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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The other day, my son and I went to Chick-fil-A. We like parking the car and then going inside to the takeout line. As we walked up to the door, we arrived at the same time as a young high school kid. Before we could do anything, he opened the door for us. I thanked him and said that was kind of him to do that. He responded by saying that his parents taught him right. I was impressed and asked him what he planned to do after he graduated. He said that he was going to join the Marines. I thought that there's still hope for all of us.

For Christmas my wife gave me a little book entitled "The World According to Mister Rogers". As you may know, Fred Rogers spent his early adult life as a college student at Rollins College in Winter Park. He never lost his connection to the area or the campus. Later in life, he would spend the month of January in Winter Park and on Campus as a sabbatical from his television show. My daughter, who attended Rollins, met him one afternoon in January while he was walking along.

The book comprises sayings that he collected that were meaningful to him and help direct his life. In his wallet, tucked away next to his neatly folded bills, was the following quote by Bessie Anderson Stanley. "He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much, who has enjoyed the trust of pure women, the respect of intelligent men, and the love of little children, who has filled his niche and accomplished his task, who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul, who has never lacked appreciation of Earth's beauty or failed to express it, who has always looked for the best in others and given them the best he had, whose life was an inspiration, whose memory a benediction." Those words are very powerful and were lived out in the life of Fred Rogers.

Fred Rogers' wife writes the introduction to the book, and she describes their first meeting and their life together. They were both very busy people; she says, that in spite of his being human, she always put him on a pedestal. Then she says, "Oh, did I mention what a kind person he was?" Wouldn't it be nice if people could say that about you? Kindness is a

very powerful thing. It is a type of behavior marked by acts of generosity, concern for others, and rendering assistance without expecting praise or a reward in return. Small acts of kindness can have a huge impact on lives, yours and others, and they also can make you happy.



Last year, a group of local people held the inaugural Mister Rogers' Week of Kindness in Orlando. The purpose was to encourage and inspire people to practice kindness. This year, April 1-6, is the second annual Week of Kindness. Wouldn't it be wonderful if people would practice kindness every week of the year? Acts of kindness can go a long way in strengthening our neighborhood, our city, our county, our country and our world. Kindness can penetrate a lot of barriers and bring people together.

**Dr. Kurt Miericke**

THOA President

Publisher, *Tusawilla Today*

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**Join us at Trotwood Park on  
Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 4:00  
for the THOA "Family Fun Day"**

# ARBOR DAY



## FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024

Arbor Day 2024 is all about ensuring our earth and trees upon it are all happy, healthy, and growing to be as strong as they can be. National Arbor Day originated in the mind of a zealous tree lover named Julius Sterling Morton who had a passion for planting all kinds of trees. The first Arbor Day celebration can be traced back to Mr. Morton on April 10, 1872, in Nebraska City, Nebraska. It is estimated that one million trees were planted on this day. Over time, Arbor Day was celebrated throughout the country. It was not until 1970, however, that Arbor Day became recognized nationwide thanks to the efforts of President Richard Nixon.

The City of Winter Springs has been designated “Tree City USA” for many years and was most recently acknowledged for this distinction once again for 2024. The Tree City USA program sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation has been greening up cities and towns across America since 1976. It is a nationwide movement that provides the framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their public trees. Winter Springs is one of more than 3,400 communities to make the commitment to become a “Tree City USA”. Each year, the city celebrates Arbor Day by having a free tree giveaway for our citizens. As in past years, approximately five hundred trees will be delivered to our city residents at the end of the month.

## CENTRAL FLORIDA ZOO AND BOTANICAL GARDENS

### SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024 5 – 9 P.M.

Brews Around the Zoo will feature beer stations with over 30 different craft beers and live music. Plus, a seltzer station and wine tastings! Tickets include access to all beer, wine, and seltzer stations around the Zoo.

**NEW FOR 2024** Experience five Brews-exclusive dishes by adding a Tasting Trail Pass for only \$25! Ala carte food options will also be available for purchase. Official Brews Around the Zoo light-up mugs will be available for purchase.



