

JANUARY 2026



Mainlands Unit 2 TOWN CRIER

President's Corner



Happy New Year Unit 2 Residents

I have to start my monthly newsletter with a HUGE APOLOGY to Bob Arsenault for omitting him from the 2026 Board of Directors listing.....what was I thinking – he's been on the board forever.....

This is your 2026 Board of Directors

President – Jim Schimpf Karen Estes - Secretary

Vice President/Treasurer– Alan Waldauer

“BOB ARSENAULT” - Paint Director

Patti Cleary – Lawn Director

George Filiau – Alterations Director

Larry Massingill – Roof Director

A warm welcome to our new residents and I would like to thank you for choosing Unit 2 for your new home. Our clubs continue to bring us events all year (their calendar is already created and posted on the bulletin board inside the clubhouse). Please join us and have fun.

It seems like the clubhouse cannot get a break....did I say Break – yep, that's what the ice machine did. It would cost us around \$500.00 to repair it – no way. We have purchased a new machine that will make more ice than we could think of – oh, maybe we could sell ice to the rest of the units... only kidding.

My thanks to the Women's club for decorating the inside of the clubhouse and to Larry Massingill for helping me decorate the bushes outside. Next year the outside roof lights will be replaced with permanent lights that can be used all year (light color can be changed). We have to start thinking smarter not harder.

I hope everyone continues to enjoy good health and see you around Unit 2.

Jim Schimpf – President, Unit 2 HOA

Mark your Calendars:

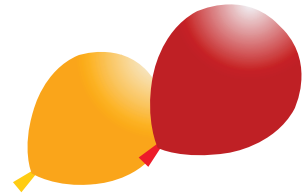
**JANUARY 11
SOUP LUNCH**

**JANUARY 17
VOLUNTEER DINNER**

**JANUARY 20
TACO TUESDAY**

**JANUARY 31
SCAVENGER HUNT**

**FEBRUARY 21
GARAGE SALES**



FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Sponsored by the Unit 2 Social Club.

Next pancake breakfast

**January 3
8 - 10 a.m.
\$5.00**



Unit 2 Social Club



Sunday, January 11, 2026
1:00 - 3:00pm



Join us for a bowl of soup (or two)!



Cost: \$5 (Crackers & Drinks Included)

Contact Cathy Waldauer
 (727) 515-8370 for tickets

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner



If you volunteered in 2025, join us!

January 17, 2026 ~ 6:00 - 8:00pm
 Doors open at 5:00pm

Catering by Banquet Masters:

- Roast Pork w/ Fuji Apples
- Chicken Teriyaki
- Buttter Crumb Baked Cod

Tickets: \$10

(refunded at the event)



Valerie Massengill
(352) 501-8688

No Refunds unless you attend
 Deadline January 12, 2025



The rain tried, but couldn't stop the annual golf cart parade. We had 26 awesome carts, and loads of cookies. I would like to thank everyone who donated cookies, and all the help, and support given to me. Here are the pictures of the first place winner from unit 2, and second place from unit 1, our third place cart was from unit 3, sorry no picture. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas, and a happy and healthy New Year.



Thank you
 Cathy Waldauer, and crew

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

Happy New Year - Healthy New Year

Here we are welcoming a New Year – New activities and lots of fun.

For those who have not attended any coffee meetings – let me introduce our new Social Club Board.

President -Liz Schimpf

Vice President – Cathy Waldauer

Secretary – Linda Vinson

Treasurer – Valerie Massingill

Directors:

Carolyn Wolf

Joyce Lyle-Freeman

Kathleen Tremblay

Lorraine Ostrowski

Vicky Cerniglia

My grateful thanks to Barbara Pastman and Gail Arsenault for their support throughout the years. They were there when I needed them and never said NO-CAN-DO!!

I look forward to having the new members sharing their ideas and having them implemented.

We continue to work on getting our 501C.7 permit to continue 50/50's; raffles and all the other items considered gambling. I feel we are getting very close - So get those dollars ready !!

Just a friendly reminder that the bulletin boards are not for soliciting any kind for businesses or selling personal items. The board closest to the window is for event notifications from other units; public notices (Perf. Arts; Health info, etc.).

Remember Volunteer Dinner is Saturday, January 17th. Please come if you did any kind of volunteering throughout 2025. We want to show our appreciation for your time and effort.

Liz Schimpf



Women's Club

LaNona Robinson, President

A Good Time Was Had by All.

