



# LIFESTYLE BULLETIN

## JANUARY 2026

### Gran Paradiso at the West Villages

20125 Galleria Boulevard  
Venice, FL 34293  
(941) 234-0450

### HOA Office Hours:

9:00am - 5:00pm, Monday - Friday  
10:00am - 5:00pm, Saturday & Sunday



January

### JANUARY SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, 01/03

Steel Drums by the Pool 12pm - 2pm

Tuesday, 01/06

Lunch & Learn w/ Storm Smart 9:30am - 10:30am Clubhouse

Wednesday, 01/07

Recuse My Jewelry 1pm - 3pm Craft Room

Friday, 01/09

Ann Mae Pop up Shop 9:30am - 11:30am in Clubhouse

Monday, 01/12

Farmers Market 9am - 12pm

Wednesday, 01/14

Cyber Security Lecture Presented by PP2 Clubhouse

Saturday, 01/17

Classic Car Show 10am - 1pm

Sunday, 01/18

Teen Glow Pizza Party 6pm - 8pm Billiard Room

Thursday, 01/22

One Blood, Blood Drive 11am - 3pm

Friday, 01/23

Ross the Mentalist 2:00pm - 3:30pm Card Room

Thursday, 01/29

Thrift Store Bus Trip - 9am - 6pm

Saturday, 01/31

Gran Paradiso Fashion Show - Details to come Clubhouse

Saturday, 01/31

DDK Botte Workshop 6pm - 8pm Craft Room

Saturday, 01/31

On spot Dermatology 7am - 3pm



# 2026

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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## SAVE THE DATE

**DON'T DELAY – REGISTER TODAY**

**2 . 15 . 26**

### RIDE • WALK • GIVE BACK

*What a fun way to spend a morning and  
show your community spirit!*

*Join us for the fantastic event that helps  
so many who need a hand up.*

#### Your \$50 entry fee includes:

- Choice of 12-mile or 6-mile bike ride **or**  
a 1-mile casual walk around beautiful Venice Island
- Low to no-traffic routes
- Start and finish at the Venice Yacht Club grounds
- Hearty breakfast by the bay
- Commemorative wicking-material event shirt

**Go to [www.vyccf.com](http://www.vyccf.com) to register on-line!**

Last year's event raised over \$110,000, helping our Charitable Foundation donate \$170,000 to thirty-three local charities throughout Venice and South Sarasota County in 2025!

Form a team with or go solo and raise extra funds by securing sponsors for your effort.

This is truly a fun, meaningful event for everyone in the community we all call home.

# Best of Venice 2024

## Inherited Passion

**Blair Post, HAS, BC-HIS, ACA**

Board Certified Hearing Instrument Sciences  
American Conference of Audioprosthology



My mother, MaryEllen, and grandpa, Howard, were both hard-of-hearing. My Mom underwent ear surgery that left her with a profound hearing loss. My grandpa struggled to hear for as long as I remember. I still recall talking into his pocket where he carried his body aid.

I started working with hearing aids in 1999 and I loved it from the beginning. I took all the classes and extra accreditations including Board Certification and designation from the American Conference of Audioprosthology.

Since I was raised in a hard of hearing household, I have firsthand experience with frustrations and misunderstandings. I watched my own father, Ed, get frustrated whenever he had to repeat himself. I watched my Mom, who loved social events, choose to avoid very noisy situations due to her hearing.

When Karen married into our family, I saw her get her feelings hurt since she thought my Mom wasn't listening. It was accurate but not on purpose. Both my Mom and Karen enjoy cooking, but a kitchen is an acoustical nightmare.

When they cooked together for our holiday meals, I would have to stand in the middle of the kitchen and translate what Karen was saying to my Mom. It is much easier to hear a deep male voice than Karen's higher pitched voice. Add in an exhaust fan, a clang of a pot and a clink of a dish and this is not an easy place for conversation.

A few years after I got into this industry, I was able to re-fit my Mom with appropriate technology for her very social life-style. I gave insight to Karen about her feelings of being ignored. I gave awareness to my Mom about her frustrations and feelings of isolation.

I thoroughly enjoy being able to share these personal experiences so you can see you aren't alone. I truly do understand the frustrations. These insights enable me to help you ease the strain that does exist when living with someone with a hearing loss.

I am so very grateful that I get to do what I love doing every day. I get to be of service to other families who struggle with hearing loss and improve their life and connections with their families. If you or a family member struggle to hear well, call for a free consultation.



