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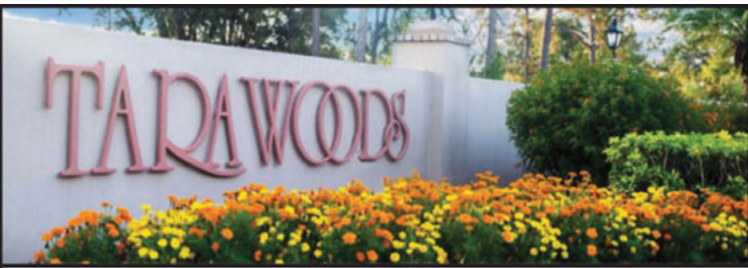
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Happy Easter! We would like to welcome all our new residents. We hope you are getting settled in and can start enjoying the Magic of Tara Woods. If you missed our last Orientation, you are encouraged to come to our next Orientation which will be held on Saturday, April 4th, at 10:00 AM in the Clubhouse Meeting Room. We have a wealth of information to share with you.

Kathy and Joe VanSickle

Joe has lived here at Tara Woods. Kathy and Joe reside at Lot #72, 19732 Charleston Circle. They are full-time residents from Michigan. They have four children. They have one pet named Sidney. Kathy worked in retail sales. Joe worked for Wonder Bread. In their spare time, they both enjoy golf, bowling, and swimming. They both love sports.

Laura and Randy Burmeister

Laura and Randy reside at Lot #676, 19291 Potomac Circle. They are from Michigan. They have two children. They have one pet. Laura worked as a wellness coordinator.

Randy worked for General Motors as a designer. In her spare time, Laura enjoys pickleball, golf, and walking. In his spare time, Randy enjoys pickleball, golf, bicycling, and walking.

Patricia Altamore

Patricia resides at Lot #336, 2810 Cloister Street. She is a part-time resident from New York. She has three children. Patricia is retired. She worked as a hairdresser and nail technician. Patricia is passionate about swimming and music.

Renee and Matthew Peters

Renee and Matthew reside at Lot #243, 2604 Macon Circle. They are part-time residents from Michigan. They have two children and two grandchildren. They have a dog and a cat. Renee is a retired teacher's aide. Matthew is a retired quality control engineer. In her spare time, Renee enjoys thrift shops, walking, and going to the pool. In his spare time, Matthew enjoys going to the pool and being a handyman around the house.

WELCOME TO TARA WOODS,

Dan and Teresa Briggs/Barbara Stuttgen, co-chairs of the Welcome Committee.



SUNSHINE & SYMPATHY

RESIDENT DEATHS:

None at this time.

ILLNESSES: Donna Sealey, Dona Fox

John and Irene D'Amico (former residents),

Dorothy Andrus, and Marilyn Shriver

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Thank you.



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

By Kevin Moldestad, TWWhoA President

Let April Showers Bring May Flowers. We certainly have had a cool and very dry winter. Deb and I have been homeowners in the Fort Myers area since 2004, and visitors for over ten years prior to that, and I don't recall a winter quite like this. However, we all know the heat and hopefully not too much rain will come. As the season comes to an end, the Community Improvement Committee was informed of a long list of items to be started by Hometown America over the next few weeks. The notes for that meeting can be found on the website. It should be an active and exciting time over the summer.

The HOA is also conducting planning sessions for events this summer and into next season. If you have any ideas you would like us to consider, please drop us a note at fun@twhoa.net.

On the point of ideas and updates, you can also send anything you would like to include

on the Tara Woods HOA website by messaging updates@twhoa.net with your request.

If you have not yet subscribed, you can find Saturday Morning Coffee and the HOA Membership Meetings by searching for us at @tarawoodshoa on YouTube. The meetings can be viewed live as well as stored on YouTube for later viewing. Saturday Morning Coffee minutes are currently available, and the first Membership Meeting will be live in April.

We are launching TaraCares as a way to connect with residents who may be unable to get out to some of the community events...or maybe would just like to socialize in a more casual environment. Lisa Patalano and Carol Schnepf are heading up this program. Please reach out to them if you have an interest in participating.

That's it for now.

Stay healthy and have fun!

FMO FOR YOU

By Sherry Kay

Watching the huge snowstorm that hit the east coast in February, I was reminded of the "Blizzard of 67" that blanketed Chicago. More than 23" of snow fell in less than 24 hours. Chicago closed and came to a halt! Then a wonderful thing happened, neighborhoods started working together. People who had lived in the same apartment for years finally met the neighbor right across the hall - old and young working together to clear the sidewalks and street. I saw the same thing on the news coverage of the recent snowstorm.

The FMO (Federation of Manufactured Homeowners) operates on the same principle. It seeks manufactured homeowners to come together for the common purpose of protecting our rights. Just like a neighborhood being more powerful working together, the FMO is stronger and also more powerful the larger the membership.

If you would like to become a member or have any questions, please contact me, Sherry Kay (239-745-5258), your Tara Woods FMO representative.



GREETINGS TARA WOODS!

By Chris Engle, Community Manager

We finally made it to Spring! I know all of you have seen our new Chickee Hut by now and we are thrilled to have this great addition to our community. I'm sure it will get lots of use in the years to come!

Just a couple rule reminders... If you are making any changes to the EXTERIOR of your home, you must submit an "Exterior Modification form" for approval. This includes painting your home, adding flower beds, planting trees, adding lawn ornamentation, decks, sheds, pouring concrete, etc. I'm not

requiring this for potted plants. FYI, all sheds require building permits.

If you are trying to get rid of horticulture at your curbside, make sure you have it in a container of some kind or bundled with twine. If you happen to cut down a tree, the logs must be cut to a size that weighs less than 50 lbs. If you have a company taking care of it, they must remove and dispose of the debris on their own. Do not put horticulture in garbage bags, but paper bags are ok.

Thank you!

3-D BEACH SCENE

By Maggie Johnston

These ladies took the time out of their busy schedules in March to come and do a 3-D beach scene. They used their imagination to paint their flip flops or glasses, and each plaque turned out as if it was professionally done.

