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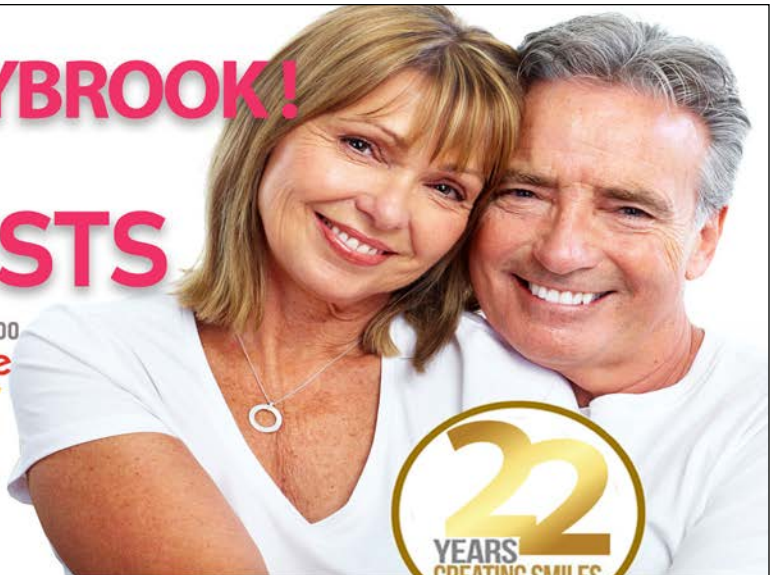
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Note from the Editor:

On this Month's Cover:

A serene scene from the Par 3 Golf Course. Sometimes sitting in front of a computer screen for prolonged periods of time leave me a bit drained and unable to focus. I find that a quick stretch of the legs and getting outside for a few minutes can be incredibly restorative. I am lucky to work in a setting where getting outside greets me with peaceful landscapes and scenery. On this particular day, I was able to capture this moment in the midst of the Jim McCambly Par 3 Tournament.

Mireya Alfonso, Editor-in-Chief

Navigating the Budget Waters: Insights from Hollybrook Friends & Neighbors

The budget is the number one topic this month. The unit owner vote to disperse the reserve funds into the pooled accounts is very important and all of us need to do our part and move forward with this procedural vote. The Board of Administration worked very diligently to bring a budget forward to us. They were greatly assisted by the Budget Committee consisting of both board members and other volunteers. I want to give a great big shout out to Alberto Garcia, Mark Wuertzberger, and Sylvie Gagnon for all their hard work as part of the budget committee and many more hours between the meeting times. So many others provided input and support for the process to move forward. We started working with a proposed budget of \$21 million and were able to work the numbers down to \$17 million. That number is an increase from last year which requires an increase in our maintenance payments. Even with this increase, we still need to look at other options to cover all of the mandated work that we still need to do. We reviewed many options, and settled on two. The critical number to remember is 57. That's how many buildings we still need to repair all of the concrete, painting, waterproofing, and roofing.

1. Take out a \$15 million construction loan. This would require another increase to maintenance to cover the loan payments, but would be enough money to do all of the construction needs.

2. Look at three scheduled assessments. This would save us from paying interest on a loan, and, most importantly, no increase in maintenance. \$15 million is the number we'll need. Both options work.

The logical choice is the scheduled assessments. The first assessment will need to happen next year in February 2025 to generate the first \$5 million. This assessment will provide the necessary funds to work on more than 20 buildings over three years. The second assessment will need to happen in February of 2028. This allows the work needed on another 20 plus buildings. The last assessment will be in February of 2031. This last assessment will hopefully be less than the other two. If we have done our due diligence overseeing the projects. Oversight is priority number one. Thankfully, we have a great group of employees that will take the job of oversight and make it happen. Eric Wheeler, Alex Ivanaskas, Joe Pellegrino, Beatriz Goycochea, and Vlad Torres will oversee all of the construction work. These are just a few of the valuable employees we have here at Hollybrook. I have stressed to all of our employees that we all have a job to do here and we all have to take care of our community.

Let's look at that term. Oversight. I have been doing that my entire professional career as a Police Officer, and, oversight has been a major factor in all of the volunteer positions that I have



chosen to be part of. From working with the youth group at our church in Largo, Fl, to this volunteer position of being the President of Hollybrook. I want to make it very clear. VOLUNTEER. I want everyone to stop and think about all of the people that volunteer here at Hollybrook. We are truly blessed to have so many people that give of themselves without question. Their efforts are greatly needed, and they save us a ton

of money. Unfortunately, there are some people that do not agree with my assessment of our position here at Hollybrook.

Opinions are very important. Opinions, when discussed in a formulative way, lead to discussion which can lead to changes. Opinions expressed in a totally anonymous, cowardly way, only create fear, or disgust. Recently, several anonymous notes have been sent through the mail, dropped off at the administrative office, or in some cases, have been placed on someone's vehicle. This last incident was a cowardly attack on a person's country, culture, sexuality, and even their choice of what vehicle they drive. I wish I could have found out who placed this note. It was a hate crime. I want to know who sent an anonymous note to one of my Officers. That note threatened to cut off fingers. REALLY! To a volunteer. I challenge anyone to stand up and report these cowardly, disgusting people. They are the rotten apples in our barrel we call home. Please, please, please. Maybe I can convince these people to move, because obviously, they have no proof of any criminal activity or they would go to the Police. Or, bring it to me. Proof. Not opinions.

I want to end on a positive note. Lately we have been blessed by so many great activities. Lunch and Learns. Pickleball tournaments. Bingo. Golf. Tennis. Movie Night. Trivia Night. Valentine's Dance, On and on the list goes. The most important thing to know is that we will not stop trying to make everyone happy here. The next Golf Fundraiser is on March 17. The end of the season dance is on March 23. End of the season golf, pickleball, and tennis events. End of the season though does not mean the end of activities. We have more owners that live year-round here than we have snowbirds. Not everyone realizes that fact. I promised that we would keep activities going to make sure those of us that live here all the time are not forgotten. I want to request those of you that are not on our official email list to please consider providing your email and join our email list. It's very easy and helps us to communicate instantly with as many people as possible. We will continue to post the important notices, but that takes time. Please consider.

Sincerely,
Michael E Eaton
President
Hollybrook BOA

Vice-President *From the Desk of Andy Ingram*



Florida, often dubbed the Sunshine State, is renowned for its inviting climate, drawing visitors from far and wide to indulge in sun-soaked days and a plethora of outdoor activities. However, this year, the heat seems to be playing hide-and-seek, much to the surprise of longtime residents like Maureen and myself, who have been frequenting Hollybrook for the past two decades.

Despite the uncharacteristically cool mornings, the spirit of activity remains undeterred within our community. Residents can be spotted outdoors, engaging in spirited games of tennis and pickleball, while avid golfers eagerly pursue their elusive white or yellow golf balls across both of our meticulously maintained courses, courtesy of our dedicated golf superintendent, Walter Chavez, and his diligent crew.

For those who prefer indoor pursuits during these cooler spells, Hollybrook offers an array of engaging activities to enjoy. From lively line dancing sessions to competitive rounds of poker, relaxing movie screenings, stimulating bridge games, and even artistic workshops, there's something to cater to every interest. And let's not forget the beloved tradition of Bingo every Thursday—a highlight eagerly anticipated by many. For a comprehensive list of offerings, residents can refer to either the VOH or the Hollybrook Buzz, both invaluable resources brimming with informative updates.

In other exciting news, the long-awaited refurbishment of Pool 1 has been completed, much to the delight of residents. Currently, efforts are underway to revitalize Pool 3, ensuring that our aquatic facilities remain in top-notch condition. As we look ahead, plans are in motion to assess the condition of

the pool surrounds, with a view to potential replacement if deemed necessary.

So, as we navigate these cooler temperatures, let's stay warm and continue to embrace the vibrant community spirit that makes Hollybrook such a special place to call home.

2024 Residential Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Schedule

Clean Harbors Environmental Services will provide household hazardous waste drop off events for Pembroke Pines residents.

The drop off events will be held quarterly at the City's wastewater treatment plant located at 13975 Pembroke Road. Please see the 2024 schedule listed below.

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

Treasurer's Message: *From the Desk of Rosalie Labate*



The Hollybrook Budget Committee and the Board of Administration workshops are completed, and the Board will now vote to approve the recommended proposed budget. A huge thank you to all who participated in this arduous task: Alex Ivanskas, Controller, and his excellent staff, Eric Wheeler our General Manager, the Budget Committee members, our Directors, and, of course, all of you who attended the many sessions and voiced your concerns and opinions.

The first order of business is for the Board to approve the recommended budget and move to a pooled reserve method from our straight line component method. Once that is done, we will have a Unit Owner vote to authorize the moving of the reserve funds from the straight line component system to a pooled reserve system. You will be receiving a detailed packet, either electronically or by regular mail, outlining the precise procedures needed to accomplish this task. It is important to know that both our attorneys and the reserve study company urge and advise us to make this change from straight line component reserves to a pooled reserve system as it will prove to be beneficial in reducing our reserve expenditures over the years.

This new budget raises our quarterly maintenance payment for Towers, Phases 1 through 5, to \$1834, \$611 a month and Phase 6

to \$2292, \$764 a month. Our condo values have certainly seen a major increase in recent days, and our sales have equally demonstrated increased values paid to sellers. We are finally getting more appropriate price points for our homes. When you think about it, where else do you have a PGA Golf Course that doesn't require a golf membership or yearly dues and a round of golf for a cart fee under \$30 for 18 hole play? Where else do you have a free Par 3 golf course available whenever you want to go out and play? What about our 7 pools and barbeque areas; tennis courts, and pickleball courts? And, of course, we need to remember our 24 hour Security Services. It was an eye-opening experience to compare our monthly costs here in Hollybrook with condos around us that don't even come close to offering the amenities we take for granted here. A quick check on the realtor markets showed prices ranging from \$680, \$720, \$892 for one and two bedroom units without any of the wonderful extra services offered here. It was also very gratifying to view Sylvie Gagnon's analysis highlighting this issue as well. Thank you Sylvie. I wholeheartedly agree with Sylvie Gagnon's conclusion that Hollybrook is still the best place to live with all the amenities it offers and Hollybrook has a very competitive maintenance fee in comparison with other condos in Broward County and the State of Florida.

