



# The Polo Park Press

ALL THE NEWS  
FOR THE  
POLO PARK  
COMMUNITY

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## President's Message

Joy to the World and peace to all mankind. This the season for celebration of life and loving one another. May all regardless of race, religion, color or ethnic background be blessed during this holiday season.

Hello fellow residents of Polo Park. We are experiencing good weather, a bit cooler, with thankfulness.

Progress is being made on the Challenger Clubhouse. Possibly not as quickly as some would like, but progress sometimes is slow in order to do a good job.

Another point of progress is the study of our drainage problems. Hopefully the outcome of this study will prove very beneficial to all residents.

I wish to take this opportunity for a big **THANK YOU** to all who are assisting in the recovery process. Keep up the good work. It will pay off in the end.

Your President

*Daniel Basham*



• December 8

• December 22

8:00 a.m. at BCH

• Christmas Eve

**Candlelight Service**

*December 24, 6:00 p.m.*

*outdoors, in front of BCH*

*(weather permitting)*

*All are Welcome!*

## ★ Polo Park Press

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## Polo Park Business

### ★ BOD Meeting Minutes

*Monday, November 11, 2024*

The Minutes of the **November** Board of Directors Meeting are posted on the bulletin boards of both Clubhouses. If you would like a copy to take home, copies are available in the HOA office. You can also read the Minutes at the Polo Park website, [poloparkhoa.com](http://poloparkhoa.com). Please take the time to read the Minutes and be sure to attend the Board of Directors meeting on **December 9**, at 2:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Church. The **December** minutes will be posted in the clubhouses a week after the meeting.

### ★ Golf Committee Meeting

*Monday, December 2 • 9:30 a.m., BCH*

All homeowners are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### ★ Buildings and Grounds Meeting

*Monday, December 2 • 11:00 a.m., BCH*

All homeowners are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### ★ Rules and Regulations Committee Meeting

*Monday, December 2 • 1:00 p.m., BCH*

All homeowners are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### ★ Pool Committee Meeting

*Tuesday, December 3 • 10:30 a.m. BCH*

All homeowners are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### ★ Monthly Board of Directors Meeting

*Monday, December 9 • 2:00 p.m.,  
Cornerstone Church, US 27*

All homeowners are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### ★ Last Budget Meeting

*Wednesday, December 4, 9:30 a.m. BCH*

Treasurer Marianne Helmprecht needs to know of all projects to be done in 2025, so they can be put in the budget. Please attend one of these very important meetings if you are involved with a group or committee in Polo Park. Please bring all future expenses and your group's wish list with you. All are welcome to attend to discuss what the HOA Board will be spending money on next year.

### ★ Election Committee Update

*Robin Harris, Chairperson, 727-804-2063*

Only three applications were submitted for the three open HOA Board positions. Scott Rapp, Shirley Hosner, and Patricia Hess will fill the three positions. No director ballots will be printed or mailed. No director vote will take place in January. Voting will still take place for the budget and new governing documents.

### ★ Updated Governing Documents

*Dear Polo Park Community,*

We are pleased to announce that the updated Governing Documents, which have been in development for the past five years, are now ready for your review. This process has involved extensive input from the community, ensuring that your voices were heard at every step. Most of the changes reflect updated legal language provided by our attorneys, with a few key adjustments to stay current with Florida statutes. Additionally, several improvements have been incorporated based on thoughtful suggestions from community members. These documents will be posted on the Polo Park web page for your convenience, and printed copies will be available for pick-up at the office. We encourage you to take time to review these important changes.

We will be voting on these new Governing Documents at the January 2025 annual meeting. Below, you will find a list of the most substantial changes included in the updated documents:

- Covenants & Restrictions Changes:
- Definitions added
- No changes may be made to the storm water system without review and approval by a Florida certified storm water Engineer.
- No garage, carport, sheds, structures or RV Ports may be constructed separate and apart from the dwelling.
- No individual water systems may be added without written ARC approval.
- Hurricane Protection Requirements when requesting new installation ARC approval
- Hurricane Shutters.
- At no time shall on street parking impede emergency vehicles or impede residents ingress or egress from their driveways.
- Yards may not be covered with wood mulch, as the same floats during heavy rains and clogs and otherwise interferes with the Drainage System. Wood mulch may be used but not cover more than ten percent of a Lot. Florida Friendly landscaping is encouraged.
- Four (4) foot enclosures, securely attached to the residence, are allowed to keep trash containers out of sight.
- Wheeled Vehicles, Trailers and Watercraft. (reflects statute change)
- No rental, whether initially or a renewal thereof, may be for a term of less than ninety (90) days
- Signs, displays, flags. (reflects statute change)
- A sign, flag or display of not more than three (3) square feet advertising or promoting, in a respectful manner, a candidate for election to local, state, or national office provided that no such sign, flag, or display may be displayed on a lot earlier than 30 days before the date of the candidate's elections or later than 7 days after that election date; and no more than two (2) such signs, flags, or displays in total are displayed per election.

