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# THEAST FLORIDA CONTRACTING CON **YES, CENTURY VILLAGE, ONCE AGAIN** WE HAVE SHOWN OUR PRIDE IN THIS **COUNTRY AND OUR VETERANS!**

Indeed we are very proud of ourselves! With our caring and generosity on Saturday, April 16 ten of our World War II vets will board a plane at Palm 4 AN Beach Airport for a trip to Washington, D.C. This flight is coordinated by the Southeast Honor Flight organization. They have been sending many 6 AN of these vets over the last few years on this trip with the benefit of donations that they receive. This 8:30 year we were approached by one of our residents to 10 A help with this worthy endeavor. And respond we did. We have donated enough to send all of these vets and some from neighboring areas as well. 11:2

#### **AND WE DID!**

There are 10 of our vets who are physically able who plan to make this trip. A bus will be provided to take them to the airport. Many of these vets have never visited these sites (listed below). The impact of memories for them is overwhelming. This bus was coordinated with the tremendous help of our Palm Beach County Commissioner Paulette Burdick and her Senior Administrative Assistant Peyton McArthur.

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4 AM	Arrive Palm Beach International
	Airport - Board Chartered
	American Airlines Flight
6 AM	Depart for Washington Regional
	Airport - 2hrs, 15 minute flight
8:30 AM	Arrive
10 AM	Visit Arlington National National
	Cemetery - Changing of the Guard
	10:30 AM
11:25 AM	Lunch at Knights of Columbus -
	to 12:35 PM
1:05 PM	Visit Iwo Jima Memorial
2 PM	View WWII Memorial/Korean
	War Memorial (Flag of Our
	Heroes)
4:10 PM	Depart for Washington Airport
	board US Airways (Charter)
8:20 PM	Arrive Palm Beach International
	Airport
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The outpouring from our residents, business companies especially those who work with us here and, our political representatives and more was overwhelming.

#### THANK YOU ALL.

Southeast Honor Flight Committee Milt Cohen, Retired, NYPD Eva Rachesky, Vice-President WPRF Joy Vestal, UCO Vice President





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#### REMINDER

**DELEGATE MEETING** Friday 4/1/16 9:30 a.m. in the Theater

Read recent back issues at: www.uco-reporter.blogspot.com

> Email articles & comments: ucoreporterwpb@gmail.com



#### **MONTHLY BUS SCHEDULE** — SEE PAGE B30

# **UCO Delegate Assembly Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by President David Israel.

Captain Bruckner led the delegate assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A quorum was met with 166 delegates in attendance.

This meeting is being videotaped by UCO.

#### **PBSO**

Captain Bruckner reported an increase in accidents, minor fender benders. Increase in seasonal drivers and spring breakers. Have visiting grandchildren follow the rules in the area. Be alert when walking outside of village, there has been an increase in "strong arm" robberies, the victim is usually looking at their phone and not paying attention, robber grabs the phone and runs. Also an increase in unlocked car thefts up-Lock your cars. Have a safe St. Pat's Day and Happy Easter.

Today's report by Lt. Hill; 1 burglary, (unlocked car door) 1 theft. Also there were computer and bank account fraud reports. A phone scam threatening arrest, send money to avoid problems, Never send any money from phone calls.

#### Minutes

There was 1 correction to the Minutes; accepted as corrected.

There was a report of a raccoon attacking a jogger,(no name given) locate her and make sure she gets medical attention if bitten or scratched. (North Drive and Lincoln)

#### **Treasurer's Report**

(included in packet) Howard O'Brien gave the Treasurer's report, hearing no correction or additions; the report was accepted as written. Mr. O'Brien reported that the Audit for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31st, is completed and showed \$56K more income than expense, with a reserve fund over \$550K

#### MARCH 4, 2016

#### Guests

Paulette Burdick County Commissioner, Dorothy Jacks candidate for Property Appraiser, Bradley Harper, candidate for Judge, Mike Pratt, Palm Beach Appraiser homestead exemptions, and Paul Gonsalves from SWA with information on replacing damaged Dumpsters, Ettie Feistmann, candidate for Judge, Joseph Anderson for Port Commission Group 2, Katherine Waldron candidate for Port Commission, Dr. Jean Enright, re-elect Group 3 Port Commission. Each was given time to address the delegate assembly.

#### **President's Report**

President Israel was pleasantly surprised at the voter turnout for today's election. The interest shown was overwhelming. One never knows how an election will turn out, so he thanked all for their help and support thru the years and pledged to help in a transition with a new administration if that is the outcome.

#### **Officers Report**

- Bob Marshall C o m c a s t now has a representative on site. Thanks for years of support.
- Barbara Cornish Thanks to all who turn out to vote today.
- Joy Vestal Thanks for your support. Special thanks to Bob Marshall.
- John Hess Thanks for past support and support today.
- Howard O'Brien Thanks
- Fausto Fabbro Thanks and we can be more successful by working together.

#### Unfinished Business None

# EDITORIAL Congratulations,

#### New Business None.

Elections were held from 8 to 9 am today and are awaiting results.

#### Good of the Order

- o Port Commission under Inspector General?
- o Introduce officers and staff on dias for newcomers.
- o Will Social Security official continue to come here?
- o Voters get absentee ballots, change registration address, confirm affiliation with party, etc. Don't lose your right to vote. Contact Connie Kurtz, Ph. # 688-1934. Newcomers can get registered in Florida.
- o Blue reflectors mark fire hydrants.
  - Associations Name and unit

numbers not visible on some

- o Mirror on order for replacement on road by Okeechobee gate.
- Turnpike noise abatement not coming anytime soon.
- o Saturday garbage pickup.
- Gate arm syncronizing not working properly.
- Please don't feed wildlife. Some are protected species and it is against the law.

Marilyn Pomerantz made the Motion to Adjourn, seconded, Herb Finkelstein. Adjourned at 10:42 AM.

Anyone wishing to wait for election results is welcome to stay. The results will be posted on the blog, channel 63 and sent out via information forward Email, ASAP.

Respectfully Submitted, John Hess, Recording Secretary

#### **CERTIFICATION BY HONEST BALLOT ASSOCIATION**

Pursuant to a request of **UNITED CIVIC ORGANIZATION, INC. OF CENTURY VILLAGE WEST PALM BEACH**, the Honest Ballot Association President, Linda Gibbs, assigned personnel to supervise an in person Election of Officers & Executive Board. The election was held at the Club House at Century Village, West Palm Beach on Friday, March 4, 2016 from 8:00 AM to 10:35 AM due to heavy turnout, polls remained opened until all in line had voted. Tabulation of the election results took place immediately following the close of polls commencing at approximately 10:35 AM.

HONEST BALLOT ASSOCIATION HEREBY CERTIFIES that the election was conducted fairly, honestly and in accordance with the By-Laws of United Civic Organization of Century Village, West Palm Beach.

HONEST BALLOT ASSOCIATION HEREBY CERTIFIES two hundred & seventy nine (279) eligible members in good standing voted in-person on *four* (4) Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs). The polls were open from 8:00 AM until 9:00 AM.

HONEST BALLOT ASSOCIATION HEREBY CERTIFIES the following represents two hundred & seventy nine (279) valid Votes received and tallied as to the true and accurate results of the election.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE BOARD

ELECTION OF OFFICERS	& EXECUTIVE BOARD
PRESIDENT (1)	*
<b>**DAVID ISRAEL</b>	<b>152</b> votes
PHYLLIS RICHLAND	<b>124</b> votes
TREASURER (1)	
**HOWARD O'BRIEN	<b>134</b> votes
ED GROSSMAN	<b>109</b> votes
VICE PRESIDENT (2)	
**ED BLACK	<b>119</b> votes
<b>**JOY VESTAL</b>	114 votes
JOHN GRAGG	93 votes
OLGA WOLKENSTEIN	62 votes
JOHN GLUZAK	52 votes
MARCIA ZICCARDY	42 votes
CORRESPONDING SECRETA	ARY (1)
<b>**ROBERTA "BOBBI" LEVI</b>	
MARILYN POMERANTZ	<b>112</b> votes
RECORDING SECRETARY (	D
**JOHN HESS	174 votes
EILEEN PEARLMAN	88 votes
EXECUTIVE BOARD (10)	
<b>**DOM GUARNAGIA</b>	<b>157</b> votes
<b>**LORI TORRES</b>	<b>139</b> votes
<b>**GEORGE FRANKLIN</b>	<b>132</b> votes
<b>**KEN DAVIS</b>	<b>126</b> votes
<b>**CHRISTINE ARMOUR</b>	103 votes
<b>**STEWARD RICHLAND</b>	94 votes
**JERRY KARPF	85 votes
**JACK ADAMS	82 votes
**JEAN KOMIS	81 votes
**CARLOS NUNEZ	<b>78</b> votes
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Dated: March 11, 2016	

# **Elected Officials**

#### **BY MYRON SILVERMAN & JOY VESTAL**

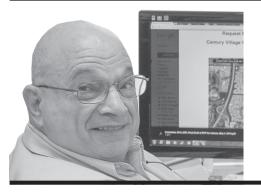
Congratulations to the officers who were elected by our UCO delegates this past month. It was a hard-fought election with an amazing number of votes cast. This was the first time voting was cast and tabulated using an electronic method. Although there were a few minor glitches everyone agreed it was successful. Now the next step will be to have all delegates use an electronic device at our meetings to count votes cast on all issues brought before them.

The UCO Reporter will continue a to serve our residents by printing

the most current news, both controversial and entertaining. We are a staff of residents representing many buildings with different ideas and suggestions. We consider all of them when producing the paper. We take pride in our efforts and hope you feel the same.

So, carry on Century Village. As we have all said ourselves or have heard, we are living in paradise! Let's try to keep this paradise one of enrichment, happiness and safety for all of us.

Dated: March 11, 2016 Floral Park, New York



The President's Report By Dave Israel

# UCO March Elections 2016– What's Next?

Our readers have no doubt heard that I have been elected as your UCO president for an unprecedented fourth term. I am honored by your confidence and am particularly heartened by the fact that everyone on "Team Dave" was elected, including our hardworking vice presidents Ed Black and Joy Vestal. A sincere welcome to all new team members.

The question now is: What's on the agenda for the team?

How did those of you who voted like the touch screen voting? Of course, I recognize it was not perfect, but we had the results in 30 minutes after adjournment of the Delegate Assembly. We will conduct an afteraction analysis of what we did right and what could be improved.

Next we will have electronic clickers to simplify the Delegate Assembly voting. I will be making a few changes on committees; then we will take on some major issues and try to significantly improve the image of our Village.

We hope to reinvent the concept of Wi-Fi and cable TV in the Broadband project. This will encompass Village-wide high-data rate wireless communications. We will update the UCO bylaws, and we will start laying the groundwork for the renewal of the Millennium Amendment to the Long Term Lease. The Millennium Agreement does not expire until December 31, 2021, so we can go about this methodically.

We will also undertake the production of a new set of UCO Model Documents to replace the present (1999) Model Documents, which are long out of date.

Working cooperatively with WPRF, we will continue to aerate our lakes in the effort to make them pristine and clear. We will immediately commence the creation of an RFP for our transportation contract, which expires in December. We will explore replacement of all exterior lighting in the Village with LED technology, which would bring about a 60% savings in power usage for lighting.

These projects and others to come are just the beginning. Do you have skills applicable to these tasks? If so, come forth and volunteer. It was suggested by Kurt Vonnegut – circa 2005 – that the government should create a cabinet position of "Secretary of the Future"! I like this concept, and may create a "Committee for the Future of CV." Who would like to serve on that Committee?!

There is also always the day-to-day, month-to-month business of UCO. My monthly meetings with presidents of the associations, where we discuss matters of concern in a small group setting, will be continued. I'm told these have been beneficial to the attendees; I have certainly enjoyed them myself.

All of us in UCO need to remember: Our responsibility is to the Village unit owners and residents, to whom we bring our energy, our intellect and our honest fiduciary best effort to improve the state of the Village and its property values, thus improving the lives of everyone.

### April 2016 UCO Monthly Meetings

FRI APR 1	DELEGATE ASSEMBLY	THEATER	9:30 AM
	REPORTER	UCO	1:00 PM
	SECURITY	UCO	2:00 PM
TUES APR. 5	TRANSPORTATION	UCO	9:45 AM
WED APR. 6	<b>PROGRAM &amp; SERVICES</b>	UCO	11:00 AM
FRI APR 8	COMCAST QUESTIONS	UCO	1:30-3:30
TUES APR 12	STUDIO 63	UCO	11:00 AM
WED APR 13	BROADBAND	UCO	11:00 AM
THU APR 14	СОР	ROOM B	9:30 AM
MON APR 18	CERT	ART ROOM	3:00 PM
TUES APR 19	INSURANCE	UCO	10:00 AM
THU APR 21	BIDS	UCO	10:00 AM
FRI APR 22	COMCAST QUESTIONS	UCO	1:30-3:30
TUES APR 26	OPERATIONS	UCO	10:00 AM
THU APR 28	OFFICERS	UCO	10:00 AM

#### **UCO OFFICERS**

President David Israel Vice Presidents Joy Vestal Ed Black Barbara Cornish Fausto Fabbro Treasurer Howard O'Brien Corresponding Secretary Bobbi Levin Recording Secretary John Hess

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Jack Adams Suzie Byrnes Ken Davis George Franklin Jackie Karlan Jean Komis Carlos Nunez Mike Rayber Myron Silverman Christine Armour Milton Cohen Herb Finkelstein Dom Guarnagia Jerry Karpf George Loewenstein George Pittell Stewart Richland Lori Torres

#### — EDITORIAL POLICY —

# **HEALTH CLUB HOURS**

#### 7:00 AM — 10:30 PM

### **STAFF COVERAGE:**

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 7:00 AM — 3:00 PM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 8:00 AM — 12:00 PM

#### **GUEST HOURS FOR THE MONTHS OF:**

JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH 1:00 PM—10:30 PM

The UCO Reporter promises to continue its long held beliefs that this publication will print articles to inform our residents of the important issues concerning our Village. We promise to seek the truth and to print both sides of an issue, to open dialogue to inform our readers, not to create controversy.

We promise to listen to your concerns and to treat all our residents with courtesy and respect. Your opinion is valuable to us and will be considered in our decision for publication. These are the criteria for publication:

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: Letters to the Editor should be limited to 250 words, and must be e-mailed (ucoreporterwpb@gmail.com) to the Reporter by the 7th of the month prior to publication. Your opinions are important to us, but please refrain from gossip, innuendo, nasty or inflammatory remarks. Letters deemed to be inappropriate, inflammatory or libelous will be returned by the Staff for revision or removal. All letters must include the name, address and phone number of the author. No letters from *UCO Reporter* staff will be published. They may however have the opportunity to submit an opinion article also limited to 250 words.

ARTICLES: Articles for inclusion should be limited to 500 words, e-mailed (ucoreporterwpb@gmail.com) to the *Reporter* by the 7th of the month prior to the month of publication. All articles will be limited to one per writer. The topic of your article is of your choosing, but the Staff has the discretion to edit it with your approval or reject it based on the above stipulations. All articles must include the name, address and phone number of the author.

# **WELCOME HOME**

# **"HONOR FLIGHT" WWII VETERANS**

Please join UCO and WPRF at PBI Airport to welcome home all WWII Veterans from Washington, DC

Bus transportation will be provided to PBI Airport

Please sign up at the Security Desk as the number of seats are limited.

WHEN: Saturday, April 16th

### Bus Leaves 7:00pm from the Main Clubhouse

## Proposed Bylaw Change:

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

A. The officer of UCO shall be composed of a President, four (4) Vice Presidents, the Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and the President Emeritus. Each of the Officers shall be elected by the Delegate Assembly to twoyear terms and shall be installed in their respective offices at the Annual Installation to be held in the month of March. The position of the President Emeritus shall be held, without election, by each retiring President during the first term of his immediate successor. No member shall hold more than one office at a time, and no officer shall be term limited as of the effective date of this amendment. no officer shall serve more than two consecutive two-year terms in the same office. Each shall hold office until his successor has been elected and installed or until his earlier resignation, removal form office or death. The Vice Presidents shall serve staggered two-year terms. All Officers of UCO must be members of UCO and be domiciled and reside in Century Village, West Palm Beach, Florida for a period of not less than nine (9) months of each year in which they serve. A Delegate may not serve on the Delegate Assembly and as an officer at the same time. Upon becoming an officer, a sitting Delegate must immediately resign from the Delegate Assembly.

# Public Service Announcement by the Federal Bureau of Investigation STOLEN IDENTITY REFUND FRAUD

Each year, criminal actors target US persons and visa holders for Stolen Identity Refund Fraud (SIRF). SIRF is defined as the fraudulent acquisition and use of the Personally Identifiable Information (PII) of US persons or visa holders to file tax returns. The fraudulent tax returns are sent to bank accounts or pre-paid cards that are held under their control. SIRF is relatively easy to commit and extremely lucrative for criminal actors. While all U.S. taxpayers are susceptible to SIRF, over the past year, criminal actors have targeted specific portions of the population, including: temporary visa holders, the homeless, prisoners, the deceased, low-income individuals, children, senior citizens, and military personnel deployed overseas. This may be due to the perception by criminal actors that these individuals are less likely to be aware of or receive notification that their identity has been stolen. After criminal actors steal PII, they use corrupt tax preparation companies or online tax software to file fraudulent tax returns with the stolen identity information at the federal and state level. The only legitimate information needed to file a fraudulent tax return is a name and social security number. This information is obtained by criminal actors through a variety of techniques, including computer intrusions, the online purchase of stolen PII, the physical theft of data from individuals or third parties, the impersonation of government officials through both phishing and coldcalling techniques, the exploitation of PII obtained through one's place of employment, the theft of electronic medical records, and searching multiple publicly available Web sites and social media. After

the criminal actors electronically file fraudulent tax returns, they use pre-paid debit cards or bank accounts under their control to route fraudulent returns. The balances on the pre-paid cards and bank accounts are depleted shortly after the tax refund is issued.

Additionally, investigative information shows cyber criminals compromised legitimate online tax software accounts during the 2015 tax season. Cyber criminals modified victims' online tax software account information, diverting tax refunds to bank accounts or pre-paid cards under their control. Many victims of SIRF do not know they have been targeted until they try to file their legitimate tax return. Many also receive notifications in the mail that their returns are being audited or are under review before they have even filed their tax returns. If you believe you are a victim of SIRF, contact your local FBI or IRS field office. may consult http://www.ic3.gov/egress. You aspx? u=https%3a%2f%2fwww.identitytheft. gov&h=C107BA20D2408A710A0A1C6 which can help you report and recover from identity theft. Additional resources are available at https://www. irs.gov/Individuals/Identity-Protection.

year for any fraudulent activity.

- Report unauthorized transactions to your bank or credit card provider as soon as possible.
- Be cautious of telephone calls or e-mails that require you to provide your personal information, especially your birth date or social security number. If you are in doubt, do not provide the requested information.
- Do not open e-mail or attachments from unknown individuals.
- Additionally, do not click on links embedded in e-mails from unknown individuals.

#### Tips to protect yourself:

- File tax returns as early as possible.
- Monitor your bank account statements regularly, as well and as your credit report at least once a

- Never provide personal information of any sort via e-mail. Be aware, many e-mails requesting your personal information appear to be legitimate.
- If you use online tax services, ensure your bank account is accurately listed before and after you file your tax return.
- Ensure sensitive information is permanently removed from online tax software accounts that are no longer being used. Allowing online accounts to become dormant can be risky and make you more susceptible to tax fraud schemes.
- If you feel you are a victim, immediately contact the three major credit bureaus to place a fraud alert on your credit records.
- If you are a victim, file an Identity Theft Affidavit (IRS Form 14039).

### **UCO OFFICER'S REPORTS**



Joy Vestal

Cambridge • Canterbury Chatham • Dorchester Kent • Northampton Sussex

Thank you for your confidence in me by re-electing me as a UCO Vice President. As I have said many times, I will try my best to help the people of this village in any way I can. If you are in my quadrant (all buildings are listed below my picture) please call or stop by my office. It's always a good idea to call ahead for an appointment, UCO 683-9189 Monday-Thursday, 9am-1pm, Friday Noon-4pm.

There are many issues that myself and the other officers will be working on in the coming year. There will be many meetings and discussions on how to accomplish these goals. All of these initiatives will be for the benefit of our Village. I will consider each one before casting my vote and you can rest assured that my vote will be an independent one. I have never been or will ever be influenced by anyone in any office. I am at UCO for one reason; to serve the people.

Thanks again UCO delegates.



### Barbara Cornish

Berkshire • Camden Hastings • Salisbury Somerset • Wellington Windsor ask for an application.

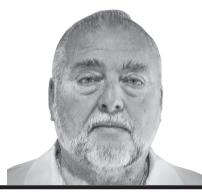
There will be a special excursion bus to Clewiston, leaving at 8:00 a.m. on April 7th, visiting a sugarcane farm and an orange processing plant, with luncheon at the Clewiston Country Club. Sign-up will be on March 24th at 9:00 a.m. There will only be room for 29 people on this trip. This excursion will be offered again several times in the fall; those who sign up for the April trip will not be permitted to sign up again.

On April 16, Century Village residents will travel to the PBI airport to welcome home the veterans who participated in the Southwest Florida Honor Flight. A signup sheet for the bus will be at the Clubhouse reception desk. A 57-passenger bus has been ordered, and additional buses will be ordered if needed. PLEASE come out and welcome these wonderful veterans home. Remember, they were there for us; let us be there for them. Also, on the evening of this event, internal bus #1 will be covered by buses 2 & 3 that night from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The #1 bus will be used to bring our World War II veterans back from the airport. Thank you for your understanding during these few hours.

Sign-up times on Thursdays for excursion trips for the following week now start at 9:00 a.m. If any residents have ideas for new destinations or any other suggestions to improve bus service, please call or email me at vicepresident3@gmail.com.

Congratulations to all the winners in the UCO election.

Have a Blessed Easter and a Happy Passover!



#### Fausto Fabbro

Andover • Bedford • Dover

to many Homeowner complaints. Some are legit; others, not so much. Last month, I met with a Homeowner who waited for a year to have work done by a well known local handyman. When work finally began, estimated completion time was 3 to 4 weeks. 7 weeks later, work was almost finished with very poor results. A list of issues to be corrected was given to the contractor. Some issues were corrected, others were not. But plenty of excuses were given to the owner and the final result was shoddy.

This unlicensed contractor ("J.W."), is a former CV resident, who still works here. Reports of the quality of his work is available in the UCO "contractor book". UCO officers cannot make recommendations on specific contractors, but individual Homeowners can. My recommendation for all CV Homeowners considering repair or remodeling work is to come to UCO and "CHECK THE BOOK!".



#### Ed Black

Coventry • Easthampton Norwich • Plymouth Sheffield • Stratford Waltham

To all the Delegates that voted for me, thank you for your support. I will always remain committed to assisting any resident in any way that I can.

Comcast's representative held his first meeting in the UCO conference room on Friday March 11. He listened to the resident's problems and notified Comcast staff to investigate and remedy the problems. He will also contact our resident when the problem has resolved. The next scheduled meeting will be March 25th from 1:30 to 3:30 in the UCO conference room.

I want to thank Pat Sealander and Bob Marshall for their service to UCO.

Pat was elected in March 2014 as corresponding secretary and has worked tirelessly as administrative Secretary since that time. She will certainly be missed! Bob has worked for UCO, since Vivian Walsh was president, as Finance committee chair, President, and Vice President! I know if I need to tap into his vast experience that I will be able to call on him for help.

Best wishes to both of you!!



Howard O'Brien

#### UCO Treasurer

As of March 31, 2016, UCO continues to have a strong cash position of approximately \$2,842,000. Of this amount, \$2,520,000 represents the Pooled Infrastructure Reserves. Building the reserve will continue in the 2016-2017 budget year.

The current level of funding the Infrastructure Reserve for the 2015-2016 Budget Year will continue until reliable information becomes available suggesting a change to the current assumptions. It is anticipated that the current annual funding of \$700,000 to the Infrastructure Reserve will continue in the next year.

For the twelve months of the 2015-2016 Budget, Revenues were approximately \$7,066,000 which is \$8,000 less than Budget.

Expenses for the same period were about \$6,834,000. The expenses were \$188,000 greater than Budget. Overall, these variances produce a net unfavorable variance of approximately \$392,000 for the current Budget for 2015-2016.

Now that elections are over and the dust has settled, let's all work together to make the Village as great as it can be.

