



Up The Creek



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Rice Creek RV Resort Newsletter

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Thank you to all the people who have contributed to this edition, as well as our managers, activities directors, and coordinators.

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Activities Directors

Prudy and Dave Hodsdon

By: Prudy Hodsdon (603) 312-1461

Welcome to the 2022-23 season at Rice Creek! We are looking forward to the Snowbirds return. It has been a long HOT summer!

Shuffleboard and Bingo along with a few card games have been running throughout the summer. Numbers have been small, but we were kept busy and mostly out of trouble. It will be so good to get into more activities, and with input and help, we will have a great season.

Thanksgiving Dinner is November 24th there is a sign-up sheet in the hall. Make sure you get your name on the list! ALL are welcome. Dinner will be at 3:00pm. Turkey, rolls, butter, and coffee will be supplied by corporate. Bring your own place setting and a dish to pass (to serve 6-8 people).

The activities office will be open Mon-Fri @ 9:00am. If you have any questions or you'd like to start and/or co-ordinate an activity, come on in. There are plenty of 'jobs' for everyone. Remember without everyone's help we would be unable to run some of our programs.

Coffee every Friday @ 7:45am to meet and greet. 8:30am meeting to find out what's going on for the week. Hope to see everyone there!

P.S. Don't forget every Saturday we'll either have breakfast by Scott OR hot dogs by Floyd. Check the calendar for the alternating schedule.

Manager's corner

Bill & Lois Brimmer

By: Bill Brimmer

First off, I want to thank the Lord for sparing us from the wrath of Hurricane Ian. We were very lucky in the Riverview/Tampa area. We only lost a few carports, roofs, and trees. No lives lost and no one was injured. We are praying for and thinking of our neighbors to the South.

We want to thank all who helped their neighbors cleaning up the aftermath of the storm, even if they lived blocks away. We continue the cleanup of leaves, moss, and limbs. One of our problems is getting our green yard waste dumpsters emptied and additional ones brought in. The backlog should get smoothed out as the debris in the area in general is cleared.

A few improvements have been completed and others are in the works. The road resurfacing and new speed bumps are complete. The new carpet and ceiling tiles have been installed in the hall. Some of the projects are waiting for materials, and man or woman power.

On a more positive note, we anxiously await our old friends returning to your winter homes, and new friends who will be wintering with us for the first time. For those who will not be returning this year, you will be missed but not forgotten.

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EDITORIAL

By: Robin Vaughan

Hello Rice Creekers!!! We hope everyone enjoyed the summer! Welcome back! Hopefully this year will see us closer to our pre-pandemic normal.

Us Sunbirds always breathe a sigh of relief at this time of year that we made it through another storm season. When you live in Florida full time, it's always in the back of your mind that this year might be the year well, you know, blow away house? Not only do we fear the hurricanes, but our daily afternoon thunderstorms can be ferocious. Florida is the lightning capital of the country with more people dying from lightning strikes each year than any other state. Tampa has the most thunderstorm days on average in the

United States, around 85 days per year. Many of our thunderstorms are so severe they produce tornadoes and can dump several inches of rain.

With that being said, I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone, when you leave your homes, whether it is to return north for the summer, to go on vacation or to simply be gone for a day or two, please police the area around your home. Secure any objects that could become projectiles in high winds associated with thunderstorms. Also, if you see any limbs that have fallen and are caught up in other trees, or trees that could potentially fall in the wind, please advise the park's management.



BINGO

By: Paul Albert

Every Thursday nickel bingo begins at 6:00 pm. 25 nickels, 5 dimes and 6 quarters is all you need for this entertaining night. If you want, add a dollar for each 'jug' ticket. The 'jug' prize is becoming quite significant!

BULLETIN BOARD

At the back of the hall. Post notes on 3"x5" cards. Write date posted on card. This board will be checked and kept neat. The cards will be removed every two months. For more information see Prudy.

Friday Morning Meeting

Coffee and donuts at 7:45 a.m. Information meeting at 8:30 a.m. This is the place to find out what is happening in the park and any changes to scheduled events. All are encouraged to attend.

