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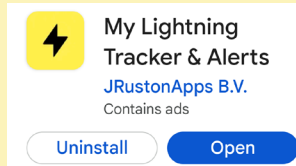


PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Kathleen Grabow, President

Summer has arrived with a vengeance. Even before school was out the pool was in full use. Thanks to the board that we voted to hold off resurfacing until January. With that in mind please note that there is an article on pool safety and rules further on in this addition. Most importantly,

get the lightning app that lets you know about closures. Nothing is as frustrating as loading up the kids to go to the pool only to find out it is closed because of lightning in the area.



Since summer is a busy outdoor activity time please note that we put an article in this newspaper re: bike path safety awareness. I already would like to thank young and old kids for calling out "bike back" so my dog and I can get off to the side of the path safely.

Hurricane season is here as well. I hope that everyone has checked their supplies. Our landscape crew has performed preventative maintenance all through the winter. I hope everyone else has checked for and cut back overhanging tree limbs in your yards. We are keeping our fingers crossed that we all escape with no problems and we can save those supplies for something else.

Have you noticed the improved entrance at Nova. The landscape and the facilities committees have been in contact with the City of Ormond Beach for almost 2 years for a more permanent wall and redesign of the median to prevent the supply trucks from driving onto our median. All the engineering studies have been submitted. The city is dragging its feet... so the committees recommended a temporary renovation of the old timbers. How temporary depends upon the City... however, the landscape crew did a very nice rebuild. I hope you appreciate all the hard work it takes to move things forward.



This is a heads up on Fall repair of bike paths. You may find your favorite paths closed for repair or replacing.

In closing, I want to thank every resident who continues to make *The Trails* a vibrant, beautiful, and welcoming community. Whether you are enjoying a sunny afternoon walk, grilling with family, or just waving hello from your porch, you are part of what makes this neighborhood special.

Let us all stay safe, stay cool, and look out for one another as we head into the heart of summer. From pool days to path repairs, hurricane prep to city delays—we are in it together. Here's to a season of sunshine, progress, and good neighbors.

MANAGERS' CORNER -



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A YEAR OF PROGRESS & A FRIENDLY REMINDER

A Polite but Persistent Nudge to Our Pet Owners

The most frequent request we receive from homeowners is simple: Please remind residents to pick up after their pets. While most pet owners in our community are respectful and responsible, we still receive complaints (and see evidence) that not everyone is doing their part.

Why does this matter? Let us look at the impact:

- To other pets: Uncollected waste can spread bacteria and parasites, which can harm other animals.
- To our landscaping team and our US Mail Carriers: Pet waste damages lawn equipment and creates unsafe working conditions.
- To the community: It is unsightly, smelly, and makes our beautiful green spaces less enjoyable for everyone.

We kindly ask all pet owners to continue helping us keep our community clean, safe, and walkable for all.

A New Committee for Unity and Communication

The Trails HOA Board Executive staff is working to establish a Committee of Unity, designed to improve communication and alignment between *The Trails* Association and our 16 active Sub-HOAs.

The idea is simple but powerful: This committee would meet quarterly, providing each Sub-HOA with the opportunity to designate one representative to attend. That representative would then bring important updates, initiatives, and shared concerns back to their respective associations, ensuring that everyone is moving forward together, with transparency and teamwork.

This is a great reason for each Sub-HOA to consider sending a delegate to attend our monthly meetings, to stay informed and connected.

Trails HOA Board Meetings: A Model of Commitment

The Trails HOA Board meets on the second Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m., usually in the clubhouse on the 2nd floor.

Since I (Brandie) began employment with *The Trails* in March 2014, the association has never missed a meeting.

We have had two postponements in the past few years, both due to tropical systems landing on board meeting days—but each meeting was rescheduled, not canceled.

That is a level of consistency and dedication that not many other HOAs can claim.

Office Hours and Flexibility

Our HOA Office is open Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Opening times may vary slightly depending on committee meetings, board business, or community events, but we are here and happy to assist when the doors open and the lights are on.

One Year with RealManage—and What That Means for You

This month marks one year since *The Trails* HOA partnered with RealManage, a national, association management company. That decision has brought with it:

- Access to a dedicated corporate back office for smoother financial and administrative operations.
- A lowered delinquency balance, as we switched from Coupon books to billing statements resulting in 93% collections from the HOA membership.
- A secure online member portal that meets Florida's statutory record-access requirements.
- A live community calendar, including Clubhouse rental availability.
- And best of all, 24/7 support through the Resident Services Department, available via the homeowner portal or by calling 1-866-473-2573.

If you need information on accessing *The Trails* HOA Member Portal, please send an email request to the office at TrailsHO@ciraemail.com

Thank you for your pride in ownership, as well as continuing to be a part of our vibrant and evolving community. From our gorgeous curb appeal to collaborative partnerships, we are proud of where we are—and excited about where we are going.

MANAGERS' CORNER, II

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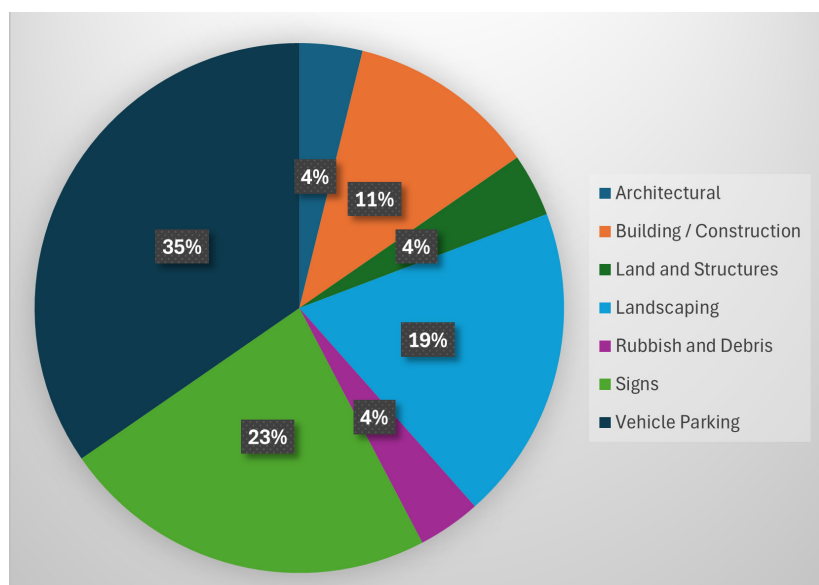
MEETING THE POOL ATTENDANTS & POOL RULE REVIEW



