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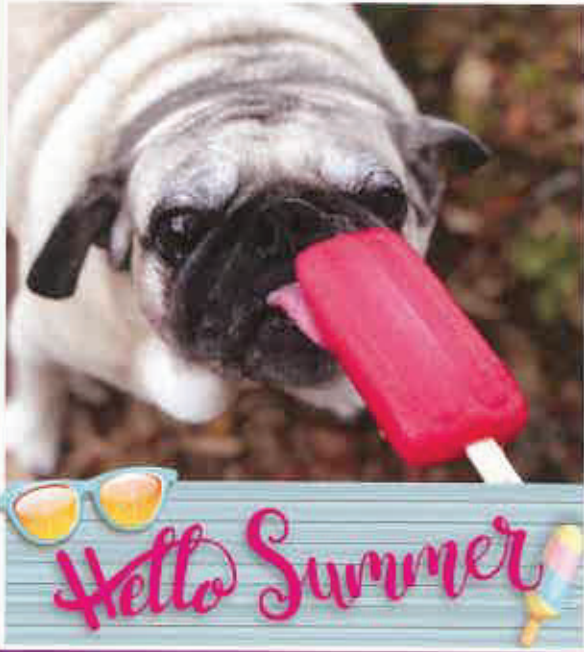
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THOA MEETING UPDATE: Due to the temporary closure of the Wedgewood Tennis Villas Clubhouse, the May 14th, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting will be conducted through the use of digital forum communication. Members are always welcome to share comments and questions by emailing any of the board members.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"When written in Chinese, the word crisis is composed of two characters – one represents danger, and the other represents opportunity" – John F. Kennedy

Throughout this month's issue of *Tuscawilla Today*, you will find many examples of our community pulling together during this unprecedented national crisis. I believe we can all be proud of our neighbors and friends that took this time to serve while going "above & beyond" for others. Although we all may be growing weary of this national crisis, I do hope that you enjoy the examples of your neighbors taking this opportunity to give back to our community.

Membership to the Tuscawilla Homeowners Association

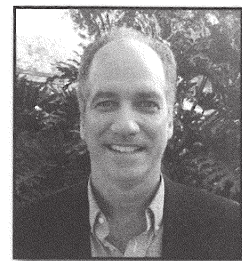
April brought an end to our annual membership drive and I would like to thank each of you that have chosen to join or re-new your membership to this volunteer organization. In the past, we have experienced a large number of our residents renewing their memberships during our signature "Family Fun Day" event. Due to the cancellation of our festivities related to the covid-19 crisis, we were unable to take advantage of the event to renew memberships in person this year. I am however happy to report that due to an increase in renewals by mail and the use of our newly upgraded website; we experienced no decrease in membership from 2019. Our strength and voice comes from our numbers. Our membership gives us considerable clout when discussing issues with city, county and State officials. Your support also allows our community to support worthy causes like "Kids House of Seminole", the Keeth Elementary/Indian Trails Middle School food bank, Winter Springs Police "Shop-With-a-Cop" program and other great local initiatives that have a positive impact around our community. Your THOA Board of Directors is committed to improving and protecting the quality of life here in Tuscawilla and Winter Springs. Your trust is appreciated.

Tuscawilla Homeowners Association Board of Directors

During this time of crises; your Board of Directors did not meet during the month of April as a precaution. Due to the closure of our meeting space at the Wedgewood Tennis Villas clubhouse, we have decided to hold our May 14th meeting using the Zoom video conferencing service. If you would like to attend this meeting via your home computer, please send an email to my address listed below by May 12th and I will forward an agenda with basic instructions to allow access to our video meeting. As always; board meeting minutes are kept and access to this information is always available to our members.

