

INSIDE SUNSHINE NEWSLETTER

November 2022



SEPO Board

FROM THE PRESIDENT

With the first Women's Club party of the year, the Shrimp Boil, behind us, I think I can say our winter season has begun. It will be nice to greet old friends as they return and meet new friends and neighbors. The Board has continued their work through the summer always trying to make Sunshine a happy, well cared for destination to call home. We are in the process of appointing a Nominating Committee and an Election Committee to prepare for upcoming elections in February. There are those of you who have previously served on these committees. We would welcome your experience. Some of you have valuable life and work history that could benefit our community if you should decide to share. Please keep that in mind when positions on the Board become available. Also, if you would like to **assist** a board member in a particular area to learn the ropes, it might help you decide to take that position in the future. HAVE A HAPPY, HEALTHY, WONDERFUL WINTER HERE IN SUNSHINE.

- Share Nelson, President

SEPO BOARD INFORMATION, REMINDERS ETC.

REMINDERS:

1. Do not speed on the streets.
2. All bikes and golf carts are to stop at all stop signs.
3. There is to be no overnight parking in the street, except for those instances stated in the Policies & Procedures (<https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/policies>).
4. Grandparents – Please control your grandchildren when they are in the pool.

AGE SURVEY:

To maintain our status as a 55+ Senior Community we need to be able to prove to the government, in writing upon their request, that at least 80% of our total resident population, whether they are on the residence deed or not, are 55 or older. If you have not completed this requirement, please contact the SEPO office as soon as possible. **Those who haven't complied yet are in direct violation of our SEPO Governing Rules.**

TABLES AVAILABLE FOR RENT

Stored in the maintenance area, there are 6-10 long tables available for residents to rent for garage sales. Contact Valerie in the office and the workers will deliver them to your house.

Communications

As a reminder I will not be available to do Web site updates from Nov 11-20. E-mails will still be sent out (by Lenore Combs). However, when sending your e-mail information to sepoenews@gmail.com during this

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timeframe, please send verbiage only - No graphics or attachments. Thanks in advance for your cooperation with this.

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

Thanks everyone. Let's keep that information flowing!!!
- Beth Parrish, SEPO Communications

Women's Club: From the President

Women's Club Oct meeting now in the books. Oct's meeting was the 21st and was a great success with well over 30 people in attendance.

A new Vice President was elected > Judy Stone > Congratulations!

We are still looking to add a few more events to our calendar > such as Morning Breakfasts, Halloween Parade, Valley Voices Presentation and some others in the planning stages.

Shrimp Boil was a great success with many people in attendance > the food was wonderful and plenty of it. Thank You to everyone that made this a great success!

Next event should be the Veteran's Day presentation. It is Nov 11th > still in the planning stages. We are thinking of doing a potluck late lunch along with the presentation. A notice will come out soon with the details.

Thanksgiving plans are in the works also. At this point we are planning a potluck starting at 2pm and eating at 2:30pm with a charge of \$5.00 to cover the Turkey and other items needed. We are still looking for some help with cooking of the turkeys and gravy, the turkey carvers, and cleanup after.

Please contact me if you have any ideals or want help with these events.

Thank You,

Vicky Leroy Krueger
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Women's Club: Veterans Day

Dear Sunshine Residents
Everyone is cordially invited to this 2 piece event
Veterans Day 2022 Friday the 11th of November

1 Golf Cart parade

Line up at SEPO Office 1:15 pm
Wave your patriotic favorite flag, decorated Golf Carts encouraged

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Follow the Parade route around SCCE to the Gazebo
Arrange your Golf Carts by the Gazebo for a short Veteran program.
Neighborhood Watch will be there for any assistance for parking issues.
Following a brief patriotic ceremony, you will be dismissed

2 PotLuck

There will be a Pot Luck in Retz Hall - maybe about 3:30pm depending how plans go. You will have time to run home and get your Pot Luck

We welcome everyone, helpers are especially invited
John and Hoppy will do some patriotic music

Respectfully

Lenore J Combs 946 245 1276

USAF Nurse Veteran Viet Nam Era

Women's Club: Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving Dinner / November 24, 2022

Happy Hour 2:00 pm / **Eating at 2:30pm**

Potluck Dinner / Turkey provided

(There is a \$5.00 per person charge for the turkeys and other needs)

We are asking everyone to sign-up for your dishes you are bringing and if possible, sign-up for two items or a double batch of what you bring.

Also, we are needing people to sign up to help cooking turkeys, carving turkeys, setting up, cleanup afterwards, door monitors, servers.

All of this will be posted in the library next week

- VICKY LEROY KRUEGER

Women's Club: Bake Sale / Craft Sale

Mark your calendar for the Bake Sale / Craft Sale Fri Dec 10 in Retzlaff Hall. Dust off those cookbooks and recipe cards and bake up a couple holiday goodies for our bake sale. We will also have sweet rolls and coffee for a social time with your friends and coffee buddies. More info to follow.

- Terry DeBackere chairman

Women's Club: Christmas Drama Skit

We have a funny cute skit that can be performed at the Christmas Dinner party.

