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TRAILER ESTATES Park & Recreation District

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#### **Notes** from the Park Manager

#### Happy November!

November marks the start of the Holiday Season here at Trailer Estates, and we wish everyone a Safe & Happy Thanksgiving!

Let's face it - we live in close quarters here at Trailer Estates! Homes are very close to each other and many times there is not a lot of outdoor space.

The point I am trying to make here is that we really need to be Good Neighbors! We need to be nice (and helpful) to our neighbors and fellow TE residents!

Why, you ask? Because it's the right thing to do. We live too close to each other to be at odds with our neighbor!

Maybe offer to help one day when they are out doing yard work. Maybe offer them a cold beer and invite them over to sit and talk in your carport.

How about making a few extra cookies or spaghetti and running some over to your neighbor for no reason or occasion?

I think you get what I'm trying to say here...

While it may require some effort, its certainly the right thing to do! (And who knows, you may now have a new best friend.)

All the Best! Lee

#### Congratulations to our Re-Elected Board Members

Incumbent Board Members Duane Trotter, Lori Dalton, Louis Nickels, and Kathy Gregory won a new term in office for the Trailer Estates Board of Trustees. All four trustees ran unopposed as no other owners submitted applications. We congratulate them and wish them well!

#### But there is still a vote...

Your Board of Trustees voted to place on the Ballot an opportunity to move the annual Trustee election from early December to early March. This will give the Seasonal Property Owners the chance to vote for their candidate(s) as many of them are still here in early March.

The Ballot question asks whether we should move the Trustee Elections from the first Tuesday in December to the second Tuesday in March of every year. The other part of the Ballot question is to make the Trustee terms all 3 years, and every year 3 Trustees are elected. This would have us "roll" 3 Trustees every year and since there are 9 Trustees, would refresh every 3 years.

We urge you to come out and vote on December 5, 2023, right here at Trailer Estates Large Hall from 12PM to 8PM. Voters must be registered property owners.

#### Please Vote on December 5, 2023 12PM to 8PM









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#### In case of emergency please call 911

DOCK MASTER	Todd Lombardi	574-214-5651
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#### TRAILER ESTATES TRIBUNE AND CALENDAR

The first of the month is the deadline for items to be printed in the next month's issue. Please have all articles, notices, and dates of meetings and events to the TE office by the first of each month, no later than 3PM. Please submit your item(s) via email to <u>officeassistant@trailerestates.com</u>. You can submit your items directly in the body of the email or attached as a word processing document, such as MS Word. If you do not have access to email, please contact the TE office for assistance.

Trailer Estates Park & Recreation District is NOT Pet Friendly. Trailer Estates complies with Federal & State Laws, Regulations & Codes related to Service Animals and Emotional Support Animals. Residents must comply with PP40 for emotional support animals to reside in Trailer Estates.

#### **Resident FOB Renewal is Changing!**

All resident FOBs renew every year on October 1st. <u>This year will</u> <u>be no exception! You will still need to come in to the office in</u> <u>2023 (or 2024 if you come down late!)</u>. When you come to the office to renew your FOB, we need your Annual Owner Information Form (PP27) filled out and complete. Once that is done, we can renew your FOB to expire on your birthday. Some of you will get a year, many will have more than a year before you have to renew your FOB again on your Birthday. Sometimes it pays to be old!



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#### **New Spectrum Services Here Now**

Exciting News: Upgraded Cable TV and Internet Now Available in Our Community!

We are thrilled to announce a major upgrade in our community's infrastructure. As of August 4, 2023, we are delighted to bring upgraded Cable TV and high-speed Internet services to your doorstep.

We understand the importance of staying connected in today's digital age, whether it's for work, education, entertainment, or simply staying in touch with loved ones. After much effort and planning, we have once again successfully partnered with Spectrum to ensure you have access to the best-in-class services.

Here's what you can expect from this new offering:

- Cable TV with a Wide Range of Channels: Enjoy a diverse selection of television channels catering to various interests, including news, sports, movies, lifestyle, and more. There's something for everyone in your household!
- 2. High-Speed Internet: Say goodbye to slow and unreliable connections. With our high-speed Internet service, you can now browse the web, stream videos, and work from home with ease and efficiency.
- 3. Reliable Service and Customer Support: Spectrum's Service Team is committed to providing exceptional customer support. Should you encounter any issues or have questions, their dedicated team is just a phone call away.
- 4. DVR (One Digital Video Recorder) is now included in your services. Record your favorite shows while you are out; never miss an episode of one show when you're watching another!

#### 5. <u>Spectrum has assured us that your billing will automatically</u> <u>adjust to reflect the services included in our community</u>.

If you need to speak with the service provider, simply contact Spectrum at 855-326-5115 or visit their website at <u>www.Spectrum</u>. <u>com/community-solutions/resident-support</u>.

As we implement these services, we kindly request your cooperation and patience, as there might be some minor disruptions during installation. Rest assured, we will do everything possible to minimize any inconvenience.

We believe that this upgrade to our community will enhance your overall living experience, making it even more enjoyable and convenient for all residents. Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to us by emailing <u>trailerestates@</u> <u>trailerestates.com</u>.

#### Having Spectrum Technical Troubles?

We have been told by some residents in the park, that Spectrum Tech Support has said some modems and routers are able to adapt to the new internet speeds while some might require replacement. If you are unsure if the new internet service is fully functional in

your home, please call Bulk technical support at 833-697-7328. A tech can test your system and do a system reboot so you can

see the changes or advise if your equipment needs replacement. Thank you for your patience while we switch over to our new Spectrum Services!



SAVE TIME AND MONEY BY CALLING US TODAY TO GET YOUR PROJECT STARTED!

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#### **Board Meetings** Moving to Tuesdays in 2024!

On September 18, 2023, the Trailer Estates Board of Trustees voted to move regular Board Meetings and Board Workshops to Tuesdays, effective January 2024.

They also reduced the number of regular meetings held during the course of a year from 26 to 16.

Meetings will be held on the first and third Tuesdays in January, February, March, and April. The schedule then moves to a single meeting per month (May through December) on the third Tuesday. **The Schedule is as follows:** 

January 2, 2024 Board Workshop 9:30am, Board Meeting Follows January 16, 2024 Board Workshop 9:30am, Board Meeting Follows February 6, 2024 Board Workshop 9:30am, Board Meeting Follows February 20, 2024 Board Workshop 9:30am, Board Meeting Follows March 5, 2024 Board Workshop 9:30am, Board Meeting Follows March 19, 2024 Board Workshop 9:30am, Board Meeting Follows April 2, 2024 Board Workshop 9:30am, Board Meeting Follows April 2, 2024 Board Workshop 9:30am, Board Meeting Follows May 21, 2024 Board Workshop 9:30am, Board Meeting Follows June 18, 2024 Board Workshop 9:30am, Board Meeting Follows July 16, 2024 Board Workshop 9:30am, Board Meeting Follows September 17, 2024 Board Workshop 9:30am, Board Meeting Follows September 17, 2024 Board Workshop 9:30am, Board Meeting Follows

October 15, 2024 Board Workshop 9:30am, Board Meeting Follows November 19, 2024 Board Workshop 9:30am, Board Meeting Follows

December 17, 2024 Board Workshop 9:30am, Board Meeting Follows

Board Meeting Times remain unchanged for a 9:30am start. Please remember this new schedule will be effective January 2, 2024.



