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Happy 'Appalachian Trails' to you! Coming to RCE This Month

go for a walk



Appalachian Trail Virtual Walk at RCE

Congratulations!! We did it! We walked over 2,384 miles and biked 682.72 miles to complete our Route 66 virtual walk at RCE. We were thrilled that so many of you took part (make sure to check the bulletin board to see who all clocked miles in) to include the RCE staff as well!

It's time to start our next RCE virtual adventure. We are going to be hiking and biking the Appalachian Trail. It is 2,193 miles from Springer Mountain in Georgia to Mount Katahdin in Maine. If we were hiking this individually in one trip, it generally takes between 5-7 months and the elevation ranges from 124 feet to 6,643 feet above sea level.

A fun fact about hiking the Appalachian Trail is that hikers choose a trail name. Joanne, our Office Manager hiked a bit of the trail with her husband and said along the way they met "Bonkers". She was a paramedic that was hiking the trail and chose Bonkers as her trail name. These names are usually based around your personality, something that you are passionate about or a nickname that you have always had. Get your hiking gear put together and if you want think of a fun trail name, we would LOVE that! Please share with the Activity Office your trail name! Let's get hiking everyone!

WORDS FROM GEORGE

Park Model Upgrades

A reminder to some of you that paid no heed to our request to you this time last year to upgrade or paint the front and the side of your park model unit facing your neighbor on the side opposite your driveway. Many of you did. In fact, most of you did, we thank you for your compliance.

Our requirements now are that if you have two different colors in the stripes, please use two colors. When you go to sell your home, if you do the required upgrade, you will get more money for your unit when the time comes to sell when it looks good. That should be a good enough reason for you to keep your unit in tip top shape. I promise to match your upgrades equally with upgrades throughout the resort. Please remember that you must fill out a Lot Construction form and have it approved before commencing any work on your park model. You can find Lot Construction forms in the front office.

A Little O'Leary History

This month, I proudly share with you the attached article on my uncle, Ned O'Leary's involvement in Ireland's fight for freedom from the Brits over 100 years ago, 1916 to 1921. He was the leader in many involvements around the country. Not many of us will be remembered for some action we took over 100 years earlier.



My great, great grandfather, Mortimer Darcy was born in 1770. He died in 1881 at the age of 101 years old. He was tied to a whipping triangle at the market cross in my hometown of Nenagh, County Tipperary Ireland and whipped within the proverbial inch of his life for refusing to share information with the British military during the 1798 uprising. I could go on and on about the leadership quality of generations of my ancestors but I don't want to bore you. However, much of this family history is in my autobiography that I have been working on for the past four years. The book is expected to be available before you return home this spring.



The earliest record of the use of the dreaded "triangle" in Tipperary was at Templederry. (Courtesy of The National Museum)

Always Saving Money

Whenever it seems that something needs to be replaced or redone in the Resort, I'm Johnny on the spot each time. This past summer, I rebuilt four new pickleball courts on the west end of the park. I got a bid to build them for \$95,000, without including the cost of reinstalling the green fence that surrounded the courts. I took charge of the project myself. I removed all the old blacktop surface with my backhoe. I hired Lee's Paving to haul away the old blacktop as well as excavate and remove at least 12" of poor topsoil and replace it with 4" of good dry native soil and 8" of select gravel material underneath the concrete surface which was compacted to 104% proctor density. I then had my friend, known as Concrete Joe, on four separate Saturdays, pour and finish a 5" concrete slab with the help of the professional crew that Joe works with all week. No employee was asked to take a cut to work with me. To do it my way it costed us \$72,196, a savings of \$23,000.

Two summers ago, when palm tree trimming time arrived, I thought about the more than 30 years of doing the job in house and that I deserved a break so I called for bids to do the job. One bid came in at \$135,000. I knew that was too much so I asked a friend who owns one of the leading landscape companies in Tucson for a quote. His bid was \$120,000 to do the job. No way, I said to myself, friend or no friend. So, I rented the necessary equipment to do the job like we always did. I used the outside help from both Resorts including our son Danny O'Leary, plus the help of three temps from the local agency. The cost of doing it my way this past summer was \$33,067. The savings was \$87,000.



A Memo from our Park Manager

I want to thank everyone for staying diligent about wearing masks. It really makes a difference and keeps our resort all the more safe. So thank you, most sincerely.

I know it's been anything but a regular season, but it's been great to see people finding new ways to have fun. I think one of the greatest examples of this was the Route 66 challenge we recently completed. It seems like it got a lot of people motivated to walk and ride like never before! What a fun and unique idea. I just want to thank everyone that participated. I really look forward to future challenges and hopefully motivating myself to contribute more. If you're looking for a way to spice up your fitness routine, this might be the way to do it!

As the season moves forward I expect and hope that we will continue to return to more familiar norms and begin to put Covid behind us the best we can. Again, I just want to thank everybody for doing their part.

Danny O'Leary

Checkin' In with the Front Office

A big heart-felt hello from the front office! We wanted to thank everyone for being so diligent about wearing our masks. **Together** is how we will get through this pandemic. Please also continue the great work on social distancing.

