



# Spanish Trails West



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## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Carla Eno, Office Administrator

### Office Hours

Office hours are Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Office closed Saturday and Sunday.

**Days office will be closed:** The office will be closed on the following days: **December, 24, 25, 31, 2019 and January 1, 2020.**

**Copies:** B/W 5¢ each, Color 15¢ each.

**Faxes sent:** \$1.25 First page, 25¢ each additional page. **Faxes received:** 5¢ per page.

**Notary service** is available for all residents FREE. All others, there is a fee of \$5.00.

**Lot Number** – Please remember to put your lot number on your checks so your payment is posted to the correct account.

**Guests** – If you are having company, please stop by and pick up a pass to go on their vehicle and a wristband for each person.

**Contractors** – If you are having work done, please have your contractor stop by the office to register and get a parking pass.

**Statements** are sent out around the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month to accounts with a balance due. If you feel there is an error, please contact the office so we can clear it up. We try to email as many statements and invoices as possible to save on postage.

**Vehicle Stickers** – Residents, if you don't already have a STW sticker on your vehicle, please pick one up at the office.

**PCI Phone Directory:** The 2019-2020 phone directories are here. Please stop at the office to pick up your copy.

**Recycling Bin:** Please remember to break down any boxes you put in the recycling bin.

**Emails** – If you are not receiving emails from the office, please send an email to the office requesting to be added. Send email to:

[spanishtrailswest@gmail.com](mailto:spanishtrailswest@gmail.com) or

[spanishtrailswest@yahoo.com](mailto:spanishtrailswest@yahoo.com)

**Hope you have a Merry Christmas**

## STW HOA

Tim Morrison, President

**Next Board Meeting: December 12 @ 2 p.m.**

I want to thank everyone for the thoughts and calls regarding my surgery. I guess surgery went as planned and all I need to do is be patient and heal. For me this is the hard part. THANKS!

This year is quickly ending with us closing out all summer projects as follows:

- We continue to press forward with the installation of the emergency generator. We now have the entire unit on site with the new fuel tank installed and filled. There is one final run load test scheduled for November 25<sup>th</sup> which should be fine. The end is finally in sight. OOPS! I guess not yet. Generator is the wrong one for our application. I guess we are going for a fourth one now. I will keep you posted.

- A plan is being finalized to implement the card access portion of our new ADT Security System. Once in place this will result in residents using a card to gain access to the clubhouse. We need to work out the details and ensure everyone who should have access has a card and knows how it works. We will keep you posted on progress.
- We have resolved the one hurdle which was remaining with the front entrance equipment cooling. Cameras are now up and operational.
- Distribution of the \$15,000.00 power company easement has been finalized and approved by the Board.
- Board approved palm tree replacements have been completed.

As you can see this has been a very busy place over the past several weeks. Now we need to focus on year-end business for the park. We are moving forward to finalize a budget and prepare for the annual shareholder meeting and elections. First in line is communication of the budget prior to the vote in December. This is moving forward now.

Finally, if you see things you would like to see changed please consider running for the board in the upcoming election. There will be three board slots coming open for election. All shareholders are welcome to throw their hat in the ring for consideration.

### **Community Social Club**

*Elaine Lawrence, President*

Please take note, the next Social Club meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.** prior to the HOA meeting. This is an important meeting; you will

be electing four members to the Social Club Board. Please try to attend!

I wish all our Friends and Neighbors a Joyous Holiday Season and Happy, Healthy New Year!

### **Romeo's**

*Tom Pete*

All STW Romeo's are asked to join us December 6<sup>th</sup> for the Thomas Promise Breakfast. There will be a special presentation to honor the Romeo's.

Romeo regular meeting will resume December 20<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Corral. Our president, Mark has promised to wear his Santa Suit for the event.

### **Juliet's**

*Lucille Wagner*

Twenty-two of us went to our favorite eatery – Sergio's on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Great food and great crowd.

On December 19<sup>th</sup> we will go to Martha's Grill and Bar (formerly Doc's) in Dade City. Please meet at the clubhouse at 12:30 p.m. to car pool. Please call me whether you will or will not be going.

