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## November 2024

### SEPO Board

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome back everyone! Hope you had a safe and enjoyable summer!!

There will be a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday October 29th at 12:00 noon. Budget will be discussed so, it will not be a “nail biter” session.

Have a plea to make-----in the next couple of months a nominating committee will be formed to look for new members on the Board (4). My plea is this---

Please consider volunteering to make a run for the Board. We need folks to step up and help run our Beautiful Community! If this would be of interest to you, please contact any Board Member and we will see to it your name is given to the nominating committee when it is formed!! Thank you for your consideration!!!!

Watch your speed on our streets!!!

- Jim Kennedy, President SEPO

### Communications

Reminder about important Communications-Related Sunshine website pages:

- SEPO Communications Guidelines are here: <https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/communication-guidelines>.
- ‘Table of Contents/Site Map’ page is here: <https://www.sunshinecountryclub.com/tableofcontents-sitemap>.

And, PLEASE, if you find anything on any page that is outdated, incorrect, etc, please let me know so I can correct it. I want to ensure this is your guide to all (or most) things Sunshine.

- Beth Parrish, SEPO Communications

### Women's Club: From the President

The Women’s Club kicked off its 2024/2025 season with a lively first meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>, drawing a great turnout of members. We were delighted to welcome two new faces, Nancy Walker and Jeanette Makowiec, and especially thrilled to have Linda Axvig join us after her 16 years of missionary work. Pam Adams took home the name tag door prize!

Our meeting was both engaging and productive, as we discussed and voted on several new policies and procedures. For additional details, please check Lisa Perrier’s meeting minutes. We also looked back at two successful events we’ve hosted this season: the Health Fair and Oktoberfest. Pam Adams provided updates on the upcoming Halloween golf cart parade and spooky gathering scheduled for October 31<sup>st</sup>. Lisa Perrier shared details about our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Lenore Combs informed us about the Veterans Day events planned for Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, while Pam Davis discussed the neighborhood Country Carnival on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Additionally, Lenore Combs shared information about our community Thanksgiving Dinner set for Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, and Vicky Krueger updated us on the preparations for Casino Night on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.



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Jill Ventrello mentioned that we are still seeking chairpersons for two events: the Christmas dinner and the Taste of Sunshine. If you're interested in leading one of these events, please reach out to Jill.

We currently have an opening for a Historian in the Women's Club. If you'd like to join our fantastic team, please let one of the officers know—we would love to have you part of the team!

A highlight of the meeting was the Women's Club logo contest, which received many impressive submissions. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated! Congratulations to Anita Smith, the winner of our logo contest! We are excited about the creative possibilities for using this new logo in the future.



We hope to see all of you at our next Women's Club meeting on Friday, November 15th at 9 AM. Join us for refreshments, camaraderie, and a great time!

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.  
- Pam Davis, Women's Club President

### **Women's Club: Announcement**

The Women's Club has a wonderful announcement to share! During our meeting on Friday, Oct 18<sup>th</sup>, we officially voted to support the community including ALL NON-PROFIT clubs, card room, library, hall, pavilion, woodshop and special events that are open to the Community with paper goods and coffee supplies! (*Products not provided for individual use or private parties*).

This is one of the many ways the Women's Club supports this beautiful community.

To check out a coffee can, please use the "coffee checkout form" located in the hall kitchen and provide your name, coffee can number, location of the event/activity and date of checkout.

Thank you so much! Enjoy!

Sincerely,  
- Pam Davis, Women's Club President



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### Women's Club: Dolphin Watch

I'm going over to the island in the next few weeks to check out dolphin watch cruises for the community to partake in. There are a few of them and I like to comparison shop to find us the best deal. If you'd be interested, let me know. You can call or text me at 720-660-8417 or you can email me at [jillybeanbean56@gmail.com](mailto:jillybeanbean56@gmail.com). Please be sure to let me know who you are and how many would be going. If there's enough people that are interested I'll go ahead and set it up.