Our New Website

The recent revisions to our website continue and we are proud of the continued improvements made on your behalf. Please take a moment and visit the new website at www.tuscawilla.org. You will find a great deal of information regarding our area including contact information for local schools and government organizations. The *Tuscawilla Today* will now be published on the website for those that prefer to read an on line version and we have just completed a "kids page" with lots of safe links to family friendly websites. We are happy to report that the number of monthly visits have increased dramatically with the improvements and we hope you find it a useful resource. Please let us know what you think and if you have any ideas how we may improve the website for our current or future residents.



As I mentioned in the first paragraph, I am proud to live in a community that consists of neighbors reaching out and supporting others. The Tuscawilla community continues to shine brightest during hurricanes, tragedy and when others are in need. Thank you all for what you may have done in some small way to help someone else during this time of need.

Happy Mother's Day! Memorial Day will be held on May 25th. Please be sure to remember those who have died serving our country.

Kevin McCann

THOA President

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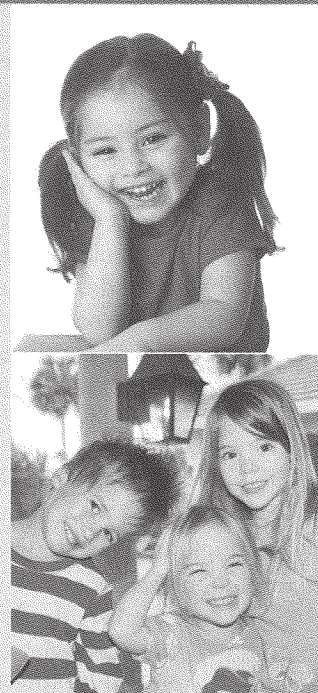
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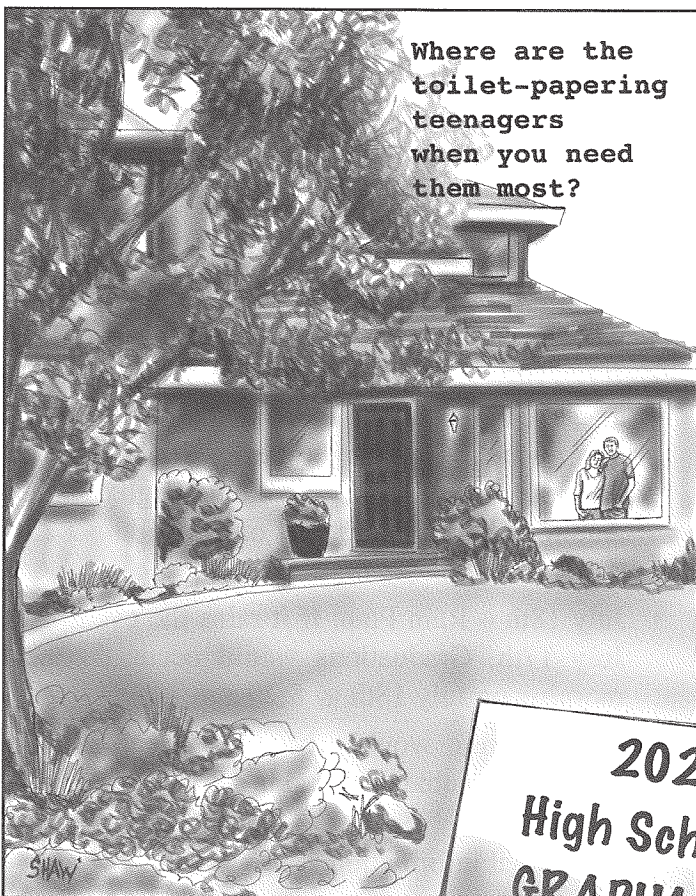
EDITOR'S NOTES

A COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY

Throughout history, our nation has been presented with challenges that seemed insurmountable at the time. Typically, these events have been generated by acts of war, natural disaster, economic downturn, civil unrest, political controversy, and more. The coronavirus pandemic falls into this category of historical events and will have a lasting impact on all members of our society. The rapid spread of this virus has necessitated changes in our behaviors that no one could have imagined just a couple of months ago. Yet with all that has occurred, we have risen to the challenge to fight this battle and the results have been positive.