### **Thomas Promise Breakfast**

*Tom Pete*

Join us for Christmas fun, food and celebrate the Spirit of Christmas. This is STW Kickoff to Christmas. Tickets are on sale NOW for \$5.00. Tickets will **NOT** be available at the door.

Join us for an all you can eat pancake and sausage breakfast and more, live music, 50/50 drawing and raffle. We will have a special visit from Santa along with Diana Thomas from Thomas Promise.

Join us December 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in the clubhouse. Don't forget to bring an unwrapped gift for a boy or girl from infant

to high school. Gift cards are a great idea!!!! The gifts will be used at the Thomas Promise Christmas Party for the parents and kids in our area. Your gifts stay in Pasco County.

Tickets are available from Betty (Ms. Ticket Master) Lucille and at coffee on Tuesday. Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at midnight we will stop selling tickets.

Thank you, STW for your continued support for this program.

### **Entertainment**

*Lucille Wagner*

November 16<sup>th</sup>, Harmony Hal and His Gal entertained us with a variety of songs.

Suncoast Harmony will entertain us on December 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. They are also known as Sweet Adelines. Tickets are \$6.00 per person.

December 31, 2019, John Dixon Band will help us bring in 2020 from 8:00 p.m. – midnight. Tickets are \$12.00 per person. Bring your own snacks and drinks.

Tickets can be purchased from Betty Moores or myself. Don't forget there will be a 50/50 drawing.

### **Golf Cart Parade and Gathering**

*Judy Siddell*

The annual Golf Cart Parade and clubhouse get together will be on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Golf carts will line up in front of clubhouse at 5:30 p.m. and will ride around the park led by Charlie Dean. Decorate your carts. We will give prizes for the best decorated ones.

Everyone invited to join in after the parade for Christmas caroling, some special entertainment and a visit from Santa. It will be a fun gathering for sure.

### **Christmas Day**



Christmas Day, Wednesday,  
December 25<sup>th</sup> – Let's eat and have  
some fun:

1:00 p.m. Pot Luck - Bring your favorite dish to share.

3:00 p.m. White Elephant gift exchange.

Do **NOT** purchase a gift. It must be something in your home that you'd love to get rid of. One man's trash is another man's treasure.

### **SHUFFLE BOARD LINE UP FOR 2019/ 2020 SEASON**

*Al Lisk*

MONDAY MORNING – L ADIES LEAGUE 10 AM

MONDAY NIGHT – MEN'S LEAGUE 7 PM

TUESDAY MORNING – MIX LEAGUE 10 AM

WED. NIGHT – OPEN SHUFFLE, 3 COURTS

HOSS COLLAR – 3 COURTS REG. SHUFFLE

THURS. MORN. – HOSS COLLAR LEAGUE 10 AM

SAT. MORNING – OPEN SHUFFLE 3 COURTS

HOSS COLLAR ,3 COURTS REG. SHUFFLE

*Shuffle Board Committee November 2019*

\*PLEASE NOTE – LEAGUES START IN JANUARY 2020. PRACTICE UNTIL THEN. SIGN UP SHEETS FOR LEAGUES WILL BE UP BEFORE DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>. COME AND HAVE FUN. IF YOU NEED INSTRUCTION, THERE ARE LOTS OF PEOPLE AVAILABLE TO HELP.

### **Progressive Euchre**

*Al Lisk*

Come have fun playing Progressive Euchre on Tuesday nights from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

### **Pickleball**

*Betty Moores*

We are playing Pickleball on Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Any questions, please call me at 813-788-9407.