**General Admission Ticket: \$50:** Includes entry at 5 p.m. **Early Access Ticket: \$99:** Includes access to Brews Around the Zoo one hour earlier, beginning at 4 p.m. PLUS a pass to Brews Around the Zoo Tasting Trail. PLUS Exclusive Brews Light-Up Mug! **VIP Ticket: \$150:** Includes early access at 4 p.m. and access to a private VIP Zone with restrooms. VIP Zone includes exclusive cocktails and food menu options. PLUS Exclusive Brews Light-Up Mug!

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# EDITOR'S NOTES

## MEET NED VOSKA

Be sure to read about your neighbor, Ned Voska, in this issue. Mr. Voska's story is a remarkable reflection upon hard work, persistence, and determination. Arriving in the United States with his mother years ago, Mr. Voska came to Central Florida back in the sixties to work at NASA. He and his wife, Thelma, became business owners and take pride in their civic contributions to both Oviedo and Winter Springs. Please see pages 6 and 7.

## THOA "FAMILY FUN DAY" REMINDER

Be sure to come out to Trotwood Park on **SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH FROM NOON UNTIL 4:00 P.M.** Members will be treated to excellent food from Mission BBQ, live music, entertainment, and excellent raffle prizes. The Grand Prize will be a new bicycle from Adventure Cycling. Non-member Tusawilla residents can join the THOA on the day of the event. Come out and enjoy the fun!

## THOA AND ROTARY CLUB OF WINTER SPRINGS TO HOST A SHRED FEST FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT WSPD "SHOP-WITH-A-COP" PROGRAM

Both organizations will be working together to raise funds for the children who will participate in this year's "Shop-with-a-Cop" event. The shredder truck will be located at the Tusawilla Country Club parking lot from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 26th. While there are no fees required for this service, donations will be used to support this worthy cause. See page 10 for details.

## EARTH DAY APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>



Did you know that Earth Day is celebrated internationally on April 22nd? The purpose of setting aside this special day is to educate people about the issues affecting the planet and to raise awareness for the efforts in place to protect the environment. Credit for establishing Earth Day is attributed to former Wisconsin Governor and Senator Gaylord Nelson. In 1970, Nelson deployed students to protest and demonstrate against air and water pollution. The theme for Earth Day 2024 is "Planet vs. Plastics."

## ITMS FINDING NEMO JR.

The Broadway Blazers had another successful performance this year. Enjoy the photos on page 9 from the theater presentation of Finding Nemo Jr.



## APRIL IS WATER CONSERVATION MONTH

Florida has experienced unprecedented population growth for the past several years and our local communities continue to grow as we keep pace with the increased demand for housing and commercial structures. Water fuels growth and we must become more vigilant in our efforts to conserve this finite resource. Please see pages 10 and 11 for more information.

## SUNSHINE GARDEN CLUB TO HOLD ANNUAL PLANT SALE APRIL 6TH.

The Sunshine Garden Club is a valuable organization that supports Tusawilla as well as charity groups that serve our community. The annual plant sale fundraiser will be held at Indian Trails Middle School on Saturday, April 6th from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. In addition to the wide selection of plants, this year's event will include the sale of crafts and other assorted items. Details can be found on page 13.

## WSPD ACCREDITATION

The Winter Springs Police Department continues to be a highly efficient organization that is diligent and focused on protecting our citizens. Congratulations to Chief Matt Tracht and the members of the WSPD for receiving accreditation from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation. Please see page 15.

## MONTH OF APRIL

According to *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, the month of April comes from the Latin word *aperio*. The definition of *aperio* is to open (bud) because plants begin to grow during this month. So be sure to attend the Sunshine Garden Club plant sale on April 6th to keep aligned with this month's theme.