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Maintenance Supervisor



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## Gran Paradiso Board of Directors

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## Quick Reference Phone Numbers

**Emergency 911**  
**City of North Port, Non- Emergency**  
941-426-3111  
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941-240-8150  
**Water Department (North Port Utilities)**  
941-429-7000  
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**Gran Paradiso POA**  
941-234-0450  
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## Gran Paradiso Contacts

**Gran Paradiso Property Owner's Association**

941-234-0450

**Clubhouse Office Front Desk**

Nelson Herrera  
941-234-0450

**ARC**

941-234-0450

**HOA Webpage**

[websites.vertilinc.com/gp](http://websites.vertilinc.com/gp)

**Emergency/ After Hours Number**

1-800-337-5850



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# WELLNESS

Tuesday 10:30 AM  
Saturday 9:30 AM

## GENTLE STRETCH YOGA

With Natasha

Join us to improve:

- ✓ Flexibility
- ✓ Balance
- ✓ range of motion
- ✓ Posture

Contact Natasha at (949) 592-8410

Suggested Donation \$5  
For Natasha's dance competitions



## Ballet Classes



Teen Class Thursdays at 4:00 PM  
\$20 per class | 60 minutes  
(ages 9 - 13)

Adult Class Thursdays at 6:15 PM  
\$20 per class | 60 minutes

Join us for an elegant and empowering ballet class designed for adults of all skill levels! Learn technique, poses, breathing, and stretching in a supportive and graceful environment. No experience required — just bring your enthusiasm and comfortable movement wear!

For Any questions & to Register  
Text: 908-433-7109

## Benefits of ZUMBA

WITH MARTINA

**\$8 class**

- Burn calories
- Upbeat social cardio!
- Staying fit, staying fun!

Saturdays  
AEROBICS ROOM 8AM



## RECONNECT & RECHARGE

Find Your Balance Body, Mind & Soul

Sound Bath with Esra \$9


Tuesdays at 6 PM  
Wednesdays at 11 AM

Aerobics Room




## MORNING MEDITATION

Guided meditation combined with sound therapy to start your day with energy and positivity



Thursdays • 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  
\$9 • Gran Paradiso Pool

## JOIN THE BOWLING LEAGUE!

Looking for some fun and friendly competition this winter? The Bowling League runs January through April at Treasure Lanes in Port Charlotte — every Thursday at 2:30 PM!

All skill levels are welcome — it's a great way to meet neighbors and have a ball!

Let's roll into the new year together!

Contact Rick Silva for questions or to join:  
401-243-4500  
Tren2013@yahoo.com



## Women's Strength Training Class

### STRENGTH FOR HER

led by Denise Backus, Certified Personal Trainer and Registered Dietitian

- Build strength, confidence, and a stronger body — in just one hour!
- Full-body workouts with dumbbells, bands, and bodyweight.
- Proper form, build strength, bone health, and increase metabolism.
- Simple nutrition tips each week.

When: Thursdays at 11:00 AM  
Where: Aerobics Room  
Starts: Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

**\$10/CLASS**  
(Paid to instructor)

Bring water and a mat. Equipment is provided.  
Must be able to get on and off the floor unassisted.  
Text or call (516) 578-9256 for more information.

## YOGA For everyone

with Kat



Mondays at 11am \$9

# MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

I HAVE A DREAM



**GRAN PARADISO & FRIENDS PRIVATE TOUR**  
**I'M PUZZLED...I HAVE NOTHING TO WEAR "DAY"**  
**THRIFT SHOPS AND MISMATCHED FROCKS**

Wear anything that doesn't match - Get Raffle Tickets!!  
 EXTRA Bonus Raffle Tickets for National Puzzle Day  
 Add puzzle pieces to your ensemble for extra tickets!

**CONSIGNMENT, RESALE & THRIFT SHOPPING SOUTH TO FT. MYERS**

Thursday  
**JAN 29TH 2026**





**\$80pp**  
 PLUS TAX & FEES  
 Includes: Lunch,  
 Snacks  
 Refreshments  
 Water All Day

### 🌸 Jan. 29 - National Puzzle Day

**Thrifting Bus Tour Theme: "I'm Puzzled... I Have NOTHING to Wear!"**

For this fun theme, come dressed in the *most mismatched outfit imaginable!*

Think wild patterns, clashing colors, and pieces that have no business being worn together.

Bright pink top with neon green shorts? Perfect.

Mismatched socks

A winter sweater with summer shorts, or a sequin jacket paired with sweatpants?

On National Puzzle Day, you won't be puzzled about what to wear—just grab anything that **doesn't** match and hop on the bus! <https://2026JAN29GranParadiso.eventbrite.com>

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR JOINING IN ON THE FUN, BONUS RAFFLE TICKETS IF YOU ADD PUZZLE PIECES 🌸 TO YOUR ENSEMBLE!

### **THRIFT WHILE-U-RIDE!**

BRING SOME CASH for our bling-tastic jewelry extravaganza while we ride. Snag amazing discounts on unique jewelry pieces and dive into the excitement of mystery jewelry grab bags!