Teresa, Alexandra, Sue, Carl, Diane, Summer, and Jake

We have 3 returning pool attendants this year and 3 new faces. Teresa is your Friday night and Saturday morning pool attendant, Summer and Jake are your Saturday afternoon pool crew, and Alexandra is your Sunday Pool monitor. If Alexandra looks familiar ... it is because Monday - Friday Alexandra is also the 2nd Association Manager in *The Trails* HOA office. Unfortunately, her being on-deck Sundays does not allow her to provide services for the business office. You will need to pop into the HOA Office Monday- Friday for your association administrative needs. Monday through Thursday, Carl and or Sue Harrell monitor the deck from 10:00 a.m. - Noon, and Diane is the Gatekeeper from Noon until 9:00 p.m.

Please understand that the attendants are hired to monitor the gates for access for members or tenants of the community needing to purchase access. As well, they ensure rule adherence during the busiest times of the pool season (April - September). The gate attendants are not lifeguards; however, they do have the authority to monitor and enforce the rules to minimize risk to the Association and the amenity from accidents, unauthorized use and general shenanigans that may occur when one may believe that no one is watching.... Big Brother sees you though, there are surveillance cameras on the deck, and we have captured several behaviors over the last several years that perhaps might make someone cringe and blush! We have also captured wildlife using the pool after hours... Fox, Bobcats and Raccoons! Just be in the know that the camera is accessible to both property managers and Carl after hours, and it is frequently monitored.



In keeping with the annual rules review that we attempt to have published every year in the Spring edition of the Canopy, here are the operation times and a few of the most important rules:

The swipe card for entry will work from 10:00 a.m. until 8:50 p.m. Monday - Saturday and from 10:00 a.m. - 5:50 p.m. on Sunday. The pool closes promptly at its designated closing time and the staff and patrons are expected to be off the deck when the amenity closes. For this reason, access to the pool within 10 minutes of the official closing will be denied.

Inclement weather policy for the Trails HOA Pool - Currently the Trails Pool acknowledges the lightning sirens used at the Nova Rec center as conditions within a 7-mile range conducive to lightning strikes, that effectively trigger the siren. Having said that, the leisure services have also said storms can be present within a 10-mile radius or even closer and due to the sensors NOT reacting, that we should **not rely on the sirens when setting policy**. Which is why the attendants use My Lightning Tracker.

The following rule is what has historically been, and will continue to be followed: When the attendants are alerted of potentially dangerous weather, specifically lightning and thunder, they will close the pool from swimming: 60 minutes from the sound of thunder or from the visual of the lightning on their weather apps called **My Lightning Tracker (check your mobile play store)**. In instances where lightning occurs within 20 miles, the attendants close the pool deck by chain locking the gate. Lightning that occurs typically after 6:30 pm will close the pool for the evening **at the discretion of the pool manager**.



"Florida is the lightning capital of the world" people have been struck from storms as far away as 25 miles, most recently occurring in the death of a beach goer on Daytona Beach a few short years ago. A posted policy may deter tempers from flaring when the attendants make the announcement that the pool will close for inclement weather.

Specifically, on sunny days where the conditions for lightning are not so readily obvious. **For that reason, the Board of Directors has adopted a lightning policy that the pool staff MUST adhere to.**

Pool attendees who refuse to leave the pool deck or who remain in the water after the lightning notice to the users of this amenity have been made, risk having their access card shut down and future access being denied for a period up to the conclusion of the active swimming season in September. This is for your safety as well as the safety of the pool attendants. Your cooperation, politeness and understanding are appreciated.

When a pool pass is purchased or renewed, members will be given a copy of the lightning policy and pool rules. The most enforced rules we receive complaints for enforcing are the following...No Balls of any kind, No Frisbees, No Unauthorized Floats, no "Oversized" Pool Noodle Chairs, No Pets, No Glass or Glass Containers, No Food or Drinks in or on the side of the pool, and Toddlers should be in official swim diapers. Children over 14 years of age who have a pool pass can be admitted without a parent, however children 17 and under **may not bring a guest without adult supervision**. Tenants must produce a current lease listing the (#) occupants.



Honorary Pool Attendant
Marco Polo

**Stay safe at the pool,
and enjoy your Summer.**

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE ...

Rob Bridger, Secretary

ELECTIONS and SUPERLATIVES!

ELECTIONS: Wow! Time flies; It is "election season" again . . . and somewhat like "hurricane season" and mosquitoes, it is something that we Floridians have learned to endure. By the time you receive this issue of *The Canopy* all homeowners will have received the "Notice of Intent to be a Candidate for *The Trails* Board of Directors."

The "Notice of Intent" and accompanying "Candidate Information Sheet" are easy to complete. As indicated on the "Notice" it must be returned by August 15, 2025 if a homeowner is interested in running for election to the Board.

On a related topic the Board recently adopted its "**Code of Conduct and Business Ethics for Board Members**." This document is included with the "Notice of Intent" for homeowners' and prospective Board members' information.

This year we will hopefully receive enough ballots and proxy votes to establish quorum, hold an annual meeting, and have an actual election. Homeowners, please help sustain our vibrant community.

SUPERLATIVES: Just in case you are thinking that being on the Board is all about budget talk, homeowners' complaints, and boring meetings, there is some fun too! Recently, in recognition of their volunteer service on the Board, our professional property managers Brandie Hayes and Alex Wood awarded good-humored "Superlatives" to current Board members. So, please allow me to re-introduce your current Board through eyes of your property managers:

Kathleen Grabow – "The Golden Gavel" aka The Glass Ceiling Award – Breaking limits with grace - For the board member who has hit every limit of patience, policy, and politics—and somehow keeps rising. Awarded to the board president or chair who presided with fairness and finesse. As well, her mark on the Trails History is being the 1st ever FEMALE President. #womenruletheworld

Daniel Gowen – "The Budget Whisperer" aka The Penny Pincher of the Year – Reads spreadsheets like tea leaves and finds nickels in the margins. For the treasurer who can find cents where others see chaos; aka making sure not even the office coffee filters go unaccounted for in the budget. #DanTheMoneyMan

Rob Bridger – "The Glue Award" also voted "Most Likely to Read the Covenants for Fun" aka the Covenant Crusader. For the board member who holds everything (and everyone) together and for memorizing the CC&Rs and reciting them like scripture at every sign of mailbox non-compliance... because there is always one who really knows the docs.

