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You're as Welcome as the Flowers In May



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**MANAGER'S
KORNER**
May 2019
Tony Toscano

Not much happening here so far, but we have plans in progress. I am busy in the office with files changing over as well as the huge amount of sales paperwork for the input changes. Still catching up.

April showers bring May flowers HA! I've heard that before. Seems like every year we must come up with a new jingle to accommodate our changing nature. Well anyway you know the rains are coming – when is only Mother Nature's guess. I do know that we have had absolutely beautiful days, cool mornings and awesome sunsets. I am lucky to be able to catch both. Either way when April hits I know it's time for travel. Whether its snowbird time to fly or its time to start planning vacations wherever. It's a great time of year. I know I hear it every year – the trek up north - but so many of our residents have turned it into an adventure. Taking the time to visit friends and even other Stonehedge residents in their norther lair.

My fly away comparison is walking my dog in the cool AM and back at it with her chasing squirrels in the evening. We get in about 3 miles on weekdays and nearly 5 miles on the weekends. At first it was a grind- getting up earlier than usual- then doing it again after a hard day's work- but after a while you get to like it, then you look forward to it, now I don't think I can do without it. That peace of mind and complete change of scenery from the day. There are evenings that I completely forget what happened that day. Just what everyone needs. Not that I would want you to forget that you also live at Stonehedge, but that change of atmosphere to see the ones you care for must be cherished.

I wish everyone travelling to be safe on the road and we all look forward to your return. For those who remain at Stonehedge to enjoy the change of atmosphere that happens here when it sloooooows down, I will be right here with you.

We have to plan on replacing the 18+ trees requested as well as scheduling the stump removals. Again, if you have not requested a tree and you want one, please let the office know ASAP. Same with stumps. If you have any that are not clearly visible, we may have missed them on our list. Let the office know.

There are also some other planting projects we are looking into as well as some water line issues (both well water and City water) that we must deal with.

For those of you who attend the meetings you are well aware of the City Water line issues (leaks) that are costing the association an additional \$3000 monthly. We are looking into proposals for the full replacement of our 40+ year old plastic (PVC) lines as well as brass shutoffs for each homeowner. This is a pricy project – nearly a million dollars. There will be Board meetings, possibly special meetings and informational postings as we find out more and more about the details of this possible reconstruction of our existing infrastructure.

There are also 2 major projects going on in Tarpon Springs that affect Stonehedge. The road project to widen Mango street which will benefit our park from the initial plans we have seen. Board member Tom Tudor and I met with the City Planner to inspect the plans and discuss the project and the plans are to move the traffic about 9' further away from our entrance giving the road a 4' bike lane and a 5'

shoulder. We will keep you in touch with the project as it progresses. It is scheduled to start before the 2019 year is up but...

The other project is to knock down and rebuild the lower income housing on Mango Circle. The new homes will be 2 stories but there will be onsite maintenance and management there which should quiet down the subjects. Again from the presentation we had in the Stonehedge clubhouse by the builder, it initially seems this will benefit Stonehedge (See Board member Tom Tudor's review of the project in this month's Beacon).

Please take the time to walk around – yes all 4 sides – of your home before you leave. Don't wait till the day you are leaving to do this. If work needs to be done—pressure washing-weeds in gutters- debris that can become airborne during high winds - dead flower pots-clutter in the carport or for that matter in your shed where we or the person watching your sprinkler system cannot have easy access to it. Please take care of these issues now. You know the routine every year – or at least should by this time. Thank you.

REPREMAND: Are you kidding me!!!! Take a look at your streets. Every homeowner had a hand in paying for the mill and paving of our roads – over \$200,000- and after that, paying for the sealcoating (\$15,000), striping and street signage. There are no less than 3 different colors of paint spilled all over them. Some areas look terrible. This is total disregard for your neighbor. This is just laziness to throw paint cans, still full or half empty into the trash that end up spilling onto your roads when the trucks compact the trash. There are City pickups, there are City and County drop-off areas as well as products to dry out paint in paint cans before you throw them out. Most of us worked very hard to make sure when guests and home buyers come into Stonehedge, they see a place where all residents care for the value of their

homes and property. It is obvious some don't. I have heard many, many, many complaints by the residents who do care. Some residents (and staff) have even gone out to try to scrub it off the road and sidewalks to no avail. So now residents, guests, and new home buyers get to see our blotchy green, white and beige spattered roads created by a few residents who just don't care.

