

Gardens of Gulf Cove

Garden Spot Newsletter

December 2015

Presidents Letter

December is upon us and soon the New Year will begin. There has been a lot of special project work this year and the budget for 2016 focuses on several repair, replace and expand initiatives that will bring new vitality to our facilities and to further our efforts to serve the membership better.

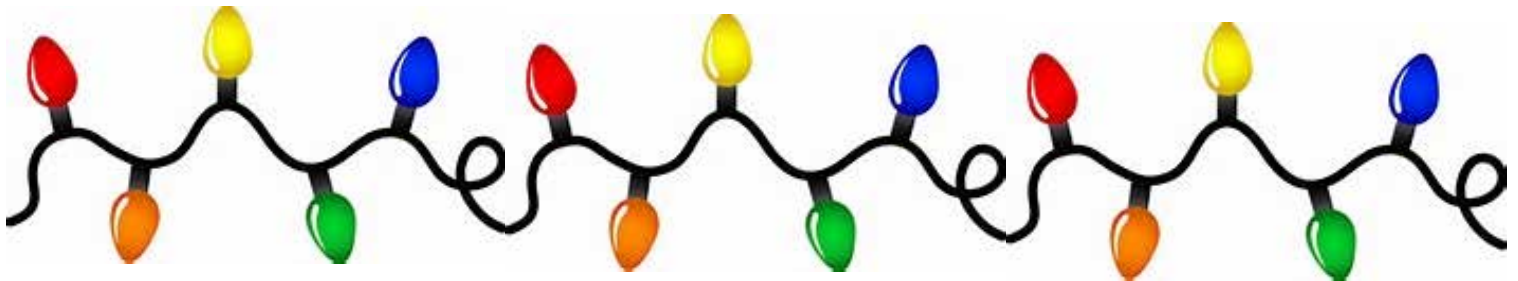
The annual assessment for 2016 will remain steady at \$332.75 and provides a balanced budget throughout the year. It is, however, a very tight budget and will call on the best management practices to end the year in the black. It is extremely important for all property owners to make sure that the annual assessment payment is received not later than the due date specified of January 1, 2016. After that date a late fee will be charged. Payment plans are available but it is necessary that these be arranged through the office before the due date of 1 January.

In an effort to shorten our meetings we are contemplating going to a new Board meeting format that will divide the meeting into one session devoted to the social agenda of the community on Monday night and the business session of the meeting being conducted on Wednesday night. The Board will decide at its December meeting on whether to adopt this format. In either case there will be a much more structured set of procedures adopted for our meetings in order to more effectively conduct the business of the evening.

The Christmas Holiday will soon be upon us and I hope that special holiday will be one of great joy and happiness in your home and for your family members.

Merry Christmas and a joyous holiday to all.

John W. Anderson
President
Gardens of Gulf Cove POA



GARDENS OF GULF COVE POA, INC.

6464 Coniston St., Port Charlotte FL 33981

Coniston Office

941-697-4443 Club House

941-698-9274 facsimile

Coliseum Office

941-697-1211 Rec Center

email: gardensofgulfcove@gmail.com

website: www.thegardensofgulfcove.com

- Pool Hours: December - 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m.

Christmas Day Pool Open 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

January - 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Office Hours

Recreation Center (6615 Coliseum)

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Club House (6464 Coniston)

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Garden Club Dates for 2016

Reserve the following dates on your 2016 calendar:

- Saturday, Jan. 23, 2016 Potluck @ CH 5:30pm
- Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016 Dinner Dance 5:30pm
- Saturday, March 19, 2016 Pizza Party 5:30pm



Management Team

Jack SheehanLicensed Community Association Manager

MARCH 2015 - March 2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President: John "Jack" Anderson
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Yoga

Yoga is in session on Tuesday's at 9:00 am, in the Club House. Cost is \$4.00 per class and is led by Denise Manguse, a certified yoga instructor. A yoga mat is advised and can be purchased at various stores in the area (e.g. Marshalls, Wal-Mart, Bed Bath and Beyond).



Line Dancing Class



Beginner's line dancing class are offered at the Club House on Fridays at 11:00 a.m. and anyone interested in the class can contact Lucille Breen at 941-697-3809 or by email breenb1@centurylink.net. The class will be one hour (not to exceed 1 1/2 hours) cost \$5.00.

