

THE VILLAGER

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Explore The World This Summer!

By EmilyAnne Thomason

Get ready for an unforgettable journey as camp becomes a passport to adventure! We will explore fascinating cultures in our "Around the World" themed week. Each day promises new discoveries, hands-on creativity, delicious flavors, and exciting games inspired by different continents. Pack your imagination and let's explore!

Camp is more than just fun and games (though there will be plenty of both!) It's a chance for campers to:

- Explore Diverse Cultures: Gain appreciation for traditions, art, food, and languages from around the world.
- Boost Creativity: Engage in hands-on arts, crafts, and building challenges.
- Develop New Skills: From fine motor skills to basic food preparation.
- Make New Friends: Collaborate on projects and share exciting experiences.
- · Have Fun! Every day is designed to spark curiosity and joy!

Monday: Colorful Central and South America (Mexico & Brazil)

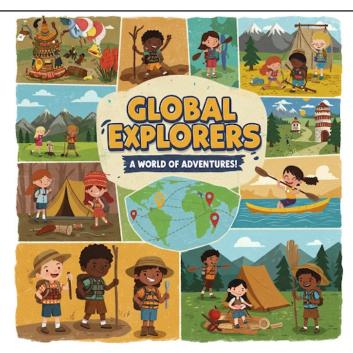
¡Hola! Get ready for a fiesta of fun! We'll explore the vibrant traditions of Mexico by creating intricate *Papel Picado* (paper cutting) banners, design and decorate spectacular Brazilian Carnival masks with feathers and glitter, taste the zesty flavors of the region with Mexican Fruit Skewers, and get hands-on making simple rhythmic instruments and painting pottery.

Tuesday: Amazing Asia (Japan & China)

Our adventure continues in East Asia! Campers will learn Konnichiwa and Ni Hao, discover the delicate art of Japanese origami, bring ancient East Asian folktales to life through acting and storytelling to uncover their meanings, craft vibrant Chinese paper lanterns, and explore the beauty of silk painting-inspired scrolls. Then snack time becomes a culinary creation station as we make delicious and fun *Onigiri* (Japanese rice balls).

Wednesday: Awesome African Safari

Jambo! As we journey to the diverse continent of Africa, campers will learn about the rich symbolism in African art as they perform fabric dyeing techniques, embrace the oral



tradition of storytelling by creating and using African story stones and puppets, and make African-inspired sand art. Snack time is both healthy and delicious as we make African Peanut & Fruit Energy Bites.

Thursday: Epic European Exploration (Italy & Greece)

Ciao! Yiasas! Our final stop takes us to the heart of ancient wonders in Italy and Greece. Campers will mimic Roman techniques to create stunning Italian mosaic art, learn some lively Greek circle dancing, build mini-Colosseums, and design Roman aqueducts. Campers can even try painting under a table, mimicking Michelangelo's work on the Sistine Chapel ceiling! Our taste buds travel too, with fresh Mini Greek Salad Skewers and Pita Bites.

Friday: Pool Day!

End the week with a splash! Join us for supervised swimming, fun water games, and poolside relaxation to celebrate our amazing global adventure.

We need enthusiastic volunteers to assist with craft stations, snack time, games, and making the magic happen! Your involvement for a day or a few hours will help create a memorable experience for our campers. If interested in volunteering, please contact EmilyAnne (321) 831-8148.

Camp is open to the children and grandchildren of AHF Members. We cannot accommodate classmates, neighbors or other friends. Children must be registered prior to participating and parents will have to sign the liability form for children to participate. Please register your child or grandchild by stopping in the AHF Office or emailing ahfadmin@ahfmv.com.

AHF Office Contact Info

Phone: (321) 723-6042 Email: office@ahfmv.com Website: ahfmv.com

Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Board of Trustees Meetings

All meetings are held in the AHF Hall and through Zoom on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm. Zoom info is posted on the front door of both the AHF Hall and the AHF Office the Wednesday before the meeting. If you would like to receive the monthly meeting agenda and/or the Zoom link via email, please call or email the AHF office. The BOT information packet will be available to view in the AHF Office the day of meeting from 9 am – 12:30 pm as well as at the meeting.

