



THE HIGHLANDS FLING DECEMBER 2025



DECEMBER EVENTS

Golf Cart Parade

Sunday, December 7

Craft Activity

Monday December 8

Highlands Book Club

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CC&R Info Meeting

Monday, December 8

Men's Breakfast

Wednesday, December 10

Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 17

Christmas Potluck

Thursday, December 25

New Year's Eve Party

Wednesday, December 31

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MYSTERY BIRTHDAY GIRL REVEALED

Someone who doesn't look or act her age: Dee Farris-Morelli. Please join her and her family to celebrate her 95th birthday on her actual birthdate – Dec. 22 from 4:30 to 8. There will be a sign up sheet in the poker room for food planning. And remember the key words "Bay City Michigan" if you want to crash the food line! This will be an alcohol free party. No gifts, please. Your presence is a gift.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK Thursday, December 25 Clubhouse, 2:30pm

Please sign up early! The signup sheet will be taken down on December 18th so the Social Committee will have time to buy hams. Once again, this is a POTLUCK, so bring your own place setting and a dish to share for 8-10 people.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY Wednesday, December 31 Clubhouse, 5:00 pm

Tickets \$20 per person, includes dinner & music by Gus D' Oldie & Ms.Gina. BYOB. Contact Bernie Lee 520-409-8709

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

"Decorate" under our Clubhouse Christmas tree with new, unwrapped toys to be given to the Gospel Rescue Mission before December 16. All donations are greatly appreciated.

EMAIL ADDRESS

Consider putting your email address in the next Directory. We are building our email list for sending out anything that we normally mail, to save on postage. The February voting packets will continue to be mailed by US Postal Service.

ANNUAL GOLF CART PARADE

Our 14th Annual Golf Cart Christmas Parade is scheduled for December 7. All are welcome. Just decorate your golf cart, bicycle, or yourself and join us. The parade will start at 4:15pm, so meet at the clubhouse at 4:00pm. After the parade we will meet in the clubhouse for a social event (approximately 5:15pm). All are welcome. Please bring your own drinks and some snacks to share. There will be a sing along led by Linc & Helen Keilman. Around 6:30, for those who have lights and wish to, we'll tour the parade route one more time. **SPECIAL NOTE FOR ADDITIONAL PARADE TOURS:** For those of us that have lights on our carts we will meet at the clubhouse on **December 16, 20, and 23 at 6:30** to tour the park shortly thereafter, then meet at Bernie and Anita's for a get together around their fire pit (BYOB). Any questions, call Bill Behrendsen at (916-798-7733).

THE HIGHLANDS BOOK CLUB

Monday, December 8

Resource Room, 10:00am

This month will be a "Readers Choice" of any holiday themed book. Choose an appealing volume and come talk about it. At that time we will distribute our next book club kit from the Oro Valley Public Library. The club kits are based on availability from the library, so the specific title is not known at this time. All readers are welcome to join these conversations on the 2nd Monday. We are an informal "no stress" book group; sharing of "free reads" is encouraged.

CRAFT ACTIVITY

Monday, December 8

Resource Rm, 1:00pm



We will be making a SNOWY PINECONE OWL!! Sharon Dennis will be our instructor,

all supplies are provided, and cost is \$5. Please come join us; it's always fun to meet new friends and enjoy being creative for the afternoon!!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Wednesday, December 10

8:00am, Ole Mexican Grill

2080 W Orange Grove Rd.

Please sign-up in the poker room by December 8th (2 days in advance) as the restaurant uses this number to help them set up for us. Sign up sheet will be in the poker room and I will be calling the restaurant with the headcount.

We had 14 attending the November breakfast and a nice 10% off surprise when the bills were handed out!! Any questions feel free to call Steve Horst at 309-781-5154.

