



GullAire Voice

September 2017



What's Inside

- "Haz-to-Go"
- Flu Season
- Potato, Potato
- Looking "West"

OCTOBER Newsletter Deadline
Friday, September 8th

To contact the newsletter team and/or to submit items for the next issue **Email to:**
gullaivillage@yahoo.com

SPECIAL EVENTS - SEPTEMBER

- 2 Koffee Klatch
- 2 Dance Night/Karaoke
- 5 **Social Club Meeting**
- 11 Bunco
- 15 Dance Night/Karaoke
- 16 Koffee Klatch
- 23 Potato Bar
- 25 Bunco
- 30 Game Night



UPCOMING EVENTS - OCTOBER

- 3 Social Club Meeting
- 7 Koffee Klatch/Medicare Changes
- 7 Country Dance Night (Table Pot Luck)
- 9 Bunco
- 15 Oktoberfest
- 20 Dance Night/Karaoke
- 21 Koffee Klatch/CPR Class
- 21 Game Night
- 23 Bunco
- 28 Western Ghost Town Halloween Party
- 29 Halloween Golf Cart Parade

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **Sept. 7th – “Haz-to-go” Truck (electronics and hazardous materials pick-up at the clubhouse)**
- **October 2nd – Flu Shots provided by Walgreens**

September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
					Pool Exer 9:00a Bible Study 10:00a	Koffee Klatch 9:00a Dance Night Karaoke 7:00p
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Private Party 10:00am	Labor Day Pool Exer 9:00a	Golf Social Club Meeting 7:00p	Pool Exer 9:00a Line Dancing 9:30a Tai-Chi 2p Bingo 6:00p	Music Time 2-4p Hazmat 9-12 Euchre 6:15p Cards/Game 6:30p	Pool Exer 9:00a Bible Study 10:00a	
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TEXTING CODES FOR SENIORS

ATD - at the doctors
 BFF – best friend's funeral
 BTW - bring the walker
 DWI - driving while incontinent
 TOT - texting on toilet
 LOL - living on Lipitor



With summer almost behind us and as snowbirds begin to infiltrate back into our community, the board will also be in full swing to begin to prioritize some of our long-term planning goals. In the last nine months, we have completed two major maintenance projects, the pool resurfacing and the clubhouse roof replacement. Both had been identified and earmarked on our reserve analysis planning. These two projects alone totaled over \$50,000 dollars. The good news is we could fund them without tapping into our reserve CD's. We

will continue to build up our operating revenue throughout the balance of this fiscal year before implementing any new or non-essential large projects.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Frank Chicollo. Frank resigned from the board a couple of months ago. Frank was elected to the office of DAV State Commander of Florida. This position requires much travel across the state and therefore would make it very difficult to dedicate his time to the board. Frank is very connected to state and local government, helping Gull Aire many times to get immediate attention to some of our needs. Frank would make a simple phone call and we would have a representative from the city in our village within hours.

As our board meetings start up again this month, I encourage residents to attend and have their concerns and ideas heard during our open discussion segment of the meeting.

Ken LaMarca
Kencyn4@yahoo.com

NEWSLETTER NOTES

The vacation is over! You notice that I did not say "summer is over". As of this writing it still hot, hot, hot with not a lot of relief in sight. But, despite the weather, the year-round residents of Gull Aire have been busy.

As the snowbirds start flitting back they will find some significant changes. The pool has been resurfaced (and used often) and the clubhouse has a new roof. The inside refreshing of the clubhouse has been completed with the hanging of colorful pictures displayed from an innovative system that will allow for change and versatility and that also has the benefit of protecting the walls from hooks, holes and tape damage. New items have been added to the history display and a new area has been designated to honor our veterans and country. Plans are underway to renovate the stage area to accommodate our many and varied activities. The Social Club has seen to it that the summer months offered recreation and opportunities for "indoor" activity, most notably the growth of Bunco players, who now play twice a month. Our web-site has been redesigned with many features that will strengthen communication within the Gull Aire Community. We hope to coordinate with the HOA board to demonstrate these features at a future board meeting. In the mean-time check it out www.gullairevillage.org .

