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FROM THE PRESIDENT

am delighted to welcome you to the second issue of our community newsletter. There are a lot of exciting events scheduled for the season. I encourage you to go out and join the fun!

We also have wonderful news, Sally is back! She started working at the Las Verdes office in October and we're so happy she's with us again!

Our next POA Budget meeting is on Tuesday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there and at our POA events.

Tom Massey President, Las Verdes POA





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Las Verdes Property Owners Association Board Meeting October 17, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Massey at 7:04 p.m. and we opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance President Massey called for a moment of silence for the conflicts in the Middle East

Roll Call: There were 14 associations present: Aspen (1) Bottlebrush (2), Coconut Palm, Copperleaf, Cypress, Evergreen, Forsythia, Laurel Oak (2), Oleander, Oliveleaf, Palmetto, Philodendron, Seagrape, and Viburnum. Three absent. There was a quorum.

President Massey introduced our new POA secretary Peggy Peltier who is replacing Sonja Nelson who has moved since our last meeting.

Approval of Minutes: There was a motion by Nat DeVardo to waive the reading of the last minutes, seconded by Jim Fogarty, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Diane Andruski read the report as of 08/31/2023.

Total Operating Cash: \$1,391.992.57

Total Reserves: \$1,071,718.49

Total Operating and Reserve Funds: \$2,463,711.06

There were no questions. A motion was made by Nat DeVardo to accept the Treasurer's Report as read, seconded by Jim Fogarty, motion passed.

President's Report:

PIPES- We have four more pipes remaining to be re-lined they are being done this week. One pipe is under the road between Philodendron and the Viburnum communities the other pipes are in the club house parking lot. These are the last of the pipes that are under asphalt any other pipe repairs if needed will be in grassy areas with easier accessibility.

Bathroom renovations – President Massey said the renovations on the two bathrooms in the club house are completed.

He said they are very pleased with the renovations, and we had very little disruption to the clubhouse while they were working there.

CANALS: Vice President Joe Downey was able to locate a company that used a specialized piece of machinery to clean out the canals without being too invasive to the canals landscape. We are pleased to report that all the canals have the same water level now with all the water flowing we can store more water.

Empty Lot: We have been the cleaning the empty lot by the guard shack Willi has been doing an amazing job organizing the cleanup. There was trash. hunks of concrete that was dumped there she had to have trees removed the whole area was overgrown. We still have not come up with a functional use for that empty lot to date we have had a lot of ideas and suggestions over the last few years

Board Meeting Minutes Continued.

none that are feasible. The idea was suggested to have a Condo built there would not be fair to the Forsythia community the same with a villa being built not cost effective for a contractor to get involved. President Massey feels that the best use of the land that could work would be a solar farm. If we could find a company that would work with us, he is willing to try again. The hope would be maybe the Delray Hospital would be willing to lease the land for the use of the solar panels.

POOLS: We have had extensive work done at the Main pool the pipes came loose we had to repair the walls and install all new piping. We also had to repair the piping for the Hot tub the flexible pipes that were used there melted from the 104-degree temperature, we do not know why that type of pipe was used but we did replace them. The pool at Laurel Oak also had to have the pipes repaired there and the hot tub nothing major the Viburnum pool has had no problems to date. We increased the budget for the pools we feel the longer we can continue repairing and maintaining them that it is more cost effective than replacing the pools. We will continue to repair them until we can't, at that time we will have to bite the bullet and replace the pools as needed which will require a shutdown of the pool for a season which we want to try to avoid.

WALKING PATH: We had a small problem with the roots in the walkway we are constantly checking and working on the problem. We just removed the roots that were coming thru in the front of the club house we will continue to maintain the walkways. The pool at Laurel Oak has roots that are coming through near the pool's pipes from the tree by the maintenance garage there, so they have to be removed.

There was a motion to accept the President's Report by Jim Fogarty seconded by Bill Moffa, motion passed.

