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# Good Times

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### CADY'S CORNER

by Bob Cady

Happy Holidays Tri-Par Residents,

Frontier and Direct TV will be back at the Park in the first week of December and January to service those coming back at that time. You can always start the process yourself by calling Frontier first at (844-660-0648 and select option 2) to schedule your Wi-Fi installation. Then try to order your Direct TV boxes at (<http://www.directv.com/stream/my-community/>). It takes two business days to get the boxes from Direct TV. Once here, you can always call the Park Office if you need help setting up the boxes. The app to run Channels 195 and 196 should be available soon, and we hope to start testing it soon. Just a reminder, Comcast will no longer be subsidized by the Park as of Jan 1.

Tri-Par has cleared the old solar array area, and we are in the permit process to put in a new spa in that area. We will also put pavers in to expand that area and hope to add a third gate, more golf cart parking, and possibly a second Tiki Hut in the future. The new handicap-accessible gate is being installed and should be fully operational in December.

As I mentioned last month, I have been working with the Red Cross to give out free smoke detectors to Tri-Par residents. The flyer with details is on the website and Facebook.

Lastly, Tri-Par will host a solid waste disposal event with Sarasota County on Tuesday, February 6. It will be your chance to get rid of any accumulation of aerosols, antifreeze, cleaners, electronics (old TVs), fertilizers, gas, motor oil, paint, pesticides batteries and more. The flyer will be posted in December or early January with exact details.

Stay safe, and I'll see you around the Park,

Bob Cady  
Park Manager

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2023**

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Following is the date we have set aside for the last Board Workshop and Board Meeting for **2023**. Please note that this date could change. Check our website [www.triparestates.com](http://www.triparestates.com), newsletter, and bulletin boards as the date approaches to confirm.

**December 5    10:00 a.m. Workshop**  
**10:30 a.m. Board Meeting**

Board Meetings are held with attendance in person and in accordance with the Local Government Public Meetings Florida Statutes as amended (and extended) by the Office of the Governor. Meeting information is available on the Tri-Par Estates website in the Agenda published for each specific meeting.

You may also direct any comments or questions to the Board by email to [general@triparestates.com](mailto:general@triparestates.com). Emails should be about an agenda item only and must be submitted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting, or call Bob Cady, Park Manager at 941-355-8747 during office hours.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office at 941-355-8747.

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**COMING EVENTS**

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**December Events 2023**

- Dec. 2      Tri-Par Coffee – (Clubhouse) – 9 a.m.**
- Dec. 2      Christmas Parade – 9:00 a.m.**
- Dec. 5      Christmas Tea – 1:00 p.m. (Clubhouse)**
- Dec. 5      Board Workshop - 10:00 a.m.**  
**Board Meeting -10:30 a.m. (Clubhouse)**
- Dec. 7      Thirsty Thursday - (Tiki Hut)**  
**Every Thursday- 4:00-6:00 p.m.**
- Dec. 7      Christmas Tree Lighting – 6:00 p.m.**  
**(back pool gate)**
- Dec. 9      Christmas Bazaar – 9:00-12:00**  
**(Clubhouse)**
- Dec. 16     Tri-Par Coffee – (Clubhouse) – 9 a.m.**
- Dec. 17     Golf Cart Parade – 6:00 p.m.**

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**TRI-PAR COFFEE**

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by Mary Ann Upton

**COFFEE & DONUTS****SATURDAY**

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**in the Clubhouse**



**Mark Your Calendar**  
**See You on Saturday!**

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**CHRISTMAS PARADE**

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**CHRISTMAS**  
**PARADE**

*December 2*

*9:00 a.m.*

The holiday season at Tri-Par officially begins with the annual Christmas parade on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 9:00 a.m. The lineup will be at 8:45 a.m. from Desert Inn Avenue. The **Riverview High School Band** will lead the decorated golf carts, clubs and walkers. The band will then perform outside of the Clubhouse before coffee and doughnuts are served.

Please come and applaud your neighbors. No sign up is necessary to participate in the parade.



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**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING**

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**DECEMBER 7**

**6:00 P.M.**

Please join us after Thirsty Thursday for our annual Christmas Tree Lighting. Cookies and hot chocolate will be provided.

**Meet at the back pool gate.**

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**CHRISTMAS TEA**

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by Lois Wegner



**DECEMBER 5**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Clubhouse**

The annual Tea has been enjoyed by the ladies in the Park for more than 25 years, thanks to Lois Wegner's efforts.

Come for a spot of tea and a sweet or two as the true meaning of Christmas is celebrated. Tickets are on sale in the Tri-Par Office and at Coffee for only \$1.

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**CHRISTMAS GOLF CART**

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**DECEMBER 17**

**6:00 p.m.**

The third annual Golf Cart Parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17. Please bring your decorated golf cart to the Clubhouse at 5:00 p.m.

to line up and enjoy some refreshments before going off to spread holiday cheer to everyone in the Park.

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**COVENANT CHURCH CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

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*Join us at*

**4:00 p.m.**

**on 12/24/23**

**in the Clubhouse**

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**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

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**DECEMBER 9**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Clubhouse**



The set-up will be at 8:00 a.m. and tables will be provided. If you know of any crafters out there, please have them call 574-596-4714.

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**FUN AND SPORTS**

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by Karen Send

**DECEMBER 11, 2023**

**Fun & Sports Dinner**

**Happy Hour: 4:30 p.m.**

**Dinner: 5:00 p.m.**



Monday, December 11, will be the first dinner of the season. Social hour is at 4:30 p.m. with a short meeting and dinner to follow. Chicken (from Publix) is on the menu with mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, bread, dessert, coffee and tea. Tickets are \$10 and will be sold at Coffee. We ask that you bring a complete table service and any other beverage that you might want.