The newsletter Team is back at work to bring you this monthly publication. We encourage you to participate by submitting pictures, articles, book reviews, restaurant reviews, etc. Remember, however, as we strive for a positive eye to the community and beyond, appropriateness and space limitations may determine publication.

Social Club Notes

Welcome back everyone!! Our September Newsletter begins with great news. *We survived the summer!* The temperature was not too hot – it never reached triple digits (*well maybe once or twice*) - so our pool time was comfortable and refreshing.

Many people went on vacation this year, although I still can't figure out how you take a vacation from retirement.

Over the summer we had some great events. The July 4th lunch was a big hit with good food and hilarious pool games. Our Summer Swing on July 22 was packed. **The Jazz Phools** put on a good show with their Big Band music. Everyone enjoyed them and requested they return at a later date. We are looking at another event when we might bring them back. Will keep you posted.

Bunco is still going strong with 32 to 48 each time. People enjoy it and find it a nice time to meet their neighbors. The best part is you are not sitting still; you keep moving and changing partners. It has been agreed that Bunco will continue with the second and fourth Monday each month at 7:00pm. Come and meet your fellow Gull Aire residents.

The first ever Karaoke Marathon was attended by many of Gull Aire singers. I guess with all these singers we can have our own America's Got Talent program! What a night with Night at the Races. Again our jockeys were battling for first place with hilarious antics. It kept everyone laughing and having fun. Sorry, no rags to riches story on this night. The Carnival had many attendees, young and not so young. They all enjoyed the Magician we had that night.

September will not be a slow month by any means. Karaoke on the 2nd and 15th, Koffee Klatch the 2nd and 16th, Game night on the 30th. Don't forget to join us at our Potato Bar on the 23rd. There will be some good entertainment that night as well as good food.

September 5 is the **Social Club Meeting**. Please attend and learn what new and exciting events will be happening.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with the summer events. There were too many to mention individually. **You all did a fantastic job.** This year we are looking for new volunteers to help our regulars. On the bulletin board is a sign-up sheet. Please place your name on it so you can show off your great organizational skills. It is also a great way to meet your fellow residents.

That's it for now. I can keep rambling on but they tell me there is not enough space

Dale Mathurin, President



BINGO

Jan Freeman
727-470-3668

POOL EXERCISE

Mary Etta Stearns
727-781-7981

Wednesdays 6:00 pm

Mon., Wed., Fri., 9:00 am

Callers for September

- 6th ---- Sandy Kicza
- 13th--- Ginny Johnson
- 20th--- Bill Yost
- 27th--- Pat Pelletier

Our classes last one hour and you will find that this hour flies by very quickly. Come join this very popular activity.



LINE DANCING

Morning Class

Sue Van Vessem
727-784-8509

Wednesday 9:30 to 10:30 am

Come join us and have fun doing new and refresh yourself on some older dances. New dancers are always welcome!

YOGA

Dianne Eisenberg
727-772-9335

Yoga will be offered twice a week this year: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m. - noon. You don't have to attend both days, just come when you can. There is no floor work so no mat needed. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes. We practice standing poses, seated postures, and meditation. Everyone is welcome if you would like to give it a try. We will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 19, in the clubhouse.



BIBLE STUDY

Kerry Blette
727-386-5738

Friday 10:00 – 11:00 am

Come join us every Friday morning for a Non-Denominational Bible Study discussion. Both men and women welcome.

PINOCHLE CLUB

Berniece Stults
727-789-3508

Our Thursday evening card club has been suspended until further notice.



VIDEO AEROBICS

Jean Roman
727-475-8894

Welcome back Snowbirds!
Get your sneakers and water bottles ready. Video exercises will begin on Mon., Oct. 2nd.
Scheduled times are:

Richard Simmons:

- Silver Foxes – Mon & Fri 9:00 am
Wed 8:30 am
- Sweat'n to the Oldies Tues & Th 9:00am

COMPUTER CLASS

Vickie Mills
727-781-4853

Computer Class will resume in October on the second Tuesday of each month.