ASSESSMENTS REMINDER:

Please pay the amount in full of \$332.75 by 12/31/2015 per Article VII, Section I of the Declaration of Covenants as Recorded in the Official Records of Charlotte County, Florida. If you wish to participate in the installment plan, please schedule with the office staff before 12/31/2015.

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~Schedule for 2015 Board Meetings~

All meetings are held at the
GGC Clubhouse, 6464 Coniston St., 7:00 PM

December 7 Monday – Workshop
December 9 Wednesday – Board Meeting

Pool Hours

December 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

January 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.



Recreation Building Hours

December 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

January 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.



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Website

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<http://www.thegardensofgulfcove.com/>

Community Association Manager Message

Greetings Gardens of Gulf Cove Members:

Our maintenance plans are moving along. Most all of the painting will be wrapping up soon. This month we will be concentrating on the concrete deck at the Rec Center Pool. The concrete lippage

(toe breakers) have been ground down level with the adjacent surfaces and a hybrid mixture of masonry skimmed over to smooth the surface. We saw cut the slabs where the splaying of concrete was caused by the lack of expansion joints. This was dusty, dusty, work but had to be done to make the area safer and more attractive. The concrete was acid washed in prep for a special paint that will be applied in sections.

The super-chlorination of the Rec-Center pool was successful, 25 gallons of chlorine was added to kill off any stubborn bacteria in the pool. All of the atmospheric black algae was removed from the pool surface. Normally, half the volume of pool water is dumped at this time to remove excess calcium, we did that portion of the annual maintenance last month during a training exercise. The super-chlorination will be done at the clubhouse pool when it is colder.

We have been clearing wild areas in the lakes of the wild grasses and cattails, it may take some time to die off but once cleared the association will maintain them. Invasive plants such as Brazilian Peppers and Carrot wood trees are identified and removal has started. There are numerous Carrot wood trees on the Cutler lots that we will remove throughout the winter months.

In December we will be conducting association finance classes for board members in the clubhouse. The first class will be accrual vs. cash basis of reporting. It will be posted on the bulletin boards and open to all interested owners. Each class will take about one hour and twenty minutes.

I am working with the Board of Directors to expand the key card system to open the Rec Center longer hours without staff present. There are some issues with accessing the rest rooms that we are addressing. I will keep you updated on that.

As with the Thanksgiving holiday, I will be opening the pool and the Rec Center from 10 am to 5 pm on Christmas day while a lot of you have family and guests in town.

On behalf of the staff, we wish all of you a very happy and safe holiday season. Enjoy the weather and all that Florida has to offer.

Jack Sheehan, CAM, CPO, Realtor

Interested in selling arts & crafts anyone?

If anyone is interested in trying to sell your arts and crafts at our own arts fair, please contact Carolyn Streif at (941) 204-0501. If we get enough tables we will set a day and time.

Aquacise Class

Fun in the sun. Come join the fun every Monday and Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.

Photo of Ladies day out for their luncheon November 2015.



Did you know that December is also...

Buckwheat Month. Buckwheat has been providing essential nutrients, vitamins, energy, and fiber to humanity for approximately 8,000 years. It contains higher levels of zinc, copper, and manganese than other cereal grains, as well as high levels of zinc, copper, and potassium. From pancakes to soba noodles to blintzes, try adding some more buckwheat to your diet.

National Impaired Driving Prevention Month. The month of December is one of the busiest on the nation's roadways, and also one of the most dangerous. Sponsored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving, this month-long event seeks to raise awareness about the consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

National Safe Toys and Gifts Month. Keep your family safe during the holidays by buying only toys you can trust. Remember to immediately discard plastic wrapping or other packaging before they become dangerous playthings, and keep toys appropriate for older children away from younger siblings.

Universal Human Rights Month. A commemoration of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on Dec. 10, 1948. The need for this document grew out of the human tragedy of World War II and represents the first global expression of human rights.

National Handwashing Awareness Week, Dec. 6-12. Fight disease during the winter and all year long by remembering these principles of hand awareness: Wash your hands when they are dirty and before eating; don't cough or sneeze into your hands; and don't put your fingers into your eyes, nose, or mouth.

Hanukkah, Dec. 6-14. Beginning at sundown, this eight-day festival in the Jewish faith celebrates the triumph of light over darkness and the rededication of the Holy Temple (the Second Temple) in Jerusalem.