Homeowners who would like to serve on a UCO committee must submit a volunteer application, which is available at the UCO office. The committee chairs review all applications and make selections based on who can contribute the most to each committee, with an eye for members that can work well with the chair and fellow committee members for the benefit of the Village. There are lots of jobs that need doing at UCO, and new volunteers are always welcome. Just stop by the office and Golf's Edge • Greenbrier Kingswood • Oxford Southampton

#### BEWARE! BEWARE! BEWARE!

If you decide to remodel your apartment, make sure your contractor has a license in Florida and insurance. Licenses can easily be checked at www.myfloridalicense. com . Also, get lots of references and call them ALL.

UCO maintains a "contractor book" that contains recommendations and complaints from Homeowners about local contractors- before hiring a contractor, stop in and check the book.

Sitting in the UCO office, I listen

### Additional Hours for Barcode Installation at CV Clubhouse

Residents who are unable to get their auto decal during regular business hours:

Monday–Friday 9:00am–12:00pm and 1:00pm–4:00pm

# Please call for an appointment 561 640-3120 Ext. 4



#### A Pet Peeve

I live in a no pet building and I like it that way. In fact, I liked it better when we allowed no pets in CV. Last week a dog owner walked her dog on the sidewalk right in front of my apt and allowed her dog to do its "duty" in our bushes. I asked her to leave and SHE got angry. My VP came out and told her to leave as she and her dog do not live here and we do not allow pets. Her response was obscene. She was on our property but was angry at us

I have seen dog walkers all over and they have not stayed on their own property. As they say, we have a problem Houston.

My suggestion is that we grandfather those with pets in and stop any more from coming here to live. We are very literally going to the dogs.

Enough.....I do not want to have to watch where I walk as many owners have no respect for those of us that

do not wish to live with others dogs! I respect your right to love your pet. Please respect my right NOT to love YOUR pet.

Lynn Sevan

#### Acts of Kindness

With all the negativity in the environment, I am pleased to report that I recently tripped over a curb on the way to the clubhouse, and before I could attempt to rise a kind woman insisted I lean on her and her son, who not only helped me to my feet but insisted that I accompany them to the restroom where her son (a doctor, would you believe?) cleansed and bandaged my foot.

I did not get their names, but I thanked them and felt honored that there are people who are here to help when needed.

Al Greenberg

### PLEASE BE ADVISED There will be a rental ID deposit fee of \$25.00

#### for each renter in unit.

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# **UCO's New Administration**

#### **BY RUTH BERNHARD**

At last, the long awaited UCO elections are over and the delegates have chosen for their president David Israel for a fourth term. Ed Black and Joy Vestal will fill the two open vice president seats. Howard O'Brien continues as our treasurer. For recording secretary, John Hess was elected, and corresponding secretary will be Roberta "Bobbi" Levin. Congratulations to all.

The 10 candidates who ran for the Executive Board have been affirmed by acclamation, filling the 10 seats that were available. They are Ken Davis, Christine Armour, Stewart Richland, Carlos Nunez, George Franklin, Jack Adams, Dom Guarnagia, Jerry Karpf, Lori Torres and Jean Komis. They will join the already seated 10 who have another year to serve.

From 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM on Friday, March 4, 279 delegates voted electronically by Honest Ballot, producing these results. The new officers and board were sworn in at the UCO installation luncheon on Sunday, March 13 in the Clubhouse.

Donald Foster did a tremendous job as elections chair from the beginning, when candidates were chosen for placement on the ballot from a random drawing for absolute fairness. Anita Buchanan, as nominations chair worked diligently for months to assure that the election would go smoothly......and it did.

It should be noted that Administrative Secretary Pat Sealander, who filled a very necessary job, will be leaving Century Village, and all of us would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the excellent job that she did for the past few years. She was most helpful to many of us here and needless to say, she will be missed. Much good luck is wished to Pat.

We now embark on the next two years of the progress envisioned for the Village. We have no need to make our community great....it already is and with our newly elected officers and board, it will continue on its already strong path.



Ed Black Vice President



Bobbi Levin Corresponding Secretary

# West Palm Hospital to become JFK Medical Center North Campus

### New name, more services

As you are probably already aware the hospital facility formerly known as the Columbia Hospital, the very same one that changed its name to West Palm Hospital in 2012, is now scheduled to become JFK Medical Center North Campus on April 1st of 2016. Located at 45th Street in West Palm Beach, the newly named JFK Medical Center North Campus is a 245-bed acute care hospital that has a medical staff of 350 along with 600 workers and numerous volunteers. Its new partner, JFK Medical Center, Atlantis, is a certified primary stroke center, as well as being recognized as one of the 2014 and 2015 Truven Health Top 50 Cardiovascular hospitals in the country with superior performance in cardiovascular service in four key

#### **BY JODY LEBEL**

areas: outcomes of care, service-line efficiency, financial performance, and core measures alignment. This facility treats 95,000 ER patients, has 30,000 admissions annually, and runs smoothly. The pairing of the two hospitals, both HCA affiliates, will allow the West Palm Beach area access to both locations, two off-site emergency rooms (Boynton Beach and Palm Beach Gardens), 717 beds, and will provide a more versatile network of physicians and services that will cover nearly every medical specialty known: Cardiac, Neurosciences, Orthopedics, Robotics, and Oncology, to name a few. According to Michael G. Joseph, HCA East Florida Division President, "Together, they will continue to provide excellent, coordinated

patient care that encompasses nearly every medical specialty and is delivered conveniently and close to home."

The Heart and Vascular Institute at JFK Medical Center has become a premier facility for comprehensive cardiovascular care, earning a reputation for excellence in the process. They are committed to quality, providing cost-effective healthcare to our community. When a medical emergency strikes, we are fortunate to have this level of service from teams of professionals, ranked among the best in the nation, at our doorstep. When your heart is at stake, few hospitals can offer more advanced technology, more experienced heart care specialists, and a greater range of support services to effectively diagnose and treat cardiovascular disease. The Cardiovascular Center at JFK Medical Center provides a full complement of the most cutting-edge diagnostic and treatment options. In fact, with the opening of our new Cardiac Catheterization Suite, their team regularly performs some of the most advanced treatments for Cardiovascular disease utilizing the latest in imaging technology. The physicians and programs represented at the hospital attract patients from throughout the region.

Having West Palm Hospital become a campus of JFK Medical Center is a plus for our citizens here at Century Village. The ultimate goal is to keep healthy and stay out of hospitals, but if you have to go, you'll be in excellent hands.

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# **Officers and Delegate Form:** Addition of CERT CONTACT

#### **BY JOHN HESS**

Many of you are aware of the addition of a "CERT Contact" on the Officers and Delegates form. However, a number of you may have no idea why it is there or what the CERT Contact is supposed to do.

This contact person is supposed to report on the condition of the association's residents and physical plant after a disaster, hurricane, tornado, etc.

The report should include bodily injuries, cuts and bruises, and those in need of general medical attention. It should also include the general condition of the building and the surrounding area, e.g., windows blown out, roofs blown off, missing shingles, trees down or blocking the roadway, and flooding. No special training is needed to perform this task -- it is just being a good neighbor helping a neighbor.

A form has been produced called "AFTER THE STORM" to give the CERT Contact a guide to what information will be needed. All delegates who have attended the delegates' monthly meetings should have received a copy of this form in the informational packet, which has been given out several times at these meetings. For those associations that have not received the form, they are available at the UCO office.

- The form lists the phone numbers available to call to report the information gathered in your assessment.
- The form has also been published in the UCO Reporter, and we will

make every effort to make sure all associations have it; however in the end it is incumbent on each association to make its report.

A phone squad will be taking your calls, gathering the information, and using it to compile a report to submit to the Palm Beach County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) when the entire village--all the residents and property--has been evaluated. The assistance we receive from the first responders will be determined by this evaluation.

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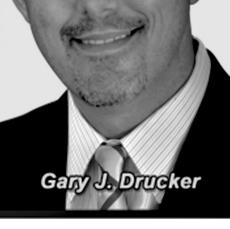
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# **A welcome hand in difficult times**



#### **BY JODY LEBEL**

disease. A support group comprised of people in the situation same the perfect 15 answer. I found such a group right here in Century Village at the Alzheimer Support Group, a group dedicated mostly to caregivers, but anyone interested in information about the disease is welcome to attend. Founded by Carmen Watson, who lost her husband to the disease and who lived with it for over fifteen years, she and others who have had similar experiences offer comfort and most importantly for me advice on how to handle what is happening with my mother. Once my mother was officially diagnosed with the disease, the doctor had very little to tell me about what I was in for as her caregiver. He offered a vague "It's different for everyone and I can't give you a timeline" and sent me home with a pamphlet and a prescription

not understand the for antidepressants. For me. That's from my support group helped reduce disease. A support not much help or comfort. my stress, and had a positive impact

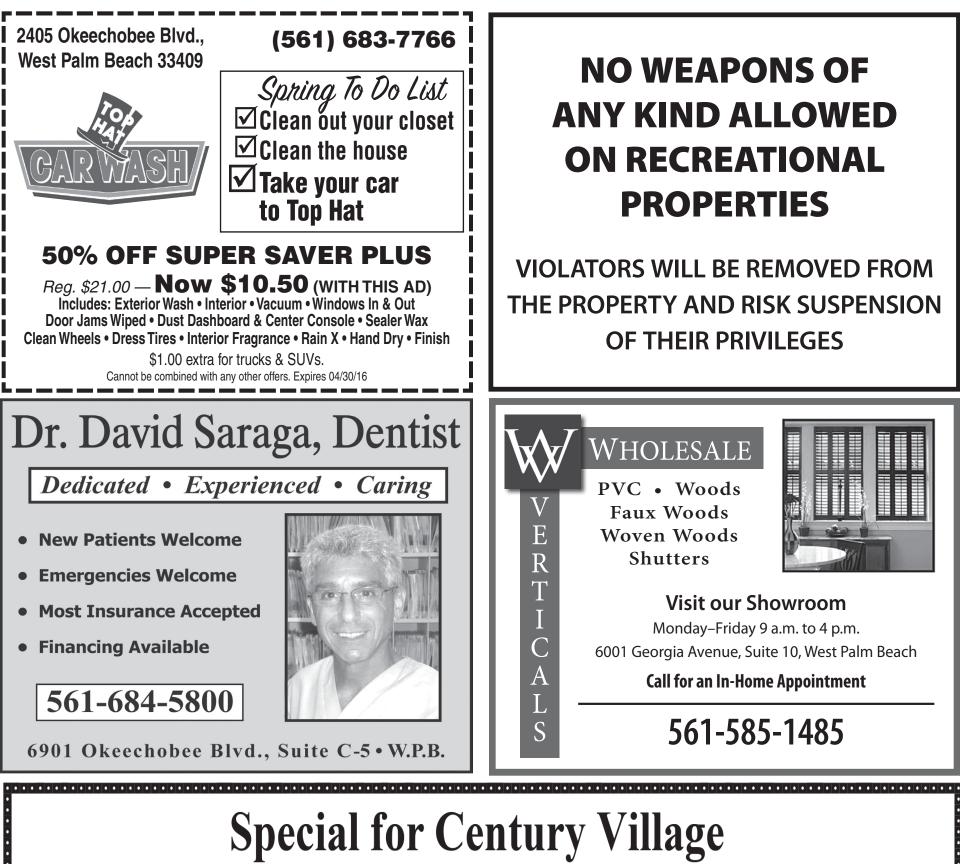
Support groups consist of folks who are experiencing similar problems who get together at regular intervals to offer each other support, information, and encouragement. In the last 25 years, there has been an increase in the number of support and self-help groups in the United States, and although they vary according to area needs, all groups share one thing in common-they are places where people can share personal stories and advice. The members are free to speak in an atmosphere of acceptance, understanding, and encouragement. It is often helpful just getting to talk with other people who are in the same boat. For example my mom refuses to take a bath. I get frantic in my efforts to try to keep her clean and her hair washed. But the people at the support group have been through this, lived with it, and gave me great tips. Same thing when my mom stopped eating, claiming she wasn't hungry. I talked about it at the group, and got the exact answer I needed. Now, if I'm not mistaken, Mom has gained a few pounds.

my stress, and had a positive impact on my own health. I didn't take the antidepressants prescribed to me. That's not what I wanted. At least once a month I attend this support group and I listen to other people tell about their problems. From the discussions I have learned how to manage symptoms, develop better coping skills, and communicate more effectively with my doctor. I even find I can now help when a new person comes along and asks about some of the things I've gone through. If you are a caregiver to a person with Alzheimer, please don't go through it alone. This support group is here to help you with your daily struggles, and believe me there are many struggles. A support group shouldn't replace your standard medical care, but it can be a valuable resource to help you cope. The Alzheimer Support Group meets every 2nd and 4th Monday at 1:30 in the upstairs craft room at the Clubhouse. You are always welcome. You can call Carmen at 469-1220 or e-mail her at carmenwatson41@gmail.com

A hundred years ago square dances, weekly church gatherings, and other community functions were places where people came together to not only celebrate but catch up, console one another, and share information. Times have changed but modern man still needs that same nurturing and consolation, particularly during difficult times such as an illness.

Face-to-face interactions between us are becoming more scarce as we move into the electronic age. Some of us, if we are lucky, might get support from family and friends, and although that is a good thing, oftentimes those people don't have the experience to really help, or may

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# Two Specific Proposals For Presidential Campaigns

If presidential election campaigns weren't so serious, this 2016 campaign as seen on television would be a farce. One problem is that candidates are not given an opportunity to lay out their platforms without interruption. There may yet be time to change. I herewith propose a solution for the national election this year and beyond.

### **ONE**

That some entity, private or governmental, obtain airtime for each viable presidential candidate. (The government's "C-Span" would be the proper television forum.) Within a half hour to an hour, I and others would want to learn from all candidates the following:

Who and what the candidate is, including his or her state of residence, background and occupation and why he or she wants to be President of the United States, also why he or she feels particularly qualified for the job.

How the candidate perceives the United States both domestically and with regard to its foreign affairs.

Speaking deliberately and specifically as though standing before a joint session of Congress and delivering a State of the Union message, What are the major problems and issues America faces as viewed by the candidate? Describe them in order of importance as the speaker perceives them, for

example national defense and security, the economy, education, infrastructure, immigration, race relations and so on.

Again being specific, what does the candidate propose to do about these problems and issues? What will he or she be asking of Congress? If finances are involved, what would be the estimated costs of various projects?

Who would the speaker have as Vice President, Secretaries of State and Treasury, Defense and Attorney General, what the English call pre-

#### **BY IRV RIKON**

election "Kitchen Cabinet"? This is requested for it compels the candidate to consider seriously his or her position as President.

One assumes, for example, the Attorney General would play a key role in helping to name a Supreme Court nominee. The Secretary of Treasury might be asked to join in weighing the effects of competing military and educational or infrastructure budgets.

Without pandering to the candidate's audience, what is his or her realistic vision of the State of the Union in the future?

#### TWO

The primary system of elections as it stands today is biased. As I noted in another column, the Republican primaries are tilted, favoring conservatives. I propose changes that would more fairly balance voters' choices of candidates.

I propose first that caucuses be eliminated. I propose further that there be a total of five Primary dates, one a month, from March through July or from April through August, with 10 states from different size populations and geographical regions voting in each of the five dates.

For example, I suggest that California, the most populous state, vote with Wyoming, the least populous; that Texas, second most populous state, vote with Vermont, second least populous; that Florida, third most populous, vote with Alaska, third least populous; that New York, fourth most populous, vote with North Dakota, fourth least populous, and Illinois, fifth most populous, vote with South Dakota, fifth least populous, all ballots cast on the same day. Ten more states would vote in each of the next four Primaries.

I have several reasons for this proposal. With ten states voting on the same day in different regions of the country, tilting by candidates or political Parties towards one group or another becomes more difficult. Senators, Congressmen and women sit in Washington to serve and represent the interests of their respective state's constituents. With this proposal, in an election for the Chief Executive, the President, who serves all the people of every state, voters rather than Parties or localized entities, will regain more of the influence to which they are entitled in a Republic.

Another reason is that as matters now stand those who control PACs and Super-PACs would find it harder to fund their favorites when voters in ten states from different regions who may well have varied interests cast ballots on the same day.

As an addendum, I don't feel that those who control PACs and Super-PACs are bad, evil people. They have their own, sometimes competing, agendas. I do wish they would put their funds into more constructive use such as aiding primary education in inner city schools or repairing

roads and bridges across the country. Helping those in need lies at the very heart of the Judeo-Christian tradition. Giving alms to the poor is a basic tenet of Islam.

I would like to see the Supreme Court reverse its decision, Citizens United, that allows PACs and Super-PACs to spend unlimited sums of money on politicians of their choosing. The Court is supposed to uphold the notion of "One person, one vote". A PAC is not a person. A PAC is money, the purpose of which is to tilt elections.

I call for fair elections, an informed electorate and candidates more responsive to all American people.





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December 6 - 11, 2016: An American in Paris. Inspired by the multiple Oscar-winning movie 832-7469. Online: www.kravis.org/broadway. starring Gene Kelly with a memorable score by George Gershwin, I saw this on Broadway and was charmed. During the 2014 - 2015 season not surprisingly it won multiple Tony Awards. The story concerns a post-World War Two American army veteran hoping to be a successful artist in Paris. He falls in love with a French girl even as Audience. England's Queen Elizabeth II has dear friends likewise fall for her. The play does not slavishly follow the film yet it's every bit as rewarding. In New York the acting and dancing were so good I didn't miss Gene Kelly at all.

#### BY IRV RIKON

of the play's "heart-pounding music" and "sensational dancing". Several of its songs became top hits.

January31-February5,2017: Beautiful - The Carole King Musical. Singer-songwriter Carole King has emerged as a living entertainment legend. This is her story of a rise to stardom, first as part of a songwriting team, -- "she wrote the soundtrack to a generation," notes the publicist -- then as a solo performer. The musical, a

big Broadway hit, is told against the background of today's music business.

March 23 - April 1, 2017: The Phantom of the Opera. Andrew Lloyd Webber's masterwork returns. Again I quote the publicist: "This production retains the beloved story and thrilling score, boasts exciting new special effects, scenic and lighting designs, staging and choreography, and has been hailed by critics as 'bigger and better than ever before.'"

April 18 - 23, 2017: Kinky Boots. Adapted from a movie and winner of the 2013 Best Musical Tony Award, I quote once more: "(The story) is about the friendships we discover, and the belief you can change the world when you change your mind. Kinky Boots takes you from a gentleman's shoe factory in Northampton to the glamorous catwalks of Milan."

May 9 - 14, 2017: The Sound of Music. Perhaps the most popular of all Rodgers and Hammerstein musicals, the inspiring story of Maria and the von Trapp family and their harrowing escape from Nazi Austria to Switzerland (and later, to the United States) arrives in West Palm Beach with a brand new production. The songs are among the glories of The Great American Songbook, the final one, "Climb Every Mountain," embodying the American Dream.

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been on the throne more than sixty years. During that time she's held private weekly meetings with each Prime Minister from Churchill to Cameron. Peter Morgan, whose fine play Frost/Nixon was staged by the Maltz this season, now goes behind the walls of Buckingham Palace and into the chambers of Elizabeth II to visit the audience and witness meetings of minds that have helped to shape contemporary world history.

November 29 - December 18, 2016: Me and My Girl. Still somewhat on the subject of royalty, in this musical comedy an unrefined charmer learns that he is heir to the Earl of Hareford. His aristocratic family believes he can become a gentleman and earn his inheritance provided he gives up his true love. What will win? Money or love? I've seen this several times and it is a tuneful, funny, feel-good show.

January 10 - 29, 2017: The Producers. This is a play only Mel Brooks would write. A cunning producer cons ladies into backing his Broadway shows. With an at-first hesitant accountant, the two scheme to produce a brand-new musical they're sure will be a flop. The idea is they'll keep the backers' money while they themselves become rich. First a laugh-filled movie, then a smash Broadway hit that won 12 Tony Awards, the stage show has "witty antics and over-the-top shenanigans" as the publicist phrases it. Oh yes, the show produced by the pair is "Springtime for Hitler". That's what I meant by "only Mel Brooks"!

February 12 -16, 2017: Disgraced. I know nothing about this beyond the publicist's words:

January 3 - 8, 2017: Dirty Dancing. Derived from the 1987 movie of the same name, this tale of a teenage girl who finds romance and dance while away from home was so popular it led to a television series and a 2004 sequel plus the stage play. The story may be conventional, but the dancing was sensual and rather bold for its day. The theater publicist writes

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**December 2, 2016 - January 1, 2017: Tru.** Written by Jay Presson Allen, she wrote some of Broadway and Hollywood's most popular scripts, including screenplays for Hitchcock's Marnie, Bob Fosse's Cabaret and Ray Stark's Funny Lady. Her stage play, The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie, seemingly won awards for every actress who played the title role. Tru tells of writer Truman Capote's end days. Quoting the publicist: "Abandoned by the high society friends who recognize themselves in a published excerpt from his unflattering, unfinished novel, Capote humorously ruminates on his life." Christmas was approaching. His companions now were pills, vodka, and cocaine.

**February 3 - March 5, 2017: Collected Stories.** Donald Margulies has emerged as a playwright of note. The publicist says of this work: "Whose life is it, anyway? Loyalty vs. creative freedom is the moral issue at the center of this riveting play in which the protegee of an established author writes a novel based on her mentor's affair with a famous poet."



**March 31 - April 30, 2017:** Arcadia. Tom Stoppard, who was born in Czechoslovakia and whose family fled just ahead of encroaching Nazis, is today recognized as one of the Englishspeaking world's foremost playwrights. He has, in fact, been knighted. However, his plays have seldom been performed locally, and thanks to Dramaworks for producing this. The publicist says: "Set in one stately house and two different centuries, this profound, funny, Olivier Awardwinning masterpiece explores great mysteries of science and art, and illuminates the very human desire for making connections, both intellectual and romantic." May 19 - June 18, 2017: The Cripple of Inishmaan by Martin McDonagh. For this I rely totally upon the publicist: "In this darkly comic play a handicapped young man seeks to escape the cruelty and bleakness that engulf him on the desolate island of Inishmaan by participating in a Hollywood film being made nearby."

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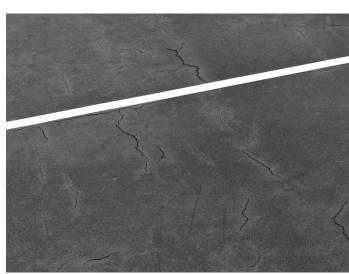
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# COMMENTARY

# Tennis and Pickleball at Century Village



Century Village has been offering great athletics and sports to all residents since first opening in 1968. Not a day goes by when you don't see someone running on our wonderful paths, or watch a bright sail go by on a lagoon, or someone in the water in one of our many pools. But there is one area of our great community that has been forgotten. It has fallen into grave disrepair to the point of becoming a major concern for health, safety and enjoyment to its players--

and that's the area for tennis and pickleball.

Although both sports use a racket they are very different their surface in structure, rules and size of the court. Tennis is played on a much larger court, requiring more pounding running, on your body and hitting. stronger Pickleball is played on a much smaller court and does not require the same amount of running. Both sports are presently being played on the same, hard surface here in Century Village which is not ideal for the tennis players, but there are issues on the pickleball courts as well. The area by Somerset where the courts are located was created over an area that has seen cracking and settling due to water pipe breakage and soil instability under the courts. The tennis courts look like the parched surface of the moon with long, vein-like cracks throughout the court surfaces creating a rough and irregular playing surface that is

#### BY ARLYNN ABRAMSON

dangerous to one's footing.

Recently, the courts underwent engineer testing and holes were drilled through surface in the numerous places see what to causing was unstable this foundation. These holes were not carefully filled in

and players can be seen tripping and sometimes falling over these uneven areas.

The pickleball courts also suffer from this unstable situation and sinkholes have developed on the courts from the ground settling. Since there are only two pickleball courts, when one has been closed for repair, the line to play has grown long and many people have gone



standard of most other villages and private communities in Palm Beach County. Har-Tru Courts are 10-15 degrees cooler than our hard surface courts and do not reflect the heat but instead absorb it to keep players cooler. The lack of reflection is also easier on your eyes and you do not get as tan from the rays reflecting off the shiny, hard surface. The softer Har-Tru clay courts allow players to not only play longer on a daily basis, but help us to continue to play longer into our lives because they are softer on our joints and limbs. And, Har-Tru Courts drain water much faster than hard courts so play time is increased in the event of rain.

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> you must repaint, or worse, resurface the entire area. Har-Tru courts will be a tremendous asset to all of us as they attract tennis players from all over to see that CV is where they too want to retire.

Pickleball courts require a



the fact that although CV has a men's traveling team (because they were grandfathered in) the women of CV must play for nearby clubs because to form a Palm Beach traveling team you must have minimum of four Har-Tru Courts. Alain Methot presented options to expand the Tennis and Pickleball Center to include more courts.