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- By-Laws changes:
- Definitions added
- Annual Membership Dues. Increased to \$30
- The Members will be mailed a ballot to vote to accept or reject the proposed budgets.
- The President, or in the President's absence, the Vice President, or their designee, shall act as Chairperson of the meeting. The Secretary, or in the Secretary's absence, any person appointed by the Chairperson, shall act as Secretary of the meeting.
- 20 days max remove for sending written notice – still must send by 14 days
- Nomination of Members eligible for election to the Board shall be made in advance,
- Any Board member that serves twelve (12) or more full months on the Board, will be considered to have served a term that will count towards the two (2) consecutive term limit.
- Any vote by ballot received after the start of the meeting time shall not be considered.
- Board of Directors Responsibilities and duties. (expanded wording per lawyer)
- To hire a management company requires Owners vote
- Singular, Plural and Gender - clarified

Thank you for your continued involvement in this process. We look forward to finalizing this important work together. If you have question please ask any committee member or send an e-mail to: [poloparkwest27@gmail.com](mailto:poloparkwest27@gmail.com) • Polo Park Board of Directors • Document Review Committee • Richard Ackerman, Marcia Rockinson, Toby Marzullo, Karen Grant, Mary Chaney, Robin Harris, • Laurie Wares, Elise Hersey, Rod Gustavson

### ★ Polo Park Golf News

Again, A big Thank You to Mike and everyone else who has helped and done a GREAT job getting the Golf Course cleaned up. Although the work crews have done a tremendous job, we still have work to do so please consider joining the Wednesday volunteer work crew!! While the Pro Shop is under construction the Staff will be working from a table on the Patio. If it takes a little longer than usual, please understand they are doing the best they can in these working conditions. Your patience and understanding will be greatly appreciated. Do not forget the HOA Raffle. Tickets are \$20 each. The prize is one year HOA dues paid. Please see Pat or Dave Hess to purchase your tickets while they last. The drawing will be held at our Annual Meeting in January. Sunday Funday has started, as well as Friday Night Golf. We look forward to seeing you at these fun activities. The Golf Clinic will be held again this year – date to be determined. Pro Shop Golf Wear – Remember to check out the flyers that Jim Rose has put up in BCH. These make great Xmas Gifts. In addition, LuAnn has added the information for Polo Park Golf Wear to the HOA Website – Thank you LuAnn! Keep in mind you need to order the merchandise from the Pro Shop.

### ★ Reading Room News

Mary Chaney, 313-506-5255

There are a variety of books and DVD's at the reading room to enjoy! However, due to lack of space, we are not accepting soft cover books unless they are brand new. We also do not have room for self help books. Thank you for your cooperation!

### ★ ARC News

Did you know that there are 29 different parts to the ARC Covenants and Restrictions? If not, I'm sure you're not alone. So, we've picked two to highlight this month.

#12: Storage Restrictions.

a. Carports and RV ports are not to be used as storage areas. Washers, dryers, refrigerators, tool benches, lawn tools and other miscellaneous items are not permitted in carport and RV ports.

b. Examples of allowed uses: bicycles, golf carts, motorized scooters, lawn mower with cart (manual or riding), grills, lawn furniture.

c. Stand alone structures are not allowed. They must be attached to the house and be approved by the ARC.

Going along with the same theme,

#10 Carports, etc.

a. All vehicles (mini-vans, pickup trucks, motorcycles) small enough to fit under the standard height carport/garage roof will be permitted to be parked in the carport/garage or driveway.

b. All vehicles parked in the carport/RV port or driveway must have a current registration if registration is required by law.

c. Vehicles must be parked on paved driveways only, not on landscaping.

Please remember, if it can be seen from the street it must comply with the ARC covenants. Thank you for helping to keep Polo Park beautiful.

