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REMINDER

DELEGATE MEETING Friday 2/7/25 9:30AM in the Theater

Email articles & comments: ucoreporterwpb@gmail.com



The President's Report

BY FAUSTO FABBRO

Let's Have a Positive Year

I was hoping that 2025 would be a good year. So far just the opposite is true. CV is a condo community that requires that all who live in the Village share a common place and follow the rules. In some cases, these rules are easy, some are just common sense, but they all need to be followed for enjoyable everyday living.

It is not always easy to accept this style of living, but this is condo living.

Every day at UCO and WPRF, we are told these rules don't apply to me.

Whether you are here for one month or six months, or you are a permanent resident, the rules are the same for everyone. We could write a book on all the excuses we hear every day. One of the new ones (in my country, I don't need to do this.) You are not in your country. You are here in Century Village. We are a condo village that is working very hard to give everyone a good quality of life. If

you feel that rules are not for you, then this is not the place for you.

The UCO office is staffed by unit owners that volunteer their time and talent to give that life to you. You should not abuse them or the work they do.

If you are having a personal problem, please don't take it out on them. I'm sure the day will come that the UCO office will have all paid employees that we will need to pay for and will be open more hours. At this time, try to appreciate the work they do, the time they volunteer and their willingness to help you.

Next month we have UCO elections. Consider running for a position. The deadline for bios passed on January 10th, but you can still be nominated from the floor. Also make sure that your building has delegates that can vote.

Please get rid of the negative attitude and stay positive. With this, we will all have a better life in Century Village.

Condo Board Certification Course

On 2/10, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, Mark Friedman will conduct a Board Member Certification Course at the CV Clubhouse Theatre. The sign-in tables for this course will open at 8:00 AM; please arrive early to sign in, since a larger than usual crowd is expected.

Advanced registration is required, by filling out the form at this Internet

link: https://online.beckerlawyers.com/77/2260/landing-pages/registrationblank.asp.

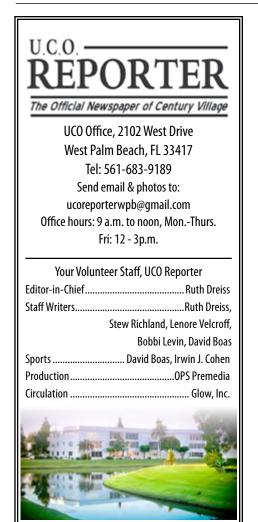
Remember, all Association Directors are required to take this four hour course within 90 days of being elected or appointed to the Board. Directors who have previously completed the old three-hour course must now complete the new four hour course.

ID & PASS FEE MENU

RESIDENT / OWNER ID	NO CHARGE
OCCUPANT ID	\$2.00
LOST ID (WITHOUT TEMPORARY 30 DAY FEE APPLIED)	\$25.00
LOST ID (\$5.00 TEMPORARY 30 DAY FEE APPLIED)	\$20.00
LOST ID (TEMPORARY 30 DAY WAITING PERIOD)	\$5.00
GUEST PASS - 2 WEEKS (RE-PURCHASE IF LOST)	\$20.00
GUEST PASS - 1 WEEK (RE-PURCHASE IF LOST)	\$10.00
GUEST PASS - 1 DAY (RE-PURCHASE IF LOST)	\$3.00
PERSONAL AIDE (EVERY 3 MONTHS)	\$0.00

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,	GUEST TICKET: \$13.00	
0	(ONLY ONE GUEST PER RESIDENT ID)	0
0	FOOD	0
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2	ONLY ONE FULL TABLE PER PERSON (6 SEATS) WITH ALL ID'S	0
	ONLY ONE GUEST TICKET PER RESIDENT ID ONE PAYMENT FOR ENTIRE PURCHASE	0



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The UCO Reporter promises to continue its long held beliefs that this publication will print articles to inform our residents of the important issues concerning our Village. We promise to seek the truth and to print both sides of an issue, to open dialogue to inform our readers, not to create controversy.

We promise to listen to your concerns and to treat all our residents with courtesy and respect. Your opinion is valuable to us and will be considered in our decision for publication. These are the criteria for publication:

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: Letters to the Editor should be limited to 250 words, and must be e-mailed (ucore-porterwpb@gmail.com) to the Reporter by the 7th of the month prior to publication. Your opinions are important to us, but please refrain from gossip, innuendo, nasty or inflammatory remarks. Letters deemed to be inappropriate, inflammatory or libelous will be returned by the Staff for revision or removal. All letters must include the name, address and phone number of the author. No letters from UCO Reporter staff will be published. They may however have the opportunity to submit an opinion article also limited to 250 words.

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EDITORIAL

We are in the second month of the New Year and it is obvious that many residents are still in need of education about UCO and their building associations. Questions and problems come to UCO that should be addressed to association boards. Do not ask UCO to intervene in association issues. They should be addressed to your board. UCO does not have this authority. Ask them to guide you with your association issues, but remember that UCO does not provide legal advice and should not be asked for it.

UCO oversees major contracts. They are Security, Transportation, Roads, Cable and Insurance, their authority coming from the Bilateral Agreement entered into by the associations to provide such services. The UCO office can issue barcodes, gate passes, provide investigations for buyers, renters and occupants, and notarize building paperwork, but it does not issue CV IDs. That is provided by WPRF with proper documentation. Your CV ID is the property of WPRF. Read the back of your ID.

The UCO Reporter, published monthly, can answer many questions. Notices on the inhouse channels 590, 591 and 592 can provide further information almost daily. UCO hours are posted in many places to prevent anyone from coming in for barcodes after the deadline. However, residents do not familiarize themselves with this information. If you need a barcode or an update, don't come in at the stroke of 11:30 Monday thru Thursday, or at 2:30 on Friday. The system will be shut down

and the daily transactions tallied. Come in during the 2-1/2 hour period this service is available. Likewise for investigations. Appear before 12:00 or 3:00 on the designated days.

by Ruth Dreiss, Editor-in-chief UCO Reporter

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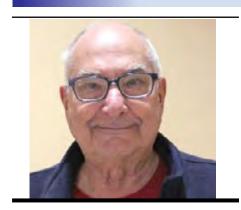
UCO Committee Meetings

WED 5	PROGRAM & SERVICES	1:00 PM	CANCELLED
FRI 7	DELEGATE ASSEMBLY	9:30 AM	MCH AUDITORIUM
FRI 7	SECURITY	1:00 PM	CONF RM
TUE 4	TRANSPORTATION	12:00 NOON	CONF RM
WED 12	BROADBAND	12:00 NOON	CONF RM
THU 11	ADVISORY	12:00 NOON	ON HIATUS
THU 12	COP	9:30 AM	MCH RM TBD
FRI 14	CERT	1:00 PM	MCH RM TBD
WED 19	BEAUTIFICATION	1:00 PM	ON HIATUS
THU 20	BIDS/INFRASTRUCTURE	12:00 NOON	CONF RM
TUE 18	INSURANCE	12:00 NOON	CONF RM
WED 26	FINANCE	12:00 NOON	CONF RM
THU 27	OFFICERS	12:00 NOON	CONF RM
TUE 25	OPERATIONS	1:00 PM	MCH MTG RM C
FRI 28	EXECUTIVE	10:00 AM	MCH MTG RM C

Committee Meetings are Subject to change. Check with Committee Chair for updates/ cancellations

Committee Members and Officers preferred.
Limited seating available.

UCO OFFICERS' REPORTS



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Five hundred years ago, a European philosopher advised that "Knowledge is Power." To CV Board Members and residents, knowledge has very practical applications. It enables Boards to make informed decisions, solve problems and achieve their goals. The first fundamental piece of knowledge is to understand the responsibilities of Board Members, and that residents have full knowledge of their bylaws and documents. They must protect the property and value of their Associations. They must ensure that their property is properly maintained. Officers must act in good faith and due diligence to the members, regardless of costs. Board members must work closely with their property manager in ensuring that the property is inspected and

maintained and quick action is taken when necessary.

Whether you are a Board member or an owner, it is vital that you are educated in the essentials of running your Association. All Board members must take the courses required by the State of Florida. You must be certified in order to be a Board member. It is essential that not only Board members, but unit owners must be educated on the essentials of all that is required in managing your Association. This education cannot be overstated. That is why we encourage all residents to attend the information classes that are given by your UCO President, Fausto Fabbro. The time and date of these instructional sessions are published in the UCO Reporter and on the UCO Website, as well.

In addition, your UCO Vice-Presidents are always available to discuss Association issues. Just keep in mind that your UCO officers will never offer legal advice, but will always recommend that you discuss legal issues with your Association's lawyer. The Association Board is required to prepare budgets and financial documents. Every unit owner has the right to see all Association documents upon request. Transparency is a major key to a smooth and non-confrontational essential in managing your Association. I hope that all residents have a fruitful and rewarding 2025.



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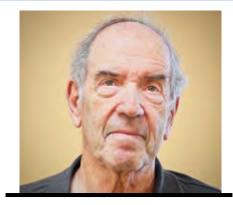
Most Associations are preparing for their Annual Election Meeting. Some Associations already had their Annual Election Meeting. Please make sure all Board Members attend the four hour class for certification that is required for the first year and a one hour class each year thereafter. Anyone who has not done this will automatically be removed from the Board. A copy of the certificate should go to the President.

Get the Officers, Delegates and CERT Contact Report form from UCO. Do not forget to put all your Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the back of the form. PLEASE make

sure the form is legible, so we can input all this information in the Association book. If your name is not in the book, you will not be able to represent your Association at the Delegate Assembly.

Make sure your documents are up to date. What is written in one document should be in all of them. The three documents are your Bylaws, Declaration of Condominium and Articles of Incorporation. Also include your Rules and Regulations with these documents. Last, but not least, retain an attorney for your building. It does not cost more than a few hundred dollars. Almost all of the complaints I get from individuals are problems that need an attorney's opinion. If you do not have a Board, you will need to have a receivership. They are charging around \$250,000 a year. Do the math. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact

I am still Chair of the Transportation Committee and anyone wishing to join this Committee can come to the UCO office and fill out a form. As always, any complaints or compliments should be put in writing. You can get the forms at the clubhouse and UCO. They will get to me from either place and it will be sent via email to Academy Bus. Thank you for your cooperation. God bless you.



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The 80/20 Rule

Century Village is an "Age Restricted" community, this status limits who may reside in the community. The key word is "reside" as there is nothing to stop someone under the age of fifty-five (55) from purchasing in your association. But another issue that has become more common in recent years is residents under aged residing in units.

You may be aware that your Association Documents restrict anyone under the age of eighteen (18) from ever residing in units. Those under the age of eighteen will always be considered "guests" and will be held to the guest restrictions of your governing documents. Most of the Associations in Century Village restrict that no guest may stay overnight in a unit more than thirty (30) days per calendar year, otherwise they will be considered residents.

An exception to the age restriction often falls on the caveat that your governing documents require that only a single resident be over the age of fifty-five, and so long as the other resident is over the age of eighteen, they may reside in the unit.

Where the 8o/20 rule comes into effect is to allow residents under the age of fifty-five to reside in a unit and still maintain your association's "age-restricted" status. Should your Association have someone residing in a unit with another who is of-age while they are "underaged" and the of-age person passes, you are not obligated to force

that underaged person to leave the property.