## Elaine Johnson

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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*"The greatest thing that we can do is to help somebody know that they're loved and capable of loving."*

— Fred "Mister" Rogers

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# MEET NED VOSKA

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One of the many benefits of providing the monthly issues of Tuscawilla Today is meeting with so many talented and interesting residents that make up the fabric of our community. Such was the case for spending an afternoon with Ned and Thelma Voska on a sunny day back in February. This is the story of an individual who, despite facing monumental challenges early in life, persevered to become a husband, father, grandfather, and successful businessman. Mr. Voska has also maintained an unwavering commitment toward civic engagement and duty his entire life.

Life for Nenad “Ned” Voska began in Europe within what was known as the Kingdom of Yugoslavia. With the onset of WW II, young Ned lost both his father and brother to the ravages of the war. To survive, his family, along with other villagers, hid in the mountains before being captured by the Nazis. His remaining family members were split up from one another and transferred to separate prison camps. Fortunately, the family members were able to reunite after the war and eventually made their way to the United States.

While his early years were fraught with extraordinary hardships, Mr. Voska emphasized the need and desire to focus on the positive experiences that life has to offer. Upon arrival with his mother in Monroeville, Ohio and then moving on to Chicago, Illinois, Ned decided to join the U.S. Air Force. His military service included being assigned to the Strategic Air Command at Offutt Air Force Base near Omaha, Nebraska, as well as serving in Korea and Greenland. As fate would intervene, Ned was also assigned to the Air Rescue Headquarters located in Baldwin Park where he met his future wife at a local dance club. They were married in 1957.

Thelma Voska was originally from the small mining town of Carswell, West Virginia. She worked for a local doctor

who assisted her when she applied to attend the Richmond Medical Center in Richmond, Virginia where she earned her nursing degree. Thelma would eventually move to Orlando and become the head nurse at the Orange Memorial Hospital that is now the Orlando Health Orlando Regional Medical Center. Her move south to escape the harsh winter months up north led to meeting Ned Voska at the local dance.



Ned and Thelma moved to Chicago soon after their marriage where Ned worked days and attended school at night to become an engineer. Thelma was a new mother and continued to work as a nurse. The four years spent up north ended, however, when Ned was offered a job at the Kennedy Space Center to work on the Gemini program. Returning to Florida in 1961 with a son and a newborn daughter were the earmarks of a new chapter in their lives with Thelma continuing in the nursing profession and Ned working at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

They would eventually purchase thirty acres in the town of Oviedo behind the Oviedo High School. Their house would become the favorite gathering place for the local kids because of their love for the community, proximity to the local schools, and the enjoyment of having people visit their home. Of note is that Mr. Voska, like many of our seasoned residents, relates to a time when he would go hunting in what is now our Tuscawilla community. This new life would lead to both Ned and Thelma taking a leap of faith in 1966 by starting their own business.

Ned explained that, with \$300 cash and an old truck, they decided to start Voska Mechanical in a building located on S.R. 434 in the town of North Orlando (Winter Springs). Thelma ran their office for more than twenty years and became one of the first women in Seminole County to hold a mechanical license. Their hard work paid off and their business flourished as the years progressed. This continuous success allowed for the purchase of commercial rental properties to further grow their business holdings.

Along with the success in their business enterprises came the opportunities to become engaged with local organizations



and to serve their communities in various capacities. Ned stated that he was a volunteer for the Seminole County Sheriff's Department for over twenty years back in the 60s and 70s. Remarkably, Mr. Voska had a 29-year perfect attendance record as a member of the Rotary Club of Oviedo and is a past president. Thelma Voska was one of the first two women bestowed with the Paul Harris Fellow award in recognition of her longtime work with the Rotary Club. After selling their Oviedo property and moving to Winter Springs, he served on the Planning and Zoning Advisory Board for six years. Ned also served on the Tusawilla Georgetown HOA board of directors with Arnie Nussbaum for eight years and the Voskas are supporters of Arnie's Secret Santa Guardian Ad Litem program.



