

SEPTEMBER 2026 SPOONBILL NEWSLETTER



HOLIDAY PARTY

The annual Spoonbill Neighbors Christmas party will be on **Sunday, December 6.** **Please save the date** for an evening of Christmas cheer, good food, and fun with neighbors and friends.

Spoonbill Cares

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we have a new group called "Spoonbill Cares". The purpose is to reach out to any Spoonbill Neighbor who may be going through a tough time such as illness, death in the family, etc. We will send a card, and depending on the situation, may offer to visit, run an errand, prepare a meal or any number of things. If anyone in Spoonbill knows of a member who could use a little pick me up, **please first ask that person if it's ok to share with our committee** and then reach out to Lorri Maloney at lmaloney58@gmail.com.

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 would love to have you! Simply email SpoonbillNeighbors@yahoo.com for information on groups and how to join.

- **Community Outreach-** The group will be gearing up for the Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Please pick up any BOGOs when you see them to contribute to the food drive. Thank you for your continued generosity for those less fortunate.
- **American Sign Language Conversation** –Wouldn't it be nice to learn a few basics in American Sign Language? With the Deaf and Blind school located in St. Augustine, there are quite a few deaf individuals living and working in the area. One of our neighbors agreed to teach us the fundamentals. We began 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** – The next Book Club meeting is September 8 to discuss *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans, an epistolary novel. Please RSVP by September 4 if you plan to participate. Book Club offers interesting and lively discussions and is a wonderful way to connect with neighbors through a shared love of reading. To join this group and enjoy thoughtful conversation, please contact Louise Nelson at lzn@mindspring.com.
- **Dining In** - We will be forming new Dining-In groups in October. This is an intimate group enjoying food, friendship, and conversation in the comfort of our homes. Couples (and singles) meet once per month at a member's home for a delicious dinner prepared by everyone in the group. 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 will be on September 10 at Terra and Aqua. Keep an eye out for invitations and kindly RSVP if you are joining us. Contact Lisa Stern at sternl2001@aol.com if you would like to join this group and explore local restaurants in good company.
- **Games-**
 - **Mahjong-** The Marsh Creek Women's Association is hosting a fundraising event, a four-day cruise featuring optional Mahjong, games, relaxation, and fellowship. The cruise departs February 2 and is open to all. Please click on this link for more details and contact information. [MCOA Mahjong and Games Cruise](#). An email attachment titled "Mahjong" contains additional details.
Mahjong is a fun and engaging tile game that combines strategy, skill, and a little bit of luck! The Spoonbill Neighbors Mahjong group welcomes experienced players and beginners alike.

- * Mahjong (MJ1)- All levels of play contact Dianne Hood at diannehood@comcast.net to be plugged into a group or sign up to be a substitute.
 - * Mahjong (MJ2)- Interested in learning the game? For lessons or a refresh, contact Joanne Naglieri at joannenags@hotmail.com.
 - **Mexican Train** - The Mexican Train now meets on the third Tuesday of each month. This month's train meets September 15. 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.
- **GoGos 2.0** – The GoGos are back this month. The following activities are scheduled:
 - September 17** - POKENO. This game is fun, fast, and can become crazy.
 - October 15** - A food and wine tasting tour.
 Details to follow. Space is limited, so be on the lookout for additional details soon and reserve your spot for these "can't be missed" outings. For more information about the GoGos, please contact Tish Jolly at letitiajolly@gmail.com. Come join the fun!
- **Happy Hour** – The September Happy Hour will be on September 11 with our new hours of 6:00 to 8:00. Please contact Lorri Maloney at lmaloney58@gmail.com to join this group
- **Lunch Bunch** - Lunch Bunch meets monthly at local restaurants for good food, great conversation, and fellowship. The next event is Thursday, September 24. Interested in joining? Contact Angela Siragusa at staug15@gmail.com.
- **Walking Group** – The next walk, "Bass Laps", is September 15. 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. Interested in walking with us? Contact Sue Whittle for more information at sue@whittle.com.
- **Welcome Committee** – The Spoonbill Welcome Committee drops off information packages at new neighbors homes each month. If you are interested in being on the committee and welcoming new neighbors, please contact Bonnie Farmer at bonniefarmer22@gmail.com.
- **Whiskey Group** – Whiskey lovers sampled "unique whiskeys" on August 26. A good time was had by all. This group samples 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** – Lisa and Terry McGlynn held the August Wine Lovers event on Saturday, August 29. The next event will be hosted by Patty Damon and Rich Bittlingmayer on Saturday, September 19. Connect with Mark Turgeon at turgeon.mark@gmail.com for more information or to join Wine Lovers.

Thank you for being part of what makes this community so special.

Until next month,
Cheers!!!

Karen and Patty

