



# 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 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

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## SAVE THE DATE

DON'T DELAY – REGISTER TODAY

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**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 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



**Humberto Triana**  
Maintenance Tech

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### North Port Fire Rescue

**941-240-8150**

### Water Department (North Port Utilities)

941-429-7000

### Florida Power and Light (FPL)

800-468-8243

### Hotwire

800-355-5668

### Gran Paradiso POA

941-234-0450

### Lennar Customer Care

866-226-4057

### North Port Solid Waste

(941) 240-8050

## 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

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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 (941) 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)

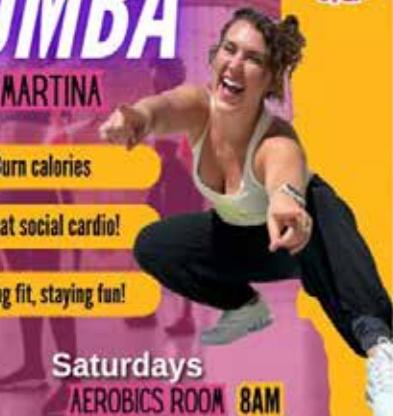
Adult Class Thursdays at 6:15 PM  
\$20 per class | 60 minutes

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**  
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\$8 per 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**

Lead by Denise Backus, Certified Personal Trainer and Registered Dietitian

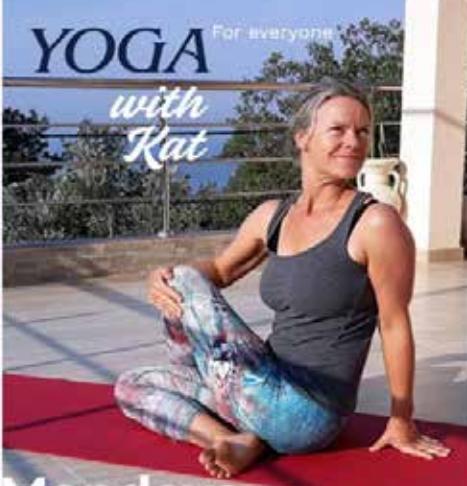
- Build strength, confidence, and a stronger body – in just one hour!
- Full-body workouts with dumbbells, bands, and bodyweight.
- Proper form, build strength, bone health, and increase metabolism.
- Simple nutrition tips each week.

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

**\$10/ CLASS**  
Please no visitors

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 11 am \$9

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## 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

**Thrift 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**

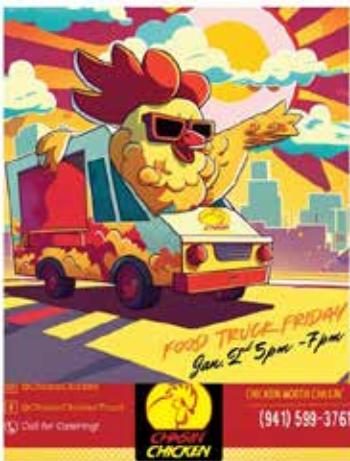
Ready for an all-day adventure? Join us for just \$80 per person, and we'll keep you fueled with a breakfast snack, catered lunch with choices, afternoon sweet treats and sodas, and an ample supply of water to keep you hydrated all day. (Psst, plus sales taxes and fees, but who's counting?)

Use this link to purchase tickets:

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

Questions

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



**GROOVIN' GROUper**

**Seafood**  
Fresh & Delicious

January 9th  
5-7 pm

Shrimpburger \$14  
Hushpuppies & Shrimp  
Fries

Food Truck Friday  
Jan 2 5pm - 7pm

Shrimpburger \$14  
Hushpuppies & Shrimp  
Fries

Grouper Tacos \$16  
Mahi-mahi grouper, cilantro  
salsa & chipotle with lime

Grouper Sandwich \$17  
Grilled or Blackened

Chicken Caesar Salad \$15  
Chicken caesar, romaine, Caesar  
dressing, parmesan & croutons

Cocnut Shrimp \$15  
With mango salsa

Fish Chowder  
4oz portion with bread  
size: \$10.00

Hushpuppies \$4

Coconut Shrimp \$15  
With mango salsa

Hushpuppies \$4

**Classic Car SHOW**  
SINCE 1982

HEY COOL CATS!  
GRAB PARADISO IS ROLLIN' OUT THE  
CHROME FOR A CLASSIC CAR SHOW  
SUNDAY JAN 18TH 6:00PM TO 8:00PM  
CLUBHOUSE PARKING LOT  
JAN 17TH 10AM - 1PM

COME CHECK OUT THE CHERRY RIDES,  
SNAP SOME FAB PHOTOS, AND SOD THE  
NIGHT AWAY.  
IT'S GONNA BE COOL, SO DON'T BE A  
SQUARE — BE THERE!