**Holiday music provided by Georgia & Mike!**

**Questions? Call Karen Send at 231-632-2675**

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**NEW TRUSTEE**

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**Welcome to the Board, Maureen LaFortune!**



At the October Board Meeting, Maureen LaFortune was sworn in by Chairman Neff as the Board's Trustee #9 filling the vacant seat.

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## CHRISTMAS DINNER

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Tri-Par Estates  
Christmas Dinner  
Monday, Dec. 25  
2:00-4:00 p.m.  
Clubhouse

Tickets are \$5. Purchase tickets at the Tri-Par Office.

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## FOOD BANK

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by Jenifer Wustefeld



We collect non-perishable items for Resurrection House in Sarasota. Please drop donations in the container in the Clubhouse. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

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## CHRISTMAS SONGS TRIVIA

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by Rebekah Thomas

**Example: Decorate the entryways = Deck the Halls**

- The apartment of 2 psychiatrists
- The lad is a diminutive percussionist
- Sir Lancelot with laryngitis
- The smog-less bewitching hour arrived
- 288 Yuletide hours
- Far back in a hay bin
- Oh, member of the round table with missing areas
- Leave and do an elevated broadcast
- Exuberation to this orb
- Vehicular homicide was committed on Dad's Mom by a precipitous darling



**Answers on a different page in this newsletter**

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## SHUFFLEBOARD

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by Karen Russell

# I ♥ SHUFFLEBOARD

Welcome back Snowbirds! Check the greenboard by the pool for shuffleboard information. Ron Timmerman is asking for help to prepare the courts for play; also, a volunteer is needed to learn how to clean and wax the discs used by the residents.

Monday and Thursday nickel games will resume when enough players are present and/or officially December 4, at 1:00 p.m. Sign in and set up at 12:30.

As of January 1, Ernie Hotstetler will be accepting 2024 dues. Any resident interested in learning to play shuffleboard is encouraged to come to the courts on Monday or Thursday at 12:30 and someone will assist.

We were saddened to learn about the passing of Manfred Siebert, a devoted and loyal member. A brick in his memory will be purchased for the Memorial Garden.

Lance Broat Fun Day, sponsored by the Broat family, is scheduled for January 22. This event is open to any current or former shuffleboard player. More details will be coming closer to the date.

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## PRAYER MEETING

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**DECEMBER 7  
&  
DECEMBER 21  
10:30-11:00 a.m.  
Rec Room A**

Questions? Please give me a call (508) 245-2037.  
Serving Christ and Tri-Par Park Community  
Pastor Don Olson



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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY & HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY RESIDENTS!



Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> –Bob Wos  
Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> –Wayne Haney  
Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>– Cheryl Baum  
Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>– Scott Nedwick  
Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> –Richard Kraus  
Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> –Dianne Lamore  
Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>–Manfred Siebert  
Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> –Bob Chvojka  
Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> –Kendall Young

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

*Ruth and Delbert Gifford*



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## FLEA MARKET UPDATE by Darlene Thompson

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Welcome back everyone! The Flea Market team is excited to be back and working on our plans for this year to enhance your shopping pleasure and rid your homes of unneeded treasures.

We have resumed normal scrap metal operations. Brad and the team are back on their Tuesday and Thursday pickup schedules; 9-11 on both days or as needed for special arrangements. Thanks to Dan Via for leading the scrap over the summer with Dutch Hartlage and his summer crew for keeping this operation going. Per normal operations, the scrap trailer is parked outside of the maintenance building for you to drop off any scrap metal you have during the week.

The Christmas Bazaar is scheduled for December 9 which will include lots and lots of Christmas decorations for your buying pleasure from the Flea Market. Come and get a real bargain to celebrate the holiday season. We will be also be opening the Flea Market Store for one day, December 9, from 9-12, for Tri-Par Residents and then, we will reopen in January on each Friday for our residents and the public at large. We moved out a lot of inventory when we closed for the summer, so come check out all the new stuff! Thanks to Maureen LaFortune and helpers for covering the Flea Market needs over the summer. They made a lot of improvements which will ease our work setting back up this season.

What we need now is your donations; without donations, neither operation would be successful. Donations of any metal are accepted. For other donations, we take household items, small furniture, jewelry, lamps, holiday décor, pictures, crafts, collectibles, clothes, shoes, linens, tools, electronics and more (most anything you find at a yard sale). Donations will be accepted on Tuesday or Friday from 9-11 on the following dates: December 5, 12, 15 and 19. For furniture, please see contacts below for preview as we are limited on space for storage.

Please ensure that donations are in saleable condition – **no broken, torn, stained or unclean** items will be accepted. We are also unable to accept bed pillows, sleeper sofas, large old TV stands, large hutches, mattresses, toilets, old style TVs, computers, printers and excessively heavy items. Please know that your donations are appreciated and make the Flea Market possible.

For those new to the Park, the Flea Market team consists of volunteers who collect donations of household items and scrap for resale. All the funds collected from the store operation, online sales and scrap sales goes directly back to our community by supporting the clubs and other activities for the benefit of all. We have a Flea Market store which is open during the winter season where we sell the donations; it is located in the Maintenance building. The Flea Market sold over \$41,000 last year for your benefit!

**See you at the store on Friday, December 15, at 9:00 a.m.!!**

Contact for Scrap:	Brad Surette	617-548-3343
Contact for Store:	Jan Nelson	941-504-7478
Process Owner:	Darlene Thompson	603-930-1560

Let the  
**\$hopping**  
Begin!