Regular Committee Meetings and Work Parties

Budget and Finance, 4th Wed of every month, 7:30 pm
Building and Grounds, Meets as needed
Community Garden, every Saturday at 8 am
Deerhead Hammock, 1st Saturday of every month, 8 am
Erna Nixon Hammock, 1st Saturday of every month, 8 am
Memory Garden, 2nd Tuesday of every month, 8:30 am
Nutting-Wood Green, 1st Thursday of the month, 5 pm and
workday on last Monday at 8:30 am, meet at oak in NWG
Parks & Paths, Every Friday 8 am, see bulletin board for
location

Recreation Committee, 4th Monday of every month, 5 pm Swimming Pool, monthly assigned duties, meetings vary.



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AHF Calendar Spring 2025		
May	1	RBH Scholarship Applications Open
	5	Committee Reports Due 10:00 am
	8	Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm
	10	Adult Ed: Know Your iPhone 10:00 am
	24	Recreation Event
	26	AHF Office Closed for Memorial Day
June	9	Committee Reports Due 10:00 am
	12	Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm
	16	Children's Summer Camp - thru 20th
	21	Adult Ed: CPR/AED Training 10:00 am
	21	Cardinalbucks After Dark
	28	Recreation Event
	30	RBH Scholarship Application Deadline
July	4	AHF Office Closed for Independence Day
	10	Committee Reports Due 10:00 am
	19	Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm
	26	Recreation Event
August	11	Committee Reports Due 10:00 am
	14	Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm
	23	Recreation Event
Save The Date		

September 1 - AHF Office closed for Labor Day

Reminders and Weekly Events

- Yoga with Grayson Dix Wednesdays, 6-7 pm Doors open at 5:30 pm.
- Art Club Fridays, 9:30 am -12:00 pm
- · Cardinalbucks Coffee Every 4th Wed 8-10 am
- Stretch & Stroll Every Wed 9:15 am, bring a yoga mat and meet at the basketball court
- Outdoor Recreation hosts a different activity on the first Friday or Saturday of each month.

Scan QR code to access CALENDAR on your smart phone!



New AHF Members

Kelsey & Derek Shepard - Purchased 571 Platt Cir from Al Keller on March 12, 2025. Kelsey's parents **Dwight & Lynn Davies** live on Sheridan Rd.

Frank Schrader & Cindy Jovanovic - 5626 Carissa Rd transfer from parents, Paula and Frank Schrader.

Passings

Barbara Crabtree, 85, passed away on January 30, 2025. She and her husband Luther Crabtree have been AHF Members since 1972 with a home on Norman Drive. Originally from Pine Bluff Arkansas, Barbara was a teacher at Central Middle School for most of her career.





Marjorie Derrick, 92, passed away on April 19, 2025. She and husband of 71 years, John T. Derrick, have been AHF Members since 1972, having several different homes in Melbourne Village over the years. Marjorie was passionate about nature and conservation, to which she dedicated much of her time and energy throughout her life.

A Mary & Merry Thank You!

A big thank you to **Mary Bean** for bravely taking the reins as the AHF President in 2023. Your leadership and willingness to serve has helped to strengthen our organization, and we're so grateful you stepped up! We wish you all the best on your move to New York! And to **Paul Merry**, thank you for your many years of service on the Board of



Trustees. Your steady presence, thoughtful input, and good humor have been a huge part of shaping the AHF. We truly appreciate everything you've both given to the AHF: your time, energy, and heart have meant the world, and we've been lucky to have you!

AHF Board Of Trustees 2024-2025:

President – Christine Kretz

1st Vice President – Dwight Davies

2nd Vice President – Carrie Cronkhite

Treasurer – Brenda Mathews

Secretary – Kevin Foster

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer – Dennis Foster

Paula Bailey, Gary Ingram, and Phil Hoffken

From the Desk of the President



I often find myself describing the AHF to friends and family outside of our town: No, it's not an HOA. Yes, our parklands are private property and yes, we're almost completely a volunteer-run organization. But we are so much more than that. The other day, I was trying to describe what we're about and I found myself relating what sounds like the folktale "Stone Soup." Everyone contributes what they can, and we find ourselves with an abundance. The monthly Cardinalbucks potluck breakfast is a great example. There's always a spread and we're often able to share with our homebound residents.

