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## HAPPY 4TH OF JULY



## **SOCIAL CLUB OFFICERS**

Delores Holmes, President  
Gail Ford, 1st Vice President  
Mary Beth Schleter, 2nd Vice President  
Joyce Hines, Secretary  
Pat Schuren, Treasurer

## **ANNUAL JULY 4TH PICNIC**

Come out & celebrate Independence Day on Saturday, July 4th at 2:00 PM. Fried chicken, beverage, ice cream & brownies will be served. Bring your own table service & a passing dish. Tickets are FREE! They will be available in June & announced on the marquee. We will also have a flag raising ceremony, karaoke/entertainment & door prizes



**LAWN MOWING HOURS**  
7 AM to 11 PM June 1 through  
August 31st and 8 AM to 11 PM  
September 1st through May 1st.

## **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

*By: Pam Maynard*

All articles should be sent to Pam Maynard at: [fpsocialnews@gmail.com](mailto:fpsocialnews@gmail.com) by the 13th of each month for the following month's newsletter. I would appreciate you writing your information in the email in place of an attachment, if possible. Any questions or concerns please email me at the above address or call me at 740-398-4576. Please remember the newsletter continues to run every month all summer long. During the summer months, when the newsletters arrive in the office at the end of each month, watch the marquee for the newsletters to be picked up in the Clubhouse and Activity Building. They will not be delivered to your home during the summer months, so don't forget to stop and pick up your copy. If you have any special events or places you are visiting this summer or if something exciting happens wherever your travels take you, please share your story and pictures with your Forest Park friends by sending them to [fpsocialnews@gmail.com](mailto:fpsocialnews@gmail.com). Enjoy your summer, travel safely, we will be looking forward to seeing you in the fall.

## **FOREST PARK CALENDAR**

Gail Ford is the person who handles the updates to the calendar. View the calendar anytime and see the most current information at the following website: [www.forestparkonline.com](http://www.forestparkonline.com)

[forestparkonline.com](http://forestparkonline.com) This also allows you to view it in various formats i.e., weekly, monthly, etc. Please contact Gail for calendar changes at: [gailford39@gmail.com](mailto:gailford39@gmail.com) or call her 603-878-1047.

## **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Diana Prittinen 02  
Joe Boisvert 03  
Brita Mulholland 03  
Mary Neidhart 07  
Bernie Waltz 12  
Carol Geppert 12 or 24  
Mary Siegel 16  
Milton Herrick 21  
Janet Irwin 20  
Minnie Owens 24  
Elmer Pollock 26  
Pete Lawrence 29  
William Pucak 29



## **WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS**

Richard & Diane Gallant, 304 Shrub Ln. S. from NH  
Gerald & Sandra Waters, 305 Shrub Ln. S. from IL  
David Paquette 214 Shrub Ln. N. from MA  
Pamela Salk, 5350 Forest Park Drive from IN

## **HEALTH & WELFARE**

*By: Mary Gibson*

Greetings year round residents:

If you plan to stay in the park buildings during a hurricane (AND HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY FILLED OUT THE FORM) please fill it out and return it to the park office. The park is not equipped to house people with special medical needs. However, Lee County has shelters available and will pick up special needs residents. There is a separate form available which you must submit ahead of time. Please call the office if you need to obtain a form.

Also, just a reminder that you need to bring a 3-day supply of food, water, medicines, etc. If you have pets, you must register them in the office, with proof of vaccines & rabies shots and bring a 3-day supply of food. Those with pets will be housed in the Activities Building and those without pets will be housed in the Clubhouse. For additional information, there are free Hurricane guides available at local grocery stores.