You must protect your "age restricted" for various reasons, the most important being to maintain a civil expectation among the residents, and your tax filing.

"There continues to be confusion concerning what is often referred to as the 80/20 split. HOPA states that the minimum standard to obtain housing for persons who are 55 years of age or older status is that "at least 80%" of the occupied units be occupied by persons 55 years or older. There is no requirement that the remaining 20% of the occupied units be occupied by persons under the age of 55, nor is there a requirement that those units be used only for persons where at least one member of the household is 55 years of age or older. Communities may decline to permit any persons under the age of 55, may require that 100% of the units have at least one occupant who is 55 years of age or older, may permit up to 20% of the occupied units to be occupied by persons who are younger than 55 years of age, or set whatever requirements they wish, as long as "at least 80%" of the occupied units are occupied by one person 55 years of age or older, and so long as such requirements are not inconsistent with the overall intent to be housing for older persons."

Essentially the HUD is stating that the issue of the remaining 20% is to be governed by the association's governing documents (i.e. private contract law) and local ordinance. For instance, an association can determine that for the other 20% persons can be no younger than a different minimum age established for the community. Commonly in Florida, that age is set at 45. This would mean that no one in the community can be younger than 45.

Of course, this does not mean that you can't have people younger than the minimum age visit. If a resident's grandchildren come down, most communities will allow guests of any age for up to 15 days 2 times per year and may have other applicable exceptions as well.

Bottom line, read and understand your governing documents and consult your attorney when necessary



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Property Manager's Report

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By Donald Foster, LCAM

One of the important services provided by UCO to the Associations of Century Village is applicant investigations, or screening. This service is provided by UCO as part of the contracts that exist between CV Association's and UCO:

"d. Screening:

The ASSOCIATION does hereby appoint UCO to administer screening of ALL prospective

purchasers, residents, companions, and tenants of condominium units pursuant to the Declaration of Condominium of the ASSOCIATION and the determination by H.U.D., declaring Century Village a senior community, where at least one resident in each unit must be 55 years of age or older.

The ASSOCIATION shall submit all signed contracts and its checks to UCO. Subsequent to the payment of the application fee in the amount allowed under the Florida Condominium Act (currently set at \$150.00) UCO shall supply the ASSOCIATION with the necessary screening application forms, to be filled in and returned to UCO, UCO shall contract with a professional firm to carry out the relevant investigation into this applicant's finances and criminal records. UCO shall transfer the results of this investigation to the ASSOCIATION's Board. The decision whether to accept or reject the applicant is wholly the ASSOCIATION's. Should the ASSOCIATION decide to reject the Applicant and UCO's attorney concurs, then UCO will cover legal expenses, should the rejection result in a lawsuit against this ASSOCIATION."

The UCO Investigations Department, staffed by unit owner volunteers, takes in applications from CV Association board members and Community Association Managers. Real Estate Agents may not drop off or pick up applications at UCO Investigations; agents must deliver completed applications to the CV Association Boards, who in turn deliver them to UCO Investigations. UCO staff are instructed not to communicate with Real Estate Agents, especially with regard to application and screening progress. These applications are checked over by staff, then transmitted to a contract investigation agency. This agent returns screening reports to UCO Investigations, which then passes the reports back to the Associations for review. Only Board Members or Managers may pick up screening reports. All documents handled by UCO Investigations are treated as confidential material.

As a strictly clerical operation, UCO Investigations Department processes applications and reports on behalf of the Associations of Century Village.

Our volunteer staff are instructed not to offer advice or guidance, suggest any applicant income guidelines, and to not interpret or analyze applications, sales contracts, leases, screening reports, or any other documents. Our staff are also instructed not to offer advice on condominium administration matters- questions of this type should be brought to the Association's Property Manager or Attorney.

Association Directors who are considering rejection of any applicant are encouraged to request a legal opinion from UCO's Attorney (at no additional charge), or to consult with their own counsel, before making a final decision. Please, do not put our volunteers on the spot by asking for advice or guidance about applications, screening reports, or matters of Association administration.

There are several types of applications, depending on the type of transaction being reviewed (sale, rental, occupancy). Each application has a top instruction sheet, with requirements for processing. Generally, each application must be accompanied by five items:

- Check to UCO from the Association account- \$150 dollars for an individual applicant, or a married couple.
- Fully filled out first page of the application.

- Authorization page, signed by applicant and board member.
- Qualifying document (sales contract, rental lease, request for occupancy form).
- Clear copies of government issued identification.

For Canadian applicants, new Canadian government requirements include clear copy of passports, and an additional form. Clear copies of ID's and legible, fully filled out forms are very important to comply with Canadian government regulations and to prevent delays in processing of applications. Please check with our staff to ensure that all paperwork is properly submitted. For other international applications, it may take longer for screening reports to be returned to UCO than with domestic applications.

The 150 dollar screening fee, collected from the applicants by the Associations, and passed on to UCO, is set by State Statute. UCO can only accept checks from Association accounts; no money orders or checks from applicants are accepted. Federal law prohibits inquiry about marital status for purposes of housing, so UCO Investigations staff may not inquire about an applicant's marital status, or require applicants to furnish copies of marriage licenses to determine the amount of screening fee.

Another service provided by UCO Investigations is issuance of Certificates Of Approval (COAs), which is done with the cooperation of our recreational facility management company, W.P.R.F. These Certificates allow a new resident to obtain CV Clubhouse IDs, UCO Barcodes, and can be used to enter CV at the community's entrances. These forms are created by W.P.R.F., and must be printed out at UCO. Hand written or filled out COAs are not accepted; the forms must be signed by two Association Directors and have the Association's seal affixed. Non-owner COAs (renter, occupant, medical aide) must be renewed annually, and only board members or managers can obtain these Certificates, in person. These procedures are in place to protect CV Associations from unauthorized sales, occupancies, or other shenanigans that happen from time to time. As the Association's Managing Agent, UCO wants to be very sure that CV Association Boards are fully aware of any property conveyances, rentals, or occupancies. Once an unauthorized resident is in place, resolving this can be time consuming and expensive, and UCO will protect the Association's interests.

Our UCO Investigations staff has worked hard over the past few years to streamline the process, improve customer service, and shorten the turnaround time for our clients, the Associations of Century Village. Unit owners are encouraged to volunteer for service, especially if they have clerical or administrative experience, can operate a computer, and enjoy working in a professional, confidential environment.

END OF REPORT





By JoAnne Robinson

As we get into the 2025 "Season" here at Century Village, I want to point out just a couple of things that I feel are of great importance to our residents. On March 7th at the Main Clubhouse,

we will have several things going on at once. Of course, the regular Delegate Assembly meeting is at 9:30 AM. As always, I'd like to encour-

Treasurer's Report

age everyone to attend and participate. We are "self-governed", and this is how it works.

Also, on that same day, we are having our annual UCO Elections. Delegates please be sure to check out the candidates and make sure you come out to vote. Along with those activities, we also have the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office conducting another of our valuable "Pill Drop" events. Remember to bring any unused drugs to safely have them disposed of by the Sheriff's Office. Last, but by far not least, on that same day immediately following the Assembly, we have the Palm Beach Planning & Zoning Department giving a presentation about building codes, permits, and all things construction-related. If you are planning any type of remodeling, DO NOT MISS THIS ONE.

As your Treasurer, I cannot emphasize strongly enough how important it is to be involved in your community.



By Stew Richland

For the second month in a row, our police report was very positive. One bike was stolen, but recovered. One home was broken into while the resident was not at home. With the clearing of the golf course, the number of homeless resi-

dents using the area has ended. However, Donald

Security

Foster, our community manager reported that our area fence was cut and a few outsiders entered our community. All of this activity was captured on video. I urge all residents to make sure your units are locked when you leave and keep your TV on along with one light. Do not leave any valuables in your vehicle. Phone and Internet scams are getting more creative. Do not answer your phone if you do not recognize the caller's number and never,

I repeat never, respond to money requests to any person or group if you do not know that the request is legitimate. Be alert to your immediate environment and if you see something that you deem suspicious, notify Century Village security or the police immediately.

Happy new year to one and all.



By Ruth Dreiss

Regarding Sunday mass to the Holy Name of Jesus, the bus driver must leave the church at 11:00 AM for the return trip, in order to maintain the

schedule which has gone beyond its limits and there can be no liberties. Transportation Chair Patricia Caputo announced that the schedule must accommodate all of the

Transportation

riders in the community and not just a select few.

All written complaints have been forward to the bus company for disposition. These must contain your name, phone number, bus number and the time and date of any incident. Provide as much information as you can. If a name and phone number are not provided, there can be no

Riders should be aware that they must be at the bus stop where they are dropped off and at no

other place, in order to return. The designated bus stop at the Outlet Mall is at the DSW shoe store. Whole Foods will be eliminated from the printed schedule because it does not stop there and confuses the riders.

Anyone wishing to join the Transportation Committee should pick up an application at the UCO office, fill it out and return it to Patricia.



By Eva Rachesky

Dear Residents,

Though the Emcee's announce regularly that no perfumes / colognes are allowed in the Theater or at the Friday night dance, residents / guests are still wearing them. Some

fragrances are so strong, you'd think they bathed in it. I have to ask why? It's a sad day when we stop caring about others.

It is not a far stretch to imagine that many of our advanced seniors have breathing difficulties. Have you ever heard another person fighting to breathe? I have...it's a sound I won't soon forget. Since

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you are all sitting in close proximity, shoulder to shoulder, would you want to be responsible for someone struggling to breathe? Your enjoyment of the show will not be diminished when foregoing your perfume or cologne.

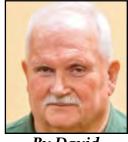
When inviting guests, please advise them that perfumes and colognes are not allowed at the same time you apprise them of the dress code. This is your community, and these are your neighbors. Please show consideration for your fellow residents...you never know...one day it could be you fighting to take a breath.

Again, though announced regularly that cell phone use is not allowed in the Theater, residents and guests alike think that it is okay to do so in

a darkened space. This occurs in both the shows and the movies. There IS etiquette to owning a cell phone. It is impolite to use a cell phone in the dark as it is a distraction to others. You need to consider the level of your addiction if you cannot be without your phone for an hour or two. If an emergency presents itself, then leave the theater and go into the lobby and return when the call has

Please be sensitive to others and follow the golden rule...TREAT OTHERS AS YOU WOULD WANT TO BE TREATED.

My thanks to all for your anticipated cooperation!



By David Boas

From the Corresponding Secretary

year, where many of our associations are having their respective annual meetings. Of course, this is when the new board members are elected. Please remember that if your list of Officers /

Delegate forms have changed to bring them into the UCO office for them to be updated. The cutoff date for these forms to be submitted is Wednesday at 12 NOON, BEFORE the DELEGATE ASSEMBLY.

"DO NOT COUNT ON YOUR MAINTENANCE COMPANY TO BRING THEM IN. THEY MUST BE BROUGHT INTO THE UCO OFFICE"

In order for you to vote at the DELEGATE

This is the time of the ASSEMBLY, or in the upcoming election for Officers and Executive Board, you must be either a Delegate or an Alternate. Only the assigned number of delegates per association may vote. Here is the breakdown on the association's number of allowable votes.

