

THE VILLAGE GREEN SCENE

Active 55+ Resort Living



Village Green MHC

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Monday–Sunday 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

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OFFICE	577-0135
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May 2026



SHEILA'S COLUMN

The History of Memorial Day

Observed with ceremonies and parades, Memorial Day honors the men and women who gave their lives while serving in the U.S. military.

After the Civil War ended in 1865, people in various cities began decorating the graves of fallen soldiers with flowers, flags and wreaths. This inspired Maj. Gen. John A. Logan, the head of a veterans organization, to designate May 30, 1868, as Decoration Day, a national day of remembrance. It's believed that date was chosen because it didn't fall on the anniversary of any battle, and spring flowers would be in bloom all over the country.

On that first Decoration Day, a large ceremony was held at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington,

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 MWF	Walking Club
10am Thurs. 1&3	Mexican Train
10am Thurs.	Rummikub
10:15am M-F	Pool Exercises
10:30 2nd Thurs	Book Club
11am MWF	Pool Time w/Joan
11am Tues.	Chair Yoga
11am Wed. & Fri.	Zumba
11am Wed. & Fri.	Pinochle
Noon 2nd Sat.	Food by Pool
1pm Mon.	Watercolor/Paint
1pm Tues. & Thurs.	Canasta
1pm Mon. & Wed.	Ceramics
1pm Tu. & Th.	Acrylic Painting
1:00 Fri.	Mahjong
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 1st & 3rd Wed	Bunco
6pm Tues.	Ceramics
6pm Mon.	Classy Crafters
6pm Wed.	Wine Wednesdays
6pm Thurs.	Bible Study
6pm Sat	Corn Hole
6pm Sat	Shuffleboard
6:30pm Tues.	Billiards
7pm Sun.	Cribbage
7pm Mon.	Game Night
7pm Tues.	Euchre
7pm 1st Wed	Activities Mtg
7pm last Wed.	Bingo
7pm Thurs.	Pinochle

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D.C. Officials gave speeches, and more than 5,000 people placed small American flags on the graves of 20,000 Civil War soldiers.

After World War I, Decoration Day was expanded to honor fallen soldiers from all wars. An act of Congress officially renamed it Memorial Day in 1967, and when the law went into effect in 1971, the date of observation was changed to the last Monday in May.

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 10, is Mother's Day. Let the moms in your life know you care with a card, gift, visit or phone call.

Walk It Off

May is Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month, American Stroke Month and Better Hearing Month. Research links regular walking to reduced risk for all three of these conditions. Talk to your health care provider about what works best for you.

Outdoor Safety Tips

Sunshine and warm temperatures lure many of us outdoors this time of year. Keep these safety tips in mind when you head outside:

Stay out of the sun. If possible, avoid the sun when it's at its hottest, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Instead, plan outdoor activities for the early morning or evening, when it's cooler. If you do go out during the heat of the day, try to stay in shaded areas.

Use sunscreen. Protect your skin by slathering on sunscreen with a sun protection factor of 30 or higher every two hours. Reapply it more often if you are swimming or perspiring.

Dress appropriately. To help stay cool, wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothing in light colors. A wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses will provide added sun protection.

Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water and decaffeinated beverages throughout the day, and don't wait until you are thirsty to reach for a glass. Fruits and vegetables are also good sources of fluids.

Keep cool. Run a small towel under cool water, wring it out and drape it around your neck or on top of your head if you are in the heat.

Let others know your plans. Include information such as where you will be and when you'll return.

May Flower

Lily of the valley is the birth flower for May. The fragrant flower symbolizes sweetness, humility and happiness.

Sheila Blevins, Manager



Team Up

Whether it's a pickup game after school or a weekend rec league, many Americans of all ages and fitness levels participate in some kind of team sport. Sure, they're fun, but team sports are good for your health, too—physically and mentally. In observance of Mental Health Awareness Month this May, consider the latest research in mental health benefits for team players.

While regular exercise of any kind is a well-documented mental health boost, team sports pack an extra punch. A 2023 review of nearly 30 different studies found that adults aged 18-84 experienced the most potent individual mental health benefits and social benefits when participating in a team sport versus individual sports.

A 2024 survey by the American Psychiatric Association found that 73% of adults believe sports benefit the mental health of kids and teens, and studies back up this commonly held belief. Research from different countries indicates that kids who play team sports may be less likely to develop addictions.



HITCH-A-RIDE

FREE transportation service is 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. Please tell us if we are picking you up at your home or at the Clubhouse.

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS

Gateway Mall Publix, Post Office, Target, CVS & HomeGoods

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

-Hot Bins, 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

Kemberly Mastry
Tracey Isreal & Calvin
Abrams



Corrections, Phone #s, Emails, Spelling, Etc.