**PLEASE FILL OUT IF YOU ARE A NEW (2012-2014) YEAR ROUND RESIDENT**

**HURRICANE INFO. FORM  
BE SAFE IN THE EVENT OF A HURRICANE!**

**YOUR NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CATEGORY 1 HURRICANE = 74 to 95 mph winds.**  
**CATEGORY 2 HURRICANE = 96 to 110 mph winds.**  
**CATEGORY 3 HURRICANE = 111 – 130 mph winds.**  
**CATEGORY 4 HURRICANE = 131 – 155 mph winds.**  
**CATEGORY 5 HURRICANE = Exceeding 155 mph winds.**

**Where to you plan to be when a Hurricane strikes Forest Park??**

**At what level Hurricane will you be leaving your home? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Will you be at our Club House? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

**You are required to have:**

- ✓ 3 days of supplies of non- perishables
- ✓ Bedding to sleep on.
- ✓ See attached list for additional supplies.

**Will you have a small pet (35 lbs. maximum) for the Activities Building? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Will you leave the park? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

**If you are staying in your home please provide name of person to contact in case of emergency.**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have special needs? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

**Wheel chair \_\_\_\_\_ Need oxygen \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_**

**If so, you must make advance arrangements. Please call the office if you need an application form for special needs in the office. This application must be renewed yearly and returned the Lee County Emergency Operations Center.**

**Please fill out this form and return to our office ASAP. Thank You.**

**FPPOA**

**5200 Forest Park Drive, N. Ft. Myers, FL 33917 or email to [fpoainc@gmail.com](mailto:fpoainc@gmail.com)**

**Fax 239-543-0070**



## HURRICANE GUIDE

According to Wink News Sky Tracker Weather We have now have our first named Tropical Storm before the season officially starts. Hurricane season is upon us in Florida, Eastern Sea Coast and New England. It never hurts to be prepared before the hurricane arrives. Keep gas tanks full. Supply could be limited once the storm strikes. Keep cash on hand/ Banks may not be open, ATM's may not be accessible, debit and credit cards may not be accepted if power is lost.



### Important Documents

Keep these documents in a waterproof, portable container:

- Important telephone numbers
- Record of bank account numbers
- Family records (birth, marriage, death, certificates)
- Record of credit card account numbers and companies
- Inventory of valuable household goods
- Copy of will, insurance policies, deeds, stocks, and bonds)
- Passports, Social Security cards, immunization records

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Contact lenses and supplies

Heart and high blood pressure medication

Insect repellent

Itch relief cream

First Aid kits (for home and each car)

### Sanitation

Disinfectant

Toilet paper, towelettes, paper towels

Soap and liquid detergent

Personal hygiene items

Household chlorine bleach

Water purification tablets

Large bucket or trash can with lid for storing water to flush toilets

### Tools and Supplies

Traveler's checks

Battery operated radio or television

Flashlights and lanterns

Extra batteries and bulbs

Lighter or matches for your grill

Extension cords (heavy duty)

Thermos for hot food, coolers for cold

Manual can opener/utility knife

Old towels or paper towels for clean up

Charcoal and lighter fluid

Plastic trash bags

Full propane tanks

Gallons of water jugs and bottles

Can food, soup cans

Duct tape

Generator

Gas cans

Sterno for heating food

Fondue container to put food into heat liquid foods with sterno

Tree saw for cutting fallen limbs

Paper cups, plates, and plastic utensil

Hand tools, pliers, screwdrivers, wrench, hammer, nails

Fire extinguisher

Mops, buckets and cleaning supplies

Kerosene lamps and extra kerosene

Don't forget:

Blankets, pillows sleeping bags, air mattresses and pumps, rain gear, work glove, clothing, shoes, work boots, games, books, crayons, papers, and quiet toys, playing cards.

Don't forget your cell phones, your pets and their supplies.

Plan Ahead and BE SAFE!!!

## Best Manufactured Home Park!!!!



Forest Park was again selected as the Best Manufactured Home Park of North Fort Myers for 2015! Congratulations to Forest Park and thanks to the "North Fort Myers Neighbor" published by Breeze Newspapers and all of the community members who voted for Forest Park

### WI FI UPDATE

*BY: Doug Ford*

Forest Park residence, at the April membership meeting, approved the wifi upgrade to fiber optics. The FPPOA board has signed a contract with ethx for the installation of the fiber and support for the conversion from our present system. The fiber installation will take up to 90 days, after all the permits are approved. We are looking for a turn on for Nov 1st.

