

POKING AROUND PENDARIES



June 29, 2023

Summer is in Full Swing

So many people — so many activities! I email the Activity Schedule every week to all lot owners and other folks who are here in the Park. This week, the Schedule was filled with so many games and events that I could barely keep it to one page. It's good to see so many folks enjoying Pendaries and having so much fun.

The weather has been cooperating too. Our typical monsoons came early and that helped to “green-up” the fields. Then, the rains stopped but the typical “dog days of June” never materialized and temps haven't gotten over the mid-80s. All of the Texans who are here are sighing in relief as they left 100°+ temps back home. And more good news, the Miller Moths are moving on and folks can safely open doors without getting moth bombed. Unfortunately, the early rains awakened the mosquitos, so there are still insects to contend with, but they aren't as bad as the moths and repellent works to keep them at bay.

This weekend begins the July 4th celebrations and even more activities. It is always a special time in the Park with the dinner, parade, Patriotic Salute and Memorial Garden event. This year a few more events have been added including Music & Dancing and Movie & Popcorn Night. I and a few roving reporters will be taking photos to share in the next PAP. I'm also setting up a new way to share videos on YouTube. Stay tuned...

Just a reminder — there is an unofficial discussion group for folks wanting to communicate with other Pendaries neighbors. It is accessed via Facebook Messenger and is called “Friends of Pendaries”. You will need a Facebook account and then request to be added to the group. We're hoping to use it for comments that are interesting and useful to the Pendaries community.

Use this link: <https://www.facebook.com/messages/t/4089937507787069/>
Or search on the Messenger App for “Friends of Pendaries”



Games

What better way to enjoy the lovely summer days outside than to play bocce ball, pickle ball, shuffle board, washers and corn hole. The pickle ball court in The Village survived last year's fire and, after some cleaning up, is being used twice a week by fans of the game. The bocce ball courts are working out so well that games are scheduled for three times a week.

Weekly indoor games include regular Bingo, Penny Bingo and now Dime Bingo for the high rollers and Chicken Foot (a dominoes game) is now on the schedule.





We had such a fun evening! **Judith Deckerbo** played cornhole for the first time and her team won the who's thing! This was the pose as she scored and the crowd roared!

Occasionally, the weather moves some of the outdoor games to inside the Clubhouse. On this particular night, Corn Hole had to move inside due to rain. It was the first time Judith Deckerbo had played and her team won. I grabbed this photo off of Facebook for all to enjoy!



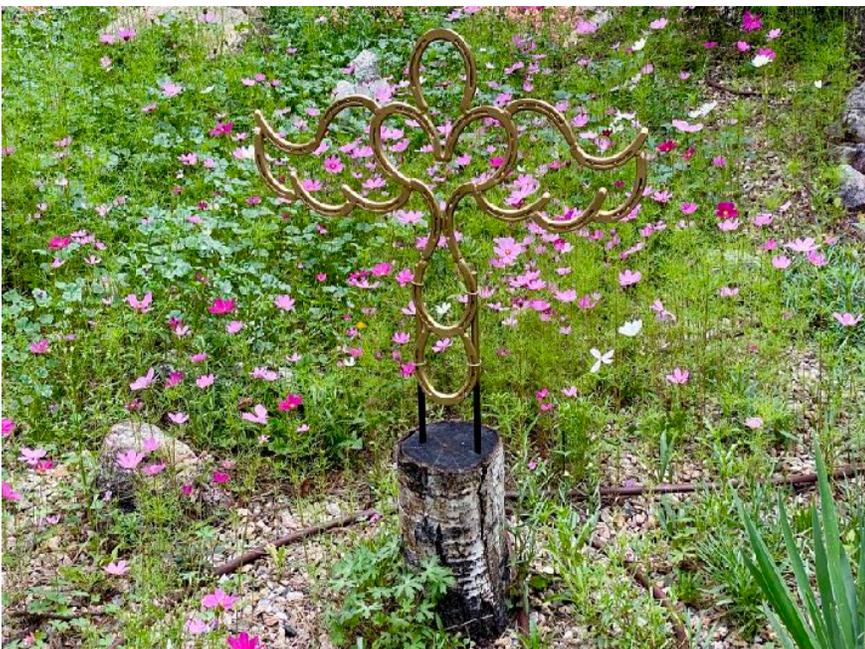
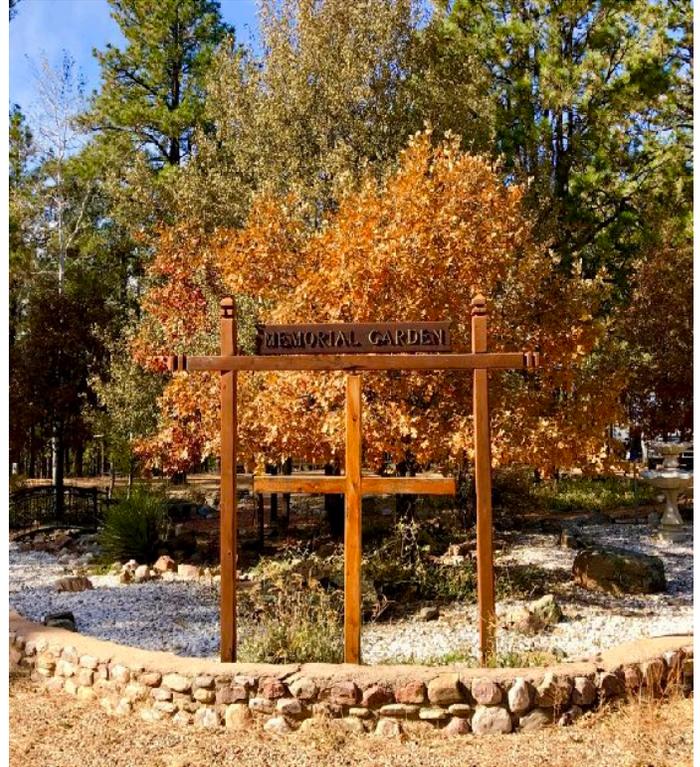
Music & Dancing