We do have one little reminder for everyone to not park in a vacant site that does not belong to you without first checking at the front office. Although we are not filled to capacity this year, we do still have many short term guests!

On this sweetheart of a month, we may not be able to gather together in a large group but here's to hoping you will celebrate your loved one with a dance, glance and toast to more fun days ahead!

Your Front Office Team,

Joanne, Jasmine, Mark and Tamara

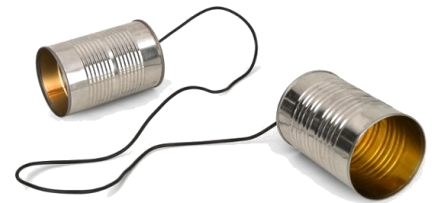




The phones that 6 year old children use today.



The phone I used at 6 years old.



The phone my dad used at 6 years old.

“Acting Up” with the Activity Office

We hope that you are all well and healthy this February. We had a lot of positive feedback about the little baby pictures last month in our newsletter so we thought we would continue with some cute pictures. How true are the pictures above? I remember having that little rolling toy phone and I just loved it. Boy, can you imagine if we gave some tin cans and a string to kids these days and tried telling them it was what we used as phones to play? I bet we would get some strange looks for sure.

What a great time we all had completing the Route 66 Virtual Walk! We are taking on the challenge of tackling the Appalachian Trail next. We loved how popular this was and hope that you all continue to walk with us the rest of the season. Remember to tell us your miles for the week every Friday. You can email us (shannon@rinconcountry.com), call us (520-296-4651) or stop in our office to let us know how many miles you walked for the week.

We are inviting some new food trucks into the park and hope that you enjoy them. We love bringing in new trucks and also love to support local business at the same time. Keep an eye on your mailboxes for menus!

We are continuing to deliver hot coffee, a treat and a joke to your doors on Wednesday mornings. Make sure to sign up with us on Mondays and we will come out Wednesday morning to fill up your coffee cups.

Our Farmer’s Markets will also be back in February. They will be out in our Breezeway and in front of the Main Office on Tuesday, Feb 9 & 23. They have some great local vendors and of course our own RCE residents always have awesome crafts for sale as well!

Be safe and well.





One of the best parts of our jobs in the Activity Office is creating shuttle adventures for all of you! Although we are not able to be on the Rincon Country shuttle, we still would like to give you some ideas for adventures that you can go on independently. We have broken them up into indoor and outdoor adventures. Enjoy and make sure to let us know if you went to any of them and how you liked them.

Indoor Adventure Awaits

Tucson Museum of Art: The Tucson Museum of Art is a cultural treasure which was founded nearly 100 years ago. The museum fills a city block in the heart of Tucson with thousands of pieces from Indigenous people of Latin America to cutting-edge artwork of today. Make sure to check out the traveling exhibits on display when planning your visit.

Degrazia Gallery in the Sun Museum: What started as a small construction project in the early 1950s developed into a 10-acre National Historic District designed and built by acclaimed Arizona artist Ettore “Ted” DeGrazia. Today, the Gallery in the Sun’s permanent collection holds more than 15,000 of DeGrazia’s original works of art.

The Franklin Auto Museum: This is a hidden gem for sure. It is run by volunteers so make sure to call them for opening times. If you are a lover of classic cars, then this museum is a must!

Amerind Museum: Roughly 65 miles outside of Tucson in Dragoon, this is one of the best museums in Arizona! The Amerind is set in beautiful surroundings and is not only a museum but a research facility for preservation and interpretation of Native American history.

Outdoor Adventure Awaits

Catalina State Park: In Oro Valley, Catalina State Park has plenty of trails to keep you busy. Apparently they also have over 5,000 saguaros (boy am I glad that I wasn’t the official saguaro counter on that day!). Enjoy over 5,500 acres of the Sonoran Desert.

Patagonia Lake State Park: Tucked away in the rolling hills of southeastern Arizona is a hidden treasure. Patagonia Lake State Park was established in 1975 as a state park and is an ideal place to find whitetail deer roaming the hills and great blue herons walking the shoreline. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the day at this awesome lake.

Sweetwater Wetlands: Built in 1996, this is a paradise for urban birders with more than 300 species spotted here. Tucson Audubon Society offers a free guided walk on Wednesdays. Check out their website for more details.

Madera Canyon: About 30 miles south of Tucson, the natural beauty of the Santa Rita Mountains, appeals as much to the birds as it does to the people exploring the area. Take a picnic lunch with you or explore the restaurants in nearby Green Valley.



Painting with Karina

Feb 7 • 2:00 p.m. • \$20 pp

Come out and enjoy painting with the awesome Karina. We will be painting outdoors in the courtyard by the fountain and cannot wait to paint this awesome picture of the Arizona mountains and palm trees.

Not artistic? That's okay! Karina will walk you through making your very own piece that can hang in the Louvre (or maybe just your living room!). This will be an afternoon of fun, friends and painting.

We will all be social distanced and masks are required. Sign up in the Activity Office.