> Associations with 26 or fewer units have ONE [1] vote. There are 284 of these associations.

Dover, [1 Association] has NINE [9] votes.

Golfs Edge, [1 Association] has SEVEN [7] votes. Greenbrier, [3 Associations] have TWO [2] votes for each association. Oxford 200 [1 Association] has TWO [2] votes.

Oxford 400 [1 Association] has TWO [2] votes. Plymouth [3 Associations] have TWO [2] votes

Southampton [3 Associations] have THREE [3] votes each.

Wellington [12 Associations] have TWO [2] votes

Total number of Delegates who may vote is THREE HUNDRED FORTY NINE [349]

This is information in the UCO Bylaws updated 2020, page 5, ARTICLE IV, DELEGATE ASSEMBLY. For further information you may stop at the UCO office and pick up a copy of the bylaws. Remember, if you don't vote, you leave your association's representation to others.

David A. Boas, Corresponding Secretary.

IF YOU PLAN TO:

NOMINATE, SECOND, OR ACCEPT A NOMINATION FROM THE FLOOR AT THE DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MEETING ON FEBRUARY 7:

THIS IS WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!

Nominations from the floor will be accepted for: Two (2) Vice Presidents 2025 -2027 Recording Secretary 2025-2026 Ten (10) Executive Board members 2025-2027

Any unit owner who lives in Century Village for at least nine (9) months of the year in which he/she will serve is eligible for nomination.

When nominations for a specific office are opened, come to the microphone. Bring your Century Village ID and present it to a designated volunteer.

- Only an OFFICIAL DELEGATE or ALTERNATE who has SIGNED IN before the start of the meeting may NOMINATE a candidate or SECOND a nomination.
- At the microphone, clearly state YOUR NAME and YOUR ASSOCIATION and the NAME, ASSOCIATION and OFFICE of the person you are nominating or seconding.
- A nominee must be present to accept the nomination.
- Following nomination and a second, each NOMINEE MUST COME TO THE MICROPHONE and ACCEPT THE NOMINATION by stating his/her name, association, and the office for which he /she is a candidate.
- All nominees must declare that they RESIDE IN CENTURY VILLAGE FOR AT LEAST NINE MONTHS of every year.
- If you are nominated from the floor on February7, your bio must be submitted to ucoreporterwpb@gmail.com by February 10.
- UCO photographer will be in the Clubhouse Lobby at the close of the February7 delegate meeting to take a photograph of any candidate who wishes to have it included in the election section of the next UCO Reporter.

VOTE IN THE CLUBHOUSE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025 - between 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

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PALM BEACH COUNTY PLANNING, ZONING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT





March 7 at 11:30 am Century Village Clubhouse

Welcome remarks from Commissioner Gregg Weiss

Presentations include:

Contractor Regulations
Code Compliance
Building Permitting and more....

Minutes Delegate Assembly

January 3, 2024

Meeting was CTO by President Fausto Fabbro @ 9:30am.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by PBSO.

Law Enforcement Report; Fraud cases have declined but still be on the alert for scammers. Calls have also decreased and traffic incidents are also down.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by the member in attendance. Motion by John Hess, 2nd by John Timmermann.

Since a quorum was not established, the meeting will continue in an informative procedure.

LCAM Report, Donald Foster. Several items were brought up to date. January 24th Town Hall Meeting regarding the LaQuinta status to be in the MCH Theatre. Article in the PB Post regarding the code enforcement at Norwich B, etc. Unregistered cars, expired tags etc. Fire alarms.

Discussion and questions.

President's Report; Fausto Fabbro. Announced again the meeting dates for Coffee with the President, 2nd Friday of each month. Meet the President 3rd Friday of each month in the MCH room C. February 11th Condo Expo. They will offer a course on Board Certification. Must preregister. Informed the DA of the numbers done at the desk. Total of 1700 new barcodes out of 4800 others which includes update and gate passes.

Treasurer's Report; JoAnne Robinson. Reminded all of the Senior vs Crime on Wednesday at the UCO office from 12 to 3. UCO Accounts Receivable are in excellent shape. She is always available to help with Association Budgets in regard to UCO budget items.

UCO Reporter; Ruth Dreiss. Gave us to date P&L for the year. To date we are in the black at \$21,688. A large part of this was due to the volume of campaign advertisements. Regardless of profit or loss, we will always have a paper. Informed the DA that the last day for submitting bios to run for Office or EB is January 10th.

Corresponding Secretary; David Boas.

Nominations from the floor will be at the February DA Meeting. Election for Officers and Executive Board will be on March 7th in the MCH. Voting for delegates will be from 8 am to 9:30 am. When new Officers and Delegate forms are done, please don't count on your management company to bring them to UCO. Bring a copy into the UCO office. Forms must be brought in the UCO office by the close of our business hours the Wednesday BEFORE the Delegate Assembly.

VP Report; Patricia Caputo. Transportation issues are decreasing in volume and being handled in a timely manner. Compliments and complaints must be written out with Time, Date, Bus #, your name and phone number. Stressed the need for volunteers for not only UCO, WPRF, but most importantly for your association.

VP Report; Stewart Richland. Stressed the need for more and better communication. Starting at the association level. Please be aware of the increase of both bicycle and scooter riders, especially early morning and at dusk.

Unfinished Business; N/A

New Business; N/A

Good of the Order; Several items were discussed. Thanks from Flora Simpson for the Medical Equipment Donations and for donations of socks given to the Lord's Place.

Guest Speakers;

Commissioner Greg Weiss

Derek Hankerson from US Representative Brian Mast's office.

Amy from Anne Gannon's office of Tax Collection

Colleen form Joseph Abruzzo's office Clerk of Courts

Representative from Palm Beach County Fire & Rescue.

Motion to adjourn at 11:15 am. Joyce Reiss 2nd John Timmermann.

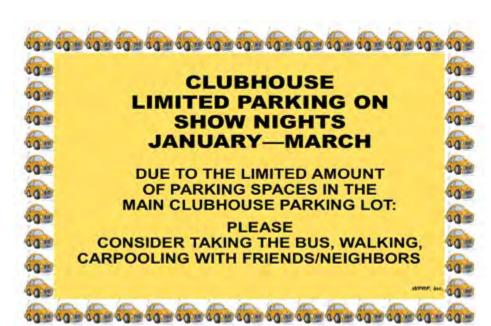
Submitted by; David A Boas Corresponding Secretary

Delegate Assembly Attendance

Delegates Present January 3, 2024 Delegate Assembly

Andover	A, C, H, J, M
Bedford	J
Berkshire	E, H, I
Cambridge	C, H, I
Camden	B, K, L, O
Canterbury	A, B, C, D, F
Chatham	B, C, D, E, F, H, N, Q, U
Coventry	B, E, G, J
Dorchester	D, G, H, J
Dover	(3 of 9)
Easthampton	G, H, I
Golfs Edge	(3 of 7)
Greenbrier	B, C (1 of 2)
Hastings	I
Kent	C, I, M

Kingswood Northampton E, M, N, P, S Norwich Oxford 200 (1 of 2), 400, 700 **Plymouth** 500 (1 of 2) Salisbury D, I Sheffield E, F, G, H, J, L, N Somerset C, F, G, K Southampton A (1 of 3), B (2 of 3), C Stratford C, D, J, O Sussex E, H, L, M Waltham C, E, G, H, I A (1 of 2), C, E (1 of 2), F (1 of 2) Wellington G (1 of 2), J, K (1 of 2), M (1 of 2) A, E, L, O, R Windsor











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Recap of January Seminars

BY MARK FRIEDMAN, FLORIDA BAR CERTIFIED AS A SPECIALIST IN CONDOMINIUM AND PLANNED DEVELOPMENT LAW

In January I presented two classes at Century Village; one on borrowing money and one on how to handle water leaks. This article recaps both of those classes.

Borrowing money

As a condominium association you have very few options on how to gather money for necessary repairs, such as a new roof. If you have been reserving enough money over the years, you would likely have enough to pay for the necessary infrastructure repairs. But if you have been waiving or reducing your reserve funds in years past, the only other internal sources of money are your monthly maintenance fees and/ or special assessments. The issue with special assessments is that they take time to collect, and contractors want their money as soon as the work is completed. Further, when unit owners are on fixed incomes, large, short-term special assessments may not be practical.

Therefore, some Associations opt to obtain a loan so that they can pay their contractors immediately and repay a loan in smaller increments with special assessment funds from their unit owners.

The major takeaways from this lecture were: 1) involve your attorney early in the loan process, 2) collateral cannot include reserve funds, special assessments levied for purposes other than loan repayment, insurance settlement proceeds, and the condominium property. At Century Village you should also consider opting out of the collateral the funds collected for the United Civic Organization and WPRF.

Obtaining a loan requires a thorough analysis of your governing documents to determine whether you have the authority to borrow and the authority to special assess for repayment of the loan. It is not a matter to be taken lightly and should involve the entire Board.

Water leaks

Water leaks are always occurring and there are some basic misconceptions; usually about who is responsible for which aspects of clean up. The basic takeaways from this lecture were, when there is an insurable casualty: 1) put your insurance carrier on notice immediately (time is of the essence); 2) the provisions of Section 718.111(11), Florida Statutes, usually control in the aftermath of a casualty, not the governing documents; 3) Under the statute the Association (and its insurance) is responsible for all portion of the unit as originally constructed except for personal property within the unit or limited common elements, and floor, wall, and ceiling coverings, electrical fixtures, appliances, water heaters, water filters, built-in cabinets and countertops, and window treatments, including curtains, drapes, blinds, hardware, and similar window treatment components, or replacements of any of the foregoing which are located within the boundaries of the unit and serve only such unit. As with everything there are exceptions.

When a water leak occurs, the Association should act quickly to ensure that a small issue does not become a huge issue. Drying out a unit immediately, especially if the water damage was from a clean water supply (as opposed to sewage) can be the difference between whether the sheet rock can be saved or if it has to be replaced.

Mark D. Friedman, B.C.S. is recognized by the Florida Bar as a specialist in Condominium and Planned Development Law. This article is not intended as legal advice and is intended for educational purposes only. If the issues above are occurring at your Association consult your own attorney before proceeding.



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February Property News

DOROTHY JACKS, CFS, FIAOO, AAS PALM BEACH COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER

My office is busy preparing the 2025 Tax Roll, a report of the combined value of all the property (real



and tangible) in Palm Beach County as of January 1.

This report will reflect market data gleaned from property sales last year as well as new con-

struction, demolition, land splits, land combinations, ownership changes, and additions or removals of exemptions.

The numbers cited below are as of January 9 and are subject to change.

Our estimates show modest increases in sales volume over last year, indicating stabilization in the market.

- Commercial sales are up from 818 to 880 or 7.6%
- Condo sales are up from 16,877 to 17,417 or 3.2%
- Residential sales are up 17,846 to 18,402 or 3.1%

New construction reflects the growth of our county as an estimated 5,000 new structures will be added to the 2025 Tax Roll. The rate of growth in single family homes is

slightly down compared to last year. While more condos are projected be added this year than last, fewer new commercial buildings will be added.