Members of our community have heeded the call for practicing mitigation strategies to help "flatten the curve" of infections. These practices will continue to be necessary in order to safely restart the economy and keep the virus under control. The primary goal is to make these practices routine and follow the recommendations that are being presented by our government agencies. By doing so, you are protecting yourself and your family.

We are individually responsible for winning the COVID-19 war. Our efforts, while confining and uncomfortable, will determine the timeline for returning to a semblance of normalcy. In the meantime, be thankful for our first



responders as they represent the front line in dealing with this menace. As in the past, we will overcome this threat and be stronger as a community and a nation. Stay safe!



NEW FEATURE AT WWW.TUSCAWILLA.ORG

The THOA has recently included "Kids Corner" as part of the webpage. This feature offers a variety of fun sites and activities for young children to enjoy. I would like to thank THOA board members and elementary education teachers Susan Beveridge and Andrea Herman for contributing to the variety of offerings that can be found at this section of our webpage.

STAY INFORMED

Even with the saturation of media coverage, I strongly encourage our members to stay informed about relative events in the City of Winter Springs by visiting www.winterspringsfl.org/covid19. For additional information regarding our county, please visit: Seminole Emergency Management at www.PrepareSeminole.org. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention website is: www.CDC.gov/coronavirus/.

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Our local businesses have been dealt a serious setback as a result of the pandemic. As of this writing, the Seminole County Commissioners are fully engaged with the local municipal officials to determine the strategies for restarting the economy. This must be a pragmatic approach that incorporates multiple phases while maintaining public safety.

In the meantime, please be sure to patronize our local businesses as much as possible. Small business is the foundation for our economy and we need to support the business owners so that they can become prosperous once again. Winter Springs and the Tuscahill Community continue to have the "small town" feel that makes for a great place to live. While supporting each other, be sure to help out our local businesses. We will eventually return to normal and our local vendors need to know that we intend for them to be with us in the future.

THE MONTH OF MAY

May is the fifth month of the year and named after Maia, the Greek goddess of fertility and growth. According to folklore, people who are born in May are more likely to achieve higher success and love in their lives.

Happy Mother's Day and Happy Memorial Day

Ted Johnson

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Seminole County Public Schools

2019-2020 High School Graduation Plans:



Seminole County Public Schools (SCPS) has announced plans to honor and recognize our Senior Class of 2020 and keep their cherished festivities intact. Superintendent Dr. Walt Griffin has been working with each of the SCPS Senior Class Presidents by holding WebEx conference call meetings for three consecutive weeks to brainstorm ideas and garner feedback from each school's student body in an effort to develop a viable Prom & Graduation replacement.

Graduation Plan #1 * (provided social distancing rules have been lifted)

- June 11th - Senior Dance at each High School. Dance would be FREE for all Seniors. High Schools will issue refunds for Prom.
- June 12th – High School Graduations will be held at each High School on the Football Field at 8:20 p.m., which is military time for 20:20. Crooms Academy would utilize Seminole High School's Auditorium and hold theirs on June 13th @ 2:00 p.m.
- June 13th – Rain Plan: If it rains the evening of June 12th, Graduations would occur the next morning on June 13th @ 8:20 a.m.
- Graduations would be live-streamed for spectators unable to attend in-person.

Graduation Plan #2 * (provided social distancing rules have not been lifted by June)

- July 16th - Senior Dance at each High School. Dance would be FREE for all Seniors. High Schools will issue refunds for Prom.
- July 17th – High School Graduations will be held at each High School on the Football Field at 8:20 p.m., which is military time for 20:20. Crooms Academy would utilize Seminole High School's Auditorium and hold theirs on July 18th @ 2:00 p.m.
- July 18th – Rain Plan: If it rains the evening of July 17th, Graduations would occur the next morning on July 18th @ 8:20 a.m.
- Graduations would be live-streamed for spectators unable to attend in-person.