Computer Science Education Week, Dec. 7-13. Computer science opens doors for students. Learning even the basics will help in virtually any career. Just as we teach schoolchildren how electricity works, every 21st-century student should have a chance to learn what computers do and how they do it.

Kwanzaa, Dec. 26-Jan. 1. A celebration honoring African heritage and African-American culture, culminating in a feast and gift-giving. Created by Maulana Karenga, Kwanzaa was first celebrated in 1966-67.

Worlds AIDS Day, Dec. 1. An opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, show their support for people living with the disease, and commemorate those who have died.

National Mutt Day, Dec. 2. Also celebrated on July 31 to raise awareness of the plight of mixed-breed dogs in shelters around the nation who desperately await new homes.

International Dalek Remembrance Day, Dec. 21. Celebrate the first appearance of the iconic villains from the "Doctor Who" TV show in December 1963. Their eternal slogan: "EXTERMINATE!"

Christmas Day, Dec. 25. Christian holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

Visit the Zoo Day, Dec. 27. Looking for something to do now that the holidays are winding down? Take the kids to the zoo!

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The Board of Directors
Gardens of Gulf Cove POA
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2015 @ 7:00 PM
Coniston Street Clubhouse

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Establish a Quorum
- 4) Set Agenda
- 5) Guest Speaker, Charlotte County Sheriff's Department, presented crime statistics and a brief on an ongoing investigation within the community.
- 6) Reading and Disposal of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Report of Committees and Staff:

- i. Friends out and About Chairperson, Herman Dahl
- ii. Garden & Beautification: Jack Anderson (in place of Janet Anderson)
- iii. Bowling: Lucille Breen Chairperson
- iv. Shuffleboard: Bob Whitney, Chairman
- v. Tennis: Jack Kyle, Chairperson
- vi. Yoga: Carol Streif, Chairperson
- vii. Audit Committee: Lois Almonte (in place of Janet Anderson)
- viii. Compliance Committee: The Compliance Officer continues to send out violation letters and fining notices.
- ix. Fining Committee: Hearings are held the last Thursday of each month @ 4:00 p.m. Fining recommendations are found under New Business.
- x. CAM Report, Attached

7) **Old Business:**

None

8) **New Business:**

- a) **Passed:** Approved Finalize Annual Budget and Annual Assessment for mailing
- b) **Tabled by Chair:** Approve Process and Procedure to Meet FS 720
- c) **Introduced for Discussion and Tabled:** New Meeting and Agenda Structure
- d) **Approved for CAM and Secretary Arlinghaus to Layout and Build:** RV Lot Storage Expansion
- e) **Update Only:** Cutler Lots, Listed on MLS, Meeting w/ Charlotte County Extension of U of Florida, Report of Charlotte County Extension Agent re: invasive and lake improvements.
- f) **Approved w/ up to \$30K in visible encumbrance's via title search w/ President Approval:** CAM Proposal for Delinquent Collections via Foreclosure
- g) **Approved:** Board imposed fines per recommendations

9) **Adjournment**

FRIENDS OUT AND ABOUT

LUNCHEON

This year again our luncheon falls during the Christmas Holiday so we will not be meeting for December 2015

We wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Seasons Greetings To All

Our next luncheon is scheduled for **Jan 27th 2016**
Restaurant to be announced



December 2015 Calendar - US Holidays.

This Calendar is fully editable & ideal as a Printable calendar. Courtesy of WinCalendar

~ December 2015 ~							Jan 2016 ▶
◀ Nov 2015	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>World AIDS Day</i> YOGA 9AM-CH CARDS 2PM-CH	2 TENNIS 8AM-RC SCHUFFLEBOARD 9AM-RC KOFFEE KLATCH PRIVATE PARTY 10AM. AQUACISE 11AM-RC	3 ART CLASS 9AM-CH GARDEN CLUB 10AM-CH EXERCISE 3PM-CH MENS POKER 7PM-RC	4 TENNIS 8AM-RC SCHUFFLEBOARD 9AM-RC AQUACISE 11AM-RC LINE DANCE 11AM-CH	5
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7 NIGHT EASTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE

Sailing on the Regal Princess – February 14, 2016-February 21, 2016

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*The above advertised rates include all taxes and motor coach transportation (with a minimum 40 booked passengers).

