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MANAGER'S KORNER

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Tony Toscano

Today I am in that kind of mood. After going thru some personal scares and recently inheriting our 15 yr old grandson – looks like till he is at least 18. WOW! 15 yr. old's – what a trip – great to have him – mystery on how to feed him constantly. Trying to get him to understand that I was not just born at 64 years old. A wonderful challenge and a great time trying not to feel like 64 years old. But they will be stories for another article.

Today I will let a skeleton out of the closet, only because at 64 years old – I don't care and enjoy sharing the laugh. This following story is about an unexpected refund and how to take advantage of a good fortune and do the wrong thing. The right thing would have been to pay bills but...

Refunds – always great to get – and some, when they are a surprise are even better.

Let me tell you a story of a refund I received; \$245 from the government that I managed to take advantage of and most likely lost a few minutes of life at the end of it all – but I got this story to tell.

I get home from working in Manhattan on a Tuesday evening, typical suit and tie day. In my mail is a letter from the Treasury Dept. Oh boy! what now! You have to understand why I thought the worst. Not only because it was from the Tax Dept but we all used to have our tax returns done by a lady who only went by the name "Bunny" and her tax slogan was "many Hoppy returns" so you get the picture. It was super cheap but the risk is, I'm going to jail.

I opened the letter and there it was. Thinking it had to be a mistake. A \$245 refund check!!! I was living in a \$240 a month 2 room studio by the water under the Verrazano bridge – and I mean

under- when the NY Marathon came over the bridge I got the ride of my life, floors rumbling, pictures shaking and now and then my cabinet doors would swing open. \$245 -Wow! I thought, as a suit and tie businessman, that I could do the right thing and pay 1 month's rent or other outstanding bills– then the devil spoke and I thought about what was left over from the weekend – "one great party"

I knew I had come off an adventurous weekend and went thru my pockets and draws to find anything that would make my day. It was like Alice in Wonderland everything except the one that mother gives you. I could become a giant midget all in the same day. Let's go!! I called immediately to take the next day-- Wednesday – off.

So, Wednesday morning I figured eventually I could not drive so I took the subway into Manhattan at 7Am, just like any other workday but I was not going to work. Not into the business district but the "other side" of town. As you can get the picture some of the following details are not from direct memory but rather flashbacks.

Walking thru Manhattan streets, stopping in some bars along the way – mid-morning (the South Street seaport bars are open all night) thru mid-afternoon I ended up in the lower end of Harlem sitting on the steps of an old brown-stone discussing my life with an elderly black man comparing mine to his – we were at both ends of the spectrum – him from the streets me from middle class America – interesting views on what was important. I learned a lot. He introduced me to a few of his "friends" and I bought the bunch of them a case of beer. They had some stories.

The next memory was from Central Park. Not only in it, but on it. I obviously needed to lay down. I woke up sprawled out on the great lawn – watching Techni color clouds dancing in the sky for a few minutes until I realized my head was still attached to my body.

I felt it first, then noticed that I had no sneakers, socks, or shirt on. I lazily looked in front of me and then to my right to see my sneakers, socks, and shirt thrown about 20 ft away. In my haze, wondering how they got there I felt a presence close to me on my left. I was startled when I looked to my left to see a giant watermelon staring back at me from a few inches away. As you can guess I don't remember how it or I got there.

I took a deep breath, relieved I was still on Earth and gathered my sneakers, socks, and shirt and took a comfortable subway ride home, just me and my giant watermelon, in rush hour. I was home by 6PM just like a regular workday; only...

So, I listened to the devil, did the wrong thing, managed to spend, or give away all \$245 refund and ended up with this forever moment made whenever. Hope you still have that spirit of adventure next time you get a refund check. Hope you enjoyed.

