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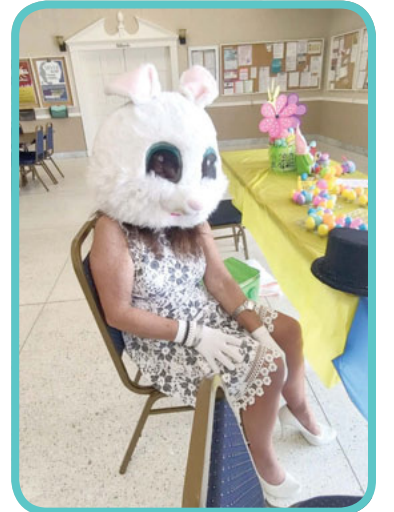
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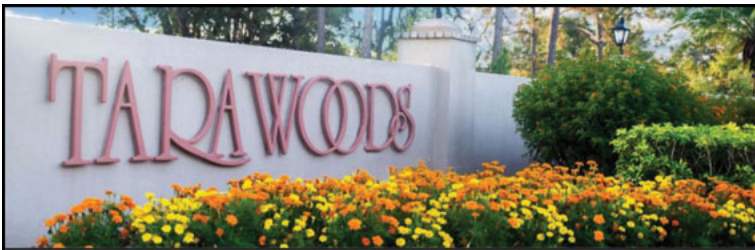
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~ Ron and Sue, Great job and a great team!





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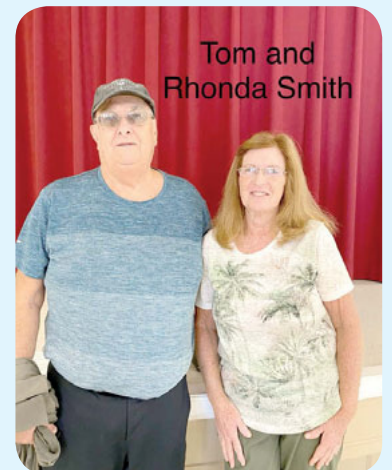
## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

**WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS**

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,  
May 11th, at 10:00 AM in the Clubhouse Meeting Room. We  
have a wealth of information to share with you.

**Rhonda and Tom Smith**

Rhonda and Tom reside on Lot #363, 2850 Orlenes Street.  
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children and seven grandchildren. Rhonda is retired from sales  
at J.C. Penney. Tom is a retired IT Director. In her spare time,  
Rhonda enjoys the pool and playing Bingo. In his spare time,  
Tom enjoys playing tennis.



Welcome to Tara Woods,

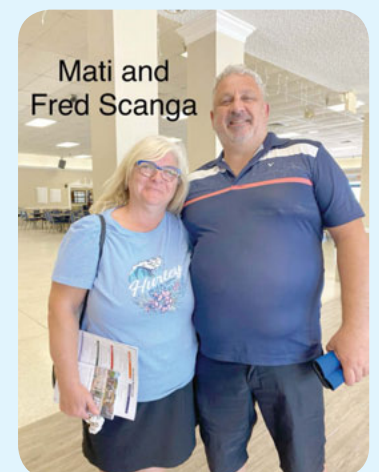
Barbara Krilivsky and Linda Kasdorf, co-chairs of the Welcome Committee



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Thank You.



# FROM THE BOARD ROOM by Lou

By Lou Dunning, President, 239-240-5847, loudunning2@gmail.com

Thank you for your participation in voting on the proposed Bylaw revisions. The revisions were approved by the membership. The early voting option was well received by the members. The Board's goal was to ensure that all members had an opportunity to cast their vote. Also new was the By-laws open forum meeting for all members. Attending our HOA meeting was Lee County Sheriff Staff Officer, Mark Sherman. Officer Sherman serves as our Sheriff liaison for our Homeowners Association and Hometown America. He shared some valuable information with our members; perhaps most importantly was 'if you see something, say something'. If it is an emergency, call 911. If it is not an emergency, but you want to report something, call 239-477-1000. We thank Officer Sherman for his support.

Hopefully, by the time you receive this issue, The Columns, Hometown America will have selected a new Community Manager for Tara Woods. As you know, your HOA has a slew of issues that need action by Hometown America. Many of these issues are in different stages of approval and implementation. They range from Hurricane Ian build back, statutory rent committee proposed projects,

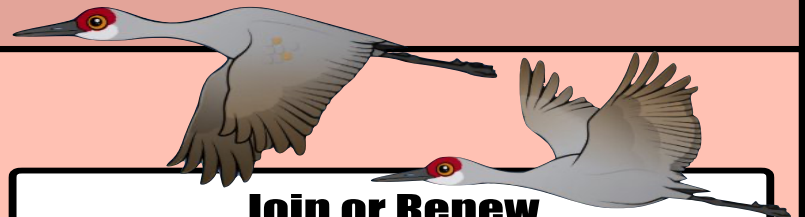
and 2024 CAPX projects. We look forward to very visible improvements to our community. You may follow progress on different projects by reviewing the Community Improvement minutes on your TWFOA website.

With the resignation of Board member Sue Cook, the Board discussed and agreed not to fill the vacancy and to operate with seven Directors. The revised Directors' Responsibilities are listed on the website.

**HEADS UP** - If you are going north for a bit, travel safely. Before you leave, take time to secure your home by removing all yard debris, ornaments, patio furniture, or any loose items.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT** --- you cans can help protect the environment by recycling your aluminum cans and help keep your HOA dues low. In addition, the tabs should be removed and brought to the Clubhouse and deposited in the bright yellow box in the Library. The tabs are taken to Shriners Hospital and they pay for children's transportation to the hospital. It's a win-win-win. Put your aluminum cans out to the curb the first and third Saturday of the month by 9:00 AM for our dedicated team to pick up.