Be sure to visit www.scps.k12.fl.us for additional information.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY MAY 10TH

Mother's Day is a celebration honoring the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated on various days in many parts of the world, most commonly in the months of March or May. It complements similar celebrations honoring family members, such as Father's Day, Siblings Day, and Grandparents Day.

Be sure to recognize your mother on this special day and let her know how much she means to you.

Keeth Elementary School "Paws On Parade"



A trend among school teachers during this pandemic is to reach out to the students in the community by forming a caravan of cars that include signs and mascots. The teachers at Keeth Elementary School were motivated to organize a parade that traveled throughout the neighborhoods in our community. The pictures on this page confirm that our teachers are committed to the children and want them to be successful. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated group of educators who have made the transition to distance learning a success under adverse circumstances.





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Dominick's Restaurant Provides Free Lunch for Children



Dom Comnesso, owner of Dominick's Restaurant, posted that he and his staff planned to provide free lunches for the students in our Tuscawilla Community. To support this generous offering, patrons rallied to pitch in and help set up the distribution plan, serve the lunches, and help with the cleanup afterwards.

days continued to have parents bring their children through the line and receive a hot lunch, cookie, and sucker. When the number of children exceeded the designated number of lunches, the kitchen made more food to accommodate this need.

This act of kindness on behalf of Dominick's Restaurant confirms that we live in an excellent community. When individuals recognize a need to take action that is of benefit to others, especially children, we all grow a little bit stronger. Thanks to Dom, his family, the staff at Dominick's Restaurant, and all of the community members who volunteered to make this a huge success.



The lunches were available on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday during the last two weeks of April. The parking lot was arranged to have parents bring their children to the restaurant and pick up their meals from one of the volunteers. On the first day, over 250 lunches were served. The second day had 675 hot lunches served. Subsequent



Tuscawilla Residents Respond to COVID-19

The response to the pandemic in our community has included a variety of mitigation interventions. The following pictures represent a snapshot of the reactions taken by our citizens.



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Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday, commemorating those who have died in military service to their country. This year, we will observe Memorial Day on Monday, May 25th. The history of Memorial Day 2020 dates back to the American Civil War. The original national celebration of was known as Decoration Day and was celebrated on May 30th, 1868. The name was derived from the practice of visiting cemeteries and decorating the military graves with flowers, flags, and wreathes. In May of 1966 President Johnson officially declared Waterloo New York as the official birthplace of Memorial Day and the holiday was expanded to include the deceased veterans of all the wars fought by American forces.

In addition to visiting and decorating military gravesites, other common traditions of Memorial Day 2020 include the raising the U.S. flag quickly to the tops of flagpoles, slowly lowering to half-mast, and then raising it again to full height at noon. The lowering of the flag at half-mast is meant to honor the fallen soldiers who have died for their country over the years. Raising the flag at noon is meant to symbolize the resolve of the living to carry on the fight for freedom so that the nation's heroes will not have died in vain. On the United States Capitol Building's West Lawn, a Memorial Day concert is held annually and is broadcasted live around the country. As of this writing, the concert was planned for May 24th but subject to cancelation due to the coronavirus. Another Memorial Day tradition calls for people to wear or put on a display red poppies as a symbol of fallen soldiers. This tradition grew out of the famous poem by Canadian John McCrae known as 'In Flander's Fields', where Moina Michael conceived an idea to wear red poppies on Memorial day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war.

Memorial Day, and the long weekend that it creates, is generally seen to mark the beginning of the summer season (while Labor Day marks the end).

