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Being part of this Activity Committee means that they are one of seven members that are considered the Engagement Team within VPE. These are not the only residents that are part of this committee. Every resident within VPE is part of this Activity committee and are able to Host Events, with support from this Engagement team. If you are interested in supporting this Engagement team, please reach out to any of them.

Please note – call Community Media – 941-375-3699 for **ALL ADS**, or e-mail darin@4communitymedia.com

MEETINGS

The next Board meeting is October 15 @ 9:30 AM
The next Activity meeting is October 8 @ 5:00 PM

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Deadline for November submissions is October 20. Please submit as a Word document to Tony at the office. Email: vpe8885@gmail.com. For those not able to create a Word document, put the article in the body of the email to allow for copy and paste to the draft. Everyone is invited to send good quality photos to me of any event or activity that's of interest to our residents.

LIBRARY SUBCOMMITTEE:

Nancy Garrett, alongside a few more volunteers, will be relocating the top shelf books to lower shelves to be more accessible to residents. She is proud to announce the new Book Club will start at the end of October. More information will be shared via emails, Facebook, so be on the lookout for these details.

**BIBLE STUDY:**

Beginning Thursday October 2nd, Keith and Angel Elcock, Unit 104, will be opening the clubhouse at 8 am and inviting any and all residents to join us in a bible study. The first meeting will be a get to know you meeting and a consensus will be made as to which book of The Bible we will start our study.

We are planning on the study to run 30 minutes each week, but we will have the clubhouse open from 8 am until 9 am for those who wish to linger further in the Word.

Hope to see a nice turnout on the 2nd.

**BINGO SUBCOMMITTEE:**

Bingo has resumed and is seeking your participation and support every Tuesday in the Clubhouse. If you are new to the Community, come on down and join in on the fun. Feel free to bring a snack and your drink of choice to enjoy and the spirit of competition and comradery. Games begin at 7pm and are typically over by 9pm



RECIPE OF THE MONTH*by Brenda Park***8-Can Soup**

This is a mix between a vegetable soup and chili (very filling)

- 1 can potatoes, drained
- 1 can old-fashioned vegetable soup
- 1 can green beans, undrained
- 1 can diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 can corn, undrained
- 1 can Hormel turkey chili
- 1 can Veg-All undrained
- 1 can Hormel chili (no beans)

Mix all ingredients together and heat.
Makes 11 servings.

If you have a favorite recipe that you'd like to share with your friends at VPE, please send it to our office email: vpe8885@gmail.com.

ABC SALE

The show must go on! Although we were rained out in August and had to cancel the Sale, here are the upcoming dates for your calendar. We look forward to seeing you at our next event!

DONATIONS 10/27 & SALES 10/28

The committee will continue to provide this opportunity for residents to be able to donate items throughout the year. If you have items to donate and are not available during the published dates, please reach out to make other arrangements to evaluate your items. Paula and I are willing to work with residents to establish a schedule that works for all involved.

Brenda Park -Activities Committee Chair – ABC Sale Volunteer

**BONUS RECIPE***by Cheryl Smith***Bacon Corn Chowder**

This corn chowder is a hearty soup great for fall weather.

- 5 slices thick-cut bacon, dices into small pieces
- 5 C. chicken stock
- 1 small onion, dices
- 2 cloves garlic, finely dices
- 8 cobs of fresh sweet corn (this recipe is not for frozen or canned corn)
- 1/3 C. flour
- 1 ½ # Yukon gold or red potatoes, dices into ½" pieces
- ½ t. dried thyme
- 2 bay leaves (optional)
- 1 ½ C. heavy cream
- Salt and pepper to taste

Cook the bacon until crisp. Add the onions to the pot of bacon and grease and sauté until soft. Add the garlic and stir for 30 seconds. Stir in the flour, coating all the bacon and onion pieces. Cook about a minute until the flour begins to brown. Gradually pour in the chicken stock, a little at a time, while whisking continuously. When the chicken stock is all mixed in, add the potatoes, corn, thyme and bay leaves. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer for 20-30 minutes or until the potatoes are of desired softness. Stir in the cream and heat through.