- New Single Family Homes 3,512 down 1.5% from 2024
- New Condominium Units 1060 up 9.5% from 2024
- New Commercial Buildings 197 down 28.1% from 2024

New construction numbers represent property that has never been taxed before, adding new value to the 2025 Tax Roll. This contributes to the tax base while sharing the tax burden.

The deadline to file for a homestead exemption is March 3 this year. This is an excellent time of year to review your homestead exemption status and examine additional exemptions that may yield tax savings. In this month's newsletter, you will find information to help you do just that. I hope you find it useful.

Homestead Exemption on Real Property

If you are a permanent Florida resident, you may be eligible for a homestead exemption, which can save you generally \$750 to \$1,000 in

property taxes each year. All homestead exemption applications must be submitted by March 3, 2025.

A \$25,000 exemption is applied to the first \$50,000 of your property's assessed value if your property is your permanent residence and you owned the property as of January 1. This exemption applies to all taxes, including school district taxes. An additional exemption (up to \$25,000 plus an increase for inflation) will be applied if your property's assessed value is between at least \$50,000 and \$75,000. This exemption is not applied to school district taxes. In addition, a homestead exemption limits any increase to your assessed value to a maximum of 3% each year or the amount of the change in the Consumer Price Index, whichever is lower.

- Three ways to apply:
- E File at pbcpao.gov
- Visit one of our five service centers to file in person

Complete the application, print it out, and mail it to the Property Appraiser's Office

Once you qualify, your homestead exemption will be renewed for you annually as long as you continue to qualify for the exemption.

Additional Exemptions

If you receive a homestead exemption, you may be eligible for additional exemptions or discounts in the categories listed below. The application deadline for all additional exemptions is March 3, 2025.

- Civilian Disability
- Institutional Exemptions
- Florida Law Enforcement & First Responders (Disabled in the line of duty)
- Living Quarters for Parents or Grandparents (also known as the Granny Flat)
 - Senior Citizen (Limited-Income)
 - Veterans Disability
- Widow/Widower Exemption

For more information, visit pb-cpao.gov or call Exemption Services at 561.355.2866.

Portability - You can take it with you!

If you sell your home and buy a new one, there is good news – You may not lose all the tax savings accumulated over the years.

Portability refers to Florida's Save Our Homes provision which allows you to transfer all or a significant portion of your tax benefit, up to \$500,000, from a home with a homestead exemption to a new home within the state of Florida that qualifies for a homestead exemption. The application deadline for portability is March 3, 2025.

You can E File for portability when E Filing for your homestead exemption. Or, if you have already filed for a homestead exemption and need only to file for portability, visit pbcpao.gov or call Exemption Services at 561.355.2866.

February Tax Talk

ANNE M. GANNON CONSTITUTIONAL TAX COLLECTOR PBC

DEAR FRIENDS:

On Tuesday, January 7, 2025, I had the honor of taking the Oath



of Office as your Palm Beach County Tax Collector for the sixth time. This swearing-in ceremony was special as both Wendy Sartory Link, Supervisor of Elections, and I were sworn into office during a joint ceremony, held at the new Supervisor of Elections

headquarters near the Palm Beach Airport.

As I begin this term as your Tax Collector, I will continue to focus on ensuring that we provide the residents of Palm Beach County an exceptional service experience whether visiting us in-person at one of our service centers, calling us on the phone or conducting business online. My staff and I are committed to providing our clients unparalleled service that inspires trust, and we are looking forward to our next interaction with you.

Thank you for the honor of serving as your Constitutional Tax Collector!

WELCOME YVETTE

I am pleased to welcome the newest member of our senior leadership team, Yvette Klepper! Yvette joined our organization as our Chief Personnel Officer and will lead our Human Resources Department, bringing more than 20 years of human resources experience with her.

Previously, Yvette had leadership roles at the

National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI) and Mod Med, both located in Palm

Beach County.

"I have enjoyed meeting the employees here at the tax collector's office.

Everyone has been so friendly and welcoming," said Yvette. "I am anxious to get to work and I look forward to visiting all of our service center locations to meet more of our staff."

Yvette earned a bachelor's degree from Loyola University in New Orleans and a master's degree from Palm Beach Atlantic University. A Palm Beach County native, Yvette enjoys spending time outdoors, doing everything from boating to camping.

Welcome, Yvette!

TCO COLLECTS SOCKS FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN

I am pleased and proud to announce the success of our office's holiday sock drive. We challenged our employees to donate 3,000 pairs of socks for homeless students in our local schools. Our employees demonstrated their commitment to our community and exceeded that goal by collecting 4,011 pairs of socks. The sock drive benefits Living Hungry, a local nonprofit.

Socks are one of the most-requested items among homeless children. The socks will soon be distributed to homeless school children in Palm Beach County. Living Hungry partners with the school district to deliver supplies to homeless students in Palm Beach County.

My employees and I look forward to our continued partnership with Living Hungry as we work to provide assistance and support for these deserving homeless children in Palm Beach County.

Read more about our organization's community involvement at www.pbctax.gov/about-us/#community.

VOTE-BY-MAIL

Coming off of this past year's busy election season, it is time to focus on the several municipal elections coming up in March for the following municipalities:

Boynton Beach Golf Highland Beach Jupiter

Lake Park
Lantana
Loxahatchee Groves
Pahokee
Palm Beach Gardens
Riviera Beach
Royal Palm Beach

Important Dates for Municipal Election Day, Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Deadline to register to vote

Monday, February 10, 2025

Deadline to request that a Vote-by Mail ballot

Thursday, February 27, 2025, by 5:00 p.m.

Early Voting

Not available

Deadline to return your Vote-by-Mail ballot

Tuesday, March 11, 2025, by 7:00 p.m. to our Main Office or by 5:00 p.m. to a Branch Office

Run-Off Election Day (if necessary)

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Clerk Report - February

JOSEPH ABRUZZO, PBC CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

Free Passport Photos for Service Members in Palm Beach County



I am proud to share a special opportunity that honors our brave service members and veterans: free passport photos.

Beginning this year my of-

fice is providing free passport photos for veterans, active-duty military and reservists when they apply for a new passport or renew an expired passport and cannot renew by mail.

To be eligible for the free photo, military personnel can present their DD-214, military identification, or have a veteran designation on their driver's license and make an appointment at one of our office locations below:

- North County Courthouse, 3188 PGA Blvd. Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410
- South County Courthouse, 200 W. Atlantic Ave. Delray Beach, FL 33444

• West County Courthouse, 2950 State Road 15 Belle Glade, FL 33430

Appointments are available 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, and can be made at https://www.mypalmbeachclerk.com/passport.

Our service members give our nation so much and their dedication to this nation is unparalleled. This is a small appreciation to give back to those who serve or have served.

I encourage all eligible service members and veterans to take advantage of this opportunity. Make your appointment today and let us help you as you have helped protect our freedoms.

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OXFORD 100 - First floor 1 - br/1.5 - ba unit! Spacious and light, come and enjoy your lakeview patio, impact windows, and new A/C! Contact Randall Beaver for more information. \$179,900



SOMERSET F - Second floor 2 - br/2 - ba unit with stunning water views! Corner unit with updated bathrooms, and ceramic tile throughout! A Must see! Contact Gracie Lagoudakis for more information. \$289,000



SALISBURY I - Cozy first floor 2 - br/1.5 - ba unit! Renovated kitchen and bathrooms, and ceramic floors throughout! Contact Gracie Lagoudakis for more information. \$150,000



CHATHAM J - First floor 2 - br/1.5 - ba unit! Renovated bathroom with step - in shower, light and bright, a MUST SEE! Contact Petrina Penio for information. \$170,000



WINDSOR R - Coveted first floor 1 - br/1.5 - unit! Beautifully updated, light and bright, walk - in shower, amazing garden views, and close to amenities! A MUST SEE! Contact Jessica Issa for more information. \$99,900



SOMERSET C - Renovated 2 - br/2 - ba corner unit with spectacular water views, stainless steel appliances, and impact windows! A must see! Contact Rosalie Daniels for more information. \$200,000



SOUTHAMPTON B - Coveted first floor 1 - br/1.5 - ba unit with updated kitchen and baths, ceramic tile throughout and being sold partially furnished. Contact Rosalie Daniels for more information. \$100,000



OXFORD 600 - Beautiful 2 - br/2 - ba unit with oversized lanai, new kitchen cabinets and freshly painted. Contact Rosalie Daniels for more information. \$175,000



GREENBRIER B - Charming 2 - br/2 - ba unit awaits new owner! Private pool and large lounging area for sun and relaxation! Contact Rosalie Daniels for more information. \$139,000



WINDSOR N - Beautiful 2 - br/1.5 - ba - Welcome home! Bright and spacious, central air and beautiful garden view! Contact Randall Beaver for more information. \$122,000



LAUDERDALE OAKS - 55+ Community of Lauderdale Oaks! This 1 - br/1 - ba first floor unit is light, bright and updated! Comes fully furnished! Contact Jessica Issa for more information. \$112,000



SOMERSET C - Enjoy beautiful water views from your new 2 - br/2 - ba unit! Unit has been tastefully renovated throughout! Don't miss this one! Contact Petrina Penio for more information. \$205,000



SUSSEX L \$140,000











BEDROOM - 1 BATH

1 BEDROOM – 1 BATH	
Windsor P-2nd floor- PENDING SALE	\$99,900
Andover M-2nd floor-Water view, open kitchen, new appliances	\$115,000
Sheffield G-2nd floor- Tile floors, furnished turnkey	\$81,999
Northampton M-2nd floor-Water view, updated kitchen	\$99,900
1 BEDROOM - 1 ½ BATH	
Andover M-2nd floor-Corner unit, renovated, new roof	\$125,000
2 BEDROOM - 1 ½ BATH	
Coventry I-1st floor-Corner unit, building features new roof	\$189,000
Sheffield Q-2nd floor-Corner unit, updated kitchen and baths	\$169,500
Sussex L 1st floor -PENDING SALE	\$159,000
Salisbury I-2nd floor-Corner unit, close to clubhouse and pools	\$179,500
Norwich K-Garden view 2-br/1.5-ba corner unit, ample natural light	
2 BEDROOM - 2 BATH	
Oxford 100-2nd floor-Water view, furnished, new kitchen appliances	\$185,000
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Somerset C-2nd floor -Water views, renovated kitchen, new a/c\$250,000

RENTALS	*Buyer/Ter	nant representation
Easthampton G-1st floor-1/1.5-SEASONAL, co	rner unit	\$1,950
Bedford J-2nd floor-1/1.5-Water view, updated		
Easthampton A-2nd floor-2/1-PENDING SALE	<u>. </u>	\$2,100
Waltham B-2nd floor-1/1.5-PENDING SALE		\$1,300
Kent I-1st floor-1/1.5-PENDING SALE		\$1,375
Sussex I-1st floor-1/1-Light and bright, tile thro	oughout, garden view	\$1,300
Coventry A-2nd floor-1/1.5-Freshly painted, clo	ose to club house	\$1,400
Northampton B-1st floor-1/1-PENDING SALE		\$1,450
Windsor M-1st floor-1/1-Serene garden view, ti	le throughout	\$1,350
Canterbury D-1st floor-1/1.5-Corner unit with	central air	\$1,450
Camden H-2nd floor-1/2-Open kitchen, lamina	ate throughout, bright	\$1,400
Camden H-1st floor-1/1.5 corner unit, remodel	led, furnished	\$1,450
Camden K-2nd floor-1/1.5 bright corner unit, p	partially updated	\$1,500
Sussex K-2nd floor1/1-Garden view, tile throug	hout, unfurnished	\$1,295
Golfs Edge F-2nd floor-2/2-New kitchen cabine	ts, close to clubhouse	\$1,600

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What's Up in the Century Village Sky

BY ROBERT DUVALL

Rockets are going up in the air weekly! Last year ended very busy with SpaceX launching 132 Falcon 9 rockets, most of them from Florida.

