

April Newsletter - Oaks Royal 3

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Resident Volunteers Impact Oaks Royal 3 in both Quality and Savings!

Throughout this past year it has been my pleasure to write about the many improvement projects that have been going on around our community, most by resident volunteers at little cost compared to contracted vendors. You have all seen these people hard at work cleaning the streets, fixing the signage at the entrance way, cleaning and repairing fences, cleaning the bridge and repairing the bridge lights, decorating for different holidays, keeping the shuffle board court and the pickle ball court in working order, washing the pool deck and chairs, painting and touch up in clubhouse, electrical, plumbing and so much more! There are even residents who have fixed the big coffee pot and the bingo board for us when they have gone on the fritz!

“We were just talking about this and it turns out April is National Volunteer Month! Wow, you know our Association absolutely could not run without volunteers! From our Board of Directors to the guys that work so hard to fix and maintain everything, the gals that work hard on preparing great meals and keeping us organized, the folks that put on all the great events we enjoy together and all the other people in this park who give of themselves in so many ways, Thank you!

Ann Parks, President Oaks Royal 3 HOA



Then there are the major projects like digging out our section of Zephyr Creek that Harry and his crew took care of when the banks had eroded in, rebuilding and replanting the banks; and doing it without heavy machinery too! Or how about the recent project that Marty and some of the guys are tackling in replacing all the old single pane windows on the clubhouse addition with new double pane windows. The old windows were rotted around the sills so the guys have had to rebuild all the window frames so far, not a simple replacement job! Herb had a crew in at the beginning of the year and completely stripped and refinished the clubhouse floors! And the work is not limited to the menfolk, this year an group of women led by Ann Parks tore the office completely apart and repainted and had the furniture rearranged.

"We used to pay outside vendors for all the work that was done in the park when we first opened. Now these guys do it all and save us thousands, ten of thousands each year. You just don't know!"

Bernie Scholz, OR3 Resident and former Treasurer

All this has just been accomplished by our residents in this past year, six months really. Then man hours put in by ours residents have saved the Association thousands over having outside vendors do all of these jobs. However, it is not just the savings in money that makes this worthwhile.

"We have people here who really know what they are doing, and it shows! I mean retired contractors, electricians, plumbers, and people who have done this all their lives and learned to take pride in their work. Wouldn't we rather take advantage of that when we can, rather than paying someone who wants do the least amount of work they can for a buck? You know what I mean?"

Ann Parks, President Oaks Royal 3 HOA

It is that combination of quality work; the knowledge our residents have built over a lifetime as well as the blood sweat and tears they are willing to put into their work, along with the cost savings to the association, that makes their gift to all of us so special.

We would also like to recognize those volunteers who put together the many events and meals we enjoy throughout the year. The women and men who organize these events, execute them, provide quality food and make it seem so effortless to the rest of us, save the association a ton of money in event planning and catering costs! They are worth their weight in gold!

"We appreciate everyone who helps on all the projects and events so much. Many willing hands make a task easier, and a lot more fun! I thank everyone who volunteered their skills, effort and time to make Oaks Royal 3 a better place for us all. Let's all thank a volunteer this April, I will even start by giving Harry a hug!"

Rosemary Whitaker

April is National Volunteer Month. It seems fitting, as many get ready to head back up North, to take a moment, look around the park, the clubhouse, the pool etc. really see what has been done this past year. Think back to all the people you have seen out there working their butts off as volunteers to make this a better place, and let's all make an effort thank someone this April who has worked to make a difference in Oaks Royal 3!

New Game Play at Oaks Royal 3 to Benefit Local Charities.

On Monday March 22nd, residents filed into the clubhouse for the 6pm start of a fun new game initiated by Clarence and Cathy Herman that we have dubbed "Beef Bingo". Although a little unsure at first, we soon got into the spirit of this new game. You could hear joyous cries of "Beef" or "Beefo" resounding throughout the clubhouse as residents won games and were awarded tokens for their prizes. Competition was fierce, with much angst in gas people were waiting for just that one special card to be called, and sometimes it even was!

There were 32 frozen 1/2 lb. beef burgers awarded that evening as prizes. Clarence and Cathy said they raised \$72 to benefit the Thomas Promise Foundation, Inc. Dale Shiner said he was trying to get a Foundation representative to come play with us this at our next game.