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU:

by Amy Newman

Roy Walker, of 2079 Palazza Drive, has been an owner in VPE since 2014. He bought his original mobile home from Sandy Palumbo and several years later replaced it with a new home. As a bonus, Roy's daughter and son-in-law, Terry (also known as Sis) & Kenny Deer have lived next door for much of the same time. Previous to wintering here Roy and Jackie spent winters in their class A motor home up the road in Cortez. In the off season, Roy has lived in Indianapolis in the same home since 1965 where he and Jackie raised Terry, Randy, and Brian, who with his wife Jenny own a coach on Gondola Drive. Additionally, he is "Poppy" to 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren with the bonus of granddaughter Hayley and family living in nearby Nokomis.

Roy was born 88 years ago in Sheperdsville, Kentucky and the family moved at the age of 15 to Marengo, Indiana. He grew up on a farm with two sisters and a brother and the family also owned a sawmill. In 1954, with his belongings in an IGA grocery sack, he moved in with a sister and brother-in-law in Indianapolis. Across the alley lived Jackie and the pair fell in love and married as teenagers in 1957.

Roy worked for 20 years as a route salesman of newspapers and magazines and then in 1978 started his own business, Walker & Sons Siding,



in Indianapolis. His family is his everything and years ago would take his young grandson AJ Deer to show the homeowners siding samples who would ask the boy's name which Roy in his witty way called him "Boss Man," which remains his nickname decades later. Surely small AJ made quite a few sales! Roy retired from his business to care for his wife, ultimately for five years, and celebrated 67 years of marriage before her

passing. The family business still continues today under the management of his sons.

Living in the famed racing city, Roy and his sons raced motorcycles (Enduro Racing) and built and raced mini-cup cars. Years ago, son Brian was chosen to represent team USA in Sweden to race in a 500-mile off-road dirt bike race. Roy went along and enjoyed swapping jackets with the Swedes and watching his son race. Additionally, he owns a 1929 Model A with a rumble seat, a 1969 Ford Torino, and purchased a 1951 Ford pickup truck this winter.

Roy attributes his good health to working hard and to keep moving in retirement. He loves sweets and chocolate-covered peanuts he's sure play a part in his longevity! These days he enjoys the companionship of fellow VPE owner, Sis Gavin, of which he differentiates as the "northern Sis" and Terry is the "southern Sis;" the pair are an inspiration to all of us who want to stay young at heart.



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ABC SALE DONATIONS:

Headed up North, Vacating or Selling your house? Contact Brenda Park (937-726-4658) or Paula Neumeier (941-599-3691) to evaluate potential donations within your home. Seeking residents interested in earning extra cash for cleaning the homes, reach out to Brenda or Paula to provide your contact information to homeowners. Currently on file, we have a couple of contacts that we would be able to provide to the homeowners that could be used for house cleaning.

GONDOLIER STAFF NEEDED:

The Activity Committee is seeking a volunteer to take over the responsibilities of the Gondolier. This would include gaining the information/photos submitted from residents and committee members from past and future Events. You then submit this information to our publisher to allow them to create the Gondolier. You would be responsible for proofreading this information prior to the actual publication. If you have any interest, please reach out to Activity Committee Chair, Brenda Park.



ACTIVITY COMMITTEE POSITIONS:

Activity Committee is announcing that we will have openings for new members for the 2026/2027 term. We are seeking a Treasurer and two General Members (Trustees). If you would like to learn more about what these roles involve or have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to any current committee member. We are happy to share more information!



If you use the Clubhouse during the weekend, do not put your garbage in the cans behind the Clubhouse. Please put your garbage in the cans already out on the street for Monday's pick up. Cans not out on the street? Take the initiative to please do so!



COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS:

We will have Chris Murray from Sunshield Insurance Agency returning on October 11 to Sponsor our Coffee Hour. As a representative, he can provide an overview of benefits that may be available to you as a Medicare, Medicaid or Medicare Advantage holder. You might discover options you weren't aware of before. Prepare your questions and bring your mug!



Pull those mugs back out and join us at the Clubhouse for a morning coffee meet-up on October 25, where you'll have the chance to connect with our resident and well-known Realtor, Katie Strand. Discover the latest real estate trends in our community, ask questions, and enjoy insightful conversations while mingling with neighbors over a warm cup of coffee.