We need five (5) performers, an announcer, Santa Claus, Mrs. Clause, an elf, and a Fairy Godmother. Hope fully at least two men for these parts.

More than that though, we need people that could help a little bit with costumes, elf shoes that curl, Santa and Mrs. Santa.

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We need someone who can learn how to scroll the script across the bottom of the stage on a TV for the performers. Memory is hard for all of us anymore. We may need some typists. If you want to get involved and help solve these problems call Nancy Steele, 614.657.3428 or email me at NMSteele11@gmail.com. Whatever happens it will be a lot of fun.

- Nancy Steele

Sunshine Garden Club

November Garden Club Get Together,

When: Tuesday, November 8

Social: 6:15. *Program:* at 6:30pm - 7:30

Where: Library

Topic: Have you heard of thriller, spiller and filler for your basic container gardening? Well, come November we will go beyond the basics and peak your interest with color, texture and growing conditions.

We are inviting all summer garden volunteers to join us in November so we can recognize and thank you for all your hard work.

We will have ample time for open discussion and a bit of show and tell if you like.

Thank you, Sunshine Garden Club

- Susanne Ulrich

SCCE Fishing Association

Attention anyone interested in fishing in the RGV and learning different ways to fish in salt and brackish water, as well as tackle bait to use and how to use it, our Fishing Association is where to come and find out about lots of topics. We are planning on having expert speakers to discuss the different types and styles of fishing and related fishing topics. Join us on Wednesday Nov 9 @ 6:00 at Retzlaff Hall for our first seasonal meeting. All anglers welcome. Hope to see you there.

- Bill Peterson

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 meeting is Monday, **November 7th, 2022**
- **Time:** is **1pm to 3pm.**
- **Location:** **Retzlaff Hall**
- **Participants:** Open to all Sunshine Residents/Renters and their immediate adult family members. Looking forward to new members joining as the Winter Texans return to Sunshine.
- **Cost:** In order to cover the cost of rocks and painting materials being supplied, there is a \$5 per participant fee per session.

We are delivering several recently painted rocks to a local "Children's Home" during the week of October 24th, 2022.

We will discuss several rock painting proposals on October 24th, 2022, and appropriate information will be included in the December 2022 Sunshine Newsletter.

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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.

- Karren Amos

Neighborhood Watch & CERT



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Officers Bravo and Moreno, NW HPD District Representatives

Dear NW- CERT Volunteers, Residents and Friends,

Happy Halloween and Happy Thanksgiving one and all. And let's face it – the Holiday Season is right behind so let's be pro-active and consider that a call to action – even some consideration for New Year's resolutions.

October featured Fire Prevention Month with a theme – *Fire Won't Wait – Plan Your Escape*. 50% of all home fire deaths occur while we are sleeping. – Culprit = no alarm.

We enjoyed a great class from Harlingen's Bravest on Fire Extinguishers "at work". This is the time to make sure your fire prevention items are ready to go – batteries and such - Smoke Detectors, Carbon Monoxide Alarms (CO2), Fire Extinguishers. Are you aware of "bed rattlers"? These are smoke detectors for the hearing impaired. And they produce tactile or visual alerts for more robust alerting. How 'bout flashlights & batteries? Are you up on "rules of the road" for Generators and Portable Heaters? Are your pets included in your escape plan? Have you made an Emergency Escape Plan (not necessarily for fires but also for flooding and etc.? Who's Your Buddy?

As a reminder, check your Smoke alarms every month. Do you have one near each bedroom (sleeping area)? How 'bout the kitchen? Reminder – change your batteries now unless you have a long-life battery). Consider practicing a Fire Drill 2x a year.

There are two new editions in the Library – a "CERT Guide to Community Preparedness" course workbook and the National Neighborhood Watch Institute 's issue of the current NW Participant's Handbook.

Preparedness is a Team Sport! The Cyber folks are issuing warnings as October is also "Cybersecurity Awareness Month". Beware of schemes, threats and hazards especially since the holidays are getting close. Everyone of us has a role to play – mainly raising your awareness how you can protect yourself. Stump the "Bad Guys". They are already ahead of us plus they've been practicing. Use complex and different passwords for your accounts, keep anti-virus software and operating systems up-to-date and

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scrutinize emails before clicking on links (“*gotcha*”) If you own it – secure it & protect it. (I hate I have to do this but I’ll be crying mucho if I get tapped.)

Maybe someone with a natural talent can have a meeting to share some ideas with the community. There is a lot to learn and a lot to lose.

Your Neighborhood Watch meets monthly –

3rd Monday of every month – Retz Hall 3pm

This is an open meeting and we welcome your constructive input. We wish to get as many helpful opinions as possible. You matter. Sunshine matters. If you cannot attend, please send me your 2 Cents. Put Neighborhood Watch on your New Year’s resolution – starting now!

We will have a *Finger-Lickin’ Chicken fundraiser* for NW-CERT in January. Stay tuned

Next meeting: Monday 21 November 3pm Retzlaff (see ya)

- Lenore Combs