AROUND THE PARK:

Stump grinding – waiting for schedule – we have cost and signed contract in place

Front door donations- still accepting

Over \$1350 donated so far – a **“Thank you”** to those who have donated– reaching \$3400 would be spectacular and an incentive to move forward on this project

New movie section in the library

What started out as a simple donation from Roberta Johnson (who recently passed) has turned into a movie borrow section of over 150 DVD's. There are some Series like Nashville and House of Cards – great movies that deserve a second watch like Forrest Gump and Mission Impossible, some old western gunslinger classics as well as movies for the kids like a 4-part Shrek series. Please feel free to borrow (5-day limit) and donate your old movies for others to enjoy for FREE! **“Thank you”** to those who donated.

Park standards are simple:

This really is not hard. We have done it our whole life. That is making our lives simpler, quieter, less complicated, less cluttered. We do this so we can enjoy our time off, but to get that time off you must put the time in. The time that you agreed to when you purchased in Stonehedge.

Stonehedge is as carefree as you make it, maybe not as carefree as you want it, as off as off can be from your former working lives. A reminder that you agreed to adhere to the standards of the park when you purchased, whether 1 year or 20 years ago. The Park standards have always been the same. Simple.

CLEAN

No mold or faded paint on home siding, shutters, fascia, or driveways

NEAT No clutter in carports – no dead flowerpots or stored items other than usable patio furniture
No clutter or storage around home – no ladders, excess block, unused items etc.

MAINTAINED

No weeds in flower beds, neatly trimmed bushes, sprinkler heads clean and a properly-operational timer.

And of course, I take the criticism for the lack of landscape at the back gate – Cliff Thomson (262) and management are currently working with Florida extension service to reconfigure our landscape at our back entrance.

PLEASE DO NOT FEED the wild birds

Nature will take care of itself - besides its illegal to feed certain species

State department of wildlife is against feeding wild animals, including sea gulls and other birds. Human food is not good for them and changes their ability to fend for themselves in the wild. There are reports in the park of residents feeding larger wild birds: They wait on cars – and scratch them – they also go when they have to go – no need to attract that mess.

Nature is wonderful to watch - go out and find it - don't force it to come to you

Thank you

Homes for Sale - just can't keep them around
- keep letting friends and family know that
Stonehedge is "a Great place to Live"