The pool fundraiser is our most recent example. Pulling together donations large and small, the fundraising team is poised to be able to pay our full down payment on the pool resurfacing, decreasing the amount we will need to withdraw from our investment account. Members gave what they had: time, skills, goods, and money. This cooperative sharing has made it possible.

We are a conservancy, taking care of our natural resources and a collaborative community, taking care of our members in a place like no other I have found. I'm grateful to be part of the generosity here in our organization, with both long-time members and people who just joined us, participating together. My thanks to all for the many contributions you make.

Christine

Christine Kretz AHF President

VISIT THE AHF WEBSITE!



AHF Member Spotlight: Don Willis - Full Platt Circle

By Debbie Seiler

To hear Don Willis talk about his life and times in Melbourne Village sounds to me like an elevator pitch for a Hollywood movie. He begins, "The first time ever was January 1958, three of us guys rented a house on Platt Circle. It was a dirt road that stopped at #545. I was sent to Antigua. Came back and lived in a tiny place at Savannah and Dayton. Got drafted. Worked my way to the north end of West Pine about 1960. Started with NASA in 1961. Left Melbourne Village when Betty and I married in 1966."

Wait, what?! I want to hear more, see more. Got any pictures?

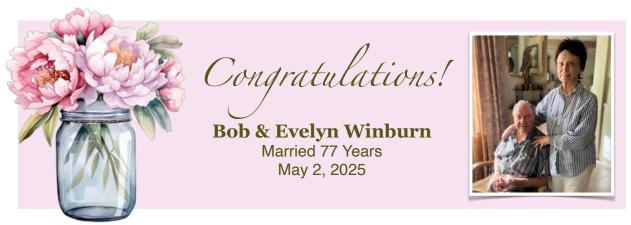
Don has had many noteworthy accomplishments in his career, notably thirty-five years with NASA. He was part of many historical events, including the start of the Space Shuttle program which began in 1981 with the launch of the Columbia.

In 1997, Don and Betty moved back to Melbourne Village into their newly built home at 527 Platt Circle. The house number has special significance because, as he tells it, "527 expressed as a date is Betty and my wedding anniversary...if there is a backstory it must be what an incurable romantic I am." Sadly, Betty passed away in February of 2024.

In coordination with the Town and the AHF, Don spearheaded efforts to improve the look and usefulness of the little circle of land in front of his home. All the added plants were donated; some collected during maintenance of other community properties, others descended from the yards of past and present residents, and some brought in by the whims of nature. In 2015, to his surprise, Mayor **Rand Carroll** recognized him for his vision and contributions to the beautification of Melbourne Village by naming this area "Don Wills Park."

On February 8, 2025, family and friends joined together to honor Don Willis on his 90th birthday. It was a perfect day to celebrate, right down to the rocket launch seen from the AHF Hall parking lot!





Recreation Committee

By Betty Jo Yorio

Summer is quickly approaching, and things are heating up! Are you looking for some cool fun for these warm summer evenings? Then come out and join us in the AHF Hall for Game Nights and have some good conversations with your neighbors, or get to know some of the newer ones. In February we had our twist on the popular game show Family Feud. It was a fierce battle for the win along with some audience participation and a few good laughs. Congratulations to team "Honorary Brits!" who took home the honorary title of AHF Friendly Feud Champions!

Our annual Easter Egg hunt was E-g-g-c-e-l-l-e-n-t! There were over 30 children and grandchildren seeking the golden egg in their age group. Golden egg winners were given a special prize, but all the kids received a goodie bag filled with candy and toys. Thank you to Gerda Murphy, our local Easter Bunny, who made an appearance and welcomed the kids to stop for a photo. Coffee and juice with breakfast pastries were provided for all to enjoy.

Ahoy Mateys! We are in the midst of planning an end-ofsummer event to replace the previously announced murder mystery dinner. Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 23 and join in for an adventurous evening testing your team's skills to unravel the clues and win the AHF Pirate's Treasure! Stay tuned for details as this event comes closer.

