## COLONIAL ACRES PHASE V NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome Back to the Clubhouse!

We're slowly opening for business, enjoyment, relaxation & fun!

Come & check it out.

Billiards - Sewing - Euchre

Library - Coffee - Texas Hold-em BYOB Gathering - Meetings





BYOB Friday April 23, 2021 - Finally some Fun!

#### **COLONIAL ACRES PHASE V MINUTES - APRIL 14, 2021**

The meeting began at 1:02 pm. In attendance were Bill Charles, George Birchmeier, Katy Kay and Susie Brock. Cindy Christiansen joined the meeting via phone. Jim Reuschlein represented Clearview Management.

- **1.** Motion to approve the March Minutes was made by George B. and seconded by Cindy C. All approved the motion.
- **2.** Motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Susie B and seconded by Cindy C. All approved the motion.
- **3.** Motion to approve the Management Report was made by George B and seconded by Katy K. All approved the motion. Susie B did question what do members do if they did not get their key. Members should wait another week and contact Clearview Mgmt if they did not get their key.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. The second lock on the Deck/Pool door will be checked.
- **2.** Jim will obtain pool signage. 2 signs are needed. Katy K. will work with Stacy to create the signs. A motion to make the pool "members only" and to revisit the limitation at the July Board Meeting was made by Bill C. Katy K seconded the motion. All approved the motion.
- 3. The outdoor surveillance sign has been ordered. The 2 indoor signs are installed.
- **4.** The deck quotes are being obtained. The Board will review. Hopefully the deck replacement will start in June.
- **5.** The new Jamestown lights (with secure Christmas outlets) will be installed late April or May.
- 6. The electronic sign will be placed across Jamestown from the old wood sign.
- **7.** Pond Fountain will be installed soon. Jim is checking options.
- 8. Vinyl siding will begin at the end of May.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Motion to approve the new Clubhouse Rental Agreement was made by Katy K. and seconded by Susie B. All approved the motion. There is a \$25 dollar increase in the rental fee. Now it is \$175.
- **2.** Bill C gave "thank yous" for the Covid Vaccine Clinic. Certificates of Appreciation were given to Jackie Betke, Susie Brock and Jaime Gilbert.
- **3.** Gary Williams repaired the Clubhouse Door wall screen.
- 4. Jim will look into pond fountains. The electricity is already set up.
- **5.** Heritage and Hamilton Ct asphalt will be repaired.
- **6.** Woodwork will begin in May. Clubhouse and sheds are in need of repair.
- **7.** New Member Orientation dates will be 6:30 pm, Wednesdays in June. 2 meetings are necessary.
- 8. Thanks to Jim and Clearview Mgmt for the new Dishwasher in the Clubhouse.
- **9.** The wood repair may correct water leakage in the Member Shed. Currently, the garden supplies are there.
- 10. The area behind 71 (units 3 & 4) will have the leaves removed.

#### **BOARD ISSUES**

- **1.** Susie B suggested a light color, textured finish be done on the deck. The composite cost is 25% higher but won't require maintenance.
- 2. Members should not put their garbage in front of the mailboxes. The postal workers will not deliver mail if they have to climb over trash.
- 3. When is the Spring Walk Thru? George B & Susie B will join Clearview in the walk thru.
- **4.** Card Playing can resume if there is a Group Leader. Laura Meyers will be the Euchre Group Leader and Chris Malczynski will be the Group Leader for Texas Hold 'em. The Governor Mandates require frequent card and chip sanitizing.
- **5.** George B. mentioned the asphalt up on the grass on Heritage and in other areas. Jim will look into it. Also, there is a lot of wood repair that needs to be done. Dogs off leash are becoming a huge problem. Off leash is against a South Lyon ordinance.
- **6.** Katy K wants the drinking fountain re-installed by the pool prior to the pool opening. The 2 signs need to be up prior to opening also. The security cameras are not functioning properly. Stacy has put in a work order to correct this.