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## HERE FOR YOUR INFORMATION

*Here for your information is a one-call email that was sent out to all residents, from Lindsay Gill, Regional Assistant for Hometown America:*

Good afternoon, residents!

As you know, Helen, unfortunately, is no longer managing Tara Woods. She has moved out of state for personal reasons. We will certainly miss her. We have been actively recruiting, interviewing, and testing. Although we can never guarantee the perfect hire that will show more stability, we use every avenue we can to try to achieve that. Your community and residents deserve it.

In the meantime, we'd like to update you on a few important projects, as Tara Woods has quite a bit going on.

Since Hurricane Ian, projects have been quite difficult in that area. Contractors are spread thin, and we have even more of a material shortage than we did after COVID. The county is also backed up still. Permits are approximately six months out. As you can imagine, they were focusing on the beach-side first, for those businesses and residents who were completely wiped out.

The very front entrance sign and landscape bed are being bid now for renovations.

We hope to update the sign and brighten up that plant bed.

The islands, as you enter the community past the entrance sign, have also received a few bids. Unfortunately, none will work, so we are reaching out to other contractors for a couple more ideas. These were damaged in the hurricane and had to have electrical and irrigation repairs first.

The back ditch has now been cleared, and fencing should start going up within a month if the county has released the permit.

We have about five other smaller projects we are working to close out with insurance as well.

Another big project we have been anticipating is the expansion of the Fitness Center. Just this week we agreed upon the drawing/plans for this area and are awaiting an updated bid. The start date would depend on how quickly the county will issue permits.

Rose and Patsy are doing a fantastic job in the Office, and we have regional support going down from time to time to assist. We also have Hometown's Infrastructure Manager that will be helping us complete these projects for your enjoyment. Thank you for calling Tara Woods home. We hope these projects, when completed, will make you proud to call it home.



## FIRST RESPONDERS CHRISTMAS TREE

Yes, you are seeing correctly!  
That is an upside-down tree!

This will be our new FIRST RESPONDERS CHRISTMAS TREE, which will be our next Tara Woods community project, set to debut in November 2024.

This tree will honor all Paramedics/EMT's, Firefighters and Police Officers. Ornament donations are limited to these First Responders and are welcome ANYTIME during the year.

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If you have any questions, call Barb at 541-840-4430  
THANK, Barb Simonson



## RED HAT LADIES

Come join us on Tuesday, May 7th, at 1:00 PM at Smoke'n Pit Bar B Que, 1641 N. Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers. We have lunch, cocktails, fun, and a social.

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These wonderful ladies helped bag items to go into the care packages that are delivered to active service personnel. We found out, with the contents in the packages (70 or 80 items) and postage, that each package cost about \$100.00. As of 2007, over 10,000 packages have been sent overseas by Holiday 4 Heroes.

This small organization is run by eleven unpaid volunteers. Each month, other volunteers come to help with the care packages. Holiday 4 Heroes also helped local active-duty families having a tough time during the Holiday season with food, presents, the tree, everything needed to have a Merry Holiday. A "Backpack for Homeless Veterans" program was recently started, along with a bulk food program for homeless and in-need local Veterans.

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# How is your retirement income taxed?

Once you're retired, you will likely need to draw on several types of income for your living expenses. You'll need to know where these funds are coming from and how much you can count on, but you should also be aware of how this money is taxed — because this knowledge can help you plan and budget for your retirement years.

Here's the basic tax information on some key sources of retirement income:

• **Social Security** – Many people don't realize they may have to pay taxes on their Social Security benefits. Whether your benefits will be taxed depends on how much other taxable income you receive from various sources, such as self-employment, stock dividends and interest payments. You'll want to check with your tax advisor to determine whether your income reaches the threshold where your Social Security benefits will be taxed. The lower your total taxable income, the lower the taxes will be on your benefits. The Social Security Administration will not automatically take out taxes from your monthly checks — to have taxes withheld, you will need to fill out Form W-4V (Voluntary Withholding Request). Again, your tax advisor can help you determine the percentage of your benefits you should withhold.

• **Retirement accounts** – During your working years, you may have contributed to two basic retirement accounts: an IRA and a 401(k) or similar plan (such as a 457(b) plan for state and local government employees or a 403(b) plan for educators and employees of some nonprofits). If you invested in a "traditional" IRA or 401(k) or similar plan, your contributions may have been partially or completely deductible and your earnings grew on a tax-deferred basis. But when you start taking withdrawals from your traditional IRA or 401(k), the money is considered taxable at your normal income tax rate. However, if you chose the "Roth" option (when available), your contributions were not deductible, but your earnings and withdrawals are tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions.

• **Annuities** – Many investors use annuities to supplement their retirement income. An annuity is essentially a contract between you and an insurance company in which the insurer pays you an income stream for a given number of years, or for life, in exchange for the premiums you paid. You typically purchase a "qualified" annuity with pre-tax dollars, possibly within a traditional IRA or 401(k), so your premiums may be deductible, and your earnings can grow tax deferred. Once you start taking payouts, the entire amount — your contributions and earnings — are taxable at your individual tax rate. On the other hand, you purchase "non-qualified" annuities with after-tax dollars, so your premiums aren't deductible, but just like qualified annuities, your earnings grow on a tax-deferred basis. When you take payments, you won't pay taxes on the principal amounts you invested but the earnings will be taxed as ordinary income.

We've looked at some general rules governing different sources of income, but you should consult your tax professional about your specific situation. Ultimately, factors such as your goals, lifestyle and time horizon should drive the decisions you make for your retirement income. Nonetheless, you may want to look for ways to control the taxes that result from your various income pools. And the more you know about how your income is taxed, the fewer unpleasant surprises you may experience.

