



# Gardens of Gulf Cove

## Garden Spot Newsletter

July 2016

**Happy Birthday America . . . 240 Years and Growing Stronger!**



## **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](mailto:gardensofgulfcove@gmail.com)

website: [www.thegardensofgulfcove.com](http://www.thegardensofgulfcove.com)

Pool Hours: July - 8:30 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.

### **Office Hours**

Recreation Center (Coliseum)

Closed for season

Club House (Coniston)

9:00 am.-5:00 p.m. M-F

## **2016 Regular Board Meeting Schedule**

**\*\*Please note new time and date for meetings\*\***

Clubhouse (6464 Coniston)

Monday, July 11th- Board Meeting 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 14th-Board Meeting Continuation  
6:30 pm

## **FRIENDS OUT AND ABOUT**

The luncheon for the month of July will be held at FARLOW'S on the water tropical dining, 2080 S. McCall Road, Englewood, FL on July 27th at 1:00PM

All residents and their guests welcome.

Please RSVP to Herman by Monday July 25th to 941 697-0424 or [hhdahl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hhdahl@sbcglobal.net).

## **Management Team**

Jack Sheehan .....Licensed Community Association Manager

### **MARCH 2016 - March 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

**President:** Jim Newkirk  
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## **Board Games**

Starting in September on Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. Bring your favorite game or play one of ours.  
\*Snacks will be served. Bring your own beverage.  
For more info call: Cathy @ 941-828-1129

## **The Koffee Klatch**

The Koffee Klatch welcomes new members. We meet every Wednesday of the month. The first Wednesday is a luncheon at various neighborhood restaurants at 12:30. The second (2nd) through the fourth (4th) Wednesday's we meet at the Clubhouse for coffee and pastries at 10:00 a.m. For further information, contact Joe Russo-697-9696, come join us.

## **Arts and Crafts**

The Arts and Crafts will be suspended for the summer season and resume in December. Thanks to all who participated in our February fair. We look forward to new members and ideas.

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# Events Committee

Events Committee being formed:

If interested in volunteering for this committee, please contact Lucille Breen 941-697-3809 or email [breenb1@centurylink.net](mailto:breenb1@centurylink.net)

## CAM CORNER

### WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

You may hear some bang bang going on around the lakes. In addition to this being the 240th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the noise you hear is from staff setting off firecrackers to ward off curious wildlife while we remove invasive species near the lakes.

Jack Sheehan, Community Association Manager

### AED TRAINING

As a part of the annual meeting for material alterations, the owners approved the purchase of an Automated External Defibrillation (AED) device, we purchased and received it. I will be conducting training on the device and its operation for the staff on July 15th at 11:00 am at the Coniston Street Clubhouse in conjunction with the quarterly safety meeting. As with all of our meetings, any member is invited to attend to learn the basics of AED operation.

Jack Sheehan, Community Association Manager

### THE BEST EXCUSES I'VE HEARD!

As we step up the collections process to include small claims courts and personal judgements, owners may want to consider the legal ramifications for not paying assessments. Community Associations have been around for a long time and every possible excuse has been tried through the court systems. Association members who pay their assessments late or not at all come up with some very interesting excuses. Here's half a dozen of the most common, and why it's smart not to use them.

#### **Excuse #1: "I didn't get what I paid for."**

"The common elements have not been maintained to my standards! I'm not paying another cent until some basic maintenance gets done."

"The power was out for three days during the storm leaving the pools shut down. I'm withholding a pro-rated amount from my assessment check."

You have a right to require the association to perform its duties, and various legal channels exist to accomplish this. Withholding assessments is not one of them. Your obligation to pay assessments has nothing to do with the association's obligations to provide maintenance and service. If you withhold your check or pay a reduced amount, you'll become delinquent, and that leads to late fees, and actually makes your situation worse.

#### **Excuse #2: "You didn't bill me."**

"I didn't get an invoice."

"You didn't tell me I was behind in my payments."

