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fore the
planned event.**



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Gordon's Greetings

By Gordon Laflin President, TWOAI

WELCOME FOR THE 2023/2024 SEASON

The return for this season is drastically different than the return of last season. Hopefully most of the repairs have been completed on your homes or are in the process of getting done. The devastation that greeted us last year is still a vivid memory. Fortunately, this year, we dodged a bullet recently as hurricane Idalia devastated the northern part of the state and we just received some wind and rain from it. Hopefully everyone is keeping the folks affected by Idalia in their thoughts as we all know firsthand what they are going through and will face in the coming weeks and months.

Upon your return you will be happy to see the restorations that have taken place. The last year has been trying to say the least, but the spirit of TW could not be broken. The clubhouse is repaired, less a bit of cabinetry that needs to be finished, the sunshades on the shuffleboard courts have been rebuilt, the fencing on the tennis courts has been replaced, many of the carports and lanais have been replaced getting our homes back to



normal.

With all the effort and work done by way too many people to recognize, we are all set for a return to a full slate of the normal TW activities. They include the entertainment evenings throughout the season thanks to the work of Kathy and John Fleiss, holiday dances, Saturday morning coffee, Tiki Fridays, the regular daily activities that take place in the clubhouse that were unable to take place last year.

In addition to all the restoration work that has been done there has been a significant change in the resident makeup. The sales of homes this year were very active with at least 40 homes changing ownership. One of the things that makes TW a special place is the residents. Everyone knows that the community is very hospitable and giving and as such I would ask everyone to welcome the new residents the way Pat and I were received when we moved to TW. The willingness of the residents

to help is notable and let this continue as we welcome the new residents to Tangerine Woods. As the Board moves forward in the coming season, there are still items that we are planning to address to improve the quality of life at TW. I think the number one item on everyone's list is the security of the community and common areas.

This item has been on the Board's agenda for the last several years. I know the current Board is very aware and concerned with the security issues that occurred last year. The Board, as well as previous Boards, have discussed these needs. Hopefully we can upgrade the security systems to improve the security of Tangerine Woods this year. The hope is that we can upgrade the security for the entire community including the front gate system, which is becoming less reliable and more difficult to maintain. The clubhouse and the Lazy Daze Storage lot area need special attention.

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Welcome Back Gordon Laflin, President, TWOAI (Continued from page1)

As we realize the need to upgrade the systems the flip side of the issue is it will not be a cheap fix and we are investigating the need as well as the cost to do a one-time upgrade to serve the residents for years to come.

While the current system can be blamed, there are situations that are not the fault of the current system. We, as residents, need to be more proactive in how we utilize the current system. The number one thing we all should be doing to maintain the maximum security possible is by only allowing entrance to the community at the gate if you know who you are permitting in. If you do not know who is trying to gain access, please do not allow them to enter. I have personally had several calls from the Tangerine Woods Gate on my cell phone from someone wanting entry and I have been in Ohio. So again, if you do not know the person at the gate, please do not let them in thinking you are doing someone a favor. Another concern at the gate is allowing vehicles to enter the residents side because there may be several vehicles waiting to enter.

I realize the line of several vehicles at the gate box side can be frustrating if you use the magnetic card on the visitor side at the call box waiting to enter. Unfortunately, this is the only way to ensure all vehicles entering have a legitimate reason for gaining access. Just a reminder that as a resident you can also purchase a gate opener to allow you to enter on the residents' side of the gate negating having to wait on the call box side to gain entry. Please see Angie in the office if you wish to purchase one.

While most of us have been up North for the summer the work on the community continued through the summer thanks to the remaining Lazy Daze/Dazies who met every Monday in the "cool" summer mornings to maintain the community. For the new residents or anyone who is not familiar with the Lazy Daze/Dazies, it is a group of men and women residents who meet on Monday mornings for about two hours and perform maintenance needs around the community. There are many work groups that make up the Lazies and all are welcome to participate. This is a great way to meet other residents and it also saves the budget by not having to contract outside to do the work. It is amazing the wealth of abilities the residents bring to the community and are willing to apply their skills to enhance the community.