#### **MEMBER ISSUES**

- **1.** 64-6 has uneven steps leading into their condo. This needs repair as it is a safety issue.
- **2.** 95-1 and 141-2 want to remind pet owners to be responsible. Keep the pets safe by putting them on a leash. Do not let the lead out so the dog runs in between the cars. And please curb your dog!
- **3.** 141-2 had a terrible fall on ice on her deck. The water falling over the gutters is a problem and safety hazard.
- **4.** 138-1 & 138-2 are having sand hill cranes ruining their screens. The cranes are demanding food. Unfortunately the feeding of the cranes has trained them to peck the screens for food. Who will pay for their ruined screens? Stop feeding the wildlife or you will be fined. Please contact Clearview Management when you see someone feeding the wild life!
- **5.** 141-2 She has gutter blockage and water over flow. Contact Jaime to clean out the gutters.
- **6.** 77-4 Why wasn't asphalt done by her house? (cost restrictions) Is the road at the end of Lexington going to be closed off? (the builder will put a gate up, no through traffic) Can speed bumps be put on Lexington? (voted no in the past) Gutter has water pouring over or ice forming. (Clearview is aware of issue) Is there a Group Leader for line dancing? (not yet)
- 7. 77-3 Bus stop lights, coach lights, haven't worked in 2 years. (Jim will look into it) Can her pond get a fountain? The slow moving water smells. (we can't put fountains in every pond) She also has courtyard water issues. (Clearview is aware of issue)
- 8. 139-5 Wood fence is rotted due to courtyard water. (Clearview will check it out) 2 years ago a "To Do" list was suppose to be developed. (Board is aware) Why is the Clubhouse chair making the additional keys? Why isn't Clearview doing it? (Clubhouse can give a quicker response) Asphalt repair should be done using a tamper. (will discuss with Jaime)
- 9. 121-1 Can she use a Food Truck as a caterer for her May 2022 event?

- Motion to allow a food truck caterer was made. All approved the motion. A reminder not to toss cigarette butts into the pond or on the grounds was stated.
- 10.57-5 No parking in Hamilton Ct for Clubhouse events. It is parking for the Hamilton residents only. The sand hill cranes can be dangerous with their beaks and claws. They can jump quite high. Please turn in the people who are feeding the cranes so they can be fined. New Clubhouse rules are being delivered in the Newsletter. When repairing the asphalt, please tear out & replace. Cold patches will not work.
- 11. When the deck is redone, please do the railings also. The gutters are inadequate for large rainfalls. Are we covered for the plugs on the new light posts? Kids will mess with them. (yes, we have insurance coverage and the plugs will be secure) Trillium is growing behind 71 3 & 4. Please use care when removing the leaves. Do not destroy the Trillium. There is a rotted tree by Mary's deck that I have mentioned for years. When will this be resolved? (Board will look in to it)
- **12.**71-3 Please preserve the area behind 71. Just remove the leaves. The trees help cut down the noise.
- **13.**65-1 There is a backhoe in her backyard. Who owns it? (infinity) Can the Jamestown approach from Heritage be widened? (Board will discuss it)
- 14. 80-4 Will the geese eggs be collected this year? (yes in April and May)
- **15**. 73-5 The website Board meeting list is confusing. When do we vote? (September is the election and August is "Meet the Candidates")
- **16**. Susie B gave a monetary breakdown on how the Clubhouse Remodeling money was spent.

Katy K made MOTION TO CLOSE the meeting. Meeting ended at 2:58 pm.

Minutes submitted by Susie Brock

Thanks to all who recognized the hard work put into the vaccinations!

#### **THANKS!!**

#### A BUNCH!!

TO JAMIE (OUR LANDSCAPER) FOR GIVING

THE NURSES AND VOLUNTEERS A DELICIOUS LUNCH

FROM THE SOUTH LYON HOTEL.

TO ANONYMOUS FOR GIVING US A SCRUMPTIOUS LUNCH FROM THE CORNER SOCIAL.

AND TO OUR NEIGHBORS, THE KLAU'S FOR GIVING US PIZZA AND SUBS

WHICH WERE YUMMY!!!