The present system with about 100 users is going just fine with the assistance from Jim Schleiter. Have a good summer!

### Use Caution in Hiring Contractors!

When you need to hire a contractor for work on your home (roofing, home repairs, lawn maintenance, etc.), ask the contractor to provide copies of their business license and insurance. This protects you in the event that the contractor is injured on your property. Also ask the contractor to provide references. Get cost estimates and warranties in writing, and do not make final payment until the work is complete. There is a Resource Book in the back of the Clubhouse which contains listings for many different types of contractors. You may also check Angie's List, the Better Business Bureau and other online rating sources. A simple Google search on the business name may provide additional information. Please ask any outside contractor to stop by the office to register and provide copies of their license and insurance. Better safe than sorry! For more information on Florida consumer complaints, visit:

<http://www.stateofflorida.com/Portal/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=57>

*It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy,  
that makes happiness*

## RESOURCE BOOK

In the clubhouse there is a Resource Book which has been put together by members of Forest Park. These are referrals or warning of how outside vendors have performed in the Park. Before you hire Someone, please check the book to see if someone in the Park has used that particular company or Person. If you would like to add a name or business you may do so.

## PLEASE SIGN OUT BEFORE LEAVING

Don't forget to sign out in the office when you leave the park for the summer.

Be sure to sign up for "VOICE" service if you'd like to have the Lee County Sheriff's department check on the outside of your home once a week while you are away. "VOICE" applications are in the office.

## Happy 4th of July



**From:  
Community Media**

## F.P.P.O.A. BOARD NEWS

*By: Bob Lang Secretary*

### 2015-2016 BOD & GM DATES

Oct. 15, 2015 Board Meeting  
Oct. 22, 2015 Membership Meeting  
Nov. 12, 2015 Board Meeting  
Nov. 19, 2015 Membership Meeting  
Dec. 10, 2015 Board Meeting  
Dec. 17, 2015 Membership Meeting  
Dec. 30, 2015 Cut off date for candidates' names to be printed on ballot  
Jan. 14, 2016 General Election  
Jan. 21, 2016 Board Meeting  
Jan. 28, 2016 Membership Meeting  
Feb. 18, 2016 Board Meeting  
Feb. 25, 2016 Membership Meeting  
Mar. 17, 2016 Board Meeting  
Mar. 24, 2016 Membership Meeting  
Apr. 21, 2016 Board Meeting  
Apr. 28, 2016 Membership Meeting

### UPDATED POOL RULES

*By: Lou Smith President*

1. POOL HOURS ARE 8 AM UNTIL DUSK
2. USE POOL AT YOUR OWN RISK. NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY. FPPOA WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ACCIDENT OR INJURY
3. THE POOL IS FOR USE OF RESIDENTS AND THEIR GUESTS. CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 16 YEARS OF AGE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.
4. NO CHILDREN UNDER 2 YEARS OF AGE OR THOSE WHO ARE NOT TOLIET TRAINED ARE PERMITTED IN THE POOL.
5. POOL SHOWER MUST BE USED BEFORE ENTERING THE POOL.
6. ALL SUNTAN PREPARATIONS SHALL BE WASHED OFF WITH SOAP.
7. NO DIVING OR JUMPING IN THE POOL.
8. PROPER SWIMMING ATTIRE REQUIRED
9. THE POOL IS NECESSARILY CLOSED TO ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE OPEN SORES OR WEARING BANDAGES.

10. NO TOWELS OR WEARING APPAREL, ETC SHALL BE DRAPED OVER THE FENCE.
11. NO FOOD OR GLASS OBJECTS ARE ALLOWED IN THE POOL AREA. NO DRINKS IN THE POOL OR POOL DECK.
12. NO RUNNING OR SKATEBOARDING, BICYCLES ALLOWED IN POOL AREA. NO JUMPING IN POOL.
13. NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN POOL OR POOL AREA.
14. LOAD LIMIT – 18 PERSONS
15. FOR EMERGENCIES CALL 911. THE NEAREST PHONE IS LOCATED IN THE CLUBHOUSE OR ACTIVITIES BUILDING.

