

INSIDE SUNSHINE NEWSLETTER

November 2019

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

SEPO BOARD

The weather up north has changed and the Winter Texans are slowly coming home.

It's been a tough summer for the Estates due to the big flood. The damage and hardships surpass Hurricane Dolly. But as they say, "everything has a silver lining". I have heard numerous stories of how the community came together to help each other. This is what the Estates is and will always be about, and why we stay and people move in.

Since February, 34 new residents have purchased homes in the Estates.

A number of board positions have been reassigned: John Chajec, president and Dick Shelton, secretary.

Our next Board Meeting has been rescheduled to November 12th and will be held in the General Purpose Room at 1:00 PM. Anyone wishing to speak before the board should submit a written request by November 9th to be on the agenda. The Residents Meeting will be held on November 18th in Retzlaff Hall at 1:00 PM.

John Chajec
SEPO President

SEPO ELECTION

In preparation for the February 2020 SEPO board election, a nominating committee needs to be appointed by the December board meeting. Anyone interested in serving on this committee please see a board member. There are 4 board positions open for election. The following board members are completing their first term: John Chajec, Dick Shelton, Lynn Swonger and Clint Wunderlich.

WOMEN'S CLUB

We had our first meeting October 11th and it was well attended. It was great to see so many friends and new residents at the meeting. To stay informed on what events are coming up, please see the bulletin board in the library. Feel free to put your name & number on the sign-up sheets and volunteer on a committee. New ideas are always welcome, and a good time is had by all. You can also stay informed about activities and ideas by attending a Women's Club meetings. All ladies of Sunshine are invited. Coffee and donuts are available.

Eileen Anderson
Women's Club President

WOMEN'S CLUB ACTIVITIES NEWS

There are two activities this month that we need help with. The Veteran's Day Tribute is scheduled for November 11th. Lenore Combs is chairing this event but could use some help with the event and the potluck.

The other event for November is Thanksgiving Dinner on the 28th. I still need co-chairs and others to help with decorations, set up, clean up and meal prep. Thank you for your help.

Please contact Vickie Jones at 262-689-7068.

WOMEN'S CLUB - VETERANS DAY 11 – 11 – 11 NOVEMBER

We are hoping to have a Veterans Day program here at Sunshine on Monday 11 November 2019 with a Potluck to follow. There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers in the Library.

This is usually a 2part deal – one Patriotic and the other a social Potluck.

- In the past John and I have assisted with the Flag Ceremony (Patriotic side) while Marian Young handles the Potluck side.
- We need Flag bearers and someone to talk on Veterans day.
- We can consider a Flag retirement ceremony outside or whatever you like. Also, included in the Opening will be a 2 minute of silence observed calling for all people to pause in honor of the service and sacrifice of our Veterans throughout the history of the Nation.
- We will also honor our Canadian Veterans.

There will be sign-up sheet in the Lounge for a Flag Detail and for the Potluck. If anyone wants to say a few words about the day – step up. Honor our Veterans and their families.
No support = no program but let's hope for the best.

Lenore Combs

WOMEN'S CLUB - CHRISTMAS GOLF CART PARADE: (MARK YOUR CALENDAR)

Saturday 7 December - line up 4:30pm etc

This is a Sunshine event – please support it.

We have a Santa for the big red truck (HFD) and a Police Escort

Refreshments are at Encore this year

We will cover a big square in both Encore and Sunshine with lots of fun and noise.

Women's Club sponsors 1st 2nd 3rd place prizes for us – for decorated Golf Carts

WOMEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

Our winter Women's Golf League starts on Wednesday November 6. Membership is open to all property owners and renters. Fun special events are being planned. Dues are \$25. All types of

golfers are encouraged to join. Be at the Library at 8:30 for hole assignment and announcements. Play will begin at 9:00. Hope to see you there.

Bonnie Fransene,
Women's League President

MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

The Men's Golf League will begin Tuesday, Nov. 5th through March 2nd - 3rd (Year-End Golfing Tournament). We say "Hello!" to all returning golfers who can welcome the new players who have signed up! See you at the office around 8:30 Tuesday to pair up for play!