### ★ Changes in the Delivery of Polo Park Press

Our monthly newsletter, Polo Park Press, will no longer be delivered to every residence. Much thought has gone into this decision. We have realized that not all homeowners wish to read the newsletter, so why should we give them one? They are expensive to print. Last Spring there were a few incidents that endangered our volunteer delivery people as they hung the newsletter on doorknobs. We are so grateful for all the time and energy our 28 faithful volunteers donated every month, but we feel their safety is paramount. The newsletters will be available for pick up at both clubhouses and the Pro Shop near the end of each month. If you know of anyone who wishes to still read the newsletter but is unable to leave their home, please notify Sam or Dee via a text message, email, or voice mail message, and we will make sure they receive a copy. Just tell us the person's name and address. The newsletter also has a small form you can cut out and complete and place in a box located near the office in Boulevard Clubhouse. If you take care of a snowbird's house and usually put their Fall newsletters inside their home, please take one for them. Also please keep in mind that you can read the newsletter or check the calendar at any time on our website [poloparkhoa.com](http://poloparkhoa.com). Just click on the heading "PP Press". We realize that change is never easy but is often necessary. Please be patient as we undertake this transition and encounter some bumps in the road along the way.

*Thank you for your understanding,*

**Polo Park Press Editors Dee Lundin and Sam Harris**

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## Polo Park Business

### ★ Polo Park HOA Raffle

**Monday, January 13, 2025 at HOA Meeting**  
**Tickets, \$20 each**

*Dave Hess, 863-332-9719 • Pat Hess, 863-307-8516*

Dave and Pat have begun selling tickets. The drawing will be held at the first board meeting in 2025. Last year's lucky winners were Sam Caincross and Lorraine Carvalho. They had their HOA fees paid for the entire year! Call us if you would like to purchase tickets and you can stop by and pick up tickets at our house 517 Tivoli Park Ave. Tickets are \$20 each. The maximum number of tickets to be sold is 264.



### ★ Toys For Tots

**Drop off ends December 15th**

*Linda Fern, 863-420-3716 • Sam Harris, 727-643-3969*

Hello Polo Park, it is that time again this year to bless those less fortunate with a new toy or bicycle this holiday season. The Veterans Committee at Polo Park is partnering with The Marine Corps in sponsoring this Toys for Tots campaign. We have Toys for Tots boxes in the Boulevard Clubhouse, please drop off your new toys and new bicycles, when we fill them up we will take the items to their warehouse and fill the boxes up again! Last year there were 16,000 requests for bicycles and only 600 could be given. The need is great, let's do all we can to help needy kids. Thanks!

### ★ Clubhouse Availability

**Call HOA Office 863-420-1591, M/W/F 9:00 a.m.-3:30p.m. Tues & Thurs 9:00am – 2:30pm**

If you need to use one of the clubhouses for any future activity or function, call the HOA Office for scheduling. Our bylaws provide for the use of the clubhouses for private parties. At the April 2023 meeting, the Board approved the fee of \$200.00 for private parties to help with the costs of maintaining the clubhouses. The \$200.00 fee will cover the use of the clubhouse for (6) six hours. Use of the clubhouse beyond the (6) six hours will be charged an additional \$100.00 per hour. An additional \$200.00 refundable deposit will be due 48 hours prior to the event. Notice of a private party will be posted on the door of the clubhouse during a private function. Please.....let's have respect for our neighbors and their families who are having a private function. We're sure you would want the same respect and consideration given to you

### ★ The Polo Park Resident Directory

*Connie Tambling • 863-424-1136*

The 2024 Polo Park Directory arrived in Polo Park later than expected this past spring. In fact, most of the "Snowbirds" had already left. If you did not receive one, please contact the HOA office; they have one for you. It is now time to think about the 2025 Directory. There are ALWAYS going to be mistakes in the current



directory: People move out, people move in, residents pass, landlines are dropped, cell phone numbers are changed, home states or phone numbers are left out, activity chairs change, and misspellings and incorrect numbers are not caught before the directory goes to press. The printing deadline for the 2025 directory will be in late December. If you know of any changes or additions that need to be made, please report them ASAP to the Polo Park HOA Office, located in the Boulevard Clubhouse. The changes/additions are to be written on a special form and left in a folder for me. With your help, and that of the printer, we should be able to get the new directory printed earlier this next spring. You now have the option of adding your email address to your entry in the Polo Park Resident Directory. If you would like to do that, please convey that information to the office, as well. In addition, if you would like to have online access to the directory, please contact me: [cstambling@gmail.com](mailto:cstambling@gmail.com) Thank you, in advance, for your help in making the corrections. The accuracy of the directory is greatly improved with YOUR assistance.