Lots of work has to be done in the next few months to ensure that all of the proposals are addressed and the budget is carefully implemented. To the best of my ability, I will strive to make sure this happens.

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PHASE VI - BEAUTIFUL & SPACIOUS! 1st floor, 1,469, SF, 2BR/2BA with 13th fairway/green Par 3 golf view. WASHER/DRYER.. LARGE Eat-in-Kitchen, Ceramic tile throughout, FULLY FURNISHED Including a Murphy Bed for extra company. TURNKEY! NEW TOOTHBRUSH SUPPLIED!

PHASE III - SPECTACULAR KITCHEN with designer backsplash, granite counters, SS appliances, extra large granite countertop & wine rack. **BEAUTIFUL TRAVERTINE** floors throughout. **UPDATED** shower in Master Bathroom, bright 2BR/2BA 2nd floor corner. Recreation Lease **PAID IN FULL!** 2-minute walk to Clubhouse. **CLASS PLUS!!!**

Phase VI - LARGE 1,456 SF, 1st floor, corner unit in quiet cul-de-sac. Freshly painted on 15th green of the par 3 course. Decorative backsplash in HUGE EAT-IN KITCHEN and bathrooms. Washer/Dryer hook-ups. GREAT OPPORTUNITY! PRICED TO SELL FAST!

Phase V - BEAUTIFUL + WIDE LAKE VIEW from ENCLOSED PATIO! 1st floor, 2BR.2BA **IMPACT GLASS.** Stunning kitchen with SS appliances & granite countertops, Breakfast bar with granite top and wine cooler. Washer/ Dryer, tankless Hot Water Heater, Recreation Lease **PAID IN FULL!** Upgraded bathrooms, Ceramic tile throughout. **JUST THE BEST!**

Phase V - EXPANSIVE WATER VIEW! 1st Floor, 1,170 SF, 2BR/2BA. ENCLOSED PATIO, IMPACT GLASS, walk-in Jacuzzi tub, tile floors, a few steps to pool, TOTAL appliance contract, Recreation Lease PAID IN FULL! MUST SEE!

Phase III - MAGNIFICENT TRANQUIL WATER & LANDSCAPE VIEW. Upgraded 2BR/2BA **FULLY FURNISHED** (high-end Furniture & furnishings), Recreation Lease **PAID IN FULL!** Washer/Dryer, SS Appliances. **MOVE RIGHT IN! TURNKEY!**

SIDE BY SIDE

PHASE III - MAGNIFICENT, TRANQUIL WATER, GOLF & LUSH LANDSCAPING VIEWS. 2BR/2BA Updated Kitchen & Bathrooms (2 showers), wood parquet Flooring, Recreation Lease **PAID IN FULL!** Walk to Clubhouse! **MOVE RIGHT IN! TURNKEY!**

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SAME GREAT VIEW AS ABOVE - 2BR/2BA With LIKE NEW "HAIER" WASHER/DRYER tile flooring in living areas, **HIGH END** furniture and more. Recreation Lease **PAID IN FULL! TURNKEY! BUY THEM BOTH!**

Phase I - BRIGHT & BEAUTIFUL! OPEN 2BR/2BA, 2nd floor corner, Bright open kitchen, IMPACT WINDOWS & accordion shutters. Recreation Lease PAID IN FULL! Enjoy morning coffee or evening cocktail overlooking PGA 18th fairway/green. MUST SEE!

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FINANCIAL INSIGHTS: NAVIGATING BUDGETS AND REVENUE

STREAMS AT HOLLYBROOK



One of the three primary responsibilities of a condominium Board of Directors is to “conduct the financial business of the association”. We have recently considered, deliberated, and drafted a proposed budget for the forthcoming fiscal year. The proposed budget for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year will be voted on during March by the Hollybrook Board of Administration (BOA).

The budget was initially drafted by Alex Ivanaskas and Eric Wheeler and then presented to the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee then presented their revised budget to the BOA at open meetings during which Unit Owners had a chance to provide valuable input. I cannot remember a time prior to now where Unit Owners in Hollybrook were afforded multiple opportunities to contribute openly during budget negotiations. I want to personally thank everyone who attended,

listened attentively, actively participated and sent informative emails. Our 2024-2025 Fiscal Year proposed budget is certainly not perfect but it is based upon our current knowledge and information about both short term needs as well as planning for the future needs of our community. No one has a crystal ball to predict the future but based upon the recommendations of professional engineers, reserve specialists, insurance personnel, lawyers and other financial advisors, we have tried to present a path forward that protects our Unit Owners’ currently and in the foreseeable future.

In my position as Financial Secretary, my primary duties revolve around the income aspects of our operation. I heard from both Unit Owners and BOA members about opportunities to increase revenue in our community during the budget discussions. I urge you to volunteer your time to serve on committees and to also share your thoughts and ideas. Let’s endeavor to continue the process and please contact me via email (financialsecretary@hollybrook.com) if you have revenue suggestions.

thanks to our sponsors who pay for the luncheons and kudos to Michael Fishman and his staff for providing awesome dining for the attendees. I again want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to our wonderful volunteers and our dedicated staff. Each event is supported by both staff and volunteers and none of these Lunch & Learn programs would be successful without their help and assistance.

The latest financial data available to me is from December 2023. The December golf course income was \$155,195 which was greater than the revenue generated in November (\$146,281). However, by the end of December, we reached only 58 percent of our projected yearly golf income of \$1,880,000. I remain concerned that we will not be able to reach our projected yearly golf course income in the remaining three months of our fiscal year.

A further analysis of golf course gross income in December reveals that the cart fees from our owners were \$121,952 and an additional \$22,453 came from guest fees. As would be expected during the winter season, less of our income comes from outside golfers. Walk-in golfers accounted for \$2,701 of our golf revenue. Our contracts with Golf Now and Canam provided \$3,364. Golf Now revenue was \$3,271 and Canam revenue was \$93. Additional sources of golf income were \$449 from our military and first responders, driving range fees of \$2,396 and Par 3 fees were \$990. We also had an additional \$610 from other sources and \$280 in tournament fees in December.

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. I hope to report on current delinquencies in my next report based upon our January Quarterly Maintenance Payments. In addition, I plan to report the results from the Special Assessment and the number of Unit Owners who chose the payment plan.

Our Lunch & Learn Lecture Series continues to be popular and well attended. Working with my liaison, we already have programs planned for March, April and May. 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,

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BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION BUDGET COMMITTEE REVIEW MEETINGS MINUTES

February 7, 2024



President Eaton called the Wednesday, February 7, 2024, Board Budget Meeting to order at 1:00 PM. The meeting was conducted live from the Playhouse.

There were 17 board members present: Brittain, Dipuglia, Goldgut, Eaton, Esser-Stuart, Fortier, Galletta, Ingram, Koch, Labate, Markowski, Mislove, Munju, Sanabria, Tripodi, G. Webber and Yost who arrived at 2:30 pm.

Munju left the meeting after discussion on Schedule A. Sanabria left the meeting during discussion of Schedule B. Absent were Bergeron, Donawa, Greeley, McCall, Mack, Mason, Rice, and F. Webber. Also in attendance were Ivanaskas (Controller) and Wheeler (General Manager).

Discussion ensued relative to the following Proposed Schedules: A Payroll, B Building Maintenance, D Proshop, E Security, G Grounds, H Clubhouse Maintenance, I Janitorial.

The following Unit Owners addressed the Board with respect to the following schedules:

Schedule A Payroll:

Celyne Lavigne, T/516; Michel Lacroix, 27/206; Ed Griesmeyer, 24/102

Schedule B Building Maintenance:

Lacroix, 27/206; Lavigne, T/516

Schedule D Proshop:

Lacroix, 27/206; Lavigne, T/516

Schedule E Security:

Roiann Bruno, 50/205

Schedule G Grounds:

Bruno, 50/205; Lavigne, T/516

Schedule H Clubhouse Maintenance:

Bruno, 50/205; Sylvie Gagnon, 3/305; Lavigne, T/516

Schedule I Janitorial:

Gagnon, 3/305; Bruno, 50/205

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

February 8, 2024

President Eaton called the Thursday, February 8, 2024, Board Budget Meeting to order at 10:05 AM. The meeting was conducted live from the Playhouse.

There were 17 board members present: Brittain, Dipuglia, Goldgut, Eaton, Esser-Stuart, Fortier, Galletta, Ingram, Koch, Labate, McCall, Mack, Markowski, Mislove, F. Webber G. Webber, and Yost. Absent were Bergeron, Donawa, Greeley, Mason, Munju, Rice, Sanabria, and Tripodi. Also in attendance were Ivanaskas (Controller) and Wheeler (General Manager).

Nathan Holmberg, Tara Lyn Stone, and Samantha Long from Stonebuilding Solutions reviewed and presented the Structural Integrity Reserve Study and the Standard Reserve Study to the Board and the audience that was conducted for Hollybrook.

The following Unit Owners addressed the Board with respect to the reserve studies:

Lucie Lachance 7/202; Bruno, 50/205; Martin Cohen 36/307;

Gagnon 3/305.

Discussion ensued relative to the following Proposed Schedules: F Administration, J Taxes, K Utilities, L Laundry Machines, Q Insurance/Benefits, I Janitorial.

