

THE VILLAGE GREEN SCENE

Active 55+ Resort Living



Village Green MHC

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Monday–Sunday 8:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.

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SHEILA'S COLUMN

On the Calendar

Labor Day, a federal holiday observed on the first Monday of September, celebrates the contributions workers have made to the strength and well-being of the United States.

In Remembrance of 9/11

Described as “a tribute to the past and a place of hope for the future,” the 9/11 Memorial in New York City honors all who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001.

Built on the site of the former World Trade Center complex, the memorial’s focal points are two reflecting pools that sit where the north and south towers once stood. Water cascades 30 feet over the pools’ black granite walls, creating massive waterfalls. Inscribed on the bronze railings surrounding each pool are the names of the 2,983 victims of the 9/11 terror attacks and the Feb. 26, 1993, bombing of the World

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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 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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Trade Center.

A park with over 400 trees surrounds the memorial and includes a special symbol of resilience, the Survivor Tree. The damaged pear tree was found during the cleanup at ground zero and rehabilitated.

The memorial was dedicated in 2011, on the 10th anniversary of 9/11. In 2014, the underground 9/11 Memorial Museum opened and displays thousands of artifacts and multimedia exhibits.

Another powerful memorial that commemorates the historic date is New York City's annual Tribute in Light. From dusk to dawn on Sept. 11, dozens of searchlights are used to create two beams of light that resemble the former twin towers standing within the city's skyline.

A Bell for Peace

There are many symbols for peace, from an olive branch to a dove. But have you ever heard of the Peace Bell?

The Japanese Peace Bell began in 1951 as an idea from Chiyoji Nakagawa, a council member of the United Nations. He proposed collecting coins, medals and other tokens from around the world and casting them into a bell to be rung for peace. The idea was unanimously approved, and Nakagawa got to work collecting the pieces needed to make his

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vision come true. After three years, using objects collected from people in more than 60 countries, the bell was completed and gifted to the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The bonsho bell, the type of bell used in Buddhist services, is housed in a wooden tower modeled after a small temple. Inscribed on the bell's side are Japanese characters that translate to "long live absolute world peace."

The bell is rung twice a year: once on the first day of spring and then again on the International Day of Peace. This UN international holiday takes place on Sept. 21 and is meant to promote hope for a peaceful world.

Self-Care Corner: A Better Brew

Chock-full of antioxidants, coffee can be a healthy beverage, but "too much of a good thing" is a saying for a reason! National Coffee Day arrives on Sept. 29, so use this month to make your regular brew healthier in some way. Crave a sweet beverage? You can use less sugar by adding ground cinnamon, vanilla extract or unsweetened cocoa for a flavor boost. Struggling with sleep? Avoid drinking coffee after 2 p.m.

Sheila Blevins, Manager

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Intergenerational Friendships

September could be the beginning of a beautiful friendship. This month shines a light on both Friendship Month and Intergeneration Month, focusing on connections between people with an age gap of a decade or more.

Befriending someone of a different generation helps all parties learn new things and broaden their perspectives

thanks to generational differences in worldviews and experiences. According to a 2022 study in the "European Journal of Aging," older adults with intergenerational friendships also tend to have a more positive perspective on aging.

Making new friends outside your age range can pose a challenge. Consider taking a local class or workshop and invite classmates to activities related to your shared interest. Social media platforms can also provide opportunities for folks with similar passions from all walks of life to connect both online and in person.



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

Jamie Harloam
Daniel Black
Micki Dewey
Robert & Barbara Gilbert
Eileen Mazza and Denise Nekrasz
Chris and Michelle Green
Danielle Salisbury and Karen Bourdeau
Eric and Stephanie Borders



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!

With Sympathy

Please offer your condolences to the family and friends of the residents who have passed away.
Elizabeth Christopher



Adding Life to Our Years

American workers explore their potential in offices, homes, factories and fields. The first Monday in September is a yearly acknowledgement of the people whose time and energy make our country a better place. Cut loose from the computer, kitchen or cash register on Labor Day. For all you do, Labor Day is for you!

Word for September: Rest

This month, we take time to "rest" and honor America's workforce on Labor Day. This "freedom from activity or labor," as described by Merriam-Webster's dictionary, also clocks in at an appropriate time when summer is winding down. Use the day to relax and recharge after a season of fun activities.

Fill Your Own Cup

September is Self-Care Awareness Month.



