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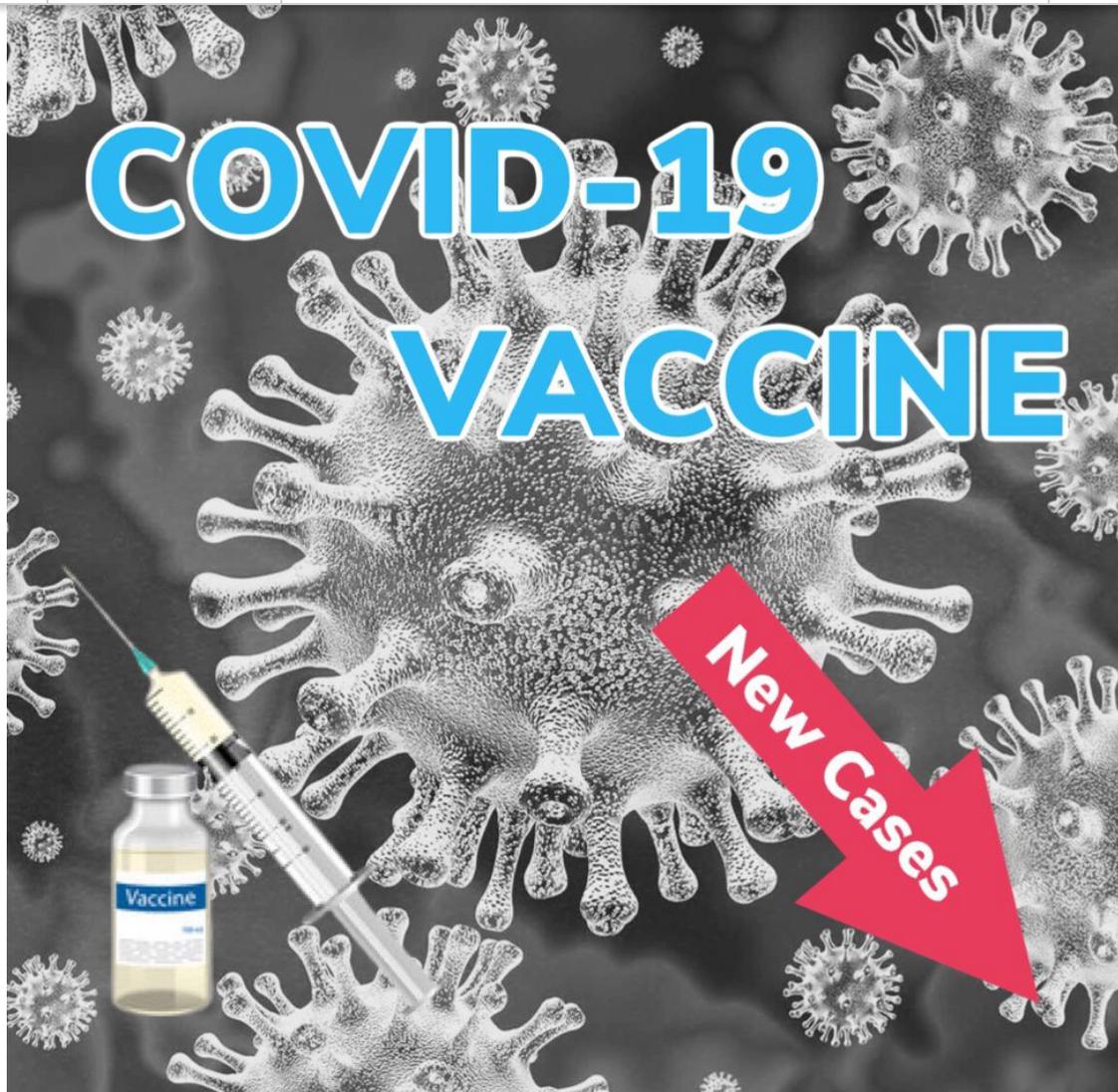


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Oaks Royal III News

The Latest COVID Vaccine News



I almost hate saying news in relation to COVID vaccine now days, it changes so quickly that it does not seem factual anymore, more like gossip. One day you need a form or you can't get a shot, then you have to do a portal, then you need an id, but wait, what if you don't have a computer, you can call a number, only to be told you can't make your appointment on the phone you have to make your appointment on-line, and if you go on-line you get booted out 20 times while 20,000 of your closest friends try for the same 1500 appointments that get sucked up magically in 2 minutes for the following week! Sound familiar?

