

December 2021



The Beachcomber



*Hernando Beach
Property Owners
Association
Newsletter*

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY DAVID C. SKINNER**

December has come quickly, and this will be my last message to our membership as President of the HBPOA. Back in May, I moved from Vice President to President upon former President Dianne Greenwell's resignation. It has been a real privilege to serve our community and help keep our neighbors up to date with activities in the state and county governments that affect the residents and property owners in Hernando Beach. Essentially, my biggest job was to keep the momentum of HBPOA community core projects going forward and support the program agenda of the various committees. To that end I think the board and committee members did very well. We were able to secure excellent monthly guest speakers from various state and local government offices and volunteer speakers from civic groups that covered subject matter concerning legislation and environmental issues with potential impact on our coastal community.

Election of new officers for 2022 were announced and the results were as follows:

**President** – Bill Roberts, **Vice-President** – Open, **\*Secretary** -- Open,  
**Treasurer** – Jen Brown

**Directors** – Bobbi Caccamisi, Scott Fitzgerald, Denis Polyn, Jim Fournier, & Dave Skinner

\*We have one person very interested in the Secretary position and look forward to presenting this person to the board for review at our next board meeting on Monday, Nov. 29, 2021.

I want to again thank the members of the board, our parliamentarian, Committee Chairs and members for their support and hard work they have done for our community. Thanks to Jen Brown – publisher of the Beachcomber Newsletter. I also want to thank the County Commissioners, Hernando County Fire Dept, the Hernando County Sheriff and the Business Owners in Hernando Beach for their dedication and support they have provided to the Hernando Beach Property Owners Association making our community the coastal residence of choice.

Wishing you all A Very Merry Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Dave Skinner - President  
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## HBPOA MEMBERSHIP MEETING – 11/4/21

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by President Dave Skinner
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Guest Speaker George Soothwell – Fortress Screens
- 4) Motion to adopt Agenda passed unanimously
- 5) Motion to Adopt October membership minutes adopted unanimously
- 6) Nominating Committee announced next year's Board members – no need for a membership vote because there are no contested positions. Anyone interested in either the open Vice President or open Secretary position should contact the Nominating Committee. New Board members shown below.  
President – Bill Roberts  
Vice President – open  
Treasurer – Jen Brown  
Secretary – open  
Directors – Bobbi Caccamisi, Scott Fitzgerald (one year term), Jim Fournier, Denis Polyn, Dave Skinner (one year term)
- 7) Treasurer's report presented
- 8) Hospitality Committee reported that Christmas dinner will be Brian's on December 1
- 9) Christmas lighting repairs update
- 10) Litigation update – no decision on motion
- 11) HBPOA Board will renew lease for Coast Guard facility
- 12) Fine Arts Council community art grants pending review

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**Board Meetings held the Monday before the Membership Meeting.**

## **HERNANDO BEACH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL FORM**

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Meetings are held at the Coast Guard Station on Calienta St, the doors open at 6:45pm and meetings start at 7pm.

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- 13) Next Board meeting will be November 29, 2021
- 14) Next membership meeting will be January 6, 2022
- 15) Guest speaker for January membership meeting will be John Stratton – Hernando County School Superintendent
- 16) Motion to adjourn passed unanimously at 8:07 pm

Prepared by:  
Denis Polyn

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

As a representative of the Nomination Committee, we would like to announce the new 2022 HBPOA Board. All nominations were closed on October 13, 2021. There were no contested positions.

President: Bill Roberts

VP: open

Secretary: open

Treasurer: Jen Brown

Directors: Dave Skinner, Scott Fitzgerald, Dennis Polyn, Bobbi Caccamisi, & Jim Fournier

By Laws: Barry Holland

These members were announced at the November 4 meeting. The 4 main board member positions serve a term of 1 year while the directors will serve 2 years. The exception to this for this term is Dave Skinner as he will finish out the term that Bill Roberts began since Bill is moving to President. Scott Fitzgerald has a single term remaining.