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Bowling

By: Nancy & Ron Ferdinandsen (586) 871-5333

What can I say, summer flew by and then Ian decided to visit. Thank God everyone was OK. It's time for another Season of FUN @ The Alley. I got it from a good source that Tom Burkart has actually been counting down the days to when Bowling will START.

Well, the countdown is here, hopefully we will start Thursday 11/15/22.

I will have a sheet in the hall for SIGN UP please remember to put your Phone# and enter each name on a single line.

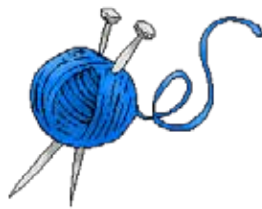
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By: Linda Seese (480) 516-7333

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Pool Tournament

There is a pool tournament every Wednesday at 6:30 PM....and is open to all.



Shuffleboard

By: Roger Hatt (989) 772-9204

Come join us on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 9:00 a.m. for a morning of shuffling!

Yard Games

Bocce ball, ladder ball and corn hole games are available for your use and are located in the library.



CARDS

If you like to play cards (or would like to learn), the following are options you might consider:

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COMEDY CORNER



I used to be able to do cartwheels. Now I tip over putting on my underwear.

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I hate it when I see an old person and then realize we went to high school together.

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I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes... so she hugged me.

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My wife says I only have 2 faults. I don't listen and something else....

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At my funeral, take the bouquet off my coffin and throw it into the crowd to see who is next.

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I thought growing old would take longer.

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GRANDKIDS SAY THE DARDEST THINGS

I was babysitting my 3-year-old grandson one evening and it was bedtime. "Jett", I said, "please go to the bathroom before you go to bed". He replied, "I just went." I said, "Please try, just for me." Sighing deeply, he said "OK Mamaw, but I really don't think there's any more pee pee in my pee pee"!

By: Vanessa Vann

When my son Bryce was small, I said we were going to Miami, he replied, "Where's your ami?"

By: Debbie Raub

My 5-year-old grandson was trying to make sense of the whole perspective of age. He wanted to know how old I was, was I really Daddy's Mommy? Having given our conversation some serious thought, he concluded: "Granny you don't look old except for your neck"

By: Robin Vaughan



FUN FACTS ABOUT AMERICA'S THANKSGIVING

By: Doug Vaughan

The Pilgrims landed in New England on November 11, 1620. The first Thanksgiving is thought to have been celebrated in 1621.

The menu at this first "thanksgiving" did not include turkey. Venison, duck, goose, oysters, lobster, eel, and fish were likely served, alongside pumpkins and cranberries.

Indigenous people had many uses for cranberries. Not only did they eat cranberries, they also used cranberries to heal wounds and dye fabrics.

The first national Thanksgiving was declared by President George Washington and was celebrated on Nov. 26, 1789. In his "Thanksgiving Proclamation of 1789" Washington defines the day as a pious time to thank God for, amongst other things, protecting Americans and helping them achieve independence.

Americans consume 704 million pounds of turkey on Thanksgiving Day.

The average person consumes about 4,500 calories on Thanksgiving Day.

Butterball's Turkey Talk Line answers more than 100,000 turkey-cooking questions each November and December.

In 1953, the original TV dinner was created by Swanson after the company miscalculated its Thanksgiving turkey sales, leaving the company with some 260 tons leftover. A salesman suggested packaging the excess product into trays—along with some traditional sides—and selling them to consumers as TV dinners. He received a bonus of \$1000 for his idea.

The tradition of football on Thanksgiving began in 1876 with a game between Yale and Princeton. The first NFL games were played on Thanksgiving in 1920.

Turkeys are named after the country. Europeans received guinea fowl, which resemble turkeys, from Turkish traders and called them turkey-hens or turkey-cocks. When settlers from the Americas began sending what we call turkeys back to their European counterparts, the latter began referring to them by the same name. Thus, we have turkeys!

For some, Thanksgiving dinner isn't complete until the bird's wishbone is snapped, bestowing luck on the bearer of the bigger piece. This custom is thousands of years old. Ancient Etruscans used chickens to help them predict the future. After the chickens died, the Etruscans would dry their wishbones in the sun and keep them as good luck charms.

