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Joyful Holidays At Hillcrest

Golf Cart Parade Lights Up The Night

*Submitted by Carolyn Ledford
Hillcrest RV Resort*



Just one of the many decorated homes at Hillcrest.

As soon as we waved goodbye to Thanksgiving, signs of Christmas began to pop up all over the park. Many homes and RVs put up decorations of all kinds adding a real festive feel especially to those of us who enjoy evening walks after dark.

Along with homes, golf carts began to take on a festive look as well. Some had lights and others sported little trees, reindeer, bells and so forth. In mid-December all of this culminated in a grand night parade of decorated carts plus one recumbent bike that went up and down every street so those gathered in front of their places could fully enjoy each and every one of them as well as catch lots of goodies that were tossed as they paraded passed them.

The parade was followed by a

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Santa and Mrs. Claus on their sleigh on Christmas Eve.

Ready For The New Year

800 Pounds of Food Donated By Residents

*Submitted by Karen May
Hunter's Run RV Estates*

Christmas Eve found the annual parade through Hunters Run park larger than ever. The parade marshal, longtime resident Fran Curtis, led the parade, driven in a decorated golf cart by Jerry Furllette.

Two bands provided music on trailers, pulled by pick-ups, and more than 20 decorated golf carts provided

entertainment and threw out candy to bystanders. Santa's elves picked up more than 800 pounds of food and paper products in two pick-ups for those less fortunate, taken to a local church for distribution.

Santa's sleigh, decorated and covered with lights, brought up the rear of the parade, with Santa and Mrs. Claus greeting residents along the route. The

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'Tis The Season At Valleydale



Christmas decorated three-wheel bike parade.

Christmas Festivities Kept Residents Busy

*Submitted by Dotty Copeland
Valleydale RO*

As 2017 is winding down, activities are still going strong. Our Christmas pot luck, hosted by Nancy and Richard Goff, on Dec. 14, was attended by 51 residents and Santa (Leo Campbell). After the wonderful meal, there was a gift exchange for ladies and men. Richard read a poem and gifts were passed left and right and when the poem was finished, this is the gift you received. This was such a fun night.

The following day, Dec. 15, was the Classy Ladies Christmas party, hosted by Nancy Goff. It was held at the clubhouse and catered by Golden

Corral, in the very festive decorated card room. Christmas trivia games were played and prizes awarded. Everyone went home with some extra food and lots of good cheer.

That same evening, we had our park Christmas party at the clubhouse, hosted by Bob and Jean Porteous and helper elves. Santa (Bob Williams) arrived to start the festivities. Bob Porteous read one of his original poems and told very funny stories. Sonja Faulkingham and Josie Gifford played piano and trombone Christmas music. The Valleydale Chorus sang carols and on "Silent Night", the entire group

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The Moulaisons' winning golf cart.

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gathering at the clubhouse for cookies and awards to the winning entries. What a challenge it was to pick out winners from the huge variety of entries. But it finally came down to a winner: Dan and Jan Moulaison's golf cart complete with a lit tree on the top and reindeer in front appearing to pull it and a fireplace in the back with Santa coming down headfirst.

Placing second was Cyril and Heather Penton's reindeer and wrapped packages topped cart followed by a gingerbread house cart decorated by Bill and Jeanette Himmelright and in fourth place a beautifully lighted golf cart decorated by Ron and Linda Dunne.

Early in December the Hillcrest Choir put on a Christmas Concert that included a first Christmas pageant complete with Joseph, Mary and baby Jesus, several angels and shepherds and of course the kings carrying their gifts. The concert ended with a fun rendition of the "Twelve Days of Christmas" with action for each



Another of the decorated homes at Hillcrest.

of the gifts that added some hilarity to the occasion.

A couple of days later the Santiago Huron family from San Antonio presented a wonderful Christmas Concert to a full house at the clubhouse. Twelve members of the family shared their musical talents including duets up to all of the family

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The Himmelrights' 3rd place golf cart entry.



Judge Pat Bower presents the first place prize to golf cart parade winners Dan and Jan Moulaison.



The Christmas Dinner committee sets up food.

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Shepherds and angels gathered with Joseph and Mary and their baby while the choir provided the music at the Christmas pageant.

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members doing choral renditions of well-known and not so well-known carols and several violin duos. The joy on their faces along with their fantastic talents truly put all the attendees in a state of rejoicing.