(Two ladies ended up leaving prior to the photo.)

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Last month I am sure that you all made your way to the Clubhouse to see our stage performance and thoroughly enjoyed it! Now nod and agree. If you want to hear about how much fun we have had, ask Chris Olson. This is her first year on stage - ask her about playing a naked old lady. We enjoy presenting our play each year; it is good to hear you all laugh. And this one was a belly laugher! We hope that next year's will be just as entertaining.

Not too much to report on the Entertainers this month. It is their time off. Janet and I are working on next year searching for just the right one. If you are interested in joining our band of crazy people, contact Janet Daly or myself. Our season runs from the beginning of October to the second weekend in March. We meet two times a week for rehearsal; Monday and Thursday from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. During this time, we also have a once-a-month meeting on the third Saturday of the month. We try our best to accommodate people with their



appointments and such, but we ask that you try your best to arrange them on other days/times of the week. We have volunteer opportunities on and off stage. We collaborate very closely with each other and ask that "only friendly people apply." So, if you are friendly and like to make yourself and other people laugh, think about it.

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Pat Dunning, Stage Manager & President of the Entertainers. 239-240-5848 pdunning46@gmail.com



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We are a casual gathering, with participants coming and going throughout the day.

See the calendar on the Craft Room shelf or the Calendar of Events in *The Columns* for exact dates. If you have questions, please contact Lynn Porter at 239-599-4888.

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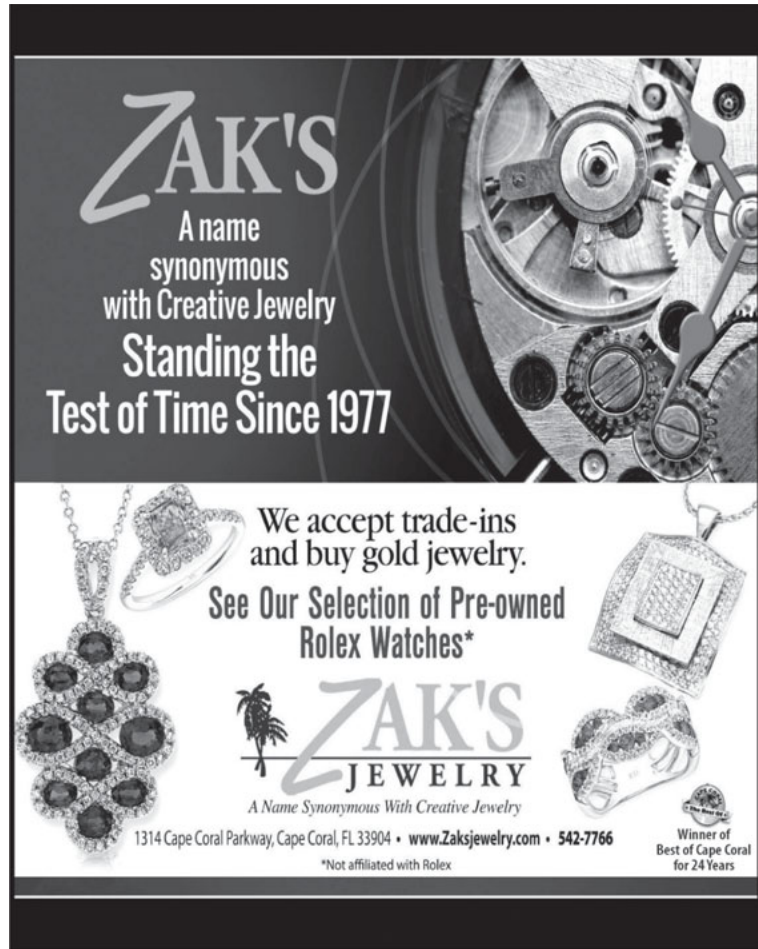
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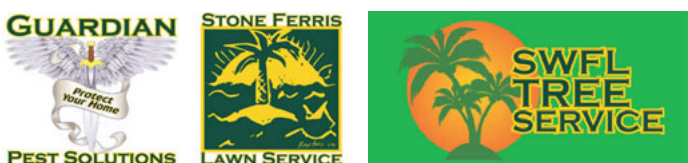
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- Mardette Alexander, President, 484-667-6279, mardettewood5@gmail.com
- Barb Simonson, Vice President, 541-840-4430, basimonson@comcast.net
- Ed Pollitt, Treasurer, 412-600-2378, barbiep1948@hotmail.com
- Kate Nagle, Secretary, 239-770-5034, knagleroides@gmail.com

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, April 19th, at 4:00 PM.

~ Kate Nagle

MIDWEST CLUB

The Midwest Club represents the states of Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Ohio, or any other state not represented by another state club.

Our April Midwest Club meeting will be on Friday, April 17th, from 5:00-8:00 PM. Our menu will be grilled chicken, potato salad, baked beans, and dessert.

There is a \$5.00 charge for this meeting. Tickets will go on sale at Tuesday Bingo and Saturday Morning Coffee starting March 24th, through the final date of sale Tuesday, April 14th.

The sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board following the March meeting. Please let us know how many people will be attending.

As usual, bring your beverage of choice and something to share for your table.

~ Vicki Hoard

NEW ENGLAND CLUB

Our Club welcomes any homeowner or renter from any of the six New England States. If you are new and interested in joining our group, please let me know.

Our next and last meeting for this 'season' is Friday, April 10th, at 5:00 PM. Please NOTE the change of date. We will be traveling to Hawaii for our Bon Voyage party, so plan on wearing your flower shirts, or other Hawaiian attire. Hawaiian leis will be presented to you as you enter the meeting. More info will be provided soon via email. If you are a member and not receiving emails or are new and want to be added to our email list, please give me a call.

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~ Candi McLean, amclean6@comcast.net 508-369-7682.

NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY CLUB

Reminder to All NY/NJ residents. We are having our *Out to Brunch* on Sunday, April 12th, at the Punta Gorda Isles Yacht Club, in the Commodores Grill. Time: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM. The cost is \$28.00 per person. If you went last year, you know how awesome the food is! There will be a Full Brunch and Omelet Station. If you choose something from the bar - that is CASH only.

Flyers are on the NY/NJ message board in the Clubhouse. We need your Names(s) and Money by Sunday, April 5th. There is a box on my carport - 19679 Charleston Circle, Lot #86. Please put Cash or Check (payable to NY/NJ Club) in an envelope. We hope you will come and enjoy an exceptional brunch and say "See You Next Year" to our snowbirds!

Directions: North on Hwy 41. Turn Left on W. Marion St. Turn right into Isle Yacht Club.

Any questions please contact Wanda Bishop at 239-850-3355, or Joanne Glandorf at 727-224-4772.

~ Wanda Bishop

TW SOCIAL GROUP

April 2nd, TW Social Group Gathering

Our final gathering of the TW Social Group will be on Thursday, April 2nd. Social Hour is from 5:00-6:00 PM, followed by a meal, and concluding with an activity. This group is open to all Tara Woods residents and their guests/family. This month the meal will be Pizza from Hungry Howie's. The sign-up sheet will require you to choose either Cheese Pizza, Supreme Pizza, or Meat Lovers Pizza. Each person or couple will need to bring either a salad or dessert. If your last name begins with A-L, bring a salad. If your last name begins with M-Z, bring a dessert. Please bring your own beverage and cup; we will provide the place settings, tablecloths, and decaf coffee and cream. The cost is \$5.00 per person. The sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board closest to the Billiard room. Be sure to bring one copy of your recipe for the item you are bringing in case someone loves it so much that they want to take a picture!

Information and dates for the 2026-2027 season will be given out at this gathering. We hope to see you there.

If you have any questions, please call or text:

Paula Dykstra, 616-481-7329

Diane Smith, 616-772-4573

~ Paula Dykstra & Diane Smith

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VEGGIE GARDENING IN ZONE 10B SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

By Driftwood Garden Center

A tremendous aspect of gardening in southwest Florida Hardiness Zone 10b is enjoying fresh, homegrown produce year-round.

BEST VEGETABLES TO GARDEN IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

Many types of veggies can grow well in zone 10b, depending on when they are planted, their general time to maturity, and their individual growth needs, such as soil type, sunlight levels, and fertilization and watering requirements. Whether seeds or seedlings are planted in the garden will also impact the best time to start different veggies, but there is great flexibility to what you can choose to fill your garden and your table.

VEGGIES TO PLANT IN SUMMER

Summer is a long, hot, humid season in southwest Florida, subject to intense thunderstorms and the possibility of tropical storms and hurricanes. Fewer veggies will thrive in this season, which runs from April through August or mid-September. Options that can make the most of the growing season include:

- Black-eyed peas, Bell peppers,
- Hot peppers, Celery, Cucumber, Okra,
- Onion, Squash, & Sweet potatoes

TIPS FOR VEGGIE GARDENING IN ZONE 10B

Regardless of the season, there are steps you can take to ensure productive harvests and the tastiest veggies from your southwest Florida garden.

PROVIDE PROPER DRAINAGE

With excessive rain and torrential downpours, a fact of life in southwest Florida, soil must be well-draining. Unfortunately, although Florida's sandy soils drain well, they don't always have the best nutrition. Containers and raised beds will work well if they are well-draining and can be filled with the best possible soil for veggies to thrive.

PROMOTE AIR CIRCULATION

Frequent rains and high humidity - which describe most of the year in southwest Florida - can create ideal conditions for fungus, mold, and other garden pests to thrive. Space vegetable plants properly, giving them enough room to ensure adequate air circulation, and thin plants as necessary to keep gardening spaces from becoming overcrowded.

BE PREPARED WITH COLD PROTECTION

While Florida's winters are decidedly mild, there can still be occasional cold nights that will damage veggie gardens, especially younger plants. Watch

weather forecasts closely for cold fronts, and be prepared with row covers, cold frames, cloches, or other protective options to keep plants cozy when cold weather threatens.

FERTILIZE APPROPRIATELY

Because veggies can be grown year-round in zone 10b, the soil does not have a chance to rest and naturally break down enough organic material to nourish a new crop of vegetables. Choose appropriate fertilizers and apply them as needed to ensure the veggies receive adequate nutrition to reach their full potential for the best harvest every season.

KEEP A GARDENING JOURNAL

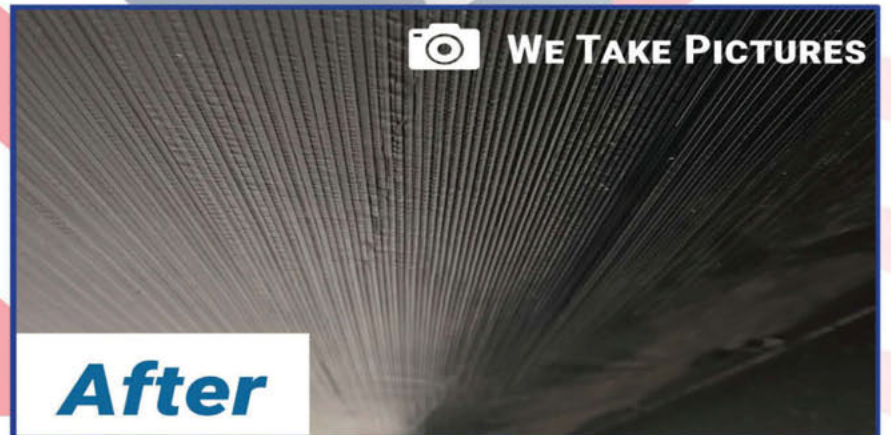
One of the best tools to make the most of your veggie gardening efforts is a journal to track what works, what doesn't, what you've tried, what conditions impacted your harvests, and other details. Over time, your journal can be a powerful tool to tweak your gardening plans, veggie choices, planting calendar, and other processes to improve the outcome.