Old Business

- President Massey reported that the two bathrooms renovations have been completed. The pipes are still an ongoing project. We are still researching and looking for a vendor for a new reader for the visitor's gate for the licenses to be read. We think we found a contractor that will just supply the reader, but we are still waiting for them to call back.

New Business:

BUDGET: We had to increase our POA fees \$10.00 the new monthly dues are going to be \$170.00 a month we had I will go over increases in a few different items but mainly the largest increase was in our insurance premiums' the items in the budget here briefly with you everyone who pays the dues here has been mailed a copy of the budget which you can look over in more detail from your home.

We have rented out the clubhouse a few times already which generated a little income we do want to keep it to parties of 50 or less.

Our property manager Willie is going to be getting a much-deserved pay raise she stepped in and has been picking up the extra work from when Sonja left her position as secretary in the office and still overseeing all the properties here. On that note we have hired Sally back some of you will remember her she was in the office before Sonja.

We want to all welcome her back. President Massey said she is doing an amazing job already in collecting past due fees.

Board Meeting Minutes Continued.

We have hired a 3rd maintenance man so when OGE cuts back his hours we won't be shorthanded.

The topic of Golf Carts which we are seeing more of them in Las Verdes anyone who that is driving a golf cart on Las Verdes properties will need to show a proof of insurance.

The never-ending issue concerning dogs, your dog has to be on a leash no longer than 6 feet there are no exceptions also each HOA can enforce the ruling that an insurance rider is on their policy to cover their pet dog.

Our socials always do well they cover their expenses and make us money so thank you to Diane for all the parties she plans there is a lot of work involved it and Karen for running our weekly Thursday night Bingo game.

We are going to be purchasing a new bingo board, ours is very old with no replacement parts available we have been very lucky to date that is still running.

There was a motion to accept the New Business Report by Nat DeVardo, seconded by Bill Moffa. Passed.

President Massey adjourned the meeting.

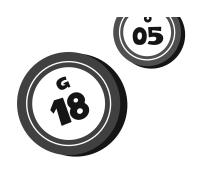
Stan Posner moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Jim Fogarty, motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Peggy Peltier, Secretary Las Verdes POA







BINGO Night

WE WILL BE PLAYING BINGO ON THURSDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00 PM SHARP ON THE FOLLOWING DATES......



November 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 30th

PLEASE remember to bring your own refreshments. We look forward to seeing everyone there for a fun night!

Karen Enrico

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SNOWBIRD EVERTS SCHEDUL



CARD PARTY

Time: 12 NOON

Date: Monday, January 22, 2024

Price: \$23 Members / \$25 Non-Members

Place: Las Verdes Clubhouse A beautiful lunch will be served

DELRAY YACHT CRUISE

Time: Boarding at 10 AM

Date: Sunday, February 4, 2024

Price: \$33 Members / \$35 Non-Members

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LUNCHEON

Time: 12 NOON

Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Price: \$50 Members / \$53 Non-Members

Place: Indian Springs Country Club

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CALENDAR 2023-2024

e wish to welcome you back and share with you our upcoming events. for the new season. We appreciate your continuing support.

Our first meeting will be on **November 12**, **2023** at **7:00 pm** which will be the announcement of the board.

Sunday, **December 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm** will be our holiday meeting. At this meeting we ask that you bring an item for an infant, or toddler, such as pampers, clothing, toys, for distribution to needy children in our area. Your generosity in the past has been amazing. If you plan to attend we would appreciate a response by December 1st (call Chickie at 561-866-0575.) Appetizers, refreshments and desert will be served.

On **Sunday January 7, 2024** we will have our welcome back meeting and greeting any new members. The board will be introduced and dues will be collected (for this year the dues will be \$10). Following the club business **pizza and refreshments** will be served.

Our annual **Carnivale** will be held on **Saturday**, **February 10**, **2024**. Because of the early date we will be taking reservations in December. As soon as we have the details we will be informing our members.

