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Friday 12/1/23  
9:30AM in the Theater

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# The President’s Report

BY DAVE ISRAEL

## UCO LCAM RECOVERING

**UCO LCAM RECOVERING:**

Our UCO LCAM (Licensed Community Association Manager) Donald Foster had emergency surgery on October 21, 2023. After a few days in the ICU (Intensive Care Unit), he returned home on October 27. Donald has returned to work, on a light duty schedule.

**UCO AND W.P.R.F. BUDGETS:**

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**STORMWATER DRAINPIPE REPAIR:**

Last week, Anchor Marine inspected a two hundred foot long section of underground stormwater drainpipe on Kent Street, near Cambridge K/H.

This section was found to be deteriorated along the entire length, and will need to be relined with a PVC (Poly Vinyl Chloride) insert. After this pipe is relined, the damaged subsided pavement above will be repaired. The cost of the pipe relining is proposed at \$52,750.00.

**EXPIRED REGISTRATION AND JUNK CARS:**

Once again I must remind all of our unit owners that CV is NOT a parking lot for vehicles with expired registration, nor is it a junkyard for inoperable vehicles, both of which are violations of PBC Code. Our LCAM has been directed to note these vehicles and report them to PBC Code enforcement. This is being done regularly.

**WASHOUT UNDER CLUBHOUSE SHOWER:**

During the rehabilitation of the men's shower, a major washout was discovered. This appears to be the result of the failure of a 1/2 inch water pipe under the slab. WPRF VP Eva Rachesky found this discovery to be "jaw dropping"! The contractor will let us know how much material will be needed. More of the floor will be removed to see how far this washout goes. This will be a massive undertaking and all information will be brought to the Operations Committee for approval. WPRF will keep everyone posted as this progresses.

### Lost your Century Village ID Card?

Check Lost & Found in the Staff/Ticket Office  
(Located in Clubhouse near elevator)

- **ID not turned in?**
  - o Go ID Office: Weekdays: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm closed 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
  - o \$25.00 Replacement ID, refundable if lost ID found within 30 days.
  - o Pay by cash / check only)
- **If ID Office Closed:**
  - o Go to the Staff/Ticket Office for a Temporary paper ID \$5.00 (applied to cost of new ID).
- **How to enter CV without CV ID card:**
  - o Present one of the following documents to gain access to the community:
    - o Deed      o COA      o Lease
    - o Driver’s License   o Utility Bill with CV address

**Resident: Your name/unit address must be on all documentation**

### AN INVITATION TO ALL CENTURY VILLAGE UNIT OWNERS

The United Civic Organization, Inc. (UCO) will hold its annual election of officers and Executive Committee members on **March 1, 2024.**

This is your opportunity to run for office.

This is your opportunity to share your ideas and expertise with UCO.

This is your opportunity to support UCO initiatives and the programs that will impact the quality of life you enjoy in Century Village.

**POSITIONS TO BE FILLED ON MARCH 1, 2024:**

- UCO PRESIDENT
- TWO (2) VICE- PRESIDENTS
- CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
- RECORDING SECRETARY
- TREASURER
- TEN (10) EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

For complete description of duties, see Article VIII - UCO Bylaws 2020.

All candidates for office must be unit owners and be in residence in Century Village for no less than nine (9) months of each year during the term in which he or she serves.

All officers shall serve without any compensation of any kind.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR A UCO OFFICE, SUBMIT YOUR BIOGRAPHY, AS YOUR STATEMENT OF INTENT TO RUN, TO: ruthdreiss14@gmail.com by January 12, 2024.**

Following the March 2024 election, the President, with the advice and consent of the Officers Committee, shall create all standing and ad hoc committees and appoint the chairpersons thereof.... The chairperson of each committee... shall populate the committee. Any Member of UCO may be selected to serve as a member of any committee.

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Ruth Dreiss Flora Simpson  
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George Franklin Gerry Sutofsky  
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EDITORIAL  
POLICY

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.

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EDITORIAL

In response to the UCO Guide for Bio Outlines, I am pleased to report that six responses were received immediately. The election for all seats in March should prove to be very exciting. It would be nice to see a runoff for all seats available. It isn't too early to submit your bios to run in the upcoming elections.

It appears that we have dodged the bullet with hurricanes this year. Nov. 30th has come and gone with only heavy rains at times. We can only hope that the hurricanes know that the season is over and stay away from our door.

You may have received your 2024 budgets by now and see that the major increase has been in insurance. Property managers were asked to increase insurance by 50% over last year. It has since been learned that 35% would have sufficed, so if you have been increased more, keep the overage in your Reserve Funds. You are going to need it when all building associations will soon be required to be fully funded for reserves.

Enjoy the holiday season and stay safe. We will meet again in the New Year.

by Ruth Dreiss,  
Editor-in-chief  
UCO Reporter



DECEMBER 2023

UCO Committee Meetings

FRI 1	DELEGATE ASSEMBLY	9:30 AM	MCH AUDITORIUM
FRI 1	SECURITY	1:00 PM	CONF RM
TUE 5	TRANSPORTATION	1:30 PM	CONF RM
WED 6	PROGRAM & SERVICES	1:00 PM	ON HIATUS
FRI 8	CERT	1:00 PM	CANCELLED
TUE 12	ADVISORY	1:00 PM	ON HIATUS
WED 13	BROADBAND	1:00 PM	ON HIATUS
THU 14	COP	9:30 AM	MCH RM TBD
TUE 19	INSURANCE	1:00 PM	CONF RM
WED 20	BEAUTIFICATION	1:00 PM	ON HIATUS
THU 21	BIDS/INFRASTRUCTURE	12:00 NOON	CONF RM
TUE 26	OPERATIONS	1:00 PM	MCH MTG RM C
WED 27	FINANCE	1:00 PM	CONF RM
THU 28	OFFICERS	12:00 NOON	CONF RM
FRI 29	EXECUTIVE BOARD	10:00 AM	MCH MTG RM C

Committee Meetings are Subject to change.  
Check with Committee Chair for updates/  
cancellations

Committee Members and Officers preferred.  
Limited seating available.

Masks for attendees requested



# UCO OFFICERS' REPORTS



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This month, my three Co-Vice Presidents have covered just about all I was prepared to write, so I will sit it out this month. I hope to have something to report next month.

Have a wonderful holiday season. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy Kwanzaa to the celebrants of each.

My best wishes for good health to all.



**Patricia Caputo**

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Sheffield • Stratford • Waltham

Here it is December 2023 and another year is coming to an end.

I have good news to report on our transportation service. Academy Bus is addressing our complaints in a timely manner as your written complaints are coming to me. I send them to my contact person at the bus company where the complaint is reviewed and action is taken if the complaint is found to be valid.

At this month's transportation meeting, we were informed that the buses now have updated cameras to better review any issues that may occur on the buses. Several new buses have been ordered to replace some of the aging fleet. I want to thank the riders that send me both positive and negative feedback in writing. This makes my job easier and I can better serve you.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Kwanzaa and very happy holidays to all. May God bless all of you.



**Stew Richland**

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Southampton • Dover

Fans of Sherlock Holmes will remember his famous statement to his partner Dr. Watson, "the game's afoot" which meant that a challenge has been accepted or a problem needs to be solved. Your UCO officers would not be doing their due diligence if we did not make sure our Village residents were made aware of the many serious issues that have arisen here in the Village over the past few years. Historically, CV was established as a retirement community. People moved here from every area of the U.S. to make the Village their home. This is not true any more. The demographics of our Village has changed dramatically. Partly due to the economic conditions that now exist in the USA.

People have flocked to Florida for jobs and thus need a place to live. Many Associations have changed their by-laws to allow owners to

rent their units. In many instances, Boards have allowed individuals to own multiple units in their Association thus exacerbating a weakness in protecting the financial operation and daily operation of the Association. These absentee unit owners care little about how the building is run. All they want is their rental income. I must admit that many renters do follow the rules of the Village, however, they display little or no interest in how the Village operates. Another concern your UCO officers have is the fact that we have an increasing number of unit owners who live here on a limited basis and virtually make themselves invisible when it comes to participating in Association affairs. In some instances, these absentee unit owners purchase a majority number of units in a Association and this has led to many Associations completely ignoring how things are done here in the Village.

Residents of the Village, it is time to wake up and begin to address these issues. For starters. elect Board members who will live in the Village at least 9 months out of the year. Demand that Board members become certified. Ensure that all construction work done in the Association is permitted with licensed and insured contractors. Attendance at Delegate Assembly meetings must be made mandatory. This is the first of a series of articles that I intend to write dealing with some of the major issues that are impacting our Village and so I repeat, "the game's afoot."



**Fausto Fabbro**

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2023 is coming to an end. It has been a roller-coaster year. I want to thank you for your support and that of the UCO officers during the last twelve months. Our president has been out, but remained current on a daily basis on the ongoing business of our Village.

Now it's time to move on with the future in this community. I'm asking for your support on the next step of my journey to be the next president of UCO. Many changes need to be made to keep CV current with the changes that CV has undergone over the last several years. Some changes can be made by UCO, but other changes must be made by the associations.

You must have annual elections and you must vote for officers that will be available on a yearly basis, so your association can function all year and not just some of

the time. Associations must assume responsibility for building issues. UCO cannot resolve all your problems. We can suggest and make recommendations, but it is up to the officers to resolve in their associations. That bad word ( lawyer ) always surfaces. You need to have a lawyer for legal advice. Too many building officers come to UCO for legal advice. We are not lawyers and do not presume to be. That is not our job. Every officer should have a copy of their Governing Documents and Bylaws. A copy of the UCO Bylaws is available in the office, if needed.

If you have questions, come to the UCO office and one of your VP's will be glad to assist you.

Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year to all.





# Property Manager's Report

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By Donald Foster, LCAM

On 10/21, I underwent emergency surgery and returned to home on 10/27. Now that I am back to work, I want to thank my colleagues at UCO for their support during this difficult time, and also all of my friends and neighbors in CV for their prayers and well wishes. It's good to be HOME.

**BUDGETS-** Last month, UCO President Dave Israel signed off on the final draft of the **2024 UCO budget**. This budget, which calls for an increase of **\$8.04 cents per unit**, per month, was sent to CV Property Managers and will be used to create annual budgets for the 309 Associations of Century Village. On 10/2, Dave signed off on the final draft of the **2024 W.P.R.F. budget** (Recreation Facility), which calls for an increase of **\$11.11 cents per unit**, per month. Copies of both of these budgets are available on request to any CV unit owner, either by stopping by the UCO Office for paper copies, or by sending an email request to: UCOMAINTENANCE@GMAIL.COM.

**INSURANCE-** During the first week of December, CV Association Directors will be able to pick up their insurance option sheets for 2024:

- Wednesday, 12/6, 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM, UCO Conference Room
- Thursday, 12/7, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Clubhouse Party Room

- Friday, 12/8, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, UCO Conference Room

On Thursday, 12/7, 10:00 AM at the Clubhouse Party Room, Phil Masi, Agency President at AssuredPartners, will give a presentation, explaining the 2024 UCO Insurance Program. After the presentation, Phil and his staff will meet with individual CV Directors to answer questions.

**TRAFFIC, HAVERHILL ROAD-** With the beginning of high-occupancy season, there has been some concern about traffic conditions at our Haverhill Road entrance, with competing traffic from Century Village, Congregation Aitz Chaim, and the Alora residential property. County Commissioner Gregg Weiss has been very helpful with these issues, working with the PBC Engineering Department.

At the Alora property, drivers are making illegal left turns when exiting the property. The County will construct a raised median which will prevent left turn movement. Plans are nearly complete and work is expected to start in June 2024. In the meantime, the County Engineer approved the installation of flexible delineator posts to help prevent these illegal turns.

At the Haverhill Road entrance to Century Village, cars exiting CV and Congregation Aitz Chaim are “near missing”, despite the installation of new traffic signals. To address this issue, County staff installed an overhead traffic sign that directs drivers exiting Century Village “LEFT TURN YIELD TO THRU TRAFFIC”.

