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# ON TOP OF THE WORLD NEWS

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*OTOW schedules two opportunities for you to have a little fun*

## Movie Night returns and Dinner Night marks its debut

By Nancy Rogers

Prior to the pandemic starting, On Top of the World introduced a new event to residents. We called it "Movie Night" and our premier show was "It's A Wonderful Life."

Residents loved it and every seat was sold.

Well, we're not going to let a pandemic prevent us from having another movie night. On Top of the World and your Activities Office are making plans to bring some normalcy back to our community.

Movie Night is going to return on Tuesday, Sept. 21, in the East Activity Center auditorium and a brand new feature, "Dinner Night," will debut in our community on Wednesday, Nov. 10.

Who doesn't love a good movie and good food?

"Jersey Boys" will be the movie shown in the auditorium in September. The movie will begin at 4 p.m. and will be limited to the first 50 people who register.

Socially distant seating will be set up in the auditorium.

Masks will be required. Sorry, but we will not be permitted to sell food or water.

Registration is easy. Simply send Nancy Rogers an email at [general\\_activity@otowfl.com](mailto:general_activity@otowfl.com) or leave a voicemail at 799-2734 along with your name, building, unit and phone number.

On the evening of the movie, you will need to bring your activity card and mask.

If some seats are still available on the night of the show, residents who did not preregister will be allowed in. Now for the best part - the food.

On Top of the World's first "Dinner Night" will take place in November in the East Activity Center North Parking Lot near the pavilion. Food will be served from 4-7:30 p.m..

The vendors will be Corvo Bianco Wood Fired Pizza of Dunedin, Sea Dog Cantina of Clearwater and the Bar-B-Q Queen of Clearwater.

Corvo Bianco will be offering Neapolitan wood-

fired pizzas from \$7-\$18 in two sizes - 6 inch and 12 inch.

Bar-B-Q Queen will be offering dinner items from as little as \$3 to full family dinners for \$39.

Sea Dog Catina meals will range from \$8-\$18.

What about dessert?

We all scream for ice cream and Crazy Ice Cream will have a variety of delicious treats at a reasonable price range from \$1 to \$5.

Tables and chairs will be set up for dining in the parking area, pavilion and picnic sites.

More information will follow in the October newspaper and updated information will be posted on Nancy's Bulletin Board at [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com).

Please mark your calendars and plan to participate in both events here in your community. The decision to make Movie Night and Dinner Night monthly features will depend on resident participation. We also want to satisfy the food vendors who will be coming here to set up their equipment.

*Movie Day Returns*

# On Top of the World

Activities Office Presents

## JERSEY BOYS

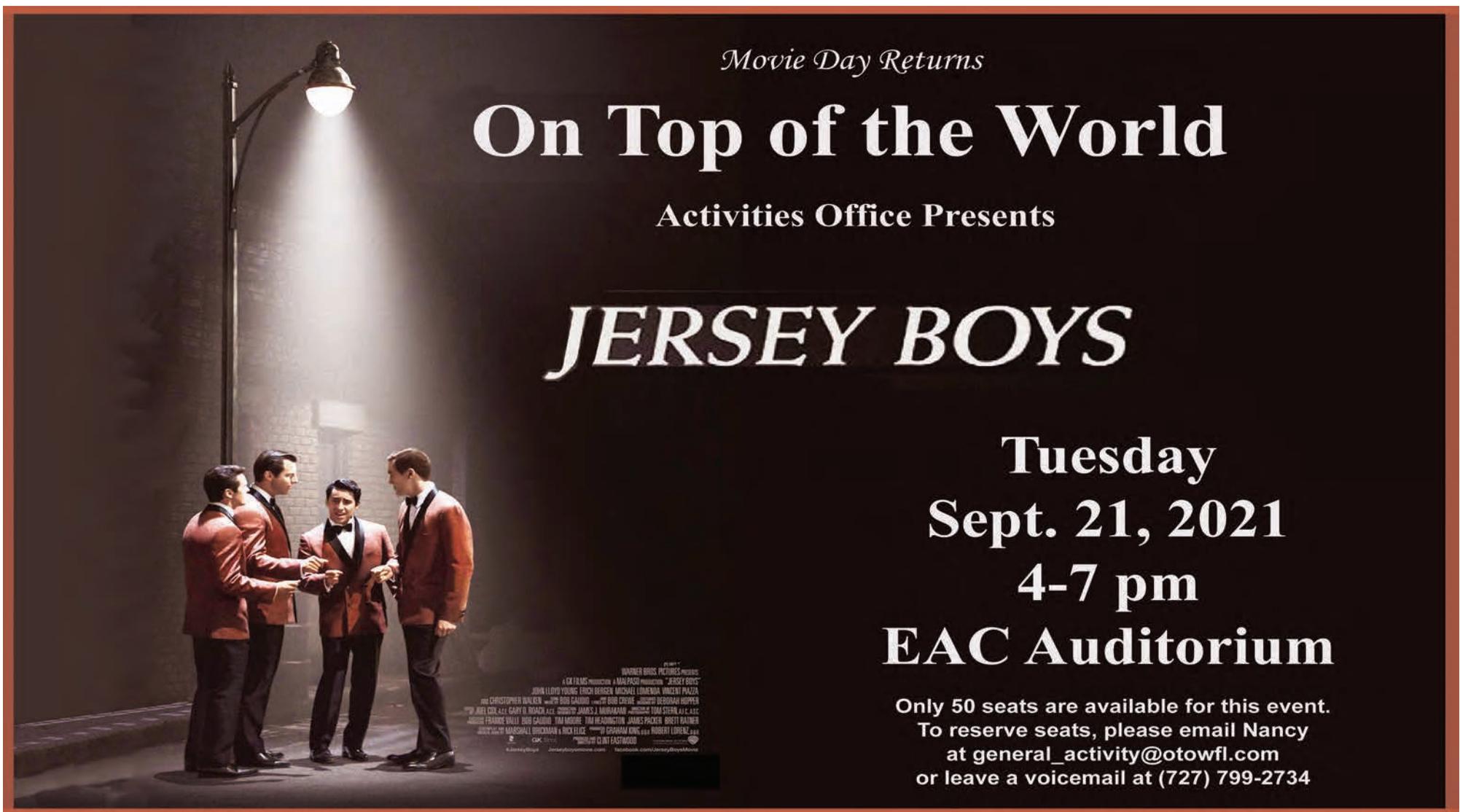
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Sept. 21, 2021

4-7 pm

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# OTOW welcomes your help in maintaining our community rules and guidelines

## Under Age Unapproved Occupants Not Permitted

The On Top of the World Condominium Community is designated as housing for those persons fifty-five (55) years of age or older.

At no time may minors under the age of 17 reside in any unit.

These same age-restrictions are also applicable with the leasing of units which, as a reminder, requires approval for occupancy by your Association.

When each unit owner purchases their condominium and accepts their deed, they are bound to abide by the rules. Not following the rules is NOT an option. The rules apply equally and fairly to every owner and their tenants.

With that said, the Management Company receives many correspondences and the majority of the letters tend to arise from either rule violations or perceived violation of rules for residing in our community.

A common theme lately has been concerning persons who may be underage or who may not have been approved by the Association.

With your support, the Association will continue to succeed in compliance efforts of removing occupants who failed to obtain occupancy approval from your community.

While this process can take some time to achieve, we remind you to please be patient while your Association pursues the available legal remedies. Please continue to notify the Association of any suspected underage/unapproved rule violations.

A complete set of the Second Amended and Restated Rules of the On Top of the World Condominium Association may be obtained by visiting the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center or by visiting online at [www.otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com) under the Association page and then by selecting Governing Documents.

## Did You Know?

One of the duties of the Board is enforcement of the provisions of the Declaration, By-laws and Association rules.

Enforcement action may only occur on valid Association matters reinforced by factual information.

If you are witness to a violation, I encourage you to write to the Association. If a violation is brought to you by a "well meaning" neighbor, please encourage them to document the facts and send the information to the Association.

The Association does not act based on hearsay or rumors. Matters that require action must be documented and supportable for legal follow-up.

The Association requests that when providing information, you provide specific date, time, location and specific description of what you observed. This is especially important when you write regarding possible rule violations.



Community Update

## Grounds Maintenance

This has been a hot, humid summer with above average rainfall. The additional rainfall, combined with COVID-19 concerns and higher infection rates, has created a challenging summer for the Management Company's landscape crews.

The Management Company experiences a peak demand for landscape personnel in the summer months. Unfortunately, few applicants are interested in working in an outdoor environment that typically reaches a heat index of 100 degrees or higher and are cautious to accept employment during a pandemic.

I do want to thank the Management Company employees for their commitment in getting the job done. I also want to thank the residents for your patience and understanding. While we did get a few complaints regarding the length of grass, the majority of our residents understand the temporary conditions and some even offered to assist the crews!

## Community Service Office Information

The Community Service Office (CSO) hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The office closes for lunch from noon to 12:30, Monday through Friday, unless otherwise posted.

If your call goes to voice mail, it is because staff is working with someone else. Please be patient. Calls and voicemails will be responded to during normal business hours. Once the requested service matter is identified, a service order will be generated and submitted to the appropriate department to address the matter.

The goal of the CSO is to make an initial assessment of the request and to determine if it is an emergency or non-emergency. Once the matter is assessed, a plan to resolve will be made and work scheduled. Generally, all non-emergency service requests are assessed and addressed in the order in which they are received.

From time to time, it may become necessary for us to contact you with questions or clarification of your request. It is not necessary to report service requests more than one time.

If you have any questions regarding your request, and until the Community Service Office reopens, please call the Service Request Line (727-683-6981).

As a reminder, window and door repair or replacement is exclusive to the unit and is the owner's responsibility. The Association's responsibility is to the structure and common elements.

## Service Request Line

If you are unable to visit the Community Service Office, the OTOW phone

number to submit a service request is 727-683-6981. Please call for general building matters in the common areas only. Please do not leave health-related emergency information on the service request line as this will delay the amount of time it takes us to respond to non-emergency service requests.

## After-Hours Number

The OTOW after-hours phone number is 727-799-1115 for matters such as water intrusion into your unit. For all other inquiries regarding general matters or questions that are not service related, you will need to come in person to the Community Service Office.

In the event of a life threatening emergency, please dial 911. For a power outage, call Duke Energy at 800-228-8485.

## OTOW Alerts

Signing up for OTOW-ALERTS (powered by RAVE) is incredibly easy. Simply go to [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com) and from the home page scroll down to the bottom of the page. A "Sign Up Now" box will be located to the left of the screen. Click to enroll.

You can also sign up from the "Stay Informed" tab located at the top of the home page. This is without obligation or cost to you. Your email and cell phone numbers are secure, never shared, and never solicited. Alternatively, you may visit the Community Service Office to apply.

OTOW-ALERTS provides advance warning of severe weather events as well as other matters of critical concern to the residents of OTOW Condominium Community. It is not hyperbole to say some warning may save your life!

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# Dealing with COVID-19, cable TV updates and

## Just when we thought it was safe

After reopening our facilities, we are again being challenged with a resurgence of COVID-19.

On Top of the World Condominiums is fortunate because residents are mostly vaccinated. That said, Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance is asking people who have been vaccinated to mask-up when they are in public, because of the chance of break-through infections in vaccinated people with compromised immunity.

Many residents continue in voluntary isolation because of concerns for their health or the health of a loved one.

In an abundance of caution, Management Company staff have been directed to wear masks when in close contact with residents or other employees.

Presently, no alteration of the operating schedule of facilities is anticipated. That said, everything depends on what happens over the next 60 days. The reality is that this pandemic may be the "new normal" that we must all try to live with.

The Management Company is operating recreational amenities and adhering to masking, distancing and disinfection practices.

We have also been short-staffed, which presents a challenge to maintaining our operations. We are hard at work to keep things running smoothly, and for the most part, residents have been very understanding and helpful.

The Community Service Office continues to experience a much higher-than-normal flow of traffic - walk-ins, over the phone and internet. This is resulting in delays and is slowing response time as they work through the service backlog.

To limit exposure to staff, and by extension to residents, the office is only open to a limited number of residents at any given time.

Kindness and compassion are the greatest of attributes any person can give another. One of the easiest ways to do this is to wear a mask whenever you find yourself in a group. By protecting yourself, you are protecting others.

Management and staff really appreciate the understanding and patience many residents have exercised. Sadly, this has not always been the case. To put it bluntly, a few people have been outright rude to frontline staff members. Staff is here to assist residents, resolve concerns and to answer questions.

No staff member is expected to endure verbal abuse or threats of any kind. Each team member has authority to deny service in such circumstances, as may arise.

This same principal goes for use of the amenities in each of the communities. Residents using the facilities are subject to a screening procedure designed to minimize the chance of exposure to the COVID-19 virus. Anyone failing to cooperate in the screening or failing to mask or distance, will be asked to comply with these simple procedures or exit the facility.



**Chairman**

## Cable and Internet Update

As I've written in previous articles, the Board opted to engage a consultant in the search for modernized and cost-effective cable and internet services.

The cable and internet universe has changed greatly and competition has opened up. Navigating that changed universe requires outside help for insight into the industry.

Following a release of a successful Request for Proposal (RFP) delivery, we have received proposals from 3 of 5 qualified service providers. This report is designed as an update and brief summary of the service provider proposal submissions.

As of the newspaper going to press, the consultant is still receiving service provider proposals. Once all the proposals from interested and capable providers have been received, the consultant will make a detailed analysis of each proposal, including technology, package and pricing comparisons.

That analysis will also include popular product bundle comparisons for services outside of the proposed bulk services.

That perspective is important to capture all potential costs associated with bulk and popular ancillary services so that all residents will have a cable and internet option that suits their needs.

The consultant will then make a presentation to the Board's Working Group with all of their findings and analyses, and the Working Group will prepare a final recommendation for the Board. This will maximize resident involvement in the decision.

Once the Board has selected the best service provider for our community, we can request product and service demonstrations. This may also include product testing of the selected provider's set-top boxes, remotes and interactive guides.

As the consultant waits for final proposal submissions, they continue to work closely with all service providers to tailor solutions and options for OTOW-Clearwater. The upcoming detailed analysis, developed by PropRevs, will provide valuable comparisons, while highlighting unique aspects of each service provider proposal. I will continue to keep you updated on their progress!

## Hurricane Season / Insurance Review

The recent National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) update on the 2021 hurricane season was concerning to say the least. Twenty-five potential Atlantic storms must be taken seriously. It has the Management Company reevaluating their resources for storm preparedness and recovery to ensure it is ready for the challenge multiple storms may pose.

The start of hurricane season is a call to action for each resident to check in with your insurance agent and make sure the insurance coverage on your unit and contents is adequate. However, if you missed that first call, you have another chance.

If you believe you can self-insure any loss, please reconsider because the cost of repair or reconstruction may well exceed the market value of your condominium at the time of an event. It is the obligation of every owner to insure the contents of their unit. Please don't feel you can be "lucky" and go without insurance!

Contents coverage may vary greatly depending what you own and choose to insure. While the Association insures the building structure, it DOES NOT insure anything of a personal nature owned by a unit owner, including, but not limited to, your furnishings, personal items, floor coverings, appliances, cabinetry, as well as any electrical wiring that services your condominium unit exclusively (the demarcation of association responsibility is the connection to your electrical service panel).

Your individual insurance coverage on these items listed above would cover this type of loss. In addition, all insurance carriers write an HO-6 rider that provides for loss assessment coverage in the event of special assessments for unforeseen casualty losses made by the Association.

The other critical element of a condominium owner's policy is coverage for Loss of Use, should you be unable to occupy your condo following a casualty. This coverage is very inexpensive, but can provide funds for living expenses while you are displaced.

Experience has shown that recovery to having a habitable dwelling can range from 18 to 24 months. Please consider having the Loss of Use coverage in your HO-6 policy cover the cost with rent, living expenses, and all that entails, for you to live away from your condo for 24 months.

Why would anyone not want that sense of security that a Loss of Use property rider could provide?

## Water Heaters

Recently, the Community Service Office has handled numerous major leaks from improperly maintained water heaters.

The replacement and maintenance of water heaters is the responsibility of the unit owner. In all cases, the owner found out how important having insurance is when faced with paying for the extensive damage to their unit, the adjoining units and the Association property between the units.

At the direction of the Association, the Management Company is actively seeking reimbursement from unit owners for repair work made as a result of owner negligence.

In the On Top of the World Condominium Association, buildings are insured under a master policy in the name of the Association. The deductible is \$10,000 for any event, per occurrence, including wind/hail related damage. Named storm events carry a separate deductible of 5 percent of the total building value at the time of loss, at each location involved in the loss, subject to a minimum (community wide) deductible of \$250,000 for any one occurrence.

With respect to flood (rising water), earthquake and flood, resulting from a named storm, all loss, damage, and/or expenses arising out of any one occurrence, shall be adjusted as one loss, and from an amount of each such adjusted loss there is a \$100,000 deductible.

For more information, please visit [www.otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com). From the main page go to "Association" and then scroll to "Insurance Forms." From there you may download the pdf document entitled: Insurance Responsibility of the Individual Unit Owner.

