

THE VILLAGE GREEN SCENE

Active 55+ Resort Living



Village Green MHC

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SHEILA'S COLUMN

Just some little info to share that might also put a smile on your face!

Make Your Own Luck

Would you like to increase the odds of something good happening in your life? Good luck is more likely to strike if you step out of your comfort zone and are receptive to fresh opportunities. Experts say that being open to new activities, people and places can help create more positive experiences.

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DAILY/WEEKLY

8am Daily	Coffee Bar
9:30am M-F	Pool Exercises
9:30am Tues.	Bowling League
9:30am M-F	Bocce
10am Sun.	VG Church
10am-3pm Tues.	Arts & Crafts
10am Wed.	Shuffleboard
10am MWF	Walking Club
10am Thurs. 1&3	Mexican Train
10am Thurs. 2&4	Rummikub
10:15am M-F	Pool Exercises
11am MWF	Pool Time w/Joan
11am Tues.	Chair Yoga
11am Wed. & Fri.	Zumba
11am Wed. & Fri.	Pinochle
Noon Sat.	Food by Pool
1pm Mon.	Watercolor/Paint
1pm Tues. & Thurs.	Canasta
1pm Mon. Wed. Fri.	Ceramics
1pm Tu. & Th.	Acrylic Painting
1:30 Fri.	Mahjong
2pm 2nd Tues.	Book Club
2:30pm Wed.	Show M T Money
3pm Daily	Happy Hour
4:30pm Tues & Thurs	Aquacise
4pm Thurs.	Line Dancing
5pm Wed. & Sun.	Water Vball
6pm Tues.	Adult Coloring
6pm Mon.	Classy Crafters
6pm Mon.	Shuffleboard
6pm Wed.	Wine Wednesdays
6pm Thurs.	Bible Study
6:30pm Tues.	Billiards
6:30 every other Wed.	Bunco
7pm Sun.	Cribbage
7pm Mon.	Game Night
7pm Tues.	Euchre
7pm Wed.	Bingo
7pm Thurs.	Pinochle

Sheila's Column Cont.

Name Tags to the Rescue

They're the superheroes of many business and social situations: brightly colored peel-and-stick badges bearing the cheerful words "Hello, my name is ..." Office supplier C-Line Products invented the stickers in 1959, and they've since become the company's signature product as well as a global icon. Write your name on one and wear it on March 6, Name Tag Day, or any day you want to make new friends.

Puppy Dog Eyes

National Puppy Day, March 23, celebrates the irresistible charm of puppies. Scientists have recently discovered that the mournful expression affectionately called "puppy dog eyes" is a trait that domesticated dogs developed over generations in order to communicate with people. Unlike their close relative the wolf, dogs have facial muscles that enable them to raise their eyebrows, which triggers a nurturing emotion in humans.

Time Change

Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. on the second Sunday in March. Be sure to "spring forward" the night before by setting your clocks an hour ahead, and consider going to bed early to help you rise and

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shine on Sunday morning instead of sleeping in.

Count Your Caffeine Intake

For many people, caffeine provides an energy boost on sleepy mornings or drowsy afternoons. Medical experts agree that 400 milligrams of caffeine a day is safe for most adults, but consuming too much or at the wrong time can interrupt your sleep or make you feel anxious. During Caffeine Awareness Month in March, refresh yourself on the typical amount of caffeine in an 8-ounce serving of popular beverages:

- Coffee: 96 milligrams
- Black tea: 47 milligrams
- Green tea: 28 milligrams
- Energy drink: 29 milligrams
- Cola: 22 milligrams

Keep these numbers in mind, and read labels, to adjust your caffeine intake as needed.

Alert for Allergy Weather

It's the season for allergies. Local weather forecasts often include pollen counts. But if you miss those numbers, you can still be prepared with a do-it-yourself weather check. Expect symptoms to flare up when it's windy, warm and dry. During rainy weather and breeze-free days, the pollen level will likely be lower.

Sheila Blevins, Manager

With Sympathy

Please offer your condolences to the family and friends of the resident who has passed away.