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They say there is no rest for the wicked, and that holds true for our Entertainers! We already have our new play, and parts have already been assigned! Next year our performance will be a little earlier than it has been in previous years. We will perform this play in February of 2025 instead of our normal March date. We actually received our new scripts at the cast party for Daddy's Girl and had our first read-through! The new play is by the same author, Gary Ray Stapp, and is called Saint Peter's Escort Service. I'm not going to give anything away yet but let's just say it has a very unusual cast of characters involved, and our group is excited to develop our characters over the summer. To the Entertainers... you all know that you need to study hard to be "off book" as soon as you can, so you don't give Pat and Janet a reason to yell at us...again! Just kidding! But keep on practicing and we will see everyone back in the fall when official rehearsals start back up again.

To everyone in the community, we will need



large sheets of cardboard for our set. Big pieces of cardboard like you would get a big screen tv in, or a refrigerator, but we can use smaller pieces too! If you can help us, please let Pat Dunning know and arrangements can be made to pick it up. It would be appreciated if they were already flattened down!

Enjoy your May events in Tara Woods. By the time you read this, I will already be back home in Canada!

*"I have purged myself of the negativity of that asinine cretin!" - Zinnia Priest*

*Submitted by Lesley Krauss -  
pklesley@icloud.com*



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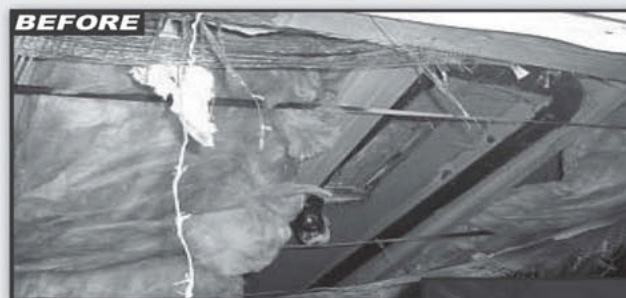
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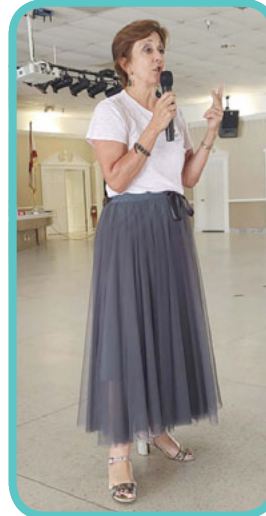


# AGING WELL

AGING WELL INFORMATION RESOURCES  
PRESENTATION BY ELDER ORPHANS

The April 3rd presentation by Elder Orphans had a fantastic turnout! There were forty residents in attendance for the "Healthy Mind and Body" presentation, directed by Cynthia Perthuis, Senior Care Authority. A Physical Therapy and Balance Center spokesperson discussed hearing loss as well as the importance of hearing devices. A free boxed lunch was included.

Thank you for coming and showing your support. ~ Carol Schnepf



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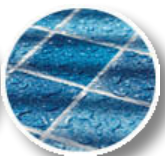


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Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse or e-mail [janetdaly@yahoo.com](mailto:janetdaly@yahoo.com) to sign up.

There is no charge for this event.  
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239-567-2285



### DID YOU KNOW?

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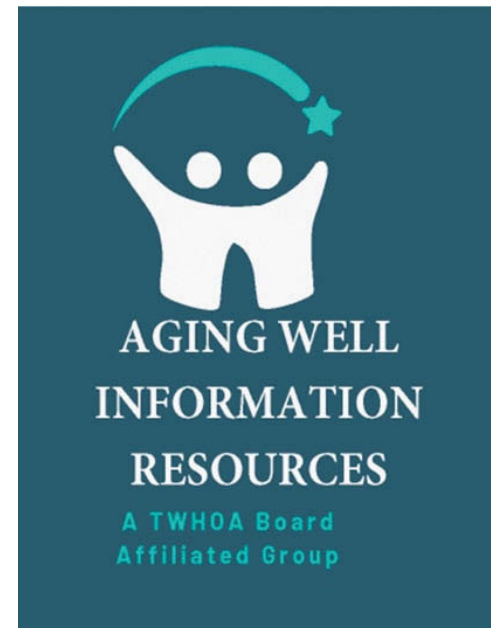
The mission of Aging Well Information Resources is to be an INFORMATIONAL RESOURCE for services that are available in Lee County to meet the needs of Tara Woods residents.

We meet each month on the third Thursday at 2:00 PM in the Clubhouse Meeting Room.

We are also looking for new members to help with the presentations we plan. Each month, we provide seminars on a variety of topics to help Tara Woods residents age well. See our flyer on the May 3rd Presentation "Normal Aging or Something More?"

