



WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!

Welcome Eric Noelke and Lynn Carter on Divot Court.

SPOONBILL EVENTS:

Group members will be receiving invites for the events from the group leaders. You will be able to RSVP in response to that email. If you are interested in a group, please email SpoonbillNeighbors@yahoo.com for information on groups and how to join.

SPECIAL EVENTS



HOLIDAY PARTY! We know it's hard to think about the holidays but the Annual Spoonbill Neighbors Holiday Party on December 14th will be here before you know it! Evites have gone out to members and the excitement is building!

Last year, a VERY GENEROUS anonymous donor covered most of the cost for the band. We think all who attended will agree it was really fun, and Billy Buchanan & Band were fantastic.

We're excited to announce we've hired Billy Buchanan & Band again this year. We researched many bands and none were as much fun as this one. We are counting on the Spoonbill community to attend the party and participate in some fundraising to help cover the costs. And, yes, the 50/50 raffle tickets will be making the rounds again! 😊

WHAT: Spoonbill Neighbors 4th Annual Holiday Party with Billy Buchanan & Band

WHEN: Sunday, December 14th

WHERE: Marsh Creek Country Club

MENU: Tuscany Buffet with Caesar Salad, Bread, Chicken Piccata, Tortellini Alfredo, Eggplant Parmesan, Green Beans Almondine, and Cannoli. Tea, water, sodas, and coffee are included; Cash bar.

Tickets are \$70 per person beginning October 1. Stay tuned for more details!



Night of Lights in Marsh Creek

Hold the date Friday December 12, 2025 for another fun Night of Lights in the neighborhood. Streets and sections of Marsh Creek display Christmas decorations of their choosing. Some have food stations, music and maybe caroling this year; we've heard a few even have cocktails. It's an opportunity to meet and greet neighbors and kick off the holiday season. If you need suggestions on how to start the party, contact neighbors who live in the Villas, on Pinehurst, Players Court, or Marshside Drive; they've got it down to an art! Any questions, contact Louise Nelson at lzn@mindspring.com.

REGULAR EVENTS

- **Community Outreach** - The Annual Spoonbill Neighbors Thanksgiving “Share the Feast” Food Drive will soon be under way. Be on the lookout for BOGO items at the grocery stores. Items needed are Canned Ham, Mayonnaise, Boxed Mac & Cheese, Canned Corn, Green Beans, Carrots or Seasoned Greens, Jello & Canned Fruit, Instant Mashed Potatoes (any variety), Cake Mix & Frosting, Mayonnaise, Pork and Beans, Rice, Stuffing Mix, Gravy Mix, Candy, Muffin, Roll or Biscuit Mix, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Juice, and Canned Meat or Fish. Also needed are Shampoo, Toothpaste & Toothbrushes, Bar Soap and Dishwashing liquid.
If filling grocery bags is not convenient, any donations to our food banks are most appreciated. These organizations provide hope and help fight hunger for the less fortunate in our community.
 - St. Johns Food Pantry <https://stjohnsfoodpantry.org/>
 - Pie in the Sky Community Alliance <https://pieintheskystjohns.charityproud.org/Donate>
 - ESHC of St. John’s County <https://homelesscoalitionstjohns.com/>
- **Dining Out for Couples** - A huge thank you to Ken Wasmer for leading the Dining Out Couples group so successfully for such a long time! He’s a tough act to follow but we are confident Lisa Stern will do an amazing job when she takes over the leadership of this group in November.
The Dining Out group meets every other month with each member taking a turn to choose a restaurant. There is no meeting in October. Our next meal together will be in November when we rebrand the group as Dining Out for Neighbors! Just to clarify, everyone is welcome whether you have a partner or come solo. Date/time/location and request for RSVP for the November event will be sent to group members when details are finalized. For more information on the group, email Lisa Stern at sternl2001@aol.com
- **Book Club** - The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson will be the October discussion, hosted by Lorraine Novinger. It tells the story of the Great Migration, a watershed in American history. Book selection for the coming months is as follows:
 - November - The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon
 - December - The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor ReidReminder, meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. If you’re interested in joining, please contact Louise Nelson at lzn@mindspring.com

- **GoGos 2.0** – The GoGo's will be the “test group' for POKENO, a game like Bingo but played with a deck of cards and poker chips. An email will be sent to the group explaining the details, day, time & place of this October event. All who sign up will be asked to bring a newly purchased, wrapped gift which will act as the prizes for each POKENO winner! These gifts may be kept, stolen or frozen so watch out! Contact Dianne Hood at diannehood@comcast.net if you are interested in joining Girls Out Goofing Off.
- **Happy Hour** – The Happy Hour group will meet October 10. Anyone interested in signing up for this fun group, please contact Donna Delzingaro at Donna.Delzingaro@gmail.com
- **Lunch Bunch** – Many thanks to Marty Round for her co-leadership of this group in the past. We wish her all the best in her new home! Lunch Bunch will meet Wednesday, October 22 at 12:00 pm. Interested? Contact Angela Siragusa at staug15@gmail.com
- **Spoonbill Walkers** – Spoonbill Neighborhood Walks will be on a break in October, returning in November. Interested in this group? Contact Sue Whittle for more information at sue@whittle.com.
- **Whiskey Group** - Whiskey Lovers will be taking a tour of Scotland on October 23. Contact Mike Blaker at mike.blaker@gmail.com if you are interested in joining this group.
- **Wine Lovers** – Wine Lovers will meet Saturday, October 18 at 6:00 p.m. They will enjoy California Cabs and Chards with food to match. Connect with Mark Turgeon at turgeon.mark@gmail.com for more information or to join this group.
- **Mexican Train**- Ladies daytime train will be meeting October 28 at 1:00 p.m. Invitations will be sent. If interested in joining this group, please contact Nancy Hill at sunrosefam5@msn.com.
- **Dining In** – Our Dining In groups completed their dinners for this season. We are looking forward to re-grouping in October. Dining In is group of Spoonbill Neighbors enjoying a shared meal in the intimacy of their homes. The host provides the main course and the other couples provide the rest of the meal. If you are interested in joining, please contact Meri-Katherine Peed at MKPeed@aol.com.
- **Welcome Committee**- This group continues to make our new neighbors feel at home and assist them in learning about Marsh Creek and St Augustine with a friendly visit. Teams of two visit new neighbors monthly. If you would like to be a

Welcome ambassador, there is room on the team. Please email Meri-Katherine Peed at MKPeed@aol.com

- **Stitch and Bitch-** Stitch and Bitch has disbanded due to lack of interest. Many thanks to Jeannette Lindeman for her tireless support of this group and for her leadership over the last 3 years.

GOGO's Photos from the showing of NUNSENSE at the Limelight!



Until next month--Cheers!!!
Lorraine and Patty