The Recreation Committee has two new members who are also new villagers! A big welcome to Madeline Szabo and Laura Davis. Please be sure to introduce yourselves to them at our events if you have not already met them! I would like to thank Mary Jane Moon and Sandi Dix, who have retired from the team, for their many years of service on the Recreation Committee. If you are interested in joining or helping out during our events, please let us know.

Lorrie Muzzone, Betty Jo Yorio, Laura Davis.



Family Feud winners L-R: Mary Bean, Tony Calenda, Suzan Bryant, Will McIlvaine, Mary's sister Jeanne Curtis, and Celia Byrnes in front. Below: Gerda Murphy reprises her role as the Easter Bunny.



Easter Sunrise Service

By Carrie Cronkhite

There is something about worshipping together at sunrise in the beautiful Deerhead Hammock with our neighbors that delights the soul! It doesn't matter where we came from, our opinions on world matters, or our personal preferences. We can all enjoy God's beautiful creation. It was a sweet, simple service thanks to **Jonathan Cronkhite**'s humble message and **Bethany's** debut violin playing. The Melbourne Village family was more than supportive and gracious. A big shout out to **Bill and Pat Betts** for setting up the cross, and to **Diann Hainsel**, **Dani Noell**, and **Mari Dutra** for brainstorming, sign making, and cleaning up afterwards. The recreation committee continued the symbiotic tradition of leaving the Easter decor in the AHF Hall for our potluck following the service. Also, thanks to **Christine Kretz, Paula Bailey, Celia Byrnes**, and **Carol Gent** for their generous help in the kitchen. Clean up was a breeze with everyone pitching in to restore the AHF Hall to normal. Mark your calendars for next year's Easter celebration on Sunday, April 5, 2026.







Easter morning in Deerhead Hammock with **Jonathan Cronkhite** officiating, **Bethany Cronkhite** playing violin, and the extended Cronkhite family in attendance. Other households present were: **Busby, Caudill, Dutra, Ellet, D. Foster, Gent, Hainsel** and guests, **Kretz, Mercer, G. Murphy, Noell, Paine** and guests, **C. Smith,** and **Zook.**

What's a Potluck?

By Dee Smith

Dating back to the 1930's during the Great Depression, when food was scarce and resources limited, potlucks became a meaningful way for communities to come together, share food, and enjoy each other's company. Attendees bring a dish to share, creating a warm, shared meal experience where everyone contributes— without placing the burden of cooking on just one person. If you are not sure what to bring, feel free to ask the host for suggestions as this helps ensure a nice balance of dishes (so we don't end up with all desserts and no side dishes!) It's also a great idea to check how many guests are expected before planning your contribution. As for quantity, a good rule of thumb is to bring enough for your group plus a little extra, or 1.5 servings per person. Potlucks remain a beloved tradition here in the Village, fostering a sense of community while reducing the workload of the host(s). But most all, what we love best at our potlucks is your presence!



Outdoor Recreation For All

The Outdoor Recreation Committee hosts a variety of fun events for all activity levels on the first Friday or Saturday of each month. Join the action or bring a chair and be a spectator! Contact **Carrie Cronkhite** or **Kelly Marrero** with your questions or suggestions.

Jun 6, 5:30 pm - Pool Game: Volleyball (big kids/adults), Squirt Guns/Kiddie Pool (smaller kids) *L3

Jul 18 5:30 pm - Pool Game: Water Polo (big kids/adults), Squirt Guns/Kiddie Pool (smaller kids) *L4

*Note: Activity level scale 1-5, with L1 being low impact, L3 at your pace with occasional impact, and L5 being running/impact sport. Activities are for all ages.

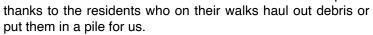


Erna Nixon Hammock: Summer Update

By Sandi Dix

One of our projects for this year is installing QR codes to identify the plants and information about the hammock. And I am excited to tell you that we are making process with this project! We have folks who are helping build the QR codes, printing them, and installing them on our website. This is an exciting project, a little out of my comfort zone, but some great folks (villagers and non-villagers) volunteering to make this work. We can use some help when we go to install the 4x4's that the codes will be attached to...maybe an Eagle scout project for a villager.

