

The Springboard

Springwood II's Monthly Newsletter

March 2022 Edition



COMMUNITY INFO:

Trash Collection: Tues. & Fri.

Recycle Collection: Wed. Only

Important Telephone Numbers:

Spectrum 855-222-0102

To report cable issues or to order upgraded services.

If necessary, reference Springwood II

Account Number: 0034865037-01

Duke Energy 800-228-8485

Follow prompts to report power outages or streetlight issues.

City of Pinellas Park

Waste Management:

Trash: 727-369-0690

Management Company Info:

Ameri-Tech Property Management

Main Office: Hours: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

24701 U.S. 19N, Suite 102

Clearwater, Florida 33763

Office: 727-726-8000 - Ext. 247

Fax: 727-723-1101

Property Manager: Jenny Kidd

Satellite Office:

St. Petersburg Satellite Office

6415 1st Avenue South

St. Petersburg, FL 33707

Springwood II Website:

To view our documents and other forms, visit our community website:

<http://springwoodvillas2.org/>

Email Springboard Articles To:

artdelia924@gmail.com

Or -

Submit typed or legible hand-written articles to my home address mailbox:

10657 Rosewood Court

2022 Board of Directors:

President: Raul Ramirez 206-713-4154

Vice Pres: Jennifer Hanks 508-245-7427

Treasurer: Karen Ekdahl 727-239-6912

Secretary: Mary Young 727-214-8690

Directors: Richard Bennett 267-687-9005

Linda D'Elia 727-546-6398

Connie Mowrey 814-590-1186

Please contact a director only in an emergency. Non-Emergencies should be forwarded to Cindy or the management company.

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TGIF is coming back on Friday March 4 starting at 5 PM until? Bring your own drink (setups will be provided) plus a dish (casserole, salad, dessert, etc.) of your choice to share. You say you don't cook or bake? No problem! There are food stores nearby. Event starts with drinks and nibbles while playing trivia for prizes then dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. Questions? Contact me at 710-5517.

Submitted by Kelly Bagley

New Clubhouse Office Hours:

Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Cindy is the assistant for Jenny Kidd, our Ameri-Tech Property manager. She is in the office **two** days a week and is the direct liaison to the board and Management Company.

Office Telephone Number: 727-545-0166

Springwood II Email Address: springwoodvilla2@gmail.com

Cindy will help residents:

- Make Copies
- Send a Fax
- Record and forward community issues, complaints, and suggestions to the Board and/or Jenny Kidd

Attention All Ladies:

Let's Restart the Ladies' "Out & About" Luncheon

For years the ladies in our community have enjoyed the once-a-month luncheon get-together. Unfortunately, since Covid, this gathering has been on hold.

As of March 2022, Daisy Deets will be the coordinator in charge of scheduling the hostesses for the monthly Out & About luncheons.

The coordinator will ask for volunteers to pick a month to host the luncheon. The second Tuesday of the month at noon was the best day to choose in the past.

Please call Daisy at 678-294-4541 if you would like to host a monthly luncheon.

The Hostess calls the restaurant of her choice to reserve a date and time, give them an estimated count of attendees. Then two days before the luncheon the hostess will call the restaurant with count and confirmation.

The Hostess will also advise Art D'Elia, Springboard Editor, before the 21st of the month the where and when your luncheon will be. You can reach Art by email at artdelia924@gmail.com or submit a typed or legible handwritten article to his garage door mail slot.

Anyone interested in attending a monthly luncheon should call the hostess to reserve a seat. (This will give the hostess an accurate count)

Also, if you reserved a seat and need to cancel, you must let the hostess know. *Thank You, Linda Gove*

Joke Corner:

Shrinking Clothes

I've been thinking that the dryer has been shrinking my clothes, but it turns out it's the refrigerator.

The Time Traveling Soldier

A soldier came into the clinic for an MRI. He was put into the machine by an attractive young woman. Sometime later when the examination was done, he was helped out by a far older woman. The bewildered soldier asked "how long was I in there?"

Hipster

"What's a hipster?" asked my 4-year-old. "A hipster is someone who will wear stuff just to look different. They often buy their clothes at thrift stores and wear thick glasses." After considering this he asked, "Is grandma a hipster?"

Submitted by Peggy Evans

Ladies

"Out & About"

Place: **O'Keefe's Tavern**
Location: 1219 S. Fort Harrison Ave.
Clearwater, FL 33756
(Near Morton Plant Hosp.)

Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Time: 11:30 a.m.

RSVP

Daisy Deets - 678-294-4541
No Later Than Friday, March 11, 2022

"Hope to see you there"

Let Me Know if You Need a Ride or Directions.

FINAL REMINDER

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Saturday, March 19, 2022

8am - 3pm

***"One man's junk is another
man's treasure"***

Sign-up sheet will be in the Clubhouse
Lobby so that interested parties will
know who is participating.