Florida statutes and your governing documents neither require the association to send invoices nor provide advance notice of payments due or past due. However, associations are required to send the approved budget to each owner annually and we do just that. When the association approves and sends the budget each year to our members, it contains notice of the amount you must pay annually. If you're ever unsure about the amount or the due dates, just call the management office.

#### **Excuse #3: "You can't do that!"**

"These people have no right to make me pay for neighborhood upkeep."

"If they think I'm paying those outrageous late fees and interest, they're crazy."

Actually, the association not only has the authority, it has a duty to all owners to collect assessments. This authority is established in the governing documents and the state's common interest ownership statutes. When you moved into a community association, you agreed to abide by those documents—and that includes paying assessments.



#### **Excuse #4: "I never use the recreational facilities."**

"I don't use the pools or tennis courts. I shouldn't have to pay to maintain them."

"I've never been in the Rec. Center, and I don't plan to ever use it. Why can't you pro-rate my assessments accordingly?"

Admittedly, recreational facilities are expensive to operate and—for some associations—represent a good chunk of the budget. Nevertheless, your declaration is clear that even if you don't use the association's amenities you're still obligated to pay for their upkeep.

Many of our residents moved into this community specifically for the recreational amenities; they're willing to pay for them because they take full advantage of the opportunities they provide. Even if you're not using some of the amenities, they make the community more desirable and the homes in the community more valuable. If you're not using the facilities, perhaps you should consider whether this community is the best fit for you and your needs.

#### **Excuse #5: "I paid in full."**

Sometimes the association receives a check that says "paid in full" in the memo section—but it isn't. Or the check will arrive with a letter or note, stating the check is "payment in full," or it covers all charges through a certain date. Nice try. If you still have an outstanding balance, we will deposit your check and credit your account for that amount. This will put you further behind in your payments and just cause more late fees.

#### **Excuse #6: "The fees are too high."**

Assessments reflect the actual cost of maintaining all common elements in the community. If you owned your home outside the association, you would have to pay individually for all the same expenses your assessments cover. In fact, you're actually spending less on assessments because the association has bulk buying power, and you're getting more because the common areas provide amenities that you likely could not afford on your own.

#### **Legitimate Reasons, not Excuses**

When association members lose their jobs or become injured or ill, the association board understands that arrangements need to be worked out for paying assessments. If you have a legitimate reason for falling behind and you need to work out a payment plan, please contact the office. The board considers each situation individually, and will try to accommodate your special circumstances.

Jack Sheehan, Community Association Manager

## **I SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM ICE CREAM AND SWIM PARTY**

OPEN TO RESIDENTS ONLY OF THE GARDENS OF GULF COVE

DATE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2016  
TIME: 2 – 4 PM  
WHERE: CLUB HOUSE  
COST: \$3.00 PER PERSON (children under 3 years of age free)

