

The Villages at Cypress Creek
NewsLink

***HOLIDAY
EDITION
2025***


***Happy
Holidays***




N-Link **HAPPY BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS**



NOVEMBER

5th Margie Griffith;
7th Jim Belles;
10th Kevin Kleinschmidt;
11th Russ Safford;
22nd Judy Palzer; and,
28th Beth Dufour



DECEMBER

3rd Don Malec;
6th Mary Ann Diersing;
7th Dee Spence;
12th Garney Cope, Helene Patterson;
15th Carol Tedder;
17th Bill Dunlap, Fred Patterson;
18th Bruce Daugherty;
21st Danny Wheeler;
23rd Kristin Hedin, Lyle Larson;
25th Carol Ann Wheeler;
28th Ernie Brown;
30th Tony Bertini, Chris Oswalt

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A Picture-Perfect PETography Post

Brody Driscoll is so happy living the La Paloma life with his parents Mike and Peg.



Join us on a Virtual “Exercise” Pilgrimage!

The Health Ministry at Prince of Peace Catholic Church invites you to join in on a virtual pilgrimage! A pilgrimage to **walk, run, bike, swim, golf or exercise your way, virtually**, along the Camino de Santiago trail beginning in France and ending in Spain.

The Camino de Santiago (Walk of St. James) was created and established in the beginning of the 9th century following the discovery of the relics of Saint James the Great. The Way of St. James became a major pilgrimage route of medieval Christianity from the 10th century onwards.

The virtual pilgrimage will last for 33 weeks, representing the 33 stages of the Walk, and will commence on **Sunday, November 2nd**, concluding on **Sunday June 21st**.

Every Sunday morning you will receive, via email, health tips, encouragement and colorful photos capturing each of the 33 stages of the route. **Fun stuff!** Your **virtual miles**, which are the minutes accumulated (from your week's walking, running, biking, swimming, golfing, exercising, even yardwork!), will be reported to Tom Rose (La Paloma), and added to the team's total. Together, we will help each other stick to our weekly goals and have fun doing it!

The good news is that it is totally free!

If you'd like to join this healthy pilgrimage event, you can register on-line at www.popcc.org/camino. Questions? Issues with signing up? Please connect with Mimi Rose (La Paloma) mmrose1@tampabay.rr.com.

Looking forward to an adventure with you ~ Let's get The Villages at Cypress Creek on the team!

Hillsborough County Fire Rescue to provide a program on fire safety. Mark your calendars for Thursday November 13th!

This program will be held at 10am on November 13, 2025, in the Prince of Peace Conesa Center,

The program encompasses topics such as smoke alarms, fire extinguishers and escape planning. Participants will get hands-on experience by practicing with a virtual fire extinguisher while learning the steps for use and other safety tips. RSVP via www.popcc.org/firesafety. Prince of Peace Catholic Church: 702 Valley Forge Boulevard Sun City Center.

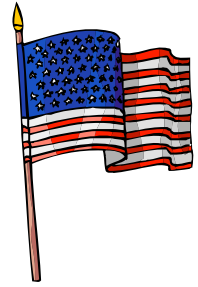
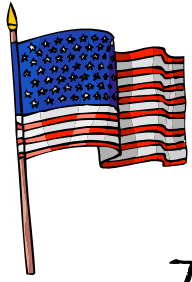
C.A.R.E. Gift and Wine Fair is scheduled for Saturday, December 6, 2025, 10am to 2 pm in the Southshore Falls Grand Ballroom, 122 Falls Blvd, Apollo Beach.

This is a wine tasting adventure with unique gift vendors for the holiday season: wood craft, jewelry, glass art, visual art, bath & body gifts, pottery, wine accessories, bakery goods, jams & jellies, and cat/dog-themed gifts.

There will also be a silent auction, 50/50 drawing, and raffle prizes!

Tickets available at the door for a \$10 donation to benefit our animal rescue in Ruskin. (Entry donation includes one raffle ticket.)

C.A.R.E. Animal Shelter, a 501(c)(3) Public Charity: careshelter.org



*The Ruskin Memorial VFW Post #6287
is having a patriotic,
fun-filled day to honor our Veterans!*

*The 45th Annual Veterans Day Parade
Saturday, November 8th, starting promptly at 11 am*

Parade will proceed through downtown Ruskin
along U.S. 41 from 5th Avenue, North to 19th Avenue

Each year the Ruskin VFW members, dignitaries and color guards
are joined by dozens of youth, civic and community organizations.
school marching bands, Krewes, Honorary Mayors,
Chambers of Commerce, Boy and Girl Scouts, as well as
local organizations and businesses, make up this mile-and-a-half Parade.