CLOSURE

THE POST OFFICE, LAUNDRY ROOM, AND MASONIC ROOM WILL BE CLOSED FOR TERMITE TENTING NOVEMBER 11 THROUGH NOVEMBER 13, 2023 AND WILL RE-OPEN NOVEMBER 14, 2023.

SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE.

#### **Veterans Day**

Veterans Day will be held Saturday, November 11th. Mark your calendar. The ceremony will start at 10:45 a.m. at the Veterans memorial located on the east side of the Large Hall. Please wear a red shirt in support of those who have served. A TE color guard will post the colors. If you would like to volunteer your time or to be part of the color guard, call or text Gordon Elton at 707-972-0006. Refreshments will follow.

#### Public Notice Warning Homeowners May Face Penalties For Hiring Unlicensed Contractors!!!

According to Florida Law, consumers who knowingly hire unlicensed construction contractors could face a fine of up to \$5,000.

Chapter 455-228 of the Florida Statutes allows the Florida department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) to impose a civil penalty of \$500 to \$5,000 on individual who aid and abet unlicensed contractors. They may also be liable for court costs. **AID-ING AND ABETTING IS DEFINED BY THE STATUTES AS ANYONE WHO EMPLOYS AN UNLICENSED CONTRACTOR OR COMPANY.** "CONSUMERS WHO HIRE SUCH A CONTRACTOR FACE NOT ONLY VICTIMIZATION BY SHODDY WORKMANSHIP, NO FOLLOW-UP SERVICE, AND INFERIOR PRODUCTS; THEY FACE POTENTIAL DIFFICULTIES WITH THE LAW."

For county issued permitting services call

(941)748-4501 ext 3800

**To report unlicensed contractors,** Call Manatee County (941)749-3084 or 311 E-mail: <u>code.enforcement@mymanatee.org</u>

#### North & South Public Relations Trustees

Manatee County requires the size of our address numbers on the mobile home to be (4) inches in size and visible from the road ways.

This will help in case of emergencies so an emergency vehicle can find your home!

#### **Treasure Barn**

The TREASURE BARN continues to serve the Park, **TUESDAY IS ONLY A WORK DAY--NO SALES-**- for, cleaning, sorting and pricing. Items donated for resale can be dropped off on Tuesday morning or put on the tables located on the south side of the building; we check the tables throughout the week. Please note, we do not have LARGE ITEM STORAGE.

#### OPERATIONAL HOURS – October thru April open for sales Tuesday & Saturday, 8:30- 11:00 AM.

May and June -open for sales on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 8:30AM-11AM. July, August & September – we are CLOSED.

A VERY SPECIAL recognition to Barb, Mary, Linda, and many others who have worked this summer to clean, paint, and sort items for our fall opening. They have worked diligently to make the TREASURE BARN space more attractive. A Big Thank You to our dedicated volunteers who work faithfully to "rehome" the TREASURES that are donated. As always, a thank you to those who donate items for resale and those who purchase our TREASURES.

UPDATE: Our \$35,000 in sales proceeds were put toward refurbishing the inside of the large hall – doesn't it look fantastic?!

Questions–contact Barb Sewell, Treasure Barn Chairperson - 941-405-9866

#### From the Desk of Russell & Rodney

One of the eye-opening things to me in my first 2 months on the Trailer Estates Board of Trustees is the interaction and sometimes overlap of our deed restrictions, rules and regulations, and Manatee County ordinances. An example of this is the parking of boats, trailers, RVs, or travel trailers at a residence.

#### Trailer Estates Deed Restriction #6 states:

"No boat, boat trailer, travel trailer, motor home or similar property shall be stored on or about any lot, block or parcel unless in an enclosed structure or completely underneath a carport structure, SAVE AND EXCEPT upon a parcel designated for storage of such property by the Board of Trustees of the District."

**Manatee County Code of Ordinances, Sec. 2-8-108 (b)**, outlines the parking of "restricted vehicles" at single family residences. The definition of a restricted vehicle is:

Type A: A commercial vehicle.

<u>Type B: Motor homes, campers and house trailers</u>, or any other vehicle in which the interior contains the facilities for any two (2) or more of the following personal needs: sleeping, food preparation, or toilet.

<u>Type C: Boats of any size</u> regardless of whether the boat rests on a trailer or other supporting structure, except when docked in a navigable waterway or suspended from a davit immediately adjacent to a navigable waterway.

<u>Type D: Trailers and other vehicles which are not self-propelled</u> and which are designed to be moved by other vehicles which are self-propelled.

That pretty much includes everything that isn't a passenger car or personal pickup truck.

The ordinances state that a restricted vehicle can be parked in the side yard or the rear yard of a single-family residence if it does not extend more than 5 feet past the front of the structure. On a side yard (secondary front yard) of a corner lot, the restricted vehicle must be 10' from the property line and substantially screened from view with a minimum 6' fence or hedge. Remember, it must still be completely within the carport per Trailer Estates Deed Restriction #6.

The County ordinances do allow temporary parking in a driveway for loading, unloading, or cleaning before leaving or upon returning from a trip. This provision is limited to 2 occurrences in any 30-day period. That being said, the public relations trustees understand that you may want to stop at your house for a couple of hours to unload that cooler of fish and rinse your boat on the way to your storage spot more than twice a month.

In summary, just because it fits on your property, doesn't mean it is within the County ordinances and/or deed restrictions. It needs to fit COMPLETELY under your carport, but this does allow your restricted vehicle to extend beyond the front of your dwelling if it remains under the carport. Please be respectful to your neighbors and protect the appearance of our park and maintain our property values by following the rules regarding parking your boat, trailer, or RV on your property.

- North & South PR Trustees

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

9 AM to 12 Noon ~ 1 PM to 3 PM Monday – Friday UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED

<u>CLOSED HOLIDAYS</u> - New Years' Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and the day after, Christmas Day.

Other closures will be announced as needed. Please check the Office door, District bulletin boards, and Channel 732 for any additional information.

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#### **Broadcasting On Channel 732**

We're expanding our Trailer Estates broadcasting! Watch for the addition of Channel 733, which will feature our security camera feeds on your own TV! We plan to roll out this feature as soon as Spectrum completes their upgrades.

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Your "One-Stop" for EVERYTHING Trailer Estates. Our website includes the Charter, Deed Restrictions, Bylaws, Rules & Regs., Policies & Procedures, Maps, Current Events, Access to videos of Board Meetings (present & past), Financials and so much more. Please note, Trailer Estates Park & Recreation District **does NOT** currently have an official Facebook page.