This year will be busier (if that's possible!) The Florida Space Coast is set for another busy year in 2025 with new Moon missions, the debut of a new rocket and new spacecraft.

It's rare to be able to see a rocket itself in the daytime, but you can easily spot their signature contrail. As the rockets launch from Cape Canaveral, look almost due North. During night launches if you look anywhere in Century Village you can see the rocket's fiery exhaust. If you have binoculars, grab them for a real treat!

SpaceX hopes to launch over 150

more Falcon 9 rockets this year, with three already launched in the first week of January. That is three a week!

SpaceX wowed the world in November 2024 during Flight 5 of Starship, the most powerful rocket ever built. This beast packs more than twice the power of America's Moon rocket, the Saturn V. These currently launch from Texas, but SpaceX plans to start launching them from Florida in 2026.

SpaceX is introducing a new Crew Dragon spacecraft for missions to the International Space Station (ISS) in March. It joins four existing Dragons used for human spaceflight. Since 2020 they have flown 15 times, carrying 56 people to the ISS.

As of this writing, Amazon founder

Jeff Bezos' space company, Blue Origin, hopes for the first launch of the New Glenn rocket. This reusable rocket is intended to rival SpaceX's Falcon Heavy. New Glenn is a 320 foot tall rocket, about the same height as a 30-story building. Its BE-4 engines produce about enough power to supply electricity to both LA and NYC!

Blue Origin is aiming for an early morning liftoff from Cape Canaveral Space Launch Complex 36 during a three-hour launch window that opens at 1 a.m. January 10th. This rocket launch should be easily visible from West Palm Beach! If the weather isn't cloudy, only two questions remain: Can they achieve the maiden launch and can you stay up and awake long enough?

Back to the Moon: not humans, yet, but three commercial companies have 2025 plans to send landers to the Moon. NASA is continuing its campaign to explore more of the Moon through its Firefly lander. Firefly should launch early morning January 14, at 1 a.m. This author will be at the press site, so stay tuned next month for a short report.

And speaking of the Moon, mark your calendars: March 13–14 there will be a Total Lunar Eclipse (Blood Moon).

Well, that's it for this month's report.

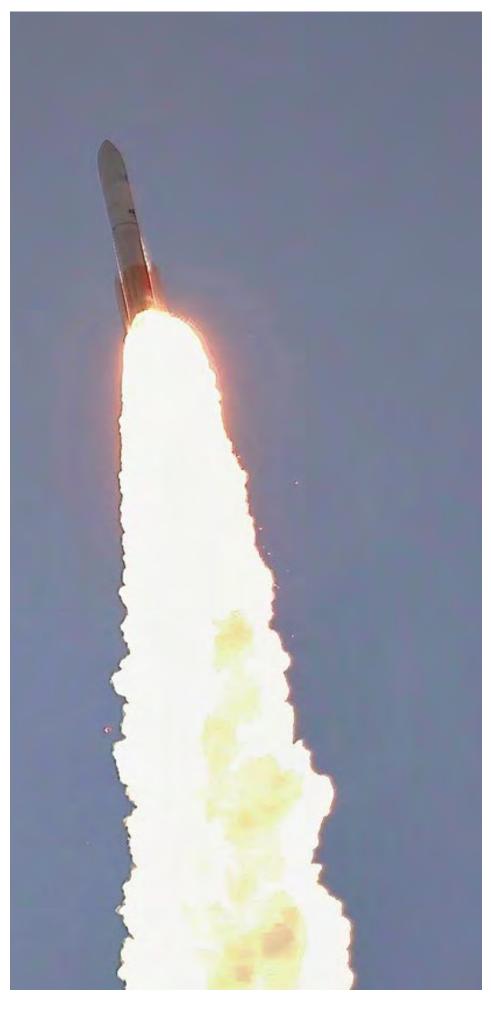
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USPS Criminal Rings

USPS faces huge threat as mail workers steal millions and are targeted by criminal rings

One of the biggest threats to the United State Postal Service is not the ever-growing cost of stamps, long lines at the post office or even delayed mail. The biggest threats to USPS may be the mail handlers themselves.

Auditors found that a tiny percentage of them steal. And they steal a lot, according to a stunning federal investigation of a dozen mail sorting facilities across the U.S.

In mid-December, federal prosecutors charged two postal workers with stealing more than \$1 million in business checks. The two worked at postal facilities in Virginia and North Carolina.

But that's not the whole mail bag on the matter. In a stunning finding by the USPS Office of Inspector General, I.G. Tammy L. Hull writes that "criminal organizations are targeting, recruiting and colluding with postal employees to move narcotics through the postal network and to steal checks – both personal and government-issued checks — credit cards and other valuables from the mail."

'Shocking to everyone'

A Norfolk TV news station reported that postal workers aren't getting a job because they want to deliver the mail or they want to sort mail. They're getting a job to steal mail. Criminal organizations are recruiting postal workers to infiltrate the postal service. That should be shocking to everyone. However, a Houston plant is undergoing a similar probe with the results to be announced in the spring.



The auditors suggested a series of improvements including more training of employees, stronger national policy banning personal items from inside the facilities and updating some 18,619 cameras in plants throughout the nation. Many of them no longer work.

How do they steal?

It's not that hard when you bring bags, backpacks, coats and jackets onto the plant floor. Mail can be transferred from a box to a jacket. With poor training the risk of getting caught is small

A Milwaukee mail clerk under surveillance looked in trays for greeting cards that contained gift cards. The clerk moved them to another tray during their shift, and then placed all the mail in a backpack.

The clerk was fired, prosecuted and found

guilty, the report said. The clerk was given two years probation and ordered to pay \$1,600.

In St. Louis, a mail handler stole 55 out of 150 packages out of a truck. The mail handlers helped each other as lookouts while stolen items were stashed in their jackets and backpacks. Seven workers either resigned or were fired. One was sentenced to three months in a federal prison.

Solutions are not as easy as they sound. Most facilities don't provide lockers for workers. Plus, workers go in and out to get mail out of trucks. They need their jackets on cold days.

Reputation at stake

This is a difficult problem to solve. "Employee mail theft damages the Postal Service's reputation and diminishes public trust in the nation's mail system," a report warns.

In the know

If you suspect your mail was stolen contact the postal inspector at 877-876-2455. The website is www.uspsoig.gov/.

File a complaint at your local post office.

Sign up for Informed Delivery. This free service sends you an email early each morning showing photographs of each piece of mail to be delivered that day.

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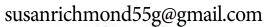


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2bed/1 bath Newly updated open concept gourmet kitchen\$145,000 or rent \$1600

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LIGHT AND BRIGHT 2nd floor corner, 1 Bed 1 1/2 Baths, updated kitchen.....\$129,000

CHATAM G

SECOND FLOOR corner 2 Bed 1 1/2 Baths, updated open kitchen, cac, amazing water view\$185,000

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RARE 2ND FLOOR CORNER with serene water views, Meticulously kept 2 bed 1 1/2 bath\$180,000

GOLFS EDGE F

CORNER 2 Bed 2 Baths, furnished, hurricane protected, updated kitchen, steps to Golfs Edge pool......\$165,000

PLYMOUTH L

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SALISBURY D

GROUND FLOOR 1 bed 11/2 bath, updated bathrooms, very close to the clubhouse and the Haverhill gate\$110,000

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ALL NEW 2ND FLOOR 1 bed 1 bath, modern unit with open concept kitchen, recessed lighting, large tile, lovely water view air.\$105,000

CHATHAM Q

GROUND FLOOR 1 bed 1 bath, spectacular water views, tiled open kitchen, new appliances waiting for finishing touch......\$110,000

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Organization News

Actors Studio 1: meets Monday 7-9 PM in the clubhouse. Openings for actors of all skill levels. Writers and stage hands are welcome. Performances every year. Participants read from scripts. Call Marshall: 561-596-1738.

African American Culture Club: business meetings, first Wed. each mo. 6:00 PM. Potluck 4th Sun., 3-6 PM. Play hand knee & foot during the week. Les 315-529-1221; Sadie 845-541-7167; Eula 561-718-7478.

Al-Anon Attitude of Gratitude: Regular mtg. for CV RESIDENTS ONLY meets every Thurs, at 4:30pm, CV Clubhouse Craft Room. For info call/text 954-512-0509.

American Legion Post 141: Attention Veterans!! And anybody connected to the military. Your service is needed again. Join the American Legion, Post 141 and help support our Veterans & community programs. For more info: Ron Rising, Commander, Post 141 561-460-5169, commanderpost141wpb@gmail.com.

Art Club: Thurs. mornings, 9:30 to noon, Art Room, 2nd fl. No dues, no costs. Call Susan Bernstein 917-833-7516 to let her know you will come.

Baby Boomers: Monthly meetings third Wed., 3:30-4:30pm, Clubhouse Classroom C, each month from Dec.-May. We will plan things to do, meet friends and then go to dinner together (optional activity). All welcome.

Board Synergy Club: Meets second Thurs., 1:30 pm, CH Mtg. Rm. C. All CV residents are welcome. This is an opportunity to network with other board members and ask questions. For more information, email boardsynergyclub@gmail.com.

C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team): Meets 2nd Friday of month, CH Room A, 1 PM.

Century Village Patriots Club: Meetings 4th Wed. of every month, Clubhouse, Meeting Room C, 6-8 PM to educate, inform and discuss with voters the issues of the day that affect our country and our liberty. For more info, contact Donna at 914-497-1396.

Christian Club: Meetings first Wed. of month, 1 PM Clubhouse Party Room. For Club info call: Rae Boyle 561-254-2290.

Technology Club (Computer Club): meets first Thursday.

of mo., CH Room A, 12:30 pm, refreshments served, drawings for door prizes. Every Monday morning, 10:30am, computer room, second floor Learn new digital skills, improve knowledge of computers, phones & tablets. Membership: \$12 per yr. Share your skills with others as a volunteer teacher. For info: email cvccwpb@gmail.com. For Website: https://www.cvcomputerclub-wpb.com/

Cong. Anshei Sholom: 5348 Grove St. Invites you to join them for Shabbat Services Sat. morning, 9:15 AM with a kiddush following. Our synagogue is cleaned & sanitized each week. Hand sanitizers available. For further information, please call the Synagogue office: 561-684-3212.

CV Friends of Bill W: Meetings Mon. & Thurs., 6:30 pm, Clubhouse 1st fl. Craft Room. Further info: 832-819-7748, 631-889-2614.