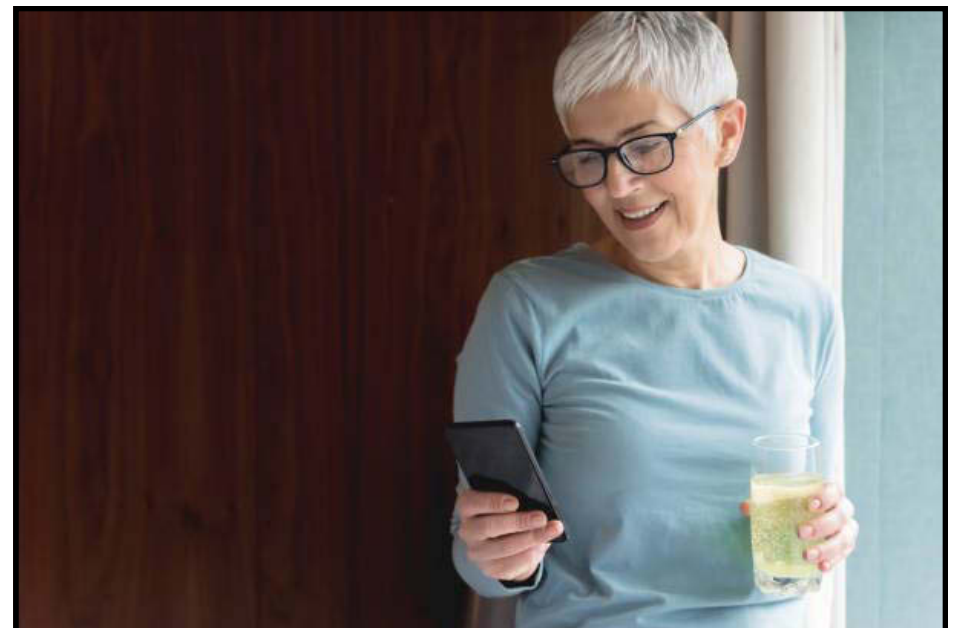
Our current project is to establish a vendors list of community members who charge for services.

If you would like to be included on that list, or join our group, please contact Carol Schnepf, our Board Liaison.



AGING WELL  
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#### Yikes! I Walked Into the Room and Forgot the Reason Why. Normal Aging or Something More?

Is it normal aging? Is it something else? Some mild changes in cognition are considered a normal part of the aging process. Dementia, including Alzheimer's disease is not normal aging! Normal age-related declines are subtle and mostly affect the speed of thinking and attentional control. There can be other changes that you need to be aware of, so that you can take appropriate action.

Join us for this free program on **Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 PM in the Clubhouse**

Presented by Amy Schenk, RN, BSN, MS Ed

Community Engagement Lead, The Neuropsychiatric Research Center of SW Florida

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# Ladies Happy Hour

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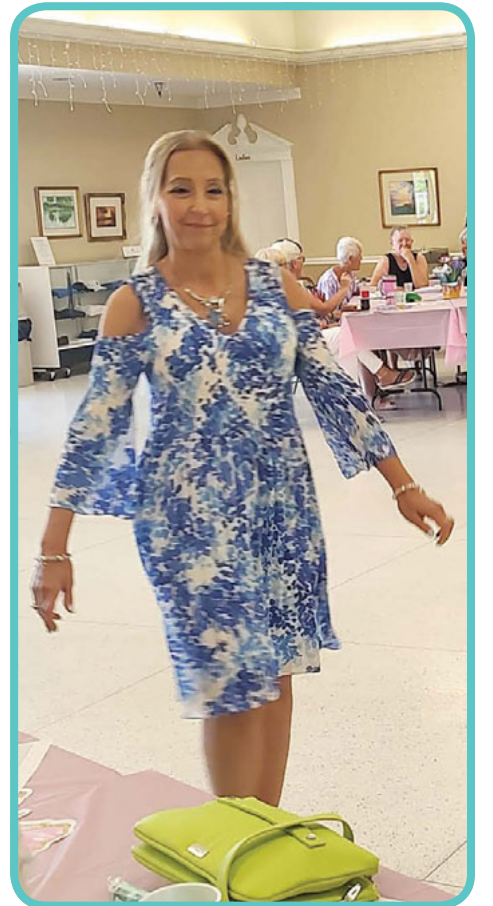
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# FASHION SHOW

Six beautiful Tara Woods models graced the Clubhouse, showing off an assortment of fashions from Anthony's to a full house.





## NEW IMAGE CHORUS

Submitted by Lesley Krauss, pklesley@icloud.com

Well, another winter season at Tara Woods has come to an end. For us snowbirds, it is always sad to see this time of year, but it gives us a little bit of time to work on what we would like to do next year! The Chorus Board met in early April and made some decisions on a theme for next year, and, hopefully, for a couple of events that we need your help with! I won't give away our theme just yet, as we still need to pick out some tunes, and ultimately if we get a pianist and new director, it may all change, but we have our "plan B" figured out so we will reveal more in the fall. I'll leave some of the other things until the summer edition of The Columns to give me something to write about!

Once again, I'd like to thank all the members of the Chorus for all their hard work in making our "All About Love" performance a success. I can tell you now, we had some rough rehearsals right before our performance,

The

New Image  
Chorus

but our group pulled ourselves together and made the evening a huge success!! Some people have already approached me asking about next year and joining us, so THAT IS AWESOME!! We are a great group who support each other. You do not need to audition, but if you don't know what type of singer you

are (soprano, alto, tenor, or bass), I will be happy to listen to you and place you where your voice will shine most bright!

We are still on the lookout for both a conductor and a pianist. Either or both will be well received. If you know of anyone or if you are interested, please email me over the summer season at pklesley@icloud.com with your name and phone number and I will be in touch! Or, if you are here in the community, look for Polly Brown and talk to her.

That's all from me! Have a great spring into summer and we will see you soon!

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# ENTERTAINMENT AROUND TARA WOODS

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## 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 are at 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM every day. 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 Bruce (410) 409-5873 / bruce@brucelubichcpa.com Alice (313) 220-0622 / gowings2429@sbcglobal.net Louise (508) 672-2141 / lcpatter46@gmail.com



## 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 board in the Clubhouse each week. For information or if you want to learn to play, call Vera Day 941-223-3859.

## BOCCE

Mondays at 3:00 PM & Tuesdays at 9:00 AM. No need to sign up. Don't need a partner. New teams chosen every week ~ Easy to learn. Questions: call Rudy Diaz 239-347-7934. Additional time: Tuesdays at 3:30.