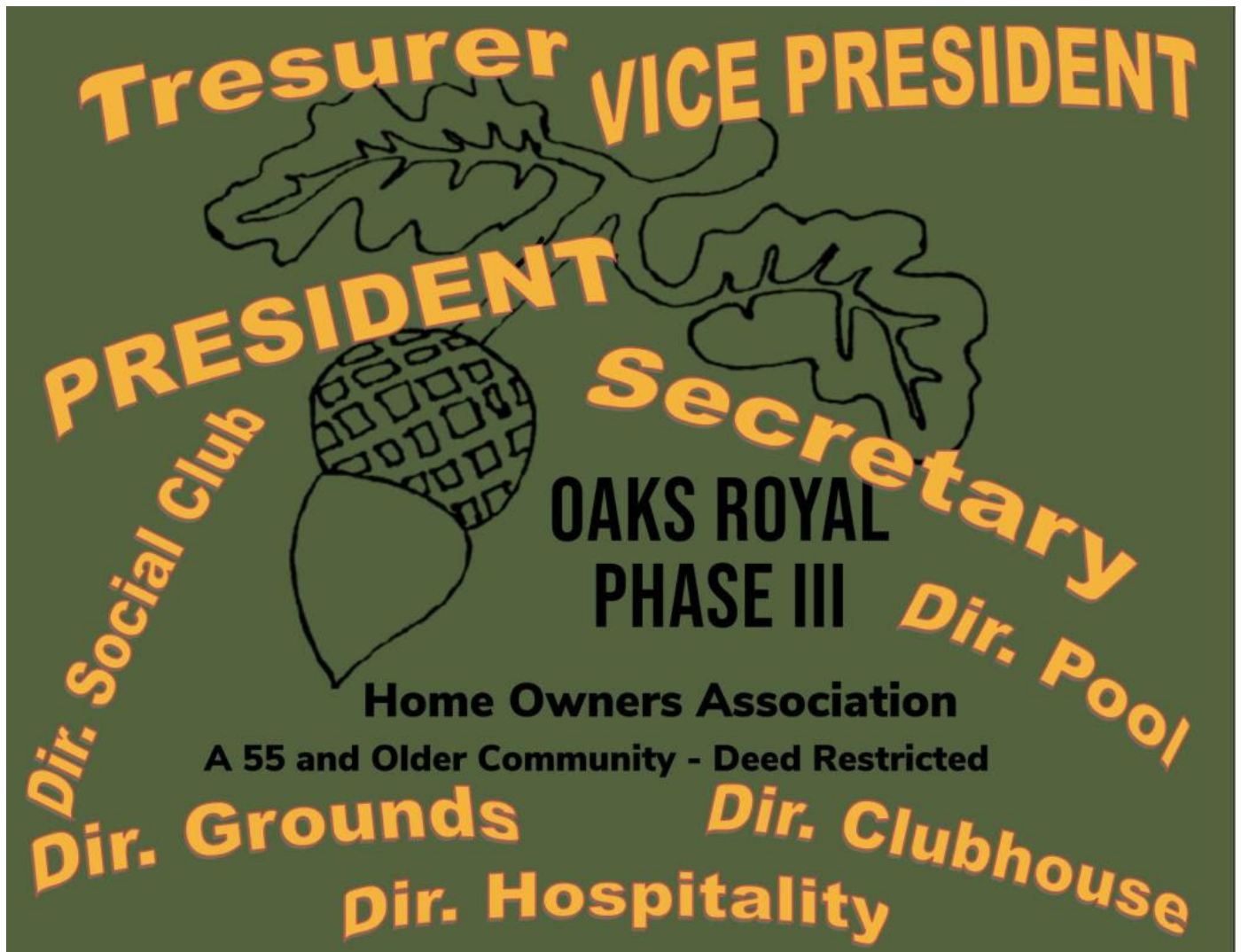
Next Game: Monday March 29 at 6:00 pm. There is a sign up list in the clubhouse. Everyone is welcome.

Briefly, game play is similar to bingo but instead of calling numbers, the caller calls random cards from a deck of cards.

