

# Bayshore Banner

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Friday Morning Ballroom Dancing

Every Friday 10 a.m. to Noon

Live music for singles and couples  
Our Friday morning dances at the Bayshore Gardens Rec Center are back in full swing with a great group of dancers. Dancing with live music will continue to sometime in April. We have couples and singles who never miss a beat to the waltzes, fox trots, polkas, some latin and a couple of line dances. Cost is \$4.00, Coffee is on the house.

### Small Boat Storage & Launch Facility

Should be complete by 1st quarter of 2015. If you have longed to get out on Sarasota Bay, your options have just expanded with the advent of this facility. Small sailboats, catamarans, canoes, paddle boats, sail boards, kayaks, etc., up to 16 feet can be stored and launched right off Bayshore Gardens Recreation Center Park beach. Sorry, no motors on or in a boat.

A list is already forming in the Rec. Center office for spaces. Fees are not established at this point. Office hours are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Office number is 755-1912.

### Family Christmas Party

Sunday, December 14th 1 - 3 pm

Our Kid's Christmas Party has been saved thanks to several residents and friends who have volunteered to help. We still need another 6 or 7 to help so the number of activities will depend on the number of helpers available. Call 756-9255 if you can help.

Celebrate with friends and neighbors at our Bayshore Gardens Christmas Party. A special invitation was sent to the North Pole for Santa to stop by before the big day. Craft tables for our kid's to make some hand-made unique gifts for home and family are in the plans. Cookies and fruit punch and coffee for all. Party will be on Sunday, December 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. Bayshore Gardens Neighborhood Association members free, non-members \$3.00 each or you can pay your \$10.00 membership at the door.

## Bayshore Crossings Shopping Plaza: Done Deal or Close Call?

Manatee County's SW Tax Increment Financed Improvement Program starts off with 7 key objectives: One objective states: "Enhance aesthetics and place-making appeal of public and private properties as a quality-of-life economic development driver." Phrases like: "increase Property values", "enhance value and opportunities in established neighborhoods", "upgrading public infrastructure"; "revitalize", describe the intentions set out in the Draft of the county's Improvement Program and repeated throughout this document.

The Crossings is our neighborhood plaza just north of South County Library with trees lining 26th Street and nicely landscaped shrubbery in the parking area; it is a boon to our neighborhood.



November 13, the County Planning Commission upheld these objectives when they denied a mini-storage facility that would have commanded the North half of this (now) attractive plaza. A mini-storage facility almost looks like a (mini) industrial park and among the usual public traffic, they actually do serve many small service-oriented businesses.

The former grocery store would be temperature

controlled and most of the drive-up garages would take up the parking lot all the way out to 60th street, all blocking off the northern Entrance to the plaza, surrounded by high chain-link fencing.

In most mini storage facilities, the office is usually the only attractive part and is usually up front. In this case the garages are to be built out in the front. While tending to be obtrusive in the immediate Bayshore neighborhood, this type of facility

would shine like a gem right over on US 41 among the numerous ramshackle buildings and empty lots. Granted, the vacant store sorely needs tenants, but tenants compatible to this nice plaza and our neighborhood!. Someone suggested "it's A great place for a Trader Joes!"

At a hearing on Thurs., January 8, 2015 at 9:00 pm at the County Administrative Bldg., the County Commissioners will deliberate on this project. Be there if you want to have a say in future of our neighborhood. Do we want to see if the County's Improvement Program is fact or fiction? As one resident put it: "We don't have much pretty around here as it is".

Suzanna Young, Bayshore Gardens





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## Gamble Plantation Historic State Park "Plantation Christmas"

The United Daughters of the Confederacy, Florida Division, and the Florida Park Service proudly announce that the Plantation Christmas Open House will be held this year on Sunday, December 14, 2014 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Gamble Plantation Historic State Park in Ellenton, Florida.

Once again you can travel back to the Old South during the day through the many lifestyle demonstrations of that time period. Gamble Mansion will be lavishly decorated in the Christmas spirit, allowing you a special look at a 19th century Christmas. The Ladies of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will be wearing costumes reminiscent of the era of the 1840's through 1870's to add that special touch of authenticity to the day. The 4th Florida Volunteer Infantry will be dressed in military uniforms re-enacting a Confederate encampment. There will be music, crafts and fun for everyone. Admission is free.

We extend a most cordial invitation for everyone to join us for the Christmas Open House. Gamble Plantation Historic State Park is located on U.S. 301 in Ellenton, one mile west

of I-75 off exit #224. Florida State Parks are in various stages of accessibility. We are working to improve access to services and facilities. Should you need assistance to enable your full participation, please contact Gamble Plantation.

For further information please call Gamble Plantation Historic State Park at (941) 723-4536

# The Bay Chorale

## A Christmas Festival!

*with a Holiday performance by the*  
Manatee Concert Band  
*under the direction of Randy Gilmore*

Sunday, December 7, 3:00 p.m.



*Neel Performing Arts Center*  
 5840 26th Street West, Bradenton

**Tickets \$ 10.00**

Tickets will be available at the door.

Advance-purchase tickets and information 941.753.5634



*Flute- Mary Deur*

*Piano- Carolyn Schmidt*

*Conductor- Timothy O'Connor*

"Bay Chorale" is a not for profit organization.

## BGYC Hosts 50 Members and Friends for Turkey & Fixings: Musical Maritime Lore for Dessert!



Bill Schustik, maritime troubadour, put on a great show for the November 20 BGYC pre-Thanksgiving dinner meeting. His deep baritone voice boomed through the Bayshore Rec Hall as he offered a full set of rich maritime lore through his fine collection of songs. He played multiple instruments and kept the full audience of 50 members and friends entertained for the entire program.... He is shown here with (L-R) Rear Commodore, Bill Mueller; BGYC Secretary Winnie Denny-Smith; Past Commodore Richard Jackerson; Troubadour Bill Schustik; and meeting host, BGYC Member Tung Nguyen.



# Meeting Minutes

Another year gone and a new one around the corner. We have made progress in upgrading the district. We have new siding on the pool, which should last another 30 years, we are well on our way to having a kayak storage area and possibly getting the marina dredged. We have the name and address of the person we believe may be responsible for the damage to the new tile in the pool. We still have issues with the slide. Summit USA has refused to refund any monies for the slide. I am still trying to find an engineer who will do a study on using dissimilar metals in this area. If you know of anyone, please call the office. Also if you would like your name on the list for kayak storage, call the office. The number is 941-755-1912. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Joanne Manse, Manager

## BAYSHORE GARDENS PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### MINUTES OF MEETING: November 18, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bayshore Gardens Park and Recreation District was called to order by Chairman Maynard Boyce at 7:00 pm and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Notice of the meeting was posted in the November Bayshore Banner.

Roll: Richard Nelson, Steve Watkins, Jeannette Sparrow, Kathy Lokos, Don Gassie, Maynard Boyce, Bob King, Jodie Lawman and Faye Golden.

A quorum was established.

Present: Joanne Manse, John Woodruff, Lynn Wellborn, Marie Horn, Rose Woodruff, Terry Zimmerly, Marie Young, Suzanna Young and Leonard Cichewicz.

Jeannette made a motion to approve October minutes. Kathy seconded. **Motion Passed.**

Faye made a motion to approve October Financial Statements, Jeannette seconded. **Motion Passed.**

### BGNA: Jeannette Sparrow

Jeannette reported the Craft Fair was good. At the November 13th meeting they talked about New Years, Thanksgiving Dinner on November 27th and the potluck on December 11th at 7:00 pm. Jeannette stated they are still looking for volunteers to help with the Kids Christmas party that is scheduled for December 14th. Jeannette stated the Neighborhood Association will be looking for new officers for the year 2015. NYE tickets will be on sale for \$20.00 now and \$30.00 at the door. Suzanna announced the Restore Bayshore Committee will be meeting December 9th at 7 pm.

### CRIME WATCH: Steve Watkins

Steve reported that during a security check, there were open flame fires for cooking by tenants during two simultaneous events at the Rec Center. NFPA's required distance away from any structure must be 10 feet. Maynard stated we need to add verbiage to the Screen Room rental contract that open flame cooking must be at least 10' away from the building.

### MANAGERS REPORT: Joanne Manse

Joanne reported all the boat slips are paid for and only had two late fees this year. The auditors are done with their work in this office and are now back at their office finishing it up. Joanne asked if in the future someone is going to have people call the office to put their name on a sign-up list to please let her know in advance. Pool is closed for the season. The building is scheduled to be tented for termites the week of December 1st. The hall will be down for three days. Joanne reported we got a refund from the Property Appraisers office for \$1,289.71 and the Tax Collectors office for \$1,564.00. These monies are from excess fees collected but not used. We also got a refund for \$425.00 from our flood insurance and \$425.00 and a check for \$200.00 from Gulf Coast printing for September Banner. Joanne stated we received a bill from the Tax Collector for \$5,806.00 for property tax. When she called, they told her we need to pay property taxes on the marina because we rent slip space. Joanne stated this was taken to the attorney and the auditors and they both agreed

with the Tax Collector. This may be a cause for an increase in the assessment fee or marina fees. Joanne also reminded everyone that committee meeting minutes need to be turned in to the office for record keeping.