## TENNIS ANYONE?

Join other tennis players every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 9:00-10:30 AM for friendly Tennis.

## TEXAS HOLD'EM

Mondays, at 1:00 PM, we will be playing Texas Hold 'em (only) game. The game will be held in the Clubhouse Meeting Room. Open to men and women. If you are interested, call Tom Perkins at 307-360-3477.

## 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.

## PING PONG



### Looking for Players!

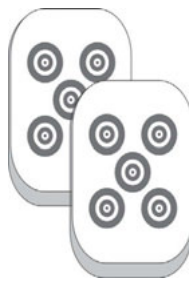
Remember those days playing ping pong as a kid? You can still play today! Please join us on Thursdays from 1:00 to 3:00 PM in the Clubhouse. For further information contact Norm Libby at 239-246-3510.

## 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.

## MAH JONGG

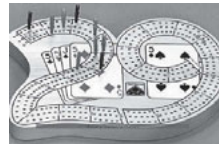
Come join the Mah Jongg group. Do not know how to play? We teach the first three Mondays of the month. We have a great time. Come & join us on Mondays 12:30-3:00 PM. The Happy Ladies of Mah Jongg.



## CRIBBAGE

There's a "new" game at Tara Woods. If you hear someone say, "fifteen two fifteen four" and you don't think they've lost a screw or two, come and join us in the Card Room every Wednesday at 2:00 PM for a few games of Cribbage. The arrangement is fairly flexible since Cribbage can be played by 2 or 3 or 4 players. Just be there by 2 PM. Cards, cribbage boards and fun will be provided.

Contact Barb Simonson 541-840-4430



## 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.



## MEN'S POKER



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

## 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 or Mary Green at 239-800-3837 first if you are interested in playing with this friendly group. We'd like to have you join us. Beth Ferris

## HAND AND FOOT CARD CLUB

Come join the group for a fun-filled afternoon of cards! We meet on **Fridays at 1:30 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

## GAME NIGHT

Every Friday night at 7:00 p.m. Different games can be played (All are easy to learn) LEFT - CENTER - RIGHT (dice- 3-coin buy-in) (winner-take-all each game) CONTRACT RUMMY (similar to Aggravation) (6 quarter buy-in) 31 (card game) (3 dime buy-in each game) (winner-take-all each game) For more information call Polly Brown at 239-246-2391.

## SHUFFLEBOARD BOWLING PIN

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

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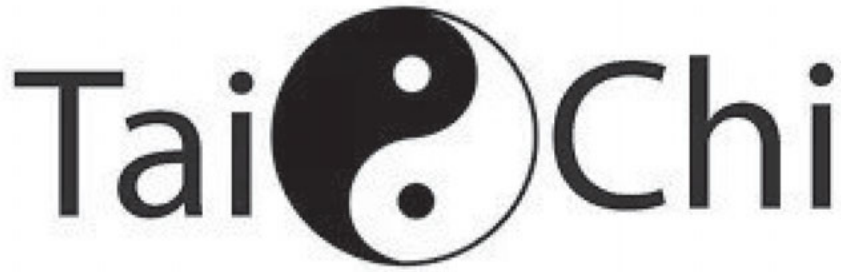


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## BOOK CLUB

Book Club will meet on Thursday, May 2nd, at 1:30 PM in the Living Room of the Clubhouse. If you enjoy reading and are willing to share your latest good book, come and join us. See you then. ~ Nancy Wuebbeler



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## ACTIVITIES, ACTIVITIES

While activities are slowing down, you still have many opportunities for fun here at Tara Woods. Join us for Saturday Morning Coffee at 7:30 AM. There is an informal meeting at 8:30 AM. Donuts, rolls, and bagels are available for purchase, too!

MAY MAGIC includes the Kentucky Derby, Pancake Breakfast, Movie Nite and the Memorial Day Party.

JUNE JOY includes Movie Nite and a Summer Pool Party. Stay tuned for details. Join us for weekly activities: Card/Game Nites, Water Volleyball, Water Aerobics, and Chair Volleyball.

Don't forget to take an issue of *The Columns* home with you. Take pictures as you travel, showing the front page, and send them to Linda Elliott to post in a future newsletter. lindabluetw@gmail.com.

As always, I welcome your suggestions for keeping the magic alive in Tara Woods.

Celia Blotkamp, TWHOA Activities Coordinator  
Baileynme99@gmail.com, 703.863.2973