- Each player has a game board with three slots corresponding to different playing cards. Game board cost \$5.00 each, you may purchase more than one. Like bingo your game boards will be played for the entire game.
- Players cover a slot each time the caller announces a playing card that matches on on their game board. Bring your own tokens to cover the slots on your game board(s). Bingo chips, coins or other small objects will all do.
- The player that covers the three slots on their game board first calls "BEEF" and wins the hand! The prize is one frozen prime beef patty. (Multiple players may win a hand)
- There are four (4) hands of play per round. There are six (6) rounds of play per game.
- The caller uses a new deck of cards for each hand of play, and cards are shuffled before each new round of play begins. Players may exchange cards before a new round of play begins.
- The final round of play, round six (6), is the Bonus Round. Prizes in hand one and two are doubled to two (2) patties, prizes in hands three and four are quadrupled to four (4) patties! (If multiple players win, winners will either split prize or draw for it) In Addition, players may purchase additional cards for the bonus round only at \$1 each.
- Winners will be verified by designated person and given an award token during game. Tokens will be turned in at end of game for frozen beef patties.
- All proceeds, minus cost of prizes, will be used to benefit a non profit charity announced at each game. Tonight's game will

Oaks Royal III Officer Reports – April 2021.

The officers, directors, committees and social clubs are actively working throughout the year to maintain and improve the active, 55+ lifestyle we enjoy here at the Oaks Royal III community. Each month they have an opportunity to update you on current activities or showcase future events through this section of the newsletter. Enjoy.



Ann Parks, President:

Covid Vaccine Update:

APRIL 11, 2021 9:00 TO 10:00 Clubhouse
YES you have to fill out new paperwork

Volunteer Hours equals lower HOA Dues:

Thank you to all the volunteers who make Oaks Royal 3 a place we all want to live in. We all have different talents to share and welcome you to join and help. We have a signup sheet in the clubhouse or contact any board member. The jobs we do around the park and at the clubhouse save us all money.

It's time of the year again when conversation turns to when you are leaving. Safe travels to all and looking forward to next year.

Cathy Swett, Vice President:

VICE-PRESIDENT:

At this writing, 25 ballots are needed before a decision can be made if the proposed amendment will be accepted or rejected. As in November, it will be necessary to go house to house to see if I can get residents to participate. Hopefully I will be successful getting the ballots to the ballot box. If not, it may become necessary for us to extend the deadline for receiving ballots. Wish me well!! Last month, I asked anyone interested in sitting on the Nominating/Election Committee to come forward. I did not get one call! So, again, I ask that anyone interested in joining this important committee and help to recruit board members for 2022, you are urged to contact any board member to let us know of your interest.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to the Women's Group for providing such an excellent meal at the Board Appreciation Dinner held on March 8, 2021. Not only was it delicious lasagna meal with all the fixings' and a fabulous time for the board members to relax and enjoy each other's company, but also provided us a final opportunity to recognize Jean Taylor and Sally Lapetina for their service to OR3 residents. Jean and Jim will still be here, but, Sally and Bubba, you will be missed immensely once you make your move to Virginia.

This has been an unusual season due to COVID and all the restrictions it put upon us. President Ann Parks has been diligent working to help those seeking the vaccine. Not only did she work with the County to have an on-site vaccination clinic here (which included two other parks) with a follow-up planned for April, she also put together a team to help residents pre-register for vaccinations at other local sites. She put in more effort and time than most people realize, so I felt compelled to let everyone know how hard she continues to work for us all. THANK YOU, ANN!!

WOMEN'S GROUP:

Theresa Teska was determined to make the Board Appreciation dinner happen, even during this year of COVID. So she banded together a group of women who prepared and cooked the food off site, delivered it to the clubhouse, made the clubhouse beautiful and provided a relaxed, lovely atmosphere for all board members to enjoy. A big thank you to Theresa, Janet Sylvester, Jan Burden, Julie Nash, Louise Harmer and Sandy Hauner for your help in making this dinner possible.

The Board has asked this group to submit a job description and is ready to be sent to them for final review. This was done with input from Women's Group President, Carol Carmichael who we have missed this year. She and Ron have had to remain on Prince Edward Island in Canada. We all look forward to them being with us next year!

We all look forward to a more normal Fall and getting back to doing our routine fundraisers, assisting residents and providing financial support when able.

Sharon Pollard, Social Club Director:

APRIL ACTIVITIES:

MONDAY APRIL 5TH Association Meeting at 7 p.m.....last one until November 1st.

THURSDAY APRIL 15TH FAREWELL PARTY at 5 p.m. The Social Club will furnish the hamburgers, hotdogs, rolls, condiments and dessert. Please bring your own table service....drinks will be provided. I will be asking for volunteers to make salads, to help set up and a cleanup committee. I will be giving away gift cards and each household that signs up will receive one ticket for the gift card drawing. If anyone wants games it will be your responsibility to set them up. Come and have a good time. The sign-up sheet will be posted in the clubhouse on April 1st.