Schedule F: The Entertainment expenses were reduced from \$20,000 to \$10,000. Administration Expenses were reduced from \$35,000 to \$25,000. Association database was increased from \$24,000 to \$30,000.

The following Unit Owners addressed the Board with respect to the following schedules.

Schedule F Administration:

Lavigne T/516; Theresa Castellano 50/107; Lacroix, 27/206; Lydia Romero 39/102; Al Garcia 51/103; Dawn Chevrier 26/306.

At the afternoon session, McCall was not in attendance, 16 board members were present.

Discussion ensued relative to the following Proposed Schedules: J Taxes, K Utilities, L Laundry Machines, Q Insurance/Benefits, I Janitorial.

Schedule Q:

Worker's Compensation Insurance was reduced from \$110,000 to \$100,000.

Schedule I Janitorial: Chemicals & Soaps were reduced from \$7,500 to \$7,000.

President Mike Eaton adjourned the meeting at 4:35 pm.

February 9, 2024

President Eaton called the Friday, February 9, 2024, Board Budget Meeting to order at 10:06 AM. The meeting was conducted live from the Playhouse.

There were 16 board members present: Brittain, Eaton, Esser-Stuart, Fortier, Galletta, Goldgut, Ingram (left before the restaurant card vote), Koch, Labate, Mack, Markowski, Mislove, Munju, Tripodi, G. Webber, and Yost. Bergeron, DiPuglia, Donawa, Greeley, Mason, McCall, Rice, Sanabria, and F. Webber were absent. Also in attendance were Eric Wheeler (General Manager), Alex Ivanaskas (Controller), and Shane Laakso (Purchasing Manager).

Discussion ensued relative to the following Proposed Schedules: D Proshop, N Income

Schedule D: Advertising for Golf increased from \$1,500 to \$3,000.

Schedule N: Golf Cart & Greens income decreased from \$1,750,000 to \$1,650,000. Laundry Machine increased from \$154,000 to \$180,000. Interest income increased from \$54,000 to \$67,200. Proshop sales increased from \$75,000 to \$85,000. GPS/Banner advertising was added with \$10,000 income.

The following Unit Owners addressed the Board with respect to following schedule:

Schedule N Income:

Lavigne T/516; Tim Cahill 26/205; Gagnon 3/305; Al Garcia 51/103

Discussion ensued relative to the restaurant card. It was suggested that the value be increased to \$400. A vote was taken, there were 12 affirmative and 3 dissenting (Esser-Stuart, Fortier, and

Board Budget Minutes continued on page 29

From Pembroke Pines Mayor Frank C. Ortis

My Final Words To You As Mayor

After 28 years of serving the great City of Pembroke Pines in various positions, my term as a long-standing Mayor will come to an end as I have chosen to retire. I would like to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for the privilege and honor of having served you throughout these many years as a Commissioner, Vice Mayor, and Mayor. This truly is a bittersweet goodbye. However, I am not going anywhere, and hope that when you see me throughout the community, you'll come up to me to say hello. The City of Pembroke Pines is a family to me, and I will forever be grateful for having been a part of this city and its growth and diversity.

We live in such a vibrant city. This month, there are many events planned and it's also the perfect Springtime to enjoy our outdoors and parks located throughout the city.

A favorite activity for many families is the Pembroke Pines Annual Egg Hunts which will take place on March 30. Gates will open at 9:30 a.m. and the hunts begin at 10:00 a.m. at two locations: Pines Recreation Center and Pembroke Shores Park. Children are encouraged to hop in early to get a great spot in line.

This is a free event for ages 12 and under that includes the egg hunt, face painting, bounce houses and a visit from Peter



Rabbit. Over 26,000 eggs at each location (52,000 in total) will be waiting for discovery. At both locations the fields will be divided by age. Please note that children should bring their baskets to collect the eggs. For more information on this event or any future events, please visit www.ppines.com or call 954-392-2116.

Our annual Mayor's Golf Tournament is also coming up. I must say that I am humbled by the Commissioners' unanimous request for a resolution to permanently name this event the "Honorable Mayor Frank C. Ortis Golf Tournament." This is a very special event for me as it benefits the Pembroke Pines Charter Schools. It will be held on March 22 at the Pembroke Lakes Country Club. To ensure your place and to get more information, please email Carol Campisi at ccampisi@ppines.com.

And just a quick reminder that Daylight Saving time begins at 2:00 a.m. on March 10. This is the time we "spring forward" and set clocks ahead one hour. It's also a good time to stay safe by replacing the batteries in your smoke alarms.

This is my last "letter" to you as Mayor and so I would once again like to take this moment to thank everyone for their support and for the opportunity to serve this strong and caring community.

From Pembroke Pines Commissioner Tom Good

Spring Time is Election Time

Our favorite ground hog, Punxsutawney Phil, last month didn't see his shadow which means Spring will come early this year. The official First Day of Spring is March 19 but for us in South Florida we're already enjoying the many parks throughout our city, as well as events that take place outdoors.

An important event that I hope everyone will have a chance to attend or participate in is the 26th Annual Relay for Life being held on March 8 beginning at 5:00 p.m. and lasting through the evening at the City of Pembroke Pines Charter High School Athletic Facilities. With a fun "Barbie" theme, this year's event will feature performances, recognition of survivors and caregivers, the lighting of torches, and a Luminaria Ceremony to call attention to our fight against cancer. For more information, please visit www.RelayForLife.org/PembrokePinesFL.

Another fun and free outdoor activity is the Savor the Sounds concert being held on March 24 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Plaza. This month's featured musical group is The Triplite Band (Rock and Roll). Please remember to bring seating.

Now is the time of year when you can take advantage of safely disposing your household hazardous waste. The first drop off event for 2024 will take place on March 9 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant. Residents must bring



proof of Pembroke Pines residency to use the drop off services. For a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable items, please visit www.ppines.com or if you have a question, call 954-518-9000.

A quick note, there will be a municipal election held on March 19 in the City. This election includes a seat for Mayor (City-Wide). Everyone is encouraged to vote and have their voices heard. Information can be found on the city's website.

March also means we all turn a wee bit Irish on St. Patrick's Day. There will be a "Pot O'Gold Dinner Dance to celebrate on March 21 at the Carl Shechter Southwest Focal Point Community Center. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and reservations are required. The cost is \$15 per person, cash only. The dance starts at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call the Center at 954-450-6888.

And, if you've never visited the Studio 18 Art Complex, their Open House is being held on March 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. All ages are welcome to join in a day of art and fun, workshops, lectures, artist demonstrations, and the opportunity to meet the Studio 18 resident artists to get an inside look at their studios. Admission and parking are free. For more information, please visit <https://www.ppines.com/studio18>.

Contact Tom Good at 954-290-5189 or tgood@ppines.com.

Maintenance Department Checklist

Works in Continual Progress

- ✓ 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
- ✓ 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)

Mission Accomplished

- ✓ Repaired more than 107 Plumbing Issues to date this year - 2/27/2024
- ✓ Repaired Golf Pro Doors
- ✓ Emergency Concrete Repairs
- ✓ Finished 1-307, 1-207 Balcony, 4-106 Catwalk, 33-207 Balcony, 35 By Elevator, 25-204, 48 Center Stairwell


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 on-going work.

*Remember to
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maintenance
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Hollybrook Sales



Unit Sales for February

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01-110	Chapman to Ascanio	2	\$160,000.00
04-205	Fernandez to Bessette	2	\$225,000.00
05-309	Torres to Daniel	2	\$205,000.00
22-202	Mendoza to McGurt	2	\$185,000.00
42-201	Tomasino to Ouimet	2	\$165,000.00
52-306	Jamieson to Costa	2	\$290,000.00
60-303	Savino to Rochester	2	\$125,000.00

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Important Update on how to purchase your tickets for upcoming Century Village Shows!

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/ for show details and a lineup of upcoming events.

The new contact person in Hollybrook for Century Village Theater tickets is Joan Liss. Her contact number is 954-560-4780.

If you want to purchase tickets please call her first. She is asking that money for tickets be dropped off directly with her - and not in the Administration Building.

Once you drop your money off with her, she will procure tickets and make arrangements for ticket pickup! We deeply appreciate Joan for stepping in and helping out with facilitating these tickets!

Recycling Updates

By Lu Shifrin, Recycling Co-Chair

Hollybrook is recycling eyeglasses again. Please bring your old eyeglasses to the Administration Building, and place them in the black basket behind the receptionist's desk.

Hollybrook can now recycle aluminum cans!

This includes empty cans of water, cola, seltzers beer, etc. We cannot recycle empty cans of food, as they are most often made of tin.

RECYCLABLES

Place the following recyclables in the blue/green bin in your laundry room or trash room:

Clean cardboard; paper; boxes (broken down); aluminum cans (see above information); empty and clean plastic containers of juice, soda, water, seltzer, and such; empty plastic prescription drug containers, with personal information removed. Please put all container caps into the recycling bin separately.

TRASH

Place the following items (enclosed in a TIED trash bag, please) in the black and gray bin in your laundry room, trash room, or dumpster close to your building:

Discarded food and food containers; empty tin cans; glass and ceramic objects; soiled paper; plastics; Styrofoam; dead batteries; and dead and broken light bulbs.

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Phase 3 Pool Transformation: Temporary Closure, Exciting Upgrade

By Eric Wheeler

Get ready for a splash of exciting news! The Phase 3 Pool is has undergone a rejuvenating transformation to enhance your aquatic experience. Work began on February 19, 2024 which means the pool was temporarily "TAKEN OUT OF SERVICE" for this comprehensive makeover.

The ambitious project involves draining the pool, removing the old interior surface, and executing necessary repairs. The highlight of the renovation is the application of a brand-new Re-Diamond Bright surface, promising a sparkling and inviting pool for everyone to enjoy.