### 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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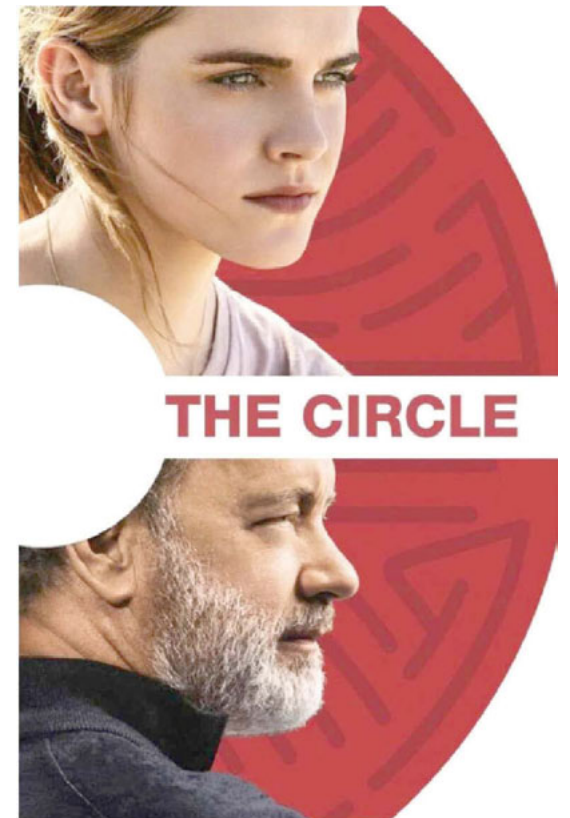
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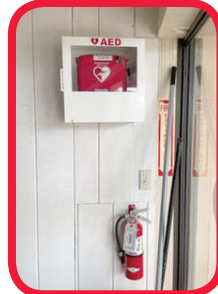
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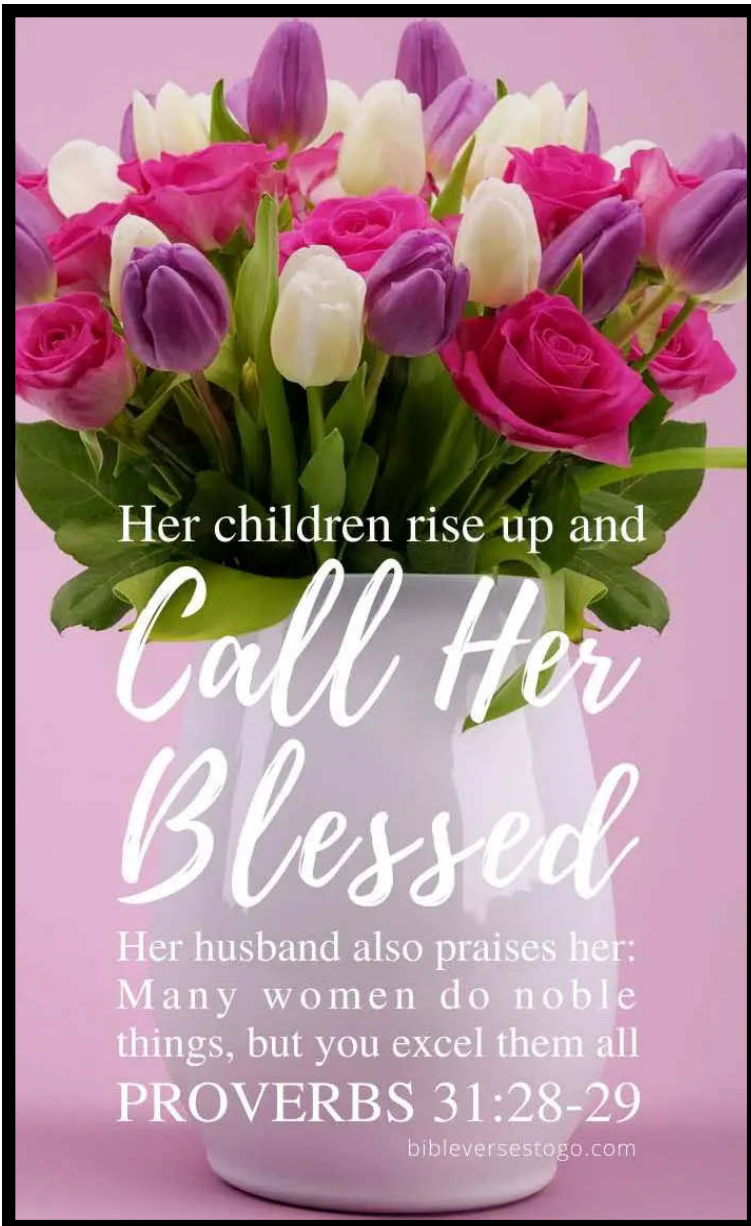
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 **MID-ATLANTIC SOCIAL CLUB NEWS**

Our Club is made up of Tara Woods residents from Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and friends from all over the country. Check out our postings on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse for contact information and upcoming events. If you have any questions about our Club, please contact one of the officers (names posted on each newsletter).

At our April meeting we held elections for the positions of Vice-President and Treasurer, then enjoyed soup and salad – and, of course, dessert. We will have “Burgers and Dogs” in May and enjoy each other’s company throughout the summer months with casual gatherings on the Clubhouse Veranda.

Several Club members participated in the Walk for Life in April and the Club made a donation to the cause.  
~ Sue Clark - Secretary



 **NEW ENGLAND CLUB**

The New England Club held our Bon Voyage Party on Saturday, April 6th. Congratulations to the New England Women who defeated the New England Men at Bean Bag Baseball. Also, congrats to “Table #1”, captained by George Martin, for winning the Stay In Your Seat Scavenger Hunt. And congratulations to Rod Dolin for winning the big bucks in the Left-Center-Right game.

Watch for an update on the New England Club website and bulletin board on our summer get-together.

To those Club members who chronically sign up and then are a “no-show” for parties, PLEASE STOP!! You are wasting the Club’s money and resources.

To our snowbirds: safe travels, stay well, and have a great summer in our beautiful New England states. To our summer survivors: have a fun and peaceful summer; stay well and hopefully hurricane free! ~ Judy Machnicz, President, New England Club



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## PICKLEBALL NEWS

### Is Pickleball Just for Old Folks? Not Anymore!

Recently, I was told that "Pickleball is tennis for old people". I pointed out their error, since pickleball is now being taught in high schools, middle schools, and even some elementary schools across the USA. I don't think there are too many old people in elementary schools, at least not as students! And if you watch the Professional Pickleball Association tournaments on television or in Naples, FL (home of the U.S. Open), you'll see a whole bunch of twenty and thirty somethings playing. Sure, there's a senior division, but they rarely make prime time TV because of the demand to see the young whippersnappers play. And, of course, we all know that tennis is just a training ground for pickleball (with apologies to my now-former tennis playing friends)!