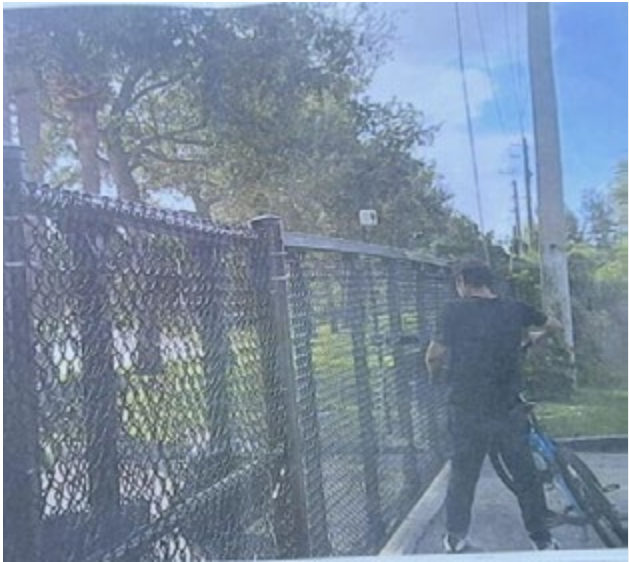
**PBC BUILDING DEPARTMENT MEETING-** Next month, the Palm Beach County Division of Planning, Zoning, and Buildings will give a presentation to CV unit owners. This presentation will happen on 12/15, 11:00 AM, at the Century Village Clubhouse. Representatives from PBC Divisions of Code Enforcement, Buildings, and Contractor Certification will address the growing problem of unauthorized and unpermitted construction and demolition at Century Village associations. All CV unit owners are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. Unit owners who live in three and four story buildings should especially consider attending, because the presentation will include information about new regulations that were enacted in the past year. This presentation was very well attended last year, and PBC Officials stayed late to answer individual questions.

**SECURITY-** Last month, there were several incidents of theft at CV, involving a car, a motorcycle, and a bicycle. PBSO was able to quickly resolve all of these cases, with the assistance of our security contractor and our Community’s extensive system of security cameras, which includes our new license plate recognition cameras, guardhouse cameras, and perimeter “stealth” cameras. At PBSO’s suggestion, some of our older cameras will soon be replaced by newer models, which will provide clearer images for security and police, and help keep CV safe.

END OF REPORT



CENTURY BOULEVARD- OUR NEW FLOCK SAFETY CAMERAS CAN LOCATE ANY VEHICLE LEAVING OR ENTERING CV, BY LICENSE TAG NUMBER OR BY VEHICLE DESCRIPTION ONLY. THIS DRIVER IS ME. PBSO AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CAN ACCESS THIS SYSTEM REMOTELY TO SOLVE CRIMES.



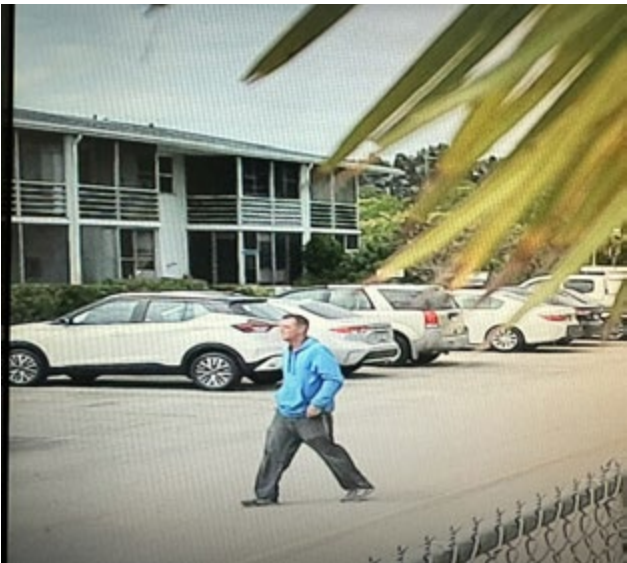
BEDFORD SECTION- THIS GUY DOES NOT BELONG INSIDE CV, AND IS OBVIOUSLY UP TO NO GOOD. SECURITY ROVER ESCORTED HIM OFF PROPERTY, AND THE BICYCLE WAS RETURNED TO ITS OWNER. STEALTH CAMS, INSTALLED ALONG CV FENCE LINES, HELPS IDENTIFY PEOPLE WHO DON'T BELONG HERE AND HELPS SOLVE CRIMES.



BEDFORD SECTION- NOW THIS GUY BRINGS HIS GIRLFRIEND. SECURITY NOW CHECKS THIS SPOT HOURLY. PERIMETER STEALTH CAMS HELP IDENTIFY TROUBLE SPOTS THAT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL ATTENTION BY SECURITY.



NORWICH SECTION- EARLIER THIS YEAR, A NORWICH UNIT OWNER REPORTED THIS FENCE JUMPER. SECURITY CHECKED STEALTH CAMS ALONG THE FENCE LINE, IDENTIFIED THE INTRUDER, AND ESCORTED HIM OFF THE PROPERTY.



NORWICH SECTION- THIS CAM PICKED UP A NICE CLEAR PICTURE OF THE FENCE JUMPER, WHICH WAS POSTED AT THE GUARDBOUSES AND IN THE SECURITY ROVER VEHICLES.





By Ruth Dreiss

There were 50 people signed up to take the excursion to the Elliott Museum in Stuart on December 6th. A trip to Benzaiten Center for Creative Arts in Lake Worth, featuring glass blowing will go out in January. See details in the notice in this publication. Ideas will be accepted for future trips. The cost of a bus is \$900, so plan carefully. The committee will be obtaining prices from other bus companies in an effort to get transportation at a lower price. Like everything else, the cost of hiring buses has increased. What

## Transportation

once was \$600 is now \$900. Removal of the 3 seats at the front of the bus is working well. Some changes were suggested for going to the Hastings Clubhouse, but any changes in scheduling will increase prices. Omar, the company supervisor from Academy Bus reported that the company has made changes in the last 30 days. It has added 1 bus to the fleet and they now have 8 buses. Two buses have been retired and 2 new buses are on the way. Body work and maintenance is being done regularly. There is a full team of mechanics and cleaning crew. The company is making an effort to keep drivers who know the community and are looking for commercial drivers in our community. At

present, there are 75 drivers and evaluation of all drivers is made at the end of the year to establish which are most suited to CV. The committee had asked for a determination about animals and children riding on the buses. Animals that are well behaved and on a lease are permitted. Animals that have been traveling have been well trained and not a problem, quietly sitting under the seat. There are 8 cameras and video on all buses, including the excursion buses to view any complaints registered. In order to ride, children must have an ID. These are not issued to children under the age of 16, so they cannot ride. Those over 16 with an ID are permitted to ride.



By John Hess

The Holiday season is upon us. We need to be cautious when shopping. Keep an eye on your wallet; don't leave it in your shopping cart while browsing for that perfect gift. Park near lights or near the front doors of the store where you are shopping.

## Security

Maintain a good hold of your purse when walking through the parking lot. Stories of thieves taking advantage of shoppers returning to their cars are common in these times we are now living in. Leave purchased merchandise in your trunk, if going to another store before going home. Safety First A suggestion to save some money is to obey the

traffic laws, especially here in the Village, and not get a ticket. They are quite expensive. Last month 31 tickets were issued to those speeding. See something - Say something. PBSO non emergency #561-688-3400 "MERRY CHRISTMAS" "HAPPY HANUKKAH" "HAPPY NEW YEAR!"

## Safety & Security

BY DANIEL ZELAYA, PLATINUM SECURITY DIRECTOR

Greetings and salutations, As the holidays approach, we want to continue being vigilant and proactive in our community. Below are some helpful tips to contribute to the safety and security of your home while you are on vacation or visiting family and friends. Do not advertise vacations or absences on social media. Many criminals use online platforms to target residences. Knowing when you are away and for how long gives plenty of time to plunder your valuables. Wait until you return home to post and share all those memories. Ensure before you depart that your doors, windows, back patio, and all vehicle doors are locked.

Maintain clear sightlines by trimming bushes and trees near entry points to your unit. This will take away hiding spots for burglars. Maintain good lighting in common areas, walkways, parking lots and around your unit. Burglars prefer darkness to blend in in the background. Motion activated lights are a great option. Ring cameras are a good deterrence and useful in identifying porch pirates looking to steal packages. If you have a security system, have it connected to your smartphone for remote monitoring and alerts. There is no Guaranteed method to prevent theft 100%, but these measures can reduce the risk. If you are a victim of a crime, please report it immediately to PBSO 561-688-3400.



By Eva Rachesky

I received a complaint in my office from a resident who had attended one of our wonderful Saturday night shows. The complaint consisted of a couple who got up to dance in front of the stage, blocking those sitting in the front row and distracting others. Though told to sit down by other patrons, the couple continued to dance. Can I understand the urge to get up and dance...of course. Music can stir our souls and the need to move in rhythm to it. Many times, during a show, I am moving in my seat to the music. Having said that, we are a performing arts theater, not a concert hall where

dancing is accepted. The couple in question did not consider they were blocking anyone's view or that their dancing in front of the stage distracted and annoyed others. The likelihood is that they just didn't care as they were "in the moment". While this does not happen often, dancing in the theater is not allowed. I am asking everyone to consider all patrons and follow the rule of no dancing. I will thank everyone in advance for their anticipated cooperation. I also wanted to update everyone on the progress at Hastings. The job has passed all inspections, with the exception of "fire". WPRF is waiting for the work to be done and will get Hastings open as quickly as possible. The project has taken longer than we would have liked, and I thank all residents

for their patience which I am well aware has been stretched thin. I had a group of residents that recently came to an Operation's meeting. Their concern was that as "year round" residents, they felt they were not as important as the snowbirds because all work is done out of season. My response was/is that all residents are equally important. The reason the work is done out of season is that there is less foot traffic and thus fewer residents that are being inconvenienced. Well, that's a wrap on the final article of the year. Wishing everyone a holiday season filled with joy, delicious food and much holiday cheer. Eva





This outline is meant to be used as a guide for preparing your bio to run for election for any open seats.  
Send bio by e-mail only to: ruthdreiss14@gmail.com, no later than January 12, 2024.

UCO Candidate Bio Outline Form

Name:

Building Association: (no unit #)

Running for: Vice President or Executive Board

Education:

Career/Employment:

UCO/CV Experience:

Military Service (if applicable):

CV resident: No. of years residing and statement that you reside a minimum of 9 months each year.

If you are running for the Executive Board, there is a maximum of 250 words.  
For Vice President or other office, there is some leeway.



By JoAnne Robinson

An effort has been underway for the last few months to revitalize content on the Community Access TV stations 590/591/592. These channels are available to all Century Village residents as part of the Breezeline service that we pay for through our monthly fees. So these are REALLY our stations. In consultation with my fellow UCO Officers, I have started to gather all the tools necessary to provide the most accurate and up to date information about what’s going on around the

Village. We want to not only inform, but entertain our residents. Toward that goal we have posted pictures from the recent Halloween Dance at the Clubhouse, as well as pictures from the AACC (African American Culture Club) taken on a trip to Branson, Missouri, to participate in a Breast Cancer Awareness event. We have also posted some very important information about what is going on with the insurance industry in Florida by way of webinars from both our insurance agent, Assured Partners, and from Becker Law experts. At the suggestion of one of our volunteers, Kate

Benoit, we started to offer gentle chair exercise videos. The schedule for the Hasting Fitness Center is also posted for those who want more vigorous classes. So we’re trying to be relevant and we’re trying to listen to our residents. In order to do this we have a dedicated email address: CVTVAdmin@UnitedCivic.Org Send your suggestions to this email address, as well as any content that you would like us to consider for posting to the channels. I promise, we’re listening to our residents.

Sharing Pathways: Ensuring Safety for Bicyclists and Walkers in Century Village

•Proper Etiquette and Behavior  
The safety of shared pathways begins with responsible behavior. Both bicyclists and walkers should adhere to a set of guidelines to ensure a harmonious coexistence. Bicyclists should yield to pedestrians, maintain a reasonable speed, and use bells or verbal cues to signal their presence. Pedestrians, on the other hand, should stay to one side of the pathway, keep a straight path, and remain aware of their surroundings.

ID OFFICE

Residents who work and unable to arrive at the ID Office during regular business hours:

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

Call for an appointment  
561 640-3120 Ext. 4



# Minutes Delegate Assembly

## November 3, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson, Fausto Fabbro, at 9:30 AM.

140 Delegates/Alternates were present representing a quorum.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

**Capt. Palenzuela, PBSO**, led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Law Enforcement Report** – Capt. Palenzuela, PBSO, introduced his boss Major Ron Matino to address the Assembly with regard to the measures that PBSO is taking to protect the Jewish communities’ houses of worship. Capt. Palenzuela continued with his monthly report. The activity report shows 277 calls for service with 41 cases written, which included 1 vehicle burglary, 2 theft complaints, and 3 computer fraud cases that resulted in a loss of \$3,100 on one and \$3000 on another. Traffic report shows 33 traffic stops with 31 citations written,17 written warnings and 1 verbal warning. No arrests related to traffic stops, 2 minor accidents.