Lourdes McLean – "The Early Bird & Landscaper's Best Friend" also voted MVP of the 'Sunshine Committee.' Given to the board member who brings energy, positivity, and great ideas to the many committees that she serves on/for. – Beats the clock, brings the pen, and has notes before the agenda prints. – Plant whisperer, flower fan, and mulch advocate supreme. – Always finds the root cause... and a backup power tool.

Daniel Dragone – "The Stealth Mode Award" – Silently present. Probably voted while you blinked. Awarded to the Board Member who disappears when things get spicy and reappearing just in time to vote yes on budget increases.

Chuck Harris – "The Connector" Aka the HOA Historian. For the board member who brings people together and always has a vendor recommendation. Awarded to the walking encyclopedia of HOA policy, past votes, and neighborhood lore (including the PI of targeted Eggplant Attacks... oh my!)

Jeffrey Levinson – "The Drama Diffuser" award Aka "The Diplomat;" also voted as having a Lifetime Achievement in Neighborliness – Mediator of meltdowns, savior of group chats. For always finding the middle ground and keeping peace in the neighborhood, and because being a good neighbor never goes out of style.

Heather O'Neill – "The Inspector Gadget & Open-Door Award" Aka the "Change Maker" for investigating every complaint with the tenacity of a detective—and a flashlight in the trunk. For being everyone's go-to for "just one quick question"—at all hours, in all grocery aisles, and recognizing bold initiatives and creative problem-solving.

Philip Rikas – "The Lifetime Sentence" award – For a board member who swore they would serve one term... five years ago. Swore it was just one term... in 2017.

So, homeowners please consider running for the Board this year ... and join the fun!

The Trails Homeowners Association
201 Main Trail Ormond Beach FL 32174

NOTICE OF INTENT TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Name _____

Address _____

I, the undersigned owner of _____ within The Trails HOA Inc of Volusia County Florida, hereby provide notice of my intent to become a Candidate for the scheduled election. I **am/am not** (circle one) **enclosing a Candidate Information Sheet**. If so, I understand that the above forms will be copied and provided to every owner exactly in the manner that I have provided them and further understand that I am solely responsible for the accuracy of the information contained therein. **Candidate forms received after 08/15/2025 by 4:00 p.m. may not be considered.**

Signature

Printed name

Date

CODE OF CONDUCT AND BUSINESS ETHICS FOR BOARD MEMBERS

The Board of Directors is charged with making all business decisions relating to the governance and operations of the Community Association. Though also a neighborhood, the Community Association is primarily a business, and one that must be operated with sound and ethical business practices in the best interest of all of its members. The following Code of Conduct and Business Ethics outlines the expectations of an individual serving on the Board of Directors of the Trails Homeowners' Community Association.

Board Members Shall:

- Always strive to act in the Associations' best interests, regardless of their personal interests. Directors serve for the benefit of the entire community and shall strive to do what is best for the Association as a whole.
- Discharge their duties with reasonable care and diligence to properly maintain commonly owned assets and protect property values, while doing so in a fiscally responsible manner.
- Use sound judgment to make the best possible business decisions for the association, taking into consideration all available information, circumstances, and resources.
- Act within the boundaries of their authority as defined by law and the association's governing documents. Board members shall always make reasonable efforts to make decisions consistent with the Association's Declaration, Bylaws, and other governing documents, and they should be familiar with all such documents. Board members shall likewise comply with and make decisions consistent with all applicable laws.
- Perform their duties without bias for or discriminating against any individual or group of owners or non-owner residents, including, but not limited to, based on race, color, religion, national origin, gender, family status, or mental or physical disability.
- Disclose any perceived or potential conflicts of interest to the Board, such as personal or professional relationships with any company or individual who has or is seeking to have a business relationship with the association.

Printed Name

Date

Signature

DOLLARS & SENSE

Dan Gowen, Treasurer, Brandie Hayes, and Alex wood



The financial health of *The Trails* HOA continues to improve, bettering the 1st quarter results. *The Trails* residents have been responsive to the improved financial management systems from Real Manage and have used the expertise of our wonderful Office Managers to access and learn these tools.

Currently, 154 owners are registered for ACH (13% of the membership). Only 6% of the membership are delinquent by some portion of their assessment more than 60 days, while 13% are delinquent by 30 days. These data result in 81% of the community being collected through the 2nd quarter. This is an all-time collection record for *The Trails* HOA! It is a group effort by the residents, Board, and Management...teamwork really does make the dream work!

Of course, these new systems and community communications are not perfect yet, but we continue to monitor them and make improvements. We appreciate residents' cooperation to date and welcome further comments so that we may iron out any rough stops. Your Trails Office Team is always ready to work with you.

*** REMINDER *** The Real Manage Accounting Department is preparing a draft budget for its July 2025 Management Budget Building Workshop. Our Office Managers will participate in this effort to formulate a working draft budget for our own Annual Budget Workshop in August. When we have a firm date for it, we will let you all know.

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE – Update & Yard of the Quarter

Marilyn Dorinson, Committee Member

This has been a busy quarter for our Yellowstone employees and committee members. The sick Bismarck palm in the island on Main Trail near Shady Branch Trail has been replaced, as promised; the dwarf snapdragons at the entrances were replaced by mixed vinca and the railroad ties at the Nova entrance were replaced May 15. The HOA has asked the city to replace them with a brick retaining wall and we await further news on that.

Behind 8 Crooked Trail the first set of damaged trees was removed, but one contained honey bees, so a beekeeper was hired to relocate them and a notch had to be cut in the tree to facilitate the relocation of the queen. The city arborist marked two or three more damaged trees for removal as well. The large stump on the path between Holly Ridge Trail and Shady Branch will also be removed. \$12, 750.00 has been spent on tree removal so far and \$1,000.00 was spent from miscellaneous landscape funds for the bee removal. \$5,900.00 has been spent for sod replacement from the winter freeze and the large sod area near Little Pond will be replaced by Wire 3.



