



Hi neighbors,

The weather these last few days reminds me of the very wise choice Elizabeth and I made to move here 8 years ago from Ohio. It's just paradise! So glad to share it with all of you in this gorgeous setting of Palma Sola Park. We're all living the dream! Here are a few things that are going on.

**Garage Sale** - What a great day we had for the neighborhood Garage Sale last Saturday. I've heard nothing but positive comments from the 30 homes that participated. What a great time meeting other neighbors and visitors. I'm glad for your empty garages and a few extra bucks to spend on something fun.

**Flash Mob** - Our next social gathering is happening tomorrow evening with Flash Mob. There is still time to put in your RSVP with Jo Anne Bursuk (954-257-9566). We're going to descend on Mean Deans Local Kitchen on 26th St. at 6:00 PM tomorrow evening (4/25). This is a fun way to meet neighbors as we share a meal together at a local restaurant.

**On the Rocks** - Our May event has been cancelled for a lack of a host, but we'll have a get-together in June with Jazz in the Park.

**Movies at the Basin** - Our next movie date is Saturday May 11th and we'll be showing On Golden Pond. This is a 1981 classic featuring Henry Fonda in his last theatrical film, Katharine Hepburn and Jane Fonda working through family dynamics related to aging, parent and adult estrangements, new relationships of child to grandfather. It's a beautiful movie. Come check it out in the most beautiful movie theatre you'll ever experience! Showtime will be at sunset, around 8:15 PM.

**Heads up** - In May we'll be passing out to every home in the neighborhood a door hanger invitation to become a supporting member of the Neighborhood Association. At \$20/yr I'm pretty sure it's one of the best deals you'll ever find as you consider the benefits of how "alive" this neighborhood is, how it gets along and how we connect and support one other. Most who visit and those that move in often mention how friendly and unique this place is. The contribution supports the activities your volunteer boards arranges to get neighbors connected with each other such as the parades, monthly socials, field trips, garage sales, movies, connections with the county and beautification projects.

**Rock Block Party** - The Palma Sola Bay Yacht Club's monthly social is inviting the rest of the neighborhood to join their block party planned for May 18th from 6:00 - 9:00 PM at 616 Casabella Dr. It's going to be an awesome block party with a live band and catered BBQ along with a super fun theme of 60s and 70s Rock-N-Roll. Come dressed as a hippie or your favorite classic rocker for a chance to win prizes, including the grand prize of a 2 hour sunset cruise for up to 30 guests! Other activities include a Hula Hoop contest for a 4 hour fishing cruise, dancing, and corn hole.

BYOB and BSC – “Bring Some Cash” to tip the band and for a chance to win the 50/50 raffle to benefit

\$20/person for non-Yacht Club members. (18 and over please.)

**Traffic Study** - I reported earlier that we initiated a formal request for Manatee County to consider traffic calming options for De Narvaez Dr. due to increased traffic volume as well as speeding cars and trucks that cut between 75th and Manatee. Our concern is that traffic volume and speed will only get worse once the 75th widening construction starts. The results of the study indicated that no limits or excessive activity was found to warrant speed bumps or extra stop signs. My discouragement is that I don't know what other course or action we can do. We all know we get the occasional speeder and we're concerned for the safety of kids and those that are walking along the road. I looked into large portable radar speed signs that light up when cars drive by too fast, but at a cost of \$3,500 I felt like that was beyond the scope of what our neighborhood should be doing along with the fact that I would expect vandals to either steel or damage whatever hardware we put in place. I think we're left with two options: 1.) if we're out walking, we wave and yell at cars that are driving too fast. 2:) everyone keep asking the Sheriff to send cars to our neighborhood to watch for speeders. For those that are interested, I can send you the formal letter response we received. Email me if you'd like a copy.

**Jazz in the Park** - Please join us for an evening of fun and music at Seville Circle on Saturday, June 1st from 6:00 - 9:00 PM. This is a family event...games for the kids, conversations for the adults and good music for all! Bring your own drinks, ice, coolers, chairs, blankets, bug spray, and an appetizer or whatever to share. Music will be provided! Shade trees will be provided!

**Future projects** - I'm planning to replace some of the ornamental grass that died on the Palma Sola Blvd. bridge embankment during a May 25th work day. We're also looking into replacing the signs at the entrances of our neighborhood that indicate "No Soliciting". The current ones are faded and unreadable. Look for a note on our FaceBook page for event details.

Remember, we have a private **FaceBook** page which is an awesome tool for neighbors to communicate with one another as well as the sharing of pictures of this beautiful place. The page is titled "Palma Sola Park Neighbors". <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2361223404135385>

See you around the park!

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