***GREAT TIME TO COME OUT AND MEET
YOUR NEIGHBORS!!!***

March Anniversaries:

Antionette & Kevin Begley 3/7
Jimmie and Carl Widen 3/13
Maria and Francisco Navarro 3/15

March Birthdays:

Charles Brunnelle 3/2	Tony Cipolla 3/16
Diane Harrop 3/4	Kathy Moreland 3/16
Michael Cedeno 3/6	Eleanor Sabo 3/20
Phil Norton 3/6	Brenda Catron 3/22
Dave Clemens 3/10	Vivian Esposito 3/23
Lou Salerno 3/11	Kris Gawron 3/26
Norman Serle 3/14	Digna Cedeno 3/27
Sandy Clemons 3/15	Paul Clemons 3/29

Save these dates . . .

Monday, March 14th - Perishables
Sign Up at 2:15

Monday, March 28th - Non-Perishables
Sign Up at 12:15

Food Pantry Procedure:

The sign-up sheet will be in the library starting at the above time schedule. Please take the corresponding chip number next to your name. Food should be available approximately 15 minutes after it's delivered.

Please enter the main hall through the kitchen entrance. You will be limited to one meat item the first time through. You may also be limited to one of the other items depending on the quantity we have. Once everyone has gone through you may go back around.

If you have a neighbor that can't make it, you may select items for them. Just let one of the volunteers know who else you are taking food for.

Thank you, Jennifer Hanks

Karaoke Night:

Karaoke will be on Friday, March 11, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Bring your own drink and \$2.00 to \$5.00 for pizza.

Submitted by Richard Bennett

Board Workshop Meeting:

A board workshop meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. in the clubhouse library.

This is open to all residents who want to attend.

TGIF:

Friday, March 4th at 5:00 p.m.

Thankfully we can get together again and have a pleasant time at TGIF.

T.G.I.F. will be celebrated on the first Friday of every month.

Kelly Bagley will be the host for this month.

Please contact me at 541-4220 if you would like to host a TGIF.

Submitted by Dolores Hoener

Pool Aquatics:

The pool classes for arthritis fitness will start up again in March. See the calendar on the back of the Springboard.

Everyone is welcome to participate. Just show up! Any questions please call Peggy Evans at 209-331-9245.

Springwood II

BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 26th

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

\$4.00 per person

MENU:

French Toast or Biscuits & Gravy

*All come with Sausage, Orange Juice,
Coffee or Tea*

(Take-Out Orders Available)

Any Questions Call:

Mary Spielman at 727-545-0315 or
Betty Simon at 727-541-7204

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MARCH CLUBHOUSE ACTIVITIES

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Daylight Savings Time  Sunday, March 13th		1 1:00 p.m. AQUATICS 10:00 a.m. CHAIR VOLLEYBALL	2 1:00 p.m. AQUATICS 6:00 p.m. BINGO <i>Ground Hog Day</i>	3 10:30 a.m. Stretch Band Exercises 2:00 p.m. CHAIR VOLLEYBALL	4 1:00 p.m. AQUATICS 5:00 p.m.  <i>In The Library</i>	5 2:00 p.m. CHAIR VOLLEYBALL
6	7 10:30 a.m. Stretch Band Exercises 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. BIBLE STUDY	8 1:00 p.m. AQUATICS 10:00 a.m. CHAIR V-BALL 7:00 p.m. B.O.D. MEETING	9 1:00 p.m. AQUATICS 6:00 p.m. BINGO	10 10:30 a.m. Stretch Band Exercises 2:00 p.m. CHAIR VOLLEYBALL	11 1:00 p.m. AQUATICS 6 to 9 p.m. KARAOKE <i>at the clubhouse</i> Bring Your Own Drink	12 2:00 p.m. CHAIR VOLLEYBALL Move Clocks Ahead 1 Hour at Bedtime
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins	14 10:30 a.m. Stretch Band Exercises FOOD PANTRY Perishables <i>Sign Up at 2:15</i>	15 1:00 p.m. AQUATICS 10:00 a.m. CHAIR VOLLEYBALL Ladies Out & About Luncheon	16 1:00 p.m. AQUATICS 6:00 p.m. BINGO	17 10:30 a.m. Stretch Band Exercises 2:00 p.m. CHAIR VOLLEYBALL <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18 1:00 p.m. AQUATICS	19 2:00 p.m. CHAIR VOLLEYBALL
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27	28 10:30 a.m. Stretch Band Ex. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. FOOD PANTRY Non-Perishables <i>Sign Up at 12:15</i>	29 1:00 p.m. AQUATICS 10:00 a.m. CHAIR VOLLEYBALL	30 1:00 p.m. AQUATICS 3:00 p.m. B. O. D. Workshop Meeting 6:00 p.m. BINGO	31 10:30 a.m. Stretch Band Exercises 2:00 p.m. CHAIR VOLLEYBALL		

Commentary:

I recently attended the board meeting on Monday, February 21, 2022, that was called to inform residents of the outrageous insurance premium for 03/01/2022 through 03/01/2023, and the affect that it has on all of us.