Little Pond Fountain

The Little Pond fountain has been repaired by FPL after residents' inquiries for months, and the Lake Walden pumps have been repaired. \$1,042.00 has been spent on irrigation repairs so far this year.

Work is ongoing on the bike paths and residents have asked that debris be moved and not blown off the paths. Two paving companies have submitted proposals for repaving the bike paths that washed out in the hurricane last fall, and the parking lot at the clubhouse will be resealed. Weed spraying along the paths has begun and it takes about twenty-one days to complete throughout the community. When there are windy conditions, it cannot be done.

The Landscape Committee meets the first Thursday of every month at 3:00 p.m. in the first-floor conference room in the clubhouse and we invite all Trails residents to attend as guests or as potential members.



New Railroad Ties

YARD OF The QUARTER

Marilyn Dorinson, Committee Member

Congratulations to **Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones**, whose property at **8 Twelve Oaks Trail** has been chosen Yard of the Quarter. You may know their beautiful and unique Gothic-inspired home as "The Castle" and it has been a fixture in *The Trails* for twenty-eight years.

The couple and their three children originally lived in Sawtooth, but Bill's father lived on Cherokee Trail in *The Trails* and they fell in love with the neighborhood. They bought the land from the Monsour family, who built a home on another street in *The Trails*. They chose Craig Gelbert as their architect and worked closely with him for about two years to get the design they wanted. The lot required some fill, so they could not build right away. Their kitchen was originally meant to be larger, but because there are wetlands on the back of the property, it had to be reduced in size. As they are the owners of several restaurants, Mrs. Jones laughingly says that is not a problem.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones also had very definite ideas about how they wanted the landscaping to look and chose Jan Stern as their landscape specialist. It was he who suggested the hills that create such a pleasant look in their yard. They love color and changing the look seasonally, and Mike from Three Oaks works with them to create those looks. Their poinsettias at Christmas are stunning, as well as the gardenias and roses in the backyard in the spring and summer.

The Jones' say they love living in *The Trails* and are happy in Ormond Beach near their children and grandchildren.



Amenity Committee Spotlight: A TRADE SHOW TRADITION THAT IS GROWN WITH US

Brandie Hayes and Marra Pranikoff-Mackenzie

Over the past six months, the Amenities Committee has worked diligently—alongside and at the pleasure of the Board of Directors—to bring meaningful, well-attended events to the community. One standout success this Spring was the Annual Trade Show and Community Yard Sale, held on April 26th.

This year's Trade Show was our biggest yet, with over 30 vendors signed up and showing up to participate. From local services and handmade goods to informational booths and small business showcases, the event was filled with variety—and generosity. In fact, this year offered the most door prizes ever donated, adding excitement and appreciation to an already vibrant day.

The very first *Trails* Trade Show was held back in 2016, with just 19 vendors tucked into the Clubhouse. While that initial event was small, it planted the seed for what has since become a cornerstone of our Spring calendar. We have proudly hosted the show every year, apart from 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As participation has grown, so has the need for space—and strategy. We have since moved the event outdoors and learned that April offers the perfect weather for an open-air event. Even better, we have paired it with the Spring Community Yard Sale, allowing us to maximize exposure and combine advertising budgets for both events. The result? A day filled with connection, commerce, and community spirit.

And here is something that might surprise you: The Trade Show is also an income-generating event. Vendors pay a modest registration fee, which includes tables, chairs, and a continental breakfast. This setup not only ensures comfort and professionalism for our guests—it also means the Community Events expense line sees a little surplus, helping to fund future fun.

Thanks to the continued efforts of the Amenities Committee and the support of the Board, the Trade Show has become more than just a tradition, it is a thriving, self-sustaining event that reflects the growth and energy of *The Trails*. Also...do not forget to keep your calendars marked for the rest of the planned 2025 Activities!

July 18, 2025, Movie Night at the Pool...***The Wild Robot***, is the feature film with Pizza and Snacks at no cost. This is rain or shine as the movie is shown in the Clubhouse if there is inclement weather.

August 08, 2025, Movie Night at The Pool...***WICKED*** is the feature, we hope to see you all, as this is the last Friday of Summer break before school resumes.

Never fear there is still the community Food Truck Rally scheduled for October 23, 2025, and the Fall community **Yard Sale always the 1st Saturday in November (11/1/2025)** taking advantage of the last day before the **fallback** of daylight savings takes place on November 2nd.



2025 Trade Show Vendors

Tastefully Simple - Independent consultant
Liza's Creative Crafts
Sue's Creations
Nothing Bundt Cakes
Norwex - independent consultant
The Protection Force
A&B Residential Services, LLC
Imagine Tupperware
Kayla's Candles & Creations
Cotton's Creations

Bit and Bridle Events
Sodawaves
Karen Pierce - designer jewelry
Dus Destinations Evolution Travel
Salty Drip IV Hydration
Pretty Packers, LLC
The Wellness Way
Lewis & Lewis Painting, Inc.
Shelias Space Solutions
Sand & Swag

All American Pressure Washing
Roses & Wallflowers Esthetics
Caryn's Coastal Creations
Familiar Surroundings Pet Sitting
Younique by Ashley Eddy
The To-Do Dudes
Hat-A-Tude
Pawsitively Stamped, LLC
Ormond Bee Company
P3.5 Designs, LLC, dba "Daisy"

LAWN CARE TIPS FROM THE PROS

Guest Article contributed by Yellowstone Landscape



THREE SURPRISING THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT FERTILIZING YOUR LAWN

Beautiful lawns do not just happen by accident. They require care and nurturing, including regular applications of fertilizer for the turfgrass. Lawns that do not receive fertilization have to rely solely on what is already in your soil, which for most of us, is not inadequate enough.

If you want a truly lush and green lawn, then fertilization is a must. Even so, we find that a lot of homeowners do not know too much about fertilization and are often surprised to learn that fertilizing lawns can have many positive benefits they did not even know about.

In the spirit of learning together, here are 3 surprising facts about fertilizing your lawn.

1. Fertilizing Lawns Provides Essential Nutrients

All fertilizers add nutrients to the soil to help plant growth. The key nutrients that lawns need are Nitrogen (N), Phosphorus (P) and Potassium (K). Each of these nutrients serves different functions for your grass.