A Corrections/Update Form available in the Office must be filled out for corrections to be made to your Resident File or Directory. These forms will be used to update Resident Files as well as the Resident Directory. If you have been excluded from the directory and would like to be included, also fill out this form and it will be given to the directory editor. THANK YOU!

Celebrating National Pet Week

National Pet Week is an annual event that promotes responsible pet guardianship and celebrates the human-animal bond. The celebration is always the first full week in May and was jointly founded in 1981 by the American Veterinary Medical Association and the Auxiliary to the AVMA to honor the many important roles pets have in our lives.

In honor of National Pet Week, show your appreciation for your pets with some of these ideas:

Playdate. Take your furry friends to the park and let them socialize.

Toy story. Take inventory of the toys they have, discarding any that are worn or damaged. Present your pets with a new toy in celebration of Pet Week.

Spa retreat. Schedule a pet spa day, whether professional or in your own home. A bath, grooming session and nail trim will help them look and feel their best.

Health checkup. Use Pet Week as a reminder to make an appointment for a preventive care exam.

Pay it forward. Volunteer your time at a local animal shelter to give back to those in need.



Happy Birthday

- 5/1 Brenda Williams
- 5/3 Sheryl Lauts
Cheryle McDonagh
- 5/4 Bernard Brasfield
Robert Christie
Jason Franklin
- 5/5 Thomas Meddaugh
Susan Miles
Gina Pertile
Pamela Potter
- 5/6 James Bradley
Candace Geesaman
- 5/7 Pamela Clark
- 5/8 James Gilley
- 5/9 Charles Mandsager
Darlene Price
Harold Righter
Daniel Therrien
Barbara Tyson
- 5/11 Dianne Belcher
Tracy Clark
- 5/12 Kathryn Richards
- 5/13 Len Breidert
- 5/14 Jeffrey Aberle
Michael Hekman
- 5/16 Hassan Rharabi
- 5/17 Daniel Caleca
Diane LaRock
Vincenzo Piras
- 5/18 Kimberly Marcero
David Nicodemus
- 5/19 John Johnson

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Birthdays Cont.

- 5/19 Wendy Scheider
Lynne Sternlieb
- 5/20 Stephen Warren
- 5/22 Lois Mailly
- 5/23 Vickie Hart
Gertrude Macfarlane
- 5/25 John Garber
Richard Vacca
- 5/27 Paul Croteau
William Gordon
David Stefko
- 5/28 Gail Arredondo
Helen Clark
Glenn Stevenson
- 5/29 Karen Coleman
Jody Kelly
Sheree Williams
- 5/30 Susan Perras
Delores Santopolo
Terry Tucker
- 5/31 Craig Patterson



Happy Birthday

Moment of Remembrance

Established by Congress in 2000, the National Moment of Remembrance on Memorial Day encourages us to honor those who have died in service to the country. People throughout the nation are asked to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time for one minute of silence.

**Come and See the Homes
We Have Available Today!**



#1027 2BD/2BA \$74,900.



#1093 - 3BD/2BA \$119,900.



#1186 3BD/2BA \$125,500.



#1187 2BD/2BA \$45,900.



#1221 2BD/2BA \$82,500.



#1235 2BD/2BA \$62,000.

**At Print Time & Subject
to Change Without
Notice.**



#1280 2BD/2BA \$120,900.



#3004 2BD/2BA 1973, 1224 sq ft. This home is in a beautiful landscaped sitting park area that is a walk away from the clubhouse. This home offers a large screened in porch overlooking the mini park. Open kitchen area with a separate dining room. There is a bonus room on the side of the home that may be used for an office or extra storage area. Plus, a three-car parking carport. \$63,500



#4030 3BD/2BA \$129,900.



#4038 2BD/2BA \$46,900.

Simple Pleasures

"Some old-fashioned things like fresh air and sunshine are hard to beat." —Laura Ingalls Wilder

Featured Photo



#1059 2BD/2BA This unit is 1979, 1104 sq ft. Fully remodeled 2026. The front of this home offers plenty of sunlight. There are several bay windows enhancing the lightness of the home. Open floor plan. The kitchen has a beautiful corium countertop island. All white cabinets with stainless steel appliances. Two separate dining area options or convert one of the rooms into an office or a coffee station. Both bathrooms have walk-in showers. Washer and Dryer hookup located inside of the home. Listed at \$125,900



#1299 2BD/2BA plus a den – This unit is 1977, 1104 sq ft. Open floor concept. There are plenty of cabinet spaces. There is a separate dining area. The closed-in front room has plenty of sunlight and can be used as an extra living area/office. There are several additional closet spaces throughout the home. The primary room had an updated bathroom with a walk-in shower. The primary closet is a real bonus, this room is not just a walk-in closet, it could be considered another storage area. All new windows and a new roof over. \$65,500.