See you there.

..and more Activities

BUNCO

Emily Mathurin
727-741-8193

Bunco will continue on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

SEPTEMBER: 11th, 7:00 pm
25th, 7:00 pm

All you need is \$ 5.00 to play. All monies collected are paid out in prize money. Please bring a small snack to share with all.



EUCHRE

Charley Freeman
727-453-8966

Thursday 6:15 pm

Anyone interested in playing Euchre or learning how to play, come to the clubhouse and be part of the fun. If you have any questions, please call.



BILLIARDS

Ken Robinson
813-503-9345
10:00 a – 4:00 p

There is a sign-up sheet on the clubhouse bulletin board for anyone interested.



MUSIC TIME

Charley Freeman
727-453-8966

Thursday 2:00 – 4:00 pm
(except holidays)

If you like to sing, play an instrument or just like to listen, join us for "Music Time" at the clubhouse



RED HATTERS

This group of classy, sassy, women will reconvene in the fall



SHUFFLEBOARD

Alice Szczur

Our Season League play begins on November 6, 2017. A meeting will be scheduled prior to start date. Please check the courts/clubhouse bulletin board for the date and other related information.



SEPTEMBER KOFFEE KLATCH

Saturday, Sept. 2nd & Sept. 16th

9:00am

\$1.50/person

Bring your empty coffee cup and enjoy coffee or tea and a nice assortment of pastries, donuts, Chicago rolls and sometimes a fruit cup. It is a good way to meet new friends and neighbors and hear what will be happening in Gull Aire in the next few weeks.

Sue Van Vessum
727-784-8509

RESIDENT RESOURCE

Ann Whisher 727-785-3550

CARPET CLEANING

Suds Up Carpet Cleaning 727-534-3332

"Awesome cleaning, awesome people" AC

In speaking with the resident he said his carpet dried in 1 hr.

PRESSURE WASHING AND PAINTING

Look At Cha Old 2 New 727-415-6681

Licensed/Insured. "Does thorough job and reasonable." DEP

AWNING VALANCE

Boulevard Awning Co. 1788 N Hercules Ave

Clearwater 727-461-5530 "Good work-On time, Fair price. All done in 1 1/2 weeks". FG

AIR CONDITIONING

Service America- NOT RECOMMENDED

2755 NW 63rd Court, FT Lauderdale, FL 33309

1-800-664-5385

"They do not stand up to their contract. They told me I needed a new AC. Called in someone else, nothing wrong with the old one." FG

STAPLES

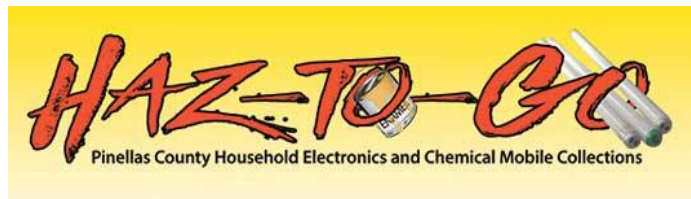
Kyle-certified technician- 30190 US19 N, Clearwater 727-784-1502

"I purchased a new lap top, he set it up. He spent lots of time explaining how to use it and made my old laptop workable and did a super job. He went out of his way to help me and is willing to answer any questions. Highly recommend him" HY

If you would like to contribute to this column whether it is a good or bad experience with a provider. Just fill out the referral form found on the clubhouse bulletin board by the 1st of each month. **Deposit in the Submit pouch near the forms.** Please **do not** put your forms in the newsletter box in the hall. That box is for other articles for the newsletter, not the Residents Resource submissions.

If you are thinking of calling a certain company, call me first to see if I have anything on them. I am here to help you if I can.