We continue to remove invasive plants and nonnatives from the hammock. We have removed so much but still have our hands full. We do haul out the debris and let me tell you this is time and labor intensive for the committee. A special



We had to put our DR electric brush trimmer on hold as the batteries are on backorder until September. But we are still looking for a company that makes one that is self-propelled as our average age of the committee is around 70 yrs!

Speaking of age, the average age of our committee is around 70 years. What's going to happen as we all age out on this committee? It's going to happen whether we like it or not! We do need some younger residents to see what/how we maintain our parkland and some younger bodies to help maintain the hammock. We work 2 hours a month (some more, some less than that).

If you are interested in joining our little band, please contact either the AHF office or myself. We really could use more members! Our work parties are the first Saturday of the month 9-11am except during the really hot summer when we start at 8 am. Contact the AHF office at 321-723-6042 or Sandi Dix, either by phone 321-272-8973 or e-mail: mntlcrpl@yahoo.com for more information. Erna Nixon Hammock Committee Members are: Sandi Dix, Lorrie Muzzone, Mary Jane Moon, Steve Gaul, Dan Carelli, and Lynn DuFour.



Remember in all Parkland: No Smoking. Keep your pets leashed and pick up after them.





Pool Etiquette

By Tally Hoodes

As the temperatures rise, we're thrilled to see so many of you — families and friends alike — enjoying the pool! To keep it a clean, safe, and fun place for everyone, and to ease the workload on the Pool Committee, we kindly ask for your help with a few important reminders:

Age Restriction: Children under age 14 must be accompanied by an AHF member over the age of 18.

Restroom Courtesy:

- Please accompany young children to the restroom and tidy up as needed.
- If you miss the mark, please wipe it up. Let's keep the restrooms fresh for everyone!
- Toilet paper belongs in the toilet (then flush!) or in the trash cans provided.

North Deck Chairs: We get it — the north deck has the best sun! But for safety reasons and to protect our chairs from tree berries, please return any chairs you move back to the west deck when you're done. We and the Fire Marshall thank you for your cooperation.

Pool Toys: If you use AHF pool toys, please put them back where they belong when you're finished.

Thanks so much for doing your part to keep the pool area clean, safe, and enjoyable for all! We appreciate your cooperation and community spirit. See you at the pool!

Pool Fundraiser

Here in Melbourne Village, the Town That Really Cares, we value community. Community is built by spending time together, working in our parkland, eating breakfast together, participating in Rec Committee events, and swimming together at our pool. Now our pool needs our help. It is time for resurfacing, and the cost is about \$60,000. To help offset the cost, the Pool Fundraiser Ad Hoc committee collected and sold donated items of value, and has also been receiving monetary donation pledges. Now, Carrie Cronkhite will be holding an auction for services such as dog walking, weeding, organizing, cooking, etc. at the Fourth of July Pool Party! Call or text her at (321) 591-5832 to donate your services! You can also call the AHF Office to make a monetary donation. To date, we have raised over \$13,000 of our initial \$20,000 goal, but we'd love to be overachievers!

The Community Garden

By Brenda Mathews

The Community Garden has a new sign at the entrance of the garden. It reads "AHF Community Garden...Where members learn and grow together." Just like everything in the garden, it was a group effort. Vicki Busby did the graphic design for the sign, Mike and Dani Noell made the backboard and hung the sign, Astrid Succar painted the backboard red to match our harvest table, and Mari Dutra painted the happy, colorful flower-and-veggie border. We love our new sign, letting people who are curious about the garden know who we are and how to join us.

At long last, we have a new "What to Compost" sign that is posted next to the compost collection can in the AHF parking lot, letting members know what items can be collected for the Community Garden. Kitchen scraps and other compostables deposited in this can are emptied weekly by volunteers of the Community Garden, and added to the compost bins in the garden where they are stirred in, turned over, and cooked during the hot summer months to make the nutrient-rich compost we use to enrich our garden soil for fall planting.

Again, this is a group effort, with Villagers depositing their compostables in the can, and garden volunteers **John Hagood**, **Dani Noell**, and **Frank Szabo** bringing it to the garden each week. Please note that this can is not for pet waste.

The Community Garden Committee meets Saturday mornings at 8:30 in the garden. If you are interested in learning and growing with us, please join us! See you in the garden!





