





# **COMMUNITY**

What is a community? Dictionary says: 1. It's a group of people living in the same place or having certain characteristics in common. 2. Feeling of fellowship with others as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.

My definition of community is <u>SOUTHWINDS</u>. Our community is a cohesive, safe, confident, prosperous, and happy place. As human beings we need a sense of belonging, and belonging is very visible here at SOUTHWINDS. We come from many different backgrounds and points of view. Yet, those differences are ones that bring us all together, adding new ideas to what has already been established.

If you build it, they will come. Remember that saying? Well, SOUTHWINDS was established by some very astute individuals and their values and views continue with our leadership. Many have come to enjoy this "home" with a high quality of life. Look around you. Did you tell your friends about SOUTHWINDS and they now live here? Why? Do you see your neighbor as a friend? Friendships built here last for the rest of our lives. We have fun together, we work together, we cry together.

Good communities are led by many volunteers and we have some great ones. A recent example is our Christmas celebration; beautiful decorations everywhere, support of shut ins, and a fantastic Christmas Dinner, all provided by volunteers. So many activities provided by individuals for the enjoyment of others.

Yes, I do believe the definition of a community is SOUTHWINDS.



# LANDSCAPING CLUB

Looking around the Park, you can see many upgrades in our landscaping over the past 5 years. This is due to the hard work of some very dedicated people who want to make our landscaping more beautiful. The Homeowner's Board and the Recreation Board have contributed funds to make this happen. However, the landscaping club itself has done much, much labor, including fundraisers to implement the work. You now can help them by supporting their pancake breakfast. All funds raised will be used to do additional work.



# **ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK**

We are so fortunate to be living in such a caring and giving community. This year you contributed\$820 in cash and 280# pounds of food.

### **WOW!! YOU PEOPLE ARE GREAT!!**

Our thanks to all who participated. There is a "special joy" in knowing you were able to help those less fortunate!!!!

Don & Shirley Langlois



# BOARD MEETING, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 9AM, REC HALL

# **December 11th Board Meeting**

Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer reported that property taxes of \$13,00 covering rentals and common area were paid. A broken water line affected several units as it had to wait overnight for parts to repair it. Dave Friedelin suggested that if it happens again, a temporary by-pass line could be used. Ad hoc committee is meeting with deputies to review areas of the park for security procedures. Anyone interested in running for the board needs to be certified either before or immediately after election. Forms are available in the office for the February certification. Unit #112, Pearson, may turn over to the park after Christmas for demolition and sale. Units #274-275 will be taken to court if back fees are not in office immediately.

As this was the budget meeting, Jim Crews informed the Board and attending residents that there are only 3 shareholders with loans, maintenance fees from Units 274-275 are excluded from budget numbers, rents were raised on 2 apartments, and a small percentage raise on rental mobiles. Employees were given a 3% raise and according to Jim, the board got a 100% raise. A 5-year \$1,841.65 loan for Rec Hall to be paid off in August. A seal coat for all roads has been budgeted for \$25,000.

The last 2 years we spent more from reserves than we put in. Budget calls for replenishing much of these funds.

Call for questions, none asked. Board approved budget as presented. Next meeting January 8<sup>th</sup>, 9am in the Rec Hall.

# CLOUD NINE BACK:

A look back into Cloud Nine's December Cookie Exchange & Gift Swap on December 10<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Celeste Mosher, June May, Lois Brosseau, Nora Chisamore, Myrtle Lawrence and Carol Proteau. Delicious cookies were enjoyed by those attending and sent out to our shut ins Gifts were thoughtful and beautiful. Approximately 45 ladies attended. What a fabulous number of socks and underwear (requested items) collected for Cloud Nine's charity of Mothers Helping Mothers (MHM). There were also many toys, handmade blankets and bootie/hat sets, and other items for children and mothers! Ladies, you can be very proud, you again have proven that this is a caring, loving community.



Happy, Happy, Birthday wishes go out to: Roy Ingham, who will be 94 January 17<sup>th</sup> Bob Heid, who will be 96 on January 27th



# Happy Anniversary

Steve and Carol Carley, 51 year on the 6<sup>th</sup> Mearl and Molly May, 51 years on the 20<sup>th</sup>.



Lee Minges passed away on December 8<sup>th</sup> and family and friends attended a beautiful Memorial Service for Lee on December 13<sup>th</sup>, with much insight into Lee's past. Our love and condolences go out to Joyce and her family.



Again, instead of the calendar, I am going to try to give you a page of upcoming events for the month which you can treat as a calendar. I have just noted the event, time, and location, and contact, as events are on the Video Breeze and listed on various boards. All breakfasts and luncheons are open to anyone who would like to attend.