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## HORSESHOES

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by Doug Barnette



### HORSESHOES

The horseshoe season for Tri-Par Estates is fast approaching and it won't be long before some of our most ardent members will want to again unveil the pitching skills that they have so finely honed during the off-season. However, I want to remind all members that there are club tasks that we will need to complete

before the competition can get underway. First, in December, club members will need to nominate and elect new officers for the 2024 season. Please be thinking ahead for possible candidates to fill these positions. Secondly, a member work party will be required to clean and properly prepare the horseshoe areas for the upcoming season.

The tentative date for our election is December 8, and the work party will be planned for Thursday, December 22 weather-permitting. These dates will also be posted on our Park bulletin boards and the Tri-Par Facebook page in December.

We encourage all residents, ladies and gents, who would like to participate in our club activities and competitions to join us. We are looking forward to another fun and successful season in 2024.

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**PICKLEBALL**

by Sally Cripe

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Join us for some Pickleball fun. Everyone is welcome to play. Memberships are available at \$5 per person per year. This money helps with upkeep and the pizza party.

Anyone interested in knowing more about the rules and scoring of the game is invited to attend our Monday lessons at 10:30 a.m.

Due to some of the Board Members being absent on December 4, our club meeting will be held on Monday, December 11, at 9:00 a.m.

It's great reconnecting and enjoying everyone while getting in some exercise. For any questions, feel free to contact Liz Reischel at 715-482-0264 or Sally Cripe at 574-971-7006.

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**WHIST**

by Bonnie Gorsuch

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**Easy and Fun Game!**

**Mondays at 6:00 p.m.  
Starting January 8**

Call Bonnie at 260-691-8073  
if you would like to play.

Must sign up on the list outside of Rec Room B by Saturday, January 6.

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**WALK AWAY THE POUNDS**

by Dianne Joyce

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**WALK AWAY THE POUNDS**

**Indoor Exercise Program**

**Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. in the  
Clubhouse**

Walk Away the Pounds is a year-round, low-impact exercise program. We exercise 2 miles on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and 3 miles on Wednesday.

Are you up for the challenge? Join us to see if this is a program that works for you. Call Dianne Joyce at 626-347-9094 for any questions.

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**POOLSIDE ENTERTAINMENT**

by Ron Reesing

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**POOLSIDE ENTERTAINMENT**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31  
NEW YEARS' EVE PARTY**

**Tickets are \$15 each. Call Dona at 941-961-5836**

**Entertainment: Jack Tamberine & Pete**

**DOOR PRIZES 50/50**

**HAPPY HOUR: 7:00 p.m.**

**DANCE: 8:00-Midnight**

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**YARD OF THE MONTH**

by Dianne Anderson

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**DECEMBER 2023**

**SHARON KOENIG**



**5164 Pebble Beach**

**YOUR YARD LOOKS GREAT**

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VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

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**DECEMBER 2023**

**BOB BASS**

a big Thank you to our



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THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO  
HELPING OTHERS AT TRI-PAR!

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

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Memorial Service for AL HERREN  
Monday, December 4, 2:00 p.m.  
Sarasota National Cemetery  
9810 State Road 72  
Sarasota, FL 34241

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ANSWERS to CHRISTMAS SONG TRIVIA

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1. The Nutcracker Suite
2. Little Drummer Boy
3. Silent Night
4. It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
5. The 12 Days of Christmas
6. Away in a Manger
7. O Holy Night
8. Go Tell it on the Mountain
9. Joy to the World
10. Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer



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THIRSTY THURSDAYS

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by Mary Ann Upton



*Tiki Hut*  
**4:00-6:00 p.m.**  
*See you there!*

All residents are included. Bring your own beverage and snacks and enjoy the sunset from the Tiki Hut.



*Stay longer than 6:00 p.m. if you'd like to!*

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MUSICIAN'S CLUB by Rick Yates

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The purpose of the Musician's Club is to promote live music to enhance the quality of life at Tri-Par Estates. The first dance of the season will be Friday night, January 12, at our Clubhouse. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and the Southern Pride Band plays from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for members, \$9 non-members, and will be on sale at Coffees.

Our first jam session will be Sunday, January 14, from 6-8 p.m. in Rec Room B. As always, one and all are welcome to come and listen to the Movin' On Band at our Wednesday afternoon practices (also in Rec Room B).

And, of course, keep March 17 open. The Musician's Club will again feature the Movin' On Band at the 2024 St. Paddy's Day Dance!

Finally, we are still in need of a bass player. Please contact Rick at 941-441-8836 with any questions.



**TRI PAR Estates  
Travel Club**  
**Call Deb Yates for  
more Info or Sign up  
at 941 932 2743**

## DECEMBER TRAVEL CLUB NEWS

Grab your friends and family and attend one of the many Sarasota Christmas Tradition activities below:

Dec. 1 – **Music on Main**, 5-9 p.m. in Lakewood Ranch – a free block party where Santa is making an appearance.

Dec. 1-2 – 11<sup>th</sup> Annual **Bradenton Blues Fest** will be held at the Bradenton Riverwalk Pavilion at Rossi Park.

Dec. 1-3 – 5<sup>th</sup> Annual **Siesta Beach and Seafood & Music Festival**

Dec. 1-3 – **Singing Christmas Tree Spectacular** presented by First Sarasota Downtown Baptist Church. The Tree is 25' tall, has 10,000 lights with 12 levels that hold 115 choir members. There are 5 performances, Nov. 30-Dec. 3. Cost is \$20.

Dec. 1-10 – 15<sup>th</sup> Girl Scouts of Gulf Coast Florida **Gingerbread Festival** at the University Town Center. 100+ gingerbread houses will be on display at UTC.