Then not to be outdone, many residents gathered on Christmas Eve after dark to ride on a flat-bed trailer,

walk or follow in golf carts as the group worked its way around the park singing carols to those who were entertaining, having a quiet time at home, or were too incapacitated to be out and about. There was plenty of joy in the air as they shared old time carols and some of the fun Christmas songs as well.

A Christmas dance added loads of fun to the month and a time to dress up a bit and celebrate in a beautifully decorated



The Huron family presents one of their musical numbers.

club house complete with red table cloths and pretty decorations on the tables. The committee putting on the dance had purchased a variety of special gifts for a raffle and many came with special snacks to enjoy while they listened and danced to the music provided by Karl Sapp.

Then on Christmas Day, Donny and Leis Ramsey and their committee put on a fantastic Christmas dinner for well over 200 of the residents complete with ham

and turkeys cooked up by the committee and offered along with loads of special side dishes shared by all who came to enjoy time together on this very special day.

Yes, we know how to celebrate and have loads of fun while we live together here at Hillcrest during "season". In fact, we are gearing up now for the next big occasion – a wing ding of a celebration dance on New Year's Eve.



Celicia and Alexis Huron play a violin duet while their older sister Anita accompanies them on the piano.



The Hillcrest carolers belted out a song from their seats on a flatbed trailer.

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Jan. 6 – The Market Place – The monthly market place will be held at Hibiscus Park at Seventh Street and Bougainvillea Avenue from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The pet friendly event is free to attend, open to the public and includes live entertainment. Shop local vendors for a variety of products including honey, home décor, garden accessories, jewelry, bakery items, jellies/jams, homemade soaps and much more. Contact lucyavila707@gmail.com or (352) 424-4972 for additional information or interested vendors.

Jan. 6 – Community Yard Sale – Ramblewood Community, 3853 Gall Blvd., is hosting a community wide yard sale from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Call (813) 469-9684 for information.

Jan. 6 – Car Show – Held in downtown Dade City from 3-7 p.m. Cost is \$10 per car registration; trophies will be presented. Giveaways to the first cars registered. Activities for kids will also be featured. The public and car enthusiasts are encouraged to visit the fabulous shops and restaurants in Dade City. Call (813) 879-1616 for information.

Jan. 6 – Propagating from Seeds #101 – Attractive and productive gardens are attainable on a budget. Attend this free Pasco Extension Seminar to learn some tricks of the trade to successfully germinate seeds and raise the seedlings to beautiful plants. Registration required. Visit pasco.ifas.ufl.edu/events_calendar.shtml for information and to register. Held from 9-10 a.m. at Clayton Hall at Pasco County Fairgrounds, 36702 S.R. 52.

Jan. 6-7 – Dade's Reenactment – Held both days from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. with the battle taking place at 2 p.m. Celebrating the 182nd anniversary of Dade's Battle, the beginning of the Second Seminole War. Reenactment includes period soldier, Seminole and civilian camps, historic arts and crafts demonstrations, full scale cannon firing and more. Cost is \$3/parking plus \$5/person; 5 and under free. Located at 7200 C.R. 54 in Bushnell.

Jan. 8 - Soup and Pie Dinner - The Ladies of Cairo Court #97 Ladies Oriental Shrine are hosting a soup and pie dinner from 3:30-6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, 5950 12th St. Proceeds benefit the Shriner's Hospital for Children in Tampa.

Jan. 9 – Lose the Jiggle Safely and Naturally – Start the New Year by giving yourself a healthy, happy body. This free class will discuss healthy eating and natural essential oils to promote healthy weight management. Held from 3-4:30 p.m. at Living Food Bakery & Cafe, 38201 10th Ave. Enter to win a free gift. Call Marti at (813) 399-4467 or Deanna at (813) 479-7724 for information.

Jan. 10 – Stretch and Relax – Relaxing stretching session for beginners. Held from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Creation Health Wellness Center, 38233 Daughtery Road. Call (813) 779-6476 for information.

Jan. 10 – Use Internet Marketing in your Business – This free small business seminar will be presented by SCORE at the Hugh Embry Library, 14215 Fourth

St., from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Learn how to use internet marketing like email newsletters, social media and more with your business. Visit pascohernando.score.org for information and to register.

Jan. 10 – Bingo Brings in New Year – Usher in 2018 from 2-3 p.m. at Florida Hospital Zephyrhills, 7050 Gall Blvd. in the Creation Café. Call (877) 534-3108 for information and required registration. Enjoy assorted puddings with whipped topping, play Bingo for prizes and hear a presentation by Nurse Lisha McDonough.