Homes for Sale WOW!!! Take a look at the list -everything but unit 90 has sold - Great job everyone! - still more to do - but GREAT JOB.

Unit 90 is listed for sale but have not received any info on it yet from the realtor

Laugh when you can, Apologize when you should

Do not dwell on what you cannot change, Let go of what you cannot control

Take charge of what you can

Make forever moments whenever, Safe travels, love life.

Tony

Little Johnny comes down to breakfast, and his mother reminds him that he must do his chores before he gets breakfast. Pissed off, he goes to feed the chickens and he kicks a chicken. Next he goes to feed the cows and he kicks a cow. Last on his list are the pigs and (you guessed it!) he kicks a pig. When he sits down at the breakfast table, his mother gives him a bowl of dry cereal. "How come I don't get any bacon & eggs, and why is there no milk on my cereal?," Johnny asks. "Well," his mother says, "I saw you kick a chicken, so you don't get any eggs for a week. You also kicked the pig, so you won't be getting any bacon for a week either. And, I saw you kick the cow, so for a week you aren't getting any milk." Just then Johnny's dad comes down for breakfast and kicks the cat halfway across the kitchen. Little Johnny looks up at his mother with a grin and says, "Are you going to tell him or should I?"

The Landscape Article

By the landscape guy

5-2019

Spring is Springing !! and so is every plant, shrub, and pest. Your lawn and flower bed plantings are getting ready to establish themselves as the pride of your yard and adjust to the change of season. The more you did last season the less you have to do this season.

This is the best time of the year. If you have followed the advice of the past articles your lawn and flower beds should be prepared for what's ahead. We had a pretty tough winter season NOW is the best time to check those plantings that did not make it thru the cold season. If you have notice that some new plantings or even some old ones that did not make it through the winter looking good, it is time to pull them and consider a change of plants.

Whether you know it or not your plantings do adjust to the climate changes of Florida as do plantings throughout the world. That's why it's always best when looking to replace older or dying plants (and NOW is the time to do that by the way) look for FLORIDA NATIVE flowers for ZONE 9-9A. Also when looking for new plants LOOK and READ the label or even better check the internet for a more in-depth review of the plants habits and planting preferences. Just because a plant states it will work in zones 9-9A – it may like shade and not take the full-blown sun we have in July-August. Don't always believe what you read on the plant labels. Seeing is believing. Check out your neighbor's yard and surrounding plantings in the neighborhood. See which ones you like and which ones are thriving now. Take a picture or a sample if you can and match it up on the internet or bring it to your local nursery for identification.

You may not see it yet, but your plants are on a strict schedule, especially those that have been in for over a year now that have made it thru the season. They should be adjusted to the increase of sunlight of spring and the cool weather of the last winter season.

These are the most important things you need to do even if you plan to do nothing

- a. Making sure your sprinkler system works properly - if not-- FIX IT
- b. Keep in touch with signs of stress and taking corrective measures BEFORE you leave it alone

New growth also means FOOOOOOD !! for our regular pests and bug friends that invade our lawns and plants. Remember pests and bugs are also a part of nature. We need to do our part to help all survive together. Now is the time to keep that watchful eye out. New growth is a prime target for all new offspring of every Florida pest.

WATER: This is the time your plants and lawn will adjust to the natural rains. Keep in touch. Plants take what they need an if you continue to blast your lawn and plants with irrigation water you are doing more damage than you know, but you will see the damage in a short period of time. Adjust your sprinkler system to the weather. 1-1&1/2 inches a week is sufficient. If we get that in the natural rains – SHUT YOUR SYSTEM OFF for a week. Make adjustments accordingly

New growth on flowering plants and scrubs can be trimmed back after about 4-6 inches of the growth appears. This will encourage even more flowers and thicker, healthier plants.

Now is the time for new sod and now is also the time to keep an eye on it. New sod needs at least 30 days of watchful eyes. Watching sod daily after installation is critical. New sod can die in a day or 2 if not watered properly.

