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President's Corner: A Festive Season, Successful Votes, and Exciting Upgrades Ahead



Dear Hollybrook,
I hope you all had a great and very thankful Thanksgiving, no matter when and how you celebrated. Any time that I can spend with my family is always a blessing. I heard rave reviews about the Thanksgiving meal prepared by the restaurant, and better things about the meal this past Saturday the 25th of November. The Saturday

evening meal is a new option which started recently and just like anything else, may take time to catch on. The most important way to make sure a new thing is successful is to talk about it with your friends and neighbors. Invite them out to partake of the next Saturday meal so that they can experience the fine food themselves.

Speaking of Saturday, the 25th, a lot of you missed a great event, the Snowflake Ball. We were treated to the sounds and live performance of the band Cachet, who have previously performed at Hollybrook. It was supposed to be an opportunity to welcome back all our Snowbirds, but with all that was going on due to the long Thanksgiving weekend, it was hard to fit all of the events into the one day. It's all good! This band is such a great act that they will be coming back to Hollybrook many more times in the years to come. With that said, you should definitely save the date and break out your best Parrot Head shirts and outfits as the next concert is going to be, "A Night In Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville". Tropical vacation attire is suggested: Shorts, sunglasses, and flip flops are required accessories. I am bringing my margarita machine for my table. This event is happening December 16th, 2023, from 8:00pm – 11:00pm – so save the date. And while you are marking that date down, don't forget New Years Eve! The concert is from 9pm – 1am so make sure to get your tickets fast so you don't miss out. The dinner details are still being worked out so that info will be coming out soon.

Now, to the extremely exciting news that I wanted to wait

for. We reached the quorum total of 952 which allows us to tally the votes and pass the Special Assessment. As of Wednesday the 29th of November, we had received 1015 votes. The vote was tallied, and the totals were 980 YES votes and 35 NO votes. The assessment has passed, and we can now move forward with the projects that the line of credit was established for. The only thing that is in our way is the City of Pembroke Pines. The permit process is very difficult to work with and we have three huge projects just waiting on the permit allowing the work to start. Once the work begins, you will be seeing construction vehicles bearing the name of Gemstone, and you will see roofing company trucks bearing the name of Cool Roof Foam & Coatings. Buildings 9, 42, & 52 will each have major construction work done to them, and 31 & 51 will each have one balcony worked on. Buildings 51, 52, & 5, will have the roofs completely removed and a new polyurethane roof installed. Buildings 1, 2, 10, 28, 30, 39, 41, 42, 56, 58, 60, & 61 will have the roofs fixed and then have a silicone roof system applied that will give those roofs new life expectancy of 15 – 20 years. There's so much happening and the sooner the work gets started, the better.

The holiday season is also upon us. We, Pam & I, want to wish each and every one of you a glorious and prosperous Season. We always want to give thanks and prayers to our Troops that are stationed all around the world doing everything possible to protect us and to all of those that are being oppressed. Prayers are for Peace. For Israel, Palestine and for Ukraine. Hatred in any form cannot be tolerated in our world, but we must recognize that stopping hatred starts at our own front door. Let's pay it forward by loving each other and as that love grows, we will make a difference in this world. God Bless!

Sincerely,

Michael E. Eaton
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From the desk of Andy Ingram

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A Seat for Every Occasion: The Playhouse Plea for New Comfortable Chairs



The heart of any community lies in its shared spaces, and for Hollybrook, the Playhouse is a versatile venue that plays host to a myriad of functions: meetings, movies, banquets, shows, dances and our beloved Bingo nights—this is where memories are made and connections are strengthened. Amidst the diverse activities, there's a common plea echoing through the halls of the playhouse: We need comfortable chairs.

The Importance of Comfort

Whether it's a gripping movie that keeps you on the edge of your seat for two hours or an exciting round of Bingo that lasts three hours, comfort becomes paramount.

Currently, a motion is on the table to decide the fate of the Playhouse seating. The proposed chair is described as wide and comfortable, ensuring a cozy experience for every attendee. However, there's a debate among directors—some advocating for this comfortable width, limiting table capacity to 10, while others push for a slimmer, less comfortable design, aiming to accommodate 12 at a table.

The Playhouse Renaissance

The Playhouse has recently undergone a significant transformation, addressing much-needed renovations. Leaky roofs

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have been replaced, ceilings and walls revamped, a fresh dance floor installed, and the rug rejuvenated. However, the spotlight now turns to the aging sound system and the chairs that have faithfully served for at least 15 years. It's time for an upgrade.

In the last Board of Association (BOA) meeting, a motion was set in motion to procure new chairs for the Playhouse. However, the decision was deferred to the December meeting, citing the need for three bids, of which only two were available at the time.

A Call for Action

The urgency is clear—WE NEED NEW COMFORTABLE CHAIRS. The community has the budget in place for this essential upgrade, recognizing that comfortable seating is an investment in the enjoyment and satisfaction of every resident and owner who walks through the Playhouse doors.

As the next meeting approaches, there's a collective hope that the motion for new chairs will pass. After all, a community is not just defined by its physical spaces, but by the warmth and comfort it provides to those who gather within its walls.

Here's to the prospect of many more hours of laughter, entertainment, and connection, all enjoyed from the comfort of brand-new seats at the heart of our cherished Playhouse.

*Treasurer's Message
From the desk of Rosalie Labate*

Special Assessment Vote Requires Quorum



A preliminary review of our October financial statements indicates we are at 66.26% of our annual budget. We are being advised

that the long

awaited Reserve Study report is expected to be presented imminently. It is essential we review and analyze this report and develop, and put in place, procedures and policies to implement the necessary required State mandates to fully fund our SIRS category reserves.

As we have previously indicated, the SIRS (Structural Integrity Reserve Study) categories are: Roofs, painting, paving, structural (concrete), electrical, plumbing. Our General Manager, Eric Wheeler, Controller Alex Ivanskas will be analyzing the facts and figures and report back to us their findings and what steps will be needed to satisfy the State mandate and our community needs.

The proxy vote on the approval of our Special Assessment was November 29, 2023. A quorum of 952 proxies was re-

quired to implement this special assessment. We surpassed the quorum and had a total of 1015 votes in favor of the Special Assessment. We thank all residents who showed up to their Phase Town Hall meetings in the days leading up the Special Assessment vote, those who submitted their proxy votes and those who attended the vote on November 29, 2023.

Attendance at our Hollybrook restaurant has certainly improved but our revenue flow is still needing a much better increase. The improvements are readily noticeable –the quality of food, the service, variety of menu items, all enhancing our restaurant. Michael Fishman and the staff at the restaurant are diligently trying to make our Hollybrook restaurant something we all can enjoy. If you haven't already passed by - treat yourself to dinner on Saturday nights now that they have dinner service that day!

The month of December is full with lots of days celebrating a multitude of holidays, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Christmas, Boxing Day, and New Year. My wish for everyone is that this joyous season be filled with good health, happiness, love, and success and we carry all the good wishes and successes forward into the New Year, 2024.

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Season Kicks off with Special Assessment Preparation



Welcome back to friends and neighbors. It is exciting to connect with residents who returned to Hollybrook for the season.

The officers and the Board of Administration (BOA) along with both Eric Wheeler and Alex Ivanaskas have spent many hours identifying and clarifying the need for a Special Assessment. A well-attended Town Hall Meeting was held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, to help unit owners understand the

challenges facing Hollybrook and to answer questions regarding the necessity of the Special Assessment. We are currently gathering Proxy Votes and we are optimistic that we will reach the requisite number of 952 Unit Owners in the very near future to approve this Special Assessment.

Kudos also to the Financial Committee on the Special Assessment, chaired by Mark Weurzburger, who identified Financial Resources and Options for paying the Special Assessment. All Unit Owners have unique financial situations and the committee urged Unit Owners to contact their own financial institutions to determine their willingness to help with the Special Assessment.

Hollybrook is certainly not unique in seeking Unit Owner approval for a Special Assessment. The news media has highlighted these issues and discussions with friends and relatives underscores the financial issues and challenges facing many condominiums throughout the State of Florida. It remains to be seen if the next Florida Legislative Session will pass legislation to help solve or ameliorate some of these challenges.

I am extremely grateful for the volunteers (Karen, Rosalie, Paul, and Terri) who assisted me in distributing the 2023-2024 Restaurant Cards during the extended hours on November 7 and 8, 2023. Many residents who work full time or were unable to pick up their cards earlier took advantage of these additional time slots. We took on the additional task of providing the new Blue Books to our residents and we were able to help more than 70 residents over these two evenings.

Our second Lunch & Learn Lecture Series was attended by approximately 80 people. Working with my liaison, we already have programs planned for December, January, February, and March. Please continue to read the Voice of Hollybrook (VOH), email blasts and monitor your bulletin boards for these free lectures. RSVPs are required for each event since lunch is provided as a part of this Enhancement Program. These catered luncheons also increase restaurant revenue. Again, thanks to our sponsors who paid for the luncheons and kudos to Michael Fishman and his staff for providing awesome dining for the attendees. I wanted to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to our wonderful volunteers and our dedicated staff. Each

event was supported by both staff and volunteers and none of these would have been successful without their help and assistance.

The October golf course income was \$114,691 which was less than the revenue generated in October of the 2022-2023 fiscal year (\$143,585). The Hollybrook golf revenue reveals that we reached only 43 percent of our projected yearly golf income of \$1,880,000. Unfortunately, the first seven months of 2022-2023 had greater gross golf income (\$1,172,145) than the same period of 2023-2024 (\$797,381).