MONDAY APRIL 19TH The last Women's Club meeting at 6 p.m. until next fall.

Coffee Hour every Wednesday morning at 8:30.

Bingo every Tuesday night at 6:30.

Dominoes every Wednesday night at 6:30.

Penny Bingo every Friday at 12:30.

Card games every Thursday and Friday nights at 6:30.

The Chinese Auction was a HUGE success!!! A big THANKS to Louise Harmer and Therese Teska for organizing it and to all of their helpers for their hard work....we cleared \$370.00 !!! Thank you to everyone for their donations and for purchasing tickets!!!

Thank you to Dale Shiner, Claire Marquart and Dennis Kramer for cooking the hotdogs.....Pam Champeau and Debby Rogers for the delicious cookies and Clarence and Kathy Herman for music.....every ones help is greatly appreciated!!!

I am hoping and praying that next year we can go back to some kind of "normalcy".

Wishing everyone a happy healthy summer..... STAY WELL.....STAY SAFE !!!

Harry Whitaker, Maintenance:

The walls [retaining] have been completed and are backfilled. I want to thank all the guys who helped on the project. It was a large project to ask the men to work on. They did it for the association. Two home owners are paying \$500 each to the HOA for the work performed by the men.

Please remember any construction or modification to your home must be approved by the Building Committee. Get in touch with Marty Draper, Harold Teska, Dave Schneider, Clair Marquart, or Harry Whitaker. Permit Forms are available in the clubhouse or on the [website in the documents section](#). The rules apply all year, including the summer months! Please be assured that Forms submitted during the summer will continue to be reviewed for approval.

This park belongs to everyone. All the help we can get will be appreciated.

Have a great summer – see you in the fall!

Herb Schultz, Clubhouse Director:

The smell in the clubhouse kitchen is now gone thanks to Mark Wood, who cleaned the grease trap.

We are getting new windows in the clubhouse. They have been needing to be replaced sometime. Thanks to Marty, Harold, Paul and Tom. They worked pretty hard to replace them. Tom also is painting the shutters and doing the touch up inside.

The door lock to the library is fixed and you can now get in there without any trouble.

Donna Birch, Library:

Recent trips to the thrift stores resulted in the following new titles for our library shelves:

On Mystic Lake by Kristin Hannah

The Last Song by Nicholas Sparks

Fool Me Once by Fern Michaels

The Fallen by David Baldacci

The Rooster Bar by John Grisham – “newest legal thriller takes you inside a law firm that’s on shaky ground”.”

For fans of Maeve Binchy – Maeve’s Times – In her Own Words – selected writings from the Irish Times for which she was a weekly contributor.

A Week in Winter by Maeve Binchy – “Sharing a week with this unlikely cast of characters is pure joy, full of Maeve’s trademark warmth and humor”

NON-FICTION – Live From the Battlefield by Peter Arnett, an international award winning correspondent for CNN. From Vietnam to Baghdad- 35 years in the world’s war zones.

Thanks to June Blehm for a recent donation and to other unknown donors for books and puzzles. Don’t forget the children’s shelf for the visiting grands and great-grands.

“It’s not about adding years to your life but adding life to your years!”

An old saying

Clair Marquart, Men’s Club:

As president of the Men’s Club I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all of the gentlemen who have stepped up to help with the block wall project at two properties on Riviera Drive and the window replacement project at the club house. Both jobs were extremely labor intensive yet our men made both projects fun.

A special thank you to Marty Draper for coordinating and directing both jobs as well as providing tools and his expertise. Once again, thanks to the great crew of men here at Oaks Royal III.

Community Goings-On April 2021

It is April in Florida and the weather is simply wonderful! Cool nights and sunny, warm days make a perfect scenario for getting out and about! Now that we are all getting vaccinated, we are feeling eager to do some of the things we came to Florida to do. For some, it may be getting in at least one or two fun things before heading back North again for the Summer. Well there are some things to do, even though many traditional events are still cancelled due to COVID, at least until the bulk of the population has been vaccinated. Remember the Florida CDC says no mask needed at outside gatherings, but if it is crowded I have mine with me and I wear it! Pasco County says to wear the mask inside, so if I am at a fair or festival I have one in my pocket to put on when inside, even if I have been vaccinated other people are definitely more at ease.

Get out and enjoy Florida! Walk in the sun and smile!