#### 55 or Older Deed Restriction Reminder

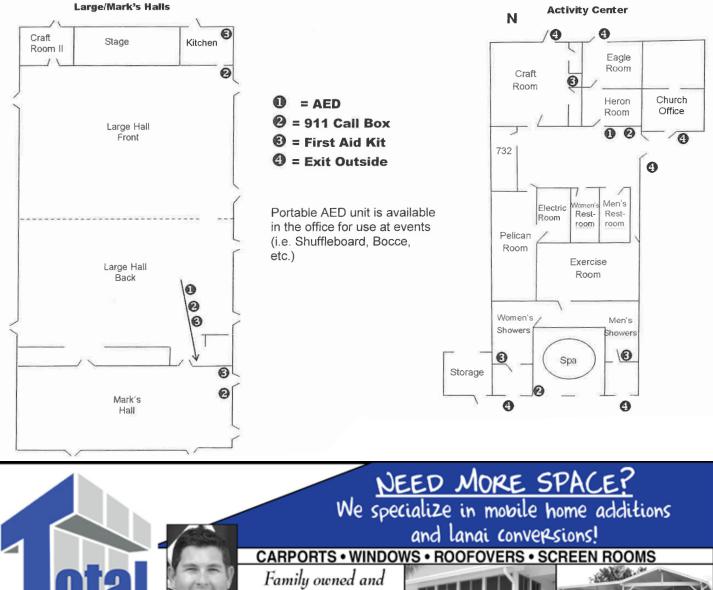
Deed Restriction #11: Trailer Estates Park and Recreation District is a community intended and operated as housing for older persons. You or your spouse must be 55 or older, and both must be at least 45 years of age to reside in Trailer Estates. Landlords also need to be aware that the age restrictions apply to all renters; they are considered occupants of the park and the deed restrictions apply to all occupants. Renters must complete the age verification form (PP26) and the Deed Restriction compliance form (PP28). Failure to register your renters will put you in violation of Section IV of the Rules and Regulations and is not a work around to avoid having your renters verify their age. Please help to avoid these situations by clearly indicating in any advertising or negotiations with prospective renters that this is a deed restricted "over 55" community.

There are two exceptions to this statute:

- A caregiver under 55 years of age may reside in a home in Trailer Estates if engaged to provide care to the owner who would otherwise not be able to maintain occupancy in the residence. If the owner is no longer able to maintain residency, the caregiver must also vacate.
- Guests of residents are not subject to age restrictions provided their visits do not exceed a total of 30 days in calendar year.

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#### **Architectural Review Committee**

If you make any changes to the outside of your home, you must first obtain an ARC APPROVAL prior to beginning work. This is for repairs and/or new work. Changes or additions to your mobile home includes but not limited to doors, windows, stairs, pavers, A/C, sheds, etc. The office can provide you with a blank Approval Form (PP33) or you may find it on the Trailer Estates website. The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) will review your completed application and approve or deny your request. The ARC will notify you upon the approval/denial.

Upon approval an orange card will be issued and must be displayed in your window for 6 (SIX) months or completion of project whichever comes first. Lot Surveys MAY BE REQUIRED. All permits will expire 6 (SIX) months from date of issue. The ARC has up to 30 (THIRTY) days to ACT on your request. Thank you with your help with this matter.

ARC Phone # 941-756-7177 ext. 113 Email: arc@trailerestates.com

#### **Basic Marina Information**

The marina is very limited on longer size slips. If you are going to buy a boat that is over 19 feet long, **please**, call the dock master to see if we have a slip available. The Dock master has had to disappoint several people by telling them we had no place for them to dock their new boat.

Boats will only be rented slips that they fit in. For instance, if you have a boat that fits in a 28 foot slip, you will not be able to rent a 30 ft slip, if your boat fits in a 22ft slip, you will not able to rent a 26ftslip. The larger slips are for longer boats. Boats are measured from the farthest thing that sticks out on the bow to the motor in full tilt. We do not measure your boat by what it says on registration.

If you are buying a party boat, deck boat or pontoon boat, please watch the size of the beam (width) of the boat you buy. These newer, wider, boats have a hard time fitting in many of the slips without touching the sides of the decking. Please buy a boat that will give you room, on each side, to adjust with the ebb and flow of the tide.

Contact Dock Master Todd Lombardi at 574-214-5651.



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#### Architectural Review Committee ARC is looking for a few good recruits!

This team is responsible for reviewing and approving any outside changes made to mobile homes within the park. Meetings are once a week for about two hours. This is a good opportunity to get involved and give back a little to your park. If interested, contact Charlie Rizzo at 919-222-4074 during daylight hours only.

#### New Estoppel Program for Trailer Estates PP-27C

Estoppel Program Cost to Process: \$100 per Estoppel (Payable to Trailer Estates)

Any person who Sells/Purchases/Makes a Title Transfer of Property within Trailer Estates Park & Recreation District must submit an Estoppel Request to the main office. This is done by the Title Company or Attorney who is handling the closing. Private sales or Transfer of Title (Quit Claim) must still submit the estoppel request even if not using a title company or Attorney.

In addition, a written application from each prospective purchaser must be submitted and approved BEFORE the sale or transfer.

12. In order to maintain a community of congenial residents who are agreeable to abide by the "housing for older persons" restrictions contained in the Deed Restrictions and provisions of the Charter of Trailer Estates Park and Recreation District (hereinafter collectively "Restrictions"), the transfer of lots or parcels by any owner shall be subject to the conditions hereinafter set forth as long as said Restrictions shall remain in force and effect: It shall be necessary for the Board of Trustees of the Trailer Estates Park and Recreation District, or its duly authorized officers, agents or committee, to approve in writing all sales, transfer of title, leases or subleases of a lot or parcel, or occupation of a dwelling unit on a lot or parcel, before such sale, transfer, lease, sublease or occupation shall be valid and effective. Written application for such approval shall contain such information as may be reasonably required by application forms promulgated by the board of Trustees and shall be accompanied by a transfer fee as required by resolution of the Board, provided, however, such fee shall not exceed Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars.

Trailer Estates will perform the following actions:

- 1. Advise any Fines or Service Fees charged to Property by Trailer Estates.
- 2. Advise any outstanding Violations.
- 3. Require appropriate Application(s) to be filled out and completed, along with Application Fee to Live/Own/Rent Property in Trailer Estates prior to closing.
- 4. Age Verification & ID check (copy of Driver's License or State ID, Birth Certificate, ETC.
- 5. We will Disclose the Annual Assessment Cost + Any Special Assessment(s) that are in place.
- Advise that Trailer Estates Is not a Pet Friendly Community (except 46 Specific Homes).

If the Estoppel process is not followed by anyone who Sells/Purchases/Makes a Title Transfer of Property within Trailer Estates Park & Recreation District, they may be subject to Fines & Suspensions under Part E of the Rules & Regulations.

#### **Recycle Information**

We are having trouble with the wrong items being placed in the recycle container. Only these items are accepted: newspaper, soft cover books, cardboard, **glass bottles** (only glass accepted), aluminum cans, tin cans, plastic (with the triangle symbol on the bottom of them). Please put all other items in the solid waste dumpster. Never place items above the rim of the dumpster nor on the ground around the dumpster. Violators may be charged the cost to have the maintenance department correct the program.