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**TEEN GLOW Night**

SUNDAY JAN 18TH BILLIARD ROOM  
6:00PM TO 8:00 PM

MUSIC PIZZA GAMES

Food Truck Friday  
Jan 2 5pm - 7pm

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**Vesuvio**

January 16th  
5pm-7pm

**Food Truck Friday**

*wood fired pizza*

Food Truck Friday  
Jan 2 5pm - 7pm

Shrimpburger \$14  
Hushpuppies & Shrimp  
Fries

**Food Truck Friday**

January 30th  
5pm - 7pm

**Lobsterfest 2018**

Food Truck Friday  
Jan 2 5pm - 7pm

Shrimpburger \$14  
Hushpuppies & Shrimp  
Fries

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**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  
count, and cholesterol screening

Location: Bus will be located at 20252  
Gulfport Blvd

Appointments are encouraged, please  
visit [1stblood.org/donate-new-or-1st](http://1stblood.org/donate-new-or-1st) to sponsor code 20204

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GRAN PARADISO  
Presents a Very Special Appearance by:  
**Ross The Mentalist**

Mentalism is the art and skill  
of using ESP, Thought  
Projection, Precognition,  
Clairvoyance and Mind  
Reading to entertain through  
audience participation. Ross  
combines these elements to  
sustain a highly entertaining,  
funny and intelligent show.

Friday, January 23rd - 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  
threats, scams, creating strong  
passwords, and keeping your  
devices secure.

Discover how to  
OUTSMART  
the Hackers!

Join TDM Tech team  
to protect your  
privacy and browse with  
confidence.

Wednesday,  
January 14th,  
at 1 PM

Presented by,  
**TDM TECHNOLOGIES INTERNATIONAL**

## Cyber Security Lecture Series

January 14th 1pm  
in the Clubhouse

A 3 part series presented by PR2U  
Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Security

## Lunch & Learn with Experts

Get personalized guidance from  
experienced instructors.  
More details to come.



Tuesday Jan 6th  
9:30Am -  
10:30Am  
in the  
Clubhouse

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New Year**



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## **GRAN PARDISO EVENTS CALENDAR**

*On Constant Contact*



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EVENTS  
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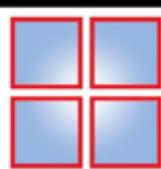
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# SOCIAL

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A poster for a Samba Card Rama event. The background features a blue and yellow abstract design. At the top, the word 'SAMBADA' is written in large, stylized letters with 'CARD RAMA' underneath. Below this, the text 'MAN PARADISO PRESENTS SAMBA' is visible. In the center, a large red arrow points to the right, containing the text 'Paused Until January 7th' in white. At the bottom, the text '9:30 AM - Card Rama' and 'BETTING - DRINKS - DANCE!' is displayed, along with 'QUESTIONS? Email Je Natty' and 'Je.Natty@gmail.com'.

An advertisement for a Whiskey and Cigar event. The top half features the words 'WHISKEY' and 'Cigar' in large, stylized, serif capital letters. Below this is a photograph of a glass of whisky with ice and a lit cigar resting on the rim. The bottom left contains event details.

The logo for the Reading Between the Wines Book Club. It features a pink background with green leafy branches on the sides. The title 'Reading Between the Wines' is in large, stylized, pink and green letters. Below it, 'BOOK CLUB' is in a smaller, pink, sans-serif font. A brown banner across the middle contains the text 'Every 2nd Tuesday of the Month' and '6:30pm - in the Clubhouse Library'. At the bottom, there's a row of colorful books in various colors like teal, orange, red, and pink, with a small yellow flower on the right.