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HALLOWEEN EVENT:

Seeking a Spooktacular Time? Creeping it real at our Halloween Party on October 31st. There will be a sign up posted in the Clubhouse for attendance with a \$2 Entry fee the day of the Event. Food and drinks will be provided by the Activity Committee. An additional signup sheet will be posted for any extra sides or desserts that you would like to share with others. Bring your own 'Boos', potion or brews that could provide you with liquid luck. This Event will kick off with a Costume Contest Registration beginning at 3:45pm in the Clubhouse. There will be prizes awarded for the Top 3 Costumes, no Entry fee required and judged by your fellow residents. Let the ghouls roll starting around 4pm and last until all the bewitching is done. Many guessing games will be played, along with 'Halloween Bingo'. All monies collected from Bingo will be paid out during the session. Did somebody say 50/50 raffle? Absolutely- and it's back! Bring your cash, grab your tickets and get ready for the thrill of possibly winning half the jackpot. Ready to test your luck? Don't miss your chance-join the fun and see if you'll walk away with the prize! Get in the Spirit and get prepared for some Wicked Fun!

BAD DAD JOKES

Q. What do farmers wear under their shirts when they're cold?

a. A har-vest.

Q. What ailment do dads get in October?

A. They get rakes and pains.

Q. How do you fix a broken pumpkin?

A. With a pumpkin patch!

Q. Why do trees hate going to school in the fall?

A. Because they're easily stumped.

Q. What did the leaf say to the other leaf?

A. I'm falling for you.

Q. Why do birds fly south for the fall?

A. It's too far to walk.

Q. Why was the lazy housekeeper happy when October arrived?

A. Because all the cobwebs and dust turned into Halloween decorations



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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Carol Anderson
- 10 Clark Coble
- 11 Shelia Bacon
Barbara Cordona
- 15 Cecile Bell
Sharon Sanson
Gary St. Clair
- 17 Ellen Alexander
Raymond Dionne
- 21 Larry Dunn
Carolyn Wood
- 23 Eddine Brill
- 24 Diane Quinlan
- 28 Jerry Bacon
- 31 Rich Kirby

Happy
BIRTHDAY
To YOU

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Clark & Jan Coble
- 20 Bob & Deanna Thibeault
- 21 Jerry & Ruby Ralston



If you would like your birthday or anniversary published in the Gondolier, please contact the office.

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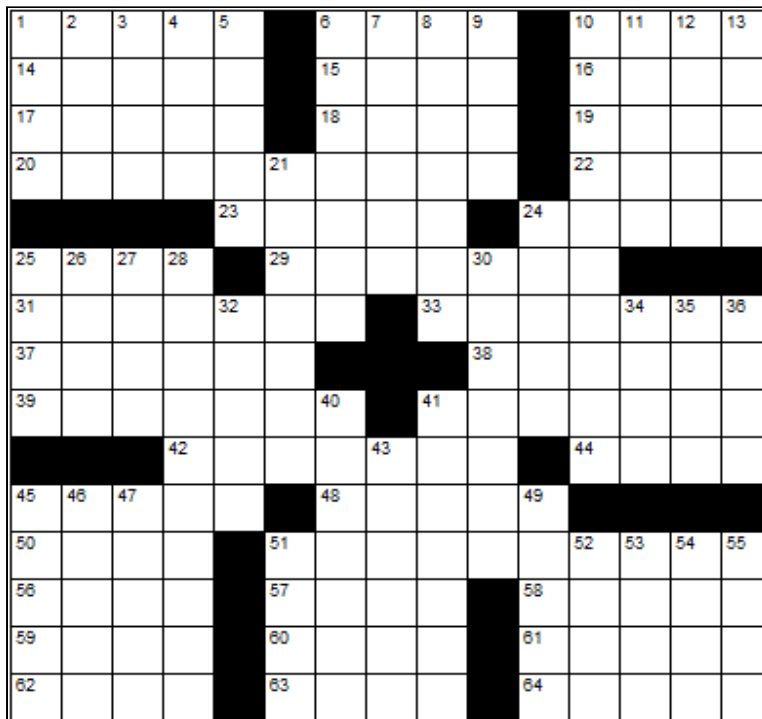
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October Crossword