The 2025 Christmas Party of the Unit 2 Women's Club was great fun. We had lunch in the ballroom at the famous Fenway Hotel in Dunedin overlooking the water. Down the hall was the door to the speakeasy where the Fenway used to bootleg whiskey. Tables were decorated with ribbons and red napkins with beautiful glass centerpieces filled with red and white flowers and cranberries. Little presents were at each place setting beside the bright red napkins.



Before the luncheon we voted on the Board for 2026. The Board for 2026 will be LaNona Robinson, President; Susie Blanchard, First Vice-President; Barbara Pastman, Second Vice-President; Cheryl Tucker, Treasurer and Linda Vinson, Secretary. Next year, the entire Board except Susie Blanchard will have to step down due to term limitations. The club also voted to forward \$1,000 to the social club for donations to four charities and anticipates additional donations in 2026.

Taco Tuesday begins again in January. Thanks to Vicky Cerniglia for coordinating it again this year even though she has stepped down as First Vice President. Thanks to the Taco Mamas that have already contacted Vicky to help this year. We appreciate everyone's hard work on Taco Tuesday, but due to the increased costs for the food we are asking all helpers to pay \$3.00 for their dinner.

The Christmas Cookie Sale was one of the best ever. We pretty much sold out Great job to all bakers. Those homemade cookies were the best. Look for more great programs in 2026. The Card Party will be held March 21 which will give us time to get our non-profit status in place for the baskets sales. A Balance Class is being researched to start again. Pinellas Bee Keepers will speak in February.

The Speaker for January will be Duke Energy. The program will discuss ways you can save on your electric bill. Included in the talk will be the Duke Rebate Programs for windows, AC units and attic insulation.

See you in the New Year, LaNona Robinson

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.	Keith Watkins (412) 818-3277
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 ITALIAN TOUCH, 8211 46th Ave.N.St.Petersburg, 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 Living Room on Main, Dunedin	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 each month, 5-6 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: JANUARY 5, 2026

TO READ OR NOT TO READ . . .

BOOK CLUB VOTED READ THE LAST MIDWIFE by Sandra Dallas.

We recommend this book. It is a fictional history of the life of a Midwife in Rural America in 1880s. It is a spell binding story regarding the prejudices, secrets, stories and crimes that a midwife encountered in late 1800s. Overall we felt that there were foundations of truth interwoven into this fictional story.

For our January 2026 book we choose The Thirteenth Gift by Joanne Huist Smith. This book is based on a true story of how one random act of kindness impacted a wife and her children that had just suffered the unimaginable loss of the death of their father. 12 presents appeared each day before Christmas with notes that said "Your Friends." Trying to determine the sender's name gave the family a purpose beyond grief. This is a book about the human condition and how our actions can be the miracle that has a profound affect on others.



January 20, 2026

5:00 - 6:00pm

Cost \$7



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

Plus salsa & chips,
drink, and dessert!



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

Unit 2 ~ Garage Sale
Saturday, Feb. 21, 2026

8:00am - 1:00pm



Contact:

Valerie Massingill
(352) 501.8688
Deadline Feb. 16, 2026

LaNona Robinson
Historian



Was Jim Nasium a Model or Just a Mystery?

This is an ad from Oct 1991 for Mainlands Unit 2. It lists 6 models, and one is titled the Jim Nasium. We think perhaps a Jim Nasium was going to buy that model. And the realtor put his name in place of the model. But which one is it? The ad was with the papers Lettie Gerrard has from when her house was sold in Oct 1991. It cost \$64,500.00. Do you have any ideas? Who was Jim? Which model was it? Why was the model called Jim Nasium? It is a mystery.

Also notice the sales pitch was our great maintenance and the bridges to Tampa.

MAINLANDS OF TAMARAC BY THE GULF

Mainlands is a unique community of single family homes located just north of St. Petersburg and south of Clearwater on U.S. 19. It is close to the bridges leading to Tampa and central Florida attractions. There are 1,940 homes in Mainlands. All outside maintenance of these homes is handled by a Homeowner's Association. Lawns are cared for, homes are painted leaving homeowners free to pursue their favorite activities. There is an 18-hole golf course along with seven clubhouses and seven swimming pools in the complex. The low monthly maintenance fee takes care of maintenance of the private streets. Mainlands is one of very few single family condominium complexes in the nation. It is a concept that has proven to offer an enjoyable lifestyle for families that like the privacy of single family homes without the usual chores.

THE JIM NASIUM

Here is a modest size two bedroom, two bath home with an oversized one car garage. There is a large Florida Room. This excellent floor plan is a favorite of many homeowners who come to Florida for the Winter and who also spend their Summers in other parts of the country.