CLUBHOUSE MAJOR REMODEL

Did you know that members have performed major upgrades to our clubhouse facilities recently? Cindy Bennett (while recovering from knee surgery!) and Alicia Gatti (up on the ladder) spent many hours repainting, and Don Hall and Linc Keilman completely remodeled the kitchen. This involved plumbing repairs down on hands and knees, replacement of disintegrating cabinetry, and addition of new countertops, two large sinks to make cleaning up faster and easier, use of donated faucets, a new garbage disposal, and a new light fixture and rewiring for it. Plus new flooring! Cindy's years of experience using the kitchen guided improvements, while Alicia's 10% Veteran's discount at Home Depot and superior negotiating skills saved us hundreds of dollars in costs. And Cindy and Alicia donated the money they would have been paid for painting to the purchase of cabinets and flooring and sinks, thus significantly reducing our out-of-pocket costs. We hope you enjoy the "new" clubhouse and if so, feel free to let them know your feelings!

CARDS SENT

Janet Reed-Sympathy

Lucy Phelan-Thinking of You

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/1 Jeanne Thate
12/2 Reggie Wenaas
12/2 Teresa Wojdyla
12/3 Sara Danville-Gelhaus
12/6 Willis Jackson
12/9 Dave Calkins
12/9 Lynne Jordan
12/16 Karen Reinking
12/22 Carol Colville
12/22 Dee Farris-Morelli
12/25 Dave Knudson
12/29 Helen Knudson
12/29 Jim Rehnberg

COMMUNITY YARD SALE AND WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

The annual Community Yard Sale is scheduled for February 21st and the White Elephant Sale is scheduled for February 28th. Additional details for signing up, etc. will be given in the January & February Flings. For those of you who are new to the community, we recommend displaying your unwanted items at the Community Sale and donating any unsold items to the White Elephant Sale the following week. We **do not** accept clothing or shoes for the White Elephant Sale, but most household items sell well. Please make sure the items are **clean** and suitable for sale. Proceeds of the sale help support activities of the Highlands Social Committee. If you need any additional information, please call **Steve Horst** at (309) 781-5154 or **Jamie Horst** at 309-230-0233.



*We wish everyone a safe
and joyous
holiday season!*

MARKETPLACE

Residents can buy/sell/trade/barter items or services to other residents of the Highlands.

Please email me before our 3rd week of the month's production. Thanks. Connie

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HAND PAINTED GREETING CARDS: If anyone is in need of my watercolor cards, you don't need to wait for a craft show to purchase them. Just call or text me: Patti Triplett at 520-887-4120.

CREATIVE GIFTS: Need of a unique birthday gift, or just want to treat yourself to a one-of-a-kind handmade treasure? How about an apron created using mens dress shirts!! Or Sharon can create a beautiful design on a favorite denim jacket! She also has in her studio various jackets already created. Phone or text Sharon Dennis at: 360-708-7247

ADULT TRICYCLE: Asking \$250. For details and to view, talk with Jackie Armstrong at: 520-870-1905

KING SIZE MATTRESS: Beautyrest. Black C-Class, Medium. (2 years old) Includes an electric bed frame that raises the head of the mattress up. Excellent shape, purchased from Mattress Firm. \$850. Cindy Bennett 810-599-8929

FLAN AND NY CHEESECAKE: Flan: 8x2 round pan \$30. NY Cheesecake: 7x3 round pan \$30. Available within 48 hrs. Call or text me: David Cruz 347-406-2825

KUDOS

VOLUNTEERS MAKE OUR WORLD GO ROUND.

Here are some of the jobs people have stepped up to do: deliver The Fling; tend to the pool cover (That pool covering is a big deal though - I'm sure they need more than a couple of volunteers); to run our social clubs and events; to collect warm clothes and toys; to recycle our overflow of books in the library; to cleaning and painting and beautifying our clubhouse building (read about the kitchen remodel).

SPECIAL THANKS TO: Colleen Nolan and her daughter for distributing 49 flags to our vets on Veteran's Day. It was a nice way to say we appreciate you for serving.