We all look forward to a great season of sun, friends and good times that Tangerine Woods

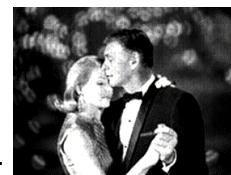
is known for. Please feel free to contact me, Angie or any Board member if you have any questions or concerns. In closing I would like to remind everyone that the TW website is a wealth of information concerning the community. It contains all the information and documents pertaining to Tangerine Woods. Many of your questions can be answered on the website (www.TangerineWoods.com) and accessing the pertinent document.

Have a great, healthy, safe season.

IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN, THE TIME FOR CHRISTMAS CHEER Pat Gottshall



Join us for the Tangerine Woods Annual Christmas Dinner Dance to be held on Saturday, December 9, 2023 from 5:00 to 9:30 pm. Dinner will be served at 5:15 with dancing and music provided by "Twice As Nice" from 6:30 – 9:30. Menu and ticket prices will be announced closer to the event and the first sale of tickets will be on November 18, before Saturday morning coffee. Dust off your tiaras and tails... this is a once-a-year "dress up" party.



Your Christmas Dinner Dance Committee:
Pat and Barry Gottshall 703-346-1173
Kathy and John Fliess 262-237-0215

Library Update Pat Molt

I am so happy to have the Library back in full working order!! When the snowbirds left, the library was still barely functioning. In late spring, Hennessy replaced the missing wall-boards. Over the summer, Lazy Daze/Dazies built and painted new shelves. The Library Volunteers did a fabulous job of getting all the books sorted and back on the shelves. We added some more color coding to the book bindings to help identify each book's genre (which makes it easier to reshelve them). There were a few days with minimal activity and many days where the book return was overflowing!! I'd like to thank the following summer volunteers: Bonnie Busch, Debbi Russell, Lydia Molineaux and Denise Chard!! Starting Nov 1, a new group of Library helpers will be taking on those responsibilities. I might be the Librarian, but this is YOUR library and having all this help makes things so much nicer!!

THANK YOU and HAPPY READING!

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2. Roger LaPlant
5. Eileen Ceciliani
6. Todd Lamb, Don Goodrich
7. Cathie Shaw
8. Janice Lobdell, Ula Swenson
9. Carol Clinger, Diana Betz, Gary Hardt
10. Jeff Killian, Marsha McElroy
11. Jane Patenaude
12. Steve Morgan, Mary Kubicki
13. Jeri Hicks, Ken Leary
16. John Yannaci
18. Pat Branden Berger, Claudia Lundberg, Pat Baumann, Wayne Warburton
19. Rosemarie Zazzi, Brian Hatfield
21. Lynne Klein
22. Jim Urban, Paul Ublasi
23. Michael Okelly
24. Dawn Armbruster, Tim Rushlow
26. Dan Tulik, Pat Hoeffel, Patricia Lamadore, Jennie McQueen, Kara Rushlow
28. Glenn Dehli **HAPPY 92nd**, Colleen Frye
29. John Becherer, Sandy Glaza
30. Bruce Martin **HAPPY 97th**

MEMOIR WRITING

Celia Connolly

Memoir writing will begin Tuesday, December 5. Meetings are every Tuesday thereafter in the card room. If you have some personal stories you have written and would like to read, consider joining us! Or, we welcome you to come and listen. Questions call Celia 941-474-2929

Your Memoir
... autobiographical writing



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

6. Debbi & Vicky Russell
8. Art & Marcia Napolitan
11. Bob & Betty Riedel **HAPPY 62nd**
13. Joe & Betty Lawrence, Robert & Deborah Wilson
14. Dan & Marcia Kiestlinger
27. Richard & Joyce Rath
30. Kirk & Cindi McGee

TWERC ELECTION

by Marcia Kiestlinger,
Election Chairperson

It's that time again! The TWERC Election is coming January 13, 2024. A signup sheet will be posted on the lobby bulletin board from December 1st until December 31st for residents interested in running for office. This cycle will elect a **PRESIDENT, TREASURER and DIRECTOR** (2 Year position). Any resident can sign up to run for an office, no requirements needed. Residents may vote with one vote per household. Any questions, please call me at 603-505-6422.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Our TW community needs a couple of people willing to facilitate the Thanksgiving dinner in the CLUBHOUSE this year. The previous coordinator is unable to be here this Fall.