THE EDEN

All Edens have two large bedrooms, two baths and a one or two car garage. The two car garage version is the largest of all the Mainlands homes. There is a large walk-in closet in the hall between the two bedrooms. If you like open areas and large rooms, you appreciate the Eden.

THE ABBEY

An excellent floor plan with two bedrooms, bath, inside utility room. Some have a screened porch. Others have an enclosed Florida room. Abbeys come with a carport and others with a one car garage. In general The Abbey is Mainlands' lowest priced home!

THE BALDWIN

This model comes with one and two baths. All are two bedroom homes and a one-car garage is standard. Construction is masonry. White cement tile roofs are standard on all Mainlands homes. Central air conditioning and heating systems.

THE DRAYTON

This is Mainlands medium sized home. Two bedrooms, two baths. This model is available with a carport, one car garage and two car garages. Some Draytons have a screened porch while others have a full Florida room.

Unit 2 Presents



Jan 31, 2026

Doors open @ noon Event 1- 3pm

All Units Welcome!
Teams of 2 or 4

Tickets

\$1



Hot Dog included Drink \$1

must have ticket to join/receive food

Tickets: Cathy Waldauer

(727) 515-8370

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.

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



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.....

Pinellas Park Fire Department Toy Drive



Ho, Ho, Ho, and Happy New Year. The Pinellas Park Fire Department wishes to thank all the residents who donated to the annual toy drive. We were able to donate stuffed animals, toys, and thirty filled stockings in their quest to service at least 40 families

with over 100 children. When firefighter Kasey came to my house, to pick-up our donation, she was beyond words when she saw how much our community had collected. She couldn't say thank you enough.

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 pm. If interested use the sign-up sheet posted every month located on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. Any questions contact Tom Smith 727 455 -1871

January's restaurant is ITALIAN TOUCH located at 8211 46th Ave. N. St. Petersburg, FL.



What a great time the ladies had on December 4th at Fletcher's Dinner Theater. The Farce Day of Christmas proved to be just that. How do you keep your divorce a secret from your very religious mother? Now in January finds the ladies traveling to Dunedin on Monday, January 5th, meeting at 11:30 am at the Living Room on Main. No we're not going to be sitting on the street, but in a very special restaurant. Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Club House.

Hand & Foot

Regular Hand and Foot, as well as Triple Play Hand and Foot continue on Thursdays at 1:00 pm in the Club House. Need more information please call Janet Mekeel (727-545-3814). Samba, the next level of Hand and Foot starts at 12:30 pm on Thursdays. Ann Boatwright (727-576-5383) is in charge and she is ready to answer any questions you may have regarding Samba. We'd be delighted to have you join any of these groups.



Sending a sincere welcome to our newest residents in Unit 2!

Nelson & Sandy Pena - 4158 100th Ave

Teresa Dorr - 9610 42nd Way

Amy Little - 4166 96th Terr



Karen Estes, Board Secretary

Unit 2 Social Club
Cruise Night
@ the Mainlands



U.S.S Mainlands 2
February 27, 2026
Advanced Boarding @ 4:30pm
leaves port @ 5pm
\$12/pp  **BYOB**

Join us for a cruisin' good time!
Wear your best cruise casual outfit
Dinner: Not quite midnight buffet
On the Main Stage ~ Tom Davis

 Best decorated luggage
contest (21" or smaller) 

For Tickets: Cathy Weller (248) 933-8624
No refunds ~ Deadline 2/23



Unit 2 Cruise!!
Join your friends and neighbors!

Royal Caribbean Jewel of the Seas
October 27 - November 2, 2026

6 night cruise from Tampa
Oct 27 Leave Tampa Oct 28 Sea Day
Oct 29 Cozumel Oct 30 Roatan
Oct 31 Costa Maya Nov 1 Sea Day
Nov 2 Arrive in Tampa

Cabin Type	Total cost based on 2 guests in each cabin
Interior	Prices range from \$1186-\$1366/per cabin
Ocean View	Prices range from \$1366-\$1586/per cabin
Ocean View Balcony	Prices range from \$1806--\$2066/per cabin
Suite Pricing Available On Request	

Final Payment due: July 29, 2026

FMI: See the flyer on the bulletin board in Unit 2's Clubhouse or contact the travel agent: Heather @ 727.422.2180 or heatherbookstravel@gmail.com

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 Liz Schimpf at 727-560-8287.