A further analysis of golf course gross income in October reveals that the cart fees from our owners were \$20,917 and an additional \$47,340 came from guest fees. As would be expected during season, less of our income comes from outside golfers. Walk-in golfers accounted for \$20,377 of our golf revenue. Our contracts with Golf Now and Canam provided \$20,702. Golf Now revenue was \$8,520 and Canam revenue was \$12,182. Additional sources of golf income were \$2,738 from our military and first responders, driving range fees of \$350 and Par 3 fees were \$860. Fortunately, we also had an additional \$1,408 from other sources.

Alex Ivanaskas and Etna Chery are diligently working with me to collect from owners who are in arrears. We speak regularly with our unit owners who have financial difficulties and try to seek solutions prior to undertaking legal remedies to collect payments. As of November 10, 2023, fifteen owners are currently in Collections with Straley and Otto and at least one of these units went into Collections following the death of the Unit Owner. Hollybrook is truly quite fortunate to have a very small number of accounts in collections. In a condominium community of 1902, we can be extremely proud of both our low number of units sent to Collections as well as the small number of unit owners in arrears.

Hollybrook Sales



Unit Sales for November

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42-110	Weber to Lagueux	2	\$165,000.00

REGULAR BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING MINUTES



Wednesday, November 15, 2023

President Mike Eaton called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. on November 15, 2023. This BOA meeting was conducted live from the Social Hall as well as virtually utilizing the Zoom conferencing platform. The meeting will be broadcast live and repeated on Channel 93.

There were 22 board members present: Bergeron, Brittain, DiPuglia, Donawa, Eaton, Esser-Stuart, Fortier, Galletta, Goldgut, Ingram, Koch, Labate, Lachance, McCall, Mack, Markowski, Mason, Munju, Rice, Tripodi, Webber, and Yost; Greeley, Mislove, and Sanabria were absent. Also in attendance were Eric Wheeler (General Manager), Alex Ivanaskas (Controller), Shane Laakso (Purchasing Manager), Querino Pacella (Compliance Director), and Michael Fishman (Restaurant Manager).

Online attendees' surnames are underlined.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joni Esser-Stuart announced the second Lunch and Learn event on November 17th in the Social Hall from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Dr. Bryan Lieber will be speaking about Dementia and Alzheimer's.

The third event will be on December 8th, also a Lunch and Learn. The topic of discussion will be Dealing with the Holidays held in the Social Hall.

Sign up for all events with Carol Mazza at 954.431.0600 extension 234.

REPORTS

Minutes from the October 18, 2023, Board of Administration meeting, were approved by Rosalie Labate and seconded by Hank Koch.

Neither the Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's reports were available nor read but will be distributed later and appear in the Voice of Hollybrook.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Landscaping Committee – Carl Mack reported that the work done by the new landscape maintenance company, Brightview Landscaping, in the common areas is much improved from the previous company.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION A – TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH COOL ROOF FOAM AND COATINGS TO REPLACE 12 ROOFS

Curtis Rice made a motion for the board to approve a contract with Cool Roof Foam and Coatings to replace the 12 roofs on buildings 1, 2, 10, 28, 30 39, 41, 42, 56, 58, 60, and 61 with their silicone roof system. The motion was seconded by Rosalie Labate.

A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously with 22 affirmative votes.

MOTION B – TO REPLACE THE DISHWASHING EQUIPMENT IN THE RESTAURANT

Curtis Rice made a motion to approve the purchase of the restaurant dishwashing system for \$42,950 with the Hobart System from DEI Foodservice Equipment and Design. The purchase price includes the setup of the new system and removal of the old. Funding for the replacement will come from the allocated restaurant account of \$116,572.42. The motion was seconded by Rosalie Labate.

A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously with 22 votes.

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

Joni Esser-Stuart made a motion for the board to consider and approve the levying of fines and/or suspensions regarding the following act of noncompliance pertaining to the governing documents of the association and Florida Statute 718.303(3)(a).

The motion was seconded by Andy Ingram; there were no objections to the fine.



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From Pembroke Pines Mayor Frank C. Ortis

Going the Extra Mile



As we head into the holiday season, please remember to continue to be safe. Remember that shopping presents unique dangers which is why taking a few preventative measures can help keep the holiday season joyous. It's important to be aware of your surroundings and follow safety tips that include staying alert as you walk to and from your car, not leaving personal items

in your car, and parking near well-lit areas.

I would like to invite everyone to the Holiday Art Market on December 14, 2023, from 6-8PM at The Frank Art Gallery, located at 601 City Center Way. The Holiday Market will have a variety of local artists and craft vendors. Visitors can enjoy complimentary refreshments and hors d'oeuvres and shop for homemade gifts by indie creators while also enjoying the current art exhibitions. From art prints to home goods there will be something for everyone. For more information, please call 954-392-2120 or visit the website at www.thefrankgallery.org.

A quick reminder for those interested in attending our Pembroke Pines Charter Schools. Starting next month on January 10, 2024, through March 10, 2024, Florida residents are invited to enroll their child(ren) into the 2024-2025 school year lottery for the City of Pembroke Pines Charter School System (PPCSS). Wait-listed students are required to re-submit their online application to remain on the wait list. In addition, parents of currently enrolled PPCSS students are required to re-enroll via a link provided online. You can find the links and more informa-

City and County

tion at <http://www.pinescharterapply.net>

On a "housekeeping" note, please note the following 2023 holiday schedule for garbage, and bulk service for the City of Pembroke Pines. Residents will not receive garbage or bulk service on Monday, December 25, 2023 (Christmas Day). Those residents who do not receive service on Christmas Day should place garbage and recycling out for pick up on the next regularly scheduled pick up day. Residents who do not receive bulk service on Christmas Day have been rescheduled for Friday, December 29, 2023.

There will be no change to the garbage and bulk schedule for the New Year's holiday (January 1, 2024). If you have questions, please call the City of Pembroke Pines Public Services Department at 954-518-9000.

The last Residential Household Hazardous waste drop off for the year is scheduled on Saturday, December 9, 2023, from 8:00AM to 2:00PM at the City's wastewater treatment plant located at 13975 Pembroke Road. Residents must bring proof of Pembroke Pines residency to use this drop off service. For more information, please call 954-518-9000 or visit our website at www.ppines.com under Utilities.

May it be a safe and joyous holiday season for all of you, with a happy and prosperous New Year! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 954-450-1020 or by e-mail at fortis@ppines.com

Mayor Frank C. Ortis, City of Pembroke Pines

From Pembroke Pines Commissioner Tom Good

As The Holidays Roll In



Hola friends! This is the time of year when our days are getting cooler, and we can now spend more time with family and friends during the holiday season. The City of Pembroke Pines has many new and exciting plans for the new year but will also be offering fun activities and programs to end the 2023 year.

Starting with the Carl Shechter Southwest Focal Point Community Center, the Annual Holiday Open House is on December 7, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. A tradition for many, there is live entertainment, hot cocoa and cookies, face painting, holiday displays and it's all free! Santa will be there giving away free party favors. For all ages, the Holiday Open House really puts a smile on everyone's face. To ensure everyone gets a chance to attend, there is also a second night of the Holiday Open House on December 14, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. This night will include all the same festivities for all to enjoy. The Center even won an award last year for its spectacular holiday tree display, so this is one event you won't want to miss.

There will also be the Annual Holiday Tea Party at the Center on December 13, at 2 p.m. It's a great time to celebrate the sights, sounds and tastes of the holiday season while enjoying

a festive afternoon of tea sandwiches, decadent desserts, and assorted teas. The cost is \$20.00 per person, and reservations are required before December 7. For more information on these activities and the various programs at the Center, please call 954-450-6888.

With evenings now easing into our Florida winter weather, the Savor the Sounds free music series held December 17, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the Plaza of the Charles F. Dodge City Center is a great time for all ages. The Triplite Holiday Band will be performing seasonal/holiday music that includes Disney favorites. Artist Alli Miranda will be demonstrating her painting skills and there are also available several outdoor games such as corn hole, dominoes, giant Connect 4, and Jenga to play. Food trucks will also be there should you want a snack while listening to the music and relaxing. Be sure to bring seating and a reminder that no dogs are allowed. For more information, please call the Special Events office at 954-392-2116.

And, if you haven't yet seen The Frank Art Gallery's newest exhibition, "Clyde Butcher: America, the Beautiful," you may want to pop into the gallery. It's on view only until January 11. The images are breathtaking, presenting the diverse places of wilderness and respite found throughout our country.

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PUBLIC SAFETY: Our commitment to keeping the public safe remains our top priority. By utilizing advanced technology, our Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) can proactively detect potential threats and prevent acts of mass violence before they occur. Our success has been met with an increase in funding, allowing for the expansion of our technological capabilities, further elevating our proactive policing. Our other bold policing initiatives include the Burglary Apprehension Team (BAT) and Violent Intervention Proactive Enforcement Response (VIPER) units. Collectively, these units have brought violent offenders to justice, thwarted dangerous, illegal street racing and participated in various countywide operations to combat violence in our community.

SCHOOL SAFETY: In addition to the RTCC, we continue to implement new programs, bolster training and forge partnerships with local, state and federal law enforcement to enhance school safety. This year, our efforts expanded to address a fast-emerging crime targeting our youth: financial sextortion. We partnered with Broward County Public Schools and the South Florida Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force to launch an educational campaign to raise awareness and prevent further victimization.

TRAINING AND PREPAREDNESS: Training and preparedness are paramount to public safety. As we approach the grand opening of our Research, Development and Training Center (RDTC), we will stay committed to elevating the training techniques, tactics and education for all our first responders and civilian staff. The 108,000-square-foot state-of-the-art training center will be like no other in the state and will serve as a model

for other public safety agencies to follow.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: The innovative initiatives we've implemented this year have worked to continue enhancing our relationship with our residents and build trust within our community. Our Neighborhood Support Team is reaching out and collaborating with communities that traditionally shied away from law enforcement. The Park, Walk and Talk program has yielded more than 77,000 encounters with individuals in the community, building bonds of support and resiliency. This year, we had the privilege of investing \$880,000 back into the community, supporting non-profit organizations focused on crime prevention, empowerment and creating lasting and meaningful change in the lives of countless individuals throughout Broward County. In addition, we've launched vital mental health programs to support individuals experiencing mental health crises and connect them to critical community resources instead of putting them in jail.