Happy Birthday

9/1	Trudy Huffman Leo Maison
9/2	Antonio Gigliotti Kathy McLaughlin Clay Morgan Daniel West
9/3	Diane Bunker-Jones Rachel Delvalle
9/4	Joyce Jacks Dominic Rubino
9/5	Norman Grant Jr. Ronald Hutcherson
9/6	Nancy Masterson
9/8	Stephen Aipel
9/9	Glenn Dickert Carmelo Gomez Jeannie Lay Pandora Noonan Robert Radice Jane Wilson
9/10	Andrea Brasfield James W. Harshman Robin Remmel
9/11	Lonnie Faurote Edmund Fox Daryl Hartlauer Bonnie Nestle
9/12	Betty Kelley Marjorie Kellner
9/13	John Shoemake
9/14	Robert Knierman Charles Robinson

Birthdays Cont.

9/14	Cynthia Wery
9/15	Mark McHaney Thomas Shaw
9/16	Petrina Horvath Ilze Kablinger Eric Silva
9/17	Ronald McDougal Katalin Petroczy
9/18	Jeffrey Crandall Mary Fox
9/19	Louise LeClair
9/20	Steven Blum Stephanie Borders Gregory Groleau Victoria Herr Theresa Thomas
9/22	Wendy Bisson Barbara Evarts Cynthia Smith
9/23	Evamarie Ferrebee
9/24	Janet Hoernel Allen Hoffman Pauline McNally
9/25	Cecil Chance
9/26	Linda Kewell Arthur Loeffel Robert Poirier
9/27	Nancy Grogan Donna Lane Joseph Sands
9/28	LaVonne Airdo Linda Huhn Patricia Marks
9/29	Phillip Melbourne Michael Nickerson
9/30	Dale Buck Sherrie Hoffman Marie Warren



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



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



#1125 2BD/2BA \$54,500.



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



#3004 2BD/2BA \$63,500.



#3006 2BD/2BA \$150,000.



#1278 2BD/2BA \$74,500.

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



#4063 2BD/2BA \$115,000.



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



#5008 2BD/2BA \$64,500.



#5035 2BD/2BA plus a den. \$195,900.



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



#5074 2BD/1BA \$40,500.

Featured Photo



#1239 2BD/2BA plus den. \$60,500.



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



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

A Social Life That Keeps You Young at Heart

Our residents say that meeting new friends is one of the best things about living in Village Green. The opportunities are endless because there is always something going on! From line dancing to water aerobics; bingo and bowling to mystery dinners; holiday parties, luncheons and luaus - there's something for everyone. It's easy to see why our residents say: *It's like being on vacation all year long!*



Activities

Happy September! Be sure not to miss the Ellie Lee Band at our Labor Day Party by the Pool. Monday, September 7th, from 1pm to 4pm, \$15 per person. RSVP to 727-577-5000 or email jchampagne@thesman.com. Thanks!

Dedicated Medical Center will be hosting a Bagel & Donut morning on Wednesday, September 9th, @ 9am. All are welcome!

Also on Thursday, September 10th, Archwell Health will be hosting a Health Fair in our Ballroom from 10am to 1pm. Come collect some info, giveaways and hints to keep your daily health in check.

It has been a busy summer and it will get busier yet with the upcoming events such as a Community Yard Sale October 9th & 10th, a paint your pumpkin event on Thursday, October 22nd, the Autumn Annual Craft Fair October 24th and of course our Halloween Golf Cart Parade Saturday the 31st and our Halloween Party on Friday the 30th.

So yes, you can see we will be busy and before you know it, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's!

**Joanne, Activities
Director**

Martha Washington, Pigeon

In the early 1800s, billions of passenger pigeons crowded the skies of North America, sometimes blocking sunlight for hours. After centuries of deforestation and hunting, the species was down to a single survivor: Martha Washington, the last passenger pigeon, named for the inaugural first lady. Martha died in the Cincinnati Zoo in September 1914, rendering her species extinct. Her preserved body is housed at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History.

Popular Pages: 'The Murder on the Links'

Renowned as the world's best-selling novelist, with billions of copies of her books sold, mystery author Agatha Christie is remembered on her birthday, Sept. 15. Celebrate by reading "The Murder on the Links," the second book in her Hercule Poirot series about the Belgian detective of the same name. The plot kicks off when wealthy Frenchman Paul Renauld is found in a grave near a local golf course. With five shady suspects, Poirot and his associate Arthur Hastings work to get to the bottom of the mystery.

Celebrated September Dates

'Who Was That Masked Man?'

On Sept. 15, 1949, "The Lone Ranger" rode into the world of television with its debut episode. The popular Western lives on in reruns, fan clubs, collectibles and cultural references, including the show's legendary line, "Hi-yo, Silver! Away!"