ACROSS

1. Incorrect
6. Wheelchair access
10. Cummerbund
14. A 4 base hit in baseball
15. One of the Great Lakes
16. Arm bone
17. Drama set to classical music
18. All right
19. Lives, in brief
20. Relating to menopause
22. A heavy open wagon
23. Go inside
24. In need of cleaning
25. Tallow source
29. Universal
31. Spoke
33. To the touch
37. Streamer
38. Mild expletive
39. Less reputable
41. Interpret incorrectly
42. Confined to certain regions
44. Glimpse
45. Grizzlies for example
48. Pertaining to the sun
50. Precipitation
51. Being at the right time
56. Rear end
57. Thought
58. Female demon
59. Misfortunes
60. Breathing organ
61. Enlighten
62. Colors
63. French for "Head"
64. Pub game



TRICK OR TREAT

DOWN

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Which person? | 13. Hurried | 40. What's left |
| 2. Lariat | 21.irate | 41. Non-metric road distance |
| 3. Portent | 24. Freshwater fishes | 43. Instant |
| 4. Detective _____ Wolfe | 25. Subscriptions | 45. Plait |
| 5. Vineyard fruit | 26. Mormon state | 46. Not late |
| 6. Proved false | 27. European volcano | 47. A long narrow passage |
| 7. Come to light | 28. Affection | 49. Angered |
| 8. Mosque turret | 30. Extreme | 51. Pitching to one side |
| 9. Rind | 32. Harnesses | 52. Nil |
| 10. Social group | 34. Frosts, as a cake | 53. Arab ruler |
| 11. Assumed name | 35. Jump | 54. Search (through) |
| 12. Haughty response | 36. Countercurrent | 55. Articulates |

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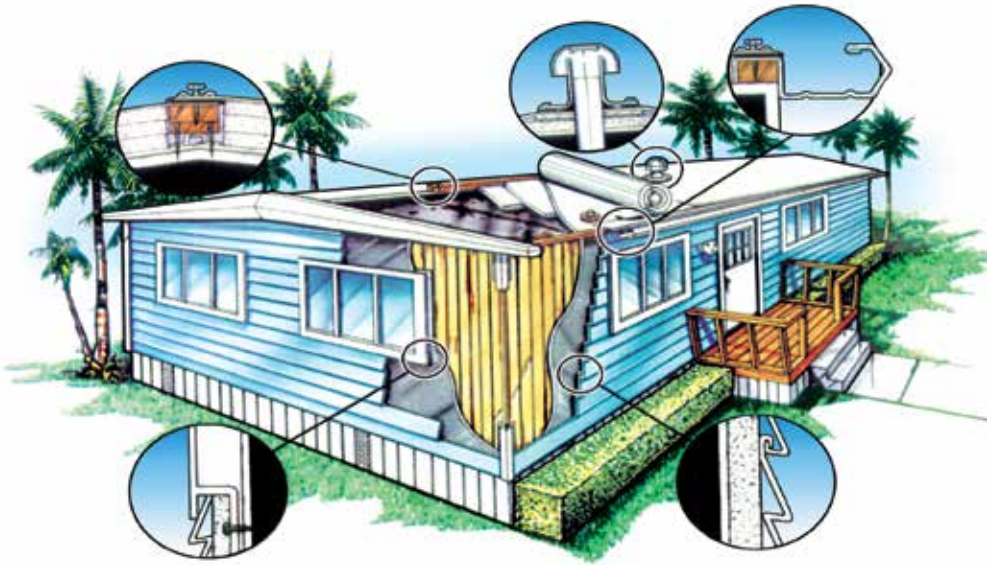


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VENETIAN PARK ESTATES, Inc. - "STANDING" ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Presently, the Board of Directors at Venetian Park Estates, Inc. (VPE) is supported in their decision-making process by twelve (12) "Standing" Advisory Committees. An advisory committee is a collection of Cooperative Members who voluntarily contribute their knowledge/skills in areas which augment the knowledge and skills of the VPE BOD. Committee members offer insights and recommendations for action to the board when called upon. The advisory committee does not have formal authority to govern the organization, that is, the advisory committee cannot issue directives which must be followed. Rather, the advisory committee serves to make recommendations and/or provide key information and materials to the BODs. The advisory committee plays an important public relations role as well as fresh perspective on programmatic issues. A properly composed and structured advisory committee can be a tremendous complement to the effectiveness of the BODs as it works to carry out a specific initiative. The Chairperson of each is asked to provide a committee report at each of the regular Board meetings. Advisory committees need a sufficient range of expertise to accomplish the Board's mission.

