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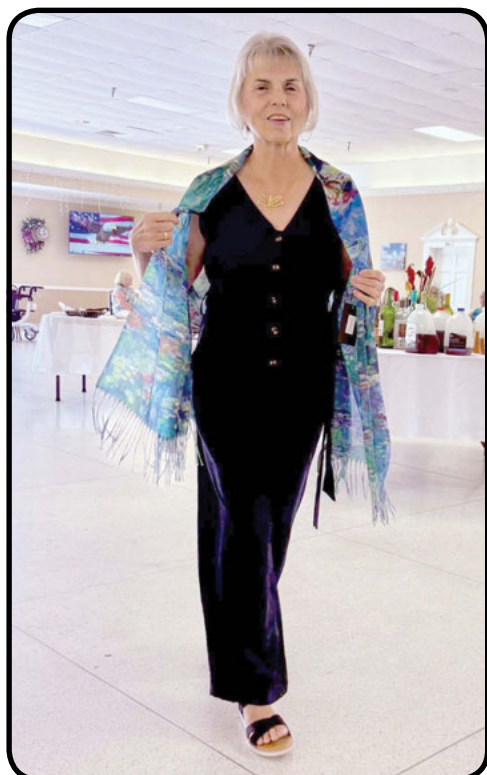
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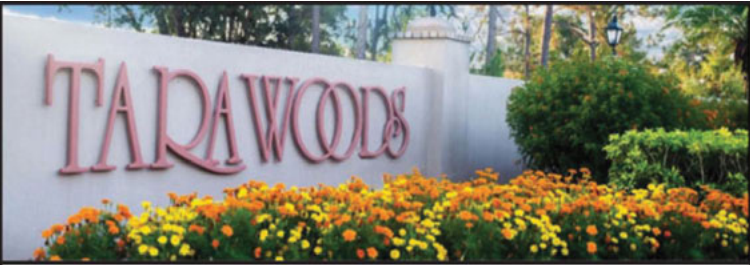
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FASHION SHOW

A Fashion Show and luncheon was put on by the Garden Club, with lovely ladies from Tara Woods modeling fashions from Anthony's Ladies Apparel of Punta Gorda.





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WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to 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, May 2nd, at 10:00 AM, in the Clubhouse Meeting Room. We have a wealth of information to share with you.

Kathy and Raymond Simard

Kathy and Raymond reside at Lot #151, 19701 Woodfield Circle. They are part-time residents from Ontario, Canada. They have four children and four grandchildren. Kathy was on the school board. Raymond worked for General Motors. In her spare time, Kathy enjoys playing shuffleboard, going to the pool, and she would love to become more active. In his spare time, Raymond enjoys playing golf and meeting new people.

Nick Cianci

Nick resides at Lot #435, 19747 Pandora Circle. He is a full-time resident from Pennsylvania. He has three children and six grandchildren. Nick is retired from working in sales. In his spare time, Nick enjoys watching and playing

different sports. He loves going to the pool and being out in the sun.

Erica and Benjamin Wiley

Erica and Benjamin reside at Lot #330, 2834 Cloister Street. They are full-time residents from Ohio. They have two children. They also have two cats. Erica works from home as a medical benefit specialist. Benjamin works as an autism counselor. In their spare time, Erica and Benjamin both enjoy traveling, working out, and playing pickleball.



Nick Cianci

WELCOME TO TARA WOODS,
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co-chairs of the Welcome Committee.



SUNSHINE & SYMPATHY

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Thank you.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

By Kevin Moldestad, TWFOA President

Hello Everyone,
It continues to be a busy time here at Tara Woods. A few significant events have taken place, and we will continue to keep moving forward.

The editor of *The Columns*, Linda Elliott, has decided to step away from her role. She has been awesome and we very much appreciate her dedication. Stacy Harper has volunteered to take over. She will be great and Linda will still be available to give her guidance as needed.

Hometown America has given the responsibility of managing all aspects of the food trucks to the HOA. Lanie Covey has accepted the role of managing the scheduling, as well as keeping the vendors' insurance and licensing up to date. Until the current schedule expires at the end of May, the only change will be that the vendors will park in the lot across from the Tiki Hut. This will give our residents a great place to meet and socialize with their meals.

The streaming idea has moved ahead but has had a few technical challenges. It should become more consistent but still requires some attention to get the kinks worked out. If you have an interest in streaming and would like to assist, please contact me.

Speaking of fine-tuning technology, the sound team and I have spent time adjusting the sound system in the Clubhouse to make it louder and clearer. The community manager brought in the vendor and in addition to the adjustments, some replacement equipment was required and has been ordered.

As mentioned last month, even though Ron & Sue Proulx have found people to take up some of their endless commitments to Tara Woods, Ron is still going to lead the charge for a big Christmas tree on the front lake. He ordered some of the components and I just wanted to again thank Ron & Sue for doing this for all our enjoyment.