With a (3) week work period, the project aims to wrap up by Friday, March 15, 2024, when we expect to welcome residents back to a revitalized Pool Three (3).

During this period, we encourage you to explore the other Phase Pools for your swimming, laps, and lounging needs. For safety reasons, the use of the pool deck will not be allowed during the construction project. However, the BBQ Grills will still be at your service, ensuring you can savor delicious meals. Please note that any gathering should be restricted to the designated BBQ seating area, and refraining from sitting directly around the pool is advised during the construction time.

Get ready to dive back in on March 15, 2024, and experience your newly upgraded aquatic haven!

Hollybrook Bus Temporarily Suspends Service on Saturdays

The Hollybrook Bus has temporarily suspended bus service on Saturdays. Regular bus service will still happen during the week. Please refer to bus schedule on page 38.

Our bus driver has resigned from Hollybrook and the interim bus driver is unable to work the Saturday route.

At the time of publication management was seeking to fill this position so that complete and regular bus service can resume as soon as possible. Until then, it is recommended that residents who rely on this service adjust their schedule in the meantime.

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## 2024/25 Proposed Board Budget Meetings

By Mireya Alfonso

February proved to be a whirlwind month for Hollybrook, marked by intensive budget workshop planning meetings that spanned two weeks. The culmination of these efforts came to fruition on Thursday, February 15, 2024, as the proposed 2024/25 Budget was unveiled at the Board Budget Committee Meeting held in the Hollybrook Playhouse.

With Hollybrook's fiscal year ending on March 31, 2024, the significance of these budget planning sessions throughout February cannot be overstated.



The process commenced with the initial set of meetings on January 31, February 1, and February 2, where management and the Budget Committee met to go over the budget. Owners were welcome to attend these meetings, but participation was strictly between the Board and management. Subsequently, from February 7 to February 9, owners

were invited to participate in three consecutive Board Budget Committee Meetings, allowing owners to pose questions and provide feedback at the end of each session.

On February 15, the fruits of these collective efforts were presented to both the board and the wider community. Each line of the proposed budgets underwent thorough review and scrutiny, with tensions running high at times and necessitating breaks to alleviate pressure.

The final proposed budget was sent to owners on February 26, 2024, for a Board meeting in March, which will take place on March 11, 2024. It is at that meeting that the Board will vote to accept the budget, and a unit owner vote will take place to move Reserves from component/straight line reserves to the Pooled/cash flow reserve method. At the time of printing, a meeting notice had been sent out to Hollybrook owners.

Looking ahead, the next milestone will be the Board's vote on the proposed 2024/25 budget, setting the stage for Hollybrook's financial trajectory in the coming year.

As the community navigates these deliberations and decisions, unity and understanding will be paramount in ensuring the continued prosperity and well-being of Hollybrook.

### Direct Withdrawal for Unit Owners

Many of us have taken advantage of the opportunity to have Hollybrook withdraw our quarterly maintenance payments from our checking or savings accounts. *Why?*

#### Advantages of Direct Withdrawal for Unit Owners

- Residents do not have to worry about the quarterly deadlines
- Assuming sufficient funds are in the account, there are no late fees or interest charges because the withdrawals are on-time payments
- Savings in terms of time (writing quarterly checks)
- No postage if you are away from your Hollybrook residence

#### 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](mailto:controller@hollybrook.com)) or it can be picked up at the Reception Desk in the Hollybrook Administration Building.

Try it for the rest of 2024 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.

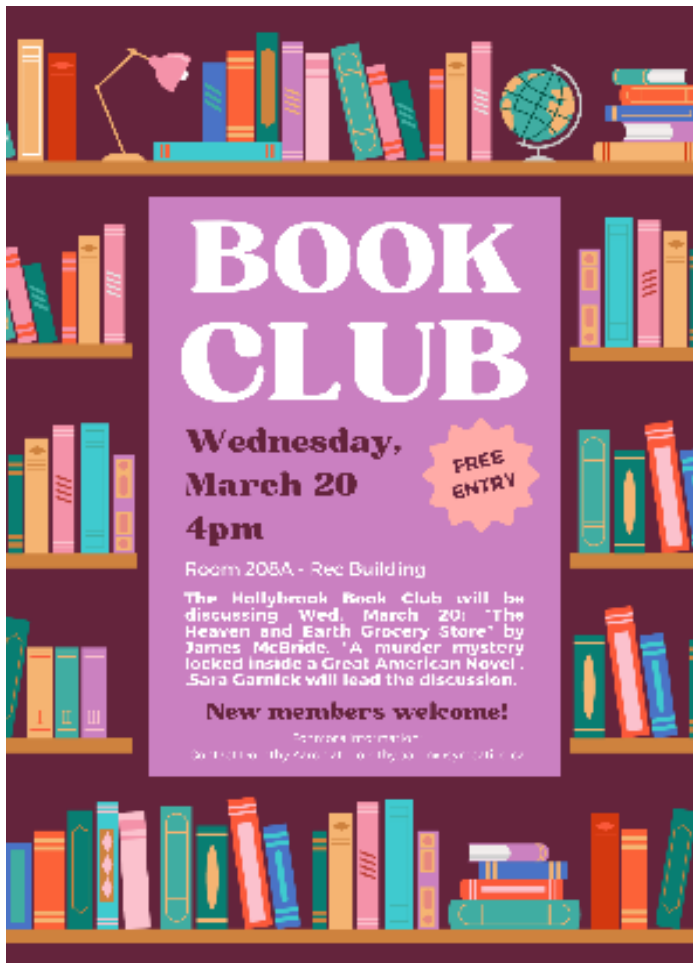
### Preserving Legacies: The Hollybrook Memory Garden

Our Hollybrook Memory Garden continues to offer a serene and picturesque space for residents, friends, and families to commemorate someone or something special in their lives. Whether it's in honor of a loved one, a dedicated Hollybrook volunteer, a significant achievement, or a cherished pet, our garden serves as a timeless tribute to cherished memories.

It's important to note that individuals or pets being honored need not have passed away to be commemorated in our garden—they can be celebrated and remembered at any time. Each brick in the garden carries a profound significance, representing the lasting impact of those we hold dear.

To contribute to our Memory Garden, bricks are available for purchase at \$50 each. You can easily purchase a brick online at [thatsmybrick.com/Hollybrookfl](https://thatsmybrick.com/Hollybrookfl) or by filling out a brochure, which is readily available at the Administration Building.

Join us in preserving cherished memories and honoring the special individuals and moments that have touched our lives. Your contribution to our Memory Garden ensures that these legacies endure for generations to come.



**BOOK CLUB**

**Wednesday, March 20**  
4pm

Room 208A - Red Building

**FREE ENTRY**

The Hollybrook Book Club will be discussing Wed, March 20: "The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store" by James McBride. "A murder mystery locked inside a Great American Novel." Sara Garnick will lead the discussion.

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# Ms. Holly Makes A Grand Return

Community favorite Ms. Holly returns from a brief hiatus to tackle some important community questions! We've missed Ms. Holly and look forward to her keen insight on community happenings.



**Future Energy Solutions:  
Shining a light over cost concerns**

Dear Ms. Holly,

It was discussed at the Hollybrook budget meeting that the cost-saving projected last year by contracting with Future Energy Solutions (FES) did not happen. How could that be true?

Sincerely,  
Counting Pennies

Dear Counting Pennies,

Sadly, Ms. Holly is not an electrician but has been described as someone who can light up a room but, I digress. Ms. Holly is also counting pennies in her pocketbook. Hollybrook faces rising costs related to insurance challenges, mandated costs related to Senate Bill 4D, and years of neglecting and postponing capital projects to avoid raising maintenance fees and an assessment by prior administrations. It is a perfect storm and it is now time to pay the piper. Hopefully, Ms. Holly can help shine a light on what is a concern to many.

Even with our wonderful Security staff led by Chief Mike Tirado, research confirms that proper lighting plays a vital role in crime reduction and was recommended in a Hollybrook safety audit completed several years ago.

Alan Eisman, our former President, wrote in the January 2022 issue of The Voice of Hollybrook, regarding FES, January 2022 No. 145, p.19, that the projected saving would be almost \$1 million dollars over the 15-year contract. Mr. Eisman further noted in his State of the Condo Message in The Voice of Hollybrook February/March 2022 No.146, p.11, "Because of the current lighting program under way, we will be able to reallocate the \$112,913.91 currently earmarked for lighting to other uses." This created a shortfall for 2023/2024 which was already dealing with projected shortfalls related to insurance and delayed capital improvements.

Our board, general manager and legal team are exploring options as they analyze comparative costs and find ways to reverse and reconcile this loss. Regardless of what is determined it is very important to get involved by attending meetings, asking questions, speaking up, and volunteering. Hopefully, this shone some light on your concerns.

Shine Bright Everyone,  
Ms. Holly

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# Pedaling Forward: Hollybrook's Collaboration with Bikes 4 Vets

By Mireya Alfonso

On a recent morning, a special delivery of bikes arrived at Hollybrook's Administration Building.

These bikes originated from Hollybrook and found a new life through the American Legion's grant program, Bikes 4 Vets. This grant program was spearheaded by Joseph Medina, a Navy veteran with a passion for cycling and the Coral Gables Chapter of the American Legion.

Security Director, Mike Tirado, has the unfortunate duty of collecting abandoned bicycles left behind here in Hollybrook. A couple months ago, the fleet of abandoned bikes had grown to the point that the designated storage unit was at capacity.