#### **MORE RECYCLE NEWS:**

Motor oils can be recycled at Auto Zone, and other retail automotive stores. Batteries can be recycled at Batteries Plus. Propane tanks can be recycled at Detweilers, there is no charge. **DO NOT PUT THESE ITEMS IN DUMPSTERS!** 

#### YARD WASTE INFORMATION:

Only brush, trees and grass (no sod) may be put in the yard waste dumpster. All other material goes in solid waste dumpster.

#### SOLID WASTE INFORMATION:

Solid waste dumpster is for general trash and debris. **NO FLAM-ABLES, OILS, BATTERIES, CHEMICALS OR PROPANE TANKS AL-LOWED**. These items can be recycled quarterly at Manatee County recycle locations at no charge. Watch your water bill for times and locations. **TV, AIRCONDITIONERS, LARGE APPLIANCES**, please call Waste Pro at 941-355-9600 for pick up.

PLEASE BREAK DOWN YOUR BOXES, UNBROKEN BOXES TAKE UP SPACE AND COST THE PARK MONEY.

#### **NOTE FROM OFFICE:**

TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULE OCTOBER through MAY There will be 1 pickup on Thursdays JUNE through SEPTEMBER There will be 2 pickups Monday and Thursday

#### WASTE PRO OBSERVES THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS:

Thanksgiving Day Christmas Day 4th of July Labor Day New Year's Day Memorial Day

Presidents Day

If the holiday falls on trash pick-up day it will be picked up the next day. If the holiday falls on Saturday or Sunday, it will be picked

up on the normal pick-up day.



#### TRAILER ESTATES PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT Public Records Fees/Office Fees

		PP19							
COPIES:	\$ .15 per p	bage, \$ .20 two	o-sided page						
Audiotape Cassette \$ 1.50 CD Disc \$1.50 DVD Disc \$1.50									
FAXES (Sent	/Received):	1st Page	Additional Pages						
FL or 800 r	numbers	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00						
Other State	es	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00						
Canada		\$ 5.00	\$ 1.00						
Email		\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00						

**DEPOSITS**: If the records custodian determines that the request will require extensive clerical work to compile the requested records, extensive supervisory assistance, or an extensive use of information technology resources, an advance deposit may be required before the request will be processed.

#### **ADDITIONAL FEE INFORMATION:**

Public record requests requiring extensive clerical or supervisory assistance, extensive research (i.e. legal, paralegal, etc.), or extensive use of information technology resources may be charged an additional fee on a case by case basis.

The fee shall be based on the cost incurred for such extensive use of information technology resources or the labor cost of the personnel providing the service that is actually incurred by the Trailer Estates Park and Recreation District(TE) or attributable to TE for the clerical and supervisory assistance required, or both. Labor costs will include wages, Medicare/social security employer costs, and costs of benefits (health, dental, and retirement).

An additional fee may be charged for requests which require an extensive amount of clerical or supervisory assistance (more than 15 minutes), or an extensive use of information technology.

#### **Operation of a Golf Cart – Update** This bill took effect October 1, 2023

#### From the Florida State Committee on Transportation:

CS/CS/HB 949 (Chapter 2023-67, L.O.F.) requires that a person operating a golf cart on a public road or street, as authorized by the responsible local government entity, must:

- If 18 years of age or older, possess a form of government-issued photographic identification; or
- If under 18 years of age, possess a valid learner's driver license or valid driver's license

**Reason for the bill**: In the last few years, there has been an increase in golf cart related accidents, with significantly higher rates in those involving unlicensed/unpermitted children operating golf carts.

#### **Seasonal Recreation Activities**

Happy November everyone and welcome to the beginning of a new seasonal recreation calendar. We are excited about this upcoming season, so let's begin....

We begin the season with a new event: **Dinner and a Movie** on Thursday, November 9. Dinner will feature a baked potato bar with all the toppings, and a dessert. Doors will open at 5:45PM with the baked potato bar opening at 6PM. The movie will begin after dinner. Tickets for the dinner are \$5.00 and will be on sale at the post office November 1 - November 3, from 11AM-1PM. They will also be available to purchase at bingo on Wednesday, November 1 and Sunday, November 5 from 6PM – 6:30PM. The title of the movie will be disclosed when you buy your tickets, on flyers, on channel 732, and in the activity center.

The first **Saturday night dance** is scheduled for November 25, with the return of the Happy Days Band. Doors open at 6PM and the dance begins at 7PM. We will end November with **decorating the large hall** for Christmas on Thursday, November 30.

Looking ahead to December, **Taylor Taylor** will be returning to entertain at the December 2 dance and **Bobby Stillwell** is scheduled to play at the December 9 dance. **The Manatee Community Concert Band** will be here on Tuesday, December 12 to perform their Christmas show. They were here last spring, so please plan to attend this special concert. The **Trailer Estates Christmas Party** is scheduled on Saturday, December 16 and the annual **New Year's Eve Party** will occur on December 31. Tickets for the Christmas Party and the New Year's Eve Party will be offered beginning on Friday, December 1.

The Showtime schedule begins in January 2024. Five **Saturday Night Showtimes** are scheduled with a variety of entertainers including the Swinging Bridge Bluegrass Band and the Byrne Brothers Irish Show. New events, such as the **Golf Cart Poker Run** and a team **Trivia Night**, are a sampling of the special activities planned for this season. A Valentine's Dance featuring the Kelly Broadway Quartet and a **St. Pat's Party** with the Paisley Craze Band are also a part of the Saturday Night Dance schedule.

So, with all the activities coming our way, we really need volunteers to make events happen. Would your club or organization be willing to "adopt" a dance or a Showtime event? Do you like decorating? Volunteers are needed to help decorate for the Christmas and New Year's Eve Parties. Would you like to serve on the Golf Cart Poker Run committee or help with the Trivia Game Night? Please contact me if you have an interest in helping in any way. All hands are appreciated. My cell number, office number and email address are in the Tribune or just catch me walking around.

> Thank you, Kathy Gregory



#### Seasonal Recreation Schedule NOVEMBER 2023 – JANUARY 2024 ALL EVENTS IN THE LARGE HALL UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE

#### NOVEMBER 2023:

11/9/23: Dinner and a Movie Event. Dinner begins at 6PM.