Also, thank you to Mary Cauldwell for sponsoring Clive Live and contributing to the Christmas Decoration fund. It should be a fun and festive holiday season this year.

As mentioned many times over the last few months, I will be heading back to Minnesota to participate in numerous grandchildren's events this summer. We will be leaving early May and likely will not be back until late summer; it is all dependent on their successes this summer. I can be reached at any time and am happy to set up a zoom call if any of you would like a conversation.

Regarding Board meetings over the summer, the May meeting will be led by Chris Olson and Dennis Purks. Meetings will not be held in June, July, or August, and will resume in September. If you have anything you would like to discuss during these months, you can continue to use the Resident Concern Form. Chris, Mike and I will immediately receive notification and will respond. Additionally, if you feel necessary, you can schedule time with me as described above.

That's it for now.
Stay healthy and have fun!

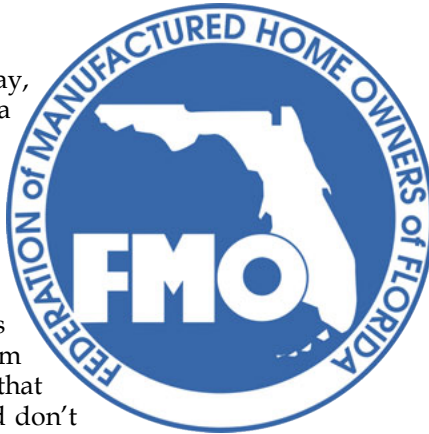
FMO FOR YOU

By Sherry Kay

The other day I noticed that often community members say, "It's the people who live in Tara Woods that make this a great place to live". They talk about how wonderful their neighbors are, and how community social events would never happen if so many people in Tara Woods didn't step up and volunteer to help.

Many of your neighbors, who are FMO (Federation of Manufactured Homeowners) members, are helping you too, and you don't even realize it. FMO membership fees help pay for a lobbyist in Tallahassee to monitor and inform homeowners, like you, that there is legislature happening that will affect us. You're benefiting from their membership and don't even realize it! If you join, your membership will be helping other Tara Woods neighbors. We are all stronger together!

Contact either the FMO website (members@fmo.org) or me, your park representative, Sherry Kay, and join today.



GREETINGS TARA WOODS!

By Chris Engle, Community Manager

By the time this publication comes out, we'll have our 2026 road project completed, and all the tree work completed for 2026.

We've recently done some trouble shooting on our new sound system to determine why we have such an issue with microphone sound. We believe we've identified the issues involved

and are working with the installation company to get this fixed.

Just a few reminders for those who rent out their homes. All rentals must be a minimum stay of 90 days. All renters must complete paperwork for a background check, and all rentals must be approved by management.



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WHAT: Tara Woods Management Emergency Planning Hurricane Preparation

WHERE: Clubhouse

WHEN: THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026 AT 5:00PM

WHY: So you are properly informed, we will review the Lee County Hurricane Guide and communicate and discuss the Tara Woods disaster emergency plan