Upon hearing about this predicament, I connected Mike with Joseph at Bikes 4 Vets. Their organization is always looking for bicycles, especially donated ones. This seemed like a match made in heaven. Bikes 4 Vets came to collect all the bicycles and set aside a handful so that eligible Hollybrook veterans could have access to a free bike. Bikes 4 Vets mission is a simple one, "to promote

physical and mental wellness by providing veterans with a bicycle." Joseph is a seasoned and experienced cyclist, having participated and placed at numerous cycling races. He is also a veteran and understands the importance of a healthy body and mind, especially for veterans who have gone above and beyond for their country. When reflecting on how cycling has impacted his life, Medina says, "Through cycling I have been able to work around my injuries and manage my blood pressure along with keeping fit and making friends."

He personally cleans, repairs and tests each bike for functionality and takes great pride in giving back to the community. On February 2 he delivered five (5) refurbished bikes. Within a couple of hours, the bikes had been claimed by Hollybrook residents that are also veterans! Each new bike owner was excited about this opportunity and grateful to receive a bike.

Hollybrook is always eager to partner with community organizations such as the American Legion and their grant program, Bikes 4 Vets.



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# To Read or To Watch?

*That is the question!*

By Terri Rinkinen

In 1440, the universal question of “What to do on a rainy day?” shifted dramatically when Johannes Gutenberg invented the first printing press. Herr Gutenberg then had the good sense to recognize the marketing potential of his invention and immediately printed The Bible, which remains THE world best seller to this very day.

As time marched on, multiple scientists, thinkers, and inventors searched for alternate answers for improved techniques of communication, ultimately leading to Philco Taylor Farnsworth successfully presenting his “electronic television” in San Francisco on September 7, 1927. Which then led to more televisions than books in homes in the 1950’s. By 1970, 95% of American homes had at least one television in their home. So perhaps it was inevitable that the “survival of the fittest” prevailed and books were transformed into TV series.

I admit that my first passion is reading

books. But, being a product of the 1960’s “TV watching generation,” I became quite drawn to books that spawned TV series:

**Thornbirds by Collen McCullough** (TV 1977), quite scandalous!; Rich Man, Poor Man by Irwin Shaw (TV 1976/1977), major crush on Nick Nolte, but that crush



hasn’t quite stood the test of time; And, of course, **Roots by Alex Haley** (TV 1977) which I found to be very educational.

Since I have finally retired from my day-job, I now find that I have more time to indulge in my escapes from reality. Currently I am most drawn to historical fiction, most often based in Great Britain and the United

Kingdom. My most recent favorite books-to-TV-series include:

**Outlander Series, by Diane Gabaldon** (TV Series on Netflix and Starz, 8 seasons 2014-2024): A time-travel-(1740-1960’s)



action adventure and romance, with several historically accurate battles and events in several countries and continents, including a few steamy intimate scenes between husband and wife, Claire and Jaime. Multiple complex relationships and characters, and has a currently continuing story line to include an eighth upcoming TV season and a highly anticipated tenth book in the series.



**Bridgerton Series, by Julia Quinn** (TV series on Netflix, 3 seasons 2020-2024): Follows the eight Bridgerton siblings vying for both power and romance in Regency England (1813-1827).

**Downton Abbey Series, British historical series and film by Julian Fellows,** (TV series on PBS, first 2011-2015, and reputed to be returning in 2024 for a seventh season): An English drama featuring an aristocratic family and



their servant staff and their quest to find an appropriate heir during the World War I era, following the sinking of the Titanic in 1912. Unusual because it started as a British TV production but spawned a myriad of related books on architecture and decoration, cookbooks, fashions of the era, etiquette and more.

I am currently attempting to “broaden my horizons” and have lined up several books and related TV series to check out soon: Mayfair Witches by Anne Rice (books 1990-1994, TV 2023), Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus (book 2022, TV 2023), and Daisy Jones & The Six by Taylor Jenkins Reid (book 2019, TV 2023). Stay tuned for occasional further episodes in the Voice of Hollybrook!



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# Dive into Creativity: Hollybrook's Watercolor Workshop

By Mireya Alfonso

Step into the Recreation Building at Hollybrook, and you'll discover more than just a hallway—it's a gateway to a world of activities and hobbies that cater to the diverse interests of our residents. Amidst the hustle and bustle of daily life, this tranquil space offers a retreat where creativity flourishes and friendships blossom.

Nestled within this vibrant hub is the Art Studio, a haven for budding artists and seasoned creators alike. Over the course of the season, the studio has played host to an array of workshops, from weekly Art Classes to specialized sessions like the annual Glass Jewelry workshop.

Adding to our eclectic Arts & Crafts lineup is the latest offering: the Watercolor Workshop, which made its debut in mid-January. Led by esteemed art educator Gail Dym, this eight-week sequential workshop is designed to introduce participants to the enchanting world of watercolor painting.

Gail, a seasoned resident of Hollybrook and a published artist herself, brings a wealth of experience and passion to the table. With a focus on creating a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere, she guides her students through the fundamentals of watercolor

painting, nurturing their talents and inspiring their creativity. In order to provide personalized attention and ensure an enriching experience for all, spots in the workshop were limited to just ten participants. Stepping into one of Gail's sessions, you'll find yourself immersed in a world of color and expression, with each stroke of the brush bringing a new masterpiece to life.



During a recent visit to the workshop, it was heartening to witness the camaraderie and enthusiasm shared among Gail's students. From beginners to seasoned artists, each individual found their own unique voice and perspective within the medium of watercolors.

Whether you're a novice eager to explore your artistic talents or a seasoned painter seeking inspiration, the Watercolor Workshop at Hollybrook offers a welcoming space to unleash your creativity and connect with like-minded individuals.

So why not dip your brush into the world of watercolors and join us for an unforgettable journey of self-expression and discovery? With Gail's guidance and the support of your fellow artists, you're bound to make a splash in the world of art!

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# Happenings Around Town

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## SW Focal Senior Center

If you're not already a member – what are you waiting for? The Senior Center is up the street from Hollybrook and offers a variety of activities for the month of March!

**Card Making Class** - If arts and crafts are your thing then you'll love this card making class! You must be a registered member of the Center to attend. It is held on every Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in room 213.

**International Women's Day Breakfast** - Calling all ladies! Sit down and enjoy a nice breakfast in celebration of International Women's Day on March 8 at 8:30 a.m. in South Activities. It is first come first serve and free for registered members of the Center.

**Spanish Karaoke** - Come sing, dance, and have a great time at this Spanish Karaoke session! It will be held on March 15 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Main Hall.

**"Pot O' Gold" Dinner Dance** - Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the Center's shamrock dance! Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. and reservations are required. Make sure you dress your best because the best dressed gets a prize! It will be on March 21, and it is \$15 per person. Cash Only.

**Everglades Holiday Park** - Enjoy the wildlife like never before on this Everglades airboat ride and live alligator presentation. The bus departs at 10:30 a.m. on March 22 and it is \$45 per person for registered members of the Center. Cash Only. Lunch is not provided.

**Hollywood Beach** - Bask in the sunset on Hollywood Beach on March 27. The bus departs at 5:00 p.m. and returns at 9:00 p.m. It is \$7 per person and you must be a registered member of the Center.

## City Happenings

There's always something going on around town. Here's our top picks for city events in March!

**Easter Festival** - Have a fun time with family at this Easter Egg Hunt! There will be non-stop egg hunts (over 30,000 eggs), farm attractions, food trucks, an Easter bunny meet and greet, music, and more! Seniors get in for \$13. There is a \$3 parking fee. It will be on March 16, 17, 23, 24, and 27-31 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at C.B. Smith Park.

**Painting with a Twist** - Find new connections and learn how to paint at the Painting with a Twist studio at 15971 Pines Blvd, Pembroke Pines. You will be painting the Bright Eyes artwork which can be found on the Painting with a Twist website. It is \$38 per person and will be from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Sip & Taste** - Join local food vendors at the 18th annual "Sip of Wine, Taste of Heaven" event hosted by the Miramar Regional Amphitheater. Enjoy the delicacies of samples from food and dessert vendors, enjoy a wide range of wine options, dance to live music, and do it all under the stars. It opens at 7:00 p.m. and runs until 10:00 p.m. Admission is \$80 per person and parking is \$10 per vehicle.

**Savor the Sounds** - Relax and enjoy live music, food trucks, games, and art at the Savor the Sounds Music Series event. It will be held at the Charles F. Dodge Center on March 24 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Make sure to bring blankets and chairs to get cozy!

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## Postcards From Elsewhere

### A Musical Journey: Chasing Dar Williams in Key West

Story and Photos by Nancy Wuerzburger & Susan Moss

When my friend Susan Moss and I found out that our favorite singer/songwriter, Dar Williams, would be performing in Key West, we decided to do a quick trip to see her. It wouldn't be the first time we traveled to see her. We both packed our bags and drove down on a gorgeous day. Here is Susan's recap of our mini-adventure:

*"Driving down the Overseas Highway, you soon realize there is a huge differential between miles and minutes; time goes very slowly in the Keys, basically one way in and one way out, a solo lane in each direction, with two lanes appearing every once in a while to allow for a few minutes of passing. It. Just. Is. You are forced to be peaceful and relaxed, until you become so, due to the stunning views both east and west the further south you go. Water as far as the eye can see, varied striations of cobalt/turquoise/sky blue, sometimes choppy, sometimes smooth,*



*sporting silver tips when the sun is shining just right.*

*The Dar Williams show at the Studios of Key West started at 7 p.m. and we arrived at the very cool Ibis Bay Resort (with a coral rock wall \*in\* our room!) about 5:15, and knew we wanted to eat dinner near the venue beforehand. One of Nancy's co-workers used to live in Key West and, when Nancy asked for her recommendations for vegan-vegetarian food, she recommended The Cafe. Yes, The Cafe! It was a superb menu, and we split the spinach gyoza dumplings and the stuffed butternut squash, both amazingly delish. I wanted a piece of vegan*