### **LUNCH**

Lunch will be served at approximately 12 noon. Please know your lunch sandwich and drink choices before ordering your

tickets. <https://2026JAN29GranParadiso.eventbrite.com> You **cannot** go back in and edit the ticket.

Sandwich choices: Roast Beef sub on whole grain bread, Turkey sub on white bread, or Veggies in Spinach Wrap. Drink choices: Sweet Tea, Tea Unsweetened, Diet Tea, Lemonade, or Water.

### **ALL DAY ADVENTURE TICKET DETAILS**

Ready for an all-day adventure? Join us for just \$80 per person, and we'll keep you fueled with a breakfast snack, catered lunch with choices, afternoon sweet treats and sodas, and an ample supply of water to keep you hydrated all day. (Psst, plus sales taxes and fees, but who's counting?)

Use this link to purchase tickets:

<https://2026JAN29GranParadiso.eventbrite.com>

Questions

Contact TRICIA [triciassunnydays@gmail.com](mailto:triciassunnydays@gmail.com)

**FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY**  
Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 5pm - 7pm

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January 9<sup>th</sup>  
5-7pm

Shrimpburger \$14 hassamaki & salmon firmware	Grouper Tacos \$15 Marinated grouper, mango salsa, & cabbage with fries
Feed Oysters \$18 lightly dressed gulf seafoods	Chicken Caesar Salad \$15 Chilled chicken, romaine, Caesar dressing, Parmesan, & croutons
Grouper Sandwich \$17 Grilled or blackened	Fish Chowder 4th generation family recipe first - \$4.99 - \$16
Coconut Shrimp \$15 with mango salsa	Hushpuppies \$4

**Classic Car SHOW**  
SINCE 1981

HEY COOL CATS!  
GRAN PARADISO IS CRANKIN' UP THE  
JUNKBOX AND ROLLIN' OUT THE  
CROWD FOR A CLASSIC CAR SHOW  
SOON HERE!  
SLIP INTO YOUR BEST '50s THREADS  
POODLE SHIRTS, LEATHER JACKETS,  
EAGLE SHOES... THE WHOLE SHEBANG!  
LET'S MAKE THIS TOWN REAL BONE  
AND SHAKE A TAIL FEATHER TOGETHER!

CLUBHOUSE PARKING LOT  
JAN 17<sup>th</sup>  
10AM - 1PM

COME CHECK OUT THE CHEERY RIDES,  
SNAP SOME FAN PHOTOS, AND TOP THE  
NIGHT AWAY.  
IT'S GONNA BE 1955, SO DON'T BE A  
SQUAB - BE THERE!

**TEEN GLOW**  
Night

SUNDAY  
JAN 18<sup>th</sup>  
BILLIARD ROOM  
6:00PM  
TO  
8:00 PM

MUSIC  
PIZZA  
GAMES

January  
16<sup>th</sup>  
5pm-7pm

**Food Truck Friday**  
Wood Fired  
Pizza

**Food Truck Friday**

January  
30<sup>th</sup>  
5pm - 7pm

LOBSTER DATE

**DONATE BLOOD**

Gran Paradiso  
Thursday, January 22  
11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

All donors receive:  
- \$20 eGift Card  
- Long-sleeved T-shirt  
- Wellness Checkup including blood  
pressure, pulse, temperature, iron  
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Presents a Very Special Appearance by:

**Ross The Mentalist**

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of using ESP, Thought  
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Clairvoyance and Mind  
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audience participation. Ross  
combines these elements to  
sustain a highly entertaining,  
funny and intelligent show.

Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> - 2:00PM  
Activity Room

100% of ticket sales will be donated to  
The All Faiths Food Bank

**\$10 per person at the Door**

GRAN PARADISO PRESENTS:

**CYBER SECURITY SCAMS**  
We'll dive into the most common  
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devices secure.

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confidence.

Wednesday,  
January 14<sup>th</sup>  
at 1 PM

Presented by,  
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**Cyber Security  
Lecture Series**

January 14<sup>th</sup> 1pm  
in the  
Clubhouse

A 3 part series presented by PR2U  
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**Lunch & Learn  
with Experts**

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More details to come.

**Tuesday Jan 6<sup>th</sup>  
9:30am -  
10:30am  
in the  
Clubhouse**

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## GRAN PARDISO EVENTS CALENDAR

*On Constant Contact*



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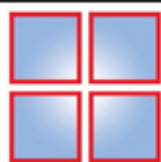
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# SOCIAL

# CLUBS



**HAND & FOOT**  
CARD GAME

EVERY TUESDAY - 1 P.M.  
CRAFT ROOM



**BRIDGE**

EVERY SUN & WEDS 1:30PM  
IN THE CRAFT ROOM

Contact Henry Kahl 410-456-1214 or  
Julia Sneed 941-234-4015 for More Information!