Dec. 2 – Annual **Sarasota Holiday Parade**, 7 p.m., decorated floats, marching bands and Santa will be the Guest of Honor.

Dec. 2-3 – The Suncoast **Renaissance Festival**, a Medieval village filled with costumed actors, crafts and games that make you feel you have stepped back in time. Also, on Dec. 9-10, it's held at Sarasota County Fairgrounds.

Dec. 3 – 17<sup>th</sup> Annual **Bowls of Hope** at Ed Smith Stadium, 40 of our community's finest restaurants serve delicious soups, bread, desserts and more. Guests select beautiful, handcrafted bowls to keep, all donated by local potters, artists and students. Call 941-549-8131 for tickets.

Dec. 7, 14 & 21 – **Holiday Splendor** to be held at the John and Mable Ringling Museum. Free admission to the museum and the Ca' d'Zan Mansion for all who bring a new, unwrapped toy. This supports the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots annual toy drive. Local schools perform entertainment. Admission without a toy is \$15.

Dec. 8-Jan. 3 – Selby Gardens **"Lights in Bloom"** life-size garden-themed holiday lights transform the gardens!

Dec. 9 – Celebrate an **Old Florida Christmas** at Manatee Village Historical Park from 10-3. Experience an old-fashioned Florida Christmas, shopping, food and music, various handmade goods and food, and offering free "make and take" seasonal crafts. The buildings in the Park will be dressed in splendid Victorian and Florida pioneer inspired décor.

Dec. 9 – Annual **Sarasota Christmas Boat Parade of Lights** starts at 6:00 p.m. at City Island.

Dec. 10 – **Suncoast Jazz Ambassadors** present holiday classics as well as Christmas favorites at Northminster Presbyterian Church on Lockwood Ridge, 3131 61<sup>st</sup> Street at 3:00 p.m. \$5

Dec. 14-17 – Tabernacle Church presents **The Living Nativity** featuring a large cast, live animals and flying angels at 7:30 p.m. Free admission.

Dec. 16-17 – **Bradenton Riverwalk Holiday of the Arts Festival** showcases original artwork by more than 100 artisans from across the United States, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Riverwalk Pavilion, 42 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W, Bradenton. Free admission.

Dec. 23 – Siesta Key **Christmas Beach Service** as the sun sets over the water at 5:00 p.m. near the volleyball courts presented by Church of the Palms, 3224 Bee Ridge Road.

Dec. 25 – Annual **Pinecraft Christmas Parade** winding through the streets of Pinecraft on Christmas afternoon.

Dec. 27-31 – **Sailor Circus in Candyland**, annual Holiday Spectacular. Watch more than 100 kids flip, fly and soar in this dazzling holiday production which will draw its inspiration from holiday movies & TV. Tickets: \$20-\$40. Call 941-355-9805.

## PLANNED GROUP EVENTS

December 14, 2023 – **Buffet Lunch and Cruise on the Marina Jack II Boat** - \$46 – Board at 11:30 a.m. Join your friends for a Holiday get-together aboard the Marina Jack Boat located at 2 Marina Plaza, Sarasota. Due to limited parking, we suggest carpooling with friends. Tickets are going fast.

February 1-5, 2024 - 4-night 5-day Carnival Cruise to Cozumel out of Tampa – Cruise on Carnival Paradise. Price includes fare, taxes & tips. Cabins are still available. The drink package is extra. Full payment is due at the time of sign-up.

April 1-6, 2024 – Nashville Show Trip (Diamond Tours Motor Coach) \$1,062 per person. 5-nights lodging including 3 nights in the Nashville area, 8 meals, 2 great shows (Grand Ole Opry and Nashville nightlife dinner theatre, admission to the Country Music Hall of Fame, Grand Ole Opry behind the scenes and Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum. \$75 deposit required by December 7. Go to: [GroupTrips.com/DebYatesTravel](https://www.GroupTrips.com/DebYatesTravel) to view and sign up.



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**BINGO**

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by Laurie Legler



**IT'S TIME  
FOR BINGO  
at the  
CLUBHOUSE**

We meet every Wednesday evening. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and games will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Everyone over 18 years old is welcome. Snacks are available for purchase. We are sponsored by Mothers Helping Mothers, located at 5933 N. Washington Blvd. They receive 10% of the total proceeds. The remainder goes to the players.

The more players, the higher the jackpots! Bring your family, friends and neighbors! For more information, call Laurie at 253-355-0016 or Dianne Joyce at 626-347-9094.

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**BOWLING**

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by Laurie Legler



Tri-Par Bowling League will be starting play on December 1, 2023, at Bowlero Bowling Alley, 4208 Cortez Road in Bradenton. We would love to have all new bowlers, bad bowlers, or if you haven't bowled for 30 years, we'd love to have you bowl with us for two games on Fridays at 9:30 a.m.

More information will be available at the Coffees on Saturday mornings and in the Good Times newsletter.

Please call Dan Legler at 941-780-7684 or Roberta Surette 617-750-6192 and let them know if you are interested. Please invite your friends and neighbors!

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**POLICE BLOTTER**

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Sarasota County Sheriff's Office

In the interest of safety, we publish reported police incidents each month. We hope this will serve to remind everyone to be aware of your surroundings and, if you see something, say something! Remember, if you are concerned about giving your name, don't! It's your option.