- Jill Ventrello, WC Activities Director

### Women's Club: Chili Cook-off (Nov 9, 2024)

Mark your calendars! The Women's Club is excited to announce our second annual chili cook-off taking place in our Hall on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, kicking off at 4 PM.

We will have a signup sheet available at the library for chili contestants and anyone interested in baking cornbread. There will be a \$5 entry fee, which will be paid at the door at the time of the event.

The Women's Club has arranged for the Harlingen Fire Department to step in as our esteemed judges! Currently, Fred Lowe proudly holds the title of Chili Champion at Sunshine Country Club Estates.

We can't wait to see all the delicious entries and discover who will take home the title of chili champion this time around! Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place, as well as for the most unique chili creation. We look forward to seeing you there!

- Pam Davis, For the Event co-chairs (the Women's Club Board)



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### Women's Club: Veterans Day (Nov 11, 2024)

A graphic for Veterans Day featuring a border of yellow stars. At the top center are five circular seals representing the U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force, and U.S. Coast Guard. Below the seals, the text "VETERANS DAY" is written in large, gold, serif letters. Underneath that, "HONORING ALL THOSE WHO SERVED" is written in smaller, grey, serif letters. The date "Veterans Day – Monday 11 November 2024" is in bold black text. The main body of text is in black, followed by a contact number at the bottom right.

**VETERANS DAY**  
HONORING ALL THOSE WHO SERVED

**Veterans Day – Monday 11 November 2024**

Veterans Day originated as Armistice Day on 11 November 1919, the first Anniversary of the end of WWI. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 making it an annual observance. It later became a National Holiday in 1938. This is a day we honor the service and sacrifice all Veterans.

Sixteen years later President Eisenhower signed legislation changing the name to Veterans Day to honor all those who served their country during war or peacetime. This day honors military Veterans – living or deceased – with parades and other observances across the country and a ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

**National Moment of Remembrance:**

This is an annual event that asks Americans, wherever they are at 3pm, local time on Memorial Day, to pause for a duration of one minute to remember those who have died in Military Service in the United States.

We will have a Pot Luck about 5p. Prior to that, we will have a short ceremony with our Flags. Please sign up for Pot Luck help or Flag Ceremony. I will be in touch. God Bless America.

Lenore & John Combs 956 245 1276



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### Women's Club: Country Carnival (Nov 23, 2024)

Get ready for a day of excitement and fun at our very first Country Carnival , hosted by the Women's Club!

Join us on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, right outside our Hall for fantastic fun! Prepare for a variety of entertaining games, including a dunk tank, strongman/striker, a cakewalk, corn hole, beanbag toss, a duck pond, a jail fundraiser, golf putting, a 50/50 raffle, and so much more!

Savor delicious treats with food tickets available for sausage on a stick, Frito pie, and cookies. Plus, enjoy complimentary popcorn and grab a Fat Boy ice cream sandwich for a sweet treat (\$2)!

Virtual tickets will be available starting November 13<sup>th</sup> at our Library. If you have any questions or need further information, don't hesitate to reach out to me. We're excited to see you there!

- Pam Davis, *Event co-chair/Women's Club President*



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### Women's Club: Thanksgiving Potluck (Nov 28, 2024)

**Thanksgiving Dinner - Thursday - 28 November 2024  
Retz Hall Stay tuned for further instructions.**



**FROM: Lenore Combs 956 245 1276  
Let's have a meeting!.....**

**History: SEPO has purchased Turkeys in the past.  
1. Volunteers have cooked a turkey at home and bring them to the Kitchen about 11:30am.**

**2. Carver volunteers: carve the Turkey.**

**3. Kitchen volunteers prep it for serving.**

**Could use 2 helpers to serve initial turkey in serving line.**

**4. Pot Luck style with set Table places for 8 or 10.**

**Don't forget the before and after. Therefore we could use help post dinner. Please bring your own stuff home to wash. The kitchen & helpers will washing SEPO stuff and don't forget the tablecloths.**

**Sign up sheets in Library - \* Let's call a meeting soon.**



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### Women's Club: Bake Sale (Dec 7, 2024)

Anyone interested in helping at the Bake Sale in Dec is encouraged to come to a planning meeting on Friday, Nov 22 at 1 pm in the Library. Or you can call Terry DeBackere @ 309 714 4743.