**MAHJONG**

IN THE CRAFT ROOM  
EVERY MONDAY & THURSDAY  
1:00 P.M.



**MEXICAN  
TRAIN**

EVERY FRIDAY AT 2:30PM  
IN THE CRAFT ROOM



**I'D RATHER  
BE PLAYING  
HAND KNEE  
AND FOOT**

Hand, Knee, & Foot ~ Fridays  
@ 10am ~ Craft Room



**SAMBA  
PAQUETA**

PAUSED  
UNTIL  
January 7th

9:30 AM - Card Room

QUESTIONS?  
Email Jo Maltby  
Jo.Maltby@gmail.com



**TEXAS  
Hold'em**

Billiards Room  
Tues & Thurs 6:30pm - Sun 1:00pm



**Euchre**

Wednesday Night Euchre  
at Gran Paradiso

2nd & 4th Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30pm

- January 14th & 28th
- February 11th & 25th
- March 11th & 25th
- April 8th & 22nd
- May 13th & 27th

Tournament is open to couples or individuals  
• We will be switching partners after every game

No need to RSVP  
simply show up in the GP Craft Room  
before 6:30 and enjoy the evening

Questions?  
Call Greg Armstrong at 513-623-6066  
grega3291@gmail.com



**Bunco**

1st Thursday of  
Every Month  
6:30pm Craft Room  
18+ - \$10 Per Person

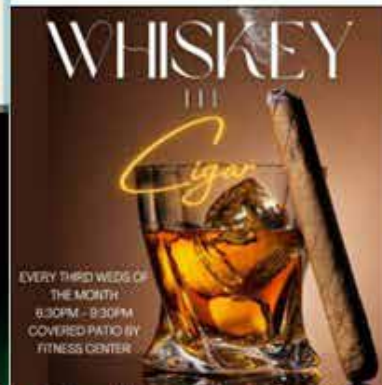


**POKER**

IN THE BILLIARDS ROOM

EVERY WEDNESDAY  
NIGHT

6:30PM



**WHISKEY  
CIGAR**

EVERY THIRD WEDS OF  
THE MONTH  
6:30PM - 9:30PM  
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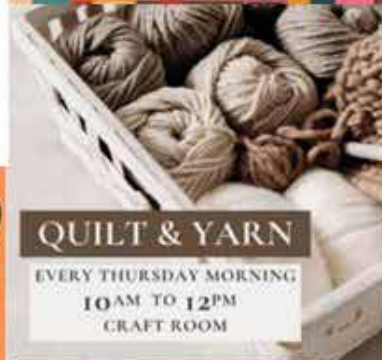


**Reading Between  
the Wines**

BOOK CLUB

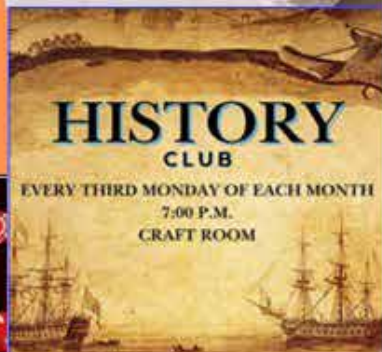
Every 3rd Tuesday of the Month  
6:30pm - In the Clubhouse/Library

For More Info Email Kathryn  
kpmoen@comcast.net



**QUILT & YARN**

EVERY THURSDAY MORNING  
10AM TO 12PM  
CRAFT ROOM



**HISTORY  
CLUB**

EVERY THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH  
7:00 P.M.  
CRAFT ROOM

## BREATH & STRETCH



**TUESDAYS**  
7:15 PM TO 8:15 PM

Join us for a relaxing 60-minute session combining gentle stretching, yoga, and mindful breathing to improve flexibility, strength, and balance. ✨

Perfect for all levels — no equipment needed, just bring a yoga mat and comfortable clothing. Move better, breathe deeper, and find your calm.