All 911 calls trigger a mandatory Officer follow-up. Following is a list of recent incidents:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Offense Type</u>	<u>Street</u>
10/6/23	Welfare Check	Innisbrook
10/6/23	Civil Disturbance	Pebble Beach
10/18/23	Assist Other Agency	Old Elm
10/19/23	Welfare Check	Brae Burn
10/24/23	Marchand Act	Old Elm
10/24/23	Marchand Act	Rancho

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**MEXICAN TRAIN**

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by Laurie Legler



**Mexican Train players meet every Thursday at 6:00 in the Clubhouse immediately following Thirsty Thursday.**

New players are always welcome. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet located in the Clubhouse hallway on the bulletin board. We try to start at 6:00 p.m. promptly. Bring a snack to share if you'd like and BYOB.

Questions? Call Laurie at 253-35-0016 or Georgia at 330-321-7822.

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**MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR**

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by Vicki Cooper



**Meet Don and Kathy Leven**

They come from Kansas City, Missouri, and are brand new to Tri-Par. They found their home at 1692 Old Elm

on Zillow in 2022. They had only spent eight nights in their home when Hurricane Ian hit. They evacuated but came back only to help unclog drainage openings so water could run off. Welcome to Tri-Par!

Originally, their go-to destination was South Padre Island, Texas. For 12 years, they would drive from Kansas City to meet a group of people who had motorhomes and fifth wheelers. But it turned out their children had a difficult time getting to South Padre Island, so Don and Kathy looked into finding another place to go. Low and behold, the airport is close to Tri-Par. It was a 19-hour drive from Kansas City to South Padre Island, and it is also a 19-hour drive to Sarasota.

Kathy grew up in Maryland and graduated from high school and studied to be a registered nurse. She spent 44 years as an RN and helped deliver over 10,000 babies. Her first husband died at age 55 and by this time their children were grown. It was while attending a widow's support group that she met Don, who also had lost his wife. They have been married for eight years and have a blended family of nine children, 12 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. They are all treated as equals, sometimes referred to as bonus children, but they are not referred to as step-children. Don and Kathy's anniversary is on the birthday of one of the granddaughters so they can remember how long it has been!

Both Don and Kathy are active in the Kansas City Chief's Community Outreach Program and are called Red Coaters. Because they bought two Tri-Par pancake breakfast tickets, they told me about how they served thousands of pancakes to the Kansas City Chief fans and how they organized that! Helping to write for the outreach program, Don also takes photographs, including field pictures for the Chiefs. His love of taking pictures and studying photography has been a life-long passion.

They now live in Lake Lotawanda, Missouri. Don grew up outside of Kansas City graduating from high school there. During his junior year, he volunteered to join the Air Force and upon graduation went to basic training to avoid being drafted into the Army or Marines. The Air Force trained him in flight instruments. He was hired by General Motors after his service and spent three years working on the line. Eventually Don went to work for the UAW. His expertise was collective bargaining and negotiations, taking some college classes at Kent State in Ohio, Oklahoma University, and Wayne State in Michigan. He even taught classes in negotiations. Don worked in Lordstown, Ohio for three years and got his pilot's license and a Cessna airplane, with a coworker, in order to fly back to Kansas City on weekends.

Being an entrepreneur, Don started a lumberyard and surplus business and still owns it today. He says "by

accident" but what he really means is he helped a man with three children who was in dire straits. By gathering up leftover wood or excess products, between the two of them, built up this major business. The man with three children still works at the lumber store even at the age of 86.

Don and Kathy enjoy fishing, going to the grandchildren's athletic events and riding motorcycles. They have been to Sturgis, North Dakota, many times. They had to sell their Harley Trike when Don had trouble with his health. They have been to most of the states in the U.S. and are well-traveled. Kathy enjoys being on or near water as well as reading, fishing and traveling.

Being so new to Tri-Par, Don and Kathy have not had a chance to partake in any of the park activities. They have big plans for remodeling their home on Old Elm and look forward to making new friends.

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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

by Rebekah Thomas

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### Traditional British Christmas Pudding

(aka plum pudding  
or figgy pudding)

***Bring me some figgy pudding and bring it right now!  
FYI, plum pudding contains no plums and figgy  
pudding contains no figs, but it is a most delicious  
and spectacular dessert to end your Christmas fare.***

#### **Ingredients:**

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. British spice (or mixed spice)
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups fresh breadcrumbs
- 1 cup golden raisins
- 1 cup raisins - soaked overnight in brandy
- 1/2 cup Zante currants
- 1 apple, peeled, cored & grated
- Finely grated rind of one fresh orange
- Juice of one fresh orange (made up to 5 oz with brandy)

### Directions:

1. Butter large Mason cash bowl & line bottom with parchment paper (butter paper too).
2. Beat butter and sugar together until soft.
3. Add flour, eggs and spices until mixed. Add remaining ingredients and mix well.
4. Put mixture into buttered bowl & flatten top. Cut a piece of parchment the size of the top, butter it, and place on top of pudding.
5. Tear a piece of parchment and aluminum foil enough to cover top of bowl and go halfway down sides & place foil on top. Create a pleat down the center so the pudding will have space to expand when cooking.
6. Tie string under the lip of the bowl leaving extra string to tie over the top to form handle and tying it on the opposite end.
7. Steam for 6 hours, checking water level every 2 hours and topping it up.
8. Once you take the bowl out of steamer, remove aluminum foil & parchment and replace with clean paper. Store in cool place.
9. To serve, you can steam it for another 2 hours and let stand a few minutes before removing from the bowl. Place on a heatproof serving dish and douse with brandy. Carefully light the pudding (in a safe area) and when the flame extinguishes, cut and serve with brandy sauce (recipe follows).