David Israel, Eva Rachesky and the Operations Committee heard from numerous residents, both tennis and pickleball players, regarding their concerns to update and expand this facility for our racket players. On any given day, you can see the benches filled as tennis and pickleball players wait their turn to rotate into a game, some waiting for hours just to get some exercise.

home frustrated rather than wait for hours.

Now that we are in full season both the tennis courts and pickleball courts are filled to capacity and many people can be seen having to wait for a court to become available to get some exercise. Century Village has been patching these courts now for years but the problems prevail.

CV must consider moving forward from the "20th Century Village" built long ago to the "21st Century Village" that will provide new alternatives for her racket players!

Har-Tru Tennis Courts are the way to bring our Village up to the

harder surface than tennis, but it is important that the surface

be level and safe for all players. The wiffle ball that is used does produce a louder sound than the fuzzy yellow ball of tennis, so the Tennis and Pickleball Club has suggested that CV use a dampening protective perimeter cover to shield the sound from nearby condos.

On Tuesday, February 23rd, dozens of tennis and pickleball players presented their concerns and recommendations to the UCO Operations Committee. Les Rivkin, President of the Club, spoke to the committee and presented the advantages of installing Har-Tru Courts. Arlynn Abramson spoke to

While tennis has been played for centuries, pickleball is still fairly new on the sporting front. The two games give CV residents many hours of fun, exercise and camaraderie both on and off the courts. The Tennis and Pickleball Club holds tournaments for both sports and they also will hold their annual BBQ picnic for all members soon.

Century Village is our home and as in every good home, there comes a time when you need to redecorate with new and get rid of the old. As sports evolve and new and younger players move into Century Village, what better way to ensure our success than to offer new racket technology, safer surfaces and better areas to play our sports?



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# A Hen and a Half: The Explanation

#### **BY LANNY HOWE**

Several people expressed bewilderment about the answer to the Quiz Question in the March Reporter having to do with the "hen and a half." The question was:

#### If a hen and a half lays an egg and a half in a day and a half, how many days would it take one hen to lay one egg?"

The answer was: A day and a half. People come up with all kinds of answers to this question, the most common being "one day." The true answer of "a day and a half" just doesn't seem right.

Some are thrown off by the question, claiming there is no such thing as a hen and a half, which of course is true. However, the introductory word "If" allows us for the sake of the question to suppose there could be a hen and a half, as well as an egg and half. If you are still stumbled by this assumption, try pretending that the half a hen is a bantam and the half an egg is a pullet.

For me, the easiest way to solve the problem, though, is to rephrase the question, getting rid of the confusing halves, to something like this: "If four hens lay four eggs in four days, how long will it take one hen to lay one egg?" This, of course, we can imagine. You have four hens in the henhouse. At the end of four days you have four eggs, so (assuming all the hens produce an egg at the same rate) each hen has taken four days to lay its egg. The number of days, you see, remains the same. It is the same when 1-1/2 hens lay 1-1/2 eggs in 1-1/2 days. Change the number of hens and eggs to 2, 3, 4, 12 or 1; the number of days remains the same, at 1-1/2.

Don't feel bad if you missed this quiz answer. My dad asked me this one years ago, and I couldn't figure out the answer for the life of me. A mathematician could probably give you a more scholarly explanation, perhaps explaining how variables work. The above has clarified it for me.

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# THE NEW STAR AND THE NEW ORGAN

#### ARTS REVIEW AND COMMENTARY BY IRV RIKON

Prior to March 9, 2016, the most exciting concert I ever heard took place on May 19, 1958, in Carnegie Hall, New York. A 23-year-old American pianist named Van Cliburn in April had won the first International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow, Russia. This cultural event marked an initial thaw in the thenongoing Cold War. And when May 19 came, Carnegie Hall seemed electric, with the whole audience abuzz about the young Texan who now was about to repeat the program he had given in the Soviet Union. It would not be disappointed. Van Cliburn played brilliantly. At concert's end, the audience stood as one, applauding and cheering wildly.

On March 19, 2016, I experienced something very similar. This time, in West Palm Beach's KRAVIS CENTER, the performer was CAMERON CARPENTER. His chosen instrument is the organ. Receiving much favorable advance notice, once more the audience buzzed with excitement, anticipating that something memorable was about to happen. And once more, at concert's end, the audience rose as one, applauding and cheering wildly. As far as it was concerned, Mr. Carpenter could have played well into the wee hours of the morning.

Yet the concert is only one part of the story. The larger part of the story for Palm Beach County is THE ORGAN Mr. Carpenter played.

Manufactured by Marshall & Ogletree, a Massachusetts firm, this "Opus 11" organ is a one-of-a-kind and digital. Although large, it has no pipes and is movable, from one Kravis Center playhouse to another. For those who are technology oriented, "The total power output of the main sound system will be a staggering 24,000 watts RMS." In other words, for sheer volume it can outdo virtually any instrument of its kind and, for clarity of sound, it's amazing.

The organ, which costs \$1.5 million, was donated by Alex Dreyfoos. Inventor in fields of electronics and photography, successful businessman and dedicated philanthropist, Mr. Dreyfoos was the driving force behind the building of the KRAVIS CENTER. Prior to his arrival in the Palm Beaches, according to an arts writer of The Palm Beach Post and many others, Palm Beach County was a "cultural wasteland." Today, thanks in large measure to his efforts, the County now is a cultural Mecca for performing artists everywhere.

Mr. Dreyfoos, founding board chairman of the Kravis Center, was also a founder of the Cultural Council of the Palm Beaches (of which this writer was honored to be a Charter Member of the Board of Directors). Dreyfoos Hall, the Kravis Center's main auditorium, is gratefully named after Mr. Dreyfoos. The new organ also has a name: The George W. Mergens Memorial Organ, after Mr. Dreyfoos's first business partner.

Back to the concert: When the audience entered Dreyfoos Hall, there in all its glory on center stage was the new organ, which quickly was joined by the Jacksonville Symphony, under Music Director Courtney Lewis. The orchestra gave a stirring account of Richard Wagner's swaggering overture to Die Meistersinger vonNumberg. Then onstage strode Mr. Carpenter. Hardly the "longhair" classical musician of days gone by, 34-year-old Mr. Carpenter sports a Mohawk haircut, his hair cut on the sides but standing tall on the center of his head. But when he sat down, first to play a short Bach piece, then to join the orchestra in a performance of Francis Poulenc's Concerto for Organ, Strings and Timpani, the audience realized at once that here was an artist and an instrument made for each other. This part of the program concluded with the finale of Camille Saint-Saens's Symphony No. 3, "Organ." The organ thundered in its proper places, and the audience, not to be outdone, gave out with thunderous applause.

During the second part of the program, Mr. Carpenter played more Bach and an astounding transcription of the scherzo Tchaikovsky's movement of Symphony No. 6. It was one of the most amazing musical things I've ever heard. The organ sounded as though it were an entire orchestra. And the playing, with both hands and feet, was -- Wow! Mr. Carpenter, who also has a fine speaking voice and beautifully articulates the wonders of the organ, then introduced a protégé, 14-year-old Matthew Whitaker, who performed a sweet yet jazzy version of the pop tune "Ebb Tide." Next, Mr. Carpenter returned, playing Bach as I've seldom before enjoyed that classical composer. For an encore there was Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever," the organ as before sounding as though it were all the instruments! Indeed, this was a not-to-be-forgotten evening!

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# LEGAL Election Season Questions



BY MARK FRIEDMAN, ESQ.

as voting on reserves, or voting on amendments cannot be conducted. If there are of the eligible voting interests (those who have not had their voting rights suspended) cast a ballot at the election, then you can have an election even if there are not enough unit owners attending the annual meeting (in person or by proxy) to constitute a quorum. Where do

themselves the first time should be on the ballot or seated on the Board. If there are less candidates than seats available, no election would be necessary and the new Board should be seated on the date the election was originally scheduled to be held.

Where do we register the new

How long does the old Board have to return books and records of the Association to the new Board?

The Condominium Act was amended to require that all outgoing board members relinquish all official records and property of the association in his or her possession or under his or her control to the incoming Board within 5 days after the election. It should be noted that the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes has the authority to impose a civil penalty against the outgoing board member who willfully and knowingly fails to relinquish such records and property.

Election issues are common this time of year during what I like to call "annual meeting and election season". The following are common concerns, questions, and answers about elections.

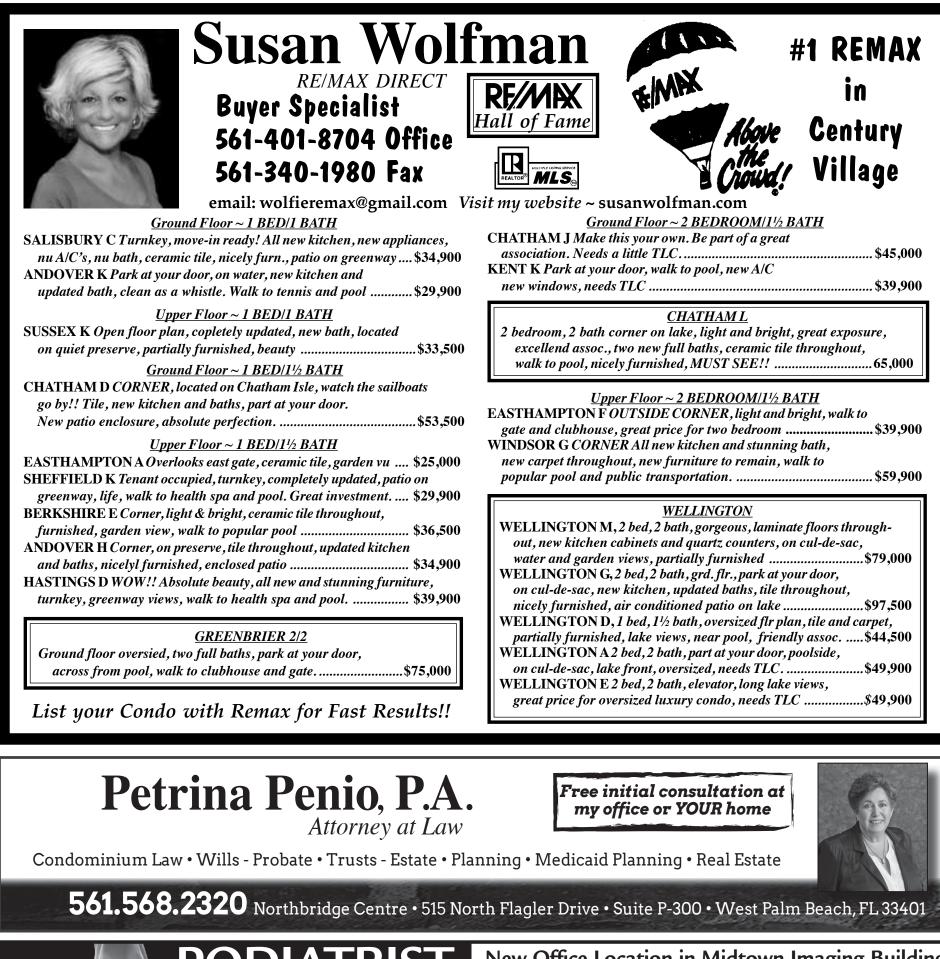
### Without a quorum was the election supposed to be cancelled?

There is no quorum requirement to hold the election of directors in a condominium setting. If you do not have a quorum, you cannot conduct any other business. Matters such The current board did not like the nominees and cancelled the annual meeting. Does this cancel the current nominations?

As noted above, an annual meeting does not necessarily have to occur in order for the election to move forward. If the first notice of the election and annual meeting went out 60 days prior to the meeting and all notices of intent were received 40 days prior to the annual meeting, then only those candidates can run for or be on the Board this year. Assuming no issue with the original 60 day notice or the timely receipt of notices of intent, no matter when the meeting and election is rescheduled, only those who properly nominated

While I believe that UCO requests the names of all Board members, you should also file the names with your annual report with the State of Florida Division of Corporations. If your election occurred after you filed your annual report, the information should be revised at www.sunbiz.org. You should also let your vendors, attorneys, and accountants know who the new Board members are and who the authorized contacts should be to avoid confusion. You should also update the signature cards at your banks and update your fidelity bond and other insurance policies to include the new directors, as appropriate.

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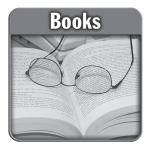
Phone rings at the fire station late one night and a fireman answers.

"Help us! Our house is on fire!" yells a hysterical man.

"How do we get there?" asks the fireman.

"For cryin' out loud, man, use the big red truck!"

"I don't want to worry you," said little Bobby to his teacher, "but last night my daddy said if I didn't get good grades on my next report card, someone was gonna get a licking."



# The Reader's Corner

#### **BY LENORE VELCOFF**

When I started reading Isabel Irina meets her grandson Seth, Allende's The Japanese Lover, I liked it well enough but I wasn't feeling anything special. I think I was suffering a bit from the high expectations that come with reading a book by Allende. But as I got deeper into it, I found myself really drawn in by the story and characters. Though most of Allende's books have a South American flavor, this one is different.

This is about Jews fleeing the Nazi occupation of Poland, the Second World War, and Japanese internment camps in the United States. It touched on some very important historical events: the Nazis, the attack on Pearl Harbor, cultural differences and expectations, AIDs and homosexuality, as well as child pornography and sexual abuse. All are part of the unfolding story of an elderly woman coming to terms with and reliving her past.

What makes a family? What makes a relationship? Allende's novel is, in part, meditation on these questions. The story starts with Irina who gains a job working at a retirement home/ assisted living facility. She gains a boyfriend of a sort, and eventually a long-term job with Alma, a semiretired artist who lives in her rooms with a cat. Hired as Alma's assistant,

and the two become increasingly interested in Alma's past. Slowly the past is pulled out from behind the curtain, in part because of the mysterious letters and flowers that arrive as well as Seth's interest in family history.

Alma's arrival in the United States occurred when her family sends her from their Polish home as the Nazis rise to power. Alma finds a new home with her aunt and uncle. In many ways she becomes the favorite child of her uncle, a familiar trope to any long-time reader of novels. Alma also meets Icmeni, a Japanese boy. The two are close friends until the attack on Pearl Harbor, when Ichimei and his family are forced to relocate to the internment camp.

In some ways, Allende's novel is a typical romance of two outcasts relating to each other. In other ways it moves beyond that and is about finding something; oneself, a place, a peace, a something. Both Alma and Incemi are outcasts, and their immigrant status is not the only thing that makes them such. But in other ways they are each prisoners to what tradition demands; Alma to her status in the country and Ichimei to what his father wants him to be,

#### THE JAPANESE LOVER

what his mother wants and needs him to be, and what Alma needs him to be.

The relationship between Alma and Ichimei is in some ways mirrored by the blossoming relationship between Seth and Irina, but Irina's is somewhat smoother than that of Alma's but in some ways not. If Byatt's Possession was the dual of story of a literary romance that led to a love between two lovers of literature, Allende's novel is of a romance that enlightens those that encounter it. It is a love that lends its strength to other loves.

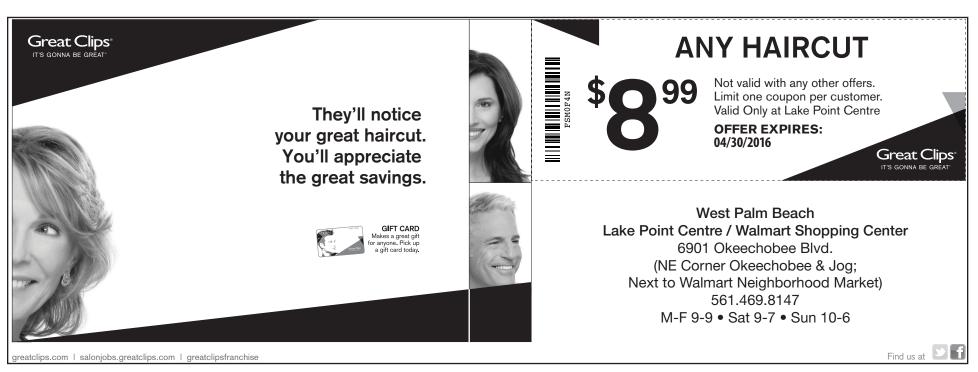
What makes Allende's novel more than an ordinary romance, outside of the realism that refuses to kowtow romantic tropes and the idea that love conquers all, is Allende's use of language. There is such beauty in her writing that it makes what would be an ordinary love-strong Hallmark-type movie into an Oscar worthy production. But it isn't just the language. There is something deeper at work in the novel much like the art that Alma produces. It isn't the gothic style of Joyce Carol Oates, but something lighter, something peaceful. Perhaps it is about finding peace through the uncovering of the past so that one can move forward, or

at least come to terms with that past. It's about words and ideas that are not limited to one simple definition.

Together they begin to unravel a mystery made up of a series of gifts and letters that were sent to Alma from Ichimei, learning the truth about their amazing relationship that spanned over 70 years.

What I really like about Isabel Allende is her ability to create families that, despite their quirks and off-thewall characters, are so well drawn that they feel real. She has done it again here with the Bellasco family. By the end of the read I almost felt as if I too were a part of this dynasty.

Allende crafts some really surprising twists at the end that I did not see coming making this a really solid story for me about love and the sacrifices we make for those She likes to mix we care about. history with her fiction. She stresses our immigrant roots as Americans and in this book all of the main characters are showing their heritage. It is a more traditional family saga storytelling. I am a sucker for such family stories, although I understand that this may not be tremendous art.





# **Hastings Clubhouse: Continually Improving.**

#### **BY RICHARD HANDELSMAN**

This article is about the Hastings Clubhouse. More accurately, it details Ms. Eva Rachesky's determined and continuous upgrading of the facilities as she finds the funds to improve from "good enough" "superior." The new cardio to equipment - treadmills, elliptical trainers, stationary bicycles-replaces the old "one size fits all" machines with programmable machines to fit each individual's needs. The sturdy aluminum umbrellas for the outside tables provide shade for cards and gossip. The front entrance was not ADA compliant - so a new ramp and set of automatic doors were installed. The rotting tile and rusty showerheads of the bathrooms have been completely replaced, with seats for us senior citizens. Future plans downstairs include an expansion of the gymnasium, new weight machines, new carpet and paint. Upstairs, Ms. Rachesky plans to install ping-pong tables as well as a small kitchen for group usage/rental.

BUT, machines malfunction, requiring endless phone calls. For example, cold or lukewarm water due to a stuck valve on the tankless heater. After repeated calls, a plumber is supposed to come today (Wednesday, February 3). TV's are not working for three-plus weeks. Well, you see, the contract is between Comcast and UCO, not WPRF, so Ms. Rachesky has to work through an intermediary. Later today, Comcast got three TV's working, but the fourth will require more phone calls. One lift not working. Well, you see, the lifts are obsolete. There's no money for an elevator so Mrs. Rachesky has had three companies scouring warehouses for replacement parts. And as for the men's sauna heater constantly turning itsyelf off, Ms. Rachesk is planning on installing a wet-heat sauna that should be more reliable.

Finally, CVers should traipse over to the main clubhouse to see two recent Rachesky installations. First, a rain forest mural with tiger, monkeys, birds, and ferns now adorns the previously sterile walls of the indoor pool, improving the entire bathing experience. And second, a 90" television screen in the main meeting room ensures that all can see powerpoint presentations, slide shows, or movies.

Update on Thursday, February 4: The plumber mentioned above has ordered a new heating element for the tankless heater.

As of Friday, February 5, the hot water and fourth TV are working.

Ms. Rachesky's nom de guerre should be Donna Quixote, because there's always some amenity for her to fix or improve.

P.S. Next windmill: getting sound to the treadmill screens.



# NUTRITION&HEALTH **The Virtuous Bean**

JEANIE W. FRIEDMAN, MS RD LD/N



I'm sure we've all heard of the old song that captivated us when we were children, "Beans, beans, they're good for your heart. The more you eat, the more you..." Well, I'm sure you can remember the rest!

People have been eating beans for thousands of years. The tasty legumes have long been cultivated and have sustained numerous civilizations and cultures.

There are a vast array of beans including lima beans, fava beans, lentils, kidney beans, and more. Full of fiber, protein, and low in saturated fat and cholesterol, beans are a nutritious and delicious way to stay healthy. The protein and fiber help fill you up and keep you full, preventing you from snacking mindlessly. And that's not all. Beans are usually quite budget-friendly too, allowing you to get more for your money, which is very important nowadays when food costs keep rising and many are on fixed incomes. You can add beans to meat dishes to help you stretch your known as garbanzo beans), that have food dollars. Dried beans that usually come in bags, the plain and unseasoned varieties, are the best value. Seasoning them yourself allows you to control what and how much is used. You should rinse and soak them according to the directions on the package before cooking. Raw beans should be cooked first before eating. If you don't have the time to wait for dried beans to soak, another alternative is to use canned beans instead. Canned beans have already been prepared and cooked by the manufacturer so soaking is not necessary. Since canned beans are already cooked, remember to watch out for any added salt, or sodium. JFriedmanRD@aol.com

It is best to buy no-salt-added or low/reduced salt varieties to help control your sodium (salt) intake. Reading the Nutrition Label will tell you how much salt each serving contains. Rinsing canned beans will help remove some of the salt used in processing.

Beans could be used in many ways during the day. For breakfast, you can add beans to an omelet or a tortilla stuffed with scrambled eggs and chopped onions and peppers. Perhaps you can serve beans as a side dish to a main breakfast entrée. Lunch or dinner can consist of black beans and rice, or chili, or beans can be added to many kinds of soups. Have you thought of adding beans to some pasta dishes? Salads are usually a nutritional powerhouse. But the addition of beans will amp up the protein of that meal.

In-between meals, sometimes my husband can find me snacking on a handful of canned chick peas (also been rinsed well. I find these to be a better choice over a handful of fatty and salty potato chips that offer very few nutritional benefits. Now as for the song; it is true that beans, because of their high level of fiber and starches, can cause flatulence. Bacteria aids digestion of beans and gas happens to be a by-product; so everything in moderation.

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Staff Office in the Main Clubhouse All donations are greatly appreciated. Thank You

Jeanie W. Friedman is a Registered Dietitian and nutritionist licensed in the State of Florida. This article is intended for educational purposes only and is not intended as a substitute for consultation with your health care professional. Ms. Friedman may be reached at



# Sports of The Century—Village Sam Milham

# There Used to be a Ballpark

walks of life and many areas of our great country. We have seen many sports stadiums demolished-the Polo Grounds and Ebbets Field, to name just a couple. I'm sure you can name many more.

Frank Sinatra (Ol' Blue Eyes) recorded that very beautiful, yet sad song "There used to be a ballpark." I'm sure you, like me, feel happy and yet sad when you hear Frank's rendition of the song.

Well, folks, we at Century Village are now seeing the opposite after years of planning and construction. We are seeing a new ballpark rising-at 45th Street between Haverhill Road and Military Trail. As of now, the 7650-seat site is being called "West Palm Beach Stadium." It will be the spring training home of the Houston Astros and the Washington Nationals.

The Hunt Construction Company began work on the site in November 2015. As of January 2016, despite all the rain we have had, the project was on schedule. However,

We folks at Century Village come from all we need the weatherman to cooperate if the 2017 deadline is to be achieved. The complex, being built on a 160-acre site at a cost of \$44 million dollars, will have twelve-yes, twelvepractice diamonds and a main stadium.

Many of my friends and colleagues have attended games at Roger Dean Stadium, Tradition Field (at Port Saint Lucie), and Dodger Town (at Vero Beach). I know they will be thrilled to attend a major league springtraining game only 3.5 miles from homegiving them the bonus of getting home in time for the "early bird specials." Seat prices have not yet been established. Let's hope they resemble the prices at Port Saint Lucie rather than those at Roger Dean.

Sorry, Frank: I am changing the words of your great song. Instead of "There Used To Be A Ball Park," the new lyrics are "There's Gonna Be A Ball Park Here"!

Sam Milham writes a monthly sports column on the same page as Irwin Cohen's sports column in the UCO Reporter.

### "There Used To Be a Ballpark"

And there used to be a ballpark where the field was warm and green And the people played their crazy game with a joy I'd never seen And the air was such a wonder from the hot dogs and the beer Yes, there used a ballpark right here

And there used to be rock candy and a great big Fourth of July With the fireworks exploding all across the summer sky And the people watched in wonder, how they'd laugh and how they'd cheer And there used to be a ballpark right here

Now the children try to find it And they can't believe their eyes `cause the old team just isn't playing

### **TRASH PICKUP SCHEDULE**

#### **Monday and Thursday:**

Andover, Bedford, Camden, Chatham, Dorchester, Greenbrier, Kent, Kingswood, Northampton, Somerset, Southampton, Sussex, Wellington and Windsor.