**Dave Aronberg, Florida State Attorney**, addressed the Assembly about how his office is working with the Sheriff to combat antisemitism. Prosecutions related to hate crimes were highlighted.

**Gregg Weiss, Palm Beach County Mayor/Commissioner**, updated us on the signal going across to the synagogue on Haverhill. Also, the access to the Alora complex was supposed to have a raised median, but in the meantime plastic poles are being put in place to help with the turning problem into CV.

**Fausto Fabbro, UCO VP**, provided an update on the South Canal regarding the survey being done by Wallace Survey that will be finished by 11/21/23 and provided to Simons & White,

who will provide a report to us about what condition the canal is in and what work needs to be done. Also, as of 11/1/23 only 2 barcodes will be allowed per unit. All Points Mobile Shredding will be here on January 12, 2024 at the Clubhouse from 9 to 12 PM to shred any documents that you want to get rid of. Also, advised that all board members should attend one of the condo conferences when they are presented at the Palm Beach Convention Center and take the Board Certification Class to keep themselves updated.

**Patricia Caputo, UCO VP**, there has been a great improvement in reporting problems with the buses in writing, but remember that all complaints/compliments about the buses MUST be put in writing. Also wants to remind everyone that the staff at the UCO office is all volunteers, please come and fill out an application and volunteer. So please show courtesy when you are dealing with the office staff.

**Stewart Richland, UCO VP**, reports that driving at Century Village continues to be a problem, not just with speeding but how people drive in the wrong direction and doing other unsafe things on the roads.

**Domenic Guarnagia, UCO VP**, reports that he has been out sick but is now back.

**JoAnne Robinson, UCO Recording Secretary**, wants to ask for submission of content to be shown on the Community Access Channels, 590/591/592. Send submissions to CVTVADMIN@UNITEDCIVIC.ORG, We really need photographers,

**David Boas, UCO VP**, reports that if your Board changes. you have to fill out a new form completely, not just the changes. It has to be at the UCO office by 12 noon on the Wednesday before the Delegate Assembly, in order for you

to vote at the next meeting. Cut-off time is 9:30 AM at the Delegate Assembly. Also, the UCO office will be closed on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

**Ed Grossman, UCO Treasurer**, stated the written financial report is not included due to an oversight. If anyone wants a copy of the report, they will be available in the office.

**Ruth Dreiss, UCO Reporter, Editor-in-Chief**, reported she is always willing to accept and print material from our residents that is relevant. Also, the reporter is doing very well financially.

### NEW BUSINESS

Fausto Fabbro, UCO VP, announced that he will be running for UCO President in March.

**Amy Ebersbach, Constitutional Tax Collector’s Office**, announced that the current tax bills have been mailed out and has a brochure in it that we should all read. Wants to remind us that there is an optional payment plan for your taxes.

**Andrew Watt, Clerk of the Courts**, announced a new service center in Royal Palm Beach is opening soon. Also new forms will be used for real estate transactions that require witness addresses. Reminded us of a website to be alerted if anything happens with your property at: [www.mypalmbeachclerk.com](http://www.mypalmbeachclerk.com)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 AM.

Respectfully submitted by,

*JoAnne Robinson*  
*UCO Recording Secretary*

## Delegate Assembly Attendance

### Delegates Present November 3, 2023 Delegate Assembly

Andover	C, G, J, M	Kingswood	D, F
Bedford	A, C, F, G, H, K	Northampton	A, B, M, N, P, R, S
Berkshire	G, H, I	Norwich	A, F
Cambridge	D, E F, H, I	Oxford	200 (1 of 2), 400
Camden	B, I, K, L, O	Plymouth	S (1 of 2)
Canterbury	A, B, D	Salisbury	A, D, I
Chatham	B, C, D, F, H, N, R, T, U	Sheffield	F, G, I, J, L, M, Q
Coventry	B, D, H, J, K	Somerset	A, C, G, I, K
Dorchester	C, D, G, H, I	Southampton	A (1 of 3), B, C
Dover	(4 of 9)	Stratford	A, B, C, D, H, L, N, O
Easthampton	H	Sussex	A, E, H, J, M
Golfs Edge	(4 of 7)	Waltham	E, F, G, I
Greenbrier	A (1 of 2), B, C (1 of 2)	Wellington	B (1 of 2), D, E (1 of 2), F (1 of 2), G, H, (1 of 2), J, K, L (1 of 2)
Hastings	E, F, H	Windsor	D, I, J, P, Q
Kent	C, D, E, F, I, J, M		



# LEGAL



## Screening and Discrimination Issues

BY MARK FRIEDMAN, FLORIDA BAR CERTIFIED AS A SPECIALIST IN CONDOMINIUM AND PLANNED DEVELOPMENT LAW

### What does “discrimination” in housing mean?

It is unlawful in Palm Beach County to discriminate in the sale, rental, and financing of dwellings, and in other housing-related transactions, based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability, sexual orientation, age, marital status and gender identity or expression.

In Housing for Older Persons communities, “familial status” discrimination is not applicable. Familial status means discrimination against families with children under the age of 18 years.

The best way to avoid discrimination is to seek advice from the Association’s own legal counsel, and not rely on third-party information when you want to deny an application, prior to making any statements to the seller or applicant. That way counsel can review your governing documents to ensure that there is a legitimate legal basis for the denial and that the denial notification is handled properly.

With due respect to realtors (I have two in my family), Board members should not have extensive back and forth discussions with realtors.

Board members should politely accept the application and related documents, and process those documents as per standard operating procedures, and limit discussion with all parties related to the transaction until the investigation is concluded. The sales contract says what it says. The declaration of condominium’s provisions, likewise, say what they say. There is no room for negotiation. Further, if you say the wrong thing to any third-party representative, as has happened, that representative will be called as a witness against you personally and against the association. The realtor negotiates between buyer and seller. There is nothing to negotiate with the association. If your documents are not clear on these types of issues, then amend them at your upcoming annual meeting.

We were told that there is an “80/20 rule” and we must allow persons under 55 to occupy 20 percent of the units, even in the absence of someone who is 55 years of age or older.

The federal and state laws provide that at least 80 percent of the occupied units must be occupied by at least one person who is 55 years of age or older. The remaining 20 percent of the units may be occupied by persons under 55, and the condominium may still qualify for the exemp-

tion. However, HUD will not mandate that you make 20 percent of the units available for occupancy by persons under 55 years of age. In fact, in the question and answers page found at HUD.gov, the answer, in relevant part, was, “Further, the facility/community needs to plan with care any attempt to sell or rent the entire 20 percent portion of the remaining units to incoming households under age 55, because it could risk losing the exemption if some occupants over 55 die, with surviving spouses or heirs who are under 55 years of age.” Most associations allow the 20 percent to be used only for the surviving spouse or the adult child who may be under 55 years of age when the older spouse, or parent dies.

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# December Tax Talk

**ANNE M. GANNON**  
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Dear Friends:

If you recall, earlier this year I mentioned that my cat, Bader, was featured in our Installment Payment Plan (IPP) advertisement. Well, with the new tax season comes a new IPP ad and being the fair “cat mom” that I am,

this year’s ad had to feature my other cat, Biden. Yes, that’s her grasping the tree! Don’t worry, she was never really stuck in the tree thanks to the wizardry of our graphic artist. The ad is featured in our 2023 Property Taxes brochure which is included with your property tax bill that was mailed to property owners in early November.

Enrollment for next year’s budget friendly IPP is now open through April 30 and once enrolled, beginning next year, you will pay your real estate and/or tangible property taxes in four quarterly payments. That’s how I pay my property tax! Visit [www.pbctax.com/ipp](http://www.pbctax.com/ipp) for eligibility requirements and to enroll online.

As we close out 2023, I want to wish you a healthy, happy holiday season and a very Happy New Year!

**FUNDS FOR YOU?**

Did you know there could be thou-

sands of dollars waiting for you? Yes, you read that right -- some clients overpay on their transactions, and once this happens, we issue a refund for the amount overpaid. If the refund is returned to us as undeliverable, we will continue to attempt to issue the refund. Once we have explored all refund options, we then post a list of unclaimed funds on our website, hoping that clients can reclaim the money due to them. We hold onto these funds for one year, and if the funds remain unclaimed, we forward those funds to the appropriate state of the last known address.

Currently, there is more than \$500,000 in unclaimed funds available. So, I encourage you to check if your name is on the list, you never know what might be waiting for you! Visit Palm Beach County Unclaimed Funds and State of Florida Unclaimed Funds.

**PAY IT ONLINE**

Tax bills were mailed out last month, and my staff is working to process payments quickly. If you haven’t paid your taxes yet, I suggest using our convenient online payment process by visiting [www.pbctax.com](http://www.pbctax.com).

There are two quick, easy and convenient ways to pay online:

- Credit/Debit Card: We accept American Express, Visa, Mastercard and Discover. A 2.4% convenience

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- eCheck: Using eCheck is FREE. If you pay online using your bank’s routing number and account number, there is no convenience fee. Your email transaction notice will serve as your receipt.

Visit [www.pbctax.com](http://www.pbctax.com) and click the “Payment Options” button on our homepage to see a complete “How To Guide” for making an online property tax payment. Or you can click here for more information: <https://www.pbctax.com/payment-options/>.

If you missed November’s 4% discount for your property tax payment, you can take advantage of the 3% discount by paying your property taxes by the January 2, 2024 deadline. The discount drops to 2% in January and 1% in February. There is no discount if you wait and pay your taxes in March.

**RETURNED CHECK...NOW WHAT?**

This tax season, many of you may choose to pay online with the convenient eCheck system. There is no convenience fee to use eCheck, which requires you to enter your bank’s routing number and account number. You may also choose to make your payment with a personal check.

When submitting your electronic payment, please make sure

all your banking information is correct. Payments can be rejected by your bank due to an invalid/incorrect routing/account number(s), and your payment will not be processed and must be resubmitted in the form of a personal check, cashier’s check or money order. Once you receive notification from our office that payment was unsuccessful, you will receive directions to resubmit the payment, either by mailing it to our office or dropping it off at any of our service center locations drop boxes.

If you receive notice from your bank that your payment was dishonored, please hold off contacting our office as we must wait for notification from your bank before you can resubmit your payment. Once we are notified by your bank, my staff will reach out to you with instructions on resubmitting your payment.

Keep in mind that payments cannot be made by phone and all discount and delinquency deadlines apply.

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# Palm Beach County News

FROM THE OFFICE OF PALM BEACH MAYOR GREGG WEISS



Lately my office has been hearing from concerned Century Village residents about traffic on Haverhill Road.

**Alora Isles**

Some of this has to do with the Alora Isles community and how people get into and get out of this community. Here's how it's supposed to

go:

When exiting Alora, community vehicles are supposed to make a right turn to go north on Haverhill Road.

When entering the Alora community vehicles are supposed to make a right turn onto Alora Isles Drive.



Unfortunately, we often see drivers illegally making left turns into and out of the Alora community, as depicted in the schematic below.



As you can see, the vehicles making the illegal left turns in and out of the community are crossing the median and this can make for very dangerous situations.

Fortunately the fix is in the works. The county will construct a raised median separator which will prevent left turn movement. Plans are nearly complete and work is expected to start in June 2024. In the meantime, the County Engineer approved the installation of flexible delineator posts to help prevent these illegal turns.

**Synagogue traffic**

Another issue that's been brought to our attention has to do with traffic coming out of the Aitz Chaim Synagogue. Vehicles coming out of Century Village have a green light at the same time that the vehicles out of the synagogue have a green light, as well. Century Village residents tell us they are concerned, and have seen close calls, when people coming out of Century Village, rac-

ing to make the green light, turn left and almost hit people coming out of the synagogue going straight. To address this issue, county staff installed an overhead traffic sign that tells vehicles exiting Century Village "Left turn yield to thru traffic".

We also asked for a dedicated left turn signal for vehicles exiting out of Century Village, but staff denied that request because traffic volumes don't justify the change. Please obey traffic rules, be mindful of the situation and drive carefully.