### NOTICE

The Office will be closed and no maintenance services will be available on July 6, 2015 in honor of July 4 Independence Day

*Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please*



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## EXERCISE

### RECOMMENDED FOR "KIDS" OF ANY AGE!

Please join us beginning in November on Tuesday & Saturday mornings at 9:00 am in the clubhouse for a fun, easy exercise program. Bring a small hand weight or even a can of soup to use to build muscle. Also bring a small pillow.



### EASY WATER EXERCISE

Most of the water exercises are the same as the Tuesday & Saturday exercises, except they are done in the pool. This means less stress on the joints plus we get those healthy rays of sunshine at the same time.



We have a great time exercising and catching up on the latest in Forest Park. Classes run from 10:30 to 11:30 am. Monday-Friday at the pool and start in the fall through spring. Exercises are also subject to weather cooperating

## FOREST PARK BOOK CLUB

*By: Joan King*

The book group meets on the fourth Friday of the month in the Activities Building. Anyone is invited to attend whether you have read the book or not. We are a friendly group and welcome all. Hope to see you in the fall. Watch the newsletter for the start up information.

### GREEN TREE STICKER

There is a little green tree sticker available in the office that goes on the **LEFT SIDE OF YOUR BACK WINDOW** of your car. All residents with automobiles should have this highly visible authorization to be in the Park. This will help the safety patrol on their nightly rounds. If you are temporary resident and don't want any stickers on your window, then scotch tape it there while you are here.



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## BLUE BARREL RECYCLE

The blue barrel is used for all other types of re-cycling such as paper, metal, plastic, etc. This is a separate Program from our regular trash that is picked up on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The re-cycle truck comes on Wednesdays.

## ALUMINUM CAN RE-CYCLE

*By: Social Club*

Please remember to put your washed out, dry aluminum cans. In a bag and place **UNDER YOU MAILBOX** early Tuesday morning for pick up. Please make sure your cans are rinsed clean and **DRY**. Please place away from trash bags. **DO NOT** place plastic, glass or metal cans in the bag. Those go in the blue recycle bins. Money collected for can recycle helps pay some of the costs of Social Club activities. It benefits all residents of Forest Park.

Please place your aluminum cans out near your mailbox either Monday night, or very early on Tuesday morning. To make the job easier, we are asking that you take the tabs off your cans. It takes as long to take the tabs off the cans as it does to run the crushing machine. You take the tabs off and bag them, when you have a full bag, bring the tabs to the Clubhouse. There is a Big Ronald McDonald cardboard house on the kitchen cabinet where you put your tabs in it. Betty Campbell collects the tabs then takes them to the Ronald McDonald House where they sell aluminum tabs.

You are making money for Forest Park's Social Club and if you take the tabs off for the Ronald McDonald house you are doing double duty.

We Thank You for your help.

**Remember to use flashing lights or flash lights when you are riding or walking at night.**

## ART CLASSES

My name is Betty Leis and I am a member of the Art League of Ft Myers and Pine Island Art Assoc. I have been painting for over 40 years and teaching for 35 of those years of which 30 have been in Forest Park.

If you have never painted before and have no supplies I will furnish everything you need to paint ONE painting to get you started. If you find you want to continue with the class you can then purchase your own supplies. I will furnish you a supply list to use and to help you. I will work

with you one on one and also as a group by doing a paint along. THIS MEANS: I paint (demo), You watch, I help you and then I will demo again then your will paint again. We do this until the painting is finished. This will make it easier for you to get started. I will also give you a list with color mixtures for specific things, such as shades of green for grasses and trees, blues for skies, water and etc. If you are an accomplished artist you may paint whatever you want and I will be there for help if needed.

Mediums I can help with are: Oils, Watercolor and Acrylics. My classes are held on Monday 9 to 12, starting Monday January 11, 2016. The fee is \$10.00 per class for new or beginners the first year. After the first year ALL students pay in advance for the whole 3 month session which runs January through March.

If you miss a class we make that up in the month of April. The class is limited to 15 students and I am taking names at this time getting ready for next seasons session.