FROM SUSIE B \*

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#### FROM YOUR BOARD PRESIDENT

Hopefully, those April showers brought many May flowers. As you know we had a vaccination clinic in our clubhouse at the end of March. This event came about in just a few days. I have many people to thank for making this happen for all the members in Phase 1-5. Back in January, Jackie Betke, and I had a phone conversation about trying to bring such an event into Colonial Acres. We both had talked to the Oakland County Department of Health about just this. They were remarkably busy and said they would get back to us. But Jackie Betke did not give up and was on social media talking up the idea of a clinic in Colonial Acres. On March 7<sup>th</sup> Jackie again was on social media talking up the idea. One respondent to her idea was South Lyon City Council member Steve Kennedy. He informed Jackie that South Lyon at that time had no plan for a clinic in the City but was urging people to sign up with the county and suggested getting appointments at local drug stores. Steve Kennedy was aware of a vaccination clinic that took place in Abbey Park in the township. He called and located the nursing service that provided the personnel. From there the whole thing took off. Ready Nursing Solutions, Inc from Shelby Township gave us the dates 23-25 March in our clubhouse, and they would provide the Jonson and Johnson Vaccine in coordination with the Oakland County Health Department. Your Board Member Susie Brock got involved and she provided all the administrative work and handled all the phone calls. In addition, Susie Brock also did the lions share of work in getting our clubhouse ready.

I went into all that detail, so our members know that the people I am about to thank provided a critical need to this community. I had dozens of members contact me to say thank you. On behalf of Colonial Acres Phase 1-5 I would like to thank and honor Jackie Betke, Susie Brock, Steve Kennedy, and Ready Nursing Solutions, Inc, Vergenea Smith, President for setting up this vital clinic. I would also like to thank Julie Kennedy, wife of Steve Kennedy, and the many volunteers from Colonial Acres and the City of South Lyon for passing out the notices of the clinic to every unit in all five phases, then working the 3 days of the event to insure everyone was treated in a safe and efficient environment. My final thanks go out to Jamie Gilbert, our landscaper, for providing lunch one day for all the nurses and volunteers. This took many people both from our community and the City of South Lyon to make this happen.

766 persons received this critical vaccine. I am proud to live in such a caring community and City and hope everyone passes on their thanks to those named above and the many unnamed volunteers that stepped up on short notice to assist this community. Have a great month.



The Board elections happen in September. Two positions are elected in odd years and three positions are elected in even years. **2021 will have us electing two**. To be considered for a board position, you must be a member in good standing. The terms are for two years. There is only one vote per unit for the Board. The board election consists of a ballot vote secured in a double envelope. For the Board, the letter or resume should be sent to Bill Charles.

Our Co-op is only as strong as our membership. Consider running? Please Vote!



## BITS & PIECES OF INFO

#### . MARY K'S REAL ESTATE CORNER FOR RECENT SALES/ACTIVITY

CS	62341 Arlington Cir	Unit #1	\$144,900
PEND	25888 Lexington Dr	Unit #2	\$125,000
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PEND	62361 Arlington Cir	Unit #3	\$134,900
PEND	25832 Lexington Dr	Unit #3	\$135,000
PEND	62360 Arlington Cir	Unit #5	\$139,900
SOLD	62067 Ticonderoga	Unit #2	\$135,000
SOLD	62070 Arlington Cir	Unit #1	\$137,000

Mary Ketelhut Realtor



#### Please add to your phone directories:



71-3 Marie Vantassel. .......25665 Lexington......

83-2 Ruth Prusa......62178 Ticonderoga

Several of us would like to thank Susie B. for her tireless work on spearheading the updating of our clubhouse. Without her tenacity and hard work all of that could not have been accomplished. She organized groups to help investigate flooring, chairs, curtains, sound systems, and so much more. She was the one who met & supervised the electricians, plumbers, & all the workers (most volunteers!).

In the middle of all that, also being the Secretary of our Board of Directors; going to every meeting, writing agendas, minutes, and making sure we are heard at the Board meetings. She also spent 3 days on the phone scheduling 700 people to be vaccinated in our clubhouse. Her phoned didn't stop ringing for three days. Then she spent another three days working at the clubhouse alongside all the great volunteers she organized.