Music is good for the soul and dancing is good for the heart. On June 10, Jack Collinsworth (who has a beautiful voice) treated us to an evening of music, singing and dancing. Lots of the “oldies but goodies” were in his repertoire and singing along was encouraged. Plenty of dancers were boot scooting and Barbara Floyd was even teaching some of the younger ones to dance.



Memorial Garden

Every year, the Memorial Garden needs to get freshened up and so the Memorial Garden Club calls on their hardy volunteers to tackle the raking, weeding, trimming, watering and flower planting. This year a large oak needed to be removed as it had died. A big thanks goes to those who helped with cutting down the tree and hauling off the debris. The Garden is now in beautiful shape and ready for the Remembrance Ceremony to be celebrated on Sunday, July 2. This ceremony is where we remember those in our Pendaries family who passed away this past year. Folks share their memories and brass plaques are added to the Memory Wall in the Garden. If you have some time, stop and sit on the bench in the Garden — it's a great way for your soul to fill with the peace and beauty that you'll find there. The Memorial Garden Club is always accepting contributions to help with the cost of new plants and equipment. Contact Wanda Smith or Jackie Shelton for more information on ways to support the Memorial Garden.



Activities Schedule

I'm testing adding the Activity Schedule to the PAP during the summer months. It won't always be current since I only publish the PAP about once a month and the Schedule comes out weekly during the open season, but it does list upcoming events for those who want to plan their trips to Pendaries. Note the dates for the July 4th events and Christmas in July.

PENDARIES ACTIVITIES: Monday June 26 - Tuesday July 4, 2023 (Note extended days for holiday events)