Valentine's Day

Golf and Bicycle Parade

Feb 11 • 2:00 p.m. • Breezeway

We may not be able to hold our usual Valentine's Day dance but that doesn't mean that we would let one of our favorite days go by without some type of celebration!

Join us in our 2021 Valentines Day Golf Cart and Bicycle parade. We will be meeting at the Front Office at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, Feb 11 to head around the park wishing everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. Make sure to decorate your cart or your bicycle for Valentine's!

If you aren't able to take part, make sure to be outside to say hello and wave as we pass by!

Masks are required and we encourage those on golf carts to be from the same household.



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Shuffleboard Ice Cream “Sundae”

Feb 21 • 1:00 p.m. • Delivery Service • \$4

Who doesn't love a good old scoop of vanilla or chocolate ice cream with strawberry toppings, hot fudge, nuts and whipped cream?

The Shuffleboard club will be delivering scoops of ice cream directly to your door on Sunday, February 21 at 1 PM.

Come to the Activity Office to buy your ice cream tickets for only \$4.00 and support your Shuffleboard club!



Farmer's Market & Craft Fair

Feb 9 & 23 • 10:00-1:00 p.m. • Breezeway

We encourage everyone to come down to the Breezeway to check out local artwork, fresh fruits and vegetables, handcrafted jewelry and much more! If you are a resident who would like to host a table at the Craft Fair, please let the Activity Office know. All vendors will be placed outside for social distancing.

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We sure love food trucks here at RCE and we have lined up food trucks every Friday this February.

Friday, Feb 5: Gigi's Fusion. 12:00 - 2:00 PM

Friday, Feb 12: The Curry Pot. 12:00 - 2:00 PM

Friday, Feb 19: Jozarelli's Italian. 12:00 - 2:00 PM

Friday, Feb 26: Ciao Down Pizza. 12:00 - 2:00 PM

Come out to support local business and enjoy a day off from cooking!

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Whatcha Watchin'?

Because we haven't been able to get out and about as much as usual, some of us have been watching a bit more television than we normally would! Have you heard of "binge watching"? Binge watching, also known as marathon watching, is when you watch numerous (usually between two and six) episodes of the same television show in one sitting. Well, we asked some of the staff around RCE what they have been binge watching recently and thought we would share their answers with you.

Jasmine, Front Office: *The Masked Singer*. The Masked Singer is a reality tv series that features celebrities singing songs while wearing head-to-toe costumes and face masks concealing their identity. Judges then vote alongside an audience for their favorite singer after all of them perform. The least popular singer is eliminated taking off their mask to reveal their identity until the last masked singer is standing!

Gene, Maintenance: *Football*. Gene says that he has been binge watching football, supporting the Arizona Cardinals.

Joanne, Front Office: *Football*. Like Gene, Joanne is a big football fan and has been watching the Buffalo Bills.

Randy, Maintenance: *Outlander and Bridgerton*. Bridgerton and Outlander are both period dramas. Bridgerton is set in London during the season when debutantes are presented at court. Outlander is set in the Highlands of Scotland and involves time travel while learning about the history of Scotland at the same time.

Sue, Activity Office: *Bridgerton and Music Documentaries*. Sue has been watching music documentaries on The Eagles and Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young recently. She has also given Bridgerton a thumbs up!

Mark, Front Office: *The Expanse and The Office*. Mark is a big fan of The Office! He also recommends The Expanse if you are a fan of Science Fiction.

Danny, Park Manager: *Stargate SG1 and It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*. Stargate is another great series if you are a Sci-Fi fan and Sunny in Philadelphia follows the exploits of "The Gang," a group of narcissistic friends who run the Irish bar Paddy's Pub in South Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Alex, Maintenance: *Soul*. Alex recommended the new animated film Soul which he watched with his 18 year old son recently. The story follows a middle school music teacher named Joe Gardner, who seeks to reunite his soul and his body after they are accidentally separated, just before his big break as a jazz musician.

Terry, Post Office: *Chicago Fire, Chicago PD, Perry Mason, NYPD*. For action and adventure, here are some great recommendations from Terry! You can't beat a good ole Perry Mason drama.

Let's get moving!



RCE classes - a great way to keep active, to meet up with friends and stay healthy while being safe!

Masks are required at all classes, classes are limited to 10 people and you will be social distancing during the classes.



Monday

9:30 a.m. Line Dancing. Breezeway. \$5.00 per session.

12:00 p.m. Stretch, Strength, and Balance with Marci. Breezeway. \$5.00 per session.

Tuesday

1:00 p.m. Strength Class with Dee. Breezeway. \$5.00 per session.

2:30 p.m. Tai Chi with Sue. Breezeway. Free of Charge.

Wednesday

11:00 a.m. Aqua Zumba. Swimming Pool. \$5.00 per session.

12:00 p.m. Stretch, Strength, and Balance with Marci. Breezeway. \$5.00 per session.

Friday

11:00 a.m. Aqua Zumba. Swimming Pool. \$5.00 per session.



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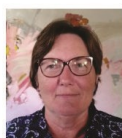
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