



Community Newsletter

February 2024



Dear Residents:

What a treat to be able to attend the "Welcome the New Year" dinner event at the John Wayne Marina with you! It was fun to chat and hear wonderful stories from so many of you.

Special thanks to Dale and Jenece for all the work in planning and implementing the event. Thanks also to Bill and Kyle for their help at the event.

Thanks to all of you who attended. It was wonderful to hear all the positive comments about PARKWOOD, the team, and how much you enjoy living there. We are truly grateful for the opportunity to serve you and consider it a privilege to be involved with the community.

The event was a reminder of the remarkable group of residents making up the neighborhood of PARKWOOD. There are so many fascinating stories of your lives and adventures. It would be great to explore ways for sharing your inspiring stories with each other as an encouragement and deepening of your sense of community.

Wishing you a great 2024.

Jon Gibson for the Gibson Family

Dear Residents. Please note:

Parkwood has a new emergency phone number.

This is for after-hours park-related emergency calls only please.

Please make note of this new number. **360-797-5578**

Thank you !

The Parkwood Men's Brew Crew was a big hit! Coffee, conversation and new friends. Thursdays at 9AM in the clubhouse.



The Parkwood snow plow was out bright and early today.



The screenshot shows a Google Calendar interface for February 2024. At the top, there are navigation icons (back, forward, search, help, settings) and a "Month" dropdown menu. The calendar grid displays days from Sunday to Saturday. Events are listed for each day, often with colored headers indicating specific themes or holidays.

| SUN 28 | MON 29 | TUE 30 | WED 31 | THU Feb 1 | FRI 2 | SAT 3 |
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| 10am Coffee Klatch group | 11am Pinochle Arlene Rayniak | 9am Fit & Fall Proof - David Goose 11:30am Canasta - M. Alvey - S. Stinard - I 12pm Poker - Pat Phillips | | First Day of Black History Month 9am 9AM-11AM - Men's Brew Crew - Terri 1pm Arts & Crafts | 9am Fit & Fall Proof - David Goose | 11am Pinochle - Arlene Rayniak 12pm Poker - Pat Phillips |
| 4 10am Coffee Klatch group | 5 11am Pinochle Arlene Rayniak | 6 9am Fit & Fall Proof - David Goose 11:30am Canasta - M. Alvey - S. Stinard - I 12pm Poker - Pat Phillips | 7 1PM Live Music 1PM Kathy Landon | 8 9am 9AM-11AM - Men's Brew Crew - Terri 10am Cert Meeting 1pm Arts & Crafts | 9 9am Fit & Fall Proof - David Goose 10am Monthly PERT Meeting | 10 11am Pinochle - Arlene Rayniak 12pm Poker - Pat Phillips |
| 11 10am Coffee Klatch group | 12 11am Pinochle Arlene Rayniak | 13 9am Fit & Fall Proof - David Goose 11:30am Canasta - M. Alvey - S. Stinard - I 12pm Poker - Pat Phillips | 14 Valentine's Day | 15 9am 9AM-11AM - Men's Brew Crew - Terri 1pm Arts & Crafts | 16 9am Fit & Fall Proof - David Goose | 17 11am Pinochle - Arlene Rayniak 12pm Poker - Pat Phillips |
| 18 10am Coffee Klatch group | 19 Presidents' Day 11am Pinochle Arlene Rayniak | 20 9am Fit & Fall Proof - David Goose 11:30am Canasta - M. Alvey - S. Stinard - I 12pm Poker - Pat Phillips | 21 1:30pm Book Club Jennifer Brodie | 22 9am 9AM-11AM - Men's Brew Crew - Terri 1pm Arts & Crafts | 23 9am Fit & Fall Proof - David Goose | 24 11am Pinochle - Arlene Rayniak 12pm Poker - Pat Phillips |
| 25 12pm Clubhouse reserved for private event 10am Coffee Klatch group | 26 11am Pinochle Arlene Rayniak | 27 9am Fit & Fall Proof - David Goose 11:30am Canasta - M. Alvey - S. Stinard - I 12pm Poker - Pat Phillips | 28 9am Watercolor group Shannon Goose | 29 9am 9AM-11AM - Men's Brew Crew - Terri 1pm Arts & Crafts | Mar 1 First Day of Women's History Month 9am Fit & Fall Proof - David Goose | 2 11am Pinochle - Arlene Rayniak 12pm Poker - Pat Phillips |