DIVERSITY: Since day one, I have promoted people from within the organization, which has undoubtedly contributed to our operational success due to the years of valuable institutional knowledge. This year was no exception. I was honored to promote additional women and minorities to leadership positions, further diversifying the organization to reflect our community. I am proud to say that today, BSO has the most diverse command staff in the agency's 108-year history.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY: BSO remains a beacon of accountability and transparency, exemplified by our actions. This year, we welcomed new members to BSO's Social Justice Task Force (SJTF). The task force, launched in 2020 following the murder of George Floyd and the deaths of other persons of color, is comprised of Broward residents, community stakeholders and BSO leaders, who take an active role in addressing community concerns. These efforts achieved transformative and everlasting change for all our residents. In addition, our Office of Inspector General, created in 2021 to ensure the organization runs efficiently, economically and responsibly, continued to investigate employee misconduct allegations thoroughly.

While our primary mission is to ensure the safety and well-being of our residents, we have been recognized locally, nationally and internationally for the exceptional work we do to serve Broward County. It is an honor we do not take lightly. Learn more about our awards and accolades by visiting www.sheriff.org/SheriffTony.

I am proud of the remarkable strides we've made in 2023. As we move forward, we will continue to listen to your needs, elevate our training, enhance our capabilities, demonstrate transparency and maintain accountability to achieve our public safety mission.

On behalf of the men and women of BSO, I wish you a safe and joyous holiday season.

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- ✓ Pressure Washing all First Floor Catwalks and Bumpers
- ✓ Repair Asphalt Damaged by Owner Oil Spills
- ✓ Assist Outside Contractors as Needed and Requested. Example: Administration Building Re-Roofing Project
- ✓ Continue Assisting Downed Elevators Repair
- ✓ Towers Pressure Washing Catwalks and Residential Bumpers
- ✓ Replace Rain Leader (gutters)

Pending Paperwork, Permits, Parts or More

- ✓ Towers Waste Line (Sewer Line in A and B)
- ✓ Meter Room Building 3 (waiting for parts)
- ✓ Recreation, Admin A/C Cleaning, Repair, Replacement
- ✓ Playhouse A/C (unit 1 is out and a new unit needs to be built expect to have by January or February)
- ✓ Gate B Roadway

Mission Accomplished

- ✓ Repaired more than 340 Plumbing Issues to date - 11/30/2023
- ✓ Painting Shuffleboard Courts
- ✓ Gate A Renovation

- ✓ Phase 1 through 6 Pressure Washing off First Floor Catwalks and Residential Bumpers
- ✓ Building 30 Fire Recall System
- ✓ Pressure Wash Recreation Building

The work of the Maintenance Department is never ending as they also have to look ahead and plan for work proactively as they also manage and address the daily emergencies. Keeping Hollybrook looking great and operating smoothly takes a true team.

This monthly feature keeps residents informed on what Maintenance is working on. Although it is impossible to include all projects and emergencies, we are trying to keep the community informed of larger projects and ongoing work.

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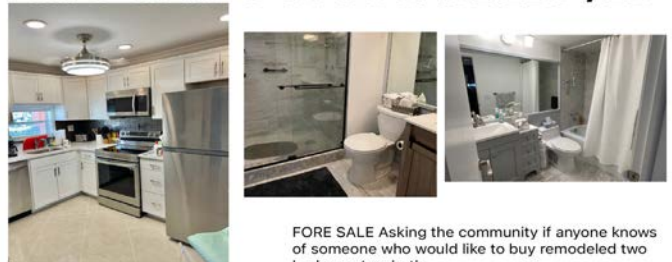
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Meet your New Compliance Officer

By Mary Oldiges

"I know I have big shoes to fill following Beatriz," stated Kevin Everline. Kevin is our new Compliance Officer. Kevin will be familiar to some Hollybrookers as he worked briefly in the restaurant.

The Administration became aware of his background, and he was quickly transferred to the Accounting Department. He is well prepared for his new position. Kevin holds a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Central Florida. Prior to coming to Hollybrook Kevin's employment history included working for the City of Lauderhill. He was the administrative assistant to the Assistant City Manager where he interfaced with Utilities, Code Compliance, Planning and Zoning, Business License, and Building Departments. He had previously worked at Big Chef, Davie, Florida as the Regulatory Compliance Manager/Consultant.

As Kevin settles into his new position, he is looking forward to getting to know the residents. When asked about patterns of non-compliance, Kevin shared, "Most people don't set out to break the rules. Most people are simply not aware of the rules and once they are, follow them." Kevin hopes to enhance the Compliance Office's efforts to support residents in following rules by regular reminders of the need to register a pet with the Administration, the need for approval for renovation projects, etc. Kevin likens Hollybrook to a small town and his experience in local government will be an asset to Hollybrook.

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New Operations Manager Appointed at Hollybrook

By Mary Oldiges



Beatriz Goycochea was promoted to Operations Manager in October 2023. This position was recently created to manage the many capital projects underway, proposed and mandated by Florida regulations. Beatriz started her career as a part-time Compliance Officer. She quickly gained recognition for her attention to detail, work ethic, and knowledge of code enforcement. Six months later, the position became full-time.

Although not in the scope of her job duties as Hollybrook's Compliance Officer, she was instrumental in raising awareness with the Board and administration regarding outside contractors. The expectations of setting up for the job site, code compliance, and managing the site in a restricted private residential community as opposed to a non-populated building site can be very different and challenging. Her compliance expertise was invaluable.

Hollybrook was managing capital projects and for five months this past year without a GM; all while dealing with the 40-year inspection. Beatriz has over 20 years' experience as a code enforcement officer. She also holds levels I, III and IV Florida Association of Code Enforcement Certification and FEMA Certification. She hopes to complete her Community Association Manager (CAM) license within the next year.

It should be noted that Beatriz grew up in the area and attended McArthur High School not far from Hollybrook. Her path to compliance began as the oldest of three sisters, where she honed her skills to encourage her siblings to follow the rules. Beatriz forged a career in what is typically considered a "man's job." "I have thick skin and I don't take things personally. I am a rule follower. I don't deviate or play favorites. I want to be part of the solution." When Beatriz wants to relax, you can find her enjoying game night with friends and family, attending food and wine festivals, and reading a good book.

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Advantages of Direct Withdrawal for Hollybrook

- Saves staff time processing and recording checks
- Bank processing costs are less for direct withdrawals versus costs of processing checks
- 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.

All You Need to Know About Recycling

By Lu Shifrin, Recycling Co-Chair

GREAT RECYCLING NEWS!!!!!!

Great Waste Company has informed Hollybrook that we can now recycle aluminum cans! Unfortunately, we still cannot recycle any glass or tin cans. So please put all glass products in your black and gray trashbin or the dumpster near your building.

Put recyclables:

- ✓ Directly into the blue/green recycling bin in your laundry room or trash room containing the following recyclable products: clean cardboard, boxes (broken down), and paper empty and clean plastic containers, 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:

- ✓ 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
- ✓ Place your beloved cat or dog's poop into a secured plastic bag (or two); all poop goes strictly into the dumpster!

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# Shielding the Mind

## Five essential prevention tips for Alzheimer's and Dementia

By Mireya Alfonso

At our most recent Lunch and Learn, we had Dr. Bryan Lieber come and speak to the residents of Hollybrook about Alzheimer's and Dementia. It was an educational afternoon as Dr. Lieber spoke on a topic very relevant to our community. As we age, it's natural to be concerned about memory loss and cognitive decline. Alzheimer's disease and dementia are conditions that can profoundly impact the lives of seniors and their families. While there is no surefire to prevent these conditions, there are steps we can take to reduce our risk. Let's explore five essential prevention tips for Alzheimer's and dementia, offering a ray of hope and practical advice for maintaining a sharp mind.

**1. Stay Physically Active:** Engaging in regular activity has far-reaching benefits for brain health. Exercise increases blood flow to the brain, stimulates the growth of new brain cells, and enhances cognitive function. Activities as simple as daily walks, yoga, or swimming can make a significant difference. Hollybrook offers an array of activities such as golf, tennis, pickleball, Silver Sneakers workouts, and line dancing.

**2. Maintain a Healthy Diet:** Eating a balanced, and nutritious diet can help protect against cognitive decline. Foods rich in antioxidants, omega-3 fatty acids, and essential nutrients play a crucial role in brain health. Opt for a diet that includes colorful fruits and vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins, and healthy fats like those found in nuts and fish. Don't forget to stay hydrated with plenty of water too!

**3. Mental Stimulation:** Just as your body benefits from exercise, your brain needs a regular workout as well. Engage in activities that challenge your mind, such as puzzles, crossword puzzles, or learning a new language. Pursuing hobbies like painting, playing musical instruments, or reading can also help keep your brain in top shape. Did you know Hollybrook is offering Art Classes on Monday mornings and there are two resident led singing groups, the SoJo Singers and the Amazonia Vocal Ensemble that meet regularly?

**4. Social Engagement:** Staying socially active is a powerful defense against cognitive decline. Interacting with friends and family, participating in group activities, and joining clubs or support networks are great ways to keep your social life vibrant. Meaningful relationships and conversations stimulate your brain and boost emotional well-being. Not sure where to start? Hollybrook has an active Singles Club, the Caribbean-American Club, The Italian Club, as well as weekly Bridge games on Wednesdays in the Social Hall and bi-weekly Bingo games in the Playhouse.