Since we still are in need of a Vice President and Secretary, please feel free to contact the board if you are interested in filling one of these positions. These positions will be appointed by the board.

Thank you!  
Your Election Committee  
Judith Hughes, Patty Roberts, Marlies Blackford

**HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE**

By: Judith Hughes

Hello December,

This is the month of celebrations and we have much to celebrate. Covid has diminished greatly so we are looking forward to celebrating healthy and happy Holidays with family and friends.

The HBPOA Holiday Party occurred on December 1st at Brian's Place. Your hospitality team always does a wonderful job with this event to provide some fellowship and fun during the Holiday Season. Brian is always so accommodating to his customers and this is why Brian's Restaurant has retained its first class status here in Hernando Beach and beyond. Brian is a great member of our Community.

Also, on November 17th, we had another Hernando Beach Ladies Breakfast. Women love to join together for fellowship/stories/laughter/and sharing. We don't always get to know our neighbors so the Ladies Breakfast Group has opened that door. If you are a woman living in Hernando Beach, just check with your check in committee at the next HBPOA meeting and we will be happy to include your email in our database.

For 2022, we are hoping that some of the residents of Hernando Beach would like to make a contribution to the Beachcomber by writing a short article about themselves. Most of us have or have had interesting careers and hobbies along our life's journey. We don't always think others would be interested but stories make up our lives and are wonderful to share. We may even discover that we have life experiences in common with our neighbors. I will begin in the January issue. Articles must be presented to Jen Brown, our Beachcomber editor by the 10th of each month. You can email an article to [hbpoa](mailto:hbpoa@hernandosportsmansclub.com)

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This is the last Beachcomber for 2021. We look forward to meeting more of our neighbors at the HBPOA meetings in 2022.

Your Hospitality Team wishes you a wonderful Holiday Season and hopeful New Year bringing you all the best life can offer.

See you in January...

## GAME DAY

The weather is turning a tad cooler, there's a nip in the air and you may just want to hang around Hernando Beach a bit more. This might be the best time for you to join our fun local group, nicknamed "Game Day".

You don't need to know how to play whatever game that we're playing as there will be others around to teach you how to play. Examples of games that we've enjoyed in the past have been Mah Jong, Giant Jenga, Mexican Train Dominos, Poker and Sequence. Other game possibilities could be Bunco, Yahtzee, Hand and Foot, Rummikub, Trivia Pursuit, Eucre, Scrabble, etc.

We get together on Tuesdays from 1:00-3:00 and go to a

different hostess's home each week who has picked the weekly game. If there are too many players for the hostess's home, Jackie from The Silver Dolphin has graciously offered us space in her wonderful restaurant. I'll send everyone a weekly email updating the group as to the new activity and where we're playing. If you have any questions or would like to join us, please email me at [jdpuuls@yahoo.com](mailto:jdpuuls@yahoo.com). We'd love to have you!

On a similar note...3 of us are looking for another lady to join us in party bridge. If you're a bridge player looking to join a fun bridge group, please email me.

Carpe Diem!  
Joan Puls

## BENCHES & BIKE RACKS

In April 2021 the Coastal Hernando Business Group, Community Members and some Residents discussed an idea to add benches to Hernando Beach for our school aged children to wait for their school buses. In the weeks following, there were more discussions and the project gained support and bike racks were also added to the project. With the support of many and a few with knowledge in the area of Right of Way use and permitting the project began to take shape. By mid-May we had identified the five locations. Throughout July and August research was done to ensure compliance with local and state roadway regulations regarding the location and construction materials be-

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The Coastal Hernando Business Group, Community Members and some Residents donated the funds to provide the benches and bike racks. These benches and bike racks will be a welcome addition to our street corners. The benches will be a great place for the children to hang out while they wait for their bus and they will be able to lock their bikes up so they don't have to use the street signs. The five locations are:

1. Hermosa Blvd. & Shoal Line Blvd.
2. Companero Entra & Shoal Line Blvd.
3. Gulfview Dr. & Shoal Line Blvd.
4. Flamingo Blvd. & Calienta St.
5. Pine Dale Ct. & Oak Leaf Ln. (in the north section)

In early September the Right of Way use permit was submitted to the County and by mid-October we had received notice the permit was approved. The benches will be a high back 5' long recycled plastic bench and the bike racks will be 2 30" inverted U shape racks. They will be secured to a 6' x 4' concrete slab. The concrete has also been donated. We are hoping to move forward with the slab and bike racks soon, while the benches should be installed the beginning of February 2022.