- MON 8:30 am** Pickleball. Games at the court (on Lodge Road) in The Village. Equipment supplied. Bring a chair. Set up: Jerri (Rip) Hudson
6/26
- 10:00 am** Activity Meeting in Clubhouse. All owners are welcome to attend. Activity Director: Jeri (DJ) Sword
- 5:00 pm** Evening Bocce Ball in front of Clubhouse. Set up: Arael Christall
- TUE 10:00 am** Washers in front of Clubhouse. Set up: Robert Wright
6/27 6:30 pm Penny Bingo in Clubhouse. Caller: Jerri (RIP) Hudson
- WED 10:00 am** Cornhole in front of Clubhouse. Set up: Robert Wright
6/28 6:30 pm Dime Bingo in Clubhouse. You will need to bring 20 dimes to play. Host: Jeri (DJ) Sword
- THU 10:00 am** Bocce Ball in front of Clubhouse. Set up: Robert Wright
6/29 6:30 pm Game Night - Dominoes or bring your own game to play. No host.
- FRI 8:30 am** Pickleball. Games held at the court (on Lodge Road) in The Village. Equipment supplied. Bring a chair. Set up: Jerri (Rip) Hudson
6/30
- 5:30 pm** NO POT LUCK
- 6:30 pm** Bingo in the Clubhouse. \$1 per card. Caller: Jeri (DJ) Sword
- 8:00 pm** Volunteers Needed for table set up for Saturday Craft Show in Clubhouse
- SAT 9am-12pm** Crafts Show in Clubhouse (vendors can set up 8:00 am)
- 7/1 10:00 am** Shuffleboard in front of Clubhouse. No sign up needed. Set up: Robert Wright
- 5:00 pm** NO Bocce Ball
- 5:30 pm** PLOA Dinner (RSVP required) - Pulled pork, beans, slaw, potato salad, dessert & water.
- 6:45 pm** PLOA Business Meeting
- SUN 10:00 am** Church Service in Clubhouse. Casual Dress. Preacher: Mike Cosgrove
7/2 11:00 am July 4th Celebration and Remembrance Ceremony at Memorial Garden. Join Mike Cosgrove & T.C. Haynes in a patriotic celebration of the Holiday. Art & Wanda Smith will be celebrating the lives of those in our Pendaries family who passed away this year and remembering them with a plaque placed on the Memorial Garden wall.
- 3:00 pm** Ice Cream Social in Clubhouse. Bring your own bowls & spoons. 50¢ scoop, root beer floats 75¢ Servers: Gene & Johnnie Strouse
- 4:00 pm** July 4th Golf Cart Parade. Meet in the Clubhouse parking lot with your decorated carts.
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- 5:00 pm** Evening Bocce Ball in front of Clubhouse. Set up: Arael Christall
- 6:00 pm** Music, Dancing & Karaoke in the Clubhouse. Join J.R. & Larena Torres for a fun evening of music, singing and dancing. Bring your own drinks and snacks.
- TUE 10:00 am** Washers in front of Clubhouse. Set up: Robert Wright
7/4 6:30 pm NO Penny Bingo
- 6:30 pm** July 4th Movie & Popcorn in the Clubhouse. Bring your comfy chairs, drinks and snacks and enjoy watching "Independence Day" on the big screen. If folks enjoy Movie Night and want more movie watching opportunities, contact J.R. Torres with requests.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Book Club** 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm on Weber's deck. Host: Mary Weber
July 12: "109 East Palace: Robert Oppenheimer & the Secret City of Las Alamos" by Jennet Conant
August 9: "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls

Christmas in July (7/22-7/23) events schedule TBD.

Stair Chair Demonstration/Training

On May 28, Randy Neumann (a retired paramedic and lot owner) gave a demonstration on using the new Stair Chair purchased by the PLOA for use in the park.

The video of the training session is now posted on the PLOA YouTube site and can be viewed by following the link below. It is 48 minutes long, but in addition to a great educational tutorial, you can see a lot of Pendaries owners participating in the hands-on training and there are even a few comic relief moments.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcmXYwZea-ljosmDmZgknypy9UriuV8Be>

And, as mentioned earlier, we're trying out a YouTube site that will be used for Pendaries videos. It's always fun to watch videos in addition to photos. I'll be taking some this weekend during all the holiday events. Stay tuned for more details...



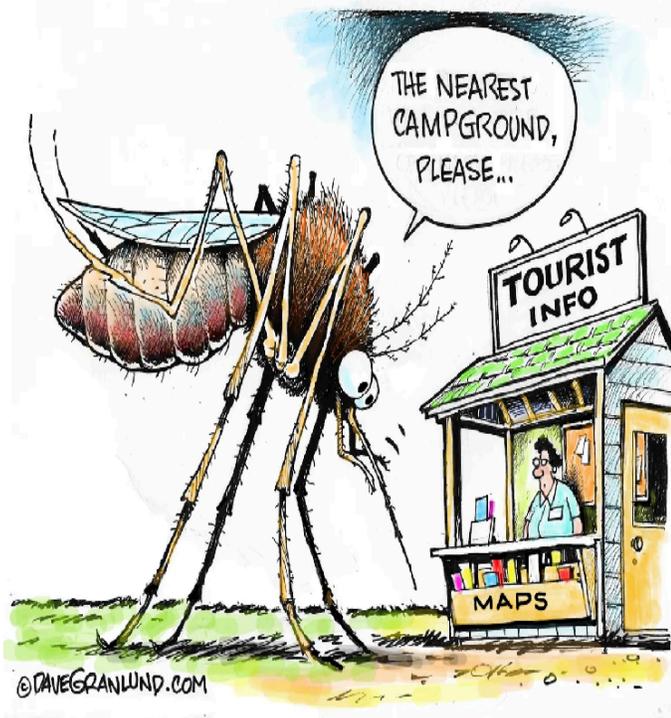
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PLOA website link for photos: <https://pendaries-rv-loa.com/>

To Brighten Your Day

When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."



**I SEE PEOPLE AROUND
MY AGE MOUNTAIN
CLIMBING, I FEEL
GOOD GETTING MY
LEG THROUGH MY
UNDERWEAR WITHOUT
LOSING MY BALANCE.**



Retirement.

Did you know...
99% of retired people can't believe they ever had the time to go to work*
Enjoy, you deserve it!

