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A Week in the Hollybrook Leadership Life

The last few days of July found us in the middle of numerous projects that are intended to make Hollybrook a better place to live. Here's an idea of what moving forward looks like during an average week in Hollybrook:

- The Landscape Committee, along with our Head of Landscaping Michael Donovan and the entire landscape crew, are in the middle of finishing projects all over Hollybrook. However, an issue that we face with landscaping is that it doesn't look pretty or
 - even good until the work is finished. Patience is a virtue that my wife can tell anyone I lack. When I see what the landscape looks like when it is ripped up, and I know what the plans are, I can imagine that it will be beautiful when done.
- We are in phase two of the 40-year certification twophase process. We are now waiting for information regarding financing for that project so we may move forward to interview individual contractors so there is no miscommunication regarding the protection of our property. The contractors come highly recommended, so we are confident that the problems that occurred at buildings 50 and 51 will not happen again.
- Our annual audit is underway and will be completed within two weeks. The auditors met with our General Manager Eric Wheeler and several of the officers. We are fortunate to be using this particular auditor because they are fully aware of how Hollybrook works. Controller Alex Ivanaskas and his team are ready to provide anything the auditor needs.
- The Reserve Study will hopefully get started soon, and then we can begin to determine how much we will need by the end of 2024 to satisfy the State of Florida's SB 4D. There has been another bill, SB 154, that helps clear up a lot of confusion, but unfortunately at this time, it does not change the deadline date. We are reaching out to our local representatives to gain their support in changing this mess into something that we can work on as we move forward.
- We will soon review the proposals for our general landscaping contract which is up for renewal on August 1.
 At this writing, we believe that four companies present themselves as potentially strong candidates. Eric will reach out to each company to make sure that the scope of work is understood. I have a strong belief that we'll be very satisfied with the company that we end up taking to the Board for approval.
- We will tent the entire recreation building and play-



house for termites. This will be a three- or four-day process that will not interfere with our summer bingo and entertainment schedules but will interfere with clubs or groups that meet in the Recreation Building during the time of tenting. We will figure out how to keep the golf course and the restaurant operational. Contract proposals are being reviewed and the recommended company will be brought to the Board for approval.

About the restaurant, I've been speaking with several people regarding the changes that have thus far been made to the restaurant. My promise to have food preparation seven days a week has been hard to fulfill. Balancing the hours of operation with the availability of staff has been difficult. Restaurant Manager Michael Fishman has been trying many different combinations. Offering more operating hours requires a certain number of staff members. The BBQ, also called the ProShop Grill, requires fewer staff members than the dining room demands.

Please give the restaurant a chance. Hours that the restaurant are open are posted on www.hollybrook.com, on the bulletin board above your mailboxes, bulletin boards throughout the property and on the front door of the restaurant. We want you to enjoy dining in the restaurant or trying some of the best hamburgers I have had at the ProShop Grill. The restaurant will deliver anything you want from either the restaurant or the grill. Breakfast will be served anytime the restaurant is open, even from the grill on Saturdays and Sundays.

I hope you all know by now that our goal is to keep everyone at Hollybrook as informed as possible.

We will keep everyone abreast of all changes and costs involved to accomplish those changes. We are facing some very serious decision making in coming months regarding our ability to pay for all required construction. Please be aware that it is no longer a matter of if, it's a matter of when.

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THE OICE OF HOLLTBROOK

July Finances On Budget

Welcome to the summer of 2023 — record heat, steady heavy rains, and hot and humid days and nights. South Florida is breaking records every day. I am planning on starting a movement to honor the individuals who invented air conditioning systems; they should be entitled to a national holiday. The good news is that we are on budget; our operational budget analysis for July 2023 reflects our expenditures at 26.13% of the yearly budget.

As of this writing, the annual audit conducted by our accounting firm, Arty, Cohn & Feuer, CPAs is in progress. Controller Alex Ivanaskas is working with them in developing all the accounting reports needed to complete the audit. Once the audit is completed it will be presented at a Board of Administration meeting and copies of the audit will be available to all residents.

General Manager Eric Wheeler and Controller Alex Ivanaskas are in contact with reserve study agencies and are awaiting scheduling and timeframes to start the program. A reserve study will establish the estimated amounts of money we need



to put into the legislatively mandated fully funded reserves as well as the balance of our standard reserves. The reserve study evaluates Hollybrook's assets and estimates replacement values on each item over a span of years directly related to the use and/or lifespan of the asset. This all sounds complicated, but we have used this type of service several times in past years, and we rely on the

experts to establish adequate reserves so we are in compliance with statutory mandates in addition to protecting the interests and assets of our residents.

At a future Board of Administration meeting, we will present a bid package with respect to the 40/50 year inspection for repairs to Buildings 52, 42, 9, and 31. Our engineering consultant has provided each potential vendor with a detailed scope of work protocol. All specifications were defined, checklists put in place, and inspections by the engineers and our project supervisor were scheduled as they are required to ensure the work is performed per the scope of work protocol. Funding for the project is being developed and we are all committed to exploring

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Hollybrook Sales

Unit Sales for June



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BLDG/APT	SELLER - BUYER	BD/RM	PRICE
08-310	Strong to Seidler	2	\$192,500.00
09-107	Whitaker to Montano	2	\$160,000.00
18-308	Lo Preto to Bessette	2	\$180,000.00
19-106	Bessette to Moore	1	\$179,800.00
20-106	Montezuma to Castellon	1	\$157,000.00
28-108	Buffenbarger to Farah	2	\$140,000.00
28-301	McCarthy to Hernandez	2	\$118,000.00
34-108	Cascade to Rice	2	\$135,000.00
38-303	Urquiza to Wilson	2	\$279,800.00
54-203	McNeil to Walker	2	\$235,000.00
61-208	Savard to Pasqualetto	2	\$192,500.00
62-104	Tuller to Barone	2	\$205,000.00
64-310	Coley to Rivera	2	\$197,000.00
70-610	Guzman to Carrero	1	\$150,000.00
70-620	Hernandez to Ghelman	1	\$145,000.00

New Fiscal Year on Point



Andy is away from the office but texted a list of projects that he, as Vice President of Hollybrook and chair of the Director's Forum, is following remotely.

- New roofing is underway at the Administration Building and Gate A
- New air handlers for The Hollybrook Playhouse are being sought and priced

Vice President's Message From the desk of Andy Ingram

- Changes to current golf tee times are being discussed in hopes of adding more
- All music shows, dances and other activities through the summer have been successful. Thank you to our amazing Entertainment Committee headed by Connie Mason.

If anyone has concerns regarding our contracted services such as Star Lawn, ASI or Total, please send Andy an email to vicepresident@hollybrook.com.

Letters to the Editor

Great Praises Delivered for Tech Tuesdays

Learning stuff everyone under 50 already knows

Dear Hollybrook,

I attended the "Tech Tuesday" class this week and was surprised at how helpful it was. Michael, from T.D.M., who taught the class, was able to help both Android and iPhone users maneuver through our phones at the same time.

The attendees ranged from a 95-year-old iPhone user to some of us who consider ourselves somewhat proficient in using technology. At the end of the class, somehow we all left feeling like we had learned something new.

I plan to continue the class and I highly recommend adding it to your schedule. You won't be sorry.

Sincerely, Nancy Wuerzburger 03-104

Youth Golf Program Extends Great Appreciation

The letter below was sent to Golf Director Bill Friesing by the South Florida Professional Golfers Association Junior Tour for the organizations gratitude for Hollybrook's hosting of the recent youth tournament.

Dear Bill,

On behalf of the South Florida PGA Junior Tour and its membership, I would like to thank you for hosting our SFPGA Prep Tour at Hollybrook Golf & Tennis Club!

You and your staff did a great job in welcoming the SFPGA Junior Tour and we greatly appreciate all the continued support.

Please send along our personal thanks to the rest of your golf staff at Hollybrook Golf & Tennis Club that helped us throughout the weekend. We appreciate all of their help in assisting the players, as well as helping with carts and range setup.

In addition, I would like to thank Walter and the entire maintenance staff for their efforts in preparing the golf course for play.

Bill, we appreciate you allowing us to conduct our SFPGA Prep Tour and we look forward to being back soon. We thank you for your overwhelming support of the South Florida PGA Junior Tour. Thank you for everything.



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Seth Hanrick, Junior Golf Coordinator South Florida PGA Section

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Dear Hollybrook Friends,

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Sincerely, Edward "Ed" Alexander. *Maintenance Dispatcher*



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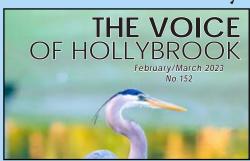
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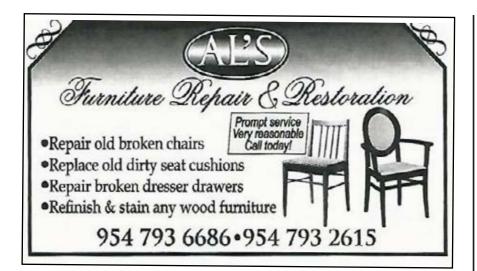
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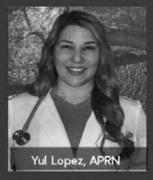
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Financial Focus: July



Paul and I just returned from our Covid postponed road trip to the northeast and Nova Scotia. The trip had many fun adventures but the best part was seeing family and friends

along our route. We were able to visit with many of our Hollybrook friends and explore their northern home communities. The road trip also afforded us a chance to escape the heat wave in Florida and much of the nation.