### **Brandy Sauce (hard sauce):**

#### Ingredients:

- 2 egg yolks
- 1/2 cup plus 1 Tbs. heavy whipping cream
- 2 Tbs. sugar
- 1-2 Tbs. good quality brandy

#### Directions:

1. Whisk egg yolks, cream and sugar in pot over low heat. Continue whisking until mixture thickens.
2. Add brandy to your liking and whisk well so that the sauce is smooth.
3. Pour over Christmas pudding for beautiful presentation before cutting.

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**M & M CLUB**

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by Karen Send

### ***HEY! SAVE THE DATES***

#### **M & M CLUB**

How to say thank you for all the support given to the Michigan-Midwest Club as we transitioned to the M & M Club. We look forward to seeing you at this season's dinners. Reminder: Dinners are on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday from 4:00-6:00 p.m. to allow for other evening activities.

#### **2024 Schedule:**

**January 23, 2024:**

**Pizza Party**

**February 27, 2024:**

**Burger Bash**

**March 26, 2024:**

**Hotdog Send-off**

Thank you to everyone – See you soon!

Karen Send, President

George Baum, Secretary/Treasurer

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**NEW ENGLAND/CANADA**

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by Donna Mansfield

### **NEW ENGLAND/CANADA CLUB HOLIDAY DINNER**

On Monday, November 6, the NE/CAN Club had its first dinner of the season. Fifty-three people enjoyed the chicken marsala prepared by our terrific kitchen crew. Don't miss out on the fun and fellowship.

**Our infamous prime rib holiday dinner will  
be held on Monday, December 4.**

Entertainment will be provided by the Asolo Theatre Troupe. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$15 for guests. See the bulletin boards for hosts/hostesses.

Don't delay in securing a seat as many tables are already full! Hope to see you there!

Any questions, please call Donna at 941-355-8421.

DECEMBER 2023

← November

January →

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2  Coffee-9:00 Clubhouse Christmas Parade 9:00 a.m.
3	4 New England/ Canada Dinner 5-9 p.m. Clubhouse	5 Christmas Tea 1:00 p.m.  Clubhouse	6 Bingo 5-9 Clubhouse	7 Thirsty Thursday Tiki Hut- 4 p.m.  6:00 pm-Pool Gate Mexican Train 6:00 - Clubhouse	8	9  9:00-12:00 Clubhouse
10	11 Fun & Sports Dinner – 5-9 pm Clubhouse	12	13 Bingo 5-9 Clubhouse	14 Thirsty Thursday – 4:00  Mexican Train 6:00 - Clubhouse	15	16  Coffee 9:00 a.m. Clubhouse
17  6:00 p.m.	18	19	20 Bingo 5-9 Clubhouse	21 Thirsty Thursday – 4:00  Mexican Train 6:00 - Clubhouse	22	23
24/31 24 – Christmas Eve Serv. –4:00 31-New Year’s Eve Party 7:00 Clubhouse	25  Christmas Dinner 2-4 p.m. Clubhouse	26	27 Bingo 5-9 Clubhouse	28 Thirsty Thursday – 4:00  Mexican Train 6:00 - Clubhouse	29	30

*All scheduled events are tentative and may be postponed or cancelled. Please check our website for any changes. Tri-Par thanks you for your understanding.*

## WEEKLY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

\* Y = Yearly    S = Seasonal \*

**NOTE: SOME ACTIVITIES MAY NOT BE TAKING PLACE. CHECK WITH CLUB LEADERS FOR DETAILS.**

### **Mondays**

Event	Location	Start	End	
Walk Away the Pounds	CH	8:30 AM	9:15 AM	Y
Quilting	A	8:30 AM	12:00 PM	Y
Flea Market Financial Com.	B	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	2nd Mon
Pickleball (Morning)	CT	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	S
Pool Walkers	PO	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Y
Aqua Belles	PO	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Y
Poker (Men and Women)	C	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Y
Bridge	B	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	Y
Shuffleboard (Nickels)	SB	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	S
Whist	B	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	S
Poker	C	6:30 PM	10:00 PM	Y
Pickleball (Evening)	CT	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	S

### **Thursdays**

Event	Location	Start	End	
Horseshoes, Men	PIT	8:30 AM	12:00 PM	S
Walk Away the Pounds	CH	8:30 AM	9:15 AM	Y
Pickleball (Morning)	CT	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	S
Pool Walkers	PO	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Y
Prayer Gathering	A	10:30 AM	11:00 AM	1st-3rd Thur.
Poker (Men and Women)	C	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Y
Shuffleboard	SB	1:00 PM	3:30 PM	S
Canasta	B	1:00 PM	3:30 PM	Y
Card Bingo	B	6:30 PM	9:00 PM	S
Grimm's Games	Screen	6:30 PM	10:00 PM	S
Pickleball (Evening)	CT	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	S
Mexican Train	C	6:00 PM	10:00 PM	Y

### **Tuesdays**

Event	Location	Start	End	
Board Workshop & Mtg	CH	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	3rd Tues
Walk Away the Pounds	CH	8:30 AM	9:15 AM	Y
Pickleball (Morning)	CT	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	S
Pool Walkers	PO	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Y
Keeping You in Stitches	A	9:00 AM	3:00 PM	Y
Horseshoes, Ladies	PIT	10:00AM	12:00PM	S
Poker (Men and Women)	C	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Y
Bridge & Mahjong	B	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	Y
Pinochle	B	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	S
Euchre	B	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Y
Pickleball (Evening)	CT	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	S