### BUDGET & FINANCE: Kathy Lokos

Kathy stated she talked with the bank about putting the security deposits in an escrow account. We are not a real estate company so she didn't have an answer but will be talking with the legal department at the bank. Kathy made a motion to move \$30,000.00 from the Pool Reserve Account and put \$20,000.00 into the Security System Account and \$10,000.00 into the Marina Account. Don seconded. **Motion passed. Next meeting is December 10th at 5:30 pm.**

### WEB: Don Gassie

Don stated the content of the Banner and controls were discussed. Don reported a new disclaimer will be in place for the Banner. Bob reported he will be putting a flyer in the Banner for people to let us know in what they are interested. **Next meeting is December 10th at 5:30 pm.**

### MARINA: Richard Nelson

Richard asked if we had information on the size boats that are in the slips. Maynard reported we received the report back from the lab on the soil samples. All this information was sent to Reuben Clarson, our Marina Consultant. Maynard stated he is waiting on information from WCI Data about the dredging in the canal. Along with dredging the marina, upgrades need to be made to the finger piers. They need to be wider and handicapped accessible. **Next meeting is December 10th at 5:30 pm.**

### HOUSE & GROUNDS: Bob King

Bob made a public announcement that he and John were 100% wrong and Maynard was correct that two-thirds of the trustees have to approve the terms and conditions of a capitol acquisition and then within 30 to 60 days of that resolution the trustees must certify the resolution with the Supervisor of Elections for a referendum and the majority of qualified electors. Bob made a motion that all correspondence that comes to the office be time and date stamped. Don seconded. **Motion passed.** Bob stated the cameras were all working. He feels the wind knocked them out this time and Dehart is staying with this until they are all working properly. Bob made a motion to accept the bid from Dehart not to exceed \$5,000.00 to put an IP based security camera system in the hall. Jeannette seconded. **Motion passed.** Kathy made a motion to continue the fencing for the kayak storage area Faye seconded. **Motion passed.**

### PERSONNEL & SALARY: Bob King

Bob stated our schedule A for pay for the Assistant Manager and Manager goes up to \$18.50. Bob made a motion to raise the pay to \$19.00. Don seconded. After a brief discussion Bob amended his motion to raise the upper limit to \$20.00 per hour and Don amended his seconded. **Motion passed.** Bob stated we had been in the hunt for an assistant manager. We narrowed it down to five applicants. Four showed up for the interviews. Committee decided to make an offer to Jonna Koellhoffer.

Bob made a motion to hire Jonna with a review after 500 hours. Since she will be working part time, this is the equivalent of a review in 90 days at full time. Don seconded. **Motion passed. Next meeting will be December 10th at 5:30 pm.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** Suzanna presented drawings from John Miller, a home owner who donated them to the district. She would like to invite him to the hall to have his picture taken with the drawings.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Continuing issue with the storage of volatile liquids in the Woodchoppers building. We are waiting for the opinion and recommendations from Cedar Hammock Fire Dept.

Kathy made a motion to adjourn. Steve seconded. Maynard adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

*Joanne Manse*

*Chairman, Maynard Boyce*

## HALLOWEEN ANGEL

Every now and then, you have a chance encounter with an individual who restores your faith in humanity and reassures you that there is good in this world. This enlightening story is worth sharing.

As Bayshore residents, I'm sure you have seen the flagpole of pumpkins stacked neatly at a residence on 26th Street West. The yard is adorned with Halloween decorations as well as tables of goodies and racks that contain a variety of costumes ranging in size from infant to adult. The amazing thing is that everything is \$1.00, regardless of size or item. I had the pleasure of speaking with the resident, Doris Clare, who stated that this is the fourth year of her Halloween Event.

This undertaking is a year long passion for Doris. She gathers items throughout the year and sells them at nominal cost so that all children may enjoy Halloween. The variety was unbelievable with an array of colors and sizes. Items range from costumes, wigs, decorations, shoes and beyond. Her devotion to this annual task is passionate. One year the items went from \$1.00 to free so that all could partake in Halloween.

As Doris stated, "It's not about making a profit, it's so that every child can enjoy trick or treat!" She commits extensive hours in collecting items, displaying them, and making her yard an attraction. Each child has an equal opportunity to enjoy this day in costume due to the kindness of this remarkable woman and what she does for her community.

As residents of Bayshore Gardens, we are fortunate to have such a thoughtful individual in our neighborhood. Any Halloween items that you no longer need can be contributed to a worthwhile cause and may be dropped off at 6507 26th Street West. *Jodie Lawman*



# Woodchoppers Club

By Gwen Norris

The next scheduled meeting is December 13, 2014, the last meeting of this year. Come on down and participate with the group. The Shop is looking good.

The weather is changing and indoor projects are on our minds. Remember to keep safety in mind when using power tools, use safety gear (glasses, etc.), and clean up after yourselves.

Memberships can be applied for at the Recreation Center Office. Memberships will expire and new memberships available at our January Meeting. Officers will be elected at the January Meeting.

2014 Officers for the Bayshore Gardens Woodchoppers Club:

- President - David 'Lynn' Wellborn
- Vice President - Steve Watkins
- Treasurer - David 'Lynn' Wellborn
- Secretary - Gwen Norris

# Neighborhood Assoc.

**Date:** November 13, 2014; 7:30 pm  
**Attendance:** Jeannette Sparrow, Cathryn Hooten, Susan Donaldson, Joyce Fisher, Kathy Lokos, Lee Korniluk, Don Gassie, Marie Young, Ursala Wing, Rose Woodruff, Bunny Pupek, Becky Thomas-Jenei, and Laurie Catterall.  
 Call to Order: Jeannette Sparrow at 7:30 pm.

**Secretary:** Minutes were published in the Bayshore Banner. Motion to accept the minutes by Marie, second by Cathy, approved by all.

**Treasurer:** Balance reviewed by Joyce. Current balance includes deductions for Attic sale, Craft sale, and 9/11 dinner. Kathy makes motion to approve Treasurer's report, Don seconds, approve by all.

**Old Business:**

1. December 11, 2014 meeting will be a pot luck dinner, starting at 7 pm.
2. Thanksgiving Dinner will be held in the Recreation Hall. Tickets are for sale now, by Laine Boyce.

**New Business:**

1. Children's Christmas Party---December 14, 2014, 1-3 pm. We have Mrs. Claus, a crafts per-

son and 3 persons making cookies. Joyce sent around a sign-up form for Volunteers. Susan made a motion for up to \$300 for Real Rail to bring the trains to the party. Motion approved if they are available. Motion for \$150 for gifts made by Kathy, second by Cathy, approved. Motion for \$100 for the party by Kathy, second by Susan, approved by all. \*\*\*\*\*We will wrap gifts after the poluck dinner.

2. New Year's Eve party, recommend "Winter Wonderland". Tickets will be sold for \$20 per person. Joyce has tickets made so we can sell them now. Contact Joyce for tickets for purchase or to assist in selling. A deposit of \$250 to the Band was paid by Joyce. Music will be \$1000 for the band. Prior costs included: server was \$100, signs \$90, food \$400, party favors about \$100, champagne about \$150. Motion to approve \$1000 for all costs except for the band by Susan, second by Don. Approve by all.

**Announcements:**

1. December 11, 2014, 7 pm Pot Luck Dinner, meeting, and wrap gifts.
2. Still in need of a Nominating Committee. All positions open.

Adjourn at 8:15 pm.

Susan Donaldson

BGNA/ HOA Secretary

## BGNA Enrollment Form

2014 Bayshore Gardens Neighborhood Association  
 Dues - \$10.00 Annually Per Household

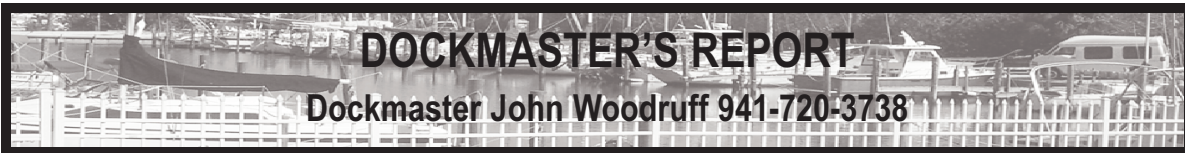
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 Phones \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children's Names/Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Will you volunteer for any BGNA functions? Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_

Suggestions for BGNA projects / activities:

Your BGNA will meet on December 11, preceded by a POTLUCK SUPPER at 7 pm. Please bring a dish to pass and we'll all enjoy our evening meal together. If you don't like to prepare a dish, Publix has many choices. After dinner, we'll have a short business meeting to discuss last minute plans for our New Year's Eve Gala. Also on the Agenda will be officers for 2015. If you would like to have the opportunity to take an active part of our neighborhood activities, please step forward. There are so many projects that could be done with BGNA backing if we have interest and volunteers.