Tony Ventura will be providing the music for our dancing pleasure.

We have a wonderful cruise planned for March 16th to the 24th. Several of our members have booked it.

And to close our season on **April 14th 2024** we will have our Annual Picnic. **Park Avenue Grill** will be catering it and Vinnie will provide the entertainment.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. Stay well and I look forward to seeing you. Please call me with any concerns, questions, suggestions at 609-516-4241.

Carolyn Giovannini



HOLIDAY PARTY

SATURDAY, **
DECEMBER 9, 2023

TIME: 6-10:00 P.M

LOCATION: CLUBHOUSE
BUFFET DINNER CATERED BY SAL'S
COST IS \$25.00 PER PERSON.

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November Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS -

- 1) Three-player card game
- 5) Thumbnails
- 10) "Then it's settled"
- 14) "Little" girl of early comics 43) Bit of defamation
- 15) Flynn of old Hollywood
- 16) Napoleon exile spot
- 17) Jewish month after Shevat
- 18) Sung syllables
- 19) Like a useless tire
- 20) Back fill x 3
- 23) Sculpting materials
- 24) Decreases in strength
- 25) Ancient
- 28) A pair's air
- 30) "Buona " (Italian greeting)
- 31) Cause to laugh
- 33) Scholastic stat
- 36) Back fill x 4

- 40) "What
- 41) Fabled slipper material
- 42) Place of desertion
- 44) Steal gas, in a way
- 46) Follow as a result
- 49) Birchbark craft
- 51) Back fill x 3
- 57) Shot for one?
- 58) Baking need
- 59) Lake that's great
- 60) Certainly not for
- 61) Top- (golf ball brand)
- 62) Move merchandise
- 63) Medical advice, often
- 64) Jazzy instruments
- 65) Ooze through cracks

the odds?"

BACK FILL By Timothy E. Parker 11 12 16 14 19 20 23 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 38 36 42 40 43 44 48 49 50 54 52 53 57 58 59 60 61 62 64 65 63

DOWN

- 1) Concrete section
- 2) African antelope
- 3) Winged
- 4) Traitor
- 5) Group of four
- 6) Deck out
- 7) Sticking points on crows?
- 8) Caffeine-containing nut
- 9) Kill, as a dragon
- 10) Beat in competition
- 11) DeGeneres of TV
- 12) Decrease
- 13) Plasterwork backers
- 21) Addition shape, sometimes
- 22) Dinner jacket material, sometimes
- 25) Fishing in the Atlantic, e.g.
- 26) Reverse or drive, e.g.
- 27) Scottish Gaelic
- 28) All couples
- 29) Apollo letters
- 31) Way, way off
- 32) Title for a married woman
- 33) "Fancy that!"
- 34) Game played with horses and mallets
- 35) Prayer's end
- 37) Like bodies on beaches
- 38) Winter ailment
- 39) Something tested on the vine
- 43) Naturally bright
- 44) Makes noise at night
- 45) Letters from a poor gambler
- 46) Painter Degas
- 47) Not a soul
- 48) Belts, as flies
- 49) de Guerre (French military award)
- 50) Type of angle or pain
- 52) Cut- (short shorts)
- 53) podrida (Spanish stew)
- 54) Fruit bearer
- 55) Make upset
- 56) Cry like a pup

RECIPE OF THE MONTH!

ovember is a transitional month from fall to winter, so the best meals often feature hearty and comforting dishes that celebrate seasonal ingredients. For a cozy and indulgent breakfast or brunch, make fluffy apple-cinnamon pancakes. These pancakes are filled with chopped apples and cinnamon, and they're perfect when drizzled with maple syrup.