Thank You
Ann Whisher



Haz-to-go

Hazardous Collection Event

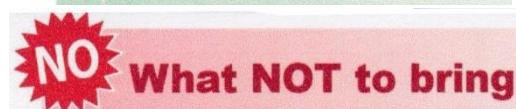
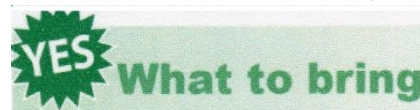
Drop off hazardous waste at Pinellas County's Household Electronics and Chemical Collection Event

Gull Aire Village Clubhouse

Thursday, September 7th

9 am-12 noon

See fliers in the clubhouse for complete list of.



FLU SHOTS

It's that time of year again!!

Walgreens will be here conducting our annual flu shot clinic on

Monday October 2nd

**from
2:30-4:00 pm**

Please remember to bring your ID and insurance information.



POTATO BAR NIGHT

Saturday September 23rd

Doors open 5:00pm
Dinner 6:00pm
Entertainment 7:00pm

ENTERTAINMENT BY SOUNDS OF YESTERDAY

Menu:

Baked Potato with all the trimmings
Sour Cream, Butter, Bacon, Onions, Cheese, Chili and more

Salad

Dessert

Donation: \$8.00 per person

Deadline for tickets is Wednesday Sept. 20th





September

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

Date	Name	Date	Name	Day	Name	Years Married
1	Marilyn Holl	19	Elyse Harold	1	Marie & Maurice Gosse	61
1	Debbie Scarberry	19	Gary Webster	1	Patty & Wayne Hyde	55
2	Ruth Hemmes	20	Barbara Jones	2	Tina & Roland Therriault	10
2	Lorraine MacDonald	21	Carmen Crisci	2	Yvette & Len Poulin	53
2	Sheena Webster	22	Wendy Riley	3	Judy & Joseph Dentici	24
3	Christine Genest-Sawicki	22	Sandra Lindberg	6	Patti Glass & Willaim "Glen" Scott	10
3	Kenneth Wargo	23	Marilyn Breton	9	Cathie & Patrick Campbell	45
4	Marie Gosse	23	Debbie Brown	9	Connie & David Truman	45
4	Barbara Hartley	23	Helen Yarrington	12	Diane & David Roper	37
4	Mary Salvione	24	Carlos Gonzales	13	Kim & Ron Adams	31
5	Bergith Seabrook	26	Sylvia Dean	16	Phyllis & Joseph Crivelli	61
6	Joan Burger	26	Adeline Lavigne	22	Lauraine & James Allan/Arieno	17
6	Linda Krentler	26	Kathy Otting	22	Kathy & Kerry Blette	11
6	Vonnie Tharp	27	Faith Roberge	23	Paula & Joseph Marrone	27
7	Alice Conroy	27	Michael Foisset	24	Vicki & Richard Labate	51
7	Gene Henriksen	27	Leila Long	26	Sonia & George Kuperis	42
10	Tony DeSimone	28	Maureen McGovern	26	Rebecca & David Dymock	19
10	Robert Rice	28	Elizabeth Moskowitz	26	Rosemary & Bob Kilpatrick	---
11	Vicki LaBate	29	Joseph Batt	27	Wilma & Mike Van Winkle	42
11	Pat Marietta	30	Jeanne Lyttle			
11	Joanne Harman	30	Bill Oxenford			
12	John Truskey	30	Walt Stewart			
13	Glyn Davies					
14	Patty Hyde					
15	David Dymock					
15	Cindy Mannion					
15	Berniece Stults					
16	Brad Myers					
17	Kathleen Klein					
17	Bob Qvern					
17	Phyllis Strong					
18	Sue Kasson					
18	Cathy Stults					
19	Paul Allison					

NOTE:

Our apologies if there are errors or omissions.

