NOVEMBER 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. The cost is $70 per person. Checks can be made out to Lorri Maloney and delivered or mailed to 812 Summer Bay or you can pay by 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 has begun. A list of suggested items for donation is shown below. Food donations should be dropped off on or before November 15. If shopping for food is not convenient, monetary donations are welcome. Thank you for your continued generosity to those less fortunate.

Bags may be picked up and dropped off at the following homes:

- 335 Marsh Point Circle (Karen Smith)
- 401 Misty Morning Lane (Melody Ness)
- 209 Fiddlers Point Drive (Louise Nelson)

For more information, click Food-Drive Details or refer to the attachment.

Suggested Food Items

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** – Pat Langley, former Dean of Students at the Florida School for the Blind, is teaching four Spoonbills American Sign Language, including fingerspelling and useful phrases. This group meets for one hour twice a month on Wednesday afternoons. This month we meet on November 4 and 18. Come join the conversation! Contact MKPeed@aol.com for details.

- **Book Club** – Book Club will meet November 10 to discuss *The Instrumentalist* by Harriet Constable. Please RSVP by November 6 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 begins a new season with four couples sharing traditional dishes from around the world, with French and Italian dinners already on the menu. If you enjoy cooking and lively conversation in the comfort of neighbors' homes, contact MKPeed@aol.com.

- **Dining Out with Neighbors -** Dining Out with Neighbors will be on hold until next year as we look for a new leader for this fun group. If you enjoy bringing neighbors together over good food and conversation, please consider leading this group to keep it going!

- **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 hosted a Beginner/Intermediate Level Mahjong group. If you would like to participate in the next meeting of this group to play or just to watch and get a sense of the game before committing to regular play, please RSVP to diannehood@comcast.net. All are welcome!
- **Experienced Players –** Experienced players may contact Dianne Hood 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.

- **Mexican Train –** Mexican Train is a popular domino game that is easy to learn and enjoyable for all skill levels. This women's group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at a host's home for fun, fellowship, and friendly competition. This month's train meets November 17. If interested in playing, please contact Penny Jones at dpjones02@gmail.com or 352-219-6950.

- **GoGos 2.0 –**
  - The GoGos enjoyed a beautiful October afternoon eating their way through a private food and wine tour in historic downtown St. Augustine, led by Jana Synatschk. The group sampled delicious treats at six local favorites: Claude's Chocolates, French Pantry/Little Miss Ha, Ancient Olive, Florida Cracker, Athena Greek Restaurant, and Le Macaron. From gourmet chocolates, French bread, and specialty wines to Southern favorites, flaming Greek cheese, and sweet French pastries, there was something for everyone! Several GoGos brought home specialty oils, vinegars, and other goodies.
  - On **December 11,** the GoGos will enjoy a cozy and festive afternoon crafting gifts while enjoying good food and great company, Please see the attached flyer for details.
  - For more information about the GoGos, please contact Tish Jolly at letitiajolly@gmail.com. Come join the fun!

- **Happy Hour –** The October Happy Hour was hosted by Joanne Naglieri and Gerry Kurth in the midst of a monsoon. Everyone who waded through the water to the front door had a great time! The next (and final Happy Hour of 2026) will be November 6. Please contact Lorri Maloney at lmaloney58@gmail.com to join this group.

- **Lunch Bunch -** Lunch Bunch meets November 19 at a restaurant TBD. We meet monthly at local restaurants for good food, great conversation, and fellowship. Interested in joining? Contact Angela Siragusa at staug15@gmail.com.

- **Spoonbill Cares** – This group was established to help 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 do 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. The Whiskey Group will disband if we do not have a volunteer to take over the lead, at which point we will all be forced to drink alone. Anyone interested in joining and/or taking over as the leader may contact Mike Blaker at mike.blaker@gmail.com.

- **Wine Lovers –** Louise and Brian Nelson hosted an evening of Southern Italian food and wine on 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





October Go Go event- downtown St. Augustine



October Happy Hour



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