

High Point Matters



From Your President, Greg K. Myers

Happy Holidays to Everyone....

The Holidays are here, and our weather is cooling down to get us in the spirit of the Holiday's. Hope everyone has an enjoyable time with family and friends during the Holidays. Stay safe!

Our 2024 Christmas Parade will be on Sunday, December 8, 2024, starting at 5:30PM. Sign up at the office if you would like to participate. Line up for the participants will start at 5:00PM along Fairlane Avenue and Highpoint Boulevard (just inside our entrance). The Parade route will turn right at Highpoint Boulevard and go completely around the Boulevard and then will turn left onto Eagle to head back to the Community Center. Come out to see our special guest in the Parade. There will be NO candy throwing during the Parade, but it will be handed out back at the Community Center. Our High Point Chorus will be performing their 2024 Christmas Concert at 7PM at our Community Center, so come out and enjoy the Parade and then come and enjoy a sure to please Christmas Concert! What a great way to get us all in the spirit of the Holidays.

Thank You to our volunteers on the Ballot Committee for their hard work in stuffing the envelopes for the mailing of the ballots to everyone. The ballots were all mailed on November 6, 2024, and our elections are on Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 1PM. If you have NOT received your ballot, please come into the office before December 12th so that we can get you a replacement. The ballot box is located at the office, and you are free to come in during normal office hours (9a-3p, M-F) to drop off your sealed returned ballot in the ballot box. We appreciate everyone taking the time to VOTE and I'm looking forward to a great turnout of returned ballots as we did with our affidavit surveys.

Please remember that currently our website will contain the current version of our By Laws, CCR's and Rules & Regulations for your access.

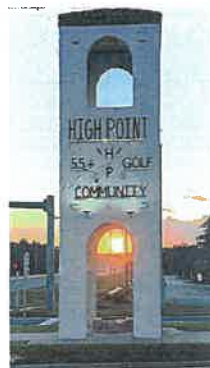
Our next Board of Directors meeting will be on Tuesday, December 31, 2024, at 9 a.m. in the Community Center.

In closing, on behalf of the Board of Directors, we do appreciate your attendance at our Board meetings and your constructive feedback and patience as our Board works for the betterment of the High Point Community as a whole. Remember, kindness goes a long way.

Until next time, Seasons Greetings.....

December Pool Hours
 Pool Phone: 352-596-4342
 Mon ~ Sat
 8:00 am ~ 6:00 pm
 Sun -10:00 am ~ 6:00 pm

Water Aerobics
 Mon~Wed~Thu
 10:30 am ~ 11:30 am



High Point Community
 Property Owners, Inc.
 8008 Baltic Street
 Brooksville, FL 34613-5528

Phone: 352-596-2397
 Fax: 352-596-5201
 High Point is a
 55+ Golf Community

BB = Baltic Bldg.