PLEASE help to keep this tradition going. We have a large number of residents who will spend this event alone without your help. **CONTACT** any TWERC Board member if you are willing to volunteer. Call Audre Sautter at 612-209-1547.



WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Mike & Robin Cameron,
744 Summersea Ct.

Geoff & Lynda Card,
850 Seabrooke Ct.

Moira Ehlers,
738 Summersea Ct.

Jeff & Linda Fougerousse,
743 Summersea Ct.

K.C. & Cathy Fox,
743 Portwine Ct.

Eric & Lisa Frost,
855 Seabrooke Dr.

Johnny & Lauren Godbout,
808 Tangerine Woods Blvd.

Andy & Gail Kozyra,
835 Seabrooke Dr.

Todd & Diane Sawyer,
713 Watersedge St.

Dave & Sharon Shaub,
744 Tangerine Woods Blvd.

Bob & Ginny Simonton,
742 Summersea Ct.

SHUFFLEBOARD

Denise & Rick Chard

Welcome back everyone! It's time to sign up for shuffleboard. We are scheduled to start the first part of January. Signup sheets are in the card room and the sports equipment room. We still have openings Monday at 12:00 noon and Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Come have fun. For more information call 941-529-1445.

Adopt-a-Family Save the date!

Monday, December 11
Shopping

Tuesday December 12 Wrapping
More info to follow.
Questions? Robin Mikota
815-922-3389.

TW ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Robin Mikota

The holidays are coming! It's time for the tradition of Adopt-a-Family to start again.

Please help to brighten a child's Christmas. Tangerine Woods works in coordination with the Sarasota County Sheriffs Department to raise funds for children in need in the Englewood school system. Cash or Check (made out to TWERC) can be delivered to the following:

Robin Mikota 815-922-3389

813 Newbury Ct.

Marsha McElroy 740-624-2929

706 Watersedge St.

Barb Badowski 585-314-3467

806 Manchester Ct.

Jane Warburton 941-681-2609

782 Heathercreek Ct.

Stay tuned!

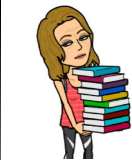
More information to come!

BOOK CLUB

Audre Sauttter

Book Club will meet in the clubhouse card room on Thursday, November 30 at 3 PM.

The book to be discussed is The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. Call Audre Sautter at (c) 612-209-1547 with questions.



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WELCOME BACK DANCE

Join us for our Welcome Back Dance to be held Saturday, November 18th from 6:30 – 9:30 P.M. Put on your dancing shoes for music provided by "Music Box Duo." Tickets will go on sale before coffee on Saturdays 11/4/23 & 11/11/23. Cost of tickets is \$10 per person. Committee Chairs:

Sandy Hardt 262-664-5157

Mary Kubicki 262-914-0327



(This was inadvertently left out of the October issue)

Lazy Daze

John Yannaci

Hello Friends and Neighbors!

I would like to publicly thank Dave Flemma and Lynne Klein and their crews for all their hard work for the last three months. I personally know what the job entails and I appreciate all you have done.

For those of you who are not familiar with Lazy Daze and Dazies let me give you a brief summary of our history. Back in the 80's, Jim McCormick started the Lazy Daze crew with a few men with shovels, rakes, brooms, etc., to meet every Monday to clean TW and hopefully keep our HOA fees down. Well, we have evolved to more than 100 men and women during the peak season and I am proud to say that we continue the tradition. Next month I will start to highlight what we do. But in the meantime, remember to call me for an aluminum pick up so we can continue to recycle.

Until next time, be safe and stay healthy.

TO BE INCLUDED IN OUR VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION PLEASE SIGN UP BY NOVEMBER 4TH.