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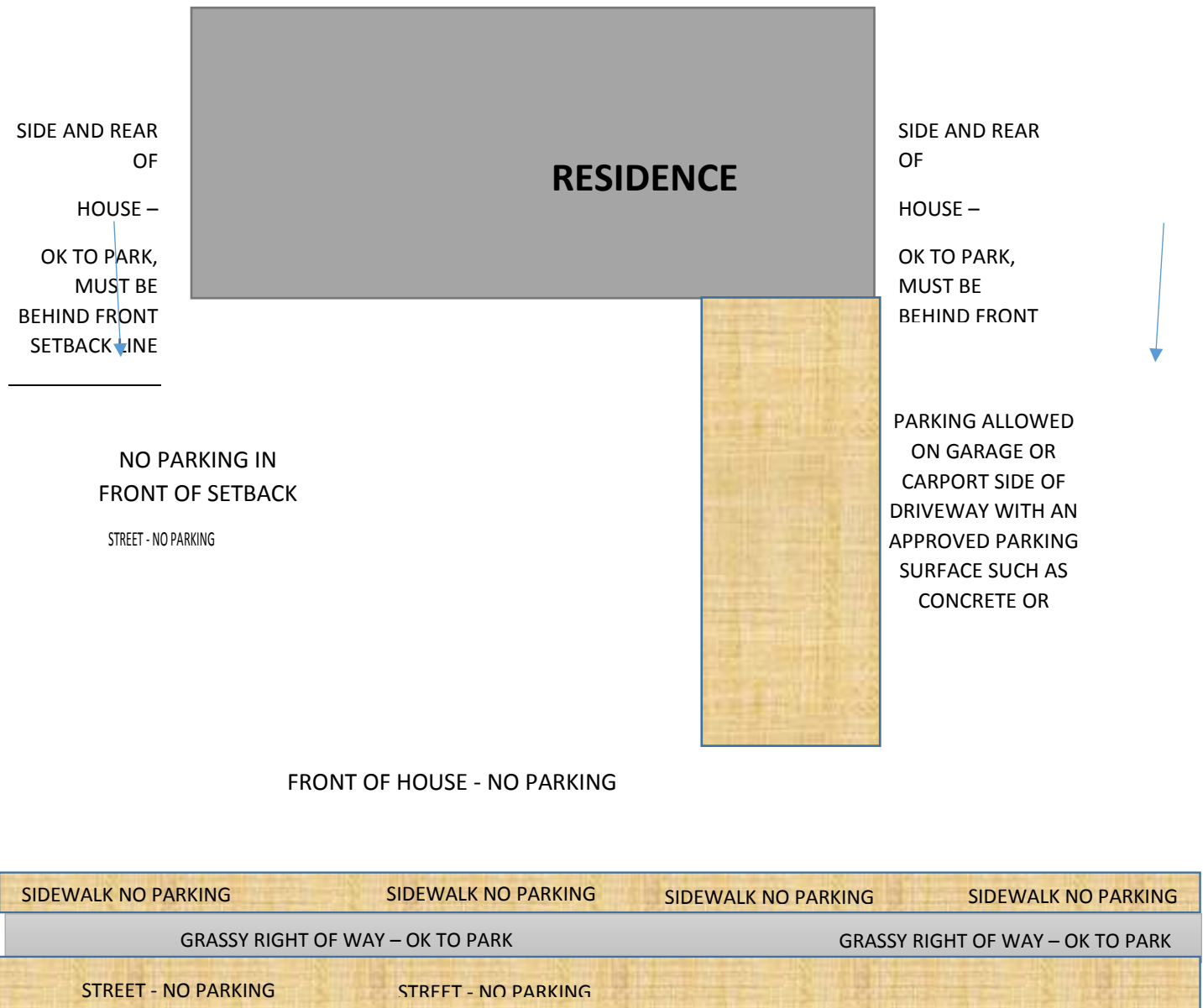
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ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE



# Parking at your Home

Parking is regulated by both your Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions as well as Charlotte County Ordinance. The diagram above describes the restrictions in parking your vehicles. Obviously, parking on the driveway is ok. No parking on the roadway, this creates a public safety hazard as ambulances and fire trucks cannot safely pass. No parking in the front of your home with the following exceptions; the driveway, an approved surface adjacent to the driveway, on the County right of way (the grassy area). Parking on the side of the home is permissible so long as it does not encroach upon the side setback or go past the front set back. The front setback is a parallel line across the front of your home. If your driveway was extended to the back yard and crosses the front of your home, the area of the driveway in the front yard is a no parking area. Service or delivery vehicles are ok to park during business hours if services are being rendered.



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The pressure you're putting me under is too much.