### ★ Use of Challenger Clubhouse Kitchen

*Barb Dundore, Kitchen Coordinator 517-896-4126*

Whenever individuals or groups use the kitchen of the clubhouse for parties or private functions, there is a fee which includes the use of some products and appliances. The current fee for use of the kitchen is 10% of profit up to \$40.00. If you are planning an event that will require the use of the kitchen, please contact Barb regarding this fee. Board meetings and funerals are exempt from the fee.



## Polo Park Business

### Request For Home Delivery of Polo Park Press

**The Polo Park Press paper are NOT going to be distributed door to door this season!**

All Polo Park Press papers can now be picked up by individual residents in either of the two clubhouses (Boulevard or Challenger) or at the Pro Shop. If you still want delivery of the Polo Park Press to your home, please fill out the following:

☐ I still wish to receive a paper copy of the Polo Park Press delivered to my home during the following months (circle all that apply)

October    November    December    January    February    March    April

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please cut this out and place in the Polo Park Press drop box near the HOA office in the Boulevard Clubhouse. Should you have any questions regarding delivery or questions in general, please contact Dee Lundin 716-785-1270 or Sam Harris 727-643-3969. We appreciate your patience while we work through this change.*

## Polo Park's Weekly Events

### ★ Coffee, Donuts & Chat

Will resume soon- check Facebook and Nextdoor for announcement • Tuesdays, 7:15 – 8:30 a.m. CCH

*Ria Treur, 863-399-8371 • Sandra Bradford, 513-519-1865*

Come to the Challenger Clubhouse for breakfast on Tuesday mornings. We have donuts and bagels, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. It's a nice time to meet your friends and neighbors. We meet from 7:15 - 8:30 a.m.

### ★ Hot Dog/Bratwurst Tuesdays

Tuesdays, 11:00 – 12:30, CCH Patio

Will resume soon- check Facebook and Nextdoor for announcement • Tuesdays, 11:00 – 12:30, CCH Patio

*Judy Husted, 231-239-4510*

The PPIPS Committee serves Hot Dogs or Brats, chips, a drink, and a cookie every Tuesday for lunch, on the Patio behind the Challenger Clubhouse. Come for a quick, inexpensive lunch (\$5) and social time!

### ★ Thursday Morning Coffee Chat

Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. BCH

*Vikki Lafontaine, 860-597-2072 • Laurie Wares, 703-801-5961*

Come join your fellow neighbors for coffee, chat, fellowship, and a little breakfast treat. Coffee Chat is free for Polo Park residents. Please bring your own coffee mug.

### ★ Bingo

Bingo is canceled until the reopening of Challenger Clubhouse. A notice will be posted on Facebook and Nextdoor when CCH is ready to resume activities.

**Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m., CCH • Last tickets sold at 5:30. Pull tabs start at 5:30 with Bingo to follow. Bingo Kitchen 4:00-5:30**

*Terry Crosby, 863-256-5424*

Tickets will be sold between 4:30 and 5:30. Come join the fun at BINGO. We look forward to seeing you. If you are interested in becoming a Bingo Caller, please contact Terry at 863-256-5424. We are in need of more volunteers for this position. We will train you and you will only need to call once per month and most likely for only a half session.

**Bingo Kitchen** will be open 4:00-5:30, offering a lite fare menu. Bingo Kitchen is in need of a few more volunteers for prep work and serving. Please call Laurie Wares, 703-801-5961 if you'd like to help.



## Polo Park's Special Events

### ★ Barnyard Roadkill (formerly Barnyard Bingo) is canceled

for Wednesday, December 4, but will hopefully will be held at the start of the New Year- WATCH for ANNOUNCEMENTS  
Donation: \$12.00, tickets available 3-5 pm on Tuesdays in November prior to Bingo

*Terry Crosby, 863-256-5424*

Come play our special form of Bingo and have a lot of fun! We will begin the evening with a special dessert, coffee and tea. If you wish to have anything else to drink, please bring your own. We'll play 60 games of Barnyard Bingo and you may win enough meat for a delicious dinner! Also, we'll have a 50/30/20 raffle and door prizes. Call Terry if you have any questions.