#### **Tuesday and Friday:**

Berkshire, Cambridge, Canterbury, Coventry, Dover, Easthampton, Hastings, Norwich, Oxford, Plymouth, Salisbury, Sheffield, Stratford, Waltham

Monday, Thursday and Saturday: Golf's Edge

#### **Bulk Pickup: Friday for all areas.**

It is not a pleasant sight to see the bulk trash out all week, so please remember to put your bulk trash out late Thursday evening or very early Friday.

**Recycling:** Wednesdays and Saturdays for all areas.

### **HELP WANTED UCO INVESTIGATION** DEPARTMENT

The UCO Investigations Department seeks volunteers to work in a challenging and rewarding environment; interacting with residents and real estate representatives.

Volunteers may select their own work days. Office hours are 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Monday through Thursday and 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Fridays. Volunteers will need to use computers and office phones- we will train you.

For more information- call UCO Investigations at 683-9336.

And the new team hardly tries

And the sky has got so cloudy When it used to be so clear And the summer went so quickly this year

Yes, there used to be a ballpark right here

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS NEW PARKING ENFORCEMENT AT CLUBHOUSE:** 

**CV CLUBHOUSE MANAGEMENT** HAS CONTRACTED WITH A TOWING SERVICE TO CONTROL **UNAUTHORIZED PARKING. VEHICLES** THAT ARE PARKED IN PLACES OTHER THAN MARKED SPACES WILL BE SUBJECT TO TOWING.

# **APRIL 2016 ENTERTAINMENT**



Saturday, Apr. 2, 8 p.m. Fito Espinola Performing Flamenco Pop with a female dancer

Saturday, Apr. 9, 8 p.m. The Casinos Duo Featuring Ken Brady & Jim Rich



Saturday, Apr. 16, 8 p.m. Across the Universe The Ultimate Beatles Tribute

Saturday, Apr. 23, 8 p.m. Essence of Motown



Saturday, Apr. 30, 8 p.m. Sounds of the Sensational Andre Michaels Performing the Great American Songbook

Due to circumstances beyond our control,

#### **Peter Lemongello**

has **cancelled** for April 2, 2016. We have replaced him with **Fito Espinola**, singer/guitarist performing Flamenco Pop; he will have a female dancer with him and opening the show will be comedian **Ben Kurland.** 

### **MOVIE SCHEDULE**

Afternoon showings are at 1:45PM — Tuesday & Sunday. Evening Showings are at 6:45 PM.

The 1st Monday Evening & Tuesday Afternoon showings of each new movie (some movies are shown two Mondays and Tuesdays) will have "Closed Caption" (for the hearing impaired) when available. *No charge for residents.* 

#### **APRIL 2016 MOVIES**

04/03 Sun	1:45PM	STEVE JOBS — Michael Fassbender, Kate Winslet, Seth Rogen, Jeff Daniels
04/04 Mon	6:45PM	R 122 Min Rated R for Adult Situations
		Steve Jobs takes us behind the scenes of the digital revolution, to paint a portrait of the
		man at its epicenter. The story unfolds backstage at three iconic product launches, ending in
		1998 with the unveiling of the iMac. Truly inspired film making on every level. Directed by
		Danny Boyle (continued from last month)
04/05 Tue	1:45PM	A WALK IN THE WOODS - Robert Redford, Nick Nolte, Emma Thompson
04/07 Thu	6:45PM	R 104 Min Rated R for Adult Situations
04/10 Sun	1:45PM	After spending two decades in England, Bill Bryson returns to the U.S., where he decides
04/11 Mon	6:45PM	the best way to connect with his homeland is to hike the Appalachian Trail with one of his
04/12 Tue	1:45PM	oldest friends. Directed by Ken Kwapis
04/14 Thu	6:45PM	THE MARTIAN — Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain, Kristen Wiig, Jeff Daniels
04/17 Sun	1:45PM	PG-13 144 Min
*04/18 Mon	6:45PM	During a manned mission to Mars, Astronaut Mark Watney is presumed dead after a fierce
04/19 Tue	1:45PM	storm and left behind by his crew. But Watney has survived and finds himself stranded and
04/21 Thu	6:45PM	alone on the hostile planet. With only meager supplies, he must draw upon his ingenuity,

wit and spirit to subsist and find a way to signal to Earth that he is alive. Directed by Ridley Scott

#### "R" Rated Movies

"R" Rated (under 16 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian).

Additional ratings for this movie are: V for Violence L for Language (strong language and drug content) N for Nudity (graphic nudity) SC for Sexual Content (pervasive language including sexual references and situations)

An "R" rated motion picture, in the view of the Rating Board, contains some adult Imaterial. An "R" rated motion picture may include adult themes, adult activity, hard language, intense or persistent violence, sexually-oriented nudity, drug abuse or other elements. Due to a wide viewing audience, WPRF will not censure "R" rated movies. **Therefore, if you find any of the above offensive, WPRF suggest** you "OPT OUT" of seeing this movie. 04/24 Sun 1:45PM SPECTRE – Daniel Craig, Christoph Waltz, Léa Seydoux

04/25 Mon 6:45PM PG-13 148 Min

04/26 Tue 1:45PM A cryptic message from James Bond's past sends him on a trail to uncover a sinister 04/28 Thur 6:45PM organization. While M battles political forces to keep the secret service alive, Bond peels back the layers of deceit to reveal the terrible truth behind SPECTRE. Directed by Sam Mendes (continued next month)

#### \*This showing will be in Room C

\*No admission to be charged

Entertainment information is provided by W.P.R.F. Any questions regarding Clubhouse entertainment should be directed to W.P.R.F. at 640-3120.





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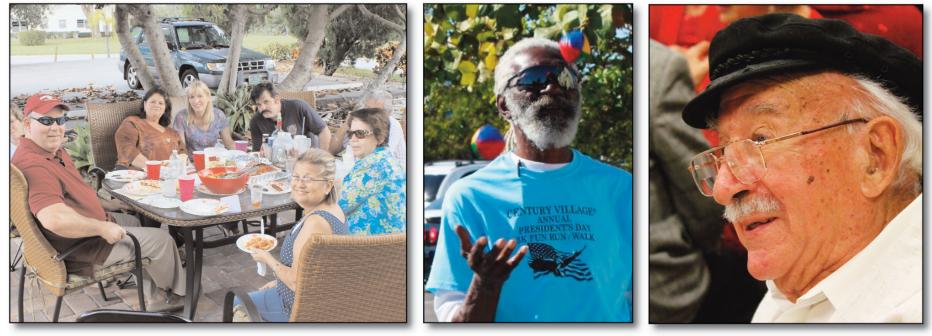




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# A Visit to the **Palm Beach School for Autism**

#### BY BOBBI LEVIN • PHOTOS BY HOWIE SILVER

I recently had the privilege of touring the Palm Beach School for Autism located on Lantana Rd in Lake Worth. I was accompanied by three other Century Village residents; photographer Howie Silver, Dee Dee Lane, and Fran Marchasin who volunteer at the school on a regular basis.

#### DID YOU KNOW THAT

- Autism now affects 1 in 68 children and 1 in 42 boys
- Autism prevalence figures are growing
- Autism is one of the fastestgrowing developmental disorders in the U.S.
- Boys are nearly five times more likely than girls to have autism
- There is no medical detection or cure for autism
- Total 2012 National Institute of Health budget: \$30.86 billion
- Of this only \$169 million goes directly to autism research. This represents 0.55% of total NIH funding.

The Palm Beach School for Autism is a tuition free public charter school . It educates children from ages 3 through 21 who have autism spectrum disorders and related disabilities. Its goal is to help students reach their greatest potential, encourage them to develop strengths, and help promote meaningful life experiences and sense of community.

Charter schools are public schools of choice. They are, by definition,



curriculum, teaching style, personnel, and discipline. The Palm Beach School for Autism receives about a third of its costs from the State. The remainder is funded through grants, fundraisers and donations from generous citizens, foundations, and community businesses.

All students are enrolled with an Individual Educational Plan (IEP) from a public school and enrollment is on a first come first served basis

The school addresses the learning needs of the students through individual education plans, highly trained teachers and therapists, and a focus on independence. In addition to an academic education, children are schooled in the arts, technology, wood shop, French, athletics, vocational programming, social skills, and daily living skills.

Born in 1996 because of a lack of services for children with autism in the public school system, the school is located in a modern, twostory building that currently has enrolled over 280 students. The classrooms and hallways are bright, meticulously clean, and adorned

maintained throughout the campus with classrooms, outdoor recreation areas, and public areas video and audio monitored.

Invited into classrooms by both faculty and students, I found a warm, nurturing and positive environment. The gifted and dedicated teachers

Director since 2007, says the school welcomes any and all volunteers to augment their regular staff. If qualified, you might assist in a classroom. If you have computer skills, you could teach a basic computer class. If you are a photographer or a performer, your expertise would be greatly appreciated by everyone at the school. For more information, please call Kristina Cabral, Director of Parent & Volunteer services at 561-533-9917.

Because the cost of educating a child with autism is roughly \$60,000 per year, fundraising never stops. Two major fundraising events are held each year which bring about \$40,000/year to the school. The 3rd



and administrators, many of whom the school succeed and grow, are children as possible. It was evident that they are all committed to children and young adults with special needs.

annual "Ladies who Brunch" was have a personal interest in seeing held on March 11 at the Fountains Country Club and was completely passionate about helping as many sold out. Luncheon Chairperson Dee Dee Lane reminded the attendees that all donations go directly to the school and are used for everything from defraying the cost of class trips to tuition assistance programs. A Gala Italian Dinner and Dance is scheduled for April 9. If you would like to make a monetary donation, large or small, contact Abby Girton, Director of Development and Marketing. She will be happy to explain the many ways to financially support the Palm Beach School for Autism. If you choose to get involved with the Palm Beach School for Autism, you can be sure that your support will make a difference in the lives of so many children with autism spectrum disorder.

flexible and have freedom to set with colorful student art work. To their own rules on such issues as ensure student safety, tight security is



A new program at the school focuses on vocational and independent living skills for high school age students. To that end, an area has been set up resembling furnished apartment where а students can master skills such as making a bed, stocking shelves, setting a dinner table, and general housekeeping. A small coffee shop, also run by the students, teaches how to handle money and how to interact with strangers in a real-life situation. Do you love children? Do you have a few free hours each month? Ann Levene-Eisenberg, Executive

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### $\star \star Re-Elect \star \star$ Dr. Jean L. Enright **Port of Palm Beach Commission Group 3**



A vote for Dr. Jean Enright is a vote for integrity, leadership, and professionalism. Commissioner Enright has always put the people of the Port District first which is evident by her community involvement and passion for those she serves. She is an advocate for the creation of jobs and improving communities within the Port District. She is totally against the Port levying taxes although it has taxing authority.

#### During Dr. Enright's tenure, she has helped the Port:

- Secure increased revenue by adding new tenants and cutting expenses making the Port financially sound.
- Build the South Gate Warehouse which houses tenants. Secure the Bahamas Celebration multi-day cruise ship sailing to Freeport Bahamas every other day.
- Secure the New Horizon gaming ship.
- Secure over \$1 million in Security Grants to increase Homeland Security protection.
- Complete a \$24 million renovation of Slip #3 at the Port

#### $\star \star Re-Elect \star \star$ Dr. Jean L. Enright

#### Port of Palm Beach **Commission Group 3**

#### Vote Tuesday, August 30, 2016

Political advisement paid for and approved by Dr. Jean L. Enright, Democrat for Port of Palm Beach Commission Group 3



#### **ZOË FRIEDMAN B**Y

I stare at my reflection in the mirror: that didn't require chewing... warm enough outside...or too hot? In the spring, the weather is as unpredictable as winning a lottery. At 6 am, I shuffle through an icy mist to reach my car; at 3 pm, I'll be fanning my face.

navy blue corduroys, a light pink soup! I rummaged in a crisper and long-sleeve, and a fleece. Will I be unearthed two zucchinis. My Chilled Ingredients: Italian Zucchini Soup was born. I first served this soup as an appetizer, and it quickly became an entrée as my parents refilled their bowls until the white brim overflowed.



When I get home every evening, I want a meal that complements the weather. Nothing is better than a cool and refreshing dish to correspond with warm weather and a steaming, hearty, plate to match the cold front that accompanies a thunderstorm. But, in the spring, how can anyone create a dish that supplements Mother Nature's uncertainty?

One hot summer day, my air conditioning broke. Lacking the energy to prepare and eat a large meal, I craved something cold

Serve this Chilled Italian Zucchini soup on a breezy winter night or even during the heat of a July day. This satisfying soup is packed with enough flavor to sustain a frostbitten ice fisherman, while crisp zucchini offers a sweet bite to refresh a Floridian.

When I imagine soup, I picture a carrot stew with silver steam spiraling upwards. Zucchini soup is a fresh, new, take on the "bowl" scene to break that boring, traditional image we all have of America's favorite meal.

- 2 green zucchinis
- 1/4 cup chopped Italian parsley (and some whole sprigs for garnish)
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 clove of roasted garlic
- 1/2 cup plain Greek yogurt (I use non-fat)
- 1/2 cup milk (any kind of plain milk is fine)
- 1/4 cup parmesan cheese, grated
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon sea salt

Our talented new food columnist is a CV Grandchild. When she next visits, we will take a nice picture for her column.

Cut zucchinis two green lengthwise. Using a melon baller, scoop out the seeds and discard. Roughly chop the zucchinis and set aside.

In a food processor, pulse the parsley, onion powder, and roasted garlic until ground finely. Then, add the chopped zucchini, Greek yogurt, and parmesan cheese and pulse. Add milk ¼ cup at a time until creamy and smooth. Chill the soup for the minimum of one hour before serving. Immediately before serving, add the lemon juice and salt and stir. Spoon the soup into bowls and garnish with a sprig of parsley.

Prep time: 15 minutes Inactive time: 1 hour Total time: 1 hour and 15 minutes

# PASSOVER

#### **BY LENORE VELCOFF**



After many decades of slavery to the Egyptian pharaohs, during which time the Israelites were subjected to backbreaking labor, God saw the people's distress and sent Moses to Pharaoh with a message to let the Israelites leave. But despite numerous warnings, Pharaoh refused. So God delivered nine devastating plagues on the Egyptians, afflicting them and destroying everything from their livestock to their crops. Still Pharaoh said no. Then, God delivered the last of the ten plagues on the Egyptians, killing all their firstborn. While doing so, he spared the Children of Israel, "passing over" their homes - hence the name of the holiday. Pharaoh's resistance was broken, and he virtually chased his former slaves out of the land. The Israelites left in such a hurry, in fact, that the bread (matzah) they baked as provisions for the way did not have time to rise.

So now, every Spring, the Jewish people celebrate their freedom by retelling the story (seder) and eating a festive meal. This year the holiday begins on Friday evening, April 22nd. Jewish holidays always begin the evening before. Most people celebrate at home, but many who cannot prepare such an elaborate meal, or do not have the space to accommodate family and friends, dine at certain restaurants that prepare a traditional meal: matzah, wine, gefilte fish with horseradish, chopped liver, chicken soup with matzah balls, a choice of brisket of beef, salmon or chicken, potato pancakes, vegetables and for dessert, macaroons. Below are three venues that serve some version of the above meal. Reservations are required, of course, and all prices include tax & gratuity.

<u>The Cobblestone Grill & Bar</u> (in the Target shopping center at the corner of Rt. 7 and Okeechobee Blvd.) at \$28. Full served meal including wine. Reservations, call Lenore – 683-4166. Self-drive.

<u>The Ballroom at the Poinciana</u> <u>Country Club</u> (Via Poinciana off Lake Worth Road, 649-0998) for \$31 per person. Full served meal, but no wine. Self-drive.

<u>Century Village – Party Room</u> -\$40 per person – for reservations and more details, call 616-3355. Buffet Dinner – no wine, chopped liver, soup or salmon, but you may have your own seder.

So, eat (too much), drink (not too much) and be (very, very) merry!

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# S E R V I C E S

# To Retrofit or Not to Retrofit

UCO, in conjunction with Counsel, has reviewed an article from the Condo news (below) concerning the retro fitting of fire sprinklers in condominiums. The article seems to apply to any kind of condominium regardless of its age or height or configuration. We have researched the Division's rules, fire safety statutes and the Condo Act and have compiled the attached summary of the relevant statutes. When you read all these statutes together it seems to me the required vote to opt out of the retrofit only applies to condominiums that are required to retrofit sprinkler systems to their buildings under the fire safety codes. The Condo News article seems directed to the taller (high rise) condos that clearly are mandated to retrofit (unless they vote to opt out) under the fire safety codes.

The fire safety statutes and codes are complicated but Section 718.112(2) (I) states that the Associations Board can rely on a certification of compliance from a licensed electrician that based on the buildings age and height and other factors the PBC fire and safety codes do not demand a sprinkler retrofit. My opinion here therefore needs to be supplemented by this electrician's certification.

The State statutes (see attached) Section 553.895 Fire Safety requires sprinkler systems in buildings "three stories or more" and built after January 1, 1994. Section 509.215 requires sprinkler systems in public buildings over 75 feet tall and built after 1983. But once again the Legislature requires a licensed electrician certification that the PBC fire safety code exempts a CV Building from installing sprinklers.

In summary the Condo News article and its voting requirements to opt out of sprinkler retrofits would only apply to taller condo buildings. I recommend we have a licensed electrician issue certificates of compliance to the CV Buildings that they comply with the PBC fire safety codes without the need of a sprinkler retrofit.

#### **BY: DAVE ISRAEL**

contractor or electrician may be accepted by the association's board as evidence of compliance the condominium of units with the applicable fire and life safety code must be included. Notwithstanding chapter 633 or of any other code, statute, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation, or any interpretation of the foregoing, an association, residential condominium, or unit owner is not obligated to retrofit the common elements, association property, or units of a residential condominium with a fire sprinkler system in a building that has been certified for occupancy by the applicable governmental entity if the unit owners have voted to forego such retrofitting by the affirmative vote of a majority of all voting interests in the affected condominium. The local authority having jurisdiction may not require completion of retrofitting with a fire sprinkler system before January 1, 2020. By December 31, 2016, a residential condominium association that is not in compliance with the requirements for a fire sprinkler system and has not voted to forego retrofitting of such a system must initiate an application for a building permit for the required installation with the local government having jurisdiction demonstrating that the association will become compliant by December 31, 2019.

1. A vote to forego retrofitting may be obtained by limited proxy or by a ballot personally cast at a duly called membership meeting, or by execution of a written consent by the member, and is effective upon recording a certificate attesting to such vote in the public records of the county where the condominium is located. The association shall mail or hand deliver to each unit owner written notice at least 14 days before the 2. If there has been a previous vote to forego retrofitting, a vote to require retrofitting may be obtained at a special meeting of the unit owners called by a petition of at least 10 percent of the voting interests. Such a vote may only be called once every 3 years. Notice shall be provided as required for any regularly called meeting of the unit owners, and must state the purpose of the meeting. Electronic transmission may not be used to provide notice of a meeting called in whole or in part for this purpose.

- 3. Aspartof the information collected annually from condominiums, the division shall require condominium associations to report the membership vote and recording of a certificate under this subsection and, if retrofitting has been undertaken, the perunit cost of such work. The division shall annually report to the Division of State Fire Marshal of the Department of Financial Services the number of condominiums that have elected to forego retrofitting.
- 4. Notwithstanding s. 553.509, a residential association may not be obligated to, and may forego the retrofitting of, any improvements required by s. 553.509(2) upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the voting interests in the affected condominium.

#### Section 633.202

(13) A condominium, cooperative, or multifamily residential building that is less than four stories in height and has an exterior corridor providing a means of egress is exempt from installing a manual fire alarm system as required in s. 9.6 of the most recent edition of the Life Safety Code adopted in the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

alone parking garage constructed with noncombustible materials, the design of which is such that all levels of the garage are uniformly open to the atmosphere on all sides with percentages of openings as prescribed in the applicable building code, and which parking garage is separated from other structures by at least 20 feet, is exempt from the requirements of this subsection. Telecommunications spaces located within telecommunications buildings, if the spaces are equipped to meet an equivalent fire prevention standard approved by both the Florida Building Commission and the State Fire Marshal, are exempt from the requirements of this subsection. In a building less than 75 feet in height which is protected throughout with an approved and maintained fire sprinkler system, a manual wet standpipe, as defined in the National Fire Protection Association Standard 14. Standard for the Installation of Standpipe, Private Hydrant, and Hose Systems, shall be allowed.

History.—s. 2, ch. 83-194; s. 103, ch. 85-81; s. 8, ch. 86-174; s. 1, ch. 93-276; s. 3, ch. 95-379; s. 31, ch. 2001-186.

Section 509.215 Fire safety.— (1) Any:

(b) Building over 75 feet in height that has direct access from the guest area to exterior means of egress and for which the construction contract has been let after September 30, 1983, shall be equipped with an automatic sprinkler system installed in compliance with the provisions prescribed in the National Fire Protection Association publication NFPA No. 13 "Standards for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems." The sprinkler installation may be omitted in closets which are not over 24 square feet in area and in bathrooms which are not over 55 square feet in area, which closets and bathroomsarelocatedinguestrooms. Each guest room shall be equipped with an approved listed singlestation smoke detector meeting the minimum requirements of NFPA-74 "Standards for the Installation, Maintenance and Use of Household Fire Warning Equipment," powered from the building electrical service, notwithstanding the number of stories in the structure or type or means of egress, if the contract for construction is let after September 30, 1983. Single-station smoke detection is not required when guest rooms contain smoke detectors connected to a central alarm system which also alarms locally.

#### CENTURY VILLAGE CONDOMINIUMS AND FIRE SPRINKLERS

718.112 (2) REQUIRED PROVISIONS. the bylaws shall provide for the following and, if they do not do so, shall be deemed to include the following:

(I) Certificate of compliance.—A provision that a certificate of compliance from a licensed electrical

membership meeting in which the vote to forego retrofitting of the required fire sprinkler system is to take place. Within 30 days after the association's opt-out vote, notice of the results of the opt-out vote must be mailed or hand delivered to all unit owners. Evidence of compliance with this notice requirement must be made by affidavit executed by the person providing the notice and filed among the official records of the association. After notice is provided to each owner, a copy must be provided by the current owner to a new owner before closing and by a unit owner to a renter before signing a lease.