Jan. 12 – Ireland's Piano Man – Entertainment at the Gem Estates clubhouse will begin at 7 p.m. and will feature Cahal Dunne, a composer, pianist, comedian and story teller. Music ranging from Irish to Broadway to country will be performed. Tickets are \$10. Call Lee at (813) 780-1012 or Tes at (517) 914-4718 for information and tickets.

Jan. 12 – Garden Planting Ceremony – The UF/IFAS Pasco County Cooperative Extension Service Horticulture Program is pleased to announce a new partnership with the City of Dade City to offer free gardening plots at Watson Park. To celebrate the new community garden, a public Planting Ceremony will be held from 2-4 p.m. at Watson Park, located at the corner of North and Main Avenues, between 17th and 19th Streets, in Dade City. Contact esantiagomez@pascocountyfl.net or call (352) 518-0156 for information.

Jan. 13 – Rummage and Bake Sale – Ramblewood Community, 3853 Gall Blvd., is hosting a community rummage and bake sale from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Call (813) 469-9684 for information.

Jan. 13 – Begonias – Learn about the various types of begonias including how to plant, propagate and care for these beautiful plants at this free UF/IFAS Pasco Extension seminar. Registration required at Eventbrite. Held from 10-11 a.m. at the Zephyrhills Library, 5347 Eighth St.

Jan. 13 – MLK Jr. Parade and Banquet – A parade honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be held in downtown Dade City before the 6 p.m. banquet hosted at the Lewis Abraham Lacombe Boys & Girls Club, 38724 Mudcat Grant Blvd.

Jan. 13 – Wine Festival – Florida Estates Winery, at 25241 S.R. 52 near Land O'Lakes, will host a wine festival with live entertainment vendors and an opportunity to sample the winery's offerings and meet our winemaker for an educational tasting. This event is pet friendly. Held from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Jan. 13 – Raising Cane – Stop by the Pioneer Florida Museum, 15602 Pioneer Museum Road, for a sweet and spicy event from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person. Children 5 and under are free. Locals are invited to compete in a people's choice chili cook off. Also featured will be a pancake breakfast, syrup tasting, iron skillet tossing and more. Visit pioneerfloridamuseum.org for information and a complete list of scheduled events.

Jan. 13 – Farmers Market – Held in the San Antonio City Park from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Offering fresh produce, hand-crafted wine, yard art, plants, jams and jellies, dog treats, honey and bee products, repurposed glass items, dried herbs and herbal products and baked goods. Hot dogs, popcorn, coffee and sodas available for purchase. Vendor spaces are available for \$25. Contact Winnie Burke at (352) 437-5161 or rotarysanantoniofl@gmail.com for information.

Jan. 14 – Scholarship Dinner – A scholarship dinner will be held at Zephyr Lodge #198, 5950 12th St., from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Jan. 14. Tickets are \$7 for the meal that will include beef tips and noodles.

Jan. 16 – Win the Fat Battle – Tips to stop yo-yo dieting and help you get on track for good weight loss. Held from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and again from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Creation Health & Wellness Center, 38233 Daughtery Road. Call (813) 779-6476 for information and to reserve a spot.

Jan. 18 – Vegetable Gardening Basics – Held from 2-2:45 p.m. at the Stallings Building, 15029 14th St. Interested in starting a vegetable garden, but have no idea where to begin? Attend this free UF/IFAS Pasco County Extension seminar where you will learn how to choose a location for a garden, what makes good soil, when to plant different vegetables, and how to control common vegetable garden pests. Visit pasco.ifas.ufl.edu/events_calendar.shtml for information and to register.

Jan. 18 – Robotic Partial Knee Surgery Presentation – Orthopedic Surgeon Dr. Randolph Knight will give a presentation from 1-2 p.m. in the Cypress Room at Florida Hospital Zephyrhills, 7050 Gall Blvd. Dr. Knight will talk about how partial knee replacements can now be done with minimally invasive Mako Robotic-Arm Assisted Surgery which is often an outpatient procedure. Attendees must register by calling (877) 534-3108. Light refreshments will be provided.

Jan. 20 – Cruise In and Car Show – TJ's Deli and Ice Cream, 37752 Meridian Ave., will be hosting a cruise in and car show from 2-5 p.m. Come by for music and 10 percent off food and soft drinks (alcohol not included). Call (352) 437-5914 for information.