PLEASE SAY A BIG THANK YOU TO SUSIE NEXT TIME YOU SEE HER. SHE HAS A LOT OF FUN PLANNED FOR SUMMER AT THE CLUBHOUSE STAY TUNED!

> Come to the clubhouse the first Thursday of each month at Noon Be a part of planning what goes on at the clubhouse

#### **CLUBHOUSE NEWS:**

#### Minutes Clubhouse Meeting April 1, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 12 pm. Present were Katy K., Debbie M.., John M., Laura M., Connie W., Donna T., and George B. in addition to Susi B.

Our checkbook balance currently \$22,196.56.

Our three-day vaccine event was a huge success, with 766 people receiving shots. Thanks to Steve and Julie Kennedy and all the Colonial Acres volunteers who helped out.

Also a huge thank you to all who helped get the building ready for the new floor to be installed. Donna T., Katy K., Gloria P., John M., Connie W., Deane C., Shirley E., Laura M., George B., and Susi and Doug B.

Necessary supplies for cleaning the new clubhouse floor (Mops, etc.) have been purchased out of the renovation budget.

The work shed has been cleared out. There are no longer any wood working tools available for use. Necessary tools for our garden volunteers will be obtained via garage sales.

Our pool is scheduled to be uncovered on May 27. Joel Bovia has agreed to be one of our pool attendants. Thank you Joel!!

The need to clean up the leaves behind building 71, units 3 and 4, was discussed. Will consult with Bill C. to see where responsibility falls for this task.

The committee voted to purchase the more technically advanced sound system from the quotes received.

Runners to protect our new floors will be ordered for the front hall as well as for in front of the door wall. Criteria for a style that is appropriate for our type of floor in addition to ability to stand up to wear are being carefully considered.

Research is still in process to find chairs which will meet our needs.

A new dishwasher has been installed, courtesy of Clearview. Thank You!

We would like to thank Mike and Jayne Giordano for providing us with additional deck furniture. Thank you Mike and Jayne!

Chain mechanisms will be installed on the front doors to hold them open when necessary.

It was decided that any decision on possible replacement of bathroom vanities should wait until any plumbing and tile repair issues are corrected. The vanity in the men's room will be repaired so that it is properly functional until a decision is made.

Revisions to the Clubhouse Rental Agreement were discussed and approved. The rental rate for

the clubhouse is now \$175.00 and the amount needed to hold a certain date is \$75.00. This was necessary based upon improvements made to the building, in addition to costs incurred to bring our building in to compliance with CDC guidelines.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the payment of \$264.55 for repairs and maintenance of our pool table. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Connie Williams

**Hello Neighbors**, We plan on having a lot of activities at the Clubhouse. Of course, we will be following the government mandates. If you have any suggestions or activities to do, please let us know. We are a Cooperative, so please volunteer!! The Billiard group and Colonial Acres Men's Golf group have a new Group Leader. Thank you, John McGraw, for volunteering.

Your Clubhouse Committee has been hard at work. The new floors are in. NEVER use anything but water to clean the new floors. No soap products! All of the electrical plugs and wiring have been brought up to code. The plumbing has been updated and the drinking fountain has been removed. (Thank you George Birchmeier!) The men's bathroom cabinet is getting a facelift. We also have new curtains and rods and chairs. Thanks again to the Colonial Acres Phase V Board for giving us part of the Comcast Sign On Bonus. We couldn't have done any of the remodeling without it.

Remember to lift any chair or table you wish to move. Do NOT drag anything across the floor. **Never move the pool table**. We do not want to ruin our new floors.

Thanks to a terrific team, our Clubhouse vaccinated 766 people! It was quite an accomplishment and an honor to help our Seniors and our Community. Special thanks to the Nurses Solution group. We had multiple compliments on our nursing staff. None of this would have happened if Steve Kennedy didn't get us the vaccines. Thank you, Steve!