HAPPY
Thanksgiving

DID YOU KNOW.....

By: Robin Vaughan



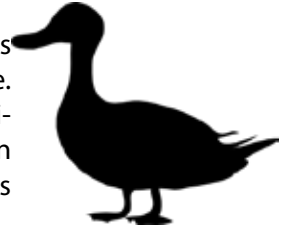
That feeding bears, coyotes, foxes, **raccoons**, pelicans, alligators, crocodiles, sandhill cranes, and wild monkeys is illegal in the State of Florida?

We have many compassionate folks in the park who feed our local wildlife. While the animals love it, a quick and easy meal is not always in their best interests. For example:



Muscovy Ducks:

Have been illegally released in Florida primarily by private individuals for ornamental purposes or as pets. They are extremely prolific, and their local populations can increase dramatically in a short time. They are non-native and are considered an invasive species. They create problems through competition with native species, and damage to property. Its not healthy for them to become dependent on human food. They use the neighborhood as their bathroom, and their droppings can spread diseases to humans and to other wild waterfowl.



Feral Cats:

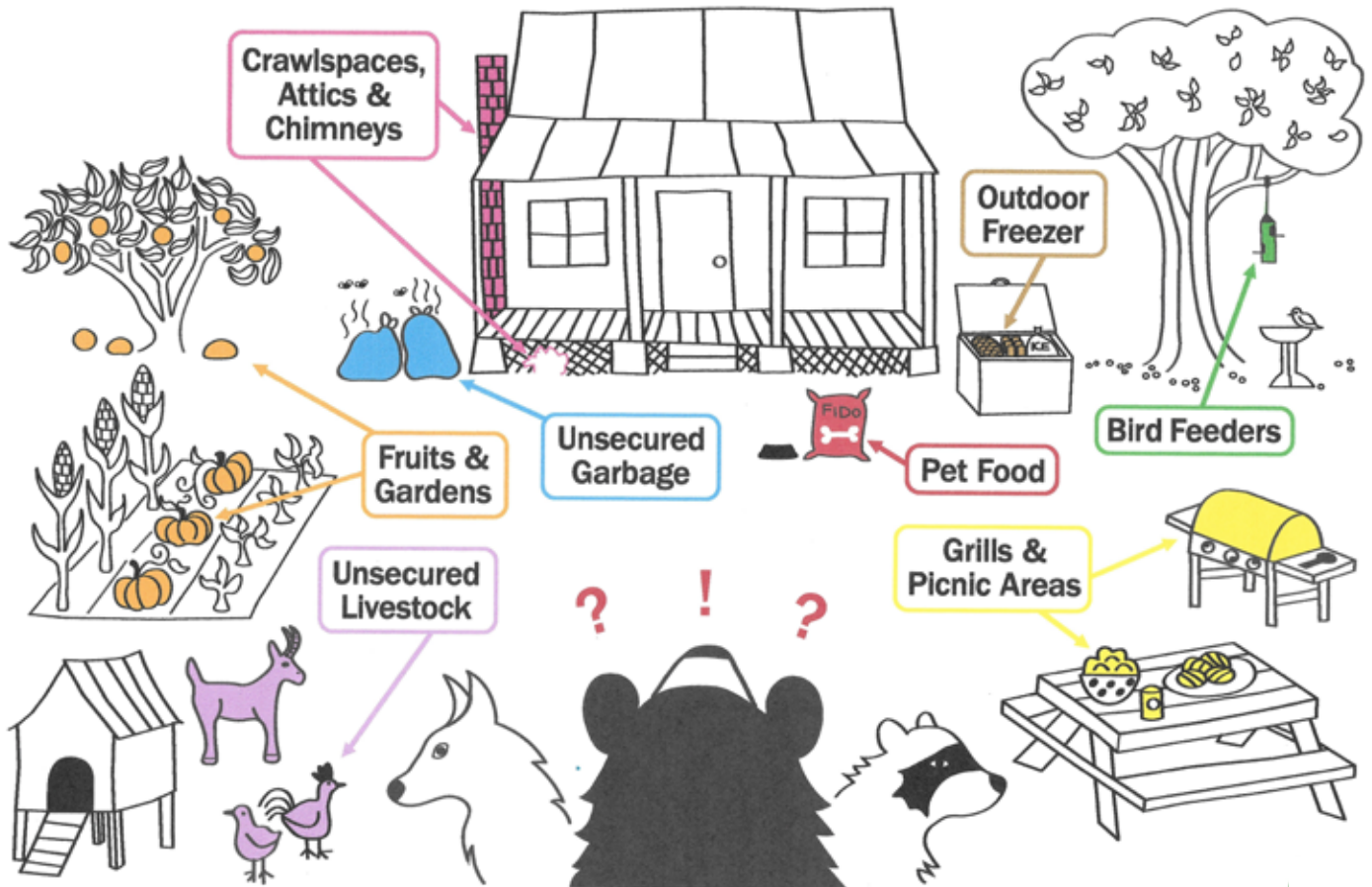


Can populate a city of their own in a very short time. Female cats can begin having litters at 5 months old and can have 2 to 3 litters of one to eight kittens per year. Cat food attracts skunks, raccoons, opossums, rats, and mice, who often spread illnesses among the cats, who in turn spread diseases to humans through their use of your yard, and the yards of your neighbors, as a litter box.

So please, for the animal's sake, and your relationship with your neighbors, don't feed the wildlife. They will be just fine on their own.

How Wildlife Sees Your Backyard

Be Aware, Secure These Attractants!



Keep People, Pets and Wildlife Safe. Secure Your Attractants!

If wildlife can easily find human-provided food on your property, they may lose their natural fear of people, which can lead to conflicts. Identifying and securing wildlife attractants makes your property safer for people, pets and wildlife.

1. Garbage



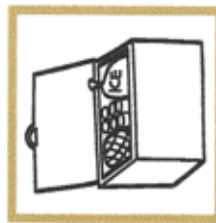
Wildlife is attracted to food smells in garbage. Use wildlife-resistant garbage cans or modify existing cans. Consider using garbage caddies. Or, keep garbage cans in a sturdy shed or garage until the morning of pickup.