Elsa Katz



Resident Meeting

Resident Appreciation Party

Our annual Resident Appreciation Party will be held on Tuesday, March 11th. There will be 2 seatings; as in the past the **first meet & greet** will be @ **Noon** with the **meal served @ 12:30**, with music for your listening pleasure or dancing after you eat. The **second meet & greet** will be @ **5:30** and the **meal served @ 6pm**, also with music being provided for your listening pleasure or dancing

Resident Appreciation Party Cont.

after you eat.

You must be sure to call (727) 577-5000 or email me at jchampagne@thesman.com to make a reservation. When you make your reservation, you must tell me what seating you will be attending -- the noon or the later one at 5:30. I will call you or email you back to confirm your reservation.

You must be on a reservation list to attend. We need this info for the food count for the caterer.

Any questions, feel free to call me. Thanks!



HITCH-A-RIDE

FREE transportation service provided to all residents. Please call the office, 727-577-0135, either prior to the day or before 8:30am the morning of the day you would like to be picked up. Leave your NAME, LOT# and day you will be taking the bus. It is important that you tell us if we are picking you up at your home or at the Clubhouse.

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS

Gateway Mall

Publix, Post Office, Target, CVS & Bealls

Clubhouse Pickup 9:30AM

Publix - Drop-Off 10:00AM

Publix - Pickup 12:00PM

WEDNESDAYS (1st, 3rd & 5th)

Walmart/Aldi

Clubhouse Pickup 9:30AM

Walmart - Drop-Off 10:00AM

Walmart Pickup 12:00PM

WEDNESDAYS (2nd & 4th)

Winn-Dixie & Rutland Plaza -

Big Lots, Bealls Outlet, Save-A-Lot & Dollar General

Clubhouse Pickup 9:30AM

W-D Drop-Off 10:00AM

Winn-Dixie - Pickup

12:00PM

Welcome New Residents



David Meharg
Daryl & Mary DeWitt



With a Little Luck

Playwright Tennessee

Williams famously wrote, "Luck is believing you're lucky." But some people believe special charms or certain actions can encourage luck. Use the following questions to start a discussion with your friends and family about how good fortune comes your way.

- What is your definition of luck?
- Do you believe luck can be influenced by something you do, such as wearing a lucky shirt or picking up a penny on the street?
- Do you have a lucky charm, a lucky number or a specific ritual that you believe brings you good fortune? If so, explain how it has brought you good luck.
- Look back at your past experiences and talk about a memorable event in which luck—good or bad—played a part in the situation.
- Do you believe some people are "born lucky"?
- Whether it's bingo, dice games or the lottery, do you enjoy games of chance that involve luck? Why or why not?
- Discuss a time when you were able to turn bad luck around and transform it into an opportunity or success.



Happy Birthday

Birthdays Cont.

3/14	Victoria Sellner
3/15	Pamela Mathew
3/16	Amy Comstock Tracy Haughton Glendon J. Manell Kimberly Phillips
3/17	James Ecker Patricia Walsh
3/18	Kay Jo Karnitz Jammice Mc Fall Robert Patton
3/19	Evelyn Brown Michael Ricketts Gail Vibert
3/20	Bobby Burrell Mary DeWitt Michael Layson
3/21	Cheryl Dininno Robert Letarte Margaret Wooley
3/22	Jaclyn Abbett Patricia Gulliver Catherine Nolte Stutts Williams
3/23	Douglas Greenberg Mark Wilbur
3/24	Irene Borgias James Kearns Lynn Snow
3/26	Reno Carrier Charlotte Martin Colleen Rigatti
3/27	Aleta Brown Debbie Fernald Ronnie Floyd Wayne Howland Charlotte Lasher Elliott Miller
3/29	Steven Billington Theresa Ferrebee Craig Miaker
3/30	Ronald Snow

3/1	Debbra Aleshire Donna Foxworth Marjorie Redding
3/3	Joanne Champagne Cynthia Connelly Filomena DaCosta Silva
3/4	David Bolton Joyce DeVore
3/5	Leonard Bonter, Jr. Brenda Buck Nancy Hefftner Elizabeth Jureatic
3/6	Valerie Cochran
3/7	Mark Connelly Jayne Knapp Frances Lepine Carol Peterson Barbara Rosales Janice Royal
3/8	Valdecir Ferris Joan Jasper
3/9	Julie Davis Carol Moseley Candace Vacca
3/10	Dorreen Thorp
3/11	Frank DeRosa Colleen Peacock Richard J. Zifchock
3/12	Judith Fulginiti Richard Kewell Nancy Nelson Carl Remmes

Come and See the Homes We Have Available Today!