Hopefully, all of the members have received their card key in the mail. Monday morning Coffee has started. It was so nice to sit and chat with people. Per Government mandates, we cannot use the kitchen. Remember, "Bring your own beverage" for now. There are new Clubhouse Rules delivered. Put them in your binder. Our next Clubhouse Meeting will be in the Clubhouse! May 6 at noon. More good things to come... Susie Brock, Clubhouse Interim Chair



It's voting time soon. The Clubhouse Committee votes during the July meeting. The Chair and Secretary are voted on odd years and the Co-Chair and Treasurer are voted on even years. We need to elect a Chair and Secretary this July. To be considered for a committee or board positions, you must be a member in good standing. The terms are for two years. A raise of the hand does the committee vote. Any member attending the meeting can cast a vote.

Any interested person should submit an introductory letter or resume to Susie Brock for the Clubhouse Committee election. **Consider running? Please Vote!** 

It has been reported, **AGAIN**, that people are feeding the **Sand Hill Cranes** that roam Colonial Acres. Sandhill cranes have become a nuisance by destroying screens because they have gotten used to all the seed/food that is put in common areas. They can become aggressive when they are used to feeding near our units. Their massive claws, sharp beaks, & height of 3 to 4 feet can become a problem if they attack. Cranes move forward quickly, often hissing, with their wings open and bills pointed. If they feel threatened, they kick with their sharp claws & stab, with their bill (which is powerful enough to crack the skull of small pets). This is a danger to all of us especially our pets & grandchildren.

**Residents must "NOT** feed Geese, Ducks, Cats, Dogs, Skunks, Raccoons, Opossums, **and/or other animals".** This includes putting out bird feeders in the common area, they are **ONLY** allowed in your courtyard. If anyone sees or notices someone feeding the wild life, please notify the Board and they will be sent a written notice of the violation. Violators can be subject to the Assessment of fines procedure: \$25, \$50, & \$100 *Page 7 of your Rules & Regulations state* 

Sandhill cranes have an abundance of natural foods (insects and small animals) and they do not need handouts from humans. The sandhill cranes in our neighborhood are magnificent birds and a delight to watch. **But** feeding these 4-foot-tall birds is dangerous. If you really love wildlife, the best thing to do is let them stay wild so they can live their lives as they should – naturally!

It's time once again to gather the Geese eggs. You will see people out and about in April and May. This is an important event as it keeps the Geese population manageable in our community. This is a State of Michigan approved event. The volunteers have received their training. DO NOT ATTEMPT THIS YOURSELF!





# Community Document Shredding South Salem Library Saturday 5/1/2021 10am to 1pm

Protect your identity & the environment! American Data Security, Inc. will provide disposal of your private documents.

Due to Covid 19, the drop off process will be different. Participants will have to exit their vehicles when it's their turn & place paper in supplied bins. If documents are in boxes or plastic bags the paper must be emptied into the bins. Full paper bags can go into the bin as is. Masks ae required when you exit your vehicle.

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has fought many battles
to keep our country free
from threats of terror.

#### WATCH FOR COMING EVENTS AT THE CLUBHOUSE:



#### COLONIAL ACRES ANNUAL COURTYARD WALK

This is a fun yearly event we all look forward to. You'll get good ideas for making your courtyard a flower wonderland! Watch for more info about the annual courtyard walk. It will be in June when all the flowers are in bloom.

If you would like to show your courtyard get in touch with Judy Keeling, 734-972-0066. *Garden Club meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 10:00 am* 

#### COLONIAL ACRES ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

We're planning on having our annual Garage Sale in **September, date to be determined**.

Hopefully our year plus of quarantine we've been cleaning and organizing. Keep holding onto all your treasures for the garage sale.

This has been a large fun event in the past. Mike Giordano is taking the lead on this; he'll be asking for many volunteers to make this be another success.



## Also in planning are some new & old events:

Ladies Lunch Movie Nights Fun pancake breakfasts planned by our volunterr chefs

Deck Parties as soon as our new deck is done & can hold all of us safely Bonfire gatherings

Bring your input or fun ideas to the Clubhouse Meetings. Let's have a SUPER Summer!



**Pool will open the beginning of June**, watch for exact date in the newsletter. New Pool rules will be posted.

Members only allowed in June; this will be reviewed in July to see if Michigan covid rules allow more people in swimming area.