2. Pet food



Feed pets indoors. If feeding pets outside or on a porch, remove the bowls after feeding.

3. Outdoor freezers & food storage



Food stored outdoors can be enticing for wildlife. Secure outdoor freezers or fridges in a closed garage or install locks.

4. Pets & livestock



Free-ranging pets and livestock can be an easy target for some wildlife. Keep livestock safe in a sturdy outbuilding, behind a secure fence, or with electric fencing. Supervise your pets while outdoors and use short leashes.

5. Crawlspace, attics & chimneys



Wildlife may seek shelter in these spaces. Be sure to patch exterior holes, as small as 1/2 inch, or use mesh to prevent entry. But first, make sure all animals have left your building.

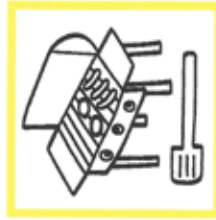
6. Bird feeders



Many animals feed at bird feeders. Even those that don't eat seeds are drawn by the concentration of prey. Bring in feeders at night, provide only enough seed that

can be eaten in a day and keep the ground beneath feeders clean.

7. Grills, smokers & picnic tables



Food smells on outdoor grills and picnic areas can attract wildlife. Clean up these areas or bring your grill into a sturdy shed or closed garage when not in use.

8. Fruit-bearing trees & gardens



Fruit trees and vegetable gardens can also attract wildlife. Harvest ripe fruit and remove fallen fruit. Try motion-activated alarms or electric fencing to keep wildlife from eating your fruits and vegetables.



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TIP OF THE MONTH

Clean Your Eyeglasses With Soap

By: Doug Vaughan

I wear eyeglasses and I am constantly cleaning them with either lens wipes, (which I buy by the carton at Sam's Club or Walmart), or that special lens cleaner only available from the optical shop. When either of these are not available, I'll resort to hot breath and the bottom of my tee-shirt, which sometimes only makes matters worse. Paper towels or tissues will have the same effect and may scratch the lenses too. I recently read an article that has been very helpful.

Cleaning Your Glasses with Soap!

Wash your hands to get rid of anything grimy or germ.

Rinse your glasses in warm water (not too hot not too cold).