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Diane Malone

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(compiled by Carol Crane)

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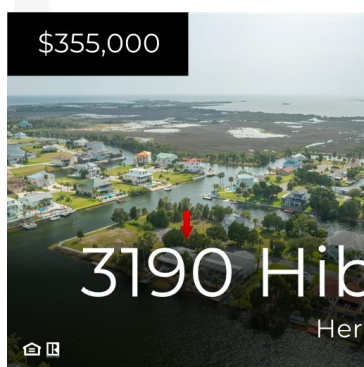
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states in turtle species numbers, with over 30 native turtle species, most of which are freshwater turtles. Florida is also home to the gopher tortoise, box turtle, and five sea turtle species.

## Freshwater Turtles

Although all turtles are air-breathing reptiles, aquatic turtles can hold their breath for long periods of time. All freshwater (and sea) turtles lay eggs on land in holes they have dug. When the eggs hatch, the baby turtles (hatchlings) return to water.

While most freshwater turtles have hard boney shells, three species known as softshell turtles have fleshy shells adapted for swimming. Turtle shells provide protection from predators. Snapping turtles, such as the Florida snapping turtle and the alligator snapping turtle, can bite with great force and reach large sizes.

No one may sell turtles taken from the wild in Florida. In addition, no one may buy, sell, or possess for sale alligator snapping turtles, Barbour's map turtles, Suwannee cooters, or parts thereof.

Captive Wildlife no longer issues that Class III permit for LISTED turtle species. Permitting is now handled by the Division of Habitat and Species Conservation and a Scientific Collecting Live Possession Permit is required. For more information, you can call 850-921-5990 or email WildlifePermits@MyFWC.com.

Buying, selling, taking, or possessing gopher tortoises, or parts thereof, is prohibited except by permit from the FWC executive director.

Additional regulations apply for sea turtles.

For additional information, see the Wildlife regulation 68A-25.002(9) of the Florida Administrative Code at <https://www.flrules.org/Default.asp>.

Non-native species that are released into the wild may compete with native species for habitat or food, prey on native wildlife, transmit diseases, or, in the case of the red-eared slider, interbreed with Florida's native wildlife. FWC Rule 68-5.001, F.A.C., prohibits the release of any non-native animal in Florida.

<https://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/wildlife/freshwater-turtles/>  
<https://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/wildlife/sea-turtle/>

## Land Turtles and Tortoises

### Eastern Box Turtle in Florida (*Terrapene Carolina*)



Box turtles are North American turtles of the genus *Terrapene*. Although box turtles are superficially similar to tortoises in terrestrial habitats and overall appearance, they are actually

members of the American pond turtle family (Emyidae).

([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Box\\_turtle#:~:text=Box%20turtles%20are%20North%20American%20turtles%20of%20the,in%20the%20genus%20are%20distributed%20over%20six%20species.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Box_turtle#:~:text=Box%20turtles%20are%20North%20American%20turtles%20of%20the,in%20the%20genus%20are%20distributed%20over%20six%20species.))