*key lime pie too, but we were cutting it close. Made it to the show with 5 minutes to spare, and ended up on the second row!*

*Dar continues to amaze me! Having heard her dozens of times, she \*never\* tells the same story twice. Her voice was perfect, as was the setlist, a handful of songs from her newest CD, many long-time favorites, and even an as-yet-unrecorded song (Hummingbird Highway - beautiful!). I thank-her-very-sweetly for dedicating Over the Rainbow to me, the Pete Seeger version where, instead of "why oh why can't I?" he substitutes "why can't you and I?", always looking for the inclusivity angle...*

*Dar came out into the lobby after the show, so we could all hug, chat, and get this fab photo (thanks to Fred, the sound guy!). The fourth is Patty Romanoff, Dar's manager/tour companion who I've also known a very long time.*

*Nancy and I may have gone back to the room to eat sweet-and-spicy popcorn and drink sparkling wine. We definitely enjoyed the free continental breakfast the next morning, before heading to a public beach with a pier where some of Eric's ashes have been spread. We may have also stopped at a Mexican restaurant half-way home because I was craving refried beans!*

*No doubt Nance and I shared another adventure "that couldn't be beat", just like old times (Lucy and Ethel? Thelma and Louise?). It was 36 hours of non-stop conversation of the hilarious as well as heartfelt variety, shenanigans, and soul-refilling music."*



**PRO TIP:** Looking for vegan options in Key West? The Cafe is located at 509 Southard Street in Old Town Key West. If you're looking for the best sunset without a crowd - head over to Fort Zachary Taylor State Park, which is up the street from the iconic 90 Mile Marker to Cuba. Stop for some iced coffee at Cuban Coffee Queen and don't miss the conch fritters at the Conch Shack!



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# The Snowbird of Florida

Story and Photos by Mark Favus

The Snowy Egret is perhaps the smallest most elegant egret or heron that resides at Hollybrook year-round. Its habitat is around marshes or lakes throughout Central and South America as well as year-round in Florida and other coastal regions of the United States and even Eastern and Western Canada.



The term “snowy” was derived from the color of their yellow feet or “boots” because it is cold or “snowy!” Somewhat ironic given that their natural year-round habitat is subtropical.

The Snowy Egret is lyrically described by Kenn Kauffman in “Lives of North American Birds,” as “a beautiful, graceful small egret, very active in its feeding behavior in shallow waters. Known by

its contrasting yellow feet, could be said to dance in the shallows on golden slippers.”

Its elegant feathers or “aigrettes,” especially during mating season, led to its slaughter in the 19th century. The near extinction of these egrets and herons was driven by the worldwide trade in feathers to decorate the hats of society ladies in the United States and Europe. If it weren’t for legislation initiated by Audubon, they simply would



not be part of our vibrant ecosystem today.

The Snowy Egret is pure white with lacy “aigrettes” or plumes along their back that display during mating season. Its bill and legs are black with yellow feet that turn orange during mating season. The mature Snowy Egret is around twenty-four inches tall with a wingspan of around forty inches. The mature adults typically weigh about thirteen ounces.



Much like the Tricolored Heron, the Snowy Egret is most active when feeding. It rushes after prey and sticks one foot forward and rapidly vibrates to startle prey. They eat mostly insects, fish, and crustaceans. They especially love lakes and marshes, which is why we see them year-round at our lakes.

Here in Florida, breeding typically begins in February and



March. The male selects the site and displays to ward off rivals and attract a mate. Displays include pointing bill straight up, raising all plumes and pumping head up and down while calling. They fly in circles around the nesting area, flying high and acrobatically, tumbling down.

They’re largely monogamous and colonial, building nests in mixed colonies with other egrets and herons. They can lay up to six pale blue-green eggs, with only two or three chicks surviving the first week. Incubation, by both the male and female, typically takes four weeks. The chicks stay in the nest for thirty days and are fed by both sexes until they fledge. They brood only once per year and often return to the same nesting tree to rebuild their nests.

While their numbers were decimated in the late 1800’s by plume hunters, legislation to protect them saw the population of egrets and herons rapidly recover. With climate change and warming weather, their range has increased further north, probably still expanding range and increasing population.

# A Lovely Hollybrook Valentines

It Takes Two returned to the Hollybrook Playhouse for our Cupid's Ball which took place on February 14. It was a fun evening of dancing to live music and good times with about 150 Hollybrook residents in attendance. Don't miss out on the next one! The End of Season Blast is happening on March 23 at 8:00 p.m. Contact Connie Mason at 954-648-0115 for tickets. *Photos courtesy of Bill White.*



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# Flourishing Foliage

## Top 5 Tips for Houseplant Care in South Florida

By Mireya Alfonso

Spring is here!!! Which means we can expect our outdoor spaces to explode with greenery and blossoms! But how do we bring spring indoors? With houseplants of course! Embracing indoor greenery can bring a refreshing touch of nature into your South Florida home, but ensuring your houseplants thrive in the subtropical climate requires some specialized care. As an avid plant collector, I have learned through trial and error what works and what doesn't work. My biggest lesson was learning that caring for an outdoor garden is very different from caring for indoor plants. Here are five essential tips to help



Philodendron Melanochrysum

your indoor oasis flourish:

**1. Mindful Watering:** In South Florida's humid climate, it's crucial to strike the right balance with watering. While it may seem counterintuitive, overwatering is a common mistake that can lead to root rot. Instead, aim for consistent moisture by watering your plants when the top inch of soil feels dry to the touch. Ensure proper drainage by using pots with drainage holes, and consider using a moisture meter to gauge soil moisture accurately. If your windows or balcony face west, you may notice your plants dry out a bit faster due to the intensity of the afternoon sun, especially in the summer.

**2. Optimal Lighting:** Most houseplants thrive in bright, indirect light, making them well-suited for South Florida's sunny conditions. However, be mindful of direct sunlight, as it can scorch delicate foliage. Place your plants near east or west-facing windows to provide the ideal balance of light without the intensity of direct sun exposure. If your home lacks natural light, consider supplementing with grow lights to support healthy growth. Also, keep in mind that if a plant is labeled as "low light" that doesn't mean it will thrive in a dark corner. These types of plants can usually be found in the lower level of a jungle canopy or forest and thrive off dappled, indirect light.



Monstera 'Thai Constellation'

**3. Humidity Management:** While South Florida's humidity benefits many houseplants, some species may still benefit from additional moisture. Grouping plants together can create a microclimate with higher humidity levels. Alternatively, misting your plants regularly can help maintain adequate moisture levels. Avoid placing plants near air conditioning vents or drafty areas, as this can lead to dry air and stress for your green companions. The one advantage with Hollybrook is that each unit has screened balconies which are the perfect environment for plants to benefit from humidity without scorching under direct sunlight.



Scindapsus 'Exotica'

**4. Proper Ventilation:** Good air circulation is essential for preventing pests and diseases while promoting healthy growth. Keep a gentle breeze flowing through your home by opening windows and using fans to improve air circulation. Regularly dusting your plant's leaves with a damp cloth not only keeps them clean but also allows them to breathe and photosynthesize more efficiently.

**5. Seasonal Adjustments:** South Florida's distinct seasons can impact your houseplants' needs. During the warmer months, plants may require more frequent watering and benefit from occasional misting to combat dry indoor conditions. Conversely, in the cooler winter months, scale back on watering and avoid placing plants near drafty windows or doors to prevent cold damage.



Alocasia 'Silver Dragon'

By following these five tips for houseplant care tailored to South Florida's unique climate, you can nurture thriving indoor greenery that brings beauty and vitality to your home year-round. All plants featured in this article are from my personal collection! These are rare aroids well-suited for our South Florida weather. Caring for plants is a wonderful way to reduce stress while beautifying your space! Stay tuned for next month's feature where we cover Easy Plants for Beginners.

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

| Saturday League Tournament Schedule* |
|--------------------------------------|
| March 2                              |
| March 16                             |
| March 30                             |

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

| HWGA Schedule (Thursdays)                                |
|----------------------------------------------------------|
| March 7                                                  |
| March 14                                                 |
| March 21 - Shotgun @ 8:30 AM<br>(Closing Season - Lunch) |
| March 28                                                 |
| April 4                                                  |

| HMGA Schedule (Mondays)                     |
|---------------------------------------------|
| March 4                                     |
| March 11                                    |
| March 18                                    |
| March 25 - Shotgun @ 8 AM<br>(Hall of Fame) |
| April 1                                     |
| April 8                                     |

## 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 based on availability.
- 3 days in advance – Members can add multiple groups of guests based 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.**

## Ebony Ladies Golf League Returns for their Annual Visit to Hollybrook

by Judy Thomas



Members of the Ebony Ladies Golf League in Chicago, Illinois will celebrate their 50th Year Anniversary in August of this year. The Ebony Ladies Golf League has an all-inclusive mem-

bership. Both groups played the Executive Par 3 Course on different days. Members from the Sassy Sisters Golf League (SSGL), the Ebony Ladies Golf League, the Women of Jackson Park Golf Club (WJPGC), and the Thursday Ladies travel to South Florida yearly in February. I had a blast playing with my golfing and travel friends from Chicago aka the "Windy City".



We were also able to participate in the HWGA's Invitational Tournament where we could bring a guest to play on our PGA Course. It was a memorable visit from the Ebony Ladies Golf League!! Looking forward to their visit next year.

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Markowski). The increase passed. Discussion ensued on Projects. The Playhouse air conditioning was decreased from \$60,000 to \$50,000. The restaurant was increased from \$50,000 to \$70,000.

President Mike Eaton adjourned the Board of Administration Meeting at 5:13 p.m.

**February 15, 2024**

President Eaton called the Thursday, February 15, 2024, Board Budget Meeting to order at 10:05 AM. The meeting was conducted live from the Playhouse.