**December**

Gail Curtis	1 <sup>st</sup>
Louise Louk	1 <sup>st</sup>
Jack Veneman	5 <sup>th</sup>
Vincena Stevens	7 <sup>th</sup>
Cheryl (Sue) Mills	7 <sup>th</sup>
Carol Holmes	14 <sup>th</sup>
Judy Stahl	16 <sup>th</sup>
Barbara Coate	17 <sup>th</sup>
Agnes Mason	17 <sup>th</sup>
Garry Daly	18 <sup>th</sup>
Deanna Fournier	18 <sup>th</sup>
Connie Lowe	18 <sup>th</sup>
Pauline Freely	19 <sup>th</sup>
Carl Ward	20 <sup>th</sup>
Joseph Williams	21 <sup>st</sup>
Charles Smith	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Robert Gevaert	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Diana Carpenter	26 <sup>th</sup>
Larry Dernier	26 <sup>th</sup>
Nancy Butt	27 <sup>th</sup>
Gordon Polak	29 <sup>th</sup>
Helen McCabe	30 <sup>th</sup>
Julia Vernik	31 <sup>st</sup>



**December**



**Best Wishes to the following:**

JD & Linda Davis	1 <sup>st</sup>
Frank & Betty Grannan	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Jack & Kathy Veneman	5 <sup>th</sup>
Donald & Janet Oberlin	12 <sup>th</sup>
Richard & Joanne Flint	14 <sup>th</sup>
Clyde & Anna Jo Bracknell	21 <sup>st</sup>
John & Pauline Freely	21 <sup>st</sup>



**Notice**

Our new Piano, donated by Robert and Nancy Butt will be tuned on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. We ask you to please not disturb the person tuning it. He needs complete quietness in order to tune it correctly. Thank you for your cooperation.



*Ronald Stelle*

Hello Everyone,

Bingo is starting off well this season. We had 39 players November 11, 2019. We paid out \$12.00 for regular bingo winners and \$25.00 for coverall winners.

Bring your friends and neighbors and come out for a fun night of Bingo. We have a smaller package of cards which includes all games for \$4.25 if you are just learning how to play.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. so you can purchase your cards. Early Bird Bingo starts promptly at 6:30 p.m. and regular Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m.

We have a balance of \$50.94 as of November 11, 2019 with all bills paid.

If you are new to the park, we welcome you to come and enjoy the evening with us. If you have not played much Bingo before come early and people will help you get an idea of the games we play.

See you at Bingo Monday Night...

*Ronald and Phyllis Stelle*





## Sunshine Club

*Lucille Wagner*

Get Well cards were sent to Tim Morrison, Carol Holmes, Vinny Stevens, Melba Slates, Cathy McMillian and Judy Stimpson.

Sympathy cards were sent to Janet Buzzell on the passing of her husband, Clarence and to Jim Nutter on the passing of his brother.

## Widows Group

*Judy Siddell*

Widows group will not be meeting until after the holidays. Watch for more information in January.

## STW Travel Club

*Shirley Munger*

Hello: Everyone,

The next Travel Club Meeting will be Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup>.

We are just getting ready to enjoy our Christmas shows. All of the shows at Ruth Eckerd Hall are sold out along with the Christmas Lights Cruise. Unfortunately, some of you were not able to get tickets. We know you get tired of hearing us tell you that you need to pay for a trip when you sign up. To guarantee a seat, that is what you must do.

### Special presentation

**Monday December 9<sup>th</sup> at STW  
Clubhouse at 10 am**

### **CANADIAN ROCKIES FEATURING CALGARY STAMPEDE & ROCKY MT. RAILROAD**

Come check out the trip of a lifetime to add to your bucket list. Rocky Mountaineer has elevated rail travel to match the grandeur of western Canada's most majestic landscape.

Come enjoy the magnificent scenery. Trip is July 10-17. You won't be disappointed.  
Free Refreshments.

### **EDISON FORD ESTATES, BOAT TOUR & BROADWAY PALMS DINNER THEATER**

**JANUARY 21-22, 2020**

Discover the genius of Edison and Ford, two American inventors. Have lunch there and a boat tour. Spend the night at Best Western Waterfront, Ft. Myers. Spend next morning shopping at Best of Everything and head to Broadway Palms Dinner Theater to see Grumpy Old Men. Cost \$379 PP Dbl/\$429 Sgl.