Spring Scents

From blooming flowers to fresh-cut grass, the scents of spring are in the air now. Studies show that getting a whiff of these aromas can make you feel calm and happy.



Activities

There are still Easter Eggs out there! Take another look around and see if you can win a prize!

The Horse Racing Events were a hit. We had about 40 people participate at the first one in April. This deadline is due before the next Race Night in April, but I am anticipating a good response to this one as well. So, with that being said, I have **two more Race Nights scheduled in May**. I do have quarters for sale if you need them to play.

Our Cinco de Mayo Party is scheduled for Friday, May 1st by the pool from 6pm to 9pm, with a taco bar and music by Miss Elle Band. BYOB, tickets will be \$15, please RSVP by phone 727 577 5000 or email at jchampagne@thesman.com

FOOD BY THE POOL will be Saturday, May 9th from Noon to 2pm.

I have not scheduled another Music Bingo Dance Party for May until I see how well the one in April is attended.

There will be a Memorial Day Party by the Pool on Monday, May 25th from 1pm to 4pm with food, BYOB and the Blackwater Jack Band; price will also be \$15.

**Joanne, Activities
Director**



#4050 - 2BD/2BA plus a den. \$75,500.



#4063 2BD/2BA This unit is a 1972, 660++sq ft. Updated 2026. There is plenty of natural light throughout the home. Open floor plan kitchen with a combined dining area. White kitchen cabinets with granite countertops. Stainless Steel appliances. Two new walk-in showers. This home offers a transferable roof over warranty for the lifetime of the home. Listed at \$115,000



#5008 2BD/2BA This unit is a 1972, 816 sq ft. located in a Cul-de-sac. No neighbors behind the home. Square-shaped kitchen with a combined separate dining area. White kitchen cabinets with laminate countertops. The primary suite has a bathroom attached with a walk-in shower. The guest bath has a Jack 'n Jill entrance; one for the guest bedroom and the other entrance for guests in the common areas. Washer and Dryer inside of the home. There is a screened-in front porch located in front of the home that could be used for additional outdoor living space. Subflooring was replaced in 2020. This home comes with a transferable roof over warranty. Listed at \$64,500



#4083 2BD/1BA \$46,900.

America's Favorite Flavors

Scooped in a dish, on a cone or in a sundae, ice cream is often a crowd-pleaser no matter how it's served or topped. According to a survey of ice cream retailers across the U.S., the top-selling flavors of this cool and creamy treat are vanilla, chocolate, cookies and cream, mint chocolate chip and chocolate chip cookie dough.



#5062 2BD/2BA \$165,000.



#5068 2BD/2BA \$159,900.



#5075 3BD/2BA \$95,500.

Homes Cont.



#5127 2BD/2BA \$60,500.



#5128 1BD/1BA \$55,500.



#5175 3BD/2BA \$99,900.

Inside a Thunderstorm

Some find thunderstorms soothing, while others think they're scary. Around 100,000 storms take place in the U.S. every year, mostly in the spring and summer. Storms often happen on hot, humid days, as warm air rises and collides with cold air, creating tension in the atmosphere. Ice particles inside of clouds swirl and crash together, resulting in static electricity that's released in the form of lightning. And did you know that thunder is simply the noise that lightning makes? We just see lightning first since light travels faster than sound.

Keys to Success

Class of 2026 graduates and students of the school of life can benefit from this sage advice backed by the latest research. Share these tips with your loved ones as they embark on new ventures.

"Wisdom is not a product of schooling but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it." —Albert Einstein. Today's experts agree with Einstein, suggesting that people who stay curious, adaptable and resilient are better able to navigate the changing workforce, evaluate emerging technologies and hopefully succeed in a job that may not have even been invented yet.

"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go with others." —African proverb. A study by the popular social media professional networking platform LinkedIn found that 70% of new hires had a prior connection with someone at their new workplace.

"You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think." —Winnie the Pooh. Research shows that individuals can increase their confidence during seasons of change by prioritizing their mental health and setting realistic, measurable goals.



Out & About

Special Shopping Trips on Other Days!

11:30, May 1st, FRIDAY, Goodwill
9:30, May 12th, TUESDAY, Disston Plaza
11:30, May 13th, WEDNESDAY, Dollar Tree/Ross
11:30, May 27th, WEDNESDAY, Marshalls
FOOD BANK, May 5th, TUESDAY @ 11:45
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.)