## Polo Park's Special Events

### ★ GOLF CART CLINIC

**Friday, December 6, 12-3 p.m. near CCH**

Central Florida Golf Carts will be here on Friday, December 6th from 12-3pm at the Challenger Patio for a golf cart clinic. They will check battery health and tire pressure on any brand of golf carts at no charge. No appointment is needed. They will also have new golf carts on display.

### ★ Flag Raising • Pearl Harbor Day

**Saturday, December 7, 10:00 a.m. BCH**

*Sam Harris, 727-643-3969*

President Franklin D. Roosevelt called it a "Day of Infamy". Join us for a flag raising at the Veterans' Memorial as we remember this important event in our United States history. This will be the last chance to purchase Basket Raffle tickets. The baskets will be on display. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 8 for \$5.00. The drawing will take place immediately following the Flag Raising.



### ★ Third Annual "Festival of Lights"

Once again Polo Park Strong is hosting its Annual Festival of Lights. This event is for all of our residents. It doesn't matter if you enjoy decorating for the holidays or just enjoy the beauty of the lights, there is something for everyone. This year we will have three winning categories. First and Second prize as well as a "Charlie Brown" category, for those that enjoy the simple things in life. This event will start on Thanksgiving night and end December 17th. There will be five sets of judges out in the park checking out the decorations. Sorry, last year's winners are not eligible to win, but you can bet they will have amazing displays. Winners will be revealed the week before Christmas, during our golf cart parade, that everyone is welcome to join. So plan now to join in the fun... and enjoy the holiday season!

### ★ A Christmas Party! Has been canceled

**Sunday, December 8, 6-9 p.m. CCH**

*Barb Dundore, 517-896-4126 • Sheryl Batey, 810-814-6852  
Connie Tambling, 810-919-9932*

The UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER PARTY with musical entertainment by Tim Hargis has been canceled due to the closure of Challenger Clubhouse.

### ★ FREE VEGETABLE GIVEAWAY

**Tuesday, December 17, 12:30 p.m. BCH**

CARE PLUS will be here on Tuesday, December 17th for a FREE vegetable bag giveaway. It will begin at 12:30 (promptly) at the Boulevard Clubhouse while supplies last.

### ★ Turkey Noodle Soup Dinner

**Thursday, December 19, 4:30-5:30 p.m. for take-out at BCH • Tickets will be sold Dec 2 thru 16. from 9 to 11 am at CCH Patio or call Jenell • Tickets are \$8**

*Jenell Kilgo, 330-592-1651*

A group of volunteers will be offering a Take-out only Turkey Noodle Soup Dinner on Thursday, December 19 at BCH. The meal will include a roll and dessert. Proceeds will benefit Polo Park Improvements. Jenell had originally planned to serve her Company Chicken Dinner this evening, but due to the closure of CCH, she had to change the menu.

### ★ Christmas Caroling

**Sunday, December 22, 6:00 p.m. CCH**

*Shirley Hosner: 541-840-5156*

Everyone is welcome to join in the Christmas Caroling in Polo Park on Sunday, December 22, at 6:00 p.m., leaving from the Challenger Clubhouse. Many residents decorate their golf carts for the holidays and we have two groups of carts heading in opposite directions in order to cover the entire park. It is a very joyous occasion! Refreshments will be provided after caroling at CCH if it is reopened by then.

### ★ Free Rock 'N Roll show featuring Quentin Flagg

**Saturday, December 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m. CCH, doors open at 6:00 (provided CCH has reopened) • Sign up sheet in Boulevard Club House by December 27 to reserve your seat**

*Carol Aldrich*

Carol and Barb are bringing back High Energy Rock n Roller Quentin Flagg for another fun filled FREE evening of entertainment. Quentin will be singing the hits you love from the '50s and '60s as he has performed on cruise ships, overseas, all over the U.S. Get ready to dance and clap along. There will be line dancing during intermissions. A split raffle will be held also. Bring your favorite snacks and beverages. Sign up soon! This is a free event, but tips will be gratefully accepted.