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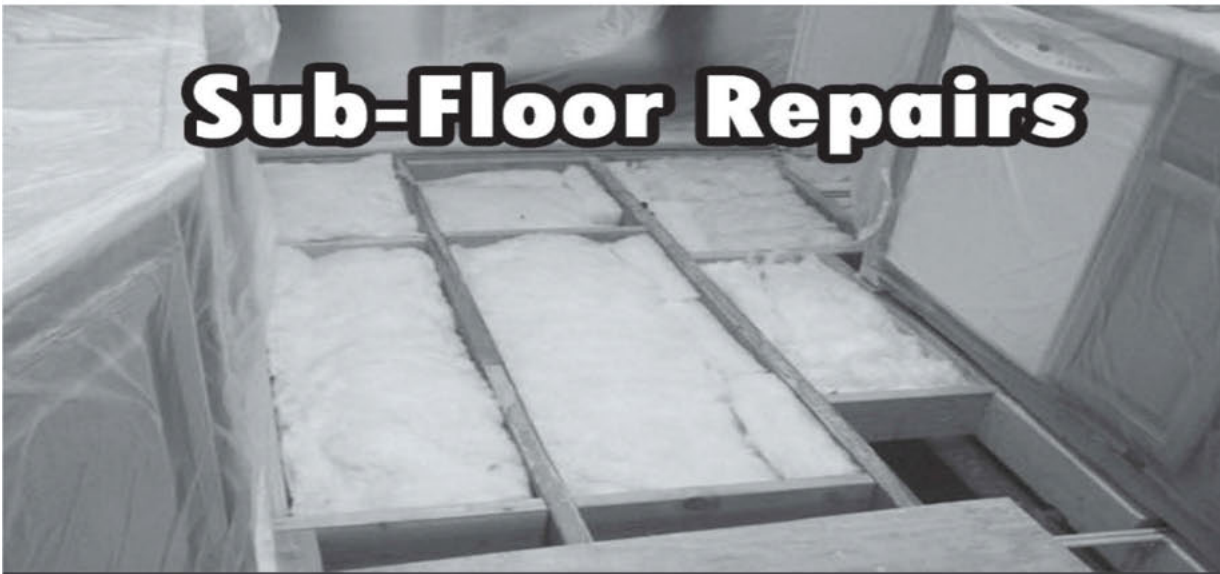
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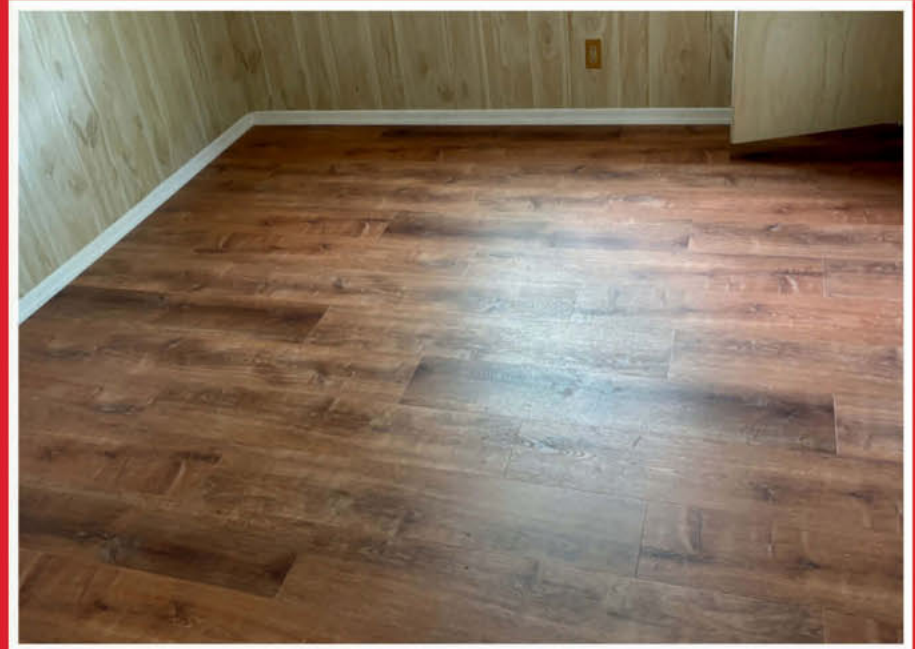
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BOWLING LEAGUE SEASON UPDATE

By Judy Girty, League President

Congratulations go to the Magic Markers bowling team who took first place in the Tara Woods 2025-26 Bowling League. Congratulations to Sue Hodgson, Diane Lemay, Chris Fonner and Captain Kathy Murschell.

Congratulations also go out to Judy Girty and Joe Holman for high average. We also gave out numerous other individual awards as well. Our next season starts on November 4th and runs until the first week in April 2027, for a total of twenty weeks of fun, laughter, and a little bit of frustration when the old 7 pin or 10 pin is still

standing; rumor has it that they might be glued down.

You don't have to be a skilled bowler; as long as your fingers fit in the ball, you qualify. Even if you haven't lifted a ball in a while, then this is the perfect league to make a comeback or even start your new bowling career.

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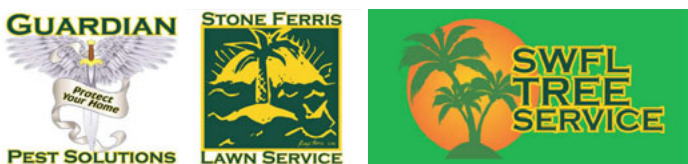
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- ▶ Mardette Alexander, President, 484-667-6279, mardettewood5@gmail.com
- ▶ Barb Simonson, Vice President, 541-840-4430, basimonson@comcast.net
- ▶ Ed Pollitt, Treasurer, 412-600-2378, barbiep1948@hotmail.com
- ▶ Kate Nagle, Secretary, 239-770-5034,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

Our final meeting for the summer will be held on Sunday, May 17th, at 4:00 PM in the Clubhouse.
~ Kate Nagle

MIDWEST CLUB

It is that time again for Midwesterners. Some are leaving Tara Woods for the season to go to our homes, vacations, or visiting families. We hope all of you have a safe, healthy summer, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Our first Midwest meeting will be Friday, October 16th. The officers are meeting in late April to set up our menus for the upcoming 2026-27 season. Please continue to watch *The Columns* in September for the information on the October meeting.

~ 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. We have wrapped up our parties for the 'season' with our final Bon Voyage Luau Party. It was a fun night, with everything looking Hawaiian, including our members. We are hoping to again have a get-together sometime during the summer to keep in touch with those of us who are here year-round. We will have more to follow. We want to wish our seasonal members a safe trip back north and a wonderful summer.