Veggie gardening in Southwest Florida can be challenging, but it can be gratifying once you adapt to the region's unique conditions and make the most of the richness it can bring to your harvest.



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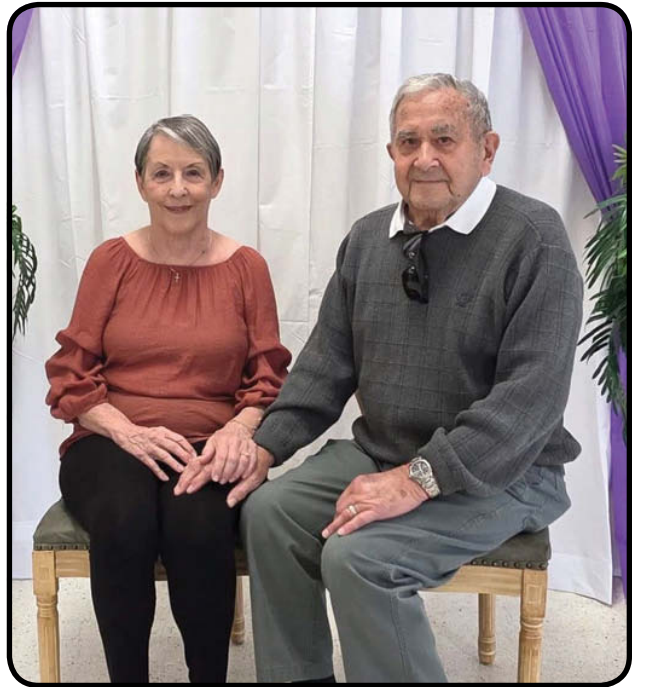
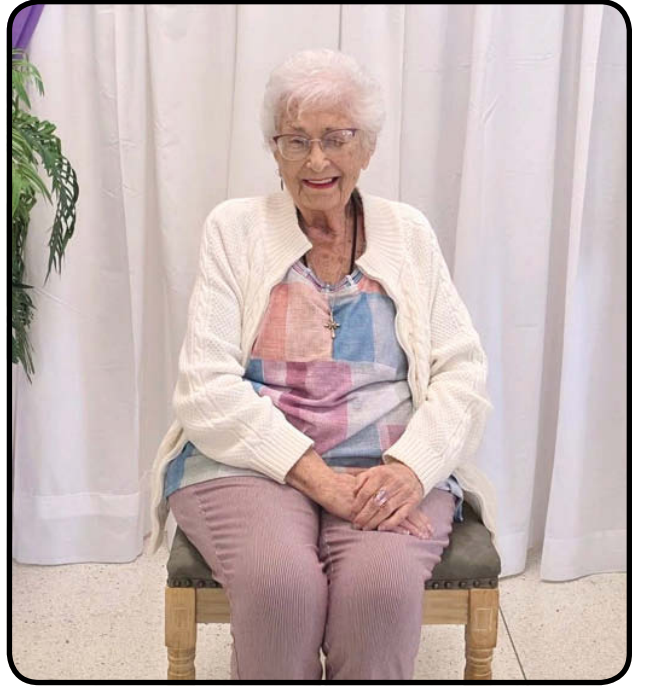


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Clive Live will perform in the Clubhouse at Tara Woods on Thursday, April 9th, from 5:00-8:00 PM. The tickets are \$10.00 per person. Save the date. You will not want to miss this show!

Text Mary Cauldwell with any questions at 508-404-5310.



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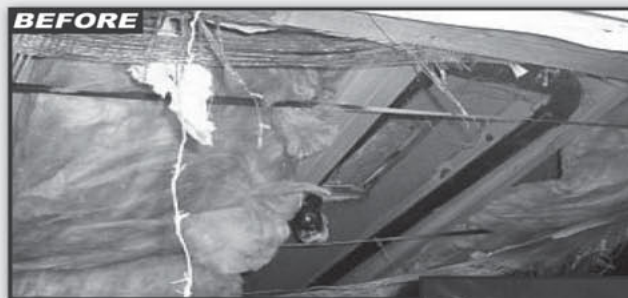
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~ Beth Ferris, 920-421-8269

🏠 CERAMICS

Check out your Ceramic Room: We are located in the building behind the tennis courts. There is a kiln on-site to fire your work. This hobby is perfect for everyone from beginners to experienced. Arrangements can be made for one-on-one instruction, plus there are plenty of people to help. On Monday mornings you can find quite a few of us there. Members get a key to come at their own pace and time.

🏠 BOOK CLUB

Book Club will meet on Thursday, April 2nd, at 1:30 PM in the Meeting Room of the Clubhouse. If you enjoy reading and are willing to share your latest good book, come and join us. See you then. ~ Pat Dunning at 239-240-5848, text or call.

🏠 EXERCISE FOR SENIORS

Now is the time to get up and get moving. Join your friends and neighbors at our exercise class for Seniors led by Curtis Adams (on video). Those who have experienced Curtis are excited about all the exercises and that all levels of experience and ability can participate. This is a total body workout that can be done standing or sitting down. It includes stretching, balance, cardio, and light weights.

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Any questions please contact Sherry Kay at 239-745-5258

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AT 10:00 AM**

Any questions please contact Celia Blotkamp at 703-863-2973

COME JOIN US AND SEE FOR YOURSELF!!!

🏠 LIBRARY HOURS

The Library in the Clubhouse will be open normal days and hours: Monday through Sunday 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM

WATER AEROBICS
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

Air temperature must be 62 degrees by 8:00 AM.
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If questions, contact Judy Brda at 239-731-1797.

WATER VOLLEYBALL
Thursdays & Sundays 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Come join us in this fun, non-competitive sport. Meet new/old friends, get a few laughs while exercising.
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Hope to see you there.
Any questions please contact Mike Hoard at 330-697-2611.