Everyone is invited to a celebration being held at the Post
with food trucks, music and fun galore after the Parade
(approximately 3pm)

The Ruskin VFW Post is located on US 41, a block north of 19th Avenue

For more additional information, please call the Post at 645.2935

South Shore Regional Library



Earlier this fall, artwork created by local students was entered into the 16th Annual Friends of the Library Art Contest. This year, the participating schools are Cypress Creek, Ippolito, Reddick, Ruskin, Summerfield and Wimauma Elementary Schools. We had 300+ entries and out of that group, the judges chose 12 winners. The winning artists' holiday renderings are then transformed into 2026 Calendars and Holiday Cards by Ruskin printer, M&M Printing Company, Inc. Calendars & Cards will be on sale at the Library mid-November through the end of December at only \$5 for a pack of 12 cards and \$10 for an 8 1/2 x 11" Calendar! Perfect "stocking stuffers!"

Proceeds from this Friends Fundraiser will be used to help supplement the cost of various free Library programs offered to the public.

Cards can also be purchased from Tom/Mimi Rose 633.0677.

South Shore Regional Library
15816 Beth Shields Way
(Off 19th Ave.) in Ruskin
hcplc.org 273-3652



SCAM PREVENTION WORKSHOP

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

10:00 AM (Doors Open at 9:00 AM)

at the

**King's Point Veterans Theatre
1900 Clubhouse Drive,
Sun City Center FL.**

**Shred, Shred, Shred, Shred
Take Advantage of this free shredding
opportunity to protect your identity**



**Is providing their shredding truck
and services free of cost!
Door Prizes ~ Refreshments**



Protect Yourself and Your Loved Ones from Scammers — Attend This Vital Community Event!

Scammers are targeting senior citizens now more than ever — and Sun City Center is not immune. Our neighbors, friends, and loved ones are being specifically preyed upon because of their retirement savings and hard-earned wealth. These bad actors are relentless, and those over 60 are the most at risk.

But you can fight back — with knowledge.

Join us for a powerful and informative event designed to arm you with the tools to protect yourself from financial fraud.

Date: Tuesday, November 18

Event Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (**Doors Open:** 9:30 a.m.)

This is more than just a seminar — it's your chance to hear directly from trusted experts, including:

- **The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office**
- **Florida Securities Dealers and Advisors**
- **Robinhood**
- **AARP**
- **Better Business Bureau**

FINRA

They'll share **real, proven techniques to stop scammers in their tracks** and help you safeguard your finances.

Free refreshments provided by FSDA

Meet trusted exhibitors from consumer protection agencies

BONUS: AARP will be on-site with their shredding truck — bring your old documents and shred them for free to protect your identity!

This event is open to everyone — bring your spouse, a friend, or a neighbor. Let's stand together as a community and make sure no more seniors fall victim to these financial predators.

Don't wait until it's too late. Mark your calendar and be there. Your financial security could depend on it.



Bring your **EXPIRED or UNUSED MEDICATIONS** and Help Save Hillsborough Waterways

Friday | December 5, 2025

Community Hall
1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd
Sun City Center FL 33573

The event is Co-sponsored by



☎ 813-633-0333 Sun City Center Office

Expired or unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications from households should never be disposed of by flushing them down the toilet or a drain. Although this method of disposal prevents accidental ingestion, it can cause contamination of Florida's aquatic environment because wastewater treatments systems are not designed to remove any of these medications.

-Florida Department of Environmental Safety

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Cypress Creek Named “Best of the Best” for Second Year in a Row

Cypress Creek Assisted Living & Memory Care Residence is proud to share that we've once again been named a winner in the Tampa Bay Times Best of the Best Awards—earning recognition in both Assisted Living and Memory Care categories for the second year in a row.

As a family-owned residence, this honor is especially meaningful. Our roots run deep, and our commitment is personal—every resident becomes part of our family. That’s why we’ve created a setting that feels like home: warm, welcoming, and built around relationships.

“This award isn’t just about excellence—it’s about trust,” said Jim Biggins, Owner. “Families choose Cypress Creek because they know their loved ones are in a place filled with heart. We’re not just providing care—we’re creating a home.”

Visit us at: 970 Cypress Village Blvd, Sun City Center 813.633.7777



Congratulations!



25th Annual Holiday Terry Lattz Cookie Brigade

Weekend of December 12th - 14th!

We need cookie bakers and buyers!

Cookie platters will be assembled and then delivered to residents of Belvedere Commons, Cypress Creek Assisted Living, Life Path Hospice, Palm Garden, and Sun City Pacifica

We need cookies by Thursday, December 11th
(cookies can be left in porch area 3808 Cardenal Ave (La Paloma))

(Terry Lattz was a former La Paloma resident who has since passed. Terry loved baking cookies and being part of the Cookie Brigade.)



23rd Annual Holiday House-Decoration Contest

Soon our homes will be decorated for the Holidays, and you know what THAT means....