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

NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY CLUB

The Club had a great time at the last meeting of the season on Sunday, April 12th. Thank you to Wanda Bishop and JoAnne Glandorf for arranging the brunch at the Isles Yacht Club in Punta Gorda. The food was great and everyone enjoyed being together one more time until October.

Thank you to all the members who led meetings this season. There were a variety of dinners and themes and a lot of fun games. There are still a couple of meetings open for next season, so please think about hosting. We all appreciate someone taking the lead and there are always lots of people willing to help.

The Club is hosting the Labor Day Party on Monday, September 7th. Watch for emails and the helper sign-up sheet in August. If you are here at that time, your help is very much appreciated.

Our first meeting in October is on Saturday, October 10th. The meeting dates for next season are included in this article and will be e-mailed to you as well.

Have a great summer. I look forward to seeing you all in the fall.
~ Janet Daly

New York/New Jersey Club

Meetings/Events 2026-27

Save the Dates!

- Saturday, October 10th: 5:00 PM - Hosted by Wanda Bishop & JoAnne Glandorf
- Saturday, November 7th: 8:00 AM - Host Bake Sale at Craft Fair
- Saturday, November 21st: 5:00 PM - Hosted by Lori Mayers & Pat Downs
- Saturday, November 28th: 9:00 AM - Decorate Christmas Tree in Clubhouse
- Saturday, December 19th: 5:00 PM - Christmas Meeting Host TBD
- Saturday, January 2nd, 2027: 9:00 AM - Christmas undecorating at the Clubhouse
- Saturday, January 9th, 2027: 5:00 PM - Host TBD
- Friday, February 5th: 4:00 PM Nite at the Races – Hosted by Janet Daly & Club
- Saturday, March 27th: 5:00 PM - Hosted by Chuck & Marcia Poveromo
- Sunday, April 11th: 12:00 NOON - Out to Brunch– Host TBD

TW SOCIAL GROUP

April 2nd, TW Social Group Gathering

The TW Social Group is done for the 2025-26 season. If you were able to attend, we hope you had fun and met many new friends. Get your phones/paper calendars out and plug in the following dates for the 2026-27 season:

- Thursday, October 15th, 2026
- Friday, November 13th, 2026
- Friday, January 8th, 2027
- Friday, February 12th, 2027
- Thursday, March 4th, 2027

This group is open to all Tara Woods residents, renters, and family. Be sure to check the weekly HOA webpage that goes out on Mondays under the tab Clubs and Groups. Have a fabulous summer!

~ Paula Dykstra & Diane Smith

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We ask for your patience.



ENTERTAINING NEWS

I'm your summer scribe while Pat Dunning enjoys a well-earned break from the Columns - probably sipping iced tea in the shade. As the Entertainers have wrapped up their 2025-26 season, we're already gearing up for next year's shenanigans: the actors are cast, a fresh play is picked (we're ditching Sweetgum Texas and heading straight for passport stamps across the pond). Pat will soon be buried under a mountain of set design sketches - send snacks! This column is just a speedy update: next year's play is already brewing, but my lips are sealed



tighter than a jar of pickled onions. Stay tuned for juicy details next month! TTFN
Submitted by Lesley Krauss - pklesley@icloud.com

AN APPRECIATION LUNCH FOR THE COLUMNS STAFF

In appreciation of our volunteers, the Publisher, Brion Palmer, provided a luncheon for all the volunteers: from the Editor, Proofreader, Photographer, Calendar Personnel, Circulation Personnel, Stuffers, and finally, the Delivery people. All are needed to get *The Columns* out to each resident once a month. Your volunteer time is greatly appreciated by the Tara Woods Homeowners Association.

We will be saying goodbye to some great volunteers and welcoming some new ones.

~ Chris Olson, Tara Woods HOA

New Editor Stacy Harper and outgoing Editor, Linda Elliott



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NEW IMAGE CHORUS

Tara's Got Talent Was a Smashing Success!!

I still can't believe the day finally arrived for Tara Woods to dazzle us with its talent! And wow, did everyone deliver. On the morning of March 28th, we were feeling pretty smug about selling 94 tickets - clearly, we were popular. But little did we know, most of you were practicing your best last-minute ticket-buying moves! By showtime, we'd sold about 180 tickets, and the Chorus was watching the door like it was a Broadway debut. I was frantically telling Bill Sobkowicz, "Quick, find more chairs! Or maybe stack the audience vertically!"

Thankfully, we managed to squeeze everyone in -

no need for musical chairs, just musical talent! From start to finish, the evening was packed with music, comedy, and camaraderie. The Chorus kicked things off, and "Fountains" brought it all home with a grand finale. It was a night full of unforgettable moments and probably more applause than your average award show. Huge thanks to everyone: those who bravely shared their talents, Bill Nothnagel, our Master of Ceremonies, the Sound & Lighting Crew, backstage magicians Joe & Linda Kasdorf, Linda Adkins, and Diane Smith! You all deserve a medal - or at least a standing ovation. As for the Chorus, I

couldn't be prouder. All those hours of practice really paid off, even if we sounded better than my shower singing (which is saying something)!