# HISTORY CLUB

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

The logo for Texas Hold 'Em features the word "TEXAS" in large, bold, red letters at the top. Below it, "Hold 'Em" is written in a stylized, green, cursive font. In the center, a hand of cards is displayed: an Ace of hearts and a King of clubs. The cards are set against a background of red and black poker chips.

An illustration of several books of different colors (blue, orange, pink, yellow) standing upright. A magnifying glass is positioned over the middle books, focusing on the text of a pink book.

# MAHJONG

A sign for a Quilt & Yarn event. It features a photograph of a quilt in the background. The text is in a white box with a black border. The top line reads "QUILT & YARN" in a large, bold, serif font. Below that is "EVERY THURSDAY MORNING" in a smaller serif font. Under that is "10AM TO 12PM" in a bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom is "CRAFT ROOM" in a smaller, sans-serif font.

A photograph of a Mexican Train dominoes game in progress. The wooden board is set up in a loop, with several dominoes placed on it. Some dominoes are oriented vertically, while others are placed horizontally to form the track. A small bowl of nuts is visible in the top right corner of the board.

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

An advertisement for a poker game. The background is a dark red curtain with playing cards and poker chips floating around. In the center is a gold-colored shield-shaped frame. Inside the frame, the word "POKER" is written in large, bold, serif capital letters. Below "POKER", the text "IN THE BILLIARDS ROOM" is written in a smaller, serif font. At the bottom of the shield frame, the text "EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT" is displayed. At the very bottom, the time "6:30PM" is shown in a large, bold, serif font. The overall design is classic and elegant.

## 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

## 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: 903-882-0139

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 Paraiso card rooms. No 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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restringing

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RescueMyJewelry.com  
rescuemyjewelry@gmail.com

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

Ann Marie  
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 pre-order! Text us at 720.939.3034, email larl@annmarie.events or visit our Contact page at annmarie.events

## Beginner Dance Classes

With Natasha

Dance Fitness



Join our Low-Impact Line  
Dancing Classes – perfect  
for all ages and levels.  
Enjoy easy-to-follow steps,  
upbeat music and lots  
of laughs! You'll get  
some great movement  
and exercise. No partner or  
experience needed.

Text Natasha for more info

949-592-8810

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!

GRANPARADISO

## FASHION SHOW

SAVE THE DATE  
01.31.2026  
in the Clubhouse

More details to come soon

FREE ENTRY

Get ready to get inspired with  
the glamour and stunning style  
at our Fashion Show!

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### Gran Paradiso Pickleball Calendar Jan-April 2026

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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		
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			
	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	Pickleball Social Events 12pm-6pm 4 Courts	Open Play	Open Play
	5 - 8	Open Play		Open Play	Open Play			
	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 - 7 pm	5 - 8	Open Play	Open Play	Open Play	Open Play			
	1 - 4	DRILLS/CLINICS To Be Announced	Open Play	Open Play	Open Play			
7 - 9:30 pm	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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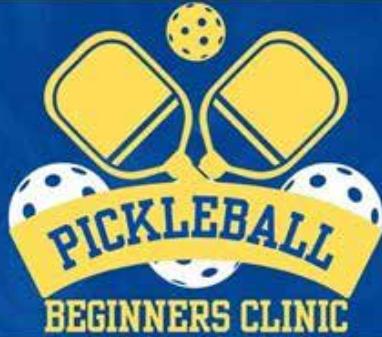
Keeping it simple		Wings
Bacon Bagel	3	Chicken, Bacon & Ranch
Will butter	4	Buffalo Chicken, Ranch, LTD
With cream cheese	5	Chicken Salad, LTD
Other (bacon, veggie, ham, etc.)	6	Bacon, Lettuce & Tomato
<b>Sandwiches</b>		
Pork, Egg & Cheese	8	
Sausage, Egg & Cheese	9	
Ham, Egg & Cheese	9	
Bacon, Egg & Cheese	9	
Egg & Cheese	6	
<b>Bacon Burgers</b>		
Single Cheese, LTD	8	
Double Cheese, LTD	10	
Triple Cheese, LTD	12	
ADD Bacon For \$2		
SODA		1
WATER		2
Chocolate milk		2
Orange juice		2
Cold Brew Coffee		4.5
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**MONDAY**

MORNINGS  
STARTING

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

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Ready to learn the fastest-growing sport in America?