The results of the monthly Tara Woods Round Robin Pickleball Tournament for March are in! With a drum roll playing in your head, we are proud to announce that first place went to Dave Laliberte and Kim Girard, second place went to Ken Hooperman and Jeanne Hooperman, and third place went to Mike Renzulli and

Jen Widener. Thanks to all of the competitors and to Lisa Cranston for organizing our March tournament.

On April 11th, the Pickleball Group held its quarterly meeting in the Clubhouse. We started with a remembrance of Larry Trotter, one of the early supporters of the Pickleball Group who passed away on March 14th. After a brief meeting, there was plenty of pizza and salad for the attendees (yes, Pickleballers know how to par-tay!), and lots of socializing and laughing going on.

Our next quarterly meeting of the Pickleball Group will be on Thursday, July 11th. We'll be having an ice cream social, but not just any old ice cream. It's a very special treat which only Pickleballers can enjoy! So come learn to play pickleball like so many others around the world and enjoy this unique and delectable treat. Call Bruce Lubich at 410-409-5873 to schedule a lesson or come by the courts any morning starting at 8:00 AM. Take the time to learn pickleball, and you may just have another way to relate to your grandchildren when they learn pickleball at school. We look forward to seeing you on the courts!

~ Bruce Lubich



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# TENNIS NEWS Submitted by Linda Engel

## TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Another "tennis season" is complete and in the books. I've just completed my third season here at Tara Woods.

Open Tennis, Round Robins, League action, Mixed Doubles...all so much fun. And everyone who comes to play (and watch) are the best of the Tara Woods Residents. Being active, supporting each other, having laughs, forming bonds - that's what retired life is all about!!!

The season ended with a great Round Robin, followed by lunch. April saw many people leave, but the show kept going on. Social Mixed Doubles on Sunday started up, with the goal of continuing next season. There are also many other ideas and activities being discussed for start-up next season. Stay tuned! Let's invite new residents (and renters) to come and play so we can grow our membership and make it strong.

Hope all of you have a great summer. Stay healthy! See you all in the fall. ~ *Mark Hoffman*

## OPEN TENNIS

Many of our seasonal tennis players have already headed north - and a lot of them will be heading north this month - so there will be less people showing up for Open Tennis, but it is still available all summer long every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 9:00 - 10:30 AM.

We had fluctuating participation at this season's Open Tennis days. Some days were full of enthusiastic tennis players, with all four courts being used. On other days we had only one or two courts being used. Nonetheless, 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 and check it out. All skill levels are welcome to join us on the courts. ~ *Linda Engel*

## TENNIS LEAGUES

### Men's League White Team - Stallions

The tennis season has now ended, and the team finished strong. We would like to thank everyone who came out to support us; it means a lot to those of us on the team to see that the crowd is behind us.

We hope to see everyone out on the courts next season.

For those of you heading north, have a safe trip and stay healthy. ~ *Ed Sandre*

### White Team - Mustangs

The 2023-24 league tennis season has come to an end. Social tennis is still being played on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays at 9:00 AM.

Starting the 2024-25 league season, Tara Woods will have only one team in the White Division. This should alleviate problems we had this year fielding two full teams.

Thank you to all our loyal fans who came out to support us. It truly makes a difference. We hope to see you all next year. Until then, see you on the courts!  
~ *Tim Hoch*

### Blue Team - Tigers

In our tennis league we play six sets per match. In our match against a very strong team from Lake Fairways, they won all six sets. In our final match against the Six Lakes team, we managed to win two sets.

This year was a struggle for us. We barely had enough players for each match and we did not have enough strong players to really be competitive. Next year will be different. The White Team players voted to downsize from two teams to one team. Four or five players will come down to our Blue Team. We will benefit greatly from this reorganization. We will then always have enough players and we will be a stronger team. ~ *Tony Gless*

## Women's League

### Women's Team - Angels

The Tara Woods Angels' 2023-24 tennis season has come to an end. The final match of the season on March 14th pitted the Angels against the ladies from Lake Fairways. These two teams were tied for first place prior to this last match, so the winner of this match would be declared the league champions. Tara Woods was successful in winning 5 sets to 1, so we did end the season in First Place - just like we did last season. We ended this season with 53 matches won and only 19 lost.

The team was led by Mary Cauldwell, with Pat Gless as Co-Captain. The following were members of the winning team, and all contributed to a successful season: Bonnie Nagel, Carol Cherry, Debbie Doty, Gail Bergin, Joan Archambeau, Judy Rauch, Kitty Achors, Linda Engel, Mary Sandre, Patricia Martell, and Priscilla Taylor. Patsy Pollard was unable to play this year but was cheering for the team from afar every step of the way.

There was a huge crowd at the final match, and I think that they were treated to some enjoyable matches and some great tennis.

Thanks to the fans who supported us through the season. We really do appreciate you.

After the 2023-24 tennis season, the league banquet was held at Del Tura, with all 7 teams in attendance.

The Tara Woods Angels team got together recently and celebrated together with a pot luck dinner on the Veranda. Thanks again to Mary and Pat for their great leadership and a fun year of tennis. ~ *Mary Sandre*

## ROUND ROBINS - Next Season

After much rain and an unpleasant forecast, the sun came out and we enjoyed a beautiful day for our March 23rd Round Robin. This was the final Round Robin of the season. The turn-out was great, the tennis was fun, and the lunch on the Veranda was enjoyed by all! Please consider joining our tennis community next season for a morning of exercise, socializing, and food!

Our Round Robins are scheduled on the fourth Saturday of the month - NOT the last Saturday of the month. Also note that we do not have a Round Robin in the month of December.