**Bus shelter**

Following an inquiry by Dr. Richard Handelsman, PalmTran will be adding a bus shelter on the west side of Haverhill Road, just south of the entrance to Century Village.

**ABOUT COUNTY MAYOR GREGG WEISS'S OFFICE**

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# Clerk Report - December

JOSEPH ABRUZZO, PBC CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

## Keeping Guardianship Fair and Accountable



Guardianship is a tool of last resort, available to make sure that loved ones are taken care of when they can no longer care for themselves.

But what exactly is guardianship? It is a legal process by which a court appoints a person or organization to care for someone who is un-

able to make their own decisions.

The person needing care could be affected due to age, disability, or mental illness. By Florida law, guardianship is only warranted “when no lesser restrictive alternative, such as durable power of attorney, trust, health care surrogate or proxy, or other form of pre-need directive, is found by the court to be appropriate and available.”

The need for guardianship is a reality for many in our community. With the right tools and knowledge, the process can be made much easier for everyone concerned.

Our office is involved in the guardianship process, including processing guardianship petitions, serving as an independent monitor of court-appointed guardian’s actions and maintaining a Guardianship Integrity Assurance Hotline.

If you are considering filing for guardianship, here are some important things to consider:

- Are there different types of guardianship? Yes, a person can be appointed guardian of a person, property, or both. Supported decision-making (SDM), guardian advocacy, and narrowly tai-

lored guardianship orders (letting the protected person retain as many rights as possible) are all versions of guardianship with their own specific purpose.

- Do I need an attorney? For certain types of guardianship cases, you will need an attorney. More specifically, Florida Probate Rule 5.030 requires that guardians have an attorney. However, guardian advocates and supported decision-making may not need an attorney. If you need to find an attorney, you may want to call the Palm Beach County Bar Association’s Attorney Referral Service at (561) 687-3266 or (561) 451-3256 (Boca Raton/Delray Beach, or the Legal Aid Society at (561) 655-8944.

- Is a guardianship permanent? No, not if a person regains their abilities. The court can have the person reexamined and restore some or all of their rights.

Guardianship is a serious legal matter. If you are considering filing for guardianship, or know someone who is, I encourage you to consult with an attorney to discuss your case.

If you or someone you know has concerns about instances of financial fraud, waste, and other concerns involving court-appointed guardianships, do not hesitate to contact my office and our team of dedicated professionals.

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## Prosecutors take aim against antisemitism

BY STATE ATTORNEY DAVE ARONBERG



Swastikas projected on a West Palm Beach building. Antisemitic materials thrown onto driveways in Wellington and Boca Raton. Demonstrations by neo-Nazis outside Disney World. These are the ugly signs of a disturbing rise in antisemitism witnessed this year in Palm Beach County and across Florida.

The State Attorney's Office has been a leader in Florida for holding these offenders accountable in criminal court. Two non-residents recently were convicted, and cases are pending against three other perpetrators who are charged with dumping flyers that are intended to inflame or incite hatred against the Jewish community.

And even more prosecutions are now possible with additional penalties, thanks to a new state law on public nuisances that was sponsored by state Representative Mike Caruso of Delray Beach.

Littering of antisemitic garbage, which harasses or intimidates the property owner, can now be charged as a first-degree misdemeanor. If the litter contains a credible threat, the crime rises to a third-degree felony.

Anyone caught projecting a hateful image on a building without the owner's consent, or trespassing on college campuses to threaten or intimidate others, also faces prosecution.

In another change, willfully and maliciously interrupting or disturbing a religious service or a funeral can now be charged as a first-degree misdemeanor. If a credible threat is made, the crime is enhanced to a third-degree felony.

As the fall season begins, there have yet to be any charges filed in Palm Beach County under the new law - violators first need to be caught in the act and identified. Because they are cowardly and act at night or wear masks, it is difficult to bring those who disseminate hate to justice.

State Attorney Dave Aronberg, along with Sheriff Ric Bradshaw, is urging citizens to be vigilant and alert authorities if they witness the dumping of antisemitic materials in their neighborhoods or any other hateful acts.

"It's important for members of the community to say something if they see something," Aronberg said. "Help us find out when they are doing this and identify them, using their doorbell cameras, for example. Because if we can identify them, we will charge them."

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# Organization News

**Actors Studio 1:** meets Monday 7-9 PM in the clubhouse. Openings for actors of all skill levels. Writers and stage hands are welcome. Performances every year. Participants read from scripts. Call Marshall: 561-596-1738.

**African American Culture Club:** business meetings, first Wed. each mo. 6:00 PM. Potluck 4th Sun., 3-6 PM. Play hand knee & foot during the week. Sun., Jan. 28, 3:00-4:30 pm, Lecture on Brain Health, Clubhouse. For more details, contact Les Rivkin (315) 529-1221 or Eula Bess (561) 718-7478.

**Al-Anon Attitude of Gratitude:** beginners mtg. starts again Oct. 4, every Thurs., 4:30 pm, Clubhouse Craft Room. For info: call 954-512-0509.

**American Legion Post 141:** Attention Veterans!! And anybody connected to the military. Your service is needed again. Join the American Legion, Post 141 and help support our Veterans & community programs. For more info: Ron Rising, Commander, Post 141 561-460-5169, commanderpost141wpb@gmail.com.

**Art Club:** Thurs. mornings, 9:30 to noon, Art Room, 2nd fl. No dues, no costs. Call Susan Bernstein 917-833-7516 to let her know you will come.

**Baby Boomers:** will meet each month May-Dec., Clubhouse Room D, 3:30-4:30 pm to share upcoming events and visit. Contact dixiedugan13@gmail.com with questions.

**Board Synergy Club:** working toward making association boards more efficient by sharing ideas & practices. Weekly meetings, Thurs. 1:30 PM, Clubhouse Craft Room, open to unit owners & board members. Special mtg., Dealing with Difficult People, Thurs., Dec. 7, 1:30 PM, CH Room C. For questions or further information, please contact Kelly Janssen at cvnorthamptona@gmail.com or phone (920) 544-6025.

**C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team):** Meets 2nd Friday of month, CH Room A, 1 PM.

**Christian Club:** Meetings first Wed. of month, 1 PM Clubhouse Party Room. For Club info call: Rae Boyle 561-

254-2290.

**Computer Club:** meets first Thursday.of mo., CH Room A, 12:30 pm, refreshments served, drawings for door prizes. Classes to learn new digital skills, improve knowledge of computers, phones & tablets. Membership: \$12 per yr. Share your skills with others as a volunteer teacher. For info: email cvccwpb@gmail.com. For Website: https://www.cv-computerclub-wpb.com/

**Cong. Anshei Sholom:** 5348 Grove St. Invites you to join them for Shabbat Services Sat. morning, 9:15 AM with a kiddush following. Our synagogue is cleaned & sanitized each week. Hand sanitizers available. For further information, please call the Synagogue office: 561-684-3212.

**CV Friends of Bill W:** Meetings Mon. & Thurs., 6:30 pm, Clubhouse 1st fl. Craft Room. Further info: 832-819-7748, 631-889-2614.

**Democratic Club of CV:** Meetings 3rd Thursday each mo., 1:30 pm. For more info contact: Les Rivkin, Pres. 315-529-1221.

**Falling Star Players:** a CV acting group producing 3 shows a year. Meets in Classroom C every Tuesday. 6PM. Can't memorize lines? No problem. We take our scripts on-stage. Come join the fun! Call Jody Lebel 561-531-3373.

**Irish American Club:** meetings begin Nov. 9th, 1 PM, clubhouse Party Room. All future meetings, first Tuesday of the month, same time & place. More info: please call Carole 914-343-5547.

**Italian American Club:** Meeting 3rd Wed. of the month, Party Rm. For more info: call Fausto 561-478-1821. No regular mtg. Dec., instead Christmas Lunch, La Placita Grill & Cantina, Wed., Dec. 20, 1-4 PM, Members \$22, Non-members, \$25, must prepay, checks only. Upcoming Tours (all based on 40 passengers): Dec. 3, 2023 Singing Christmas Tree Show, Hobe Sound/bus & donation \$35 pp, bus leaves CV 5 pm. Dec. 23, Jungle Queen sightseeing cruise/all you can eat dinner/show/bus, \$105 pp, bus leaves CV 4:30 pm. Feb. 11, 2024, Miami, Villa

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**New York & Jewish Club:** meets 2nd Thurs. ea. mo., 6-8 PM, Mtg. Rm D. Enjoy mingling, forming friendships, and discussions with those having the same backgrounds & interests. More members needed. Pl. call: Mark Sosnowitz, 914-318-4476.

**Russian-Ukraine Club:** meets 2nd Mon. of mo., Meeting Rm. A, 4-7 PM. For info call Pres. Raisa Kogan 302-345-9627.

**Sailing Club:** Meets Nov.-April, 2nd Friday of the month, 10 AM, Room C. Monthly Potluck, 5:30 PM, 1st Tuesday of month, Guest Pool, Nov.-April.

**Shuffleboard Club:** Summer Season May thru Oct. Play Tues. 6:30 PM, changed from previous yrs. Winter Season Nov. thru April, Tues., Wed., Thurs. Be ready to play at 1:15. Everyone is welcome. Equipment will be provided. Any questions, call Ed Wright: 561-632-5268.

**Snorkel Club:** has resumed meetings on the 3rd Friday of the month, 10AM in the Clubhouse, Classroom B. Please join us.

**Tennis Club:** For 2023 season, team sponsorship to (2) two Senior Men's League teams. Exclusive use of the "ball machine," mixed match tournaments, 2 social/feast gatherings. Membership fee \$10. See Les Rivkin, Yvon Poulin or John Bagdonas to sign up. Tennis teams looking for players on our Senior League Teams. Call: Les 315-529-1221, if interested.

**Zoom Programs:** Poetry, Karaoke, Yiddish Vinkl programs. Contact Marsha Love - mgmaita@aol.com

## DECEMBER 2023 CLUB LIST

All Clubs are active as of revised date, Clubs may have been discontinued or cancelled  
Rooms or dates may be subject to change or modification  
Masks and Social Distancing Recommended; Some Clubs may have Additional Rules

CLUB NAME	ROOM	DAY	TIME
Actor's Studio	Meeting Room C	Every Monday	6:30pm-9pm
African American Culture Club	Art Room	1st Wednesday	6pm-7pm
African American Culture Club Potluck	Party Room	4th Sunday	3pm-6pm
Arts of Palm	Art Room	Every Tuesday	3pm-5pm
Attitude of Gratitude	Craft Room	Every Thursday	4:30pm-5:30pm
Baby Boomers	Meeting Room C	3rd Wednesday	3:30pm-4:30pm
Baby Boomers Book Club	Class Room B	2nd Monday	11am-12pm
Ballroom Dance Practice Group	Hastings Aerobic	Every Monday	2pm-4 pm
Bible Study	Meeting Room D	Every Sunday	3pm-5pm
Bible Study Club in Spanish	Class Room A	Every Tuesday	6:30 pm-8:30pm
Board Synergy	Card Room B	Every Thursday	1:30pm-3pm
Camera Club	Meeting Room C	2nd Tuesday	10am-12pm
C.E.R.T.	Meeting Room A	2nd Friday	1pm-3pm
Christian Club	Party Room	1st Wednesday	12:30pm-2:30pm
Computer Club	Meeting Room A	1st Thursday	12:30pm-3pm
C.O.P.	Class Room B	2nd Thursday	10am-12pm
C.V. Crafter's Club	Meeting Room A	2nd & 4th Friday	9:30am-12pm
Dance Party	Party Room	Every Wednesday	7pm-10pm *
Democratic Club Meeting	Meeting Room C	3rd Thursday	1pm-3:30pm
Falling Star Players	Meeting Room C	Every Tuesday	6pm-9pm
Friends of Bill W	Craft Room	Monday & Thursday	6:30pm-7:30pm
Homestead Exemption Outreach	Clubhouse Lobby	1st Thursday	1:30pm-2:30pm
Irish American Culture Club	Party Room	1st Tuesday	12:30 - 2:30
Italian American Culture Club	Party Room	3rd Wednesday	1pm-3pm
Karaoke	Party Room	Every Saturday	6pm -9pm
Kathy's Kitchen, Can We Dish?	Meeting Room A	3rd Friday	1pm-3pm
Jewish Club (see New York Club)			
Latin American Club Mtg	Meeting Room A	2nd Thursday	6pm-7:30pm
Latin American Club Dance	Party Room	3rd Sunday	5pm-9pm
Line Dancing Club	Hastings Aerobic	Monday & Friday	12pm-2pm
New York Club combined with Jewish Club (may be split later)	Meeting Room D	2nd Thursday	6pm-8pm
Polish American Social Club	Art Room	1st Thursday	6pm-10pm
Quilting Club	Craft Room	Every Wednesday	1pm-3:30pm
Rummikub Club	Main Card Room	Monday & Thursday	7pm-9:30pm
Russian-Ukraine Club	Meeting Room A	2nd Monday	4pm-7pm
Sailing Club	Meeting Room C	2nd Friday	10am-12pm
Sailing Club Potluck	Guest Pool	1st Tuesday	5pm-7pm
Shuffleboard Club	Shuffleboard Courts	Tues, Wed, Thurs	1:15 - 3:30
Snorkel Club	Class Room B	3rd Friday	10am-11am
Somerset Club	Somerset Pool	2nd Friday	5pm-8pm
Stratford Umbrella	Meeting Room D	1st Wednesday	1pm-3pm
UCO Delegate Assembly	Theater	1st Friday	9:30am-12pm

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- Discussion about glass fusing with Benzaiten’s Fusing Manager.
- Visit the Benzaiten Gift Shop featuring one-of-a-kind gifts.