## DOCKMASTER'S REPORT

Dockmaster John Woodruff 941-720-3738

We have received the report back from the boat basin soil analyses. That's a good thing but, now, we are seeking the answer to "what does it mean?" The lab will run an analysis but they dare not make any statement about what the State/County EPA requirements are in determining what is or is not considered to be toxic. As you may recall from my article last month if it is not toxic the soil removed by dredging can just go out as fill dirt. This would cost much less than having to detoxify the soil prior to disposing of it. A reassessment of marina work to be done versus funds available has shown that we probably can't have as much done this time as we had hoped. It now appears that only the dredging and replacing of the north and south wall finger piers will be practical. The center pier and boat ramp will have to wait. Still, this will be a huge step toward rehabbing the Bayshore Gardens Marina. The Winter Holidays are upon us. It is time to celebrate and enjoy friends and family as we bring 2014 to a close. Here is another year all but gone and yet, the start of a new year is just ahead. Be safe over this Holiday season and especially so, if boating happens to be part of your celebration. Talk with you next month in the New Year!

**Reminders** - Gate Key annual renewals were due the first of October. Vehicles with trailers attached must have a parking decal. Don't loan out your Gate Key. If you are bringing a guest that is towing a boat, you must remain with them at all times. Arrangements must be made for tow vehicles with trailers parked in the Marina without decals.

**Improvements** - The Marina Committee continues to work the dredging issues. Soil samples from the boat basin have been evaluated. Design drawings for the new finger piers and the dock reconfiguration are being worked up.

**Repairs and Projects Completed** - Several loose planks on the finger piers around the marina have been reattached or replaced. Two new cleats were installed on the west wall.

**Marina Occupation** as of 11/19/14. Occupied - slips - 102, Vacant - small to medium size slips - 23, Total - 125

**Waiting list(s)** for slips and trailer spaces - Large slips - 3, Small/Medium slips - 0, Trailer spaces - 6

If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions give me a call. Thanks to those that have already called.

# Garden Club

Our Christmas Luncheon will be on Monday, December 8. Please meet at the Anna Maria Oyster Bar at 1 pm. This is one week later than our usual meeting date.

At our November meeting we voted to donate \$50 to the Humane Society and elected officers for 2015. Officers will be President -Rosemarie Woodruff, Vice President-Tammy Terra-Melat, Secretary-Ann Wells, and Treasurer-Marie Young. Committee Chairmen will be selected in January. Our program for the afternoon was presented by Winnie Denny-Smith. Newly retired from her catering business she demonstrated the art of creating a beautiful fruit display. Mixing various fruits and finishing off with greenery the arrangement was almost too striking to devour, but we really did enjoy the delicious fruits.

# Bunco Club

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 17  
 We will meet one week early this month. Everyone is asked to meet at the Anna Maria Oyster Bar at 6:30 p.m. for our Christmas Dinner Party. Following dinner we will return to the Recreation Center for Bunco games, and Christmas Party with an optional \$10.00 gift exchange.



# Historical Preservation Task Group Is Moving Along!

On Thursday, November 13th, members of the Restore Bayshore Task Group met to update on recent developments and make plans for January 2015. Discussed at length was how to reach the residents in the community about getting a historical designation and how this can be a major benefit.

So far, Maynard Boyce has obtained a State Site Number (a "case number"), and has submitted the next application. While we wait for a reply to that it was agreed we keep moving.

To re-cap the purpose of making Bayshore Gardens a Historical District: we have an unusual situation of being an entire development/community of mid-century architecture which is largely intact. This could be our "ticket" to improving our community.

What does this mean to Bayshore residents here? Historical Districts are known to be popular

among buyers; it becomes a special place. It can build community cohesiveness; give residents a sense of place; Encourage neighborhoods to clean-up and create a more attractive residential area. The biggest bonus of all is to increase and stabilize property values! These are known attributes in current historical districts.

Mid January we are planning to invite the residents to an OPEN HOUSE and WORKSHOP. People can learn what a historical status is all about and how they can participate. They will be able to identify their style of home and floor plan. Resident questions, suggestions and opinions will be most welcome. This will be helpful to the Task Group in getting facts correct.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00 pm at the Rec Hall. Coffee will be available. If you have questions, please call Suzanna Young at 941-753-7433

# Big Brothers Big Sisters Needs You!

Big Brothers Big Sisters serving Sarasota, Manatee, DeSoto, Highlands, Hardee, Charlotte, Lee, Collier, Glades and Hendry counties launches the "100 Men in 100 Days" campaign to encourage men to become a Big Brother and volunteer with the organization. The recruitment campaign comes at a good time, as there are 286 boys waiting to be matched with a positive male role model.

While Big Brothers Big Sisters accepts volunteers from all walks of life, there is a greater need for male mentors. Currently, 52% of the youth we serve in our program are boys and 39% of the volunteers are men. Now more than ever, Big Brothers Big Sisters needs men to step up and start something.



Kevin Hillman, Marvin Kadesh and Mitch Helmuth (long time Big Brothers encouraging other men to join them and become a Big Brother)

Big Brother of the Year, John Sciandra sees firsthand the positive effect he is having on his Little Brothers' life. "Little did I know what a life changing experience I was in for through these relationships. As a Big Brother I have experienced rewards beyond my furthest expectations. There is no doubt there will be lasting positive effects for all involved due to our relationships. I feel I have gained a family rela-

tionship that will last a lifetime." Research shows that having the positive influence of a "Big" makes a real difference in the life of a child. "Littles" experience improvements in academic performance, behavior and relationships at home and elsewhere, according to independent studies. In the Decisions to Win program, 95% of the seniors who completed the program graduated from high school. "Littles" have also demonstrated better success in school with 92% improving or maintaining their academic performance.

Mentoring is one of the most rewarding, enjoyable and simple things a volunteer can do. For as little as one hour a week, volunteers can add joy to the life of a child, and ultimately, contribute greatly to his or her potential.

We are calling all men to action!

Here is what you need to do: call our toll-free number, (855) 501-BIGS or email Gina Taylor, VP of Communications & Marketing at gtaylor@bbssun.org, meet your Little Brother and have fun!

From attractions, restaurants, events, and more. Have you ever said to yourself "There is nothing to do in this town"? Quite the contrary! It can be very difficult to find out when and where it's all happening. There are lots of great businesses and local events going on every day. Don't miss another "Parade" or the "Holiday Festivals" again. Let us do the hard work for you!

We are the main locator source for Fun In The Sun to Life In The Night.

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## Bayshore Resident Honored with Canadian Governor-General's Medal

Seasonal residents Mary and Paul Carroll, 26th Street West, have returned for part 1 of their six month stay at their Bayshore Gardens home. They have just landed after a very special trip from the City of Ottawa, Canada's capital city, where they were hosted at the luxurious Rideau Hall, home of His Excellency David Johnston, the Queen's representative in Canada and the Head of State for the country.

Paul was honoured for his work as part of a volunteer group called the Great Lakes Storm of 1913 Remembrance Committee. The group organized a series of centennial events that ran from May of 2013 to last November. It was a combination of heritage, arts and cultural events that culminated in a massive "Careers on the Water and Beyond" trade show and exhibition. Several American shipwreck hunters and musicians were on hand to supplement the Canadian maritime talent showcase.

In recognition of those events, the Committee was awarded the Canada's History Society Governor General's Community History Programming Award, the highest form of national recognition for such a project. The Committee was previously

honoured at the Ontario level by the Ontario Historical Society 'Dorothy Duncan' award for community history, and, previously received simi-



*Paul & Mary Carroll split their time between Goderich, Ontario & Bradenton in Manatee County, Florida. They are shown here at Ottawa's Rideau Hall, with the Governor-General's Medal for Community History*

lar recognition at their County level with a presentation by the Huron Arts and Heritage Network.

Carroll has previously presented his story of the 1913 White Hurricane that ravaged the Great Lakes for 3 days in November of 1913. It sank 14 large vessels, damaged at least 3 dozen more – several beyond repair – and the loss of life exceeded 265 sailors. It was the greatest weather-related disaster ever recorded on the Great Lakes. Over the years he has made several such presentations to the BGYC.

Carroll, a marine historian and artist has written 2 books about this event and has published several other histories, including 2 books about the War of 1812.

He and his wife Mary are members of the Bayshore Gardens Yacht Club and sail their sailboat on Sarasota Bay as part of their retirement. Carroll has been active as a contributor to the Bayshore Banner, writing numerous articles in the last year on heritage, human interest, and highlighting 'special' residents of our community.

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Did you know there are 43 muscles in the face alone? Massage, particularly facial massage, is one of the most relaxing and therapeutic aspects of topical facial treatments. However, it is more than just feeling good. A professional facial tones

the facial muscles much like exercise tones the body muscles. Facials also can improve many skin conditions including acne, rosacea, inflammation of the skin and can improve circulation, leading to a more youthful complexion.