If you need further information or want to join the class please contact:

BETTY LEIS at 239-997-1880 OR Boomlei531@gmail.com

*People who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do*

## BID EUCHRE

*By: Madeline Preston*

We have Bid Euchre every Wednesday & Saturday at 6:30 pm in the Clubhouse unless there is another activity going on in there. We then play in the Activity Building. We have several new players and would like to have many more join in on the fun



## BINGO

*By: Anne Domingos*



Please join us on Tuesdays at 6:45pm for 7:00pm Bingo in the clubhouse each week. Cards are \$.50 with a minimum purchase of four cards. Night Owl cards are 25 cents. All three Bingo's go all year round. Check your

calendar in the newsletter each month. There is a new addition to our BINGO games. You put a quarter into a "money ball pot." The first number called is the "special number" so that if you bingo on that number, you will win the money that has been collected in the money ball



pot plus the money that is allotted for the game that you won. If the money ball pot was not won, the amount is saved from week to week until someone is the winner.

Come and Enjoy Playing Bingo!

## BUNCO

*By: Larry Tsicountouridis*

Bunco is held on the first Saturday of each month in the Clubhouse at 7 p.m. beginning in the fall. Watch the fall newsletter for startup date.

## Computer Club

*By: Sherrill Wright*



***Recycle: Don't throw away your used ink cartridges!***

I can take them to Office Max and get a credit for them, which is then donated back to the Computer Club. There is a collection container on the Activity room counter. If we have fulfilled our quota, they are donated to a local school for them to do the same.

The Computer Club is a group of friendly people who meet every Thursday, 2 - 4 PM to help each other with computer issues. We do not meet during the summer, but will resume our meetings in the fall. If you have a problem related to computers, or a skill you think might benefit others, **YOU ARE WHO WE NEED IN OUR CLUB!** Please come and join the group. Membership costs \$10/household per winter season. We take a break and have coffee and cookies around 3 PM to socialize. Most members use Windows, but some use Macs or Linux and most software programs are compatible with each system. Each week, we usually have a person show something they are experienced in, or we focus on a particular problem. In many cases, the club can help fix the problem. If not, we can usually define the situation, to assist if professional help is needed.

If you have a particular interest, a new piece of equipment like an iPad or similar tablet or I-Phone that you would like to show and demonstrate, please join us. This also includes your friends and family who might be visiting. Also, if you have a particular need, or problem that you would like help with, please come along and join us, but let us know in advance so we can schedule it for that week's meeting.

Several members/residents have asked to learn more about Facebook. Sheila Fitzgerald has volunteered to run some sessions for us.

We also need people who are familiar with Tablets and Cell Phones who would volunteer to do some instructing

or help others during our sessions. We have connectors for iPads that will allow them to be connected to our projector. Contact Sherrill or John Wright @ 239.349.3827, email - fpcclub@yahoo.com

**SPECIAL NOTICE** – Over the summer, several printers were left in the activity building. Since we cannot fix printers, we cannot take any donations of them. Also, if you have any computers you would like to get rid of, please check with Doug Ford before leaving them in the activity building.

**\*\*Thanks for your help and co-operation.\*\***

## FOREST PARK CHORALEERS

*By: Joyce Hines*

We are already looking ahead to next year's Spring Fling, Sing and Celebrate the 20 th Century! We will be singing songs from the 1900's through the 1980's. It promises to be a fun show from beginning to end. Our director, Marilyn Parkinson, already has the music in hand! We will also be singing at the park's 50 Anniversary Dinner. As always, we are looking for new members to join The Choraleers. We rehearse every Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Our rehearsals for the 2016 season will begin in January. The exact date will be noted in the December Newsletter. If you are interested in joining us, please notify Joyce Hines @ 724-689-5175 or email: hines.joyce@gmail.com

## HAND AND FOOT CARD GAME

*By: Carol Lahman*

Join us on Sunday nights at 6:00 pm in the Clubhouse for the "Hand & Foot" card game. It can be played at a table of 6, 4, or 3. All are welcomed! This card game goes all through the summer months.