Nitrogen is used by plants to push leaf growth and boost its green color. Phosphorous is used to help form new roots and help fight disease. Potassium helps grass to better tolerate disease and environmental stresses.

These three nutrients are very important for plant health, but they are also the elements most deficient in most soils. That means without lawn fertilization, your grass is not going to thrive. Fertilization is a key differentiator between a so-so lawn and one that is looking and performing its best.

2. A Thick and Healthy Lawn is Good for the Environment

You might be surprised to know that a thick and healthy lawn, especially if it has been made that way by lawn fertilization, has several positive environmental benefits.

A thick lawn will ultimately have less storm-water runoff than a thin lawn with a lot of bare patches. Healthy lawns are also great at filtering rainwater. Rainwater filtered through a healthy lawn can be as much as 10 times less acidic than water running off a hard surface, according to The Lawn Institute. Healthy turfgrass also has many miles of fibrous roots that holds soil in place, preventing erosion.

Lawns trap more than 12 million tons of dust and dirt annually. Plus, turfgrass, like that found in our lawns, is much cooler than asphalt or cement, acting as an "air conditioner" for the surrounding area (lawns can be 22 degrees cooler than urban asphalt "heat islands").

Healthy and thriving lawns also release oxygen. It is estimated that a 50 by 50-foot lawn (2,500 square feet), releases enough oxygen for a family of four.

Of course, the key to this is the proper application of fertilization products—something that landscape and lawn care professionals are trained to do. They adhere to strict regulations relating to both the products they use as well as the rates at which they apply those products.

3. You will Get Better Results with a Professional Lawn Care Service

This may not seem like a "surprising" fact. As with most things, when you hire a professional, you will ultimately get better results—after all, they are trained experts.

Even so, when it comes to fertilizing the lawn, a lot of homeowners still believe they can get the same results with a DIY approach. They might even adopt the mentality of why should I pay for something I can do on my own?

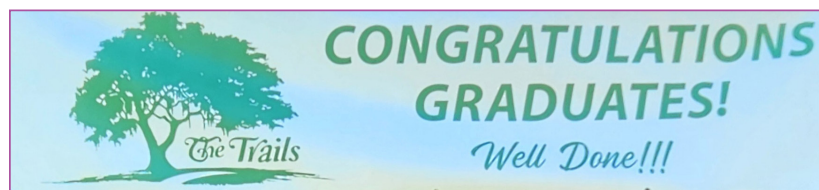
It is true that you can buy lawn fertilization products on your own. But the fact is, many homeowners are challenged by finding the right products and getting the timing and the application of those products exactly right. Plus, you should know that professionals use fertilizers that are more complex than just the N-P-K combination that many "over-the-counter" products are. Some of the professional formulations also have additional micronutrients, bio-nutritional materials, coatings for slower release, and more. With professional-grade products, you will ultimately get better results.

Like every aspect of your lawn care program, your lawn fertilization approach should be re-evaluated each year to ensure that it is continually producing the best possible results. And if you are just not sure what to do about your lawn, you can always ask your local Yellowstone Landscape Professional for some guidance.



YELLOWSTONE
LANDSCAPE

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Pomp & Circumstance...

CONGRATULATIONS To *Trails* Graduates!

Rob Bridger

The Trails Board of Directors recognizes and salutes the accomplishments of our Trails resident graduates. Congratulations on your academic study and achievements! Best wishes for success in your future endeavors.

Whether you are cheering on a kindergartner or standing in awe of a new Ph.D., this milestone is worth every proud tear, every photo snapped, and every "You did it!" shouted from the rooftops.

* **Kindergarten Graduates** - Our littlest learners have officially completed their first big milestone! From finger painting to phonics, they have built the foundation for a bright educational journey ahead.

* **High School Graduates** - Hats off to the Class of 2025! Your hard work and determination have paid off. As you take your next steps – whether it is college, a career, the military, or a gap year – we believe in your potential and your future.

Please join your Board in recognizing the achievements of graduates at every level:



ANDREYA BRIDGER

Graduate

Father Lopez High School
Summa Cum Laude

To Attend
The University of South Florida
Pediatric Occupational Therapy



OLIVIA GIACONI

Graduate

Seabreeze High School

To Attend
The University of West Florida
Musical Theatre



OLIVER STRICKER

Pre-K Graduate

Will be attending
Kindergarten at the
Orlando Science Center
Charter School

Nova Skate Park

Heather O'Neil

Come visit the Nova Community Center Skate Park this summer - located at 440 N Nova Rd, Ormond Beach. The skate park offers free lessons for all ages, and private lessons on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month provided by Keith Krenichen owner of Trauma Skateboards pro shop located inside the skate park.

There will be a
Summer Skate/Scooter Camp
July 14th - 18th & July 28th - August 1st.

No pre-registration required
(walk-ins available)

Skatepark Open: 9am - 9pm every day!

ProShop opens: 2pm - 9pm Mon. - Fri.
9:00am - 9:00pm Sat. - Sun.

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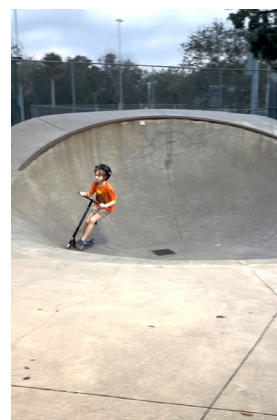
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THE "INS" & "OUTS" OF BUYING AND SELLING

Taylor Westfall, Guest Writer

Buying or selling a home in *The Trails* comes with its own unique checklist – and charm. With winding tree-lined roads, community amenities, and strong neighborhood spirit, *The Trails* remains one of the area's most desirable communities. But there are a few things buyers and sellers need to keep in mind to ensure a smooth sales experience.

First, let us talk HOAs. All homes in *The Trails* are part of the master *Trails* Homeowners Association, which helps maintain the common areas, bike paths, clubhouse, and pool. However, over 600 homes are also part of a second, sub-HOA. These secondary HOAs typically include additional perks – like lawn maintenance – but also come with their own sets of fees and rules.

