

#### **SEPO Board**

The SEPO Board Nominating Committee is progressing very nicely. Dana Weiss is heading the Committee. I visited with Dana yesterday and they are hard at work to put together a list of potential Board members. We thank Dana for his help. If you would like to help him or volunteer to be considered a member of the Board, please reach out to him at 775-470-9057 by phone or text. It would be much appreciated.

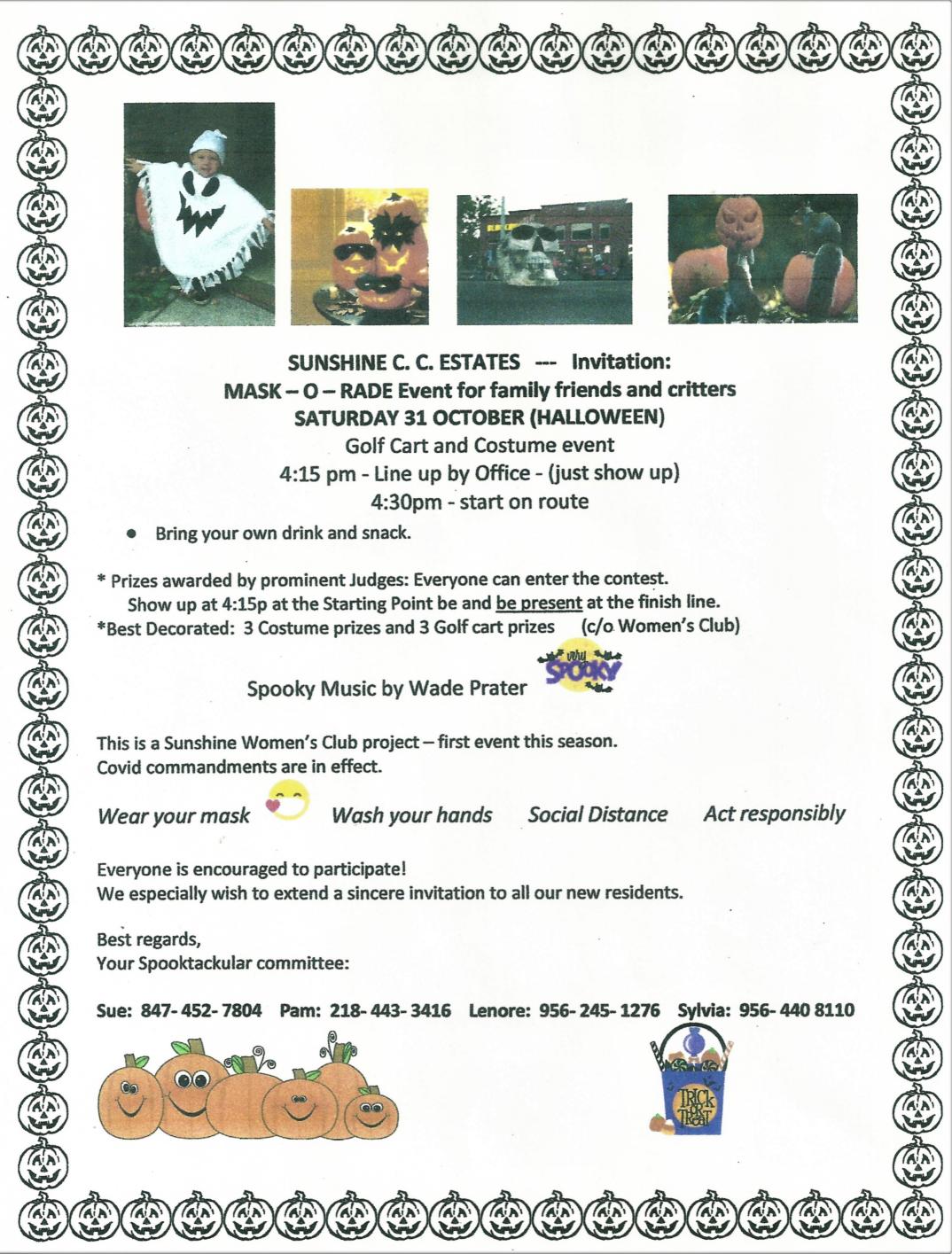
Jim Kennedy
SEPO Board President

#### **SEPO Web site**

I am still working on creating a 'Table of Contents' for the Web site. I had to take time out in Oct. to pack and get down here. I'm here now – YAY – so hope to finish it soon.