11/25/23: Saturday Night Dance: Happy Days Band (7-10PM)

#### DECEMBER 2023:

- 12/2/23: Saturday Night Dance: Taylor Taylor (7-10PM)
- 12/9/23: Saturday Night Dance: Bobby Stillwell (7-10PM)
- 12/12/23: Manatee Community Concert Band: Christmas Concert 7PM
- 12/16/23:Trailer Estates Christmas Party Celebration: Jayar Mack Band (7-10PM)

12/31/23:New Year's Eve Party: Yesterdayze Band (8PM-midnight) JANUARY 2024:

- 1/6/24: Showtime Saturday: Rich Wilson Show (7-8:30PM)
- 1/12/24: Golf Cart Poker Run
- 1/13/24: Saturday Night Dance: Soundwave Sarasota (7-10PM)
- 1/20/24: Showtime Saturday: Harley Worthit Comedian (7-8:30PM)
- 1/25/24: Dessert and a Show Night: Silver Foxes (6:30- 8PM)
- 1/27/24: Saturday Night Dance: YaYa Diamond and the Dreamchasers (7-10PM)



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#### **CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS**

#### **Beautification Club**

2024 is almost upon us and the Beautification Club is excited to announce this coming season's Fund Raisers. Monday, February 5 will be an evening of history as we share the history of the Park. On Monday, February 19, we are going Back to the 80s with dancing and music. In March, the Ladies Tea will be on Tuesday the 5th. Put on that darling hat and share in a pot of tea and enjoy a guest speaker, who will be delightful. All tickets will be on sale starting the first Thursday in January at the post office from 10AM-2PM. BC will also have the boutique open every Thursday with lots of new items this year. The BC boutique will also be open at all of the Hobby Club bazaars- check the Tribune for the dates. Beautification Club meetings are held the third Monday of each month starting in January in the Pelican Room at 3:30PM. Anyone is welcome to join in and help raise funds for Trailer Estates.



We are "Neighbors helping Neighbors" Website: <u>www.cert-te.org</u> <u>www.mymanatee.org/CERT</u> Phone: C.E.R.T. 941-752-7421 or 941-962-4437 Email: <u>originaltr@cs.com</u>

We will be scheduling another CERT Basic Training Class in November. The class schedule can be tailored to the participants. The class is about 24 hours of classroom work that is broken down into 6 mornings. FEMA requires that all CERT members be certified to respond to a disaster. At the completion of your CERT Basic Training class Manatee County, our sponsor, issues you a badge that identifies you to other First Responders. Your CERT certification is recognized nationwide. For more information about CERT, google FEMA/CERT.

CERT training at Trailer Estates was highlighted in a report by Channel 13. The FOX news team captured a glimpse of the exercises that trainees use in an actual event. View the report using a link on the photo page of the <u>cert-te.org</u> web site.

Trailer Estates CERT is always welcoming HAM operators as that may be the only means of communication in a disaster, should we lose cell phone service, 911 or the Internet. CERT will offer classes for HAM licensing test preparation. We have not yet scheduled the next class; watch the website and the Tribune for updates.

Those great CERT breakfasts start in January. Watch for postings and the December Banner for dates and when and where to buy your tickets. We will be selling the booklets of four again this year. Visit our website for more information about our CERT and at FEMA. gov. We meet the third Wednesday of the month in the small hall at 10AM. You are always welcome.

Please evacuate when you are asked by Manatee County and stay safe.

#### **CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS**

#### Calling All Buckeyes!

Mark your calendars for the Ohio State luncheon on Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

We will have our first meeting for this season on Tuesday, February 14 at 1PM in Mark's Hall, to decide our menu.

If you live here permanently or have returned for the season, please try to attend this meeting. If you are reading this, but have not made the trek back south, consider bringing something "made in Ohio" for a door prize.

By the way, our menu WILL include edible BUCKEYES!

The luncheon is open to anyone in the park, so plan on a day of food and fun---OHIO style.

Don't forget Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 1PM in Mark's Hall. See you then! OH-

#### **Computer Club of TE:**

Through the month of November, Computer Club tech support volunteers continue to offer tech support to members. During the summer, you can join the Club, if not already a member. If you need tech support, please email us at <u>computerclubte@gmail.com</u> or call 941-281-5648.

For those of you who would like to access your Spectrum account while you are "up north," Article #11 **"Watching Your Spectrum TV Service Away From Home"** will give you information about how to access your Spectrum TV service. <u>https://ccofte.com/</u> training-articles.html

Technology constantly changes, as we all well know. If you have issues with information in this article (or any of our articles), let us know by emailing us with your experience and what you did to resolve the issue. You can help us keep our articles and training material current.

You can reach us <u>www.ccofte.com</u> or call us at 941-281-5648. Email <u>computerclubte@gmail.com</u>.

Our meetings will resume in December.

#### **Exercise Anyone?**

Attention Trailer Estates residents. Did you know that our community offers fun ways to exercise and socialize? Water Aerobics classes are offered at the pool every Monday, Wednesday and Friday beginning at 10AM. The Monday class uses pool noodles. Water Aerobics is a free class open to Trailer Estates residents.

If you are interested in exercise classes on land, then we have two options for you. Aerobics is a free class open to the Trailer Estates residents and is offered five times per week. Morning classes are offered at 8AM on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays in Mark's Hall. Evening classes are scheduled on Mondays and Thursdays beginning at 5:45 and are typically in the large hall.

Line Dance classes will begin on Tuesday, November 7 from 6PM to 8PM in the large hall (either the front or back of the hall). There is a \$3.00 fee for residents and \$5.00 fee for non-residents.

Please be advised that exercise classes may be cancelled, or the location of the class may be changed so check the Trailer Estates calendar on the website for the most up-to-date information. Additional exercise classes will be offered after the first of the year, so stay tuned.

#### **Medicare Annual Election Period**







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#### The Fun Singers

Are you ready to have some fun and make a difference in the community all at the same time? If so, we hope you'll join the group we call the "Fun Singers." Practice is every Friday morning from November through March, at 9AM in Mark's Hall. Our first practice of the 2023-2024 season is November 3, when we will begin rehearsing songs for the Christmas season. Then, every Tuesday afternoon from December to April we visit nursing homes in Manatee County bringing a little joy and a few memories through music to those whose lives basically consist of four walls. Seeing smiles arise and hearing them singing with us lets us know our efforts are well worth it. The group has no auditions, and we don't even care if you can sing. We only care that you enjoy singing and want to share that joy with others. It is our hope that we will see many new faces this season as we begin another incredible year on November 3 at 9AM in Mark's Hall. "Keep a song in your heart" and then join us to share it with others.

#### **Hobby Club**

2023/2024 Hobby Club Bazaars are just around the corner. Saturday dates for the season are December 2, 2023 and January 6, February 3, and March 2 in 2024. Doors are open in the Large Hall from 8AM until noon. The annual membership fee is \$10 and table cost per bazaar is \$10 (\$40 per season). Membership is open to residents and their guests. The non-members fee is \$20 per table. All merchandise for sale must be handmade or value added. Vendors cannot sell used items. These Bazaars are a great opportunity to get unique items.

The white elephant tables will sell all used and donated items. If you have any items that you want to donate you can contact Debbie Smrke at 941-243-3490. If you are a reader, there are a variety of books for sale.

New vendors are welcome. For more information, or to reserve your December tables, please contact Laura Wood at woodlaura4@ gmail.com or 941-799-2034.

The Hobby Club sponsors two events for the residents who are in their 85th year or older. The cookie gift bag delivery is December 15 and the second event is a light luncheon in February. If you are aware of anyone who is turning 85, please contact Debbie at 941-243-3490 to give her the information so that they can be included in these events. Money for cookie gift bags would be greatly appreciated, and if you want to donate you can contribute at the post office or Bingo on December 1.

Thank you for supporting the activities of the club.