The heat and the rain undoubtedly negatively impacted the gross income for the golf course. The June income was \$103,484 which was less than the golf income of \$110,742 during May. The Hollybrook golf revenue during the first

quarter of our fiscal year reveals that we reached 19 percent of our projected yearly golf income of \$1,880,000. However, it is interesting to note that the 2023 June revenue was significantly greater than the 2022 June revenue of \$80,010. Unfortunately, the first quarter of 2022 had greater gross income (\$388,509) than the same period of 2023 (\$359,124).

A further analysis of golf course gross income in June reveals that the cart fees from our owners were \$9,782 and an additional \$37,272 came from guest fees. As would be expected during the summer, much of our income comes from outside golfers. Walk-in golfers accounted for \$32,857 of our golf revenue. Our

contracts with Golf Now Canam provided \$11,526. Golf Now revenue was \$8,180 Canam revenue was \$3,346. Additional sources of golf income

> were \$5,279 from our military and first responders, driving range fees of \$565 and Par 3 fees were \$3,372. Fortunately, we also had \$2,810 from tournaments and an additional \$19 from sources. other Alex Ivanaskas also reported that Hollybrook received a check in the amount of \$280,000 for the E-Z-GO golf bought by Club Cart. As you recall, Board of the Administration approved a lease agreement new golf carts (delivered

during the summer) and we sold our used golf carts to Club Cart.

Alex Ivanaskas and Etna Chery are diligently working with me to collect from owners who are in arrears. Thirteen owners are in Collections with Straley and Otto. It should be noted that one of these accounts is due to the recent death of a former Hollybrook resident. Hollybrook is quite fortunate to have a very small number of accounts in collections.

Letters have been sent to 112 unit owners who are in arrears for their quarterly maintenance payments. A few of these accounts will be sent to collections if they fail to send their maintenance payments in a timely manner as specified in their letters.

Direct Withdrawal for Unit Owners

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Advantages of Direct Withdrawal for Hollybrook

- Saves staff time processing and recording checks
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- The savings will have a positive impact on our budget if even more unit owners choose this option

Residents may request the form directly from Etna Chery via e-mail (controller@hollybrook.com) or it can be picked up at the Reception Desk in the Hollybrook Administration Building.

Try it for the rest of 2023 and if you do not like this worry-free option, you can withdraw your permission. Please contact Joni Esser-Stuart, at 954-431-0600 Ext. 238, if you have questions or concerns.

Next Quarterly Maintenance Payment for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Due Oct. 1, 2023

Attention Unit Owners,

Fourth Quarter Due

01/01/24

For your convenience, please refer to the Maintenance Payment Schedule below for the remainder of budget year 2023-2024. Keep it handy for your reference.

Note that the October payment (highlighted in yellow) includes your restaurant amenity support responsibility. In exchange, you will receive a \$225.00 card redeemable for \$225.00 in food and beverages at the Hollybrook Restaurant.

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Phases 1-5

If you would like to enroll in the easy Automatic Withdrawal Program, please call Etna Chery at ext. 236. You may come to the Administration Building to pick up a form in person or, send an email to Communications@hollybrook.com to have a form sent to you.

Once completed, send the form and a voided check to the attention of Etna Chery, Assistant Controller, in the Administration Building.



REGULAR BOARD OF **ADMINISTRATION** MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

President Mike Eaton called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. on June 21, 2023.

This BOA meeting was conducted live from the Lobby of the Administration Building as well as virtually uti-

lizing the Zoom conferencing platform. The meeting will be broadcast live and repeated on Channel 93.

There were 25 board members present: Bergeron, Brittain, Di-Puglia, Donawa, Eaton, Esser-Stuart, Fortier, Galletta, Goldgut, Greeley, Ingram, Koch, Labate, Lachance, Mack, Markowski, Mason, McCall, Mislove, Munju, Rice, Sanabria, Tripodi, Webber, and Yost; McCall left after Motion D. Also in attendance were Alex Ivanaskas (Comptroller), Bill Friesing (Director of Golf), Shane Laakso (Purchasing Manager), and Querino Pacella (Compliance Director).

Reading of the minutes from the Board Meetings held May 19th and 30th, 2023, was waived by William Brittain and seconded by Rosalie Labate without opposition. Reading of the Treasurer's and the Financial Secretary's Reports were waived by Brad Mislove and seconded by Reine Fortier with opposition from Reine Fortier. **NEW BUSINESS**

MOTION A - TO AMEND RULE 11, ARTICLE 6 "Fireworks" OF HOLLYBROOK'S RULES AND REGULATIONS

Carmen DiPuglia made a motion to amend Rule 11, Article 6 of Hollybrook's Rules and Regulations to read as follows:

Firearms, Weaponry, and Fireworks

The discharging of firearms, weaponry, fireworks, or dangerous projectiles with the property is prohibited.

No person is permitted to possess, store, offer, or expose for sale, sell, use, or explode any fireworks or explosives anywhere on the property.

(Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.) Rosalie Labate seconded the motion.

Florida Statute 790.15 states: Anyone discharging firearms in residential areas of more than one dwelling unit per acre is committing a misdemeanor in the first degree.

Paul Tripodi made a motion to postpone the motion until the next regular meeting. It was seconded by Brad Mislove. A

vote was taken, there were 9 that voted in favor of postponing the motion and 16 (Bergeron, Brittain, DiPuglia, Donawa, Eaton, Esser-Stuart, Fortier, Ingram, Labate, Lachance, Mack, Markowski, McCall, Rice, Webber, and Yost) opposed postponing.

A friendly amendment was made to add the verbiage to the rule as follows: except for authorized personnel for pest and vermin control.

A vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously with 25 votes.

MOTION B - TO APPROVE TO SCHEDULE THE **IIM McCAMBLY PAR 3 GOLF TOURNAMENTS**

Curtis Rice made a motion to approve the Jim Mc-Cambly Par3 golf schedule of tournament games for

BoA Meeting Minutes From the desk of Recording Secretary Elaine Yost



2024, held each Friday beginning January 5, 2024, and ending March 22, 2024.

Rosalie Labate seconded the motion.

A vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously with 25 votes. MOTION C - TO AMEND RULE 12, ARTICLE 2 OF HOLLYBROOK'S RULES AND REGULATIONS

Elaine Yost made a motion to amend Rule 12 "Access to Association Records", Article 2 "Persons Entitled to Inspect or Copy" to read as follows:

2. PERSONS ENTITLED TO INSPECT OR COPY

Every Unit Owner or authorized representative of a Unit Owner, as defined in writing by the Unit owner (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Unit Owner"), shall have the right to inspect or copy the Official Records pursuant to the following rules and Section 718.111 (12) (c), Florida Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time. Association Board members needing to access Official Records of the Association shall be exempt from Florida Statutes 718.111 (12) (c) Par. 1. Association Board members shall request any and all Association Records, as permissible by law, in writing, either by hand or electronically transmitted, addressed to the Recording Secretary of the Association. Such documents shall be provided to the Board Member within five (5) working days following the receipt of the request by the Recording Secretary.

(Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.) Ioni Esser-Stuart seconded the motion.

Counsel recommended that the rule for board member turnaround time of 5 working days for document requests to abide by Florida Statute 718 of 10 working days.

Claude Lachance made a motion to postpone; Reine Fortier seconded. A vote was taken, there were 24 that voted in favor of postponing the motion and 1 abstention (Mislove). The motion was postponed until the next regular board meeting.

MOTION D - TO LEVY FINES AND SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-COMPLIANCE OF HOLLYBROOK'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

Rosalie Labate made a motion that the Board consider and approve the levying of fines and/or suspensions regarding the following acts of non-compliance pertaining to the governing documents of the association and Florida Statute 718.303(3)(a). Brad Mislove seconded the motion.

DOCK- ET #	CATEGORY	FINE AMOUNTS	SUSPEN- SION(S)
303	Renovations	Three (3) fines at \$100 each = \$300	
304	Renovations	Three (3) fines at \$100 each = \$200	
305	Illegal Occupant & Unauthorized Vehicle	One (1) fine of \$100 One (1) fine of \$75 = \$175	
306	Renovations	Eight (8) fines of \$100 = \$800	

There was no objection; all dockets were approved.



In Memoriam



Generous Helper Gone Too Soon



Luz Sarita 1964-2023

Luz Sarita was revered as a major asset to the Hollybrook Records Department during her 16 years of volunteer service, and she was practically described as saintly.

"Luz was so kind and patient. She was wonderful and people would wait until they knew she was in the office to come for help," said Records Manager David Dickinsen.

Sadly, for those who knew and loved her, Luz passed away on June 19, 2023 at age 59, after a courageous battle with cancer. She is survived by her loving husband Alejandro Sarita, daughter Alejandra Harry, sons Alex-

is Sarita, José Sarita and Alejandro Sarita Jr., daughters-in-law, and her mother. According to Luz's online obituary, the devoted Jehovah's Witness also leaves behind countless spiritual brothers and sisters.

"What do you call someone who was amazing, beautiful inside and out, someone who was spiritually minded and loved Jehovah more than they loved themselves . . . someone who was faithful to the end? Some call her mom, Luz, Luma, Abu and even a superhero," the obituary read.

Born on January 25, 1964 in the Dominican Republic, Luz Aurora Sarita's life was filled with love that she returned generously and obviously in how she served at Hollybrook. Fluent in Spanish, she was a channel of understanding whenever unit owners who barely spoke English needed help.

"Luz was an advocate for Spanish speakers. She saved everyone from falling through the cracks," said Records volunteer Roiann Bruno.