#### Section 553.895 Fire safety.-

(2) Except for single-family and two-family dwellings, any building which is of three stories or more and for which the construction contract is let after January 1, 1994, regardless of occupancy classification and including any building which is subject to s. 509.215, shall be equipped with an automatic sprinkler system installed in compliance with the provisions of chapter 633 and the rules and codes adopted pursuant thereto. A stand-





## SPECIAL FEATURE

Wellington G 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths, upgrades include crown molding,<br/>tile floors, newer kitchen and baths. Large spacious rooms and patio<br/>overlooking water. Decorator's delight!\$129,000

## UPPER FLOOR CORNER 1, BED/11/2 OR 2 BATH

Chatham A waterview, carpet, furnished, clubhouse ammenities	\$37,000
Chatham U furn., lots of light, beautiful furnishings, tile, central A/C	\$43,900
Chatham D beautiful! completely redone, fully furn., tile, rentable, water vu	\$49,000
Kent H furn., new central A/C, ceiling fans, bright, rentable, near Kent pool	\$38,000
Salisbury G carpet, furnished, central air, near east gate	\$39,000
Canterbury B unfurnished, inside corner, A/C, tenant in place	\$32,000
Golfs Edge H unfurn, newer appls. near pool, courtyard gardenview	\$26,000
<b>Coventry G</b> rentable, furn., tile, stall shower, encl. patio, new fridge & D/W	\$31,000
Cambridge B partly furnished, tile, C/A, rentable, fitness	\$45,000
Windsor O tenant in place, unfurn., tile, new H2O heater, toilets & sinks	\$35,000
Camden J furn., inside corner, tile, central A/C, enclosed patio	\$34,900
Camden G rentable, unfurnished, near west gate & pool. Beauty!!	\$35,000
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#### UPPER FLOOR 1 BED/1BATH

**Bedford B** pet friendly, tile, tenant in place, garden view, great building \$32,500 Cambridge E furn., tile, newer countertop/back splash, 2 A/C's, rentable \$28,000 Andover G furn., w/ kitchen ware, newer carpet, 2 A/C units, rentable \$27,500 \$29,000 **Camden H** well taken care of, fully furn., move in ready, rentable \$27,500 **Kingswood D** *unfurn., garden view, Parquet flrs., 2 A/C units, rentable* \$22,000 Canterbury C part. furn., rentbale, tile, garden view, clubhouse Bedford G fresh paint, laminate flrs., new tile in kitch. & bath, new cabinets\$22,000 \$25,000 **Kingswood C** carpet, furn., rentable, H2O heater 2014, drive up to **Coventry I** beauty w/ lift, carpet & tile, rentable, encl. patio w/ tile, bright \$27,500 Kingswood F nice and cozy, crown molding, fresh paint, carpet, fully stocked \$26,000 \$25,000 **Bedford D** tile, lots of light, great building, wall unit A/C, garden view **GROUND FLOOR CORNER 1 BED/11**/2 BATH

Salisbury D lovely, furn., tile, central A/C, small pet only, near East gate \$45,000Canterbury F outside cmr., tile, garden view, newer litch., near pool, cul-de-sac\$39,900Salisbury G newer kitch., tile, A/C & H2O heater approx. 2 yrs. old, pets \$42,000Camden J part. furn., tile, garden view, near Camden pool & west gateAndover E newer kitchen, tile, new A/C, new H2O heater, newer bathCamden J outside crnr., upgrades, crwon molding, enclosed patioBedford G wood floors, part. furn., upgrades, park at back door, canal vu\$33,900Windsor P C/A, new kitchen & baths, rentable, unfurnished or furnished \$39,000Camden H rentable, furn., near pool, Pergo flrs., near West gate\$38,500

#### GROUND FLOOR 2 BED/11/2 OR 2 BATH

Hastings I carpet, furn., near fitness & pool, serene area, close to parking \$58,000 GROUND FLOOR 1 BED/1BATH

**Sussex F** garden view, part., furnn., pet friendly. rentable, near East gate**\$27,000** Northampton I bright & beautiful, furn., Berber crpt., garden view, rentable \$26,990 Dorchester G turn-key, unfurn., tile, new H2O heater, fresh paint, hurr. wind. \$35,500 **Coventry E** ceramic tile, pet friendly, rentable, newer kitchen, C/A \$37,500 Bedford K furn., central A/C, tile floor, encl. patio, water view, cat friendly\$29,900 Andover H wood floors, new front door, rentable, garden view \$25,000 Canterbury F tile, unfurn., cul-de-sac, near pool, great bldg., great people \$28,000 **Camden B** water view, beautiful tile, furnished, near west gate \$26,500 Waltham I tile, newer ktichen, near east gate, well taken care of \$21,000 Kent I beauty! tenant in place, tile, new kitchen, near pool & west gate \$25,000 Northampton L beauty! new kitchen, drive up to, Kent pool, motivated! \$40,000

## GROUND FLOOR CORNER 2 BED/11/2 OR 2 BATH

\$55,000
\$49,900
\$59,000

#### UPPER FLOOR 1 BED/11/2 OR 2 BATH

Southampton B part. furn., carpet., C/A, Irg. patio, elevator, near pool\$33,900Kent D part. furn., newer kitch, tile, garden view, rentable, tenant in place\$45,500Oxford 200 unfurn., large rooms, C/A/C, new Berber, loaded, shutters\$49,990Chatham K beauty!, well taken care of, move in ready, tile, furnished\$25,000Greenbrier B carpet, furn., near elev., park in front, owner motivated\$25,000Northampton B water view, near Kent pool, furnished, carpet\$27,000Stratford O beautiful, fully furn., renovated, rentable, waterview, turnkey\$37,500

#### UPPER FLOOR 2 BED/11/2 OR 2 BATH

Somerset H many upgrades, furn. neg., built in's, move in ready, water view \$89,900 Sussex L, tile, central A/C, garden view from patio, newer kitchen & baths \$49,900 Stratford K furn., carpet, large rooms, encl. patio, near East gate, tenant \$55,000 Somerset B beautiful lakefront setting, part. furn., 2 full baths, walk in shwr.\$79,900 Windsor I beautiful condo, newer kitchen, tile, near Camden pool \$44,500 Wellington M beautiful built-ins, newer appls. & h2o heater, tile & Pergo \$84,500 Somerset K beautiful lake view, tile, lift, sliding glass doors from ea. bedroom\$67,000 Kent J tile, central A/C, furn., garden view from patio, newer kitchen & baths \$59,900 GROUND FLOOR 1 BED/1½ BATH

Canterbury C newer kitchen, unfurnished, rentable

#### UPPER FLOOR CORNER 2 BED/11/2 OR 2BATH

Sheffield C furn., outside crnr., tile, water view, rentable, move in ready\$45,000Windsor N tile, rentable, near pool, pet friendly, furn., lots of light\$55,000Wellington G decorator's delight, newer everything, furn., great water view\$153,000Northampton Q furn., newer litch., carpet, tile, cul-de-sac, outside crnr.\$58,000Andover G unfurn., rentable, new A/C to be installed, quiet area, tenant\$45,000Northampton L outside crnr, furn./unfurn., central A/C, new H2O heater\$55,000Canterbury C furn., carpet and tile, central A/C, rentable, near Kent pool\$53,000Coventry A inside crnr, furn., tile,rentable, near Temple\$49,000Norwich E outside crnr., furn., upgrades, newer appls. & A/C, tile & Pergo\$48,900Cambridge A rentable, water view, taken care of, furn., great building\$45,000Coventry L carpet, tile, furnished, near east gate, lift\$35,000

Golf's Edge C part. furn., galley kitch., tile, central A/C, has own pool\$32,000Windsor H unfurn., cable incl., fresh paint, newer floors, near clubhouse\$31,000

## **ANNUAL RENTALS**

Sheffield C grnd., 2/1½, unfurn., laminate flrs., new h2o heater, water view\$1000 Kingswood D upper, 1/1, Parquet floors, unfurn., garden view. 2 A/C units \$800 Windsor I furnished, carpet, lots of light, garden view, near west gate, & Windsor pool \$750 Northampton G grnd., 1/1, furn., newer counter tops, carpet, A/C wall units \$800 Coventry E ground., 1/1, tile, newer kitchen, central A/C, pet friendly \$775 Kingswood E upper, 1/1, carpet, furn., garden view, extra clean, move in ready \$750 Camden H upper, 1/1½, tile, beautiful, furn., move in ready, near West gate & pool \$850 Northampton P upper crnr., 1/1½, carpet, lift, cul-de-sac, garden view, unfurn.\$800 Canterbury E upper crnr., 1/1½, furn., garden view, tile, cul-de-sac, move in ready \$750 Camden J upper inside crnr., 1/1½, furn., central A/C, encl. patio, near Camden pool \$850 Andover G upper crnr., 2/1½, carpet, unfurn., near West gate, large rooms, bright \$850

# O R G A N I Z A T I O N A L N E W S

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Submissions for Organizational News may be submitted in person at the UCO Reporter office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00AM to 12:00PM.

(All meetings are in the main Clubhouse unless stated otherwise.)

**ACT II COMMUNITY THEATRE**-Meets every Wednesday at 7:00 PM at the Clubhouse. Coming May 2nd-A new comedy "The Audience". New members welcome!

ACTORS STUDIO OF CENTURY VILLAGE: Join the fun! We have minor parts, leading roles, and a need for writers, stage hands and props people. We reads scripts and practice acting every week, and we put on two performances a year. No prior acting experience needed. We meet every Monday night at 7:00 PM in Classroom B. Stop in or call Bernie Kaufman @ 308-0957.

**AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE CLUB**: We look forward to seeing you at our Spring Fling Dance on Sunday, April 24th at 6 PM. Let's Party Hearty to the exciting sounds of DJ Outlaw Jesse James. Are you ready to judge or win Old School Dance Contests? Come out and share the fun! Card and Games Night- Join us to play Hand & Foot or Rummikub at 6:30 PM in the Clubhouse Card Room. All skill levels are welcome. For more information, contact Terry at 561-249-7262.

**AITZ CHAIM**: Daily services 8:00 AM. Mincha and Maariv at Sundown, Sisterhood 3rd Monday of month 10:00 AM. Charlotte 917-815-7711; Charlotte 478-8756; Anita 686-9083.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: Every 2nd and 4th Monday 1:30 PM - Art Room. Speakers, group support, tips. You're not alone. All are welcome. Please call Carmen Watson @ 469-1220 or email @ carmenrwatson41@gmail.com for more info.

**ANSHEI SHOLOM**: We welcome you to our family. Planning a party? Rent our Hall, strictly kosher. Attend our minyans Monday & Thursday at 8:30 AM and Saturday evening at 5 PM. Shabbat services Friday evening 5 PM and Saturday morning at 8:45 AM. Meet new and old friends. Sisterhood Mini Luncheon Meetings - 3rd Tuesday of each month. 4/13 Sisterhood Card Party and Luncheon 11:30am to 3:00pm. Sisterhood Meeting, 4/19 at 12:00pm, Mini-Luncheon and book review. Haddassah Meeting, 4/20. Passover Seder Friday, 4/22, 6:00pm, led by Rabbi Eli Kavon. Passover Seder Saturday, 4/23 at 6:00pm, led by Cantor Bell. Every Monday 1:00am, Hebrew Conversation with Sara Farkas. For further information call 684-3212.

**BABY BOOMERS CLUB**: Meetings 3rd Wednesday each month at 3:30 PM, December through April. Contact Lynn at Lynn Sevan@aol.com for further information.

**BALLROOM DANCE GROUP:** Meets Mondays 2 - 4 PM, Party Room, except 2nd Monday is occasionally in Art Room. No charge. Info: Herb at 471-1888

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP - 'TASTE & SEE':** Non-denominational group. Meets every Sunday, 5 PM, Classroom A. Info: Leonore 478-9459

**B'NAI B'RITH CENTURY UNIT #5367**: Annual Membership Fee \$25. Breakfast meetings fourth Sunday of month at Congregation Anshei Sholom with entertainment and speakers.

**BROOKLYN QUEENS CLUB:** meets in the clubhouse party room October to April on the second Wednesday of the month at 2:00PM, doors open at 1:30. For further information, call club president Harriet Levine @ 684-9712.

**CENTURY VILLAGE ARTISTS:** We welcome all Century Village residents to view our artwork on 1st and 2nd floor of main Clubhouse. Info about purchase or display -- Beth Baker @ 684-3166.

**CENTURY VILLAGE BOOK CLUB**-We are already working on books for next season. For more information call 640-6944 or email arzj@Hotmail.com

**CENTURY VILLAGE BRIDGE CLUB**: Activities four times weekly. Card Room A, Clubhouse. Call Kristy Brown 640-3120 ext. 0 or Bill Halprin (248) 672-2292. Advanced registration is required for lessons and/or Supervised Play. Scheduled events: (\$5/ play)- Bridge lessons: beginners: Mon 1-3 PM, intermediates: Mon 3:30-5:30 PM, supervised play: Wed. 10:30AM - 12:30 PM, Duplicate Bridge: Wed. 1:00-4:30 PM, Sat. 1:00-4:30 PM.

#### CENTURY VILLAGE CAMERA CLUB:

Any questions, e-mail Ken Graff at cameraclubcv@gmail.com.

**CENTURY VILLAGE MESSENGER CLUB**: Further info: Ed Grossman at 631-742-2300 or e-mail edwardrgrosman@gmail.com.

**CENTURY VILLAGE ORCHESTRA**: Meet every Monday in Classroom C at 1:15 to 3:35 PM. More information call Rickie @ 683-0869 or Joel @ 688-9455. We need trombone players, string players and percussion players.

**CENTURY VILLAGE WOODWORK-ING CLUB:** Meets 6 days a week from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Please come and join us in our hobby shop.

**CENWEST FISHING CLUB:** Meets 1st Wednesday of each month 3:00 to 4:30 PM Classroom B. For more Information call Al at 242-0351 or Capt. Mike at 570-445-4391.

**CHIT CHAT GROUP:** A friendly group of chatters who meet 1st and 3rd Tuesday. 2 PM in Classroom B. For information call Rhoda @ 686-0835.

**CENTURY VILLAGE CHRISTIAN CLUB:** The club holds meetings the first Wednesday of the month at 1:00PM. Contact Grace @ 640-5279.

**COUNTRY LINE DANCING**: Country and Regular, Monday 9 to 10:30 AM in Party Room.

**DANCE PARTY CLUB**: We hold a FREE dance every week on Tuesday in the Party Room from 6:30-9:30PM. There's never been a Dance Party like this...we play every genre of music...Ballroom, Motown, Funk, R&B, Disco, Salsa, Swing, Rock & Roll, Blues, Line Dancing and CW. Requests taken...Come to dance, listen, watch...we bet you won't be nappin'...your feet will be tappin'...and your fingers snappin'. Call for more info: Erwin 917-915-2174 or Lou 561-398-8785

**DEMOCRATIC CLUB** will meet on Thursday, April 21 at 1:30 p.m. in Clubhouse Party Room. Guest speakers: Dave Aronberg, Candidate fore Re-Election - State Attorney and Katherine Waldron, Candidate for Port Commission. Everyone is welcome. For more information: Call 688-1934. HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS OF THE PALM BEACHES: Meets 1st Wednesday of month 9:30 AM, Golden Lakes Temple. Bus provided from Century Village Clubhouse. Information: call Kathy @ 689-0393.

**IRISH AMERICAN CLUB OF CENTU-RY VILLAGE**- We hope that everyone will have a safe and healthy Summer. We will continue to have our meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 2:00PM in the Clubhouse next Fall. Information will follow. Our Club would like to thank Eva Rachesky, Kristy Brown for their cooperation and support.

**ITALIAN AMERICAN CULTURE CLUB: (IACC) OF CENTURY VIL-LAGE:** Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Clubhouse Party Room at 1:00 pm. For club information call Fausto 478-1821. Bowling Saturdays at Verdes Lanes, 9:00 A.M. for information call Lenny 471-2603. Cruises thru Celebration Linestransportation included to the port contact Ashley 561-845-7737 mention the CV Italian Club. Casino trips April 28 and May 26th.

**JEWISH WAR VETERANS POST #501**: Meet 1st Sunday of month at Cypress Lakes Clubhouse. Breakfast, 9 AM. Guest speakers. Activities include servicing VA patients. Howard @ 478-2780.

**JEWISH WAR VETERANS POST # 520**: Meet 4th Sunday of month at Elks Lodge, Belvedere Rd. Continental breakfast, 9 AM followed by meeting. Information: Phil @ 686-2086.

**JUDITH EPSTEIN CHAPTER OF HA-DASSAH:** Meet 3rd Wednesday of month at Congregation Anshei Sholom.

**KARAOKE** Tuesdays 6 - 9 PM, in Party Room hosted by Marshall Eads. Fridays 6 - 9 PM, hosted by Janisse Lahoe.

**KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS**: Palm Beach Rainbow Lodge #203 meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in Century Village Walgreens/Medical building (separate ground floor entrance), 100 Century Blvd., CSI Caregiver Services, at 1:00pm. We are an international fraternal organization, non-sectarian. The Lodge welcomes new members, dual members, transferees, and Pythian reinstatements regardless of inactive years of service. WE WELCOME ALL MEN! Participate in social and charitable events. Collation after each meeting. For further info, call Irv 683-4049.

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**CENTURY VILLAGE COMPUTER CLUB**: Meet 1st and 3rd Thursday Nov through Apr. 1 PM in Classroom C. Annual Dues are \$12. Call Kathy @ 252-8495 or visit our website at: http://www.cv-computerclub-wpb. com/

**CENTURY VILLAGE CRAFT CRE-ATIONS KNITTING-CROCHETING CLUB**: Meets every Tues. 9:30 AM-12 PM Craft room (104). We create items donated to – The Teacup Preemie Program & Veterans.

**CENTURY VILLAGE GUN CLUB**: Meets every 2nd Tuesday 7 PM in Classroom B. Every meeting has a guest speaker. For information call George at 471-9929. **FRIENDS OF BILL WILSON**: Meets every Thursday 7:00-8:00 PM in the Clubhouse, Craft Room.

**GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP:** Meet 1st and 3rd Thurs. afternoons 1:30 PM, Card Room B. .We discuss short readings of "Great Works" of literature that continue to have meaning for us today. Julie--249-6565.

**HASTINGS CUE CLUB**: Welcoming New Members. We play Mon. - Sat. 9:30 AM - 12 noon. Bernie @ 684-2064 or Zev @ 290-4824. LATIN AMERICAN CLUB: 4/7- Meeting 7:00pm to 9:00pm in the Party Room. 4/21- General Meeting 7:00 to 9:00pm Room C. 4/17- Latin Dance 5:00pm to 9:00pm Party Room. Eventos para Abril: 4/7 -7:00pm - 9:00pm Reunion en el Party Room. 4/21 -7:00pm - 9:00pm reunion general en el Cuarto C. 4/17 - 5:00pm - 9:00pm Baile Latino en el Party Room. Si tiene qualquier pregunta por favor de llamar Juana 646-407-6808.

# ORGANIZATIONAL NEWS

LINE DANCING CLUB (NOT JUST COUNTRY)- Mondays and Fridays, 9:30-11:00 AM, Clubhouse party room. Free lessons. Call Yvon @ 689-7383.

MIND SPA DISCUSSION GROUP: Meet 2nd and 4th Thurs. 1:30 PM, only October through March, Classroom A. All invited for in-depth discussions of significant issues.. Allan @ 687-3602.

NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT RETIR-**EES:** N.Y.C. Transit Retirees, Anyone interested in attending a meeting of the New York City Transit Retirees of Florida, West Palm Beach Chapter, please call Kathy - 689-0393.

NORTHERN STARS: Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday each month - 6 to 9 PM - Party Room. Enjoy singing, dancing, refreshments and good wholesome fun. Yearly dues \$5.00.per person. For further info, call Janisse @ 586-291-8286 or email to: northernstarsbo@hotmail.com..

PHILADELPHIA CLUB: The Greater Philadelphia Club meets the first Thursday of each month at 12:30 PM in the Clubhouse Party Room, with lunch and entertainment. For info. call Lois at 561-683-3884.

PICKLEBALL: Welcoming new members to the Pickleball club. Courts open at 8:00 each morning, great way to meet new people, exercise and have lots of fun. For more info, call Barbara Di Domenico @ 716-499-6737. Come join us to learn and play the fastest growing sport in the USA.

PRESIDENTS AND UNIT OWNERS THE SCRABBLE CLUB OF CENTU-CLUB: Every unit owner welcome. For Information call Jerry Karpf @ 684-1487. Meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month @ 2PM in the Clubhouse in room C. Please come.

**PROACTIVE RESIDENTS PROJECTS COMMITTEE:** We are a non-profit group of CV resident owners concerned with Village issues. For information and meeting schedule check our Blog at http://proactive-comitteeblogspot.com/

RUSSIAN CLUB: Meets every 2nd Thurs. monthly at 3 PM in the Art Room If you have any questions, please call Tamara @ 712-1417.

SAILING CLUB: Meets every 2nd Fri. 10 AM, Classroom C. Info: Ron @ 683-8672.

SHUFFLEBOARD CLUB: We play every Tuesday, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and everyone is welcome to come and play. We meet at 1:15 and usually finish around 3:30. We play singles on Tuesdays, doubles on Wednesdays, And my favorite, bowling pin, on Thursdays. Equipment will be provided. We have all levels of members with a wide level of playing ability, from long time players to first time members.Our goal is to get outside have some exercise and get to meet new people Come and join us. Ed Wright @ 561 632 5268.

**SNORKEL CLUB:** For information 10:00 A.M. Everyone is welcome. call Ron Helms 683-8678

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RY VILLAGE: Every Tues. 6 PM 2nd Floor Card Room. For information call Lucy @ 729-0705.

UNITED ORDER TRUE SISTERS: A non-sectarian Cancer service group. Meetings the 2nd Mon. monthly at 11:30 AM in Party Room. For information call Marion Polansky @ 684-5814 or Marlene Schnitzer @ 683-1208.

UNITERS SOCIAL CLUB OF CEN-**TURY VILLAGE**: A group of awesome diverse people coming together in a united way for social times. Bring a guest or come alone and meet other like minded individuals. Meet up every second Sunday of each month in Club House Craft Room. For additional information, call Esther 561 635-4298 or 561 328-7935. Like us on Facebook/United Social Club of Century Village.

WALL STREET CLUB: Local resident of CV has formed a club regarding the stock market. We are not professionals. We are looking for fresh ideas. Meetings will be held every Wednesday, at Clubhouse Room B. Call Don 254-0917.

**YIDDISH CULTURE GROUP**: The objective of the Yiddish Culture Club is to present programs that perpetuate our Jewish heritage. All of our programs are also translated into English. Our programs are held in the Auditorium on Tuesday morning at

# **NEW OFFICE** HOURS **FOR THE UCO** REPORTER

## MONDAY THROUGH **THURSDAY, 9:00AM TO 12:00 NOON**

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# **Okeechobee Branch** LIBRARY NEWS

#### **BY CHARLES WAUGH**

the library this month, see dates including license renewal, vehicle and times below. Attend the adult coloring class and rediscover the creative, meditative and relaxing attributes of coloring. Participate in a book discussion and learn about the motifs of Catcher in the Rye: Mummies, Merry-Go-Rounds and Museums. Enjoy music performed by Violist David Pedraza, funded by the Soule Fund for Talking Books. Learn about social media safety from a representative of the Consumer Affairs Division who will provide information about the pros and cons of social media, and whether it can help you or hurt you. Perhaps the Florida Licensing on Wheels (FLOW) initiative can help you! Representatives from the Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Department will be

Check out educational events at available to provide motorist services registration, and ID cards on a firstcome, first-served basis until 1:45 pm. No written or driving tests will be administered. Do you need help downloading an e-book to your mobile device? Do you need help accessing Palm Beach County Library online databases? Call for an appointment to Book-a-Librarian for personal attention! The Okeechobee Boulevard Branch Library is located next to Dunkin' Donuts. The hours are: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All Village residents, including seasonal residents, are eligible for a free library card with proper I.D. Visit the library today!

# **April Events**

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. Fridays, 10:00 a.m. Tue, Apr 5, 8:30 a.m. Wed, Apr 6, 2:30 p.m. Mon Apr 11, 2:00 p.m. Tue, Apr 12, 8:30 a.m Tue, Apr 12, 5:30 p.m. Wed Apr 13, 3:00 p.m. Mon, Apr 18, 2:00 p.m. Fri, Apr 22, 10:00 a.m. Tue, Apr 26, 3:00 p.m. Wed, Apr 27, 2:30 p.m. Thu, Apr 28, 2:00 p.m. Fri, Apr 29, 11:00 a.m.

AARP/IRS Tax Help AARP/IRS Tax Help (Ends April 15) Mousing Class Movie Matinee Adult Coloring **Browser Basics** Writer's Workshop **Book Discussion** Beginning Word 2007 FLOW (Florida Licensing on Wheels) Social Media Safety Movie Matinee eBook Class Violist - David Pedraza

## **Okeechobee Blvd. Branch Library**

5689 Okeechobee Blvd. West Palm Beach, FL 33417 (561) 233-1880 www.pbclibrary.org



# St. Ann Place HOMELESS OUTREACH CENTER FOR MEN & WOMEN

St. Ann Place, an outreach center for services to the homeless of West Palm Beach, is in need of individual sized toiletries for their clients who use this facility for daily bathing.

Many of us collect small bottles of shampoo, bars of soap, toothpaste, etc. from our stays at hotels and on cruise ships. Local drug stores also carry many of these "travel size" items, as well as other grooming essentials such as combs, washcloths, nail clippers, razors and toothbrushes.

Please consider donating these small articles for use by the less fortunate who live among us.



Items may be dropped off at collection bins located at the following sites:

- UCO Office, 2102 West Drive
- UCO Reporter Office, 24 Camden A
- Century Village Clubhouse, Ticket Office

Thank You in advance for your generosity.

For more information about St. Ann Place, or to arrange a tour of this important facility, please go to:

www.stannplace.org



Monday

For all events

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#### For more info and to <u>RSVP</u> call **April 2016** 561-373-0329 Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday 1 10:30-11:30am We are your onsite neighbor in the Century Medical Care Center, Suite 104 Area Agency on Aging presents Medicare Advantage Plans 40.4 .