Please contact: Alice

Szczur 727-461-5489 or

aszczur1@tampabay.rr.co



GULL AIRE GOLF LEAGUE RESULTS FOR JUNE 2017

6/6/17			
1 st Low Net			
2 nd Low Net	RAIN OUT		
Closest to pin			
6/13/17			
1 st Low Net	Rob Kern	56.2	
2 nd Low Net	Kurt Wilhelm	57.9	
Closest to pin	Linda Froelich		
6/20/17			
1 st Low Net	Ron Becthle	54.7	
2 nd Low Net	Roy Lingle	56.8	
Closest to pin	Roy Lingle		
6/27/17			
1 st Low Net	Ron Becthle	57.4	
2 nd Low Net	Kurt Wilhelm	58.4	
Closest to pin	Linda Froelich		



GULL AIRE GOLF LEAGUE RESULTS FOR July 2017

7/4/17			
1 st Low Net	Ron Becthle	58.0	
2 nd Low Net	Kurt Wilhelm	61.0	
Closest to pin	Kurt Wilhelm		
7/11/17			
1 st Low Net	Kurt Wilhelm	53.0	
2 nd Low Net	Ron Becthle	58.0	
Closest to pin	Kurt Wilhelm		
7/18/17			
1 st Low Net	Ron Becthle	63.0	
2 nd Low Net	Steve Karsten	64.7	
Closest to pin	Roy Lingle		
7/25/17			
1 st Low Net	Steve Karsten	58.7	
2 nd Low Net	Bill O'Connell	59.5	
Closest to pin	Steve Karsten		



The last surviving founding member of Gull Aire Village, Mrs. Dotty Sandin, just celebrated her 100th Birthday! Dotty received letters of congratulations from George Bush, George W. Bush, Rick Scott, Marco Rubio and Jimmy Carter.

The City of Oldsmar's Mayor Doug Bevis, proclaimed June 25, 2017, as "Dazzling Dotty Sandin Day". Numerous GAV residents attended a birthday celebration, given by her family, in her honor.

Congratulations Dotty and many more healthy years in Gull Aire Village.

CAN COLLECTION FOR OLDSMAR CARES

We would like to Thank all the residents of Gull Aire for saving cans for Oldsmar Cares. So far this year we have collected \$160.00. A donation of \$135.00 was given in June and during our vacation Jon and Vickie Mills collected enough to fill our truck that we have now redeemed for \$25.00.

For those unaware, every Tuesday evening we collect aluminum cans. When enough have been accumulated a run is made to a recycler where they are turned into \$\$\$ for Oldsmar Cares. If you would like to participate in this charitable endeavor, please place your cans in a plastic bag and put them at the end of your driveway by 5:30 pm each Tuesday. If you should forget you are welcome to drop them off at our home at 192 Blue Marlin Dr.

Thank you,
Mickey and Walt Stewart

NEVER FORGET YOUR FRIENDS!

A newlywed young man was sitting on the porch on a hot, humid day, sipping iced tea with his father. As he talked about adult life, marriage, responsibilities, and obligations, the father thoughtfully stirred the ice cubes in his glass and cast a clear, sober look on his son.

"Never forget your friends," he advised, "they will become more important as you get older."

"Regardless of how much you love your family and the children you happen to have, you will always need friends. Remember to go out with them occasionally, do activities with them, call them."

"What strange advice!" Thought the young man. "I just entered the married world, I am an adult and surely my wife and the family that we will start will be everything I need to make sense of my life." Yet he obeyed his father. He kept in touch with his friends and annually increased their number. Over the years, he became aware that his father knew what he was talking about. Inasmuch as time and nature carry out their designs and mysteries on a man, friends were the bulwarks of his life. After 60 years of life, here is what he learned:

- Time passes.
- Life goes on. Distance separates.
- Children grow up and become independent; it breaks the parents' hearts, but the children become separated from the parents.
- Jobs come and go.
- Illusions, desires, attraction, sex .. weaken.
- People do not do what they should do.
- The heart breaks.
- The parents die.
- Colleagues forget the favors.
- The races are over.
- But true friends are always there, no matter how many miles away they are or for how long.