### **A TASTE OF SAVANNAH, FEBRUARY. 23-25**

Join us on this trip to the historic city of Savannah. We will learn about its rich history, it's colorful culture and true southern hospitality on a guided city tour. We will spend two nights in our centrally located hotel and dine at two of the city's top-rated restaurants. 2 Breakfasts and 2 Dinners included.  
Cost \$469PP DBL/\$599 Sgl.

### **MACON, GEORGIA INTERNATIONAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL -MARCH 27-29**

Every Spring Macon, Georgia who has 350,000 Yoshino Cherry Trees hosts this Cherry Blossom Festival in late March. This is the pinkest party on earth. Includes 2 nights hotel accommodations, Guided Cherry Blossom Tour, Guided City Tour, 1 live show, 2 dinners and 2 breakfasts. Cost \$699 PP Dbl \$839 PP Sgl.

**The January Travel Club meeting will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.**



### Reminder

#### Spanish Trails West, Rules and Regulations

*Ernie Foote*

(These Rules and Regulations pertain to shareholders, non-shareholders as well as guests, visitors, renters, tenants, lessees, or sub-lessees.)

Please remember: We have several residents within our community that are handicapped and walk throughout the day this includes early morning and evening to include regular routine walkers. "The speed limit throughout the park is fifteen (15) mph" and speeding could cause someone to get hurt.

#### **SLOW DOWN FOR THE SAKE OF OUR RESIDENTS!**

**Sunday Games**  
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
December 1,9,15,22,29.

**Karaoke Schedule**  
Thursdays 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
December 5, 12, 19, 26.

**Pool Exercise**  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
1:00 p.m.

**Golf**  
Wednesdays 12 Noon  
December 4,11,18,

### Welcome Residents



**Eileen Sirianni**

Eileen resides at 37640 Campo Ave. She is originally from Pennsylvania. She chose STW as she liked the quiet serene setting.

She enjoys sewing, painting, bowling, reading and traveling. She wants to learn new games and meet new people. She was in Hospice management and the medical field. She retired due to disability. She has six siblings, three children and four grandchildren and a dog, Buddie.

Eileen is looking forward to make STW her home and becoming part of the community.



**Andrew & Linda Seese**

Andy and Linda reside at 37530 Poco Ave. They are originally from Ohio. They liked STW due to being able to own the property.

Andy is retired from the U.S.A.F. Linda is retired from being a title agent. They have three children, six grandchildren and one great grandchild. They also have two pets.



### **Nancy Hoehn & Bill Mattingly**

Nancy and Bill reside at 7205 Naranja St. Bill is from Illinois and Nancy from Ohio. They chose STW because of the beautiful park and homes. They liked the location and being to be a shareholder.

Bill enjoys dancing and reading. Nancy also enjoys dancing, reading and exercising. He's retired from Caterpillar Inc. and she from the healthcare field. Bill has two children, six grandchildren and one great grandchild. Nancy has three children, two grandchildren. They have two dogs, Teddy and CJ.

### **Pet Owners Beware**

Please do not let your pets outside unless they are on a leash per STW rules. Be kind to your pets and don't let them loose to roam. It is a known fact that a cat died due to poison.

### **Pictures/Information in Newsletter**

For those residents whose pictures and information have not appeared in the newsletter and wish them to be published. Please contact me and I will try to obtain the information and include them in a future issue. Cell: 317-403 4022. Email: [macscats@aol.com](mailto:macscats@aol.com)



## 2019 Winter Solstice Did You Know?

In 2019, the winter solstice arrives on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, at 11:19 p.m. EST, marking the first day of winter in the Northern Hemisphere. In the Northern Hemisphere, the winter solstice always occurs around December 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Winter Solstice marks the day with the shortest period of daylight and the longest night of the year (in the Northern Hemisphere), all thanks to the tilt of the earth. In many cultures, the day is a day of feasting and celebration, but even if you're totally agnostic, you can still find a reason to rejoice, because after today, you'll see gradually shorter nights and longer days, which means you can look forward to the emergence of spring.

*<https://nationaltoday.com/winter-solstice/>*



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