine Choices

TO: SCCE Residents (this notice is as of 26 Oct 2021)

FROM: Lenore J. Combs, 956 245 1276 LJCombs44@gmail.com

SUBJECT: COVID-19 VACCINE BOOSTER Call-Out (Moderna and Pfizer) and other vaccine choices

DATE: Wednesday, 3 November 2021, 8 am – 12 noon

WHERE: Meet at Retzlaff Hall – side Kitchen door

Watch for additional details concerning the above coming your way via a SEPO e-mail to the community.

Women's Club: President's Message

Our first meeting on October 15th was attended by 52 people. We had ten new members who graciously stood up and introduced themselves. The "Wear Your Name Tag" prize was won by Sue Ann Crapsey. Because we had not had a meeting for awhile, and have so many new residents, everyone was eligible even if they did not wear their nametag. So, remember to put on your nametag to win a prize at our next meeting.

During the meeting we discussed the Mexican Fiesta, and Cathy Richmond explained how virtual tickets work. Beverly McIntosh shared her idea for Thanksgiving Dinner, and Dee Novak talked about a bus tour to see Christmas lights. Thanksgiving, Christmas plans, and more will be discussed at the next meeting. Lenore Combs spoke about Veterans Day, Neighborhood Watch, and coordinating vaccine and booster shots here at the Estates. Pam Lacy agreed to chair the Golf Cart Gala on Halloween.

There were announcements from Heidi Dill about delaying her craft classes, and Lassey Dahlstrom spoke about two luncheon fund raising events in our community.

Cathy Richmond spoke about the Women's Club Board Nominating Committee. A committee is formed in November of an election year, which is this year. A committee consists of three women, with one being a past officer. The committee members look for potential nominees to hold office. We will address this again during the November meeting.

Starting November 14th, we will have a Sunday night band at the hall for dancing or just listening to the music. Roy Ridlon and his band will be playing. We will sell a variety of ice cream bars for \$1.00 and the coffee is free. The music starts at 6:00 and ends at 8:00 pm.

Our next meeting is Friday, November 19, 2021 at 9 am in Retzlaff Hall

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Marian Young, Women's Club President

Women's Club: Veterans Day

"Was the thought of duty done And the love of his fellow men"

Richard Watson Gilder 1844 -1909



"HONORING ALL THOSE WHO SERVED"

This year's theme is centered on the centennial commemoration of the Tomb of The Unknown Soldier. The tomb was initially dedicated by the Army on Armistice Day 11 November 1921 with a burial of an unknown service member from WW I.

A longstanding recognized tradition is the laying of a wreath at Arlington National Cemetery at the Tomb of The Unknown Soldier.

Over the past century additional unknowns have been buried at the Tomb and the site has become a people's memorial that inspires reflection on service, valor, sacrifice and mourning. Today, we wish to convey the elements of the history, legacy and meaning of the Tomb during its centennial anniversary.

Armistice Day was first recognized the year after the end of WW I in 1919 by Woodrow Wilson and the name change to Veterans Day after WW II and the Korean War as a mark of respect and a moment of reflection. In 1926 Congress passed a resolution requesting President Coolidge to issue a proclamation making Armistice Day a legal holiday.

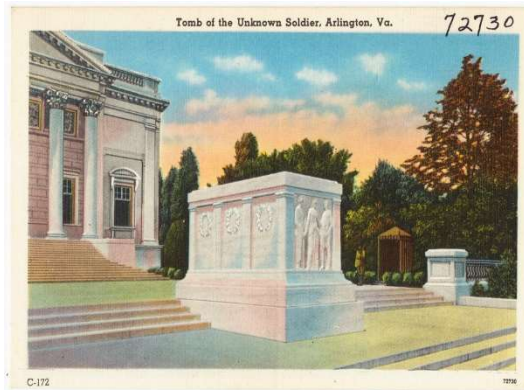
In 1938 an Act made November 11th a Federal Holiday dedicated to world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as Armistice Day. In 1954 the name changed to Veterans Day.

Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day. Veterans Day celebrates all those *present and past* who have served in the Armed Forces with emphasis on thanking those who are still with us. Memorial Day recognizes those who gave all whether in service or as a result of their injuries in conflicts.

Sunshine CC Estates - Veterans Day
"Honoring All Those Who Served"
November 11th - Thursday -- details pending

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100th Year Commemoration of The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Women's Club: Thanksgiving Dinner

The Women's Club will be sponsoring a Thanksgiving Day Dinner again this year in Retzlaff Hall on November 25, 2021, but there will be changes from how we've done it in the past. Rather than the Women's Club providing the meat, stuffing, gravy etc. and residents bringing the sides, desserts etc. for everyone in the hall to share, here's the plan for this year. Due to Covid-19, in order to social distance, we will be setting up ten (10) tables in the hall. Each table can seat 8 to 12 people. We are looking for a host or hostess to 'sponsor' one (1) of each of the ten (10) tables. The host/hostess signup sheet is currently up on the Women's Club Committee Signup Bulletin Board in the Library. Responsibilities of the host/hostess are defined below.