Dues are \$20, pay at the golf meetings before golf.

The Hole-in-One Money Cache becomes available Nov. 5th through Mar. 2nd-3rd. Two dollars puts you into the running for the Money Cache. Sixteen Players have already put in their \$2, more if you do the same!

Thanks,

Steve Phillips

THE GATHERING

ATTENTION LADIES! "The Gathering" is a new ladies group, beginning in January, which will give you an opportunity to get to know your Sunshine friends and neighbors better! Varied activities will be planned. We will meet every Tuesday in the Card Room, from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Most of our Winter friends will be here in January, so our first meeting will be held JANUARY 7, 2020, 10:00 AM in Card Room. Please join us! Ideas welcome! Questions: 970 618-3635. Leave message if no answer.

Nancy Luellen

LADIES HAND AND FOOT

All ladies of Sunshine Estates are welcome to join us on Thursday afternoons at 1 p.m., in the card room. We play 2 friendly games of Hand and Foot and you do not need to bring a partner. We have a great time, play cards, swap gossip and sometimes even snacks. We welcome all the ladies who would like to play. It is an easy game to learn and we will help any new people who would like to learn. For further information, you can call Karen Baase @ 515-608-7172. We look forward to having new players.

BIRDING AND NATURE CLUB

The Sunshine Birding and Nature Club will hold its first meeting on Monday, November 4th at 7 p.m. in the library. Items up for discussion may include bird sightings within the community and the Welcome Log area on Texas Avenue. During the June flood, two benches disappeared

and the Welcome Log broke. The meeting is open to all residents of SCCE. We hope to see you at the meeting.

Jean Burgoine

THURSDAY MORNING QUILTING WITH THE KILLER BEES

Come and see what the Thursday morning quilting group - The Killer Bees - is busy doing! We don't sew every Thursday, but we do have a very busy schedule with lots of fun and interesting projects to try. We start at 9AM in Retzlaff Hall with a very casual and short meeting reviewing what's coming up on our schedule, and then have "Show and Tell". If we do have a day of sewing, we usually sew into the early afternoon. Any questions??? - call Jan Baethke or Diane Tewell.

WOODWORKERS' CLUB INFORMATION

Now that the Sawyers have had to put their jackets on a few times in Missouri, it's time to head for the Rio Grande Valley. We're usually in Texas in early November but it's amazing to see how many other snowbirds are already relocated when we get to Harlingen. From November through early January, snowbirds will continue their migration to the RGV; and use of the woodshop will certainly pick up.

I need to thank the full-timers at Sunshine Estates for taking care of the woodshop during the summer. There will be renovations to the building inside and out, everything will be nicely organized, and we'll finally have enough monitors to cover opening the woodshop 5 days a week from 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

There will be occasional orientation classes for residents who want to take up woodworking or carry out minor repairs to their homes. Anyone who plans to use the woodshop MUST take an orientation class before they can use the equipment within the woodshop. The Woodworkers' Club meets on the **second and fourth Friday** of every month from November through March at 1:00 p.m. at the woodshop. Notices are placed around the Estates reminding members to attend the meetings. Look for those notices and take on a new hobby. You'll find helpful, friendly people at the woodshop who will help you learn to make some beautiful wood items. You just might surprise yourself when you finish making beautiful bowls for your daughters or baseball bats for your grandchildren.

Hope to see you at the Sunshine Estates Woodshop.

Suzie Sawyer, President

CRAFTY CREATIONS BY HEIDI

The next session is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov 13th from 1-3 PM in Retzlaff Hall. See the sign-up sheet in the Library.

ALSO - the Crafty Creations Club description/signup info for the rest of 2019-2020 season IS at the end of the Newsletter as attachments. Please view them carefully to see what we will be working on, class dates, costs etc.

Heidi Dill --

SUNSHINE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH – CERT

Monday 18 November is our next meeting, 3pm Retz Hall, Coffee & cookies always.

Additional info about the following topics are in an attachment at the end of this newsletter.