***Always remember you are absolutely unique.  
Just like everyone else***

## KNIT AND CROCHET CLUB

*By: Nancy Lawrence*

The Knit and Crochet Club meets every Wednesday afternoon from 2-4 pm in the Activity Building. Everyone is welcome to come and join us for a fun time. Bring any projects you are working on or share a project you have already done. You can also bring a new project to show or teach us how to do. I have a group project to show you and see if you want to do it. So come and join our little group and have a fun time. Any questions call Nancy Lawrence at 23-543-7629

## **DID YOU KNOW FOREST PARK HAS A GREAT LIBRARY?**

*By: Patty McCoy FP Librarian*

There's a little oasis of knowledge and information right here in the Forest Park activities building. No need to hop into your car and drive.

We have current hardcover and paperback books, reference materials, videos, talking books large print, magazines and even puzzles.

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## **NORTHEAST CLUB**

*By: Richard Gagner*

The North East club closed out a great year with a picnic and over 100 in attendance for fried chicken and lots of fun and games. Next years schedule is set and your summer scavenger hunt includes something to wear to a Wild Wild West party, a Mexican festival party, and a Luau party. Let the searching begin!

December's meeting will be a re-gift swap, so dig deep into your closets for those gifts you received but did not want to keep. We will be having a Christmas cookie bake off with cash prizes to be awarded. Keeping that in mind have a safe, healthy summer and start searching for your prize winning cookie recipe.

## **PINE TREE KNOTS QUILT CLUB**

*By: Gail Ford*

Many of the women in our quilt club have left for the summer. The "Left Overs" will continue to meet each Wed. at 9 AM. On April 2nd we had our spring luncheon at the Golden Corral. The committee outdid themselves with our many lovely gifts. We are working on our "Around the World" lap quilts. Our Summer Project is a contest. We are to applique a Flamingo to a background then decorate/dress it any way we desire. Should be fun.

## **HOW DID FIREWORKS BECOME AMERICA'S 4TH OF JULY PASTTIME?**

*By Forest Wickman*

For as long as Americans can remember, the nation has celebrated the Fourth of July by staging grand fireworks shows in public squares and lighting smaller displays at home. Why do we commemorate Independence Day by setting off thousands of small explosions?

Because John Adams wanted us to. Before the Declaration of Independence was even signed, he envisioned fireworks as a part of the festivities. In a letter to Abigail Adams on July 3, 1776, he wrote that the occasion should be commemorated "with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more." The first commemorative Independence Day fireworks were set off on July 4, 1777. The Pennsylvania Evening Post wrote that in Philadelphia, "The evening was closed with the ring of bells, and at night there was a grand exhibition of fireworks (which began and concluded with thirteen rockets) on the Commons, and the city was beautifully illuminated." The paper noted that "Everything was conducted with the greatest order and decorum, and the face of joy and gladness was universal." That same year, fireworks also lit up the sky in Boston, where they were exhibited by Col. Thomas Crafts over the common. By 1783 a large variety of fireworks were available to the public. In 1784 one merchant offered a range of pyrotechnics that included "rockets, serpents, wheels, table rockets, cherry trees, fountains, and sun flowers."

While some historians have suggested that India first invented fireworks, modern fireworks seem to have come to the West by way of China. Most early fireworks were simply repurposed military munitions, fired for entertainment rather than to frighten or kill the enemy.

In the 12th century, the Chinese improved the burning fire arrow (a long-established weapon) by affixing small packs of gunpowder to it. From there it was not long before they invented rockets, simply stuffing a container with gunpowder and leaving a hole in one end for propulsion. These “ground-rats” or “fire-rats,” as they were called, were wildly unpredictable, however, and while this made them less effective, it did contribute to their entertainment value. These rockets made their palace hall debut when emperor Li Tsung brought them before the empress Kung Sheng, but when one scurried up to her, she gathered up her skirts and brought the feast to a halt. During the Renaissance, fireworks became popular in Europe and were used in nationalist and imperialist celebrations by figures like Peter the Great and Louis XIV, who were especially big fans of the pyrotechnics.