DECEMBER 2024

MO= Members Only

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 - 9am Bible Study 10:15 Worship Serv. 12 Noon Texas Hold'm 1-4 Quilting 3 pm Sec Pract Brd'm 1 pm Dominos 6-9 pm Euchre</p>	<p>2 9 am Exercise 10:15-12:15 Quilting 1 pm Line dancing 5 pm Mobile Patrol Members Xmas Party</p>	<p>3 9 am Drum Fitness/Yoga 10:30 am Computer wkshp 11:45 am Mah Jongg 4:09 pm Chorus 7 pm Social Club</p>	<p>4 10:15 am Quilting 10 a-1p ShareACraft 5:00 pm Poker 6 pm Cards</p>	<p>5 9 am Exercise 10:30 am HP Veterans & Friends Assoc. Mtg</p>	<p>6 8:30am Coffee Hour 9:30 am Dime Jingle 6 pm Xmas Lighting</p>	<p>7 9 am Mic & Rehearsal 10am Chorus Rehearsal</p>
<p>8 9am Bible Study 10:15 am Worship Serv. 5 p Christmas Parade 7 p HP Chorus Christmas Concert</p>	<p>9 9 am Exercise 10:15-12:15 Quilting 1 pm Line dancing 4:09 pm Chorus</p>	<p>10 9 am Drum Fitness/Yoga 10:30 am Computer wkshp 11:45 am Mah Jongg</p>	<p>11 10:15 am Quilting 10 a-1p ShareACraft 5:00 pm Poker 6 pm Cards</p>	<p>12 9 am Exercise 11 am Travel Club 1 pm HP Annual Vote & Election 6 pm Lions X-mas Night Dime Jingle set up</p>	<p>13 8:30 am Coffee Hour 8:30a Diabetic Screen 9:30 Dime Jingle HP Women Golf League Set-up - 2 pm 5 pm BYOB & Appetizers 6 p Holiday Party Dinner</p>	<p>14 4 pm Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long</p>
<p>15 9 am Bible Study 10:15 Worship Serv. 12 Noon Texas Hold'm 1-4 Quilting 1 pm Dominos 6-9 pm Euchre</p>	<p>16 9 am Exercise 10:15-12:15 Quilting 1 pm Line dancing 4-7p Mosaic Reservation Required Call: 763-567-8633</p>	<p>17 9 am Drum Fitness/Yoga 10:30 am Computer wkshp 11:45 am Mah Jongg & Xmas Party</p>	<p>18 10:15 am Quilting 10 a-1p ShareACraft 5:00 pm Poker 6 pm Cards</p>	<p>19 9 am Exercise 10:30 Garden Club - Xmas Party 6 pm - Lions Bingo 4:30 pm Bring your own picnic</p>	<p>20 8:30 am Coffee Hour 9:30 Dime Jingle</p>	<p>21 All Day to decorate 6 pm - HPSCE Members Only Christmas Party</p>
<p>22 9 am Bible Study 10:15 Worship Serv 12 Noon Texas Hold'm 1-4 Quilting 1 pm Dominos 6-9 pm Euchre</p>	<p>23 9 am Exercise 10:15-12:15 Quilting 1 pm Line dancing</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve 9 am Drum Fitness/Yoga 10:30 am Computer wkshp 11:45 am Mah Jongg 7 pm Christmas Eve Serv/With GH Trumbo</p>	<p>25 CHRISTMAS DAY OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>26 9 am Exercise 11 am Travel Club</p>	<p>27 8:30 am Coffee Hour 9:30 Dime Jingle</p>	<p>28</p>
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by Trey Jordan, President
Hello High Point!

Welcome back all of you Winter residents. We have our first real chill this fall, and it comes in right at Thanksgiving, so Happy Holidays to All!

We have a couple of things going on for the Holiday Season. We have the Victorian Stroll on 12/7/2024. This will be in the evening and will be held at Plant Hall at the University of Tampa. The museum will have many trees decorated in Victorian style and they will have cider and cookies for us when we enter. The grounds at Plant Hall will also be decorated with lights. The cost is \$52. PP

In March 2025 we will be going to New Orleans. There are flyers up in our Community Center and you can pick one up at a Travel Club meeting. The cost is \$1,352. PP/DO and includes taxes, gratuities for all meals and attractions. On April 5, 2025, we have a trip planned for the Cedar Key Art Festival. Lunch will be on your own. The cost is \$35. PP.

We hope to see you at our next Travel Club meeting. We meet the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month at 11AM in our Community Center. Joan, Jackie and Trey look forward to seeing you there!



By Jim Pitts, President
MOBILE PATROL UPDATES

As the approaching fall is creeping up on us, we need to be aware of the increase in traffic in the community as the snow birds are returning. Walkers and drivers should both be aware of the traffic.

Also, there will be an increase in the golf cart traffic. This is also a reminder to every one of the Florida laws for golf carts as well the rules per the High Point bi-laws:

- Golf Carts are only to be driven between the hours of SUNRISE and SUNSET - No Exceptions.
- All golf carts are to be registered with and assigned number through the office or the Golf Club.
- The bi-laws require that golf carts be insured with proof of insurance and then given a sticker to be applied to the front windshield.
- Beginning October 1st 2023 a person operating a golf cart on public roads or streets who is under the age of 18 MUST possess a valid learners driver's license or valid driver's license and a person who is 18 years of age or older must possess a valid form government issued photographic identification. Please google "golf cart laws in Florida in 2024" for further clarification.