Mayflower Day

More than four centuries ago, the Mayflower ship set sail from Plymouth, England, carrying over 100 Pilgrims whose sights were set on the New World. The day their journey began,

Sept. 16, 1620, is remembered as Mayflower Day.

Gold Star Mother's Day

The last Sunday in September is Gold Star Mother's Day, a date set aside to honor those who have lost a son or daughter in the U.S. armed forces. To all the Gold Star Mothers in our community and beyond, our hearts are with you.

Stately Sequoias

The first national park created to protect a living organism, Sequoia National Park in central California was established Sept. 25, 1890. Sequoia trees can grow to tower more than 200 feet high and live for 3,000 years.



Connecting With Grandkids

Grandparents Day, the first Sunday after Labor Day, celebrates the relationship between generations. Whether your loved ones live near or far, there many ways to connect and create lasting memories.

Maintaining regular contact is the key to developing enduring bonds. This could mean making weekly visits, sending "just because" cards by mail or making phone or video calls. For short but meaningful connections, try texts or connecting on social media.

People of all ages enjoy hearing stories from their older relatives. Retailers offer grandparent journals, which contain prompts to help you write about your life experiences.

You've probably heard the saying "They may forget what you said, but they will never forget how you made them feel." What grandchildren will value most is love and support. Showing interest in their lives, offering a listening ear and saying "I love you" are all simple yet shining ways of being a wonderful grandparent.



Time to Roll!!!

Village Green Bowling League is starting on October 6th. Our season runs October through the end of March.

Tuesdays at 10am, Sunrise Bowl at 62nd and MLK, \$15 per week, per person.

This league is for everyone, with any skill level. Our average range is 67 to 180. Teams are randomly formed each year.

Join us for fun and meet new friends.

Contact Colleen Peacock at 727-498-8325 for answers to your questions or to sign up.

I need to know by Sept 15th. Our pre-bowl meeting will be Tuesday, September 29th at 11am at the clubhouse.



Keep the Good Times Rolling

Bowling is a good form of exercise and can be enjoyed by people at almost any age.



Special Shopping Trips on Other Days!

September 4th, FRIDAY, 11:30, Goodwill

September 15th, TUESDAY, 9:30, Disston Plaza

September 9th, WEDNESDAY, 11:30, Dollar Tree/Ross

September 23rd, WEDNESDAY, 11:30, Marshalls FOOD BANK, September 22nd, 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: ALDI -Thursday, September 24th, 9:30am

New: Gabe's - Tuesday, September 29th, 9:30am

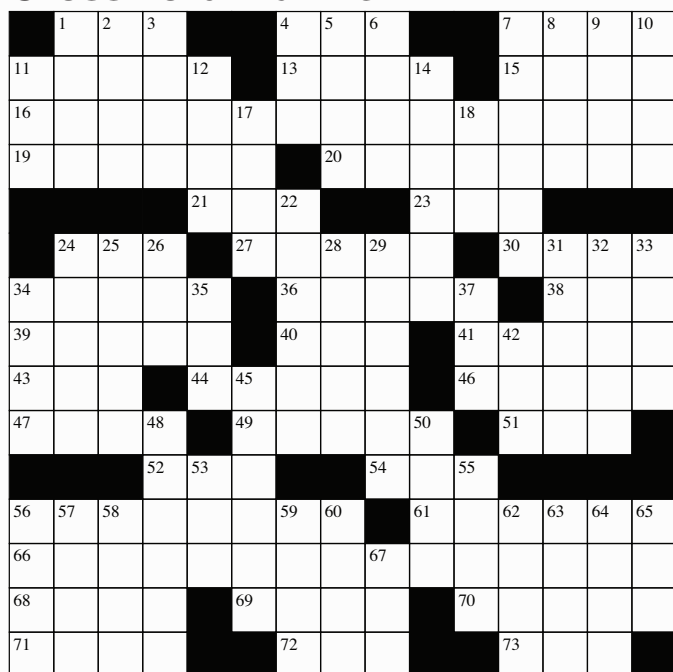
Shoo the Flu

For the maximum protection, it's important to get a flu shot early in the season. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises that the flu vaccine is especially critical for people 65 years and older since they are at high risk of developing serious complications from the flu.