4 10:30-11:30am Navigating the New Retirement & Managing Income in Retirement presented by Yehuda Gross with Merrill Lynch	5 9-10am Blood Pressure Clinic Come by the Office for a FREE Check	6 10:30-11:30am Fountainview Presents Navigating Senior Living	7 10:30-11:30am Vitas Innovative Hospice Care presents Grandma Googles: Modern Dating for the Not so Modern	8 12-1pm Luncheon Signs & Symptoms of Stroke with JFk Medical Center & North Campus
			2:30-3:30pm Audiology with a Heart FREE PHONES FOR HEARING IMPAIRED,MUST HAVE A FLORIDA DRIVERS LISENCE OR STATE ID	
11 2:30-3:30pm Drug Induced Nutrients Deficiency & Related Disease by Antonella Martina with Health Consultant Pharmacists of America, Inc	12 9-10am Blood Pressure Clinic Come by the Office for a FREE Check	13 10:30-11:30am "When is it Time to Call the Elder law Attorney" presented by Sherri Greenblatt ,ESQ, Board Certified Elder Law Attorney	14 2:30-3:30pm Dr Isabel Bueno with Medical Group of South Florida presents "What You Need to Know About Diabetes"	15 2:30-3:30pm The Mature Mind presented by Liz Nunn with Advocare Care Mgt. Discussing the Aging Brain & The Stages of Development"
18 11:30-1pm Medical Monday Luncheon Dr Joel Bass, Urologist with Good Samaritan Medical Center presents "Female/Male Incontinence"	19 9-10am Blood Pressure Clinic Come by the Office for a FREE Check	20 2:30-3:30pm Trustbridge presents " A Caregiver's Journey" How to handle specific caregiver needs.	21 2:30-3:30pm Dr Jonathan Chung presents "Overcoming Balance Problems"	22 2:30-3:30pm Dr Brett Hutton presents "Rheumatoid Arthritis & Non Operative Approaches to Managing Joint Pain
25 10:30-11:30am Deputy Marciano from the PB County Sheriff's Office presents" Identity Theft/Scams"	26 9-10am Blood Pressure Clinic Come by the Office for a FREE Check	27 10:30-11:30am Sharon Glynn with The Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness presents "Eating Disorders through the Lifespan"	28 10:30-11:30am Division of Blind Services presents " Services & Programs, Living with Blindness/Visual Impairment"	29 10:30-11:30am Homecare 101 Who Needs It,When you Need It,We have the programs for you. ALSO BRING YOUR LONG TERM CARE POLICY FOR FREE REVIEW.
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# **Clubhouse Happenings**

#### **BY KRISTY BROWN**

We have almost reached the end of the season and the snowbirds will start heading home. That doesn't mean the Clubhouse activities will end. In fact, we have quite a few classes and clubs that continue to meet all summer. We also have an incredible line-up for summer shows. Make sure to check all available resources for activities, including the Happenings flyer, Class Schedule and Club List. Tune in to Channel 63, a local channel available to our residents, to find out about events going on in the community. If you would like to submit any flyers to be posted on channel 63, our bulletin board or on an easel in the lobby, please contact me for guidelines. You may also want to visit http://villageblog-and-chat.blogspot.com/ for upto-date information.

Our summer show tickets are on sale now for only \$5 each and are now open seating; bring all resident ID's for the tickets you want to purchase. Guest tickets are available for purchase anytime for an additional \$3 per ticket. If you would like the 2016-2017 season brochure mailed to your home, bring \$2 cash in to the office and fill out the address form. Please note: If you paid for the brochure and you do not receive it by the end of July, call the office at 561-640-3120 ext. 0 to notify us.

Although many of our classes ended in March, we still have many great classes in April and some that will run all summer. Please register early so we can determine if we have enough students to begin a class, and feel free to contact the Class Office before the start date to confirm it will begin as scheduled. Unfortunately we have to push the start date back a few weeks for each class that doesn't meet the minimum student requirements. Updated class schedules can be found in the Clubhouse Ticket Office on the Class Office desk.

We have a few new classes you may be interested in signing up for. We offer fitness classes Circle Dancing, Tai Chi and Zumba Gold. Tai Chi may not be a new class but we have a new instructor, Dorothy Rettay, who is doing a wonderful job of filling Jerry Ziffer's shoes. For those who don't know Jerry, he was our Tai Chi instructor for almost 30 years. Zumba Gold is a brand new class we would like to start right away. This class is designed for people who love Zumba, but need a fitness class that is a bit more relaxed than the Zumba you know. For class details contact our licensed Zumba instructor, Patricia Cerniglia at 561-329-2058 or by email at pchs117@gmail.com. Circle Dance is another new class that we are looking for students. The class is a means for relaxation, joy, growth, awareness, healing and fun.

Enjoy beautiful music and dance from all over the world. Beginners are always welcome. Sign up early so we can begin this great new class.

We have many other classes that are starting soon, but if you miss the next sign-up, you may have to wait until next season to take the class. These classes include: Paper Beading, Advanced Stained Glass, Mah Jongg, and Bridge. The fitness classes that may be holding their last session in April are Ballroom Dance, Latin Rhythm Dance, Tap Dance, Laughter Yoga and Gentle Chair Yoga.

Lecture Series with Myrna is a very popular class that you won't want to miss. She is an incredibly interesting Lecturer and would love to run one more session starting in April, but requires a minimum of 25 students. If you want to see what all the buzz is about, sign up right away!

If you have a class or club and need to schedule a room for next season, stop in at your earliest convenience to complete the necessary form. The Room Reservation forms are now available for your special parties and events. Stop by the office to obtain a form or request an electronic form by email. A form must be completed for each event that is not a regular meeting date. All requests must be submitted by dropping off, mailing or emailing by deadline September 11, 2016. Forms can be returned early, but no confirmations will be provided until Monday, September 19, 2016. The forms will be selected by lottery, so you must select alternate dates on the back side of the form to ensure approval for your reservation. This will be especially important for Party Room requests in February and March. Reservation Representative and Not for Profit Agreement signatures are required on each form. Please contact me for further information on Club and meeting regulations.

Please remember to plan your Party Room events in advance and coordinate any special requests, such as portable equipment requests, coffee urns, guest lists, room setup requests and especially caterer insurance requirements. We also ask that you remember to clean up after your group, especially after parties with food. We ask that you wipe off all counters and tables. This applies to Art Classes as well. Please utilize recycle bins located in the Party Room for glass, aluminum and plastic to avoid garbage overflow. If you have any questions or comments, come see me between 9am and 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, and I will be happy to assist you. Please feel free to contact me by email at kbrown@cenrec.com.

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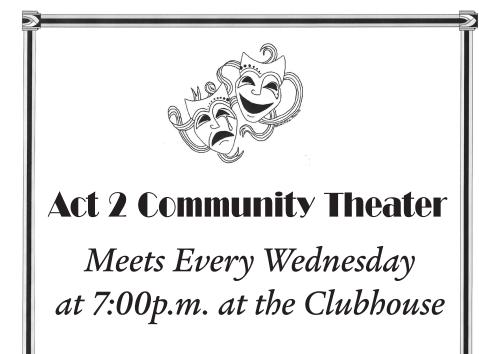
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# Channel 63 PROGRAM GUIDE

11:00AM	Let's Eat	Buffalo Wings Restaurant 04/06 – 04/24
5:00PM	Committee (	Chat New Residents Welcome 04/06 – 04/24
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8:00PM Sports Chat Ebbets Field 04/06 – 04/24

# Busted Dumpster? Call UCO! 683-9189 UCOGARBAGE@GMAIL.COM

**Waste Pro,** our sanitation contractor, has requested that all service requests from Century Village be routed through UCO for processing.

The reason for this request is to provide faster service by reducing multiple requests for the same job.

Waiting times for service can vary, due to contractor workload, availability of material and delivery schedules. All service requests received by UCO are emailed to a Waste Pro service coordinator who is permanently assigned to Century Village.

Own a cellphone? Send photos of busted dumpsters or other sanitation related complaints to *ucogarbage@gmail.com*. Please include location with photo.

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April 2016

# S E R V I C E S

## Transportation

By Lori Torres



I Heard It On The Bus: Rumor, gossip, half truths, and assorted other trivia.

"I heard about this wonderful store with great

prices. Does the bus go there?"

"Why do we stop at that strip mall? No one ever gets off or on there. Why is it on the schedule?"

"The Mall Bus has too many stops, it always returns to the Clubhouse late, why don't they change it?" "Why can't we visit the Costco Mall. You can get a frank & soda for \$1.50. And I love to shop at Steinmart."

WELL, you can help make changes, voice your opinion, and make suggestion by attending a Transportation Committee. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month 9:45--10:45 in the rear of the card room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

All UCO committees restart in April with old and new members. The Transportation Committee is always seeking new members. An application form can be obtained at the UCO Office. Please consider participating in this important committee.

110 Century Blvd.

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West Palm Beach, FL 33417

# 2016 INVESTIGATIONS

MONTH	SALES	RENTALS	OCCUPANTS	TOTAL	
JANUARY	49	28	14	91	
FEBRUARY	120	60	23	203	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sa
	Coffee Hour 9-10:30am Monday-Friday Open for Event 8nly	**RSVP is Required for all events**	Please note that event dates are subject to change at any time		1 <u>Happy Hour</u> 2-3P Come share your funny stories or best prank you accomplished on this special day growing up.	entrestation of the second sec
3	4 Blood Pressure Check 9-10:30A	5 <u>Freedom Health</u> 9-10:30A Suzy Winterson-Medicare and Health Care. <u>Care Giver Support Group</u> 1:30- 2:30P	6 <u>Marsha Love</u> 1:30-2:30P Come take a tour around the world.	7 <u>Bereavement Support</u> <u>Group</u> 10A-1130A <u>Senior Living Placement</u> 2- 2:30P Tom Toth-Aid & Attendance benefits, Homebound care after discharge and Veteran Solutions.	8 <u>Poetry Corner</u> 2-3P Come share your favorite poems or an original with us!!	
10	11 Blood Pressure Check 9- 10:30am <u>Freedom Health</u> 9-10:30am Suzy Winterson-Medicare and Health Care info. <u>Massage Therapy</u> 10-12P	12 <u>VITAS Present: Snack and</u> <u>Learn</u> 11A Five wishes advanced directives. Care Giver Support Group 1:30-2:30P	13 <u>Work out Wednesday</u> 10:45-11:15A Quick 30 min workout session and stretching.	14 Bereavement Support Group 10A-1130A	15 <u>Grapevine Health Agency,</u> <u>LLC Ice Cream Social</u> 1:30–2:30P Michelle Wall-There is no place like home. The benefits and services that home health can offer.	1
17	18 Blood Pressure Check 9-10:30A	19 Giver Support Group 1:30-2:30P	20 <u>Arts and Craft</u> 10-11:30A Summer time Cards (for the patients)	21 <u>Freedom Health</u> 9-10:30A Medicare and Health Care. <u>Bereavement Support Group</u> 10A-1130A	22 <u>Strategies for Stress</u> <u>Relief</u> 11:30A	2
24	25 Blood Pressure Check 9-10:30A <u>Vitas Spelling Bee</u> 1:30-2:30P Topic- Hospice Care, medication and Disease.	26 Giver Support Group 1:30-2:30P	27 <u>Comedy Club</u> 2-3P Hour filled with smiles and laughter. If you're a comedian at heart we would love to hear you.	28 Bereavement Support Group 10A-1130A	<sup>29</sup> <u>Game Day</u> 2-3P	3

# **The Construction Guys, Inc. State Licensed Plumbing Contractor**

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

The Federal Government has changed the laws on water heaters.

The electric lines in Century Village are designed for 3500 to 3800 watt water heaters. If your water heater comes from Home Depot, LOOK, ASK, what is the wattage? If you are told 4500 watts, this is a fire waiting to happen.

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#### Sold a home in Florida.

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## $\star$ $\star$ $\star$ $\star$ $\star$ - Highly likely to recommend



Sold a Single Family home in 2015 for approximately \$25,000 in West Palm Beach, FL. "He helped sell my condo for the price we discussed and delivered, would use him again. The condo had a lot of restrictions making it hard to sell. He got a buyer and got them through the condo boards." - B.C.\*

## $\star\star\star\star\star\star\star\star$ - Highly likely to recommend

#### Rented a condo home in 2014 in West Palm Beach, FL.



" My Agent was a life saver in a long distance transaction. Her communication, attention to detail and just plain caring made the impossible happen. A MILLION thanks!" - L.A.\*

## $\star$ $\star$ $\star$ $\star$ $\star$ - Highly likely to recommend

#### Bought a Condo home in 2014 for approximately \$50,000 in West Palm Beach, FL.

"My agent helped me find and buy my Florida residence. She was most helpful explaining and answering all my questions and concerns. She was always available to show me listing and helped gain access to all homes I wanted to see. I wouldn't hesitate to use my agent, both buying and selling. I have recommended her to others who have been very pleased." - G.G.\*



## $\star$ $\star$ $\star$ $\star$ $\star$ $\star$ - Highly likely to recommend

## Bought a condo home in 2015 for approximately \$30,000 in West Palm beach, FL.

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# SAFETY

# **DISTRACTED DRIVING AND TAXES**

#### BY GEORGE FRANKLIN



helpful car gadgets: Hi folks! Hope all is well and

Those

you all had and have good holidays. One

subject I have not really spoken about in depth is *distracted driving*. Now, what is happening in our society? Anyone who has purchased a new or newer pre-owned car may have noticed all the neat gadgets that these vehicles now come with. Ahhh, the great NAVIGATION COMPUTER....gets you where you are headed quickly and safely. Maybe! What do I mean by maybe? There are several versions of this on the market and I know of two. One speaks to you as you go and the other you need to *look* at. Well, here we go.....

What may happen if you take your eyes off the road to look at a dashboard computer? An accident! Right! We are so busy looking at the

nice colorful computer that we forget what we are doing: *driving a car*. That split second can mean the nasty difference between being safe or being hurt. I suggest that if you are purchasing a car, ask the salesperson which one of these devices is in the car and request a *talking*-equipped car if possible.

Also, how about the back-up camera and the front-end cameras? Great safety tools--just don't rely on them alone. A suggestion: Before backing up or pulling forward, also *look* behind and in front of you and to both sides. Then slowly begin your move and look at those cameras only *after* you are satisfied your path is clear.

How about the SIRIUS RADIO? Great option that again comes with a colorful computer screen on the newer cars. Set your radios up *before* making your trip. Oh, how we love to look at the screens to see the singing artist's name and year of recording! Again--an accident waiting to happen!

And then there is the HANDS-FREE TELEPHONE BUTTON. What a neat gadget. Just push the button to tell the computer to call Mr. Smith and it does and we start talking. Are you paying attention to your driving? Hmmm--think about that one.

Above all, DO NOT TEXT AND DRIVE! Pull over to do that.

# April is tax time:

Be very careful, folks, when doing your taxes. If you receive a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS, hang up at once! Don't even start a conversation! The IRS does not call you! Trust me, I know. Be sure you are dealing with a reputable tax firm. If necessary call the Better Business Bureau. Ask questions!

Enjoy the springtime. Drive safely. Any questions, feel free to call me at UCO and I will be glad to answer any questions you may have. In the meantime, be safe and secure out there!

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# POLITICAL

# From Palm Beach County Sheriff Ric Bradshaw

#### **BY RIC BRADSHAW**



L а W enforcement relies on citizens to help us solve crime. But we also understand that it's sometimes

tough for residents to use their names when coming forward and providing information about a specific crime. For some, there's a fear of retaliation for assisting police in a criminal case.

That's why Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County exists. It's a program that allows anonymous calls to report suspicious or criminal activity. Cash rewards of up to \$1,000 are paid to individuals whose information leads to an arrest, recovery of property, and/or confiscation of narcotics. The program's newest initiative, "Bad Guys/Bad Guns," offers cash rewards for tips leading to gun-related arrests and/or recovery of an illegal gun.

Every piece of information that comes into Crime Stoppers is examined by a law enforcement official. For us, no tip is too small. Your information may be the missing piece of the puzzle that helps to solve or prevent a crime.

I encourage calling Crime Stoppers at 800-458-TIPS (8477) if you have information to provide to law enforcement. Reporting a tip is easy, convenient, and again, anonymous. Information can also be texted and reported online. Crime Stoppers does not use any form

of caller identification, tracing, or tracking. Tips submitted online are encrypted, secure, and private. In addition, Crime Stoppers does not collect any personal information from citizens, so you remain completely anonymous. That's a guarantee.

Started in 1981, the program is run out of the Sheriff's Office as a civilian volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. A board of directors, made up of concerned citizens, oversees the organization's fundraising and administration of cash rewards. The board meets monthly to coordinate projects and review progress of the program. In addition to the civilian volunteer board activities, Sgt. Jim DeFago, of Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, is the program coordinator, managing the law enforcement and media activities as liaison to the board.

In 1994, Sgt. DeFago originated Student Crime Stoppers, working off the original Crime Stoppers model to serve 180 public and private middle schools, high schools, and alternative schools in Palm Beach County.

Our Crime Stoppers programs are among the more than 1,200 Crime Stoppers organizations throughout the world. The Crime Stoppers concept originated in Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1976, and, collectively, the organizations have since been responsible for more than half a million arrests and more than \$4 billion in recovered property. Locally, our Crime Stoppers programs have solved more than 8,700 crimes including more than 110 homicides. They also have recovered more than \$8.5 million in property and more than \$19.2 million in narcotics. In all, more than \$650,000 has been

about specific crimes.

That's really impressive. I again encourage everyone to use Crime Stoppers to solve or prevent a crime. You'll help our community become a safer, friendlier place to live.

Learn more about the program by paid in cash rewards for information visiting:www.crimestopperspbc.com

# From Representative **Ted Deutch**

## BY TED DEUTCH



The National Academy of Sciences has published new research suggesting that the storm surge, saltwater

creep, and severe flooding that frequently imperil South Florida are just previews of the consequences to come due to climate change. Researchers have not only found that our oceans are rising faster today than they have in over 3,000 years, but predict that our seas will rise between 1.7 and four feet by the year 2100.

Communities across America are already struggling to cope with climate change. In New Jersey, shore towns found themselves flooded by icy waters when a recent snowstorm brought a powerful storm surge. In Annapolis, Maryland, the number of coastal flood days recorded each decade grew by twelve times within the past 50 years. Even in Colorado, warmer winters and reduced snowfall has disrupted tourism and the ski industry.

This research must add new urgency to our efforts to reduce carbon pollution and slow the warming of our planet. Unfortunately, the partisanship that has dominated Washington in recent years has made discussions on climate change virtually impossible. It is time for that to change. That is why I recently teamed up with Congressman Carlos Curbelo (R-FL) to establish the Climate Solutions Caucus - the first bipartisan task force on climate policy in the House of Representatives.

In the coming weeks, Congressman Curbelo and I will be organizing briefings that bring Republicans and Democrats together to discuss climate change with leaders in local government and the private sector grappling with these challenges.

Together, we hope to arrive at bipartisan, market-driven solutions to reduce carbon pollution, accelerate our transition to clean energy, and pass on a safer climate to the next generation. I look forward to keeping you informed on the work of the Climate Solutions Caucus.

# From PBC Commissioner Paulette Burdick



With nearly 400,000 residents over age in Palm the County commission is very sensitive

vulnerable residents. The ordinance also provides for a license application fee, license renewal fee, license 60 years of replacement fee, and administrative appeal filing fee. Failing to obtain Beach County, a license would result in a \$500 fine. The ordinance went into effect on March 1, 2016, and will be administered by the county's Public Safety Department. The County is still waiting for the Florida Legislature to take action on Uber, vehicles for hire. The commission approved an amendment to extend the temporary operating agreement with Rasier, LLC, a subsidiary of Uber Technologies, Inc. allowing Uber to continue operating as a transportation network company (TNC) in Palm Beach County through April 30, 2016. The board also approved a temporary operating agreement with Lyft, Inc. to operate as a TNC in the county through April

#### **BY PAULETTE BURDICK**

30, 2016. Lyft is very similar to Uber. to the Florida legislative leaders The issue of funding badly needed repairs to county roads and infrastructure continues to be a hotly contested issue. The school board lands. One November 4, 2014, over will move forward with a <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cent sales tax to finance their infrastructure needs and is willing to join with the County if the County also decides to seek voter approval for a  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent sales tax increase. If approved by the voters, the proposed distribution of revenue would be: School Board 48 percent; Palm Beach County 28.5 percent; municipalities 18.5 percent; and cultural facilities 5 percent. While the County has options such as increasing ad valorem taxes or issuing bonds, the school board is limited to a sales tax increase to meet it infrastructure needs. I have not yet decided if I can support the proposed 1/2 cent sales tax increase.

encouraging them to place additional budget dollars in the Florida Forever Fund for the purchase of conservation 75 percent of Florida voters approved a Constitutional Amendment to provide funds to acquire the best of what is left of our natural areas. This letter urged legislators to follow the intent of the voters. Let's hope they do. Please remember, I am here to help if you need my assistance. I or someone from my office attends every monthly UCO meeting. You may also call to schedule an appointment. If you would like to speak with me personally, want a speaker for a group or just want to be well informed about important issues facing Palm Beach County, please send me an E-mail to pburdick@pbcgov.org or call 355-2202.

to the needs of this vulnerable population. The commission just unanimously approved a resolution creating the Palm Beach County Home Caregiver Ordinance. This will require home caregivers to obtain a license and to undergo a fingerprintbased criminal background check through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Criminal History System databases. Hopefully, this requirement will dissuade unscrupulous individuals and those with criminal backgrounds from pursuing work in caring for our most

The Commission sent a letter

# POLITICAL

# From Palm Beach County Constitutional Tax Collector Anne M. Gannon

#### **BY ANNE M. GANNON**



about saving money, you time and stress. This month is your last chance to sign up for a payment plan

for your 2016 property tax bill. In this edition, we're also sharing the steps you should take if you still owe property taxes and our top tips and tricks to save time at our offices.

#### Save Time

We asked the managers at our service centers, including our new Central Palm Beach Service Center in Lake Worth, to come up with a list of time-saving tips. Here's what they say you should do for a smooth transaction:

1. Go online. You can renew motor vehicle and boat registrations, pay business taxes and make driver license appointments at www. pbctax.com. You can also check and compare the current wait times at each of our offices for specific services. This includes driver licenses/ID cards, title transfers, property taxes and vehicle registration renewals.

April is all 2. Avoid peak hours. Offices are busiest from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and also from 4 p.m. until we close at 5 p.m. For the shortest wait, arrive before our offices open at 8:15 a.m. We also recommend visiting Tuesdays through Thursdays. Lines are usually longest at the beginning and end of the week and month.

> 3. Don't wait until the last minute. Offices stop driver license services when wait times exceed hours of operation. Plan to visit early in the day. If you need to take the computer-based driving test, arrive before 3 p.m. to give yourself enough time to finish. Better yet, make an appointment at www. pbctax.com.

#### Save Money

Did you know you can pay property taxes in smaller quarterly payments instead of one lump sum? If you prefer this option, act now! The clock is ticking on the April 30 deadline to enroll in our Installment Payment Plan. Participants make four payments with a discount of slightly under 4%. Installments are due by the last day in June, September, December, and March. Sign up www.pbctax.com/installmentat

payment-plan.

#### Save Stress

2015 property taxes are now delinquent. Pay now to avoid the annual tax certificate sale on June 1, 2016. A tax certificate is a lien on your property. It's created when someone else pays your delinquent taxes. If you fail to pay delinquent taxes within 2 years, the tax certificate buyer can file a Tax Deed Application. This begins the foreclosure process, where your property can be sold at public auction.

Delinquent property taxes are charged a minimum of 3% interest plus advertising fees. We only accept cash and certified funds including bank draft, money order, cashier's check, or wire transfer. Delinquent taxes cannot be paid online.

#### **Did You Know?**

Did you know Palm Beach County's single largest taxpayer owed \$77.4 million in property taxes in 2015? Find out who our top 10 taxpayers are and how much they owed in our new 2015 Annual Report. This publication also shows where tax dollars went, agency achievements, and future plans. For free copies, contact us at ClientAdvocate@ taxcollectorpbc.com. You can also

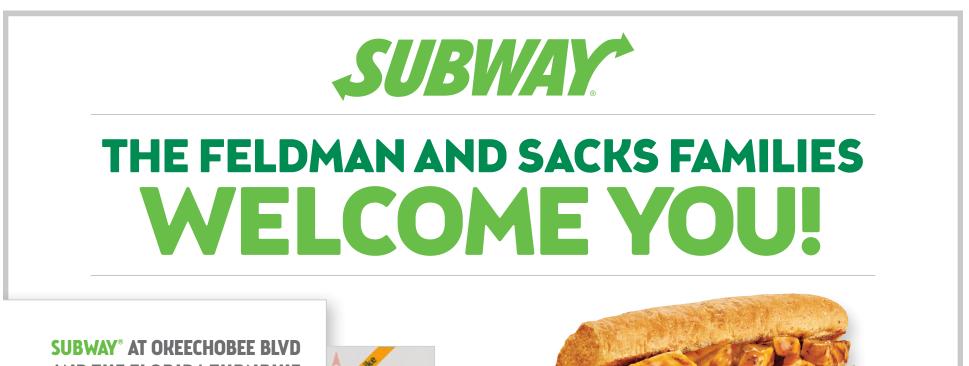
obtain our free 2016 Tax Planner and Services Guide, a calendar book which contains information about all Tax Collector service lines.

#### The Problem with Hands-Free

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Unfortunately, distractions are everywhere. Auto manufacturers include technology that allow us to make hands-free phone calls, update social media, and dictate text messages. Hands-free is not risk free. Our agency prohibits Tax Collector employees from using phones behind the wheel when driving for business purposes. I encourage you to put your phone down as well.