### ★ Poker Run

**Sunday, December 8, 3:00 p.m. CCH patio  
\$5 per person**

*Marletta Frantal 863-420-3317 • Emma Vallaire 810-397-8183*

Come to the Challenger Clubhouse Patio at 3:00 on Sunday afternoon December 8th. The forms are \$5 each. Travel to five different houses, either by golf cart or auto, and draw a card at each house. You may also purchase a sixth card at the clubhouse for \$1 extra. Fifty percent of the proceeds is divided among the three top poker hands. There's a booby prize for the lowest hand. Please call Marletta ASAP if you would like to volunteer as one of the five stations. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated! These poker runs have been a lot of fun and maybe you'll be a lucky winner!

## Polo Park Future Events

### ★ The Dukes

**Saturday, January 11, 7:00-9:00 p.m. CCH (hopefully)**  
Doors open at 6:30 • Tickets \$20. Tickets will not go on sale until we are sure CCH will be open for this event. Watch Polo Park Facebook and Nextdoor for the latest announcements

*Marianne Helmprecht, 631-672-1418*

The Pool Committee is sponsoring The Dukes. The Dukes keep the music of the 50's and 60's alive by singing their unique blend of Doo Wop and Rock & Roll. BYOB and snacks to enjoy while listening. 50/50 raffle too! This is going to be an awesome night!

### ★ ANNUAL COOKIE SOCIAL TO WELCOME NEW HOMEOWNERS

**Sunday, January 12, from 1-3 pm, CCH (hopefully)**  
Sponsored by The Welcome Committee

*Marcia Rockinson at 863-420-0345.*

The Welcome Committee will be hosting its annual Cookie Social on Sunday, January 12, from 1-3pm in the Challenger Clubhouse. The purpose of the Cookie Social is to WELCOME all of our new neighbors who have moved into Polo Park this past year. Most of our activities will have representatives available to answer your questions. This is a fantastic opportunity to find out what goes on in Polo Park and to get involved! EVERYONE is welcome to attend, make some new friends and of course enjoy some delicious cookies. For more information please contact Marcia Rockinson at 863-420-0345.

### ★ ATTENTION ALL ACTIVITIES CHAIRPERSONS

If you would like to host a table to highlight your activity during the Welcome Committee Cookie Social on January 12, please contact: Marcia Rockinson at 863-420-0345 or Toby Marzullo at 863-424-1933. This is a great opportunity to introduce your activity to ALL your neighbors!

### ★ Marathon Bingo

**Saturday, January 18, 7:30 a.m. at CCH (hopefully)**  
Tickets \$40, call Terry or Rose

*Terry Crosby, 863-256-5424 • Rose Ryback, 407-394-6821*

Join us for a day of fun, raffles, instant bingo, and lots of bingo games! Games start at 9:00 a.m. The cost of \$40 includes lunch, which will be lasagna. Please call Terry or Rose to buy your ticket.

### ★ Polo Park Business Expo

**Monday, January 20, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. CCH**

*Marcia Rockinson, 863-420-0345 • Karen Grant, 401-486-4224*  
Polo Park will be hosting its **ANNUAL BUSINESS EXPO** on Monday, January 20, from 11-1:30 in the Challenger Clubhouse. There will be 20+ local businesses represented to help improve your home and life. **FREE** \$25 gift card drawings every 1/2 hour **FREE** admission **FREE** tote bags to the first 100 families. Given by POLO PARK STRONG. Lunch will be available for purchase. Come join us for an informative and fun afternoon.

### ★ PPIPS Annual Dinner Dance A Snow Ball

**Saturday, January 25, 6:00 p.m. CCH • Tickets \$22 at CCH Patio starting January 2nd until sold out**

*Denise Lundin, Dinner Dance Chairperson, 716-785-1270*  
*Denise Lundin, Ticket Sales/Seating, text 716-785-1270*

As anyone will tell you, the PPIPs Annual January Dinner Dance is an event that never disappoints. Remember last year's Groovy Disco Party? The Tailgate Party? The Roaring Twenties Party? Hooray for Hollywood? The Love Boat? This year's party will have a Wintery January theme. Most of us remember very well how pretty that first snowfall is, how to build a snowman, and have a snowball fight. We promise to take you back to that for one fun filled evening. Feel free to interpret this theme any way you wish to. Maybe you'd like to wear an elegant white dress. Maybe you'd like to wear a knit hat, scarf, and mittens. Maybe you have an old snowman costume from Halloween 20 years ago. Of course there is no need for any special attire. We just know that some people love to dress for the theme of these parties, so these are just some suggestions. Linda Bailey and Kelly Ferry will be overseeing the Photo Booth again. The same band that played last year, The Mixx, will be playing again this year. Jenell Kilgo is planning to serve one of her specialties- Company Chicken. We will be serving coffee and tea. Of course you are free to bring whatever you usually like to drink. We will also have a basket raffle and a 50/30/20 drawing. Tickets will go on sale January 2nd.. This event sells out very quickly every year, so don't hesitate to buy your tickets. At this event, we have assigned seating so when you buy your tickets, tell us the names of your friends so we can put you all together.