Leesa, a professional esthetician at Looks by Toni Rachelle, is offering an introductory one hour European facial for \$40. Come by and meet Leesa and take advantage of this special offer.

For an appointment, call 941-362-2866.



### Bayshore Gardens Retrospective December 1978



1978 Salvation Army booth and bell ringer at Bayshore Gardens Shopping Center. The Salvation Army Christmas-time bell ringers were traditional at all the shopping centers, post offices and other public areas. The wooden booth was a concession to winter weather as well as a tribute to William Booth (1829-1912), the founder of the

Salvation Army. Times have changed a little!

Last month's photo of the Manatee County Library Friends brought a response from Bayshore resident, Ed Dick.

He wrote: "In the picture shown on page 5 of The Banner the man shown on the left with glasses is George Vangsness; the fellow with the shock of white hair is Col. Owens, and the woman seated is Mrs. Duthie, the librarian. We do not remember the lady who is standing. This picture has to be at the first location where GoodWill is currently, across the Parkway from Target. Both George and Col. Owens were deceased before the 26th Street location was built. The County said that, if we raised \$5200, they would provide the balance of the money and build the library. So George and I raised the \$5200. I also helped to raise some of the money for the location on 26th Street. My wife, Joanne, was one of the first presidents of Friends of the Library. Our office, Dick, Johnson & Jefferson, gave \$1500 toward the 26th Street location and our name is on the Wall."

Obviously, these old photos have some meaning for longer term residents of Bayshore.

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# A GIFT THAT WILL KEEP ON GIVING: Let's Build Community Pride in Bayshore Gardens



*We have special assets in Bayshore Gardens!  
Let's help them stay strong and vibrant.*

## Community Pride: The essential element for Bayshore well-being – and “crime reduction too!”

It does not seem to matter whether you are looking at community action, neighborhood clubs, vandalism, crime reduction, or even heritage designation for the district, community pride seems to crop up as a common element in some form.

Take crime reduction for example. Most studies show that effective crime reduction requires a combination of actions. There has to be an effective system of security support. Bayshore Gardens seems to have that. A regular presence by the Sheriff's Department is noteworthy. Also, the community Crime Watch program shows that there is also a community commitment to crime reduction.



These two elements are important. But, Bayshore Gardens crime stats show, unfortunately, that we are still at a higher level of infractions in our community than we should be.

In most studies, the next important factor is the presence – or more importantly – the absence of the “broken window syndrome”. What that means is that leaving broken windows unrepaired, or leaving yards and property in a mess, seem to breed more of the same. In communities where “windows” are repaired, where yards are kept tidy, and homes are kept in good repair with landscaping, gardens, and lots of “curb appeal”, crime and vandalism rates seem to fall. So it is important to tidy up! The stats show that places that look ignored or abandoned invite trouble. And we don't need it!

Next in line is landscaping and greenery. Yes, believe it or not, communities that have green space, and where folks look after the looks of their yards, are detractors for criminal elements. Seems

hard to believe but a well-kept home is proven to deter acts of vandalism and burglary, according to many US studies.

Another important factor is the presence of street lighting. And we do not have any! Some of us have small yard lights and motion detector lights, but the community overall has no public lighting, except, it seems at the Bayshore Gardens Park and Recreation Center areas.

Maybe some new street lighting would be a good use of Manatee County SWTIF funds when they are ready to come our way? We would have to be there to ask for them though – and so far we have no takers, from the Board of Trustees or otherwise, to represent us at that decision-making table. Sad.

A final factor that reduces crime and vandalism is a sense of ‘neighborliness’. Where neighborhood families and adjacent residents stay in touch with each other, crime rates go down. We need to be observant and sort of “watch out for each other”. Such neighborly behavior means that we care about each other, and keep an eye out for what's going on next door and down the street. The stats show that this pays off in spades!

Community pride is either an element that can make all of these things happen. Multiple studies in community development, enhancement, and yes, even crime reduction point to the level of community pride as the key factor that will determine success or failure of many undertakings.

The state of the physical environment, both natural and man-made is a big factor that seems to contribute to general community well-being.

Admittedly, it is a complex set of inter-relationships. For folks that are looking for hard and fast rules, or black and white data, they will not have an easy task to define specific outcomes. It will take patience and an open mind to deal with a palette combining multiple shades of grey to pull a vision of a better community together...

Healthy and vigorous communities have found ways to pull together. Whether it is strong and neighborly outreach, or whether it is a stretch toward a

common goal, there is a sense of quiet pride in moving forward together.

Bayshore Gardens has been offered a vision to reach forward into its next decades. That vision was presented by the University of Florida in its



2013 Heritage Study of our community. It has been backed up by the vote of confidence from Manatee County Commissioners when they put us in the new Tax Incentive Fund area.

Let's get in the driver's seat, or at least get in the car!

Or let's just continue to nothing and let the big time neighboring developments set the path and broaden their current control over the agenda for our future.

Bayshore Gardens has got a lot worth saving. Historically, it used to be a stronger community. We need to act in ways to support its resurrection.



Let us all work together to make it strong again.

Do your part to help us be strong again. Let's act together and build community pride.

And, to boot, maybe we can get those ugly ‘too high’ crime rate stats down to where they should be...

*P. Carroll*

## Interesting Facts About . . . Christmas

1. Norwegian scientists have hypothesized that Rudolph's red nose is probably the result of a parasitic infection of his respiratory system.
2. The Germans made the first artificial Christmas trees out of dyed goose feathers.
3. Each year more than 3 billion Christmas cards are sent in the U.S. alone.
4. All the gifts in the Twelve Days of Christmas would equal 364 gifts.
5. Christmas wasn't declared an official holiday in the United States until June 26, 1870
6. President Teddy Roosevelt, an environmentalist, banned Christmas trees from the White House in 1912

**It's the 3rd Annual Spectacular Spectacular**

**Community Christmas Concert!**  
**Sunday, December 14th at 6:00 pm**  
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# Bayshore Gardens Yacht Club: December Ramblings



With the Holiday Season looming in the near distance, we are looking forward to celebrating and sharing much good cheer with our many members. If you would care to join us, following are our December events:

**December 4:** The Ringling Museum has an annual event: "Holiday Splendor" or "Toys for Tots". **Entrance fee is \$5.00 or a wrapped toy for a child.** We will meet at the museum at 5:00 pm or thereafter. We plan to gather at the Bearded Clam afterwards (about 7 pm).

**December 6:** Meet at Bill and Becky Wyatt's home for our annual Christmas gathering. 6:00 pm. **BYOB AND APPETIZERS TO PASS.**

Bill & Becky are regulars at BGYC events. They also enjoying hosting special occasion get-togethers at their home on Bryn Mawr Crescent. Make sure to join them and the other members of the BGYC for the at-home Christmas gathering! Share fellowship and a guaranteed great evening *Becky and Bill Wyatt – always joyful hosts!*

with Bill, Becky and boating friends!  
**December 13:** 5:00 pm. Meet at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron on City Island to view the



annual Sarasota Boat Parade. Always great fun and an enjoyable evening with a great place to watch all the spectacular entries. Don't miss it. Another chance to share in the Festive camaraderie of the BGYC!

**January 10:** 6:30 pm. Change of Watch at Bayshore Community Center. Music & dancing from 8:00 – 10:30 pm. Interested non-members may arrange to attend by calling the Commodore, Marie Horn, at 941-201-6642.



During November, a group of us (20 or so) had dinner at Kelsey's Restaurant and also



enjoyed an evening of song with Troubadour Bill Schustik. Bill was our guest at our annual Thanksgiving meeting and feast.

Keep in mind, if you are a new or 'old' resident [That means 'long-standing' and has no reference to age!] and would like to find out about membership in our organization, either come to our monthly meetings, which are held the third Thursday of each month at the Bayshore Community Center, starting at 6:30 pm, or give me a call. 941-201-6642.

*Fair Winds,  
 Commodore, Marie Horn*



## BGNA's First Craft Fair, a SPLASH!

Our Neighborhood Association ventured out and got their feet wet in putting on a commendable Holiday craft fair. Among other attending vendors, the contributing crafters from Bayshore Gardens made a good show, with about 50% of the tables.

You could find artistic, useful, quality gifts: well-crafted doll houses with accessories, fused glass jewelry (miniature works of art); handmade glass beading, a collector's trove of Christmas ornaments, framed art, collectible holiday cards, T-shirt "canvas" wall art; handmade purses, candles, attractive coasters from tree cross sections, replicas of old style carpenter's carry-all-come wall shelf and/or storage; also for sale a real antique carpenter's kit with tools; paintings and prints, beautiful quilts and quilting, classy handmade wine wraps,



hanging bottle hurricane lamps, replicas of a 100-year old children's toy that danced on a board; handmade, hand painted wooden butterflies, etched glassware, hand-painted glassware (custom order too), and always, the clever Avon Christmas gifts, (which will one day be collectibles).

Impressive was the applications of many items into quite another useful and/or artistic creation.