- *McGruffmobile*
- *Patrol Schedule: Linda Jones*
- *Operation ID*
- *Mr. Fix It List*
- *Finger Lickin' Chicken fundraiser*
- *Vendors and Contractors*
- *Generator*
- *Buzzers and solar lights*
- *Block Captains*
- *IR Sensaphone*

See ya at 3pm on Monday 18 November – Retz Hall

Lenore Combs

SUNSHINE COMMUNICATIONS

For anyone who isn't familiar with the Guidelines concerning the Sunshine E-Mails, Newsletter and Web site, you can find them listed under the Rules/Officers tab on the Web site (www.sunshinecountryclub.com).

Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have questions concerning Sunshine Communications.

Beth Parrish (314-960-6710)

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Sunshine Country Club Newsletter Editor

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Crafty Creations *by heidi*

Wednesday, Nov. 13th,
1:00-3:00pm

Come make one of these
beautifully-crafted
personalized signs!



(Signs are 15x20in)

November Dangler Options:



(Danglers are 5x5in)



Every month during
Winter Texan season 2019-20
we will be making these
adorable seasonal danglers!

*You pick which one(s)
you'd like to create.
The dangler options will be
different for each class.*



The signs are only offered
for the Nov 13th class.

Crafty Creations *by heidi*

Schedule for 2019-2020

Wed, Nov. 13th
1:00 - 3:00pm

Wed, Dec. 4th
1:00 - 3:00pm

Wed. Jan. 8th
1:00 - 3:00pm

Wed, Feb. 5th
1:00 - 3:00pm

Wed, Mar. 25th
1:00 - 3:00pm

****Registration w/payment due
2 weeks prior to class date.**

**All classes are held at Sunshine CCE
Retzlaff Hall**



Please send completed form and full payment

to: **Heidi Dill**

1925 West Iowa Avenue

Harlingen, Tx 78550

call or text : 307-272-2440

Crafty Creations by heidi

November 2019 Class — Interchangeable Sign w/ Danglers

Class Date: Wednesday, Nov 13th

1:00pm - 3:00pm

at Sunshine Country Club / Retzlaff Hall

Name: _____

Phone: (____) - ____ - ____ **Text?** Yes/ No **Facebook?** Yes/ No

Email: _____

Sign Shape: (Circle One) Quatrefoil OR *Large Letter

Sign Words: (Circle One) Welcome OR **Last Name

** _____ *

(If last name, please print) (letter)

Sign Color Preferences: _____

Large Quatrefoil Sign _____ x \$ 50 \$ _____

Large Letter Sign _____ x \$ 50 _____

** (Sign prices include wording)

(How many of each)

Scarecrow _____

Turkey _____

Incognito Turkey _____

Uncle Sam _____

Veterans Appreciation _____

State/Province _____

Name of State _____

Danglers total _____ x \$ 10 _____

Total Amount (due with sign up) \$ _____

(Make check payable to: Heidi Dill)

**Mail total payment and form to: 1925 West Iowa Avenue
Harlingen, Texas 78550**

Or Email completed form to: heididill316@gmail.com

Any Questions, please call or text Heidi 307-272-2440



**Sunshine Neighborhood Watch – CERT Team
(Est. 2008)**

SCCE - Harlingen's premier NW & CERT Team.



Lights On -- Lock Up and Look Out for each other!

Lenore J. Combs, Coordinator 956 245 1276 LJCombs44@gmail.com

Dear Friends

Monday 18 November is our next meeting 3pm Retz Hall Coffee & cookies always.

Harlingen Police Department will be there to orient us to NW trends and other information.

Harlingen EMS will be sending drivers to street orientation so don't be frightened if you see a lot of ambulance traffic. They also want to do a First Aid, CPR – AED and Stop The Bleed talk for us soon.

OCTOBER was Fire Prevention Month and our local Harlingen Fire Department was here to teach us about fire safety. Richard Alvarez, HFD Fire Inspector conducted the exercise. We had a hands-on demonstration lesson with an electronic training tool from HFD on how to use a fire extinguisher and how to safely put out a fire. Remember, the fire extinguisher goes between you and the fire while you make your safe exit out! Our CERT Team also practices with this training tool.