Remember To Compost

Use the receptacle located in the AHF parking lot.

79th Annual Meeting Recap

Members gathered at the AHF Hall for coffee and donuts providing us with the quorum required for the Annual Meeting. Promptly at 9:00 am, President **Christine Kretz** called the meeting to order. New



members, including five long-term tenant members were welcomed and committees were recognized for their dedicated efforts over the past year. The Board of Trustees (BOT) and officers for the 2025-26 term were officially announced.

Treasurer's Report and Investment Update: Treasurer Brenda Mathews outlined key highlights from the 2025 budget, detailing revenue sources and the portion drawn from our investment funds annually. As many of us have personally experienced, prices have risen, including the cost of insurance and utilities which impact the AHF budget. Brenda also shared the successful transition of our investment funds from LPL to Charles Schwab, noting strong performance over the past year. However, fiscal caution remains a priority as we navigate future economic shifts. Our new fiduciary advisors have been instrumental in ensuring a smooth transition.

President's Report: President Kretz highlighted significant achievements, including technology upgrades and essential repairs. She reviewed the past six years' AHF budgets and the planned 2025 budget, noting that our income is stable but relatively flat, yet our expenses continue to rise. To maintain financial health, opportunities to increase incoming funds should be considered, including grants. The current pool fundraiser is one such initiative aimed at reducing what is drawn from the investment funds, and the resulting loss of interest on those funds, thus preserving long-term financial stability.

Key Vote and Leadership Transitions: Members voted to approve a referendum reducing the BOT from nine to seven members by 2027, with the number of officers decreasing from six to four.

Special thanks were extended to **Paul Merry** for his many years of service on the BOT as he completed his final meeting, stepping down this year. **Phil Hoffken** will join the BOT as the newest member at the April meeting. The 2025 Annual Meeting adjourned at 10:10am.

Stay Engaged: Board of Trustees meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at 7pm in the AHF Hall. Contact the office at ahfadmin@ahfmv.com to join the mailing list and receive the meeting agendas notifying you of upcoming Board discussions and actions, and a link to join us via Zoom if you cannot join us in person.

Protecting the Parkland

By Bridget Foster

Our beautiful parkland is a cherished space for residents, offering peaceful trails, gardens, and open areas to enjoy. However, to maintain its intended use, the parkland-including all parks, paths, and green spacesis reserved exclusively for Town of Melbourne Village residents. In order to prevent unintended soft takeovers, where groups that have not formally rented or reserved the location gather together limiting access for residents, there are formal policies in place. These policies apply to: all non-residents, gatherings that will mainly include non-residents, private events not open to passers-by, professional photographers, "photo sessions," dog trainers, etc. Therefore, if you wish to invite guests, including friends or family, to use the parkland they must have an AHF member sponsor, submit a signed Application for Use of AHF Parkland, and rent the AHF Hall for the duration of their visit, which ensures proper parking accommodations, access to restrooms, and prevents the organic occupation of public areas that could disrupt resident use.

As a sponsor, **you are responsible** for ensuring that all requirements are met before any event, function, or gathering:

- Complete and submit the required forms and get approval prior to use.
- You must be in attendance for the entire duration of your guests' visit.
- Guests must remain on paths and not obstruct them.
- Any damage incurred during your guests' use is your responsibility.
- Notify the AHF Office of any unsafe conditions observed.
- · Ensure your guests park only in the AHF parking lot.
- All activities within the parkland are at yours and your guests' own risk.

A reminder about pets: **Dogs must remain on a leash** at all times on AHF property. This rule applies to all AHF parkland, paths, and open areas. There are no exceptions. If you have questions, need clarification, or would like to schedule parkland use, please contact Rebecca in the AHF Office.

Scan QR Code for Documents On AHF Website



Adult Education: Learn CPR for a Safe and Fun Summer

By Ondine Constable

On Saturday, June 21 at 10:00 am, Space Coast Life Saverz will lead a 90-minute class on Bystander CPR (for adults, children, and infants), AED use, how to respond to choking, and recognizing the signs of a stroke. The class is free for AHF members. Melbourne Village residents who are not yet AHF members can attend for a \$15 fee. Anyone needing professional CPR certification must pay an additional \$40 to the instructor on the day of the event. Advance registration is required. Email ahfmvadmin@ahfmv.com or stop by the AHF office to sign up.