Unit 20 - \$75K

Unit 63 - \$99K listed by owner

Unit 188 - \$92.5K listed by owner

Unit 189 - for sale by owner - no info

Unit 205 - Sold

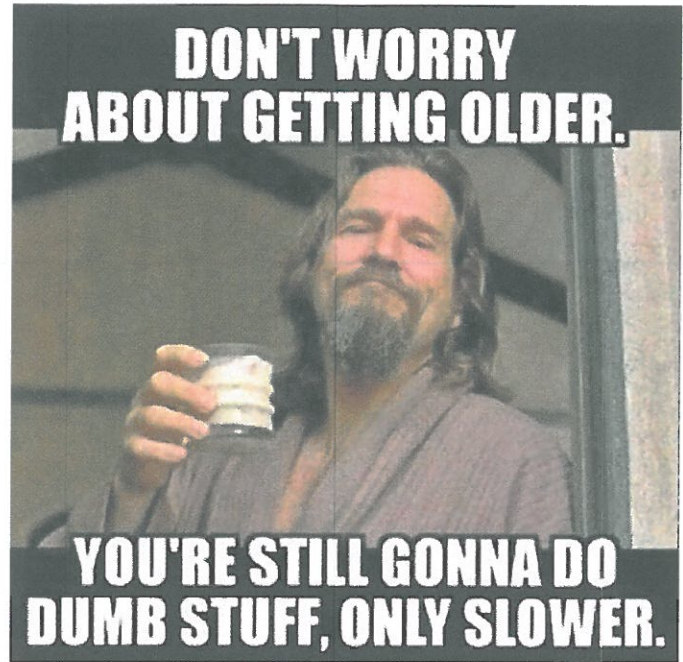
Unit 211 - Sold

Unit 265 - Sold

**Be kinder than necessary because everyone
you meet is fighting some kind of battle**

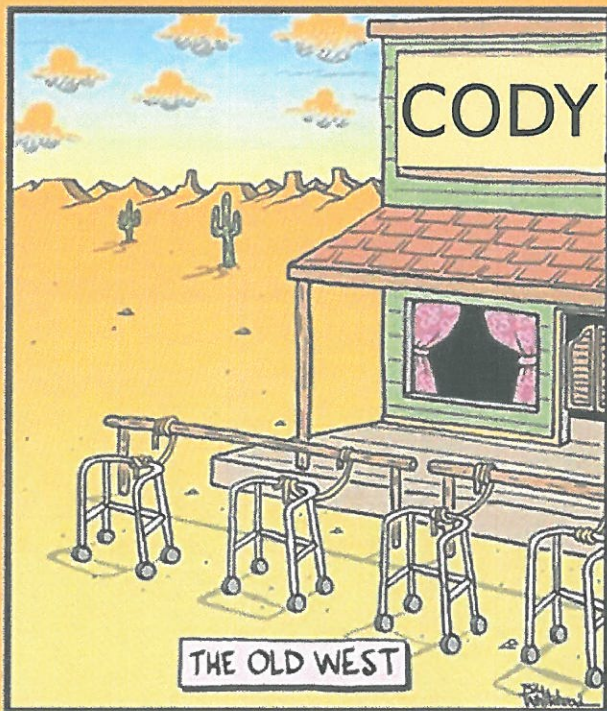
Laugh when you can, Apologize when you should
Do not dwell on what you cannot change,
Let go of what you cannot control, Take charge of
what you can. Make forever moments whenever,
Safe travels, love life.

Tony



HELLO FROM CAPE COD

Well, this is certainly shaping up as a different kind of summer, wouldn't you say? The way we see it, if you're not comfortable playing the "quarantine game," you're probably not happy. We had planned on visits from friends and family, but Covid has put the kibosh on most of that kind of socializing. Massachusetts is doing a pretty good job of keeping the focus on safety, and we just learned that, starting August 1st, visitors to Massachusetts from states with bad numbers will be slapped with a \$500 fine if they're caught not obeying the rules. We spend most of our time on the campsite, interspersed with visits to the wonderful National Seashore beaches, all of which are within a 30-minute drive radius, and, thanks to our National Parks Seniors pass, we (and anyone in our car) get in for free! Drop us a note as to how your summers going (gusayers2@gmail.com) and we'll put you in the *Beacon*.
Gus, Monika, & Roxy, #61



The Landscape Article August 2020

By the landscape guy

Rain, Rain, stick around- keep my grass green all year round !!!

Nature, as destructive as it is at times can be wonderful for those who embrace it. This is the perfect world of gardening, you have to do nothing, and your grass remains green, your shrubs thicken up with lush green leaves and vibrant flowers. We are not in that perfect world as of yet, but with every other day of rain will certainly be beneficial to your yard. Keep up with your best rain dance moves.

This article is between a rock and a hard place. Since currently we have been experiencing the daily or at least every 3rd day of natural rains I will give you the “where we are now” and the “where we will be later” once the rains stop.

“Where we are now” The strong daily rains cover up even the most neglected lawns that we all have been fighting for the past 6-8 weeks.

Now granted, if you have not paid attention to the damage the recent dry spell did your lawn there will be some patches – some bigger than others that you will have to deal with. As you already know the rains will help the weeds grow in in those areas first, so it’s imperative to keep an eye on what returns to those dead areas. . If you keep the weeds at a minimum, the rains will allow the runners from the healthy grass to fill them in. Sorry, but best to hand pull in these areas rather than spray for weeds. The weed killer may inhibit the growth of new grass in those areas as well.

Let’s focus on what the natural rains do. Nothing beats natural rains. The nutrients and trace elements that are found in natural rain far exceed anything that you can put on your lawns during the year. It’s called nature for a reason, over the years, nature has perfected what the earth needs to survive. Previous articles have attempted to kick start our lawns and wait for these moments of consistent natural rains.