* ADDITIONAL TRIPS
New: Gabe's Tuesday, May 26th, 9:30am

Month of Mystery

The air is rife with suspenseful tension and eerie feelings, and we hope you have a solid alibi because May is National Mystery Month. Booklist, a publication by the American Library Association, established this holiday in 2009. Get in the spirit by curling up with a cozy mystery novel, watching your favorite thriller or hosting a whodunit game night.

May 2026

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.					Water Aerobics 3 Aquacise Zumba 11am Mahjong 1:30pm CINCO De MAYO PARTY 6:30 To 9:30	Shuffleboard/Corn Hole 6pm
3 VG Church - Water Vball 5pm Cribbage 7pm	4 Water Aerobics Walking Club 10am MYSTERY DINE-OUT 5pm All Games Night 7pm	5 Water Aerobic FOOD BANK 11:45 Canasta 1pm Billiards 6:30pm HORSE RACING 6:30pm	6 Water Aerobics Zumba 11am SMTM 2:30pm Wine Wed 6pm ACTIVITIES MEETING 7pm	7 Water Aerobics Pinochle 10am Canasta 1pm Line Dancing 4pm Bible Study 6pm Pinochle 7pm	8 Water Aerobics Aquacise Walking Club 10am Zumba 11am Mahjong 1:30pm Ice Cream 2:30pm	9 FOOD BY POOL KITCHEN OPEN FROM NOON to 2pm Shuffleboard/Corn Hole 6pm
10 VG Church - Water Vball 5pm Cribbage 7pm	11 Water Aerobics BLOOD BUS 10am - 12:30 Walking Club 10am Aquacise "SWITCH" 7pm	12 Water Aerobics Chair Yoga 11am Canasta 1pm HOA Mtg 7pm	13 Water Aerobics Walking Club 10am Zumba 11am SMTM 2:30pm Water Vball 5pm Wine Wed 6pm	14 CASINO TRIP 9am Pinochle 10am Book Club 10am Canasta 1pm Line Dancing 4pm Pinochle 7pm	15 Water Aerobics Aquacise Walking Club Zumba Mahjong 1:30pm	16 Shuffleboard/Corn Hole 6pm
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24/31 VG Church - Water Vball 5pm Cribbage 7pm	25 MEMORIAL DAY "BLACKWATER JACK" By the POOL 1pm To 4pm "MATCH GAME" 7pm	26 Water Aerobics Chair Yoga 11am Canasta 1pm Billiards 6:30 pm Euchre 7pm	27 Water Aerobics Walking Club 10am Zumba 11am SMTM 2:30pm Water Vball 5pm Wine Wed 6pm	28 Water Aerobics Pinochle 10am Canasta 1pm Line Dancing 4pm Bible Study 6pm Pinochle 7pm	29 Water Aerobics Aquacise Walking Club 10am Zumba 11am Mahjong 1:30pm Ice Cream 2:30pm	30 Shuffleboard/Corn Hole 6pm

Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

1. Use a dagger
5. Dull sound
9. Upper right-hand corner item
14. One not to be trusted
15. 1967 Montreal event
16. Comic strip Viking
17. Prefix for nautical or ballistics
18. "...had a farm, ___"
19. Pay homage to
20. Job holders
23. Rolled cube
24. Naples three
25. 7 Down sponsor, for short
28. Ordains
32. Befuddles
34. Leader assassinated in 1981
35. Forest creatures
37. German one
38. Work units
39. A la ___
40. ___ accompli
41. Dill herb
42. Laic response
43. Food lists
44. More to the point
46. Learned people
48. Grads-to-be: abbr.
49. Bulgaria's currency

51. Mich.'s neighbor
 52. Besides
 58. Informed
 61. Circus performer
 62. Church section
 63. Boatman
 64. Olympian Korbut
 65. Lose one's footing
 66. Beverages
 67. Classic cars
 68. Downhill conveyors
- DOWN**
1. Chunk
 2. Row
 3. Bern waterway
 4. Shows to the public
 5. Shrimp
 6. Five dozen old Romans, plus two
 7. Sports event
 8. Gist
 9. Distributed
 10. Tiny amounts
 11. In the past
 12. Ruin the surface of
 13. Prefix for shrunk or suppose
 21. Launderer's concern
 22. Rub away
 25. Adaptable
 26. Brilliant one
 27. Those who help: abbr.

28. Sewer
29. Gardeners' machines
30. Cheese variety
31. Blisters
33. Pleaders
34. Theater necessities
36. Explosive peak
39. Gave a hoot
43. Educator Horace ___
45. Forefathers
47. Musical instruments
50. Projecting brim
52. Square footage
53. Far: pref.
54. Fictional villain
55. Merry prank
56. 57
57. Slangy responses
58. Band of electrical sparks
59. Court
60. Hole maker

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