

JULY 2026

SPOONBILL NEWSLETTER



SPOONBILL EVENTS

Group members receive event invitations from group leaders. Please be sure to RSVP if you wish to attend so hosts may plan accordingly. If you RSVP in the affirmative and need to cancel, kindly advise the group leader and host as many events have a waitlist. Interested in joining a group? We'd love to have you! Simply email SpoonbillNeighbors@yahoo.com for information on groups and how to join.

- **Community Outreach** – Melody Ness is collecting food for St. John's Food Pantry. See [The Spoonbill Courier](#) for a list of food items needed. School is out and many kids are hungry at home. Items may be delivered during July to Melody at 401 Misty Morning Lane. Thank you for your generosity.
- **American Sign Language Conversation** – With the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind in St. Augustine, you may notice many of our businesses have deaf employees. Wouldn't it be nice to be able to say hello, thank you, or a few other greetings using ASL. One of our neighbors has agreed to teach us some basics. We will begin meeting in July and will determine a schedule once we see who wants to participate. If interested, please contact Meri-Kathryn Peed at mkpeed@aol.com.

- **Book Club** - Book Club offers interesting and lively discussions and is a wonderful way to connect with neighbors through a shared love of reading. Book Club will be on hiatus during July and August. To join this group and enjoy thoughtful conversation, please contact Louise Nelson at lzn@mindspring.com.
- **Dining In** - The last dinner of the season was at Bonnie and Rick Farmer's house, evoking fond memories of the 1970s when fondue was all the rage. We had a lovely dinner of beef fondue, twice baked potatoes, Italian salad and chocolate cake. This year we played games and had some dinners where we dressed and prepared meals related to a theme (the 60's was a big one). We will reconvene in September and hope more of you will join the group. The meals are simple, with preparation shared by all of us. This is a relaxing way to really get to know your neighbors. For more information about this group, please contact Meri-Kathryn Peed at MKPeed@aol.com.
- **Dining Out with Neighbors** - The next gathering of Dining Out with Neighbors is July 9 at The Floridian. Thank you to Sharon and Ken Wasmer for organizing this dinner for fourteen neighbors. Kindly notify the group leader if you RSVP'd but are unable to attend. Contact Lisa Stern at sternl2001@aol.com if you would like to join this group and explore local restaurants in good company.
- **GoGos 2.0** – The GoGos enjoyed a beautiful full moon sunset cruise on June 28 on the Schooner Freedom. See pictures at the end of the Newsletter. Thanks to Sharon Wasmer for organizing this event. The GoGos are vacationing in July and will return in August. For more information about the GoGos, please contact Tish Jolly at letitiajolly@gmail.com. Come join the fun!
- **Happy Hour** - Happy Hour is held once a month on a Friday evening at a host's home in Marsh Creek. Guests bring their beverage of choice and a delicious appetizer to share while enjoying a fun and relaxing evening. No Happy Hours are scheduled in July or August, but the fun will resume in September! Please contact Lorri Maloney at lmaloney58@gmail.com to join this group or to share ideas on how to make it even more special.
- **Lunch Bunch** - Lunch Bunch meets monthly at local restaurants for good food, great conversation, and fellowship. The next lunch will be on July 30. Interested in joining? Contact Angela Siragusa at staug15@gmail.com.
- **Mexican Train** - This month's train meets July 7. Mexican Train is a women's group that meets once a month at a host's home for fun, fellowship, and friendly competition. This popular domino game is easy to learn and enjoyable for all skill levels. If interested in playing, please contact Penny Jones at dpjones02@gmail.com.

- **Walking Group** – The Walking Group welcomes all who enjoy walking and connecting with others. Each walk features a new location and offers a wonderful opportunity for exercise and friendship. The next event is in September. Interested in walking with us? Contact Sue Whittle for more information at sue@whittle.com.
- **Welcome Committee** – Every month, a team of two visits new neighbors and delivers a welcome bag with information about Marsh Creek, Spoonbill Neighbors, Marsh Creek Country Club, and St. Augustine. If you would like to join us as we welcome new neighbors to our community, please contact Bonnie Farmer at bonniefarmer22@gmail.com.
- **Whiskey Group** – Whiskey lovers enjoy sampling whiskeys and other spirits from different regions of the world. Anyone interested in joining may contact Mike Blaker at mike.blaker@gmail.com.

Wine Lovers – Karen and Tom Smith hosted a Bavarian German celebration in June. It was very festive with costumes and singing! See pictures at the end of the Newsletter. Mark Turgeon and Tamara Cushing will host their annual “Summer Patio Party” on Saturday, July 18. Connect with Mark Turgeon at turgeon.mark@gmail.com for more information or to join Wine Lovers.

Spoonbill Neighbors is more than a social organization; it’s a place of connection, friendship, and shared experiences. Thank you for being part of what makes this community so special.

Until next month,
Cheers!!!

Karen and Patty





GoGo's Schooner Freedom Cruise (June 2026)

