

OCTOBER 2025



Mainlands Unit 2 TOWN CRIER



President's Corner



We made it to October – We made it through September with some rain storms and 1 hurricane....the season has begun !!

I am happy to say that Larry Massingill has agreed and has been appointed to join the HOA Board as the Roof Director and George Filiau is taking over alterations until a new board member has been appointed to this position. Thanks to both for helping out our unit.

This time of the year is always stressful for the HOA Board because of the budget. We do our best to maintain an affordable HOA fee and still make sure we have crossed all our T's and dotted our "I's" and still have a reasonable increase. I am proud to say we only went up \$14.00 a month !! Great job. I hope all the residents are pleased.

Our next clubhouse project will be to replace the doors in the office and the library. We have been having difficulty with them not closing/locking properly.

November 6th is our Annual Board Meeting – Mark your calendars and please plan on attending to keep informed of what is happening in Unit 2.

Just a reminder – Please keep all your doors locked – house & car at all times. We have a lot of traffic coming into our neighborhood and not all of those vehicles reside in Mainlands !!

Thank you all for keeping our Unit the best.

Jim Schimpf – President, Unit 2 HOA



HAPPY HALLOWEEN !

Mark your Calendars:

**OCTOBER 1-16
BRA CONTEST**

**OCTOBER 4
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**OCTOBER 17
PORK CHOP DINNER**

**OCTOBER 21
TACO TUESDAY**

**OCTOBER 25
FALL DANCE**

**NOVEMBER 11
VETERANS DAY
LUNCHEON**



FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

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Unit 2 Social Club.**

**Next pancake
breakfast**

**OCTOBER 4
8 - 10 a.m.
\$5.00**





Women's Club

LaNona Robinson, President

October is our Healthy Home Meeting and Chili Bar

The Women's Club meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 11:00 with a free lunch and educational speaker. September was our first meeting after summer break and what a great meeting. Lots and lots of great friends returned.

We had an interesting September Speaker, Debbie Ingram who is a Master gardener with the UF Extension Office. We learned about the special requirements for gardening in Florida and the importance of gardening with Florida specific plants. To find out if your plant is a Florida plant, you can go to the website of the extension office of the Institute of Florida Agriculture and Science of University of Florida (UF). It is a great place to learn about Florida gardening and native plants.

Our October meeting will feature the Healthy Home Program which will talk about Healthy lifestyle and a free tablet give away. For lunch we will have a Chili Bar.

Remember New Membership Promotion: Join this fall for \$10 which covers the remainder of this year and all of next year. Plus bring a friend or neighbor at no charge to the November President's luncheon for the quilt turning. The more the merrier. See you at the October meeting.

Warm regards
Your President, LaNona Robinson

Need flyers or tickets created for a Unit 2 event?

- ➡ Fill out the Event Request Form located on the Clubhouse bulletin board.
- ➡ Plan at least 2 weeks to receive your material once you provide the Request Form to Karen Estes.



Unit 2

In support of

Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Bra Contest

October 1 - 16, 2025

@ the Unit 2 Clubhouse



Decorate a bra to represent the state you are from.



Bras will be displayed from October 1 - 16 and voting is open from October 1 - 16



People will vote on who decorated it and which state it represents

Contact Cathy Waldauer @ 727.515.8370
with Qs or to drop off your creation!



Ladies Lunch Bunch

Hello and welcome back to another season. I think most of you know we are going to have Jan Merkel and Rachel Hamilton choosing our monthly dining venues. In October they have chosen Johnny's Italian Restaurant, 2907 FL 590. Clearwater. Feel free to reach out to either of them if you need a ride. We welcome all the ladies. Reach out to your neighbors.

Jan 545-3814 Rachel 709-4995

Looking forward to another great season and lots of fine dining.

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

September brought us a Pot Luck Lunch to celebrate Labor Day – the creative talents of our resident cooks were displayed on the island for everyone to enjoy. I would like to thank those who helped to set up the clubhouse and those who helped clean up. A big thanks to Tom Smith for his help to make sure the event went well. I am sorry we missed this luncheon.

Our Ham Dinner was to honor our “New Residents” as our guests, on September 19th. The Women’s Club provided the “women power” for this event and everyone enjoyed themselves. Once again, I would like all the volunteers who made this happen.

We squeezed in a “Luncheon for the Chenel’s” on September 24th. The Social Club provided the main dish with, once again, our resident cooks providing the side dishes. This gave everyone a chance to say “good bye” and tell them how much they will be missed.