Residents will be notified when the signup sheet for the actual dinner will be posted on the Women's Club easel in the library. It is normally ten (10) days before the event, but may be prior to the 10-day rule this year, due to event format changes. Once announced, residents can sign up for the table they wish to sit at.

The hall will open at 12:30 pm on Thanksgiving Day for pre-dinner socializing. Plan to eat at 1 pm.

Host/Hostess responsibilities - Each host/hostess will be responsible for meeting with the residents who have signed up at their table to decide on the following:

- Decorations (if any wanted). The Women's Club can supply decorations if you wish to use them or you can use your own. The hall is reserved on Wed, Nov 24 @ 4 pm for those wanting to decorate their tables.
- Place Settings (Does the table want to be uniform, or everyone bring their own?)
- Food and Drink. (What will be prepared and served at each individual table and who will bring what?)
- Table cleanup. (Each table will need to be cleaned when you are finished, by those sitting at that table.)

We encourage you to sign up now to be a host/hostess and invite your friends and neighbors to share this most wonderful holiday together with you at your table. We would like to see all the tables full.

For any questions or anyone wishing to know more, please contact Bev McIntosh at 989-397-7482.

Women's Golf League

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The Sunshine Women's Golf would like to extend an invitation to all new homeowners - current residents and any renters to join us on Wed mornings for our women's league. All experience levels welcome. We meet at the pool pavilion 15 minutes prior to tee time. Cost for league is \$25 a yr for members. Try it out - have some fun and meet your Sunshine neighbors!! We look forward to seeing you! League starts Nov 3rd.

Terry DeBackere

Women's Golf League President

Men's Golf League

The Sunshine Men's Golf would like to invite all New Homeowners and current residents and renters to join us on Tuesday mornings in the library at 8:45 am or sign up on the roster posted in the library. All levels of play are welcome. Cost is \$20.00 yearly dues and \$1.00 for Tuesday play, which is paid back to the golfers. Payouts are for low gross, low net as well as closet to the pin on holes selected for that week and \$5.00 for a Hole-In-One, and yes it does happen. So sign up and let's play Golf. For Sept and Oct only one tee time is set for 9:00 am and beginning Nov 1 we will start with two tee times, 8:30 am and the later one at 10 am. Any questions please contact Rocky Lockwood or Matt Lyne.

Thanks

Rocky Lockwood

Sunshine Garden Club

We are looking forward to our first Meet and Greet Garden Club get together.

NOTE: Covid-19 precautions will be taken.

Day/Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Sunshine Library

Topic: Thriller, Filler, Spiller

Display will be the Door Prize

All are invited, should be great fun to share gardening thoughts and stories with our Sunshine friends and neighbors.

Suggested plantings for November in Zone 9. Cool season plantings: pansy, viola, snapdragons, dianthus, Cape daisy and alyssum. Continue planting herbs and other cool season crops such as beets, broccoli, cabbage, lettuce.

Question: What does Zone mean.

Answer: The U.S. is divided into 11 separate zones in regards to plant hardiness. Each zone is 10° F warmer (or colder) in an average winter than adjacent zones.

Guidelines: When looking at your perennial plant tag the zone determines the coldest temperature a species is expected to survive in your climate.

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In South Texas we are considered Zone 9, on average perennial plants can withstand temps as low as 20° to 30° F, but thrive in 70° to 90°F.

Susanne Ulrich

Killer Bees Quilters

The Thursday Quilters...The Killer Bees...will have a brief meeting at 10:30 AM in the Pavilion on Thursday, November 6th and 11th. Contact Jan Baethke with any questions.

Mr. Fix-It List

New to Sunshine and need some work done around the house? Not sure who to ask. Try the “Mr Fix-it” List. The Mr. Fix-it list was started by Pat Harvey in January of 2016. It is a valuable list of recommendations from our own group of homeowners. Need a plumber? We have you covered. How about tile work? There are several companies/workers on the list. Almost anything you can think of, there are one or more people on the list.

Who better to get recommendations from than your neighbors? The people who submitted the names on the list were all highly satisfied with the quality and timeliness of the work performed.

Karen and I took over the ‘Mr. Fix-it’ list in October of 2019. It is located under “Amenities” on the SCCE Web site (<https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/mr-fixit>) or paper copies are in the library.

We urge you to give it a try. It’s helped us more than once. Then you can e-mail us with your own recommendations.

Mike Bricker

Neighborhood Watch

Harlingen Fire Department Newsletter: FIRE SAFETY PRESENTATION

On October 18, 2021, Station 3 personnel participated in a Fire Safety Presentation at the Sunshine Country Club Estates (1957 W. Michigan Dr). Personnel discussed safety topics such as having smoke alarms, two routes to exit the home in an emergency, calling 911 and stop drop and roll. Personnel also discussed fire extinguishers and how to use them. Residents then used the fire extinguisher prop provided by FPO to apply the skills discussed (PASS). Approximately 50 residents from the Sunshine Country Club Estates attended the presentation.