Glass blowing demonstration will take place outside under a roof.  
Dress as you would seated on a breezy veranda.

45 seat ADA compliant bus will leave CV Clubhouse at 9:30 a.m.  
Return to CV at approximately 1 p.m.

**\$15 per person (non-refundable)**  
Bring exact cash when making reservation.

Sign-up in Clubhouse Lobby  
Thursday, December 14 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.  
Friday, December 15 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

CV ID must be presented when making reservation.  
A resident may make a personal reservation and one additional reservation

Letters to the Editor

Too often the people we admire never hear about how much we appreciate them for their kindness and contributions made here in Century Village.

So many names come to mind, but I will start with “Hello Dolly”!

I believe everyone has heard about the most energetic woman named Dolly who instructs residents with two water aerobic classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and previously were held 7 days a week. She also performs in Theatrical events throughout the year in Century Village and is a costume designer too for these events in the Clubhouse.

With her great sense of humor and comforting words she shares with each person she meets, this winning combination shows her compassion for people and her dedication to a job well done.

Dolly, you are truly high-class and so appreciated too!

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# Century Village Class Schedule

## DECEMBER 2023

December Classes go on sale Monday, Nov 20

January Classes go on sale Monday, Dec. 18

### Class Registration Information

Classes are for Residents Only

Register Prior to the Start of the First Class

Register for Classes from Mon to Fri 9 to 12 & 1 to 4:00 in Class Office,  
located in the Ticket Office  
**PAYMENTS by CASH or CHECK ONLY.**

Make checks out to W.P.R.F., Inc. - \$25.00 Service Charge on all Returned Checks

No Refunds after first class unless class is cancelled

No New Registrations after the end of the 1st Class

All Classes are subject to change, cancellation or modification

Room Location Subject to Change or Modification

Please do not rearrange the tables and chairs in any room

Please call Class Office with questions: 561-640-3120 option 0

Masks may be required for some classes at the Instructor's discretion

(\*\*\*) This symbol indicates Materials Needed. Please Purchase Materials Prior  
to Start of First Class.

If you are interested in teaching a class come into the  
Ticket Office Monday thru Friday, 9 to 12 and 1 to 4 to see  
Melissa at the Class Office Desk.  
561-640-3120 option 0

## MONDAY CLASSES

Course Name	Start Date	Time	Cost	# Weeks	Room	Materials	Instructor
CREATIVE CANVAS							classes run 12/4, 12/11, 12/18
	12/04/23	6 to 8:30 pm	\$45 for 3 week class		<u>Art Room</u>	smock	Benita Tucker

Come in and create 3 different paintings on 3 consecutive Mondays in a relaxed atmosphere. Teacher will supply acrylic paints and a canvas with a pre-drawn pattern for each painting. Bring a smock to protect your clothes.

No Experiene Needed! Class Dependent on Minimum Class Size



WEEK 1



WEEK 2



WEEK 3

## TUESDAY CLASSES

Course Name	Start Date	Time	Cost	# Weeks	Room	Materials	Instructor
TAI CHI FLOW							<b><u>RETURNING CLASS!</u></b> classes run 12/5 thru 12/26
	12/05/23	1:00 to 1:45	\$25	4	Hastings Aerobic		Jerry Ziffer
Come in to learn Tai Chi. <u>Class dependent on minimum class size.</u>							
STAINED GLASS FOR BEGINNERS							classes run 12/5 thru 12/26
	12/05/23	10 am to 12 pm	\$25	4	Stained Glass		Pete Grobman
<b>Description:</b> Create stunningly beautiful objects with colored glass. The possibilities are endless!							
Beginning students will obtain supplies and tools from the teacher.							
MASKS MAY BE REQUIRED DUE TO SIZE OF ROOM. <u>Space is limited for this class</u>							

## WEDNESDAY CLASSES

Course Name	Start Date	Time	Cost	# Weeks	Room	Materials	Instructor
LINE DANCE REVIEW							<b><u>FREE CLASS!</u></b> class has no end date
		No Sign-Ups Needed 9:30 to 11:30	FREE		Party Room		Janine Fitzgerald
<b>Description:</b> Review and learn the dances you'll enjoy at the Friday Night Dances.							
No Sign-up needed, just walk right in prepared to have fun!							
PRACTICAL SPANISH BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE							classes run 12/6 thru 1/3
	12/06/23	10:15 to 11:15	\$50	5	Class Room A	***	Beverly Dolgin
Take lessons in Situational Spanish. <u>Class dependent on minimum class size.</u>						*** bring pen and notepad	
ESL - ENGLISH AS 2ND LANGUAGE BEG/INT							classes run 12/6 thru 1/3
	12/06/23	11:30 to 12:30	\$50	5	Class Room A	***	Beverly Dolgin
Learn English as your second language. <u>Class dependent on minimum class size.</u>						*** bring pen and notepad	
BALLROOM DANCE BEGINNER							classes run 12/6 thru 12/27
		THIS CLASS TAKES PLACE IN HASTINGS AEROBIC ROOM ** See 1st page for proper footwear					
	12/06/23	4 to 5 pm	\$35	4	<u>Hastings Aerobic</u>		Natalia Bragarnik
Learn Ballroom & Latin Dances with a Professional Dancer/Teacher. Includes: Waltz, Swing, Fox-Trot, Tango, Salsa, Merengue, Cha-Cha-Cha, Rumba, Quick-Step & Samba!							
BALLROOM DANCE INTERMEDIATE							classes run 12/6 thru 12/27
		THIS CLASS TAKES PLACE IN HASTINGS AEROBIC ROOM ** See 1st page for proper footwear					
	12/06/23	5 to 6 pm	\$35	4	<u>Hastings Aerobic</u>		Natalia Bragarnik
Learn Ballroom & Latin Dances with a Professional Dancer/Teacher. Includes: Waltz, Swing, Fox-Trot, Tango, Salsa, Merengue, Cha-Cha-Cha, Rumba, Quick-Step & Samba!							

## THURSDAY CLASSES

Course Name	Start Date	Time	Cost	# Weeks	Room	Materials	Instructor
CANASTA FOR BEGINNERS							classes run 12/7 thru 12/28
	12/07/23	10 am to 12 pm	\$20	4	upstairs lobby		Diane Andelman
<b>Description:</b> Come in and learn to play this exciting card game!							
<u>Class Dependent on Minimum Class Size - Spots are Limited</u>							
STAINED GLASS FOR BEGINNERS							classes run 12/7 thru 12/28
	12/07/23	1 - 3 pm	\$25	4	Stained Glass		Pete Grobman
<b>Description:</b> Create stunningly beautiful objects with colored glass. The possibilities are endless!							
Beginning students will obtain supplies and tools from the teacher.							
MASKS MAY BE REQUIRED DUE TO SIZE OF ROOM. <u>Space is limited for this class</u>							

## SATURDAY CLASSES

Course Name	Start Date	Time	Cost	# Weeks	Room	Materials	Instructor
SELF HAVENING MEDITATION							<b><u>FREE CLASS!</u></b> class has no end date
		No Sign-Ups Needed 11 am to 1 pm	FREE		Card Room B		Regina Wilson
Havening is a psychosomatic technique a person can use to remove the emotionally traumatic or stressful components of the memory of a traumatic or stressful life event. Learn how to let go of upsets by creating a sense of wellbeing and safety. This is a FREE Class. No sign up needed.							

**ATTENTION DANCE STUDENTS ATTENDING**  
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# The 10 Worst States for Retirement

BY RUTH DREISS



With the dramatic rise in insurance in the State of Florida, those who cannot afford this expense have considered moving, and have moved out of Florida. The following are the 10 states considered to be the worst for retirement.

**Maryland** This state has elevated living expenses and a high cost of living. The average salary is enough to cover living expenses for 2.2 months

**California:** Pretty obvious. It has had a rapid surge in the cost of living in recent years. One in 10, aged 65, live in poverty. The state income tax of 13.3% has the highest earners.

**Connecticut** It's unaffordability to retirees, especially those on fixed incomes makes it unattractive for retirement. Utilities, housing, groceries and transportation rank high in expenses.

**Alaska** The only thing going for this state is that there is no state income tax. It otherwise has the coldest average temperatures, the highest violent crime rate and exceedingly bad broadband access. And...you would probably be relocating far from family and friends.

**Rhode Island** The steep cost of utilities, real estate and transportation make this little state unattractive to

retirement.

**Massachusetts** Living expenses and the high cost of healthcare must be considered when thinking about a move here.

**Hawaii** This state takes the lead with the high cost of living, driven by housing prices averaging in the \$800,000's range. Public transportation options are sparse on the islands needing subways, trains or trams.

**Colorado** The cost of living here is 5.5% above the state average. Additionally, railroad retiree benefits still need to be taxed and sales tax can climb to 11% in certain parts of the state.

**Virginia** Living expenses surpass the national average by 3.1%. Both sales and property taxes remain low, but income taxes are higher.

**Oregon** One of the highest state income tax rates at 9.9%. Seniors receive 15.9% less household income than the national average.

Let's add **New York** as an 11th state, since many CVer come from there. Overall costs of living and housing are particularly high, plus it has an income tax. It ranks last among states for skilled nursing facilities per capita.

## Notables Born in December

BY RUTH DREISS

### Denzel Washington

Washington is an American actor and filmmaker who was born in December in 1954. He is described as an actor who re-configured "the concept of classic movie stardom". In addition to numerous honors, Washington has won a Tony Award, two Academy Awards, three Golden Globe Awards, and two Silver Bears. He was given the Cecil B. DeMille Lifetime Achievement Award in 2016, and The New York Times ranked him the best actor of the twenty-first century in 2020



### Sir Philip Anthony Hopkins

born 31 December 1937 is a Welsh actor, director, and producer. One of Britain's most recognizable and prolific actors, he is known for his performances on the screen and stage. Hopkins has received numerous accolades, including two Academy Awards, four BAFTA Awards, two Primetime Emmy Awards, and a Laurence Olivier Award. He has also received



the Cecil B. DeMille Award in 2005 and the BAFTA Fellowship for lifetime achievement in 2008. He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II for his services to drama in 1993.

### Emily Elizabeth Dickinson

(December 10, 1830 – May 15, 1886) was an American poet. Little-known during her life, she has since been regarded as one of the most important figures in American poetry. Dickinson was born in Amherst, Massachusetts, into a prominent family with strong ties to its community. After studying at the Amherst Academy for seven years in her youth, she briefly attended the Mount Holyoke Female Seminary, before returning to her family's home in Amherst. Evidence suggests that Dickinson lived much of her life in isolation. Considered an eccentric by locals, she developed a penchant for white clothing and was known for her reluctance to greet guests or, later in life, even to leave her bedroom. Dickinson never married, and most of her friendships were based entirely upon correspondence.