Musical Bingo made it to us in September and Cathy Waldauer decided to sell pizza slices along with popcorn and drinks. We had to break in a new person from Batman Enterprises.....!! Our friend Bob has decided to move out of town.

Patti Cleary has pulled it off, once again, with a successful Craft Fair on September 27th. She always finds the right vendors (27 this year) for our craft fairs. Tom Smith was our resident hot dog cook with the assistance of Kathleen at the register.

As you can see these events would not happen without our volunteers – THANK YOU.

Tom Smith has agreed to continue to distribute the Town Criers to the block captains. If you are a Block Captain and will not be available to distribute the Town Crier, please let Tom Smith or Karen Estes know so they can get someone else to help. When Jim is not in town to help, Tom will need someone with a golf cart to help him distribute them. Please let Tom know if you can help him. Thank you Tom for continuing to do this job.

October will keep us busy with our annual Pork Chop dinner and Fall dance. Check the bulletin board/Town Crier for all the details. Jim and I will miss both events, however, I know they will be a huge success as we have wonderful chairpeople running them.

Don’t forget if you want to be on the Social Club Board – please let Alan Waldauer know. Come help us make this a great unit to live in. We always need new ideas for events.

Liz Schimpf

Mainlands Unit 2 Activities

ACTIVITY	WHEN	CONTACT
Bingo	Every Monday 5:45 p.m.	Tom Smith (727) 455-1871 Daren Fabel (843) 830-0302
Book Club	1st Monday of the month @ 1:30 p.m.	LaNona Robinson (727) 578-9966
Bowling League	Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.	Jerry Smith (727) 263-6217
Bridge	1st and 3rd Fridays 6-9 p.m.	Valerie Massingill 352-501-8688
Bunco – Lola's	2nd Friday of each month @ 5:15 p.m.	Cathy Waldauer (727) 460-1406
Diners' Club Olive Garden located at 6700 US HWY. 19 N. Pinellas Park ,FL	2nd Wednesday of each month @ 5 p.m.	Tom Smith (727) 455-1871
Game Night	3rd Tuesday of each month, 7-9 p.m.	Gail Arsenault (727) 385-9207
7s (*Play the game of 7s- dice game w/nickels).	2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month	Gail Arsenault (727) 385-9207
Hand & Foot	Every Thursday @ 1:00 p.m.	Jan Mekeel (727) 545-3814
Kaffee Klatch *Donuts and Coffee \$1.50	Every Wednesday @ 9 a.m.	Tom Smith (727) 455-1871
Ladies Lunch Bunch Johnny's Italian Restaurant, 2907 FL 590. Clearwater	1st Monday each month.	Jan 545-3814 Rachel 709-4995
Pinochle	Every Thursday @ 5:45 p.m.	Carol Manning (505) 690-1392
Taco Tuesday	3rd Tuesday of each month 5-6:00 p.m. \$7.00 for Two Tacos, all the fixins', Drink, Dessert	Vicky Cerniglia (256) 655-9167
Water Aerobics - <i>When the temperature is at least 67 degrees 30 minutes before starting.</i>	Mon, Tues, Thurs & Friday @ 8:00 a.m. Wed @ 7:30 a.m.	Fay Burgeson (727) 577-9534
Women's Club	Every 2nd Monday @ 11 a.m.	LaNona Robinson (727) 578-9966



**NOTE: The Calendar of Events for all of the Mainlands Units is now available on channel 732.
See all of the Mainlands Units' newsletters online at: themainlands.com**



Join the Book Club!

Meeting: First Monday of every month

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location: Unit 2 Clubhouse Library

Date: OCTOBER 6, 2025

BE AT BOOK CLUB IN OCTOBER OR BE UNREAD!!!

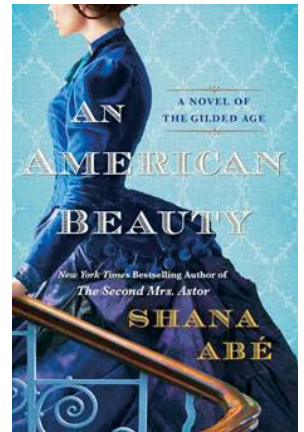
When did a book club meeting last for a long, lovely discussion and meeting. Can't remember. Labor Day got in the way. In the meantime the Library Leader Kathleen Trembly and her Librariettes are working hard to make a new library. They are removing duplicates to make way for more "New" books. Thanks ladies for your hard work. Plus there is a great puzzle cart. I love it so I can pull it over to a chair by the library table to take my time looking for a puzzle.