. Special thanks to Pete Whyte for installing the bricks.

Don't Throw it Away - Recycle!

**DON'T THROW THOSE "BROKEN" PRINTERS OUT.....
BRING THEM TO THE OFFICE - WE GET CREDIT AT STAPLES.....**



Tom Smith is collecting all used ink cartridges and toners to recycle. You can bring them to the Unit 2 Clubhouse or call Tom at (727) 455-1871

CONTAINER GARDEN WORKSHOP

We had a great turnout and a lot of fun creating our container gardens at the Unit 2 Clubhouse on December 3rd. Here are some photos of some of the creations!



UNIT 2 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Christmas dinner was celebrated by almost a hundred residents this year. Unfortunately, we had several residents that could not attend for health issues or were called out of town unexpectedly.

The meal was catered by Banquet Masters and as usual the food was delicious. Some residents took home “goodie” containers to enjoy later this week. Desserts this year were homemade cookies made by our wonderful bakers. Thank you for sharing your baking talents.

Door prizes were given out and hopefully everyone enjoyed their gifts. I know Santa spent a lot of time shopping. Mrs. Claus was able to spend the evening with us – you know she hates the cold weather so we are always glad she visits Unit 2 each holiday season.

As always, where would we be without our volunteers. My thanks to all those who helped us get ready for the dinner with setting up, washing the silverware and cleaning up the clubhouse, and of course, to Mrs. Claus. I think she is looking younger each year – must be the Oil of Olay!!

Again, I hope everyone enjoyed themselves at the dinner.



Liz Schimpf



CLUBHOUSE REMINDER:

When using the clubhouse for events, please follow the check list below:

1. Turn off A/C
2. Make sure ALL doors are locked - including bathroom.
3. Put the room back as found.
4. Take any dishtowels home to be washed and returned.
5. Turn off lights.

PRIVATE EVENTS:

Please be respectful of those who rent the clubhouse for special events.

The signs should be posted on all doors.

When entering the clubhouse, please keep the noise to a minimum.

Library use - please use the library door.

Office use - please use the office door.

Thank you - Jim Schimpf - Clubhouse Mgr.

Some residents think it's ok to swim at night. IT'S Not. It's against Florida law to swim in our pool at night without expensive renovations. We would need an engineering study, and a lot of new lighting at a cost of about \$150,000 to \$200,000. That would require an assessment of at least \$500 or more from each home, also the lighting would be so bright that houses surrounding the pool area would have a problem at night. We also would need liability insurance that would raise everyone's HOA fees considerably. We ask that everyone follows the rules and do not swim at night.

The rules now are you can use the pool from dawn to dusk. Once the automatic lights come on you must exit the pool.

Thanks Alan Waldauer

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

CLUBHOUSE LAWN SIGN " NO PETS BEYOND THIS AREA "

The signs on the Clubhouse Lawn regarding Pets and their allowed area are there for a reason.

It is to maintain an area that has not been soiled by urine or feces.

This is an attempt to keep the area clean as possible for your protection going to and from the clubhouse, as well as, during outside events.



It's with extreme sadness that I share the passing of my mom, Arlene Jekel, on December 4. Although she lived in Unit 1 she had many friends here in Unit 2 and attended numerous functions. I love you mom and will miss you every day for the rest of my life.

Arlene Marie (Blohm) Jekel

SEPTEMBER 12, 1930 – DECEMBER 4, 2025



Arlene Marie (Blohm) Jekel, born September 12, 1930 to Max and Alice Blohm in Midland, Michigan, passed away peacefully on December 4, 2025, surrounded by family. Known for her quick wit, generous heart, and enduring strength, Arlene touched the

lives of many throughout her 95 years.

A 1948 graduate of Arthur Hill High School in Saginaw, Arlene married Raymond "Ray" Jekel, on September 18, 1948. In the late 1950s, the couple moved to the Jackson, Michigan area, where Arlene worked at Sid Young's Department Store before beginning a long and meaningful career with Jackson Community College. After her retirement in 1987 they moved to Ft Collins, CO where they lived until Ray's death in 2006. She then moved to Pinellas Park, FL where she was very active in the Mainlands community.

Arlene was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She is survived by her children Diane Marie Atherton, Keith Jekel, Peggy (David) Wright, and Kristin (Steve) Videto; her grandchildren Tessa Marie (Zlaja) Huseinovic and Christofer (Kimi) Videto; and her great-grandson Logan Jennings Videto. She was preceded in death by her parents, beloved husband Ray, brother Robert Blohm and sister Maxine Corbett.