Chief of Security Mike Tirado remembers Luz personally as he was an occasional attendee at the Jehovah Witness Temple in Pembroke Pines and professionally as a Hollybrook employee. Chief Mike said Luz organized the temple's annual Jesus Memorial held every April at The Hollybrook Playhouse.

"Luz was always so highly respected. She was so loved," Mike said. Soon, a memorial brick will be installed at the Hollybrook Memory Garden to honor for Luz's comittment to helping others.

Wonderful person, beautiful life



Dorothy Hudgins 1921-2023

Dorothy Hudgins, one of Hollybrook's original unit owners, passed away quietly on Friday, June 30, 2023, at the amazing age of 102.

"She was always smiling, always pleasant and a sweet gentle lady," said Rosalie Labate, Treasurer.

A past member of the Hollybrook Woman's Golf Association, Dorothy enjoyed days on the course, especially when female friends

from Chicago joined her for tee time. She developed friendships with members of the Caribbean American Club and was known to be a generous hostess at her apartment where she invited neighbors to join her in cocktail social hours. Her favorite drink, according to club President Peggy Belcher, was a martini.

"She was so gracious, welcoming and she loved music," Peggy said. Dorothy attended several of the club's annual Dillard (High School) Center for the Arts jazz concerts at The Hollybrook Playhouse.

Dorothy Carroll Hudgins was born to well-to-do Jamaican parents and raised with her sister Vinnette Carroll in Harlem, New York. Vinnette authored the Broadway hit "Your Arms Too Short to Box with God".

When Dorothy and her husband William moved to Hollybrook in the early 1970s, they were among few people of color among the dominantly Jewish community. The couple came with stature and class. William was a founder of Carver Federal Savings Bank, in New York, the first and now largest black owned bank in the nation. He was president of the bank for 18 years.

Maintenance Checklist Corner

Works in Progress ...

- ✓ Painting Shuffle Board Courts
- √ Finish Painting Curbs including Recreation Center and Social Hall throughout Hollybrook
- ✓ Pressure Wash First Floor Catwalks and Bumpers
- ✓ Repair Asphalt Damaged by Owner Oil Spills
- ✓ Replace Building 52 Meter Room Door
- √ Replace Rain Leader (gutters)
- ✓ Pressure Wash Recreation Building
- ✓ Cart Barn Lattice Installation and Painting
- ✓ Painting Stripes Throughout Hollybrook

Pending Progress..

- ✓ Towers Waste Line (Sewer Line in A and B)
- ✓ Meter Room Building 3 (waiting for parts)
- ✓ Tenting Recreation Complex for Termites (Board Approval)
- ✓ Recreation, Administration A/C Cleaning
- ✓ Playhouse A/C (unit 1 is out and a new unit needs to be built expect to have by January or February)
- ✓ Gate A Renovation (waiting for roof permit)
- √ Building 30 Fire Recall System (temporary operational permit)

Mission Accomplished..

- ✓ Responded and Repaired to 129 Plumbing calls 2023
- ✓ Cart Barn Hooks Completed
- ✓ Phase 1,3,4 Pools: Painted Coping
- √ Phase 2 Pool Tiles Replaced
- ✓ Asphalt repairs some completed as Maintenance does continuous repairs in 3 ton increments for asphalt pick-up

Working in maintenance must feel like waiting for Godot. Just like Beckett's Valdimir and Estogen, maintenance spends a great deal of time waiting. They are waiting for permits, materials, better weather, and managing the inevitable crises that comes with managing a 50 year community.

Voice of Hollybrook will be keeping readers apprised of some of the specific time-limited projects that are on board, on-going projects, and pending ones. Maintenance, under Eric Wheeler's leadership is committed to keeping track of the expanding what and how they keep track of not only their workload but what gets accomplished. Our maintenance staff works under some challenging conditions so be sure to thank them and let them know how much you appreciate them.





Search for New General Manager an 'Arduous' Task

By Mary Oldiges

Thanks to the unit owner who led Search Committee, the arduous months-long process of recommending a new Hollybrook General Manager to Board Officers ended with the board's unanimous vote, June 21, to hire Eric Wheeler.

Hollybrook received more than 100 resumés from people interested in the job. After review, the search committee concluded that only five of the candidates merited an interview. To proceed, the committee identified five core competencies required to serve as Hollybrook's GM: communication skills, cultural fit, operational expertise, leadership skills, and strategic planning.

"The committee wanted to make sure we developed a process to ensure a fair and impartial evaluation, but at the same time identify someone with the core competencies and skill set to lead and manage Hollybrook," said Search Committee Chair William Brittain. Other committee members were unit owner Isabelle Blain, Financial Secretary Joni Esser-Stuart, and Golf Manager Bill Friesing.

William explained the weighted and impartial interview process: "The behavioral questions were designed to identify what they have done and not what they would do. This gave us the best opportunity to identify a candidate that would successfully perform the job," he said.

Candidates were ranked and weighted for each competency from 15% to 25%. In the next step, the committee members evaluated candidates using a 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 scale for each core competency.

"We averaged the scores to get the overall score for each candidate.

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Its' design meant it was unlikely to get above 90%," William said.

Eric's 83% score exceeded the overall average score of 61%. He demonstrated a solid understanding of Florida condominium management and regulations.

"He is a stellar communicator, likeable, process oriented, with solid operational expertise. We are confident he will effectively partner with our board and president to get Hollybrook in the shape it should be," William said.

'Getting to Know You' Closer Look at New GM

By Mary Oldiges

Following a unanimous Board of Administration vote on June 21, Eric Wheeler was invited to serve as Hollybrook's new General Manager and he readily accepted; starting work the next day.

When Eric first heard about an opening for the GM position through one of Hollybrook's vendors, he drove from his home in South Beach straight to Hollybrook. His goal was not



to assess possible traffic woes but his proximity to Hollybrook in case of an emergency; Eric needed to know how quickly he could get here. He said it was necessary for him before submitting a resumé because being present and on-site as soon as possible to support staff, volunteers and residents in an emergency is very important. The result? He can be here in 35 minutes, give or take a few minutes.

Highlights of Eric's progressive professional employment and certifications have already been made public through introductory eblasts from both Eric and President Michael Eaton. His 30+ years of experience run the gamut of successful community management and self-development that led to his hiring at Hollybrook.

Eric said his foundational values, work ethic, and interpersonal approach are greatly influenced by his father and his time as a student in the Air Force Academy.

From his father, he learned the importance of empathy and putting yourself in other people's shoes. As a child in New Hampshire, Eric watched his father, a sheet metal worker, manage decisions that had life changing consequences as the industry shifted in time. He learned to be mindful of how others might be affected by his actions.

He credits the Air Force Academy's Code of Conduct: "We will not lie, steal, or cheat, nor tolerate among us anyone who

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From Pembroke Pines Mayor Frank C. Ortis

Lazy Summer Days to End

In a few weeks we'll move from lazy days of summer to a new school year. It is a time when motorists should slow down and proceed with caution in school zones, stop for school buses and be alert for children walking in the street or biking to school.

Although summer will begin to wind down, I hope everyone takes time to time to relax a bit and enjoy the amenities the City of Pembroke Pines has to offer during the rest of summer. I encourage all Pines residents to visit the Recreation & Cultural Arts web page at www.ppines.com, check our calendars, and visit our social media pages for more information. You can also sign up to receive a digital newsletter full of information about what is happening in the city twice a month via email - to subscribe, please go to www.ppines.com/Newsflash. You won't want to miss Splash in the Pines which is on August 14.

Be sure to also check out the Carl Shechter Southwest Focal Point Community Center's many monthly Social Service programs that are focused on enhancing the wellbeing of seniors by

providing assistance and services that support your independent lifestyle. There are also many interesting classes such as, chess, floral arrangement workshops and jewelry making classes. Call the center at 954-450-6888.

Here's some news: The City is developing a Community Public Art Plan and we need your input. Please

give us your opinions by visiting our website to complete a short survey before August 21. We plan to enhance the current public art program to be more vibrant, interactive and inclusive; to represent all of the Pembroke Pines community; and to develop a vision and direction for art in the public realm.

Remember that we are still in hurricane season and are quickly approaching our most active time of the year. I hope everyone has taken steps to prepare and has their hurricane plans in place. Be sure to visit our hurricane preparedness information at www.ppines.com/hurricane to help you. There, you will find helpful tips, informational videos, resources etc. covering every aspect of making sure we are storm safe.

Contact Frank Ortis at 954-450-1020 or fortis@ppines.com.

From Pembroke Pines Commissioner Tom Good

Hottest Days on Record Remind Us to Appreciate Water

It's feeling hot, hot, hot! Yes, August is upon us, the hottest month of the summer. And we are reminded to drink plenty of water.

Speaking of H2O, did you know that Pembroke Pines uses what is known as the Biscayne Aquifer for our water supply? Wells draw fresh water from anywhere between 100 and 150 feet below ground; it is then treated for consumption. Our weather has a great influence on

the delicate balance of water stored in the aquifer reservoir below. If we don't get enough rain, we must ration water, if we get too much we are flooded. It is a complicated balancing act be-



cause our weather doesn't cooperate with our needs.

But alas, a concerned group of people work to keep Pembroke Pines and South Florida resilient to adverse water supply impacts. In addition to professional city workers who continuously provide good quality water, I represent you as a voting member of the Broward County Water Advisory Board (WAB). This Board, chaired by the Honorable Steve Geller, develops pol-

icy and strategies for sustainable water supply throughout the Broward County region. There are about 12 elected Broward officials on the board that represents cities, counties and the South Florida Water Management District.