Tradition alone, of course, does not explain the popularity of fireworks here and abroad. As with many festive decorations, including streamers, confetti, festival lights, and balloons, people often appreciate them simply for their bright colors. Others may appreciate the technical ingenuity and the choreography that goes into the show. And others just like dramatic loud noises, the sense of destruction, and the thrill of danger. Over time, fireworks shows can bring back memories of other festive occasions and warm summer nights. On the other hand, there are the occasional fireworks haters.



## JOKES & FUNNY QUOTES



## HOTEL BILL

An old lady decided to give herself a big treat for her 85th birthday by staying overnight in an expensive hotel for Thanksgiving.

When she checked out next morning, the desk clerk handed her a bill for \$450.

She exploded and demanded to know why the charge was so high. It's a nice hotel but the rooms certainly aren't worth \$450 for just an overnight stay!

I didn't even have breakfast."

The clerk told her that \$450 is the 'standard rate, so she insisted on speaking to the manager.

The manager appeared and, forewarned by the desk clerk, informed the woman: "This hotel has an Olympic-sized pool and a huge conference center which are available for use."

"But I didn't use them," she said. "Well, they are here, and you could have," explained the manager.

He went on to explain that she could also have seen one of the in-hotel shows for which the hotel is famous.

"We have the best entertainers from the world over performing here," manager said. "But I didn't go to any of those shows," she said.

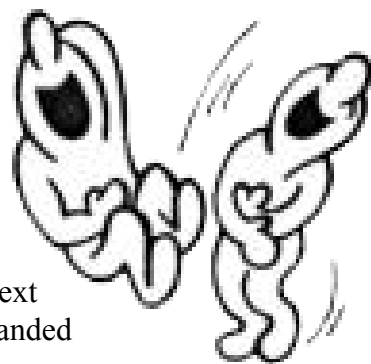
"Well, we have them, and you could have," the manager replied. No matter what amenity the manager mentioned, she replied, "But I didn't use it!" and the manager countered with his standard response.

After several minutes discussion, with the manager unmoved, she decided to pay; she wrote a check and gave it to him. The manager was surprised when he looked at the check. "But madam, this check is for only \$50."

"That's correct. I charged you \$400 for sleeping with me," she replied. "But I didn't!" exclaimed the very surprised manager.

"Well, too bad. I was here and you could have.">

Don't mess with Senior Citizens.



*I believe that if life gives you lemons, you should make lemonade... And try to find somebody whose life has given them vodka, and have a party.*

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## Did you know July is also...?

### Monthly

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an estimated 1,000 eye injuries occurring in American workplaces alone. In addition to wearing proper safety eyewear, early detection and treatment of eye conditions and diseases are essential to maintaining good vision throughout your life.

Independent Retailer Month. Celebrate independent retailers across the country. Support and shop independent merchants all through the year, and use July as a time to unite for the independent retailers in local communities that help build our economy.

National Hot Dog Month. What better month to enjoy a delicious hot dog? The National Hot Dog and Sausage Council estimates that Americans eat over 7 billion hot dogs between Memorial Day and Labor Day, with 150 million consumed on the Fourth of July alone. Do your part.

Parks and Recreation Month. This year marks 30 years of Parks and Recreation Month, highlighting the enduring importance of parks and recreation for the world. From the start, parks were created to give us a place to appreciate nature, exercise, socialize, and have fun—a mission that lives on into the future.

### Weekly

National Moth Week, July 18-26. National Moth Week celebrates the beauty, life cycles, and habitats of moths. Join moth enthusiasts of all ages and abilities in learning about, observing, and documenting moths in backyards, parks, and neighborhoods around the country.

Captive Nations Week, July 19-25. A week aimed at raising public awareness of the oppression of nations under the control of non-democratic governments. The week was first observed in 1953 and was signed into law by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1959.

National Parenting Gifted Children Week, July 19-25. Parents need special understanding in order to raise and advocate for the social and emotional needs of their gifted children. NPGC Week celebrates the joys and challenges

of raising, guiding, and supporting bright young minds.

National Zoo Keeper Week, July 19-25. As the need to protect and preserve our wildlife and vanishing habitats has increased, the zoo keeper's role as educator and wildlife ambassador has become essential.