To Register Text: 908 - 433 - 7109

# WATER AEROBICS

**MONDAYS**  
**WEDNESDAYS**  
**FRIDAYS**

**9:30AM - 10:30AM**

**\$3 A CLASS**

**GOES TO CHARITY**

Friday Jan 9<sup>th</sup>  
9:30 - 11:30am

In the Clubhouse

Ann Mae  
*January Menu*

Champagne Scones with Cranberries \$4  
Banana Oat Breakfast Cookies \$4  
Homemade Fruit and Granola Bars \$3  
Caramelized Onion, Sausage, and Egg Pastry Bites \$6  
Elvis Birthday Cupcake \$6  
Banana Cake with Milk Chocolate Peanut Butter Frosting  
One-a-day Chocolate Rx \$8

All items available for preorder! Text us at 720.939.3038, email [levi@annmae.events](mailto:levi@annmae.events) or visit our Contact page at [annmae.events](http://annmae.events)

## Line Dancing with Bridget Phillips



**Line Dance Classes**  
**Mondays 6-7 p.m. Aerobics Room**

**\$10 per person per class**

All levels and abilities welcome! Fun and great exercise for everyone! Call or text with Questions: 903-882-4130

## Beginner Dance Classes

With Natasha

Dance Fitness

Join our Low Impact Line Dance Classes perfect for all

Enjoy easy-to-follow steps, upbeat music, and a lot of laughter and some gentle movement and exercise. No partner or experience needed.

Text Natasha for more info

908-592-8810

9:30 - 10:15 AM Tuesday  
5:30 - 6:15 PM Wednesday

Suggested Donation  
of \$5 for Natasha's  
Dance Competitions

GRAN PARADISO  
**FARMER'S MARKET**  
CLUBHOUSE PARKING LOT

**Monday January 12th**  
**9 AM - 12PM**

Come support your local vendors and grab up your favorite goods!

**SEE YOU THERE!**

GATHER BY THE  
ENJOY SOUNDS  
OF THE  
**CARIBBEAN**  
by Sherman Entertainment

**STEEL DRUM MUSIC**

**SATURDAY  
JANUARY  
3<sup>RD</sup>  
12PM - 2PM**

**RESCUE MY JEWELRY**  
**Wednesday Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**1:00 - 3:00 PM**

Please come and join us for a full jewelry experience in the comfort and privacy of your Gran Paradiso card room. His job is too big or small. Our pricing is much better than brick and mortar! NO appointment is needed. Insured and trusted for over 40 years. WE DONATE TO LOCAL ANIMAL RESCUES

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GRANPARADISO  
**FASHION SHOW**

SAVE THE DATE  
**01.31.2026**  
in the Clubhouse

More details to come soon

**FREE ENTRY**

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WED EVENING - 6:15-7:45 PM



SCAN TO JOIN OUR  
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CONFIRM DAILY MATCH  
PLAY AVAILABILITY

Group Code: bulCsinneTPG

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## ADULT TENNIS CLINIC WEDNESDAYS 5:45PM - 7:15PM PLEASE CALL OR TEXT FOR DETAILS ANNE CORRAO 401-489-6675

FEE  
\$20-  
25

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GRAN PARADISO  
TENNIS COURTS  
COURTS 1 AND 2

REGISTRATION

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### Gran Paradiso Pickleball Calendar Jan-April 2026

[www.granparadisopickleball.com](http://www.granparadisopickleball.com)

Time	Courts	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7 am - noon	1 - 4 5 - 8	Open Play	Open Play	Open Play	Open Play	Open Play	Open Play	Open Play
12 - 3 pm	1 - 4	League - Tony 12:00 - 2:30 pm Jan 12 - April 13	League - Janet's 12:00 - 2:30 pm Jan 6 - April 14	League - Rick's 12:00 - 2:30pm Jan 21 - April 1	Open Play	Pickleball Social Events 12pm-6pm 4 Courts		
	5 - 8	Open Play	Open Play	Open Play				
3 - 5 pm	1 - 4	League - Marika/Lisa 2:30 - 4:30 pm Jan 5 - April 6	Open Play	League - Sue's 2:30 - 4:30pm Jan 7 - April 15	Clinic - Maureen 3:30 - 4:30 pm Jan 8 - Jan 29 Feb 26- March 19 2 courts			
	5 - 8	Open Play		Open Play	Open Play			
5 - 7 pm	1 - 4	League - Rick's 5:00 - 7:00 pm Jan 12 - March 30	League - Rick's 5:00 - 7:00 pm Jan 13 - March 31	League - Diane's 5:00 - 7:30 pm Jan 7 - April 15	League - Debbie's 5:00 - 7:30 pm Jan 8 - April 16			
	5 - 8	Open Play	Open Play	Open Play	Open Play			
7 - 9:30 pm	1 - 4	DRILLS/CLINICS To Be Announced	Open Play	Open Play	Open Play		Open Play	
	5 - 8							

#### Rules:

Open Play: All levels welcome, 4 on - 4 off rule

# DDK Bottle

## Workshop

Saturday January 31<sup>st</sup>

6pm - 8pm in the Craft Room

*Make your own Unique Lighted Bottles or Bottle Vase*

Get Ready for a fun night of "Bottle Art"

All supplies will be provided but please bring your own scissors. While we will have an abundance of napkins, we welcome you to bring other variety of designs to share with the group.