A friend is never more distant than the reach of a need, intervening in your favor, waiting for you with open arms or blessing your life. When we started this adventure called LIFE, we did not know of the incredible joys or sorrows that were ahead. We did not know how much we would need from each other. Love your parents, take care of your children, and keep a group of good friends too.





Come join us for Western Night
with Richard Clark

where: Club House

Date: Saturday, October 7th

Time: Doors Open at 5:30P

Show starts at 7:00P

Bring pot luck for your table

Lots of fun, music mix, line dancing,
and more.

Sign up at the Club House beginning September 7th





Tai Chi Rumor & Clarification –

It was recently brought to my attention, by a board member, that a resident was questioning the class attendees and fees/payment to the class instructor.

FACT: **ALL** of the attendees **are** Village residents

FACT: The class is **FREE**

FACT: There is **NO CHARGE OR PAYMENT** by anyone to the instructor.

In the April and May Newsletter, I stated that the class is a “federally funded program under the Older American’s Act”. Those of us attending the current class are enjoying the program and are very appreciative to have this program available to us right in our own community and at **NO COST**.

As I am the coordinator of this program, please feel free to contact me directly if you have additional inquiries and I will provide the correct information.

Maryann Sieminski
727-786-4087

A HISTORY MINUTE

A rarely noticed relic from Oldsmar's early history is within walking distance of Gull Aire Village. In the year our little town was founded in 1917, a small bridge was constructed as part of the dirt road connecting Oldsmar with neighboring Safety Harbor. Those new-fangled automobiles needed a concrete bridge to cross the drainage canal that eventually emptied into Old Tampa Bay. That long forgotten bridge - sadly unmarked - still stands between the former Sun Trust bank building and the Storage business, on your right, just after turning onto Tampa Road from Curlew. The bridge and that original dirt road were driven into oblivion in 1926 as road improvements and a larger bridge over Possum Bayou were constructed. But that little 1917 concrete bridge still survives to this day. Perhaps you may have crossed over it on foot or on your bicycle.

Info garnered from “*A History of Oldsmar*” by Jerry Beverland. Used with permission.

Suggestions for topics about Gull Aire or Oldsmar history can be sent to our Crack Reporter at GAVcrackreporter@gmail.com

Did I see a PSTA bus in Gull Aire Village?

There is a PSTA Connector Bus (#62) which travels from Countryside, to Boot Ranch, and continues to Sheldon Road. The Connector transportation offers “traveling off the preset route”, meaning a resident can make a request for a pickup at the Clubhouse because Gull Aire Village is located within the required $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from the existing preset bus route.

Reservations for a pickup can be made with a 3-day advance notice to the bus line, by calling the info line at **727-540-1970**. A 2-hour notice **might** also be possible **IF** they do not already have 2 other “diversions” scheduled that day for that particular route.

Remember to also arrange your return trip at the same time.

Another new feature – PSTA and HART have partnered to bring you **Flamingo Fares**, a new regional payment system. The virtual 3-Day unlimited ride ticket is \$18 and valid on PSTA and HART bus services, including Jolley Trolley and Looper Trolley. Go to their website – psta.net for more information.

I HEARD IT AT THE POOL

Over the summer months, rumors at our pool have dried up (pun of course intended). This is probably a good thing except for this loquacious correspondent. Should you hear any good "stories" about issues (not people) involving Gull Aire Village or Oldsmar, whether heard at the pool or not, contact our crack(ed) reporter at **GAVcrackreporter@gmail.com**. Rumors will be investigated and reported upon in a timely fashion.



Restaurant Review

JOEY'S New York Pizza and Italian Restaurant

Recently opened in the Seabreeze Shopping Center, 30681 US Hwy 19, in the same shopping center as Earth Origins and Publix. They have two other locations - on Little Road and further north on US19, both in New Port Richey.

According to their website, "you can discover a variety of hand-made Italian dishes, NY style hand tossed pizza, fresh ingredients and traditions handed down from his Italian roots in Howard Beach, NY".