**5. Prioritize Sleep and Stress Management:** Quality sleep is essential for your brain to rest and rejuvenate. Aim for 7-9 hours of sleep per night. Additionally, managing stress through relaxation techniques like meditation, deep breathing, or gentle yoga can protect your brain from the negative impacts of chronic stress. A peaceful mind promotes better cognitive brain function.

While these prevention tips can reduce the risk of Alzheimer's and dementia, it's essential to remember that there are no guarantees. Genetics and other factors can still play a role in one's susceptibility. By taking a proactive approach, you can enjoy your retirement years with a sharper mind and greater quality of life.

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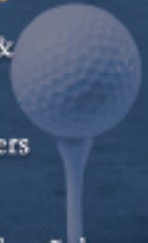
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# Embracing the Holiday Spirit: Navigating the Pressure, Finding Joy in Giving, and Hollybrook's Tradition of Community

By Mary Oldiges

There is a lot of pressure to live out the holidays as if they were a Hallmark movie. For most people, the holidays are both a wonderful time and one of the most overwhelming times of the year. You may be traveling across the country in a world that feels upside down at times and short on patience and manners. Life transitions may mean you are spending the holidays alone and missing people you love. You may be gathering with family where it is necessary to stifle or hide who you are. So, how do we best manage and maneuver through the days ahead?

We do know that giving of our time, talent and/or treasure has an immediate impact on our well-being. When we help others and show acts of kindness, we have both an emotional and physical reaction. We are happier, less anxious, and less stressed. We feel more in control and better about who we are. Acts of giving stimulate the release of endorphins often referred to as the "feel good" hormone. When we connect with people in need, it gives us an opportunity to combat isolation and loneliness, possibly make new friends, and maybe grow our empathy and understanding for those less fortunate.

When we make a difference in the lives of others, we know it will enhance our own lives, improve our self-esteem, sense of purpose and strengthen our community. Jimmy Cieslinski is a Hollybrook resident and professional entertainer. Jimmy vol-

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unteers and entertains the children at Joe Dimaggio Children's Hospital. Jimmy recently shared, "I get more from entertaining the children than I could ever give back to them. Seeing them smile is magical. I leave with the biggest smile on my face because I know I made a difference even for just one moment."

As you consider, how you might improve your own happiness by giving of yourself either by volunteering, sharing a special skill, or donating money, remember to check out the validity and the effectiveness of the charitable organization. Many people rely on friends who are already involved. You can also check out most organization with the Better Business Bureau, GuideStar.org and Greatnonprofits.org.

Hollybrookers have a great tradition of giving of themselves by volunteering for Hollybrook, hosting golf tournaments, and raising funds for worthy causes. Most recently, Hollybrook residents came together to make the Holiday Toy Drive for Toys for Tots a huge success! The amount of toys donated spilled over the two drop-off points in the Restaurant at Hollybrook and surely will bring joy to many children this holiday season. If you would like to learn more about how you might become involved as a volunteer, contact Patti Tripodi at 954-431-0600. If you would like to learn more about managing the holidays, the next Lunch and Learn is happening on December 8, 2023 in the Social Hall. You can reserve a spot by calling Carol Mazza at 954-431-0600 ext. 234.

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# Mouthwatering Holiday Eats

The tastiest cookbooks to kick off the holiday season

By Terri Reinkinen

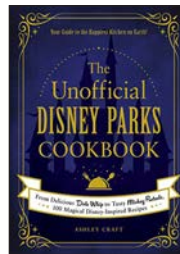
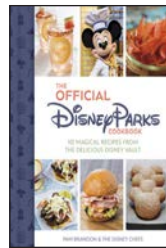
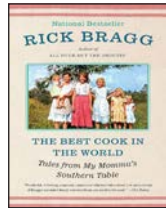
I admit, I just love cookbooks! I love looking at the glossy photos, I love exploring the lists of exotic ingredients, and I especially love any entertaining narrative accompanying each recipe. But actually cooking, not so much...

However, my current favorite cookbook, if you could really call it a cookbook, is "The Best Cook in the World: Tales from My Momma's Southern Table" by Rick Bragg (2018). No glossy food photos, no exotic ingredients, but the stories that lead up to each recipe are fabulously entertaining and one-hundred percent "down home cookin'!"

I recognize so many of my relatives in each chapter and each character, and you just can't fail to love with "Mamma!" Her biscuits especially, are light and fluffy

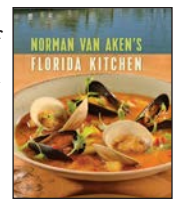
and practically fool-proof, and her sausage gravy is everything you would ever hope for (page 366/367).

Luckily for me, my children and grandsons do love to cook and are quite successful chefs. My youngest grandson enjoys both "The Official Disney Parks Cookbook" by Pam Brandon & Disney Chefs (2022) and "The Unofficial Disney Parks Cookbook" by Ashley Craft (2020). Although neither book is especially geared at young chefs, the recipes are fairly easy to follow and the photos are yummy. The recipe choices definitely offer something for all ages of food aficionados.

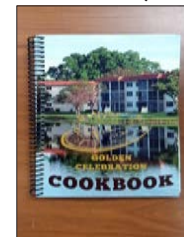


Another family favorite, especially for the teenagers in the family, is "Beautiful Boards & Delicious Charcuterie" by Kate Woodson (2023). Innovative presentations of appetizers for every age, every taste, and every occasion.

For a more sophisticated palate, consider Norman VanAken's "Florida Kitchen" (2017). This book, produced by University Press of Florida, illustrates the genius of VanAken's melding of all the flavors that influence the American South: European Settlers, Indigenous Peoples, Africaners, Caribbean and Latino Islanders, and so many other cultures that make up Southern Florida. Delicious! A highlight is the introductory explanation to each chapter and each recipe. As well as delicious, it's a great read!



Also, if you are looking for something more local, you need look no further than



our own Hollybrook recipe book, "The 50th Anniversary Golden Celebration Cookbook." It's chock-full of Hollybrook residents' favorite recipes. You can pick up a copy at the Communications

office for only \$10.00! This has a wide variety of recipes and is an excellent addition to the kitchen.

As always, each book is available from Amazon and Rick Bragg's "The Best Cook in the World" can be found in the Hollybrook Library, located on the second floor of the Rec Building.

Lastly, it is the holiday season and if you're in search of last minute gifts, each of these cookbooks would be a great choice. A cookbook is a wonderfully cozy gift that present future opportunities for getting together and enjoying a delicious meal while creating wonderful memories! Happy Holidays!

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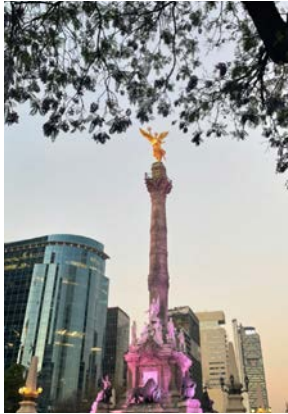


# Postcards From Elsewhere

## Exploring the Cultural Kaleidoscope of Mexico's Capital

Story and Photos by Mireya Alfonso

Features



Earlier this year marked a celebration beyond borders as I embarked on a journey to Mexico City to commemorate my birthday. The highlight of this extraordinary trip? A sold-out concert by my favorite Australian band, Tame Impala, held at the historic Palacio de los Deportes—an architectural gem born from the legacy of the 1968 Summer Olympics.

### A Love Affair with Mexico City

This wasn't my inaugural visit to Mexico City, a place that has become a beloved escape drawing me back whenever the opportunity arises. The city's magnetic charm, diverse culture, and rich history have etched a special place in my heart.

### La Condesa: A Neighborhood of Timeless Beauty

Nestled within this vast metropolis is La Condesa, a neighborhood adorned with Belle Epoque and Art Deco buildings. Each visit feels like a journey through a living art gallery, with every corner revealing architectural treasures. Beyond the visual feast, La Condesa boasts a vibrant array of bars and restaurants,

offering a culinary adventure that complements the aesthetic delights.

### Casa Azul: The Eternal Home of Frida Kahlo

For me, no visit to Mexico City is complete without a pilgrimage to Casa Azul, the former residence of the iconic Frida



Kahlo. This time, luck was on my side as her actual dresses adorned the displays, adding a touch of tangible history to the experience. The house exuded a serene vibe, serving as a canvas that preserves the essence of Frida's life through artwork and artifacts. Her untouched painting studio stands as a testament to the enduring legacy of a revolutionary artist.

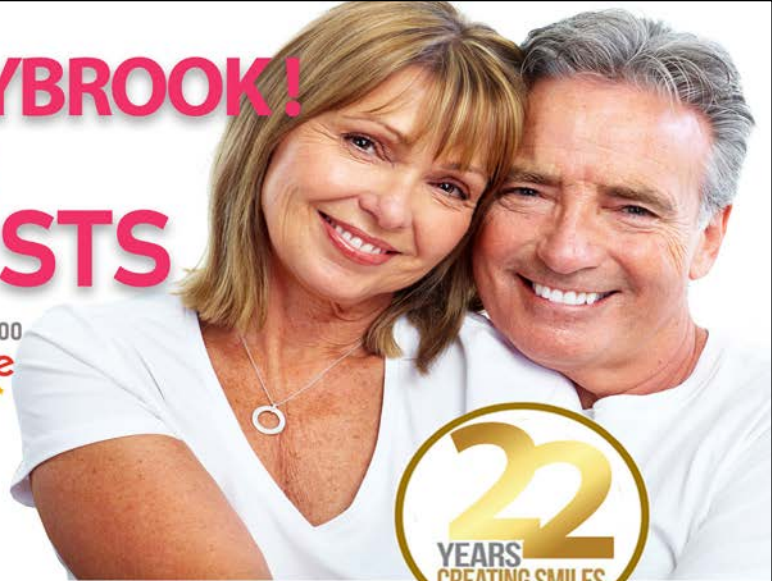
With each return to Mexico City, I find myself longing for more time in this vast, cosmopolitan hub. Every visit promises a new adventure, a fresh discovery in a city that never ceases to amaze. The cultural tapestry, the vibrant neighborhoods, and the ever-evolving spirit of Mexico City ensure that each journey is a unique chapter in the ongoing love affair with this dynamic destination.