### ★ WINTER GAMES 2025

*Jerry Braden, 703- 881- 2689*

Winter is coming, and so are the Winter Games. The first event starts on January 27th and ends with our luncheon on March 1st., where awards will be presented. Due to inflation, the cost is \$20.00 per person, which includes all the games and the award luncheon. Winter games are for everyone to come out, have fun, and make new friends. There are many different cards, dominoes, and outdoor activities. Sign up sheets will be available starting December 16th at BCH. Come sign up and join the fun.

### ★ THANK YOU POLO PARK

**Polo Park Strong's Community Bake Sale**

Thank you to all of the Polo Park residents who came out to support our Annual Bake Sale. We have learned over the years to be flexible when Mother Nature changes our plans and to never say "never". With the support of all the amazing bakers and our shoppers, we were once again able to have an extremely successful event. A special Thank You to our Polo Park Strong Bake Sale Team, who jumped right in and made it all happen. All proceeds from this event will be used in the beautification of Polo Park.



## Clubs And Groups

Polo Park has many different Clubs and Game Groups which meet on a regular basis. A couple of clubs will be highlighted each month. A listing of all clubs, with contact numbers, can be found on page 5 of the Resident Directory. Please refer to the Daily Activity Schedule in this newsletter for meeting times.

### ★ Polo-Ettes

**Wednesday, December 4, 10:30 CCH Patio**

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Poloettes will meet on Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 10:45am at CCH Patio. Lunch will be at Amores Restaurant on US27 near Clermont. Sign up sheet is in Boulevard Club House or call Marian Larson at 616-292-8606. If you sign up & find out you won't be able to come, please call Marian to cancel.

### ★ Quilting Group

**Friday, 1:00 CCH (temporarily at BCH)**

*Terri Manko, 863-424-4323 • Jeanne Martin, 931-561-1233*

Interested in sewing/quilting or just want to meet others who are? Please come join the Polo Park Quilters at the Boulevard Clubhouse at 1:00 pm. on Fridays. We are eager to meet other sewers/quilters and share our experiences and knowledge. We usually have nice projects to show. *See you there!*

### ★ Artist Circle

**First Monday, 4-6 p.m. BCH**

*Kevin Delaney, 407-446-4608 • Anne Stadler, 813-326-0040*

This Artist Circle will be limited to only artists & their spouses/partners. The artists that are warmly welcomed include painters,

### ★ PPIPS (Polo Park Improvement Projects)

**Friday, December 13, 11:30 a.m. BCH**

*Brenda Reynolds, 330-831-3317*

The PPIPS Committee oversees many fundraising activities in Polo Park. Recently, our profits have funded the new lighting system in Challenger Clubhouse, Bocce Courts, Golf Course mulch and exterior lighting at Challenger Club House, just to name a few examples. Many other smaller projects are funded when needed. The PPIPS Committee is always looking for volunteers for our functions. PPIPS sponsors Poker Runs, Tuesday Hot Dogs, and Tuesday Coffee, Donuts, and Chat, and Breakfast before the Holiday Craft Show. In January every year, we put on a terrific dinner dance. This year our theme will be A Snow Ball and will be taking place on Saturday, January 25, 2025. With all of that, you can see why we need volunteers! Join us, meet lots of friends and help out Polo Park. Volunteers help to keep our annual HOA dues at their low level. PPIPS will have a meeting on Friday, December 13th at 11:30 at the Boulevard Clubhouse. Come to this meeting, especially if you are new to Polo Park. We would love to meet you and we can use your help!

photographers, musicians, dancers, singers, poets, writers, performers, gardeners, homemade crafts, and creative homemade cooks. You can be of any experience level -beginner or better. It's potluck so bring your favorite dish and a sample of your creative outlet to share.

