

OCTOBER 2026

SPOONBILL NEWSLETTER



SAVE THE DATE!

The annual Spoonbill Neighbors Christmas party will be on **Sunday, December 6** at the Marsh Creek Clubhouse. **Please save the date** for an evening of Christmas cheer, good food, and fun with neighbors and friends. Cost will be \$65 per person if purchased Oct 1-31, \$70 per person Nov 1-30. Checks can be made out to Lorri Maloney and delivered or mailed to 812 Summer Bay or Venmo @James-Nichols-562.

SPOONBILL EVENTS

Please be sure to RSVP to event invitations if you wish to attend so hosts may plan accordingly. If you RSVP affirmatively 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-** Marsh Creek's Annual Share the Feast Thanksgiving Food Drive on behalf of the Homeless Coalition will start November 1. A list of suggested items for donation is shown below so you can keep eye out for sales and BOGOs. Thank you for your continued generosity for those less fortunate.

Boxed Mac & Cheese	Canned Meat or Fish	Jello & Canned Fruit
Instant Mashed Potatoes, any variety	Canned Corn, Green Beans, Carrots or seasoned greens	Rice, stuffing mix or hot rolls mix
Pork and Beans	Mayo	Gravy mix
Candy	Juice	Peanut Butter and jelly
Muffin, Roll or Biscuit Mix	Soap bars/ Dishwashing liquid	Shampoo, Toothpaste & toothbrushes
Cake Mix & Frosting		

- **American Sign Language Conversation** – ASL had its first meeting on September 30. Participants learned finger spelling and some common signs. The group will meet two Wednesdays per month with the next class on October 14 at 2:00. If you would like to learn a few basics in American Sign Language please contact Meri-Kathryn Peed at mkpeed@aol.com.
- **Book Club** – Book Club will meet October 13 to discuss *The Traitors Wife* by Allison Pataki. Please RSVP by October 10 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** – Dining In is looking for new members! There is still time to join before the reorganization dinner/meeting in October. This is an intimate group enjoying food, friendship, and conversation in the comfort of our homes. Participants (couples and singles) meet once per month at a member's home for a delicious dinner to which everyone contributes their talents. 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 in November. Keep an eye out for invitations and kindly RSVP if you plan to dine with 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** - This fun and engaging tile game combines strategy, skill, and a little bit of luck! It is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends, socialize in one another's homes and eat great snacks! We have fun playing too!
 - **New Players** - Angela Siragusa and Mary Ellen Danielson have graciously agreed to host a Beginner/Intermediate Level Mahjong group. The first

meeting/play date will be Monday, October 26 at 1:00. If you would like to join this group to play or just watch and get a sense of the game before committing to regular play, please RSVP to diannehood@comcast.net. All are welcome!

- **Experienced Players** – Players of all levels may contact Dianne Hood at diannehood@comcast.net to be plugged into a group or sign up to be a substitute.
- **Lessons** - Interested in learning the game? For lessons or a refresh, contact Joanne Naglieri at joannenags@hotmail.com.
- **Mahjong Cruise** - 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. An email attachment titled "Mahjong" contains additional details.
- **Mexican Train** - The Mexican Train now meets on the third Tuesday of each month. This month's train meets October 20. 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 or 352-219-6950.
- **GoGos 2.0** - The GoGos will enjoy a private food and wine tour on October 15, hosted by Jana Synatschk and coordinated by Nancy Hill. This event is sold out. Tour participants will learn how culinary heritage from around the world has influenced Saint Augustine over the centuries. Each venue is unique with custom menus prepared using fresh local ingredients specifically for our tour. For more information about the GoGos, please contact Tish Jolly at letitiajolly@gmail.com. Come join the fun!
- **Happy Hour** – A fun time was had by all at the September Happy Hour, hosted by Bonnie and Rich Farmer. The next Happy Hour will be October 9. 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, October 29 at Asado Life. Interested in joining? Contact Angela Siragusa at staug15@gmail.com.
- **Spoonbill Cares** – In August, we introduced a new group called "Spoonbill Cares". This group will reach out to Spoonbill Neighbors going through a tough time due to 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 you know a Spoonbill 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

- **Walking Group** – No walks are scheduled at this time, but stand by for “pop-up” offers to walk if a chance arises this year. 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 the homes of new neighbors 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** – 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** – Patty Damon and Rich Bittlingmayer hosted an evening of South American food and wine on September 19. A Southern Italian event will be hosted by Brian and Louise Nelson on Saturday, October 24. The final Wine Lovers event of the year will be held November 14. 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