Recently, the Broward WAB held a meeting with Palm Beach County counterparts since we are all interconnected in South Florida. Climate change is pushing us to improve strategies that protect our environment and quality of life. Together at the joint meeting, the Broward and Palm Beach water boards collaborated with the Army Corps of Engineers to establish specific targeted solutions for water resource management.

Your Pembroke Pines City Commission, in partnership with all of Broward County, continues to reach out to Federal and State Representatives for financial and legislative support. Our collective efforts give certainty for our future. So be sure that anytime it's feeling hot, hot, hot, you will always have plenty of water to drink, and drink, and drink.

As always, know that I care about you and your community.

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North Perry Airport Health Concerns Revealed



Pembroke Pines Leaders Call for Deeper Investigaton, Citizen Action

Lead laced fuel used by the piston engine aircrafts at North Perry Airport are raising concerns over possible lead toxicity in surrounding residential and commercial areas. While leaded fuel is banned in nearly all facets of industry, it is still widely used in general aviation which comprises non-commercial flights conducted mainly out of small airports. General aviation is the number one source of lead emissions in the country.

Out of all airports in the United States, North Perry Airport, in Pembroke Pines, ranks fifth in lead emissions and emits around 1,000 pounds of lead each year, according to estimates made by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

On June 15 it was reported that there were 411 single and multi-engine aircrafts based at the airport, and according to the 2021 Airport Fiscal Year report, nearly 200 aircraft operations were reported. The EPA has stated that piston engine aircrafts that operate off of leaded fuel make up the largest remaining aggregate source of lead emissions of air in the United States. However, the EPA has never actually measured the amount of lead that is in the area and is currently unsure of the exact ramifications it has had or will have on the surrounding populous.

It is widely known that exposure, even in trace amounts, can have substantial effects on human cognitive abilities, especially among children whose IQ, academic abilities, behavior problems, attention span, and birth weight can all be affected by even low levels of lead in their blood.

The extent that lead is present in the air in neighborhoods surrounding the airport and affecting air quality is still unknown, however the



Above: North Perry Airport bordered by Pines Boulevard, Pembroke Road, University Drive and 72nd Ave. in Pembroke Pines.

City Commission is planning to present a resolution in which they strongly urge Broward County to conduct a study of the air pollution. It is unclear also how far into the community the lead spreads or if Hollybrook is affected.

On August 16, at 6:30 p.m., during the next Pembroke Pines City Commission Meeting at City Hall, a resolution will be entered as a "call to action" for city leaders and citizens to demand additional and conclusive studies. All Hollybrookers are urged to attend. Additionally, our district Commissioner Tom Good plans to host a town hall meeting at Hollybrook - time and date to be determined, to further publicly discuss the lead issues and health concerns regarding North Perry Airport.

This report was compiled by staff members Hannah Jackson, who holds degrees in Environmental Sustainability, and Eileen Soler, 17-year freelance journalist exclusive to The Miami Herald.







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The awesome Cachét Band kept everyone on their feet dancing and singing to clas-

sic jams that rocked the house. Board member and lifelong entertainment maven Connie Mason is hosting a series of more than a dozen fun-tastic party events to help mark Hollybrook's 50th Anniversary.

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Condo Insurance? Yay or Nay



By Mary Oldiges

Many Hollybrookers are experiencing sticker shock as they consider the pros and cons of purchasing unit owner insurance.

According to CNN reports: "Florida's homeowner insurance rates are four times the national average and it is expected that it will not get better any time soon. The insurance industry insists that the state's risk from hurricanes is only part of the problem and points to a legal system it says promoted litigation abuse and excess claims."

Rising insurance costs have left many Hollybrook residents making a calculated risk to either cancel their unit owner's insurance or greatly reduce the value of replacement costs and their contents. What is often not calculated is the effect on your

neighbor and the overall community.

Treasurer - Continued from page 4 every option to minimize the amount of money needed for an assessment. We are looking at a combination of sources to provide the necessary monies; a line of credit, a loan, and, of course an assessment. As the cost factors are received and reserve study numbers are presented, we will then calculate what is needed to achieve funding for the project and satisfy the statutory requirements for fully funding the required categories. We will certainly keep you informed as we move along through phase meetings and town hall type meetings. We are also meeting with our state representatives to seek to understand the specifics of the legislation and to learn about any government programs created to assist condo associations. Restaurant revenues continue to trend in a positive direction. We are still showing a significant deficit but it is less of a loss than in the prior year. Restaurant revenue is affected by the seasonal shift in population and the weather which directly affects golf play. The record heat certainly has reduced the number of daily golfers playing on our course. The outdoor grill, covered patio and menu changes are reflective of many improvements that have been made. Under the guidance of Michael Fishman, the restaurant staff has used this time to upgrade some equipment, install new kitchen racks and storage containers, deep clean the restaurant, and train staff. We are moving in a positive direction.

Consider the scenario where a devastating weather event destroys your unit. You are unable to repair or replace your internal structure. Your apartment is unlivable. The consequence for your neighbor could also be problematic as your apartment stays vacant. It could also affect the community as they may need to make needed repairs which would ultimately be passed on to all of us. The negative ripple effect is real.

These are tough decisions to make but there are options. One option is the state default insurer, Citizens Property Insurance, which requires certain criteria be met. To help you decide how much risk you are willing to incur, Brown and Brown has charted unit owners and the association responsibilities recreated in the chart below.

INSURANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

UNIT OWNER

Wall, floor and ceiling coverings within unit including paint, wallpaper, tile, wood, carpet, etc.

Dishwasher, refrigerator & sinks
Electrical outlets and fixtures within unit
Oven or stove, water heaters & water filters
Countertops and cabinets
Window treatments including curtains,
drapes, blinds and hardware

Unit Owner Personal Property
Unit Owner Loss Assessment Coverage
Umbrella Liability Coverage
Flood Insurance for Contents

Contents

ASSOCIATION

Perimeter and load bearing walls including common/party walls
Some water pipes including fire systems/sprinklers
Electrical wiring
Balcony, porches, drywall or wallboard
Exterior doors and windows

Common Area Personal Property (Contents) NA

Common area Liability Coverage Association Liability Coverage







Special Golf Delivery!

New golf cart fleet hits happy road



A brand new, shiny fleet of 120 golf carts that bring an upgraded experience on Hollybrook's PGA and Par 3 courses were delivered on June 29.

"They are the newest version in the industry," Golf Director Bill Friesing said.

Special Golf Delivery - Continued on page 36

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MOTION E – TO APPROVE FALL/WINTER GOLF SCHEDULE FOR HMGA AND HWGA 2023/2024

Curtis Rice made a motion to approve the proposed golf schedule for the Hollybrook Women's and Men's Golf Associations Fall/Winter season.

Elaine Yost seconded the motion.

Hank Koch made an amendment to the motion as follows:

Saturday League Tournament Schedule		
November 11, 2023	January 6, 2024	March 2
November 25	January 20	March 16
December 9	February 3	March 30
December 23	February 17	

A vote was taken on the amendment to the motion; there were 18 in favor, 5 opposed (Bergeron, DiPuglia, Eaton, Galleta, and Sanabria) and 1 (Brittain) abstaining votes.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended; there were 19 in favor, 3 opposed (Bergeron, Eaton, and Lachance) and 2 (Markowski and Sanabria) abstaining votes.

President Mike Eaton adjourned the Board of Administration Meeting at 10:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Elaine Yost, Recording Secretary

Voters who vote by mail must reapply

Broward County residents who choose to vote-by-mail must complete a new Vote-by-Mail Ballot Request Form (available online) in order to continue to vote by mail for elections during 2023 and 2024. The online application is available for all residents who are currently registered to vote in Broward County. Browardvotes. gov is the relevant website to complete the form and to get additional information.

After the 2024 General Election, voters must repeat the process.

HWGA Schedule (Thurs-		
days)		
November 16, 2023		
November 30		
December 7		
December 14 - Shotgun @		
8:30		
(Return HWGA BBQ)		
December 21		
January 4, 2024		
January 11 – Shotgun @ 8:30 (Opening Season - Lunch)		
January 18 – President's Cup 1 st Round		
January 25 – President's Cup 2 nd Round		
February 1 – President's Cup 3 rd Round		
February 8 – President's Cup Final Round		
February 15		
February 22 – Shotgun @ 1 PM		
(Guest Day – Dinner)		
February 29		
March 7		
March 14		
March 21 – Shotgun @ 8:30 AM		
(Closing Season – Lunch)		
March 28		
April 4		

HM	IGA Schedule (Mon-
	days)
	November 6, 2023
	November 13
	November 20
	November 27
	December 4
	December 11
	December 18
	January 1, 2024
Janua	ary 8 – Shotgun @ 8 AM
	(Appreciation Day)
Janu	ary 15 – Winter League
	Cicks off for 10 weeks)
	January 22
	January 29
	February 5
	February 12
	February 19
	February 26
	March 4
	March 11
	March 18
Marc	ch 25 – Shotgun @ 8 AM
	(Hall of Fame)
	April 1
	April 8

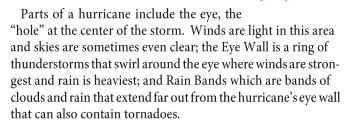
2023 HURRICANE SEASON

Hurricane Season is June 1 - November 30 * "BE PREPARED"

WHAT IS A HURRICANE?