Mr. and Mrs. Voska love the Oviedo/Winter Springs area and have lived in Tusawilla for the past 22 years. Both their son and daughter live in Central Florida with their respective families and are professionals. Tony recently retired from his career as an engineer at the Cape and their daughter lives and works in the Titusville area for the Brevard County Clerk of Court. When asked about what advice he would share with the younger generation, Ned stated that maintaining a strong work ethic is the key to business success. On the topic of success, Mr. and Mrs. Voska have been married for 67 years. Ned was recently honored as the Seminole County "Veteran of the Month" this past January and will be honored again as the Seminole County "Veteran of the Year" during the April 18th Annual Veterans Appreciation Luncheon. Ned and Thelma are a remarkable couple and we thank them for sharing their insights for completing this article.

## FOOD TRUCK THURSDAY AT TROTWOOD PARK

**THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024**

**5:00 – 8:00 PM AT TROTWOOD PARK**

Join us at Trotwood Park for an evening of delicious food from local food trucks and vendors. Bring a blanket or lawn chair for a picnic in the park. Please note that parking is limited and attendees in the immediate area are encouraged



to walk or bike to the park. The City of Winter Springs is committed to providing universal access to our events. Please contact Michael Krist at 407-327-6589 or MKrist@winterspringsfl.org to request disability accommodations. Advance notice may be necessary to arrange for some accessibility needs.

Do you or someone you know in Tusawilla have a special hobby, unique profession or insightful travel experience that would be interesting for our readers? Has your community completed notable improvements or planned an important event? Let me know and we will be glad to include these news items in a future issue of Tusawilla Today. Thank you, Elaine Johnson. I can be contacted at: [EditorElaineJohnson@gmail.com](mailto:EditorElaineJohnson@gmail.com).

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# INDIAN TRAILS MIDDLE SCHOOL “BROADWAY BLAZERS” SUCCESSFUL PRESENTATION OF FINDING NEMO JR.



The Broadway Blazers have been in existence since 1996. The first play for the public was “Give My Regards to Broadway” and there have been subsequent productions every year since that first show. This After-School Program typically has at least sixty students who participate in either Cast A or Cast B. Program Directors, Chris Arok and Brady Bordman, have been working with the middle schoolers for the past several months to hone their skills in theater production. The 2024

presentation of Finding Nemo Jr. once again delighted the audiences as the children easily embraced their various roles. Each year, the costumes and stage props are outstanding, and this year’s show did not disappoint. The fish costumes, coral reefs, and stage prop panels were remarkable. Congratulations to the students, parents, Mrs. Arok, Mr. Boardman, support staff, volunteers and the Indian Trails PTA. WELL DONE!

## TUSCAWILLA WILDLIFE FLORIDA BARRED OWLS

This photograph of a Florida Barred Owl was shared by THOA member, Robert Jaynes. According to the Cornell Lab “All About Birds”, Barred Owls are large, stocky owls with rounded heads, no ear tufts, and medium length, rounded tails. Barred Owls are mottled brown and white overall, with dark brown, almost black, eyes. The underparts are mostly marked with vertical brown bars on a white background, while the upper breast is crossed with horizontal brown bars. The wings and tail are barred brown and white. Barred Owls roost quietly in trees during the day, though they can occasionally be heard calling in daylight hours.



At night they hunt small animals, especially rodents, and give an instantly recognizable “Who cooks for you?” call. The southern barred owl or, alternately, the Florida barred owl is one of three subspecies. The Florida Barred Owl subspecies is found in the southern part of North Carolina, Georgia and all of Florida. This is the smallest of the three subspecies on average according to Wikipedia. Known wing chord lengths can vary from 12.4 to 14.1 inches. The tail length is 8.1 to 9.1 inches and the bill from the cere is 0.91 to 1.10 inches. Males in Florida weigh between 1.501 to 1.764 lb., while females typically weigh between 1.874 and 1.9 lb.