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Presenter : Paul, Mitrovich, retired judge

Location: Craft room

Date : January 19, 2026

Time: 7 PM



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### Freddie's Bagels

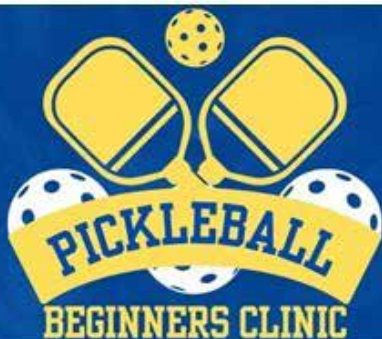
Keeping it simple	Wraps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Salad Bagel 7</li> <li>With butter 4</li> <li>With cream cheese 4</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chicken, Bacon &amp; Ranch 8</li> <li>Buffalo Chicken, Ranch, LTD 8</li> <li>Chicken Salad, LTD 7</li> <li>Bacon, Lettuce &amp; Tomato 7</li> </ul>
Sandwiches	BEVERAGES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Panini, Egg &amp; Cheese 9</li> <li>Sausage, Egg &amp; Cheese 9</li> <li>Ham, Egg &amp; Cheese 9</li> <li>Bacon, Egg &amp; Cheese 9</li> <li>Egg &amp; Cheese 8</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SODA 2</li> <li>WATER 2</li> <li>Chocolate milk 2</li> <li>Orange juice 2</li> <li>Cold Brew Coffee 4.5</li> </ul>
Breakfast Burgers	MEAT DONUTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single Cheese LTD 8</li> <li>Double Cheese LTD 10</li> <li>Triple Cheese LTD 12</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TWO FOR \$3.5</li> <li>OR FOUR FOR 6</li> </ul>

## MONDAY

MORNINGS  
STARTING

JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>  
8AM - 12:30PM

CLUBHOUSE  
PARKING  
LOT



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Join us Thursdays, January 8-29 | 3:30-4:30 PM for a fun and welcoming introduction to pickleball!

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Sign up: [m.raiataylor@gmail.com](mailto:m.raiataylor@gmail.com)

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✓ Week 1 – Learn about safety, proper gear, paddles, and rules

✓ Weeks 2-4 – Practice basic skills with demonstrations from experienced players

This is not a league — just a friendly way to get started and find your pickleball groove! Team Reach signup will be explained during the first session.

COME OUT, HAVE FUN, AND CONNECT WITH FELLOW BEGINNERS!