Democratic Club of CV: Meetings 3rd Thursday each mo., 1:30-3:00 pm. For more info contact: Les Rivkin, Pres. 315-529-

Falling Star Players: a CV acting group producing 3 shows a year. Meets in Classroom C every Tuesday. 6PM. Can't memorize lines? No problem. We take our scripts on-stage. Come join the fun! Call Jody Lebel 561-531-3373.

Irish American Club: meetings begin Nov. 12th, 1 PM, clubhouse Party Room. All future meetings, first Tuesday of the month, same time & place. More info: please call Carole 914-343-5547.

Italian American Club: Meeting 3rd Wed. of the month, Party Rm., 1 PM; . For info: call Fausto 561-502-1879. Upcoming Tours & Cruises: Feb. 17, Everglades Bus Tour, Inc. bus/tour/box lunch/tips \$83.50pp, Veggie, Turkey, Ham/cheese, Departure CV 9:00am, March 5, Miami/Bayside & Boat Tour, Departure CV 9:00am (lunch on your own), Inc. bus/boat tour/tips \$63.75pp March 24, 2025-April 8, 2025, 15-day Transatlantic cruise, Emerald Princess from FLL//Madeira/Gibraltar/Malaga/ Corsica/Rome, rates starting \$1,039.00 pp dbl. occp.; Sept. 13, 2025- Sept. 20, 2025, SicilyTour, Land tour of Sicily with Cosmos Tours, Taormina, Agrigento, Marsala/Palermo, etc., rates starting \$1,699.00pp dbl. occp. Most tour rates based on 30 PAX./rates may change without notice. For reservations, Michelina 561-335-2576, Franne 561-478-9526...

Latin American Club: meets every 2nd Wed. of month, 4-6 pm in clubhouse, Meeting Room A. Club offers dance every month, 3rd Sunday at 5 pm. Club enrollment is on-going. For info: call Fernando 917-405-4805 or Alfonso 561-371-6061.

New York & Jewish Club: meets 2nd Thurs. ea. mo., 6-8 PM, Mtg. Rm D. Enjoy mingling, forming friendships, and discussions with those having the same backgrounds & interests. More members needed. Pl. call: Mark Sosnowitz, 914-318-4476.

Polish American Social Club: meets every first Thursday., 6 PM-10 PM, Clubhouse Art Room. Contact: Teresa Cyburt 561-729-0612.

Rummikub Club: Meets Mondays, 7 PM, Clubhouse Card Rm. Bring your Rummikub game with you, if you have one. For info: Adrene King 305-542-3905 and Kalima Love 561-667-2464.

Russian-Ukraine Club: meets 2nd Mon. of mo., Meeting Rm. A, 4-7 PM. For info call Pres. Raisa Kogan 302-345-9627.

Sailing Club: Meets Nov.-April, 2nd Friday of the month, 10 AM, Room C. Monthly Potluck, 5:30 PM, 1st Tuesday of month, Guest Pool, Nov.-April.

Shuffleboard Club: Summer Season May thru Oct. Play Tues. 6:30 PM, changed from previous yrs. Winter Season Nov. thru April, Tues., Wed., Thurs. Be ready to play at 1:30. Everyone is welcome. Equipment will be provided. Any questions, call Ed Wright: 561-632-5268, Winter months Mike Seeger: 419-787-

Snorkel Club: meets the 3rd Friday of the month, October thru April, 10AM in Clubhouse, Classroom B. Also Nature Walks at Wakodahatchee & Green Cay Wetlands. Please join us.

Tennis Club: Tennis players invited to participate in discussion of the future of our Club. Call: Les 315-529-1221.

Trivia Night: every Thursday, Clubhouse Party Room, 6:17 PM. Bring snacks, 50/50 drawing for prizes. Dial Brady 716-308-0922 for info.

Zoom Programs: Poetry, Karaoke, Yiddish Vinkl programs. Contact Marsha Love - mgmaita@aol.com.

FEBRUARY 2025 CLUB LIST

All Clubs are active as of revised date, Clubs may have been discontinued or cancelled. Rooms or dates may be subject to change or modification. Masks and Social Distancing Recommended; Some Clubs may have Additional Rules

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RECIPE FOR ARTICHOKE SAUCE

2 tablespoons of butter or olive oil

1/4 cup of minced onion

2 ounces (1/4 lb of prosciutto or cooked ham)

1 cup pear shaped Italian tomatoes and liquid

1 package (8 or 9 ounces) of thawed frozen artichoke hearts, finely chopped

1 tablespoon of basil leaves crumbled

3/4 cup of whipping cream

1/4 teaspoon of ground nutmeg

Salt and pepper

1/2 lb of spaghetti, hot, cooked and drained. Grated or shredded Parmesan cheese

Melt butter in frying pan, add onion and prosciutto and cook, stirring until onion is soft. Stir in tomatoes, breaking Into small pieces; then add in artichokes, basil and cream. Bring to a boil and cook, stirring until artichokes are tender and sauce is reduced. Season with nutmeg, salt and pepper to taste. Spoon onto spaghetti and top with cheese.

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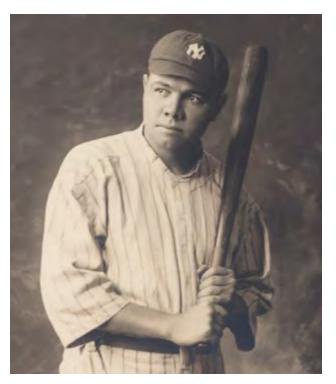
STEVE JOBS

Popularly known as the 'Father of the Digital World', Steve Jobs an American entrepreneur, investor, co-founder of Apple Inc. Not one to be satisfied with a single achievement, he moved on to make history in the world of consumer electronics with his foray into the music and cellular industry. The founder of Apple Inc., Pixar Animation Studios and NeXT Inc., Jobs gave information technology its life and blood. His inventions: IPod, IPhone, IPad, Macintosh. He was born in 1955 and died at age 56.



ROSA PARKS

She was an American civil rights activist, often known as the 'mother of the freedom movement' and 'the first lady of civil rights'. She was an African-American civil rights activist who ignited the Civil Rights Movement. She lived in Montgomery, where black people were not allowed to sit alongside white people in the public buses. There were special reserved seats for them in the rear end of the bus and their seating was based completely on the discretion of the driver. One day when Parks was coming back from work, she was asked to get up and give her seat to a white passenger, to which she said no. She was arrested in 1955 for this act, the incident that caused the Civil Rights Movement to flare up.



BABE (GEORGE HERMAN) RUTH

Babe Ruth was a professional baseball player credited to have changed the game itself. A highly talented player he enjoyed a long and productive career that lasted for 22 seasons from 1914 through 1935. He was one of the most prolific hitters in the history of the game and had set such lofty career records that it took years for them to be surpassed. One of the best players to have ever graced the game, he made baseball very popular during the era he played in; he was the reigning star of the world of sports during the 1920s.

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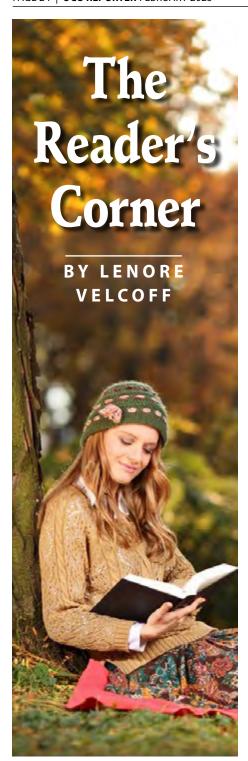


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The Perfect Assassin by James Patterson & Brian Sitts

What a surprise. Not the usual crime story by Patterson. I'm surprised that I enjoyed listening to this audiobook! It's the type of story I haven't read before. I found it interesting. Sometimes unable to put down. I listened to it in less than 8 hours. What I loved with

this book was the alternating timelines and uses multiple points of views. As a lover of historical fiction, I found that to be quite intriguing here in a thriller.

Beautiful identical sixmonth-old babies are kidnapped from their nursery in a small village on the Kamchatka Peninsula in Russia. Their mother, Marisha, was a physicist, and her husband, Mikhail, was a brilliant mathematician.

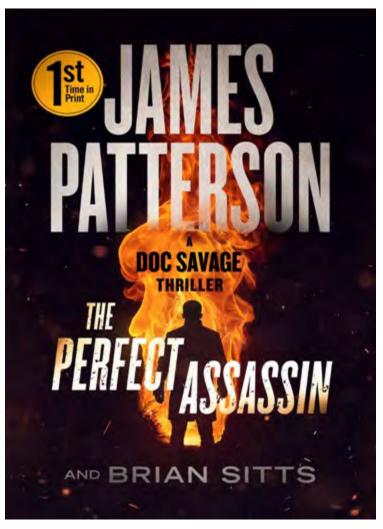
Dr. Brandt Savage is a professor of Anthropology and appears to be as dorky as you would expect. Savage is looking forward to playing in the dirt during his sabbatical, but before he can don his overalls, he is kidnapped off the street by a beautiful woman. He is taken to an unknown

location, where he is held prisoner by Meed. He finds himself in a merciless school for one, where his captor, the enigmatic Meed, puts him through rigorous training sessions. Why?

Both the Meed and Savage's characters are intelligent

and intriguing. Meed's character is original and unforgettable. She is the pillar of the story, and her strength, courage, and perseverance are admirable. This is a riveting tale of twists, turns, espionage, passion, intrigue, tension, terrorism, violence, corruption, elite training, and murder.

It's a book for anyone who loves action, suspense and a good thriller. The story is just weird enough to keep you on your toes. This book is probably the start of a new series with Meed and Savage as the protagonists. Our two heroes will need to use their wits, cool gadgets, and smarts to save the world. Looking forward to it.





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BY LENORE VELCOFF

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This is a fast casual concept with a mission to make everyday health and everyday sustainability possible. From reusable bowls to the plant-centric menu, they are doing business differently.

My friend and I visited this self-serve restaurant that has a very extensive menu. You walk by the glass enclosed items and make your selections as you go by, or tell the salad maker the pre-described salad of your choosing. They have 3 sizes – we had medium and it was enough to take half home. Here are just a few items from each section of the menu which includes Specials, Build Your Own Salad, Iconic, Earth Friendly, Classic, Warm Bowls, Wraps. and Dressings,

Start with all your own choices - 6 greens (kale), 26 essentials (cilantro, pickled onions), 6 protein (braised chicken thigh), 9 premium (hemp hearts) 6 cheese (hot honey goat cheese) and one of 18 dressings (buttermilk ranch or cucumber tzatziki). WOW.

All the pre-described choices also list the calories (hardly any). Do any of the Specials appeal to you? How about Winter Harvest (super greens blend, roasted sweet potatoes, sliced apples, green lentils, oven roasted chicken, almonds, hot honey goat balsamic vinaigrette)? cheese, Would you prefer 1 of 3 Iconic -Thai Chicken Crunch (romain, red cabbage, roasted chicken, carrots, cucumbers, cilantro, wonton strips, Thai dressing +fresh lime)? Maybe you're into Earth Friendly (13 ingredients + 2 dressings) or 1 of 3 Classic. Debbie and I both selected 1 of the 3. Hers was Chicken Caesar (romaine, kale, roasted chicken, parmesan, croutons, creamy Caesar, fresh lemon) and I wanted Buffalo Chicken (romaine, red cabbage, braised chicken thigh, cheddar, crispy onions, cucumbers, carrots, spicy buffalo ranch). What a good choice.