Apple-Cinnamon Pancakes

Prep Time: 10 minutes Cook Time: 15 minutes

Servings: 4 Calories: 405kcal

Ingredients:

- 3/4 cup milk
- 1 1/2 tablespoons vinegar
- 1 cup flour
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon, (if you really love cinnamon you can add another 1/2 teaspoon) 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons oil

Apple Topping

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 apples, peeled, cored, and diced 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/3 cup maple syrup

Instructions:

- 1. Preheat a skillet to medium-high heat (275 degrees).
- 2. Whisk together the milk and vinegar and allow to rest for 5 minutes.
- 3. While milk is curdling, whisk together flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt in a large bowl.
- 4. Whisk egg and oil into milk. Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients and stir until combined (don't over-mix, it should still have some lumps).
- 5. Spray skillet with cooking spray. Use a 1/4 cup measuring cup to pour batter onto skillet. Cook about 2 minutes until bubbles form and the edges start to look "dry". Use a spatula to flip the pancake and cook another 1-2 minutes on the other side. Set pancakes aside and repeat with remaining batter.
- 6. Add butter, apples, brown sugar, and cinnamon to a medium sauce pan. Stir over medium heat 3-5 minutes until apples are very tender. Stir in syrup. Serve apple topping over warm pancakes.

Notes:

- Be sure not to overmix the batter or you'll lose that whole fluffiness factor and we don't want that.
- Butter your griddle or skillet instead of using cooking spray if you want to make your pancakes a little more on the buttery side
- These pancakes will store well in an airtight bag or container in the fridge for 3-5 days. (I pop mine in the toaster to reheat.) They also freeze really well, you can stack them up and put them in a freezer bag or another airtight container for up to 6 months. Thaw completely in the fridge before reheating.
- The topping works best only kept in the fridge for about 3-5 days. Freezing it can cause the apples to turn mushy and watery.

Recipe from: https://www.lecremedelacrumb.com/ap-ple-cinnamon-pancakes/

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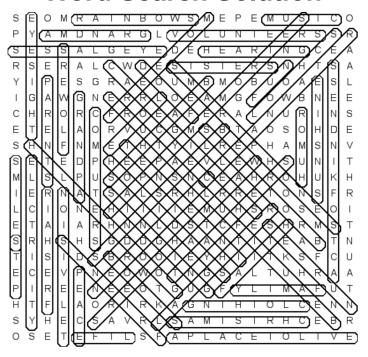
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Each 3x3 square should contain numbers 1-9, when completed correctly all nine columns down and all nine columns across will contain numbers 1-9 with no repeats.

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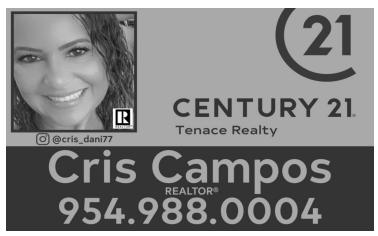
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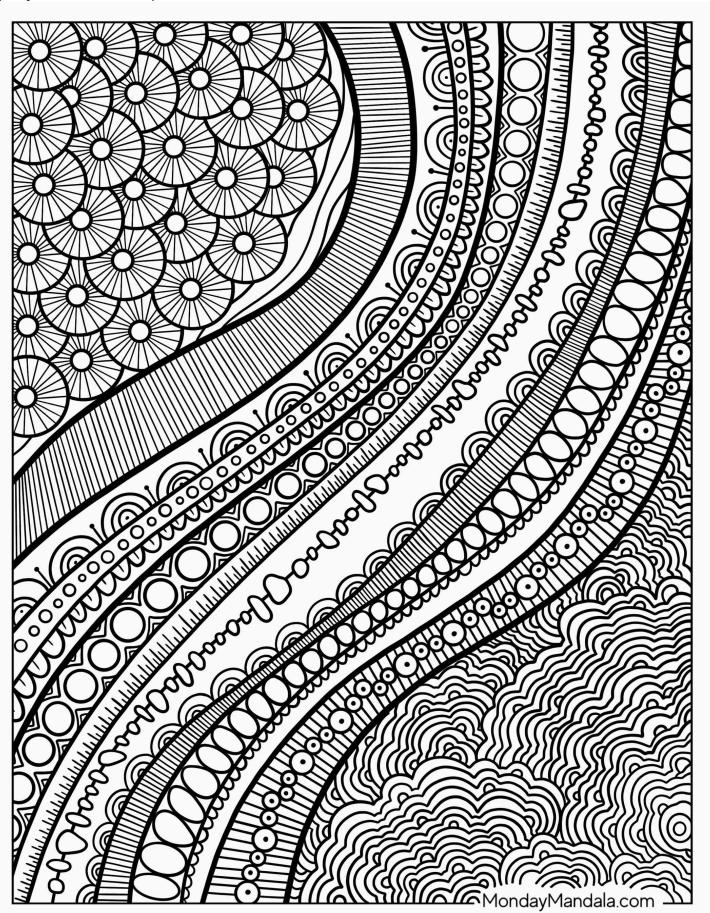
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Crossword Puzzle Solution