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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 Water Aerobics Chair Yoga 11am Canasta 1pm Billiards 6:30pm	2 Water Aerobics Zumba 11am SMTM 2:30pm Wine Wed 6pm ACTIVITIES MEETING 7pm	3 Water Aerobics Pinochle 10am Canasta 1pm Line Dancing 4pm Bible Study 6pm Pinochle 7pm	4 Water Aerobics Aquacise Walking Club 10am Zumba 11am Mahjong 1:30pm Ice Cream 2:30pm	5 Shuffleboard/ Cornhole 6pm
6 VG Church - Water Vball 5pm Cribbage 7pm	7 LABOR DAY PARTY by the POOL With ELLIE LEE BAND 1pm to 4pm	8 Water Aerobics Chair Yoga 11am Canasta 1pm Billiards 6:30pm HORSE RACING 6:30pm	9 Water Aerobics Walking Club 10am Zumba 11am SMTM 2:30pm Water Vball 5pm Wine Wed 6pm	10 Water Aerobics HEALTH FAIR 10am-1pm Line Dancing 4pm Bible Study 6pm Pinochle 7pm	11 Water Aerobics Aquacise Walking Club 10am Zumba 11am Mahjong 1:30pm	12 FOOD BY THE POOL - NOON to 2pm Shuffleboard/ Cornhole 6pm
13 VG Church - Water Vball 5pm Cribbage 7pm	14 Water Aerobics BLOOD BUS 10am - 12:30 Mystery Dine-out 5pm "SWITCH" 7pm	15 Water Aerobics Chair Yoga 11am Canasta 1pm Billiards 6:30pm	16 Water Aerobics Walking Club 10am Zumba 11am SMTM 2:30pm Water Vball 5pm Wine Wed 6pm	17 CASINO TRIP 9am-7pm Pinochle 10am Book Club 10am Canasta 1pm Line Dancing 4pm Pinochle 7pm	18 Water Aerobics Aquacise Walking Club 10am Mahjong 1:30pm Ice Cream 2:30 MUSIC BINGO 7pm	19 Shuffleboard/ Cornhole 6pm
20 VG Church - Water Vball 5pm Cribbage 7pm	21 Water Aerobics Walking Club 10am Aquacise All Games Night 7pm	22 Water Aerobics FOOD BANK 11:45 Canasta 1pm Billiards 6:30pm HORSE RACING 6:30pm	23 Water Aerobics Walking Club 10am Zumba 11am SMTM 2:30pm Water Vball 5pm Wine Wed 6pm	24 Water Aerobics Pinochle 10am Canasta 1pm Line Dancing 4pm Bible Study 6pm Pinochle 7pm	25 Water Aerobics Aquacise Walking Club 10am Zumba 11am Mahjong 1:30pm	26 Shuffleboard/ Cornhole 6pm
27 VG Church - Water Vball 5pm Cribbage 7pm	28 Water Aerobics Walking Club 10am MYSTERY DINE-OUT 5pm "MATCH GAME" 7pm	29 Water Aerobics Chair Yoga 11am Canasta 1pm Billiards 6:30pm	30 Water Aerobics Walking Club 10am Zumba 11am SMTM 2:30pm Water Vball 5pm Wine Wed 6pm			

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Water barrier
4. Street paver's goo
7. Wagers
11. Boring tool
13. Lily of Africa
15. Cream-filled cookie
16. Portrayer of Hamlet and Heathcliff
19. Swindle
20. Like the most polluted room
21. Game for "It"
23. Desk item
24. Caesar, for one
27. Switch
30. __, Nevada
34. Less savage
36. Home
38. __ flash; suddenly
39. Enough
40. "I think ___!"
41. Intense beam
43. "The Raven" poet
44. Unclear
46. Spouses
47. Stew ingredient
49. Numerical prefix
51. Beast of burden
52. Bustle
54. __-pitch softball
56. Stirred

61. Rubbed felt over slate
 66. Plains man
 68. Prefix for septic or trust
 69. Use a knife
 70. Hardware store purchases
 71. Remainder
 72. Ambrose & Anne: abbr.
 73. Fem. title
- ### DOWN
1. Twofold
 2. Malarial fever
 3. Nice mother
 4. Part of the title of an X-O game
 5. Beverages
 6. Space
 7. Cow
 8. Tribe member
 9. __ off; irritates
 10. Type
 11. TV sitcom (1986-90)
 12. Geom. shape
 14. United hastily
 17. In order
 18. WWII hero, for short
 22. Farmers' group
 24. Pago Pago's location
 25. Push forward
 26. Dover's place: abbr.
 28. Nearly
 29. Grandparents, often
 31. Itemizations

32. Leg parts
33. Sails' alternatives
34. Bugle call
35. To speed an engine
37. Common street name
42. Battery size
45. Makes amends
48. Can't __; is unable to cope
50. Sir Guinness
53. Start of a state capital
55. Algerian port
56. Not shut
57. Lessen
58. Pts. and gals.
59. Chews and swallows
60. Word of disgust
62. Syria, once
63. Commotion
64. Sea denizens
65. Prescription writers: abbr.
67. Dieter's concern: abbr.