## Physical Fitness And Sports

Polo Park has many different ways to keep fit and have fun. A couple of sports and/or fitness groups will be highlighted each month. A listing of all organized sports, with contact numbers, can be found on page 5 of the Resident Directory. Please refer to the Daily Activity Schedule in this newsletter for meeting times.

### ★ Funday Friday Golf (formerly Couples Golf)

**Fridays at 3:00 p.m. • Please arrive by 2:45 p.m.**

Join us for Funday Fridays Golf every Friday afternoon at 3:00 (please arrive a minimum of 15 minutes earlier to allow time for teams to be set up). This is a scramble, so novice golfers are welcome to participate. You do not need to be a married couple to participate. Singles are more than welcome. Singles will be paired up with other singles- just remember to arrive early! Couples rotate the responsibility of collecting money, making up teams and making reservations for dinner weekly. If you haven't volunteered to do the Friday golf, please don't hesitate; there is always someone to assist. After Friday golf, plan on going out for dinner, followed by card games at the clubhouse at 7:00. Fridays are the best!

### ★ Horseshoe Club

**Mondays, 10:00 a.m.**

**Tournament: Friday, December 6, 9:00 a.m.**

*Bob Merritt, 717-599-6491*

Horseshoes are played every Monday at 10:00 a.m. through the end of March. The first tournament of the fall season will be held here on December 6. Tournaments will also be held January 17, and March 7. The start time is always 9:00 a.m. We will be in need of scorekeepers. If you are available and know how to keep tournament scores, please be there before 9:00 a.m. (We may have to have a refresher course).

### ★ Water Volleyball

**Sundays, 1:00 p.m. CCH Pool**

*Tony Mahoney, 269-579-8910*

Come join the fun at the pool on Sunday afternoons. We'd love to have you join us!

## Volunteer Opportunities

### ★ Wednesday Golf Course Maintenance

**Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. • Mike Wright, 419-303-6383**

Every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., volunteers meet at the Pro Shop

To do light work on the golf course for a couple of hours. Some of the things we do are laying sod, trimming tree branches, putting stakes in the ground with rope to keep carts on the cart path. If you enjoy doing this type of work, please join us!

## Volunteer Opportunities

### ★ Well of Hope Food Bank

Mira Haack • 863-604-0896

The Chapel continues to support the Well of Hope Food Bank with financial donations – NOT FOOD. The need has become great for families and with the addition of seniors also needing help. Anyone interested in helping us support this with financial donations, call Mira Haack at 863-604-0896. Thank you!

### ★ Care Bears

Gloria Gabrielse • 616-723-3976

The Care Bears program sends cards to residents during an illness or after a death. If you know of an illness or want to report a death, please contact Gloria. Thank you.



## Volunteer Spotlight



### ★ Polo Park Strong's Bake Sale Team ★

In every corner of the world, there are individuals whose simple acts of kindness and generosity ripple outward, creating positive change in the lives of others. In our community, one group has done just that—through flour, sugar, and a whole lot of love. We're talking about the tireless volunteers behind Polo Park Strong's Bake Sale Team, a collective of local bakers, neighbors, and friends who have become a symbol of collaboration, compassion, and sweet treats.

The group's origins can be traced back to a simple idea: to raise funds for local causes while spreading joy through homemade desserts. What began as a modest bake sale has now become a beloved community tradition, held once or twice a year and eagerly anticipated by locals. The secret to the group's success is more than

just their delicious pastries—it's the spirit of togetherness they embody. Led by Lynda Poteracki, the Bake Sale Team is a true community effort, with volunteers contributing everything from cakes, cookies, and pies to bread and savory snacks.

Behind every cookie, brownie, and loaf of bread is a dedicated volunteer who believes in the power of community. Many of the group's volunteers have been with the bake sale since its inception, while others join in as newcomers eager to lend their support.

To the volunteers, bakers, and supporters of the Polo Park Bake Sale Group: thank you. Your passion, generosity, and hard work don't just fill stomachs; they fill hearts. You are a shining example of what it means to come together in support of one another, and your efforts have made this community a sweeter, stronger place.

## Travel

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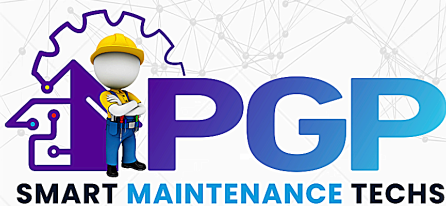
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