



## HOLIDAY WISHES TO ONE AND ALL!!

t's December, and what a year it has been!! For many of us, we will celebrate holidays that connect us spiritually. For others, it will be a time of reflection, sort of like an end of year evaluation. This season is the season to both give and receive. Many people look for the presents under the tree, while others see the joy and value of life as they sit with family and share meals. The joys of the season may not be wrapped up in holiday gift wrap and pretty bows, but we can all celebrate life. We all have a story to tell this holiday season.

**Here in the Oaks, we would like to celebrate  
our commitment to community!!**

As our new HOA Board of Directors continue to take on some old battles, and simultaneously navigate through the maze of new challenges, there is a commitment to our community that is unrelenting. Volunteers.... who stand ready, willing, and able to represent us in our past, present, and future endeavors to make our community a wonderful place to live. Neighbors.... who lend a helping hand to others in their time of need, truly is the spirit of this holiday season. We all play a part in making our community the best that it can be.

**Our newsletter is just the start of many things to come!!**

We want to begin by wishing each, and every member of our community "Holiday blessings". Regardless of your religion, race, creed or color, owner, or renter, WE ARE NEIGHBORS UNITED! Our goal (the Communication Committee) is to provide communication, facts, fun articles, and a calendar of events to all our readers. We will address topics related to our governing documents, to keep our community informed and united.

We will also connect neighbor to neighbor through events planned with the help of our Events Committee, that will be fun, and bring us together. While all committees will work together for the benefit of our community, we as neighbors must also work together. We must practice diplomacy and be proactive team members, who use discussion and negotiation instead of confrontation. In the spirit of the holiday season.....Happy Holidays and we wish you a Safe and Prosperous New Year!



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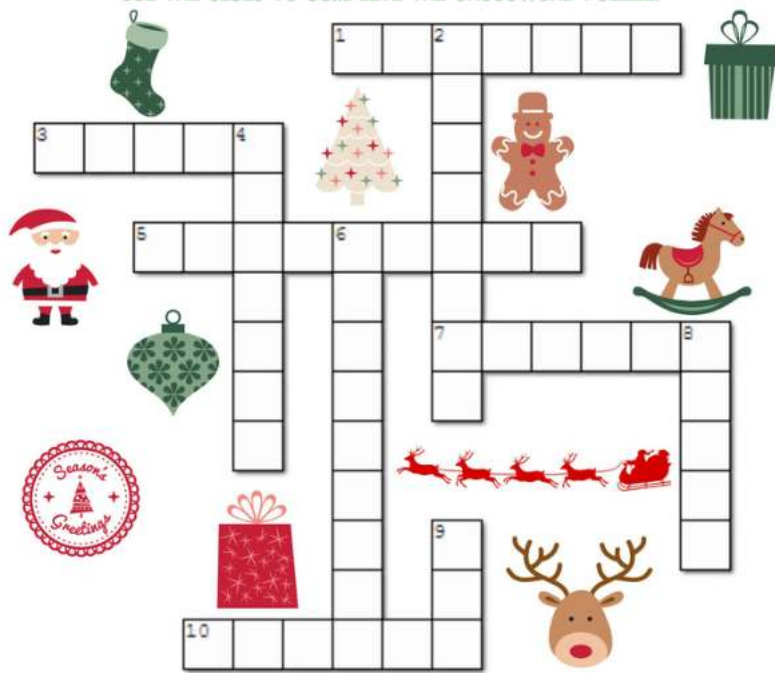
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*"One of the marvelous things about community is that it enables us to welcome and help people in a way we couldn't as individuals."*

By Jean Vanier

# CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

USE THE CLUES TO COMPLETE THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



## Across

1. One of Santa's Reindeer
3. Santa's Helpers
5. December 25th is \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Christmas Drink
10. The name of a popular snowman.

## Down

2. Christmas Month
4. He hates Christmas!
6. You hang them by the chimney.
8. On Christmas morning we unwrap our \_\_\_\_\_.
9. \_\_\_ to the world!



## Christmas Rum Cake

By: Shane B. Grenald

### Directions:

In a bowl using an electric or hand mixer, mix together cake mix, butter, eggs, applesauce, and Jamaican rum. Mix until smooth. Preheat the oven to 375, spray a cake pan or Bundt pan using cooking spray. Add cake mixture and bake for 25 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. While the cake is cooling, in a bowl mix powdered sugar, milk, or water and add Rum a little at a time. Then put some into a separate bowl, add red coloring to one and green coloring to the other, making them green and red. When cake is cooled, drizzle red and green glaze on top of cake, add holiday sprinkles and serve. If you use a Bundt pan, remove cake from pan before glazing and topping with sprinkles.

### Ingredients:

- 1 box Yellow cake mix (note look on back use one that asked for butter)
- 1 stick butter (softened)
- 3 eggs
- 3/4 cups water
- 2 tablespoons apple sauce
- 1/4 cup Jamaican white rum
- Glaze for top
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 3 to 4 tablespoons water or milk
- 1 tablespoon Jamaican rum
- Red and green coloring
- Holiday sprinkles for topping



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## WORD SEARCH



NOEL	K F R O S T Y G R B K L O V E
PEACE	H U A O M N C A S C E R W D J
FAMILY	T N U T K V H T C P R E C P O
TREE	S M G I N G E R B R E A D M Y
FUN	C E U U S T E E Q L I E J K L
GINGERBREAD	A O C O C E R R S A N A F C A
CHRISTMAS	C H R I S T M A S S D Y A M S
SNOW	V W T K N E Q R N Y E E L X V
JOY	E A C Y O E B O L T E T A P S
STOCKING	V L N L W B O I K I R R L T N
LOVE	E I V L I C M T F R K E A D O
TRADITIONS	I C I O K A A I O T E E P I I
REINDEER	L J O J F Y G N I K C O T S T
GRINCH	E Y T R E D R J E S U S N H I
BELIEVE	B L E C S I I G N O R E H E D
JOLLY	X J A O V Z N C O R L A Q N A
JESUS	D E S S E R C E O F J P A E R
COCOA	P F S C O T H A N N O E L P T
FROSTY	
ELF	
FALALA	
CHEER	