We both enjoyed our lunch, certainly got our mom\ney's worth and will come back again.





Nutrition and Health Heart Health

BY JEANIE W. FRIEDMAN, MS RD LD/N

February is American Heart Month. It is a great time to shine a spotlight on your heart health. According to the American Heart Association, one person in the U.S. dies of cardiovascular disease every 34 seconds. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S.

Risk Factors for Heart Disease

There are some risk factors that can increase your chances of heart disease. Age and family history are risk factors that we cannot control, however, there are many that we can:

- Being overweight or obese
- Having diabetes
- Having a sedentary lifestyle
- Having high blood pressure or cholesterol

This February, for American Heart Month, show your heart "I love you" by taking good care of yourself:

Limit Cholesterol and Saturated

Choose leaner cuts of meat. Ground beef is available in leaner packages; 93% lean is a healthier

choice over 80% lean. Eye of round or top sirloin steak are lean choices. For chicken, select breast meat over fatty thigh meat, and avoid eating the skin. With pork, tenderloin and loin are the leanest and healthiest cuts.

Limit Sodium

Too much sodium in your diet can raise your blood pressure. Try using less salt and more herbs and other seasonings. Be careful of hidden sodium in condiments.

Increase Fiber

Whole grains provide fiber to your diet and help keep you full. Fiber can help you reach or maintain a healthier weight.

Limit Highly Processed Foods

Processed foods contain large amounts of sodium. Aim for fresh foods and canned foods that do not have much added salt. Frozen foods tend to be high in sodium, to help keep them fresh longer. Some frozen and canned foods do not have salt added. Remember to read over the nutrition label for more information.

Increase Fruits and Vegetables

Fruits and vegetables contain vitamins, minerals and fiber. They also have important compounds to help us maximize our health. Choose a variety of colorful produce, aiming for 5 servings a day.

Drink More Water

Water provides hydration for your body without added sugar piggybacking in your sweetened beverages. Another popular beverage, tea, may be beneficial for heart health, according to the American Heart Association. Researchers believe, based on the studies conducted, that tea, along with a heart healthy diet, may help to lower LDL, the bad cholesterol and may help boost good cholesterol. In addition, tea has antioxidant properties as well.

Be cautious with negating tea's health benefits by adding tons of sugar and honey. Your healthy cup of tea would now be unhealthy. Tea can also contain caffeine and when you consume too much, that can



lead to interrupted sleep. Just like with anything else, moderation is key.

Move More

Sitting for long periods during the day can increase your risk of adverse heart-related events, even if your weight is in the normal range. With your doctor's permission, increase your daily physical activity for heart health. Simple walking, chair exercises, classes at your local gym or senior center can improve your weight and help keep your heart healthy.

Jeanie W. Friedman is a Registered Dietitian and nutritionist licensed in the State of Florida. This article is intended for educational purposes only and is not intended as a substitute for consultation with your health care professional.

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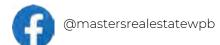
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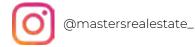
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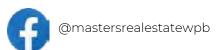
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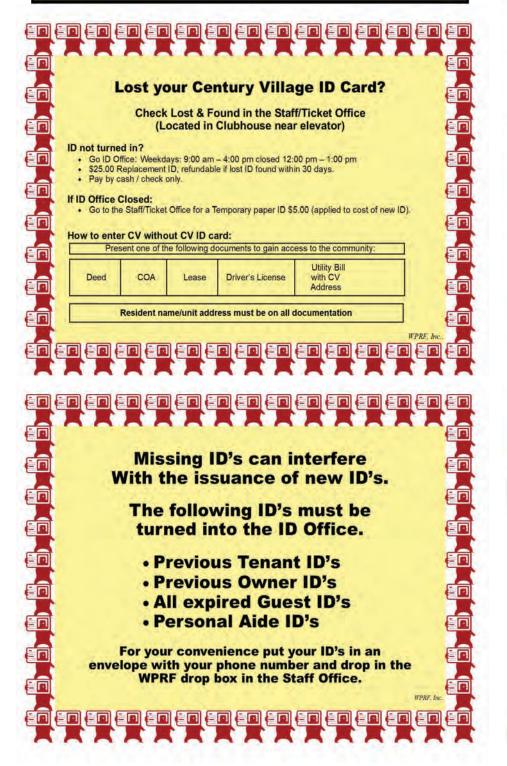
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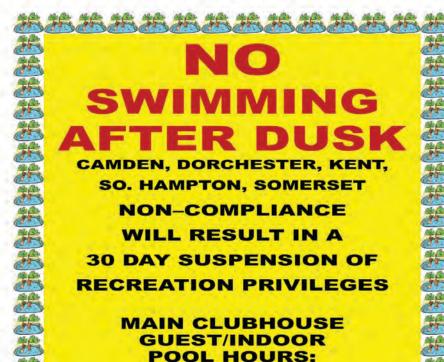


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February Classes go on sale Monday, January 20

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Course Name Start Date

Cost # Weeks

FLORIDA PAINTING PALOOZA (morning class)

1/10/25 10 am class

formerly "CREATIVE CANVAS"

Please sign up by noon Fri, Feb 7

Benita Tucker

Instructor

02/10/25 10 to 12:30 \$40 Create one 11x14 painting in a relaxed atmosphere. Teacher will supply paints and canvas with a pre-drawn pattern. Picture will be "Meet Me In Capri." See the image on the last page. Bring a smock to protect your clothes.

No Experience Needed! Class Dependent on Minimum Class Size

FLORIDA PAINTING PALOOZA (evening class)

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SHUFFLEBOARD CLASS - NEW CLASS!

classes run 2/3 to 2/24

02/03/25 10 to 11 am

Shuffleboard Courts

Michael Seeger

earn to play Shuffleboard at our Clubhouse Shuffleboard Courts. Equipment will be supplied by the instructor.

Course Name Start Date

Stained Glass

Lenny Waghelstein

STAINED GLASS BEGINNERS

classes run 2/4 to 2/25

02/04/25 10am to 12pm \$25

Description: Create stunningly beautiful objects with colored glass. The possibilities are endless!

Beginning students will obtain supplies and tools from the teacher.

Space is limited for this class. Class dependent on minimum class size.

Course Name Start Date

Cost

Weeks Room Materials

Instructor

LINE DANCE REVIEW

class has no end date

No Sign-ups Needed 9:30 to 11:30 FREE

Description: Review and learn the dances you'll enjoy at the Friday Night Dances.

Party Room

Janine Fitzgerald

No Sign-up needed, just walk right in prepared to have fun!

PRACTICAL SPANISH BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE

classes run 2/12 to 3/12

02/12/25 10:15 to 11:15 \$70

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Take lessons in Situational Spanish. Class dependent on minimum class size.

ESL - ENGLISH AS 2ND LANGUAGE BEG/INT

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02/12/25 11:30 to 12:30 \$70 Class Room B earn English as your second language. Class dependent on minimum class size. *** bring pen and notepad

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BALLROOM DANCE BEGINNER

classes run 2/5 to 2/26

02/05/25 4 to 5 pm Natalia Bragarnik Hastings Aerobic THIS CLASS TAKES PLACE IN HASTINGS AEROBIC ROOM ** See notice for proper footwear

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CANASTA FOR BEGINNERS

classes run 2/6 to 2/27

Diane Andelman

Description: Come in and learn to play this exciting card game! Class Dependent on Minimum Class Size - Spots are Limited

02/06/25 10 am to 12 pm \$20

PRACTICAL FRENCH BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE

classes run 2/13 to 3/13

02/13/25 11 am to 12 pm \$70

Class Room A

Take lessons in Situational French. Class dependent on minimum class size.

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CLASS REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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No Refunds after first class unless class is cancelled No New Registrations after the end of the 1st Class

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Room Location Subject to Change or Modification

Please do not rearrange the tables and chairs in any room

Please call Class Office with questions: 561-640-3120 option 0 Masks may be required for some classes at the Instructor's discretion

(***) This symbol indicates Materials Needed Prior to First Class

If you are interested in teaching a class come into the Ticket Office Monday thru Friday, 9 to 12 and 1 to 4 to see Melissa at the Class Office Desk

CREATIVE CANVAS IS NOW CALLED FLORIDA PAINTING PALOOZA

Here is a preview of the paintings for this month Go to "Monday Classes" for details

We now have morning or evening classes for your convenience Feb 24 "Hummingbird"







Around the Bases with IRWIN COHEN



Scores of former major leaguers died in 2024, but the one we'll focus on now is Rocky Colavito. He was tremendously popular with fans, generous with his time and always happy to chat and sign autographs.

Rocco Colavito grew up in the Bronx and knew his way around Yankee Stadium as a youngster after World War II. He avidly followed his favorite players Joe DiMaggio of the nearby Yankees and Hank Greenberg of the Detroit Tigers. Signed out of high school by the Cleveland Indians, Colavito made the major leagues in 1955 at 21, under the watchful eye of Hank Greenberg, then in charge of Cleveland's minor league system. He quickly became the most adored player on the team with his looks, personality and numbers of home runs. In the meantime, Greenberg worked his way up to General Manager, but left Cleveland to buy into ownership of the Chicago White Sox and was replaced by Frank "Trader"

Lane, earning his nickname by making frequent player trades.

Just before the 1960 season, Lane traded movie star handsome Colavito to the Detroit Tigers for Harvey Kuenn. The trade was a left fielder who led the league with 42 home runs for an infielder who led the league in batting at .353. Colavito hit 35 home runs for Detroit in 1960, 45 the following season and 37 in 1962. After dropping to 22 homers in '63, he was traded to Kansas City and swapped back to Cleveland in 1965. Colavito also wore the uniforms of the Dodgers and Yankees before calling it a career with a lifetime average of .266 with 374 home runs.

Colavito would have been a superstar pitcher according to several catchers who used Rocky to get ready for games. Bob Feller, perhaps the greatest pitcher in Cleveland history, admitted that Colavito had a better fastball than he threw. After dazzling players and fans by pitching in an

exhibition game in 1958, Colavito was used in a regular season game allowing no hits over three innings.

With the Yankees ten years later, Colavito pitched against the Tigers for almost three innings and allowed no runs and was credited with the win. He was proud of his career pitching record, one victory, no losses, and not allowing a single run one out shy of six full innings.

Rocky Colavito died at his Bernville, Pa, home surrounded by his loving family. He was 91-years-old.

Author, columnist, public speaker Irwin Cohen headed a national baseball publication for five years and interviewed many legends of yesteryear including Yogi Berra, Joe DiMaggio and Hank Greenberg. He went on to a front office position with a major league team where he earned a World Series ring.

Time to Smile

I have decided to leave my past behind me...So if I owe you money I'm sorry, but I have moved on.

We should be able to call in healthy. "I'm not coming in today. I feel really good and don't want to waste it on being at work."