Arlene believed deeply in celebrating life while it is lived. In keeping with her wishes, a joyful celebration of her life was held on her 95th birthday—an opportunity for her to be present, to laugh, and to feel the love of the many people whose lives she brightened. She requested that no formal service be held after her passing.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be directed to organizations close to Arlene's heart: Suncoast Hospice/Empath Health or The Esther Street Project of St. Petersburg, both of which she supported faithfully.

Arlene's legacy is one of kindness, humor, resilience, and love—gifts she shared freely and which will be carried forward by all who knew her.

Your editor, Diane Atherton



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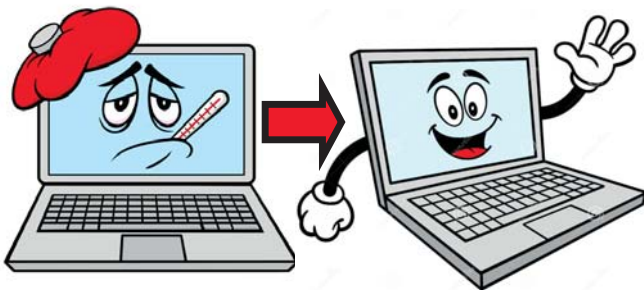
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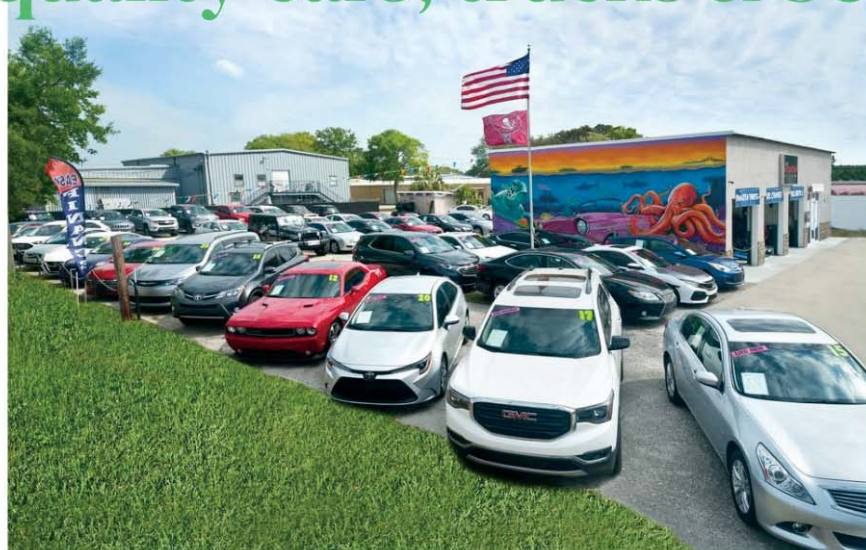


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				1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2 4:30-6 p.m. Happy Hour 6-9 p.m. Bridge	3 8-10 a.m. Pancake Breakfast \$5.00
4	5 Ladies Lunch Bunch - The Living Room on Main, Dunedin 11:30 a.m. Book Club 1:30 p.m.	6 Bowling 1 p.m.	7 9 a.m. Kaffee Klatch	8 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Hand & Foot 5:45 p.m. Pinochle	9 4:30-6 p.m. Happy Hour 5:15 p.m. Lola's BUNCO	10
11 Soup Lunch 1-3 p.m.	12 Women's Club 11 a.m. Bingo 5:45 p.m.	13 Bowling 1 p.m. 7s 7-9 p.m.	14 9 a.m. Kaffee Klatch 5 p.m. - ITALIAN TOUCH, 8211 46th Ave.N.St. Petersburg, FL	15 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Hand & Foot 5:45 p.m. Pinochle	16 4:30-6 p.m. Happy Hour 6-9 p.m. Bridge	17 Volunteer Dinner 6-8 p.m.
18	19 Bingo 5:45 p.m.	20 Bowling 1 p.m. Taco Tuesday 5-6 p.m. Game Night 7-9 p.m	21 9 a.m. Kaffee Klatch	22	23 4:30-6 p.m. Happy Hour	24
25	26 Bingo 5:45 p.m.	27 Bowling 1 p.m. 7s 7-9 p.m.	28 9 a.m. Kaffee Klatch	29 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Hand & Foot 5:45 p.m. Pinochle	30 4:30-6 p.m. Happy Hour	31 Scavenger Hunt Doors open at noon. Event from 1-3 p,m,

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