#### Horseshoe Club

The T.E. Horseshoe Club is one of the oldest clubs in T.E. We compete each year against other parks and clubs. We currently play against Hawaiian Island, Tripar and Anna Marie Island. Not everyone plays in the competitive events. We play on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The starting time is around 8 a.m. in the summer to beat the heat. Play is open to men and women. We will give you instructions to learn and improve your game. We enjoy the game of horseshoes, but more than anything, the fellowship and camaraderie are great. Horseshoes is a game of skill and thinking. It also gives you some exercise, without tearing up that treadmill.

Come on down and check us out, you will be glad that you did. For additional information on Horseshoe Club activities call Archie Canterbury 810-240-4887 or Tim Kirkpatrick 941-739-0006.

#### Neighborhood Watch (NW):

Do you know that if you are aware of 'squatters', attempted break-ins, trespassers, thefts, vandalism, or any suspicious activity there is a good team of patrollers to investigate, assist and help keep you and your property safe? NW should be notified for EVERY incident; however, if you witness an actual crime, please call 911 immediately. By contacting NW, we can assist the sheriff, and follow up with continued efforts regarding the matter.

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING. Please help us help you. Gary Militello NW 585-794-6153 Manatee Sheriff non-emergency 941-747-3011 ext. 2260 Thank You, Neighbors.

#### Share-A-Craft

Welcome back, Snowbirds!! We are very glad you are back and hope you will join us in any or all of our three activities: Workshop, Quilting, and Stitchery. We are very glad that we can return to our very own special slice of paradise. We have been very blessed.

Share-A-Craft is a service organization started in Trailer Estates over 40 years ago. Our group of friendly, social ladies enjoy doing needlework and crafts, enjoy meeting and making new friends and renewing friendships from prior seasons and are interested in giving back to the Park.

On Tuesdays, we meet from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. for Workshop. It is here that we make the scrubbies, cozies, cards, jewelry, and other craft items that we sell at the Park's monthly bazaars (the first Saturday of December, January, February, and March). Whatever money we make is donated back to the Park to help support the Christmas Dinner, Christmas Cookies for our Mature Residents, Over 85 Luncheon, Rose Garden, Beautification Club, and many other worthy organizations. Workshop, Quilting, and Stitchery is held in the Activity Building, in the Craft Room. Workshop will begin October 24th at 9:30 a.m. For more information on Workshop, contact Britta Voigt at 715-475-9807.

On Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and again from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., the Quilters meet to create the beautiful quilt that they raffle off at the March Bazaar. Quilting will begin on Wednesday, November 1st. For more information regarding Quilting, contact Carolyn Marra at 330-309-7498.

Stitchery meets from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. on Thursdays. Members work on their own projects such as crocheting, knitting, quilting, embroidery, rug hooking, making plarn (plastic yarn made from plastic bags) mats and bags, Diamond Dot pictures and coasters, and any and all types of crafting or needle work you fancy. Come share your crafting/needlework ideas, learn a new craft or get help with your own project. Stitchery will start on Thursday, October 19th. For information on Stitchery, contact Eileen Bohall at 941-807-6611 or Roxanne True at 502-531-3260.

Our first business meeting will be Tuesday, November 7th at 10:00 a.m.; the first Bazaar will be on Saturday, December 2nd from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Big Hall.

Share-A-Craft is the best bargain in the Park—\$2.00 dues for your initial year and then just \$1.00 for each successive year! Where else can you have fun three days a week for six months, for ONE or TWO DOLLARS?? Come join us for one, or all, of our activities.

Roxanne Ognibene True

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#### Jokes Of The Month



 A Senior goes to the doctor and as she touches each part of her body with her finger she says, "Doctor it hurts everywhere. My leg hurts, my arm hurts, my back hurts, and even my head hurts!"

The doctor asks, "Were you ever a blonde?" "Yes, I was," she replies. "Why do you ask?

"The doctor answers, "because your finger is broken!

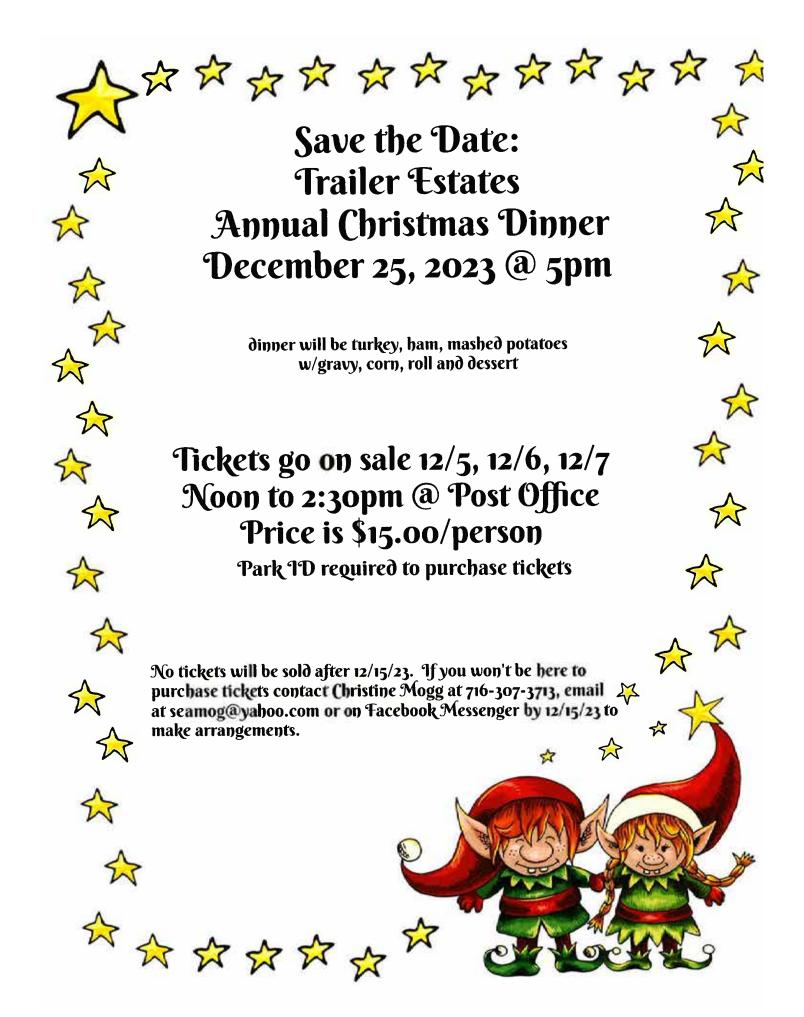
• A retired man now volunteers to entertain patients in assisted living homes and hospitals. He visited one hospital in Bradenton and brought along his portable keyboard.

After telling jokes and singing songs at patients' bedsides, he said farewell and, "I hope you get better."

One elderly gentleman replied, "I hope you get better, too."