So, if you missed out last year from joining in with the Chorus, we'll be back in October and will be starting with Christmas music. More on that at another time. Again, thank you, thank you, thank you for a wonderful Chorus season and here's to many more!!

~ Submitted by Lesley Krauss - pklesley@icloud.com



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REWARD



TW CRAFT ROOM IS BOOMING!

March and April have been very busy for the crafters here in our community. A very popular craft was 3D shell art which was inspired by our very own Bea Sponseller. In addition to the 3D shell art, these classes were held; Resin Art, a Bunny/Chick craft for Easter, a couple of wine glass painting classes, painting 3D items with Frankie, and Fronds painting. These crafts, along with the quilters who meet on a regular basis, resulted in the Craft Room being super busy. Next season, we already have a few participants who are on the waiting list.

If you'd like to teach a craft and


use the Craft Room for your own friends to do a craft, please reach out to Marie Ortiz-Peidlow at 630-414-6406 to book the Craft Room.

If setting up for a craft in advance, the Craft Room will be locked so there are no issues of anyone disrupting the set-up. Otherwise, the Craft Room will be open for all residents to use.

~ Maggie Johnston



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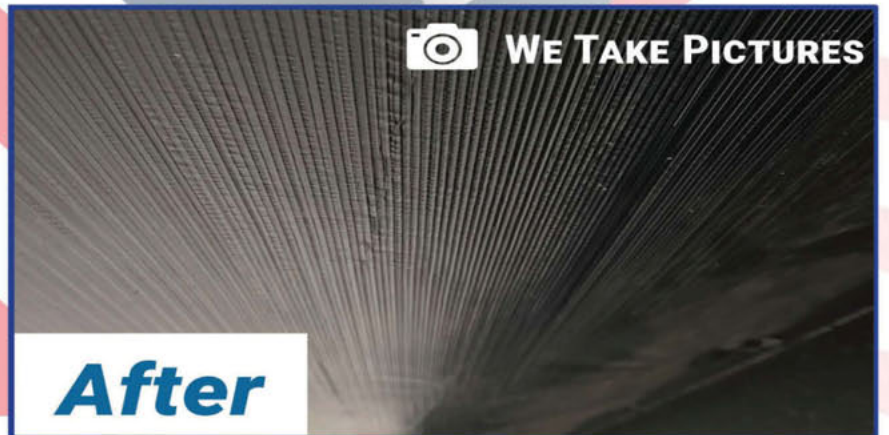


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LET'S PLAY BRIDGE!

We are looking for more bridge players. We are a small, friendly group and we'd love you to come and play bridge with us. We meet at 12:30 on Tuesdays in the Card Room in the Clubhouse. Give Beth Ferris a call to sign up to play or come and meet us.
~ 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, May 7th, 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.

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND
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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

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If questions, contact Judy Brda at 239-731-1797.

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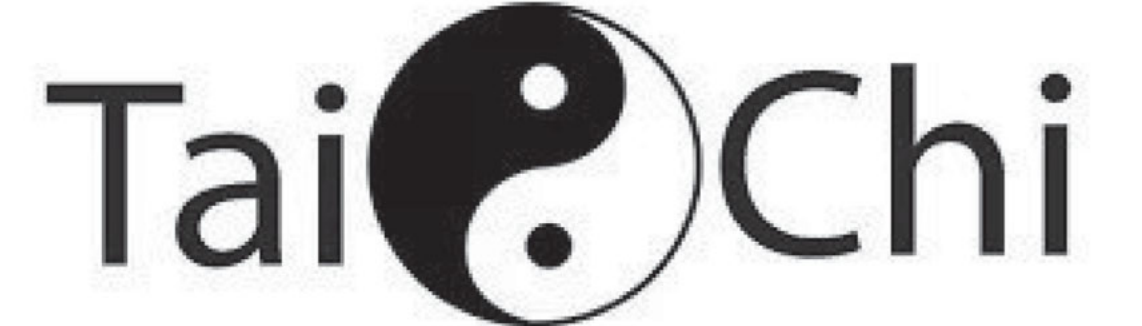
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TARA WOODS EVENTS 2026

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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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An AED, or automated external defibrillator, is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. Please make sure the GREEN light on the AED is flashing consistently. If it is not, please notify the Tara Woods Office, or a CERT team member.



This AED is located at the north entrance of the Clubhouse.



This AED is located in the Exercise Room off the Pool.



This AED in the Craft Building has been moved right inside the door of the men's room by the Tennis Courts.

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
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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.