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# Pet Safety During the Holidays: A Guide for Hollybrook Residents

By Lu Shifrin



As the festive season unfolds in December, our homes at Hollybrook transform with holiday decorations, bringing warmth and joy. However, as pet owners in a community that welcomes our furry friends, it's essential to ensure their safety amidst the celebrations. Here are some factual reminders to keep your pets safe during this busy time.

### Candles and Electric Lights:

- Place lit candles in areas inaccessible to your pets to prevent

accidental knocks.

- Never leave candles unattended to avoid potential hazards like wax spills or fires.

- Check sockets and cords on electric lights for damage before use.

- Keep electric lights on Christmas trees away from the bottom where pets can reach.

- Be cautious if your pet enjoys climbing trees, as they may get entangled in wiring or knock the tree over.

### Tinsel, Ornaments, and Presents:

- Keep tinsel and breakable ornaments away from the bottom of the tree.

- Be mindful of cats' love for ribbons; secure presents to prevent playful mishaps. Puppies and kittens may find presents fascinating, so keep an eye on them to avoid any surprises.

### Toxic Plants:

- Certain seasonal plants can be toxic to pets if ingested, such as ivy, holly berries, mistletoe, and poinsettias. Place these plants out of reach to prevent accidental consumption.

### Toxic Food:

Many holiday foods are toxic to pets and should be kept away from their reach.

- Avoid feeding pets alcoholic drinks, almonds, apple stems, leaves, and seeds, avocados, chocolate, caffeinated coffee, tea, garlic, grapes, raisins, grapefruit, fruits with pits, macadamia nuts, moldy food, mushrooms, onions, raw or under-cooked meat, eggs, bones, salt, gum, candy containing xylitol, and yeast-containing dough.

- Secure trash cans to prevent pets from accessing potentially harmful food.

By taking these precautions, you can ensure your pets' safety and create a secure environment for them to enjoy the holiday season. With thoughtful care, both you and your furry friends can relish the festivities without worry.

## Happening Around Town: A Round-Up of Things to Do

By Barbara Saksenberg

### Lecture with Clyde Butcher

December 7, 2023 from 5:30pm – 8:30pm

Attend a lecture with acclaimed photographer Clyde Butcher, organized in conjunction with his exhibition: "America: The Beautiful", on display at the Frank Art Gallery. Registration required. \$25 per person. Visit [www.thefrankgallery.org](http://www.thefrankgallery.org) for details.

### Holiday Art Market

All are welcome to this festive market featuring a variety of local artists and craft vendors. Visitors can shop for handmade gifts by indie creators and enjoy the current art exhibition! Free and open to the public. December 14 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at The Frank C. Ortis Gallery. Refreshments and Hors d'oeuvres offered.

### Margate Winter Festival

Go and make your holidays fun at the Margate Winter Festival! There will be rides, performances, food, and even Florida Style Snow! The event takes place on December 15 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Call 954-972-6454.

**Winter Wonderland:** Get in the holiday spirit at Plantation Historical Museum's annual Winter Wonderland! Enjoy the

sounds of the South Florida Jubilee Chorus and the sight of over forty different themes Christmas trees! The event will take place throughout December from Tuesday to Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. However, it will be closed on December 25. For more information call 954-797-2722. FREE.

**Jazz Night:** Chill out at the North Miami Museum of Contemporary Art's Jazz event. The featured artists will be Jesse Jones Jr. playing jazzy tunes on December 29 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The event is free however you must register for it. Seating is first come first serve but you're welcome to bring your own chairs. For information on how to register, call 305-893-6211. FREE.

**Food Truck Event:** Eat to your heart's content at the Volunteer Park Food Truck Fare in Plantation. There you'll find live entertainment, activities, local artisan vander, and, of course, food! The event runs from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays. For information call 954-452-2558.

**Farmers Market:** Take the day to shop at The Farmers' and Artisans' Market at Sawgrass Mills! There will be extensive choices of organic fruits, vegetables, bread, and local honey. The event occurs every Saturday and Sunday. Contact 305-318-6148 for more details.



# Holiday Safety Tips

Ensuring a safe and joyful season

By Mireya Alfonso



The Holiday season is upon us which means it's time for joy, celebration, and fellowship! As we decorate our homes, shop for gifts, and host gatherings, it's essential to keep safety in mind to ensure that our festivities remain cheerful and far from any accidents. Here are some valuable holiday safety tips to keep you and your loved ones safe during this special time of year.

trical outlets with multiple decorations. Use power strips with built-in surge protectors to distribute the load safely.

## SAFE SHOPPING

- Shop during daylight hours: If possible, shop during daylight hours when it's safer. If you must shop in the evening, park in well-lit areas, and remain aware of your surroundings.
- Keep valuables secure: Keep your purse, wallet, and shopping bag secure. Consider using a crossbody bag or a money belt and be cautious about pickpockets.
- Online Shopping: When shopping online, ensure you're on secure websites, and use a strong, unique password. Be aware of phishing scams and only buy from reputable retailers.
- Lock your car: Always lock your car doors and store your purchases in the trunk or out of sight to deter theft.
- Keep your receipts and records: Keep track of your receipts and make a record of your purchases in case you need to return items or report losses.

## HOSTING GATHERINGS SAFELY

- Fire Safety: If you're hosting gatherings with candles or a fire place, never leave them unattended. Keep flammable items away from open flames and check your smoke detectors.
- Food Safety: Ensure that perishable foods are stored at the proper temperature and that guests are aware of any potential allergens in the dishes you are serving.
- Alcohol Consumption: If alcohol is being served, ensure there are designated drivers or alternative transportation options to get everyone home safely.
- Lighting: If your gathering extends into the evening, provide proper lighting for outdoor pathways and stairs to avoid slip and falls.

The holiday season is a wonderful time to create lasting memories with friends and family. By following these safety tips, you can ensure that your festivities are safe and joyous. A few precautions and careful planning can go a long way in preventing accidents and ensuring that everyone can enjoy the holidays to the fullest!

## DECORATING YOUR HOME

- Inspect lights and decorations: Before hanging lights and decorations, check for frayed wires, damaged bulbs, or loose connections. Replace any faulty items to prevent electrical fires.
- Use LED lights: LED lights are not only energy-efficient but also cooler to the touch, reducing the risk of overheating: They're a safer choice for decorating.
- Secure decorations properly: Make sure your decorations are securely fastened and won't fall, especially if you have pets or children in the house.
- Keep trees hydrated: If you have a live Christmas tree, ensure it's properly watered. A dry tree is more likely to catch fire so keep it hydrated to prevent accidents.
- Avoid overloading outlets: Be cautious not to overload elec-

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## Reflecting on the Past, Navigating the Present: The Evolution of The Voice of Hollybrook

By Mary Oldiges

In the quiet corners of The Voice of Hollybrook archives, a journey through time unveils a tapestry woven with tales of a close-knit community, affordable dinners, and a simpler era. Nestled in the heart of these pages lies the essence of Hollybrook, a community that has transformed over the years, yet remains connected by the threads of its unique history.

### A Glimpse into the Past

Originally conceived as a means to update the community and prospective buyers, Hollybrook's newsletter emerged in the early days as a modest publication by Milwaukee developers.

The earliest version of The Voice was called "Here's Hollybrook" and it was published in April/May 1973 in newspaper format as a way to announce groundbreaking. Even in this early form, golf events were being covered. A later issue of "Here's Hollybrook" in 1976 shows it had expanded to feature residents and activities, in addition to covering the ongoing construction and expansion of Hollybrook.

As the community flourished, so did the need to document its vibrant life. Volunteers, guided by the Board's leadership, took the reins, and the newsletter blossomed into a newspaper before evolving into the monthly magazine format it boasts today.

### Navigating the Present Landscape

In a world marked by change, The Voice of Hollybrook remains a beacon of continuity. It aims to reach budget neutrality, thanks to the tenacity of its Ad Sales Specialist, Lucille Deangelo. The magazine showcases regular features and stunning photography from both amateur and professional photographers, capturing the essence of life within Hollybrook.

Yet, a tinge of nostalgia hangs in the air as past issues reveal a bygone era where community bonds seemed stronger. Residents shared the minutiae of their lives – recent travels, family gatherings and the ebb and flow of day-to-day life. Clubs and group outings flourished, offering avenues for residents to foster friendships, engage in recreational sports,

explore travel and contribute to charitable causes.

### Challenges and Change

As the pages turn, it becomes evident that Hollybrook, like the world around it, has faced challenges and changes. The \$3.95 dinner specials and affordable real estate that once defined the landscape have given way to a different reality in these last couple of years due to increased real estate prices and the shift in the insurance industry.

The once thriving array of social clubs was hit hard by the pandemic as well as a shifting community of seniors that work full-time or part-time in what should be their retirement years. However, in the face of a pandemic that reshaped the world and halted traditional gatherings, Hollybrook stands resilient, seeking harmony in the midst of change.

### A Call to Community

The Voice of Hollybrook, true to its name, remains the non-partisan, neutral beacon of the community. As the echo of the community, it reflects not only the challenges, but also the unwavering spirit of a

place that cherishes its past while embracing the present.

The magazine has evolved from a newsletter to a 40 page publication with a roster of local advertisers, a monthly circulation of 1100 issues and a team of volunteers that provide content to fill the pages.