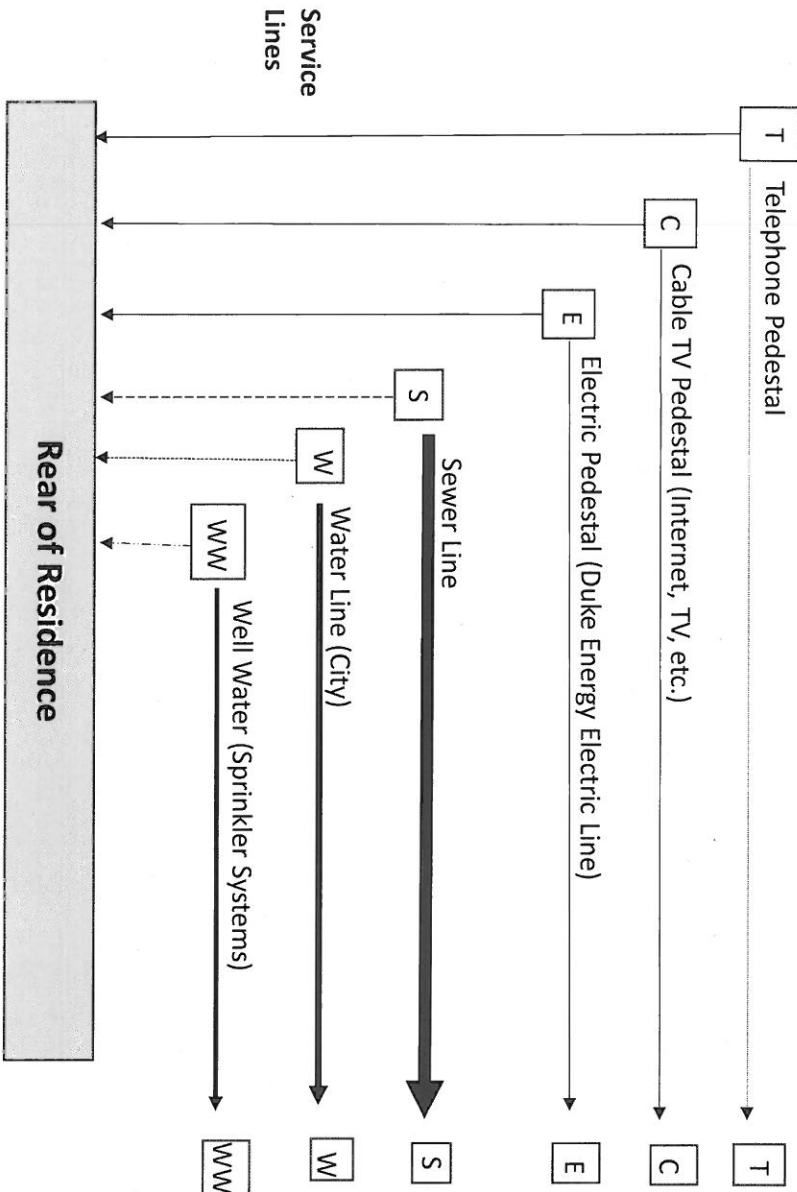
Temperatures are not too hot as to burn the new sod and we are just getting into the early part of the rainy season to help with that new growth. DO NOT FURTILIZE new sod with your regular basic fertilizers. Best to use are products called Milorganite and Scott's Starter for new lawns, purchased at any local home improvement store. These products are non burning fertilizers that cater to new sod installations.

Remember we are not the only ones who like to retire to Florida, bugs love this weather as well.

Tis' the season. Keep your eyes open and you may not only spot some of the invading pests earlier enough to save your gardens before it's too late, but you may also spot a butterfly on a new flower or birds feeding on seeds of your scrubs and get to enjoy your healthy garden.

It's a good day on the green side of the grass

TYPICAL RESIDENCE UTILITY CONNECTIONS



LEGEND

- Telephone** - Provider responsible for all to the Residence. Call Provider for all service issues.
- Cable Television** - Provider responsible for all to the Residence. Call Provider for all service issues.
- Electric** - Provider responsible for lines to the pedestal and meter. SRI responsible for pedestal, meter base (jaws) and breakers. Resident responsible for repairs for service line from pedestal to Residence.
- Sewer** - SRI responsible for main lines. Resident responsible for service line (and cleanout) into Residence.
- Water** - SRI responsible for main lines and meter. Resident responsible for service line (and shutoff) to Residence after the meter.
- Well Water** - SRI responsible for minor repairs, such as replacement of valves, rotor heads, solenoids, etc. Resident is responsible for timer and parts charges for minor repairs. Labor cost to SRI unless reconfiguration to system is needed. Resident is responsible for Well Water service lines under the home, patio, etc., operation of sprinkler control, and clogged or blocked sprinklers.