## GRAN PARADISO PICKLEBALL EVENT

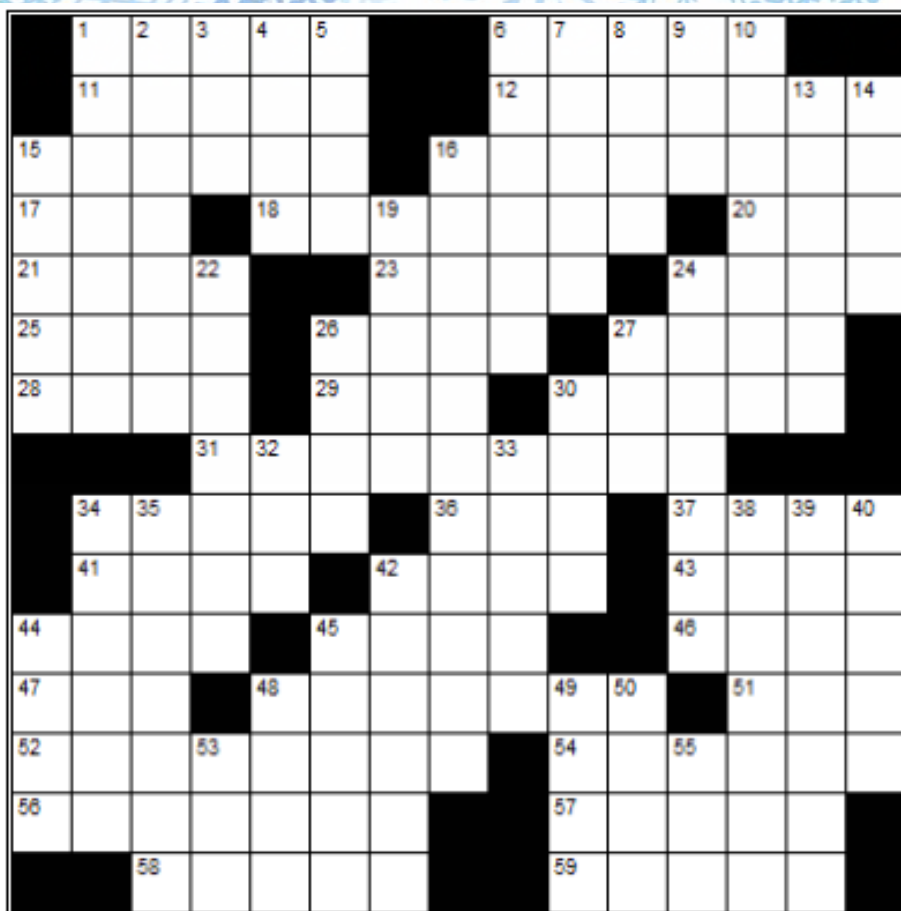


2026 – FEB 21 & 22

Support your GP Pickleball community at our annual weekend fundraiser! Whether you're playing, watching, curious about pickleball, or simply supporting the cause, everyone's welcome. Enjoy pickleball play, food, and raffles — Watch the GP weekly newsletter for updates. Sign-up begins mid-January.

Please direct any immediate, time-sensitive questions to Joan Preisler - [joanpreisler@gmail.com](mailto:joanpreisler@gmail.com).

# JANUARY CROSSWORD



## ACROSS

1. Spring month
6. Failures
11. Pursue
12. Take up the cause
15. Barroom fights
16. Harvesting
17. Snake-like fish
18. Wide part of a river
20. Sprocket
21. Chutzpah
23. Picnic insects
24. Broadcasts
25. Chills and fever
26. Workshop gripper
27. Fair attraction
28. Bird home
29. Type of tree
30. Harps
31. Amounts per unit size
34. Underway
36. One plus one
37. Make well
41. Scattered seed
42. Not fat
43. Inactive
44. Blackball
45. Tibia
46. Tube
47. Term of endearment
48. Deny
51. Distant
52. Making menu requests
54. A plan of action
56. Abounding
57. Genus of heath
58. Leases
59. Where clouds are

## DOWN

1. Land
2. Male genitalia
3. Uncooked
4. Small island
5. Not more
6. Arrive past due
7. Utilizers
8. Neuter
9. 2000 pounds
10. Kill oneself intentionally
13. Breathes noisily while sleeping
14. They come from hens
15. Started
16. Gun repairing
19. Dogs wag these
22. Anticlimax
24. Blimp
26. Opening
27. Deli loaf
30. King of the jungle
32. Anagram of "One"
33. They can be fraternal or identical
34. On land
35. One who establishes
38. Building
39. Mammals like camels
40. Apprehensive
42. Objects
44. Fired a projectile
45. Holy person
48. Smile
49. Gorillas
50. English royal house
53. An uncle
55. Fifty-two in Roman numerals