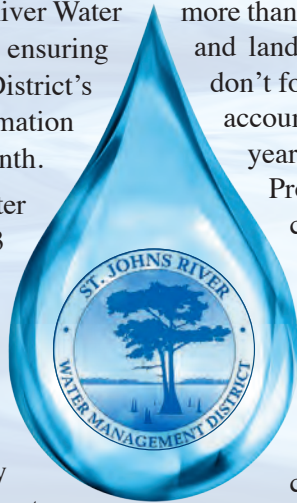
# ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATES APRIL AS WATER CONSERVATION MONTH

Water conservation is at the core of the St. Johns River Water Management District's mission of protecting and ensuring the sustainability of Florida's water supplies. The District's Governing Board recently approved a proclamation designating April 2023 as Water Conservation Month.

April has been formally recognized as Water Conservation Month in Florida for the past 23 years, as April is typically a dry month when water demands are higher due to springtime planting.

"Water Conservation Month is a time that we can focus our efforts on thinking of all the ways we can use water wisely. This year we want to bring attention to leaks and how we can save water by fixing them," said St. Johns River Water Management District Water Conservation Coordinator Deirdre Irwin. "As the weather warms up and we await the end of our dry months, now is a great time to practice water conservation. Even the smallest changes can make a difference."

As the Water Conservation Coordinator, Irwin spends most of her time educating homeowners, landscapers, utilities, and local governments about how to reduce water use. While



more than half of all residential water use is outdoors for lawn and landscape irrigation, it is important that homeowners don't forget to check their indoor usage. Minor water leaks account for nearly 1 trillion gallons of water wasted each year in U.S. homes, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The leaks in an average household can add up to 10,000 gallons of water wasted every year. That's the amount of water needed to wash 270 loads of laundry.

Helping residents understand the value of saving water is just one focus of the district. Every day, District staff promote water conservation through water supply planning work, permitting, District cost-share programs, and communication and outreach programs.



For more tips on saving water, visit the District's water conservation webpages at [www.sjrwmd.com/waterconservation/savingwater](http://www.sjrwmd.com/waterconservation/savingwater) or visit the WaterLess campaign website at [WaterLessFlorida.com](http://WaterLessFlorida.com). Follow the water conservation conversation at #sjrwmd #waterconservation #savewater.

## THOA AND ROTARY CLUB TO HOST "SHRED FEST" 2024 FUNDRAISER FOR WSPD "SHOP-WITH-A-COP"

This is your opportunity to finally clear out those boxes of old paper documents that have been accumulating over the years. Mark your calendar for **FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH FROM 9:00 A.M. UNTIL 1:00 P.M. AT THE TUSCAWILLA COUNTRY CLUB PARKING LOT.** This is a win-win event because all donations will be divided between the Rotary Club of Winter Springs and the Tuscawilla Homeowner's Association. Both organizations will then use the proceeds toward their respective contributions to the Winter Springs Police Department "Shop-with-a-Cop" program



in December. What better way to shake off the Post-Tax Day Blues than by shredding some outdated documents!

Did you know that modern shredding trucks are designed to be more efficient in the shredding process than business office crosscut machines? Strict laws and regulations are in place to assure the security and disposal of shredded documents. You will have peace of mind

knowing that this shredding process is secure. Additionally, the shredded material is recycled to make consumer products that include paper towels, tissue, and toilet paper.

# APRIL IS WATER CONSERVATION MONTH: HOW CAN I CONSERVE IRRIGATION WATER?

Depending on the size of your yard, the majority of your water use could go to irrigation. Being able to program your irrigation clock is important. New homeowners may never change the settings that were established when they moved in and since many systems irrigate in the late night or early morning hours, it is likely that residents don't know how many days a week their irrigation is running or how long each zone runs. Irrigation timers may not have a back-up battery installed so if the power goes out, the timer will be reset and will need to be reprogrammed. Most irrigation timers have a manual available for download online if the original has been misplaced.

Check to make sure all the sprinkler heads are in proper working order by turning on your irrigation system. Heads can be damaged, lines can be ruptured by roots, etc. and should be repaired immediately. It is advised that the same brand of heads be used throughout the irrigation system for optimal performance in terms of pressure and coverage.