There were 20 board members present: Brittain, Dipuglia, Goldgut, Eaton, Esser-Stuart, Fortier, Galletta, Ingram, Koch, Labate, Mack, Markowski, Mason, McCall, Mislove, Munju, Tripodi, F. Webber, G. Webber, and Yost who. Munju left the meeting after discussion on Schedule A. Sanabria left the meeting during discussion of Schedule B. Absent were Bergeron, Donawa, Greeley, Rice, and Sanabria. Also in attendance were Ivanaskas (Controller) and Wheeler (General Manager).

Unit owners addressed the Board with respect to the following schedule:

**Schedule A Administration**

Gagnon 3/305; Bruno 50/205; Lavigne T/516; Lachance 7/202; Chevrier 26/306; Harold Sternberg 54/307; Maria Hernandez 40/109; Adrienne Rogatz 2/102; Julia Chamochumbi 39/106; Dave Rockman 37/305.

**February 15, 2024, Afternoon Session**

President Eaton called the afternoon session to order at 2:00 pm. The meeting was conducted live from the Playhouse.

There were board 19 members present: Bergeron, Brittain, DiPuglia, Eaton, Esser- Stuart (left at 4:50), Fortier, Galleta, Goldgut, Ingram, Koch, Labate, Mack, Markowski, McCall (on Zoom), Mason (left at 3:30pm), Mislove, Tripodi (left at 3:30), F. Webber, and G. Webber. Absent for the afternoon Sesson: Donawa, Greeley, Munju, Rice, and Yost,

Discussion ensued relative to the proposed schedules.

Unit owners addressed the Board with respect to the following schedules:

**Schedule Q Insurance/Benefits**

Bruno 50/205; Lavigne T516; Chevrier 26/306; Gagnon 3/305; L. Wilkenson 42/210; Jean Marc Cardinal 24/201

**Schedule M Contingency Allocated**

Bruno 50/205; Lavigne T/516; Gagnon 3/305

**Schedule N Income**

Gagnon 3/305; Lachance 7/202

At the conclusion of the review of the proposed sections, it is the will of the Board of Administration that we move forward with each proposed Schedules: A through Q and recommend approval.

A vote was taken of the members of the Board of Administration indicated 14 in favor: Bergeron, Britain, Eaton, Galleta, Goldgut, Ingram, Koch, Labate, Mack, Markowski, McCall, Mislove, F. Webber, G. Webber; opposed are DiPuglia and Fortier

President Eaton adjourned the meeting at 5:20 pm.

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# Swinging into Excellence:

## Hollybrook Women's Golf Association's Season Comes To A Close

by Sylvie Chavanel

### Invitational Tournament: Guests Day

On February 22, the HWGA hosted its Invitational Tournament, welcoming 144 women golfers, including 45 guests, to our magnificent course. Participants marveled at the beauty and quality of the grounds, courtesy of Walter's impeccable maintenance. The day was filled with laughter and camaraderie, complemented by a sumptuous meal crafted by Michael and Mark, our esteemed catering team. And what's a celebration without music? Sylvie Chavanel orchestrated the tunes, ensuring everyone danced the day away. Yet another triumph for your HWGA committee!

### Closing Tournament Announcement

Mark your calendars for March 21, as we bid farewell to the current committee with our Closing Tournament. A shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. will kick off the festivities, followed by a delectable lunch served by our esteemed restaurateur at the Social Hall. And, of course, there will be music to cap off the day in style!

### Introduction of the New HWGA Committee 2024-2026

We extend our gratitude to the elections committee—Judy Wood, Carole Biron, Marjolaine Knight, and Jacinthe Bergeron—for their diligent efforts. It is with great pleasure that we introduce the newly elected HWGA committee, which will serve from March 21, 2024, until March 2026:



**President: Louise Bergeron**  
**Vice-President: Chantal Allard**  
**Treasurer: Monique Richard**  
**Secretary: Micheline Coderre**

Their dedication and leadership are sure to guide the HWGA to even greater heights in the years to come.

## That's A Wrap!

As the season unfolds, HWGA members have been actively participating in various events. The President's Cup tournament, spanning four weeks, concluded on February 8th with an impressive turnout of 32 teams. Led by captains Andrée Dubé and Carmen Desroches, the tournament culminated in a delightful wine and cheese celebration, attended by approximately a hundred enthusiastic women. The ambiance was lively, with music filling the air and everyone dancing with joy. A heartfelt thank you to all who contributed to the success of this event. Stay tuned for more exciting updates from the HWGA, and we look forward to seeing you on the greens!

Without further ado, here are the winning teams:



Nathalie Mailloux and Suzie Wright Winners of Category D



Mona Belanger and Josie Bernier  
Winners of Category C



Diane Painchaud and Christine Rourke  
Winners of Category B



Andrée Schink and Sylvie Therrien  
Winners of Category A

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# Hollybrook's Inaugural Glow in the Dark Pickleball Tournament Lights Up the Night

Story and Photos by Judy Thomas

Hollybrook made history on February 6 at 7:00 p.m. with its first-ever Glow in the Dark Pickleball Tournament, a thrilling event conceptualized and executed by Stephane Aubut. Despite the chilly weather, forty-eight eager players took to all six pickleball courts, with twelve alternates and numerous enthusiastic spectators cheering them on.

Under the cover of darkness, illuminated LED pickleballs transformed the courts into a mesmerizing spectacle. To add an extra twist to the game, an alternative serving format was introduced, allowing only one consecutive serve per player while still adhering to standard pickleball rules.

Participation required a mere \$1 fee per player, which covered the acquisition of eight glow in the dark pickleballs—a small price to pay for the excitement and camaraderie experienced by all.

The resounding success of the Glow in the Dark Pickleball Tournament owes much to Stephane's dedication and creativity. As anticipation builds for future events, we eagerly await Stephane's next innovative tournament idea before his departure.

Looking ahead, Judy Thomas has generously pledged to sponsor several Glow in the Dark Pickleball Tournaments during the summer off-season, ensuring year-round residents have plenty of opportunities for fun and friendly competition.

Stay tuned for updates and announcements, and don't forget to join us on the Pickleball Courts !

# First Women's Doubles Pickleball Tournament at Hollybrook

by Judy Thomas

Pickleball is fun, easy to learn and is growing in popularity in Hollybrook. On February 21, a brisk Wednesday evening, Judy Thomas and Sylvie Chavanel hosted the first Women's Doubles Pickleball Tournament at Hollybrook with sixteen ladies. Being a former team captain of a traveling tennis league Judy came up with the idea from her days playing team tennis. The format was similar to a team tennis match, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Doubles, utilizing the four outer courts. The first team to eleven points by a margin of two points would win that game. To win a court, each team was required to win two out of three games and the winning team would receive one point. Our fellow teammates, George, Randy and Rick served as referees. There were spectators who cheered for many, friendly, competitive exchanges on all four courts. Judy's team won on three courts. Everyone enjoyed pizza afterward on the restaurant patio. After pizza, some of us returned to the courts to enjoy the camaraderie.



**Hollybrook**  
**2024**  
**PICKLEBALL**  
**TOURNAMENTS**



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**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST**  
SYLVIE'S WOMEN'S GROUP, 8 PLAYERS  
& JUDY'S WOMEN'S GROUP, 8 PLAYERS

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD**  
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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH**  
SYLVIE'S WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S GROUP

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# Hollybrook Tennis Social: A Day of Fun, Food, and Magic

by René Désharnais  
 Photos by Marie Doyé

The Hollybrook Tennis Social was a smashing success! The Tennis Social happened on Sunday, January 29, 2024. The day started bright and early with registrants convening at the Tennis Pro Shop. With 42 enthusiastic players, both men and women, the courts were alive with friendly competition and camaraderie.



Each player had the opportunity to showcase their skills during two hours of play out of the three-hour event. The extra hour provided a chance for players to rest, recharge, and engage in lively conversations.



The gathering wasn't limited to just players; we welcomed a total of 52 attendees, including guests invited by our tennis enthusiasts. Together, we enjoyed

a delicious lunch featuring pizzas, salads, and Key Lime cheesecakes—a perfect blend of savory and sweet.



Adding to the excitement of the day was a captivating 30-minute performance by magician and mentalist, Mr. Robby Saks. His astonishing tricks and mind-reading abilities left us spellbound and delighted.

Special thanks are in order for José Arsenault and Gisèle Lavoie, who skillfully organized the teams and matches, ensuring a smooth and enjoyable experience for everyone.

It's been a fun and active tennis season here at Hollybrook! All of our recent events have been a great way to get the Hollybrook Tennis community together and engaged in friendly, competitive play!