Jan. 20 – 5K Kumquat Run/Walk – Get a healthy start to the new year by participating in the Kumquat 5k run/walk on a course that goes through downtown Dade City and the Hardy Trail. Presented by Florida Hospital Zephyrhills and Florida Educators Insurance, race times are 8 a.m. for the kids' half mile run/walk and 8:30 a.m. for the adults' 5K. Fees for students are \$5 and adults pay \$25 with proceeds benefiting the Dade City Youth Council. Visit 5Kumquat.com to register.

Jan. 20 – Pigz in Z'Hillz BBQ & Blues Festival – The annual event, presented by the Greater Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce, will be held from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at 5200 Airport Road. Stop by for live blues music, delicious BBQ, a kids

fun zone, car show, vendors and aviation show. Admission is free with \$10 parking. No coolers or pets allowed. There is limited seating so bring lawn chairs. Call (813) 782-1913 for information.

Jan. 23 – Battle of the Parks – The second annual four-person golf scramble will be held at the Links of Lake Bernadette, 5430 Links Lane in Zephyrhills. Sponsored by Florida Hospital Zephyrhills, the winning team will receive a travelling trophy. Cost is \$35 per player, which includes golf, cart and lunch. Call (813) 788-7888 or visit www.linksoflakebernadette.com for information.

Jan. 25-26 – Kumquat Growers Open House – Held both days from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at 31647 Gude Road. Tours featuring the origin and history of the kumquat, packing house tours, grove tours, and hydroponics will be featured. Visit www.kumquatgrowers.com for a schedule of tours or call (352) 588-0544 for information.

Jan. 27 – Kumquat Festival – The annual Kumquat Festival will be held in downtown Dade City from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. hosted by the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce. Stop by for vendors, music, food and, of course, kumquat pie and all other sorts of kumquat products. This event is free and family friendly. There will be two park and ride locations for easy access. Call the Chamber at (352) 567-3769 or visit dadecitychamber.org for information.

Jan. 30 – Big Brothers Big Sisters Orientation – Find out what it means to be a Big Brother or Big Sister in Pasco County and get a head start in the process. Held from 5:30-7 p.m. at Wesley Chapel Honda, 27750 Wesley Chapel Blvd. Contact (813) 997-6881 or debk@bbstampabay.org for information.

Jan. 31 – Cooking Demo: Healthy Greens – Greens can make a delightful and nutritious meal. Held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Creation Health & Wellness Center, 38233 Daughtery Road. Call (813) 779-6476 for information and reservations.

Feb. 3 – Snowbird Palooza – Simply Events returns to Zephyr Park, 38116 Fifth Ave., for the fourth annual event from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. A full day of free entertainment, activities, and local resources for health, home, and lifestyle. Contests include two card game tournaments, a State Spirit Contest and a Karaoke Contest. All contests offer trophies and prizes for the winners. This event is free to attend, free to park, and free to participate in all tournaments and contests.

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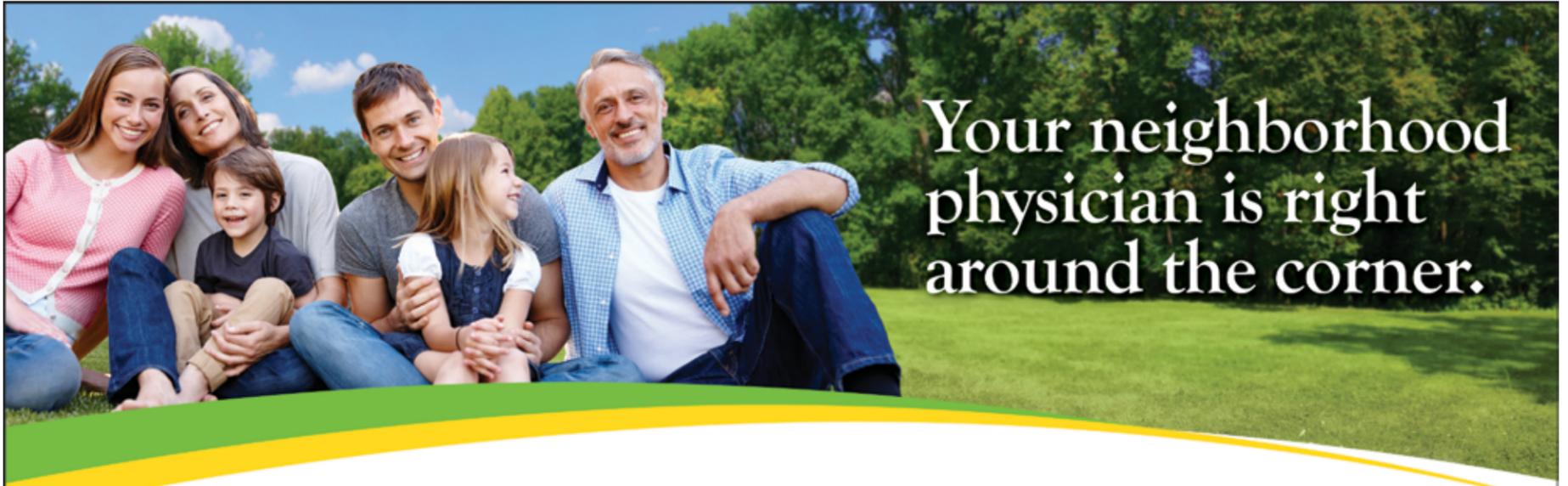
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Depot Museum To Reopen In Early 2018