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Sincerely,

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**The Board of Directors of  
Gardens of Gulf Cove POA  
Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes  
June 16th, 2016**

- 1) Call Meeting to Order & Re-establish Quorum by the Following Board Members:

Jim Newkirk	Present	Jack Arlinghaus	Present
Ray Forshee	Present	Jack Anderson	Present
Herman Dahl	Present	Tom Sullivan	Not Present
Martha Vanderbilt	Present	Fred Streif	Present via phone
Greg Smyth	Not Present		

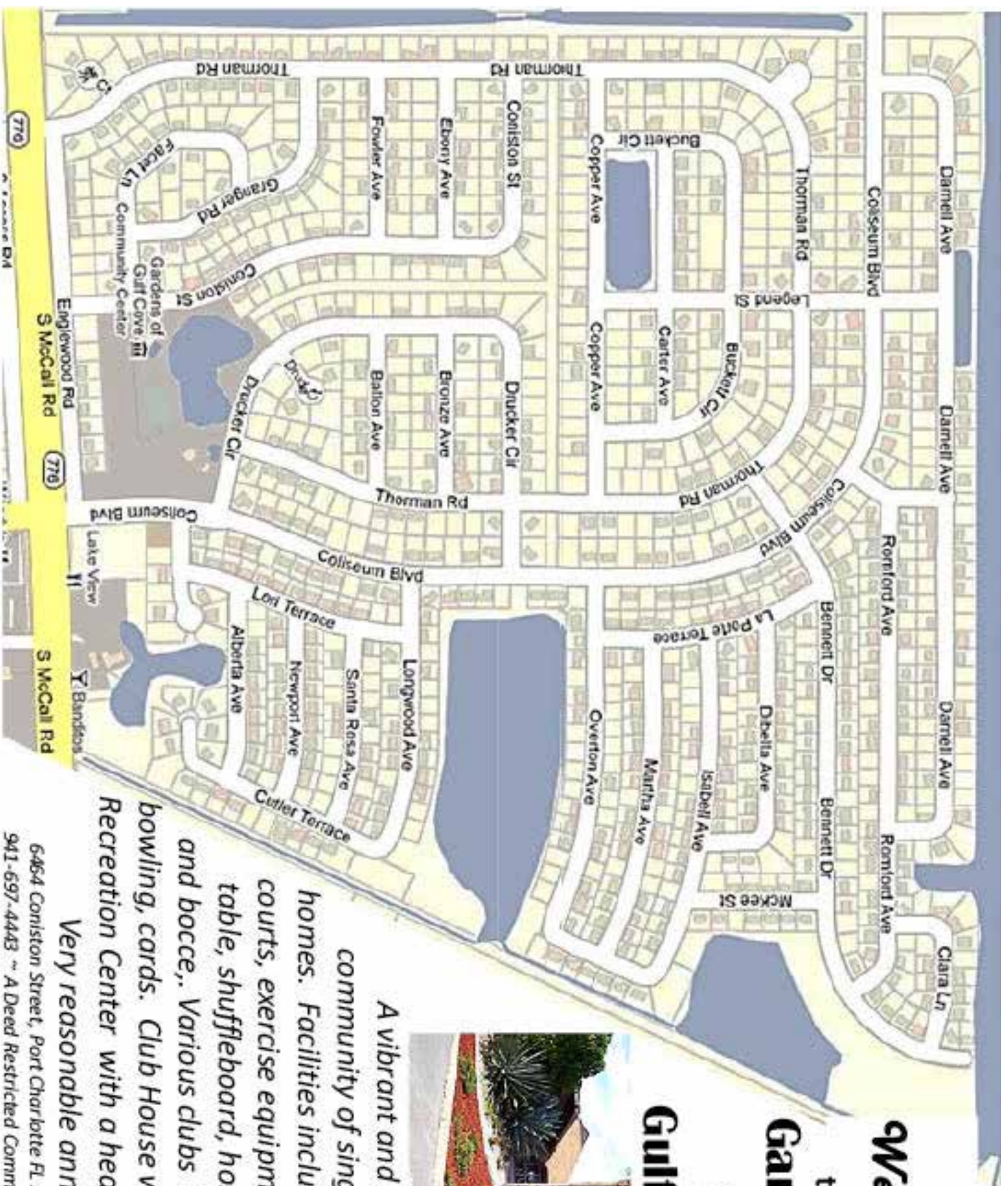
- 2) Charlotte County Deputy Crime Statistics Not Available  
3) Treasurer Report: Herman Dahl  
4) Audit Committee Report Not Available  
5) President's Report  
6) Social Committee Reports  
a) Activities: Lucille Breen  
b) Garden and Beautification Committee : Lucille Breen  
c) Bowling, Yoga and Line Dancing: Lucille Breen  
d) Friends Out and About: Herman Dahl  
e) Shuffleboard: Bob Whitney, Not Available  
f) Tennis: Jack Kyle, Not Available  
g) Koffee Klutch: Jo Russo  
h) Aquasize: Evie Duignan  
i) Bocce: Not Available  
7) Old Business  
a) **In-Process**, Second Quote on Accordion Storm Shutters for the Rec. Center & Clubhouse  
8) New Business  
a) **Presented** RV Lot Design Options  
b) **Approved as Written** RV Lot Rules and Regulations  
c) **Approved as Written** Parking Rules and Regulations  
d) Date to start enforcing the following Covenant Changes  
i) Article IX Section 1: Single-Family Use **Effective January 15th 2017**  
ii) Article IX Section 10: Recreational Vehicles **Effective January 15th 2017**  
NOTE: All other changes go into effect when update Covenants mailed to owners  
e) **Approved** \$4,000 for Bathhouse - Bathroom repairs  
f) **No Objections to CAM's Recommendations** Property Insurance Changes  
9) Meeting Adjourned at 7:43 pm