Roadway and Planning & Zoning Project Updates by Tom Tudor

Mango/Meres Road Extension. On April 4, 2019, our Park Manager (Tony) and I met with some of the Tarpon Shores Directors and the City Project Engineer. We learned alot. Overall, the project is well engineered.

1. The state is planning an overpass on U.S. 19 to cross over Tarpon Avenue. This will likely require the traffic light at Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive to be removed. There is no timeline on this yet but it does impact the Mango/Meres Road Extension project design.
2. Mango Road will be renamed Meres Road.
3. The project involves a 32 foot wide roadway, curb to curb. It will be two lane (one lane each direction), two 4 foot bicycle lanes, and two 5 foot shoulders.
4. At the very least, our residents can exit the east bound land by getting into the bicycle lane and shoulder areas if there is a backup entering the back gate.
5. We did request a turn lane but this may not be possible.
6. Tarpon Shores stated that if they follow thru with their planned entrance for Mango/Meres Road, it will adjusted to be directly across from ours.
7. The City can install two stop signs on Mango/Meres Road if the road becomes a raceway or traffic becomes too heavy. This may occur naturally after construction of the project or if the state installs a traffic light at U.S. 19 North. No one is aware of a planned traffic light.
8. The low area which tends to have standing water will be elevated almost 4 feet. The empty lot on the right at the corner with Noth Avenue, has been purchased by the City and will be used as a stormwater management pond.

Planning & Zoning - Ordinance 2019-07: Application 19-07. On April 9, 2019 I attended the City of Tarpon Springs Commission meeting. the City approved vacating or releasing all easements and rights-of-way involving Mango Circle. The Tarpon Springs Housing Authority is removing all structures and redeveloping the entire complex. I was able to talk to the engineering firm and was shown the architectural drawings of the one and two story buildings of the new housing complex. The two story buildings are set back from the Stomehedge fence line toward the center of the complex so no one will be able to peer into the homes of our residents. I left my contact information with the engineers and they promised to send additional information I can share. The next step is for the site plan to be approved.





Happy Birthday

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 - Pamela Rockow
- 6 - Anna Marie Crudginton,
C. Gourley Gahn,
- 8 - Linda Phillips, Martha Schweizer
- 9 - Bessie Petros
- 12 - Frank Warren
- 14 - Jean Thomas, Daniel Evers
- 16 - Paul Jay Denzer
- 17 - Ruth Kurtzell, Pauline Stutzman
Barbara Gillmore, Stan Baker
- 19 - James Kolbe
- 20 - Lyn Ridall, Ralph Hermann
- 24 - Dena Nordlund
- 25 - Karen Beasley
- 27 - John Hughes
- 28 - Arthur Sauve, David Shoman
David Smith
- 29 - Jeanne Mahon
- 31 - Frank Nitte



JEAN JOHNSON'S
MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE
HELD at ST. TIMOTHY'S CHURCH
812 E. Tarpon Ave,
SATURDAY MAY 11
@ 10:30 a.m.
A CATERED LUNCH Will FOLLOW
THE SERVICE



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 - John & Joan Harrison
- 5 - Richard & Barbara Gillmore
- 7 - Douglas & Joyce Chesnut
- 9 - Roland & Jo-Ann Briere
- 11- Bill and Lynette Sewell
- 14 - Edward & Monika Blake
- 18 - Thomas & Judith Cunniff
- 19 - Martha & Larry Schweizer
- 22 - Wallace & Marian Koryciak
- 24 - Karen & Randy Beasley
- 26 - Richard & Lorraine Morin
- 27 - Dick and Suzanne Richards

EASTER SERVICE

Thank you to all that attended the Easter Service to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thank you to Deb Schuyler who was our pianist and Joyce Lester, Jayne Lucas, and Debra McKnight who were my greeters and readers. Special thanks to the Craft Group led by Martha Collier which included Marian Christman, Bonny Layton, Peggy McBee, Audrey McGinnis, Bessie Petros, Lyn Ridall, Chris Scanson, Cindy Stinard, and Jean Thomas for the delicious Continental Breakfast, which also included their special table decorations. Thanks to Audrey McGinnis for "caring for and updating" our Stonehedge Easter Wreath. Thanks to the men that assisted Ken Collier in setting up the clubhouse for both the breakfast and service. And last but not least, thank you to the sun that cooperated and rose at the proper time.