Healthy Communities

By Dani Noell

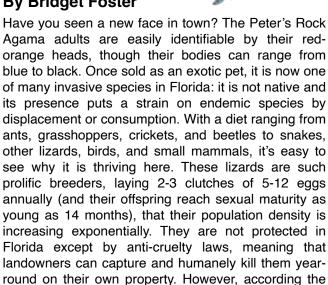
It is well known that where you live impacts your health and well-being, and the right lifestyle can increase longevity. National Geographic explorer and researcher Dan Buettner has identified five regions in the world known for longevity and high quality of life, called the Blue Zones. These communities have common factors, such as promoting exercise and natural movement, eating wisely, social connections, living with a sense of purpose, and stress reduction practices. We all have opportunities to practice healthy living by participating in the many activities of the American Homesteading Foundation. Gather with friends and neighbors to learn, play, contribute, and connect. It's amazing to think that the founding mothers of Melbourne Village were visionaries in creating an intentionally healthy community.

Citizens who are prepared for emergencies are an important part of healthy communities. As we gather with family and friends for meals and other fun events this summer, wouldn't it feel good to know that you could save a life in the case of an emergency? Or that someone could save yours? The higher the number of attendees at the Bystander CPR class on June 21, the healthier our community will be.



Peter's Rock Agama

By Bridget Foster



Commission, "Eradication in Florida is likely not feasible," therefore we must accept that they're probably here to stay. To learn more about this and other invasive species, or to surrender an unwanted exotic pet, visit myfwc.com.

the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation

Pet Corner



Meet your new neighbors, Pete and Petunia! You can watch them on nextdoor.com as they paddle in a pond, hide in the tall grass, and play follow-the-leader with their humans, Suzan and Richard Bryant.

Melbourne Village Real Estate News

Compiled by Debbie Seiler from property owners, public records, and various online resources. Current as of May 12, 2025.





FOR SALE: 6516 Flamingo Rd, built 1988, 1704 SF, 3/2/2 on .79 acres. Asking \$499,000 or \$262/SF.



FOR SALE: 6556 Norman Dr, built 1958, 2353 SF, 5/4/2 on .58 acres. Asking \$539,900 or \$299/SF.



FOR SALE: 544 S Wildwood Ln, built 1958, 2082 SF, 4/3 on .37 acres. Asking \$509,900 or \$245/SF.



UNDER CONTRACT: 570 Acacia Ave, built 1953, 1576 SF, 2/2/2 on .34 acre. Asking \$439,900 or \$279/SF.



UNDER CONTRACT: 536 Platt Cir, built 1965, 1777 SF, 4/3/2 Fixer on .63 acres. Asking \$247,000 or \$139/SF.



SOLD May 12: 6641 Flamingo Rd, built 1974, 1983 SF, 3/2/2 on .91 acres. Sold for \$522,000 or \$263/SF.



SOLD Mar 13: 6507 Norman Dr, built 1983, 2285 SF, 3/2/2 fixer on .58 acres. Sold for \$437,000 or \$191/SF.



SOLD Mar 12: 571 Platt Cir, built 1952, 1642 SF, 3/2/1 on .43 acre. Sold for \$355,000 or \$216/SF.

RENTALS

6229 Savannah Dr 4/2/1 \$2400/mo 6363 Wood Ln 3/2/2 pool \$2700/mo

RUTH B HAYES SCHOLARSHIP 2025

Applications for the 39th Annual Ruth B. Hayes Scholarship will be in the office starting May 1. The Scholarship is a \$1000 award. It is not made based on need, but solely on scholastic aptitude and is not renewable. Paid directly to the recipient's college. Completed applications due in the AHF office by June 30, 2025.





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3 Simple Steps



Act Fast, Save Lives!

The AHF has invested in a Life Stages anti-choking device for the AHF Hall. It can be used on both adults and children, and can even be self-administered.

Prior to using the Life Stages antichoking device, you should call 911 and then follow established choking protocols shown here.