Note: Of the 12 committees advising the Board, only three (3) have been given authority by the Board since 2014 to make decisions prior to a Board Meeting because of the nature of the work being considered. The Board then renders an "official" vote "retroactively" at the next regularly scheduled meeting to modify or confirm and approve the decisions made by these committees "for the record".

1. Architectural Review Committee (ARC): While the Board reserves the right to officially 'approve' an Owner's request to 'remove an existing home and install a new one', it gives authority to this committee to 'oversee' the "Application Process" for the removal and installation of new manufactured homes and structures on a Unit. This process often involves making decisions about the 'process' guiding both Builder and Unit Owner to comply with HUD, State, County and VPE Association's building codes. All actions taken by this committee are then presented to the Board at their next regular meeting.

2. Building & Grounds Committee: While the Board reserves the right to make all decisions regarding maintenance of VPE's buildings and grounds, it has given authority to this committee to make decisions between Board meetings in cases where emergencies arise involving broken water pipes, air conditioning, damage to our Treatment Plant, the Pool area or a Member's Home, which may put the well being of the Members or the Park at risk. All actions taken by this committee are then presented to the Board at their next regular meeting.

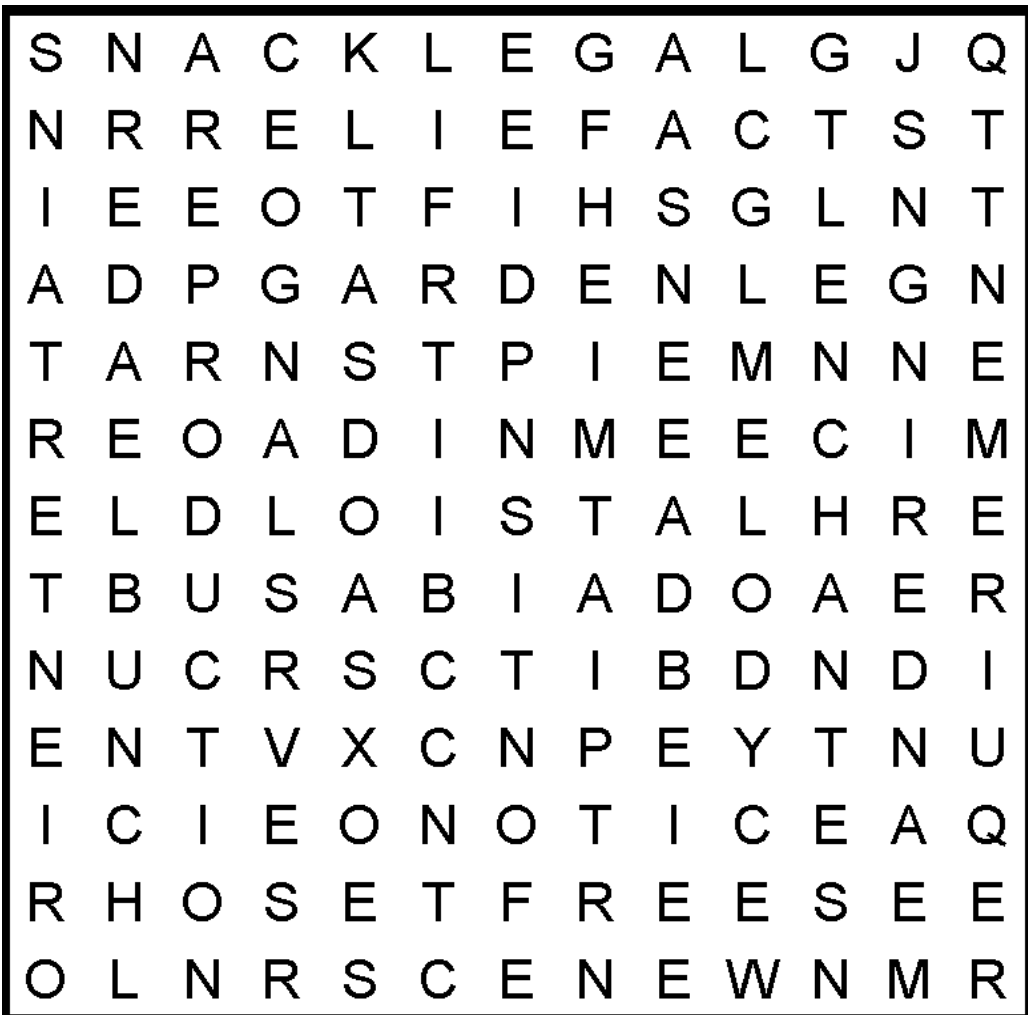
3. New Resident Committee: While the Board reserves the right to officially 'approve' any person or persons requesting an "Assignment of Lease" or a "Membership Certificate" prior to purchasing or residing in a home on VPE property, it extends this same authority to this committee between Board meetings. The Committee may approve a request for a Lease and Membership within the Cooperative between Board meetings ONLY when all criteria have been strictly met, including a successful interview and background check. This is done to allow for the legal Closings to take place. If Membership criteria is NOT MET in a satisfactory manner, the committee will immediately advise the Board to take action according to Article 10.6 of our Rules and Regulations.