"Don't Panic"

Douglas Adams, Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy

To quote one of my favorite authors, "Don't Panic", help is on the way. President Ann Parks has been in contact with officials of the Pasco County Health Department Division of Emergency Management, who have begun to administer COVID vaccine to senior residents in area 55+ communities.

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name after a recent healthcare visit, and the quick action of our President, Ann Parks, Oaks Royal 3 was able to get our park's name to them a full two days before the East Pasco Resident Owned Community (EPROC) association sent its announcement to area mobile home communities!

“Your Community is on our list.”

Sarah Salgado, MA

Emergency Management Coordinator II

Ann has been in contact with Ms. Sarah Salgado, Emergency Management Coordinator at Pasco County's Department of Emergency Management and the vaccine distribution program. At this time the county is working on getting more vaccine into the county. She cannot give us a date of when they will be able to come to Oaks Royal 3 as of right now.

Ann and her team have been gathering names of people interested in being vaccinated at Oaks Royal 3 during events and canvassing residents. Figuring that there is strength in numbers, she has worked with her counterparts in Oaks Royal I & II so we can make a joint effort to get both parks vaccinated at the same time. Ann has communicated the numbers of vaccines needed to Ms. Salgado at the Pasco Health Department.

Ms. Parks said she has asked about registration forms now that Pasco County has switched to using the Maguire Group for scheduling COVID vaccines. Will residents vaccinated at Oaks Royal 3 be required to register on the portal (Maguire Group) or complete paper registration forms as the county originally used? It appears that the county will use paper forms for in park vaccines, and as they are no longer available on the county health department website, Ann will get a copies. She said once she has the forms she will schedule days so residents can complete their forms ahead of the vaccination date.

The date for vaccinations at Oaks Royal 3 will be communicated to residents as soon as the association is informed.

Election of New HOA Officers

The annual election of new HOA Board members was held at the January 4, 2021 Association Meeting. President Ann Parks began by thanking out-going Board members Secretary Jean Taylor and Treasurer Sally Lapetina for their term(s) of service to both the association and the community. She Presented each with a beautiful bouquet of flowers in appreciation of their service. Ann then thanked Sharon Pollard for the wonderful job she has done as social as Social Director, and for agreeing to run for another three year term!



The ballot was presented to the members for election to the three open HOA Board seats: Sharon Pollard, Dale Shiner and Pam Champeau. Sharon had interest in being Social Director again, Dale was interested in the secretary position and Pam had interest in the treasurer position. There was discussion brought from the floor as to whether a married couple could serve on the Board at the same time, President Parks verified that there was nothing in the HOA or state rules that prevented it. As there were no additional candidates, the ballot was approved by show of hands.



Back: Paul Grizenko, Pool – Harry Whitaker, Maintenance – Kathy Swett, Vice President – Ann Parks, President, Jean Taylor, Secretary (ret) – Sally Lapetina, Treasurer (ret) – Judy Shiner, Hospitality – Sharon Pollard, Social Front: Herb Schultz, Clubhouse – Dale Shiner, Secretary – Pam Champeau, Treasurer

We congratulate our new HOA Board members, thank our retiring board members for their service, and thank the entire board for the next year as they continue to look after our interests and help maintain the quality of life we enjoy here at Oaks Royal 3!

Paving Assessment Meeting Update

There was a Virtual Public Meeting on January 20, 2021 from 5-6pm with Alastair Caldwell, Paving Management Commissioner for Pasco County. About 20 residents of Oaks Royal 3 met in the clubhouse where the meeting was displayed on the TV screen. There were 5 other residents, or sets of residents who participated from their homes, some from Oaks Royal 3, some from out of state.

Mr. Caldwell began the meeting with a brief presentation. The presentation was fairly general. One item he re-addressed was that existing drainage would not be effected. Even those concrete gutters in each cross street would be left in

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Another item concern the interest rate for those who chose to spread the cost over 10 years on their taxes. The letter quoted an interest rate of 5%, however, Mr. Caldwell stated that this was the max interest rate the county may charge. If the interest rate when the project is completed is less than 5%, than the lower interest rate will apply, if the interest rate is higher than the 5% rate in the letter will still apply.