## Upcoming Projects

### Painting/Waterproofing

Correction: A painting and waterproofing update was published for readers in the August edition of the newspaper that was incorrect. That information has been amended below and is now part of the update for the months of August and September. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

Keeping pace with the painting schedule, while adapting to the ever-changing summertime weather forecast, can be a balancing act for any painting contractor in Florida. This was again evident as Tropical Storm Elsa's arrival in our area in July, and the close brush with Tropical Storm Fred in August, created another few days backlog for the workers.

Rest assured though that they will continue working hard to make up for lost ground.

If the weather weren't impactful enough, material availability is another challenge that almost every contractor is dealing with in 2021 due to many factors.

With all of this said, the painting contractor will continue working diligently to complete the buildings published in July's OTOW newspaper.

By late September, the residents of Buildings 37 and 30 should begin to see work starting at their respective locations.

As always, please keep in mind that the painting contractor will be operating in close proximity to parking areas and front/rear porches which may require the temporary displacement of vehicles or property.

Thank you for your cooperation in advance and keep in mind that inclement weather can affect start and completion dates as well as the listed order of work.

September will see the painting contractor's crews continuing to operate on the east side of property with the front façades of Buildings 37 and 30 being repainted next.

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# having the right insurance for hurricane season

The installation of new unit address numbers will continue in September as this is another community improvement project that accompanies the application of front façade coatings.

As the painting contractor moves throughout the property, management company crews will be installing new life-safety compliant, reflective unit numbers on the common area wall in proximity to unit front doors.

Bulletins will be posted in advance of the work advising residents of the process and what they can expect.

Unit numbers currently attached to the common element wall will be removed by the painting contractor, while numbers installed on front unit doors will need to be removed by the unit owner.

If a unit owner wishes, they may contract with the management company for the removal of any old unit numbers for a nominal fee.

Please remember that to maintain community standards and uniformity, all old unit numbers must be removed.

A state licensed life-safety vendor will be returning to the community this September to perform the annual inspections of the property's fire hydrants and the sprinkler systems in the Paradise section of property.

These inspections take roughly three days to complete and require that water supply systems be opened up in order to test flow values and equipment reliability.

If you're driving through the community and happen to see a steady stream of water shooting out from a fire hydrant, know that it's more than likely just the vendor confirming that our suppression systems are at the ready should the need ever arise.

## Construction, Roofing and Large Scope Projects

As of this work update, there are no large scope construction projects scheduled for the calendar month of September.

## Recurring Reminders For All Community Residents

Building walkway repairs will continue as construction crews perform maintenance to second and third floor walking surfaces.

Many buildings will see these restoration crews as the management company focuses its efforts on these types of repairs. This work requires the use of specialized power tools and may cause a temporary inconvenience in the form of noise and dust. Repair crews will do their best to limit the inconvenience during this necessary work.

These small repair areas will also be coated as a future preventative.

As always, we ask that residents please limit any foot traffic in and around any work area they may encounter.

Walkway coating improvements will continue across property. These improvements involve preparation of the surface (and occasionally sub-surface) concrete,

the addition of acrylic fortified materials to stairwell surfaces, and then the application of a quality slip-resistant barrier coating. The end result is intended to provide longevity to the balcony walking surfaces as well as returning the look to its original conveyed color scheme.

The management company will post notices on affected building's bulletin boards concerning the dates crews are expected to commence the work. Please be aware of "Caution" and "Wet Paint" signs in and around these work areas.

## Inspection Services Division

The Inspection Services Division, in conjunction with the Parkway Construction Department, will continue prepping buildings scheduled for new paint coatings in the current improvement cycle.

This has been an ongoing endeavor throughout the community over the last few years and encompasses the removal of all association unapproved plant hanger brackets, holiday lighting hooks that are affixed into the masonry block, hose reels, and other wall and ceiling penetrations.

In keeping with association rules, these items will be removed without notice. Residents are kindly asked to seek association approval before affixing anything to the common element in the future.

The management company would like to remind residents that all water softening equipment installations require advance association approval via a modification permit. A permit application package may be obtained by visiting the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center.

Residents are also reminded that only resin-style, not ion exchange or salt, water softeners are permissible in the community.

Please make sure you apply for a permit and receive approval prior to contracting with a service to avoid a compliance visit by the management company.

Thanks for your advance cooperation.

Inspection Services representatives will also be reaching out to residents of buildings that are scheduled for new paint and waterproofing coatings during the 2021/2022 improvement cycle. The purpose of their contact will be to advise residents that the painting vendor will be color matching all external doors to the majority building color as is required by the condominium association rules. This will usually require no action by the unit owner other than to allow access to the entire door surface for the coating to be applied.

If for some reason you were not at home when this work takes place, you may contact the Community Service Office and schedule a follow-up visit by the coatings vendor.

We appreciate your cooperation in making this project a success across the community.

Many first floor unit owners will be receiving notification from the Inspection Services Division over the coming

months as the management company works towards the removal of all unapproved decorative stones throughout the community. The stones are not only an unapproved item for use in landscaping, but have the propensity to damage association and personal property alike.

To keep all residents in the community aware of this compliance issue, the notice will be published in upcoming editions of the OTOW newspaper. The management company asks that if you receive a notification requiring action on your part, please remove the stones at the earliest convenience.

The Inspection Services Division is continuing to find many awnings with compromised connection points to the common element. In response, they have been reaching out to affected unit owners to have the awnings removed and limit any further damage to the community.

As noted in prior articles, the "clamshell" awnings do not meet building code for wind resistance. Fortunately, there are new products that do. If you have an awning, please arrange for its inspection through the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center.

The removal of plantings located above and around the potable water meters that service the individual units is also ongoing.

The management company is asking that all residents comply and not replant the areas. Plants or other items found in these areas will be removed without notice and disposed of as they hinder the proper maintenance of these meters in the future.

Please keep in mind that the condominium association requires a modification request for any landscape alterations. Many times decorative rocks or landscaping are installed without the advance approval of the association and the removal and disposal of these items becomes the responsibility of the violator.

Please, always apply for approval before you install.

Inspection efforts are focused on the tagging and removal of personal furnishings and belongings placed in outside stairwells of buildings. These obstructions present a fire concern, block egress, or are of a nature that they do not comply with written community standards.

The management company would like to reiterate to residents that barbecue grills be it propane, charcoal, or electric, are not permitted on any balcony areas, as they pose a fire risk to the structure and residents.

Clutter enforcement has always been one of the most recurring compliance issues at On Top of the World. These efforts make for an overall safer community in which to live. If you receive notification that an item is out of compliance, please correct the issue immediately.

If you have a question and were not able to speak with a compliance representative at the time of the notification, please stop by the Community Service Office and request an appointment. Someone will be glad to contact you.

Please remember that items tagged in common areas may be removed and disposed of without further notice.

Please help make your community safer by complying if you receive a violation tag/door hanger. Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

**Hurricane preparation tips on page 7. Please review.**

## FireAvert

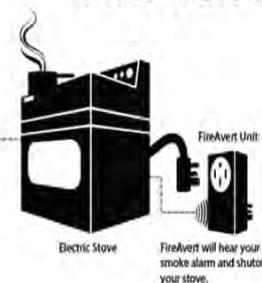


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# Mike Spodeck's parents said OTOW was the best place in the world, so he became a resident, too

1. Why did you decide to join the On Top of the World Board of Administration?

My parents lived at On Top of the World for more than 35 years so I would come often to visit. They loved it here. My parents always said this was the best place in the world.

When they passed away, I decided to move here and I was given the opportunity to serve on the Board. I decided it would be a good opportunity to get involved in the On Top of the World community because I had been visiting for years, but I didn't know a whole lot of people here.

2. What do you hope to accomplish on the Board? What is your vision for the future of On Top of the World?

We live in a great community. It's extremely affordable. They continue to offer superior amenities to everyone living here, and I just want to keep that ball rolling.

I think OTOW is running well and it's a self-supporting community.

One of my parents' favorite things about living here is there is never a special



Mike Spodeck

assessment. You know, our building was just repainted and buildings are repainted every year, roads are repaired regularly.

While the community is getting older, the upkeep on it has been really good and all this is done with money paid just

from our dues. We don't get a special assessment when an elevator goes down or a tree falls. It's remarkable that this place has been open for so long and no one has ever paid a dime more than their fees, and the fees are more than reasonable.

The budget is balanced every year and all the money that is taken in is put back into the community to improve it.

3. What are some of your favorite things about living at On Top of the World?

My wife and I enjoy all the amenities the community has to offer — the library, the pools, the state-of-the-art exercise room. I also love the golf courses. I had never played golf, but I wanted to learn, so I joined one of the men's leagues and the people couldn't have been friendlier or more accommodating. They took me in and taught me how to play the game, and now I go out and really enjoy it. They're a great group of guys and I've become friends with quite a few of them.

We're still meeting people as much as we can.

4. What has surprised you most about serving on the Board?

We work a lot on updating and modernizing things which is great and something that needs to be done. Updating these agreements gives residents more opportunities to manage themselves.

The Board is trying to get more resident feedback and more residents involved. I think that's what people want — people want to be involved.

5. What one message would you like to share with the people who live at On Top of the World that we may not have covered?

It's been a tough year and things haven't been normal, but there's a light at the end of the tunnel now. We'll get past this, and back to normal, and everything the community offers will be opened back up.

There will be club meetings, dances, and entertainment opportunities. Then we'll really experience all the things you can do here to make your life that much more enjoyable.

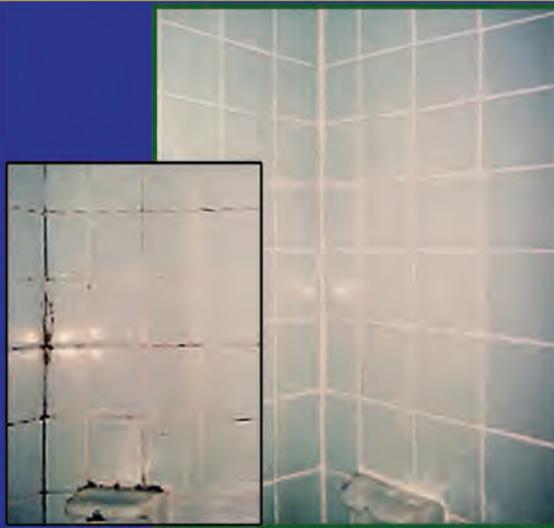
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2. Purchase flashlights with batteries. Use caution when using candles.
3. Get an ice chest. Stock up on one week's worth of water and food that won't spoil.  
Don't forget pet supplies, toilet paper, a battery-operated fan.
4. Refill medical prescriptions.
5. Go to an ATM or bank and get cash.
6. Fill your vehicle with gas. Get acquainted with OTOW's rules for using generators.
7. Recharge cell phone batteries and use only when necessary.
8. If you are evacuating, tell people where you are evacuating to and leave your contact information with different people.
9. Bring lawn furniture and outdoor decorations indoors.
10. Make sure you have a first-aid kit, including bandages and ointments.
11. Make sure important documents are safely stored.
12. Don't forget rain gear, blankets and home entertainment.

For more information, visit [www.ready.gov/hurricanes](http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes)

### WHEN A STORM HAS PASSED

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# OTOW Community Activities Calendar - September 2021

## East Activity Center

### CRYSTAL BEACH ROOM

Entertainment Committee Board: Monday, Sept. 13, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Jesters Board: Thursday, Sept. 9, 3:00 - 5:00 pm  
 Good Karma Book Club: Thursday, Sept. 16, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Good Neighbors Knitting Group: Wednesdays, 9:00 - 11:00 am  
 Coloring Book Group: Wednesdays, 12:30 - 2:00 pm  
 Pray for America: Saturdays, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Chinese Paint Brush: Tuesdays, 12:30 - 4:00 pm

### LARGO ROOM

Democratic Club Meeting: Thursday, Sept. 9, 2:00 - 3:30 pm  
 Good Neighbors Association: Friday, Sept. 10, 10:00 am - 12 pm  
 Bonesavers: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 8:00 - 9:00 am  
 World Quilters: Tuesdays, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm  
 TOPS: Thursdays, 9:30-11:00 am  
 Veterans Group: Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

### CLEARWATER ROOM

Jesters: New Members Meeting, Wednesday, Sept 8, 7:00 - 9:00 pm  
 Ceramics: Thursdays, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
 Caring & Sharing: Tuesdays, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

WOODSHOP: Mon&Tue, 8 am-2 pm; Wed-Fri 8 am-4 pm

### AUDITORIUM

Republican Club Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 14, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
 Movie Night: Tuesday, Sept. 21, 4:00 pm ("The Jersey Boys")  
 Line Dance Club: Tuesdays, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm, Saturdays 8:30 - 10:30 am  
 Moving and Grooving: Mondays, 10:00 - 12:00 (Beg), 12:00 - 1:00 (EZ Beg)  
 Moving and Grooving: Wednesdays, 11:30 - 12:30 (Beg), 1:30 - 3:00 (Experienced)  
 Moving and Grooving: Saturdays, 1:30 - 3:00 (Experienced)  
 Cardio Dance: Saturdays, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

### EXERCISE ROOM

Line Dance Practice: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:00 am  
 Ladies Exercises: Monday-Friday, 8:00 - 9:00 am  
 Co-Ed Exercises Class: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 10:00 - 10:45 am  
 Hatha Yoga: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 - 10:45 am  
 Tai Chi Flow 108: Mondays, 4:15 - 5:15 pm, Wednesdays and Fridays 3:15 - 4:15 pm  
 Tai Chi Short Form: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 2:15 - 3:00  
 Qigong: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 3:15 - 4:00 pm  
 Cardio Dance: Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, (Sept. 16 class moved to Sept. 14)

Aqua Aerobics: Monday - Friday, 9:00 - 10:00 am, EAC Swimming Pool

EAC Swimming Pool: Mon - Sat, 8 am - 8 pm, Sun and Holidays, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm (May-Sept)  
 EAC Fitness Center: Monday-Saturday, 7 am - 9 pm, Sundays and Holidays 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

## West Activity Center

## Pavilion

## Sports

### BELLEAIR ROOM

Zumba: Tuesdays and Fridays 9:00 am - 10:00 am  
 Zumba Gold: Saturdays 10:00 am - 11:00 am  
 Zumba Gold Chair: Thursdays 9:00 am - 9:45 am  
 Ping Pong: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
 Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam: Thursdays 10:45 am - 2:00 pm

Bob Reis Tribute: Thursday, Sept. 2, 1:00 - 5:00 pm  
 Lambda Social: Saturday, Sept. 10, 6:00-10:00 pm  
 Travel Club Ticket Sales: Sept. 13, 16, 20, 27, 9-11 am  
 Ladies Bunco: Wednesday, Sept. 15, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Pickleball: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, 9-12  
 Tennis Club: Meets Mon-Sat 7:30-11:00 am  
 Tennis Courts Open to all Residents  
 7 am - 10 pm weekdays, 9 am-9 pm weekends  
 Billiards Room is open for non-league play

### ZOOM ONLY

Computer Club: Write to otowcc@gmail.com for next meeting

Updates/Corrections to this calendar may be posted on the Box Office: otowboxoffice.com



## EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN



In case of **FIRE** or other **BUILDING EMERGENCIES**, Parkway Maintenance and Management, and your On Top of the World Condominium Association, would like you to know that every OTOW resident should have their own plan.

1. Have an evacuation plan. This is the most important piece in case of an emergency event.
2. Make note of the fire alarm pull-stations and emergency exits closest to your unit in case of fire and evacuation.
  - Exits are easily identified and illuminated by signs at the ceiling.
  - Pull-stations and fire extinguishers are located on each building's walkways and in the center core areas.
  - Only use a fire extinguisher if the fire can be extinguished easily.
3. Have a secondary plan to exit the structure if your primary exit point is blocked or unsafe.
4. Never attempt to use an elevator during an emergency as it may be available for firefighters use only. Use stairs.
5. Residents should immediately proceed to a parking lot area safely away from the building. Do not block the entrances to the parking area. Fire response personnel need clear access for trucks and equipment.
6. Calmly and plainly, call 911 and state the nature of the emergency and give your address.
7. Follow instructions given by emergency response personnel.
8. Do not re-enter a building until emergency response officials have deemed it safe to do so.
9. Planning in advance saves lives. Don't delay, plan today.

# If any stranger calls you for personal information or requests verification - probably a scammer

## Scam Alert

In recent weeks, my wife and I have both received phone calls from scammers claiming to be from the IRS, the Social Security Administration, the United States Marshal's office, Amazon, my bank, and a caller who claimed to have found a credit card with my name on it.

The credit card finder wanted to send my card to me but needed "verification" that she had the right information.

Uh huh.

She was the only one who actually spoke to me.

Please note: NONE of those agencies or companies will call you and NONE of them will demand money from you.

I did not click on "number 1." I just hung up. So should you.

As for the credit card, it was, of course, in my wallet where I always keep it.

The gal had some of my numbers but I was not going to help her scam me by giving her more numbers.

Just hang up.

Oh! And while I am speaking of hanging up, don't be afraid to hang up on your grandson who is calling from this or that place to tell you he needs money because he was arrested for, well, for whatever.

But we already know that scam, don't we?

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## Scam Alert

My wife recently got a very, very slick



brochure from some outfit out of Naples.

The brochure asked, "What's On Your Roof?"

Then there was a statement that her roof has a high probability of needing repair.

First, the roof is not just her roof, it's hers and mine. Second, the brochure said she qualified for an inspection.

Uh huh.

Let me tell you what that inspection will reveal.