A NEW MEANING FOR AN INSPIRING PHRASE



Our City of Winter Springs Hometown Hero, Emil Abrahamian, shared this poster with me and I was compelled to include it in this month's issue. Historically, the phrase "Don't Tread on Me" has represented national pride and the importance of individual rights and freedom. The poster affirms that when we are threatened, the response has been

a unified force to repel the aggression. Given the severity of the current pandemic and subsequent restrictions, the symbolism in Mr. Abrahamian's art work affirms that our society will overcome this threat.

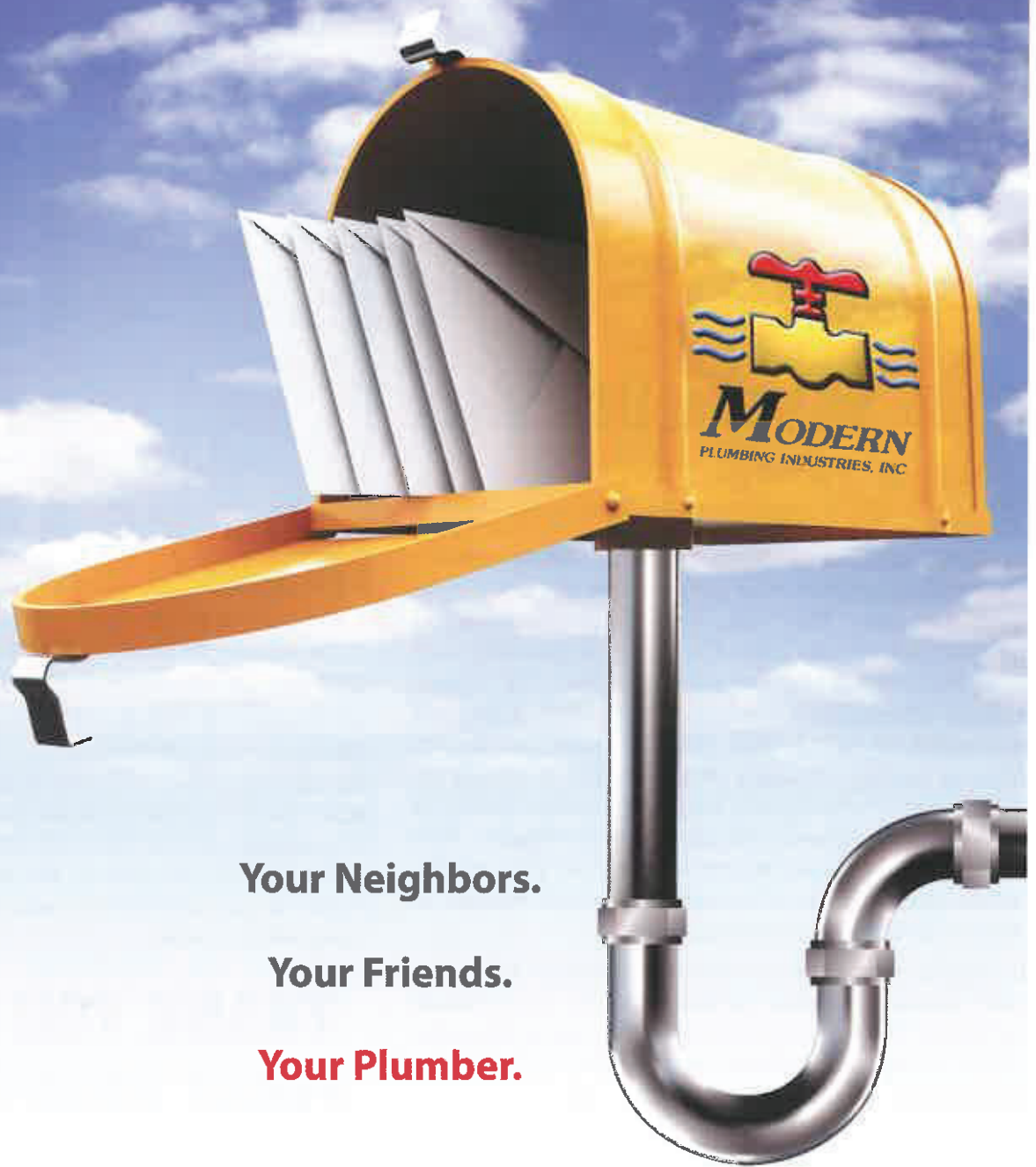
Americans have always been resilient and will rise up to any challenge. This will most certainly be the case as we deal with the COVID-19 threat. Eventually, the virus will be contained and our lives will return to normal. My hope is that we will look back on this event and recall that the people in our communities were united in fighting this unprecedented threat.