TARA WOODS EVENTS 2026		
DATE 2026	EVENT	HOST
SUN 4/5/2026	EASTER DINNER	SUE / RON PROULX
SAT 5/2/2026	KENTUCKY DERBY	JANET DALY
MON 5/26/2026	MEMORIAL DAY	TW ACTIVITIES CTE
SAT 7/4/2026	INDEPENDENCE DAY	TW ACTIVITIES CTE

To stay informed of events in Tara Woods:

- Read the posters on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse.
- Check the Clubhouse bulletin boards for meeting and event information and sign-up sheets.
- Come to Saturday Morning Coffee!
- Read *The Columns* and check the Calendar.
- Sign on to the Tara Woods website, www.twhoa.net, to be kept informed of all current events and more!
- Check out page 5 of the Tara Woods Community Resident Directory to see all the opportunities to keep you busy in Tara Woods, with the contact people for each one listed if you have questions.
- Page 4 of the Directory lists the contact people for specific responsibilities under the Board of Directors who you can contact with questions.



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ENTERTAINMENT AROUND TARA WOODS

AGGRAVATION

Meets in the Clubhouse Card Room at 6:30 PM on Monday and Thursday nights. The game consists of 11 hands and is easy to learn. Eight quarters gets you in. Come join the fun and play a great card game.

BINGO AT TARA WOODS

Be one of the winners at our Tuesday night BINGO and you can win more than once during the night!

If your eyesight isn't as good as it once was, now you can play too. We have really BIG game packs and "Specials" that are 8 1/2" x 11" with 2" numbers.

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Game packets are sold with either 6 game squares per sheet or 9 game squares. The "Special" game papers have 3 game squares. Buy as many as you'd like!

Our Tuesday night BINGO session consists of 14 regular games and 6 "Special" games. We also have "Hot Ball" prizes of \$50.00 or more and a "Social" raffle. Sales STOP at 6:45 PM. Come join the fun.

BOCCE

Courts are open for anyone to play. Equipment is in the shed near the Shuffleboard Court.

BRIDGE

The Bridge Group is looking for bridge players. We meet on Tuesdays at 12:30 PM in the Card Room. Call Beth Ferris at 920-421-8269 first if you are interested in playing with this friendly group. We'd like to have you join us. ~ Beth Ferris

BUNCO

Ladies and Gentlemen, come join us every Sunday at 7:00 PM in the Card Room. Cost is \$3.00.

Will you have the first Bunco or the last, or the most? Will you have the most wins, or the most losses? If you do, the prize money will be yours! Come join the fun.

Questions: call Polly Brown 239-246-2391.

CARD BINGO

Games are played on Sunday at 6:30 PM. The game is easy and fun – and you can win money!

We play 15 games for \$13.35. Bring dimes, quarters, \$1.00 and \$5.00 bills. CONTACT Debbie O'Neill at 732-207-2801.

CHAIR VOLLEYBALL

Meets at the Clubhouse every Monday and Wednesday at 7:00 PM. There are seats for anyone who is interested in hitting a beach volleyball across a large net.

CORNHOLE

Boards and bags are available in the shed near the Shuffleboard Court.

CRIBBAGE

Wednesdays 2:00-4:00 PM in the Card Room. Any questions please contact Barb Simonson 541-840-4430.

EUCHRE

Wednesday 7:00 PM. Come and enjoy a fun evening of euchre in the Card Room. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin in the Clubhouse each week.

For information or if you want to learn to play, call Vera Day 941-223-3859.

FIVE CROWNS

Everyone is welcome to come and join a fun game. It is very easy to learn. We play every Wednesday at 1:00 PM in the Library.

For questions, please contact Teresa Briggs at 217-821-5208 or email her at danteresabriggs@gmail.com

GAME NIGHT

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT AT 7:00 PM

Different games can be played (All are easy to learn)

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For more information call Polly Brown at 239-246-2391.

HAND AND FOOT CARD CLUB

Come join the group for a fun-filled afternoon of cards! We meet on Fridays at 1:00 PM in the Card Room.

Don't know how to play the game? EASY!

We will teach you! It is easy to learn.

Questions: contact Polly Brown at 239-246-2391.

HORSESHOES

Every Friday at 1:00 PM at the Horseshoe Pits. Come join us for fun and laughs.

LEFT/RIGHT/CENTER

A dice game with a \$13.00 buy in. It takes seconds to learn and have fun with neighbors. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday monthly.

Contact Eddie Amarando 518-366-9203.

LINE DANCING

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MAH JONGG

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MEN'S POKER

Wednesday in Meeting Room at the Clubhouse, 1:00-5:00 PM. Contact George D'Alessandro, 239-543-8492.

MEXICAN TRAIN

If you like to play dominos, Mexican Trains is easy to learn.

We play in the Card Room every Thursday at 1:00 PM.

For questions, please contact Teresa Briggs at 217-821-5208 or danteresabriggs@gmail.com

PICKLEBALL

To all new and existing residents. Looking to get some exercise and have some fun at the same time? Come join us for Pickleball! It's one of the fastest growing sports in the U.S. Current open play times every day are 7:30 AM for intermediate play and 10:00 AM for recreational play. Come down to the courts and say hello. We would be happy to teach you how to play the game. There are paddles available in the storage container in front of the courts and the balls are located on the door of each court. Proper footwear is required. Join in on the fun!

For further information contact:

Jennifer Widener 239-823-0146 / Jenkederb@yahoo.com
Linda Faust 716-830-1062 / lafaust04@roadrunner.com

PING PONG

LOOKING FOR PLAYERS! Remember those days playing ping pong as a kid? You can still play today! Please join us on Thursdays from 1:00 to 3:00 PM in the Clubhouse. For further information contact Norm Libby at 239-246-3510.

POKER, ANYONE?

LADIES! DO YOU PLAY POKER?

How long has it been since you've played with friends? Did you know there's a game every Monday night at the Clubhouse just for the ladies? Well, we really don't have a "No Boys Allowed!!!" rule, but men usually don't like to play with wild cards and we do. But they're welcome to play as long as they are willing to "play like girls." It is most likely the least stressful and least expensive poker you can play around here! It's a good night to socialize with the ladies and make new friends with the girls who like to play poker. The stakes are very low. Call Polly Brown, 239-246-2391, if you'd like to join us - she'll fill you in on the details or answer any questions you may have.