MAH JONGG

Come join the Mah Jongg group. Do not know how to play? We teach the first three Mondays of the month. We have a great time. Come & join us on Mondays 12:30-3:00 PM. The Happy Ladies of Mah Jongg.

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 Pickelball! 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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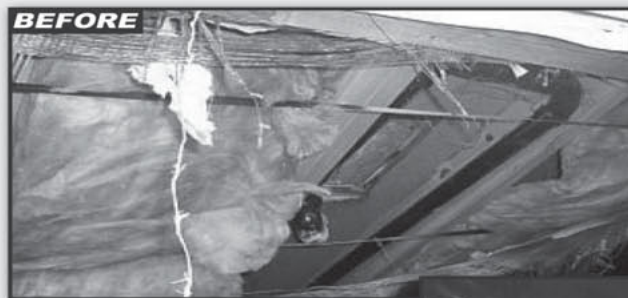
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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH by Sam Topping
 "Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow; don't walk behind me, I may not lead; just walk beside me and be my friend."

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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PLAY TARA WOODS

BINGO

EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT IN THE CLUBHOUSE

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20	42	59	62		
5	28	39	54	75	
4	17	60	71		
31	18	32	53	66	
15	19	36	47	68	

7	25	44	57	62	
13	22	40	50	70	
31	30	46	74		
3	28	37	55	68	
10	27	39	59	77	

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Thank you, Tara Woods, for supporting our presentations, seminars, and events.

Here is a summary of our community participation:

- October 23rd, 2025: LCSO seminar: Here for you when you lose a loved one.
- November 17th, 2025: Walgreen's Vaccine Clinic
- November 22nd, 2025: On Spot Dermatology clinic
- February 10th, 2026: LCSO Seminar: READY Self Defense
- February 28th, 2026: Caption Call
- March 7th, 2026: On Spot Dermatology clinic
- March 23rd, 2026: Senior Blue Book sponsored the Health Expo
- April 16th, 2026: LCSO seminar: Frauds and Scams

The AWIR Committee meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday, at 2:00 PM in the Meeting Room. Please join us with your ideas for programs to benefit our community.



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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 season has come to an end. The snowbirds are safely tucked away up north. Only steadfast remains. But things don't slow down. Open Tennis is still being played at 9:00 AM on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. Everyone is welcome, from beginners to advanced. It's a great bunch of people.

With lights on the courts, you will see players enjoying the evening temps. Please consider joining the Tennis Association, as it helps maintain the courts. There is a ball machine for members to use. There are also plenty of practice balls for doing drills, etc. The Tennis Association maintains a bucket of tennis balls by the gate for anyone to use.

See you on the courts! ~ *Tim Hoch*

OPEN TENNIS

Open Tennis is available all year long - even during the hot days of summer. Because many of our seasonal tennis players have already headed north, there will be less people showing up for Open Tennis. However, all tennis players are welcome to show up at the courts all summer long. We play every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 9:00 - 10:30 AM.

Participation in this past season's Open Tennis days varied a lot - with some days full of enthusiastic tennis players, and on other days we needed to use only one or two courts. I'm sure those people who did show up to play always had a good time.

If you have an interest in playing tennis, stop by the

courts. All skill levels are welcome. ~ *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*

Blue Team - Tigers

We have nothing new to report since April. 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 ended the season in second place in the SWIFT tennis league. 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

We have nothing new to report since April. 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 2026-27 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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Four estate planning myths that could cost your family

Consider this scenario: A teacher of 30 years and mother of three passes away at age 58.

She leaves behind a modest home, a retirement account and cherished family heirlooms - but no estate plan.

Her children, still grieving, find themselves navigating a confusing probate process, disagreeing about when to sell the house and considering who gets their grandmother's ring.

This mom wasn't wealthy by most measures, but her lack of planning created confusion, conflict and uncertainty at a time when her family needed clarity. Her story reminds us of an important truth: estate planning is about easing conflict and making sure what you have goes where you want it to go.

As you think about your own legacy, consider these myths that can lead to costly mistakes and unintended outcomes.

Myth 1: Estate planning is only for wealthy people. The desire to make things easier for loved ones has nothing to do with net worth.

Formally documenting your wishes reduces the burden on family members and gives you control.

Without a plan, your state's laws will decide how your estate is handled, and you may not like what those laws say.

Myth 2: Having a will is all you need. While a will is important, it only takes effect after death. That means it offers no protection if you become incapacitated and cannot make decisions for yourself. It does, however, allow you to name legal guardians for dependent children.

The foundation of most estate plans includes a will (which directs asset distribution), a financial power of attorney (for financial decisions), a health care power of attorney (for medical decisions), and a medical directive (to share your end of life wishes).

While not everyone needs a trust, there are several that allow you to make special provisions, such as for minor children, a special needs family member or even a cherished pet. Consulting with a financial advisor and an estate planning attorney can help determine the right combination based on your situation.