Consider using micro irrigation whenever possible. Micro irrigation consists of sprayers, drip hoses, bubblers, misters, etc. that apply water directly to the root zone of the plant

rather than broadcasting water over a wide area. Micro irrigation is ideal for planted beds, shrubs, and newly planted trees.

Consider reducing the amount of grass in your yard by installing Florida friendly/native plants. Planted beds of this type are attractive, require little to no water once established, and can attract a variety of wildlife. If you go to a home improvement store's garden center, the label will typically tell you the water requirements of the plant. If you would like to have a native garden, you may want to go to a local native plant nursery. A Florida native plant is defined by the Department of Environmental Protection as "a species that occurred in Florida at the time of European contact or 1500s".

Florida natives are adapted to the conditions in Florida and are less likely to require irrigation, pesticides, and fertilizers. You could also consider replacing your current grass with a more drought tolerant species such as Bahia. Species that are drought tolerant will tend to look healthier during periods of drought with less irrigation.

## WATERING RESTRICTIONS DURING DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

**THE FOLLOWING MANDATORY LAWN WATERING RULES WERE ADOPTED AS PART OF THE IRRIGATION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS.**

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Eastern Standard Time	Saturday	Sunday	Tuesday

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- Water only when needed
- Water for no more than one hour per zone
- Restrictions apply to private wells and pumps, ground or surface water, and water from public and private utilities

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*From L to R: , Vice Chair Sheriff Billy Woods, WSPD Lt Brad Heath, Dep Chief Kevin Presley, Cpl Marette Sims, Chief Matt Tracht, Exec. Dir. R. Stacy Lehman*

**WINTER SPRINGS, Fla.** --The Winter Springs Police Department is proud to announce it has received accreditation from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA).

Following a rigorous, top-to-bottom review of agency policy and operations by a team of law enforcement practitioners from around Florida, the Winter Springs Police Department was recommended for re-accreditation by the board.

The final report was presented to the Accreditation Commission at its annual meeting in St. Augustine February 22, 2024.

In an email to the department, Chief Matt Tracht thanked officers and staff for how well they represent the Winter Springs Police Department.

"The assessors had great things to say about you and how you all represented this agency. For that, I am beyond grateful," Tracht said.

Being an accredited agency indicates the Winter Springs Police Department meets quality standards and has maintained a high level of service our citizens have come to expect.

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# News At A Glance

## NEWCOMERS OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC.

### April 18, 2024 Luncheon

Newcomers of Central Florida will host its annual spring fashion show luncheon April 18th at the Heathrow Country Club, 1200 Bridgewater Drive, in Lake Mary. Newcomers' members will serve as models and stroll around the venue while wearing a variety of the latest spring styles and accessories from Dillard's department store in Oviedo. Dillard's Ready-to-Wear Sales Manager, Kierstin Balbi, will be on hand at the luncheon to provide expert commentary and styling tips for the "Everybody Loves Spring" themed event. To enhance the show's festive atmosphere, each luncheon table will feature eye-catching floral centerpieces which will be given away as door prizes. There will also be some sweet candy treats for all attendees. Luncheon tickets are priced at \$30. Non-members are welcome but must submit prepayment by April 11th. Advance reservations are required. No walk-ins are allowed. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact VP-Membership Diana Engling at 407-256-3592, email [englingd@yahoo.com](mailto:englingd@yahoo.com), or visit [newcomerscfl.org](http://newcomerscfl.org).