A reminder that a recommended speed limit on High Point Blvd between Little Ave. and Diplomacy has been posted to be 20 mph. This was posted due to the curves in that area are close and those backing out onto the boulevard were having problems of clear visibility of the oncoming traffic in that area.

We resumed our monthly meeting on September 23rd at 7pm in the community center. We always meet on the 4th Monday of the month, September to April. Everyone is welcome as we always have our Hernando County Sheriff representative there to update us on activity in our area and answer any questions.

Thank You,

**High Point Chorus
Presents....
2024 Christmas Concert
Sunday,
December 8, 2024 ~ 7pm
Community Center**

High Point, Social Enterprise. 



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Merry Christmas



Members Only
Christmas
Party

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Community Center 6 pm

21 DECEMBER

Tickets *available at Dime
Jingle at the Community
Center from **8:30** to **9:30**
am on Dec"6 and 13.*

And at 7 pm at

General Meeting Dec. 3.

High Point Mobile Patrol

“Members Only”

Christmas Party

December 2nd @ 5 pm

Community Center

Jim Stuck Veterans & Friends

Meet December 5th @ 10:30 am

Veterans Christmas Brunch

Community Center

High Point Christmas

Tree Lighting

December 6th @ 6 pm

Community Center

High Point Christmas

Parade

December 8th @ 5:30 pm

*Around HP Blvd. & back
to CC*

Christmas Carols

Sing-A-Long

December 14th ~ 4 pm-7 pm

Community Center

Christmas Eve Service

Reverend GH Trumbo

December 24th @ 7 pm

Community Center



High Point Social Enterprises presents...

New Year's Eve Party

"Having A Flashback"

December 31st ~ 8 pm - 12 pm

Community Center

BID EUCHRE, CARDS & MORE...

Wednesday evenings

Arrive @ 5:45 pm, Games start @ 6 pm

Community Center

Come Join in on the FUN!!

Mosaics Class

December 16th ~ 4 pm - 7pm

***MUST PRE-REGISTER** by*

calling 763-567-8633

High Point BOD Meeting

December 31st @ 9 am

Community Center



Greetings to my fellow High Point Residents....

I do hope that all of you will enjoy the holidays & have a great year in 2025.

The bocce buddies would love to have you start the year with us. We play on Sunday & Tuesday evenings starting time is 5 pm. You are welcome to play anytime on the courts. If you do not have your personal set of bocce balls, there are balls in the tall closet at the courts for your use. During this winter season we play under the lights to see the balls. We play until the score reaches 21 and by that time, we are ready to depart. The time by then is 6 or 6:30 PM. Please arrive around 4:45 PM so then we can draw a card for teams. It is really lots to fun to play bocce. One never knows where the ball will end up. You also get a bonus of evening by seeing a beautiful sunset from the bocce courts. The courts are located on the corner of Baltic & Club House Road. Hope to see you there.

If any questions please call Becky @352-549-2504.



by Jeff Harris, President

Beautiful High Point says goodbye....

Dear Supporters, Volunteers and Friends....

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the difficult decision to disband Beautify High Point, effective immediately.

We have come to the conclusion that we can no longer continue our mission due to an ongoing lack of participants and volunteers. Beautify High Point has aimed to make a positive difference in the lives of those we serve, but over time we have struggled to engage enough volunteers and supporters to maintain the momentum necessary for our programs to thrive.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the volunteers, donors and partners who have stood by us throughout this journey and we truly say thank you.



Garden Club Article for December 2024
Landscaping Tips
By Tom Anderson, Univ. of Florida Master Gardener



*“Soil Testing, Cold Weather Protection, Invasive Vines, Hernando County Fertilizer Ordinance,
Fall Classes and High Point Garden Club Christmas Dinner”*

“Happy Holidays!”