When listing a home in *The Trails*, sellers are required to disclose which HOA(s) their property is part of, along with any associated fees and services. Sellers, as part the "closing" process must receive a formal Estoppel Letter from Property Management confirming the status of Assessment payments. Buyers, should review all this information closely, Covenants & Restrictions, Estoppel, etc. – not only for budgeting purposes, but also to understand what services (like landscaping or termite bonds) are covered and what community standards they will be expected to uphold.

As an experienced local Realtor (and proud *Trails* homeowner), I chose to live & raise my family here because of everything it offers – from the central location to the peaceful bike paths, larger lots, and safe, family-friendly vibe. It truly checks all the boxes – and I believe others will feel the same.

HOAs in *The Trails* add value. They help preserve the look and feel of the neighborhood and foster a sense of community that buyers are drawn to. Whether you are selling your home or making *The Trails* your new address, knowing the HOA landscape up front will help avoid surprises and keep the process on track. Just think of it as part of the path to home sweet home.



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OH, MY LORDY...LOOK WHO'S FORTY

By The Trails HOA Board of Directors and Management Staff

This year, *The Trails* honors a remarkable individual milestone—our very own Pool Manager, Carl “The Pool Guy” Harrell, celebrates 40 years of dedicated service to the community.

Since 1984, Carl has been a constant presence at *The Trails*, keeping our pool pristine, our pump room humming, and our pool-goers smiling. In 2014, he transitioned from employee to contractor, launching his own business while continuing his unwavering commitment to our neighborhood.

The Trails HOA, changing from a self-managed association to a formal management company, came as quite a shock for the previous staff under Manager Kenneth Nelson. One of the memories Carl recalled, happened in 2013 when the Board met with him to discuss the transition to a management corporation (After having dismissed the landscape staff at the time of Ken Nelson's resignation). To Carl's surprise Board members, President Rob Bridger, Director Scott O'Karski and Secretary Wes Collier (while also having let Carl go with severance, several days previous), asked if he would consider creating a business plan, whereby he could be contracted to work as the pool manager. Carl recalls fondly, “the directors even went above and beyond in assisting with the first draft of a business contract. The kindness of Rob, Wes and Scott gave me the tools and confidence to set up my own business; something I will always be grateful for.” A true testament to the adage where one door closes, another one opens!

Association Manager Brandie Hayes stated “over the years several bid processes have been vetted for the services Carl provides. None offer the 7 day a week service where pool management is concerned, and cleaning companies are not flexible enough to meet the cleaning needs of the Clubhouse rental schedule. Once Carl fully retires, *The Trails* is likely going to hire three companies to cover all that Carl's Cleaning Services provides to our community.”

The Board of Directors would like to commemorate this milestone by giving a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to the man who has spent four decades keeping things cool—literally and figuratively. They especially appreciate how much Carl has remained a dependable fixture in our community. His historic knowledge has been invaluable to the onsite management and landscape crew over the years.

“Forty years of service is something truly special,” said Kathleen Grabow, Board President. “Carl has not only maintained the pool but has helped maintain the spirit of *The Trails*. His dedication, knowledge, and good humor are part of what makes this place feel like home.”

In a day and age where employment rarely exceeds a few years, Carl's legacy here becomes a heartfelt reminder of how

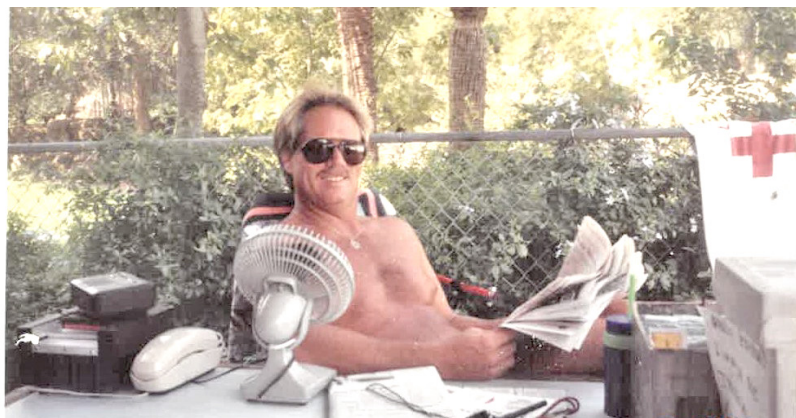
one person's consistent effort can shape the character of an entire community. Carl's commitment goes beyond water chemistry and clean filters—he is part of the fabric of *The Trails*.

Thank you, Carl, for 40 outstanding years of service. Here is to many more seasons of poolside excellence!

Happy 40th, Carl!



Carl at the desk circa 93



Carl on the lookout



Carl's Famous Swim Lessons



Summer Recipes ... from The Trails **GUY**S

(all recipes from men)

Marinated Flank Steak

Submitted by Paul Nachtigal

INGREDIENTS

- ¾ cup vegetable Oil
- ¼ cup honey
- ¼ cup soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons dried onion flakes
- 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 1½ teaspoon powdered ginger
- ⅛ teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 - 3 lb flank steak



DIRECTIONS

Combine all ingredients (except steak)

Pour marinade into large ziplock bag, add steak and marinate for four hours to overnight.

Get your grill very hot. Carefully, using large tongs remove steak from the marinade and place on the grill. The oil will create a flare.

Let cook for five to seven minutes, then flip.

Spoon some marinade on the seared side to moisten. Cook second side for about four minutes. Temp with a probe thermometer.

Remove when center is 120-125. Cover with foil, let rest for ten minutes then slice thinly.

Pour any liquid from the resting plate and cutting board over the steak. Be careful not to overcook or it will be tough.

BBQ Beans

Submitted by Bobby Truett

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cans 28ozs Bush's Baked beans (drained)
- 1 lb. ground beef 85/15
- 8 slices bacon half cooked
- 1 cup cooked pulled pork
- 2 teaspoons Tabasco sauce
- ½ cup sweet BBQ sauce
- ½ cup hot BBQ sauce
- 1 tablespoon BBQ seasoning
- 1 sweet onion diced
- 1 jalapeño diced
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 3 cloves garlic minced
- 1½ tablespoons yellow mustard
- ¾ cup brown sugar
- 1 large aluminum pan



DIRECTIONS

Brown ground beef in skillet medium heat (no oil) allow to caramelize. Once caramelized add to large aluminum pan.

Add all other ingredients stir in pan, place in grill and grill at 250 degrees and cook for 3 hours. Stir every 20 minutes.