Veterans Day Celebration

Cindy Kleinschmit

Calling all Veterans...please call Cindy Kleinschmit 419-351-1053. I need your help ...please ask your neighbors if they are a Veteran.

Mark your calendars to Honor OUR Veterans on November 11th at 11am at the clubhouse. Celebration Ceremony starts 11am with potluck to follow. Please sign up to bring your favorite dish {for about 6} to share with those attending so we know how many to plan for. Tableware is furnished plus Iced Tea, Lemonade and water.

Please, if you're planning on coming please sign up. See you on the 11th.

LET'S HONOR OUR VETERANS!!

Lazy Daze

John Yannaci

November, 2023

Well folks, we have just hit the one year mark from that catastrophic "Tan" on September 28, 2022! As of Saturday, October 1, 2022 Lazy Daze and Dazies started the ongoing cleanup of our great community. I am so proud of what we have accomplished and would like to recognize the crews that continue to get us back to normal. We have about 16 crews and I will start to highlight each one.

Our aluminum crew is lead by Mike Gineo and Charlie Laderoute. Their job is to clean and scrape all material and take out screws from the doors, windows, etc. This job is time-consuming and requires patience while separating the aluminum. Our second aluminum crew is the newest which started in October 2022 and it is spearheaded by Dave Flemma, Lynne Klein and Sheri Welch. They have several helpers that give their time to clean the metal for recycling. We all owe these people a debt of gratitude for the arduous task they perform each week. Next month I will continue to spotlight other crews. Until next time, be safe and stay healthy.



Come and Join Us!

THE QUILT CLUB

Liz Summers

The Quilt Club will begin meeting on Friday November 3. Gather in the clubhouse great room at 10:30 AM. Bring Show-and-Tell items. We will discuss upcoming classes, the quilt show and raffle quilt. Hope to see you all there.





T W WRITER'S PAGE



PESTICIDES AND US

Are we destroying the bees and butterflies that pollinate our fruits and vegetables?

When we first moved to Tangerine Woods, bees buzzed around my flowers and fruit trees. And monarch butterflies flew around my flowers. This year, I saw only one bee and no monarch butterflies. Pesticides are killing billions of precious bees and butterflies that pollinate fruits and vegetables.

If we don't stop, soon there won't be any pollinators. I can't envision my life without juicy peaches, sweet apples, delicious mangos, or tangy peas and broccoli. Can you?

If these are not important to you or your health, keep using pesticides. If they are, try these instead:

Oliver Milman, environmental reporter at the Guardian and the author of The Insect Crisis, The Fall of the Tiny Empires That Run the World, says: "I had a general understanding of pesticide use and believed the trend was getting better — new chemicals and techniques were coming that were a little less harmful to wildlife and a little bit more effective. But what you find is an absolute mess. Think about the days of Silent Spring, by Rachael Carson. It was a seminal book on the dangers of the pesticide DDT, which was pushing bald eagles toward extinction in the US. It helped rally support to ban DDT. But neonicotinoids, a widespread insecticide used now by US farmers, is 7,000 times more toxic to bees than DDT. So we've actually substituted this infamous chemical for one that's far worse for bees. A single teaspoon of the stuff is enough to kill as many honeybees as there are people in India. It's just deadly."

Organic Gardening, says "Commonly used insecticides contain pyrethroids (synthetic versions of pyrethrin, a chemical found in chrysanthemums) or neonicotinoids (similar to nicotine). Consumers may not know they are using a neonicotinoid, as the active ingredient may have a dissimilar name (for example, the most commonly used neonicotinoid is imidacloprid). Both pyrethroids and neonicotinoids have raised concerns about their impact on beneficial insects such as bees. Softer, safer alternatives can often be used, avoiding side effects on groundwater and beneficial insects. Soaps, diluted to less than 2 percent, can be used in gardens. Household soaps will often suffice, but some sensitive plants such as cherry trees and sweet peas may find household soaps too harsh. Garden centers often have a suitable soap spray for these plants. Plant oils, although not viable on a commercial scale, applied in a small residential garden can be effective against pests.