As Hollybrook continues to evolve, the magazine stands poised to report on the community's progress, victories, and ongoing pursuit of harmony.

For those inspired to contribute, volunteering for The Voice is an opportunity to be part of this ongoing narrative. The Voice of Hollybrook is hosting a Volunteer Recruitment Orientation on December 18, 2023 from 2pm - 3pm in the Communications Office located in the Administration Building. Pass by to learn more and lend your voice and play a role in preserving the legacy of Hollybrook for generations to come!

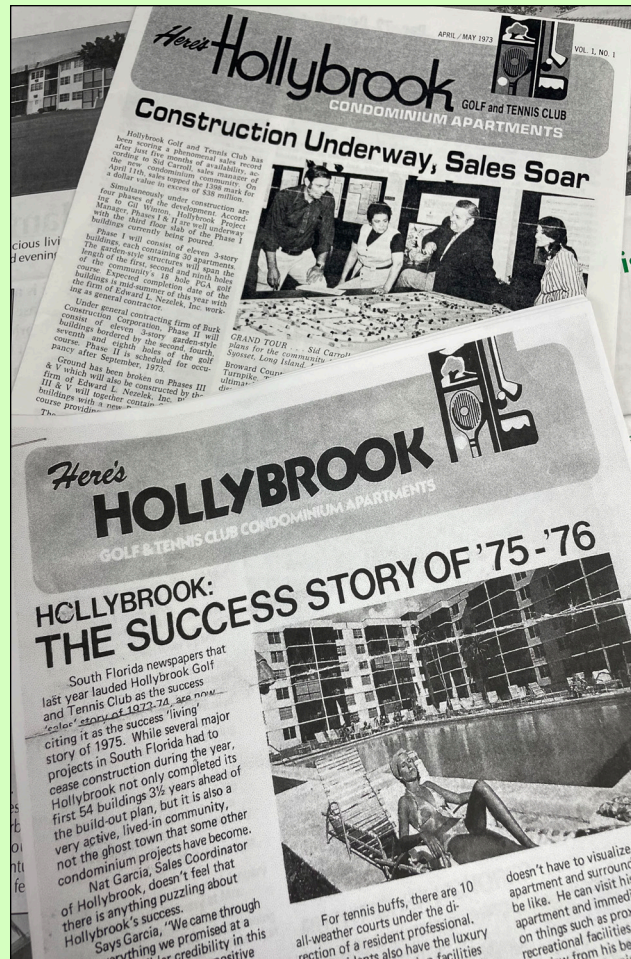


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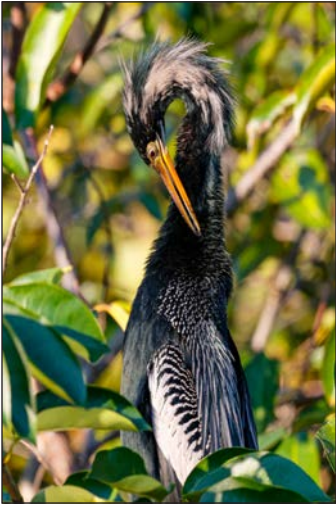
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## The Anhinga AKA the Snakebird

Story and Photos by Mark Favus



When I first started photographing wildlife at Hollybrook it coincided with the Covid 19 lockdown. The most versatile and unique avian was what I had come to know as the Anhinga, or Snakebird. The first sighting I remember was of a male Anhinga standing on a duck decoy floating in the driving range lake, with its wings and tail spread, drying in the early morning sunshine.

Their habitat is primarily in coastal marshes and lakes throughout Florida and along

the Gulf Coast. They're non migratory and typically mate in colonies with Egrets and Herons. They're monogamous and form strong bonds.

The male is distinguished by its overall black plumage with a greenish gloss along with silver white streaks on its upper back and forewings. The female has a pale buff brown head and neck with a black/brown body. While weighing only 3 pounds they have a large wingspan (typically 48") and are superb at flying and diving from great heights.

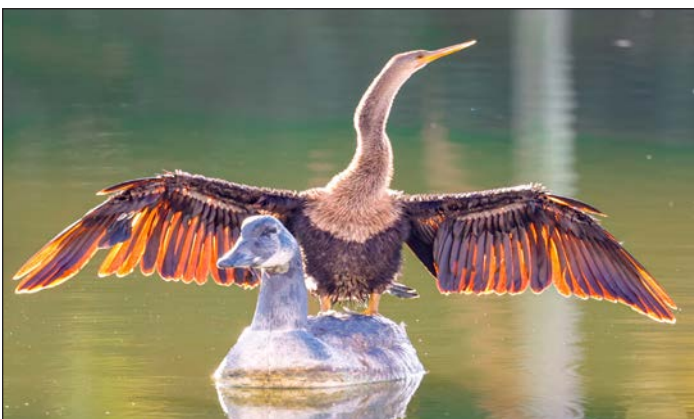
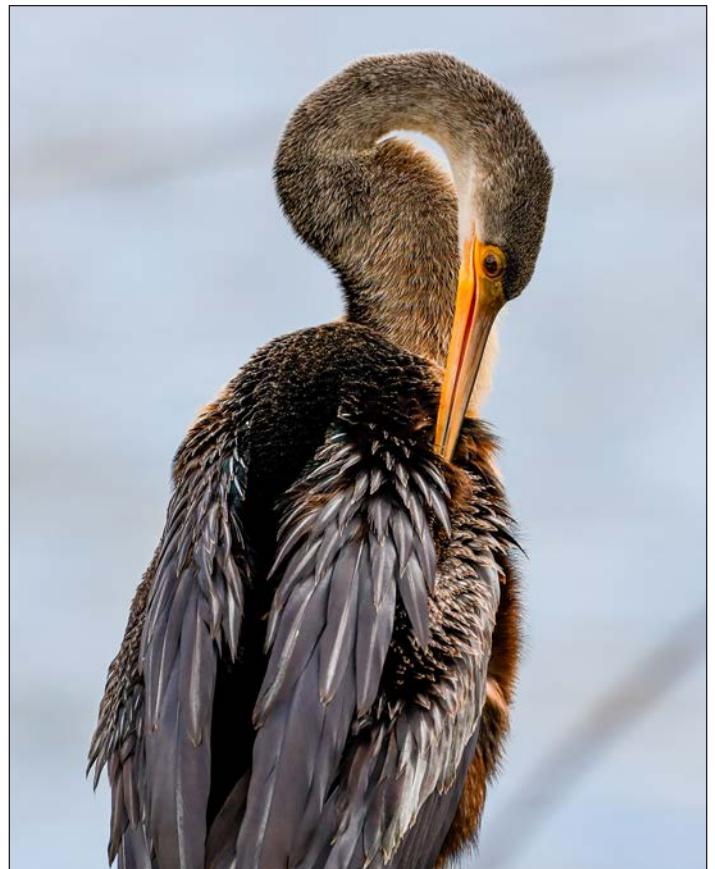
You can see them all year round at the edges of our lakes on rocks or duck decoys and swimming underwater. If you devote time to watch their fishing behavior, you'll see how unique they are. While like many avians they can dive and spear fish, more often they swim underwater for extended periods of time. You can see them emerge after several minutes underwater like the scope of a submarine. They will spear fish with their sharp bill and throw the fish in the air so that the head of the fish is pointed downwards. They have a unique ability to act almost like a boa constrictor swallowing large fish whole.

Another unique feature that distinguishes the Anhinga is its ability at inter species cooperation to enhance their ability to catch fish in tandem. I have often watched a Tricolored Heron fish at the edge of one of our lakes with an Anhinga fishing

parallel to the Heron. In doing so they channel fish into a narrow path between them, thus allowing them each to catch more fish together. I've seen this behavior many times and it often continues for thirty minutes, until I get tired of following them.

During breeding and nesting, which typically takes place beginning in January and continuing to March they leave Hollybrook and head to their tradition rookeries. You can see them during this period at Wakodahatchee Wetlands, about 40 miles north of Pembroke Pines. The male changes during breeding season with his facial skin and eyes turning blue/green. The females and males share responsibility in building the nest, with the female giving her final approval. Once the eggs are laid the female mostly stays at the nest while the male brings back fish. There are typically three to four eggs per breeding cycle. The nestlings when hatched are voracious and very demanding. Both the male and female bring fish to the nestlings and the chicks stick their entire head and neck down the parents' neck. A scene that appears more uncomfortable than it probably is. Survival of the fittest is on full display, with the weakest often unable to compete for food. In one case I actually witnessed a pair of Woodstorks attack an unattended Anhinga nest flinging them into the water. A week later, on my return, I saw the Woodstorks had taken over the Anhinga nest.

We are incredibly lucky to live in this wildlife refuge, which also acts as a PGA golf course. If interested, put on a good pair of water proof sneakers and walk along the edges of our lakes just after sunrise or before sunset. If you look you'll see the abundance of wildlife and eventually recognize individual behavior patterns. Just make sure to walk away from the active fairways! Good hunting.





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**MOTION D – TO PURCHASE CHAIRS FOR THE PLAYHOUSE**

Andy Ingram made a motion for the board to approve the purchase of 700 armless and 200 armed chairs for the playhouse at a cost of \$51,600.97 from Church Chairs 4Less. The funding will come from an allocated contingency of \$50,000. The motion was seconded by Rosalie Labate.

Paul Tripodi made a motion to postpone until the December 2023 meeting; it was seconded by Reine Fortier.

A vote was taken to postpone the motion; there were 12 affirmative votes (Bergeron, Brittain, DiPuglia, Fortier, McCall, Mack, Mason, Munju, Rice, Tripodi, Webber, and Yost) to postpone, 8 opposing (Donawa, Eaton, Esser-Stuart, Galletta, Goldgut, Ingram, Labate, and Markowski) to postpone, and 2 abstaining (Koch and Lachance) votes. The motion to postpone was passed until the December board meeting.