Whether needed or not, we will be told we need a roof replacement and that company from Naples will be thrilled to do it for us.

Folks, this is the type of issue that causes our insurance rates to fly higher and higher. If there is a roof problem, rather than rely on some slick brochure, maybe you could check with OTOW to see what they recommend.

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(Q) I have a homestead and Medicaid question.

I need to apply for Medicaid for my aunt. I know that a homestead is protected from Medicaid and does not have to be given to the State of Florida or to the nursing home. Does that change if her homestead is on leasehold land?

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(A) No, it does not.

The homestead protection against creditors' claims, and this includes a homestead be it on leasehold or not, is protected from Medicaid recovery claims.

In a Leasehold, you own the apartment, or home. The individual unit is not leased—it is owned by whomever is listed on the deed to the property.

The owner is entitled to all the homestead rights, such as the homestead exemption, the Save Our Homes Cap, and as I said, the creditors' claims and Medicaid claims.

I know there is confusion about this but I do not, for the life of me, know why.

The person listed on the deed, owns the apartment that has been built on that land. I can't say it any other way.

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(Q) I'm a Snowbird. I gave the key to my apartment to a neighbor so she could check on it from time to time. It turned out that she was using it as a place for a

liaison. She denies it.

Can I put in video cameras to catch her or them and prove what is going on?

(A) Why don't you just take away the key?

As for your question, I may not be very smart, but I'm not crazy, which is why I am not answering you.

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# James Dean appeared in only three movies

James Dean, rated 18 on the American Film Institute's list of top 100 male actors in the 20th century, had a strong passion for race cars and that passion ultimately led to his demise at age 24.

James was born in Indiana in 1931 and was very close to his mother. He was a very complex person and said his mother was the only one who understood him. Even he could not explain his feelings.

Before heading off to Holly-

wood, James appeared in several plays on Broadway. He played the lead role in "The Immoralist" and was a gay character. That image followed him throughout his short career.

James appeared in three very successful movies: "Rebel Without a Cause," "East of Eden" and "Giant" with Elizabeth Taylor.

James said he had been abused as a child by his pastor and had had a relationship with

him as a teenager.

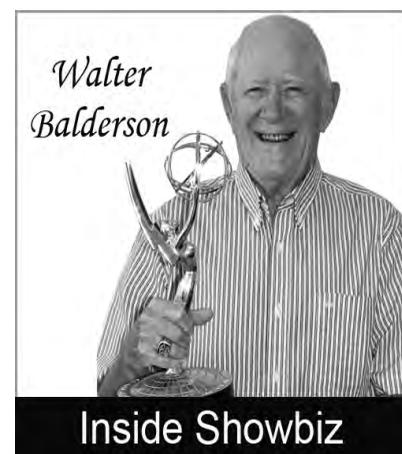
James' best relationship was with young Italian actress Pier Angeli. He also dated Swiss actress Ursula Andress. She was seen riding with him when he bought the car he died in.

James was a racer. His final race occurred in Santa Barbara on Memorial Day in 1955.

During his fatal accident, he was unable to stop on a public California road and his car ended up in a crash. He was trapped

inside and sustained numerous injuries, including a broken neck. The accident was witnessed by a number of passersby who stopped to help, but James was pronounced dead shortly after arriving at the hospital.

James' funeral was held on Oct. 8, 1955, at a church in Indiana. The coffin remained closed to conceal his severe injuries. More than 600 people were at the funeral. Almost 2,500 watched from outside.



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# Neighborly Care Network offers free transportation to appointments and even grocery stores

## Neighborly Care Transportation

Did you know you can register for NO COST transportation through Neighborly Care Network?

Neighborly Care Network transportation is available to take you to a medical appointment, a group of six to a grocery store, or Neighborly Care's congregate dining location.

All medical appointments must be within 10 miles of your home.

Transportation is available with the earliest pick up at 9 a.m. for a 9:30 a.m. appointment and 2:30 p.m. is the last pickup of the day (1:30 for wheelchair clients).

Transportation is not available outside of these hours.

Neighborly Care Network transportation is available for adults 60 and older, and offers door-to-door service, courteous drivers and wheelchair accessible buses.

Drivers of Neighborly Care Network transportation receive training in CPR and eldercare, and have had an extensive background screening.

In order to take advantage of these additional transportation options, residents simply need to complete a short, one-page annual registration form, available through Nancy Rogers in the Activities Office, by either calling 727-799-2734 or emailing [general\\_activity@otowfl.com](mailto:general_activity@otowfl.com).

Complete the form and drop it off at the Community Service Office to the attention of "Nancy." Upon receipt, the form is emailed to Neighborly Care Network's transportation intake coordinator.

Once you have been registered, each client must call Neighborly Care Dispatch at least two working days prior to the day of needed transportation. Weekends and holidays are not considered working days.

Clients may schedule an appointment as early as two weeks in advance.

To request or cancel a trip, or request pickup after an appointment, residents will need to call Neighborly Care Network at 727-571-4384 between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Dispatchers are also available to answer any questions you may have about the service and how it operates.

Each client should allow at least 30 minutes for a driver to return to the medical facility for passenger pickup.

There is no fee for this service, although donations are accepted and appreciated. Neighborly Care Network business hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday – Friday.

## CARES – Living Healthy Program Returns to On Top of the World

"A Matter of Balance - Managing Concerns About Falls" will be taking place from 1-3 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays in the East Activity Center Clearwater Room.

A minimum of eight residents and maximum of 12 must register to hold this class.

The dates will be Oct. 13, 18, 20, 25, 27, and Nov. 1, 3 and 8.

Mark your calendar! Classes are free, but reservations are required.



**Events & Activities**

If interested, residents may contact Theresa Brock directly at 727-862-9291, Ext. 2008 (office) Wednesdays and Saturdays or you can email her at [tbrock@caresfl.org](mailto:tbrock@caresfl.org)

## A Matter of Balance

A presentation about managing concerns about falls will be conducted in eight, two-hour sessions.

The presentation uses group discussion, problem-solving strategies, videos and gentle physical exercise.

Older adults learn positive coping methods to reduce their fear of falling and remain active and independent. Participants become more confident about managing falls by believing that they can increase their strength, find ways to reduce falls, and protect themselves if they do fall.

## Medicare Basics Presentation Review your '22 Medicare Options

It's that time of year again for our SHINE Medicare Basics Presentation at 1 p.m., Monday, Oct. 18, in the EAC Auditorium.

A maximum of 50 residents can participate, first come, first served.

Did you know that those of you with Medicare health and drug plans can make changes each year — things like cost, coverage, drug formularies and which providers and pharmacies are in their networks?

If you have been waiting to make changes to your Medicare Prescription Drug or Medicare Advantage plan, wait no more! The Open Enrollment Period (OEP) is the time to make any necessary adjustments to your plan to ensure that you have the best coverage to complement your health needs for 2022.

Medicare can be a daunting subject for most people and the Open Enrollment Period only runs from Oct. 15, 2021, through Dec. 7, 2021. You don't have to go it alone!

During this time, lean on experts for advice and utilize a local, valuable resource: the SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) program.

SHINE is a program of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and is operated locally through Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Inc. Specially-trained SHINE counselors help educate and empower Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers to understand their health care options so they can make the best decisions for their individual needs.

The SHINE mission is to provide free and unbiased information about Medicare and Medicaid for beneficiaries, their families and caregivers.

SHINE also educates beneficiaries to protect, detect, and report potential errors, fraud, and abuse with their Medicare coverage.

SHINE strongly encourages beneficiaries to be on the lookout for their Annual Notice of Change (ANOC), which they should receive from their plan no later than Sept. 30, 2021. Reviewing their benefits and evaluating their health care options each year is vitally important for beneficiaries. Acting quickly can assure a smooth transition into the 2022 benefit year.

**A Medicare Basics presentation will be conducted by the SHINE Program on Monday, Oct. 18 at 1 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.** This presentation will provide information on the basics of Medicare with coverage that falls into four different areas called "Parts" – Medicare Part A, B, C & D, and what they mean to you.

A SHINE volunteer will also be available to answer questions about each Part that holds your interest.

To receive additional help from SHINE, individuals may call to schedule appointments at designated SHINE counseling sites and attend enrollment events like this one in their local communities.

Or, you can speak with a trained SHINE counselor at 1-800-96-ELDER (1-800-963-5337).

For a listing of SHINE counseling sites and enrollment events, please visit [www.floridashine.org](http://www.floridashine.org).

## One Blood

On behalf of One Blood, we would like to extend a big thank you to the following residents for participating in the blood drive held here on Aug. 12. We are so proud of our community!

See who made the Honor Roll:

Ava Ciolli, Barbara Carter, Beverly Lawson-Wilson, Diana Walker, Diane Woodruff, Donna Dimeo, James Goletz, Jesse Tiamson, Joan Traycheff, Kathleen Lovely, Ermold Lessig, Maureen McMahon, Patricia Fleig, Theodore H. Rost and Thomas Fagan.

Your blood donations resulted in saving 42 patients! I'd like to extend special thanks to our Good Neighbors Association for spreading the word!

Did you miss your opportunity to donate? The Big Red Bus will be parked at the East Activity Center North Parking Lot again on Tuesday, Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

You can register by visiting [OneBlood.org](http://OneBlood.org), going to Nancy's Bulletin Board at [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com), visiting the Community Service office, or you can also just show up that day.

I look forward to seeing next month's donation results. Can we top it?

## Helping Hands

### Mobile Food Dispensary

The next food dispensary will take place at the East Activity Center north parking lot in September as follows:

- Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 12 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 30 at 12 p.m.

The event is set to take place on the second Tuesday and last Thursday of the month. If the weather is not conducive to setting up the pantry, it will not take place or be rescheduled, so please just show up for the next event.

In the event of a cancellation, OTOW will work to send out an alert in a timely manner.

Please do not show up more than five minutes before the Food Dispensary start time.

These events are exclusive to our community and proof of residency is required. Residents will enter at Columbia Drive, receive bags of food in their vehicle's trunk and then drive on through to exit back out on Columbia Drive. The entire operation should conclude by 1:15 p.m. On Top of the World staff will be directing traffic and Helping Hands volunteers will dispense the food.

For more details, see Nancy's Bulletin Board at the OTOW official website [www.otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com).

## RAVE Alerts

Would you like to receive emergency and general notifications within the OTOW community sent directly to your phone? Visit the OTOW website home page at [www.otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com), scroll to the bottom of the page and click the button on the left to sign up for OTOW Alerts (Powered by RAVE).

## Fraud Awareness Day

Fraud Awareness Day is coming to On Top of the World on Tuesday, Nov. 16 from 9-11 a.m.

Pinellas County Consumer Protection and Operation Medicine Cabinet will be on hand for a free drive-thru shredding and unused medication drop-off event at the East Activity Center, southeast parking lot off World Parkway Boulevard.

Don't Stop there! Join Anna Marie Millett, consumer protection investigator, from 10-11 at the pavilion (maximum of 50 in attendance). She will test your consumer knowledge with a fun, interactive trivia game. All participants will be eligible to win a raffle prize.

## Activity Card Renewal

Activity cards are issued and renewed at the Community Service Office located at the East Activity Center, first office to your right.

When renewing your activity card, or getting a brand new one issued, please remember to bring with you a government issued photo ID, such as a driver's license or passport, and a current piece of mail indicating your name and On Top of the World property address.

To renew, you will need \$3 and your expiring/expired card. If you do not have your card, you will need to bring \$25 for purchasing and processing of a new card.

Please stop in the Community Service Office or call the CSO line at 727-683-6981 if you have any additional questions.

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# ACTIVITY REPORTS



## The rain magically disappeared and then the Press Association had an awesome picnic



It rained and it rained and it rained.

Then, at about 3 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 5, Editor Doug Kates looked up at the clouds and said, "Mike, it never rained on any of your parades. How about giving me two hours with no rain so the Press Association can have a picnic under the pavilion?"

Amazingly, at 5 p.m., the rain departed after two days of soaking.

More than 25 members of the Press Association enjoyed their only meeting of the summer and enjoyed cool, calm and picturesque conditions.

For those who dared to attend, the evening turned out perfect to cook hot dogs and hamburgers, and hold a meeting with ducks swimming in the background.

Dianne Hanrahan, a new reporter, volunteered her husband, Barney, and friend, Steve Caffey, to be our grillmasters. They did such a good job cooking on the new pavilion grills that they got job offers for future parties.

Doug opened the meeting by telling everyone the most important Press Association meeting is coming up in November, pending health-safety guidelines surrounding the COVID-19 virus.

The November meeting will be the annual Writers Workshop and it is the only meeting all year where Doug teaches basic journalism.

It is a very important meeting for new reporters and a good refresher course for veteran reporters.

Please note, the date of the Writers Workshop has changed. This meeting will now take place on Tuesday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.



If health/safety conditions require a change, the workshop will be moved online.

Next, Doug let everyone know the annual Halloween Pet Costume Contest, organized by OTOW News, will take place online for the second consecutive year. Management decided this was not a good time to have 20-30 people together in the dog park.

So, between Oct. 1-10, residents can submit photos of their pets in costume and have those images displayed on the Box Office ([otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)). Then everyone in the world can go to the Box Office and be a judge from Oct. 14-17. Results will be posted in the November newspaper.

Doug also asked everyone in the Press Association to help spread the word about our new Dining Page, which was created to get more local restaurants advertising in our newspaper.

Doug asked club members to bring the Dining Page with them to local restaurants and encourage those restaurants to participate.

The next Press Association meeting is 11 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 7 in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Not very many meetings can take place in front of a beautiful background like the scene above. After a full day of cooling-off rain, Editor Doug Kates talks to members of the Press Association during the club's meeting in August. Below are President Yvonne Courtney, Secretary Rose Pietrogallo and Vice President Edwina Schick with the food line behind them.

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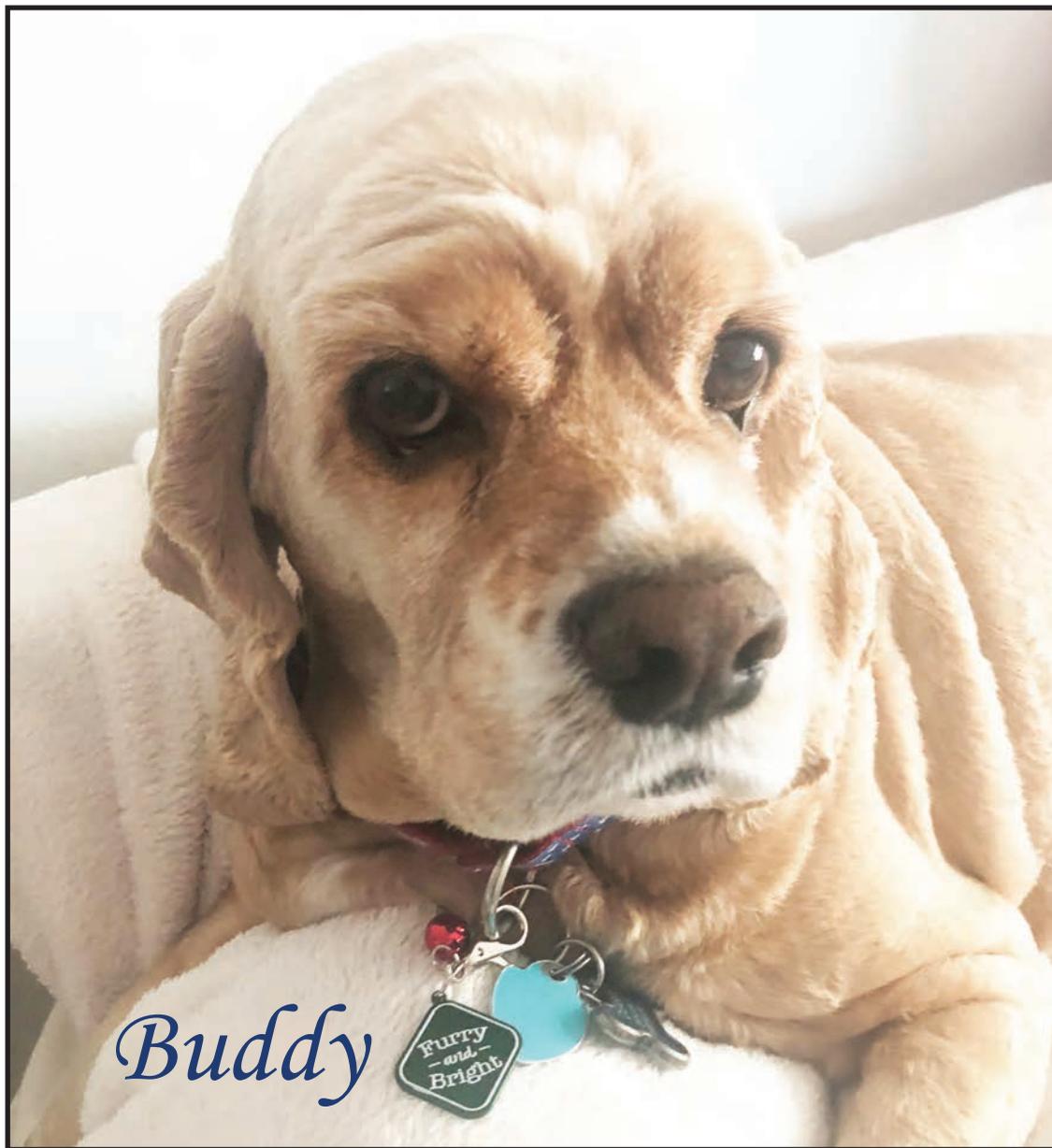
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*Buddy*

Buddy is a very loving cocker spaniel who is 8 years old.