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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26	<b>27</b> 10:00AM Church Women's Ministry - H (in addition to Wed.) 3:00PM Yacht Club Bridge Meeting - A 3:30PM Beautification Club - A	<b>28</b> 11:00AM Hobby Club Meeting - CR2	29	<b>30</b> 8:00AM Christmas Decorations Up-H 9:30AM Cribbage - H	DECEMBER S M T W T F 5 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	<u>K E Y</u> CR1 - Craft Room 1 CR2 - Craft Room 2 WS - Woodshop B - Beach H - Large Hall or Small Hall A - Activity Center



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#### **TE Shuffleboard Club**

A special welcome to all T.E. Shuffleboard players, and wouldbe players, who are arriving at Trailer Estates during the month of November. If you are not a shuffler – Welcome Back on behalf of all Club members and we hope you will give the game a try this season.

#### November will see the start of Club play:

During the early part of November, the Club "FUN GAMES" will commence. These games are open to all players regardless of skill level and are played, just as the name suggests – FOR FUN. They are played every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday commencing at 1PM. A sign is posted at the entrance to the courts on game days which indicates that play will take place.

"Singles" games are played on Tuesdays and Thursdays and "doubles" on Saturdays. Winners collect 5 cents from those who placed second on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 10 cents on Saturdays – the out-of-pocket losses are not excessive, but bring some small change. Everything is provided except rubber-soled shoes, so be sure and wear yours. Plan on spending two hours at the courts.

Play starts promptly at 1PM, so please be on time. Remember – you will never have to wait for a court when you play at T.E.

Also, the first District Tournament for the season at Trailer Estates is November 16 -17. Open Men's/Ladies, with a District amateur tournament that is a draw (so you don't need a partner) on Friday, November 17, must register by 8:45AM.

**Club Membership Fees are now due and payable - \$5 per person** A modest membership fee is necessary in order to keep the courts in shape, provide glass beads for play, brooms, dust pans, bug and weed spray, disc waxing supplies, etc.

It is easy to join the Club, simply go to the clubhouse at the courts and look for a container holding small brown envelopes. It is located inside the building under the bulletin board on the north side. Fill out the outside of the envelope with the information requested. Insert your \$5 payment, seal the envelope and insert it into the container by means of the slot provided. In due course, your membership card will be placed on a holder on the outside of this container for you to keep for your records.

We depend on member volunteers for much of our court maintenance. Please be ready to assist when asked. With enough volunteers, the jobs are not onerous, without volunteers the jobs simply cannot be done appropriately and our wonderful facility will deteriorate.

2023-2024 District and State Shuffleboard Club schedules are posted on bulletin and chalk boards at the courts.

Please remember – the purpose of our Club is to encourage new members to take up the game, and in the process meet new people, benefit from moderate exercise, learn new skills and most importantly, to HAVE FUN... January 15 - 19, 2024: **St. Augustine Night of Lights** Bus tour includes transportation from TE, HopOn/OffTrolley, Bay night tour of lights cruise, and more. Call or text 707-972-5055 to place your name on the roster for future details. 30 minimum needed for the trip to be a "go."

January 24, 2024: **Thrift Store Bus Trip** (one day) \$75 per person. Includes transportation, lunch and driver gratuity. Open to everyone. To reserve a seat call or text Dottie at 707-972-5055. Minimum of 30 required for the bus to be a go.

<u>February 19 - 23, 2024</u>: **Savannah Bus Trip** Minimum of 30 passengers required for the trip to be a go. Register your seat at <u>https://www.grouptrips.com/ReadySetGoTourTravel</u>. \$830 per person, double occupancy. Single rates available.

<u>March 4 - 7, 2024</u>: **Key West** (3 nights, 4 days). Ferry from Ft Myers Beach on the Key West Express to Key West and return. Pricing will include ferry, lodging on Key West and hop on/off trolley. Call for details and pricing. This trip is still in the planning stages. Transportation will be additional or on your own if we do not get enough for a bus.

<u>March 18 - 23, 2024</u>: **New Orleans Bus trip** (5 nights, 6 days) to include 8 meals, lodging, transportation from TE, Mardi Gras World, WWII Museum, plantation visit, and more. \$888 per person, double occupancy. Single rates available. For details and pricing, call Dottie at 707-972-5055.

#### Wood Shop

Welcome back to all from the Trailer Estates Wood Shop. We hope to be fully staffed by November with Stewards available each weekday from 9AM-11AM and 1PM-3PM. As a reminder, you will need to sign a Liability form to be able to get your FOB activated for shop entry. Additionally, all fees will need to be paid at that time. Regular monthly meetings will resume on Thursday, November 16 at 9AM. Weekly classes for bowl turning on Mondays from 5PM-7PM, and Toy making on Tuesdays from 6PM-8PM, will be available.

We appreciate everyone's help with recycling aluminum. Cans may be deposited in marked containers by the recycling dumpster or at the window on the south side of the wood shop.

All Trailer Estates residents may become members of the shop. Please remember that during Stewards hours all are welcome to use the wood shop, under supervision.



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As a reminder, membership renewal is \$5.00 and can be paid at the Membership meetings or when you buy tickets for an event. New members are \$10.00 for the first year, then \$5 annually, after that. Any questions or concerns, please contact us at teyc4you@ gmail.com.

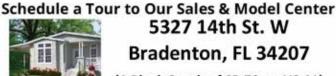
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#### Meet Your Neighbor -Janet Vander Molen



One thing I've always wanted to do is walk down every street in Trailer Estates, knock on the door, and ask, "What brought you to this wonderful community"? Wouldn't it be fun to get that answer from every resident? Well, what if I told you that for one neighbor that decision to come to our park depended on just one

thing—a sailboat! Truth is, without our marina, this wonderful couple would undoubtedly not have been our neighbors; and that would have been a tremendous loss for all of us.

In 1979, after an illustrious career in nursing and the end of her husband's many years of teaching Industrial Arts in a Grand Rapids, Michigan high school—followed by counseling students at Ferris State University—it was time for this couple to "sail" into retirement and they did exactly that!

Janet Vander Molen, born in California but raised in Michigan, always wanted to be a nurse. She attended Wayne State University in Detroit for one semester and was then sent to Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids for further training where she shared a room with 24 other girls. Can you even imagine that? Engaged to be married, her best friend asked Janet to serve as a bridesmaid in her wedding. There she met a tall and handsome young man whose cousin just happened to be the bride. Then, a student at Western Michigan University, the young man didn't really impress Janet, but she definitely impressed him! One thing led to another and soon, John said to Janet, "Let's get married." One week later, they did just that and soon added two wonderful daughters to their lives.

Time went by. John decided he wanted to get a Master's Degree and was accepted at the University of Michigan. While he pursued that, Janet worked on getting a degree in public health at a time when polio was sweeping our nation. Soon, she would work for three doctors and loved it.

Michigan is famous for its yearly sailboat races between the cities of Port Huron and Mackinac. While helping a friend prepare for this race, the "sailing bug" hit John. He would soon build a "sailfish" (a small, hollow body, board-boat style sailing dinghy) in their dining room and taking it on the lake. Finally, they bought a sailboat and traveled Lake Michigan into Canada. John's mother lived in Fairlane Acres in Bradenton. Janet came down to hopefully find a retirement home with a marina so their love of sailing could continue. In 1979, she and John bought a home on Oregon in Trailer Estates. They sailed for 10 years bringing the boat to our marina in October 1982 by sailing from Charlevoix, Michigan to Beaver Island, through Canada to the Erie Canal, into New York Harbor, then down the coast, ending in Trailer Estates. In January 1983, they also sailed to many islands in the Bahamas to visit the islands and to snorkel. Eventually, they sold the boat and bought a motorhome. Soon our Park opened a new section. John and Janet sold their home on Oregon and bought a lot on Massachusetts. They designed their new home and have lived on that lot in their home, ever since.