One crafter/artist, who is almost a Bayshore institution, Carmen McDonald, and skilled remodeler, very handy man, exhibited remarkable, artistic, abstracts created from natural materials found in the outdoors. (This was definitely a "I wish I had thought of that" moment)

We seem to have a lot of talent right here in Bayshore Gardens. Let's hope more come out of the woodwork for the next craft fair. Rounding out the holiday atmosphere was to sit and sip hot coffee and munch a scrumptious pastry served up by Rose Woodruff and Laurie Boyce. Lunch featured delicious chili (by Rose) with toppings.

We all will look forward to next year's holiday fair.  
*Suzanna Young*





## South Manatee Branch Library Calendar: December 2014

### Tuesday, December 2

Live Blues Performance 12:30 - 2 pm  
Bring Balance to Your Budget 5:30 - 6:30 pm

### Tuesdays, December 2, 16, 30

SafeLink Cell Phone Program 12 - 4 pm

### Wednesday, December 3

Preschool Storytime 10 - 11 am  
Baha'i Faith: Spiritual Solutions 3 - 4:30 pm  
to Global Problems

### Thursday, December 4

Online Search Tools: Learning Express Library  
12 - 1 pm

Blood Pressure Screening 1 pm

Alzheimer's Memory Screenings 2:30 - 5 pm

Mana-Tween Book Club: Share Your Favorite!

*Ages 8-12; Registration req.* 6 - 7:30 pm

### Friday, December 5

Classic Movie *Sponsored by the Friends* 2 - 4:30 pm

### Fridays, December 5, 12

Forty Carrots: Preschool Partners in Play

*up to age 5; Registration req.* 12 - 12:45 pm

### Saturday, December 6

Crochet Club 9 - 11 am

Author Signing sponsored by the Friends 9 am - 3 pm

Landscaping with Pencils pres. by artist 1 - 3 pm

Bill Darrah *Ages 16 and up; Registration req.*

### Tuesday, December 9

Learn Basic Spanish 5 - 6 pm

### Wednesday, December 10

Crafty Creations for the Season 10 am - 12 pm

*Ages 16 and up; Registration req.*

### Thursday, December 11

Teen Book Club: "The Hobbit" 6 - 7:30 pm

Make It & Take It: Holiday Yo-Yo 5:30 - 7:45 pm

Ornaments *Ages 7 and up; Registration req.*

### Friday, December 12

CareerSource Suncoast Mobile 9 am - 3 pm

Career Center

Learn Basic Spanish 10 - 11 am

Chess Club 2 - 5 pm

### Saturday, December 13

Ask a Master Gardener 10 am - 1 pm

### Tuesday, December 16

Learn Basic Spanish 2:30 - 4:30 pm

### Wednesday, December 17

Learn Basic Spanish 9:30 - 10:30 am

### Thursday, December 18

Safe Children Coalition 12 - 4 pm

Mana-Tween Craft *Ages 8-12; Registration req.*  
3:30 - 5 pm

### Friday, December 19

Scrabble Club 2 - 5 pm

### Saturday, December 20

"Frozen" Holiday Party: 10 am - 1 pm

Dress as your favorite "Frozen" character a

*Friends event for the whole family*

"Hobbit" Party for Teens 2 - 4 pm

### Friday, December 26

Friends Author Discussion: Tennessee Williams

10 am - 12 pm

### Saturday, December 27

Knitting Club 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

## SCF Events for December 2014

### Christmas Stories

*When:* December 1, 5 and 6, 2014 8:00 pm

*Where:* SCF Bradenton, Howard Studio Theatre

*Cost:* \$12; \$10 students and SCF staff

SCF theatre department presents "Christmas Stories," little-known stories by well-known authors adapted for the stage by Ken Erickson, John W. James, Dean Anthony and James Thaggard.

### Jazz Bands in Concert

*When:* Thursday, December 4, 2014 8:00 pm

*Where:* SCF, Neel Performing Arts Center

*Cost:* \$8 general admission; \$4 students

SCF's jazz bands will present a concert at 8 pm Dec. 4 in Neel Performing Arts Center. Admission: \$8 general admission; \$4 students and SCF employees. Information: 752-5252

### Holiday Concert: Winter Wonderland!

*When:* Tuesday, December 2, 2014 8:00 pm

*Where:* SCF, Neel Performing Arts Center

*Cost:* \$8 general admission; \$4 students

The SCF Music Department will present a holiday concert - Winter Wonderland! - at 8 pm Dec. 2 in Neel Performing Arts Center. Admission: \$8 general admission; \$4 students and SCF employees. Information: 752-5252

## Manatee County Agriculture and Extension Service Offers Workshops, Classes, and Other Events

### December 3, 1:30-3:30 pm

#### TILLANDSIA JINGLE WREATH

Learn about these lovely epiphytes that only require air and water to live. This is a "make and take it" workshop where you will make a seasonal wreath out of Tillandsia plants. An award winning wreath will be on display as well as other mounted Tillandsias to get your creative ideas flowing. Please bring wire cutters and pliers. Registration and advance payment of \$35 for materials due by November 21st and guarantees your spot in class. Check or cash only - make checks payable to Friends of Extension. Register online or call the Extension Master Gardeners.

### December 9, 1-3 pm

#### GIFTS FROM THE KITCHEN

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## Local Events

### Fri 12/12/14 at 7 pm - 9 pm

#### ArtCenter Manatee

*Girls Night Out, Felted Snowman w/Carol Hunt*  
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*Price:* \$35

### Sat 12/6/14 at 4 pm-8 pm

#### South Florida Museum

##### Night at the Museum

Watch as the exhibits come to life and then meet the many people across time who we have helped shaped Florida's amazing history. With costumed actors, live music, old Florida recipe tastings and interactive games, history has never felt more alive.

*Price:* Free

### Wed 12/17/14

#### Shapes Fitness for Women

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##### Ugly Sweater Party and Potluck

Shapes Fitness will be hosting an "Ugly Christmas Sweater Party and Potluck" to bring awareness to fitness and to show their appreciation to their members and prospective members. The event features vendors, free refreshments and food, free class demonstrations, specialty classes, contests, door prizes and discounts for memberships and personal training. Make it a girls night and bring your girlfriends.

*Price:* Free



# Bayshore Garden of The Month: 6116 Dartmouth

Mary Goffas moved to 6116 Dartmouth around 2009. The home had been completely renovated to “brand new” condition when the family purchased it.

After a few visits to Selby Gardens, Mary’s son-in-law, Kevin Rookstool, got the drop on what will do best in a Florida yard. So, Mary, daughter Kim, and Kevin enlisted the help of Don Bennett Landscaping, who created for them, a brand new garden.

They had a few important requests; that the plants be indigenous to Florida or at least Florida friendly; that they be durable and “self cleaning” (interesting term). Bennett knew what to do. The resulting gardens have very simple varieties of plantings and when arranged artistically and in proper “water zones”, they are efficiently maintained.

Kim doesn’t know why the (now) huge Bismark Palm in the backyard grew so fast. A banana tree and a lemon tree (on steroids) are now producing.

Using a little Florida awareness in growing things

can really produce a lush tropical garden. Drive by, take a look!

Old Dirt One class with a Master Gardener at the County Extension in Palmetto can give you all the information you need to get started. An attractive yard doesn’t have to be a maintenance nightmare! (Class times are in this issue.)

New Dirt: Call 753-7433 and we can put you in touch with whatever you need to know.

If you know a Bayshore Gardens yard that needs to be recognized, please call 753-7433 or the Rec Center Office: 755-1912.





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# December 2014

Reflections

Astrology:  
Sagittarius/Capricorn

Birthstone:  
Tanzanite

Flower:  
Paperwhite Narcissus

## Special Day Observances in December

Eat a Red Apple Day	1st
National Fritters Day	2nd
Bathtub Party Day	5th
St. Nicholas Day	6th
National Cocoa Day	12th
National Maple Syrup Day	17th
International Human Solidarity Day	20th
Crossword Puzzle Day	21st
Holy Innocents Day	28th
Make Up Your Mind Day	31st

### TIDE CHART

**TIDE TABLES - 2014  
EASTERN STANDARD TIME**

DEC	A11	HIGH	HIGH	LOW	LOW
		A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Full Moon	1 Mon	8:35	8:20	3:05	2:34
	2 Tue	10:00	8:56	4:09	3:18
	3 Wed	11:09	9:31	5:02	3:58
	4 Thu	12:08p	10:05	5:49	4:34
	5 Fri	12:58p	10:39	6:31	5:07
6th	6 Sat	1:41p	11:14	7:11	5:40
	7 Sun	2:19p	11:49	7:48	6:16
	8 Mon	-----	2:52	8:23	6:56
Last Qtr.	9 Tue	12:26	3:24	8:59	7:44
	10 Wed	1:06	3:58	9:36	8:41
	11 Thu	1:51	4:34	10:15	9:49
	12 Fri	2:43	5:12	10:56	11:10
14th	13 Sat	3:46	5:51	11:39	-----
	14 Sun	5:09	6:29	12:36	12:24
	15 Mon	6:51	7:07	1:56	1:10
	16 Tue	8:31	7:45	3:02	1:56
New Moon	17 Wed	9:54	8:21	3:57	2:40
	18 Thu	11:00	8:58	4:45	3:23
	19 Fri	11:55	9:36	5:29	4:02
	20 Sat	12:42p	10:16	6:12*	4:41
22nd	21 Sun	1:24p	10:59	6:53*	5:22
	22 Mon	2:02p	11:44	7:36*	6:06
	23 Tue	-----	2:39	8:19*	6:57
	24 Wed	12:33	3:15	9:02*	7:56
First Qtr.	25 Thu	1:25	3:53	9:46	9:05
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### CRITICAL CONNECTIONS