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This coloring page for those seeking a calming activity to ease the mind and foster a sense of tranquility, relaxation, and peace.



Explore With Gabby: A Visit to Wakodahatchee Wetlands in Delray Beach, FL

re you in search of a hidden gem where you can immerse yourself in the wonders of nature right here in Delray Beach, Florida? Look no further than the Wakodahatchee Wetlands, a natural paradise waiting to be explored by our community. Nestled in the heart of Palm Beach County, this ecological haven offers a captivating escape from the hustle and bustle of city life.

A Haven for Wildlife Enthusiasts

Wakodahatchee Wetlands, often referred to as "Wakodahatchee" by locals, is a 50-acre wetland habitat that has been carefully crafted to provide a safe haven for a stunning array of wildlife. As you meander along the boardwalks and trails, you'll be greeted by the melodious chirping of songbirds, the graceful flight of herons, and the playful antics of turtles and alligators. Keep your binoculars handy, as this sanctuary is renowned as a birdwatcher's paradise. The wetlands host over 150 species of birds throughout the year, making it a seasonal delight for enthusiasts and photographers alike.

Serene Strolls and Educational Insights

Wakodahatchee Wetlands is not only a sanctuary for wildlife but also an opportunity for our community to connect with nature and learn about local ecosystems. The well-maintained boardwalks and trails provide easy access to the heart of the wetlands, offering both young and old a chance to explore this natural oasis. Along the way, you'll find informative signs and displays that shed light on the importance of wetland conservation and the fascinating creatures that call this place home.

Seasonal Surprises

One of the unique aspects of Wakodahatchee Wetlands is the ever-changing experience it offers. The wetlands transform with the seasons, making each visit a fresh and exciting adventure. Spring brings the nesting season for wading birds, while summer offers glimpses of adorable baby alligators. Fall and winter draw migratory birds from afar, making it an ideal time for birdwatching.



Tips for Your Visit:

- Binoculars and Cameras: Don't forget to bring your binoculars or camera to capture the breathtaking moments as you encounter the wildlife up close.
- Comfortable Attire: Wear comfortable shoes for exploring
- Sun Protection: Florida's sun can be intense, so sunscreen, a wide-brimmed hat, and sunglasses are essential for your comfort.
- Hydration: Stay hydrated by bringing a water bottle along for your visit.
- Respect Nature: Please remember that you are a guest in the habitat of these incredible creatures, so keep a respectful distance and avoid disturbing them.
- Hours of Operation: The wetlands are open daily from sunrise to sunset, offering ample time for your exploration.
- Address: 13270 S Jog Rd Delray Beach, FL 33446

Wakodahatchee Wetlands is a testament to the beauty of nature in our own backyard. It's an ideal destination for families, birdwatchers, nature enthusiasts, and anyone seeking a serene escape. So, grab your walking shoes, embrace the tranquility of Wakodahatchee, and let the enchantment of the wetlands captivate your senses. It's a journey you won't want to miss right here in Delray Beach, Florida.

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