He then opened then meeting to questions. A summary is below:

Was any gas tax money used toward this project. (Chuck Wehner) Answer: No.

In my experience, road projects often run over budget, sometimes a million dollars! What happens if our projects is over/under budget? (Judy Krusey) Answer: In the letter you received the price you received was the max you can be charged, if project costs run over the county will recover up to this amount from the homeowners. If the final project cost are less than max, than then final cost to each homeowner will be less than the max amount in the letter.

When was the last time the road was paved? How long will this pavement last? (Marcia Maichak) Answer: Do not know when road was last paved. New road is expected to last 20 – 25 years.

What will the paving project due to the property value or property taxes for Oaks Royal 3 residents? (Marvin Smith) Answer: The paving project will increase property values of all properties in Oaks Royal 3, and thereby property taxes. Can not say how much increase would be.

Speed bumps were addressed in questions to Mr. Caldwell from Oaks Royal 3. In my HOA in my home state (NJ) the county installed speed bumps, speed tables and speed bricks to control speeding and resulted in auto collisions and property damage as people tried to avoid them! HOA trying to get them removed. (Paul Hettesheimer) Answer: Pasco County only uses speed tables as speed deterrents. There are no speed tables included in this project, any such would be a separate project with a separate budget and assessment. Mr. Caldwell further sympathized with Mr. Hettesheimer saying that it can happen that the solution to one behavioral problem like speeding, can end up causing another behavioral problem like the collisions and property damage and should be weighed carefully before considering such projects.

Will maintenance be included when the project is finished? Filling pot holes, etc. (Chuck Wehner) Answer: Yes. Just like current roads, you just have to complete request and submit it!

Mr. Caldwell explained that the last step in the paving assessment project is the Pasco County Board Meeting February 9, 2021 from 1:30 – 2:30 pm. The meeting will be virtually broadcast in in the historic Dade City Courthouse, Commission Chambers. The OR3 Paving assessment project will be on the agenda for approval by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) unless any

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instructions in the last letter each of us received. Mr. Caldwell said that any who oppose will receive 3 minutes each, timed, to speak virtually to the BCC, afterwards the BCC will make its decision.

We thank everyone for their patience and participation. You are helping to make your community a better place!

Oaks Royal III Officer Reports - February 2021

The officers, directors, committees and social clubs are actively working throughout the year to maintain and improve the active, 55+ lifestyle we enjoy here at the Oaks Royal III community. Each month they have an opportunity to update you on current activities or showcase future events through this section of the newsletter. Enjoy.



Ann Parks, President:

Election: I would like to thank Sharon Pollard, Dale Shiner and Pam Champo for their dedication to serve on the board. Sharon will remain Hospitality Director, Dale will be secretary with Pam being treasure. Looking forward to working with all as we move forward in 2021.

Roads: Question was asked if the HOA had to pay any cost towards the roads. Answer is yes. There is common road frontage that is the HOA responsibility with a cost of \$17,000.00. Past President Jack Horner budgeted funds yearly to cover HOA road cost.

Cathy Swett, Vice President:

REPAVING OF OR3 STREETS: OR3 was on a list for review by Pasco County for at least 2 years to determine if our streets should be considered for repaving. Homeowners need to understand our streets have been in need of repaving for a few years. That review was initiated and completed over the past few months resulting in the packet of information we all received last week, including a very short timeline for homeowners to forward questions/concerns

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Engelhardt by the County's deadline of Friday, January 8th.

As I approached the clubhouse before the 7 PM start time for the meeting, I was shocked to hear voices raised and "fingers pointed" at Ann and Harry Whitaker. It felt like they were under attack, when in fact they were only trying to provide a forum for you to get answers to your questions. Things did calm down, residents did write down their questions, Guy forwarded those questions to the County that night and the evening ended with a sigh of relief from the Board members. But I was VERY disappointed in how people aimed their anger at our board members who were only trying to help.

Let's be clear....your Board of Directors is not responsible for the content of that packet from Pasco County regarding the cost of repaving and the tight time frame for responding to questions. Please, don't shoot the messenger!! Your Board answered questions about the process to the best of our ability. We do not have control over State and County laws, but try to outline our options and to assist all residents in being part of the process outlined by the County.