## Numbers in the News

### Trust in others rises as people grow older

In a cynical world, trust can seem hard to come by. But new research suggests it may grow as we get older. The World Values Survey, collecting data from more than 200,000 people in 83 nations, found that more than a third of people 80 years old or older agreed with that most people can be trusted, although just a quarter of 20-year-olds said the same.

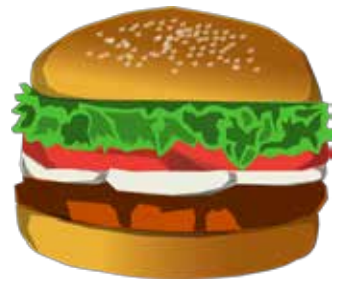
The results were consistent regardless of nationality, gender, education, and income.

A similar study, analyzing data from the General Social Survey of 1,230 U.S. citizens over time, also found that our willingness to trust increases as we grow older.

One possible explanation: As time goes on, most people tend to simplify their lives and spend more time with their families, resulting in a more positive and generous attitude about the world.

### Kids dumping fast food these days?

Fast-food meals aren't as popular among young Americans these days. Data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys show that in 2003, close to 39 percent of U.S. children ate fast food on any given



day, but the number dropped to less than 33 percent in 2009-2010. Calorie consumption at fast-food restaurants specializing in burger, pizza, and chicken meals also declined, although it remained steady at sandwich shops and Mexican-themed eateries.

Some researchers cite greater calorie awareness, along with revamped menu items and downsized meals, as possible contributors to the healthy trend.

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## ACROSS

1. Daisylike bloom
6. Bygone era
10. Doing nothing
14. Rental agreement
15. Matured
16. Mangle
17. Collection of maps
18. Formally surrender
19. Rumble
20. Shield
22. Initial wager
23. Bran source
24. Shabby
26. In a forward direction
30. Sudden burst
32. Crystal-lined rock
33. A guest cabin
37. Space
38. Without company
39. Hawkeye State
40. Gift



## DOWN

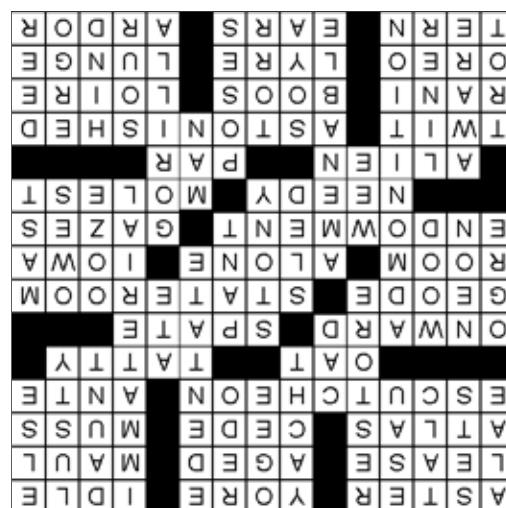
43. Poverty-stricken
44. Assault sexually
45. Extraterrestrial
47. Average
48. Blockhead
49. Astounded
56. Hindu princess
57. Razzes
58. France's longest river
59. Chocolate cookie
60. Stringed instrument
61. Move forward suddenly
62. Small slender gull
63. Hearing organs
64. Eagerness
1. Wings
2. Collections
3. After-bath powder
4. Brother of Jacob
5. Repair
6. Luxury boat
7. Curved molding
8. Start over
9. Without teeth
10. Extraneous
11. Intimidate
12. Vigorously passionate
13. If not
21. Knave
25. Consumed food
26. Monster
27. A noble gas
28. Comes from trees
29. Rebuke
30. Obdurate
31. Breathe hard
33. Sleigh
34. Exude
35. Is indebted to
36. Spar
38. Willing to comply
41. Tiny
42. Big ape
44. Adult male
45. Cognizant
46. A protective covering
47. Models
48. Gait faster than a walk
50. Kind of bean
51. Unit of pressure
52. Not sweet
53. Posterior
54. Therefore
55. Bambi was one

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