SHUFFLEBOARD

Games will be played on Mondays at 10:00 AM. All are welcome to play. Instructions will be provided. We play three games with a different partner for each game. ~ Carol Clark

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Ease the squeeze on your retirement income plan

Rising prices may not dominate headlines the way they did a year or two ago, but if you're retired, you're probably still feeling them. Even when overall inflation cools, the costliest expenses — like health care, utilities, insurance and property taxes — tend to rise faster than broad inflation numbers suggest. That creates a squeeze that can make you question whether your income plan is built to last.

Fortunately, you often can adjust without drastic cuts that affect your lifestyle.

Start by understanding where the pressure comes from and how to build more flexibility into your plan.

Inflation hits retirees differently. You've likely noticed your grocery bill, prescription drug costs and heating expenses haven't returned to "normal."

Even small increases compound over time and can chip away at your buying power.

If your income plan was created years ago, it may assume lower inflation or relatively stable price increases over time.

Recent years have shown that's not always the case.

Why some income plans feel strained. Any plan relying on fixed withdrawals or rigid budgets can feel tight when living costs rise. If you're drawing from investments, you may hesitate to increase your withdrawals because of market volatility. And if you depend on fixed income sources like Social Security or a pension, yearly cost of living increases may not keep pace with your expenses.

You might live 25 to 35 years in retirement, giving small annual cost increases decades to add up.

What you can do without sacrificing stability. A few adjustments can help you stay ahead of rising costs and maintain your financial confidence. First, review your withdrawal strategy. Ask your financial advisor about flexible approaches that increase income when markets and portfolios perform well and pull back during tougher times. This protects your long-term plan with room to respond to rising prices.

Next, rebalance your portfolio. You may uncover opportunities to shift toward investments with more consistent income or better tax efficiency.

Sometimes a small tweak can generate extra cash flow without increasing overall risk.

Finally, look at your income sources. You may be less affected by rising costs if you delay taking Social Security, work a part-time job, add inflation-protected bonds or create predictable lifetime income with annuities, if they're appropriate for your situation.

Don't overlook health care: Health care costs often grow faster than general inflation. Medicare premiums and out-of-pocket expenses can rise annually, and the need for long-term care remains a big financial uncertainty for retirees. Building health care-specific inflation into your plan now can help prevent surprises later. Any savings you have in a health savings account can help you cover health care costs.

And many pharmaceutical companies offer financial assistance programs to help pay for costlier medications.

Stay flexible and informed: Today's retirements look different from those of even a decade ago. The key is staying flexible, reviewing your plan regularly and making small adjustments before pressure builds. A financial advisor can help you find the right approach to navigating rising costs without disrupting the life you've worked hard to build.

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH by Sam Topping

"If you argue with an idiot too long, people will begin to wonder who's the idiot."

CLUBHOUSE MINISTRIES

For new residents of Tara Woods and existing residents too, the Clubhouse Ministries invite you to join one of their Bible study classes, which are held in the Clubhouse Meeting Room every Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM. These meetings give you an opportunity to make new friends as you study the Scriptures in relaxed and enjoyable surroundings. We are a non-denominational group. No need to make reservations, folks! Just stop by any Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM. Come join us! ~ *Marcia Duda*

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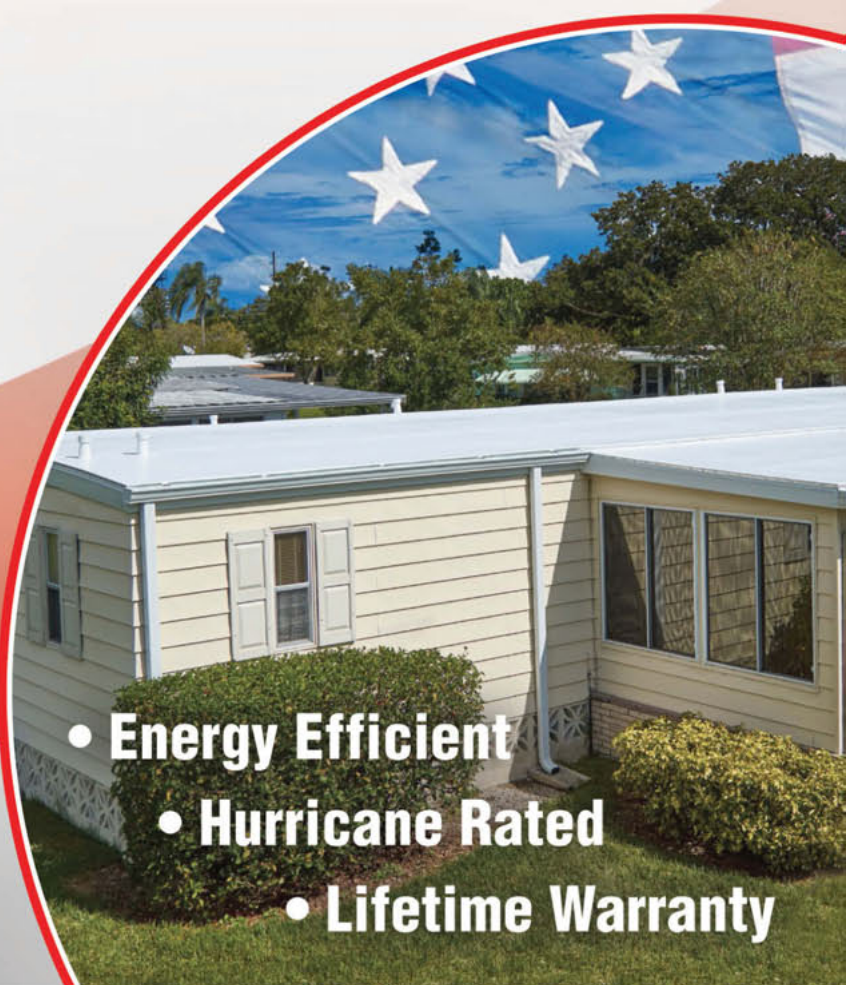
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TENNIS NEWS Submitted by Debbie Doty

BE SURE TO CHECK THE TENNIS BULLETIN BOARD ON A REGULAR BASIS FOR UPDATED INFORMATION ON WHAT IS GOING ON WITH ALL TENNIS ACTIVITIES.