Events and dates are subject to change

Yes and they just came by a second time! 🍌

💖 It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood! 💖



Are there any yoga folks interested in starting or participating in a chair yoga class? It's great for mobility, balance and more! Please contact the office if you would like to help get something like this going.



P.E.R.T. Parkwood Emergency Response Team

Thank you Parkwood for showing up at the January nineteenth meeting.

There were some very good ideas that were brought up and will be put into action in the next few months.

PERT still needs volunteers. We need a new treasurer. This is not a huge job but it does involve keeping track of donations and fundraising monies. I cannot be the only one on the checking account. The most time it will take from your day is going to the bank and getting on the signature card.

Also, I need a second in command; someone I can go over things with and to step in if I am not able.

Please help. As I've said before, I cannot do everything myself.

E-mail me at dgoose748@gmail.com or call or text at 360-301-1188.

There is a wealth of talented people living in Parkwood.

This is a worthy effort where you can channel your talent into your neighborhood.

Thanks, Goose

Christmas Bird Count Results for 2023

By Jane Nicholas and Ida Domazlicky



Another year has rolled on by and another Christmas Bird Count is in the books. On December 18th, three of us set out to cover the bird count circle that includes all of Parkwood and a couple areas just outside including PUD and portions of nearby side streets. This year the weather cooperated. We had reasonable temperatures and the rain didn't get serious until we were finishing up. It was much better than the snow and biting wind of last year. The birds were not hunkered down as much this year and our total numbers reflected that. Last year the species count was 38 with 497 individual birds. This year we counted 39 species with 697 birds. This compares well when I pulled out the count for 2020 when we had 36 species and 617 individual birds. These two years are a better comparison. While the totals are close for 2023 and 2020, how we got to those totals is different. For example, this year we had 80 Canada Geese compared to 160 in 2020. A boost was the addition of 150 flashy Red-winged Blackbirds this year compared to zero in 2020. Dark-eyed Juncos, however, were down to 24 this year from 88 in 2020, But Bushtits picked up some of the slack with 40 this year instead of 9 in 2020. American Wigeons and Ring-necked Ducks also showed modest increases over 2020, as did Mourning Doves. While we didn't spot any rare birds, the continuing occurrence of the Wood Duck on a nearby pond is always a delight. Our circle is one of the few in the county to have Wood Ducks.

Two notable absentees this year were House Finches and Pine Siskins which were tallied at 42 and 27 respectively in 2020, but none were sighted this year. A possible reason for the absences could be the presence of skilled hunters such as Cooper's Hawks, Sharp-shinned, Red-tailed Hawks and a Merlin that we have seen on multiple occasions in the park over the last year. It would take more study to see if it was just an off day for the two species or if there truly is a decline. Anna's Hummingbirds were another species that showed a decline by half. Perhaps they are just more spread out as more nectar feeders have been noted in the park. I hope it's that easy to explain. You might keep track of hummingbird visits and do your own study to see if you notice a change from previous years. Of course the recent cold snap and ice this year will have an effect in the short term. They will sometimes move to a warmer area temporarily in search of more of their main source of nutrition-bugs! While they love nectar and it gives them quick energy, which is important on frosty mornings when they emerge from torpor, insects are what keeps them flying high and fast. We'll be looking out for them in the mean time and awaiting the return of the Rufous this spring.



We enjoy doing the Christmas Bird Count each year and contributing to the big picture of bird science in our own small way. You too can help by posting your bird counts on ebird.org. It doesn't have to be a special occasion. Daily counts can go a long way to track the overall health of our beloved flying friends.

I switched all the labels on my wife's spice rack.
I'm not in trouble, but the thyme is cumin.....