Tampa Riverwalk International Food & Arts Festival

Description Tampa Riverwalk's INTERNATIONAL FOODS & ART (Multi Cultural Foods from around the world. Meet & Support Local Artist & Breweries)

Saturday April 3rd at 10:00AM to Sunday April 4th at 4:00PM

Water Works Park, [1710 N. Highland Ave., Tampa, FL 33602](#)

Easter Sunday

Sunday April 4th – Break out your Easter Bonnet! This is the second biggest attendance day of the year at most church's, so if you plan to attend in person remember you may need to rsvp because of COVID restrictions. Best to call ahead to be sure. Otherwise, a great day to call the grand kids, eat the ears off a chocolate Easter bunny, and take a walk in the park! There should be a bumper crop of musicians at Zephyr Park playing music that day, pack some sammiches and sodas, take your chairs and go out and enjoy!

A Bad Year for Tomatoes

Directed by Jamie Bierchen

A comedy play just down the road in Tarpon Springs. Joyce and I, Barb and Vito went to a play here last month and it was very well done, funny and we had a great time. And for \$20 bucks you can't beat the price!

Location: [Heritage Museum & Tarpon Arts Ticket Office](#)

Fed up with the demands of her acting career, the famous Myra Marlowe leases a house in the tiny New England hamlet of Beaver Haven and settles down to write her autobiography. She discovers that dealing with her nosy neighbors is a never-ending struggle. In an attempt to shoo them away and gain some privacy, Myra invents a mad, homicidal sister who is kept locked in an upstairs room but who occasionally escapes long enough to scare off uninvited visitors. The ruse works well at first, but hilarious complications result.

Dates: April 9th-11th, 16th-18th, 24th

9th 4/9/21 7:00 pm. 10th 4/10/21 2:00 pm. 10th 4/10/21 7:00 pm. 11th 4/11/21 2:00 pm. 16th 4/16/21 7:00 pm. 17th 4/17/21 2:00 pm. 17th 4/17/21 7:00 pm. 18th 4/18/21 2:00 pm. 24th 4/24/21 2:00 pm. 24th 4/24/21 7:00 pm

Ticket Prices: \$20

[CLICK HERE](#) to purchase tickets or for more information!

Florida State Fair

APRIL 22 – MAY 2, 2021

April 22 at 11:00 am – 10:00 pm. April 23 at 10:00 am – 10:00 pm. April 24 at 10:00 am – 10:00 pm. April 25 at 10:00 am – 10:00 pm. April 26 at 11:00 am – 10:00 pm. April 27 at 11:00 am – 10:00 pm. April 28 at 11:00 am – 10:00 pm. April 29 at 11:00 am – 10:00 pm. April 30 at 10:00 am – 10:00 pm. May 1 at 10:00 am – 10:00 pm

ADULT ADMISSION \$9.00.

Valid one day only.

CHILD ADMISSION \$5.00

Valid one day only, ages 6-11. Ages 5 and under free

SENIOR ADMISSION \$7.00

(Ages 55 & Older) Valid on any Monday-Thursday during 2021 Fair. Specific dates are April 22 or April 26-29 of 2021

ANYDAY ARMBAND \$30.00

Valid one day only. Unlimited Rides!
Not valid for Specialty Rides.

WEEKDAY ARMBAND \$20.00

Valid for single day use April 22, 26, 27, 28, 29 of 2021.
Not valid for specialty rides. Midway opens at 1pm on these dates.

[Daily Schedule of Entertainment](#)

[Daily Schedule of Exhibits and Competitions](#)

[Daily Schedule of Live Music](#)

Music in Zephyr Park – Sundays 10am to 3pm

Every Sunday during snowbird season, say November through May, elder musicians from all over the area come into Zephyr Park and from up into groups to jam some of the best old-time, folk, country, gospel music you have heard. People bring their lawn chairs & beverages, some even bring picnics, sit under the old oaks or soak up the sun and listen to these folks & sing play songs they enjoy. It is a great way to spend a few hours, and it doesn't cost anything but the smile on your face!

Flea market at 301 & 56 – Tuesday and Thursday 8am to 1pm

Most of the flea markets and farmers markets in the area have shut down. However this seasonal favorite is back! It opened December 8th, usually until end of May. This is what the old Patriot flea market on Chancey Road grew into. Last year they charged \$1 for parking, this year I saw a comment on the Facebook site that said parking was free. Joyce and I have been. Parking is free, the vendors are set up under the tress so there is some shade as the day goes on, but there is no pavement, you are walking on grass and dirt. We brought a walker and cane. You may want take it into consideration.