2BD/2BA- This unit is a 1979, 864+ sq ft. fully remodeled 2019. Open kitchen floor plan. White cabinets with white appliances. Butler's bar/cabinets located off the kitchen. Separate dining area. Extra living room area located in the front of the home. This home has an ex-large utility shed. 1039



2BD/2BA plus a den- this unit is a 1979, 1152 sq ft. Multiple upgrades done between 2019 & 2023. Large galley kitchen. Oak cabinets with white appliances. Breakfast nook adjoined to the kitchen, as well as a formal dining area. Tiled walk-in shower. Primary suite bathroom is handicap accessible. Separate office room/bedroom/den area located in the front of the home. The washer and dryer located in the home. Larger utility shed with plenty of storage area. Two car spaces under the carport. 1040



2BD/2BA - This unit is a 1973, 1104 sq ft. fully remodeled 2019. Open kitchen floor plan. White cabinets with white appliances. Breakfast bar in the center of the kitchen. Tiled walk-in showers in both bathrooms. Separate living room area located in the front of the home. Two new bathrooms installed. The primary bedroom has a private bathroom with plenty of closet space. Screened inside Florida room. 1073

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2BD/2BA plus a den - This unit is a 1978, 1056+ sq ft. fully updated 2024. Open floor kitchen. Extra-large breakfast bar located in the kitchen. Stainless steel appliances are all new. Separate dining room area. Primary bathroom has a beautiful, tiled walk-in shower. Tankless water heater. This home comes with a one-year home shield warranty. 1093



2BD/2BA - This unit is a 1977, 1104 sq ft. square-shaped kitchen with a combined dining area. There is an extra closed-in living space in front of the home. The primary suite has plenty of closet space with a bathroom attached. Closed-in screen area under the carport. 1182



2BD/2BA - This unit is a 1977, 1104 sq ft. L. Square-shaped kitchen with a kitchen breakfast counter. Separate dining area with a built-in hutch. Large living room area. The primary suite has plenty of closet space with a walk-in shower bathroom attached. Closed-in screen front porch area. 1250

A Timely Debut

The first issue of Time magazine hit newsstands on March 3, 1923.

Featured Photo



4 BD, plus a den 2 BA - Located in a cul-de-sac. This unit is 1979 1440 sq ft. Home has cathedral ceilings. Open floor plan. Light blush cabinets, plenty of counter space. Piano finish laminate floors. Extra-large primary bathroom with plenty of closet space. Inside laundry/storage room attached to the kitchen. 4021



2BD + Den, 2BA- This unit is a 1973, 920+ sq ft. Fully remodeled 2022. The kitchen has a large breakfast bar, located in the center of the kitchen. Stainless-steel appliances. Tiled walk-in showers with granite countertops. Separate living room area located on the side of the home. Two new bathrooms have been installed. The bedrooms are located on separate ends of the home. New double-pane windows installed in 2024 with a transferable lifetime warranty. New AC with a 10-year warranty. All new ductwork. 5117

Eat for Allergy Relief

Do seasonal allergies have you sniffing and sneezing? Certain foods may provide some relief by reducing inflammation and strengthening the immune system. Try broccoli, onions, garlic, pineapple, oranges, watermelon and tomatoes.



Activities

Hoping you all enjoyed the Surfin' Raccoons for the Valentine's Party. I know you all welcomed having Bingo back in February.

March is starting out with the Surfin' Raccoons on Friday, March 7th, from 6pm to 9pm.