Soil Testing – According to the University of Florida Extension Service December is a good time to do a Soil Test if some of your plants did not perform as desired this past year. A Soil Test will not tell you why a plant died, it will only show the make-up of your soil and will help you determine how much and what kind of nutrients or elements you may need to add to attain the soil you desire.

Mail-in Soil Testing kits with detailed instructions are available at the Hernando County Extension Service Office, 16110 Aviation Loop Dr., Brooksville (352-754-4433) or contact me. http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu/hot_topics/agriculture/soil_testing.html

Cold Weather Protection – It is time to start preparing for “Cold Spells.” A well-watered soil 24 hours prior to a frost/cold spell will allow the soil to absorb solar radiation and reradiate heat during the night of the freeze. Never Attempt to Irrigate/water during the Freeze! Plant/shrub blankets must extend down to the ground and not be in contact with the foliage. Cloth covers are preferable to plastic, but any covering will help. For more information go to: Cold Protection and Chilling Damage of Landscape Plants – http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscapes_and_cold

Invasive Climbing Vines/Briars Control – In May we talked about our most prevalent Invasive Vines and Briars including Skunk Vine, Virginia Creeper, Smilax/Greenbrier and Air Potato Vine. The only sure way to eliminate these vines is to pull or dig them out by the roots/bulbs. However, there is an effective selective systemic herbicide called “Triclopyr” (tri-clo-per) that is used to control woody broadleaf vines, briars, and other plants. If you choose to use an herbicide containing “Triclopyr” it will kill other woody plants including shrubs.

Crossbow and Crossroads are two of the brands that contain Triclopyr. Follow label instructions carefully. See: Invasive Vines - http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_vines

Garden Club Continues.....

Don't forget that the Hernando County Fertilizer Ordinance prohibits application of any turf fertilizers containing Nitrogen (N) and/or Phosphorus (P) as follows:

- 1. Fertilizers containing Nitrogen are prohibited from June 1st through Sept. 30th and December 15th through March 15th.*
- 2. Commercial Providers are no longer exempt from the prohibitions.*
- 3. Fertilizers cannot be applied within 25 feet of wetlands and surface waters.*

Commercial businesses that sell fertilizers are required to post county-provided signage stating the restrictions during the prohibited time frames.

Summer time turf enrichments including Iron (Fe) for greening or Potassium (K), Magnesium (Mg) and compost products are encouraged.

Ref: Hernando County Ordinance – Sec.28-505 to 28-519

The Fall Master Gardener's Speakers Series located at the Master Gardener Nursery, 194980 Oliver St., Brooksville will be presenting FREE classes at 10 AM on: Wed Dec 11th – “Local

Ecosystems -- by Lindsey Hacker, Hernando County

And Plants” Enviro. Sensitive Lands Coord.

Sat Dec 14th – “Tips and Tricks -- by Conny Cunningham

and Barb On Houseplants” Hart, Master Gardeners

The Master Gardener Nursery is open 9 – 12 Wed & Sat (weather permitting) for sales & assistance & is on Oliver St. just north of the Hernando County Fair Grounds.

UF/IFAS Extension, Hernando County, 16110 Aviation Loop Dr. (off Spring Hill Dr.) Office is open and Master Gardeners are available for gardening questions 9 –4 or call 352-754-4433. More info at: <http://hernandoextension.com>

The High Point Garden Club will have its Annual Christmas Dinner/meeting on Thursday, December 19th at 10:30 AM in the Community Center. Members and their guests must sign up ahead of time and bring a dish to pass. Any questions call Karen at 520-208-0942.





the Holiday Season?

Bake Cookies?

Decorate your tree?

SHOP - SHOP- SHOP???

Here's an idea!!

Join Your neighbors for Holiday Sing-a-long & Snacks

Saturday, December 14th@ 3pm

Snacks provided - BYOB!

Tickets needed for head count.