Remodeling Will Increase Building's Usefulness

Story and photo by Joe Potter

City employees are busily remodeling the historic Depot Museum on South Avenue and the facility will reopen in early 2018, City Manager Steve Spina said.

The building has been closed for a few weeks for two reasons.

Some of the displays inside need to be reviewed and a decision needs to be made on how to best utilize the building and its contents, Spina said.

"Currently, city staff is repairing walls, painting and otherwise touching up the depot," Spina said in a press release.

Hobbyists who volunteer with the model railroad equipment are working with the city to move their setups out of the freight room on the south side of the building.

That room can then be used as open space to hold city and club meetings and other events when the Depot Museum reopens. It may also be rented for weddings or parties.

"We have received a lot of calls about using the depot as a rental space and its current set up inhibited that type of public access," Spina wrote.

All railroad and train memorabilia, including the train setup, will be housed in the center room, which previously served as the depot station office.

Historic displays will be housed in the two waiting rooms on the north end of the building. The Zephyrhills Historical Association has already removed several historic displays and placed them into storage.

"Some paintings and maps are currently displayed



Parks Supervisor James Lyon, Community Redevelopment Area Director Gail Hamilton, Mayor Gene Whitfield, Building Official Bill Burgess and Code Enforcement Officer Joel Bacon and parks employees Jeff Bruce and Rusty Guynn, took a break Thursday while working at the historic Depot Museum on South Avenue.

in the in the city hall annex and at the Jeffries House," Spina said "Some of the artwork is planned for display in the new city hall as well.

"We are not keeping news articles, many of which are yellowed and torn, and will rely on the recently microfiche files of the *Zephyrhills News* that the city paid about \$10,000 to copy and save. These are available for review and copying at the city library.

"Other items are in storage, including glass display cases, file cabinets and furniture," Spina said.

City leaders will meet with the ZHA in January to discuss the possibility of association members serving as volunteer docents at the Jeffries House and also at the Depot Museum when it reopens.

This would be a way for the Depot Museum to be open more hours per week, Spina said.

Clerk & Comptroller's Office Hosting Free Shredding Event

In celebration of Data Privacy Day – Jan. 28 – the Pasco County Clerk & Comptroller is hosting its inaugural "The Big Shred," an opportunity for area residents to see their sensitive, outdated documents reduced to recyclable confetti. The events, scheduled for consecutive Saturdays (Jan. 27 and Feb. 3) at Pasco's courthouses in New Port