Animal Services	742-5933
Wildlife Rescue	778-6324
Humane Society	747-8808
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Building Permits	749-3078
Citizens Action Center (24 hours)	747-4357
Code Enforcement	748-2071
Nuisance Abatement	737-2356
Coast Guard	794-1261
Coast Guard Auxiliary	794-1607
County Commissioners	748-4501
Dist. 4, Robin DiSabatino	745-3713
County Agric. Extension Office	742-5986
County Health Dept.	758-0747
County Neighborhood Services	749-3029
County Planning Dept.	749-3070
County Zoning Ordinances	749-3070
Crime Tip Hotline	747-2677
Elder Help Line	800-963-5337
Library, South County	755-3892
Meals on Wheels PLUS	747-4655
Neel Auditorium Box Office	752-5252
SHERIFFS DEPT.	747-3011
Marine Patrol	747-3011
State College of Florida	752-5000
Tax & Tag Agency	741-7800
Transportation/MCAT	749-7116
YMCA	782-0270

## Let the Banner Hear from YOU!

This paper has run without fail for 57 years and counting. Quite a record for a small paper! But in order to keep serving our community, we need input from you, the residents.

Your news is noteworthy such as: new babies, birthdays, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, obituaries, school achievements, scholarships, community events, travels, interesting people, photos, hobbies, gardening tips, classifieds, and always, stories about our men and women in the military.

A newsy or controversial Letter to Editor is always welcome! Letters to Editor should be 200 words or less. Community Notice for events, activities, Club events, or fund-raisers should be 3" wide x 5" high and as "catchy" as you wish. (We can help with that) Deadline is the 10th of each month.

Your input can be simple and short: Do an interview, a photo story, make calls to news sources, computer work, proof reading, artwork. Or you can make money by selling ads. All efforts can add up to make our paper even better and help put us on the map! Got a hot lead? Submit news by E-mail: bayshorebanner@hotmail.com. Anyone interested in Selling Ads on commission, please contact Joanne Manse at the Bayshore Gardens. Rec. Center Office or call: 941-755-1912



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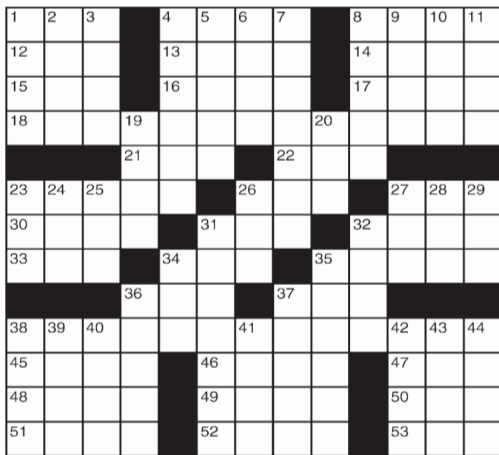


# Entertainment

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 1960s hallucinogen
- 4 Traffic noise
- 8 — out (supplemented)
- 12 Have bills
- 13 Winglike
- 14 Not yet final, in law
- 15 Energy
- 16 Get up
- 17 Criterion
- 18 Charlie Sheen's brother
- 21 No longer chic
- 22 Round Table address
- 23 Church song
- 26 Corral
- 27 Taxi
- 30 Bay
- 31 Marry
- 32 Mentor
- 33 Coloring agent
- 34 Tina's "30 Rock" role
- 35 Got along
- 36 Shriner's chapeau
- 37 Cleo's slayer
- 38 Miami Sound Machine lead
- 45 Amusement park attraction
- 46 Puerto —



- 47 Swelled head
- 48 Works with
- 49 Let fall
- 50 Before
- 51 Wild party
- 52 Collections
- 53 Bando of baseball
- 6 Relaxation
- 7 Ironed
- 8 Sign up
- 9 Chicken —
- 10 Being, to
- 11 Airhead
- 19 Enjoy the hammock
- 20 Can material
- 23 Third degree?
- 24 Sauce source
- 25 Idolater's emotion
- 26 Dispensable candy
- 27 Mongrel
- 28 Exist
- 29 Bloom-to-be
- 31 Hogwarts
- alumni
- 32 Stare stupidly
- 34 Mainlander's memento
- 35 Camera settings
- 36 Newly baked
- 37 Foppish neckwear
- 38 Food
- 39 Bart's sister
- 40 Works of tribute
- 41 Green acres
- 42 Lawyers' income
- 43 Taj Mahal city
- 44 Yule refrain

### DOWN

- 1 Popular topic with lyricists
- 2 Take to the pool
- 3 Actress Moore
- 4 Silver-white metal
- 5 His work inspired "Cats"

## MAGIC MAZE ● — ROAST

V A W S P L I E A X T Q N J R  
 G C Z W T Q N J G L D A X E U  
 R O L J G D A X V C A S N P K  
 N K I F C A Y T I R B E L E C  
 X V S Q O L J H E O I M V D U  
 C A X Y V T R P N W L J A A H  
 H F B I R G N I D N A T S L C  
 D B Y X V D T T R P F E E B N  
 O M K I G E D U G B R U M P A  
 Z X W U T R Q N I O L K R O P  
 O N L J I G F D P C A Y X T W

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Beef
- Celebrity
- Chuck
- Crown
- Dry
- Lamb
- Nut
- Pan
- Pig
- Pork loin
- Pot
- Rump
- Standing rib
- Top blade
- Wiener

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## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

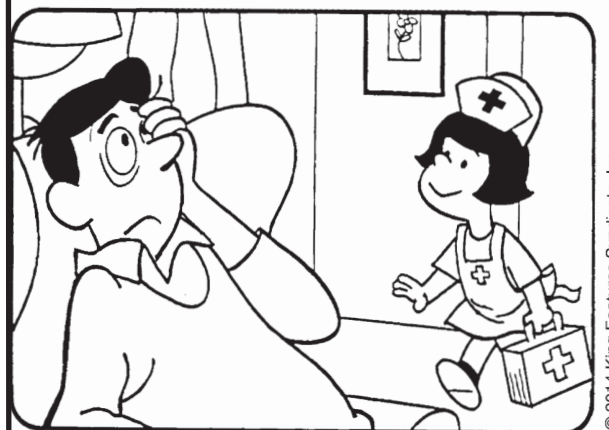
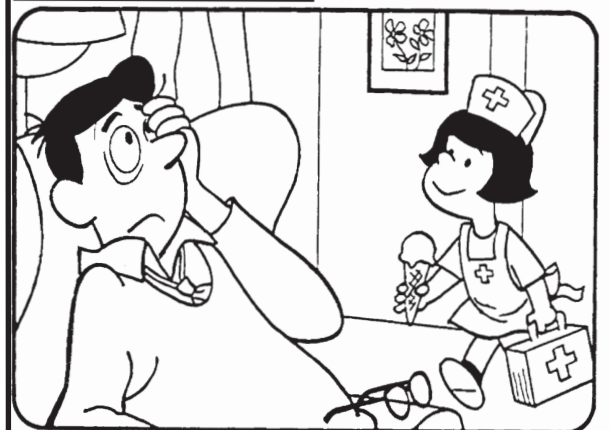
Clue: K equals T

PBIL DEBZK D FZOH C EZK  
 DMDVGOIL ADVKTFZDCA KTDK  
 TOK D EOL PTBXXOIL HAIKAV:

"GDMM PTBBC ZX."

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF



CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.

DIFFERENCES: 1. Tie is missing. 2. Sleeve is shorter. 3. Glasses are missing. 4. Picture is different. 5. Cone is missing. 6. Cap is different.

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 3 6 4 8 2 6 5 6 4 5 7 2 8  
 S O A C N Y A F R F E D T  
 3 2 7 8 7 4 5 7 3 4 8 6 5  
 T E C I R D F E R W C R E  
 3 8 5 4 6 4 5 8 6 7 8 2 5  
 O E C O O R T P M T A R I  
 6 7 2 4 8 4 6 8 5 2 5 7 4  
 M A F K T P U I O U N D A  
 2 3 2 8 2 8 3 7 2 8 5 6 4  
 L N D E A N G M Y C A S Y  
 5 4 5 6 4 7 8 4 7 4 7 6 7  
 T S E I O I E F R F E C R

HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

## GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

	÷		+		2
-		x		+	
	-		x		9
x		-		÷	
	+		x		26
15		13		5	

DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
 ★★★ GO FIGURE!