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**SOMERSET**

SOMERSET C: Wow! updated ground floor 2/2 , beautiful view of the lake. open kitchen, custom cabinets, granite counters, ensuite master bath. ....\$319,900

**DORCHESTER E**

UPDATED FURNISHED 2bed 1 1/2 corner ground floor. steps to the Dorchester pool short walk to Hastings fitness center. ....\$159,900

**CAMDEN I**

2nd floor 1/ 11/2 corner impact hurricane windows new floor new central air new hot water heater, steps to Camden pool. . \$125,000

**DORCHESTER H**

2ND FLOOR CHARMING, light & bright 2/1 1/2 beautiful water view, building has a lift and picnic area for association members to enjoy. ....\$142,500

**SALISBURY D**

UPDATED SUNFILLED 1/1 on 2nd floor. Stainless steel appl. The building has a lift, great association, great location ,close to Haverhill Gate and the clubhouse. ....\$105,500

**COVENTRY B**

STUNNING WOW 2 BED 2 FULL BATH ground floor corner newly renovated spotlights in every room short walk to clubhouse. ....\$279,000

**GOLFS EDGE E**

TURNKEY 2/2 second floor Newly updated beautifully furnished central air New appliances on the way Short walk to the clubhouse and Haverhill gate. .... \$250,000

**CHATHAM B-CHATHAM ISLES**

NEWLY UPDATED 1/1 1/2 Ground Floor corner all new beautiful kitchen 2 sinks granite counter beautiful water view. ....\$169,900

**CHATHAM N**

2ND FLOOR, CORNER move right into this immaculate 2/1 1/2. Open concept kitchen, recessed lighting. beautiful garden views. ....\$265,000

**COVENTRY D**

2ND FLOOR 2/1 furnished, porcelain tile throughout updated kitchen and bathroom. ....\$119,000

**GREENBRIER A**

STUNNING PENTHOUSE 2/2 All New Stainless steel appliances that have never been used. Great association. ....\$267,750

**NORTHAMPTON P**

LIGHT AND BRIGHT, 2nd floor 1/1 1/2 unit in a quiet well run association. ....\$105,000

**GOLFS EDGE B**

GROUND FLOOR 2/2 tiled throughout, impact windows, central air, updated baths and kitchen steps to the clubhouse. .... \$225,000

**CENTURY VILLAGE DEERFIELD BEACH**

TILFORD S. move right into this sun filled 2 bed 1 /1 1/2 bath, end corner unit. ....\$179,000

**SALISBURY G**

1bed 1 1/2, second floor, new vinyl flooring, central air very close to the clubhouse..... \$115,000

September Sales

244 SHEFFIELD J	2/1 1/2	SOLD	\$137,500	428 WINDSOR S.	1/1 1/2	PENDING	\$115,000
104 WELLINGTON B	1/ 1 1/2	SOLD	\$162,000	82 SALISBURY D	1/1	SOLD	\$90,000
73 HASTINGS E	2/1 1/2	PENDING	\$138,000	96 DORCHESTER E	2/1 1/2	PENDING	\$152,000

Recent Sales

27 GOLFS EDGE A	1/1	SOLD	\$110,000	88 CANTERBURY D	2/1 1/2	SOLD	\$165,000
44 STRATFORD D	2/2	SOLD	\$215,000	231 COVENTRY J	1/1 1/2	SOLD	\$95,000
112 KINGSWOOD	1/1 1/2	SOLD	\$95,000	166 WELLINGTON J	2/2	SOLD	\$240,000
95 HASTINGS F	1/1 1/2	SOLD	\$95,000	9 NORWICH A	1/1 1	SOLD	\$80,000
22 ANDOVER A	1/1 1/2	SOLD	\$105,000	113 WELLINGTON B	2/2	SOLD	\$160,000
376 CAMDEN F	1/1 1/2	SOLD	\$131,000	223 SOMERSET L	2/2	SOLD	\$295,000
10 HASTINGS A	1/1 1/2	SOLD	\$95,000	1 WELLINGTON E	2/2	SOLD	\$209,000
135 CANTERBURY F	1 1/2	SOLD	\$135,000	57 SHEFFIELD C	2/1 1/2	SOLD	\$174,900
50 PLYMOUTH F	1/2	SOLD	\$118,000	342 CHATHAM Q	1/1 1/2	SOLD	\$128,000
110 WELLINGTON A	2/2	SOLD	\$222,500	453 SOUTHAMPTON C	1/1 1/2	SOLD	\$88,900
227 SOUTHAMPTON B	1/1 1/2	SOLD	\$100,000	189 EASTHAMPTON H	1/1 1/2	SOLD	\$125,000
89 HASTINGS F	2/1 1/2	SOLD	\$139,000	9 HASTINGS A	2/1 1/2	SOLD	\$149,000
100 ANDOVER D	1/1 1/2	SOLD	\$115,000	19 CHATHAM A	1/1	SOLD	\$83,000
155 STRATFORD L	2/2	SOLD	\$155,000	155 CHATHAM H	2/ 1 1/2	SOLD	\$180,000
10 GOLFS EDGE A	1/1 1/2	SOLD	\$116,500	156 ANDOVER F	1/1 1/2	SOLD	\$125,000

Susan turns “LISTED” into “SOLD”





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WATER AEROBICS 10:00 - 11:00AM AT HASTINGS BY: ARLEEN	YOGA 10:30 - 11:30AM BY: SARA	STRETCHING 11:00 - 12:00PM BY: SARA					
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# RESTAURANT REVIEW

BY RUTH DREISS

**PAISANO'S PIZZA RESTAURANT**  
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If you have an urge for good pizza or Italian food, you don't need to travel far. This restaurant is just outside of the West gate on Okeechobee Blvd. As a big fan of pizza, there is a list to choose from by the pie or by the slice. For me, it's mushroom, onion or green pepper.....or all three. You will find a variety of appetizers and salads. If it's stromboli and calzones, they have that, too. Hot and cold sub sandwiches are available. Try their Italian pastas and entrees. My favorite is eggplant, whenever I can find it on a menu.



Likewise, veal parmigiana and veal cutlet Milanese. If after any of these, you still have room there are desserts such as tiramisu, cheesecake and cannoli. Beverages of soda and iced tea are there to quench your thirst.



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# Nutrition and Health

## Nutrition Q&A

BY JEANIE W. FRIEDMAN, MS RD LD/N

This month’s article features some common nutrition questions.

**WHAT ARE THE HEALTHIEST FOODS I CAN EAT?**

Nutrient-dense foods give you “more bang for your buck”, so to speak. They make each bite count because they are packed with nutrients and health benefits like vitamins, minerals, antioxidants, and fiber.

Fortunately, there is a large variety of nutrient-dense foods that are considered “super foods”. In this article, only a few will be mentioned. The Mayo Clinic considers foods like salmon, almonds, beans, sweet potatoes, and broccoli to be at the top of the list for healthy foods. Both salmon and almonds offer healthy fats and protein for muscle health. Beans are rich in fiber and can also be a great protein source. Sweet potatoes (especially with the skin), blueberries, and broccoli are loaded with fiber and antioxidants.

**HOW CAN I MAKE MY DIET HEALTHIER?**

Take a step back and evaluate

your current diet. Do you consume fruits and vegetables daily? Do you limit salty, fatty, or sugary foods? Are water, low-fat dairy, or plant-based dairy products a part of your daily routine or do your beverage choices include mostly sugary drinks that only provide empty calories? Empty-calorie foods and drinks mainly offer calories and not much else.

Could you upgrade your meals by making food swaps? At home, use and cook with less salt and include herbs and seasonings (without added salt) to flavor food. Buy low-sodium or reduced sodium canned and frozen foods. When dining out, ask for your food to be prepared with less salt when possible. Instead of sugary drinks, reach for water. Swap higher fat milk for low fat milk. Include whole grains like oats or barley in your diet. Replace white bread with 100% whole wheat bread.

**SHOULD I TAKE A VITAMIN OR SUPPLEMENT?**

It is best to get our nutrition from food itself. Supplements, including

vitamins and other products in pill, liquid or powdered form, are not required to undergo any type of safety or effectiveness review before they are sold. Talk with your health care provider regarding a product’s safety and whether it is suited for you before you take anything.

**HOW CAN I LOSE WEIGHT FAST?**

The best and safest way to lose weight is slowly. Be mindful of your eating habits, make healthier changes, and include physical activity. Be sure to check in with your doctor before starting exercise or altering your diet. Avoid any diet medications without talking to your doctor first.

Watch out for sugary drinks. Hydrate with water! We don’t tend to pay much attention to beverages, so those sugary drinks can really add up in calories. Plan your meals and snacks in advance. If you wash and cut up fruit and vegetables in advance to make them more convenient, you may be less likely to reach for that bag of chips when you are feeling hungry. Once these changes have been implemented



into your lifestyle, it will become second nature, and make it more likely that the extra weight will not come back.

*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.*



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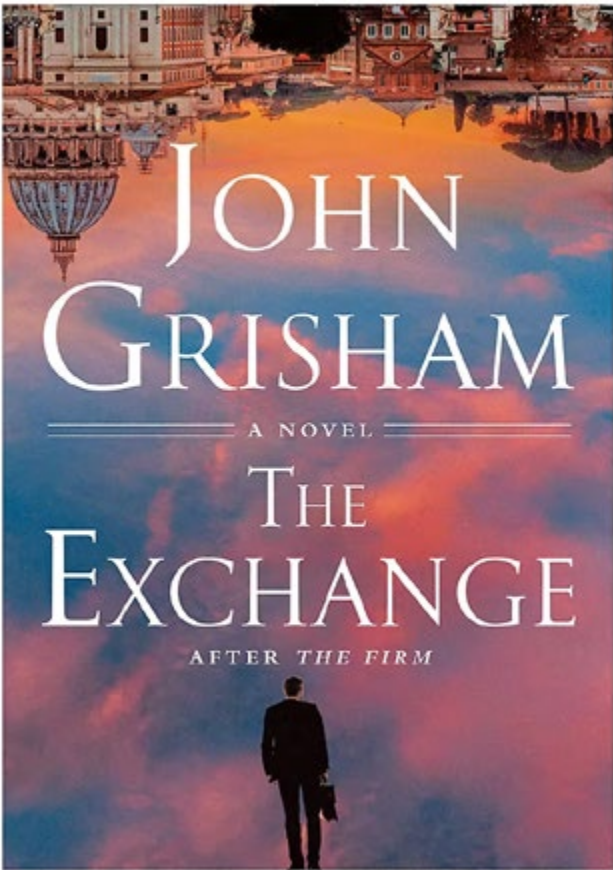
# The Exchange-After The Firm

By John Grisham

(This month we have a guest writer of the book review in the absence of Lenore Velcoff)































































































































































































































































































































































At one time, I was a voracious reader. I was never without a book and always wondered what other people who did not read did with their spare time. Books enabled me to live many exciting lives. I was usually so engrossed, I would devour the book in just a day! Of course, I did have to stop to eat and sleep! I prayed for rain, so that I would not have to leave the house. Now many years later, I still love to read but find most books don't grab my attention. I always felt that once I started a book, I had to finish it. I now find myself getting impatient and after 50 pages or so, move on to another book. I presently have 6 books on my night table and with luck I may find 2 or 3 of them interesting. Okay now you know my reading habits. I will move on to a book that I actually finished reading and really enjoyed.

John Grisham has always been a favorite of mine. His books are extremely entertaining and a fast read. His newest novel is already on the NY Times best seller list.



I reserved it from the Okeechobee branch library. You won't be surprised to learn that I love libraries! Other people like to go clothes shopping, but most of my shopping is done at the library. The Exchange-After the Firm, kept me going and I thoroughly recommend it.

The story takes place 15 years after The Firm and tells what happened to Mitch and Abby McDeere after they exposed the crimes of his Memphis law firm and had to flee the country. The Exchange gives us the answer. Here we are 15 years later and they are now living in Manhattan with adorable twin boys. Mitch is now a partner at the largest law firm in the world. When a mentor in Rome asks him for a favor that will take him far from home, he finds himself at the center of a sinister plot that has worldwide implications. Once again his colleagues, friends and family are endangered. We are introduced to a beautiful young lawyer who ends up kidnapped by the bad guys. That part I found to be a little ridiculous, but it certainly held my attention. Mitch has become a master at staying one step ahead of his adversaries. That is all I am revealing, so make sure you visit the library. As mentioned earlier, it is very fast moving and totally enjoyable.