### **Fridays**

Event	Location	Start	End	
Walk Away the Pounds	CH	8:30 AM	9:15 AM	Y
Pickleball (Morning)	CT	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	S
Pool Walkers	PO	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Y
Flea Market	Mat. Bld.	9:00AM	12:00PM	S
Bowling	Offsite	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	S
Aqua Belles	PO	10:30 AM	11:30AM	Y
Brown Bag Lunch (last Friday)	Tiki Hut	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	S
Poker (Men and Women)	C	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Y
Pinochle (Evening)	A	6:15 PM	8:45 PM	S
Bridge	B	6:30 PM	9:00 PM	S
Pickleball (Evening)	CT	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	S

### **Wednesdays**

Event	Location	Start	End	
Walk Away the Pounds	CH	8:30 AM	9:15 AM	Y
Pickleball (Morning)	CT	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	S
Pool Walkers	PO	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Y
Swedish Weaving	A	9:00 AM	11:30 AM	S
Covenant Church Bible Study	B	10:00 AM	11:45AM	S
Aqua Belles	PO	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Y
Poker (Men and Women)	C	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Y
Duplicate Bridge	B	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	S
Band Practice	B	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Y
Bingo	CH	7:00 PM	10:00 PM	S
Pickleball (Evening)	CT	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	S

### **Saturdays**

Event	Location	Start	End	
Softball Practice	B-Field	11:00 AM	12:00PM	S
Stretch Class	CH	11:00 AM	11:30 AM	Y
Poolside Entertainment	PO	4:00 PM	10:00 PM	Y

### **Sundays**

Event	Location	Start	End	
Covenant Church of Tri Par	CH	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Y

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**DIRECTV STREAM Chois Base Package Channels (Channels provided in Frontier Agreement)**

A&E	265
AccuWeather	361
AMC	254
Animal Planet	282
AXS TV (HD only)	340
BabyFirst HD	293
BBC America	264
BET	329
Bloomberg TV	353
Bommerang	298
Bravo	237
Cartoon Network East HD	296
Cheddar News	354
Cleo TV HD	341
CMT	327
CNBC	355
CNN	202
CNN En Espanol	419
CNN International	358
Comedy Central	249
C-SPAN	350
C-SPAN2	351
Daystar	369
Discovery	278
Disney Channel (East)	290
Disney Junior	289
Disney XD	292
E!	236
ESPN	206
ESPN2	209
Food Network	231
Fox Business News	359
Fox News Channel	360

Fox Sports 1	219
Fox Weather	363
Freeform	311
Fuse HD	339
FX	248
FXX	259
Galavision	404
Hallmark Channel	312
Hallmark Movies & Mysteries	565
HGTV	229
HISTORY	269
HLN	204
HSN	240
IFC	333
Investigation Discovery	285
ION Television (East) HD	305
Jewelry Television	72
Lifetime	252
MotorTrend HD	281
MSNBC	
MTV	331
MTV2 HD	332
National Geographic	276
Newsmax	349
Nickelodeon East	299
Ovation	274
Paramount Network	241
PBS Kids	288
QVC	275
QVC2	315
QVC3	318
ReelzChannel	238

Revolt	384
RFD-TV HD	345
Scientology Network	320
Shop LC	226
Sundance TV	239
Syfy	244
Tastemade	235
TBS	247
TCM	256
TeenNick	303
The First	347
theGrio	342
TLC	280
TNT	245
TruTV	246
TV Land	304
TV One HD	328
Univision (Este)	402
USA Network	242
VH1	335
VICE	271
WE tv	260

**LOCAL CHANNELS (Zip Code: 34234)**

<i>Affiliate</i>	<i>Network</i>
PBS	WEDU
NBC	WFLA
ABC	WFTS
CW	WTOG
CBS	WTSP
FOX	WTVT
ABC	WWSB

**REGIONAL SPORTS NETWORK (Zip Code: 34234)**

<i>Network</i>	<i>Teams</i>
Bally Sports Florida	Marlins, Rays
Baily Sports Sun	Marlins, Magic, Lightning

**SPORTS CHANNELS**

ACC Network	FOX Sports 1
BTN – Big Ten Network	Golf Channel
ESPN	MLB Network
ESPN2 HD	NBA TV
ESPNEWS HD	SEC Network
ESPNU	Tennis Channel

## KNOW THE RULES

### State Laws

#### **Florida Golf Cart Laws**

Effective October 1, 2023, Chapter 2023-67, L.O.F. (CS/CS/HB 949) required that a person operating a golf cart on a public road or street, as authorized by the responsible local government entity, must:

- If 18 years of age or older, possess a form of government-issued photographic identification; or
- If under 18 years of age, possess a valid learner's driver license or valid driver's license.

### Sarasota County

#### **Contracting/Licensed Contractors**

Any new structure or improvements to an existing structure must be performed by a State of Florida or locally-registered Sarasota County contractor. Owner-builders can perform work with the applicable permit. To report suspected unlicensed contracting or activity, please call 941-861-5000 or Crime Stoppers at 941-366-TIPS (8477); you may remain anonymous.

#### **ALERT Sarasota County --- REPLACES Code Red Warning System**

Sarasota County has switched from Code RED to a new alert system for emergency alerts for items such as water main breaks, weather warnings, etc.

To register for this new system you can call 941-861-5000 or go to the Alert Sarasota County webpage to get more information and to register for the alerts.

<https://www.alertsarasotacounty.com/>

YOUR INFORMATION'S SECURITY: Data entered into the Alert Sarasota County system is only used to send alerts and will never be sold. Call Sarasota County 941-861-5000 if you have questions.

#### **Sarasota County – Anonymous Reports**

One of our goals is to keep our Park safe and maintain a great quality of life. If you observe suspicious activity, please report what you observe by calling 911. There is also an anonymous tip line, 941-366-TIPS (8477).