TENNIS ASSOCIATION:

The 2025-2026 season has come to an end for many of us. We had a very successful one at that. Our league teams represented Tara Woods with class and competitiveness. Open Tennis was fun for all - experienced as well as those just beginning. So many of you participated in many ways, from playing, volunteering, and cheering on (LOVED all the fans watching at matches). Thank you to all!

A special thank you to the Association Board members for all the insight and commitment, aiming to make our Tennis Association strong and fun for all.

Now on to the next season. Work on staying healthy - mind and body. And take this quote to heart. "Tennis is for me a joy, nothing less than that." Sabine Lisicki. See you all next season. ~ Mark Hoffman

OPEN TENNIS

Open Tennis is available every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 9:00 - 10:30 AM all year long. These Open Tennis days are for all skill levels, from Beginner to Intermediate and beyond. Some days only one or two courts are needed, and on other days all four courts get used. Nonetheless, those people who do show up to play always have a good time.

If you are interested in playing tennis, or if you have played in the past and want to get back in the game, or if you are new to the sport and want to see what it's all about, stop by the courts and see what's going on. ~ Linda Engel

TENNIS LEAGUES

Men's League: White Team - Stallions

The Tara Woods Stallions have finished the season securely in second place after a decisive win over Lake Fairways 4-2 in March. Our season has come to an end with matches against Admiralty (Away) on March 10th, then home with Pine Lakes on March 17th. As the season wore on, some of our players were wearing out. We were lucky to have other players who could step in and keep up the same skill and spirit.

We would like to thank our rowdy fans who came to the courts. Without you, it would be just a bunch of old guys playing tennis.

We are always looking for new players; so if interested, contact anyone on the team.

Follow this link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/tarawoodstennis>. See you next year! ~ Tim Hoch, Co-Captain, Tara Woods Stallions

Blue Team - Tigers

We ended February in 6th place out of 10 teams. Please go to our Facebook Page "Tara Woods Tennis" to see our results for March. Our season has ended. Thank you for all your support throughout the year. Our preseason starts in November. If you enjoy playing competitive tennis, please come to the courts in the fall to join our group. ~ Tony Gless

Women's League: Women's Team - Angels

The Angels are holding tough in second place in the

SWIFT tennis league this season.

On February 12th, the Angels visited Pine Lakes, winning 4-2. On February 19th, we struggled at home with Del Tura, losing 0-6. Tara Woods visited Herons Glen on February 26th with a victory of 6-0.

On March 12th, the rainout match from February 5th with Lake Fairways was played. This make-up match completed our 2025-26 tennis season. MANY THANKS to all of you for your support.

To find final results and league standings, go to the Facebook page "Tara Woods Tennis." ~ Pat Gless

ROUND ROBINS

Our Tennis Round Robins have come to an end for the 2025-26 season. We enjoyed lots of fun, laughs, and exercise in the beautiful Florida sunshine. The food was good and the "guest bakers" were a hit!

Please consider joining our tennis community for our Round Robin tennis events. All tennis levels are invited to join in the fun. A sign-up sheet will always be posted on the Tennis Bulletin Board near the tennis courts at the beginning of the month when a Round Robin takes place. The cost is \$7.00 for lunch and tennis and \$1.00 for tennis only. The dates for the 2026-2027 Round Robins are on the following Saturdays:

- November 28, 2026 • January 23, 2027
- February 27, 2027 • March 27, 2027

Have a wonderful summer - and play tennis! If there are any questions, you may contact me at 847-772-3825. ~ Bonnie Nagel

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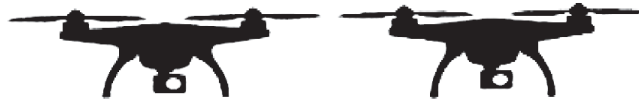


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BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS:

- Jerry Johnson, 92 Yrs
- Ken Jones, 97 Yrs
- Willie Long, 94 Yrs
- Joe Medici, 98 Yrs
- Roy Moorhead, 91 Yrs

- Susan Brown, Jerry Grover, Bob Kuhns
- Michele Glavin, Sandy Shropshire, Carol West
- Pam Harrington, Mark Van Ort, Phil Yenrick
- Jack Reedy
- Nancy Buettner
- Steve Corey
- Raibonne Charles

- Anthony Burgoyne, Pam Charles
- Robin Swartz, Lori Thomas
- Gene Hamm, Kathy VanSickle
- Sandy Dahlhofer, Lori Mayers
- Bill Dunn, Jens Richers
- Bonnie Geary, Judy Varnadoe, Sue Yenrick
- Bob Quintal, Beverly Ray
- Veronica Loveless, Whitey O'Hara, Shelli Vannatta
- Liz Oostdyk
- Bob Nadeau, Darlene Wehlage
- Mark Ledford, Nina Lynes
- Marco Laviada, Linda Renzulli, Rob Storer
- Roger Hershberger, Julie Vanderplaats

- Joyce Bragg, Steve Libersky
- Cheryl Douglas, Barb Simonson
- Betty Barnd, Angie Roncek
- Paula Dykstra, Dan Horton, Sandra Knowles, Peter Krilivsky, Tom Smith
- Bob Cutler, Kathy Hirtzer, Harlan Spaulding, Alexia Thompson
- Sue Cook, Lou Cashin, Sandy Ferris, Marcelo Freitas, Fred Westlake
- Kathy Hershberger, Sara Staver
- Jim Hanson, Elissa Manna, Paulette Smith, Patti Thompson

ANNIVERSARIES IN APRIL

- Johnny Pickens & Craig Corum, Lynn & Mike Reszewski
- Peggy & Ray Flynn, 67 Yrs.
- Angie & John Kern
- Marsha & Len Olson
- Lynne Chilberg & Mike Brimsek, Cheryl & Kenny Linn, Brenda & Ken Weiss
- Laurie & Roger Mantor
- Faye & Jerry Johnson, Mary & Bill Nothnagel
- Lisa Patalano & Herb Gales, Chris & Jeff Reinert, 50 Yrs.