Speaking of our agency, I want to sharesome good news. The Gold Coast Public Relations Council awarded us two communication excellence awards. We won the Bernays Award for Best Internal Communications for our employee in-service training day. We also earned the "PR Star" Award in recognition of our body of communications work in 2015. We are honored and recognize the importance of communication to deliver the best possible service.

Wishing you peace, good health, and happiness on Passover and always.



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# CLASSIFIED

# FOR SALE

**Camden E**- First floor 2-2.5 unit on water. Furnished, tile throughout, central AC, etc. \$56,000. 561-615-4001.

**Camden N**- 329 Camden N- 1.15 2nd floor end unit. Wraparound shutters, enclosed balcony. \$30,000. 1-561-684-2614. Firm.

**Hastings D**- 58 Hastings D- NICE 1 bedroom, 1.5 bath fully furnishedall tiled, central air, close to Health Center, \$39,900 negotiable and NICE JAGUAR 2004 S-Type- negotiable. 561-360-9806. **Kingswood C**, For Sale or Rent - 1 bdrm., 1 bath, downstairs, immaculate.

1 bdrm., 1 bath, upstairs, nice condition.

1 bdrm, 1 bath, downstairs with dishwasher. 1 bdrm, 1 bath, downstairs. Call David- 471-8124

**Northampton J**- Condo for sale, 196 Northampton J. 2 bdrm, 11/2 bath, 2nd floor. Everything stays. Call Sandy 693-7963 or leave a message to see the apartment. Asking 42,000.

Wanted to Buy- 2 bedroom, 2 bath, ground floor, near Clubhouse. Call Lorraine Levy- Phone 1-718-449-8321.

# **FOR RENT**

**Camden K**- Seasonal or full time, 1-1 upstairs- May 1st 2016. Call 718-441-5338

# **MISCELLANEOUS**

**For Sale**- Laptop, Dell M70 Precision, Windows 7 Home Premium, Intel 2.27 ghz, 2 GB memory, 15" screen, 80 GB hard drive, mouse, MS Office 2007, carry case. George 683-4517.



# Susan Wolfman turns "LISTED" into "SOLD" February Sales & Rentals

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I	88	CHATHAM D	2/11⁄2	SOLD	\$60,000	402	GREENBRIER B	2/2	SOLD	\$97,500
I	18	WALTHAM A	2/11⁄2	SOLD	\$35,000	91	WINDSOR E	2/11⁄2	SOLD	\$60,000
I	181	STRATFORD N	1/1½	SOLD	\$74,900	306	GREENBRIER B	2/2	SOLD	\$50,000
I	246	SOUTHAMPTON C	1/1½	SOLD	\$24,000	73	PLYMOUTH I	1/11⁄2	SOLD	\$39,000
	216	OXFORD 200	2/2	SOLD	\$69,000	251	BEDFORD J	1/11⁄2	SOLD	\$45,000
	203	WELLINGTON C	2/2	SOLD	\$55,000	126	SOUTHAMPTON B	1/11⁄2	SOLD	\$32,900
	252	SOUTHAMPTON C	1/1½	SOLD	\$28,000	205	BERKSHIRE J	1/1	SOLD	\$30,000

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WINDSOR C	1/11⁄2	SOLD	\$30,000	148	WELLINGTON H	2/2	SOLD	\$75,000
WELLINGTON K	2/2	SOLD	\$68,000	80	CANTERBURY D	1/1½	SOLD	\$30,000
STRATFORD I	1/11⁄2	SOLD	\$35,000	194A	STRATFORD N	1/1½	SOLD	\$37,000
WELLINGTON J	2/2	SOLD	\$64,000	408	SOUTHAMPTON A	1/1½	SOLD	\$40,000
CHATHAM U	2/1½	SOLD	\$28,000	242	SUSSEX M	2/11⁄2	SOLD	\$43,500
GREENBRIER B	1/11⁄2	SOLD	\$33,000	102	WELLINGTON F	2/2	SOLD	\$69,000
SHEFFIELD K	1/11⁄2	SOLD	\$25,000	91	WINDSOR E	2/11⁄2	SOLD	\$32,500
WELLINGTON B	2/2	SOLD	\$65,500	221	SOUTHAMPTON B	2/11⁄2	SOLD	\$40,000
WELLINGTON C	2/2	SOLD	\$59,000	223	WELLINGTON G	2/2	SOLD	\$58,500
BEDFORD J	2/1½	SOLD	\$32,000	55	NORWICH	1/1	RENTED	\$675/mo.
GREENBRIER	1/1½	SOLD	\$39,000	124	STRATFORD	1/1½	SOLD	\$35,000
GOLF'S EDGE	2/2	SOLD	\$32,500	411	DOVER A	1/1½	SOLD	\$42,000
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# Century Village Class Schedule

All classes are NOT final, and are subject to change. SIGN UP IN THE TICKET OFFICE.

MONDAY										
COURSE NAME STARTS TIME COST MTRLS WEEKS										
Paper Beading Class	4/11/2016	10am-11:30am	\$20	****	4	Craft				
Laughter Yoga	4/4/2016	10am-11:30am	\$24		4	Class A/B				
Stained Glass for Beginners - Mondays	4/11/2016	1pm-3pm	\$20		5	Stained Glass				
Circle Dancing ***New Class	4/5/2016	11:30am-1pm	\$20		4	Art				
Duplicate Bridge (OPEN)	4/4/2016	6:30pm-9:30pm	\$5	****	1	Card A				

	TUESDAY													
COURSE NAME	STARTS	TIME	COST	MTRLS	WEEKS	ROOM								
Ceramics (Tuesday & Friday Morning)	ongoing	9am-11am	\$36	****	6	Ceramics								
Stained Glass - Advanced	4/5/2016	9:30am-11:30am	\$20	****	5	Stained Glass								
Tap Dance for Beginners & Intermediate	4/5/2016	11am-12pm	\$24	****	4	Party Room								
Zumba Gold***New Class	4/5/2016	12pm-1:00pm	\$32		4	Hastings Fit								
Mah Jongg for Beginners	4/5/2016	1:30pm-3:30pm	\$20		4	Card B								
Continuing Mah Jongg	4/5/2016	1:30pm-3:30pm	\$10		4	Card B								

WEDNESDAY												
COURSE NAME	STARTS	TIME	COST	MTRLS	WEEKS	ROOM						
Latin Rhythm Dance	4/6/2016	10am-11am	\$20		4	Art						
Ballroom Dancing Lessons	4/6/2016	4:30pm-5:30pm	\$20		4	Art						

	THURSDAY													
COURSE NAME	STARTS TIME		COST	MTRLS	WEEKS	ROOM								
Painting Workshop	4/7/2016	9:30-11:30am	\$20	****	4	Art								
Political Flash Point ***New Class	4/7/2016	10:30am-12:30pm	\$16		4	Card B								
Tai Chi – Qigong ***New Instructor	4/7/2016	11am-12pm	\$20	****	4	Fitness								
Gentle Chair Yoga	3/31/2016	1:30pm-2:30pm	\$24		4	Class A								
French Lessons	4/14/2016	4:30pm-6:30pm	\$36	****	6	Class A								
Ceramics (Thursday Evening)	ongoing	6:30pm-8:30pm	\$36	****	6	Ceramic								



COURSE NAME	STARTS	TIME	COST	MTRLS	WEEKS	ROOM	
Ceramics (Tuesdays & Fridays)	ongoing	9am-11am	\$36	****	6	Ceramics	
Canasta for Beginners	4/1/2016	1:30-3:30pm	\$20		4	Card B	

ANY TIME												
COURSE NAME	STARTS	TIME	COST	MTRLS	WEEKS	ROOM						
Basic Ballroom Private Instruction—Single	By Appt.	By Appt.	\$60		4	Art Room						
Basic Ballroom Private Instruction—Couple	By Appt.	By Appt.	\$90		4	Art Room						

## ★★★METRO DRIVING CLASS: Friday, April 19th, 2016★★★

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# "On Rye with Mustard" is Well Received

## BY JODY LEBEL

The Actors Studio, a group that has been entertaining the residents in Century Village for over 20 years, performed a romantic comedy on two dates, February 15th and the 22nd, titled On Rye with Mustard. Written and directed by Erwin Protter, this delightful story about seniors falling in love again was both funny and poignant, and the audience responded warmly with laughs and much applause.

The Actors Studio, which typically does not include music or dance numbers in their productions, took a chance and introduced a little of both in this play with good results. The cast changed with each performance date, but this reporter attended the February 22nd production. All of the actors performed well, but the whole program was enhanced by the lighting, done by Shari Orgill; the sound, done by Jim Cabrera; and the music selections by Sydelle Banks. Allen Preston played the perfect grump as the character Charlie. Chuck Otterson, whose performance was stellar, took the part of Al, a widower set in his ways who takes a challenge and attends a dance class where he meets his new love, played exceptionally well by Linda Carpenter. Zev Wells made the audience laugh with an excellent interpretation of his character, wisecracking Harry. Bernie Kaufman

did not let the audience down with his rendition of Bill, Al's best friend. And Gil Sacks both acted as stage manager and took the part of John, the guy who almost danced with Al's partner.

As for the females, Inez Levy delivered with comedic accuracy in her part as the funny, experienced woman; and Judy Oaks played a charming Susan to round out the lady's card table. Ann Higgins handled the props and also did a walk-on part. Corrine Healey played the dance instructor who kept the couples in step.

# RECREATION





Sadly, the February 16's tornado totaled about half of our active fleet. W.P.R.F's insurance will cover the damage, so the Sunfish will eventually be replaced. In the meantime, thanks to our stalwart maintenance crew under the direction of Dave Forness, enough boats needing minor repairs allowed them to be put back in action so our spring racing season could continue. Thus far, 8 are back in our lagoon with a 9th shortly to follow. A very large round of applause goes to our repairmen!

A memorial service was held at the dock on March 17th (yes, St. Patrick's Day) at 2PM. While a bell was sounded for each of those who have sailed off to other shores, Helga Lieb strewed flowers on our lagoon while cheerleaders were on hand to offer support.

Now, on the plus side - Our March 6th dance featuring renowned band Ryan and the Rockers was again a huge success. Over 220 members and guests were "moving and grooving, reeling with the feeling" to the music. At the first intermission, cheerleaders under the direction of Gail Fei performed their choreographed versions of "Splish Splash" and "Rubber Ducky" quacked by Theo Martzoukas. The performance was well received. Thanks to Gail, cheerleaders, and Theo for the time dedicated to rehearsing. Our March 1st potluck and March 23rd picnic were also well attended.

We continue to certify new sailors and recertify veterans. If you haven't given sailing a shot as yet, why not come down to our dock for lessons with Helga Thursday-Saturday or Ryszard Miezianko Monday-Wednesday so you can SAIL AWAY!





#### by Ed Wright

Shuffleboard season is about over. We will continue to play in April but the tournaments will be over.

We play on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 1:15. Tuesdays is singles, Wednesdays is doubles, and Thursdays is my favorite bowling pin. We hold our awards banquet on March 25 at the Golden Corral. The winners of the winter tournament are as follows: Singles: First Place was Jan Wright, Second Place was Carlos Munz, and Third Place was a tie with Archie McKay and Paul Andre Proulx. Doubles: First Place was Carlos Munz, Second Place was Archie McKay, and Third Place was Jack Fahey, Bowling Pin First Place was Jack Fahey, and there was a tie for Second Place with Carlos Munz and Ed Wright.

The winners of the spring tournament will be announced in next month's article. April through October we play on Tuesday evenings at 7:00. We currently have 51 members, 13 of which are new this year. Everyone is welcome to join us. Equipment is provided and all skill levels are welcome. We have all different levels of players. It is always good to get outside, get some exercise, and meet new people.



By George Franklin

The March Century Village Gun Club meeting was held March 8th and was very well attended! Palm Beach County Port Commissioner candidate Katherine Waldren was in attendance and spoke for a few minutes about her candidacy for Palm Beach County Port Commission. Guest Speaker was Major Ronald Mattino of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. Major spoke about the Homeland Security duties of the Department and the up and coming drug problem facing law enforcement. He explained what the problems are and what the Sheriff's Office is doing to combat them. He then went on to speak about the Training Division that he had been in charge of in the past and discussed the firearms used and training with these weapons. He further went on to discuss individual firearms, their use and qualifying with them. The next meeting of the club will be April 12th 7:00 P.M. at the Clubhouse with Guest Speaker Palm Beach County Criminal Court Judge Dina Keever. Judge Keever had been a United States Assistant Attorney prosecuting Federal gun cases, and she will speak about the Federal Court system and gun prosecutions. For club information call V.P, Henry Sohmer 561 712 9694 or V.P. Michael Rayber 561 312 8042

I personally prefer reading groups in small venues like this, with simple stage set-ups. This type of performance permits the audience to concentrate on the storyline, and it also allows them to interact a bit with the players as the story evolves. There is a welcome feel to this type of art and audiences always enjoy this style. The Actors Studio has a rich history of entertaining the residents here in Century Village, and they are already in the midst of selecting their next play. This group meets every Monday evening at 7:00 PM in classroom B. They welcome new members and remind everyone that you need not have acting experience to come out, read a part, and have some fun.



#### by Arlynn Abramson

The Tennis and Pickleball Club are seeing tremendous increase in the number of participants daily on our courts. Pickleball Clinics are filled to capacity as many Century Village residents take to the courts to learn the fastest growing sport in the world, Pickleball!

And on February 10th, dozens of residents showed up early to play in CV's first Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament of 2016. The weather was wonderful and as the rounds progressed players became fans until the last two standing, Arlynn Abramson and Jean Paul Thurbide, won the CV Open!

# **April Clubs** Offered at Century Village

All clubs are active as of revised date, clubs may have been discontinued or canceled since. \*\*\*TBD = to be determined. Please review updated club list from Class Office.

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Club Name	Room	Day	Time
Act 2 Community Theater	Meeting C	Every Monday	4:30pm-7pm
Act 2 Community Theater	Meeting C	Every Wednesday	7pm-9pm
Actor's Studio	Class A & B	Every Monday	7pm-9pm
African Am Cultural Club	Party Room	4th Sunday	2pm-5pm
Alzheimer's Caregiver's Group	Art Room	2nd/4th Monday	1:30pm-3:30pm
Art Take In	Craft Room	Mon., August 15th	9am-1pm
Baby Boomers Book Club	Class Room B	3rd Monday	11am-12pm
Baby Boomers Club	Meeting C	April 6th	3pm-4:30pm
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Ballroom Dancing Club	Party/Art	Every Monday	2pm-4pm
Bible Study Group	Class Room B	Every Sunday	5pm-7pm
Bingo	Party Room	Every Wednesday	5:30pm-9:30pm
Bocce with Robert	Bocce Court	Every Saturday	10:30am-12pm
Boomer Girls	Party Room	3rd Sunday	12pm-3pm
Brooklyn Queen's Club	Party Room	2nd Wednesday	1:30pm-4pm
Camera Club	Meeting C	2nd Tuesday	10am-12pm
CBA BBQ	Picnic Island	1st Sunday	11am-4pm
CBA French Lessons	Art Room	Every Tuesday	9am-10:30am
C. E. R. T.	Art Room	3rd Monday	3pm-4:30pm
Christian Club	Party Room	1st Wednesday	1pm-3:30pm
Computer Club	Meeting C	1st/3rd Thursday	12:30pm-3pm
Conversational Spanish Club	Music Room B	Every Thursday	10am-11:30am
Country Western Music Club	Party Room	1st/3rd Monday	7pm-9pm
Craft Creations	Craft Room	Every Tuesday	9:30am-12pm
Dance Party Club	Party Room	Every Tuesday	6pm-9pm
Democratic Club	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
	Party Room	3rd Thursday	1pm-3pm
Fishing Club	Class Room B	1st Wednesday	3pm-4:30pm
Friends of Bill Wilson	Craft Room	Every Thursday	7pm-8pm
Great Books Discussion	Card Room B	1st/3rd Thursday	1:30pm-3:30pm
Gun Club	Class Room B	2nd Tuesday	7pm-8pm
Homestead Exemption	Lobby	1st Thursday	1:30pm-2:30pm
Irish American Culture Club	Meeting C	1st Tuesday	2pm-4pm
Irish American Game Club	Hastings Card	Every Wednesday	6:30pm-9:30pm
Italian Am Culture Club	Party Room	3rd Wednesday	1pm-4pm
Jewish Family Services	Card Room B	2nd Wednesday	9am-1pm
Karaoke with Janisse	Party Room	Every Friday	6pm-9pm
Karaoke with Marshall	Meeting C	Every Tuesday	6pm-9pm
Kathy's Kitchen Can We Dish?	Party Room	3rd Friday	1pm-3pm
Kentucky Friends Cards	Hastings Card	Every Thursday	4:30pm-8:30pm
Latin Am Club Birthdays	Party Room	1st Thursday	7pm-9pm
Latin Am Club Dances	Party Room	3rd Sunday	5pm-9pm
Latin Am Club Workshop	Meeting C	3rd Thursday	7pm-9pm
Line Dancing Club	Party Room	Monday & Friday	9:30am-11am
Matter of Balance	Card Room B	Every Thursday	9:30am-11:30am
Mind Spa Club	Class Room A	2nd/4th Thursday	1:30pm-3pm
Northern Stars		,	
	Party Room	2nd/4th Monday	6pm-9pm
Open Art Room	Art Room	Saturday & Thursday	1pm-4pm
Pickleball Club	Pickleball Court	Every Day	8am-10pm
Note: Pickleball Court is always	Í	1	
Polish Am. Social Club	Art Room	1st/3rd Thursday	6:30pm-10pm
President's Umbrella	Meeting C	2nd Thursday	2pm-3:30pm
Quilting Club	Sewing Room	Every Tuesday	9am-12pm
Read It, Chat About It	Card Room A	1st Tuesday	10am-12pm
Republican Club	Art Room	2nd Tuesday	1:30pm-3:30pm
Russian Club	Art Room	April 7th	2:30pm-5:30pm
Sailing Club	Meeting C	2nd Friday	9:30am-11am
Sailing Club Pot Luck	Guest Pool	1st Tuesday	5pm-9pm
Senior Chit Chat	Class Room B	1st/3rd Tuesday	2pm-3:30pm
Shuffleboard Club	Shuffleboard	Tues/Wed/Thurs	1:15pm-3:45pm
Trivial Pursuit	Card Room A/B	Every Wednesday	1:30pm-3:30pm
United Order of True Sisters	Party Room	2nd Monday	11:30am-2pm
Wall Street Club	Class Room B	Every Wednesday	4:30pm-6pm
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# **Don't Get Fooled!** Be aware of these fraud and scam alerts

## BY SHARON R. BOCK ESQ. CLERK AND COMPTROLLER, PALM BEACH COUNTY



and unethical practices are on the rise. As your Clerk and Comptroller, looking for financial

fraud, waste and abuse in Palm Beach County government is one of my most crucial duties. Alerting you to popular scams and how to protect yourself from financial fraud is also an important part of my job. Below are some of the more recent scams that have been reported.

Missed jury duty scam - The caller pretends to be a law enforcement officer, state attorney or a court official saying that you failed to show for Jury Duty. The imposter tells you a fine was imposed and if you do not pay it, a warrant will be issued for your arrest. To resolve the problem, they may ask for your bank account number, or suggest purchasing a prepaid debit card number or ask for personal information such as your social security number. Never give out sensitive personal information over the phone unless you have initiated the call and trust the source.

• Missed court appearance -This scam comes in the form of an e-mail referencing a phony missed court appearance. These e-mails attempt to retrieve personal data, forcefully, by a computer virus attached as a file. Always use caution when opening an unsolicited email and do not open the attachments.

Misleading deed solicitation

Consumer - Unsolicited, misleading mailings scams, frauds are sent by private companies to homeowners offering to supply copies of property deeds for a large processing fee. Deeds, mortgages and other documents are available to you at no cost on-line at www. mypalmbeachclerk.com. A certified copy can be obtained from my office for a small fee.

Fraudulent construction liens - A construction lien is considered fraudulent if the claimant willfully exaggerates the amount of the lien claimed, includes a claim for work not performed or materials not furnished or compiles the lien with deliberate and gross negligence and exaggeration. Recently, my office received complaints for multiple fraudulent construction liens ranging from \$4,300 to \$6,500. I encourage all property owners to register for PROPERTY FRAUD ALERT, a FREE subscriber service that notifies you any time there is activity in the Clerk's Official Records pertaining to your real estate.

It is important to remember that Clerk & Comptroller employees will never contact you by phone or email, without permission, and ask that you send money or give your personal information. If you receive one of these calls, write down as much information as you can about the call and contact the Clerk's office at 561-355-2996, or the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Financial Crimes Unit at 561- 688-3000. For more information or to register for Property Fraud Alert, please visit our website: www.mypalmbeachclerk.com.

# SENIORS VS. CRIMI

Seniors vs. Crime, a service provided to Century Village residents by volunteers working with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's office, announces new, expanded hours at the UCO Office, 2102 West Drive. New hours are Monday and Wednesday, 1PM to 3PM and Friday, 9AM to 12PM.

**Telephone number for Seniors vs. Crime is** 721-7424

# WPRF NEWS





As season end draws near, I am invited to many March affairs held by the different clubs and groups Eve

Eva Rachesky V.P., WPRF

clubs and groups. I've noticed that a l t h o u g h I provide

recycling containers in the Party Room, no real effort is made at recycling.

This fact was brought into sharp focus on a Monday morning after such an affair. I noticed the large trash bin in the parking lot was full to overflowing, causing several bags to spill out onto the pavement. There was broken glass from bottles everywhere.

I am asking all groups and clubs

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to join WPRF in our recycling efforts. The glass/plastic bottle will be picked up off a table and thrown somewhere.....why not in one of the two blue recycling bins in the Party Room? Let's be ecology minded and recycle!

Another issue I would like to bring attention to is that of parking on the island. Many cars are not pulled forward far enough and the back end of the car extends out into the travel lane by 1 to 2 feet. Please check the position of your vehicle and make sure you are pulled in far enough into your space. An accident or traffic jam could be avoided with very little extra effort.

For those of you wishing to make use of the Clubhouse Wi-Fi, please do not use the decorative tables for your laptops. The Library is often empty and offers several tables for your use. If the Library is empty of any other persons, please feel free to have conversations; but if others are present, the old Library rule of SILENCE IS GOLDEN still applies.

RecentIy I found 10 new copies of the same book about religion. They were not part of someone's personal library being donated, but rather an attempt at solicitation. Please DO NOT leave such literature as any/all such literature will be confiscated and put in the recycling bin. Thank you in advance for everyone's anticipated cooperation in this matter.

Lastly, for all residents interested in welcoming back our WWII Veterans from their Honor Flight.... please check with the Staff Office for updated information.

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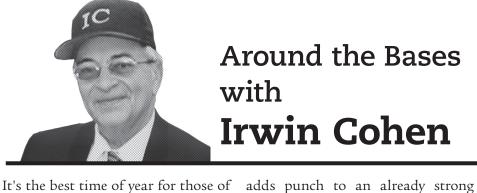
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# Sports of The Century—Village **Sam Milham**



Answer to last month's question: Who was the losing coach of Super Bowl #I? **Hank Stram.** 

#### **BASEBALL:**

Spring training starts around mid-February and baseball fans can hardly wait. Many teams have made good trades and free agent signings, at least on paper. It also looks to be the last year that the National League allows their pitchers to hit. This has been a hot topic since the designated hitter (DH) rule was adopted by the American League. Ron Bloomberg was the first DH as the Yankees faced Louis Tiant of the Boston Red Sox and walked him, to the dismay of the baseball purists. Commissioner Manfred has given every indication the National League will adopt the DH rule next season. This is being done to add more offense to the game. More about this in future columns.

#### My pick:

I know I have always said games are played to determine the winner and that predictions are for fools. Well, this old fool has a hard time not picking the Cubs and Mets in the Division Championship Series. My pick to win the Series? "Wait till October."

## **FOOTBALL:**

"You can't kill it with a stick." On March 3, 2016, Deflategate was back in court. Early observations are that Commissioner Goodell will get the four-game Brady suspension he is looking for. You know how I feel: one game is enough.

Speaking of the Commish, the numbers are in. His 2014 salary was 10 million less than his 2013 salary , when he earned 44 million! Word is that he is looking for a one-bedroom, one-bathroom fixer-up apartment in Century Village to help offset his financial loss.

SIT DOWN FOR THIS ONE:

I feel bad for all sports commissioners. They are forced to legislate morality on the goons that give their sport a bad name. Congrats to Bob Manfred, Baseball Commissioner, for suspending Arnoldis Chapman for 30 games for firing eight gun shots in the direction of this girlfriend. Manfred also suspended Jose Reyes for the spring training season-but he did so with pay! Is this a suspension or a paid vacation, Commish?