Let's be clear about this, too....our streets need repaving! The last repaving was at least 15 years ago. They are in rough shape and the longer we wait, the more it will cost to do so, for 2 reasons: 1) the surface will continue to deteriorate and will require more extensive, costly work, and, 2) costs of such work NEVER goes down, only increases.

As a widow, my budget will also take a hit to pay my portion. At least we have been provided a payment plan option to help those of us with one income. And the HOA also has obligations in the repaving process of common areas to the tune of around \$18,000. Monies have been set aside for this purpose.

Women's Group: A brief Memorial Service to honor those residents lost in 2020 will be held at the February HOA meeting prior to the call to order.

Bernie Shultz and Louise Harmer have been crocheting blankets/afghans for Thomas Promise to distribute to children and young adults in need. They are asking for help from those who would like to crochet. They could also use more yarn as their supply has been reduced because of their work. They are accepting donations of Red Heart knitting worsted weight yarn or other knitted worsted yarn. Or if you prefer, they are accepting monetary donations to help with this worthwhile project.

Sharon Pollard, Social Club Director:

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES:

Monday Feb 1st.....Association Meeting at 7 p.m. with remembrance of deceased residents in 2020

Saturday Feb 13th.....Oaks Royal I, II and III Community Yard Sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m

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Monday Feb 15th.....Women's Club meeting at 6 p.m.

Friday Feb 19th.....Parking lot Dance Party with music provided by Clarence and Kathy Herman from 6 – 8 p.m. Hotdogs and a bonfire will be included at no charge... a sign up sheet will be posted.

Saturday Feb 20th.....Free Strawberry Social to OR III residents from 1 – 3 p.m. courtesy of Harry Whitaker and crew for donations received for work done in the park. Guests are \$3.00 per person....a sign up sheet will be posted.

STAY WELL AND STAY SAFE EVERYONE !!!

Pam Champeau, Treasurer:

Well, the transition has begun. January is a very busy month for the Treasurer. Sally is a blessing helping me through this. Her 6 years of experience are "priceless". And then there's Guy... who will help mentor me with the new Quicken program he's installing. He'll be my go to guy. (No pun intended) I look forward to working with everyone.

Judy Shiner, Hospitality:

Please keep your neighbors and friends in your prayers so that they may heal and feel pain free!!

Also, the following people have purchased homes in our park. Give them all a warm welcome and bring them to coffee and activities.

Lisa and Greg Cooper, 5521 Antigua Drive
Richard and Carolyn Mortimer, 5532 Riveria Dr.
Bob Morton, 5520 Riviera Dr.
Peter Premo, 5444 Antigua Drive
Franklin and Debbie Jordan, 5526 Riviera Dr.

We also send our condolences to Barbara Forant and Donna Violet for their loss.

I have, with the help of Sharon and Ann, the update sheets and HUD re-certification out for you all to update information. Please note that the phone number listed first is the number that goes in phone book. Please turn them back in as soon as possible.

Please try to get your COVID vaccine as soon as you can. It is very important to follow the rules of wearing a mask and 6 foot social distancing.

Let me know if you know someone who is ill or having surgery!

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This month we have some new books for the history lovers in the park. They include the following:

“Strange and Obscure stories of the Civil War” by Tim Rowland

“Dragonfly” by Leila Meacham – At the height of World War II , five young American spies are sent to Paris, risking their lives for their country.

“The Johnstown Flood” by David McCullough – “the incredible story behind one of the most devastating disasters America has ever known”.

“Saving Freedom, Truman, the Cold War and the fight for western civilization” by Joe Scarborough This book “explores one of the most pivotal moments of the 20th century when patriotic Americans of both political parties worked together to defeat tyranny”.

“Camp Z” – by Stephen McGinty – how British intelligence broke Hitler’s deputy. For fans of Janet Evanovich – “A Fortune and Glory” – a Stephanie Plum novel #27

We are in the midst of challenging times for our country and reading about its history puts the here and now in a new perspective. For a bit of humor before bedtime, Channel 10-2 is showing reruns of The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson at 10:00 o’clock. Bob Hope, who had just returned from a USO show overseas, was a recent guest, and provided lots of laughs of his own.

Please let me know of any authors or titles that you are interested in reading. DMaeB628@aol.com

“A diplomat is a man who always remembers a woman’s birthday, but never remembers her age”

Robert Frost

Christmas Clothing Drive Thank You

Oaks Royal 3 neighbors:

The Christmas clothing drive for the homeless and needy folks in the Zephyrhills area was a big success! Thank you so much for your generous donations. We wanted to let you know how your donations helped.