Buddy lives with his dad and mom, Garrett and Kathy Deakin, and doggy sister SadieMarie, in the Queen Victoria building (90).

They reside at On Top of the World during the winter, and back in Illinois during the summer.

LiBuddy loves all of his friend here at OTOW and loves to take daily walks around the complex.

If you see him, stop and make him smile.

Each month, OTOW News and Woof Gang Bakery & Grooming are featuring a Pet of the Month in this newspaper. Any pets living at On Top of the World are eligible. To enter your pet, email one clear, color photo to [OTOW.newsroom@gmail.com](mailto:OTOW.newsroom@gmail.com) and tell us what makes your pet special. If you don't have email capabilities, drop off your photo and information at the newsroom. You must include pet's name, owner's name, building and age of pet. If the age is not included, your pet will not be eligible. Only one pet per household can win each year, but now two pets from the same household can be one entry. The winner this month will receive a gift card from Woof Gang Bakery in Clearwater. If you are the winner this month, stop by the newsroom to pick up your gift cards. Each monthly winner becomes eligible for Pet of the Year honors in January. Voting for Pet of the Year takes place online in January. The winner will be announced each February. The winner receives additional prizes and will be invited to march in the annual Irish Club Parade each March.

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# Halloween Pet Costume Contest will be online again this year

The annual On Top of the World News Halloween Pet Costume Contest will be an online event for the second year in a row.

With the COVID-19 virus still in the news, and uncertainty about safety still around us, Editor Doug Kates has announced the annual contest will be virtual again this year instead of inviting residents, sponsors, guests and judges to our dog park for a live event.

The 2021 Halloween Pet Costume Contest will be very similar to last year's event.

Starting on Oct. 1, OTOW residents can begin submitting photos of their pets in costume to the OTOW newspaper. All entries must be submitted over email. The address is [otow.newsroom@gmail.com](mailto:otow.newsroom@gmail.com).

All photos must be current pictures. A special contest logo will be published in the October newspaper. That logo must be cut out of the newspaper and be placed alongside your pet when your contest picture is taken.

No entry will be accepted if the official logo is not in the photo. Anyone who photoshops the logo into an old photo will be disqualified.

As soon as your contest photo is received by the newsroom, the picture will be processed and placed on the Box Office ([otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)) for viewing.

Anyone from all over the world will be able to view entries as they are submitted. Viewing will take place before judging begins.

The deadline for submitting a contest photo will be Sunday, Oct. 10.

Online judging will then take place from Oct. 14-17. The virtual voting booth will close at midnight.

Anyone in the world can be a judge.

If you want to judge, go to the Box Office between Oct. 14-17 and follow the simple instructions.

Each judge will be given five virtual Kandy Korns. You will use these Kandy Korns to place your votes. Each Kandy Korn represents one vote.

You have the option of giving all five

#### Dates To Remember

Oct. 1 - Official contest logo will appear in the October edition of OTOW News. This logo must be cut out.

Oct. 1 - First day to start emailing contest photo entries to OTOW newspaper.

Oct. 10 - Last day to email contest photos.

Oct. 14-17 - Online voting.  
Nov. 1 - Winners announced.

Kandy Korns to one pet (5 votes), or you can divide up your Kandy Korns and give Kandy Korns (votes) to different pets.

For example, you can give one Kandy Korn to five different pets, or you can give three Kandy Korns to one pet and one Kandy Korn to two different pets.

Just as long as your final vote total equals five.

Judges will not see the names of pets or owners.

Online judges will only be allowed to enter the virtual voting booth one time per home computer. Once you place your votes and leave, you cannot return.

Sorry, no votes can be cast by cell phone.

The results of the contest will be announced in the November newspaper, which will be distributed to residents on Monday, Nov. 1.

There will be no contest categories, but there will be multiple winners. Each sponsor will give away a prize valued at \$50 or more. If there are six sponsors, there will be six contest winners.

Total number of sponsors will be announced in October.

Winners will be contacted and prizes distributed.

Each winner will have their picture remain on the Box Office for a full year.

Questions? Send an email to Doug in the newsroom.

Look for the official logo in the October newspaper and start sending in your contest photos immediately.



Pictured above is Daisy, who was one of the virtual Halloween Pet Costume Contest entries last year. Please note, last year's official contest logo is in the picture. The 2021 official logo will appear in the October newspaper.

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### COME JOIN IN THE FUN!



## OTOW Theater Workshop

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We would be excited to have you join us and showcase your talents on stage with song, dance, comedy or backstage management.

Check out our club page on the Box Office: [otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)

Jump into something fun! You've been hiding too long!

## In our wood shop, we can bring birds back to life



Henry Santos with a heron.



By Candice Best  
Meet Henry Santos.  
He is a long time member of the wood shop.

The beautiful bird you see in the picture above was brought in by a resident to be repaired. Henry brought him back to life with a bit of glue here and there. When Henry was finished, the bird looked as good as new and took flight the next day.

Many residents have brought various items to our wood shop to be repaired or reconfigured. We are happy to help anyone out that we can.

We do ask that you supply the material for your repairs.

Some things may not be repairable, but we'll do our best to lead you in the right direction.

We want to thank those of you who have made donations to our shop. Your donations go towards materials and supplies for the Toy Shop, too. The toys are then donated to charitable organizations in our community.

## Residents invited to tribute for Bob Reis on Sept. 2

If you have ever attended a Bible Study meeting or sat in during a Philosophy Club meeting, you will want to take note of a special event coming up on Thursday, Sept. 2.

A tribute to Bob Reis will be taking place from 1-5 p.m. at the East Activity Center Pavilion.

Bring your Bibles, your smiles, your photos and your memories. Bob's family will be in attendance as well.

For those who do not know, Bob used to work for a greeting card company, so he knew there were expressions for all occasions.

Feel free to share the expression you want to bring.

Bob started the Philosophy Club 27 years ago and started the Bible Study class 26 years ago.

Right up until the day the current pandemic temporarily shut down everything, Bob was still at the head of the table.

The Bible Study class was not started to teach religion. It was a source to talk about religion. The topics were wide open.

The Philosophy Club was created not to tell residents their minds were thinking wrong. It was created to open their minds up more.

As OTOW News reporter Barbara Rice stated in May 2020, "Robert has spent a lifetime inspiring and motivating many people, in many ways, in many places."



Bob Reis

This included patriotic sing-alongs during the pandemic. Residents would gather in the Viennese Villa building parking lot and sing "God Bless America." Bob, at 89 years old, was there belting out a tune.

Bob was a veteran of the Marine Corp. He saw action in the Korean War.

He was very active in the Catholic Church - sometimes even making suggestions.

There is no timetable for the Philosophy Club or Bible Study group to return to the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room. Watch future newspapers for any new information that becomes available.

### Auditions coming for spring show

## If you want to try theater as a hobby, join us in November

By Vicky Portsmouth  
September has arrived!

Like the words in a song, we get "a peaceful, easy feeling" as our friends and new neighbors begin to arrive for the winter months.

For newcomers, it is a time to explore, join, and create new avenues of enjoyment.

We are excited in Theater Workshop to have the opportunity to introduce ourselves to those newcomers and our returning residents.

Director Will Peterson and his creative team continue to build our March 2022 production. Many ideas and research are put on paper, culled through, discarded, put back in, and finally, the primary theme is created.

Next, auditions and cast assignments come.

And then the fun begins!

There is a lot of "space" on the stage for everyone who wants to be part of this "far out" show!

Look for more information in our October article. Auditions start in November.



### Theater Workshop

We welcome all residents who hold a valid activity card to become members and play onstage, backstage or offstage. We will keep you posted as the fun and excitement continues. We hope you will be part of it!

Stay tuned. Stay safe. We will see you soon!

Please check our Box Office webpage for more timely information about Theater Workshop. The address is: otowbox-office.com.)

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# OTOW Chorus hopeful rehearsals for a spring concert will begin in January

By Ilene Bargerstock

To On Top of the World Chorus members, near and far, it has been much too long since we have seen your faces and heard your voices raised in beautiful harmony.

Take heart! Hopefully, the waiting will soon be over!

In anticipation of performing a spring concert in 2022, Chorus is exploring the possibility of beginning rehearsals on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022, from 7-9 p.m. in the Oldsmar Room of the East Activity Center.

Rehearsals will continue in that room each Monday morning from 10-11 and Tuesday evenings from 7-9 until March 29.

Our spring concert is tentatively set



**Chorus**

for Saturday, April 2 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 3 at 3 p.m.

We hope to be singing "America the Beautiful," a collection of familiar songs honoring our country.

The final stages of preparation for

presenting this particular concert were taking place in March of 2020 when suddenly everything changed for all of us.

I need not say more.

Perhaps this music will be even more meaningful than it would have been then.

Chorus members, you might want to pull out your music folders and dust them off. It took me a while to remember where I had put mine.

This could be a great opportunity to review each song and give us a head start when we finally meet together.

If you have moved here recently, you may not know that the OTOW Chorus has been ongoing here for more than 50 years.

Any person living here, who enjoys singing four-part harmony, making friends and laughing a lot, is more than welcome to join us. Auditions are not required.

The Chorus presents two concerts per season - one in the spring and one at Christmas time.

Anyone interested in learning more may contact President Rod Bargerstock at 727-249-4807 or email him at bargerstockrod@yahoo.com.

Since everything is subject to change these days, please know that we will keep you posted going forward via OTOW News and/or emails.

Meanwhile, take care, stay safe and think positive until we meet again.

**OTOW**



**Veterans Group**

## Veterans Group picnic Oct. 9 at pavilion

By Pam Rosenblatt

Mark your calendars.

The On Top of the World Veterans Group annual barbeque is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 9.

This year it will be held at the East Activity Center pavilion between 1-5 p.m. We will adjust the hours accordingly if we have to deal with any unfavorable Florida weather.

We've got our grillmaster, Stu Rosenblatt, and the rest of the team ready to go. We'll be serving each person one hot dog, one

hamburger or cheeseburger, a bag of chips, coleslaw and a bottle of water for only \$7. Dessert also will be provided.

We will need an accurate headcount to ensure everyone has enough to eat. For tickets, email otowveteransgroup@gmail.com.

We'll look forward to seeing you there.

Our monthly meetings have resumed and are taking place on the first Wednesday of the month in the East Activity Center Largo Room at 2 pm.



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# Candidate for Congress visits Republican Club



Amanda Makki, candidate for US Congress, speaks to the Ronald Reagan Republican Club at its August meeting.

By Mary Jane Lofton

Neither rain, nor storm, nor dark of night deterred Ronald Reagan Republican Club members from attending our August meeting in the East Activity Center.

And a great meeting it was.

Our guest speaker was Amanda Makki, candidate for U.S. Congress, District 13 (South Pinellas).

Amanda's credentials are very impressive and she clearly defined her goals for Congressional 2022-2024 term. We really enjoyed getting to know her.

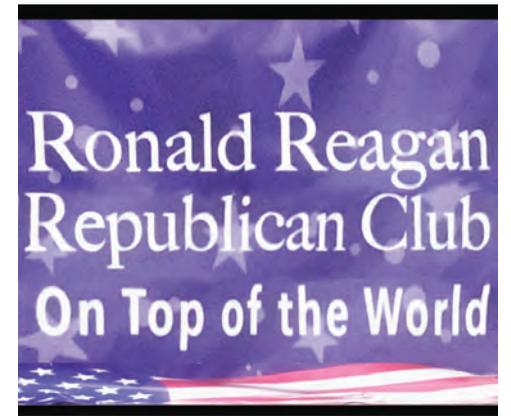
Thank you, Amanda!

Jim and Maureen Bjorgo were busy encouraging members to sign petitions for potential candidates to be included on the 2022 primary ballot. Our club will participate in this effort until the primary elections.

We are so pleased that among those not afraid of our daily rain storms was Skylar Alexander, active member of the Pinellas GOP and the North Pinellas Republican Club.

Our own club members participated in another "Third Friday" street festival in Safety Harbor on Aug. 20. What a fun time that was!

We will be there again on Friday, Sept. 17. Be sure to come by and look for our big red tent and brand new Ronald Rea-



gan Republican Club banner. Let us know you are from OTOW.

Our club welcomes new members!

We will be looking for you on Sept. 14 at our next meeting. Our guest speaker will be Cheri Denham, a field organizer from the Florida GOP. Cheri will focus on the process of selecting GOP officials at local, county and state levels, and the roles that clubs like our club can fill.

Members will have the opportunity to become certified voter registrars.

The meeting will be in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. for signing in and socializing. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

You don't want to miss it.

## Writer's Ink is an opportunity for you to share your love for writing with other residents

By Lori Gottshall

Members of Writers Ink are looking forward to resuming meetings on Thursday, Sept. 9.

This is an open invitation for anyone interested in creative writing to join us.

If you have ever wondered, "Who are they and what do they do?" you should feel free to visit our meeting to see for yourself. We don't mind. In fact, bring a friend.

Meetings are relaxed and, depending on attendance, will take two to three hours.

We meet weekly on Thursday afternoons at 12:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Dunedin Room. It is easy to find. Go down the stairs from the main lobby. We are across from the gym. We follow mask and social distance rules.

Our club members are a diverse group

of people who love good writing. Some of our members are retired teachers.

There are Northerners, Southerners, Snowbirds, full-time residents and even a native Floridian.

For a while there was only one man in the group. However, the mix had reached about 50/50 before the pandemic hit.

Ages range from 50-90 years old. No matter what your age, if you are curious, don't hesitate to give us a try.

Like the variety of people, a variety of writing forms are welcome. Prose, poetry (free verse or iambic pentameter or anything in between), fiction and non-fiction, human interest, funny or serious.

Everyone brings a short sample of their writing, with copies for handing out to the group. We go around the table in

turn. Each writer gets a chance to read their own piece out loud.

The group then asks questions and makes comments about the work with the objective of making improvements.

The writer then has a chance to respond to the comments.

Notice that it is the writing product, and not the topic or the writer, that is under inspection.

Critiques are gentle and constructive. Praises also happen.

We rotate moderator responsibilities and try to ensure that we stay on topic.

Do you have a story to tell, but need a little help telling it? Perhaps we can offer some advice. And we can always use another point of view ourselves.



**Writer's Ink**

## Motivated OTOW group wants to help you lose weight

TOPS stands for "Take Off Pounds Sensibly."

Our club meets Thursday mornings from 10-11 a.m. in the East Activity Center Largo Room.

We are very motivated to help if you want to lose weight. We are a friendly group and usually go out for a healthy meal after our meetings.

Because we are a part of a national club, we charge \$32 per person for yearly national dues. For joining the national club, you will receive a monthly magazine of helpful items.

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*Date is not correct in September newspaper!*

## Travel Club to sell holiday party tickets at pavilion

By Janice Berman

The Travel Club is anxious to resume activities again!

And ticket sales are just a start.

The Travel Club board held a meeting on July 28 and all current board members and volunteers present expressed joy at finally being able to be together.

The board has announced the club's 2021 holiday party is a go!

On Dec. 9, members of the Travel Club are invited to dine and dance at the Countryside Country Club in Clearwater.

The club will be decorated for the season and we will enjoy music by club favorite, DJ Mike.

Can you feel the excitement in the air? So, dust off your party clothes and shine up your dancing shoes. There is so much to get excited about. We will enjoy being with our friends and neighbors in celebration of not only the holiday season, but also the end of another trying year.

The Countryside Country Club requires all those attending to be vaccinated so when you purchase your tickets from the Travel Club, you will have to bring proof of vaccination.

This is very important.

Ticket sales will take place at the pa-



### Travel Club

vilion located behind the East Activity Center.

Sales will be Mondays and Thursdays from 9-11 a.m. from Sept. 13 through Nov. 30.

The Travel Club will stop selling after 150 tickets are sold.

There will be no ticket sales on Thursday, Nov. 25, Thanksgiving Day.

Much debate took place as board members calculated the cost of this high-quality venue. The final decision was to keep the cost at \$35 as it was in 2019.

No cash for tickets will be accepted. Please make checks payable to OTOW Travel Club.

We anticipate this event will be a sell-out, so don't wait too long to buy your tickets.

## OTOW Travel Club

presents

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Buffet includes Braised Beef Short Ribs Chicken Marsala, Mahi-Mahi Potatoes, Salad, Vegetables and Dessert  
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**Ticket sales Mondays and Thursdays, 9-11 am, EAC Pavilion (Sept. 13 - Nov. 30, not sold Thanksgiving Day)**

Cost of tickets is \$35 per person. Add \$10 if becoming a new club member.

Checks only - Make checks payable to OTOW Travel Club

(no cash or credit cards will be accepted)

Tickets will be sold to OTOW Travel Club members only.

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# Doesn't matter what sport you play, line dancing is great for improving coordination and footwork



Wait... Isn't this a story about line dancing and the cardio dance club?!

What's with the pickleball, tennis, billiards, bowling and golfing equipment?

Do these sports enthusiasts have anything in common with line dancing and cardio dancing? The answer is yes.

Have you ever heard of the importance of improving one's timing, rhythm, balance, footwork, stamina and co-ordination in sports?