#### PA/WV/MD Luncheon

Wed. Jan. 2, 2019, 11:30 am **Longhorn Steak House** Hosts: Bill & Cookie Miller, 921-9277

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#### **MICHIGAN LUNCHEON**

Monday 1/7/19 @ 11:30 Olive Gardens, 4900 S Tamiami Trail (The Landings) Questions? Shirley Langlois 922-9541

#### IL/IA/WI/MN LUNCHEON

Wed., 1/16/2019, 11:30am Connor's Steak & Seafood 3501 S. Tamiami Trail Info: Karen Gyenge, 309-792-3420

#### NORTHEAST LUNCHEON

Thurs. January 24, 2019.
Please sign up by Jan 20, 2019
11:30. **Red Lobster**6747 Tamiami Trail
Carol Proteau. 207 754 8890
Pat Labbe. 207 577 6608

**REC CLUB EVENTS FOR January** 

Saturday 1/5/19, 9am Coffee Hour (Homeowners)

Wednesday 1 9/19, 5:30PM, Pot Luck, (Entertainment 6:30PM)

Saturday 1/12/19, 8-10am, Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by Landscaping Club

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, January 12, 2019 Pancake Breakfast - \$z5:00

8:00 - 10:00 am

Come Join your "Can You Dig it Landscapers"

for delicious pancakes, sausages, orange

juice and lots of hot coffee

Saturday 1/19/19, Coffee Hour (Rec Club)

Wednesday 1/23/19, 5:30PM, Pot Luck (Entertainment 6:30PM

Friday /25/19, Newcomer's Welcome Breakfast (new owners & 1st year renters)

#### **WEEKLY RECREATION CLUB ACTIVITIES**

Sunday Hymn Sing 7:00 PM (Hall)

Monday Water Zumba 11:00 – 12:00

Pickle Ball 10:00-11:00 (sports/picnic area)

Pickle Ball 11:00-12:00 (intermediate)

Bingo 7:00 (Hall) arrival time 6:50 to select card

**Bridge 7:00 Annex** 

Tuesday Blood Pressure Clinic (first Tuesday only) 9:00-11:00 (card room)

Tuesday in

Board Meeting (1st & 3rd Tuesday) 9:00 (Hall)

Horseshoes 10:00 (sports/picnic area)

Pool Exercise 10:00

the Park 4:00 (sports/picnic area)

Corn Hole 4:00 (sports/picnic area)
Pinochle 7:00 Annex

Movie night e-mailed

Wednesday Men's Golf 9:30

Hot Topics 10:00 (annex) January-March

Line Dancing 10:00-11:00 (Hall) January-March

Hobby Club 1:00 Annex January-March

Golf 1:00

Thursday Stretch Class 9:00 (Hall)

Pickle Ball 10:00-11:00 (sports/picnic area)

Pickle Ball 11:00-12:00 (intermediate)

Pool Exercise 10:00

Billiards 3:30-4:30 (Pool hall at Office)

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Friday Bible Study 9:30-10:30 (Hall)
Bocce 1:00 (sports/picnic area)

Men's Golf 10:30

Bingo 7:00 (Hall) arrive early to select cards

Monday-Saturday (daily) Shuffle 1:00, arrive 12:50 to draw for courts

# Please check Video Breeze for possible changes to activities

#### **Hobby Club**

members and others

mark your calendars
Our first meeting of the season will be

1/9/19 at 1PM in the Annex. Painting classes will be included, and we hope

John will continue to be our instructor. Carol Carley, Unit#268, 317-432-7813

#### **HOT TOPICS**

Wed., 1/09/19 in the Annex Come join us to look at what is happening in the worlds of sociology,

technology, politics and finance and

how they might affect us in 2019

#### **BASKETBALL SHOOT AROUND**

Starting 1/11/19, 11:00 -11:45 Every Friday at the Sports Complex Info: John Gyenge Unit #107,

309-792-3420

# **CLOUD NINE - January 2019 Events**

# **Cooking Demonstration**

Open to all Cloud Nine members – Limited to 40 only

So, buy your tickets early. Food selections to be announced.

Price \$10.00

Hostesses: Johnna Dail & Celeste Mosher

## The Mingle Jingle Luncheon

January 21, 2019 Noon to 3PM
Open to all Southwinds ladies (no guests)
Come, **Mingle** with your neighbors! Bring you
most popular side dish to share. You won't
want to miss the fun of the **Jingle Spin**, where
your social circle will expand.

\$5.00 for Cloud Nine members, \$7.00 for nonmembers

Hostesses: Jan Crews and Georgette Faulkingham

#### Cloud 9 Tea Room

January 29, 2019 (Tuesday) Noon to 3:00PM in the Annex

Open to all Ladies in Southwinds and their quests

This special event will open for the season and guests can enjoy one day a month.

January 29<sup>th</sup>, February 26<sup>th</sup>, March 26<sup>th</sup>