Oaks Royal III to Host AdventHealth Virtual Health Talk Series at Clubhouse In April

During the month, Oaks Royal III Home Owners Association will be showcasing a program of free health related talks by medical experts produced by AdventHealth. Prominent medical professionals form our area will speak on relevant topics to the 55 and older population. Oaks Royal III will open it's clubhouse to residents Tuesday's at 11:30am for these Noon presentations, that will be displayed for easy viewing on the associations big screen television. Residents that pre-register on the AdventHealth website, or sign an AdventHeath registration card the day of, will be eligible for an exclusive coupon to the AdventHealth Wellness Center Zephyrhills. To pre-register please click on the name of the program you are interested in below. All the programs are free.



[Fecal Incontinence: Tools to Regain Control](#)

Tuesday, April 6, 2021 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm Oaks Royal 3 Clubhouse

If fecal incontinence is keeping you from doing the things you enjoy, join us in the privacy of your home via Facebook, as Dr. Sudhir Kalaskar, a fellowship trained Colorectal Surgeon, discusses the signs, symptoms and treatment options for fecal incontinence.

AdventHealth Flyers April

April Oaks Royal 3 Calendar

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Thursday April 1, 2021. Anniversary: Jagielski, Krystztof & Bozena, Trash pick-up

Friday April 2, 2021. Good Friday
12:30 PM – 01:30 PM Penny Bingo

Saturday April 3, 2021. Birthday: Chris Daniels

Sunday April 4, 2021. Easter

Monday April 5, 2021. Trash pick-up
07:00 PM – 08:00 PM HOA Members Meeting

Tuesday April 6, 2021. Birthday: Marvin Cirks
06:30 PM – 08:00 PM Bingo

Wednesday April 7, 2021. Recycle pick-up
08:30 AM – 09:30 AM Coffee & Donuts
06:30 PM – 08:00 PM Dominoes

Thursday April 8, 2021. Birthday: Joanne Poserina, Trash pick-up

Friday April 9, 2021. Birthday: Jean Pardy
12:30 PM – 01:30 PM Penny Bingo

Saturday April 10, 2021. Anniversary: Burden, James & Janet, Birthday: LeRoy Boboltz

Monday April 12, 2021. Anniversary: Williams, Paul & Lorraine, Birthday: Peter Lane, Trash pick-up

Tuesday April 13, 2021. Birthday: Sandra Hauner
06:30 PM – 08:00 PM Bingo

Wednesday April 14, 2021. Recycle pick-up
08:30 AM – 09:30 AM Coffee & Donuts
06:30 PM – 08:00 PM Dominoes

Thursday April 15, 2021. Birthday: Florence Mitchell, Trash pick-up
05:00 PM – 07:00 PM Farewell Party

Friday April 16, 2021
12:30 PM – 01:30 PM Penny Bingo

Saturday April 17, 2021. Birthday: Guy Engelhardt, Linda Hussey, Phil Gatz

Sunday April 18, 2021. Birthday: Edith Perry, John Vink, Lisa Cooper, Vito Ingargiola

Monday April 18, 2021. Trash pick-up
06:00 PM – 07:00 PM Women's Group

Tuesday April 20, 2021. Birthday: Marcia Glossner
06:30 PM – 08:00 PM Bingo

Wednesday April 21, 2021. Birthday: Bozene Jagielski, Casimir Noecker, Heidi Hayes, Recycle pick-up

08:30 AM- 09:30 AM Coffee & Donuts

06:30 PM – 08:00 PM Dominoes

Thursday April 22, 2021. Trash pick-up

Friday April 23, 2021. Anniversary: Whitaker, Harry & Rosemary

12:30 PM – 01:30 PM Penny Bingo

Saturday April 24, 2021. Anniversary: Hammond, Dale & Sherry, Birthday: Israel Cruz

Sunday April 25, 2021. Birthday: Judy Trahan

Monday April 26, 2021. Birthday: Marilyn Noecker, Trash pick-up

Tuesday April 27, 2021

06:30 PM – 08:00 PM Bingo

Wednesday April 28, 2021. Birthday: Arthur Dunham, Bill Armstrong, Recycle pick-up

08:30 AM – 09:30 AM Coffee & Donuts

06:30 PM – 08:00 PM Dominoes

Thursday April 29, 2021. Birthday: John Weiss, Trash pick-up

Friday April 30, 2021. Anniversary: Glotzbach, Ronald & Janice, Birthday: Sharon Smith 12:30 PM – 01:30 PM Penny Bingo

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