THANK YOU TO OUR FIRST RESPONDERS



National First Responder Appreciation Day is officially September 25th. Under the current circumstances, our First Responders deserve our appreciation each and every day. Our First Responders regularly risk their lives to protect the lives of individuals in our community. Their sacrifices to assure that medical services are

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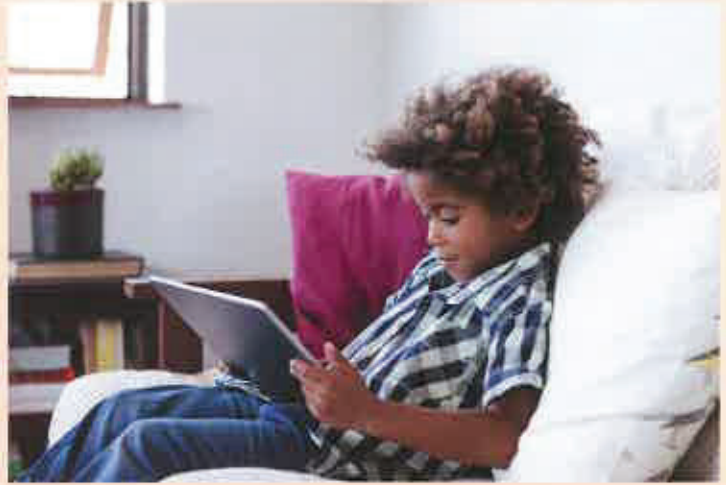
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New “Kids Corner” at the THOA Webpage



Parents of elementary age children now have an amazing resource at www.tuscawilla.org. This new feature provides a variety of fun websites for kids. In addition to online books and engaging interactive activities, there are a variety of educational games and subject area support sites. Khan Academy, for example, is an excellent resource for the core subject areas and is particularly helpful with mathematics. We are looking to expand our offerings so if you would like to recommend a site, let us know!

THANK YOU TEACHERS



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- Brown paper grocery bags (no wax, no wet strength material, no liners)
- Corrugated cardboard (flattened and cut down to fit inside the recycle bin)

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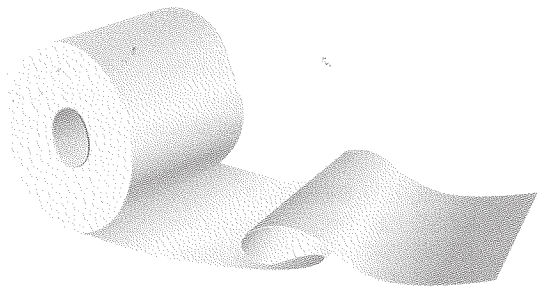
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

May is National Bike Month

May 5th

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee: 5:30

Cinco de Mayo

May 6th

Planning and Zoning Board/Local Planning Agency: 5:30

May 10th

Happy Mother's Day!

May 11th

City Commission Regular Meeting: 6:30

May 14th

THOA Board of Director's Meeting [Digital] 7:00

May 16th

Armed Forces Day

May 25th

Memorial Day

May 26th

Code Enforcement Board Meeting: 5:30

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News At A Glance

SUNSHINE GARDEN CLUB

Please note that the garden club meetings have been postponed until further notice.

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TUSCAWILLA WOMEN'S CLUB

The next program will be the Meet and Greet scheduled for August 13th.

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