Myth 3: Equal distribution is always fair. It's likely that the individuals in your estate plan, especially if they are adult children, have different family and financial situations. You may have one child who's extremely successful financially while another is struggling.

Or you may have assets, such as a house or ownership of a family business, that are more suitable for one beneficiary than another.

It's important to consider any unique circumstances as you develop your estate plan.

Myth 4: I can set it and forget it. You'll want to review your estate plan every few years or when a major life event occurs.

Life is full of changes, such as marriages, divorces, new children and relocations, and they will likely impact your goals.

Reviewing your plan helps keep everything aligned with your wishes and serves as a reminder to keep your beneficiaries on all your assets up to date.

Ultimately, estate planning is about helping ensure your voice is heard and your loved ones cared for, no matter what the future holds.

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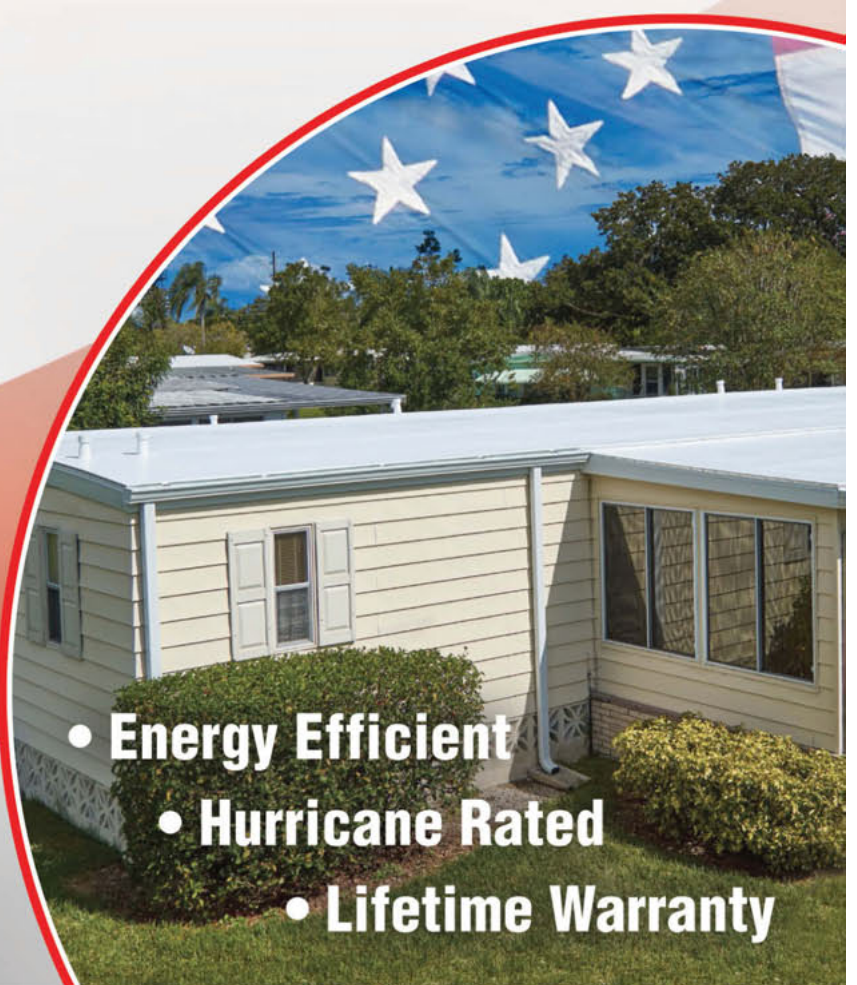
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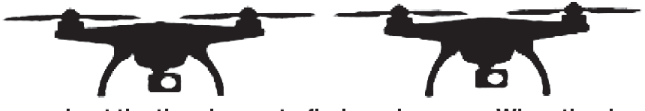


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BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS:

- Joe Brown, 93 Yrs.
- Delma Everhart, 92 Yrs.
- Carol Gomolla, 93 Yrs.
- Bob Ploettner, 91 Yrs.
- Marty Rudo, 90 Yrs.
- Joe Waldron, 90 Yrs.

- 2 Lori Bostic, Luba Fulmas, David Leeth
- 3 Dan Drabin, Kevin Molestad, Karen Thackery
- 4 Darlene Darroch, Sam Nash, Ernie St. James
- 5 Sue Muscato
- 6 John Bakun, Mary Harter, Barb Jakacki
- 7 Connie Lessard, MaryJane Ploettner