Date	Port
Sunday, February 14, 2016	Depart Fort Lauderdale, FL
Monday, February 15, 2016	Princess Cays, Bahamas
Tuesday, February 16, 2016	At Sea
Wednesday, February 17, 2016	St. Thomas, Virgin Islands
Thursday, February 18, 2016	Philipsburg, St. Maarten
Friday, February 19, 2016	At Sea
Saturday, February 20, 2016	At Sea
Sunday, February 21, 2016	Dock at 7:00 AM Fort Lauderdale, FL

A deposit of 20% of the cruise rate is required to book your reservation. Final payment would be due by November 15, 2015.

Transportation: Round trip motor coach to and from the pier is included in the above rates contingent on a minimum of 40 booked passengers.

Travel Insurance Recommended but not required: \$56.92 per person double inside cabin; \$65.92 per person double occupancy Balcony

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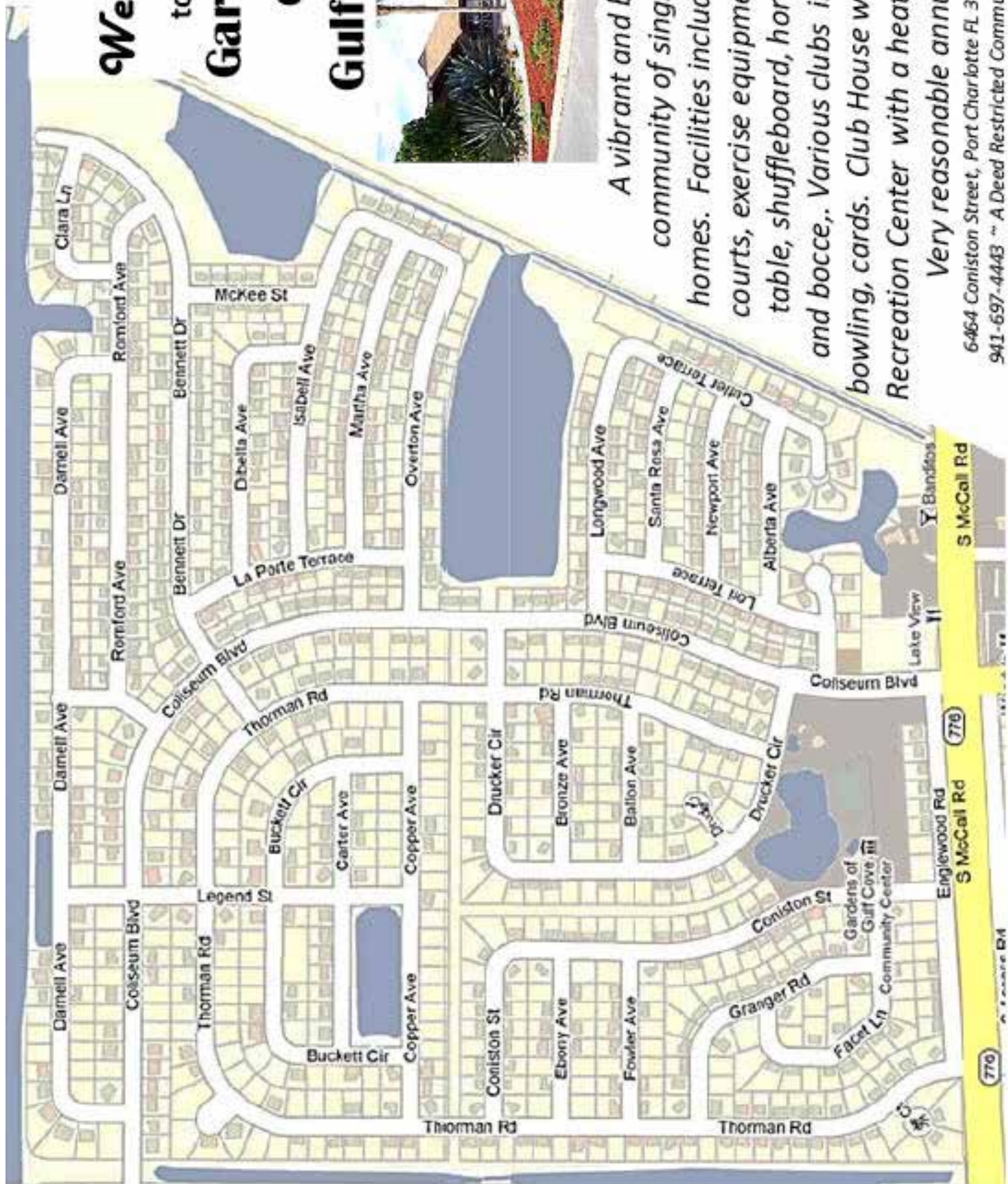