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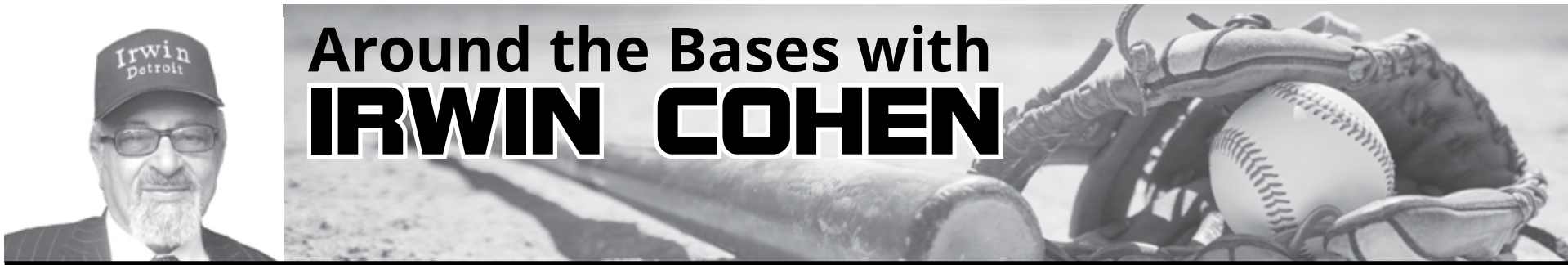
Wishing everyone a joyous holiday season!

Happy Hanukkah









# Around the Bases with IRWIN COHEN

As readers of this column know, my amazing wife of almost 54 years passed away a few months ago and I've been busy cleaning out our apartment in suburban Detroit. The lease ended in November and I said goodbye to our neighbors and followed the snowbirds to Florida.

The two questions I'm always asked both north and south are, "How are you doing and how long will you be in Florida?"

My usual answer is, "I'm doing like the Lone Ranger without Tonto or Laurel without Hardy." Many of you lost a sidekick and life goes on and so do you. I was lucky enough to have a few days together in the hospital after she got the news from her doctor team that she had an advanced case of cancer and only had a short time to live. There were no tears on her part and only complete acceptance based on her strong religious belief.

She calmly told me what she thought would be best for me to do after her passing and I hope to follow her advice. I knew she was amazing, but I was amazed that she was only concerned with my future and not her end as there was absolutely no discussion on that subject as she knew that the funeral and shiva visits would be handled according to her religious beliefs.

While the suburban Detroit funeral attracted hundreds as she was a well-known teacher and active on many community boards, many friends in Florida and the New York area were also able to watch it via computer. After I finished cleaning out her possessions, I hired someone to "shlep"

up my boxes from the basement storage locker. I had 50 years of writing baseball articles as I was lucky enough to be published in my first year of sending articles to newspapers and magazines in 1973.

I found long-forgotten copies of interviews I did with many legends of the game such as Hank Aaron, Bob Feller, Hank Greenberg, Ralph Kiner, Pee Wee Reese, Duke Snider and many others heroes of yesterday. I was lucky enough to get their autographs along with other greats such as Joe DiMaggio, Willie Mays and Stan Musial. I took hundreds of pictures while on the baseball beat and the memories flowed. I was in the broadcast booth in Chicago with Harry Caray and had a long relationship with him as I did with Ernie Harwell, who started his play-by-play career with the Brooklyn Dodgers in the 1940s and had a half-century career calling Detroit Tigers games.

I was lucky enough to visit many of the old ballparks that no longer exist and have been in press boxes and dugouts with many famous people. I tossed out many pictures that I took, but kept one of former cowboy actor and singer Gene Autry chatting with Joe DiMaggio on the field at old Comiskey Park in Chicago the day before the 1983 All-Star Game.

The year 1983 was very special to me as the Tigers retired the uniform number of Hank Greenberg between games of a June doubleheader.

It was a beautiful blue-skied day at Tiger Stadium and a great crowd turned out for Greenberg and his friend and long-time teammate with the Tigers Charlie Gehringer, whose uniform number was also retired. The two Hall of Famers were surrounded by many former teammates including Vic Wertz, who was starting his career in 1946 while Greenberg was in his last year with the Tigers. I had the best seat in the house, a low seat about 50 feet in front of the podium on the infield grass as I was tagged by the Tigers to take pictures of the event. I sent many to Hank who responded with a nice letter and personalized autograph.

George Kell, who was a young third-baseman with the Tigers in 1946, was the master of ceremonies, Kell was a terrific guy, great player, and in my opinion the best announcer on the Tigers television broadcasts in history. I still have the letters he wrote as we kept in touch after his retirement. I found a copy of "Team Magazine," the first national publication that I wrote for. It only lasted for a short time, but the editor, trying to give it some publicity, booked me on a New York talk show 50 years ago, hosted by a young broadcaster John Sterling. Today, of course, Sterling is over 80 but still going strong as the voice of the Yankees on broadcasts.

Author, columnist Irwin Cohen headed a national baseball publication for five years before accepting a front office position with the Detroit Tigers where he earned a 1984 World Series ring. He may be reached in his dugout at [irdav@sbcglobal.net](mailto:irdav@sbcglobal.net).

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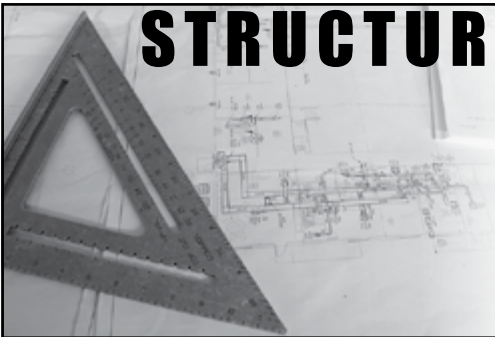
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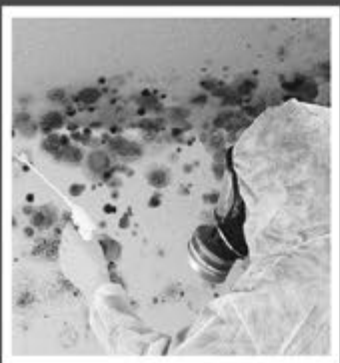
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## Jean Drove John Lennon in Her Taxi

An Exeter woman is waiting to hear from her daughter -- a New York taxi driver -- who drove John Lennon and his wife Yoko to the apartment where about a month later he was gunned down.

For Mrs. Jean Komis, the 34 year old daughter of Mrs. Peggy Ferrall of 23 Stuart Road, Exeter, it was just a routine call on her taxi radio. But when the couple hopped into the taxi, Mrs Komis recognized the Beatle at once. After they had completed the journey, John handed her five dollars -- two for the fare and three as a tip for her English accent. Mrs. Komis told her mother about the incident in her last letter home, and her mother said yesterday, "My daughter said what a nice fellow he was, and they had a long chat."

She was quite excited because

when you live abroad, it's nice to meet another English person.

I think he was pleased to meet her because of her English accent.

"My daughter is a bit of a kidder, and so she would have got him going a bit."

Mrs. Ferrall said that her immediate reaction on hearing of the shooting was what could have happened had her daughter been there. "I don't like the idea of her driving a taxi there" she added.

Jean went to America in 1963 to work as a home help and has lived in New York ever since.

She married 10 years ago and now runs a taxi business with her husband, Theodoris.

She was last home in Exeter two years ago, and her parents spent a month in New York in July.



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**Editor's Note:**  
*Reprinted above is a published piece about Jean Komis, now a Village resident, that her mother wrote to a newspaper many years ago.*

*(Reprinted from the UCO Reporter July 2013...10 years ago.*

*Jean now volunteers in the UCO Investigations Dept.)*

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# Common Questions about Eating Plant-Based Answered

**BY MELANIE HOFFMANN**  
**CERTIFIED PLANT-BASED NUTRITION SPECIALIST**

A couple of months ago, I answered some common questions about animal agriculture, and I thought it might be helpful to answer some common questions about eating plant-based as well. I get asked a lot of questions about the way I eat, and live, and I always welcome them. The more people inquire about living plant-based, the more I can help spread the word about the benefits of eating plants not only for the animals, but for our health and the environment. Here are answers to the most common questions about eating plant-based that I get...

**Where do you get your protein??**

This is by far the most common thing I get asked about. I've talked about protein a little before, and I think there is this belief that we need a lot of protein to survive. We don't. For most people, whether vegan or not, we get more than enough protein in our diets. Diet culture and the fitness industry pushes the focus on protein; however we should be focusing on fiber since most of us are not getting enough of that in our diets. One of my very first posts was all about fiber, which you can check out here. Plant-based sources of protein include beans, soy (tofu, tempeh, edamame), lentils, quinoa, nuts, and even veggies like broccoli. There are also a wide variety of plant-based meat alternatives that can replace any animal meat out there! And let's not forget that the biggest, strongest animals in the world eat only plants. Some of those same animals that we look to get our protein from.

**Aren't plant-based meat alternatives super processed??**

Of course, plant-based meat alternatives require some processing, however like anything, you need to check labels and stick with products that you enjoy and are comfortable eating. Also, there are a ton of recipes out there to make options homemade, like black bean burgers, mushroom scallops, or lentil meatballs. And of course, don't forget my tofu crumbles!

**Isn't eating too much soy bad for us??**

Nope. This is such a common misconception associated with soy due to it containing phytoestrogens. There is a belief that the phytoestrogens affect hormones, fertility, testosterone levels in men, and even cause breast cancer. The truth is none of these claims have actually been substantiated and research has actually shown the opposite to be true. Soy



has been linked to a reduced risk of cancer and has been deemed a nutrient dense plant-based protein that we should all be eating multiple times a week. Unless of course you have an allergy or a true sensitivity to it.

**What are the differences between plant-based diets??**

This is a great question and I think there is often confusion surrounding the term “plant-based”. Every vegan is plant-based, but not everyone who is plant-based is vegan. So what makes the diets different? Being plant-based generally means that your diet consists mostly of plants, but could still include a limited amount of fish, dairy, eggs and even meat. Veganism excludes all animal products from one's diet. This includes meat, fish, dairy and eggs. A lot of vegans also sustain from honey, and a product would not be considered vegan if it contains it. Depending on the reasons why someone chooses veganism, this could also extend into lifestyle, clothing, and beauty products. Vegetarianism typically means excluding meat, fish and eggs but includes dairy. There are different variations of this depending on whether there are other animal products included in one's diet, like fish and/or eggs. Eating a whole food plant-based diet refers to someone who only eats whole plant foods and avoids animal products, oil, and other processed foods. This is typically considered the healthiest diet to eat, or variations of this while relying mostly on whole foods while eliminating animal products and ultra-processed foods.

**Is eating a plant-based diet expensive??**

The perception is that eating vegan, or plant-based, means that you have to buy your food from specialty grocery stores and spend a lot of money. But that's not true. Some of the cheapest foods available are plant-based, like beans, rice, and pasta. Frozen fruits and veggies, plus canned varieties, can also be purchased inexpensively. And with the cost of animal products, food bills are likely to go down when making the switch to more plants. Is it difficult to determine whether a product is vegan or not?? Sometimes it is! A lot of products do include a label on the packaging indicating the products are vegan. However, a lot don't so it's important to peek at the ingredients to know for sure. Now, the less processed a product it is, the less ingredients it will contain. Less ingredients mean it will be much easier to know exactly what is in something. Some products are fortified with vitamins and minerals and sometimes those ingredients are animal derived. For example, a lot of cereals are fortified with Vitamin D and the vitamin D often comes from lanolin in sheep's wool.

**What are tips to start eating more plants??**

This is my favorite question! Because everyone can, and should, include more plants in their diets. And it's a lot easier to do than you think.

- Keep it simple. Just adding a side of veggies to dinner or switching out meat for a plant-based protein, will increase the plant points! Think about easy, seamless ways you can add more plants to the meals you already enjoy and go from there.
- Experiment. Walk around the produce section and find new fruits and veggies that you haven't tried before. Or pick up a new cookbook to find easy plant-filled recipes. By trying new things, you are bound to find new favorites and it will definitely keep things exciting!
- Use herbs and spices. Whether fresh or dried, herbs and spices can add so much flavor to dishes. Plus, they bring their own plant power and nutrients.
- Eat more of the plants you love and make them the star of your meals! Meat doesn't have to be the main focus.

I hope you feel inspired to eat more plants. For the animals, for the environment and for your health!






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## Shorts on Sports

BY DAVID BOAS

If you're a sports fan, what better time of the year to be one? The finish of baseball season, the halfway point in the NFL and, of course, the beginning of basketball and hockey. A sports fanatic dream.