1 2 3 4 5 7 7 8 9

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PUZZLE ANSWERS ON PAGE 13

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

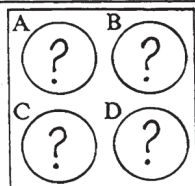
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging  
 ★★★ HOO BOY!

## Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

COIN BOX! A cent, a nickel, a dime and a quarter are represented by lettered circles in the box at right. To tell which coin is which, consult the following clues:



- 1. Coin A's value in cents is twice that of coin C.
- 2. Coin B's value in cents is five times that of C.
- 3. Coin C's value in cents is five times that of D.
- 4. Coin D plus C is 3/5ths A.

Which coins are represented by the circles A, B, C and D?

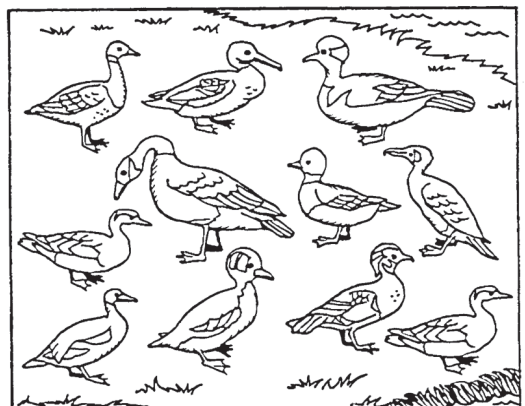
### VERSE SENSE TO PONDER

WHAT appears to be a flat-out contradiction is perfectly logical when you find the answer to this age-old verse riddle. See if you don't agree.

I saw a man behind a man, I saw a man before. Between the two there were in view, exactly half a score.

Yet, I can say, and this is true, though strange it seems to be, That only one, and one alone, was all that I could see.

Can you puzzle it out? P.S. Think British.



BIRD DUO! Two of the assorted birds above look enough alike to be twins. See how quickly you can find them.



SIP SHAPE! Time for a sip, but no time to chat. Apply the following colors: 1—Red. 2—Lt. purple. 3—Yellow. 4—Lt. brown. 5—Flesh tones. 6—Green. 7—Dk. brown. 8—Dk. blue.

## SPELLBINDER

SCORE 10 points for using all the letters in the word below to form two complete words:

RHAPSODY

THEN score 2 points each for all words of four letters or more found among the letters.

Try to score at least 50 points.

Possible twosomes: hard, pony.



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### CryptoQuip

answer  
Song about a quick but alarming earthquake that hit a big shopping center:  
"Mall Shook Up."

### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

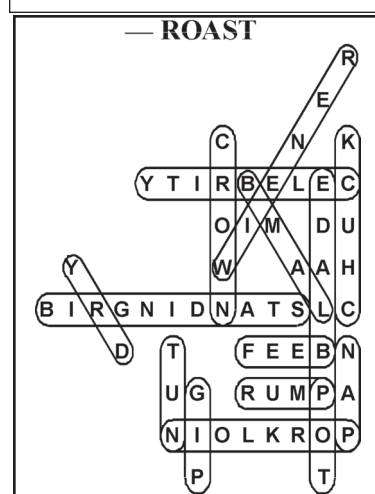
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8	5	4	6	2	1	7	3	9
9	3	2	5	4	7	6	1	8
6	1	8	9	5	4	2	7	3
7	4	3	2	6	8	1	9	5
2	9	5	1	7	3	8	4	6

### Go Figure!

answers

7	÷	7	+	1	2
-		x		+	
4	-	3	x	9	9
x		-		÷	
5	+	8	x	2	26
15		13		5	

### MAGIC MAZE



### King Crossword

Answers  
Solution time: 24 mins.

L	S	D	B	E	E	P	E	K	E	D		
O	W	E	A	L	A	R	N	I	S	I		
V	I	M	R	I	S	E	T	E	S	T		
E	M	I	L	I	O	E	S	T	E	V	E	Z
			O	U	T	S	I	R				
P	S	A	L	M	P	E	N	C	A	B		
H	O	W	L	W	E	D	G	U	R	U		
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			F	E	Z	A	S	P				
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R	I	D	E	R	I	C	O	E	G	O		
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B	A	S	H	S	E	T	S	S	A	L		

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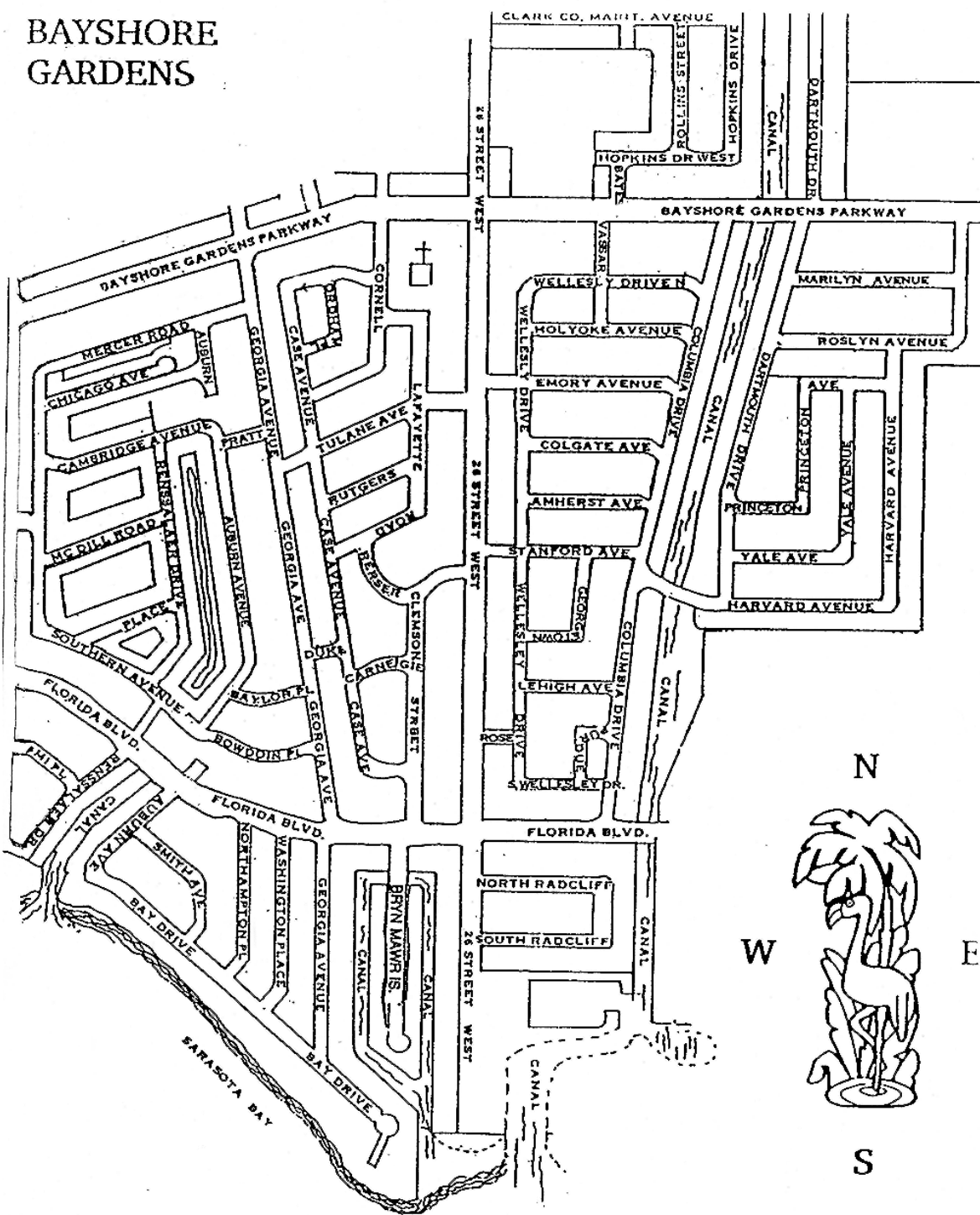
## DECEMBER 2014

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 Office Closed for Termite Tenting	2 Office Closed for Termite Tenting	3 Office Closed for Termite Tenting	4 Office Closed for Termite Tenting	5 Ballroom Dancing 10am	6 Private Party
7 Private Party	8 Garden Club 1pm @ Oyster Bar Jazzercise 5:30pm	9 Crime Watch 7pm Restore Bayshore 7pm in Hall DanceFit 5:30pm	10 House & Grounds Budget & Finance Personnel & Salaries Web/Banner, Marina 5:30pm	11 BGNA 7:00pm Jazzercise 5:30pm	12 Ballroom Dancing 10am	13 Woodchoppers Private Party
14 BGNA Christmas party 1-3pm	15 Jazzercise 5:30pm	16 Board of Trustees 7pm DanceFit 5:30pm	17 Bunco 7pm @ Oyster Bar	18 Jazzercise 5:30pm	19 Ballroom Dancing 10am	20 Private Party
21 Private Party	22 Jazzercise 5:30pm	23 DanceFit 5:30pm	24 Office Closed @ noon	25 Office Closed Jazzercise 5:30pm	26 Ballroom Dancing 10am	27 Private Party
28	29 Jazzercise 5:30pm	30 DanceFit 5:30pm	31 BGNA New Year's Eve Party			