Well, what's a great way to acquire all of these improvements?

If you guessed line dancing and cardio dance, you are correct!

That's why your On Top of the World Moving and Grooving line dance club and Hope's Cardio Workout Dance Club are getting so many sports enthusiasts.

Everyone knows the overall benefits of dancing are just phenomenal!

As our sports-minded Moving and Grooving board of officers are demonstrating in this photo, every "body" can benefit from line dancing!

Ron Huber and Michael Payne are not only the board's trusted advisors, but they are also fantastic leaders in our volunteer group. They worked diligently to assemble the Moving and Grooving Club's cabinet that holds all of the musical equipment and supplies.

We can count on Ron and Michael for their honesty, wisdom and constant support. They always do an outstanding job on and off the dance floor!

Viki Payne, Michael's wife, is our very dedicated and reliable treasurer. She's also our talented dancing guide for our beginner and advanced beginner classes.

Viki has been a volunteer since day one. There isn't anything that Viki would not do to help our club. She is our one-in-



Pictured above are some of the finest athletes On Top of the World has to offer. They are, left to right, pickleball star Ron Huber, pool shark Viki Payne, pro bowler Margaret LeTourneau, world doubles champions Madeline Fontaine and Hope Tera, and GPA golf instructor Mike Payne. Actually, they are line dancers pretending to be world class athletes. *(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)*

a-million.

Margaret LeTourneau, the president and founder of the Moving and Grooving Club, is by far the most grateful person to be surrounded by these outstanding board officers.

She feels blessed to be the line dance instructor for all of the classes and the choreographer for many of the dances.

Teaching dance to all levels is her greatest passion. She's also thrilled to be able to offer Hope Tera's fantastic cardio dance classes.

Margaret's line dance classes and Hope's cardio dance classes are offered in our community all week long - you have a choice of 12 dance classes a week.

Madeleine Fontaine, our wonderful secretary, is always ready to lend a helping hand. Her big-hearted smiles, her positive nature and her enthusiastic ways are an inspiration and a delight.

Hope, our vice president, and our amazing cardio dance instructor, is also our little computer whiz. Whatever we need, Hope can create and design it in a flash. She's a bit of a magician.

This club surrounds itself with the best of the best. This wonderful board of officers truly believe in the wholesome philosophy of the Moving and Grooving Club.

The club's philosophy is to have fun, to be inclusive, to encourage new ideas, and to always meet the needs of the stu-

dents by offering them classes with different dancing levels.

As you can see, there's good reason why the Moving and Grooving Club is growing by leaps and bounds. Its enthusiasm, its dedicated board of officers, its long list of health benefits and its creative approach to teaching is key to its success!

That's why the Moving and Grooving Club is a win/win for all!

Does this sound like fun to you?

Join us for our Moving and Grooving Kickoff Membership Drive party on Friday, Oct. 1, from 6-8 p.m. at the pavilion. We will be signing up new members, collecting annual dues and answering your questions.

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# Line dancing can be like taking up a new hobby

By Leila Walker

Please meet Pat Cullen-Davis on the right in this picture and Linda Herron on the left. They are among the most recent new members of the On Top of the World Line Dance Club.

Pat has two sons who live in Georgia and Louisiana. She is originally from Manchester, England, and has lived in the United States since 1980.

Before retiring, Pat was a travel agent in Clearwater with the Thomas Cook Travel Agency.

She has lived in OTOW for three years. She likes living here very much because people are very friendly.

In her building, she is a “wing angel,” which means she organizes activities for the residents.

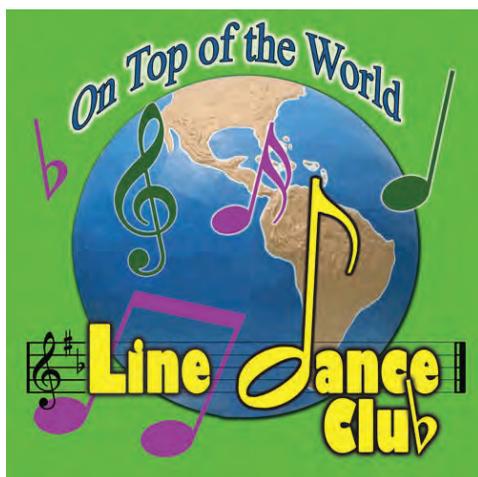
Pat has been line dancing for about a year. She says she loves line dancing because it is good exercise, she meets lots of new people, and it is mentally and physically enriching.

Her hobbies include reading, decorating, dancing, dominoes and bingo. In fact, Pat likes all dancing. She did square dancing before joining line dancing.

Linda has one son, who lives in Florida and works at the Art Institute of Tampa. Linda also has one grandson who is an environmental engineer.

Prior to retiring, Linda worked as a secretary for the Largo school board.

She has lived in OTOW for a little



over a year (her anniversary date for living here was in April). She says she loves living in OTOW because she is surrounded by wonderful people.

Linda also loves line dancing. She says it gets her moving, it is good for her brain, it helps her memory and it is fun!

Linda’s hobbies include line dancing, Tai Chi and dominoes.

Join Pat and Linda on the dance floor and discover how much fun line dancing can be!

You, too, can learn the love of line dancing by joining the OTOW Line Dance Club, which offers classes on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays in the East Activity Center auditorium.

From 11 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays an Advanced Beginner session is being



Linda Herron, left, and Pat Cullen-Davis have been line dancing at On Top of the World now for about a year.

offered and from noon to 1 p.m. an Improver session, for more experienced line dancers, is offered.

Additional practice sessions are offered from 7-8 a.m. each Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the EAC Exercise Room. This is the time the instructors practice the dances that are on Tuesday and Saturday programs.

You can obtain useful information

about line dancing and other OTOW activities by visiting the OTOW Box Office at [otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)

You can see demos of some of the dances on OTOW-TV Channel 732, weekdays at 11 a.m.

If you need additional information, contact President Leila Walker at [Leila.g.walker1@gmail.com](mailto:Leila.g.walker1@gmail.com) or text/call 443-845-7842.

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# Lambdans get away from Florida for a rendezvous in North Carolina

By Bruce Lovett

Lambda is on the prowl!

Franklin is a sleepy little town in North Carolina's Nantahala National Forest.

It has an elevation of more than 2000 feet, is in the Smoky Mountains and is known for its Scottish heritage.

But now it will be remembered as the town that Lambda invaded during the summer of 2021.

One-eighth of our total club membership descended on this tiny mountain oasis from various starting points.

Lambda's Mike Murphy and Earl Ballance started it all by renting a cottage there for the summer months and inviting members to come and visit.

Coincidentally, a lot of the club members happened to be in the area at the same time.

Two came from Atlanta (after visiting friends they had worked with at Coca-Cola), two came from Asheville, N.C., (home of the Biltmore Estate) and the last member came from Greenville, S.C., (renewing family ties).

Together they descended on the cute little downtown, and shopped at stores with "Rustic" and "Antique" in the title, as well as the must-see Scottish boutique.

They hit the nearby white water rapids, toured the surrounding scenic waterfalls, ate at the Asian buffet and even took time to pose for a group shot.

Other members dropped by later in the summer, but never quite had the impact as what is now known as the "Infamous Tourisma Eight."

The eight visitors were not the only Lambdans to hit the road. Members have been spotted in Savannah, Ga., Columbus, Ohio, Wichita, Kan., Chicago, Ill., and even as far north as Charlevoix, Mich.

Should you see one, you are advised to approach with caution and be prepared for a good time.

For those who couldn't get away this summer, Dave Beaven, our fearless leader, has continued to provide OTOW Lambda residents with activities to fill their time.

With the arrival of the Delta variant, he has been forced to curtail a few healthy pastimes, but golf and weekly walks are still on the agenda.

Our August social, which was our annual beach-themed event, was an unqualified success.

A small, but mighty group, enjoyed the music of the Beach Boys while nibbling on tuna salad, cutsie little sandwiches and beach delights.

The hit of the evening was the "Beach



Eight Lambda Club members recently took a field trip to Franklin, N.C., for a summer vacation. From left to right are Bob Peigler, Bruce Lovett, James Farmer, Bruno Nardizzi, Roger Layne, Earl Ballance, Bill Merithew and Mike Murphy.

Ball Punch" which had various party goers bouncing from table to table.

Next month is our annual sports night event. Support your favorite sport's team by wearing their jersey. Bring a halftime dish for the potluck buffet and make a mad dash to

the bar for some touchdown punch.

Tentative date is the second Friday of September, 7 p.m. at the pavilion.

For confirmation, and more information about Lambda, go to our official webpage at [lambdaclearwater.blogspot](http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot).

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## Entertainment Committee shooting for nine shows, 15 dances and Sunday Meet & Greets in 2022

By Mary Ann O'Neil

The Entertainment Committee has cancelled all shows, dances and Sunday Meet & Greets for the rest of 2021.

Although we are not selling tickets, we are busy setting up entertainment for 2022.

There are nine shows and 15 dances scheduled, along with monthly Sunday Meet & Greets.

There is a lot of preparation for scheduling events, from booking dates, contacting entertainers, signing contracts, selling tickets and advertising. Once we are selling tickets again for the shows and dances, we will be back in the East Activity Center on Monday and Thursday mornings, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

The Entertainment Committee Executive Board election will be coming up in November. The process has been modified because there is no general meeting due to the pandemic.

A slate of officers has already been nominated for the 2022 Executive Board. Anyone with a valid activity card can contest any of the nominated positions by presenting their intent in writing before Sept. 10, and if approved by a sub-committee, can run for a position in November.

The nomination of officers for 2022 is as follows: Karen Safee, president; Charlie Wood, vice president; Tim Beaver, treasurer; Marian Leamy, assistant treasurer; Sherry Ivey, secretary; Lucille

Greenhalgh assistant secretary; and Connie McDonald, Kirk Safee, Susan Carlson and Mike Wood, directors.

To contest a position, email a copy of your activity card and qualifications to entcom2014@gmail.com.

For questions and information call current President Mary Ann O'Neil at (727) 449-9243.

The Entertainment Committee has extended ticket refunds through Dec. 15, 2021, for canceled events during the pandemic. However, those of you who are unable to return prior to that date, your request will be handled individually.

Those of you who are full-time residents and wish to receive a refund, please contact Mary Ann O'Neil at your earliest

convenience to expedite your refund.

Information will be posted on the bulletin boards in the East Activity Center, the West Activity Center, and on your building's bulletin board once all activities are allowed to resume.

For more information regarding COVID-19 and the Entertainment Committee, please visit the Box Office at otowboxoffice.com. Our monthly and annual schedules are posted on the home page. The 2022 schedule will be updated when events are official.

Please be careful, stay safe and we will see you soon. The Entertainment Committee will continue to provide outstanding entertainment and support to our community as it has since 1970.

## Candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services speaks at Democratic Club meeting

By Donna Lukas

At the August meeting of the On Top of the World Democratic Club, we welcomed several new people and returning members.

It was nice to see everyone masked and social distancing at the tables that had been set up in the Largo Room of the East Activity Center.

Our first guest speaker was Ryan Morales. He is currently the only announced Democratic candidate for Florida Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services in 2022.

As you know, Nikki Fried, the current commissioner, has decided to run for governor in 2022.

Ryan is looking to take her place.

Ryan says the job has four basic parts. Protect Floridians, serve Floridians, care for Floridians and promote Florida.

He sees the need for addressing environmental concerns, including rising sea levels, and he wants to stop scams with improved cyber security.

Ryan described himself as a former small business owner who is "used to bringing products to people."

He says he understands the economy and Wall Street, understands politics, thinks ahead about our future, and tells the truth based on facts.

More information on Ryan can be found at ryanforflorida.com.

Our second guest speaker was Eliseo Santana who is a "Get Out The Vote" ac-



Ryan Morales, candidate for Florida Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services, was the guest speaker at the Democratic Club meeting in August. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

tivist.

You may remember him as a former candidate for sheriff in the 2020 election.

He mentioned that his candidacy and advocacy for police body cameras brought about a subsequent change in the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department.

Eliseo is an impassioned speaker, advocating for outreach to Hispanic voters. He emphasized that Hispanics are not a monolithic block. Mexicans, Cubans and

Puerto Ricans have different histories and issues.

Eliseo pointed out that the Puerto Ricans who arrived in Florida, as environmental refugees after the destructive hurricanes, are U.S. citizens who come from a different electoral system. After registering to vote, they need education about the importance of these differences.

At our August meeting, we also started a book exchange for non-fiction politi-



**Democratic Club**

cal books. More than a dozen books were available and most of them went to new homes.

After reading their selections, the new owners can exchange them for different books at a future meeting or pass them on to other friends.

Our next club meeting is scheduled for our usual time and place, the second Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. on Sept 9 in the Largo Room of the East Activity Center.

If you have been thinking about joining our club, please come visit us at one of our future meetings.

If you missed attending one of our meetings, remember to check out the information listed on our club page on the Box Office at otowboxoffice.com. Click to enter the Box Office, and then click on the "Democratic Donkey" under the "Club Pages" heading.



Before and after pictures of a garden ornament fixed up with a little paint.

# If a newspaper editor can paint, so can you

By Doug Kates

Here's proof you don't have to be an artist to be an artist!

During a recent week off, I had nine days to do what I wanted to do - and do what my dog, Logan, gave me permission to do.

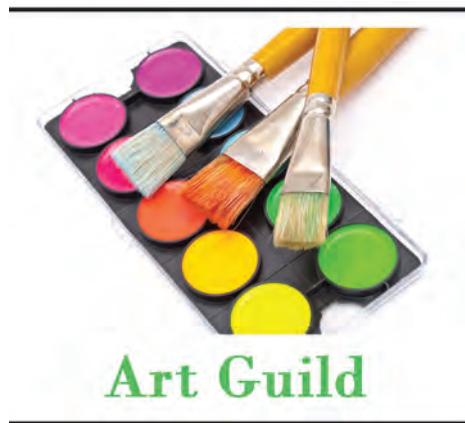
With nothing on my schedule, I said to myself, "What do you want to do today?"

Well, for 13 years now I have been reading stories in OTOW News about the Art Guild and how our community artists are always busy being creative.

I have read stories about watercolors, acrylic paints, pencil sketching, Chinese Paint Brush techniques and more. I have seen all their beautiful pieces of art at annual art shows.

So on day one of my vacation, when I got out of bed at noon, the first thing I did was walk into my backyard shed and grab two lawn ornaments which have not been displayed for at least 10 years.

One ornament was three birds on a



Art Guild

log and another ornament was a squirrel eating a nut.

At one point, both ornaments were beautiful on a store shelf when purchased, but after years of weathering, neglect and storage, neither was fit for public display.

So I decided to do something about it.

After feeding Logan, I went to Hobby Lobby on this 98 degree, July day, and

walked right into the store and walked right past the artificial Christmas trees for sale.

I proceeded right to the acrylic paint section like any professional artist would do.

Hobby Lobby, which is not an advertiser in this newspaper, but should be after this article, has tons of paint colors to choose from and tons of other things you can paint. Not only are there normal, everyday crafts to paint, but this time of the season you can paint your own Halloween, Thanksgiving and yes, Christmas, ornaments.

I chose five colors for both ornaments, and based on what I learned in previous Art Guild articles, I also knew I could combine my paint colors to get new colors and different shades of the colors I already purchased.

See Art Guild teachers. I've been paying attention.

So I bought orange, blue, dark brown, tan and black paint. I combined my orange

and blue in a separate container and came up with green. My elementary school art teacher would have been proud.

So, after a few days of work, the pictures on top of this page show the neglected bird ornament before I repainted them and when my project was finished.

(Pat on my back)

As you read this, those happy birds are in my new backyard garden just singing up a tune.

If I did this, you can do this.

Think about it. You can paint your own pumpkin, turkey or snowman.

And if you are really daring, you can create your own ceramics to paint and join the OTOW ceramics club. They go a step further and create the products they paint.

Let's see. What should I paint during my next vacation?

Maybe a witch on a broom, a gingerbread house ... or maybe I should paint Logan? Yellow labs should be yellow.

Right?



When people visit the Phipps Conservatory & Botanical Gardens in Pittsburgh, they bring along OTOW News.

You can read OTOW News too, visit [otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)

Read OTOW News online

# BLACKOUT

The Blackout Card Game Group plans to return to the West Activity Center when health and safety guidelines allow it.



Watch for future announcements.

# Texas Card Game tournaments coming to auditorium

By Joe DeChiaro

Everyone who has ever played Texas Hold'em has dreamed of playing in the World Series of Poker tournament held every summer in Las Vegas.

Now you have a chance to play in a similar tournament.

A new group has started at On Top of the World, and this group will be organizing four Texas Card Game tournaments each calendar year in the East Activity Center auditorium.

The Texas Card Club will host these hold'em-style tournaments on Saturday evenings starting at 5 p.m.

A board of directors has been established and a bylaws constitution is in place.

There will be club dues each year, which will pay for food before each tournament.

There will also be a minimal entry fee to play in each tournament.

One rebuy will be allowed if a player loses all his chips before the first hour.

The top 10 percent of everyone who enters each tournament will win a prize.

The first tournament is tentatively set for Oct. 30 or Nov. 13 based on safety guidelines at the East Activity Center. This date could be pushed back.