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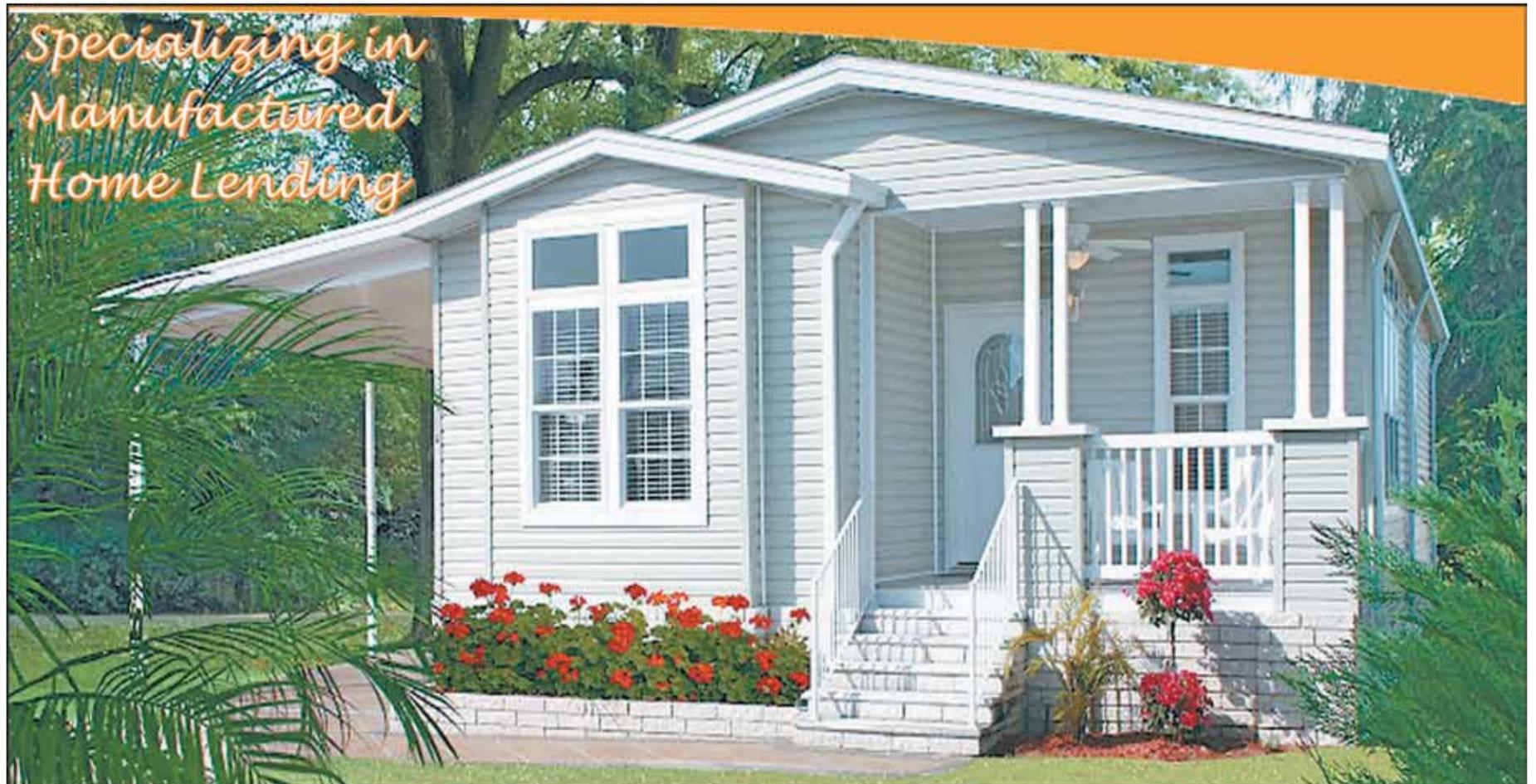
"Data privacy is increasingly important," said Clerk & Comptroller Paula O'Neil. "We want our customers to take every precaution to protect their identities. We believe taking time to shred documents that are no longer needed may be expensive

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Partners Shred 360 and Covanta have combined to provide a shredding truck for two hours – 10 a.m.-12 p.m. – at each location, or until the truck is full, whichever comes first. Visit Pasco is

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joined in on the last verse. It was very uplifting. Then we all had coffee and homemade cookies. Yum.

On Dec. 16, a surprise 60th anniversary party for Bob and Dee Klea, given by family, was held in the clubhouse. More than 60 residents and friends attended.

On Dec. 18, 50 residents met at Golden Corral to honor a wonderful lady, Fern Arnesen, who will be leaving us in May. She was so surprised and a little teary eyed at the turnout.

We had a decorated three-wheel bike parade on Dec. 21. Dwayne Lewis, Nancy Baily, Diane LaCourse, Alice Copeland, Gert Whittaker and Marge Summers drove their Christmas themed bikes all through the park. They were all Santa's elves and everyone enjoyed seeing them go by.

On Dec. 23, a group of 14 went Christmas caroling around the park. Everyone seemed to enjoy this fun activity. We had hot chocolate and cookies at the finish.

