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March 1, 2025

NEWSLETTER

Message from the President -

The country is experiencing planned cuts in social service and health care programs. Social Security recipients, particularly seniors nation-wide, are concerned their benefits may be targeted by the current Administration and if cuts or changes will affect the Social Security Fairness Act (SSFA). The SSFA was signed into law by President Biden on January 5, 2025 after passing in the House of Representatives in November 2024 and the Senate in December 2024. The bill:

- eliminates the *government pension offset*, which reduces Social Security (SSA) benefits for spouses, widows, and widowers who also receive government pensions of their own.
- eliminates the *windfall elimination provision*, which reduces SSA benefits for individuals who also receive a pension or disability benefit from an employer that did not withhold Social Security taxes.
- allows retirees to receive their full SSA benefit, even if they receive a public pension.

SSA began depositing retroactive payments in beneficiary accounts on 25 February, with most payments deposited by the end of March. Beneficiaries are asked to wait before inquiring about SSFA adjustments until after the receipt of their monthly benefit payment in April. Hopefully SSA benefits and SSFA adjustments will remain untouched.

Additional information and updates can be found on [Social Security Administration's website](#).

(Thurmond and Cynthia Streater)

Social Security Administration (SSA) is launching the "National Slam the Scam Day" and throughout the year. The agency provides information to recognize Social Security-related scams and stop scammers from stealing your money and personal information. Sharing this SSA [Scam Alert](#) fact sheet will help educate and protect others about the latest scams. Report Social Security-related scams to the Social Security Administration Office of the Inspector General (OIG).



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Waldorf West Library

Social Security and Medicare Seminar, March 3, 2025 from 6:30p - 7:30p, Room B. There will be a question and answer session afterward.

(Gail Smith)

Free tax preparation for residents of Charles County will be held at Waldorf West Library throughout this month. Income restrictions apply. Please call 301-645-1395 to schedule an appointment.

Approved Motions — February 2025 Executive Session Board Meeting

- (1) Fidelity, Spa Heater repair, \$1,605
- (2) Luna, repair Clubhouse Card Room wall, \$280
- (3) Luna, Fix and repair stormwater pond fences, \$2,490

Grounds Maintenance

Complete Landscaping Schedule

March 10-13 - Mulch application

If you see trash/debris in the stormwater ponds, please notify Grounds Maintenance.

groundsmaintenance@colonialcharles.org

Clubhouse

Social Committee
Photo Contest (See flyer)



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Management & Community Inquires should be addressed to:
Stephanie Martin/Wanda McCullough, 301-583-7755

RGN Management Services, inc.

9701 Apollo Drive, Suite 107,

Largo, MD 20774

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday: 9am to 4pm & Friday: 9am – 2pm

An on-site staff person is also available at the clubhouse during normal business hours.

The resident portal is www.portal.rgnmanagement.com/login . If you have not registered please do so to obtain account balances, documents, make payments, rules & regulations, and other information about your association..



Colonial Charles Utility Group (Cygnus) Recurring Payment Authorization Form colonialcharles.org

March 2025 - HOA Board Meetings Schedule

No Board Meeting



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Karla Costello
Treasurer
Grounds



Jacqueline Green
President
Architecture
Newsletter



Thelma Carter
Secretary
Architecture
Security

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of
Directors*



Wilbert Ferguson
Vice President
Clubhouse



George Via
Member-at-Large
Clubhouse
Architecture

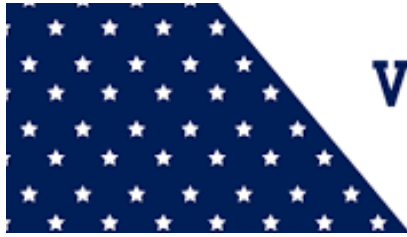
Clubhouse Facility Managers



Reva Ware



Vivian Madison



VETERANS CORNER

[1-800-MyVA411](tel:1800MyVA411) (800-698-2411)

[Veterans Crisis Line: Dial 988, then press 1](#)

[Health Benefits Hotline: 877-222-VETS \(8387\)](#)

PACT Act and Your VA Benefits

The PACT Act was enacted to address the health concerns of Veterans exposed to toxic substances such as burn pits, Agent Orange and other environmental hazards. The Act outlines 23 presumptive conditions, meaning that if a Veteran has one of these conditions and was exposed to specific toxic substances during their service, the condition is presumed to be service connected. This presumption simplifies the process of claiming Veterans benefits by eliminating the need for Veterans to prove the direct connection between their service and their medical condition, easing the burden of proof typically required in disability claims. For additional information on presumed respiratory conditions and cancers: <https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/>

Protecting Veterans from Romance Scams

Romance scams targeting Veterans often begin innocently on dating apps or websites, social media platforms or even through email. Scammers create convincing personas and may pose as fellow Veterans, active duty military personnel, or individuals with shared interests and experiences. A scammer impersonating a deployed member of the military or a celebrity, gaining the Veteran's trust before eventually taking advantage of the romantic connection that has been created to request money. Some scammers will make plans to meet the Veteran or even propose marriage through messages. Trust your instincts: If something seems too good to be true or raises red flags, trust your gut feeling. If you encounter any suspicious behavior or believe you might be targeted by a scam, report it immediately. This includes notifying the platform where the interaction occurred and submitting a report to the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://reportfraud.ftc.gov). For suspected VA benefits fraud, call the VA benefits hotline at 1-800-827-1000. For all non-Veteran Affairs related fraud, reach out to the [Federal Trade Commission \(FTC\)](#).