A Caesar salad was included with my meal and I thought it had too much dressing but the garlic knots solved any problems. The Shrimp Scampi over angel hair pasta (\$14.95) had, what seemed, a pound of pasta and 6 large shrimps. Not a problem – half of the pasta was taken home for another day. My partner had the Seafood Combo (\$16.95) and soaked up all of the left over red sauce with the remaining garlic knot and said it was delicious.

A party at a neighboring table ordered a "very large" Greek Salad (\$7.95) which was huge and gave me a good excuse to return soon.

Prices are comparable to other establishments in the area. **MANGIA!** (Eat in Italian!)

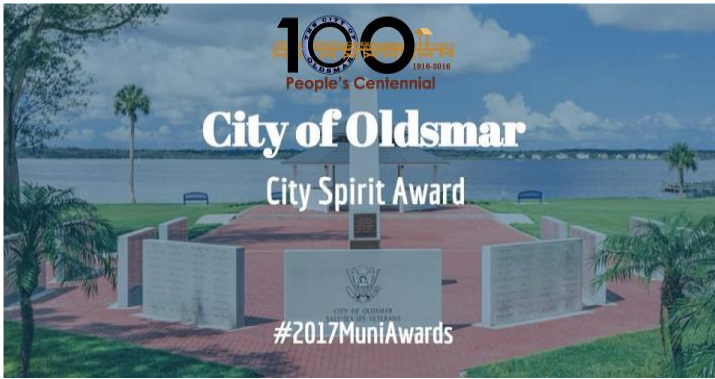


Calling All Crafters

Gull Aire Craft Show – Nov. 25, 2017

If you are a handmade craft vendor and would like to have a spot in the show, please contact Vickie Mills at **vandjus2@verizon.net** for an application and rules.

We have a few indoor tables left but we are filling fast. Outdoor tent spaces are also available. Vendor fee is \$30.00 each table or outdoor site and you are asked to donate one item for an incentive raffle. If you have any questions contact Mickey Stewart 727-789-3836 or Vickie Mills 727-781-4853



Oldsmar Wins 2017 City Spirit Award from Florida League of Cities

The City of Oldsmar was awarded the **City Spirit Award** from the Florida League of Cities (FLC) during the organization's ninth annual Florida Municipal Achievement Awards last week. Oldsmar was chosen from 400+ municipalities in the state for the **City Spirit Award**, which recognizes a single, specific citywide effort to successfully address a local need. This year the FLC chose the 2016 **Oldsmar's Peoples Centennial**, which was chaired by Vice-Mayor Dan Saracki, the city's representative for the FLC.

"This is quite an honor and an amazing achievement. For Oldsmar to be recognized on a state level for the City Spirit Award, this shows how committed our community is to bringing people together. I always knew our City had spirit, and the entire state of Florida will know, too."

Saracki, who formed the People's Centennial Task Force committee two years prior to the start of a yearlong celebration, said they would never have won without the help of the many volunteers that made it happen.

"The volunteers of the People's Centennial Task force should be very proud of their leadership and accomplishments that made this award possible. Their hard work and dedication is something I have never witnessed before. The schedule of events kicked off in January 2016 featuring Fifth Fridays chaired by Darlene Lazier, Ed Derkevics, Vickie Mills, Ginger Tatarzewski and Quyen Trujillo, and concluded with a legends of rock concert on October 1 chaired by Becky Afonso. Countless hours were also volunteered by Jeri Antozzi, Gator Black, Gina Rogers-Price, and many others. The support we received from City staff, Upper Tampa Bay Chamber

of Commerce, Oldsmar Historical Society, and the Olds Club of Florida was incredible. I would also like to extend a special thank you to the local businesses who sponsored the Centennial very generously, and to the Great-Grandson of RE Olds, Thomas Roe, who never missed a meeting."