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April 2026 Calendar of Events

What's happening in Tara Woods this month?

EVERY MONDAY

April 6, 13, 20, 27

- 7:30 AM Pickleball Intermediate/Pickleball Courts
- 8:00 AM Water Aerobics/Main Pool
- 9:00 AM Open Tennis/Tennis Courts
- 10:00 AM Pickleball Recreational/Pickleball Courts
- 10:00 AM Shuffleboard Horse Collar/Shuffle Board Courts
- 12:00 PM Texas Hold 'Em/Meeting Room
- 12:30 PM Mah Jongg/Card Room
- 6:30 PM Aggravation/Card Room

April 6, 20, 27

- 7:00 PM Chair Volleyball
- 7:00 PM Ladies Poker/Card Room

MONDAY SPECIAL EVENTS

April 6

- 1:00 PM HOA Board Meeting

April 13

- 7:00 PM HOA Membership Meeting/Main Hall/Kitchen



EVERY TUESDAY

April 7, 14, 21, 28

- 7:30 AM Pickleball Intermediate/Pickleball Courts
- 9:00 AM Senior Exercise
- 9:30 AM Clubhouse Ministries/Meeting Room
- 10:00 AM Pickleball Recreational/Pickleball Courts
- 10:00 AM Advanced Line Dancing
- 11:15 AM Tai Chi
- 12:30 PM Bridge/Card Room
- 6:00 PM Billiards/Billiard Room
- 6:45 PM BINGO

April 7, 21

- 9:00 AM TW Quilters & Sewers/Craft Room

TUESDAY SPECIAL EVENTS

April 7

- 3:00 PM Women's Tennis Team Party/Kitchen/Veranda/Meeting Room if it rains



EVERY WEDNESDAY

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

- 7:30 AM Pickleball Intermediate/Pickleball Courts
- 8:00 AM Water Aerobics/Main Pool
- 9:00 AM Open Tennis/Tennis Courts
- 10:00 AM Senior Exercise
- 10:00 AM Pickleball Recreational/Pickleball Courts
- 1:00 PM Five Crowns Cards/Library
- 2:00 PM Cribbage/Card Room
- 2:00 PM Men's Poker/Meeting Room
- 7:00 PM Euchre/Card Room
- 7:00 PM Chair Volleyball

EVERY THURSDAY

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

- 7:30 AM Pickleball Intermediate/Pickleball Courts
- 9:00 AM Senior Exercise
- 10:00 AM Pickleball Recreational/Pickleball Courts
- 11:15 AM Tai Chi
- 1:00 PM Water Volleyball/Lap Pool
- 1:00 PM Mexican Train Dominoes/Card Room
- 6:30 PM Aggravation/Card Room

April 2, 9, 23, 30

- 1:00 PM Ping Pong

April 16, 30

- 6:30 PM Left, Right, Center Game

THURSDAY SPECIAL EVENTS

April 2

- 1:30 PM Book Club/Meeting Room
- 5:00 PM TW Social Group

April 9

- 5:00 PM Clive Live Show

April 16

- 10:00 AM Golf Meeting
- 2:00 PM AWIR Meeting-Scams, Fraud, etc. LCSO

EVERY FRIDAY

April 3, 10, 17, 24

- 7:30 AM Pickleball Intermediate/Pickleball Courts
- 8:00 AM Water Aerobics/Main Pool
- 10:00 AM Pickleball Recreational/Pickleball Courts
- 10:00 AM Beginning Line Dancing
- 1:00 PM Hand & Foot Cards/Card Room
- 7:00 PM Game Night/Card Room

April 10, 24

- 9:00 AM Tara Woods Quilters & Sewers/Craft Room

April 3

- 6:30 PM Left, Right, Center Game

FRIDAY SPECIAL EVENTS

April 10

- 5:00 PM New England Club/Main Hall/Kitchen

April 17

- 5:00 PM Midwest Club/Main Hall/Kitchen/Veranda/Grills



EVERY SATURDAY

April 4, 11, 18, 25

- 9:00 AM Pickleball Intermediate/Pickleball Courts
- 9:00 AM Open Tennis/Tennis Courts
- 10:00 AM Pickleball Recreational/Pickleball Courts
- 10:00 AM Senior Exercise

April 4, 18, 25

- 7:30 AM Coffee/Meeting/Main Hall/Kitchen

April 4, 18

- 8:00 AM Blood Pressure Screening/Card Room
- 9:00 AM Aluminum Can Pick-Up

SATURDAY SPECIAL EVENTS

April 4

- 11:00 AM Sound & Lighting Meeting/Card Room

April 11

- 7:30 AM Pancake Breakfast/Main Hall/Kitchen
- 9:00 AM Garden Club/Card Room
- 10:00 AM New Resident Orientation/Meeting

EVERY SUNDAY

April 5, 12, 19, 26

- 7:30 AM Pickleball Intermediate/Pickleball Courts
- 10:00 AM Pickleball Recreational/Pickleball Courts
- 10:00 AM Shuffle Board Horse Collar Practice/Shuffleboard Courts
- 1:00 PM Water Volleyball/Lap Pool
- 7:00 PM Bunco/Card Room
- 7:00 PM Card BINGO

SUNDAY SPECIAL EVENTS

April 5

- 2:00 PM Easter Dinner/Main Hall/Kitchen

April 12

- 3:00 PM Water Volleyball Social/Veranda/Kitchen/Grills

April 19

- 4:00 PM Mid-Atlantic Club/Main Hall/Kitchen

April 26

- 3:00 PM Private Party/Main Hall/Kitchen



All events are in the Main Hall of the Clubhouse unless otherwise noted.