## **Tree Trimming and Removal Notice**

Florida Power and Light will be doing some selective trimming and removal of trees along Englewood Road for hurricane maintenance and pole replacement. The old wooden poles are being replaced and all of the Slash Pines beneath the transmission lines will be removed. The Junipers will only be trimmed back. None of the flowering trees or the crepe myrtles will be affected







# **Welcome** to the **Gardens** **of** **Gulf Cove**



*A vibrant and beautiful community of single family homes. Facilities include tennis courts, exercise equipment, pool table, shuffleboard, horseshoes, and bocce,. Various clubs including bowling, cards. Club House with pool. Recreation Center with a heated pool.*

*Very reasonable annual fees .*

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# July Sudoku

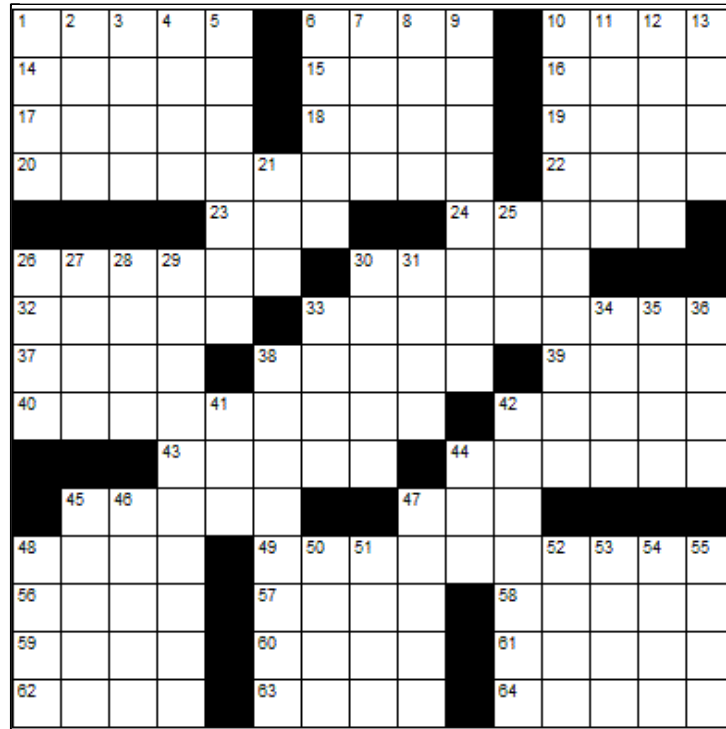
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2	8	7	5	3	9	1	6	4
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7	9	1	8	6	2	4	3	5
4	6	5	1	7	3	8	9	2