Then, of course, there will be our Resident Appreciation Party on Tuesday, March 11th. As stated on page 3, be sure to call or email me to get your reservation confirmed for the time slot you will be attending. You will need a reservation to attend. The party will be a little different this year and I think you will find it very enjoyable.

Then, of course, we will have our St. Patrick's Day Party. It will be with Tony of Bittersweet & Kathy from Kathy and friends.

Also Tuesday, March 18th, Jennifer, the rep from Sam's, will be here to renew or open Sam's memberships at a discount rate. Please bring your HOA membership card to be eligible.

So that's about it for now. Always working on bringing new ideas to the table.

A group has started up Rummikub again on Thursday mornings, @ 11am, in the Card Room. Come join them.

**Joanne, Activities
Director**

Homes Cont.



2BD/2BA - This unit is a 1978, 1104 sq. ft. fully remodeled 2023. New kitchen, new stainless steel appliances, new tiled walk-in showers, granite countertops. Additional living room area located in the front of the home. All new plank floors, new drywall. New A/C unit 2023. The primary bedroom has a private bathroom with plenty of closet space. The seller is offering a one-year American Home Shield Warranty. 1280

Homes Cont.



3BD/2BA- This unit is a 1978, 1174 sq ft. fully remodeled 2024. New kitchen with Corian countertops. New stainless steel appliances. All custom lighting throughout the home. The bedroom has a new tiled walk-in shower. The guest bedroom is located on the other side of the home. The guest room has a clawfoot tub. All new plank floors, new drywall. Washer and dryer inside the home. Tankless water heater. No neighbors behind the house. 4034

Spring It On!

"No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow," says a popular proverb. The new season arrives on March 20.

Homes Cont.



2BD/2BA - This unit is a 1973, 1056 sq ft. Open kitchen area. Plenty of kitchen cabinet space with Formica countertops. Separate dining area. Tile flooring. Screened-in front porch area. X-large storage space. 4060

Homes Cont.



2BD/2BA - This unit is a 1977, 1104 sq ft. remodeled open kitchen floor plan. White cabinets with white appliances. Breakfast bar in the center of the kitchen. Guest bathroom updated. Separate living room area located in the front of the home. Two new bathrooms installed. The primary bedroom has a private bathroom with plenty of closet space. Closed inside Florida room. 5034

Honoring Vietnam Veterans

Vietnam War Veterans Day is observed every year on March 29. We offer a salute to all the Vietnam War vets in our community and thank you for your service.

A Sound Cause

Hear, hear! Protect your ears. March 3 is International Ear Care Day.

Homes Cont.



2BD/2BA - This unit is a 1974, 1152 sq ft. updated 2019. Open-floor kitchen. Extra-large breakfast bar located in the kitchen. Stainless steel appliances. Separate dining room area. The guest bathroom has a beautiful, tiled walk-in shower. The primary bedroom has a large walk-in closet. Screened-in Florida room. No neighbors behind you. 5041



2BD/2BA, Den - This unit is a 1972, 1056 sq. ft. fully remodeled 2024. New kitchen, new stainless steel appliances. New tiled walk-in showers, granite countertops. All new planking floors, new drywall. New AC/heat. This home offers a large extra room. The primary bedroom has a private bathroom with plenty of closet space. The seller is offering a one-year American Home Shield warranty. 5068



2 bedroom, 1 bath- This unit is a 1973, 695 sq ft. - Updated 2021, Open kitchen area, Plenty of white cabinet space with Formica. Beautiful picture window in front of home that gives plenty of light from outdoors. Planking floors throughout the home. Updated bathroom. The primary bedroom can fit a king-size bed, and the guest bedroom will fit a double. Screened in front porch. 5070

Homes Cont.