“Where we will be later”

IMPORTANT: We will have to keep an eye on the effects of the dry conditions when they come again, and they will. Chinch bugs thrive in the dry conditions and the past dry spells have caused an invasion of them in our yards. With the damage already done in some yards, you can only keep an eye on the condition and make sure that in those dead areas of lawn chinch bugs do not take over. Chinch bug damage can be seen by a yellowish ring around a dead area of lawn. If you see this put some kind of marker on the outer edge of the yellow area to see if its spreading. If you see this yellowing you should immediately get a pest control liquid and spray. DID I MENTION IMMEDIATELY. Also mention these conditions to the office.

Here is the action/reaction thoughts for this month since we are hopefully at the start of an abundance of water from the rains.

Too much water will activate a dormant fungus. Fungus starts to form many ways, 2 of them being carried in from other infected yards on the tires of lawn mowers or from too much water sitting on the lawn. Fungus can be recognized by the so called “ring of fire”. This will be an area of yellow/orange blades of grass that surround a dead area of your lawn. If you see these areas forming in your yard –please get to your local supply store and purchase a fungus (disease) control product and apply it to and around the infected area. Also notify your management so the lawn service company can be made aware of these issues. Fungus issues can be devastating to the lawns and these issues must be acted upon quickly.

Dollar weed, although usually burnt up by the early summer heat and the applications of weed control by the scheduled association weed and pest control company will keep it from over powering areas of your lawn, is still a concern during regular rains. Too much water, natural rains coupled with your sprinkler water will activate dollar weed.

Please remember when we are getting consistent rains during the week of 2-3 inches; **manually turn off your sprinkler system** if you have one. The extra water will only encourage disease and dollar weed.

Even with the possible damage the rain may cause, it’s still much more beneficial than destructive to the environment as a whole.

See you in September for the start of another season

It’s a great day on the green side of the grass

Happy Birthday



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Glenn Turley, Gary Barth
- 2 - George McBee
- 5 - Lois Casey, Terry Paluska
- 8 - Susan Elton, Sandra Aldrich
- 9 - Dick Babcock
- 11 - Diane Tiefenthal, Carol Bradley
- 13 - Patricia Wilson
- 14 - Mary Lusk, Roland Briere
- 16 - David Wendt, Mark Salisbury, Brent Arnson
- 17 - Sue Babcock
- 18 - Monika Lentze, Robert Gorby, Stephanie Welker, Dorothy Lee
- 19 - Marie Mueller
- 20 - Lillian Huffman, Allen Pokracki, John Duncan, MaryAnn Fafara
- 21 - Richard Morin
- 22 - Lisa Thomson
- 23 - James Mechachonis
- 24 - Richard Gillmore, Frances Daly
- 25 - Paul Egan, Joseph Massoud, Debra McKnight, Janis Wood
- 26 - George Christman, JB Fustin, Carolyn Peck, Nancy Carmack
- 27 - Les Jones
- 28 - Susan Salisbury
- 29 - Irene Sauve
- 30 - Edward Blake
- 31 - Lou Booth, John Harper