For more information, or to sign up, please contact Joe DeChiaro at 732-710-0214 or [joegdechiaro@yahoo.com](mailto:joegdechiaro@yahoo.com).

A meeting at the pavilion for all new members will be in early October or No-



The Texas Card Game Club hopes to organize four tournaments a year using the hold'em-style of play. In Hold'em, everyone playing at a table gets two cards and everyone gets to 'use' the 'community' draw. An example is shown above. Look closely. Someone has a Royal Flush.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

## What you do today may have an affect on tomorrow

By Dave Beaven

Have you ever done something you're not proud of?

Perhaps you shared a piece of gossip about someone in your building that was embarrassing to them.

Or maybe you had an old chair that was sitting in your condo, but instead of taking it to a thrift store, you put it in the trash room for someone else to worry about.

Or you parked in someone else's spot and got snippy with the owner who complained about it.

None of these are grave offenses, but they do wear away at the quality of life that exists here.

Our motto at Neighborhood Watch is: We watch out for each other.

But perhaps we should also remember to watch out for ourselves, too.

Are we contributing to our community or detracting from it as we go about our daily lives here?

Each action that we take affects other residents, as well as ourselves, in ways we can't know. This can be rephrased as the karma effect.

In other words, you affect tomorrow by your actions today.

It's worth thinking about the consequences of your actions before taking them. If everyone remembers this and acts in a considerate fashion, our community will get better every day.

Neighborhood Watch consists of a group of residents here who want to live in a peaceful and secure environment based on mutual consideration and respect.

To find out more, go to our website: [areawatch2020.blogspot.com](http://areawatch2020.blogspot.com). We are also on the Box Office ([otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)).



## Good Neighbors Association clothing drive will take place Oct. 23 in EAC parking lot

Our summer is almost over. Good Neighbors Association hopes all residents and staff of On Top of the World had a happy, safe and healthy season.

The Good Neighbors Association Board is back in business and we are meeting to finalize plans for a fall Food and Clothing Drive to be held on Saturday, Oct. 23, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. This event will be a drive-through event near the pavilion.

Volunteers will be in the parking lot to receive your dona-

tions.

All non-perishable food items will be given to Helping Hands Food Bank. Laundered and gently used clothing will go to The Shepard Center. The only household items that will be collected are linens, such as sheets and towels. The Shepard Center will give the donated items to those in need.

Volunteers will be contacted to help with this event in the next few weeks. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers.

If you would like to join our volunteer crew, please contact

# John Maloof, Bob Hunt win July tournaments

By Ken Smith

The Thursday Golf League canceled three of the last five Thursdays due to thunderstorms and wet weather.

The other Thursdays were hot and humid, but the men and women of the league continued to sharpen their skills, getting ready for the official start of league play in November.

## Recent Results

### July 15

First place was John Maloof with a plus 9. Second place was CJ Messina with a plus 2. Closest to the pin on hole Nos.

## Thursday Golf

3, 6 and 9 was Bruce Macpherson, on hole No. 5 was Ken Oatsvall, on hole No. 13 was Dan Hyden, on hole No. 15 was Harry Barbin and on hole No. 16 was Pete Cosgrove.

Skins were recorded by Bruce Macpherson on hole Nos. 1 and 6, Ken Oatsvall on hole No. 5, Ada Maloof on hole No. 11, Dan Hyden on hole No. 15 and Harry Barbin on hole No. 7.

Low gross was Harry Barbin with a 66.

### July 22

First place was Bob Hunt with a plus 4. Second place was Bruce Macpherson with a plus 3.

Closest to the pin on hole Nos. 3, 6 and 9 was Harry Barbin, on hole No. 5 was Sam Baichoo, on hole No. 13 was Dave Pittenger, on hole Nos. 15 and 16 was Bruce Macpherson.

Skins were recorded by Harry Barbin on hole Nos. 3 and 10, Ken Oatsvall on hole Nos. 4 and 9 and Sam Baichoo on hole No. 12.

Low gross was Harry Barbin with a 66.

New members are always welcome. All On Top of the World residents with a valid activity card, including renters, are welcome to play.

Our league is mixed so both men and women are encouraged to join.

For more information and to sign up, visit the Box Office website at [www.otowboxoffice.com](http://www.otowboxoffice.com) and click on the Thursday Golf League link - the golf club with the Earth golf ball.

You can also contact Harry Barbin at 215-514-1280 or email Harry at [harrybarbin1@gmail.com](mailto:harrybarbin1@gmail.com)

# Jesters membership meeting set for Sept. 8

By Evelyn Flam

Now that our summer vacations are over, we're raring to go to help bring joy and laughter to others in the Jesters tradition.

Our Jesters Board invites you to attend our first Jesters membership meeting on Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m., in the Clearwater Room at the East Activity Center.

Our shows succeed because of the talented people who belong to the Jesters, but additional talent is always welcome.

So, if you can't make the first September membership meeting, you can still become part of the fun by contacting us at the phone numbers listed in this article. We'll set up a convenient date for you to meet with members of our production

team.

Dues are still only \$5 a year.

This year's show, "A Funny Thing Happened . . . On Broadway" will feature the music of Stephen Sondheim and Carole King.

Stephen Sondheim is widely credited with being the "most innovative, most influential, and most important composer and lyricist in modern Broadway history."

Carole King, who wrote her first hits like, "Will You Love Me Tomorrow" for the Shirelles back in the '60s, won many awards for both her writing and performing over the years, and became a Kennedy Center honoree in 2015.

If you have ideas, can sing, dance, tell a joke, play a musical instrument, or help

behind the scenes, (help sew costumes, sell tickets, etc.) you are invited to join the Jesters and have the time of your life.

Please keep in mind, our show will take place. We are hoping for a live stage show in front of an audience, but if safety guidelines prevent this goal, we will still videotape our show for TV.

I will leave you, as usual, with a groaner . . . "I recently attended a Broadway show about puns . . . it was a play on words."

For more information, contact your nearest Jester, or call us at 727-797-1761 or 609-489-1400.

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## 18-hole ladies golf league starting up on Oct. 1

By Gloria Sayer

Get your clubs ready because the On Top of the World 18-Hole Ladies Golf League will be getting started on Tuesday, Oct. 1.

Please come over to the golf course and join in. If you have questions about joining our league, you may contact Becky West our membership chairperson at 727-301-8854 or you can email her at [bwest@cfu.net](mailto:bwest@cfu.net).

Our league has a lot of fun and we are looking for more ladies to join us.

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# OTOW softball has a few extra rules, but the intent is better safety and more participation

By Bob Rittner

Rules, rules, rules and more rules.

Senior softball leagues generally adopt rules that make the game safer and more fun for the wide variety of skill levels of all players.

These rules vary from league to league, often creating controversy as different people will tolerate different sorts of atypical baseball.

For example, there is a league in Pinellas County that rules the second ball a player hits over the fence is considered an out while in other leagues the second homer becomes a double.

There are leagues that begin each at bat with a 1-1 count, thus effectively making a walk three balls and a strikeout two strikes.

Most leagues have limits on how many runs a team may score in one inning, but the limit varies from 3-5 or even more.

Most leagues also have the pitcher throw from behind a screen and have a board that doubles the size of the strike zone.

On Top of the World softball shares some of these common rules, but here are some unique to us.

Nobody gets a thrill by taking a walk so we don't have any walks. Each batter gets three strikes, but is out after the third strike whether whiffed or fouled.

Our most radical alterations to the rules are that there is no tagging on fly balls, and runners do not have to touch a base to be called safe.

In fact, at second and third base, runners are required to avoid the play. They must run away from the bag so as not to collide with the fielder or get hit by a thrown ball.

Given that all senior leagues have a second (safety) base at first and home plate, this just extends that principle to the

## Softball

other two bases.

The umpire determines if the runner gets parallel to the base before the ball is caught there.

The "no tagging" rule eliminates the need for a base-runner to try to elude a tag and helps avoid pulled muscles. It also brings more people into each play.

We have had many situations where, to take one example, with runners on first and second base, the shortstop fielded a grounder, tagged the runner going to third and then raced to touch second for the force out.

By our rule, they have to toss the ball to third and then have the third baseman relay to first or second for the next out. Instead of one person handling the ball, more players become actively involved.

Our other controversial rule is the designated hitter (DH). Batters who do not wish to run may state so before they at bat. If their ball is fielded cleanly they are out, but if it is bobbled or hits the grass outfield, it becomes a single and a pinch runner takes over for them at first base.

By this rule, with runners on base, the batter may not be put out at first base if a force play is attempted elsewhere. So a ball fielded cleanly, but then thrown to second base for a force out, would make the batter safe at first.

Perhaps our most popular rule is that all players under the age of 80 must use a wood bat. Balls struck by wood bats are less lively and safer for fielders.

Wooden bats also create more fielding



OTOW softball uses two first bases. One base is for the fielder and one base is for the baserunner. This helps to avoid a collision during close plays.

opportunities.

Our pre-season meeting will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 5, scheduled for 6 p.m. at the pavilion. We will serve pizza, discuss some possible changes in our rules, welcome new players and prepare for the new season.

We invite interested people to join us.

We do not collect dues until a player appears in at least two games, so you may

try it out to see if you want to continue.

The league provides all the balls and bats.

Our first game will be Thursday, Oct. 14, at 8 a.m. at the Safety Harbor City Park field.

For more information about our softball/stickball league, contact Bob Rittner (729-7970) or visit us on the Box Office at [otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)



The tennis ball is coming right at you. What would you do? Charge the net? Slam? Or lob it back? Join us and find out.

## Tennis group now playing on Sunday evenings, too

By Joe DeChiaro

The On Top of the World Tennis Club continues to play tennis every morning except on Sundays in the hot, humid summer heat.

This past week we decided to add Sunday nights to our weekly tennis schedule. Most days we get two courts occupied with players. Occasionally we get three courts with one or two players waiting to come in.

Our tennis group now has a new roller. We are now able to soak up rain from the courts before it sets in, which prevents weather delays or cancellations.



The lights around courts one and two have been aligned evenly so nighttime play is also available. For those who don't know, the courts are open till 10 p.m. weekly.

Our tennis instructor, Rich Bruer, conducts a weekly Wednesday tennis clinic for members who need a little tune up in their game or a review of tennis fundamentals. This has improved the play of beginners as well as the regular tennis players.

Overall, with the addition of 40 new members in the past 18 months, everyone is having fun playing tennis and participating in the many social functions that the club board organizes. We also go to restaurants together, go on road trips and occasionally trade in our tennis racquets for golf clubs.

# Let's make some sauces



Yes. I know what you're thinking. Why go to all the trouble to make a sauce from scratch when you can simply buy a packet or can at your favorite grocery store and have it ready in three minutes or less?

I can think of a few reasons to make your sauce from scratch.

One, you know what ingredients are in it.

Have you ever taken the time to read a sauce label? I cannot pronounce the ingredients, let alone know what they are.

Two, when you make your own sauces, you are using fresh ingredients.

Three, after you have mastered making a sauce, you can then make changes according to your own taste.

A sauce is the finishing touch to a great food, yet there is nothing secret or mysterious about making it.

While there is a long list of sauces, it is not overwhelming when you realize that the multitude divides itself into a half-dozen definite groups, and that each sauce in a group is made in the same general way.

For example, every sauce in the white sauce group of Béchamel and Velouté calls for an identical technique, but any change in ingredients or trimmings gives the same sauce a new name.

Béchamel - with grated cheese - is a Mornay with minced herbs. It is a Sauce Chivry.

A white-wine fish Veloute with dollops of cream, egg yolk, and butter becomes an elegant Sauce Parisienne. When flavored with tarragon, pepper and vinegar, it's a Béarnaise, but lemon makes it a Hollandaise - yet Hollandaise with a folding-in of whipped cream becomes a Mousseline.

Thus, as soon as you have put into practice the basic formulas for the few mother sauces, you are equipped to command the whole repertoire.

## Basic White Sauce/Béchamel

2 tablespoons butter  
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
1/8 teaspoon salt  
Dash white pepper  
1 cup 2 percent milk

In a small saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Whisk in the flour, salt and pepper until smooth. Gradually whisk in



the milk. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for two minutes or until thickened. Use immediately or refrigerate.

## Oyster Sauce for Fish

1 cup of white sauce  
1 teaspoon of Worcestershire  
3 tablespoons chopped parsley  
1 cup finely chopped poached oysters and juice

## Brown Sauce

This Brown Sauce is a classic French sauce without the time-consuming effort of roasting beef bones and then making a beef stock starter.

3 tablespoons unsalted butter  
3 shallots, finely chopped  
1 cup of dry red wine  
2 12-oz cans beef broth or stock  
Pinch of dried thyme  
3 tablespoons of butter, softened  
1 teaspoon of salt  
Freshly ground black pepper to taste  
4 tablespoons flour

Melt the butter in a 2 quart saucepan. Add the shallots and sauté over medium heat until limp and golden. Stir in the wine and beef stock and bring to a boil.

Season with thyme and cook over high heat until the liquid is reduced by half.

While the liquid is reducing, work the butter and flour together to a paste with your fingers and then roll it into tiny balls. Drop the balls, one or two at a time, into the boiling liquid and cook, stirring constantly with a whisk until the sauce is thickened to your liking.

## Tomato Sauce

1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil  
1 small onion, chopped  
1/4 cup peeled and shredded carrot  
1/4 cup chopped celery  
2 35-oz. cans of whole tomatoes  
4 bay leaves  
Kosher salt to taste  
Crushed red pepper flakes to taste

Heat the oil in a Dutch oven over medium heat. Stir in the onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until wilted - about 3 minutes. Add the carrots and celery, cook until golden brown - about 10 minutes.

Add the tomatoes, using a pair of kitchen scissors to cut up the tomatoes in its can, and bay leaves.

Slosh out the tomato can with 2 cups of water. Bring everything to a boil. Season lightly with salt and crushed red pepper. Lower the heat so the sauce simmers for about 45 minutes. Remove the bay leaves before serving.

## Hollandaise Sauce

You make the basic white sauce then add four large egg yolks (at room temp) along with 1 tablespoon fresh-squeezed lemon juice.

Fantastic dishes that are enhanced with Hollandaise Sauce are Poached Salmon, fresh vegetables like broccoli and asparagus; bacon, cheese and scrambled egg sandwiches; Baked Turbot and Crab Imperial.

## Mornay Sauce

Mornay Sauce is a cheese sauce made

in the same manner as a classic Béchamel (white sauce) but with the addition of a grated cheese like gruyere, white cheddar and parmesan cheese.

Any melting cheese works, but those are the three classics.

This sauce goes great with fish, eggs and vegetables dishes.

1 cup white sauce  
3 tablespoons chopped onion or shallots  
1 egg yolk  
2 tablespoons heavy cream  
1/2 cup grated Swiss cheese

Add a little of the sauce to the egg yolk and cream to temper it, stirring constantly, then return to the rest of the sauce and whisk to melt the cheese.

And no list of sauces is complete without this:

## BBQ Sauce

3 tablespoons unsalted butter  
1/4 cup minced onion  
1 cup white vinegar  
1 cup tomato sauce  
1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce  
2 teaspoons sugar  
1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
1/2 teaspoon black pepper  
Dash of hot sauce

In a saucepan, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the onions and sauté for 6 to 8 minutes or until the onions begin to turn golden. Stir in the remaining ingredients, reduce the heat to low, and cook until the mixture thickens, approximately 20 minutes. Stir frequently.

Bon Appétit!

Past versions of The Butcher Block and Science of Cooking can be found on the Box Office.

Go to [otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com) and look for a special link to the recipe home page.



## Science of Cooking Healthy Food

By Marie

Email questions, suggestions and comments to

**Marie**

marieshealthyfood@gmail.com

Also, visit the Box Office

for past recipes in this newspaper.