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Clothing and blankets were donated to Farmers Workers Self Help in Dade City.

Clothing and blankets were donated to Neighborhood Care Center in Zephyrhills.

Thank you all so much for sharing with those less fortunate. Thank you for caring!

Vito & Barbara Ingargiola

Oaks Royal III to Host AdventHealth Virtual Health Talk Series at Clubhouse In February

During the month of February, Oaks Royal III Home Owners Association will be showcasing a program of free health related talks by medical experts produced by AdventHealth. Each week a prominent medical professional from our area will speak on a different topic that is relevant to the 55 and older population. Oaks Royal III will open it's clubhouse to residents Tuesday's at 11:30am for these Noon presentations, that will be displayed for easy viewing on the associations big screen television. Residents that pre-register on the AdventHealth website, or sign an AdventHealth registration card the day of, will be eligible for an exclusive coupon to the AdventHealth Wellness Center Zephyrhills. To pre-register please click on the name of the program you are interested in below. All the programs are free.



[Carpal Tunnel Syndrome; An Easy Fix](#)

Tuesday, January 26, 2021
12:00 pm to 12:30 pm

Do you suffer from tingling and numbness in your hand? If so, you may have carpal tunnel syndrome. Orthopedic Surgeon Randolph Knight, MD, will talk about effective treatments and minimally-invasive, same-day surgery options for this uncomfortable condition during his virtual health talk.

[Heart Failure; There is Hope](#)

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Heart failure is manageable, but the key is education. Binu Jacob, MD, a board-certified Cardiologist, will discuss the risk factors of heart failure, as well as what you can do if you are diagnosed with this disease.

Community Goings-On February 2021

It is February in Florida and the weather is simply wonderful, we are having the kind of days that make you want to jump up, grab the day by the horns and just do something! Darn this COVID crap anyway! Well there are some things we can do safely until everyone is vaccinated. Remember the Florida CDC says no mask needed at outside gatherings, but If it is crowded I have mine with me and I wear it!

Get out and enjoy Florida! Walk in the sun and smile!

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Farm Fest and Quilt Show

Date: February 6, 2021 Time: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Website:

<http://www.pioneerfloridamuseum.org>

Draft horse pulls at 12 noon, Quilt Show, Syrup Making, Blacksmith demonstrations, model train room open and running, The Barking Dogs old time music, entertainment, unique vendors, food, and fun. Pulled pork dinner with yellow rice and black beans \$10 (Fundraiser for the museum). Drive Thru dinner pick up available, 11 – 3. While supplies last. Drive thru – Enter through museum main entrance to public parking, look for signs.

Pasco County Fair

February 15 – 21, 2021 Dade City Fair Grounds

[Daily Schedule of Events](#)

REGULAR TICKET PRICES:

\$ 10.00 for Adults

\$ 5.00 for Children (ages 6-12) Ages 5 and under FREE

MIDWAY RIDE SPECIALS (Fair admission not included):

– Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Unlimited Midway Ride Special \$ 20.00 wristband

– Friday, Saturday & Sunday (Fair admission not included)

Unlimited Midway Ride Special \$ 25.00 wristband Tuesday February 16th is Carload Night.. \$65 for a carload UP TO 6 seat belted- in includes Admission & Ride Wristbands (MUST be in seat belt)

Parking is Free!

Fair Hours:

3 pm – 11 pm – Mon. Feb. 15th

4 pm – 11 pm – Tue. Feb. 16th – Thu. Feb 18th

4 pm – Midnight – Fri. Feb. 19th

Music in Zephyr Park – Sundays 10am to 3pm

Every Sunday during snowbird season, say November through May, elder musicians from all over the area come into Zephyr Park and from up into groups to jam some of the best old-time, folk, country, gospel music you have heard. People bring their lawn chairs & beverages, some even bring picnics, sit under the old oaks or soak up the sun and listen to these folks & sing play songs they enjoy. It is a great way to spend a few hours, and it doesn't cost anything but the smile on your face!