Remove and enjoy

Evelyn's "Pink Salad"

Submitted by Rob Bridger

INGREDIENTS

- 1 box lemon Jello 3oz.
- ½ pkg. strawberry Jello
- ½ cup sugar
- 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese
- 2 cups boiling water



DIRECTIONS

Dissolve Jello and sugar in boiling water.
Add cream cheese. Cool.

ADD:

- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup coconut
- 1 small can crushed pineapple
- 6-8 halved maraschino cherries
- 1 container of Cool Whip

Stir while congealing and refrigerate

Cut into squares and serve over lettuce leaf

Summer Berry Pie

Submitted by Chuck Harris

INGREDIENTS

- 1½ cups Raspberries
- 1½ cups Strawberries - Sliced
- 1 cup Blueberries
- 9" Cooked Pie Crust - Cooled
- ¾ cup Sugar
- 1½ cups Water
- 3 tablespoons Corn Starch
- 1pkg (4 serving size) Strawberry Jello
- 1 small tub of Cool-Whip



DIRECTIONS

Mix berries together in a bowl & pour into cooled crust.

Mix sugar & corn starch in a sauce pan, gradually stirring in water until smooth.

Stirring constantly, cook on medium heat until mixture comes to a boil, boil for 1 minute, and remove from heat.

Stir in Jello until dissolved. Let Jello cool a bit and pour over berries.

Refrigerate for at least 3 hours. Spread with Cool-Whip and garnish with any leftover berries. Enjoy!

SHARE THE ROAD - PEDESTRIANS, BIKES, AND CARS

Dan Gowen

Warmer weather has brought the normal increase in walker, runners, and bikers of all ages on our trails, streets, and sidewalks. As the American Automobile Association (AAA) suggests, this is a good time to remind ourselves of some basic safety rules to follow when sharing different pathways with others.

Florida law requires several common-sense actions for bicyclist, such as:



- obeying traffic signs and signals,
- riding with traffic if on a roadway,
- signaling pedestrians before overtaking them,
- wearing a protective helmet if under the age of 16.

In its most recent newsletter, the AAA published its own reminder about safe bicycle and vehicle road sharing. Please have a read and enjoy being out and about in our lovely community.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Recently Property Management has received multiple reports of "near-misses" involving motorized/electric scooters on the bike paths. This 2023 article "Share the Road" is being reprinted by request of Management as the information also applies to scooters.

Readers, please review and share this information with your teens and children, reminding them to let walkers know they are coming. Thank you.

Bicycle Basics

The weather is warming up, and it can be refreshing to take a bicycle ride. So, it's a good time for drivers and cyclists to brush up on safety tips and remember that both have the same right to the road. Here are a few tips for smart driving and riding.

Tips for drivers

- Avoid distractions. Place your cellphone in the glove compartment or have a passenger send messages and navigate for you.
- Don't honk your horn at cyclists. This can startle them into running off the road or into traffic.
- Before turning, check to your side and behind you to ensure a bicyclist isn't coming up alongside your vehicle.
- Before opening your door, check around you for cyclists.

Tips for cyclists

- Assume that drivers don't see you. All vehicles, including cars, trucks, buses, vans and RVs, have blind spots, so it's a good idea to stay far behind them and use extra caution if they're turning right.
- Wear reflective gear if you're biking in the morning or evening; it shines brightly in the headlights of passing cars, making you more visible to drivers.
- Stop before entering a roadway. Look left; look right; look left again—and then proceed with caution.
- Ride on the roads or shared pathways rather than on sidewalks.
- Plan your trip ahead of time. Bicyclists can map their bicycle routes at AAA.com/TripTik or through AAA.com/Mobile. Choose the bicycle icon to adjust the route.



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June 06, 2025

Subject: Project Open House - **POSTPONED**
Nova Road (S.R. 5A) Improvements
Volusia County
Financial Project Identification (FPID) No.: 450644-1

Dear Property Owner:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has postponed the Wednesday, June 18, project open house regarding proposed improvements on Nova Road (State Road (S.R.) 5A) from Flomich Street to U.S. 1 in the cities of Holly Hill and Ormond Beach.

The FDOT will send out notifications once a new date has been determined.

The purpose of this project is to resurface nearly four miles of Nova Road within the project limits. The project also proposes safety and operational improvements, including repurposing a travel lane and adding a raised median from Granada Boulevard (S.R. 40) to Wilmette Avenue. A new traffic signal is also planned at Old Kings Road.

You can learn more about the project on our website at www.cflroads.com/project/450644-1. You may also contact me directly by phone at 386-943-5145 or email at Gene.Varano@dot.state.fl.us with any questions.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons wishing to express their concerns relative to FDOT compliance with Title VI may do so by contacting Melissa McKinney, FDOT District Five Title VI Coordinator, at Melissa.McKinney@dot.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

Gene Varano

Gene Varano
FDOT Project Manager

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FATHERS' DAY

Maureen Bridger

Every third Sunday in June is the day to recognize and honor our fathers---natural, adoptive and those who serve to help children who have no father. The first recognition of fathers happened in the state of Washington on June 19, 1910. Sonora Smart Dodd of Washington had the idea to honor fathers while listening to a sermon in 1909; she loved her father who passed during the Civil War, and raised her five siblings after her mother died in childbirth.

President Calvin Coolidge gave his support for fathers. LBJ gave a proclamation to recognize fathers, and Nixon finally designated the day to make a national holiday for dads in 1972.

So, we should all honor and recognize our dads as role models, nurturing, teaching life lessons and support their children especially at challenging times. Fathers sacrifice many times for their children and help with shaping their growth and development. Dads spend time with their children---their studies, sports, problems, and their accomplishments. Dads remember and reflect on memories for all the years spent, good and not so good.

So hope you gave some hugs and honor all our wonderful dads!



LONG-TERM CRUISING - WHAT IS IT LIKE? *Settling in for the Long Haul*

Dan Gowen

Barcelona is a fine port for ending or starting a cruise, long or short. The Las Ramblas area where we stayed, is very near the cruise port, a 10 to 12-minute walk to the cruise terminal bus stop from our hotel. Plus, this area is loaded with museums, galleries, shops, hotels, and restaurants of all types and levels scattered among the avenues, street, and alleys. We eased into the rhythm of travel by watching the world go by from shaded café tables, espresso in hand. People-watching while sitting in a café is good preparation for our long sea adventure with 20 countries, 30 ports, and 25 sea days.