- 8 Janet Bezler
- 10 Lori Garmon, Len Olson, Patti Williams
- 11 Bev Brockhagen, Tom Erhardt, Lynda Francey, Deb Hoffman, Ed Sandre
- 12 Alice Benoit, Connie Wing
- 13 Mel Holman, Jeff Padgett
- 14 Doris Brockmeyer, Kevin Mulvihill, Pat Virkus
- 15 Jimmy Cicchese
- 16 Chad Gron, George Martin
- 17 Wanda Bishop, Jim Hohstadt
- 18 John Andrus, Liane Kemp
- 19 Celia Blotkamp, Bill Goodhue, Doris Katz
- 20 Joe Burza, Sonja Daughtrey, Rod Dolin, Terry Nagel, Dawn Tussel

- 21 Terri Libersky
- 22 Barb Bakun
- 23 Betty Frazier
- 25 Diana Hoffman, Sandy O'Hara, Mike Shroyer
- 26 John Anderson, Danny Hicks, Deb Molestad, Vic Sharps
- 27 Jeff Doss, Jean Guy, Pauline Young
- 28 Barb Stuttgen
- 29 Terri Burns
- 30 Dale Blau, Ricky Gunnoe, Steve Whaples
- 31 Rudy Diaz, Kathy Grubert, Faye Johnson, Janet Krikorian, Brian Paauwe, Ron Selvaggio, Sylvia Stump

ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY

- 1 Vera & Jim Cawlfeld, Pam & John Hatfield, **Jean & Dick Resh, 50 Yrs.**
- 2 Jean & Bob Bozick, Tess & Greg Pool
- 4 Mary & Denny Biglin
- 5 Beth & Howard Gross
- 7 Marcia & Dan Duda, Jan & John Goers
- 8 **Chris & John Olson, 55 Yrs.**
- 11 Barbara & Peter Krilivsky
- 13 Darlene & Dave Darroch, Chris & Larry Fonner, Robin & Don Swartz
- 15 Jodi & Tim Jaecklein, "D" & Emmett Linderman, Mary Ellen & Frank Newcomb
- 18 Jennifer & Joe Bottoms
- 19 Janet & Joe Waldron
- 20 Violet & Norm Raymond, Janet & Harlan Spaulding
- 21 Pat & Mike Shroyer
- 22 Connie & Norm Wing
- 23 Paula & Rich Dykstra, Jean LaVoie & Lou Aubry
- 24 Tina & Mikey Smith
- 25 Carol & Ed Malatesta
- 27 Candi & Andy McLean
- 29 Pat & Ron Adriance

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May 2026 Calendar of Events

What's happening in Tara Woods this month?



EVERY MONDAY

May 4, 11, 18, 25

- 7:30 AM Pickleball Intermediate/Pickleball Courts
- 8:00 AM Water Aerobics/Main Pool
- 8:00 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

May 4, 18, 25

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

MONDAY SPECIAL EVENTS

May 4

- 1:00 PM HOA Board Meeting

May 11

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

May 25

- 11:00 AM Memorial Day Party/Main Hall/Kitchen/Veranda/Grills

EVERY TUESDAY

May 5, 12, 19, 26

- 7:30 AM Pickleball Intermediate/Pickleball Courts
- 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

May 5, 19

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

TUESDAY SPECIAL EVENTS

May 5

- 11:30 AM Cinco de Mayo Celebration/Veranda/Kitchen



EVERY WEDNESDAY

May 6, 13, 20, 27

- 7:30 AM Pickleball Intermediate/Pickleball Courts
- 8:00 AM Water Aerobics/Main Pool
- 8:00 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

THURSDAY SPECIAL EVENTS

May 7

- 1:30 PM Book Club/Meeting Room

May 14

- 5:00 PM CERT Hurricane Prep

May 21

- 2:00 PM AWIR Meeting/Meeting Room

EVERY THURSDAY

May 7, 14, 21, 28

- 7:30 AM Pickleball Intermediate/Pickleball Courts
- 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
- 1:00 PM Ping Pong
- 4:00 PM Thirsty Thursday/Tiki Hut
- 6:30 PM Aggravation/Card Room



EVERY FRIDAY

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

- 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

May 8, 22

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

EVERY SATURDAY

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

- 8:00 AM Open Tennis/Tennis Courts
- 9:00 AM Pickleball Intermediate/Pickleball Courts
- 10:00 AM Pickleball Recreational/Pickleball Courts
- 10:00 AM Senior Exercise
- 1:00 PM Social/Pool/Tiki Bar

May 2, 16, 23, 30

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

May 2, 16

- 9:00 AM Aluminum Can Pick-Up

May 2

- 8:00 AM Blood Pressure Screening/Card Room

SATURDAY SPECIAL EVENTS

May 2

- 10:00 AM New Resident Orientation/Meeting
- 5:00 PM Kentucky Derby Party/Main Hall/Kitchen

May 9

- 7:30 AM Pancake Breakfast/Main Hall/Kitchen



EVERY SUNDAY

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

- 7:30 AM Pickleball Intermediate/Pickleball Courts
- 10:00 AM Pickleball Recreational/Pickleball Courts
- 10:00 AM Shuffleboard 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

May 10

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

May 17

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

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