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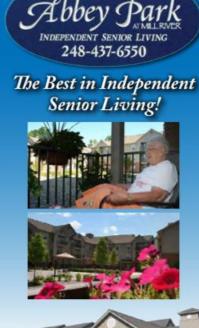


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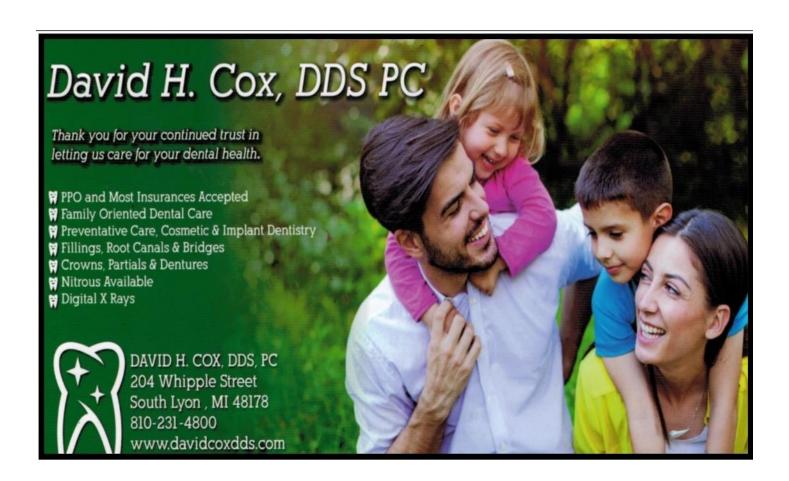
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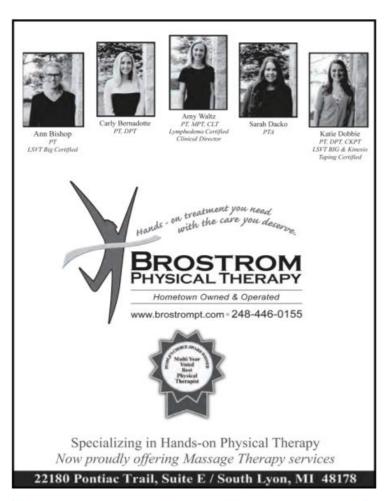
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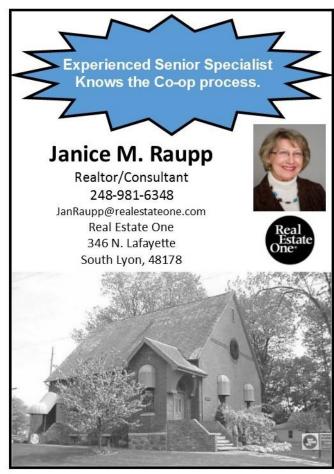






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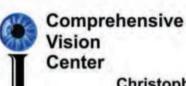


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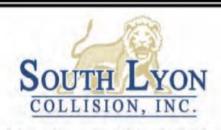
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	8:30am Coffee hr	<b>1-5</b> Billiards	<b>10-12</b> Sewing	Noon		
		<b>7pm</b> Texas hold em	<b>7 PM</b> Billiards	Clubhouse meeting 7 pm Euchre		
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9	10	11	<b>12 10-12</b> Sewing	13	14	15
	8:30am Coffee hr 10am Garden Club	<b>1-5</b> Billiards	<b>6:00pm</b> Board meeting at			****Newsletter
	200 00 0	1-3 billiards	clubhouse	<b>7 pm</b> Euchre	<b>7 PM</b> Bible study	deadline****
	<b>7 pm</b> Euchre	<b>7pm</b> Texas hold em	Wear a mask,		·	
			space limited			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	8:30am Coffee hr	<b>1-5</b> Billiards	<b>10-12</b> Sewing			
Harby Mother's Day	<b>7 pm</b> Euchre	<b>7pm</b> Texas hold em		<b>7 pm</b> Euchre	<b>7pm</b> Texas hold em	
23	24	25	26	27	29	30
	Memorial Day Never Forget Ever Honor	<b>1-5</b> Billiards <b>7pm</b> Texas hold em	<b>10-12</b> Sewing	<b>7 pm</b> Euchre	BYOB 1 TO 4 At the clubhouse 7 PM Bible study	

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