Baseball is, in my opinion, the best sport. There is something about the crack of the bat and the slap of the ball to the catcher, that is entirely unique which sets it off from all other sports. Now I'm an occasional gambler, but did anyone really predict this year's World Series teams? If you did, please call me!

We all know that golf is won with the lowest score. What popular high school and college sport is also won with the lowest score?

Here are a few personal shorts. Who is the winningest coach in high school history? Andrew U. Amway from Hempfield High School. I was in attendance when the record was set. It is also my alma mater. Who is the most dedicated athlete that I personally know, Jeffrey Bradley. Who is the most famous athlete I personally knew? Barney Ewell, 1948 Olympic Gold Medal Winner. He won two silver medals in 1948, as well. Who is the winningest coach in NCAA Division III Men's Basketball? Glenn Robinson, Franklin & Marshall College. I was also at this record breaking event. Coach Robinson, at this time, ranks 7th overall in NCAA basketball wins. Who was an ASA softball umpire for 43 years? Me.

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# LUM AND ABNER: A FEAST FOR YOUR PALETTE, WITHOUT THE HOT SAUCE!

BY STEW RICHLAND



**I THINK IT'S TIME** for us to reacquaint ourselves with the popular culture of the 1930's and 40's. For quite some time we have been bombarded by examples of horrific pop culture movies and television shows that the Generation X and the Millennials have created as examples of what they consider entertainment. There is something immensely comforting for me about old-time radio. During the heyday of American narrative audio broadcasts (approximately 1930-1960), millions tuned in to a wide variety of programs ranging from soap operas to science fiction. I write this column to turn

Much of the show was set in the town of Waters, Arkansas, which was called "Pine Ridge" in the show. Due to the show's popularity, the town of Waters changed its name to Pine Ridge in 1936. Beginning in 1931 and lasting for more than two decades, the show revolved around the lives of ordinary people in the fictional community of Pine Ridge, based on the hamlet of Waters, Arkansas. The title characters, who are farmers, local officials, and the keepers of the Jot 'Em Down Store, manage to entangle themselves in a variety of hilarious dilemmas. The program's gentle humor and

based on the quirky characters and rural dialects of their small-town Arkansas roots. Lum and Abner were the hillbilly co-owners of the Jot 'Em Down Store, a source of a wild assortment of goods purveyed to the residents of Pine Ridge. As the show grew in popularity, the show became more elaborate, adding sound effects and a theme song. The cast was increased by new characters played by well-known celebrities of the day, including Zasu Pitts, Andy DeVine and Clifford Arquette. In truth, the show featured the interaction and silly shenanigans of two hillbillies from Arkansas: Columbus "Lum" Edwards and

and culture says that the Lum and Abner show was immensely comforting for the listening audience. It was in the "Jot 'em Down" with Lum and Abner just talking that the listening public really wanted to be. In its own way, Lum and Abner presented a perfect, and perfectly funny, little world of its own. It is pure storytelling, with plots that are always mischievous, and often bordered on the tall tale. Their humor was clean and honest, reflecting small town life and human nature. The stories had universal themes that have not become dated, and therefore Lum and Abner continue to be popular with old-time radio fans.



the clock back to reacquaint my readers with some of the wonderful heirlooms created by those producers of radio entertainment shows of the 1930's and 40's. "Lum and Abner" was a popular radio show for more than two decades. "Lum and Abner," played by Chester Lauck and Norris Goff aired on radio from 1931 to 1954.

often complex characters had wide appeal both to rural southerners, who were accustomed to being the butt of jokes in the national media, and to urban listeners who were fascinated by descriptions of life in the American countryside.

Lum and Abner was performed by Chester Lauck and Norris Goff,

Abner Peabody. Lauck and Goff attended the University of Arkansas and were Sigma Chi Fraternity brothers. While the show started out through an audition in Hot Springs, it was kept local for only a few years. Through sponsorships from companies like Quaker Oats (their first sponsor in 1931), to The Ford Dealers of America and later Alka-Seltzer, the show's notoriety took off and quickly grew. It was broadcast on regional stations from Texas to Cincinnati, Ohio, and then on to Los Angeles and San Francisco, Calif. In the 1930s, radio stations filled the airwaves with programs and musical performances about rural Americans—farmers and small-town residents who were struggling through the Great Depression needing some sort of escape from the difficulties they were experiencing. "Lum and Abner" played on the radio in a time when families would gather around a single, large, free-standing radio. Or they would listen on the front porch and neighbors would gather while their children played. The show aired in a 15-minute format for much of its running time. Randall L. Hall, a college professor who writes about southern history

The Legacy of Lum and Abner As well as inspiring the program and its characters, Pine Ridge is also home to the Lum and Abner Museum, which opened in the 1970s and currently features on the National Register of Historic Places.[4] A replica of the Jot 'em Down Store stands adjacent to the Museum. Today, you can visit Pine Ridge, Ark. and see the Jot'em Down General Store and Museum housed inside the original Huddleston and McKinzie stores. The buildings reside on the National Register of Historic Places The National Lum and Abner Society, formed in 1984, published a bimonthly newsletter, The Jot 'Em Down Journal, until 2007. Between 1985 and 2005 the organization held 20 annual conventions (skipping 2004) in Pine Ridge and Mena, Arkansas, playing host to numerous veterans of the Lum and Abner radio programs and motion pictures. There were over 5000 shows broadcast and many of the broadcasts can be downloaded from most Old Time Radio web sites. So if you are tired of the everyday grind and need a bit of nostalgia, please tune into Lum and Abner and enjoy a touch of the past, you will be entertained.



# Fun Facts & Events for December

BY RUTH BERNHARD-DREISS

Christmas

In the Christian faith, Christmas is the historical celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Whether celebrated for this religious reason or solely as a cultural celebration, Christmas traditions vary around the world. While Americans celebrate with Christmas trees, visits from Santa Claus, and dreams of snowy landscapes, Christmas falls during Australia’s summer, where it is popular to go camping or to the beach over the holiday. Some Australians decorate a “Christmas Bush,” a native Australian tree with small green leaves and flowers that turn red during the summer.

In England, Christmas traditions are similar to those in the United States, but instead of leaving milk and cookies for Santa Claus, children leave mince pies and brandy for Father Christmas. In Iceland, capital city Reykjavik turns into a winter wonderland with its Christmas market and for the children, there is not one but thirteen Santas, known as Yule Lads. One arrives each night in the thirteen days before Christmas, leaving small gifts in shoes left in window sills.

Hanukkah

Hanukkah, or Chanukah, is an eight-day Jewish celebration that commemorates the re-dedication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem following the Maccabean Revolt. Those who took part in the re-dedication witnessed what they believed to be a miracle. Even though there was only enough untainted oil to keep the menorah’s candles burning for a single day, the flames continued to burn for eight nights.

Also known as the Festival of Lights, Hanukkah begins on the 25th of Kislev on the Hebrew calendar. Celebrations revolve around lighting the menorah. On each of the holiday’s eight nights, another candle is added to the menorah after sundown. The ninth candle, called the shamash (“helper”), is used to light the others. Typically, blessings are recited and traditional Hanukkah foods such as potato pancakes (latkes) and jam-filled donuts (sufganiyot) are fried in oil. Other Hanukkah customs include playing with dreidels and exchanging gifts

Kwanzaa

Kwanzaa was created by Dr. Maulana Karenga in 1966 after the Watts riots in Los Angeles. He founded US, a cultural organization, and started to research African “first fruit” (harvest) celebrations. From there, he combined aspects of several different harvest celebrations to form the basis of Kwanzaa.

The name Kwanzaa comes from the phrase “matunda ya kwanza” which means “first fruits” in Swahili. Each family celebrates Kwanzaa in its own way, but celebrations often include songs and dances, African drums, storytelling, poetry reading, and a large traditional meal. On each of the seven nights, families gather and a child lights one of the candles on the Kinara, then one of the seven principles, values of African culture, is discussed. An African feast, called a Karamu, is held on December 31.

Boxing Day

Boxing Day takes place on December 26. Only

celebrated in a few countries, the holiday originated in the United Kingdom during the Middle Ages. It was the day when the alms box, collection boxes for the poor often kept in churches, were opened and their content distributed, a tradition that still happens in some areas. It was also the day servants were traditionally given the day off to celebrate Christmas with their families.

Boxing Day has now become a public holiday in the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, among other countries. In England, soccer matches and horse races often take place on Boxing Day. The Irish refer to the holiday as St. Stephen’s Day, and they have their own tradition called hunting the wren, in which boys fasten a fake wren to a pole and parade it through town. The Bahamas celebrate Boxing Day with a street parade and festival called Junkanoo.

Ōmisoka

Ōmisoka, New Year’s Eve, is considered the second-most important day in Japanese tradition as it is the final day of the old year and the eve of New Year’s Day, the most important day of the year. Families gather on Ōmisoka for one last time in the old year to have a bowl of toshi-koshi-soba or toshikoshi-udon, a tradition based on eating the long noodles to cross over from one year to the next.

At midnight, many visit shrines or temples for Hatsumōde. Shinto shrines prepare amazake to pass out to crowds and most Buddhist temples have large cast bells that are struck once for each of the 108 earthly desires believed to cause human suffering.

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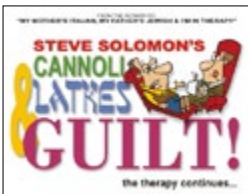
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Sun. December 10 6:30 pm  
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Sun. December 17 1:45 pm

**PAINT, PG-13, 1 HOUR, 36 MIN.**

Though it's clearly inspired by iconic PBS painter Bob Ross, this quirky little film tells the fictional tale of a soft-spoken, fuzzy-haired artist with a popular instructional painting show on a Vermont public television station. Out of nowhere, his world is shattered when an artist with more skill and versatility is hired to replace him, forcing him to face his own fears and insecurities. The film stars Owen Wilson, Elisabeth Henry and Paul Kosopod.

Sun. December 17 6:30 pm  
Mon. December 18 6:30 pm  
Sun. December 31 1:45 pm

**ICE CASTLES, PG, 1 HOUR, 35 MIN.**

All seems lost when a tragic accident robs an up-and-coming figure skating star of her sight. Distraught, she returns home where she has to decide whether to give up or listen to those who are encouraging her to reinvent herself and dare to dream again. Beloved Olympic medalist Michelle Kwan makes an appearance in this emotional, heartwarming remake of the original 1978 film. This version stars Taylor Firth, Rob Mayes and Henry Czerny.

Sun. December 31 7:00 pm

**NEW YEAR'S EVE, PG-13, 1 HOUR, 58 MIN.**

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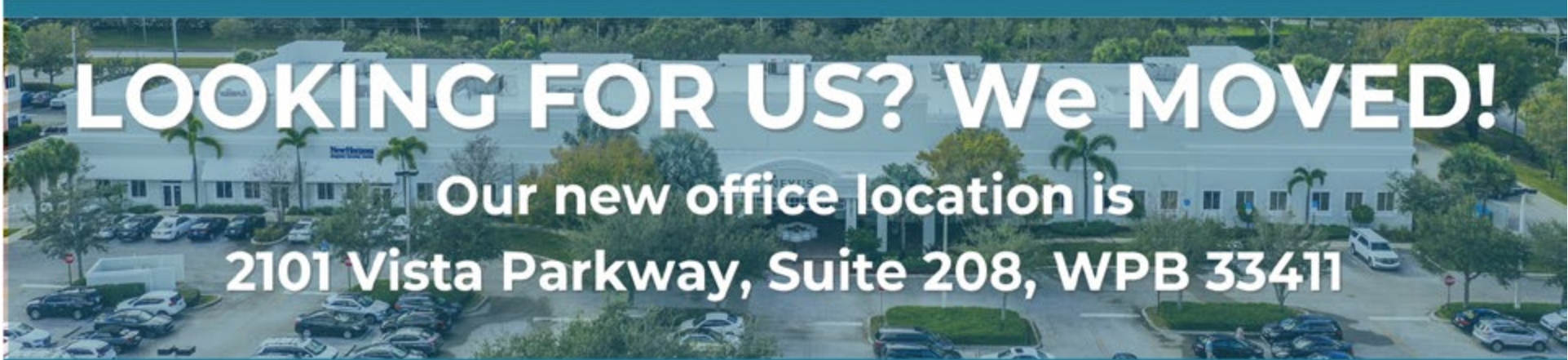
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