The Eastern box turtle is a subspecies of the Common box  
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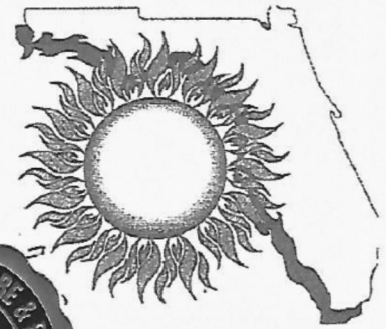
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turtle. (Note: Florida populations were previously designated a sub-species of the Eastern Box Turtle.) Box turtles are slow crawlers, extremely long-lived, slow to mature, and have relatively few offspring per year. Eastern box turtles have a high, dome-like carapace and a hinged plastron that allows total shell closure. Males normally possess red eyes (irises) whereas females usually display brown eyes. Eastern box turtles have a sharp, horned beak, stout limbs, and their feet are webbed only at the base.

Eastern box turtles prefer deciduous or mixed forested regions, with a moderately moist forest floor that has good drainage. They can also be found in open grasslands, pastures, or under fallen logs or in moist ground, usually moist leaves or wet dirt. They may also occur near streams and ponds.

Eastern box turtles are social and diurnal (day-time) creatures. They like to take "baths" in shallow streams and ponds or puddles and, during hot periods, may submerge in mud for days at a time. However, if placed in water that is too deep (completely submerged), they may drown. In order to escape the midday heat, Eastern box turtles rest under logs, leaf piles, in abandoned burrows or even in the mud. Eastern box turtles that live in southern regions remain active throughout the winter. Eastern box turtles have a very effective defense technique. When feeling danger they hide their head, tail, and limbs into their shell and clamp it shut. This way very few predators can attack these turtles.

Destruction, degradation, and fragmentation of the habitat is the biggest threat to Eastern box turtles. They also suffer from pollution and pesticides, road kills, fires, and predation of eggs and hatchlings. These box turtles are also collected in large numbers for the domestic and international pet trade and for 'turtle racing'.

(from: <https://animalia.bio/eastern-box-turtle> )

### GOPHER TORTOISES (*Gopherus polyphemus*)



Gopher tortoises are dry-land turtles that usually live in relatively well-drained, sandy soils generally associated with longleaf pine and dry oak sandhills. They also live in scrub, dry hammock, pine flatwoods, dry prairie,

coastal grasslands and dunes, mixed hardwood-pine communities, and a variety of habitats that have been disturbed or altered by man, such as power line rights-of-way, and along roadsides.

Gopher tortoises grow to be up to 15 inches long and weigh from eight to 15 pounds. With their strong elephant-like back legs and front feet specialized for digging, they are well-adapted to burrowing. The burrows provide gopher tortoises with protection from predators and from the elements by maintaining a fairly constant environment inside. They are most active in the warmer months but spend most of their lives in their burrows. Each tortoise will dig and use many burrows throughout the active season. The burrows

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Mike is also a combat veteran, having served three separate tours in Afghanistan (2002) and Iraq (2008 and 2011). He received the Bronze Star Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal among multiple awards.

Mike currently serves as the Chair of the Hernando County Planning and Zoning Commission and is the former Vice Chair of the Hernando County Waterways Advisory Committee. He is a member of the Citizens Emergency Response Team, the Hernando Beach Property Owners Association, and the VFW (Hernando Beach Post). He is a graduate of the Sheriff's Citizens Academy and the Sheriff's Situational Awareness Firearms Education program.

Mike Fulford has been married to Diane for 34 years, and they have two sons; both are currently serving in the US Army.



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can vary from three to 52 feet long and nine to 23 feet deep.

Their burrows also provide refuge for about 360 other species throughout its range. Some of those species include black pine snakes, gopher frogs, Florida mice, foxes, skunks, opossums, rabbits, quail, armadillos, burrowing owls, snakes, lizards, frogs, toads, and many invertebrates. Several of those species are also legally-protected species adding to the burrows' value to the ecosystem.

Habitat destruction is a significant threat to gopher tortoises. Threats to the gopher tortoise also include habitat fragmentation and degradation, predation, inadequacy of regulatory mechanisms, and incompatible use of herbicides in forest management and some silvicultural activities.