Hurricanes are massive storm systems, also known as tropical cyclones, that form over the water and produce winds of 74 mph or higher. There are five types, or categories, of hurricanes based on a scale of categories called the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale. The categories are based on wind speed:

- Category 1: Winds 74-95 mph
- Category 2: Winds 96-110 mph
- Category 3: Winds 111-129 mph
- Category 4: Winds 130-156 mph
- Category 5: Winds 157 mph or higher



IN CASE OF A TORNADO

Having a designated "safe room" in your home can help you protect yourself, your family and pets from the dangerous forces of extreme winds. It can also relieve some of the anxiety created by the threat of an oncoming tornado or hurricane. Keep these things in mind when choosing your "safe room." Closets, bathrooms and small storage rooms with only one door and no windows are well suited for use as "safe rooms." Interior bathrooms have the added advantage of having a water supply and toilet.

HURRICANE WATCH VS WARNING?

Hurricane Watch = conditions possible within the next 48 hours
Hurricane Warning =

conditions expected within the next 36 hours

Pay attention to local announcements on the TV or Radio from the National Hurricane Center and local officials. Your actions to protect life and property should ensue after a Warning is issued.

EVACUATION

BUILDING CAPTAINS will be notified through the General Manager's Office to advise all residents in their building to assemble at the exterior of building with at least a 3 Day Supply Emergency Kit.

PREPARATION BEFORE THE STORM

- 1. Prepare at least a 2-week supply of non-perishable food
- 2. Make sure to have a full tank of gas in your vehicle
- 3. Eat as much of your perishables in your fridge and freezer in case of power failure
- 4. Turn refrigerator and freezer to cooler settings prior to storm in case of power failure
- 5. Make arrangements for your pets and prepare your medications (if applicable)
- 6. Keep on hand a first-aid kit, paper plates, cups, plastic utensils, non-electric can opener, utility knife, battery operated lantern, flashlight, radio, extra batteries, toilet paper, paper towels, garbage bags, hand sanitizer
- 7. Sterilize your bathtub with bleach and rinse well. Fill the tub with water for use as back up water for flushing the toilet.
- 8. Keep bottles or a case of water available
- 9. Remove all patio furniture
- 10. Place rolled up newspapers on interior window sills to absorb possible storm water.
- 11. Know where the main shut off valve is for your water supply as well as the main electric breaker, in case these need to be shut off
- 12. Stay away from all windows
- 13. First floor residents should prepare for potential flooding
- 14. Build an Emergency Kit GO BAG in case of evacuation

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For quick reference pull out and hang on your refrigerator.

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Don't wait 'til it's too late! * "BE PREPARED"

BUILDING AN EMERGENCY KIT

WATER – 1 gallon per person, per day for several days for drinking and sanitation, including for pets (keep in airtight plastic containers that are easy to access)

FOOD – for any emergency have at least 3 days supply of non-perishable foods for adults, kids & your pets. Check expiration dates and replenish regularly

FIRST AID KIT – sterile gloves, sterile dressings, soap and antibiotic towelettes, antibiotic ointment, adhesive bandages in a variety of sizes, eye wash solution, prescription eyeglasses and contact lens solution, thermometer, prescription medications you take every day, prescribed medical supplies such as glucose and blood pressure monitoring equipment and supplies, First Aid book, non- prescription drugs (aspirin or non-aspirin pain reliever, anti-diarrhea medication, antacid, laxative)



EMERGENCY CASH AND CHANGE - If the power goes out, cash machines will not work.

SANITATION - toilet paper, soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, feminine supplies, diapers, plastic garbage bags with ties, plastic bucket

with tight lid, chlorine bleach, supplies for pet waste

TOOLS & SUPPLIES — Wrench to turn off gas and water lines, cups, plates, utensils (from camping gear of plastic/paper), flashlight with extra batteries, battery-powered radio with extra batteries or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert, manual can opener or utility knife, small fire extinguisher, pliers, duct tape, matches in a waterproof container, whistle (to signal for help), local maps, cell phone with chargers and a backup battery, plastic storage container to keep everything in one place

DOCUMENTS – Scan valuable documents and store them securely online, have duplicate copies of key doc-

uments in a sealable plastic bag (eg. will, insurance policies, contracts, deeds, passports, social security cards, immunization records, bank account numbers, credit card account numbers and companies, family records (birth, marriage, death certificates)). Take short videos to catalogue valuables in your home, such as vehicles, computers, furniture and artwork for insurance purposes. Paper and pencil.

KEEPING WARM – complete change of clothing appropriate for climate and sturdy shoes, blanket or sleeping bag for each family member

Be prepared to shelter for at least 24 hours and place last minute essentials in a "Grab & Go" bag.

Local Emergency Telephone Numbers

Broward County Information	954-831-3900
Broward County Hotline	954-831-4000
Hearing Impaired	954-831-3940
Red Cross for Information	954-797-3800
Florida Div. of Emergency	800-342-3557
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Florida Power & Light	954-581-5668





Is it soup yet?



Dear Ms. Holly,

Our restaurant continues to impress me with its efforts to improve service, overall ambience, the summer outdoor grill options, and expanded menu. I especially enjoyed the Thursday night specials when paella and churrasco were offered. Unfortunately, I have gone twice when I thought it was supposed to be open and it wasn't. Ms. Holly could you tell me what are the hours of operation?

Sincerely, Confused in Hollybrook

Dear Confused in Hollybrook,

Ms. Holly applauds your efforts to support Hollybrook's premier eating establishment. She finds herself eating there at least twice a week as she too, with her eagle eye, plainly sees the many positive changes at our wonderful gem of an eatery. Like you, my dear Confused, Ms. Holly found herself so thrilled that she danced the flamenco on the evening that paella was served. It was outstanding! And the churrasco? Served with Mark's special chimichurri, it was a veritable gift of the food gods. We

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Speaking Words of Wisdom

By Mary Oldiges

Fans of famed Canadian mystery author, Louise Penny, are familiar with the recurring character, Chief Inspector Armand Gamache, his rules for good detective work and, more importantly, his rules for living an honorable life. To a new recruit of the Sureté du Québec Gamache said, "There are four sentences we learn to say and mean and which lead to wisdom. They are: 'I don't know,' 'I need help,' 'I'm sorry,' 'I was wrong.'"

Recently, as friends were talking about Hollybrook Facebook posts, Gamache's words became very clear. Many of the posts on were misinformed, toxic, bullying and if one was reading it and considering buying in Hollybrook, they might think twice. The good news? Only a few people write the posts and respond.

We should think about what we say, how we say it, and whether we all need to take a beat and put ourselves on pause before we speak or post. Think first about the message we want to convey. What is our intent? Is it helping our community or tearing it down? Is it just an outlet for anger and vitriol? How can I get my message across without hurting someone else?

This writer is not sure of the answers to those questions, but Gamache's words resonate for both timeliness and simplicity. Maybe it is time that we stop and consciously work together to build community relationships instead of tearing them down.





Wood Stork Residents Return to Hollybrook Features



Story and Photos By Mark Favus



A parent wood stork toils to support its family.

From an early age we were told that babies were delivered by storks. But I always wondered, where did the storks have to go to get their own babies?

Since moving to Hollybrook, I have become a wildlife photographer and by observation and study, I developed an understanding of the behaviors of various herons, egrets,

wondered why the wood storks disappeared from Hollybrook around December and returned, like clockwork, in June. This past January, I found the answer.

pelicans and wood storks. In the back of my mind, I always

My good friend, Alberto Valdes, who lives in the Towers,



Wood stork chicks in their nest wait for food.

took me to a place that he said would "blow my mind." He was right.

About 30 miles north of Hollybrook, via Turnpike, rests the Wakodahatchee Wetlands, a water management facility engineered to mimic the Everglades. It is one of the greatest avian

rookeries in South Florida. The second I entered, I saw hundreds of wood storks building nests. Then, over weekly visits, hundreds of baby chicks emerged loudly screaming for food.

Knowing that wood storks were on the endangered species list, seeing this phenomenal array of wood storks thriving in a perfect haven to build nests and raise their young was hopeful.

There are many other nesting birds there including the graceful Great Egrets and Great Blue Herons. But the Wood Stork

parents were undoubtedly the most attentive and protective.

Wood Storks are largely monogamous, breeding in large colonies. They're usually silent, but during courtship and mating they clack their bills. Between nest building, breeding, and raising of young, the parents and their young stay in the nest for about four months.

When the parents and their colony of several mating Wood Storks head to their usual feeding grounds at the start of the rainy season in June, they can be seen gracefully flying overhead.

I had my first sighting of a colony of about seven Wood Storks returning to Hollybrook at the end of June. They will likely remain until it's time for them to return north to their breeding colony in the Wakodahatchee Wetlands.

It's wonderful to be able to observe the cycle of life of these almost prehistoric looking storks. We're fortunate to be able to see them feed at the edges of our lakes as they stir the water with their claws and scoop up small fish and crustaceans.

Their annual return suggests that the lakes at Hollybrook are well stocked and remain a healthy aquatic buffet for many avian species.



50th Anniversary-Down Memory Lane



Good times delivered in music, bridge and showtimes

By Lois Hollands

Dave and Fran Mason, the late parents of Phase 1 Director Connie Mason, moved into Hollybrook in August 1973. With Connie in tow, they were among the first Hollybrook families.

Before moving here, Swedish-born Dave, was a highly trained opera singer with an extensive career that began in Europe. He performed in front of US troops with the USO, on Broadway in NYC, with big band legend Glenn Miller, and he was in movies with Steve McQueen. He also had his own band. His wife Fran was reluctant to make the move unless she could bring her bridge group, Connie said.

Life was very carefree in the early days at Hollybrook. Connie said daily routines mainly consisted of tennis in the morning, then coffee and sandwiches, golfing, going to the beach and hanging out at the 19th Hole where Dave

community that nearly everyone met for many activities that ranged from dining together or renting a bus for hours at the racetrack.