Get tickets at: Dime Jingle, or call Ellyn or Marianne at 352-597-1966

Sip & Paint at High Point

Join us for a fun and relaxing evening of painting. No previous experience is necessary. I supply canvas, paints, brushes, patterns, and refreshments (BYOB). Classes are in the Community Center from 7 – 9 pm. Please make a reservation by calling or texting Charleen 716 435 1419. Cost is \$15

Thursday Jan. 16 - Heart Window



Thursday Feb. 20 - Northern Lights



Thursday Mar 20 - Welcome Summer



Make it/ Take it

Join in this fun afternoon and learn a new craft! Classes are from 3 – 5 pm in the Community Center. Classes are \$10 and I supply everything you will need (including desserts!) You will go home with a finished project.

Please make a reservation by calling or texting Charleen 716 435 1419

Thursday Jan 23 -Learn how to Paint with String. Pulled string art is really simple to create! This is such a fun and easy art technique and a great art project for people of all skill levels. You can make pull string art with any kind of acrylic paint and either string or yarn.



Thursday Feb 6 -Learn to Zen tangle – **Zen tangle is a relaxing way to create abstract designs using repetitive patterns. The patterns are typically, black and white and suited for beginners. It is easier than it looks and after this, you will be hooked!!!**



Thursday Mar 6 -Learn to Marbleize — We will be learning the craft of Marbelizing! This art form uses nail polish. It is easy and fun.



THE ANGEL TREE

Help a Local Child in Need

The Jim Stuck High Point Veterans and Friends Association Working with Veterans Depot, Inc. will help at least 50 HUD/VASH Veteran children this holiday season. We hope High Point Community Residents will assist us with this project. **Please help us help others.**

How The Angel Tree Gives

1. Choose any star or tree tag for a child or children you would like to "adopt" this Christmas.
2. Purchase three gifts for each child.
3. Place the unwrapped gift(s) in one large bag (any type), attach the star/tree tag to the bag, and place it under/by the Community Center Angel Christmas Tree by:

DECEMBER 12, 2023

If you are unable to complete your Angel Tree Gift duties, please replace the tag on the tree so someone else can take it.

Thank you, on behalf of a child

Questions/Information, Contact: Lynda Anderson — 352-596-4436



MOBILE PATROL – “BREAKFAST WITH THE BOSS”

Our High Point Mobile Patrol is invited ever year to the annual “Sheriff’s breakfast, hosted by the Hernando County Sheriff’s Dept.”





From Your CAM, Karen Marrero, LCAM

Happy Holidays to one and all,

As we close another year, our hearts go out to all those that were affected and still dealing with the aftermath of damages from the back-to-back Hurricanes. Scammers are out there in droves. They have been reportedly soliciting for roof inspections and handyman services. If you didn't call for an estimate, please be extremely cautious. We hear often that these scammers are going door to door even with the signs that say no soliciting.

Have a wonderful holiday season with your loved ones, family and friends. Here's a challenge, call someone you haven't spoken to in a while. It's a great feeling to connect and tell them you care.

On another note, if you have any guests coming into town and looking for a special activity The Friends of Weeki Wachee Springs State Park proudly presents, Winter Waterland!

Take a festive stroll through the park, lit up with holiday lights, sure to get you in the holiday spirit. The galley restaurant will be open, along with the gift shop for your holiday shopping needs.

Activities include:

An Elf Story Mermaid Underwater Performance (Showtimes are 8pm, 9pm, and 10pm) Grinch Village

Candy Cane Forest Live Nativity Scene

Water Sleigh (Boat Ride) Cost: \$6 (Ages 3+) (Tickets will be available through Eventbrite only. Walk-up sales will not be offered. A ticket to the park is required. Limited seating, 26 people per boat.

Times: 7:20, 7:40, 8, 8:20, 8:40, 9, 9:20, 9:40, 10 and 10:20)

A photo opportunity with Santa and his mermaid elves.

Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest Fridays and Saturdays December 13-21, 2024

Hours: 7pm to 11pm

\$12 for adults and kids, children two and under are free.

6131 Commercial Way, Spring Hill, FL, 34606

(352) 247-577 weekifriends@gmail.com