Planning this story showed me the complexity of this two-month, back-to-back cruise on which we were embarking. The official cruise titles—West Africa Rhythms and Colonial Crowns—offered a general sense of direction, though perhaps understated the complexity and cultural depth of the voyage. Each destination reflected a blend of colonial legacy and distinctive local vibes. Also, the massive cruise area is influenced by three different climatic zones – temperate, dry, and tropical, and three different oceans – Atlantic, Southern, and Indian. But the most significant adaptation, perhaps, was not to geography, but to the new daily rhythm of shipboard life: adjusting to unfamiliar surroundings, making space—literally and figuratively—for others, and finding calm in a schedule dictated by tides, tours, and trivia.

A Cabin-for-Three – I dubbed my old friends “John the Kalm” and “John the Driven” as I fell somewhere between them in disposition. Fitting three adult males in a 291 square foot room required a bit of choreography. However, as experienced travelers in challenging places, we managed to divide the limited storage space equitably, stow belongings, and stuff the bags under the beds. In a few days, we had settled into a smooth rhythm and felt at home. It helped that we had three slightly different schedules driven by individual activity preferences. Each evening, we received the next day’s schedule of activities, events, and tours. From this information we established our joint or individuals plans.



Morning Routines – John K and I were up at 0600 and in the gym minutes later, mostly to avoid crowds. Forty-five to sixty minutes later, we used the gym’s steam and shower rooms, then headed to “Baristas” for a morning cup, both of us, “black no sugar, please.” Our ship provided breakfast fare in four venues, but we typically gravitated toward the alfresco options at the Waves Grill or Terrace Café. Sometimes, John D would join us, mostly on Port days when we had joint adventures planned. Usually, John D would arise later, depending on how late a night he had had. Normally, he would do his 90-minute spa and workout when the facilities were mostly empty, near lunch time or early afternoon. A bonus for John was that he got to know the onboard entertainers as this was their preferred gym time, as well. I must say, the dancers were very fit group indeed.



Onboard Activities – The energetic Entertainment Staff provided many daily activities, with more on Sea Days. The most popular were Evening Shows, afternoon and evening Team Trivia, and outdoor sports (e.g. mini golf, bocce), and the Art Scavenger Hunt. Additionally, on Sea Days there were Guest Speakers, Cooking and Art Classes, and various Card and Casino Tournaments. Both Johns and I played all the sporting events possible, attended the lectures, and daily (afternoon) trivia. John K played with the Duplicate Bridge Group and did jigsaw puzzles; I did the art classes, evening trivia, and watched some shows; and John D attended all the shows, did late-night Karaoke, and joined and performed in the Christmas choir.

A Word About Team Trivia – The Eight-Person Teams were quite competitive, in a fun way, and the event, habit-forming. The afternoon session, led by the Cruise Director, was the main event. The evening session somewhat less well attended since it competed with later dining times,

but still fun. We formed our team with people we met and liked from other activities, and after several weeks of twice-a-day trivia, we created strong bonds.

End of Day – Our different evening activities clearly staggered our bedtimes. John K headed to the room after dinner to check the news and sleep. I would retire after evening trivia and maybe checking out the show. John D arrived late. As long as we maintained good sound and light discipline in the room, we did not disturb each other. After some amusing trials and missteps, we made it work and are still close friends.

Next: After decades away, exploring the familiar and the new.

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Note: Watch Nextdoor.com for club dates to resume

TBD - These dates and times are standing for the clubs when they are comfortable meeting in groups.



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July 2025


07/01 - Your 3rd Qtr. Assessment of \$261.00 is due.

07/03 - Landscape Committee meeting 3:00 p.m.
- 1st floor conf. room (CH)

07/04 - 4th of July Office is Closed 

07/09 - ACC Meeting 9:00 a.m.
- 1st floor conf. room (CH)


07/10 - Board of Directors Meeting (CH 6:00 p.m.)

07/18 - Movie Night at the Pool 

07/23 - ACC Meeting 9:00 a.m.
- 1st floor conf. room (CH)

August 2025

08/01 - 3rd qtr. assessment past due \$261.00

08/01 - Movie Night at the pool 

08/07 - Landscape Committee meeting 3:00 p.m.
- 1st floor conf. room (CH)

08/13 - ACC Meeting 9:00 a.m.
- 1st floor conf. room (CH)

08/14 - Board of Directors Meeting (CH 6:00 p.m.)

08/20 - Dog Days of Summer 

08/25 - Happy shared Birthday
to Brandie & Alexandra in the office 

08/27 - ACC Meeting 9:00 a.m.
- 1st floor conf. room

September 2025

09/01 - Labor Day Office Closed 

09/04 - Landscape Committee meeting 3:00 p.m.
- 1st floor conf. room (CH)

09/10 - ACC Meeting 9:00 a.m.
- 1st floor conf. room (CH)

09/11 - Board of Directors Meeting (CH 6:00 p.m.)

09/22 - 1st Day of Fall Y'all 

09/24 - ACC Meeting 9:00 a.m.
- 1st floor conf. room (CH)

Fun Facts

More **phone calls** are made on **Mother's Day** than any other day of the year. In the U.S., it is estimated that around **122 million** calls are placed to moms!

Father's Day was slower to be adopted than **Mother's Day**, which became official in 1914. Father's Day became a **U.S. national holiday** in 1972. Around **12 million neckties** are sold annually for Father's Day in the U.S.

Pomp and Circumstance Is the Sound of Success...this famous graduation march by **Sir Edward Elgar** was first played at a Yale ceremony in 1905—and it stuck! Now it is played at (almost) every commencement in the U.S.

Caps (Mortarboard's) and Gowns Date Back to the **12th Century**

The tradition began in medieval Europe when scholars and clerics wore long robes and hoods to stay warm in unheated buildings. Today's gowns are a fashionable nod to this scholarly past.

Why the **Dog Days of Summer**? Nothing to do with Dogs per se or Heat! It refers to the time of year when the **star Sirius**—part of the constellation Canis Major (Latin for "Greater Dog")—rises with the sun.

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