Gopher tortoises need large parcels of undeveloped land not fragmented by roads, buildings, parking lots, and other structures. Such barriers in natural habitat limit food availability and burrow space for tortoises plus expose them to closer contact with humans and their vehicles. Roadkill is one of the major causes of death for adult tortoises. And, although removing gopher tortoises from their homes is against the law, they are so easy to catch that some people continue to kill and eat them or keep them as pets.

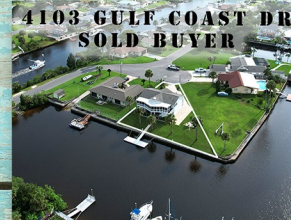
Gopher tortoises are currently protected by federal law under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in the Alabama counties west of the Mobile and Tombigbee Rivers and in Mississippi and Louisiana. The eastern portion of the gopher tortoise range includes Alabama (east of the

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# December 2021

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| To be included in next month's calendar please e-mail your events to: | to Jennifer Brown<br>mjajbrown@tampabay.rr.com<br>By 12/10/2021. |     | 1<br>HB Christmas Social                                                 | 2   | 3                          | 4                           |
| 5                                                                     | 6                                                                | 7   | 8<br>HB Crime Watch Meeting                                              | 9   | 10<br>Beachcomber Deadline | 11<br>Christmas Boat Parade |
| 12                                                                    | 13                                                               | 14  | 15<br>Waterways Advisory Committee 6pm<br><br>Port Authority Meeting 7pm | 16  | 17                         | 18                          |
| 19                                                                    | 20<br>US Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting 7pm                       | 21  | 22                                                                       | 23  | 24<br>Christmas Eve        | 25<br>Merry Christmas       |
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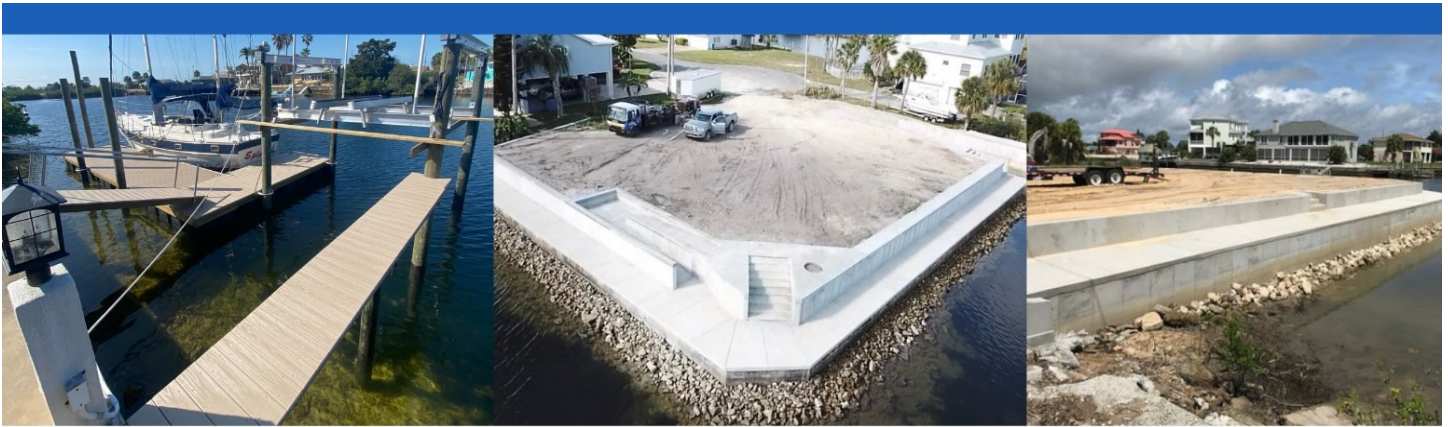


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Tombigbee and Mobile Rivers), Florida, Georgia, and southern South Carolina. In these areas, the gopher tortoise is now a candidate species for possible listing later under the ESA. In the western range states, west of the Tombigbee River in Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana, it will continue to be listed as threatened under the ESA.