# MEET YOUR ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS



**Board President**  
**Tricia "Trish" Vanderbeck**

My name is Tricia Vanderbeck. My husband, daughter, dog and I currently reside in Shingle Creek Reserve neighborhood of The Oaks. In 2019, we moved from New York to Florida for a less-stress lifestyle and a warmer climate. I enjoy gardening, taking long walks with my dog, and engaging with my community.

I am the former Director of Operations Initiatives for NYC Parks, a 30,000 acre park system, where I provided service to the residents of NYC for over 18 years. My experience as a civil servant in Executive Management afforded me opportunities to design and implement strategic programs to improve the delivery of services to the public, collaborate with community groups, elected officials and city agencies.

I feel strongly about being involved in my community, and have volunteered my time since my college days. As an undergraduate, I taught GED math and science to adults in inner city neighborhoods. After graduating from Columbia University with a degree in Biology (and a minor in Sociology), I became an NYPD Auxiliary Police Officer to get involved in public safety. Additionally, I served as Vice President of the Civic Association for 8 years in my former neighborhood where I worked on various environmental committees, one being the NYRising Build It Back Committee after Superstorm Sandy.

Since I first moved into The Oaks, I expressed my interest in offering my skills to the HOAs. In 2021, I ran for The Oaks Master POA Inc. board after learning that The Master had endorsed an apartment complex development on the golf course located at the entrance to our community. Currently, I serve as the President of the Oaks Master, providing my expertise in operations management to this community as a volunteer. As your President, I am dedicated to keeping our community safe, protecting our property values, and ensuring that our residents are informed.



**Vice President**  
**William "Billy" Harris**

I was born and raised in Miami, FL. I learned at a very young age the importance and value of compassion, honesty, and integrity.

At age 5, my brothers and I were placed in various foster homes. Life was not always easy and often we lived in questionable living conditions. Yet through it all, I learned the value of perseverance – that no challenge is too great, no obstacle is too large, and no problem is too difficult to overcome.

Conversely, I learned about love, kindness and compassion from my mom and dad who adopted us later in life. Aside from their unconditional love, they wanted to make sure my brothers and I ALWAYS had a place to call home, and after years of going from place to place, we truly had a family of our own.

After graduating from High School, I had a terrible accident where I lost my left foot while working. After almost losing my life, I endured a painful surgery, months of rehabilitation, and once again learned how to walk using a prosthetic leg. Following a full recovery, I moved to Tallahassee where I attended Tallahassee Community College for two years.

I then moved back to Miami where I worked various jobs, always seeking a better way forward. Until one day, tragedy struck again when I was stabbed in the chest by an act of violent crime. Again, I almost lost my life. I had to endure the pain and agony of open-heart surgery, weeks of recovery in ICU, and the lingering effects of my wounds. Again, I OVERCAME – Again I PERSEVERED!

My work life is varied, but packed full of experience in the field of hospitality, with surety bonds and as an Executive Chef - summa cumlaude, Le Cordon Blue Culinary School.

In 2017, we relocated from Miami to the beautiful community we now call home – The Oaks. Crystal and I reside here with our 5 children. We are active in the community – serve in the community and strive to make our community better.

My goal is simple: To LISTEN to your needs; to ACT in your best interest; and to SERVE our community.

**"Never above you - Never below you - Always with you!"**



**Treasurer**  
**Janet Hooley**

Many Oaks homeowners and residents know me as "the Gardener on the Corner of Brassie Court." We've chatted about gardening and Oaks situations for sometime, but professionally my background is in medicine. Twenty years ago it was aviation which brought my husband (an airline pilot) and me to The Oaks and Kissimmee.

After moving to Florida I became a small aviation business co-owner with my husband rebuilding and fabricating experimental class aircraft. Entrepreneurs are adaptive by nature and although aviation was new to me the basics of business was not. The U.S. Army and fifteen plus years with medical companies in both clinical and administrative positions had provided valuable experience with a wide variety of talented professionals. Chief among the skill set is the value of honesty and integrity in any endeavor.



**Secretary**  
**Maynard Saddler**

Originally from the island of Jamaica, Maynard and his family have been residents of The Oaks for over 12 years. A compassionate well educated man who brings integrity, honesty, and transparency to everything he does for the community. Maynard was on the scene from dawn to dusk for days working with the National Guard, Emergency, State, and County official during the flooding caused by hurricane Ian keeping the community informed with video updates. A deep thinker who takes the time to analyze issues and often presents alternative views and ideas on things that matter the most to the community. An integral part of the new HOA team bringing much needed change with a positive outlook.

# KPD YTD 2021 vs 2022

## The Oaks

## Shingle Creek

## Eagles Nest

Call Type	2021 YTD	2022 YTD	2021 YTD	2022 YTD	2021 YTD	2022 YTD
Alarm Burglary	29	16	24	19	0	1
Baker Act	3	6	2	3	1	0
Domestic Violence	2	7	4	2	0	2
Larceny/Theft	6	2	1	5	-	-
Noise Complaint	17	7	11	5	10	5
Parking Enforcement & Violations	57	93	16	47	0	2
Traffic Stops	195	143	23	36	0	1
Vehicle Accident	4	8	5	4	0	1



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