I was surprised and pleased by the self-control most residents exhibited considering the huge \$1,776.00 assessment we all must pay.

The blame is on the developer who wrote our documents when our condominium community was first established. Especially the owner's maintenance guidelines which is directly responsible for our present situation.

As with the present board, previous boards had to follow those guidelines to fulfill their fiduciary responsibilities.

Some residents didn't believe the previous boards when they warned about the possible insurance premiums and the insurability of our roofs.

Now we all know that the warnings weren't a scare tactic. We all didn't take it seriously, did we? Now for this year we must pay the piper.

Some residents were heard saying that they won't pay the assessment. The board will have no choice but to protect the interests of the Association as well as the residents who did pay the assessment. To correct our present situation and get the best possible insurance premium, we must start replacing the roofs that have zero to five years of remaining useful life before our next insurance premium is due.

This can be accomplished by instituting a Roof Reserve. Which will give the board the responsibility and the funds needed to schedule replacement of roofs within the zero-to-five-year life expectancy.

Just so you understand, the remaining useful life expectancy that we received from the engineer who inspected our roofs do not coincide with

the insurance companies' remaining useful life years guidelines.

One resident at the meeting referred to Mainland's and that they replace the roofs. That's true in some units, but not all.

Mainland's 4 for example, unit owners must carry their own hazard insurance. They can do this because they own their land. (We don't) Their Association replaces the roofs as needed because they have a roof reserve set aside for that purpose.

Their monthly maintenance fees are \$420 per unit. Add what they pay at last year's insurance rates for hazard insurance (\$1,800.00) puts their actual monthly costs to about \$570.00 per unit.

Another resident said we should sue the zero roof life owners. While the zero life roofs are a big part of the huge increase, there are also many roofs that are past full replacement value.

In the grand scheme of things, it boils down to not having a roof reserve.

What can we do to improve our present insurance rates?

1. We must immediately start a Roof Reserve. This will require two thirds owner approval. To get roof replacements going this year, this would incur an additional assessment this year. If we don't, we will be facing the same insurance premium in 2023 as this year and a minimum of \$150.00 increase in our monthly maintenance fees.
(Not a scare tactic)
2. If approved, our documents will need to be rewritten to reflect the new provision.
3. You cannot ignore this issue; it won't go away on its own.

Submitted by Art D'Elia

It's TIME (again) to Revisit your Recycling Efforts

THE # 1 DON'T (NO Plastic Bags ... NONE are allowed in curbside recycling)

- Don't put your recyclable items in any plastic bags
- Don't put any plastic bags in your curbside bin
- All items **MUST** be **LOOSE** in a bin

WHY?

- Plastic bags are not able to be recycled at the Pinellas County facility
- Recyclables that are in bags will just get set aside **AS TRASH**
(Therefore, your recycling efforts will be wasted)
- If bags do get through initial sorting - they tangle the equipment, slow/stop work, and cause hazards for workers

If you want to recycle plastic bags go to sites like Publix (look outside their entrance doors for containers that take plastic bags and things like foam egg crates).

These items are NOT part of curbside recycling (but are recycled at different facilities).

REMEMBER - only stick to the Basics when recycling at curbside - see list in the recycling guide

Want to learn more?

See the Pinellas County 2022 Recycling Guide (extra copies are available in Springwood II library)

Go to tampabayrecycles.org

Lots of information ...

(* view the two videos under the headings "Tanglers" and "Plastic Bags" to understand the DON'TS listed above)

Also, this site has link to the Pinellas County site (and the online copy of the 2022 Recycling Guide)

Cookin with Kenn

Ultimate Chocolate Chip Cookies

INGREDIENTS:

- ¾ cup Crisco veggie shortening
- 1 ¼ cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 2 tablespoon milk
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 1 egg
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¾ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup chopped pecans

DIRECTIONS:

Heat oven to 375 degrees.

Beat shortening, brown sugar, milk, and vanilla in large bowl with mixer on medium speed until well blended. Beat in egg. Stir flour, salt, and baking soda in medium bowl. Gradually beat into creamed mixture until just blended. Stir in chocolate chips and nuts.

Drop by rounded measuring tablespoonfuls 3 inches apart onto baking sheet.

Bake 8-10 minutes for chewy cookies, or 11-13 minutes for crisp cookies.

Cool 2 minutes. Remove to wire rack to cool.

Submitted by Kenn Burkhead

Killer Tuna Melt

Ingredients and Directions:

Drain water from can.

Mix tuna with diced red onion, celery, and pickle, and 1 teaspoon mayo and lemon juice. Top red bell pepper halves with tuna ½ slice cheddar.

Bake at 300 degrees for 7 minutes.

Submitted by Kenn Burkhead