In 1973 there was not read to the racetrack.

In 1973 there was not much in the way of entertainment surrounding Hollybrook but there were many residents with mu-

sical and theatrical experience. Under Dave's guidance, they banded together and produced remarkable entertainment for the residents through decades.

Dave and Fran's lives were a love story that centered around their 54 years of marriage and Hollybrook.

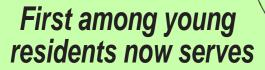
Connie recalls the good times being challenged in the mid-2000's when Hollybrook began to experience unpleasant political changes

in leadership and demographics.

This year,

Connie Mason is in her element at the July 4 Concert dance party that she produced

Connie was appointed chair of the Entertainment Committee and is carrying on her father's legacy by bringing fun, entertaining shows to Hollybrook on a monthly basis.



By Lois Hollands

Past President Carl Mack, his uncle Alexander Marcus and Carl's dog Judy moved into Building 39 in 1973. They, along with the late Claire Vogel, were the first of the building's residents.

Carl was only 23 at the time and eager to set his hand at dog grooming. When that did not work out, Carl launched a 30-year career as an Engineer Land Surveyor for the Florida Department of Transportation.

The job gave Carl an opportunity to be part of the explosion of development that would come to surround our community. Carl remembers Hollybrook's population at that time being 95% Jewish and 5% Italian with a smattering of Canadians.

As a young man, Carl's interests, besides playing tennis, were largely outside of Hollybrook. Carl is an avid music lover with an extensive collection of signed record albums and memories of seeing some of the world's greatest rock bands in concert at iconic South Florida venues.

Upon his retirement 20-some years ago, Carl devoted a large block of personal time to Hollybrook: so far he's served two terms as a Phase 5 Director, two terms as Vice President, two terms as President and a member of countless committees.

Though Hollybrook has faced many challenges over the past 50 years, Carl be-

lieves that being a self -managed community right from the beginning has been a positive benefit to our community.

Some of the important decisions that Carl presided over as President include; Hollybrook taking over the management of our restaurant, updating our Condo Documents as required by the State of Florida, the pipe relining project, repositioning the Pickleball courts, overseeing negotiations for an 8-year contract with Comcast to pro-



Past president Carl Mack prepares to sign a contract with Comcast in April of 2018

vide TV and Internet service in 2019 updating Hollybrook's Rules and Regulations and most importantly guiding us all through the unknowns of the Covid -19 pandemic.

After a short hiatus, Carl now serves as a Director of Phase 5, chair of the Landscaping Committee, and chair of the Hurricane Preparedness Committee.





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does." Eric is resolved to do his duty and live honorably. He strives to live as an honorable person, employee, and leader.

Although Eric sees challenges at Hollybrook such as the 40-year inspection, Senate Bill 4D, and rising insurance costs, he is confident that he, the board, volunteers, staff and entire community are up to the challenge.

"The staff are cross-trained, dedicated to Hollybrook, and committed to making a difference. Our volunteers make an invaluable contribution and represent a wealth of knowledge," Eric said.

He aims to create both formal and informal opportunities to communicate with staff, volunteer staff and the community-at-large.

"Communication is very important to me (but) communication is not just talking but also listening," he said.

Eric is eager to hear the needs of departments and the community need. Through communication, he hopes to identify ways to provide supportive leadership and set strategic plans to accomplish priorities - all while managing day to day operations and the inevitable crises that come with managing a 50-year-old community.

But who is Eric in his free time? He may be found on ski slopes, at the poker table or cooking one of his favorite dishes such as his special marinated salmon. An accomplished artist, Eric's abstract paintings have been shown at various venues and he hopes to join Hollybrook residents in future art and painting activities at the Recreation Building.

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A Hollybrook Son is Honored

Lydia Romero stands proudly at a permanent sign on a street named to honor her son, Officer Jose Diaz, who had a long history of working in law enforcement in Gwinnett County, Georgia. Lydia's beloved Joey passed away suddenly six years ago.

Jose was considered one of the finest officers in the state. He had received many awards and was recognized for his outstanding dedication especially, in the county's gang unit from 2001 to 2006.



Courtesy Photo

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would surely miss it; if we ever lost it. But, I digress.

Ms. Holly reached out to our Restaurant General Manager Michael Fishman and learned that the restaurant hours had been "iffy" due to cold hard facts and squishy trends that are difficult to predict and worse to swallow. Customer loyalty, seasonal demands, staffing cycles, inflated food costs and keeping the building and equipment working – all at once – has been historically challenging.

"Our goal is to eventually get to pre-pandemic hours but it is uncertain when that might happen," he said. BC (Before Covid) Hollybrookers looked forward to dinner nights at least twice a week and they counted on specials six days a week.

Recently, the restaurant settled into a working schedule, all things considered. Far be it from Ms. Holly and her personal desires to demand the restaurant be open when she says so (perhaps the middle of the night for apple pie à la mode)? For now, she is graciously grateful for the current schedule: Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Thursday - 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The BBQ at the Proshop Grill is open Tuesday through Friday - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. On Monday, the restaurant is closed.

Ms. Holly also reminds readers to sign up for Hollybrook eblasts to receive up-to-date restaurant information such as restaurant specials and any unforeseen dilemmas. If you are not getting Hollybrook emails, contact the Communications Department for help. The Hollybrook Buzz, posted on the first floors of all buildings, also highlights restaurant news. Bon Appetite,

Ms. Holly



Beach Season = Shark Season





By Keilani Laakso

Beach season is here which means fun, food, and sharks. Over the last few years, incidents of shark attacks have been drastically increasing. Here are some tips and tricks that can help Hollybrook stay safe when they're in the ocean's swim of things.

- Do not wear shiny jewelry. To a shark, shiny objects can be mistaken for fish scales. In addition, they tend to be attracted to bright colors such as yellow and orange.
- Do not swim during dusk or dawn; those are the times of day when sharks are more active.
- Do not splash if you see or otherwise encounter a shark they can mistake you as prey.
- Signs that a shark doesn't care about you are: it swims past you or it swims in a different direction. Still, you should

- curl up into a ball like a tight fetal position, so the shark will have even less interest in you. Once the shark is at a safe distance from you, be sure to move to the shore and to safety very slowly.
- Signs that a shark is about to attack are: the shark's pectoral fins are pointed downwards and it is swimming around you in a circle.
- If a shark is about to attack make yourself as large as possible; the bigger you appear, the better.

As dangerous as sharks are, they are a vital part of our ecosystem and considered an apex predator. They are responsible for maintaining prey populations and controlling species distribution as well as diversity. All of this affects the health of marine habitats. So keep yourself and the sharks safe by following these tips and tricks.

Everything You Need to Know About Recycling

(But Were Afraid to Ask)

By Lu Shifrin, Recycling Co-Chair

Put recyclables:

- Directly into the black or gray recycling bin in your laundry room or trash room containing the following recyclable products: clean cardboard, boxes (broken down), and paper
- Such as empty and clean plastic containers such as water, soda, laundry detergent, hand soap, etc... with removed caps into the recycling bin
- Such as your empty plastic prescription drug containers and caps into the recycling bin. (It is advisable to remove any personal information from the prescription before you discard it.)

Put trash:

- Into the black or gray trash bin located in your Hollybrook laundry room or trash room
- Into the dumpster outside and near your building
- In secured plastic trash bags containing the following types of items: discarded food or food containers, glass or ceramic objects, empty tin cans, dirty paper or plastic products, Styrofoam products, dead batteries, and dead or broken light bulbs
- Such as your beloved cat or dog's poop into a secured plastic bag (or two)

Following these important guidelines will help keep Hollybrook clean and beautiful, and help us better manage our garbage and recycling costs.

SAVE THE DATES

Residential Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off in Pembroke Pines

The City of Pembroke Pines will provide household hazardous waste drop off events in 2023. Drop offs are your responsibility. Please adhere to the list of items that are allowed to be dropped off.

2023 Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Schedule Hours of operations: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. ONLY on the dates below September 9, 2023 December 9, 2023

Take items to the City's wastewater treatment plant - 13975 Pembroke Road

Acceptable Hazardous Waste Paint thinner/stripper Paint, oil or latex

Auto fluids- motor oil, coolant, etc Pesticides/Insecticides Fertilizer Pool chemicals Fluorescent tubes Flares Mercury thermometers Spot removers Oven and drain cleaners Furniture and metal polish Items container mercury Batteries- rechargeable, auto and marine Propane tanks

Acceptable Electronic Waste

Computers, monitors, keyboards Computer mice Terminals and Printers Fax machines and modems Cell phones Televisions Desk top copiers and scanners

Rechargeable batteries

DO NOT BRING UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS LISTED BELOW

Unacceptable Hazardous Waste

Biohazard/medical waste **Explosives** Tires Business generated HHW waste Alkaline batteries- AA. AAA. C&D. 9V please dispose in regular trash

Unacceptable Electronic Waste

Office furniture Stereos/Speakers Musical instruments DVD players and VCRs **Appliances** Microwave ovens Electronic hand tools Trash and debris

Residents must bring proof of Pembroke Pines residency to use the drop off services. If you are snowbird, please take your Hollybrook ID card and any other documents that show you live here part time.

For more information please contact the City of Pembroke Pines at 954-518-9000 or visit our website at www.ppines.com



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This n' That With Barbara S

By Barbara Saksenberg

Barbara's Picks for Places to Go and Things to Do

Train Rides: Do you like trains? Take a ride on a scaled down train around Tradewinds Park from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on every third weekend of the month. Tickets are only \$1.50. Contact the Tradewinds & Atlantic Railroad at 954-357-8870.