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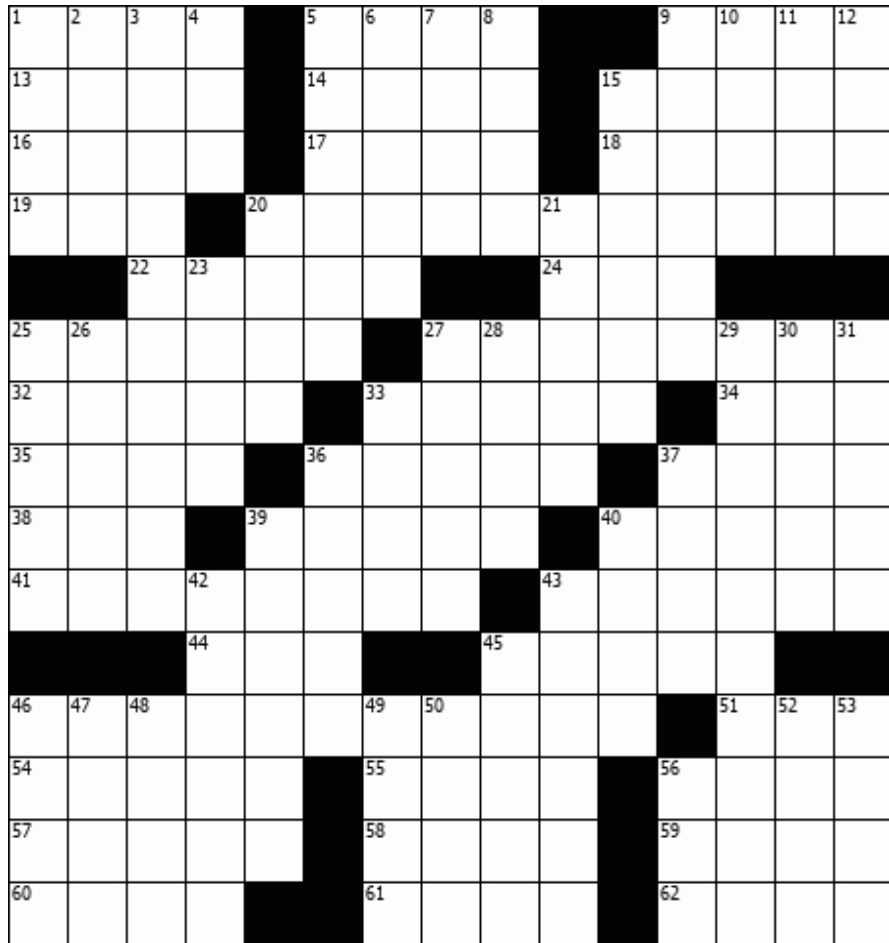


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# Happy St. Patrick's Day

**Across**

- 1. A Connors' rival
- 5. "The Shadow" star Baldwin
- 9. Graft recipient
- 13. Word in a pay-per-view event, perhaps
- 14. Skywalker cohort
- 15. Donnybrook
- 16. Sport fisherman's catch
- 17. Telephone button
- 18. Idle and Roberts
- 19. Commandments chest
- 20. Canine's canine?
- 22. New Day divider
- 24. "We Three Kings of Orient \_\_\_"
- 25. Play boisterously
- 27. Rhodes sight
- 32. Perform community service, perhaps
- 33. Jingles
- 34. \_\_\_-Magnon
- 35. Some island souvenirs
- 36. Emulates Ederle
- 37. Plus or minus, e.g.
- 38. Country singer Davis
- 39. Shoe finish
- 40. Luster
- 41. Tasting the air
- 43. Mite-sized
- 44. "\_\_\_ Heldenleben" (Strauss piece)
- 45. Funk of Funk & Wagnalls
- 46. Fashionable doggy?
- 51. Biblical matriarch
- 54. Salon solution
- 55. Rhymester
- 56. Knocked off a dragon
- 57. Seasonal workers
- 58. Slippery trees?
- 59. Colonial governor Thomas
- 60. Piano pieces?
- 61. Where or wise starter
- 62. Way up a hill



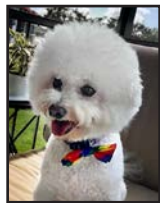
**Down**

- 1. '70s pop quartet
- 2. Head for the heavens
- 3. Canine laryngitis?
- 4. Short tabloid subjects
- 5. Distribute into groups
- 6. Yoga position
- 7. Distinctive flair
- 8. Extension extension
- 9. Protagonists
- 10. Miscellany
- 11. Denominational offshoot
- 12. "Live at Red Rocks" pianist
- 15. Underground railways of Paris and D.C.
- 20. It's famous for its rapid transit
- 21. Type of pitch
- 23. Ages
- 25. Settles
- 26. Mr. T's gang
- 27. Signaling
- 28. "That's a new one \_\_\_!"
- 29. Experimental pooch?
- 30. Strong impulses
- 31. Heavyweight Liston
- 33. Mattress size
- 36. They're under the patellae
- 37. Queens diamond?
- 39. Playground staples
- 40. Seal in the juices
- 42. Microscope parts
- 43. Fly over the equator?
- 45. Knickknacks
- 46. Arduous journey
- 47. Ruffle some feathers
- 48. A deadly sin
- 49. Blunted weapon
- 50. Certain car payment
- 52. Pinto rival of old
- 53. Wide-spouted jug
- 56. Carter of classic TV

# Fast Eddie's Adventures

## The Big Sleep

By Ken Schlossberg



For some reason or another, the older we get the more we seem to need to sleep.

And, for another reason or other, humans and dogs throughout history seem to associate sleep with each other.

For instance: "Let sleeping dogs lie." At first glance, you might think that would mean that sleeping dogs have a problem with the truth.

Au contraire, mon ami. It means don't try to solve a problem when there is a good chance that you might make it worse. And the older you get the more chance there is you will definitely make it worse!

Bark, bark, bark, bark, bark!

Ever since humans came down from the trees to sleep on the ground, dogs have been sleeping with them.

You know the expression "A Three Dog Night?" That actually comes from the Australian Aborigines and their faithful dingo companions. Not some rock band imitating a bunch of dingoes banging away on wired guitars.

On a cold night in the cave, the dingoes would curl up against them, keeping them warm. They called that a "One Dog Night." On a colder night, they called it a "Two Dog Night." And, on

the coldest night, they called it a "Three Dog Night."

Is that cool or what? Bark, bark.

During this winter Florida El Niño, Kenny, Sophia, and I have bundled up in bed under three blankets to ward off the cold fronts propelled by the jet stream across the peninsula.

Kenny has risen in the frigid pre-dawn and dressed like he was going to the ski slopes instead of the frosty golf course! "Lucky you", he said to me, "I wish I had your fur coat!"

Shakespeare was big on writing about sleep. Remember tortured Hamlet? "To die, to sleep, perchance to dream—aye, there's the rub. For in that sleep of death what dreams may come?"

Poor Ophelia trying to figure out Ham's angst. Billy should have written in a great dog for Ham to sleep with; that might have straightened him out.

I had a terrible nightmare the other night. I moaned and groaned and jumped straight up into the air! Bark, bark, bark bark, bark.

I woke up Kenny and Sophia. They tried to calm me down.

"What's wrong?" they asked me.

I barked that I had an empty bowl dream! That I was starving to death!

They looked at each other. Actually, they put me on half rations after Doctor John at Just Paws said I had high blood pressure and needed to lose about four pounds.

They called my therapist, Siggy Freud, even though he charges double time for middle of the night calls.

"He's faking it," Siggy said. "Dogs don't have nightmares."

I barked at him in real indignation. "Siggy, you're a quack," I barked. "Forget it, Eddie," he answered. "I've got your number."

He told Kenny and Sophie to give me his usual solution for all my problems – a glass of warm milk and a shot of bourbon.

I lapped it up and we all went back to sleep like babies. I had another dream but not a nightmare. I dreamed I reported Siggy to State Medical Board for malpractice and they took away his license.

Bark, bark, bark, bark!

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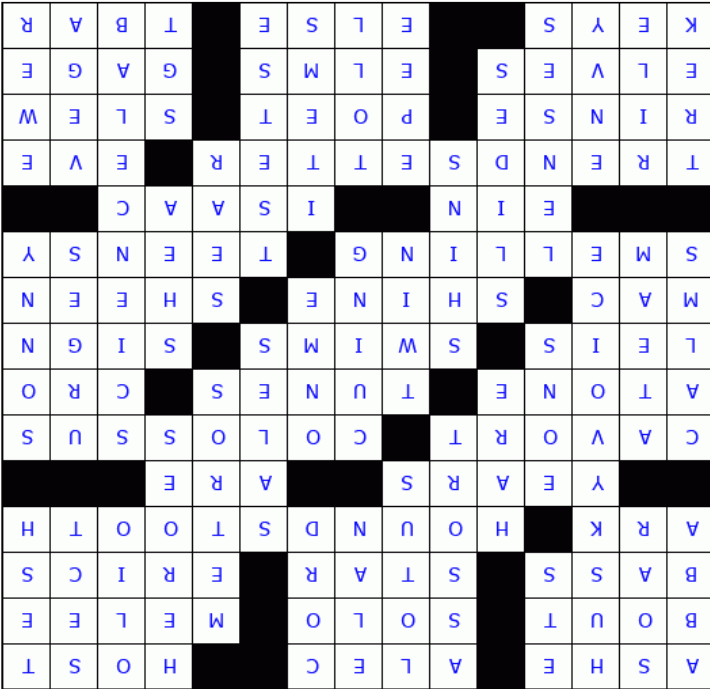
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- Billiard League** – Love to play pool in a friendly but competitive setting? The Hollybrook Billiard League meets every Thursday from 6p-10p in the Billiard Room in the Rec Building. Interested in joining? Contact Pierre at (514) 322-3274.
- Bocce 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** – Love to read? Every month during season the Hollybrook Book meets to discuss a book. A great place to make new friends and expand your library! Next meeting: 3/20/24 at 4:00pm, Room 208A, Rec Building. Contact Dorothy Aaron at [Dorothy.aaron@sympatico.ca](mailto:Dorothy.aaron@sympatico.ca) for more information
- Bridge Club** – Bridge Club is back. Every Wednesday, 12:30pm – 4pm, Social Hall, \$5 games
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- Silver Sneakers Fitness** – Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 9:15 a.m.; All classes in the Social Hall.
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### Things to Celebrate in March

- March 3: I Want You To Be Happy Day
- March 9: Get Over It Day
- March 12: Girl Scouts Day
- March 14: Pi Day
- March 16: National Quilting Day
- March 17: **ST. PATRICK'S DAY**
- March 18: Awkward Moments Day
- March 19: Earth Day
- March 29: Make Up Your Own Holiday Day
- March 30: National Doctor Day



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Pickup - Publix/Dollar Tree 11:30 am

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

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

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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

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