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#### Meet Your Neighbor (continued from pge 25)

Always loving Trailer Estates, John got involved on the Board and served there for 16 years. Janet, ever a nurse, began taking blood pressures for residents on Thursdays, along with Mary Jane Mumford and two other women. They volunteered their time on this project for years. During the summer months, Janet also kept Trailer Estates' northern residents informed about changes around Bradenton and "happenings" with neighbors both in the park and those gone for the summer. We all loved receiving that faithful email from Janet. She and John loved to dance and were seen at our dances every Saturday night for years.

I always love the stories long-time neighbors have to tell about the park, and Janet's story is wonderful! A long, long time ago, the Yacht Club was once "for men only," and most of the members didn't own a boat. Suddenly, a very skilled woman sailor moved into Trailer Estates. She owned a boat and wanted to join the Yacht Club but was rejected simply because she was a woman. Janet heard about this and was shocked to think a woman with a boat and a great deal of experience sailing, including serving as a navigation instructor for the Coast Guard and spending weekends on her boat doing rescue assistance, wasn't allowed in our Yacht Club. Janet contacted the group and laid out a convincing case on behalf of the new resident. Why are there women in the Yacht Club today? Because one woman—Janet Vander Molen—saw wrong and was bound and determined to right it...and she did! Yacht Club Ladies: You owe your present membership to Janet!

There is no doubt Trailer Estates is a much better place thanks to John and Janet Vander Molen. John passed away in 2020, but Janet stays active and happy. I've never seen her at the post office without a smile on her face. Our thanks go out to these two wonderful people who not only called Trailer Estates "home" but left their mark here for all future residents. Many thanks from all of us! *Submitted by Gail Opper* 

#### An Update About Your Vote by Mail Request

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#### Hello Manatee County Voter,

Over the past 20 years voting by mail (VBM) has become a popular and common way to cast a ballot. During the 2022 General Election, 44 percent of Manatee County voters cast their ballots by mail as opposed to voting in person at an early voting location or at a designated precinct on Election Day.

Voting by mail has gained popularity because it is a safe and convenient way to cast your ballot. It allows voters to avoid potential Election Day obstacles like long lines, bad weather or work delays. Voting by mail also gives voters more time to consider issues and candidates with their ballot in hand, rather than feeling rushed at the polling place.

For many years, Manatee County voters who have voted by mail have become accustomed to automatically receiving a ballot in the mail. When enrolling in our VBM directory, you were opting in to receiving a mail ballot for future elections, with the understanding that you could cast a mail ballot or vote in person if you ever chose to.

However, that process is changing as a result of a new state law.

In 2021 the Florida Legislature passed <u>SB 90</u> which "limits the duration of requests for vote-by-mail ballots to all elections through the end of the calendar year of the next regularly scheduled general election."

When that bill became law, all vote by mail requests that local elections offices around the state had on record expired in 2022. Now Florida voters will need to make a new request to receive a VBM ballot for 2024 and following each General Election every two years. While the new process may seem like an inconvenience, it will ensure that voters stay regularly engaged in their voting preferences and it will help our office keep more accurate records of local voters' address information.

The good news is that requesting a VBM ballot remains a simple and safe process. You can make your VBM request by visiting <u>www.</u> <u>votemantee.gov/VBM</u> or by calling our office at (941) 741-3823 and pressing 1. The VBM request requires the voter to provide their name, date of birth and either last four digits of their social security number or a valid Florida driver's license or Florida identification card. This fall, those who have requested a mail ballot in the past can expect to see a notice in either your mailbox or email inbox explaining these changes and how to go about requesting a new VBM ballot. We are also attempting to reach voters with this news via the news media, social media and through public speaking engagements.

We are making this effort to inform voters of an important update they may not have already known about and in hopes that many will request a VBM ballot before it becomes too late to do so, leaving people the option only to vote in person at an early voting location or at a designated precinct on Election Day.

Thank you for understanding and for your cooperation in the new process. As always, if you have any questions about your Vote By Mail ballot, or your voter registration, please contact us at (941) 741-3823, by emailing <u>Info@VoteManatee.gov</u>, or by visiting <u>www.Vo-teManatee.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Mike Bennett

Manatee County Supervisor of Elections

#### TRAILER ESTATES PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT NOTICE OF REFERENDUM FOR AMENDMENTS TO DISTRICT ENABLING LEGISLATION AMENDING TRUSTEE TERMS/ELECTION DATE DECEMBER 5, 2023

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a referendum election on Trailer Estates Park and Recreation District's ("District's") enabling legislation amending Trustee terms/election date will be held on the **5th day of December, 2023**. Polls will be open from 12PM to 8PM. The District's Referendum Election is held for the purpose of determining the following question:

#### Amendments to Trailer Estates Park and Recreation District Enabling Legislation Amending Trustee Terms/Election Date

Shall District Enabling Legislation be amended changing terms of office/election date of Trustees from a two year term with Trustees elected annually on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of December to terms of three years with three Trustees elected each year on the second Tuesday in March annually (reserving right to move the election date one week per the Supervisor of Elections) and if rejected, terms of office/election date remain unchanged?

YES-Approve \_\_\_\_\_

NO- Reject

All Trailer Estates Park and Recreation District registered voters should ensure that their correct address is on file in the Manatee County Supervisor of Elections Office. In accordance with Florida Statutes 101.6103 **ballots cannot be forwarded** by the US Postal Service.

Trailer Estates Park and Recreation District Pursuant to F.S. 100.342 Published: October 30, 2023 and November 13, 2023

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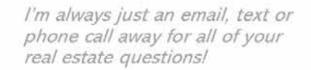


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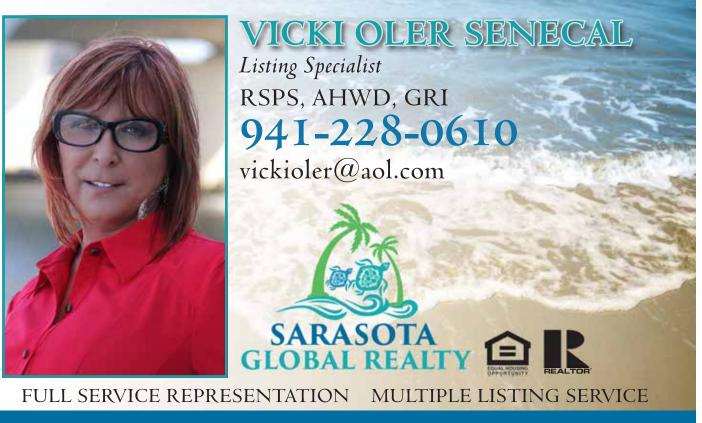
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