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## Ingredients

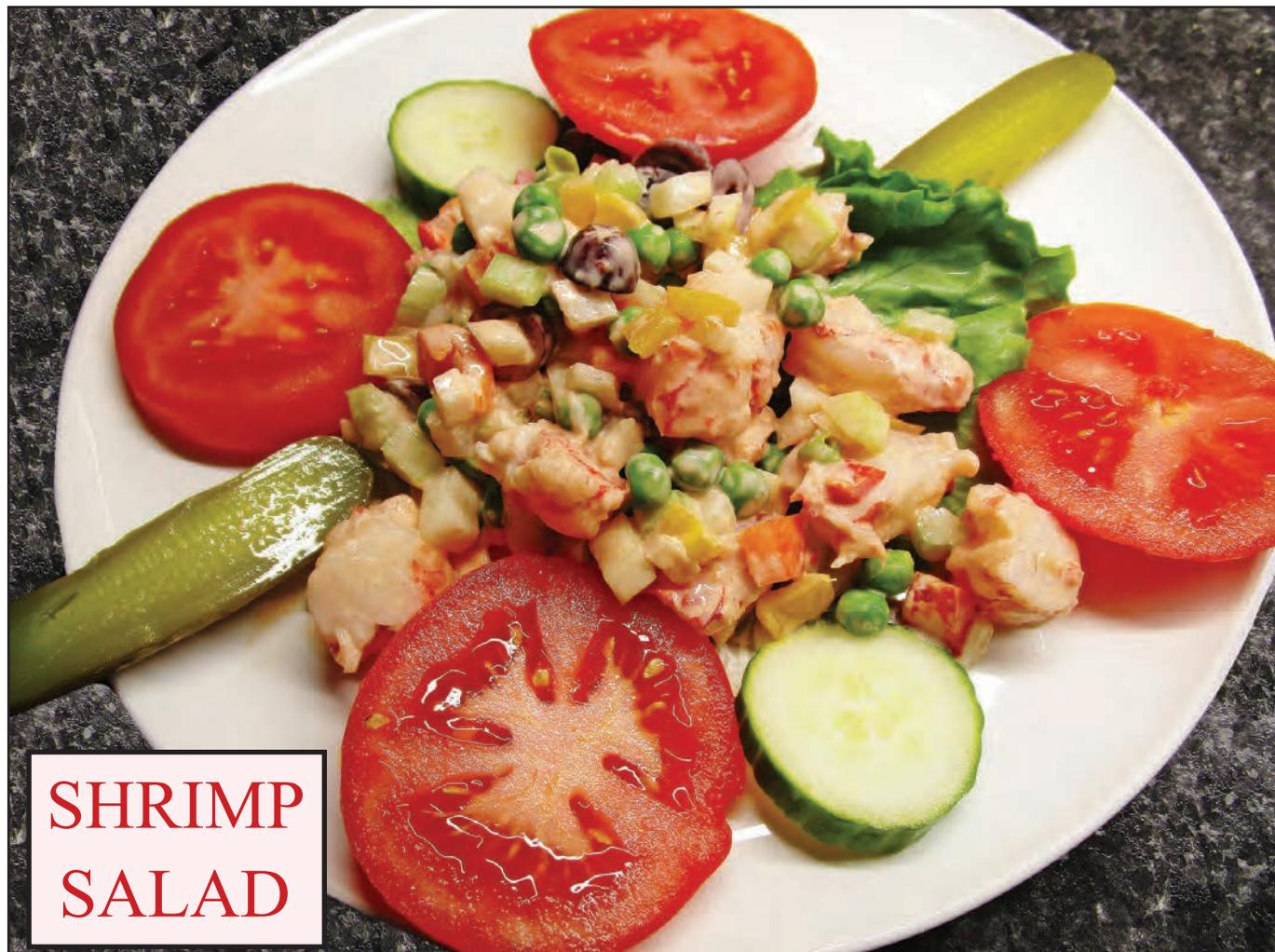
- 4 cups raw shrimp
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon whole milk ricotta
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon juices from dill pickle jar (optional)
- 1 tablespoon diced fresh parsley
- 1/4 teaspoon lemon/pepper seasoning
- 1/4 teaspoon dried dill weed
- 1/4 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1/3 cup chopped celery
- 1/4 cup chopped red onion
- Dijon mustard

## Instructions

1. Remove shells and devein, if necessary.
2. Place shrimp, salt and lemon in a pot. Cover with cold water. Using moderate heat, gradually warm temperature to 170 degrees, then remove from heat. Total cooking time is about 10-15 minutes, depending upon volume of water. Do not overcook.
3. Drain and rinse with cold water. Pat the shrimp dry with paper towels.
4. Cut extra-large shrimp in half. Smaller ones can be left whole.
5. Let shrimp cool.
6. In a large bowl, add mayonnaise, ricotta cheese, spices and Dijon mustard. Whisk.
7. Gently stir in shrimp, celery and onions.
8. Cover and chill for one hour before serving. Garnish with sliced vegetables like pickles, tomatoes, and/or avocado with romaine lettuce. Serves 4.

## Disclaimer

This column is not intended to provide medical advice. The reader should consult a physician for medical advice.



## SHRIMP SALAD

This treat is ideal for a light summer lunch. My dear chefs, it is all about the shrimp. So it is completely worth it to have mouth-watering shrimp.

I like to use wild-caught extra-large shrimp ... preferably 15 to a pound. I want to see and taste their flavor. Small shrimp just seem to get lost.

This recipe uses minimal amount of mayonnaise as a base for a sauce. Ricotta cheese adds just a little sweetness which is very nice in the sauce. Paprika contributes a reddish color to the sauce. If you have fresh spices available, that makes for an even better dish.

## The Science

There's a razor-thin line between cooked shrimp and overcooked shrimp. Overcooking produces rubbery shrimp that are incredibly inedible, especially when shrimp is served chilled. It is very easy to accidentally overcook shrimp in boiling water. It is akin to applying the brakes on a speeding car.

To avoid this, start shrimp in cold water, then gradually bring the water up to maximum temperature (170 degrees) and no further. This poaching method is best suited for obtaining tender shrimp.(1) To halt cooking, rinse shrimp under cold, running water. Then, chill them for about an hour to get them ready for the salad.

Heat has unusual effects on shrimp.

In lobsters, crab and shrimp, a pigment called "astaxanthin" lies hidden, camouflaged by a protein covering. Astaxanthin is a member of the carotene family of pigments, which are responsible for many of the yellow and orange ("carotene") colors of fruits and vegetables. Heat releases red-orange astaxanthin molecules to display the unique pink hues of cooked shrimp.(2) This change is among the most dramatic color changes in the food spectrum. It is a very easy way to distinguish uncooked from cooked shrimp.

Also, the heat is the most likely reason muscles "curl" or contract in shrimp. Just like a piece of meat will shrink, cooked shrimp curls.

## Health Value

While cardiologists once advised patients to avoid foods with high cholesterol (like shrimp), times have changed.(3)

Science has demonstrated that avoiding high cholesterol foods can be ineffective for most people, unless you are one with excessively high cholesterol problems.

Shrimp is good for heart and brain health, and bones. This is largely because shrimp is high in protein and healthy fats.

Shrimp is naturally very low in carbohydrates, if you don't add calories by breading, frying or serving them in creamy sauces.

Shrimp contain about 1 gram of fat per 3 ounce servings, but the best news is, it is loaded with beneficial ome-

ga-3 fatty acids and polyunsaturated fats. Just don't use butter to cook shrimp.

Shrimp is the most commonly eaten seafood in America.(4) However, shellfish, including shrimp, is also the cause of a common and sometimes severe food allergy.

Symptoms of shrimp allergies vary, and may include tingling in the mouth, digestive issues, nasal congestion or skin reactions after eating it. About 4 percent of Americans have an allergy to seafood. A few individuals may have anaphylactic reactions. This is a rare and sudden reaction that can ultimately lead to seizures, unconsciousness and even death if it is not treated immediately. About 1 percent have this severe allergy.(5)

## Links

- (1) seriouseats.com (2) Exploratorium.edu (3) mdpi.com (4) webmd.com (5) webmd.com/

For tips on buying shrimp, see the September 2018 column on the Box Office. Look for the past recipes link.

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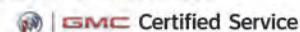
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# BUILDING REPORTS



## Christmas in July is a first for Austrian Alpine

By Donna Gagnon

Our Christmas in July potluck did not disappoint the nearly 30 residents of Austrian Alpine. A wonderful turnout considering that so many of our neighbors are away for the summer.

Kathy Ahrens inspired the idea, and Marcia Fisher, Donna Gagnon, Ginny McDowell, and building coordinator Tiffany Schad worked together to organize the event, which was held at the spacious pavilion on July 25th.

The potluck was fabulous and everybody contributed in such generous ways. This event was wonderful, and it is because the participants contributed their best time, talent, unique personalities and funds to make it perfect.

From the grill-masters Tiffany Schad and Lenny Segall, the delicious food; festive decorations and door prizes



provided by Mike and Ginny McDowell; Father Christmas (Len Segall) dancing with his favorite elf (Kathy Ahern); Bob Young, who is always available to help with the heavy lifting; festive music; and all our caring neighbors reconnecting after a pandemic kept us apart for so long. Merry Christmas in July!



Tiffany Schad and Lenny Segall grill burgers for the Christmas in July fest at the pavilion.



Donna Gagnon and Tiffany Schad show off an extra-large snowman.



Marilyn Whelan, Antonia Lugo, Ivy Duhl and Solonia Serrano pose by Santa.

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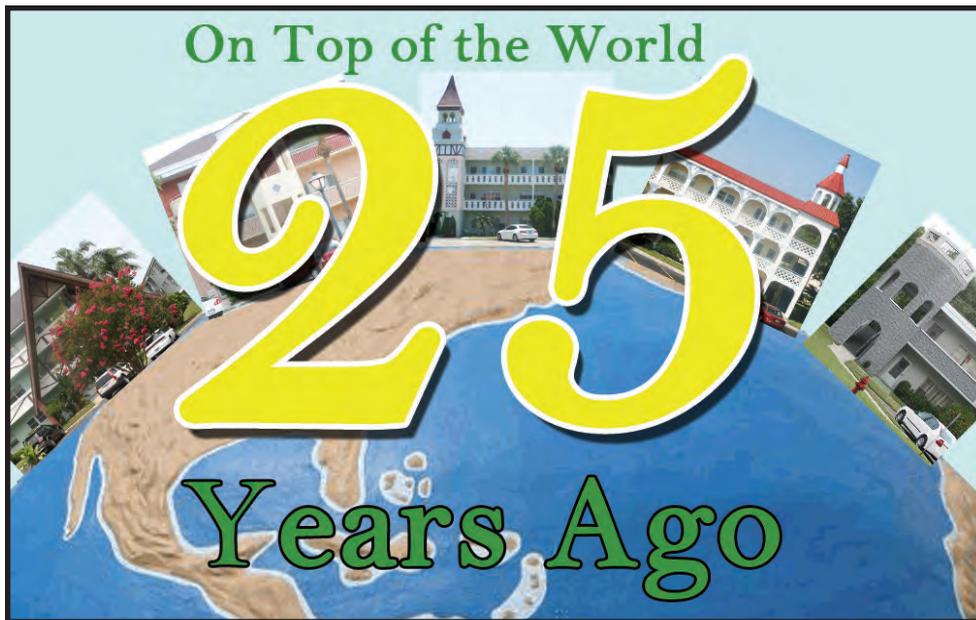


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**A look back at the OTOW News  
September, 1996**

- **Travel Club:** The Homosassa Springs bus trip will be Friday, Sept. 27, 1996. Price is \$32. Homosassa Springs Nature World is known as Florida's most natural attraction. Visitors can walk under water in the "Spring of 10,000 Fish." A jungle cruise will be available as well as the nature trails, where you can watch native and exotic birds and animals in a natural setting. Included in the price of this trip is a delicious lunch. We will depart On Top of the World at 9 a.m. sharp and will return at approximately 7 p.m.
- **Shalom Club:** With the coming high holidays of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Succoth, this month of September will be a time for deep personal reflection, dedication of spiritual renewal and celebration of a new season. The next regular meeting of the Shalom Club, with entertainment by the fabulous Davita Petrie, will be held in the East Activity Center on Sept. 29, 1996, at 7:30 p.m.
- **Good Neighbors:** Our Good Neighbors Association, of whom Irene Collin is president, has scheduled the first fall meeting for Thursday, Sept. 12, 1996, at 9 a.m. in the downstairs cardroom. Let's all start the new season correctly by attending the meeting. It will be interesting to greet once again our friends and volunteers. New residents in our OTOW community are cordially invited to come, and at the same time, to learn what this Good Neighbors Association is all about. See you all on Thursday, Sept. 12, 1996.
- **Wednesday Morning Ladies Bowling League:** Bowling begins Wednesday, Oct. 2, 1996, at 9:30 a.m. at the AMF Lanes on Hercules. With the formation of new teams only a few weeks away, maybe some bowlers who felt certain to return might have reason to change their minds. If so, please call Secretary Anita Kelin, and clear your name from her list. We would also welcome new bowlers who are interested in joining our league and would appreciate your call now. Call Anita with your information.
- **South Seas Building:** It was nice to come home and be greeted by old friends. The trip back was hindered by several severe storms while driving through the Carolinas and Georgia. Bottom line is, we made it, and again, enjoyed all the welcomes! Best wishes to Clarence Cabral and Marjorie Devasher. As for those who have had company, Mary Earl had a brother visiting from Sun City; and Columbia Elli had a son, two daughters and their sons-in-law, plus grandchildren visiting from Ohio, North Carolina and Texas.
- **Avalon Building:** Jim and Bonnie Davis are happy grandparents as their son Jack and daughter-in-law, Jennifer, blessed them with a bouncing baby boy. Another son and his wife visited them from Crescent City. Lots of excitement in the Davis household. Richard and Gloria Roslan and their children, from Jamaica Estates, N.Y., visited with Richard's father, Alex Roslan, last week with a cute little puppy which Alex had the pleasure of walking daily.

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## A shoutout to all volunteers, especially ours

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The definition of a volunteer is: “Any type of work that is done free of charge.” This is an all-encompassing definition in that it includes services offered from nonprofits, schools, homeless shelters, youth groups, senior centers, hospital workers and one of the most important yet poorly acknowledged, our military, made up of volunteers.

Locally, we have many groups and individuals both within our Contemporary Building and in the entire On Top of the World community who volunteer their time and donations to help others enjoy the many attributes that are taken for granted.

Had it not been for the insight and willingness to share their time, many of these benefits would not be here today.

This is not intended to boast by any means what all these volunteers do, but just offer our thanks and appreciation for what they do.

I’m sure you know a neighbor who is a volunteer or may even be related to one. The activities that they organize are some of the many activities we get to share such as parades, outdoor activities — the list goes on.

All we ask is when you participate in one of these many events, just reflect on who put this together — your volunteers. Next time you see one of those volunteers, say thanks.

August birthday wishes to Connie Borrelli and Carol Caseber.

Happy Labor Day!

## Adios to one of our longest-tenured reporters

In April, 2021, the Espana building turned 28 years old.

Over the years, I have written columns about original Espana owners. This month, I thought I would give you a little history about Espana and me.

In 1989, as a widow living in New York with two boys in college, I brought my parents from Pennsylvania, and as a Snowbird, moved into a rented unit at On Top of the World. Then, in 1990, I purchased a condo in Casa Verde, which had just been built.

As a new building, I felt we needed a private telephone directory for just our building, so with the approval of our building captain and the board of Casa Verde’s officers, I laid out what I felt was the info that was needed. I then gathered all the names, unit numbers, phone numbers and other important numbers such as hospitals, OTOW, Cable TV, etc., and typed it up.

I decided to print it on both sides of one page and change the paper color each year so that the residents would recognize the newest directory.

I did the Casa Verde Telephone Directory for three years.

With three people in my unit, I felt I needed a larger place, so in April 1993, I was one of the first residents to move into



Espana, which had just been built.

Our first Espana president discovered that I had been doing a telephone directory for Casa Verde and asked me if I would do a directory for Espana. It wasn’t hard because I already had the two-sided, single-page layout and all I had to do was gather the 54 names, unit numbers, phone numbers, etc., type it up, buy the colored paper and print the info. I did the Espana telephone directory for five years. I never invoiced the Espana for the ink, paper, etc. Call it a labor of love.

In 1998, the West Side coordinator for the OTOW News asked me if I would be the Espana reporter. I agreed, but I had to make some decisions, so I told the Espana president that he should find

someone else to do the telephone directory. Everything was laid out and it was current. All my replacement had to do was keep it up to date.

Reporters are only required to write three articles a year, but for almost 23 years I have written an article every month, except lately.

Many things have changed, including the fact that we no longer have monthly meetings where I got info to write about and meet new residents.

I have enjoyed these years, but I feel that the Espana needs a younger reporter wh-o can get around to interview new residents and attend Espana events. Therefore, I am sorry to inform you that this will be my last article.

If you would like to be the new reporter, please contact the OTOW newspaper editor, Doug Kates, at 727-799-3216.

To all the people who are Espana residents and to the residents of all the other buildings who over the years have complimented me on my articles, I sincerely thank you.

*(This is Clare Pebworth’s final Espana Building column. The staff and management of the OTOW News thank Clare for her 23 years of service as a building reporter. Good luck in the future, Clare!)*

## Hello to our new Loch Lomond residents

Belated “happy birthday” cheers are overdue to Ann Casey, who celebrated in July.

Our August birthday celebrants were Rose Shamro and Sharon McGoldrick, and Dottie and Bob Newman, our new neighbors, who I will introduce below.

We’re not skipping September. It’s just that no one is on the birthday/anniversary roster for September. The signup sheet will be reposted for updates since we have some other new residents. Watch for it on the bulletin board.

Let’s get acquainted with Bob and Dottie Newman. They are new to On Top of the World, but have lived in Clearwater since 1993. They heard about our lovely community and now here they are!

Bob retired from Monsanto Chemical, in Springfield, Mass., where he worked as Operations Manager. Since he and Dottie had vacationed in Florida years ago, they decided this was the place to retire.

Dottie likes to ride her bike and play Mahjonn with friends. They share a love



of reading mysteries and science fiction, especially Steven King. They also enjoy spending time with their son and his family in New Port Richey.

Then comes baseball! Bob enthusiastically says that he’s been a lifelong Red Sox fan. His love of baseball is not to be dimmed, however, being so far away from Boston, so he ushers at BayCare Ballpark, home of the Clearwater Threshers.

We also met Louanne Feist, who hails from Carmel, Ind., a suburb of Indianapolis. She studied at Eureka College and made a successful career as an executive assistant to CEOs of five different companies.

With a group of friends, she has traveled to Austria, Switzerland, Lichtenstein, and Germany — her favorite countries.

It was especially exciting, she tells me, to be in Germany in 1990. The Berlin Wall had been recently torn down and she had a chance to cross over and explore East Germany.