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

This 4-week clinic is perfect for beginners — designed to help you ease into the game, meet other new players, and build confidence before joining Open Play.

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

**What to Expect:**

**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!**

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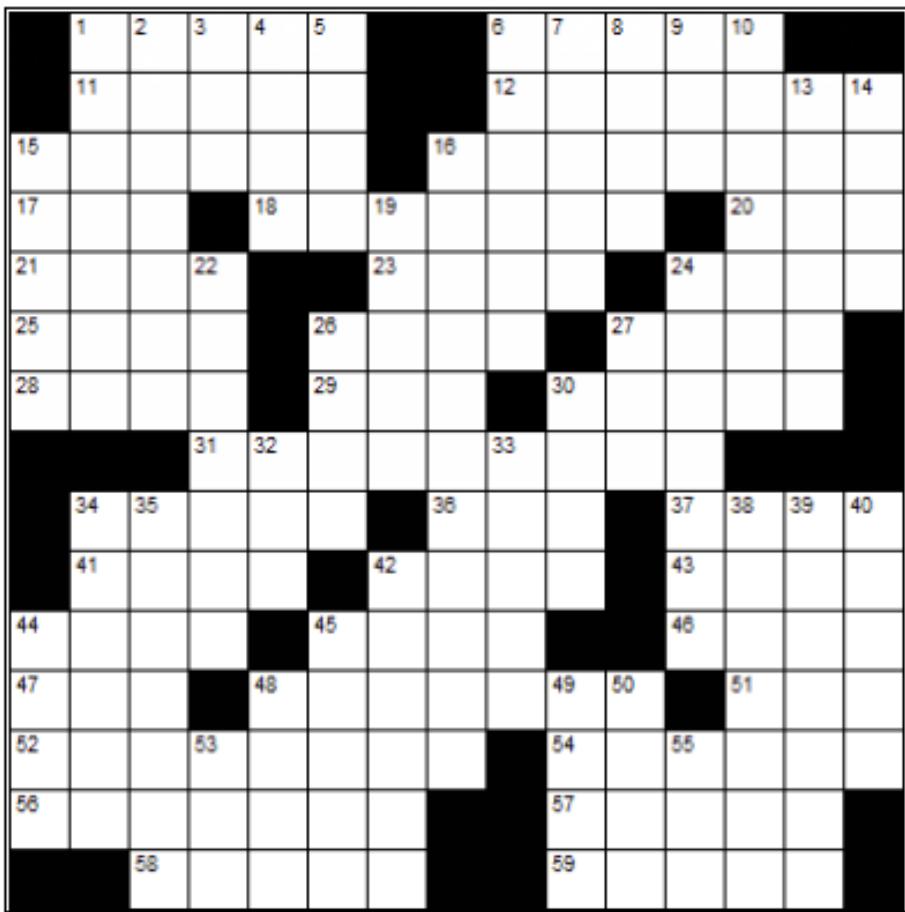


**2026 – FEB 21 & 22**

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



## DOWN

- Land
- Male genitalia
- Uncooked
- Small island
- Not more
- Arrive past due
- Utilizers
- Neuter
- 2000 pounds
- Kill oneself intentionally
- Breathes noisily while sleeping
- They come from hens
- Started
- Gun repairing
- Dogs wag these
- Anticlimax
- Blimp
- Opening

- Deli loaf
- King of the jungle
- Anagram of "One"
- They can be fraternal or identical
- On land
- One who establishes
- Building
- Mammals like camels
- Apprehensive
- Objects
- Fired a projectile
- Holy person
- Smile
- Gorillas
- English royal house
- An uncle
- Fifty-two in Roman numerals

## ACROSS

- Spring month
- Failures
- Pursue
- Take up the cause
- Barroom fights
- Harvesting
- Snake-like fish
- Wide part of a river
- Sprocket
- Chutzpah
- Picnic insects
- Broadcasts
- Chills and fever
- Workshop gripper
- Fair attraction
- Bird home
- Type of tree
- Harps
- Amounts per unit size
- Underway
- One plus one
- Make well
- Scattered seed
- Not fat
- Inactive
- Blackball
- Tibia
- Tube
- Term of endearment
- Deny
- Distant
- Making menu requests
- A plan of action
- Abounding
- Genus of heath
- Leases
- Where clouds are



# 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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