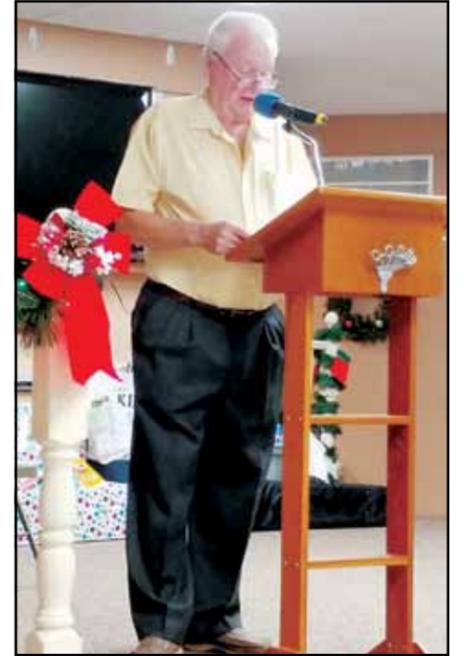
Our last but not least social gathering was our Christmas Dinner held in the Clubhouse, hosted by Gayle and Phil Teri with a lot of helpers. Social hour was from 12 to 1 p.m. Dinner started at 1 p.m. with turkey and ham and gravy supplied by the Social Club and all the fixings came in with each table. There was a lot of visiting and laughing and of course, eating going on. At 6 p.m., we returned for coffee, desserts and if still hungry, turkey and ham. It was a great way to end our Christmas season.

We move onto the New Year and our New Year's Eve celebrations, but more on that next edition.

Till next time.



Christmas party music makers Sonja and Josie.



Poem Reading by Bob Porteous at the Christmas party.



Christmas dinner host Gayle Teri with helpers 2017.



Christmas dinner 2017.

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The 2017 Christmas Parade Marshall.

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group made their way past every home in Hunters Run, before ending at the clubhouse where Santa and Mrs. Claus made an appearance before the annual Christmas Eve program.

Charlie and Patty Farmer coordinated the program which included more than 20 acts and performances, ending with refreshments served to those attending.

Christmas Day found at least 160 persons enjoying a late afternoon Christmas dinner at the clubhouse, with Shirley Phillips and her "helpers" serving a turkey and ham dinner with all the trimmings, brought by those attending.

Hunters Run will end the holiday festivities with a New Year's Eve dance for local residents only, beginning at 9 p.m., with Sweet Waters Band providing music. Happy New Year 2018 to all!



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Dade City's Church Avenue Gets Merry And Bright

Story and photos by **Emily Kochanski**

Last month marked the brightest installment of Church Street Christmas, one of Dade City's most popular holiday events. Every street corner on historic Church Avenue was filled with caroling, candy canes and Christmas spirit.

In addition to a breathtaking display of lights and decorations, many homes along Church Avenue had live entertainment singing on their very doorsteps. Led by instructor Alison Graham, several students of various ages from Graham Music Studios performed a medley of holiday favorites. Among the dancers was 16-year-old Catherine Beard, a member of Graham's Showstoppers group who performed "Perfect Christmas Night," a bouncy number from the beloved holiday film "How the Grinch Stole Christmas."



The lights along Church Avenue are always a stunning display this time of year.

"This is my first time performing at Church Street Christmas," said Beard. "I'm really excited. I love being in Showstoppers, and it feels really cool to be here and to be a part of all of this." Each of the churches along the

avenue carried out some interesting holiday activities as well. The First Baptist Church partnered with members of the 4-H Club from Academy at the Farm to assemble a nativity scene filled with loveable livestock.

"We have, not just the manger scene, but a three-way set up for Jesus," explained David Dahmer, the youth pastor at First Baptist Church. "He came to be born to be the savior of the world and he later died on the cross, but we wanted to finish the story with how he rose again and came back to life."

Church Street Christmas means a lot to its annual patrons, but it holds a deeper meaning for the residents. David Carey, who has lived on Church Avenue for almost 15 years wanted to spread some holiday cheer to the people of Dade City by converting his front porch into a venue for numerous musical acts.

"I believe in Christmas – the real Christmas. I wanted to have music and entertainment that reflected that," Carey explained. "The lighting [on Church Avenue] is beautiful, but the music is good, too. Putting both together is what I love the most."



Members of the Academy at the Farm 4-H Club supplied First Baptist Church with some furry friends for their annual nativity scene.



Church Avenue resident David Carey opened his front porch to members of the Pasco High jazz band and other musical talents.



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