Melanie Horaney, # 151



*Our Deepest
Sympathy*

*Our Heartfelt Condolences go out to
the families and friends who have lost
loved ones:*

- Ron & Penny Curvin
- Paul Goldey
- Jean Johnson
- Herb & Sandy McDougall
- Betty Nataline (former resident)
- Willy & Chloe Pokracki
- Billy Roy



**THANK YOU -
THANK YOU**



I feel like we live in the greatest most loving community in Florida. Thanks for all you did for us during Billy's illness and his passing:

For all the rides to and from the airport for my family

For all the visits to Billy, the hugs, phone calls, good food, and just being there for us

For the Celebration of Bill's Life - what a great tribute to him:

Ron Curvin M.C. - So nice

John Ahern came from Canada to speak about his friendship with Bill

Bill's sisters told stories

Son-in-law Jim - what a great tribute to all that Bill did in his life

Jerry Kinsey for the Programs

All the wonderful hard-working Kitchen Crew

Jim Kolbe for showing the tape

Rey Roy for the pictures And all friends who came and cooked

We thank you all. God bless you all!

Judy, Renée, and Chris Roy

**APRIL
HOSPITALIZATIONS**

- Stan Baker
- Nancy Bergeron
- Barbara Easterbrooks
- Bonny Layton
- Martha Schweitzer
- Barbara Smith



THANK YOU ALL

Thank you to our incredible Stonehedge friends and neighbors for your thoughtfulness, prayers and condolences following the accident and passing of Ron's brother.

You are truly amazing.

Ron and Penny Curvin, #12

THANKS TO ALL

I wish to thank the residents of Stonehedge for their prayers, cards, and sympathies during the time after Ray's passing. Special thanks to Ron, Penny, Cindy, and Barbara for all the extra help they gave me. Also, thanks to Penny for the help with Tiger when he had a seizure. Stonehedge is a GREAT place to live, and I thank all of you for your support and prayers.

Marsha Miller, #11

THANKS FOR LETTING ME SERVE YOU



I have been Stonehedge's Ameri-Tech Realtor for the past 10 years. During that time I have helped over 100 buyers and sellers, and I want to thank all of you who have allowed me to be of service. And thanks, also, to Tony Toscano and the SRI Board of Directors for the part they played in the success of these property transfers. I look forward to helping any park residents in future real estate transactions.

Victor Unruh, #134

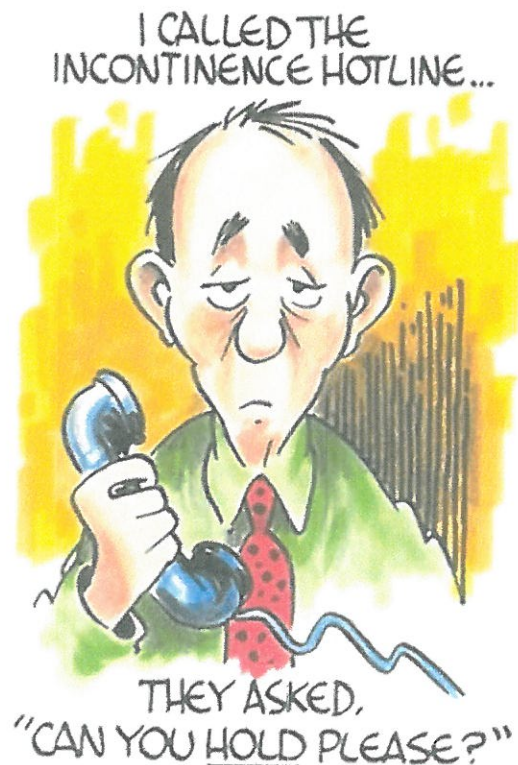
NEW RESIDENTS

Anyone who has ever attended a Wednesday coffee hour at the clubhouse which included a Board Meeting has heard the Chair ask if there are any "new" folks in attendance, and almost invariably, no hands go up. For some unknown reason, it seems to get harder and harder to get recently-arrived owners interested in Park functions, the result of which is, we're all constantly wondering who that was we just saw at the mail boxes. The good news is, our Board has decided to

"focus" a little more closely on our new friends: part of their acceptance interview will be the taking of their picture which, if they agree, will be published in the next issue of the *Beacon*, along with some basic info about them, thus giving us all something to talk to them about (an ice-breaker, if you will), next time our paths cross. They will also receive a "welcome packet" at their interview which will steer them to various sources of information (bulletin boards, etc.) regarding what is on the social docket in the near future (e.g. Wednesday Coffee hours at the clubhouse). Stay tuned...