Examples of such oils include rosemary, eucalyptus, geranium, thyme, lavender and lemongrass. Sometimes no chemical is needed at all."

<https://magazine.scienceconnected.org/2022/05/make-your-garden-a-powerhouse-for-pollinators/says>:

Physically brushing away caterpillar nests or washing pests off plants with a stream of water may do the trick. Want to better understand how plants turn sunlight into fuel? Read this: Lasers Shed Light on Photosynthesis Predators. This is one of my preferred methods of pest control. Ladybird beetles, birds, and frogs are fantastic allies in battling garden pests.

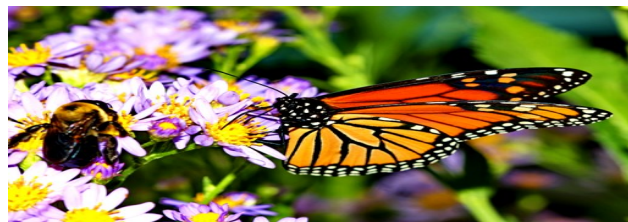
Make Your Garden a Powerhouse for Pollinators, as written in the May 23, 2022 issue of Science, connecting bees, gardens and pollinators.

Your urban home garden is by far the biggest and best source of food for pollinating insects, including bees and wasps, as written by Kate Stone. Whether you have a backyard in the suburbs or a container garden on your city high-rise balcony, your garden can be a valuable fueling station for pollinating insects. According to new research, home gardens are even more important than previously thought because one garden can produce a far greater quantity of top-quality food for pollinators than any other plot of land. For a bee or other pollinator, that's like getting specialty grocery store products at bargain basement prices.

The research, led by the University of Bristol and carried out in partnership with the universities of Edinburgh and Reading and the Royal Horticultural Society, examined the nectar production in four major UK towns and cities: Bristol, Edinburgh, Leeds, and Reading. Nectar production was measured in nearly 200 species of plant by extracting nectar from more than 3,000 individual flowers.

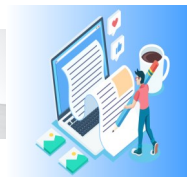
The data reveals that home gardens are by far the biggest source of food for pollinating insects, including bees and wasps in cities and towns. Even balconies and window boxes in densely urban areas can provide important food for pollinators.

Contributed by Carolyn Chambers Clark RN, BS, MS, EdD, 797 Heather Creek Court, Tangerine Woods, Englewood, FL 34223





T W WRITER'S PAGE



CHANGE

By Don Steele

Is change good or bad? Does change just happen and do we have to put up with it? My answers are both yes and yes. Without change there would be no news, no weather, no lawn mowers, or the need to have long and short sleeved shirts. It's not a question of good or bad. That's



subjective. It's the differences and diversity that gives color to our lives. We need change to live. Credit is given to Heraclitus, a Greek philosopher, for saying "change is the only constant in life." When the birds and animals here in TW were so abundant just over a year ago, I appreciated that and should have known that change would happen. Change just happens, all the time. Just look at your watch. It measures the change in time, or else it's broken. What causes change? The answer is: time, energy, and matter. None of those things would exist without the others. The mass of the earth and air are in motion and have energy. Things in motion want to stay in motion and when they meet, change happens. Just ask Ian. It's hard trying to describe these concepts. It hurts my head thinking about it. Back to reality.

Some changes we like, such as a new car, remodeling our home, or a new grandchild. Some we don't like, like getting old. For the last year, we have been dealing with changes caused by Hurricane Ian. It changed a lot of things, and we didn't like any of that. We're trying to get back to normal in slow motion it seems. The hurricane caused so much damage over such a wide area and no one was exempt. When something bad happens to us those around us are ready to help in any way they can. This time, with everyone affected, it became hard to get, give, or find the help we needed. For some, this was too much, and moving away was the change they opted for.

Since change is inevitable, it's a good thing that humans are uniquely adaptable. We prepare for it, even though plans always change. We have savings accounts, spare batteries, insurance policies, and friends. The last time I think of as "normal" was the fall of 2019. The year 2020 brought Covid and it continued in 2021. In the fall of 2022 Covid was nearly gone and our snowbirds returned with smiles. We were ready for the TW life we remembered. Then Ian took our smiles away.