Another moving experience happened when she met Ronald and Nancy Reagan at a Eureka College Reunion. This was during his pre-Presidential days when he was “merely” a handsome actor.

For enjoyment, Louanne plays piano, which she’s done since childhood. These days she takes pleasure in playing Broadway show tunes and the music of Neil Diamond and Elton John on her digital keyboard.

Keep staying safe.

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## Help protect residents from the ‘grandparent scam’

Within the past few years, On Top of the World residents featured in this newspaper have been contacted by phone claiming that a grandchild was in jail and needed bail money.

The callers had the correct names of the grandchildren, the correct towns and the correct grandparents’ phone numbers. However, the phone call was a scam to try to get the grandparents to send a large sum of cash. Investigators believe the scammers may have read this newspaper online to gather information.

Since the first such incident, the OTOW News is requesting that building writers no longer list the names and locations of grandchildren in stories.

All residents should be aware that this is a common scam everywhere and not just at On Top of the World.

If you get a call claiming that a family member needs money, ask questions and double-check the information. Try to check on the whereabouts of the child in question yourself. If it sounds suspicious, call the police.



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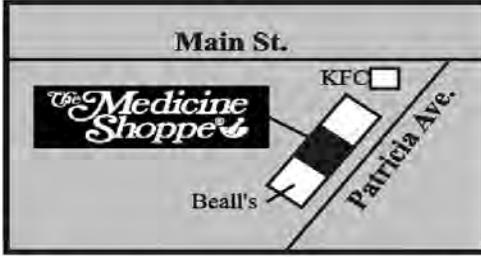


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# What is a pierogi? Here are some facts and history

Pierogi? What is a pierogi? And how the heck do you say it?

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The most agreed upon pronunciation is pah-RO-ghee. But be careful where you inquire after these little devils; they, as well as their nomenclature, are very regional.

One thing is for sure, the hungry residents of American Gothic love their pierogis. And now at least 21 residents of American Gothic know what a pierogi is. Why? Because at our late-July building dinner, they chowed down at the Pierogi Grill.

To the uninitiated out there: A pierogi is a succulent Polish dumpling dating back as far as the 13th century, and every pierogi cook has their own favorite recipe. These little dumplings are made by wrapping dough around sweet or savory fillings. They're often filled with potatoes, prunes, beef, pork, spinach, cheese, sauerkraut, or whatever you decide to include.

Next, the pierogis are placed into salted boiling water until they are tender. Sometimes these dumplings are also pan fried in butter and sautéed onion immediately before serving.

Regardless of the preparation, they are all delicious! Pierogis are most often associated with the cuisine of Central



and Eastern European nations as well as Canada.

Due to the great turnout of American Gothic residents at the latest pierogi feast, AG residents have decided to change their monthly luncheons to monthly dinners. This will accommodate our residents who are working during the day, so everyone can enjoy a great pierogi or three.

Please check the building bulletin board for the date of our next dinner and lots of current information.

Also, a gentle reminder about recycling in our building: Cardboard boxes are to be recycled, but they need to be broken down before putting them in the recycle bins.



American Gothic residents partake of pierogis recently at the Pierogi Grill.

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It's a beautiful day in our neighborhood. Keep smiling! Try some pierogis. You will love them.

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## Someone's granddaughter is happy grandma is an artist

Anita Positan never expected to get a phone call from OTOW News Editor Doug Kates in mid-August.

That's when she learned she was the winner of the OTOW News / OTOW Coloring Book Club annual coloring contest.

"I thought that was the last phone call I would get," Anita said with a smile.

But she did get the call and she won a \$20 gift card for submitting the winning entry in this year's event.

"I saw the barn and thought it would be fun," Anita said. "It took a couple of hours."

OTOW News and the OTOW Coloring Book Club have been organizing this contest for four years now. The event takes place in conjunction with National Coloring Book Day, which took place on Aug. 2 this year.

Last year, Anita admitted she saw the contest in OTOW News, but blames laziness for not coloring it in and becoming a contestant.

But as soon as she saw the first promo for the event this year, she had her colored pencils ready.

"I decided (in July) I was going to do it," said Anita, who is a resident of the Chetnik Building.

This year's piece of art included a barn, a rooster, a cow, a sheep, some

rabbits and a pig in the mud.

Now, who wouldn't want to color this in?

Members of the Coloring Book Club were the judges and took a morning pondering over all the entries submitted last month.

Anita's artwork was colorful and she stayed within all the lines. The judges said it looked like the sky was moving in her artwork. They also liked her use of shadows.

Anita received a gift card for her effort, but she said getting the phone call was the best prize. She is actually going to donate her gift card to her granddaughter and let her happily spend the winnings.

For those of you who don't know, On Top of the World has a

Coloring Book Club which meets every Wednesday from noon-2 p.m. in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room.

What does the club do?

They color!

With the East Activity Center swimming pool in the background, club members safely sit two at a table, color and socialize. It is very relaxing.

There are no meetings. Just an occasional lunch outing.

Anyone can join them. Just show up and bring a coloring book.



Anita Positan is this year's winner of the OTOW News/OTOW Coloring Book Club annual coloring book contest. Her winning artwork is shown above. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

## Weather forces rescheduling of Malaguena building picnic

Greetings, Malaguena residents! It's hard to believe it's already September, yet here we are. It's been a quiet year so far, but there is news.

"Best laid plans..." The Social Committee planned the first social gathering in a year for July 3. We bought snacks, posted signs, put a reminder in every door, only to be rained out. It poured all day!

We had to cancel, but we rescheduled our "BYO Picnic" for July 24, and that went much better! We met on the second floor north lobby and enjoyed seeing and catching up with each other.

Several Malaguena residents enjoyed the first Malaguena Ladies Luncheon on Wednesday, July 21. A tradition since the early days of the building, it had been a while since the women had organized and attended. The luncheon was held at Ford's Garage on U.S. 19.

The Social Committee hopes to have our annual Oktoberfest in, well, October. We'll keep you up to date and let you know if and when that will be. Signs will be posted on the bulletin boards and also on our new Facebook page.

This brings me to my next topic: Malaguena's new Facebook group.

Many of us are on NextDoor.com; however, that includes all of On Top of the World, plus other neighborhoods. I thought



a Facebook group just for Malaguena residents and owners would help us keep in touch with each other. It's also a great way to share ideas and suggestions.

If you're already on Facebook, just search for OTOW Malaguena Building and request to be added. If you're not already on Facebook, you can join, then request access to the group.

Once your request is approved, you'll have access and can post comments and suggestions. It's also where I posted links to the leasehold information on the OTOW website. What leasehold info, you ask? Read on.

There is an announcement on the OTOW website (otowclearwaterinfo.com)



Malaguena residents enjoy an indoor picnic on July 24. It was rescheduled from July 3. (Photo by Phyllis King)

that affects our building because, like the majority of buildings, the Malaguena building is on leased land. Information about this is posted on both bulletin boards.

Gerald Colen also had an article in the August issue of this paper. Please read the information and take the time to fill out the request form. Every vote counts to get the lease agreement amended to add another 50 years.

Some residents have discovered how to relax by Harbor Lake. Alfonso and Pat Palumbo host small informal gatherings by the pier every Thursday evening, about 6-ish. Folks bring their own chairs; some bring their dogs, others bring wine to enjoy. Fernando sometimes plays the guitar.

Per Bonnie Donnelly, it's a lovely time to unwind at sunset by the beautiful lake. All are welcome to join them.

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# Residents wrapping up their summer travels and visits

Labor Day already. Where did the summertime go?

Kirk and Karen Safee had family visiting. This month's image is of Karen with her two adorable granddaughters. Everyone really enjoyed exploring the sights, especially the beaches, with Indian Rocks being a particular favorite. The girls are as nice as they are pretty, and they must get their good looks from Karen!

Earl Balance, Mike Murphy, Jim Farmer and Bruno Nardizzi, along with other pals, had a fun time in the Carolinas. Amongst their adventures was a white water rafting trip that was a "cool" way to beat the summer heat. We are glad to report that all survived the "Deliverance" rapids!

Speaking of boat trips, don't forget that the Dolphin cruise Karen Beaver is setting up for September has limited capacity. The sign-up sheet along with particulars is posted on the core bulletin board. This should be an enjoyable trip.

Speaking of trips, I just returned from Maine and now that Frontier airlines has a non-stop Tampa to Portland, Maine two-and-a-half-hour flight, traveling will be a breeze with no more twelve-hour days of layovers and changing flights.

I went to celebrate my son Mike's birthday. Dana Garlick, from French Renaissance, who you all may know from the On Top of the World Chorus, was also traveling this summer and visited us in Boothbay Harbor to help deplete the lobster supply. There is nothing quite like



lobsters, sweet sugar and gold corn on the cob, salad and apple pie all while watching lobstermen haul traps in the bay. Morning blueberry waffles on the deck is pretty nice as well!

It was just about as hot in Maine as Florida and with a lot of rain, too. It was the wettest July since 1916. Of course, evenings were considerably cooler and being directly oceanside helped with the heat.

It's good to be back in our corner of Paradise again.

Remember to close off lights in the laundry and rubbish rooms and please secure the rubbish room door as the unpleasant aromas may waft through the core attracting uninvited guests. And again, a request that no building debris is to be left in rubbish room. When the Snowbirds return, we may address the issue of overcrowded storage rooms again.



Viennese Villa resident Karen Safee recently hosted a visit by her two granddaughters, shown here along with a friendly pet, one of two Karen owns. (Photo by Fran Fairfield)

Until next we meet, enjoy Labor Day. Happy birthday and anniversaries to all celebrants.

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Tables and chairs were set up on the Ecuadorian side of our building, where everyone could enjoy the cooler morning weather and enjoy the leisurely breakfast. We had a total of 22 participants. Several residents dropped in to take a plate home.

This breakfast was so much fun, we have decided to add breakfast to our "must do" events! Thanks again to everyone who



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Modernage residents enjoy a hearty, outdoor breakfast buffet. (Photo by Marge Sivek)

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# Summertime was travel time for these folks

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The definition of a Bohemian is one that lives an unconventional life. Our building family took that definition to new heights. Starting with the East coast, we had Nancy and Andy Penne-ton heading to York Beach, Maine.

Sliding down the coast a bit, Ellen and Frank Marini headed back to their home base of Boston.

Paula Schelling made two trips to Virginia, the last to host a surprise birthday party for her sister, Sue.

Sam Betti, took a trip to North Carolina to be with a long- time friend and Marine buddy.

Trish and Doug Mlodzinski partnered up with Trish's brother and his wife and took off for Georgia, to explore.

Staying in the state of Georgia, Tom and Vicki Vorie spent time there with their son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren.

We conclude our East coast travels with Maria Denehan visiting a



long-time nursing friend in Boca Raton.

Moving westward, Lena Betti returned to her original home of Ohio. She was able to spend two weeks with her children.

Jenny Fowler put together a surprise birthday party for her brother in Kentucky.

Matthew Fellure and Kevin Knotts, represented us in Indiana visiting their respected cities and family.

Nancy Kennedy took a respite in Chicago to spend time with family.

A little further north in Michigan is where Carol DeLise and daughter Pam

traveled. They were able to visit family and dear friends.

Jutta Lane and Dale Prunoske represent our far western states. Jutta took a girl's trip, with her daughter and great-granddaughter, to Las Vegas. We didn't hear of big winnings, only how hot it is in summer. Dale took a road trip west to see new and unfamiliar sites. We are all waiting to see his pictures.

All the travelers mentioned here have returned to On Top of the World and are settling down for the busy fall and winter seasons.

Besides travels, Bohemians love to eat. They are happy to travel far and wide for good food and good times. Throughout the summer they went to places like Rooster Fish in Largo, Poblano's Mexican Grill, Nona's Pizza, Giggewater's and the Safety Harbor Spa. We all agreed we had delicious food and great fun.

We conclude with a big welcome to our newest Bohemia family member, Marcy Heft. Marcy has moved here from her home in Wisconsin where she and her husband had resided. She is happy to be here close to her brother and sister-in-law who live on the West side.

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Granada residents enjoy a recent monthly luncheon at Cracker Barrel.

## Granada's frequent backyard socials make for fun times

We made it out of our homes, out of the rain and all was delicious at Cracker Barrel last month!

Our next social luncheon will be Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 12 noon at Cheddars Scratch Kitchen, located at 2655 Roosevelt Blvd., Largo. Easy access off highway 19. Sign up in our building core. Join us for some good food and friends! Everyone welcome. The more the merrier!

Did you know that we have our own building entertainment, "Mr. Fun?" He will hold a Jam Session every Sunday 12-4 p.m. at Folly Farms in Safety Harbor and, following that, every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in our own building back yard. Bring your instrument, your chair, blanket, dancing shoes, or simply kick off your shoes! Don't forget your favorite party libations!

Granada's backyard socials are a great way to socialize, meet your neighbors and have a good ol' time. Everyone is welcome



— you don't need to live in our building to attend!

Check out the On Top of the World Box Office web site for club news, announcements, activities and fun games. Visit [www.otowboxoffice.com](http://www.otowboxoffice.com).

E-mail me at [toni.one@iCloud.com](mailto:toni.one@iCloud.com) for building news and announcements.



The July New World French birthday bash was held at BJs at Westfield Mall. An enjoyable time was had by all. (Photo by Bryan Shaffer)

## A birthday celebration and a farewell highlight July news

July's get-together for birthday dinners for the building was held at BJs at Westfield Mall (they do not take reservations – table will be set up on arrival for a group).

Missing good neighbors Charlotte and Vinnie DiFabbio, who recently moved to Tallahassee to live near their daughter and four grandchildren. They wanted to be close to the family and see the grandchildren grow up and also help at times. This happens frequently, as lots of folks miss family get-togethers.

Virginia Upton, our building's lunch and birthday dinner organizer, had a busy July. She made several trips to visit family in Minnesota and Atlanta.

She also dog sat for her friend in New Port Richey who, by the way, also



has chickens, so Virginia had a fun time collecting fresh eggs. For sure she ate some too!



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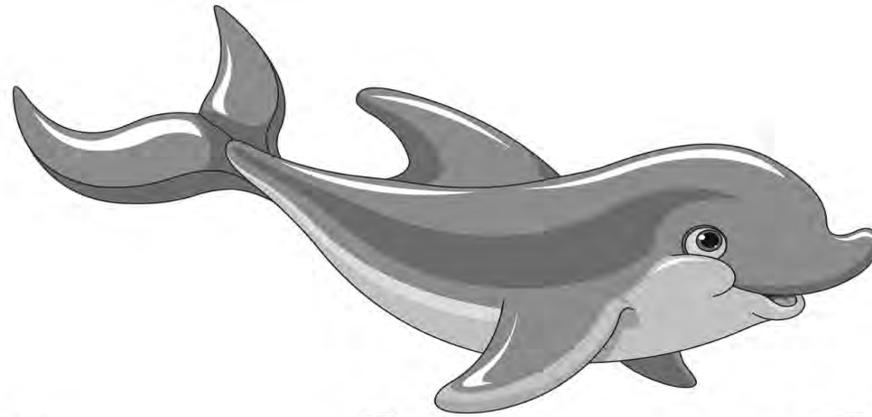
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Signature of Owner Requesting Change

Date



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# Box Office Sudoku

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**OTOW NEWS WORD MIX**

Unscramble the six words listed below.  
If you unscramble correctly, the first letter of each word will spell out the secret word of the month.  
If you cannot come up with the secret word of the month, then redo at least one of the six scrambled words.

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T E I S L N U

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**SECRET WORD:**

Last month's scrambled words: RADIO, ANDES, DEVINE, INDIAN, SHIPPED, HEROINE. Secret Word Last Month: RADISH

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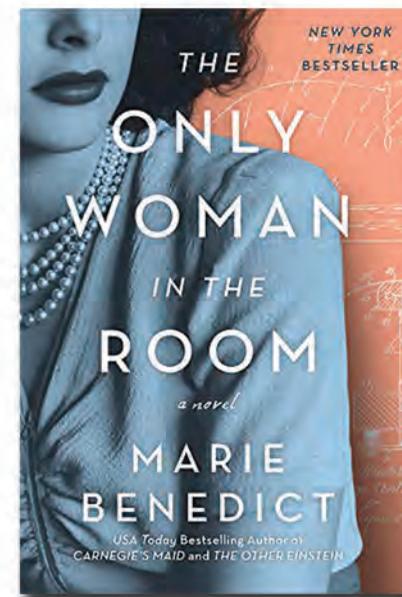
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**"The Only Woman in the Room"**  
 By Marie Benedict

Masks are still required in rooms.

**10 a.m., Thursday, October 15**  
**"The Warmth of Other Suns"**  
 By Isabel Wilkerson

Space in the Crystal Beach Room will be limited and safety guidelines will be in place.

For more information, see our Webpage on the Box Office:

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Need more information, write to Jslantz1948@aol.com or call 727-754-3823



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There will be a temporary change to our normal bus schedule in September. The locations and times above are subject to change. Watch OTOW-TV, The Box Office and Nancy's Bulletin Board to learn when the normal bus schedule has returned.

Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance and seats are reserved on first-call basis. You must present your valid activity card before boarding. The bus driver is not permitted to assist passengers in any way. No eating or drinking on the bus. Shopping time is limited to 90 minutes. Face masks are recommended.

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