Add a drop of plain, gentle dish soap to the lenses.

Smear the soap around on both sides of the lenses and the earpieces.

If need be, use a cotton swab to clean out dirt around the edges of the lenses where they meet the frames.

Rinse off the soap.

Dry everything with a lint-free or microfiber cloth.

Wash your microfiber or lint-free cloth regularly. It holds the oils from your hands, so if you don't wash it, it will just smudge the lenses you've just cleaned.

Don't use glass cleaner or any other chemicals as they can remove any coatings that you've paid to have on your lenses. Soap is all you need.

NOVEMBER SUDOKU PUZZLE

Sudoku Puzzle #D743DY

Presented by Puzzle Baron

Rated: Medium

(solution on page 13)

6	2	4						
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5								2
	7	6			8	1	3	
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November 11



TRIVIA CORNER

- Which species of butterfly migrates from North America to the West or South during autumn:
 - Monarch
 - Orange-tip
 - Painted Lady
- Which British species of birds are known for singing their autumn song?
 - Robin
 - Woodpigeon
 - Blackbird
- Autumn is also called fall in North America. Where did the meaning of the word "fall" originate from?
 - The fall of Napoleon
 - The fall of tree's leaves
 - The fall of London during the war
- When does autumn begin in the southern hemisphere of the Earth?
 - January
 - February
 - March
- Which poem by John Keats starts with "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness"?
 - To Autumn
 - For Autumn
 - In Autumn

6	2	4	5	7	9	3	1	8
7	3	8	1	6	2	4	5	9
5	9	1	3	8	4	6	7	2
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8	4	3	7	1	5	2	9	6
1	5	9	6	2	3	8	4	7
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Sunday, November 13th 10am-2pm
Brandon Sunday Market & Holiday Market
788 W Lumsden Rd, Brandon, FL

Saturday, November 19th, 9am-2pm
Winthrop Pop-Up Market
Winthrop Town Centre Ave, Riverview, FL

Saturday, November 19th, 9:30am-6:00pm
Dunedin Celtic Music & Craft Beer Festival
1920 Pinehurst Rd, Dunedin, FL

Sunday, November 27th, 2pm-4pm
Monster Truckz Chaos Tour
East Bay Raceway Park, 6311 Burts Rd., Tampa, FL



RECIPES



Fall is here, and it's sports season! Here are a couple of recipes to enjoy while you watch your favorite football, hockey, or playoff baseball game:

Jalapeno Poppers

- 10 large jalapenos
- 8 oz cream cheese, softened
- ½ tsp garlic powder
- ½ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp pepper
- 1 ½ cup shredded cheddar cheese
- ½ pound bacon, cooked and crumbled
- ¼ cup green onions, sliced

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Wearing gloves, slice each jalapeno in half lengthwise and use a spoon to remove the seeds and veins. That's where most of the heat is.

In a medium bowl, combine the cream cheese, garlic powder, salt, pepper, shredded cheese, crumbled bacon and green onions.

Spoon the mixture evenly in the jalapenos and place on a baking sheet. Bake for 20 minutes or until the jalapenos are tender.

Apple Cider Mimosas

These are so yum!!! Rimming the glass with the cinnamon sugar really adds a nice flavor!

- 1 bottle champagne
- 1 cup apple cider
- 2 Tbsp sugar
- 1 Tbsp cinnamon

On a small plate combine the sugar and cinnamon. Dip your champagne or other glass in water to wet the rim, then dip into the cinnamon sugar. Fill each glass ¼ full with apple cider, then top off with champagne.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. A
2. A
3. B
4. C
5. A

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To our valued customers;

During the current times we wanted to let you know that we are taking as many precautions as we can to ensure not only our workers safety but yours as well. We check workers' temperatures each morning and have limited the amount of contact our crews have with each other. Our crews work in Tyvek suits with respirators which helps to ensure your safety as well as theirs.

As a company, we want your business and there is no need for any contact if you so choose. Our business is deemed an "Essential Business" and we are here for you when you need us. You can schedule your inspection by calling 1-800-681-3772.

*Wishing you good health and safety,
The Florida Anchor & Barrier Team*



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