I'm broke...so when I say "call me if you need anything", I'm referring to hugs, a shoulder to lean on, words of encouragement. You know, the free stuff.

Sorry I'm late, traffic is exactly how it's been every day for the past 5 years and I was not expecting that

Job Interview: It says in your resume you went to Harvard.

Me: Yes, for my cousin's graduation.

Manager: "You were gone 8 hours to smoke?" Me: "It was a brisket."

It's crazy to think that the doctor can prescribe you some medicine and then the insurance company can just be like, "nah, not feeling it."

I hate when people say "you act like you don't care." Friend, I'm not acting.

Sorry for being grouchy. I'm in my "terrible 80s" right now.



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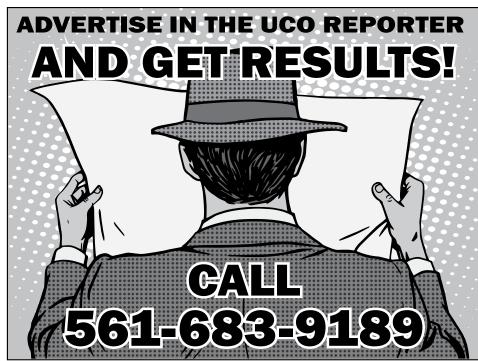
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Fun Facts & Events for **Lebruary** BY RUTH BERNHARD-DREISS

Ever wondered why February feels so unique, with its chilly vibes yet cozy celebrations? February stands out not just for being the shortest month but for packing a punch with history, holidays, and fun facts that can turn any winter frown upside down. From groundhogs predicting the weather to celebrating love and presidents, this month has it all. But hey, there's more to February than Valentine's Day chocolates and searching for your shadow. Ready to spice up your winter knowledge with some cool facts that'll make you the star of any conversation? Let's dive into the 20 fun February facts that are sure to brighten your winter days. Trust me, you won't look at February the same way again! February is more than just the shortest month! It's a time for love, history, and global celebrations, with quirky facts and unique weather adding to its charm. From Valentine's Day to Groundhog Day, February is packed with diverse celebrations and historical events. It's also the only month that can pass without a full moon!

What Makes February Unique?

February stands out for several reasons, not just for being the shortest month of the year. With 28 days in common years and 29 in leap years, this month packs a punch with holidays, historical events, and quirky facts that keep it interesting. February was named after the Latin term februum, which means purification. The month was so named because of the purification ritual Februa held on February 15 in the Roman calendar.

Unlike other months, February can pass without a single full moon. This phenomenon next occurs in 2037. February is synonymous with Valentine's Day, but there's more to the month than heart-shaped chocolates and roses. It's also a time to celebrate significant leaders and historical figures. Valentine's Day, celebrated on February 14th, is believed to have originated from a Roman festival called Lupercalia, which celebrated the coming of spring and included fertility rites and the pairing off of women with men by lottery.

In the United States, February is Black History Month, a time to honor and celebrate the contributions and achievements of African Americans throughout history. Presidents' Day, falling on the third Monday of February, honors all U.S. presidents, though it originally began as a celebration of George Washington's

Around the world, February is a month of diverse celebrations, from cultural festivals to national holidays. The Chinese New Year, also known as the Lunar New Year, often falls in February. The exact date changes each year, based on the lunar calendar. Carnival, celebrated in countries like Brazil, marks the beginning of Lent. It's famous for its vibrant parades, elaborate costumes, and lively Groundhog Day on February 2nd is a popular North American tradition where a groundhog predicts the weather by either seeing its shadow (early spring).

The violet and the primrose February's birth flowers,

symbolizing faithfulness, humility, and chastity. Amethyst, the birthstone for February, is thought to strengthen relationships and give its wearer courage. The zodiac signs for February are Aries and Pisces.

A Final Scoop on February Facts

February might be the shortest month, but it's packed with unique bits of trivia that make it stand out. From its historical leap year quirk to being the only month that can pass without a full moon, February keeps us on our toes. Celebrating both love and history, it bridges the gap between winter's chill and spring's promise. Whether you're a fan of Groundhog Day, passionate about Black History Month, or just in it for Valentine's chocolate, February offers something for everyone. Remember, it's not just about the cold or the short days; it's a month full of reasons to celebrate, learn, and love. So, next time February (six more weeks of winter) or not rolls around, dive into its richness and enjoy every bit of the unique flavor it brings to the year.

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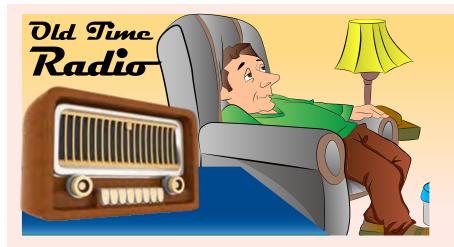


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Music, Music and More Music

BY STEW RICHLAND

In the 1920s, Americans began integrating radio broadcasting into their lives. Radio was a cheap form of entertainment, and its popularity grew rapidly in the late 1920's and early 1930s. By 1934, 60% of households in the nation had radios.

Music was central to radio in the 1920s, 1930s, and 1940s and had a significant impact on culture and the music industry. It provided the public with far better entertainment than most people were accustomed to.

Music is the one language that everyone speaks. Radio introduced millions of Americans to all different types of music. Classical, "popular," Jazz and country music. Most of the musicians drawn to radio were young people who would work for next to nothing while perfecting their craft, and the structure of radio performance networks meant that they had the opportunity to regularly observe and learn from other styles. For many musicians, radio offered young performers to become well enough known among the public to make a living playing shows and dances.

Radio helped popular music stars emerge nationally, and brought regional sounds to a wider audience. Jazz and show tunes were popular, and band performances from Harlem's Cotton Club and other hot spots were broadcast.

Radio helped boost the music publishing business of Tin Pan Alley. Before radio, gramophone recordings had hurt sheet music sales, but radio helped make artists like Al Jolson and Eddie Cantor millionaires.

Radio shows used music in a variety of ways. Music was used as a transition between scenes and indicated a change in mood. Strings were used as a sharp dramatic musical cue that often came in after an actor delivered a line. In addition, many shows had distinctive theme songs that became associated with particular performances.

Music also became a site of protest and politics. For example, Yip Harburg and Jay Gorney's 1932 "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?" became a Depression era anthem.

By 1940, more American families had radios than had cars, telephones, electricity, or plumbing. To the members of the vast audience, radio, and particularly network offerings, became an integral part of their daily lives during the Depression. Americans loved the new medium, listening to each set an average of four to five hours a day.

Many of the radio stations in the 1920s to the 1940s provided a diverse selection of musical programing. For example, the 1920s introduced Jazz to millions of Americans. With the introduction of prohibition of alcohol, many underground groups created small speakeasies which were filled with drinks and many different types of musicians. The dancing within these speakeasies soon became a large part of the culture of the 1920s. Music such as "Charleston," "Black Bottom," "Shimmy," "Foxtrot" were some of the most popular at the time. Two black artists that rose to the top of the charts were Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington.



An influential white jazz artist at the time was Bix Beiderbecke. Jazz gained popularity and spread through the country in clubs, speakeasies and dance halls where bands would play their new music. Radio stations reacted to this trend and dramatically increased the number of hours of programing to jazz for their listeners.



This picture depicts the clothing styles of the well known Flapper girl in the 1920s. Flappers were known to visit the clubs and speakeasies to listen to the blues and jazz music that was so popular at the time.

Jazz Music of the 1920s What were the most popular songs of the 1920s?

The most popular songs of the 1920s covered a wide variety of genres. Here's a look at some of the top songs of the decade:

"Ain't Misbehavin"—Fats Waller; • " D a r k Was the Night"—Blind Willie Johnson; "Downhearted Blues"—Bessie Smith; "In the Jailhouse Now"—Jimmie Rodgers; "My Man"—Fanny Brice; "Swanee"—Al Jolson;

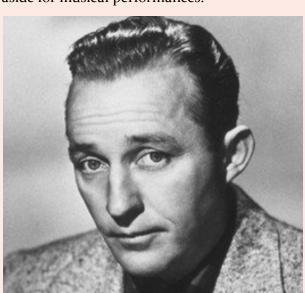
"West End Blues"—Louis Armstrong

With the beginning of the film industry and silent films, there slowly grew a need for music to be played along with the movies.

Broadway became a place where talented performers, composers, writers and musicians gathered to create new music styles. Popular Broadway stars such as Fanny Brice, Al Jolson, Sophie Tucker, Ethel Waters, and Bing Crosby began to make their way into the film and music recording business where their performances could be distributed to the masses through movies and records. The 1930s were shaped by the contrasting moods of the Great Depression and the glamorous beginnings of Old Hollywood. Popular music was also impacted by these forces and as home radios became more common, more and more music programming began to fill the airwaves. Crooners such as



Rudy Vallee and Bing Crosby realized that they could grab the attention of younger audiences and began hosting their own radio shows. Singers such as Ella Fitzerald and Billie Holiday also used the radio shows to attain mainstream success. There is no doubt that the "Crooner" style of singing along with the big band sound fit well with the style of radio at the time for millions of radio listeners. This explains why so much of radio programming time was set aside for musical performances.



This is a young Bing Crosby at the start of his career.

This is part one of my article describing how music impacted the development of radio programming. Demographics also impacted what was being programmed for listeners. Much of the country and western styles, and "Grand Ole Opry" radio stations were located in other parts of the country. With the development of more powerful high watt radio stations in the late 1930s and 40s, more and more of this regional style music found its way to new audiences. I will describe these events and the impact of \World War 2 had on radio musical programming.

Note: Much of the information presented in this article came from articles written in Radio Magazines printed during the late 1920s to the 1950s.



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Sign outside a muffler shop: "No appointment necessary, we hear you coming.

Sign in a veterinarian's waiting room: Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!

Sign at Electric Company: We're delighted if you send your payment on time. However, if you don't, YOU will be de-lighted.

Sign in a restaurant window: Don't stand there and be hungry. Come on in and get fed up.

Sign in front of a funeral home: Drive carefully. We'll wait.

Sign at propane filling station: Thank heaven for little grills.

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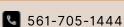
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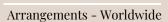
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 Tuesday	February 11	\$13.00	The Music Of The Coasters, Drifters & Platters The Golden Era Of Rock & Roll
 Friday	February 14	\$10.00	Sweetheart's Ball 2025 - Randy Stevens (7 pm)
 Saturday	February 15	\$13.00	Hermans Hermits Peter Noone
 Tuesday	February 18	\$13.00	The Lovin' Spoonful
Friday	February 21	FREE	Dance - Alfonso Aranda
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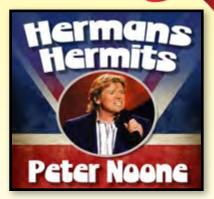
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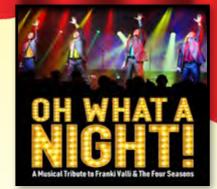
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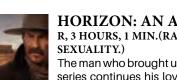
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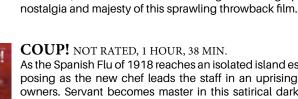
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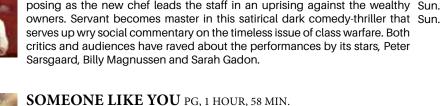
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