Medieval Festival: Medieval times are coming to the modern day at the Camelot Days Medieval Festival. Relive the days of knight and jesters, find handcrafted goods, and enjoy the numerous games and shows that are entertaining to people of all ages. The festival will occur at the Topeekeegee Yugnee Park through November 6-7, 13-14, and 20-21. It runs from 10 a.m.

to 5:30 p.m. Contact them at 786-332-0047.

Discounted Zoo Admission: Get ready to discover the wild at Zoo Miami where seniors 65 and older can receive 25% off the regular admission. You must provide a valid photo ID that includes a date of birth at the time of purchase. The purchase must be made on-site at the ticketing building. For more information contact Zoo Miami at 305-251-0400.

Free Yoga: Let's all stretch and relax at the Hi Vibe Wellness Sunset Yoga class. It is held every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Margaret Pace Park behind the basketball courts. This event is weather dependent and is subject to being cancelled. You must bring your own yoga mats and water. Email info@hivibe-wellness.com for more information.

Free Bonfire Nights: Bask in the sight of the setting sun at Family Farms where you can enjoy a bonfire coupled with live music

and barbeque. They also have marshmallows for purchase, hayrides, mini photograph sessions, a sunflower field, and a petting zoo. It takes place every Saturday from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. For more information contact 954-804-2850.

Hungry? Try These Yummy Eateries

VILLAGE TAVERN carries lunch, dinner, and late-night snacks. They have various menu options including vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free.

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Programs aimed at rehabilitation of existing dwellings are designed to correct building code issues as well eliminating health and safety problems among other items.

Emphasis is placed on improving handicap accessibility and the removal of architectural barriers.

Installation of ramps and grab bars, renovation of bathrooms and other living spaces to provide greater mobility and accessibility for persons with disabilities are possible.

Additional information may be obtained from the City's website at https://www.ppines.com/371/Housing-Programs or Community Redevelopment Associates website at https://www.crafla.com, where you may download an application.

Interested parties may contact Virginia Bermudez, Community Development Coordinator at (954) 431-7866 x110 for information. Se Habla Español.



Fast Eddie's Adventure

There's a barkin' hot heat wave amidst By Ken Schlossberg

I know that I barked lyrical in my last writing about summertime and how the livin' is easy. Well, we are a bit deeper into summertime and the livin' is too doggone hot!

Or as another all-time songwriter, Irving Berlin, who was once married to Ruby Keeler, the silent/sound film star, wrote in the song Heat Wave: "The temperature's rising. It isn't surprising. Makes the mercury jump! To ninety-three..."

Ninety-three? Try "feels like" 113!

It is so hot that Sophie, Kenny and I are trapped in our air conditioned home with fans blowing and shades drawn watching Turner Classic Movies including Goldiggers circa 1933 starring said Ms. Keeler and Dick Powell, and a zany love note on how to survive the Depression. Or in our case: how to survive the heat!

Even though there were no dogs in it – unlike The Thin Man films starring Myrna Loy and William Powell who had a little fox terrier named Skippy – I rated Goldiggers with FIVE BIG BARKS!!!



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I Bonus Marchers that General Douglas MacArthur kicked out of their Washington encampment in mid-1932, ignoring the express wishes of then President Herbert Hoover – as if Hoover needed that on top of the stock market crash to lose the election against Roosevelt. But I dogress.

As the heat wave kicked in, I called an emergency meeting of Phase 2 dogs. I am Chairdog of the Board and Bentley is my Vice Presidog, Maggie is our Recording Secrepup (her notes sing) and Ben-

jie is in charge of Canine Enforcement (a real cool cat).

We sent out a howl of a message to our owners advising them how dangerous this barn burner weather is for us and how to protect us.

First of all, did you know that this kind of worldwide heat wave, according to the climate change experts has a 1-in-400 chance of occurring in any given year? Temperatures skyrocketed in Portugal, Spain, Morocco and Algeria in the final week of April, months before their really hot season. Much of Asia, and parts of China broke all records. The city of Tak in Thailand hit 114 Fahrenheit in April. I feel for fellow canines in Tak!

All I know is that when the heat index hits 80-90 F (feels like 90-100) I bark OUCH when my sensitive paws touch the asphalt pavement.

Kenny is aware of what the heat index can do to dogs and humans since he passed out from dehydration a year ago.

- 1. He picks me up and carries me to the grass where I do my "business".
- 2. He walks me in the shade as much as possible.
- 3. He doesn't keep me out longer than my "business" needs.
- 4. He keeps my water bowl filled with fresh cool water. You'd think I was a camel instead of a tiny poof of a pup.
- 5. Back at the apartment, he lets me hide under the bed because it is the coolest place around.

 Even so, one time, the heat was too much for me and I came back hyperventilating. Before calling the vet 911, Kenny took a cold wrap out of the freezer and put it around my body. Talk about RELIEF! After about ten minutes, I could BREATHE again.

So as the desk sergeant from the TV series Hill Street Blues would say after he wrapped up the morning meeting: "Let's be careful out there.



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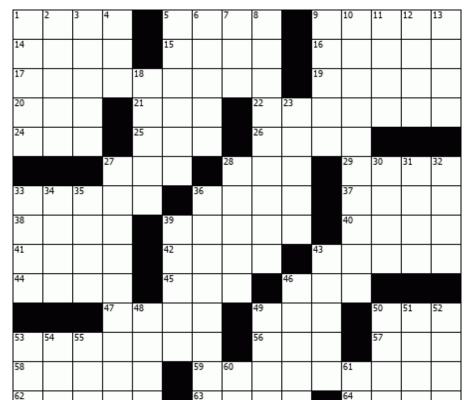






Across

- 1. "God's Little "
- **5**. Process a bite
- 9. Not quite summa
- **14**. Starr-struck instrument?
- 15. Jungle sound
- 16. Spring forward time
- 17. Belle of the ball
- 19. Brightest star in Virgo
- 20. Poem originally intended to be sung
- **21**. Juice drink suffix
- 22. Rejected
- 24. Alternative to "smoking"
- 25. One thickness
- **26**. Tuning fork's output
- 27. Where drives begin
- 28. Shot target
- 29. Variable star
- 33. Hemmed but didn't haw
- **36**. Kind of school
- 37. Deer's scut
- 38. Merit
- **39**. Hibernation locales
- **40**. Gossipy tidbit
- 41. Like diehard fans
- 42. Swing and Christian
- **43**. Neutral middle vowel
- 44. Distribute
- **45**. It can be for the course
- **46**. "Murder, ___ Wrote"
- 47. React to an uppercut, perhaps
- 49. Actor activator
- 50. Gremlin's creator
- 53. Whoop-de-do
- 56. It may have a silver lining
- **57**. Victor at Fredericksburg
- 58. Cookies with a white fillina
- 59. Newbie
- 62. Apportion
- 63. Comes to the rescue
- 64. The "U" of BTU



Down

65

- 1. Build a new room
- 2. Ideology
- 3. "American Idol" winner
- 4. Down Under bird
- **5**. Hold protectively
- 6. Ingredient in mead
- 7. Break bread
- 8. Some combatants
- 9. Street's boss
- 10. Trainee
- **11**. It may be silly
- 12. Pleasantly pleasing
- **13**. "When I Was " ("H.M.S. Pinafore" song)

- 18. Repaired a paper tear, perhaps
- 23. Brilliant feats

66

- 27. Novice Boy Scout
- 28. Tuck's title
- **30**. "I do," e.g.
- **31**. Panoramic sight
- 32. Diva Gluck
- 33. Coal stratum
- 34. Roof overhang
- 35. Order in the court
- **36**. Attorney's helper
- 39. Ostracized person
- 43. Glossiness

46. Most indisputable

67

- 48. Bridge positions
- 49. Sorority sisters
- 50. Peake novel "Titus
- 51. Promotion basis
- **52**. Word with 5, 10, 25 and 50
- **53**. Type of rubber
- **54**. Folk singer Guthrie
- 55. Title role for Jodie Foster
- 60. Maracana Stadium locale
- **61**. Bear greeting?





HOLLYBROOK ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES

MINDFUL MEDITATION - FREE - Thursdays - 2 to 3 p.m. weekly; Rm 208A Rec Building.

TECH TUESDAYS - FREE - Tuesdays, 2 p.m., Social Hall. Bring cell phones, laptops, iPads.

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DOMINOES - Monday thru Saturday, 2 - 5 p.m.; Men's locker room, first floor.



SILVER SNEAKERS FITNESS – Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 9:15 a.m.; BALL & STRETCHING - Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. All classes in the Social Hall.

BOCCE BALL, CORN HOLE, HORSESHOES - If you are interested in playing fun backyard-style games, make yourself at home at the bocce courts in Phase 6. Equipment is located inside the box. Please, be sure to put everything back when you're finished.



PICKLEBALL - Pickleball play 8 a.m.- 10 p.m. Social play in the mornings. Courts are lit every evening for play. Free lessons by reservation: 8 - 10 a.m., Tues., Wed., Thurs. Text Mathias at 954-505-9288 to reserve a lesson! Watch for all sorts of summer games and tournaments!



DISK GOLF— Mini course on the Par 3. You'll see three buckets at holes 1-3. Sign out equipment at the Golf Pro Shop.



Do you have a great idea for a fun activity and the time to make it happen? Call your Board of Administration with your idea and action plan!

SOJO SINGERS – ARE IN THE HOUSE! – If you sing, play an instrument or both, join SOJO Singers from 2 – 5 p.m. every first and third Saturday in Room 218 – Rec Building. Call Lily 954-450-0801 for details.