Now, again, we are trying to come out of hiding. It's just like starting over. That was four years and I've only lived here six. What's up for this year? It may take effort to wake up the TW life again. But we have the power of TW strong. Our revamped clubhouse and tennis courts are back. The changes I look forward to now are good changes. Writing this was a change for me. This is the beginning of my second year writing here. I promise to write a nature topic next month with your help. Please send along any topic ideas to: Tangerinewoodsman@gmail.com.

LUMINARIES

Beate DuMouchel

Christmas is fast approaching and we need to get ready for Christmas Eve. Order taking should start the 1st week in November and be completed by the end of the 3rd week of November. Pricing for Luminaries will be the same as last year.

Set of 3 (candle, bag & cup)	\$1.00
Set of 4 (candle, bag, cup & wood block)	\$1.50
Candles only	\$.75
Bags only	\$.10
Cups only	\$.15
Wood Block	\$.50

I am still looking for VOLUNTEERS TO TAKE ORDERS. If you are new to our community, please consider volunteering. Without our volunteers we would not have a lot of the wonderful activities that we have. Please contact me at 860-716-8570 or E mail me at bdu-mouchel10@gmail.com

This is not a very time-consuming job, so please give it some thought. **Thank you in advance.**



Bingo

Cindy Kleinschmit

We are playing Bingo every Wednesday at 6:30pm. We have a **NEW START TIME.**

Everyone can play...no diploma required. Just use a dauber to blot out number called and once you have the unique pattern on the last number called...**YELL BINGO!!**

Cost is very minimal. 6 cards for 10 games \$4.00 OR 9 cards for 10 games \$6.00

May purchase as many as you want.

Also, we have a **HOT BALL JACKPOT.** Which means if you bingo on the Hot Ball number (which at this writing is \$164.00) you will win that jackpot too! Cost of inclusion in hot ball prize is \$1.00. This amount grows every week until won.

Please arrive **BEFORE 6:15pm** to get set up to play.

We start promptly at 6:30. Come have fun and **YELL BINGO!!**

TW ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPDATE for ART ROOM & THURSDAY CERAMICS WORKSHOP

Stephanie Hedrick

We are very fortunate to have our own Creative space at Tangerine Woods for any and all to share in. There are Woodcraft, Quilting and other crafty groups that use the Art Room, see calendar for info. I believe it was the only space that did not incur damage from Hurricane Ian last year, and it felt like a haven. Speaking of that, the Clubhouse and grounds look AMAZING! Good job Angie and the countless people that pulled this place back together. **TW Strong!**

The Ceramics Workshop is from 10-12 on Thursdays. We are well stocked with supplies that you can purchase for minimal cost. We also have much experience and talent in our midst that can show you the ropes if you are interested in joining us, no matter your skill level or experience. Just a creative spirit is all that is required, but I can offer a beginning class once a month if there is interest.

We have a kiln and it's not just any kiln like the primitive adobe things we remember from days past. Purchased a few years ago by TWERC, it is a top-quality high-tech model that produces beautiful glazed pieces once they are properly glazed. Come in and peruse the samples and pick your favorite that you might want to try.

Please let any new residents on your street know about our Art Room and Ceramics fun. **Grand-**

kids get a free piece to paint, bring them in! **Shout out to Don Freiburger**, who has been working behind the scenes and holding down the fort all of last year and all summer. We painters and glazers really want to say thanks to Don.

xoxo

If anyone wants to learn what goes into creating the actual pieces from the molds, the process is truly fascinating and you will learn some great techniques from Don. We can always use some extra hands one or two times a week for an hour or so, we would welcome you with open arms.

There are PERKS for volunteering in ceramics. Contact Don or me or just come in on Thursdays and we can give you the scoop.



FUNDRAISING EVENT

FUNDRAISER

Adopt-a-Family
Robin Mikota

Adopt-a-Family Fundraising BINGO! Bring extra \$\$ to Bingo on Wednesday. Starting on November 1, there will be a "Special" game to support the Adopt-a-Family fundraiser.



