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Social Newspaper pilots for Waterside Village
Looks to add volunteer reporters

Anyone interested in serving as a volunteer editor, reporter, or production helper, for the Waterside Splash newsletter?
Drop me a message if you wish to help.
Thanks,
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Waterside Village Community Association Update

Hello from your Sunstate Management Team! Stay Connected! www.sunstatemanagement.com (select Communities) Have you accessed your client portal? Click here- home.sunstatemanagement.com On client portal you can view your account, pay online, view community documents, submit work request, update contact information, view email blasts and more! Trouble logging in, please email lisa@sunstatemanagement.com to reset your credentials.

The Next Master Board Meeting: The Annual Meeting is Wednesday, January 21, 2026, Noon at the Clubhouse.

The January 3rd breakfast has been changed to January 10th at 8am followed by the welcome event. Please sign up at the clubhouse!

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Carol Martel, Social Committee Chair (Updates)

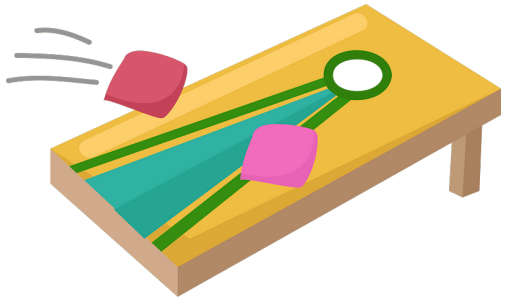
The next social committee meeting is January 15th at 4 at the Clubhouse. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Welcome New Residents - Saturday, January 10, 2026, at the Clubhouse at 10am
This is an opportunity for new residents and renters to hear about what Waterside Village has to offer and to meet other residents. All residents are invited to meet and welcome our new residents.

Waterside Academy, Topic CPR & AED - Friday, January 23, 2026, at the Clubhouse at 3:30pm
Presented by the Sarasota County Fire Company, this is an opportunity to learn or refresh your knowledge about administering CPR and using the AED. It is not a certification class. Please sign up at the Clubhouse as seating is limited.

A Calendar of Activities is included in a separate document. You can print this page for easy access to all that is going on each day at Waterside Village. Take note of the following new activities this year:
Corn Hole, Line Dancing, Cardio Weights and Wii Bowing!

Sports Beat



We are starting a corn hole activity on January 6, 2026. It will be on Tuesdays from 4:00-6:00 (or dark) at the East Preserve Park. There is a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse, so we know how many people to expect. Bring your own beverage if you would like and join us for a fun night of corn hole!

Thank you.
Kim Novelly

Grampa Dimp Crane's
Saturday Baked Beans
By Jim Crane

When I was very young, I often stayed for weeks at a time living at my grandfather's dairy farm. Early on I had some trouble pronouncing Grandpa so, it came out "Bumpa". It didn't matter to him, and he put me to work doing many farm chores including how to harness and work his prized draft horses "Prince" and "Ted". Those work horses gathered many cords of firewood and thousands of gallons of sap for maple syrup.
Saturday night supper was always baked beans and corn bread, made with his home-grown northern beans.

Here's his recipe:

1 pound northern kidney beans
¼ pound bacon or salt pork cut up
1 onion chopped up
¼ cup brown sugar
½ cup of NH maple syrup (dark B grade is best)
¼ cup of molasses
Tsp dry mustard
½ cup ketchup
Dash of salt & pepper

Rinse the beans in cold water, then cover with cold water in a large pot and refrigerate overnight
Next day combine the beans with 8 cups of fresh water and bring to a boil, cover, then simmer for about 1 ½ hours or till tender, stirring occasionally. Drain beans, reserving the liquid.
In a bean pot or 2 ½ quart casserole dish. Combine the beans, bacon or salt pork, and onion. Stir in 1 cup of the reserved liquid, the molasses and syrup, the dry mustard, salt and pepper. Cover and bake in a 300-degree oven for about 2 ½ hours to desired consistency, stirring occasionally. If necessary, add additional reserved bean liquid. (ps. works in a slow cooker for 8 hours also) Enjoy!

(I'm sure there are many great stories and recipes in Waterside Village. Send me yours for the next edition!)

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🌴 Meet John and Norma Curtis –Residents of the Month! 🌴

“Meet John and Norma, a couple whose love story started in the most college way possible: John shredding lead guitar in his band, *Catatonic State*, and Norma tearing up the dance floor. One phone call to the campus switchboard later, they were off to see *West Side Story* - though they quickly ditched the musical for “road beers,” which Norma polished off with impressive skill. Fifty-three years later (golden anniversary celebrated at the Crow’s Nest!), they’re still laughing, still adventuring, and still keeping each other on their toes.

Norma grew up a big-city Detroit girl, while John hails from small town Alma, Michigan. Together, they raised their family in Charlotte - “the perfect small town next to the big town” - with great schools, lifelong friends, and the kind of community where everyone knows your name. Visits to Siesta Key eventually brought them south, but when prices skyrocketed overnight, John remembered a longtime golf partner living in Venice. One condo lead (from a woman who went to high school with him!) turned into long chats, a three-month rental, a whole circle of new friends, and ultimately their home here. They rented for two years, bought the place, and have now proudly owned it for four.

Today, they love the friendships they’ve made in the community - plus the location, the easygoing vibe, and of course, happy hour. John still teaches dentistry part-time at LECOM in Bradenton after running his own practice for years, drawn to the profession because it let him help people while still having a life outside of work. Norma, who once swore she’d *never* teach, discovered a passion for education, ultimately becoming vice president and academic dean, earning professor emeritus, and forming lasting friendships with her students that continue to this day.

Their hobbies paint just as colorful a picture: John is a bourbon buff (Buffalo Trace is the favorite) thanks to his son and recommends the Bourbon Trail to anyone who loves a good time. He’s also a 5th-degree black belt and former big-game hunter. Norma, on the other hand, loves reading mafia novels and knitting - she and her daughter are currently working on knit-a-long projects, including a shawl. As for their best advice? Norma says to follow your passion; John says happiness never comes from worshipping money. And their secret to 53 years? John admires Norma for keeping life exciting, and Norma loves how considerate John is - he still does the grocery shopping, cooks breakfast and cleans up after parties. Sounds like a pretty golden match to us.”

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The social committee would like to extend a huge thank you to-

Donn and Jan Colbrunn and their helpers for organizing another successful Thanksgiving dinner.

Crystal Doney and her elves made the clubhouse alive for Christmas.

Gwen Rundle for volunteering to oversee the library.

Carol Martel and Diana George for organizing the Christmas Party!