TENNIS - Reserve your court time by using the Tennis Reservation System 2 in the resident only private portal. Go to www.hollybrook.com and log in. Then go to Tennis Reservations and follow the directions. Or just show up. It's summer time! Very little wait time!

HOLLYBROOK SINGLES CLUB – If you like to play pool, shuffleboard, pickleball, cards, ping pong and more, or just hang out, Call Virginia Falco at 954-638-4094.



CENTURY VILLAGE SHOWS - PICK UP AN ORDER SHEET IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING LOBBY - For information call Phyllis Tucker at 954-404-6267. The current season runs through October 28, 2023. Hollybrook residents may purchase tickets for \$7 each. If you buy 3 tickets for shows in the same month you will get 1 ticket for another show free! Take advantage of the 3 shows for 4 bargain!

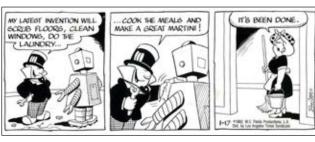


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Things to Celebrate in August



International Pirate Month National Golf Month National Picnic Month International Cat Day National S'mores Day Left Handers Day National Tell a Joke Day Just Because Day Kiss and Make Up Day





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Summer Sports Tips

Heat Exhaustion Prevention

By Judy Thomas, Summer Pickleball Chair

- Use SPF broad spectrum sunscreen and apply regularly.
- · Avoid direct sunlight. Golfers can seek shade under trees. Pickleballers and tennis players can seek shade under courtside umbrellas.
- Do outdoor activities in the mornings or eve-
- Drink plenty of water or drinks to replenish your electrolytes lost during sweating.
- Wear light colored, loose fitting sun protection factor (SPF) clothing.
- Wear a wide brimmed hat.

Hollybrook Course Supervisor Moves up in **GCSAA Class**



WALTER CHAVEZ

Walter Chavez, Hollybrook's Golf Course Supervisor, recently hit a career milestone by achieving Class A membership with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

Kevin P. Breem, the **GCSAA** President, nounced Walter's achievement in a letter addressed to Hollybrook Controller Alex Ivanaksas, who serves also as the community's defacto human resource manager.

"Walter has displayed a strong commitment to professional development

through a mix of competency-based continuing education, work experience, golf centric services and environmental stewardship through meeting either state or GCSAA (requirements)," Breem wrote in the letter.

Moving forward, Walter's next step in his progression through GCSAA is becoming a Certified Golf Course Superintendent which would signify the highest level of professionalism within the industry.

2023 PICKLEBALL ACTIVITIES



EVENTS



August 18, 2023 **Intermediate Round Robin Tournament** October 20, 2023 **Intermediate Round Robin Tournament**

> Courts 9 and 10 - A. B & E. F. 16 Players, 4 Courts

AGENDA

4:30-5 p.m. Registration & Warm-Up Friendly, Competitive Play 5-8 p.m. 8-10 p.m. Pizza Party, BYOD

SPECIAL EVENTS

July 28, 2023, 6:30 p.m., Pickleball Social August 25, 2023, 6:30 p.m., Pickleball Social Pembroke Lakes Tennis Center 10500 Taft Street Pembroke Pines, FL Call (954) 431-4146 or email Mikalea Black at mblack@ppines.com



REFEREES NEEDED FOR PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENTS

WANT TO LEARN HOW TO PLAY PICKLEBALL?

Mathias Bartels-Daal, volunteer, teaches 8 - 10 a.m. on Courts 9 and 10, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The courts are located across from the Golf ProShop. Please text Mathias at 954-505-9288 and leave your name and a brief message. Bring your own pickleball paddles; balls will be furnished to you. Please, sandals not allowed.

Questions? Ideas? Call Summer Pickleball Chair Judy Thomas at 773-754-5536

"You can be assured that your facility will continue to be well managed through the expertise of a GCSAA Class A superintendent, the resources of a leading golf association and its network of more than 19,000 members," Kevin Breem said.

Hollybrook Golf Director Bill Friesing said Walter's commitment to Hollybrook residents and guests is evident by his dedicated daily work, but his commitment to his career is proven at least every two years when he attends classes and receives credit for performing duties within the organization. For example, Bill, who is a Class A member of GCSAA, must be recertified next June but he has already earned the credits he needs by serving on the Board of the Southern Florida PGA Section.

"It's like going back to college and all of the classes are business courses required by the PGA of America," Bill said. "Hollybrook is fortunate to have both myself and Walter certified."



Walter Chavez Wins Golf Championship in Two-peat



For the second consecutive year, Hollybrook's Course Supervisor Walter Chavez brought home the Florida Chapter of the GCSAA Annual Tournament by the skin of his swing.

Walter won with a score of 68 – 4, only one shot under second place winner Bob Harper, superintendent for the Country Club of Coral Springs.

"It's bragging rights, your name on the trophy and a lot, a lot of fun," Bob Harper said.



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Rain Fails to Dampen Pickleball Tournament

By Judy Thomas

Hollybrook held its second 2023 Intermediate Round Robin Tournament in late June on Courts 9 and 10. Because the weather did not cooperate, we were able to only play four out of six matches.

Even though everyone was having a great time, the tournament had to be called due to a sudden rain storm. The first team to reach eleven points was pronounced the winners.

Through much deliberation the June 30 tournament ended in a four-way tie. The winners were CB Smith Park guest Richard Onia, guest Kasey Cauthen, and Hollybrook residents Jose Cordova and Raul Gonzalez.

Unforeseen weather did not dampen our pickleball fun.

Thank you to our three special guest referees; Hollybrook President Michael Eaton, Phase 2 Director Susan Galletta and Hollybrook resident Antonio Cordova. Gratitude goes also to everyone who attended. Support from the community is always welcome.

The next Intermediate Round Robin Tournaments are scheduled for August 18 and October 20, weather permitting. If you are interested in participating as a player or guest referee, please contact Judy Thomas at jthomaswho@aol.com.



Pickleball



Rule of the Month

Pickleball is played either as doubles (two players per team) or singles; doubles is most common





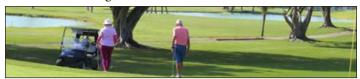
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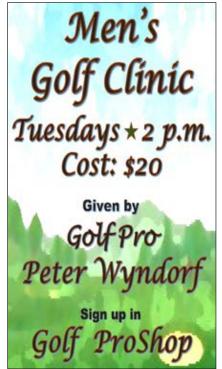
The Tempo Golf Carts, on lease from Club Car electronic cart and utility company, are paid for per the 2023-2024 Budget approved by the then Board of Administration. Bill said the four-year deal is normal for most courses and the new fleet comes with advantages over the previous fleet.

Each of the midnight blue carts are equipped with electronic technology used in automotive vehicles and the latest lithium battery available. They recharge 33 percent faster than the old standard lead acid batteries and the charges last longer. Each charge will cover 54 holes, which equals three rounds of 18 holes. Cost of average carts range from \$800 to \$1,200, but Hollybrook's cost is reduced because Club Car purchased the old EZ Go carts.

In keeping with Hollybrook's cart speed norm, the carts traveling speed reaches only up to 9 miles per hour.

Bill said 100 of the new carts are dedicated to the PGA course with the remaining 20 now available for the Par 3 course.





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Animal Welfare Warning

We know you truly care about animals, wildlife or domesticated, so

<u>Do NOT feed raccoons or ANY</u> wildlife in Hollybrook



Hollybrook has a problem right now with residents feeding raccoons. Yes, they seem like cute creatures, but raccoons are wild animals with very sharp teeth and claws AND can quickly become vicious. Some may carry disease

such as rabies which could cause you or your pets to become very sick if scratched or bitten. Because some residents are feeding the raccoons, they are appearing more frequently, especially on the golf course, seeking humans to feed them.

Under Hollybrook Rule 10.2 - Pets and Animals: All persons are prohibited from feeding (and) or giving food or shelter to any stray, wild life or waterfowl. Animals in the wild tend to carry disease. The rule applies to ALL creatures including squirrels, birds, iguanas, foxes, raccoons, cats or dogs.

By feeding the wildlife, the animals become emboldened to approach humans for food and they lose their natural instinct to forage for food on their own.

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Drop off time: 10 a.m. Pick-up time: 11:15 a.m.

Publix, Dollar Tree, Einstein Bagels, and Denny's Restaurant ONLY Monday - Tuesday - Thursday - Friday - Saturday

Morning Route

Pick-up - Hollybrook 9:30 a.m.

Drop off - Publix/Dollar Tree 10 a.m.

Pick-up - Publix/Dollar Tree 11:30 a.m.

Afternoon Route (Includes Broward Library at Broward College)

Pick-up - Hollybrook 1 p.m.

Drop off - Publix/Dollar Tree/Library 1:30 p.m.

Pick-up - Publix/Dollar Tree/Library 3 p.m.

Wednesdays ONLY: Pembroke Lakes Mall, Super Walmart, Sedanos, Pembroke Pines Carl Shechter Community Center (Senior Center)

Pick-up - Hollybrook 9:30 am

Drop off - Senior Center 9:45 a.m.

Drop off - Sedanos 9:55 a.m.

Drop off - Pembroke Lakes Mall 10 a.m. Pick-up - Pembroke Lakes Mall 1p.m.

Drop off - Super Walmart 10:15 a.m.

Pick-up - Senior Center 1:15 p.m.

Pick-up - Sedanos 11 a.m.

Pick-up - Super Walmart 12:45 p.m.

ALL PICK-UP AND DROP OFF TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

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