We had to postpone September 2025 book club till October due to the great Labor Day Pot Luck. It was worth the wait. Pot Luck was excellent. So as we begin to think about the October Book Club. I ask you a question..."Is it OK to use your wilds to succeed beyond the wildest dreams of your society for women of your time?" Arabella did. Was that right? Wrong? Acceptable? What do you think? Let's talk in October.

That is the question posted in our book which we will discuss in October. **An American Beauty by Shana Abe**. Reviewers say this is a novel of the gilded age inspired by the true story of Arabella Huntington who became the richest woman in the U.S.

See you on the first Monday in October. Be there or be unread.

Warm regards, LaNona Robinson, *President*



Silver Santa's Annual Charity Project **will run throughout 2026.**

These seniors still need our help with items to make their lives a little brighter.

We will be collecting the following items in the clubhouse throughout the year. There will be a box in the library area.

The items needed are as follows:

Clothing (NEW) Size L & XL – socks, sweatpants/tops, pajamas, t-shirts

- Blankets (Lap)
- Puzzle, puzzle books, books, etc.

Toiletries: shampoo/conditioner, hand/body lotion, toothpaste/brushes, mouth wash, bath wash, razors, shaving cream, etc.

Deadline will be Monday , DECEMBER 1, 2026

Don't forget if you need help or have questions regarding Senior living questions contact Bob Dorian @ 727-457-2467

Thanks for your generosity.

Liz Schimpf



It is 1970...Mainlands is being built...people are moving in...

BUT WHERE TO GO SHOPPING?

Pinellas Park is growing. Mainlands is a great addition. But, where to shop? While there was a basic shopping center in front of Mainlands, Park Plaza at 49th and Park was the “IN” place to shop in 1970 in Pinellas Park.

It had a news stand (If you remember news stands you are showing your age). Eckerd Drugs, Publix, Ace Hardware Firestone, Barber Shop, Woolworths with lunch counter, a waterbed store, a clothing store, and Cappanellas restaurant. This is according to a Pinellas Park Facebook History site. The restaurant and Firestone are still there.

Look at the cars. What were you driving in 1970. I was in high school in 1970 and drove a 1964 Wildcat Buick. Mainlands



was growing and people were shopping at Park Plaza.

Eckerd's, the shoe store, Woolworths Laundry mat and more. Love the cars and the shopping variety at Park Plaza. All you wanted was there.

How will you get to Park Plaza? In the late 1950s, (10 years before Mainlands), the Department of Transportation took this photo of 49th and Park prior to widening Park Blvd. The traffic light.. well I think it was the only one in town. How our shopping has changed. From Park Plaza to an easy chair and laptop. We will always need a place to shop.



Photos from:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/56799081105/posts/10160438135316106/>

Mainlands 2 Social Club

Pork Chop Dinner

Friday, Oct 17, 2025

Dinner @ 5:30pm

Doors open @ 5:00pm

Menu: Pork Chop ~ Potato

Carrots ~ Roll ~ Dessert

Soda and Water Provided ~ BYOB

Pull Tab Bingo after Dinner



Tickets \$12



Contact: Barbara Pastman

(772) 321-0926

Deadline October 15, 2025

(no refunds after this date)

Every effort will be made to fulfill your seating request. Please note that there are 6 seats per table. Larger parties will be seated at adjoining tables.

Unit 2



Unit 2

October 21, 2025

5:00 - 6:00pm

Cost \$7



Includes two tacos & toppings
(your choice of beef or chicken!)

Plus salsa & chips,
drink, and dessert!

I ♥ TACO



TUESDAYS!

Join Unit 2 the 3rd Tuesday of every month
for Taco Tuesday!

Kaffee Klatch



is held every Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. Coffee, pastries and bagels are available for \$1.50 and there is no better way to catch up on upcoming events and the welfare of your friends. Come and join us and keep up-to-date. Also remember that volunteering to serve coffee for a month is a great way to meet your neighbors.

We need volunteers to help out with hosting as MC, servers and donut pick up.



EMERGENCY ?

Make sure your contact information is up-to-date at the office in the event of an emergency.

Have a neighbor/friend in Mainlands be able to tend to any animals you may have in your home in case you have to go to the hospital.

Be prepared.....

Unit 2 Social Club



Saturday
Oct. 25, 2025
 7:00pm ~ 10:00pm \$10
 Doors Open @ 6:30pm

Includes:
Snacks &
Soda/Water



Music by
Tom Davis

For tickets contact:
 Lorraine Ostrowski (727) 418-9213

Every effort will be made to fulfill your seating request. Please note there are 6 seats per table - large parties will be seated at adjoining tables.