I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.



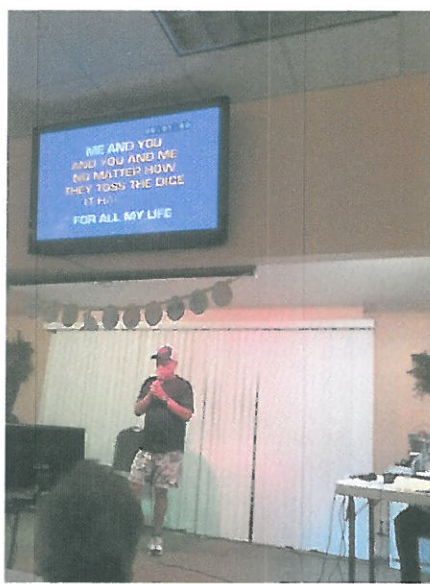


Karaoke

Our hardworking photo-journalist Cheryl Bruno reports that the final Karaoke session of the season was a big success, with 12 individual and one impromptu ensemble acts singing the night away. Karaoke-Master Jim Haehl received the plaudits of the crowd (and several gift certificates) in appreciation for all the hard work that goes into putting on and master-minding the show. And as usual, Cheryl caught a lot of it on camera (see the following):



Jim kicks off the evening with a squirrely song



John Hughs sings a Turtles song



Joy Winter sang of love



Tom Berge got spiritual



It was Just Another Manic Tues. for Linda



Mariah (Larry & Martha Schweitzer's grand daughter) came all the way from England to duet Puff The Magic Dragon with Jeanette

.....And more Karaoke



Paula & Sandy sang The Roller Skate Song



Chuck sang Keith Whitley



Sandy & LouAnn Boot-Skoted



Ron & Jim givin' it their all



LouAnn about to Make Whoopie



The ensemble did Neil Diamond



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THINGS TO DO IN TARPON SPRINGS

SUMMER CAMP 2019

This year's Summer Camp is ten + weeks, from May 30th, through August 13th. Hours are 7:30am to 5:30pm, Monday through Friday, excluding Thursday, July 4th. Aftercare, 5:30-6pm, is available at an additional charge. Camp may be purchased for the full ten weeks, by individual weeks, or by individual days. Field trips are not included in the prices and with few exceptions, are not mandatory. A free school lunch and snack are included daily in the cost. Campers are divided into three age groups: children entering kindergarten-2nd grade (Dodgers), entering 3rd grade-5th grade (Shooters) and entering 6th grade-8th grade (Sharks). Camp is held at the Tarpon Springs Community Center, 400 S. Walton Avenue. The Community Center has a full gymnasium, game room, two multi-purpose rooms and craft room. We also take frequent local trips (no additional charge) to Craig Park, Discovery Playground, Splash Park, Anderson Park and Sunset Beach.

2019 SUNSET BEACH CONCERT MAY

Sponsored by Advent Health North Pinellas and Gulf Coast Air Conditioning & Energy Improvement

May 2: Hard Country Rooster

First Friday

Fri, May 3, 6pm – 10pm East Tarpon Avenue

Cinco De Mayo

Sat, May 4, 4pm – 9pm Dodecanese Boulevard

Sweet Corn Festival

Sat, May 18, 10am – 6pm Where Craig Park, Tarpon Springs

Night in the Islands

May 18, 5pm – 11pm Dodecanese Boulevard



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TARPON SPRINGS, 34689

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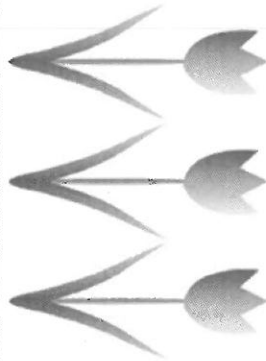
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Stonehedge Calendar

May 2019

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