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This section is a communication between the board and our residents, plus a Marketplace to list sale/rent/trade/services in the neighborhood.

ALSO A BIG THANKS TO EVERYONE for all the warm clothes items contributed. We collected 13 large garbage bags for the Gospel Rescue Mission, and Jane Force coordinated this.

IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS:

- Do you like the outdoor activities that HORAC has put on? The games, contests, concerts, hot dog roasts etc. They are in need of a new coordinator.
- Pool covering - please look into helping with this chore. It means so much to our gas bill.

SPEAKING OF THE OFFICE: (were we speaking of the office?)

We have been having technology problems - it's putting a crimp in our style! Good ole CenturyLink. Apologies if you have had difficulty communicating. The phone as well as the internet have been intermittent. By the time you read this we might have a new provider.

RV GATE LOCKING PROCEDURES:

We have discussed this for the past few months and have come up with a probably good decision. The gate lock will be keyed to our pool key as of December 1. So - anyone who has a pool key will have access to that area. The only requirement is that you CLOSE AND LOCK the gate behind you when leaving.

INFORMATION MEETING:

MONDAY DEC. 8 - 10 AM in the clubhouse
Chuck will meet with us to explain the wording and implications around the CC&R changes on the upcoming ballot (February annual meeting). This has to do with rentals within the park and setback issues for older, smaller units.

DECEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Arts & Crafts 1:00 pm	2 Coffee 8:00 am Hand & Foot 1:00 pm Texas Hold'em 2:00pm	3 Chair Yoga 11:00 am Gourds 1:00 pm	4 Hand & Foot 1:00 pm Quilters 1:00 pm Texas Hold'em 2:00 pm Bunco 4:00 pm	5 Social Hour 4:00 pm	6 Texas Hold'em 2:00pm Clubhouse Rented 3:00
7 Bingo 2:00 pm Golf Cart Parade Clubhouse 4:00pm	8 CC&R's Info meeting 10:00 am Book Club 10:00 am Arts & Crafts 1:00 pm	9 Coffee 8:00 am Hand & Foot 1:00 pm Texas Hold'em 2:00pm	10 Mens Breakfast 8:00am Chair Yoga 11:00 am Gourds 1:00 pm	11 Hand & Foot 1:00 pm Quilters 1:00 pm Texas Hold'em 2:00 pm	12 Social Hour 4:00 pm	13 Coffee Chat 9:00 am Texas Hold'em 2:00pm
14 Hanukkah begins Bingo 2:00 pm	15 Arts & Crafts 1:00 pm	16 Coffee 8:00 am Hand & Foot 1:00 pm Texas Hold'em 2:00pm	17 Board Meeting 10:00 am Chair Yoga 11:00 am	18 Hand & Foot 1:00 pm Quilters 1:00 pm Texas Hold'em 2:00 pm Bunco 4:00 pm	19 Social Hour 4:00 pm	20 Texas Hold'em 2:00pm
21 Dec. Solstice (GMT) Bingo 2:00 pm	22 Arts & Crafts 1:00 pm Dee Morelli Bparty 4:30	23 Coffee 8:00 am Hand & Foot 1:00 pm Texas Hold'em 2:00pm	24 Christmas Eve Chair Yoga 11:00 am	25 Christmas Day Potluck 2:30 pm	26 Kwanzaa begins *NO Trash Today* Social Hour 4:00 pm	27 Trash Pickup Coffee Chat 9:00 am Texas Hold'em 2:00pm
28 Bingo 2:00 pm	29 Arts & Crafts 1:00 pm Clubhouse Rented 3:00	30 Coffee 8:00 am Hand & Foot 1:00 pm Texas Hold'em 2:00pm	31 New Year's Eve NYE Party 5:00 pm			
		Notes:			All Activities Held in the Clubhouse/Pool EXCEPT: Green= Resource Room Red= Off Site Activity	