Unit 2 Social Club

VETERANS DAY



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Veterans Day Luncheon

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2025

12:00pm

Doors Open @ 11:30

Unit 2 Veterans & Spouses



Sign up at Clubhouse

Deadline to sign up 11/6

For more info, contact:
 LaNona Robinson (727) 687-6932

Diner's Club

You might have heard about Diner's Club. We try a different restaurant each month. We have singles and doubles. It's just a bunch of neighbors getting together. Everyone pays their own tab. It's always held on the second Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. If interested use the sign-up sheet posted every month located on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. Any questions contact Tom Smith at 727- 455-1871

October's Diners Club restaurant is the Olive Garden located at 6700 US HWY. 19 N. Pinellas Park, FL. 33781

TRICK
OR
TREAT
YOURSELF
THIS
HALLOWEEN



That is the 2025 Social club elections. Everyone is a member of the Social club, and everyone is eligible to run for the Social club board of directors. Positions up for election are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Directors. Each position is for a two year term. You can run for the same position for 2 consecutive terms (if no one is running for that position, you can run for that position again). If you are interested in running for the Social club board let Alan Waldauer know (727-460-1406), The election is going to be held at the November 12th 2025 Social club meeting. The new term starts on January 1, 2026.

His Heart Society Holiday Food Pantry Drive October 15 - December 15 Suggestions for Food Bags

(Sorry - NO fresh food)

Instant Mashed Potato
Corn, Green Beans, Peas

Stuffing Mix

Cranberry Sauce

Gravy

Canned Fruit

Canned Milk

Canned Pumpkin

Cake, Brownie Mix, Jello

Contact Peggy Farrington
(727) 578-0313 with questions



Christmas Stuffed Animal & Toy Drive for the Pinellas Park Fire Administration

It's that time of year when we once again collect new or nearly new stuffed animals and new toys for the Pinellas Park Fire Administration. Each year, the Fire Administration sponsors a holiday toy drive to help families in the Pinellas Park community that are less fortunate.

Your donation(s) can be dropped in the designated box in the club house starting on October 1st and continuing until December 4th. In addition, this year stockings, for children ages 3 – 12, are being put together and any small Dollar Store trinkets will be greatly appreciated.

Happy Holidays and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Janet Mekeel at (727-545-3814).



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Hand & Foot

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**THANK YOU TO ALL
OUR VOLUNTEERS
WHO MAKE OUR
UNIT GREAT!**



Ham Dinner

The Social & Women's clubs hosted a "New Residents" Ham Dinner on Friday Sept. 19th.



This dinner included the new residents from the past 2 years. I am sorry to say that we only had 17 new residents attend this dinner along with many residents from Unit 2 as well as the other units in Mainlands. We do have regular attendees from outside our community. What does that say about our events !!

We would like to thank those volunteers who make these events possible. The Women's Club provided us with the "Women" power as the Social Club men did the cooking this year. Hat's off to Tom Smith, Jim Schimpf and Steve Bradford for all their cooking talents.

We look forward to hosting the "New Residents" dinner in 2026. We will have to see what our resident chefs have in mind.

Liz Schimpf



Event Notices - Deadlines

Deadlines listed on our flyers are used to enable us to purchase enough food for the event.

Please purchase your tickets before this date. We may not be able to sell you a ticket after that date.

Thank you.
Social Club

Mainlands Grocery Run



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1. Minimum age 60.
2. Fill out the Neighborly Transportation Form.
Note due dates.
3. Suggest that you bring recyclable shopping bag/freezer bag.

For Transportation Form or Questions, Please Contact:
Shirley Johns: 706.990.0609 or cakes2utoo@yahoo.com
Elaine Louie: 914.830.4558 or elouie1917@aol.com

If you are interested in going on the Grocery Run, please contact Shirley Johns or Elaine Louie.



A Note from the Editor

If you would like to receive your Town Crier via email and also in color please send me your email and I will add you to the list!

Deadline for submitting articles is the 15th of the month. Articles received after that date cannot be guaranteed to be included in that month's newsletter. Submit articles via email to Diane Atherton at datherton1@tampabay.rr.com

GOING TO AN EVENT???

Please bring the correct money - making change can be difficult at times and this would make the job of selling tickets a little easier.