## ACROSS

1. Toil
6. Big party
10. Nile bird
14. Not below
15. \_\_\_ meridiem
16. Not a single one
17. Pelvic
18. See the sights
19. A period of discounted prices
20. Plastic wrap
22. Historical periods
23. Compete
24. Clotheshorse
26. The arch of the foot
30. Mixes
32. Interior decoration
33. Ruffed grouse
37. Jacob's brother
38. Lane
39. The peak of a hill
40. Ascribe
42. Danger signal
43. Timid
44. Wobble
45. Incline
47. Male sheep
48. Thwart
49. A written reminder
56. Hindu princess
57. Very imposing or impressive
58. Not tight
59. Not closed
60. Between the head and shoulders
61. S S S S
62. Ringlet
63. Earl Grey and orange



## DOWN

1. Secular
2. Competent
3. Be in an agitated emotional state
4. Elliptical
5. Recuperate
6. Wash oneself
7. Dwarf buffalo
8. Bowl over
9. Genetic endowment
10. Numb
11. A panel or committee
12. Dental filling
13. Notices
21. A mark on a die or playing card
25. Arranger (abbrev.)
26. Bright thought
27. Where a bird lives
28. Leave in a hurry
29. A transparent gem
30. Brackish
31. Tall woody plant
33. In addition
34. "Shucks!"
35. Wound by piercing
36. Pitcher
38. Point of contact between two objects
41. Charged particle
42. Girls or women
44. Bitumen
45. Smarmy
46. Large commercial ship
47. Stones
48. Tailless amphibian
50. Sword
51. Flexible mineral
52. It smells
53. Amount of medicine
54. Utilizer
55. Untidiness

*July Crossword*



# July 2016

July 2016							August 2016 ▶
◀ June 2016	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> TENNIS 8AM-RC SHUFFLEBOARD 9AM-RC AQUASIZE 11AM-RC	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>		<b>4</b> TENNIS 8AM-RC SHUFFLEBOARD 9AM-RC AQUASIZE 11AM-RC <b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>	<b>5</b> CARDS 2PM-CH	<b>6</b> TENNIS 8AM-RC AQUACISE 11AM-RC KOFFEE KLATCH 12:30 FAMILY TABLE	<b>7</b> MENS POKER 7PM-RC	<b>8</b> TENNIS 8AM-RC SHUFFLEBOARD 9AM-RC AQUASIZE 11AM-RC	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>		<b>11</b> TENNIS 8AM-RC SHUFFLEBOARD 9AM-RC AQUASIZE 11AM-RC. BOARD MTG-1PM-CH	<b>12</b> CARDS 2PM-CH	<b>13</b> TENNIS 8AM-RC AQUACISE 11AM-RC KOFFEE KLATCH 10AM-CH	<b>14</b> MENS POKER 7PM-RC BOARD MTG CONT 6:30 PM-CH	<b>15</b> TENNIS 8AM-RC SHUFFLEBOARD 9AM-RC AQUASIZE 11AM-RC AED TRAINING 11AM-CH	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>		<b>18</b> TENNIS 8AM-RC SHUFFLEBOARD 9AM-RC AQUASIZE 11AM-RC	<b>19</b> CARDS 2PM-CH	<b>20</b> TENNIS 8AM-RC AQUACISE 11AM-RC KOFFEE KLATCH 10AM-CH	<b>21</b> MENS POKER 7PM-RC	<b>22</b> TENNIS 8AM-RC SHUFFLEBOARD 9AM-RC AQUASIZE 11AM-RC	<b>23</b>
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<b>31</b>	<b>Notes: TENNIS AND SHUFFLEBOARD ARE NON LEAGUE PLAY IN SUMMER MONTHS</b>  <b>RC-RECREATION CENTER -COLISEUM</b> <b>CH-CLUB HOUSE-CONISTON</b>						

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