# January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
	9:30AM Water Aerobics 11:00AM YOGA w/ Katja 1:00PM Mahjong 6:00PM Line Dancing	9:30AM Beginner Dance 10:30AM Gentle Stretch 1:00PM Hand & Knee 6:00PM Sound Bath 6:30PM Texas Hold Em 7:15PM Breath & Stretch	9:30AM Water Aerobics 9:30 AM Samba 11:00AM Sound Bath 1:30PM Bridge 5:30PM Beginner Dance 6:30PM Poker	10:00AM Quilt & Yarn 1:00PM Mahjong 11:00AM Strength Training 4:00PM Teen Ballet 6:15PM Adult Ballet 6:30PM Texas Hold Em 6:30PM Bunco	9:30AM Water Aerobics 10:00AM Hand, Knee & Foot 2:30PM Mexican Train 5:00PM FOOD TRUCK (Chasin Chicken)	8:00AM Zumba 9:30AM Gentle Stretch 12:00PM Steel Drum Music by the Pool 1:00PM Texas Hold Em 4:00pm Private Party (Clubhouse)
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1:30PM Bridge	9:30AM Water Aerobics 11:00AM YOGA w/ Katja 1:00PM Mahjong 6:00PM Line Dancing	9:30AM Beginner Dance 9:30 Fine Review Meeting (Card Room) 9:30AM Storm Smart Lunch & Learn (Clubhouse) 10:30AM Gentle Stretch 1:00PM Hand & Knee 11:00AM PB Meeting (Billiard Room) 4:00PM Private Event (Card Room) 6:00PM Sound Bath 6:30PM Texas Hold Em 7:15PM Breath & Stretch	9:30AM Water Aerobics 9:30AM ARC Meeting 9:30AM Samba 10:00AM Investors (Craft Room) 10:00AM New Homeowners Orientation (Clubhouse) 11:00AM Sound Bath 1:00PM Rescue my Jewelry (Craft Room) 1:30PM Bridge 5:30PM Beginner Dance 6:30PM Poker	10:00AM Quilt & Yarn 11:00AM Strength Training 1:00PM Mahjong 4:00PM Teen Ballet 6:15PM Adult Ballet 6:30PM Texas Hold Em	9:30AM Water Aerobics 9:30AM Anne Mae Pop-Up Shop (Clubhouse) 10:00AM Hand, Knee & Foot 2:30PM Mexican Train 5:00PM FOOD TRUCK (Groovin Grouper)	8:00AM Zumba 9:30AM Gentle Stretch 1:00PM Texas Hold Em
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1:30PM Bridge	9:00 AM Farmers Market (Clubhouse Parking Lot) 9:30AM Water Aerobics 11:00AM YOGA w/ Katja 1:00PM Mahjong 5:30PM Republican Club 6:00PM Line Dancing	9:30AM Beginner Dance 10:30AM Gentle Stretch 11:00AM Trustmasters 11:00AM PB Meeting (Billiard Room) 1:00PM Hand & Knee 6:00PM Sound Bath 6:00PM CERT (Card Room) 6:30PM Texas Hold Em 7:15PM Breath & Stretch	9:30AM Water Aerobics 9:30 AM Samba 11:00AM Sound Bath 1:00PM Cyber Security Lecture Series Part 1 (Clubhouse) 1:30PM Bridge 5:30PM Beginner Dance 5:45 Girl Scouts 6:30PM Euchre 6:30PM Poker	9:30AM Landscape (Library) 10:00AM Quilt & Yarn 12:00 Pond & Perserves Community Meeting 11:00AM Strength Training 1:00PM Mahjong 4:00PM Teen Ballet 6:15PM Adult Ballet 6:30PM Texas Hold Em	9:30AM Water Aerobics 10:00AM Hand, Knee & Foot 2:30PM Mexican Train 5:00PM FOOD TRUCK (Vesuvio Pizza)	8:00AM Zumba 9:30AM Gentle Stretch 1:00PM Texas Hold Em 12:00PM Car Show (Clubhouse)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
1:30PM Bridge 6:00PM Teen Glow Night (Billiard Room)	9:15AM Infrastructure (Library) 9:30AM Water Aerobics 11:00AM YOGA w/ Katja 1:00PM Mahjong 6:00PM Line Dancing 7:00 PM History Club	9:30AM Beginner Dance 10:30AM Gentle Stretch 11:00AM PB Meeting (Billiard Room) 1:00PM Hand & Knee 6:00PM Sound Bath 6:30PM Book Club 6:30PM Texas Hold Em 7:15PM Breath & Stretch	9:30AM Water Aerobics 9:30AM ARC Meeting 9:30AM Samba 10:00AM Investors (Craft Room) 11:00AM Sound Bath 1:30PM Bridge 5:30PM Beginner Dance 6:30PM Whiskey & Cigar 6:30PM Poker	10:00AM Quilt & Yarn 11:00AM One Blood (Clubhouse Parking Lot) 11:00AM Strength Training 1:00PM Mahjong 4:00PM Teen Ballet 6:15PM Adult Ballet 6:30PM Texas Hold Em	9:30AM Water Aerobics 10:00AM Hand, Knee & Foot 2:30PM Mexican Train 2:00PM Ross the Mentalist (Clubhouse) 5:00PM FOOD TRUCK 6:30PM Bible Study	8:00AM Zumba 9:30AM Gentle Stretch 1:00PM Texas Hold Em
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1:30PM Bridge	9:30AM Water Aerobics 11:00AM YOGA w/ Katja 1:00PM Mahjong 6:00PM Line Dancing	9:30AM Ponds & Preserves (Library) 9:30AM Beginner Dance 10:30AM Gentle Stretch 11:00AM PB Meeting (Billiard Room) 1:00PM Hand & Knee 1:00PM Finance (Library) 6:00PM Sound Bath 6:30PM Texas Hold Em 7:15PM Breath & Stretch	9:30AM Water Aerobics 9:30AM Samba 11:00AM Sound Bath 1:30PM Bridge 5:30PM Beginner Dance 5:45PM Girl Scouts 6:30PM Euchre 6:30PM Poker	9:00AM Thrifting Bus Tour 10:00AM Quilt & Yarn 1:00PM Mahjong 11:00AM Strength Training 4:00PM Teen Ballet 5:00PM BOD Meeting 6:15PM Adult Ballet 6:30PM Texas Hold Em	9:30AM Water Aerobics 10:00AM Hand, Knee & Foot 2:30PM Mexican Train 5:00PM FOOD TRUCK (Lobster Daze) 6:30PM Bible Study	7:30AM On Spot (Clubhouse Parking Lot) 8:00AM Zumba 9:30AM Gentle Stretch 1:00PM Texas Hold Em 2:00PM Fashion Show (Clubhouse) 6:00PM DDK Workshop (Card Room)

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