Time to pick the best displays for the year in each of the neighborhoods of Cypress Creek.

Contest judging will take place the Weekend of December 19-21.

To compete in the Holiday Decorations Contest, your outside decorations must be in place by Sunday, December 14th before dark. Fairway Palms will be included with Montero.

A \$30 gift card from one of our local businesses is yours if your house is a chosen neighborhood winner!

We will have a small group of "judges" as in previous years, but we are looking for a few new judges this year. If you are interested in judging, please contact Rose Lynn Greene via email at rlgreene1227@gmail.com. From a hat, we will draw names of those who want to volunteer.



South Shore Concert

The South Shore Concert Band under the direction of Gene Bohland has announced its 2025-2026 schedule of performances:

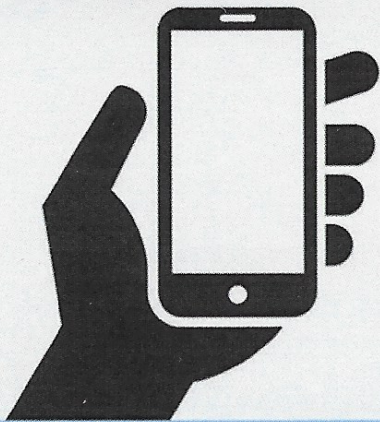
November 11, 2025 - SCC Community Center – Time to be Announced
December 6, 2025 – Carissa Golf Club at 7:00 PM
December 7, 2025 – St. Andrews Presbyterian Church at 3:00 PM
December 8, 2025 – Redeemer Lutheran Church at 7:00 PM

April 12, 2026 - St. Andrews Presbyterian Church at 3:00 PM
April 13, 2026 – SCC Methodist Church at 7:00 PM

La Paloma long time resident Nancy Byrnes has been a member of the band for 19 years playing the alto saxophone.

The cost of attendance is \$5.00 per performance.





One Call Does It All!

South Shore Senior Hotline

Dial (813) 419-4902

- ✓ **Resource Connect** – Find local services & programs.
- ✓ **Ride Ready** – Get transportation to medical appointments.
- ✓ **Handy Help** – Chore Corps assists with small household tasks.

Call today and let us help!

Not for emergencies. Call 911 if urgent.

Learn more at mentalhealthandaging.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

The January/February **NewsLINK** will be here before you know it!!

Below are some items or events that will be represented in the next edition:

- ♦ The Holiday Decorations results will be shared in pictures in the next edition.
- ♦ We will also have photos of the Holiday Events. (Send me pictures if you have them.)
- ♦ The Annual Community Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, March 28, 2026, from 8 AM - 12 PM. Details will appear in the next edition of the NewsLINK.
- ♦ If anyone knows of items of interest that could be shared via our NewsLINK, please let us know!
- ♦ For questions or comments or to submit photos, please contact Rose Lynn Greene via email: rlgreene1227@gmail.com. Send me as much detail as you can.

*Merry
Christmas*
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR

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China Wok Chinese restaurant located in Sun Point Plaza, is owned by **Ventana** residents — **Quan Yong Chen and Yu Chun Cao!** Drop by or Call 645.8088 to order up!

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Connie Grimaldi (La Paloma) is a Realtor with **Berkshire Hathaway Florida Realty Office**. Connie has been in the real estate industry for 13 years, including new construction. Call her 727.742.7894 or Visit: www.conniegrimaldirealtor.com

Ava Katwaroo (Ventana), **Pet Sitting**, is available for **pet sitting**. Please call Ava to schedule a mid-afternoon dog walk or if you are planning a long day away. Let Ava know, and she can care for your home and pet. She may also be able to care for your pet if you have an upcoming trip away from your home. Please give her a call to arrange scheduling at 727.282.9156.

Judy Garrett (Ventana), Realtor, **Keller Williams Realty SouthShore** office ~ Judy had been in the community for 20+ years selling new construction homes built by Miller Family Homes. Now she can help you with your real estate needs in selling, buying, renting or investing. Call: 727.5858 or Email: judygarrett@kw.com

Ray Monahan (La Paloma) is a Realtor with **Century 21 Beggins**, Apollo Beach, a family-owned Real Estate Company with 9 offices in Tampa Bay ~ this year celebrating their 30th year in business! Ray specializes in all aspects of real estate, including resales, new home construction and investment properties. The market may be complex and competitive, but we have the tools to help all of our clients. Ray can be reached at 732.2053 or Email: raymonahan@C21BE.com, or Visit website: www.raymonahanrealestate.com

Dee Spence (Villa d'Este), Realtor with **Remax Collective**
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John Dufour (La Paloma) Swift Fix and Flow: I do handyman work but focus on screen room drains and channel drains installation, cleaning and extension. My number is 813-294-2094.

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