Beth Parrish (SEPO Communications)

Women's Club: MASK – O – RADE Event (Oct. 31, 2020)



Women's Club: Veterans Day Tribute (Nov. 11, 2020)



**Veterans Day 11 – 11 -11** 

Sunshine CC Estates proudly presents today's program for Veterans Day: You are all cordially invited.

VETERANS DAY -- Wednesday 11 November 2020 Time: 3pm

Location: Gazebo - 2:30 pm please begin to park around the Gazebo area in your Golf Cart - others are invited to bring their lawn chair (safe distance)

Program:
Presentation of the Colors
Invocation
National Anthem
Pledge of Allegiance
Armed Forces Medley

#### What is a Veteran?

A Veteran – whether active duty, discharged, retired or reserve is someone, who at one point in his/her life, wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America for an amount up to and including his/herlife.

What is Veterans Day? – Armistice Day

Veterans Day in the U.S. is a legal holiday dedicated to American Veterans of all wars.

We recall the Armistice declared between the Allied Nations and Germany in WWI, then known as the "Great War". It was signed into effect at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month.

Remembrance Day is celebrated by Canada and the other Allied Nations. We are all associated with the poem *In Flanders Field* - the symbolism of the poppy which began when WWI Brigade Surgeon Lt Colonel John McCrae felt struck by the sight of the carnage of the clash and the red flowers growing in a ravaged battlefield.

Covid-19 Commandments: Wear your mask - Wash your hands- Safe Distance - Act Responsibly





#### **GOLF: Daily Scramble**

The daily Golf Scramble currently starts at 5:30 PM. As of Nov 1, we will be starting at 4 PM. This scramble is open to all residents – both men and women. All golf levels welcome. It's just a fun time. No cost involved.

**Donna Myers** 

### Woodworker's Club Report for November

The Woodworkers schedule of events will be picking up as more winter Texan residents of our community return to the Rio Grande Valley.

John Chajec will be conducting an orientation on Wednesday, October 28, at 5:00 p.m. at the woodshop for new residents who want to use the equipment within the woodshop. A one-time attendance is a requirement for use of the wood shop. The shop will be closed during the class. All residents are invited to attend. Limited attendance due to Covid-19 restrictions. Call John Chajec at 708-280-8940 to register.

Shop cleanup will take place the first Wednesday of every month. So, on Wednesday, November 4, at 8:00 a.m., Cathy Chajec would appreciate help with this monthly chore.

The Woodworker's Club Meetings are usually held on the second and fourth Fridays from October to April at 1:00 p.m. November is one of those months where we will have only one meeting because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Our one meeting will be held on Friday, November 13, at the Pavilion, unless COVID restrictions are lifted, allowing us to meet in the Woodshop.

The Nominating Committee of Pat Harvey and Vic Hillman will be looking for woodworkers interested in running for office and those nominations will be brought before the membership in December.

Suzie Sawyer, President

### **Birding and Nature**

Birding and Nature Club will be meeting on Monday, Nov. 2nd at 5:00 p.m. in the gazebo on Texas Avenue. Please, wear a mask, maintain social distancing, and wear your name tag. You may remain in your golf cart if you prefer. A microphone will be used. Business to be discussed includes appointment of two officers, Christmas Bird Count, and plans for 2021. This group is open to anyone in Sunshine who enjoys birds and nature. No expertise is necessary. After the business meeting, we will stroll through the Texas Avenue area discussing whatever birds and vegetation we encounter. Perhaps, a brief history of the part the Birding and Nature Group played in the creation of this area will be given. Newcomers are always welcome. See you

there.

Jean Burgoine

#### **Bible Study Movie Group**

Based on current "conditions" I regret to share that the Bible Study-Movie Group will not plan on meeting this year (2021). If something drastically changes between now and January Ist, I will re-assess the situation, and perhaps reach a different conclusion. This decision is, I believe, in the best interest of all concerned.

Warren Hertel



#### Neighborhood Watch – CERT Team

Sunshine CC Estates Neighborhood Watch (Est. 2008)

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Dear Friends,

Your Neighborhood Watch wishes you and your family all the best. Thanksgiving is important to us because it is a positive holiday where we celebrate gratitude – something we don't do often enough. Thanksgiving is a reminder to appreciate all that is joyful in our life which includes family, friends, our lifestyle and good health for the most part. And don't forget our HEROES. Given the world today – a new normalcy - instability, fear, uncertainty, we have a lot to be grateful here at Sunshine. Be good to each other.