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

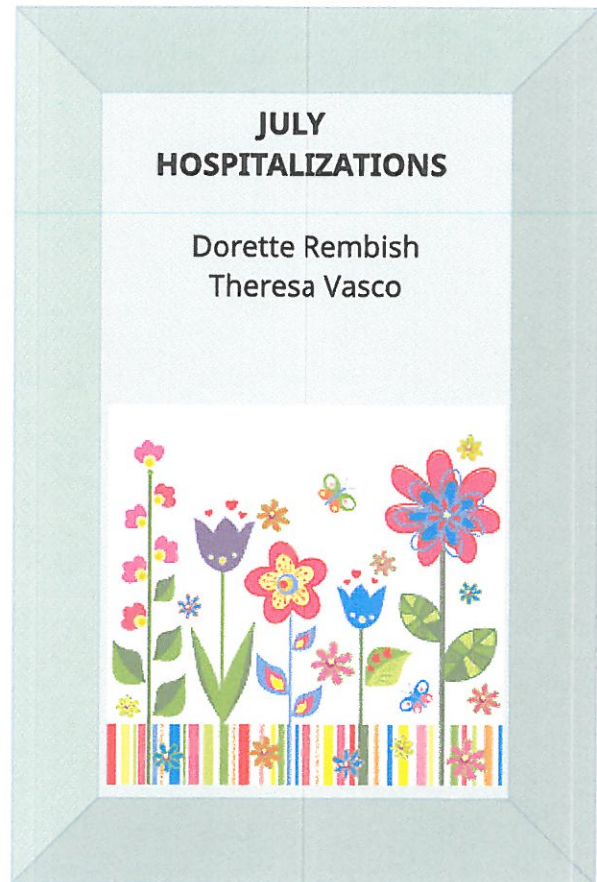
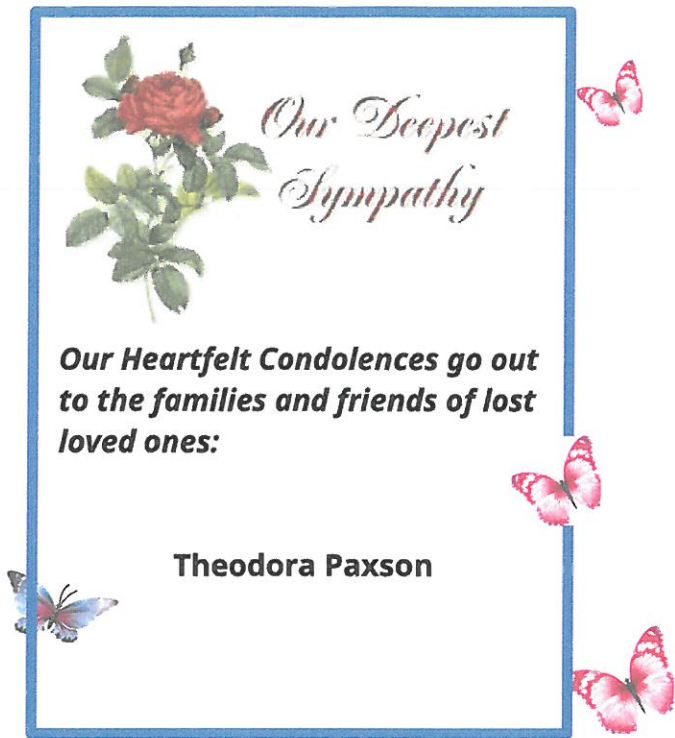
- 1 - Thomas & Deborah Tudor
- 2 - Gordon & Maryanne Leach,
- 4 - George & Frances Daly
- 6 - John & Diane Tiefenthal
- 7 - Franklin & Dorothy Lee
- 8 - Richard & Linda Kosloski, Eugene & Angela Yakabovicz
- 12 - Richard & Lorraine LeBeau, Bruce & Marie Mueller, Gary & Carol Nitte
- 17 - Barbara & Reynold Roy
- 18 - Gary & JoAnn Campbell
- 25 - James & Catherine O'Keefe, Arthur & Irene Sauve
- 27 - Robert & Barbara Hanton
- 29 - Robert & Roberta Kindig
- 30 - Wilbert & Sandra Aldrich, Gus Ayers & Monika Lentze

THANK YOU

Thanks to all of you who sent cards and best wishes to me on the occasion of my birthday. They were much appreciated.

Donna Kinsey, #4



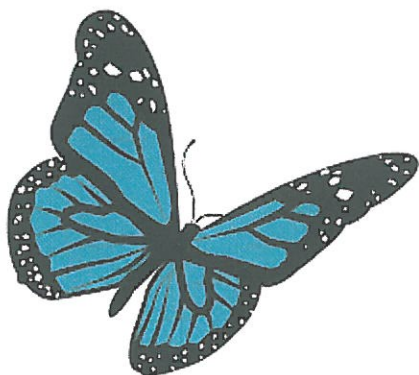


CONDOLENCES TO THE DALYS

George and Frances Daly, # 208, are mourning the loss of their grandson Stephen Comeau, who passed away on July 12th. Stephen was a bright star in the US Air force, stationed at Langley AFB in Virginia. Your fellow Parkers share in your sadness.