- Terry DeBackere

### GOLF: Women's League

REMINDER: Our first day of league golf is Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to meet in the library between 8:30 and 8:45 to sign up. Don't forget your league dues, \$25.00 ... \$1.00 bills will be much appreciated.

Hostess signup sheets will be posted on the bulletin board. We ask that two people sign up for each week. Look at scheduled weeks and sign up for the week or weeks that will work best with your schedule. Hostess packets were developed last year for your convenience with step-by-step instructions. Ask for help if you have any questions.

See you on the 6<sup>th</sup>!

- Dana Szretter, League President

### GOLF: Men's Golf League Kickoff

At the post tournament men's golf league meeting last spring, the members voted unanimously to change the signup system and fee structure for men's golf for the coming season. The changes approved are as follows:

Elimination of the advance sign-up. Members will show up to play at either the 8:30 am launch or the 10:15 am launch. Fifteen (15) minutes before each tee time, a ball with the player's name will be drawn for hole assignment. Golfers arriving less than 15 minutes before tee time will not be assigned to a team for that tee time. Early players who arrive late can return to play at 10:15 am. Second shift players who arrive late will need to wait until the following week to play.

The fee structure has also changed. Gone is the requirement to pay \$1.00 per week and a \$20 membership fee. It has been replaced with a membership fee of \$40.00 which covers weekly play, tournament costs and administrative costs (ink, paper, etc). Cash only will be accepted for payment.

In order to have your golf ball (supplied by Matt Lyne) placed in the case for player eligibility each golfer must pay his \$40.00 membership fee before playing.

The first date for 2024-2025 season is November 5, 2024. In order to accommodate players who wish to play on November 5, Matt Lyne and Jerry Wetherbee will be available to collect membership fees from 7:30 am to 8:00 am, and from 9:30 am to 10:00 am. Alternatively, if you wish to pay early you may drop your \$40.00 off with either Matt or Jerry prior to the November 5 start date.

If you have questions about this, contact Matt Lyne at 308-870-1423 or Jerry Wetherbee at 425-418-3345.

- Jerry Wetherbee / Matt Lyne



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### SUNSHINE GARDEN CLUB

Sunshine Garden Club  
November 12th  
Retzlaff Hall at 6:30 pm

We will have open discussion about soil amendments, suggestions about plantings by the office and thanking all the volunteers that worked so hard this summer through the heat and flooding.

We are currently working on bringing in a Master Gardener from Cameron County to discuss the soil amendment portion of our meeting.

Plantings, cuttings and canna bulbs will be available for free, or if you'd like to make a donation to the garden club to purchase edging, that would be awesome.

Thank you,  
- *Susanne Ulrich*

### KILLER BEES QUILTING

The Killer Bees, Thursday morning quilt group, is in full swing! 9AM in Retzlaff Hall. We have a short meeting with Show and Tell, and then some days we sew into the afternoon. Our calendar is full of great projects from a small table runner to a Mystery Quilt and more. Come and check us out.

- *Jan Baethke*





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## Neighborhood Watch & CERT



Sunshine Neighborhood Watch – CERT Team (Est. 2008)  
SCCE - Harlingen’s premier NW & CERT Team.



*Lights On -- Lock Up and Look Out for each other!*

Lenore J. Combs, Coordinador 956 245 1276 LJCombs44@gmail.com  
Sgt. Manny Tovar, Officer Benny Bravo, HPD District Rep.