**MOTION E – TO AMEND THE CHELSEA POINT ALLOCATION SYSTEM**

Curtis Rice made a motion to amend 3. Golf Booking Pro-

The motion was seconded by Louise Bergeron.

A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously with 22 affirmative votes.

(Words underlined are additions. ~~Strikethrough~~ words are deletions.)

**DIRECTORS’ FORUM**

Connie Mason announced that there is some confusion on payment plans for the assessment. There are handouts in the administration building outlining different methods of payment.

Claude Lachance announced that this would be his last board meeting. He will be resigning as he is selling his unit.

Barbara Donawa would like to have a tennis committee formed in the near future.

President Mike Eaton adjourned the Board of Administration Meeting at 9:34 p.m.

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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.



# Hollybrook Spotlight



Photo by: Mark Favus

Hollybrook resident Anthony Luongo is featured performing an acoustic guitar set at The Restaurant at Hollybrook. He has been popping up to perform on Thursdays and Saturdays during dinner service. He's not just a talented musician - he's a standup neighbor! He recently painted his neighbor's front doors as favor! Need help with that? Contact Anthony!

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# Features

## Hollybrook Kicks off the Season with Snowflake Ball



Photos by: Bill White

Hollybrook kicked off the season with the annual Snowflake Ball. Live music was provided by Cachet Band and a great time was had by all who attended! And no evening is complete without a word from the hostess, Connie Mason, who took to the microphone to address the crowd! What a warm welcome!

**Sunday December 10th** **SPEAKING TO HEAVEN**

**SATURDAY Dec-16th** **A Night In Margaritaville**  
*A Jimmy Buffett Tribute*

**DECEMBER 31st** **NEW YEARS EVE**

**SATURDAY JANUARY 6th** **AN EVENING AT LA CAGE**

**SATURDAY JANUARY 20th** **HOT HOT HOT**

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14th** **Cupid's Ball**

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24th** **GIRLS NIGHT OUT**  
**CHIPPENDALES!**

**SATURDAY MARCH 2nd** **BRAVO TENORS AND MORE**

**SATURDAY MARCH 16th** **50th Year Anniversary**  
**SHOW AND DANCE**

**SATURDAY APRIL 6th** **End Of The Season Blast**



# HWGA Tees Up an Exciting 2023-2024 Golf Season with Enthusiasm!

*by Sylvie Chavanel*

The Hollybrook Women's Golf Association (HWGA) has swung into action, launching its much-anticipated 2023-2024 golf season with a burst of enthusiasm. With a dynamic calendar of activities designed to cater to golfers of all levels, both on and off the green, the HWGA promises an unforgettable season filled with camaraderie, competition, and social gatherings.

## Weekly Golf Excitement

Every Thursday and two Saturdays per month, from November to March, the HWGA hosts weekly activities that provide the perfect opportunity for golf enthusiasts to sharpen their skills, challenge themselves, and enjoy the great outdoors. Whether you're a seasoned pro or just starting, there's a place for everyone in the HWGA community.

## Ladies' Locker Room: The Hub of Information

For women eager to join the fun, the ladies' locker room is the go-to place. Here, the bulletin board is adorned with event details, inscription forms, a list of committee members, and sign-up sheets. It's not just a locker room; it's a gateway to a world of golfing excitement and friendship.

## Welcoming New Members with Open Arms

Last season's members have already embraced the upcoming season, and the HWGA extends a warm welcome to new members. Joining the association isn't just about golf; it's an opportunity to forge new friendships, engage in friendly competitions, and be part of a vibrant community. Social gatherings, be it after the weekly rounds or the grand season-ending party, promise plenty of laughter and music.

## Special Events to Mark on Your Calendar

Mark your calendars for the special activities lined up for this season:

- December 14th: Return Girls BBQ
- January 11th: Opening Season
- February 22nd: Guest Day
- March 22nd: Closing Season

These events promise unique experiences, adding an extra layer of excitement to an already thrilling golf season.

## Meet the 'Welcome Committee'

The 'Welcome Committee,' comprising Lise Germain and Sylvie Chavanel, eagerly awaits the chance to personally reach out and meet new members. Their warm greetings and friendly introductions aim to make everyone feel right at home in the HWGA family.

## Get in Touch with Your HWGA Committee

For more information and to get involved, feel free to reach out to the dedicated members of the HWGA committee:



President Colette Dubois: coco-dubois@hotmail.com  
 Vice-President Sylvie Chavanel: schavanel1952@gmail.com  
 Treasurer Marie-France Lebel: mflebel2125@gmail.com  
 Secretary Marie-Josée Paradis: mjparadis544@gmail.com  
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The HWGA invites golf enthusiasts to be part of a season where passion for the game meets the joy of friendship. Join in, swing high, and make memories that will last a lifetime with the Hollybrook Women's Golf Association!



Photo by: Mireya Alfonso

HWGA members Yvette Azoulay, Claude Cote and Sylvie Tremblay during a recent tournament on our PGA course



# Residents Enjoying Par 3



Clip and save the Board approved November 2023 - April 2024 schedules for Saturday League Tournaments, and HWGA and HMGA golf.



Photo by: Mireya Alfonso

Out enjoying a beautiful South Florida day on Par 3! Richard Belisle, Michel Cyr and Hermel Bosse, Hollybrook residents were enjoying some time on the course on November 28. Our Par 3 course is a great way to spend the afternoon with friends!

| 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     |          |

\*Saturday League Tournament tee times for November and December begin at 12 p.m.; January, February, and March tee times begin at 1 p.m.

| HWGA Schedule (Thursdays)                             | HMGA Schedule (Mondays)                             |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| November 16, 2023                                     | November 6, 2023                                    |
| November 30                                           | November 13                                         |
| December 7                                            | November 20                                         |
| December 14 – Shotgun @ 8:30 (Return HWGA BBQ)        | November 27                                         |
| December 21                                           | December 4                                          |
| January 4, 2024                                       | December 11                                         |
| January 11 – Shotgun @ 8:30 (Opening Season - Lunch)  | December 18                                         |
| January 18 – President’s Cup 1 <sup>st</sup> Round    | January 1, 2024                                     |
| January 25 – President’s Cup 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round    | January 8 – Shotgun @ 8 AM (Appreciation Day)       |
| February 1 – President’s Cup 3 <sup>rd</sup> Round    | January 15 – Winter League (Kicks off for 10 weeks) |
| February 8 – President’s Cup Final Round              | January 22                                          |
| February 15                                           | January 29                                          |
| February 22 – Shotgun @ 1 PM (Guest Day – Dinner)     | February 5                                          |
| February 29                                           | February 12                                         |
| March 7                                               | February 19                                         |
| March 14                                              | February 26                                         |
| March 21 – Shotgun @ 8:30 AM (Closing Season – Lunch) | March 4                                             |
| March 28                                              | March 11                                            |
| April 4                                               | March 18                                            |
|                                                       | March 25 – Shotgun @ 8 AM (Hall of Fame)            |
|                                                       | April 1                                             |
|                                                       | April 8                                             |




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# Pickleball Highlights

## The Troublemakers are Back! Recent Round Robin Tournament a Success

*Story by Judy Thomas*



The Troublemakers Pickleball Club, an outside club, held another Round Robin Tournament here at Hollybrook! On November 12, 2023, they took over our Pickleball courts from 8 am – 12 pm for an exciting morning of competition.

Hollybrook was excited to have the Troublemakers return to our courts for another tournament - the 3rd one this year! The event was well attended and included an opportunity for Hollybrook Pickleball players to compete. Hollybrook had great representation at the last tournament with six players registered to play: George Vazquez, Michele Osinska, Joseph Donawa, Cindy Nelson, Thomas Osinska, and Sam Velazquez.

"We had a Round Robin Tournament with amazing people from the Hollybrook community", shared Carleen Ruiz, Director of The Troublemakers. "We had a lot of fun and people were really excited about the event. We are really looking forward to more events like this in upcoming year - so please stay tuned!!!"

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Photo provided by Troublemakers Pickleball Club



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Hollybrook resident Sam Velazquez on right

## What is Pickleball?

*by Judy Thomas*



I've had so many interested residents ask me this question! Pickleball is a combination of tennis, ping pong, and badminton that is played on a court about one-third the size of a tennis court with a net that is 34 inches high at the center. Pickleball is played with a paddle and perforated ball with 26-32 holes (indoor) or 40 holes (outdoor). If you are interested in learning more about the game, there is a group of year-round residents who play Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 5 pm. See you on the courts by the Golf Pro Shop!



## Let's Meet the Troublemakers

by Judy Thomas

As many of you may have noticed, we have some new friends coming into Hollybrook to play Pickleball. The Troublemakers Pickleball Club has partnered with Hollybrook for their last three tournaments. But you may be wondering, who are they? In November 2022, The Troublemakers Pickleball Club was created by three friends: Carleen Ruiz, Karen Oliveras and Ruth Ceron. These ladies wanted to create a space for everyone, regardless of their skill level, gender or age, to compete at their individual level. The Troublemakers have been in partnership with Dynamic Universal Pickleball Rating (DUPR), which is commonly referred to as the most inclusive and accurate rating system in pickleball.

Their first Round Robin Tournament was held in 2022. Since then, the Troublemakers have been organizing Round Robin tournaments consistently. They also boast 167 members and expect that number to increase.

They encourage a fun, social and friendly environment as well as offering fast-paced competitive games. The Troublemakers signed a contract with Hollybrook and held their first Round Robin tournament at our courts back in August! This was followed by another tournament in October and their most recent one in November. They also opened a new Senior division for 55+ players so that Hollybrook residents can participate in their tournaments!