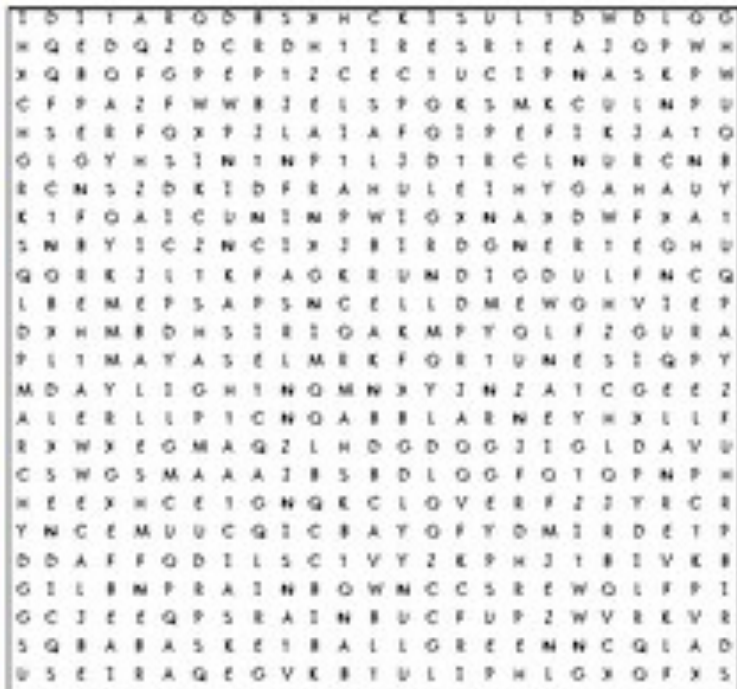
https://news.va.gov/138505/protecting-veterans-from-romance-scams/?utm_source=middle&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=VetResources&utm_id=26FEB2025



March Word Search



Find all 50 HIDDEN WORDS in the word search puzzle below. Good luck!



ARIES	DAYLIGHT	IRELAND	LUCKY	SHAMROCK
BASKETBALL	EMERALD	IRISH	MAGIC	SHOWERS
BIRDS	FINAL FOUR	JIG	MARCH	SPRING
BLARNEY	FLOWERS	KITE	NCAA	ST. PATRICK'S DAY
BLOOMING	FORTUNE	LAMBS	PARADE	THIRDMONTH
BREAK	FOUR	LEAF	PI DAY	TIME CHANGE
CELTS	FRESH	LEGEND	PISCES	TULIP
CLOVER	GOLD	LEPRECHAUN	POTATOES	VERNALEQUINOX
DAFFODILS	GREEN	LION	RAIN	WEATHER
DANCING	DETARDO	LUCK	RAINBOW	WINDY



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PHOTO ART EXHIBITION!

The Colonial Charles Social Committee invites all residents to join us for an exciting Art Exhibit!

Capture the beauty of our lovely Colonial Charles Residential grounds in a photo, and send your best photograph to [Clubhouse@colonialcharles.org] by March 20, 2025.

Include your name, the title of your photo, and the location where the photo was taken; past or present photos welcomed.

All submissions will be displayed in the Grand Hall on April 5, 2025, for residents to enjoy and vote for their favorite photo. The winning photo (s) will be proudly showcased in the Colonial Charles Clubhouse Lobby from April 6th until April 30th for everyone to admire.

MARCH 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Crafty Crafts 10:00a
2 Chair Aerobics 12p Bid Whist 2:00p Dancercise@ 6:15p	3 Chair Aerobics 12p Bid Whist 2:00p Dancercise@ 6:15p	4 Virtual Bible Study 7:30p Request logon	5 Chair Aerobics 12p	6 Phase 10 2:00p	7 Pokeno 2:00p	8
9 Chair Aerobics 12p Bid Whist 2:00p Theatre Group 6:00p	10 Chair Aerobics 12p Bid Whist 2:00p Theatre Group 6:00p	11 Bingo @ 6:30p Virtual Bible Study 7:30p Request logon	12 Chair Aerobics 12p	13 Phase 10 2:00p Pool/Spa Closed 2:00p	14 Pokeno 2:00p	15
16 Chair Aerobics 12p Bid Whist 2:00p Dancercise@ 6:15p	17 Chair Aerobics 12p Bid Whist 2:00p Dancercise@ 6:15p	18 Virtual Bible Study 7:30p Request logon	19 Chair Aerobics 12p	20 Men's Luncheon 12:30p Phase 10 2:00p	21 Pokeno 2:00p	22
23 Chair Aerobics 12p Bid Whist 2:00p	24 Chair Aerobics 12p Bid Whist 2:00p	25 Virtual Bible Study 7:30p Request logon	26 Chair Aerobics 12p	27 Phase 10 2:00p Pool/Spa Closed 2:00p	28 Pokeno 2:00p	29
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