## **BASKETBALL:**

A few months ago I wrote that the Knicks and Celtics had a good shot at making the NBA Playoffs. Well, since then the Celtics got even better their record is 38-25—while yes, the Knicks are the reverse, 25-38, and getting worse. They have changed their coach, and Kurt Rambis, one of Phil Jackson's ex-players, is the interim coach. Phil feels he can teach the triangle offense. Phil, did you win with the triangle, or was it Michael and Scotti in Chicago who won and Kolbe and Shack in LA who won? Really, Phil, I think it was the latter!

#### **TENNIS:**

Bud Collins passed away a short while ago at the age of 86. Bud was to tennis announcing what Mel Allen and Red Barber were to baseball: Hall of Fame announcers and Hall of Fame people. They helped teach this writer the games of baseball and tennis.

This month's question: One player played in all of the following games: 1951's "shot heard around the world"; the 1954 Willie Mays catch of Vic Wertz's blast; and in 1956, Don Larson's perfect game-no hitter. Can you name the player?

Till then, take two and hit to right!

#### See Sam's article about the new West Palm Stadium in this issue.

It's the best time of year for those of us lucky enough to be in Arizona or Florida. Fifteen major league teams have their spring training camps in Arizona (Cactus League) and the other 15 are based in Florida (Grapefruit League).

The Yankees are one of the most interesting teams to watch this year. Right now I can't pick the Yanks to go deep in the post-season because of the question marks surrounding the starting pitching. Nathan Eovaldi (wrist), Ivan Nova (recovering from Tommy John surgery), Michael Pineda (forearm), C.C. Sabathia (knee and alcohol rehab) and Masahiro Tanaka (wrist and forearm issues).

The bullpen, though, is the best in baseball. Dellin Betances(1.50 ERA), Andrew Miller (2.04 ERA) and Aroldis Chapman (1.63 ERA with the Reds last year), combined for a whopping 347 strikeouts in 213 innings. It's pretty much game over if the Yankees are leading after six innings.

A balanced lineup including three switch-hitters should give the starters some runs. Can Alex Rodriguez, 41 in July, repeat his .250 average and 33 home runs of 2015? I'd say he should come close or better those numbers as he's more relaxed going into this season and in good shape.

The double play combination of shortstop Didi Gregorious and second baseman Starlin Castro, .265 with 11 homers for the Cubs last year, will attract my attention. Gregorious improved in the field and at bat as 2015 wore on and ended the season with nine home runs and a .265 average.

The Red Sox could go from last to first in the American League East this year. New president Dave Dombrowski, who left the Tigers in good shape with prospects after trading free agents David Price to Toronto and Yoenes Cespedes to the Mets last July, made some quick moves in Boston after being hired to oversee the franchise. Dombrowski signed free agent David Price to anchor the starting pitching and bolstered the bullpen with the addition of Craig Kimbrel (2.58 ERA, 87 strikeouts in only 59.1 innings) and Carson Smith (2.31 ERA, 92 strikeouts in 70.1 innings). The big eastern rivalry between Boston and New York should be in full steam this year. The Tigers improved in the offseason by signing free agent pitcher Jordan Zimmermann and bringing in three above-average pitchers (Justin Wilson, Mark Lowe and Francisco Rodriguez) to bolster a bullpen that surrendered the lead in most games last season. Justin Upton, added through the free agent route, should anchor left field for several years and

adds punch to an already strong lineup. Upton along with Miguel Cabrera and J.D. Martinez should easily pass 75 home runs. The Tigers could unseat the Kansas City Royals for the top spot in the A.L. Central this year.

In the A.L. West, Houston should top all in that division. Their starting rotation had the second lowest earned run average (3.71) in the entire league last season and their superb double play combination of second baseman Jose Altuve (.313, 15 home runs and 38 stolen bases) and shortstop Carlos Correa (.279 and 22 home runs in only 99 big league games) should be even better this year. Correa is rapidly developing into one of the game's best hitters and it wouldn't surprise me if he bats over .300 with 40 home runs within the next two years.

In the National League, the Mets have Yoenes Cespedes all year and if David Wright can stay healthy, they have enough bats to win. With their great young starting pitching, and if reliever Jeurys Familia could repeat last year's numbers (1.85 ERA and 59 hits in 78.1 innings), a 100win season isn't out of the question. Bryce Harper may be the best player in baseball, but Washington can't match the starting pitching depth of the Mets over a long season, so look for the Mets to top the N.L. Eastern Division.

Pittsburgh has a good club and could top the St. Louis Cardinals in the Central, especially after the Cards lost outfielder Jason Heyward and pitcher John Lackey to free agency. To make matters worse for St. Louis, Heyward and Lackey signed with their biggest rivals the already powerful Chicago Cubs. Even minus a couple of top hands the Cards have a strong lineup to go along with a good starting rotation and bullpen.

In the National League West the Dodgers lost pitcher Zack Greinke, who had super numbers last year for Los Angeles (19-3, 1.66 ERA). Greinke signed with the Arizona



Diamondbacks automatically making them contenders and weakening the Dodgers.

San Francisco signed starting pitcher Johnny Cueto, who pitched for Kansas City against the Mets in last year's World Series. Not a move to guarantee the Giants the top spot in the West, but the Dodgers minus Greinke should give San Francisco the edge.

If the Yankees starting pitching proves to be healthy over the season, I'd pick both New York teams to appear in the 2016 World Series. Otherwise, I'm going with the Mets and Tigers. Whether it's the Tigers or Yankees, I'm going with the Mets in seven games in the Fall Classic.

# An Invitation to Visit Québec

#### **BY LISETTE SAVOIE AND CAROLLE MORIN**

The United States has 50 states, one district and many territories. Canada has 10 Provinces and 3 territories. Let's stop for a moment in the province of Quebec. Quebec has 21 tourist regions, many with unique characteristics. Let's regroup them into 6 mega-regions:

- Quebec City, Chaudière-Appalaches, Charlevoix and la Mauricie;
- Montreal and suburbs;
- Outaouais and the Laurentians;
- Saguenay and Lac Saint-Jean;
- Lower Saint-Laurent Valley, Gaspésie, and the Magdalene Islands;
- The Eastern Township and the Montérégie.

Your two authors, residents of Quebec City, have at heart their region and their city, Quebec, including Old Quebec, site of UNESCO World Heritage for the past 30 years.

Paris is faraway. Quebec City is at your doorstep. Just like Paris, Quebec City can be discovered by walking.

For example, if you leave from the New York region, either by car or by bus, you are in the Province of Quebec in 7 hours and in Quebec City in less than 10 hours. If you choose a cruise, it can be done in one of those magnificent cruise ships. In September, the multicolored landscape will overwhelm you. When arriving in the Quebec City harbor, you will be charmed by the imposing Chateau Frontenac. As you disembark you will find yourself in the cradle of French America, the very place where Quebec was founded in 1608 by Samuel de Champlain. The Place Royale, the historic church of Our Lady of Victories, the Chevalier House and the tiny street Petit-Champlain-named the nicest walkable street of Canada in 2014are but some preliminary discoveries you will make of the historic suburb.

Quebec City also has its Central Park, a magnificent green space located in the heart of the Haute-Ville. A guided tour will teach you the double French and English identity with the Battle of the Plains of Abraham. These grounds are also used for outdoors concerts. In this spectacular decor Quebec has welcomed famous internal artists such as The Rolling Stones, Paul McCartney, Celine Dion, Billy Joel and Madonna, just to name a few.

Do not hesitate to forsake a meal on the ship for one in a French cuisine restaurants. You can even have a meal of aboriginal cuisine at the Hotel-Museum First Nations.

If you wish to leave Quebec City, travel a few miles to the East and you will find l'ile d'Orleans, the Montmorency Falls, the magnificent landscape of Charlevoix, Tadoussac and its whales.

Often, local cruise ships will take you to Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean .....Saguenay, a city, a fjord, plenty of fresh air.

Another region, the Gaspésie and the Madeleine Islands (found on the Internet site gaspésiejetaime.com) reveals quite well the affection its residents have for the region. The Gaspésie region with more than 500 miles of coastline is dotted with small picturesque villages nestled between the sea and mountains. In the Madeleine Island; three things to discover: nature, taste and culture.

Last but not least, our metropolis, Montreal, a welcoming city where Europe and America merge for a great cultural and gastronomic diversity.

While concluding this article it is interesting to note that:

- the United States is the major commercial partner of Quebec;
- Quebec has six commercial delegations in the United States, the oldest, which opened in 1940, being in New York .

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# Invitation à visiter ou à visiter de nouveau le Québec PAR LISETTE LÉVESQUE ET CAROLLE MORIN

comptent 50 états, un district et plusieurs territoires, le Canada comprend dix provinces et trois territoires. Aux fins de cet article, nous nous arrêterons sur la province de Québec. Le Québec se divise en 21 régions touristiques au caractère unique. Nous en avons donc regroupé plusieurs comme suit :

- Capitale-Nationale (Québec), Chaudières-Appalaches, Charlevoix et la Mauricie
- Montréal et les environs
- Outaouais et les Laurentides
- Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean
- Bas-Saint-Laurent, Gaspésie, Îlesde-la-Madeleine
- Cantons-de-l'Est et Montérégie

Vos deux auteures, résidentes de la capitale nationale, ont cédé à leur coup de cœur et ont décidé de vous présenter leur région et leur ville, nommément Québec, tout en y incluant le Vieux-Québec, site du patrimoine mondial de l'Unesco depuis 30 ans.

Paris c'est loin, Québec est à votre porte... Québec, comme Paris, est une ville qui se découvre à pied.

À titre d'exemple, si vous partez de la région de New York, que ce soit en auto ou en autobus, vous vous trouverez en moins de 10 heures aux abords de la capitale nationale. Vous optez pour une croisière, c'est possible à bord de magnifiques paquebots. En septembre, les coloris d'automne vous feront craquer. À l'arrivée au port de Québec, vous serez charmés par l'imposant Château Frontenac. Vous descendez du bateau et déjà, vous foulez le lieu d'origine du berceau de l'Amérique française, l'endroit même où Québec fut fondée en 1608 par Samuel de Champlain. La place Royale, l'église historique Notre-Dame-des-Victoires, la maison Chevalier et la rue du Petit-Champlain, ayant reçu le titre de la plus belle rue piétonne du Canada en 2014, ne sont que le début de votre découverte du quartier historique!

Québec possède aussi son Central Park, un magnifique espace vert situé au cœur de la Haute-Ville. Une visite guidée vous fera connaître et comprendre l'histoire de notre double identité française

À l'instar des États-Unis qui et anglaise qui origine de la bataille des plaines d'Abraham. Cet espace est aussi utilisé pour de grands spectacles extérieurs. Dans ce cadre enchanteur, Québec a reçu plusieurs grands artistes internationaux dont : les Rolling Stones, Paul McCartney, Céline Dion, Billy Joël, et Madonna, pour ne nommer que ceux-là!

N'hésitez pas à troquer un repas sur le bateau pour un autre dans un des restaurants gastronomiques de cuisine française et même essayer les mets amérindiens à l'Hôtel-Musée Premières Nations.

Vous voulez sortir de Québec, à quelques milles vers l'est, vous trouverez l'île d'Orléans, les chutes Montmorency, les majestueux paysages de Charlevoix, Tadoussac et ses baleines...

Souvent, les bateaux de croisières locales vous emmènent au Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean... Saguenay : une ville, un fjord, du plein air!

Une autre région, la Gaspésie et les Îles-de-la-Madeleine dont le site, gaspésiejetaime.com, révèle bien l'affection que lui porte ses habitants. La Gaspésie, avec ses quelque 500 milles de côte, est sillonnée de petits villages pittoresques nichés entre mer et montagnes.

Les Îles-de-la-Madeleine, trois expériences à découvrir : nature, saveur et culture.

En dernier lieu et non le moindre, notre métropole, Montréal, une ville accueillante où l'Europe et l'Amérique se sont mariées pour une grande diversité culturelle et gastronomique.

En terminant cet article qui se veut une invitation à visiter ou à visiter de nouveau le Québec, il est intéressant de savoir que :

- Les États-Unis sont le premier partenaire commercial du Québec tant pour ses importations que ses exportations.
- Le Québec compte 6 représentations commerciales aux États-Unis. La plus ancienne, celle de New York, a ouvert ses portes en 1940.

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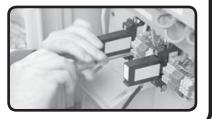
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# COMMENTARY

# **AN OPEN LETTER** TO THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES, THE CHAIRMEN OF THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PARTIES AND THE WOULD-BE CHAIRMAN OF A VIABLE THIRD POLITICAL PARTY

#### **BY IRV RIKON**

The primary elections of the 2016 presidential campaign have failed/ are failing the United States and its people. The existing political parties have made a travesty of the political process and led observers around the world to view America as a laughingstock, if not with puzzlement. The Democratic Party has given us candidates who are either too shop-worn or too elderly to be a successful President. The Republican Party's candidates behave like raucous juveniles at their first snowball fight. A third Party could be welcomed at this point to right the country's political wrongs.

Before continuing, I digress a bit. I felt sorry for Jeb Bush and his brother when Jeb suspended his campaign. I never voted for Jeb or George W., but I thought that W's appearance was opening fresh wounds dating from America's involvement in Iraq. The family should have quit when it was still ahead, with the two Bushes champions at least among their own core followers. Now it seems as though they retreated like a dog with a tail between its legs.

I felt sorry too for thousands of school children. Jeb reportedly received \$100 million dollars from PACs and Super-PACs for his campaign. And I thought all that money wasted! It could have been used to build new schools that would raise up children residing in disadvantaged neighborhoods. It could have salaried some of the best teachers available. And the donors of the money might have had their names on the buildings so that all who came there would know the generosity of their benefactors. No ideology need be taught. Children should be encouraged to think for themselves. But in the children's and teacher's thinking they might well choose to emulate those who enabled them to have a brighter future. Part of what I felt for Jeb Bush I also feel for Hillary Clinton. She dragged her husband into the campaign. But now the former President has noticeably aged and lacks the charm and fire he once had. Further, his sexual life, headlines of yesteryear, were again called into question. Mrs. Clinton's own problems are Her mishandled professional. Emails and, as important, her flawed judgments while Secretary of State, particularly with regard to Libya and the Near East generally, are and will be fuel for critics even were she again to occupy the White House. The sad truth is Mrs. Clinton has been in the limelight a long time: Were she

to become President, pundits and public alike will tire of her before her term expires.

Bernie Sanders has put his fingers on social issues of concern to everyone. But his solutions are unsound. Free college education appeals to young people who cannot afford it. I understand that. It's a hot topic in my own family. But teachers must be paid; the best demand higher payment. Their salaries must come from somewhere yet should not be withdrawn from public funds: Other issues and other people demand that their woes be addressed. A higher minimum wage could be helpful for some yet it might put out of business the small shopkeeper who has to pay it and, in so doing, makes too little profit. The United States of America was born in 1776, the same year that Adam Smith's classic book, The Wealth of Nations, was published. The two grew up together. Like it or not, America is a capitalist nation.

The Democratic Party has gotten itself in a bind. It lacks a sufficient number of younger people with fresh ideas to lead a yearning populace. In most States of the Union, the state houses are currently controlled by Republicans, some of whom are poised to run for higher office. In one way political parties at their best are like a sports franchise: Scouts need to hunt for the best young (political) talents having a desire to help their team win. The talented must be nurtured and groomed: The parties should take note and when the time is ripe push forward those who are ready for the big leagues.

Again I digress: The first presidential election in which I participated I cast my vote for Dwight Eisenhower. He was a truly great World War Two hero and, later, President of Columbia University. I became a "Rockefeller Nelson Rockefeller Republican". was Governor of New York, but being raised in neighboring New Jersey it was the Rockefeller family I liked. It had helped to beautify New York City with a building complex that still bears the family name and had donated substantial sums of money to museums, churches and for city parklands. The family owned another tract of land which it donated to the fledgling United Nations. U. N. headquarters sits on it today. I shared the family's view in trying to bring the world together peacefully and feel compelled to add the Rockefeller Foundation remains one our nation's great philanthropic institutions.

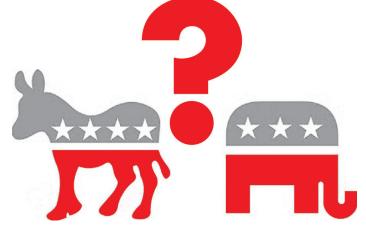
Т h e point of this digression is that President Eisenhower and the Rockefellers w e r e considered "moderate" Republicans. But the same that vear

Nelson Rockefeller ran for president, 1964, "conservatives" began to drive out the moderates. When I moved down to Florida I registered as an "independent" voter and remain so to this day.

Nowwhen I hear Republicans boast of their conservative credentials, I reject them. Marco Rubio? Ted Cruz? Both still in their 40s, besides aspects of politics, what do they know? What do they know even of America? What worldly experiences have they had? Ted Cruz? How can anyone vote for this man when all of his Senate colleagues hate him? A President has to get along with members of Congress if the country is to function properly! Marco Rubio? He's missed more days in the Senate than all other senators, and that was even prior to his run for president. Where is he when he's needed, after he's been elected to serve the people?

The Republican primaries display the Party's continuous disdain for moderates. Their first caucus was held in Iowa, still basically a farming state. The well-publicized candidates' appeals were mainly to conservative Evangelical Christians.

Although these are not the voting majority nationwide, their conservatism made national headlines. Later, when several states voted on "Super-Tuesday," the states were mostly in the south, where many hard-core conservatives reside. Thus, numbers of delegates garnered prior to Floridians voting, then hoping to nominate a presidential candidate at the national convention, have already declared themselves to be "conservative". As for Donald Trump, what can one say about a candidate who is a brash, profane, name-calling bully? A man who bad-mouths whole groups of people but as of this writing has yet to denounce fully the Ku Klux Klan? I say I cannot vote for someone of that type whom children might admire and emulate. I respect the children too much. Mr. Trump is a one-ofa-kind maverick. Accepting no PAC money to advance his campaign, he



flaunts his wealth. Most people of substantial means tend to keep a low public profile. In a democracy such as ours, they usually live apart from the mainstream yet still like to be considered "one of the boys" (or girls). They have bodyguards for fear of being kidnapped and held for ransom. Mr. Trump has bodyguards too, but a rich businessman who simultaneously is a showman and sometime television celebrity while seeking to become the Leader of the Free World is something new and altogether slightly scary.

I submit that "moderates," of whom I'm one, constitute the majority of voters in this land. But right now, they have no political place to go. The Democratic Party as it stands, exemplified by its current presidential hopefuls, is too far to the left. The Republican Party is too far to the right. They've become our Republic's extremists. (At this juncture, Ohio's Governor Kasitch appears to be an exception.) I harbor a firm conviction that a truly intelligent person is "conservative" on some issues and "liberal" on others. Sometimes they might change as the issues themselves are subject to change. That is being "moderate".

The door is now open for a third political Party, a centrist Party, a Party the majority of Americans can support. The Party must understand the needs of right and left but must further realize the needs of the United States of America come first. It must recognize also that America is not isolationist. Its people belong with the peoples of the world. If a third political Party were to emerge now, I don't believe it would capture the presidency. But I do believe it can plant the seeds of growth at the grass-roots level from which in years to come can rise a new great nation first founded in the fertile soil of 1776. Is a wouldbe chairman of that third political Party and his or her aides somewhere near at hand?

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Please Note: Monday thru Friday the Internal Bus Routes #1 & # 3 drops off at Hastings Fitness Center 8 AM & 1 PM & on Request at other times. # 2 route runs all day

All Internal Buses will ON REQUEST complete a Perimeter Drive Run at  $11{}^{\rm :}45~{\rm AM}$ 







I'm not entirely sure, at least not 100%, and I don't have any real proof or anything, but I'm pretty sure I killed a couple of magazine editors. Don't believe it? There are dead people and I'm involved. In some states that's enough probable cause to get me an orange jumpsuit. I don't look good in orange. I don't know what room the deaths occurred in, or whether they were done in by a rope, a knife, or a candlestick, but they're dead nonetheless. These days, every time a police cruiser drives down my street, I flatten myself against the wall and do a slitty-eyed peek from behind closed blinds convinced that it's a homicide detective hunting me down.

How did I get into this mess you might be asking? In addition to being the author of several romantic/ suspense novels, I also write short mystery stories for fiction magazines. This whole thing started when I finished what I would call a killer story (no pun intended) and I began looking for the perfect magazine to submit it to. Anyone who knows me knows what a control freak I am and that I own a voluminous book that lists every current magazine and its editor in the world. I stayed up nights into the wee hours, bleary eyed but determined, to find the lucky recipient who would get to buy my story. Like a rat on a Cheeto, I devoured the listings, ran one highlighter bone dry, and fattened the book with hundreds of neon green Postits to the point of tearing the binding. I became so obsessed in locating the perfect editor that I transferred the information to a computer spreadsheet with a color-coded, intertwining, cross referencing, alphabetic and numeric system. This editor must be a person with a good track record and someone who would appreciate my dark humor. A fuddy-duddy editor would never do. Uh-uh. I needed someone who enjoyed laughing until they got a stitch in their side and didn't mind spitting out coffee when they read my witty story. I especially kept an eye out for editors who claimed to 'love innovative material' and those who delighted in finding 'gold' in their slush pile. Initially I had toyed with the idea of sending the story out willy-nilly to everyone. Caution, meet wind. Let the chips fall where they may. I envisioned voluminous bags of mail, being dragged to my door by a weary mailman, filled with options and offers and perhaps even some unabashed begging. I had planned to throw them all over the floor and roll in them with childlike delight. But a niggling little voice in my

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head began to give me worries. What if someone stole my prizewinning (I'm sure) story? What if it got in the hands of some unscrupulous editor who sold it to Russia and I never saw a dime? Or a ruple for that matter. So I wisely decided to submit to only the top two qualified, meticulously honest, most revered, unfuddy-duddy editors I could find and let them fight it out.

I used premium bond paper (with a watermark), wrote a perfect introduction letter that in itself should be in a writing museum somewhere, had a friend do the addresses in calligraphy, and took the packets to the post office where I made the clerk stamp them 'first class' and 'do not bend'. I gave them a kiss (something I always do when I send off work even though it makes everyone around me back one step away), sang a quick version of Help Me Rhonda by the Beach Boys (don't laugh, I implore Rhonda's help a lot and she comes through for me), and sent my babies on their way.

Then I went home to await the responses that would thrust me into the world of fame and fortune. I truly expected a fast turnaround but after a few days of waiting and no fat contract, I figured the editors were struck dumb with my fabulous material and were at this moment imploring the editors-in-chief to pay me double the normal royalty.

Finally, ten days later I received my first reply. It was my original package, a bit worn around the edges from its travels much to my dismay, and across the front of it in large red letters it said DECEASED. I was shocked. My first reply and she keeled over just looking at my envelope. Rhonda, what did you do? I would just have to wait for the second editor to respond. But when I didn't hear from her, and after scanning the obituaries just to be sure, I decided my envelope must have gotten lost in the mail (curse you, Haverhill branch). I decided to try again and this time I'd mail them at a luckier post office. I went back to my super-duper organized list and chose editors number three and four. This time I kissed the envelopes while I was still in my car and I sang to Rhonda under my breath. A week later, one of the envelopes was returned unopened. Across the front was stamped, once again, DECEASED. What?! I had managed



to murder another editor. I cried to my mother, in the true spirit of an only child who thinks the world revolves around her, "Why is this happening to me?" To which she replied, "I think we're out of peanut butter." Mom's not really with it.

I was on a killing spree but darn it I couldn't just let my superb story suffer. I sent it out to the next ten editors on my spreadsheet, disturbed to see I was now getting into the B-listers. No responses. Puzzled and beginning to experience a little panic that I might be jinxed for killing those women, I sent it out to any person who was in the mystery/ thriller field in any capacity. If you were a janitor at the publishing house, you may have gotten one of my packets. I was in such a frenzy that I may have posted it to the same magazines more than once. In fact I'm sure of it. The publishing industry is a small, tight community. Word must have leaked about the two dead bodies because I started receiving strange replies like "we have put you on a no-fly list; do not submit anything to our magazine again or we will assume it contains anthrax and report you to the authorities" or "please do not contact our magazine again, or our sister magazine, or any company remotely involved with us within a 50-mile radius. Also note we have Caller ID and a sample of your DNA from the envelope." Hmmmph. They don't scare me. But I would like to clear the air and officially go on record saying I had nothing directly to do with the demise of the first two editors, and as far as I know Rhonda does not have a rap sheet. However, if you are a magazine editor and you do find a submission from me on your desk, you might consider having someone else open it. You know, just in case Rhonda's got an itchy trigger finger or something.