2BD/2BA - This unit is a 1978, 720+ sq ft. fully remodeled 2022. New kitchen, new stainless steel appliances. New tiled walk-in showers, granite countertops. Separate living room area located on the side of the home. New plank floors. Drywall throughout the home. Two new bathrooms installed. The bedrooms are located on separate ends of the home. Open front porch. 5073



2BD/2BA - This unit is a 1993, 1152 sq ft. Home has cathedral ceilings. Open floor plan. Light blush cabinets, plenty of counter space. Laundry/storage room attached to the kitchen. Extra large primary bathroom with plenty of closet space. Closed-in Florida room adjoined to the back of the home. No neighbors behind the home. 6002

Fanny Pack Day

A fashion fad from the past, fanny packs are back in style. The fabric pouches worn around the waist are convenient for carrying items hands-free, and now they're also being used to help others. In an effort to battle world hunger, International Fanny Pack Day, the second Saturday in March, encourages volunteers to wear fanny packs full of snacks to hand out to people in need.



Out & About

Special Shopping Trips on Other Days!

11:30, MARCH 3RD,
MONDAY, Goodwill

11:30, MARCH 12TH,
WEDNESDAY, Dollar
Tree/Ross

9:30, MARCH 18TH,
TUESDAY, Disston Plaza

11:30, MARCH 26th
WEDNESDAY, Marshalls

NOTE: Walmart Wednesdays
also goes to ALDI!

Call the Office @
727-577-0135 to sign up for
any of these special trips.
(TIMES & DATES MAY BE
SUBJECT TO CHANGE.)

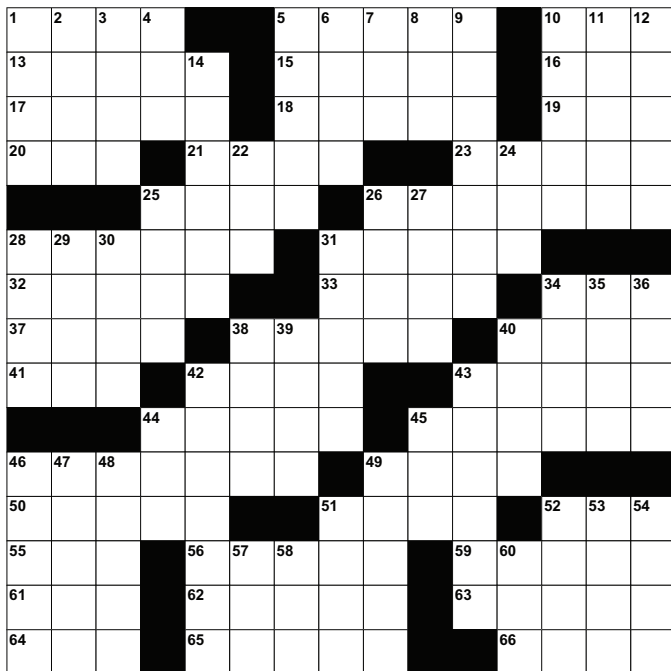
Unlucky Ides

Every year on March 15, it's likely you'll hear someone say, "Beware the ides of March!" So what are ides, and why should we be wary of them? In truth, there's really nothing to fear: On the Ancient Roman calendar, "ides" was simply a word for the halfway point of a month when the full moon usually arrived. However, Julius Caesar made the ides of March famous when he was assassinated on that day in 44 B.C. In William Shakespeare's play about the famous leader, a fortune teller shouts the "Beware the ides of March!" warning, sealing the date's fate as an unlucky omen.