Thank you,
Liz Schimpf



MAINLANDS UNIT 2 - MEMORIAL BRICKS



Those of you who did not get a chance to see our Memorial Bricks installed - go take a look. They are located in front of the Unit 2 Clubhouse on the pathway to the flag and message board. These bricks can be purchased for \$50 in memory of a loved one that passed on and was a resident of Unit 2. Any questions or interest in purchasing a brick, please call Jerry Smith at (727) 263-6217. Special thanks to Pete Whyte for installing the bricks.

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🍏 (Perfect for sharing with friends or family)

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- 1 tsp cinnamon
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- ½ cup flour,
- ½ cup brown sugar,
- ½ cup butter

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Top with oat mixture, bake at 350°F for 40 min. Serve warm.



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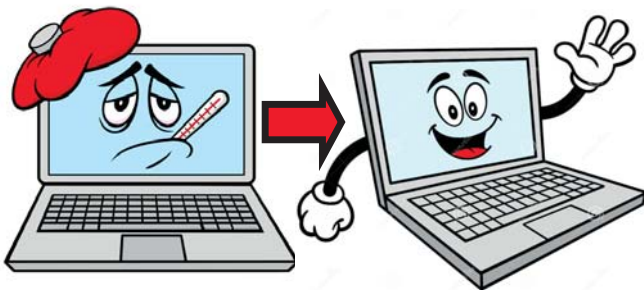
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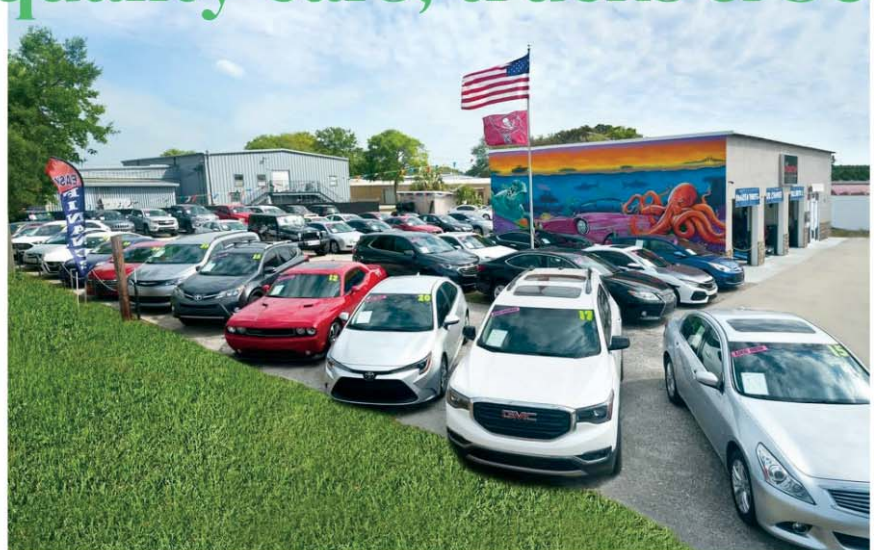
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 9 a.m. Kaffee Klatch	2 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Hand & Foot 5:45 p.m. Pinochle	3 4:30-6 p.m. Happy Hour 6-9 p.m. Bridge	4 8-10 a.m. Pancake Breakfast/ \$5.00
5	6 Ladies Lunch Bunch Johnny's Italian Restaurant, 2907 FL 590. Clearwater Bingo 5:45 p.m.	7 Bowling 1 p.m. .	8 9 a.m. Kaffee Klatch- 5 p.m. - Diner's Club Olive Garden located at 6700 US HWY. 19 N. Pinellas Park ,FL	9 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Hand & Foot 5:45 p.m. Pinochle	10 4:30-6 p.m. Happy Hour 5:15 p.m. Lola's BUNCO	11
12	13 Women's Club 11 a.m. Bingo 5:45 p.m.	14 Bowling 1 p.m. 7s 7-9 p.m. .	15 9 a.m. Kaffee Klatch	16 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Hand & Foot 5:45 p.m. Pinochle	17 Pork Chop Dinner Doors open @5 Dinner @ 6 \$10	18
19	20 Bingo 5:45 p.m.	21 Bowling 1 p.m. Taco Tuesday 5-6 p.m. Game Night 7-9 p.m	22 9 a.m. Kaffee Klatch	23 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Hand & Foot 5:45 p.m. Pinochle	24 4:30-6 p.m. Happy Hour	25 Fall Dance Doors open 6:30 - Dance 7-10 pm
26	27 Bingo 5:45 p.m.	28 Bowling 1 p.m. 7s 7-9 p.m.	29 9 a.m. Kaffee Klatch	30 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Hand & Foot 5:45 p.m. Pinochle	31 4:30-6 p.m. Happy Hour	

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