Your Neighborhood Watch performs a volunteer service for Sunshine. Since there are a few openings for volunteers still needed for patrols (and projects), please consider it. Let me take a minute to share some Patrol orientation points. Wish we could have meetings to share the personal word – hope this venue helps.

The golf cart, our McGruffmobile is named after the fearless crime fighting dog called McGruff. McGruff 'I' was donated when we first began and Mc Gruff 'II' is proudly serving now. Some of our wonderful patrons helped to fund its purchase.

The McGruffmobile lives outside the SEPO Office. There is an outlet for the electrical cord for charging the Golf Cart which needs to be pulled out before leaving on patrol. McGruff sits on a pad so that any battery stuff that could leak out stays on the pad.

The golf cart steering wheel is secured by a lock for which you will have a key. Unlock it so you can steer it. There is also a standard ignition key. There are 2 small switches on the console. One turns on the rotating amber light (mounted on the roof) and the other is road lights. There is also a Garage Gate Opener for the Storage Lot gate mounted on the inside roof up by your left hand. Two Magflashlights sit in the cup holders. (At the ready - Thanks to the volunteer who faithfully charges them).

In the console is a variety of gear – the LOG Book for any comments while on Patrol, 2 Maglites and a little box with NW information. Clean up after your Patrol please (soda cans, etc.).

There is a patrol golf cart orientation showing a specific pattern around Sunshine. Report and Observe is the rule. DO NOT INTERCEPT – You are Neighborhood Watch, not SWAT. No carrying either. Your tools are your phone, a paper and a pencil. The "what to look for" and the "how to stay safe" is the Golden Rule. The Police number to call for suspicious activity is 956 216 5940. You call 911 for an emergency.

In the back of the Golf Cart is a First Aid Kit. If you use it, call me so I can replace the items used. There are 2 fire Extinguishers mounted on the sides. If you need to use them, consider calling the Fire Department and other Emergency personnel depending on the nature of the fire. Use common sense. A fire in a trash can is your limit – otherwise call 911.

There is a rotating red flashing light at the end of Texas Avenue. It is used to alert EMS to our community so they aren't searching Encore for an emergency call here. The switch is mounted on our Front gate. You may get called to turn it on.

If someone needs help with the AED, CALL 911 first!!!!! If you are comfortable to use it - go for it but call 911 first. If you do open it, call me so I can check batteries and pads and other stuff etc. (If anyone from SEPO needs the AED – you must call 911 first).

Our CERT Team also hopes you remember to stay safe in the kitchen over the holidays. Cooking fires nearly double – keep your eye on the stove, clean as you go, use Hot Pads. Have working Fire Extinguishers handy. Keep candles to a minimum. Good time to check your Smoke Alarms (and CO2 detectors) too.

Daylight Savings Times ends – Sunday 1 November begins Standard Time. This is the typical time to check your Smoke Alarms and CO2 detectors.

If you get a chance, please review my NW-CERT VIRTUAL meeting for October – maybe you can fit in some volunteer hours. Volunteering helps develop skill levels. It can be exciting and helps us to recognize, appreciate and be grateful. Volunteers don't get paid because their work is priceless.

Another reminder - Christmas and other holidays are around the corner. Since you will be "making a list and checking it twice" – give as much thought to your holiday safety. Bad Guys are making plans too.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Fire Prevention Quiz answers: 40 -- once a month-- every year in October-- every 10yr-- 2 -- pass -- three feet -- 2x a year -- 2 minutes -- activation -- on the back -- remove the smoke alarm -- all of the above -- If 1 sounds, they all sound-- every sleeping room -- go outside and stay out -- 11pm to 7 am-- no working or no smoking smoke alarms-- have missing or disconnected batteries -- cooking -- all of the above.

**COVID -19 Commandments:** 

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Next VIRTUAL meeting for NW-CERT is Monday 15 November 2020 You may submit items for discussion.

**Lenore Combs** 

#### FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks to all who submitted articles informing everyone of what is going on (or not going on) at Sunshine during November. Newsletter Guidelines can always be found on the Web site here: <a href="https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/sepo-newsletter-guidelines">https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/sepo-newsletter-guidelines</a>. If you have any questions after reading this Web page, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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