Here's what the FLC said in a press release about Oldsmar winning the award: "the City of Oldsmar's winning entry, Oldsmar's People Centennial, showcased how the city and its citizens worked together last year to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the founding of Oldsmar by Ransom Eli Olds—the inventor of the Oldsmobile and REO automobiles. Scores of citizens, businesses, and civic organizations, partnered with the city to organize numerous events tailored toward its diverse community. The collaboration culminated in an event for citizens of all ages that displayed Oldsmar's true City Spirit."

Since its inception, Oldsmar is one of the few Florida cities to ever receive this coveted award. "For nearly a decade, the Florida Municipal Achievement Awards have been recognizing excellence and innovation in local government programs. Florida's municipalities are known for utilizing creative solutions and new ideas to better serve the citizens of our cities and these awards honor the best of the best," said Susan Haynie, president of the Florida League of Cities and mayor of the City of Boca Raton.

The **City Spirit Award** will be presented to City Officials during the League's annual conference in August. Further details on this achievement can be found at FloridaLeagueofCities.com.

Oldsmar Disc Golf Course Now OPEN

at Sheffield Park, 1923 Cutty Bay Court, Oldsmar. FREE to play. Open 7 days a week sunrise to sunset. Beginners clinic every Saturday 9:30am.

FYI – Oldsmar Public Library offering Disc Golf Kits for those with library card. Disc Golf Kit includes 3 discs, a driver, a mid-range, and a putter in a backpack to use on course. Kits can be checked out for 7 days at the circulation desk. www.OldsmarDiscGolf.com .

GAV ACTIVITIES AND COMMITTEES

Social Club Officers	President:	Dale Mathurin	727-772-8193
	Vice President	Barbara Drawbaugh	813-389-4017
	Secretary	Vickie Labate	734-626-9544
	Treasurer	Diana Lutch	727-784-0476
Bible Study – Friday morning		Kerry Blette	727-386-5738
Billiards		Ken Robinson	813-503-9345
Bingo – Wednesday evening		Jan Freeman	727-470-3668
Bocce Ball		Bob Rose	727-439-4380
Bunco		Emily Mathurin	727-741-8193
Civil War RoundTable		Bruce Leandro	727-785-0539
Clubhouse Flag		Mike & Marilyn Breton	727-787-8735
Computer Class		Vickie Mills	727-781-4853
Golf League		Bob DeGuiseppe	727-784-3625
Karaoke		Perry Burrigh	727-953-8231
		Dick Clark	727-452-5575
Koffee Klatches – May to October		Sue VanVessem	727-641-3145
Nov. to April		Gene & Phyllis Henriksen	727-421-6614
Library		Mary Etta Stearns	727-781-7981
Line Dancing – Wednesday morning		Sue VanVessem	727-784-8509
Newsletter: gullairevillage@yahoo.com		Vickie Mills	727-781-4853
Newsletter Distribution		Bob Lyttle	727-953-8568
		Jon Mills	727-781-4853
Pinochle Club – Thursday		Berniece Stults	727-789-3508
Pool Aerobics – Mon/Wed/Fri		Mary Etta Stearns	727-781-7981
Pool Badges, Clubhouse Office		Alice Lopez	727-785-0643
Posters and Event Tickets		Diana Lutch	727-784-0476
Red Hatters – Last Monday of the month		Evelyn Zuckerman	727-787-4432
Residents' Resource Directory		Ann Whisher	727-785-3550
Shed Manager		Phyllis Crivelli	239-281-4818
		Barbara Drawbaugh	813-389-4017
Shuffleboard Club – President			
	Team A Captain		
	Team B Captain	Ed Giangregorio	727-772-0247
Ticket Sales		Diana Lutch	727-784-0476
Travel Club – Meets 1st Saturday of the month		Mike Breton	727-787-8735
Video Exercise – Mon~Fri mornings		Jean Roman	727-475-8894
Website		Vickie Mills	727-781-4853
		Maryann Sieminski	727-786-4087
Yoga – Tuesday and Thursday,		Dianne Eisenberg	727-772-9335

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