Flea market at 301 & 56 – Tuesday and Thursday 8am to 1pm

Most of the flea markets and farmers markets in the area have shut down. However this seasonal favorite is back! It opened December 8th, usually until end of May. This is what the old Patriot flea market on Chancey Road grew into. Last year they charged \$1 for parking, this year I saw a comment on the Facebook site that said parking was free. Joyce and I have been. Parking is free, the vendors are set up under the tress so there is some shade as the day goes on, but there is no pavement, you are walking on grass and dirt. We brought a walker and cane. You may want take it into consideration.

HOA CALENDAR

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The screenshot shows a calendar for February 2021. The days of the week are listed at the top: SUN, MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT. The calendar grid contains various events:

- Feb 1 (MON):** Margie Phillips (Trash pick-up), 7pm HOA Members Meeting 7:00pm.
- Feb 2 (TUE):** James Russell, Mary Ellen Wood (6:30pm Bingo 6:30pm).
- Feb 3 (WED):** Joan Brown-Volk (Recycle pick-up), 8:30am Coffee & Donuts 8:30am, 8:30pm Domino.
- Feb 4 (THU):** Trash pick-up, 12:30pm Penny Bingo 12:30pm.
- Feb 5 (FRI):** 12:30pm Penny Bingo 12:30pm.
- Feb 6 (SAT):** Joan Taylor.
- Feb 7 (SUN):** Empty.
- Feb 8 (MON):** Campbell, Russ & Karen (Trash pick-up).
- Feb 9 (TUE):** Deborah Overhol (6:30pm Bingo 6:30pm).
- Feb 10 (WED):** Jerry Sizemore (Recycle pick-up), 8:30am Coffee & Donuts 8:30am, 8:30pm Domino.
- Feb 11 (THU):** Burgettman, Norman & Lieth (Trash pick-up).
- Feb 12 (FRI):** Patty Helmschroeder (Final HelloHomeowner), William Davis (12:30pm Penny Bingo 12:30pm).
- Feb 13 (SAT):** Bidz/Bloch (8am Oaks Royal L8 and H Community Yard).
- Feb 14 (SUN):** Gatz/Birch, Cecilia Odomewich, Valentines Day, Vitz, John & Joan.
- Feb 15 (MON):** Pfl Overwey (6:30pm Bingo 6:30pm), Sherwood, John & Janet (Trash pick-up), 6pm Women's Group.
- Feb 16 (TUE):** 6:30pm Bingo 6:30pm.
- Feb 17 (WED):** Ash Wednesday (Recycle pick-up), 8:30am Coffee & Donuts 8:30am, 8:30pm Domino.
- Feb 18 (THU):** Trash pick-up.
- Feb 19 (FRI):** Richard Borges (12:30pm Penny Bingo 12:30pm), 4pm Parking lot Dance Party.
- Feb 20 (SAT):** 1pm Free Strawberry Social.
- Feb 21 (SUN):** Diane Decker (Trash pick-up).
- Feb 22 (MON):** Trash pick-up, 7pm HOA Members Meeting 7:00pm.
- Feb 23 (TUE):** March Month (6:30pm Bingo 6:30pm).
- Feb 24 (WED):** Jermard Sobels (Customs Chairman), Robert Riser (Recycle pick-up), 8:30am Coffee & Donuts 8:30am, 8:30pm Domino.
- Feb 25 (THU):** Fred Gaulton (Trash pick-up).
- Feb 26 (FRI):** Carmichael, Ronald & Carol (12:30pm Penny Bingo 12:30pm).
- Feb 27 (SAT):** Cynthia Lewis (Simmons, Dale & Judy).
- Feb 28 (SUN):** Ruth Doolitz (Trash pick-up), 7pm HOA Members Meeting 7:00pm.
- Mar 1 (MON):** 6:30pm Bingo 6:30pm.
- Mar 2 (TUE):** Bev Armstrong (Recycle pick-up), Donnell Hutchins (Recycle pick-up), Rick Bedford (Trash pick-up), Thomas Gabelman (2 more).
- Mar 3 (WED):** Bev Armstrong (Recycle pick-up), Donnell Hutchins (Recycle pick-up), Rick Bedford (Trash pick-up), Thomas Gabelman (2 more).
- Mar 4 (THU):** Trash pick-up.
- Mar 5 (FRI):** Ross Campbell (12:30pm Penny Bingo 12:30pm).
- Mar 6 (SAT):** Paul Scott.

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Guy Engelhardt, Webmaster

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