Photo provided by Troublemakers Pickleball Club

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## Tee Time Bookings and the Chelsea Lottery System

The Chelsea Lottery System goes into effect on November 1, 2023 and lasts until April 15, 2024.

*Here are some things to know:*

- 10 days in advance – the Chelsea lottery opens and individuals and couples can make a request for a tee time
- 5 days in advance – the lottery will populate the tee sheet.
- 4 days in advance – Members can add guests bases on availability.
- 3 days in advance – Members can add multiple groups of guests bases on availability.
- 2 days in advance – Non-members and third-party booking agents may book tee times based on availability

Nine-hole tee times are available off of the back nine (7) days a week from 7:00am – 8:24am.

Nine-hole tee times are also available after 3:00pm.

**Please note that a nine-hole round is exactly that, nine holes. Golfers are not permitted to pay for nine holes and play as many holes as they can. This will be strictly enforced.**

## Fun Stuff

# Fast Eddie's Adventures

## Bienvenue À Mes Amis Chiens

By Ken Schlossberg



Well, the pace of life is picking up at Hollybrook as our seasonal owners are arriving "dans force!"

One of them is our neighbor and fellow golfer, Denis Mathieu, who is always accompanied by his terrific little buddy, Charlie, a pint-sized Yorkie, that can walk Bentley and me into the ground.

His four little paws just keep on going and going.

And his French bark is impeccable. Did you ever hear a dog bark in French? "Magnifique!" It is really a treat! When he barks in English, he sounds just like Charles Boyer. Is he Boyer's namesake?

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If you don't remember Charles Boyer, you are probably living in Hollybrook illegally! Five Barks!

Kenny and George have been raving recently about the SUPER hot dogs and burgers on the grill at the Clubhouse Patio.

So Bentley and I decided that it would be a treat to throw a super hot-dog and burger pool party for all of the dogs in Phase Two and their owners.

Susan and Maggie were in charge of ordering the super hot dogs and burgers from the Hollybrook Restaurant while Ben and Benny were in charge of sending out the invitations. Sue and Maddie handled the balloons and table decorations.

We had a terrific turnout; the super hot-dogs and burgers were BEYOND delicious, and then it was time for cleanup. As instructed recently in an e-mail blast, Kenny and I and George and Bentley took the wire brushes provided in the drawer at the barbecue and were just about to start scrubbing the grill when Charlie started barking furiously!

"Non! Non! Non!", he barked!!!!!! "Danger! Danger! Danger!"

"What's wrong, Charlie?", I barked.

"Bark, bark, bark!" said Charlie. "The Canadian Product Safety Agency recently issued a warning about using wire brushes on barbecue grills because little pieces of wire might be left on the grill. A number of Canadians have ended up in the hospital, even needing serious surgery, to remove the wire bits."

"So what should we do?" I barked at Charlie in my best French. "Que Devrions - nous faire?"

"Use a wet paper towel underneath the brush", he barked. "Or encore mieux, switch to nylon brushes, plant fiber brushes, or stainless-steel coils."

Thank God, none of us ended up in the hospital and we all awarded Charlie the Hollybrook Hero of the Month award!

Happy Holidays to all!

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# Merry Christmas



Fun Stuff

## Across

- 1. "Briefly ..."
- 6. Psychological ratios
- 9. "Cease!" in Cremona
- 14. '60s-'70s supermodel
- 15. Greek letters
- 16. Group character
- 17. Former grocery clerk?
- 19. Ritualistic parties
- 20. Way out
- 21. Tight
- 22. Contribute
- 24. Enthusiastic cone eater?
- 26. Worker's respite, usually
- 29. Ring site
- 30. Bush ex-spokesman  
Fleischer
- 31. Popular disinfectant
- 32. Ran into
- 33. "\_\_ Little Tenderness"
- 34. Irresistible desire to look  
through a keyhole?
- 38. S&L protector
- 41. Strand in a cell
- 42. "This is Me ... Then"  
songstress
- 46. Royal son of comics
- 47. Where the buck stops?
- 48. Legendary ballet  
company
- 50. Noisy sport?
- 53. Minn. neighbor
- 54. Wise-looking
- 55. Corrupt
- 58. Wed
- 59. Serial blackjack  
wielders?
- 62. Seven-time N.L. home  
run king Ralph
- 63. Popular hardwood
- 64. Try for
- 65. Still
- 66. Agcy. in D.C.'s Federal  
Triangle
- 67. Newborn noises

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## Down

- 1. Mining suffix
- 2. Veto
- 3. Withdraws
- 4. Cries of disgust
- 5. Tiny time meas.
- 6. Stamp supplier
- 7. Jeopardize
- 8. Old map letters
- 9. Rouse
- 10. Web site?
- 11. "The Concert for  
Bangladesh" performer,  
1972
- 12. Duds
- 13. Nineveh was its  
capital
- 18. "High Hopes" lyricist
- 21. Election list
- 22. Pointed tool
- 23. "Looker" actress
- 25. Abysmal
- 27. Roman Catholic org.
- 28. One of football's  
Mannings
- 32. Poet's deg.
- 33. Match ends?
- 35. Loyalty
- 36. Valedictorian's  
disappointment?
- 37. Cockney's perdition
- 38. Egyptian monarch  
who abdicated in 1952
- 39. Enticed
- 40. Grade
- 43. Unit of speech
- 44. Considerable stretch
- 45. Troubling spot
- 47. Abandon
- 48. Keeps from  
happening
- 49. Varied mixture
- 51. One whose checks  
need checking
- 52. "... in \_\_ tree"
- 56. Cinch
- 57. Tom Joad, for  
example
- 59. King of France
- 60. Blame
- 61. CA and CO

## Fun Stuff



### Things to Celebrate in December

- Dec 7: Channukah Begins
- Dec: 9 National Llama Day
- Dec 10: Nobel Prize Day
- Dec 21: Winter Solstice
- Dec 23: Festivus
- Dec 24: Noche Buena
- Dec 25: Christmas
- Dec 26: Boxing Day
- Dec 26: Kwanzaa Begins
- Dec 31: New Year's Eve
- Jan. 1: New Year's Day

### Century Village Shows

#### Fall Schedule Available

Hollybrook residents may purchase tickets for shows at Century Village Theater in west Pembroke Pines.

Tickets cost \$12 each. For special Hollybrook deals, use order forms available at the Administration Building reception desk. Directions are on the top of the form.

*The more you buy, the more you save!* Check out [www.centuryvillagetheater.com/pembroke\\_pines/](http://www.centuryvillagetheater.com/pembroke_pines/) for show details.

Phyllis Tucker, our Century Village show liaison, can be reached at 954-404-6267.

## HOLLYBROOK ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES

**Do you have a great idea for a fun activity and the time to make it happen?  
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**Art Class** – Art Class with Noella is back starting on 11/13/23. Mondays, 9am – 12pm in the Art Room at the Rec Center. \$21 per session. Contact Noella Lavoie for more info at (418) 882-5503.

**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.

**Book Club** – Hollybrook Book Club is back! "Signal Fires" will be discussed at the Dec. 20 meeting of the Hollybrook Book Club. It will be held at 4 pm on the Patio behind the Tennis Pro Shop to the west of The Towers. Contact Dorothy Aaron at [Dorothy.aaron@simpatico.ca](mailto:Dorothy.aaron@simpatico.ca) for more details

**Bridge Club** – Bridge Club is back starting 11/8/23!! Wednesdays, 12:30pm – 4pm, Social Hall, \$5 games

**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.

**Dominos** – Monday thru Saturday, 2 - 5 p.m.; Men's locker room, first floor. Ladies: if you're interested in playing Dominos on Saturday mornings contact Dionne at 516-361-4517.

**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.

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954-517-0106

or

860-202-5315

# Hollybrook Bus Schedule

Pick-up Route: Phase 2-1-5-3-4-6-Towers

*Broward Meat & Fish Company*

Monday - Thursday - Saturday

Drop off - 10:00 am

Pickup - 11:15 am

*Publix, Dollar Tree, Einstein Bagels, and Denny's Restaurant ONLY:*

Monday - Tuesday - Thursday - Friday - Saturday

## AM Route

Pickup - Hollybrook 9:30 am

Drop off - Publix/Dollar Tree 10:00 am

Pickup - Publix/Dollar Tree 11:30 am

## PM Route (Includes Broward Library at Broward College)

Pickup - Hollybrook 1:00 pm

Drop off - Publix/Dollar Tree/Library 1:30 pm

Pickup - Publix/Dollar Tree/Library 3:00 pm

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

Pickup - Hollybrook 9:30 am

Drop off - Senior Center 9:45 am

Drop off - Sedanos 9:55 am

Drop off - Pembroke Lakes Mall 10:00 am

Drop off - Super Walmart 10:15 am

Pickup - Senior Center 1:15 pm

Pickup - Sedanos 11:00 am

Pickup - Pembroke Lakes Mall 1:00 pm

Pickup - Super Walmart 12:45 pm



## Having Trouble with Hollybrook Washers or Dryers?

### PLEASE

**1. Place the "out of order" sign visibly on the machine.**

(Sign is on the side of the washing machine in each laundry room)

**2. Call Maintenance at 954-433-1700**

The sign will be removed from the machine as soon as the technician repairs it. The tech will return the sign, blankside up, to the side of the machine.

**Thank you!!**

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## WHERE? The Playhouse

OPEN TO PUBLIC: 9:00am to 5pm

COST: 10\$/table

1  
DAY  
ONLY

HOW TO RESERVE YOUR TABLE?

E-mail

[sgagnon0806@gmail.com](mailto:sgagnon0806@gmail.com)

OR

Call or Text Sylvie @ 418-575-2221

WHERE DO YOU PAY?

Administration Office Monday  
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9am & 11:30am



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**SUNDAY DECEMBER 31st 2023**

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