March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
VG Church Every Sunday, Fellowship 9:30am, Service 10am Water Aerobics M-F 9:30am & 10:15am Aquacise W/Joan M-W-F 11am Zumba Wed & Fri 11am						1 BUNCO 2pm
2 VG Church - Water Vball 5pm Cribbage 7pm	3 Water Aerobics Walking Club 10am Mystery Dine-out 5pm All Games Night 7pm OEL Cards	4 Water Aerobics Chair Yoga 11am Canasta 1pm Billiards 6:30pm Euchre 7pm	5 Water Aerobics Walking Club 10am Zumba 11am SMTM 2:30pm Water Vball Wine Wednesdays	6 Water Aerobics Rummikub 11am Canasta 1pm Line Dancing 4pm Bible Study 6pm Pinochle 7pm	7 Water Aerobics Walking Club 10am Mahjong 1:30pm Just Because Party -Surfin' Raccoons 6pm	8
9 VG Church - Water Vball 5pm Cribbage 7pm	10 "NOTICE" HOA MEETING Has Been Scheduled for Tonight 7pm!	11 Resident Appreciation Party NOON or 5:30pm seating. Be sure to confirm your reservation.	12 Water Aerobics Walking Club 10am Zumba 11am SMTM 2:30pm Water Vball Wine Wednesdays	13 Casino Trip 9am Rummikub 11am Canasta 1pm Line Dancing 4pm Bible Study 6pm Pinochle 7pm	14 Water Aerobics Aquacise Walking Club 10am Zumba 11am Mahjong 1:30pm Ice Cream 2:30pm	15 BUNCO 2pm
16 VG Church - Water Vball 5pm Cribbage 7pm	17 Water Aerobics Aquacise Walking Club 10am St. Patrick's Day Party 6pm To 9pm	18 Chair Yoga 11am Canasta 1pm Sam's Club Sign-ups 2pm Billiards 6:30pm Euchre 7pm	19 Water Aerobics Walking Club 10am Zumba 11am SMTM 2:30pm Water Vball Wine Wednesdays	20 Water Aerobics Rummikub 11am Canasta 1pm Line Dancing 4pm Bible Study 6pm Pinochle 7pm	21 Water Aerobics Aquacise Mahjong 1:30pm Monthly Birthday Potluck 6pm Karaoke 7pm	22
23/30 VG Church - Water Vball 5pm Cribbage 7pm	24/31 Water Aerobics Walking Club 10am Mystery Dine-out 24th All Games Night 31st 7pm	25 Water Aerobics Chair Yoga 11am Canasta 1pm Billiards 6:30pm Euchre 7pm Book Club 7pm	26 Water Aerobics Zumba 11am SMTM 2:30pm Water Vball Bingo 7pm Wine Wednesdays	27 Water Aerobics Rummikub 11am Canasta 1pm Line Dancing 4pm Bible Study 6pm Pinochle 7pm	28 Water Aerobics Aquacise Walking Club 10am Zumba 11am Mahjong 1:30pm Ice Cream 2:30pm	29 BUNCO 2pm

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- Compass point
- First letter in Hebrew alphabet
- Irritate
- Notre Dame, Louvre and Eiffel Tower
- Upper body
- Poem of praise
- Scots' neighbors
- Month
- Decompose
- Ball holder
- Govern
- Oblivion
- Location of the Vatican and Coliseum
- Song
- Take refuge (2 wds.)
- Cut of beef
- Concede
- Given salary
- Propel with oars
- What kids do
- Ocean gem
- Honey storage
- Sixth sense
- Egg-shaped fruit
- Asian nation
- Got out of bed
- Gag
- Lecture
- Commune
- Test copy
- Vote in a law
- Digit

DOWN

- Vase
- Old
- A vacation (2 wds.)
- Fish eggs
- Being deceitful
- River Valley famous for vineyards and castles
- Test
- Soft drink brand
- Harness
- Skewer
- Item for sale
- Soft cheese
- Bro.'s sibling
- Dickens' "___ of Two Cities" (2 wds.)
- Run
- Make a mistake
- Pressure unit
- Country of tulips and windmills
- Averages
- Philippine dish with marinated chicken or pork
- Mount (2 wds.)
- Envelop
- Sports official
- Writing liquid
- Depend
- Scorch
- Frozen rain
- Publicity
- Lubricates
- Spring

- Country known for bullfighting, Picasso and Hernán Cortés
- Round cracker brand
- Elliptic
- "as you ___"
- Leaning tower in Italy
- Pitcher
- Smoggy
- Relative
- Celestial radiation emitter
- Rio de Janeiro
- Mr.'s wife
- Sudden stream with force
- Blunder
- Legal tender
- Sharp pains
- Pennsylvania (abbr.)
- Three
- Squeal
- Dueling sword
- Caustic substance
- Directory (abbr.)
- Scriptural your