# Real Estate

## BAYSHORE GARDENS



Real Estate Listings for December  
Courtesy of:

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**(941) 685-5848**  
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## Real Estate: For Sale

Address	Beds/Baths	List Price
2504 Florida Blvd.	3/2	\$36,200.00
6431 Lafayette Rd.	2/1	\$67,900.00
6503 Columbia Dr.	3/2	\$95,000.00
2804 Rutgers Ave.	3/1	\$104,900.00
1400 Roslyn Ave.	3/2	\$107,900.00
2920 Bayshore Gdns Pky	3/1	\$120,000.00
2208 Holyoke Ave.	2/1	\$125,000.00
2406 Florida Blvd.	3/2	\$159,999.00
2904 Bowdoin Pl	3/2	\$164,900.00
6028 Dartmouth Dr.	4/2	\$169,500.00
3215 Bayshore Gdns Pky	2/2	\$174,000.00
6239 Auburn Ave.	3/2	\$179,900.00
412 Bryn Mawr	3/2	\$185,500.00
6624 Case Ave.	3/2	\$189,700.00
6835 Georgia Ave.	3/2	\$284,250.00

## Real Estate: Sold

Address	Baths	Baths	Sale Price
2303 Florida Blvd	3	2	\$63,500
6331 26th St W	2	1	\$70,000
1710 Marilyn Ave	3	2	\$74,494
2907 Bowdoin Pl	3	2	\$78,101
1802 Roslyn Ave	2	1.5	\$80,000
6311 Cornell Rd	3	1	\$116,500
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# Christmas and Holiday Cookies

## Chocolate Chip Meringues

2 large egg whites; 2/3 cup sugar

1/4 tsp cream of tartar

1/4 tsp almond extract

1 cup finely chopped semisweet chocolate or miniature semisweet chocolate chips

In a large bowl, with a mixer on high speed, beat egg whites with cream of tartar until thick and foamy. Gradually add sugar and continue to beat until mixture holds stiff, shiny peaks. With a spatula, gently stir in almond extract and chopped chocolate. Spoon 1/2-tablespoon portions into 1-inch-wide mounds about 1 inch apart onto cooking parchment - lined 12- by 15-inch baking sheets. Bake meringues in a 275° regular or convection oven until dry and firm to touch on the outside and almost dry inside, 30 to 35 minutes; if baking two sheets at once in one oven, switch their positions halfway through baking. Let cool for 5 minutes on sheets, then slide a spatula underneath meringues and transfer to racks to cool completely.

## Brownie Cookies

1/2 cup butter; 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

4 unsweetened choc. baking squares, chopped

3 cups semisweet chocolate morsels, divided

1/2 tsp baking powder; 1/2 tsp salt

4 large eggs; 2 cups chopped pecans, toasted

1 1/2 cups sugar; 2 tsp vanilla extract

Combine butter, unsweetened chocolate, 1 1/2 cups chocolate morsels in a large heavy saucepan. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until butter & chocolate melt; cool.

Combine flour, baking powder, & salt; set aside. Beat eggs, sugar, & vanilla at medium speed with an electric mixer. Gradually add flour mixture to egg mixture, beating well. Add chocolate mixture; beat well. Stir in remaining 1 1/2 cups morsels and pecans. Drop dough by 2 tbsp 1 inch apart onto parchment paper-lined baking sheets. Bake at 350° for 10 minutes.

## Peppermint Meltaways

1 cup butter, softened; 1/2 cup cornstarch

1/2 cup confectioners' sugar

1/2 tsp peppermint extract

1-1/4 cups all-purpose flour

**FROSTING:**

2 tbsp butter, softened; 2 tbsp 2% milk

1-1/2 cups confectioners' sugar

1/4 tsp peppermint extract

2 to 3 drops red food coloring, optional

1/2 cup crushed peppermint candies

Preheat oven to 350°. In a small bowl, cream butter and confectioners' sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in extract. Combine flour and cornstarch; gradually add to creamed mixture and mix well. Shape into 1-in. balls. Place 2 in. apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake 10-12 minutes or until bottoms are lightly browned. Remove to wire racks to cool. In a small bowl, beat butter until fluffy. Add confectioners' sugar, milk, extract and, if desired, food coloring; beat until smooth. Spread over cooled cookies; sprinkle with crushed candies. .

## Louisiana Pecan Balls

1 cup butter, at room temperature

2 cups powdered sugar; 2 tsp vanilla

2 cups all-purpose flour; 1/4 tsp baking powder

1 cup chopped pecans

In a large bowl, with an electric mixer on medium speed, beat butter, 1/2 cup powdered sugar, and the vanilla until smooth. In a medium bowl, mix flour and baking powder. Add to butter mixture and beat on low speed to mix, then on medium speed until well blended. Stir in pecans. Shape dough into 1-inch balls and place about 1 inch apart on buttered or cooking parchment-lined baking sheets. Bake in a 300° regular oven until cookies are pale golden brown, about 25 minutes. Let cookies stand on sheets until cool enough to handle. Gently turn warm cookies in powdered sugar to coat.

## Cocoa Thumbprints;

1 1/2 cups AP flour; 2 lg eggs, lightly beaten

3/4 cup granulated sugar, + 1/2 cup for rolling

1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder

1 tsp baking powder; 1/2 tsp salt

6 tbsp unsalted butter, melted

1/2 cup confectioners sugar

Sprinkles, mini marshmallows, mini candies etc

Whisk the flour, 3/4 cup granulated sugar, the cocoa powder, baking powder and salt in a medium bowl. Add the melted butter and eggs and stir until combined. Cover and refrigerate the dough about 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment. Place the confectioners' sugar and the remaining 1/2 cup granulated sugar in 2 separate small bowls. Roll 1/2 tsp of dough into balls; roll in the granulated sugar, then in the confectioners' sugar. Place 1 inch apart on the baking sheets. Lightly flatten each ball with your fingers and make a deep indentation in the centers with your thumb. Place your choice of filling in the indentation. Bake the cookies until puffed and slightly cracked, about 10 minutes

## Coconut Macaroons

14 oz sweetened shredded coconut

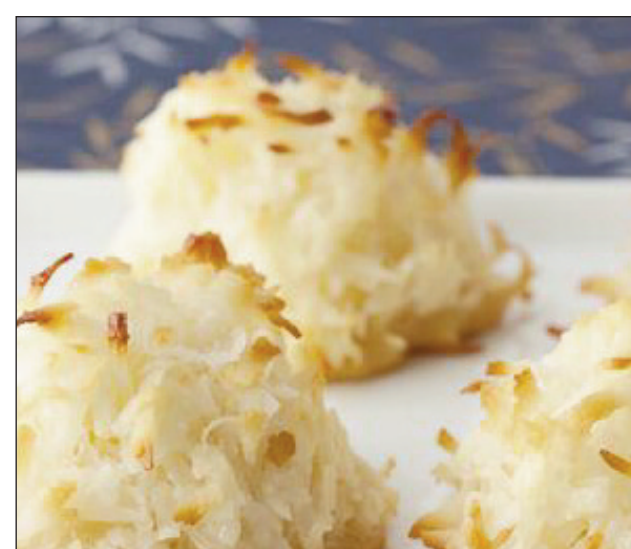
14 oz sweetened condensed milk

1 tsp pure vanilla extract

2 extra-large egg whites, at room temperature

1/4 tsp kosher salt

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F. Combine the coconut, condensed milk, and vanilla in a large bowl. Whip the egg whites and salt on high speed in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the whisk attachment until they make medium-firm peaks. Carefully fold the egg whites into the coconut mixture. Drop the batter onto sheet pans lined with parchment paper using either a 1 3/4-inch diameter ice cream scoop, or 2 teaspoons. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, until golden brown. Cool and serve.





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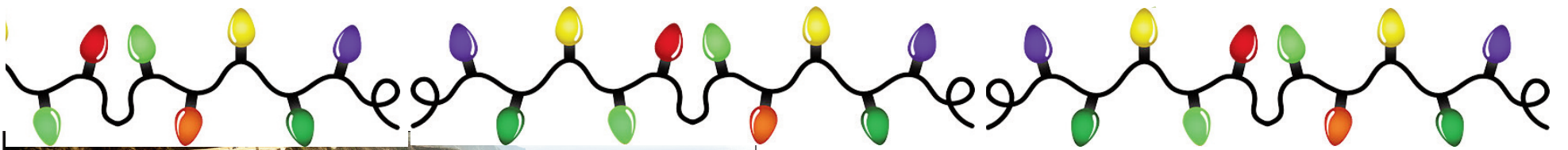
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- 1 egg yolk
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