#### **Non-Emergency Sheriff's Line**

Reports can also be made to the Non-Emergency Sheriff's phone at 941-316-1201.

#### **Sarasota County Code Highlights**

- ***Junk, Trash and Debris:*** Prohibited from being left in the yard and must be disposed of properly. This includes, but is not limited to wood, tires, automobile parts, hazardous waste, abandoned property, unusable or discarded household items, inoperative or discarded machinery or equipment, motor vehicles and trailers, which are inoperative or lack current license tags, solid waste, construction or demolition materials.
- ***Unlicensed, Inoperative Vehicles:*** All vehicles must be operable and have current license tags or must be stored in a completely enclosed building.
- ***Overweight Vehicles:*** Parking, servicing repair and storage of trucks, buses, vans, and tractor trailers in excess of 6,000 pounds vehicle empty weight is prohibited in residential or open use districts.
- ***Living in Motor Homes or RVs in Residential Areas:*** It shall not be used for living, sleeping, housekeeping or business purposes and shall not be hooked to any utilities.
- ***Building Permits:*** Before the start of any construction or structural repair, check with the County permitting Office (861-6678) to ensure if a permit is required.

- **Household Garbage and Yard Waste:** All waste must be in trash cans, plastic bags or tied bundles, weighing no more than 40 pounds. Put containers out no sooner than 5 pm on the day before pickup (Sunday) and remove them by 10 am the day after (Tuesday). All containers are to be stored inside or rear yards only. You must separate yard waste from solid waste.
- **Household Hazardous Waste:** Except for motor oil and filters, hazardous waste is not collected at the curb. You must bring these types of items to a collection center, neighborhood collection or community collection program for proper disposal.
- **Appliances:** Residents may call the Tri-Par Scrap Pickers (Flea Market) to schedule a pick-up for an appliance or scrap metal. Please call Brad at 617-548-3343 for pick up.

Call the Sarasota Call Center (all violations) at 941-861-5000 or Code Enforcement at 941-861-6403 to report a violation of these codes.

### **Recycling**

We are all aware of the need to cut down on our trash and the impact it has on our environment. Some activities you can undertake to reduce the impact of the waste you produce:

**Waste Prevention:** Avoid buying more than you need. Print only documents and emails that must be legally stored in paper form.

**Waste Reduction:** Avoid products with excessive packaging. Buy loose vegetables instead of pre-packed goods.

**Reuse:** Repurpose plastic bags. Find creative ways to transform used containers into home storage bins.

**Recycle:** We are all recycling in our homes, but sometimes find we are attending or running meetings or social events where the building does not have recycling facilities. (Such as our Tri-Par Clubhouse) Club leaders can arrange to have cardboard items, pop cans and steel cans taken home so that these articles can be recycled

### **Dogs and Cats**

Sarasota County Ordinance Chapter 14 contains the regulations concerning pets and other animals. These regulations contribute to the well-being of the pets in our community and, therefore, to the well-being of us all.

- Each year you must obtain a license certificate and tag for your dog or cat. In order to receive the license, your pet must be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian. The official county license may be attached to a collar or harness and must be worn by a dog or cat at all times.
- Your dog or cat may not run at large on any public property or the property of another and must be under the direct control of a responsible person. Direct control always means immediate and continuous physical control of an animal (dog or cat) by means of a fence, leash, cord or chain of sufficient strength to restrain the animal.
- Under no circumstances shall a person improperly tether any animal. It is unlawful to tether an animal outdoors, except when all 10 conditions (listed in Sarasota County Code of Ordinances, Section 14-35) are met. The most important condition is, "The Animal is in visual range of the Owner, and the Owner is located outside with the Animal."
- There have been instances when individuals are frightened by the behavior of our animals. If this occurs to you or you observe anything listed above, please report the incident to Animal Services at 941-861-9500.

### **F.I.S.H. Transportation (Free Medical Transportation)**

Free medical transportation (via automobile) for Sarasota residents only. Donations are accepted. Rides available in the Sarasota area only. Transportation is for medical appointments only. MUST call to schedule 48 hours ahead and appointments must be between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Phone: 941-953-5838



## **Tri-Par Policies and Procedures**

### **Background Check for New Owners, Renters, or Caregivers and Guests Who Stay More Than 30 Days**

Background checks are required for all first-time buyers, renters, or caregivers in Tri-Par Estates. A background check is also required for first-time guests staying more than 30 days. Renters, caregivers, and guests who have left the Park for 12 months or more must reapply for a background check. A per person application form and per person \$50.00 fee must be submitted to the Tri-Par Office a minimum of 30 days prior to the desired occupancy date for processing and the Board's action. The new application form is available in the Office.

### **Board Approval is Required Before Moving into Tri-Par Estates**

If a renter, buyer, or caregiver moves in without the Board's prior approval, the first action will be to start the process to assess a fine against the owner in accordance with Section 22 of our deed restrictions. Secondly, unapproved renters or owners will be required to vacate the property and leave the park. If they refuse and it becomes necessary for legal action to remove the unapproved occupant(s), the Board of Trustees shall be entitled to recover all costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees (Section 21 of Deed Restrictions) from the property owner.

### **Use of Tri-Par Pool and Spa**

Adult supervision is required for children under 14 years of age when at all areas of the Pool. No one under 16 is permitted in the Spa. Pool and Spa rules are posted at the pool area.

### **Speed Limit in Tri-Par**

The speed limit throughout our Park is 20 MPH. We have many walkers, bikers, and people on their golf carts every day. For the safety of all our residents, please do your part in observing the speed limit. If you have guests, let them know we would very much appreciate their maintaining the 20 MPH speed limit within the Park.