[https://www.fws.gov/northflorida/gophertortoise/gopher\\_tortoise\\_fact\\_sheet.html](https://www.fws.gov/northflorida/gophertortoise/gopher_tortoise_fact_sheet.html)

Longer Gopher Tortoise article previously published in August 2021 Beachcomber newsletter - [https://nebula.wsimg.com/5ff326d675f52cf0ceb8fdd7b18dd960?](https://nebula.wsimg.com/5ff326d675f52cf0ceb8fdd7b18dd960?AccessKeyId=CB1AE08509641CCA3B45&disposition=0&alloworigina=1)

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## SEA TURTLES (*Cheloniidae* and *Dermochelyidae*)



Sea turtles are marine reptiles with streamlined bodies and large flippers that are well-adapted to life in the ocean. Six species are found in Florida waters, all of which are listed and protected under the federal Endangered Species Act. They are the

Kemp's Ridley, Loggerhead, Hawksbill, Green, and Leatherback Sea Turtles.

Although sea turtles live most of their lives in the ocean, adult females lay their eggs on land. They migrate hun-

dreds to thousands of miles every year between feeding grounds and nesting beaches. Leatherback sea turtles are among the most highly migratory animals on earth, traveling as many as 10,000 miles or more each year. All species nest on Florida beaches.

Sea turtles face significant threats around the world including:

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- Loss and degradation of nesting and foraging habitats due to coastal development, pollution, and climate change
- In some areas, killing of turtles and collection of eggs for consumption
- Entanglement in marine debris

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(From <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/sea-turtles> )

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have to end up say "We're going to \_\_\_\_\_ for dinner tonight." And his response is usually, "We are?" And we end up have a good time. Recently we walked over the Hernando Beach Tropical Grille. Yup, we walked the whole mile! That's what's so great about our community. This night we decided we weren't going to look at the menu, just ordered whatever the special was. Swordfish! I've never had it and my husband was shocked when I said that was what I was going to eat. It was served with a mango salsa. I don't know anything about swordfish. Is it supposed to be fishy? Needless to say, this was NOT. It was a thick sliced filet, seasoned perfectly. Love that their fries are thick too. I'm known for dipping them in the ginger soy aioli that comes with the Seared Ahi (that was a sidebar). We both enjoyed a couple of alcoholic beverages and cleaned our plates. Did I say, "Cleaned our plates?" Yes, cleaned, like the wait staff could have re-used them! That's gross.... We were happy we walked because we needed to help the food digest. It was a mile home and the walk was just what we needed. Quality time, holding hands, pointing out new things in the neighborhood we hadn't noticed before, and saying, "We need to go there more often."

[As a side note, I will never write something bad about a restaurant. There are times that service isn't the best (or could be better), or that the food isn't cooked properly. In these cases, there's no need to bash the restaurant or staff. When these things happen, that's the time to talk with the manager and handle it personally.]

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| <b>Sun 19</b>                                                                                                       | <b>Mon 20</b>                                                                                                       | <b>Tue 21</b>                                                                                                       | <b>Wed 22</b>                                                                                                       | <b>Thu 23</b>                                                                                                       | <b>Fri 24</b>                                                                                                       | <b>Sat 25</b>                                                                                                       |
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| <b>Sun 26</b>                                                                                                       | <b>Mon 27</b>                                                                                                       | <b>Tue 28</b>                                                                                                       | <b>Wed 29</b>                                                                                                       | <b>Thu 30</b>                                                                                                       | <b>Fri 31</b>                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                     |
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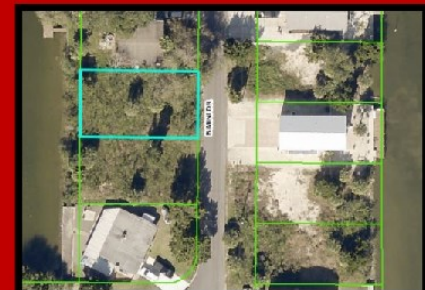
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