Cheryl Bruno, #114

DEAR STONEHEDGE FAMILY,



Just a note to let you know how much Bob and I have appreciated all the phone calls, cards, text messages, and especially the prayers regarding his cancer. It seems to make it much easier, knowing that we have a loving family of friends behind us. Treatment has been ongoing all summer and of course will continue if/when we get to come back to Fla. We miss you all and hope to see you soon!

Love you all,

Janet & Bob Purtee, #120

Across

- 1. Pond scum component
- 5. Urban oasis
- 9. Swahili boss
- 14. Leak out slowly
- 15. Fencing gear
- 16. Lent a hand
- 17. Finish superficially
- 20. Similar
- 21. Supplement (with "out")
- 22. Move about energetically
- 26. Come to grips
- 30. Disentangled
- 31. Smudge on Santa
- 32. Audio receiver
- 33. Christie's "The Seven ___ Mystery"
- 34. Pseudonym of H.H. Munro
- 35. Garage compartments
- 36. Get right down to business
- 39. Oodles
- 40. Beam
- 41. Whistles when the police are spotted
- 43. Roman candle path
- 44. Chuck wagon fare
- 45. Slim and trim
- 46. Have through a gene
- 48. Ms. Clinton
- 49. Kettle and Barker
- 50. Bed end
- 51. Wastes no time with
- 59. Adds one to three, e.g.
- 60. Gala event
- 61. Verdi heroine
- 62. Dave Thomas' kid
- 63. Cold feet
- 64. Contrary current

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Down

- 1. Blond shade
- 2. Wahine's adornment
- 3. Catch on
- 4. Fitting
- 5. Cheated at hide and seek
- 6. Pest for a rose
- 7. Restraining influence
- 8. Powder container
- 9. Hoop dunk
- 10. Diaper bag items
- 11. Shakespearean fuss
- 12. Where many surf
- 13. Commercial blurbs
- 18. Most robust
- 19. Awe-inspiring
- 22. Potato eye
- 23. Horned creature
- 24. Steadfast
- 25. Fights with lances
- 26. Snatched from dreamland
- 27. Old World prickly plants
- 28. Outfit of newborn supplies
- 29. Sounds of hesitation
- 31. Hindu's sir
- 34. Walk like a chanticleer
- 35. Genesis tower
- 37. Beastly (Var.)
- 38. Must
- 39. ___ chi (martial art)
- 42. Coral, for one
- 44. Flush with fescue
- 45. April event
- 47. Improve text
- 48. Terra ___
- 50. Complimentary
- 51. Kittenish call
- 52. Hail to Caesar
- 53. He's a real doll
- 54. Wide of the mark
- 55. Actress ___ Dawn Chong
- 56. "The Karate ___" (1984)
- 57. Roulette play
- 58. Wray in "King Kong"

Now What?

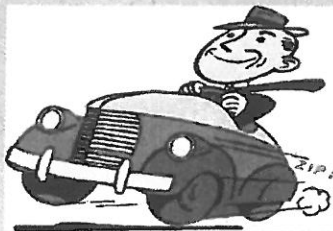
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Watch Out!!!!

- ✦ Pedestrians and bicycles are everywhere! Everyone needs to be more aware while driving, especially in residential areas. Children love to ride their bikes out in the streets, darting from behind parked vehicles and out of driveways.
- ✦ As we move forward, opportunities for crime increases. Residents should be aware of additional traffic in their neighborhood. Keep your home and vehicle doors locked at all times. Report any and all suspicious activity.

Speeding In Your Neighborhood? You Can Help...

- Set an example to your neighbors and drive slowly.
- If you see aggressive driving, swerving or driving erratically report it immediately to the Tarpon Springs Police Department at 727-937-6151 or to the Tarpon Springs Police Department Traffic Unit at 727-939-4495 or via email:
alltspdtraffic@tspd.us



August 2020

Stonehedge Calendar

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Wear Your Masks

Think Of Others

2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		6:30 Fun Shuffle	8:30 Coffee & ...TBD		6:30 Fun Shuffle	
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30	31	<h1>BE KIND</h1>				