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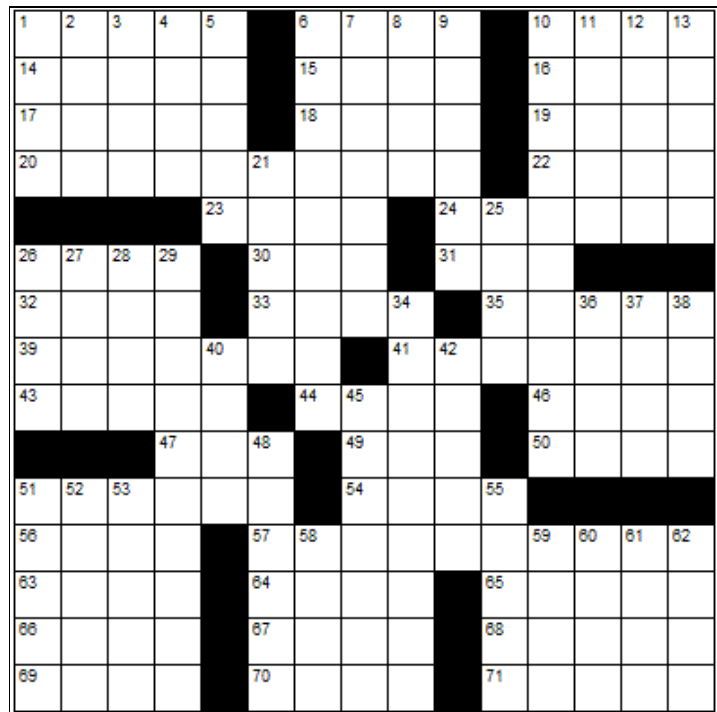
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ACROSS

1. Subsided
6. Broke
10. Male deer
14. Brusque
15. Again
16. Hodgepodge
17. Pee
18. Be worthy of
19. Aquatic plant
20. Long past
22. Backwards "Door"
23. Slip
24. Sacristy
26. Scattered
30. Card with one symbol
31. An uncle
32. Curved molding
33. Cushions or mats
35. Accustom
39. Weak
41. Spoke
43. Latin name for our planet
44. Carve in stone
46. Make melodious sounds
47. Egg cells
49. Frozen water
50. Satisfy
51. Flower part
54. Cogitate
56. District
57. Table linen
63. Brought into existence
64. Employ
65. Female demon
66. Ear-related
67. Biblical garden
68. Catkin
69. Not we
70. Defrost
71. Canvas shelters



DOWN

1. Decorative case
2. Road shoulder
3. The top edge of a vessel
4. Feudal worker
5. Considers
6. Roadblock
7. Unassisted
8. Bristle
9. A dozen
10. Huskiness
11. Bestow
12. Severity
13. Sycophant
21. Relative of a giraffe
25. Send forth
26. Not hard
27. Leer at
28. Don
29. Conjurung up the dead
34. Juicy
36. Murres
37. Lease
38. Border
40. Grotto
42. Not those
45. Small hand drum
48. A song of loyalty
51. Wooden shoe
52. A mutual promise to marry
53. Eagle's nest
55. Panache
58. Assistant
59. Disabled
60. Portent
61. Hue
62. Derbies or berets

December Crossword



December Sudoku

	1				9			
	9		5					3
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	2	9						1
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1	4	6	7	5	8	9	2	3	1
5	9	2	6	4	3	7	8	1	5
7	3	8	1	2	9	6	5	4	4
2	5	9	3	1	4	8	6	7	7
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Christmas \$111
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Dec 28-29

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\$75 in free play, 2 breakfast, 1 lunch

Dec 14-17, Jan 25-28

Overnight Trips

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Jan 26-31, New Orleans - \$999 ppdo
Feb 7-9, Key West - \$579 ppdo
Feb 24-26, Charleston - \$525 ppdo
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