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** Office Manager will contact the Chair when new resident(s) registers at the Clubhouse

Each Advisory Committee has a descriptive CHARTER registered at the Clubhouse and on the VPE Website

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Mexican Dominoes 6:30 PM	2 Bible Study, Clubhouse 8:00 AM Hold'em 4:45 PM	3 Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Texas Hold'em 1:00 PM	4
5	6 Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Texas Hold'em 1:00 PM Aggravation, Pegs & Jokers 6:30 PM Euchre 6:30 PM	7 Bingo 7:00 PM	8 Activity Meeting @ 5:00 PM Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Mexican Dominoes 6:30 PM	9 Bible Study, Clubhouse 8:00 AM Hold'em 4:45 PM	10 Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Texas Hold'em 1:00 PM	11 Coffee @ 930AM Sponsored by Sunshield Insurance Agency
12	13 Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Texas Hold'em 1:00 PM Aggravation, Pegs & Jokers 6:30 PM Euchre 6:30 PM Columbus Day	14 Exercise Sis's – 2077 Cad'Oro 9:00 AM Bingo 7:00 PM	15 Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Mexican Dominoes 6:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting @ 930 AM	16 Bible Study, Clubhouse 8:00 AM Exercise Sis's – 2077 Cad'Oro 9:00 AM Hold'em 4:45 PM	17 Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Texas Hold'em 1:00 PM	18
19	20 Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Texas Hold'em 1:00 PM Aggravation, Pegs & Jokers 6:30 PM Euchre 6:30 PM	21 Exercise Sis's – 2077 Cad'Oro 9:00 AM Bingo 7:00 PM	22 Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Mexican Dominoes 6:30 PM	23 Bible Study, Clubhouse 8:00 AM Exercise Sis's – 2077 Cad'Oro 9:00 AM Hold'em 4:45 PM	24 Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Texas Hold'em 1:00 PM	25 Coffee @ 9:30 AM Sponsored by Katie Strand (VPE resident/Realtor)
26	27 Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Texas Hold'em 1:00 PM Aggravation, Pegs & Jokers 6:30 PM Euchre 6:30 PM ABC Sale – All resident donations 9 AM-Noon	28 Exercise Sis's – 2077 Cad'Oro 9:00 AM Bingo 7:00 PM ABC Sale – Back Patio Sale 9 AM-NOON	29 Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Mexican Dominoes 6:30 PM	30 Bible Study, Clubhouse 8:00 AM Exercise Sis's – 2077 Cad'Oro 9:00 AM Hold'em 4:45 PM	31 Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Texas Hold'em 1:00 PM Halloween Event 4:00 PM Halloween	

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