Mary Grandy – NW Patrol Schedule

Liz Dietrick - Treasurer

Jean Burgoine – NW Car Decals and NW Golf Cart Decals

Marian Young – will check the Patrol Flashlights (batteries) weekly

Tom & Debbie Gossman – will check McGruffmobile Golf Cart batteries monthly

Hoppy & Jean Hopkins – assist with NW evening Golf Cart Patrol orientation

Judy Boyachek – Sunshine Street Strutters – information contact (or Lenore)

**Dear NW- CERT Volunteers, Residents and Friends,**

We cordially invite you to come to our monthly meetings – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday - 3pm – Retz Hall. This is an open meeting – you are always invited. We welcome your constructive input. We wish to get as many helpful hints and opinions as possible. You matter. Sunshine matters. If you cannot attend, please send me your 2 Cents on this agenda.

**WHAT IS A SCCE Neighborhood Watch?** A Neighborhood Watch is a non-confrontational crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of Sunshine residents in cooperation with Harlingen & Combes Police to reduce crime in our community. It is about keeping an eye out for each other, opening communication on your block (street) and hardening the target for the Bad Guys.

**WHAT IS A Neighborhood Watch BLOCK CAPTAIN.....**

Block Captains are the "eyes & ears for a block of homes who look out for anything out of the ordinary that might need attention. They assist the Neighborhood Watch Program on a given street. They notify Lenore, the Office or the Police when necessary.

Block Captain Duties:

Create a contact list for their Block

Explain the job of a NW Block Captain to residents (eyes & ears etc.)

Monitor the Street and pass info to neighbors & residents about pertinent issues such as a break-in, etc. Watch out, keep comms open and make a safer community all around.

(Suggestion = each neighbor gets to know 5 nearby neighbors)

Benefits: This program fosters communication in a community. The time commitment is small and the outcome is extremely helpful.



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#### **Neighborhood Watch History:**

The National Neighborhood Watch program began in 1972 with funding from the National Sheriff's Association thru a grant from the Bureau of Justice.

Since our Nation is built on the strength of our citizens, we can contrast this to SCCE helping neighbors as we encounter situations every day that call upon us to be the eyes & ears for our community with law enforcement. It also establishes a bond thru service for our community. The NW draws upon the compassion of our residents and asks the residents to lend a neighbor a hand.

Since 1972, the National NW Program and the National Sheriffs Association has worked to unite law enforcement agencies, private organizations and individual citizens in a nation-wide effort to reduce crime. The NW program empowers citizens to become active in community efforts thru participation in NW groups.

A Neighborhood Watch is a non-confrontational crime prevention program. It enlists the active participation of our Sunshine residents in cooperation with Harlingen PD, Combes PD, the County Sheriffs and other facets of our LE community. We also have an association with the Harlingen Fire Department with CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) and the local EMS program.

We are about keeping an eye out for each other, opening communication on our block and hardening the target for the criminals. It is about neighbors getting to know each other and taking some time to care about each other in a program of mutual assistance and security.

It is about neighbors trained to recognize and report suspicious activity. HPD Officers cannot be in Sunshine every minute – but you are. Eyes & Ears -- Observe & Report.

Steps to becoming a Block Captain: (how about an alternate BC) ?  
Which street will you cover? How many homes? Should you have 2 – 3 helpers?  
Will you donate a year's time or if you are a Winter Texan, duty will be ~ Oct – March.

Collect everyone's "Contact info" – (personal & medical) - have them turn it into the SEPO Office. Leave a key in the Office.

Come to National Night Out – in August at Lon C. Hill Park in Harlingen. Meet our other NW neighbors from Harlingen. (lots of fun, educational info, fellowship and etc.) (free).

Other stuff.....

Exchange work/vacation & Winter Texan schedules – what about Garbage pick-up, newspapers, mail? Is your house ready for bad weather (hurricane) if you are away?



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**EVERYONE INVITED**



**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING**

**Monday 18 NOVEMBER 2024 3PM**  
**RETZLAFF HALL**

- Lenore J. Combs, Coordinator 956 245 1276

### **FROM THE EDITOR**

Thanks to those who provided such great information about upcoming events, I truly hope this Newsletter helps the community keep on top of things to come and helps all of you to keep your 'party' calendars updated. 😊

- Beth Parrish, SEPO Newsletter Editor