## SENIOR CENTER TRIPS

**NOTE: TRIP PARTICIPATION DOES NOT REQUIRE A MEMBERSHIP AT THE SENIOR CENTER. Call: 407-786-8755**

### WILD FLORIDA: May 21, 2024

Embark on a wild adventure through the Headwaters of the Florida Everglades at Wild Florida! Travel down the unbeaten path to get up close and personal with exotic wildlife from all over the world on a drive-thru safari. Take your adventure to new heights and feed giraffes on an elevated giraffe feeding platform. Next, uncover the untouched beauty of pristine marshland on a U.S. Coast Guard certified airboat, spotting magnificent wildlife like eagles, alligators, and more. Grab lunch on your own at the Chomp House Grill then enjoy free time to explore the Gator Park. With over 200 animals on display, including exotic animals like zebras, sloths, lemurs, and Watusi, a tropical bird aviary, and live animal shows, there is something for everyone! **COST: \$109.00 per person. Reservations and payment due by May 1st.** Includes: R/T motor coach transportation, drive thru safari, ½ hour airboat ride, park admission with shows, taxes, driver's gratuity. Bus departs the Winter Springs Senior Center at 8:00 a.m.

### YACHT STARSHIP: June 15, 2024

Come aboard Yacht StarShip for the ultimate weekend brunch experience. Unwind from the week and relax on the water while enjoying a specially-prepared brunch aboard America's first 3-Diamond-rated dining yacht. Cruise by million-dollar mansions and Florida's largest seaport, enroute to beautiful Tampa Bay. After brunch, enjoy

dancing and live music on the top deck. Dressy casual attire is suggested. **COST: \$135.00 per person. Reservations and payment due by May 15th.** Includes: R/T motorcoach transportation, cruise, brunch, taxes, gratuity, driver's gratuity. Bus will depart the Winter Springs Senior Center at 9:30 a.m.

## TUSCAWILLA WOMEN'S CLUB

*"Where you are among friends."*

Our April meeting will be Thursday, April 11th @ 1pm in the Wedgewood Tennis Villas clubhouse. We will be discussing our end of the year May luncheon plans. The luncheon will be on Thursday, May 9th. Guests are always welcome! Bring a snack, if you like. Refreshments will be served. Any questions? Call or text Anne Combs 407-761-5779.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Apr. 1st Happy "April Fools' Day"
- Apr. 4th Planning and Zoning Meeting, 5:30
- Apr. 6th Sunshine Garden Club Plant Sale at ITMS, 12:00 – 1:00
- Apr. 7th THOA "FAMILY FUN DAY" AT TROTWOOD PARK, 12:00 – 4:00**
- Apr. 8th Regular City Commission Meeting, 6:30  
Full Solar Eclipse
- Apr. 10th WSPD Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:30
- Apr. 11th THOA Board of Directors Meeting, 7:00  
Veterans and Veteran Family Committee Meeting, 5:30
- Apr. 14th National Gardening Day
- Apr. 15th Tax Day
- Apr. 17th Tuscowilla Lighting and Beautification District Meeting, 5:15
- Apr. 20th Husband Appreciation Day
- Apr. 22nd Earth Day
- Apr. 23rd Code Enforcement, 5:30  
Full "Pink" Moon
- Apr. 26th THOA/ROTARY CLUB SHRED FEST AT TCC, 9:00 – 1:00**  
Arbor Day
- Apr. 29th Regular City Commission Meeting, 6:30
- May 1st Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting, 5:30  
Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Meeting, 6:30
- May 2nd Planning and Zoning Meeting, 5:30



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## What should you know about long-term care?

We all hope to remain healthy and independent throughout our lives – but life can be unpredictable. If you ever need some type of long-term care, would you be financially prepared?

Long-term care can be quite costly. The median annual cost for a home health aide’s services is more than \$60,000 per year, and it’s more than \$100,000 per year for a private room in a nursing home, according to Genworth, an insurance company. And Medicare usually pays very little of these costs.

How can you meet these costs? You could choose to absorb the risk and potential costs of care personally, but this may require

substantial funds and planning. Also, it may be difficult to know how much money you’d need.

As an alternative, you could choose to transfer the risk by purchasing long-term care insurance. This can be beneficial, but it also can be expensive, although the earlier you purchase this coverage, the lower the premiums may be.

In any case, by being aware of the potential need for long-term care, its cost and the ways of paying for it, you can make the decisions appropriate for your own life.

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