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Lenore Combs



Sunshine Neighborhood Watch – CERT Team
(Est. 2008)
SCCE - Harlingen's premier NW & CERT Team



Lights On -- Lock Up and Look Out for each other!

MINUTES – Monday – 18 OCTOBER 2021 - 3pm - Retzlaff Hall

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,

This is an open meeting and we welcome your constructive input. At the moment I am choosing to call an in person meetings to discuss the future of our NW-CERT program.

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.

We wish to get as many helpful hints and opinions as possible. You matter. Sunshine matters. If you cannot attend, please send me your 2 Cents on this agenda.

Thanks for many of you coming out – very productive.

1 The NOVEMBER Patrol Schedule is out.

Some nights have an 8:30 & an 10:30 PM coverage but at least we have one patrol every night. Thank you all for serving.

2 **Sunshine Happy Face decal:** Recently, the SEPO Board decided to identify our Sunshine Golf Carts (as we do our vehicles) with a **Sunshine Happy Face decal**. Jean Burgoine and I have decals – so does

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the Office (Valerie). Please obtain one for your person golf cart. Please place it on the driver front windshield or obvious place close by.

Where to place it: Some of us have old "Trail Passes" on our Golf Carts - located on our Front windshield – Drivers side. – so that is a good visible spot. Some residents lined it up with the frame of the windshield – if that helps.

Please call us or get one – ideally each Sunshine vehicle should have a Happy Face decal too. It simply IDs that your vehicle lives here. Call me and I will place it for you – goes on the vehicle windshield – driver's side – outside upper rear corner. (When the Police do a drive by patrol in here, they are looking for suspicious activity for our protection and will take a double look).

3 OCTOBER is Fire Prevention Month. We had a visit from Harlingen's Bravest from our local Fire Station Engine 3 - off Loop 499 (which also is the Comm Center). The big red truck was in here earlier testing our Fire Hydrants for water pressure – it was up to specs. And then they came by for the meeting. Driver Ryan Mc Nutt, Lt. Cruz and FF Martinez were on board and presented a Fire Prevention class – complete with hand-outs, an exercise on Fire Extinguishers, a look at our Fire Extinguisher system above the our stove in our Retz Kitchen and finally a tour of the Fire Truck and all its stuff and for what. You missed a great program. Some materials are on the table in the Library.

4 Block Captains: - an important role. We have 9 streets – some big, some not. Depending on the number of homes there, a Block Captain and Co-Captains play an important role is getting out information and sharing it. You are a part of "Sunshine's Eyes n Ears". Communication is the strongest cog in the wheel. How 'bout signing up? You can report suspicious activity to me, the Office, a Board member, the Police.....

Here's a common Job Description: (not in any special order)
Keep an eye on your Street – homes, vacations, illnesses etc.
Maintain communication among the neighbors
Help keep contact info current on your street
Remind folks about future meetings or other happenings
Keep in contact at reasonable intervals so residents might be aware of any criminal activity close by. (SCCE, Encore etc).
Encourage participation in our NW-CERT program – attend meetings
Welcome new neighbors, encourage their participation in NW, invite them to our meetings (3rd Monday every month 3pm Retzlaff Hall)

5 STOP THE BLEED Interactive Course – There is also a new mobile version you can access for the course. This is the "new CPR". Why you should know it.....

With 3 quick actions, you can be trained to save a life! This online course will guide you thru the 3 methods of bleeding control using video demonstrations, interactive learning and spontaneous quizzes.

A bleeding injury can happen anywhere, any time – especially a life-threatening injury. Learn how to recognize life threatening bleeding and apply techniques to effectively control the bleeding. Your "call" can be the life or death difference.

Obviously CALL 9-1-1

- 1 Apply pressure with hands
- 2 Pack the wound

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3 Apply a tourniquet

6 Projects:

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” ?

RED Envelope - with current health history.

Complete the health hx, place in red envelope.

If you have a DNR make sure it is in there too.

“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 `15 November 2021 3pm Retzlaff Hall

October is Fire Prevention Month

Just in case: Re - Lift Station corner of Montana and Missouri (Hgn Water Works)

If you hear a noise alarm sounding or see the red light rotating, please call it in. Sometime flooding causes it to go off or worse. In any case call 956 430 6100 and leave a message. Lift Station # 39

They cannot get in here if the Front Gate is closed because they do not have a SOS Yelper as the POLICE, FIRE & EMT do have on their Units. So, leave a contact number when you call it in or leave mine 956 245 1276. This way they will call on their arrival and be let in. Thanks.

FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks again to all who submitted articles for this edition of the Sunshine 2021-2022 Winter Season Newsletter. If I happened to miss anything that was submitted, I apologize. Please resend to me and I will get the info out in an e-mail.

As always, the SEPO Newsletters Guidelines are available on the Web site here:

(<https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/guidelines-sepo-newsletter>).

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