In 1922, the National Fire Protection Association named the second week of October in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire in 1871. Let's raise awareness, educate our families and our community.

3 out of every 5 home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no working smoke alarms

- Less than 50% of homeowners have an escape plan
- 60% of consumers do not test their smoke and CO alarms in their home

Maybe Sunshine can put a dent in these stats! We also took a test to spirt conversation and heighten people's awareness on fire prevention and fire safety. Here are the 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

Brochures etc. were left in the Library c/o Harlingen Fire Dept. -- Fire Extinguishers At Work, Home Smoke Alarms, Carbon Monoxide Alarms, Safety for Older Consumers-Home safety Checklist and After The Fire – Returning to Normal.

Then we checked out the fire suppression system above our stove in the kitchen area. Roughly 50% + fires start form cooking equipment. Prevention is key. Grease fires are a major consideration – for safety and certainly a less expensive option than repairing fire & smoke

damage. These nozzles are in the hood exhaust. Wet chemicals will discharge directly over the source of the fire.

Fire needs 3 things to thrive – oxygen, heat and fuel. So these wet chemicals are engineered to quickly put out the fire by covering the flames and starving the oxygen. When the system trips the gas lines to the stove will also be cut off therefore depriving the fire of fuel. This system is checked by a Fire Inspector just as our ordinary fire extinguishers are.

McGruffmobile – please notify Lenore if there are any concerns with the golf cart or its equipment. Also need someone to assist with some general care and feeding of McGruff. – such as Flashlight checks, battery check, tires – simple stuff. When we get big stuff reported it then gets arranged for repairs. I check the First Aid Kit periodically.

Patrol Schedule: Linda Jones

November is out – still looking for more support for Patrols, please. Contact Linda if you wish to help out. Everyone is oriented.

If there is a serious or almost serious concern while on Patrol, please notify me rather than just leave a note in the log book 956 245 1276 Lenore Combs Our monthly meetings are a good forum for ideas, concerns and etc. Please come. (Monday -18 Nov 3pm Retz Hall.)

As a reminder, one of the perks of a NW is our rapport with HPD and Combes PD – they take good care of us and so - don't be afraid to call in suspicious activity or worse -- 911 emergency or 956 245 5940 for suspicious activity.

Operation ID – sign up sheet Operation ID Inventory sheet – available in the Library
If you are interested, call me 956 245 1276

Sgt. Brooks has updated a NW Guide for us and is available in the Library
The 2019 – 2020 Welcome Letter is out for residents.

Mr. Fix It List = as a reminder, please let the community know by providing updates with the “good guys” and also let the Office know of the *not so good guys*. There were some “shade tree clean-up crews” after the flood and a Buyer Beware mentality should be common knowledge. This is not necessarily a NW project but one we should support.

Finger Lickin' Chicken fundraiser planned for NW budget. - 10 Jan 2019 – Friday
Our world famous HFD cooking crew will be out here grilling the bestest FLC you ever ate – yum yum. What a painless way to support your NW-CERT Team. Serving will begin about 4pm in Retz Hall – Dine In or Take Out. Stay tuned.

Reminder: (still an active concern) **VENDORS and CONTRACTORS** – must report to Office for Orange Cards. It is each resident's responsibility to make sure they report in. I thought earlier we may even need to hire a guard to check IDs at the Front Gate but so far so good. Please call Lenore and I can also get you these ID cards. Emphasis – if there is a vehicle in here without ID – consider it suspicious. Inquire nicely as to the nature of their business – if it smells fishy – get the PLATE!

Generator - Wade has the key and checked it monthly during the summer Any volunteers for winter?? Call me 956 245 1276

Buzzers and solar lights..... still a good idea – some areas are still very dark. Hope you all will consider solar lights especially when you are up North. Bad Guys hate lights.

Block Captains – who's where?

Montana Nebraska Missouri Michigan Indiana Wisconsin Iowa Minnesota Kansas

Job description – just “eyes & ears” for your block. 2 – 4 volunteers for each street depending on the length – covering 9 streets – simple and very necessary.

IR Sensaphone – Storage Lot – any volunteers to be on it????

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