The dates for next season's Round Robins have been confirmed. The dates are: November 23rd, January 25th, February 22nd, and March 22nd. These Round Robins take the place of Open Tennis on those four Saturdays. ~ *Bonnie Nagel*



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- 4 Darlene Darroch, Sam Nash, Ernie St. James
- 5 Sue Muscato
- 6 John Bakun, Barb Jakacki
- 7 Donna Carr, Connie Lessard
- 8 Janet Bezler
- 9 Joe Waldron
- 11 Bev Brockhagen, Tom Erhardt, Lynda Francey, Deb Hoffman, Ed Sandre
- 12 Alice Benoit, **Carol Gomolla, 91 Yrs.**, Connie Wing
- 13 Mel Holman
- 14 Doris Brockmeyer, Kevin Mulvihill, Pat Virkus
- 15 Jimmy Cicchese

- 16 Chad Gron, George Martin, Jim Sorenson
- 17 Wanda Bishop
- 18 John Andrus, Liane Kemp, **Jean Weaver, 92 Yrs.**
- 19 Celia Blotkamp, Bill Goodhue, Doris Katz
- 20 Joe Burza, Sonja Daughtrey, Rod Dolin, Terry Nagel
- 21 Terri Libersky
- 22 Barb Bakun, Marty Rudo
- 23 Betty Frazier
- 25 **Joe Brown, 92 Yrs.**, Diana Hoffman, Sandy O'Hara, Aileen Reese
- 26 John Anderson, Danny Hicks, Vic Sharps
- 27 Jean Guy, Linda Termini, Pauline Young
- 28 Barb Stuttgarten
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- 31 Rudy Diaz, Kathy Grubert, Faye Johnson, Janet Krikorian, Ron Selvaggio, Sylvia Stump

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# May 2024 Calendar of Events

*What's happening in Tara Woods this month?*



## EVERY MONDAY

**May 6, 13, 20, 27**

- 8:00 AM Water Aerobics/Main Pool
- 12:30 PM Mahjong/Card Room
- 1:00 PM Texas Hold'em Poker/Meeting Room
- 6:00 PM Corn Hole/Lake Picnic Area
- 6:30 PM Aggravation/Card Room

**May 6, 20, 27**

- 7:00 PM Ladies Poker/Card Room

## MONDAY SPECIAL EVENTS

**May 6**

- 1:00 PM HOA Board Meeting/Board Room

**May 13**

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

## EVERY TUESDAY

**May 7, 14, 21, 28**

- 8:00 AM Senior Exercise
- 10:00 AM Clubhouse Ministries
- 11:15 AM Tai Chi
- 12:30 PM Bridge/Card Room
- 6:30 PM Billiards/Billiard Room
- 6:45 PM BINGO

## TUESDAY SPECIAL EVENTS

**May 14**

- 2:00 PM Neighborhood Watch Meeting/Main Hall/Meeting Room

- 3:00 PM CERT Team Meeting/Main Hall/Meeting Room

## EVERY WEDNESDAY

**May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

- 8:00 AM Water Aerobics/Main Pool
- 9:00 AM Weight Loss Meeting/Meeting Room
- 10:00 AM Senior Exercise
- 1:00 PM Men's Poker/Meeting Room
- 2:00 PM Cribbage/Card Room
- 6:30 PM Mahjong/Card Room
- 7:00 PM Euchre/Card Room
- 7:00 PM Chair Volleyball

## WEDNESDAY SPECIAL EVENTS

**May 1**

- 12:30 PM CERT Leadership Meeting/Card Room



## EVERY THURSDAY

**May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

- 8:00 AM Senior Exercise
- 11:15 AM Tai Chi
- 1:00 PM Water Volleyball/Lap Pool
- 1:00 PM Ping Pong
- 6:30 PM Aggravation/Card Room
- May 9, 23**
- 6:30 PM Left, Right, Center Game
- 7:00 PM Set-up for Quilters/Meeting Room

## THURSDAY SPECIAL EVENTS

**May 2**

- 1:30 PM Book Club/Meeting Room

**May 9**

- 4:00 PM Ladies Happy Hour/Veranda

**May 16**

- 2:00 PM Aging Well Information Resource's Committee Monthly Meeting/Meeting Rm

## EVERY FRIDAY

**May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**

- 8:00 AM Water Aerobics/Main Pool
- 1:30 PM Hand & Foot Cards/Card Room
- 7:00 PM Game Night/Card Room

**May 10, 24**

- 9:00 AM Tara Woods Quilters/Meeting Room

## FRIDAY SPECIAL EVENTS

**May 3**

- 1:00 PM Aging Well Information Resource's Committee Memory Screening

## EVERY SATURDAY

**May 4, 11, 18, 25**

- 10:00 AM Senior Exercise
- May 4, 18, 25**
- 7:45 AM Coffee/Meeting/Main Hall/Kitchen

**May 4, 18**

- 9:00 AM Aluminum Can Pick-Up

**May 4**

- 7:45 AM Blood Pressure Screening/Card Room

## SATURDAY SPECIAL EVENTS

**May 4**

- 5:00 PM Kentucky Derby Party

**May 11**

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

**May 25**

- 7:00 PM Movie Nite/Main Hall/Kitchen

## EVERY SUNDAY

**May 5, 12, 19, 26**

- 1:00 PM Water Volleyball/Lap Pool
- 7:00 PM Bunco/Card Room
- 7:00 PM Card BINGO



## SUNDAY SPECIAL EVENTS

**May 12**

- 2:00 PM Water Volleyball Social/Veranda/Kitchen

**May 19**

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

**May 26**

- 12:00 PM Memorial Day Activities/Veranda/Kitchen/Clubhouse

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