UPDATE for WHITE ELEPHANT & FLEA MARKET

Stephanie Hedrick

We have our dates set at **FEB 2-3, 2024**, yeah! I don't have the exact sales numbers from last year but it was super successful and we can do that again. Sheri and I are working on finding some TW orange flag/banner options to pull customers into TW wherever we want to catch their eye such as the Blue Building turn off so they don't wander the Park. John Yannaci and the crew are already collecting gently used items for the sale. If you **DO** have things to get rid of now, don't take them to the thrift store... call John to come for them.

There are some things we cannot accommodate this year, we will make a list and post it out on the bulletin board.

The following will definitely NOT be accepted: couches, large exercise equipment, old stereo components, Christmas items, broken items, old luggage, non-working lamps, empty picture frames, old sunglasses, clothes.

What we DO want is: decent furniture, good working gardening supplies and tools, household treasures, jewelry, craft supplies, good lamps, baskets, books and **ANYTHING BEACHY!** Florida theme/Beachy items are super popular and can be priced a little higher.

Ready to join us to start working towards our largest Tangerine Woods Community Fundraiser? We will need all the volunteers we can get. Stay tuned, Sheri and Tom Welch will have more details.



T W WRITER'S PAGE



HOW VETERANS DAY CAME TO BE

Author Unknown

Veterans Day is a U.S. legal holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars, and Veterans Day 2023 will occur on Saturday, November 11. In 1918, on the 11th month, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in World War I, then known as “the Great War.” Commemorated in many countries as Armistice Day the following year, November 11th became a federal holiday in the United States in 1938. In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became known as Veterans Day.

Although the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, marking the official end of World War I, the armistice date of November 11, 1918, remained in the public imagination as the date that marked the end of the conflict. One year later, in November 1919, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day.

On November 11, 1921, an unidentified American soldier killed in the war was buried at Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C. On the same day the previous year, unidentified soldiers were laid to rest at Westminster Abbey in London and at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

On June 4, 1926, Congress passed a resolution that the “recurring anniversary of November 11, 1918 should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through goodwill and mutual understanding between nations,” and that the president should issue an annual proclamation calling for the observance of Armistice Day. By that time, 27 state legislatures had made November 11 a legal Federal holiday, “dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as “Armistice Day.”

In actuality, there are no U.S. national holidays because the states retain the right to designate their own, and the government can only designate holidays for federal employees and for the District of Columbia. In practice, however, states almost always follow the federal lead.

From Armistice Day to Veterans Day

American effort during World War II saw the greatest mobilization of the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force in the nation’s history (more than 16 million people) some 5.7 million more served in the Korean War.

In 1954, after lobbying efforts by veterans’ service

organizations, the 83rd U.S. Congress amended the 1938 act that had made Armistice Day a holiday, striking the word “Armistice” in favor of “Veterans.” President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the legislation on June 1, 1954. From then on, November 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

The next development in the story of Veterans Day unfolded in 1968, when Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which sought to ensure three-day holidays for federal employees. With this change, the observance of Veterans Day was set as the fourth Monday in October. The first Veterans Day under the new law was Monday, October 25, 1971; confusion ensued, as many states disapproved of this change, and continued to observe the holiday on its original date.

In 1975, after it became evident that the actual date of Veterans Day carried historical and patriotic significance to many Americans, President Gerald Ford signed a new law returning the observation of Veterans Day or November 11th beginning in 1978. Great Britain, France, Australia and Canada also commemorate the veterans of World War I and II on or near November 11th: Canada has Remembrance Day, while Britain has Remembrance Sunday (the second Sunday in November). In Europe, Great Britain and the Commonwealth countries it is common to observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. every November 11.

Veterans Day Traditions

In the United States, an official wreath-laying ceremony is held each Veterans Day at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, while parades and other celebrations are held in states around the country.

Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day—a common misunderstanding, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Memorial Day (the fourth Monday in May) honors American service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle, while Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.



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