



Buckhorn HOA Fall 2022 Newsletter

Buckhorn Community Events Coming Up:

- **Fall Newsletter Delivered - Weekend of October 7**
- **Registration to be considered in the Halloween Lights/Decoration Competition - October 17 to 23**
- **Halloween Lights/Decorations Judging by Buckhorn Residents - October 24 to 28**
- **Halloween Parade - October 29 at 11:00 a.m.**
- **Halloween Haunted Egg Hunt at Buckhorn Park - October 29 at 12:15 p.m.-ish**
- **Fall Garage Sale - November 11 and 12**
- **Goodwill Trailer at Buckhorn Park - November 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**
- **Santa Claus Parade - December 10 at 11:00 a.m.**
- **Santa at the Park - December 10 at 12:15 p.m.-ish**
- **Registration for Christmas Lights Competition - December 12 to 18**
- **Christmas Lights Judging by Buckhorn Residents - December 19 to 23.**
- **Register your home for the Halloween and Christmas lights and decorations contests at www.Buckhorn.Us. Also, register at this same website to vote on your favorite homes. The voting forms will open up on the dates specified above**

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Upcoming Buckhorn HOA Events – SUMMARIES

- **Buckhorn Halloween Registration** for your home to be considered in the **Halloween Lights/Decoration Competition - October 17 to 23**. Log in to www.Buckhorn.Us to register.
- **Homeowners Vote/Judge Buckhorn's Halloween Lights/Decorations contest**. Sign in and vote at www.Buckhorn.Us . - **October 24 to 28**. Winners announced October 29.
- **Buckhorn Halloween Parade and Park Event – October 29** at Buckhorn County Park on Green Valley Street starts at **11:00 a.m.** Then at **12:15/12:30 p.m.** we will have a **“haunted” egg hunt** with 1,000 plastic orange and black eggs, available for children up to 10 years old. The eggs contain small toys, so make sure they are appropriate for your children. We will have a costume contest, divided into age groups, and prizes will be awarded. We will have some games and refreshments, also.
- **Buckhorn Community Garage Sale – November 11 & 12**. We will place garage sale signs at our entrances (you are welcome to add your personal ones, too), and we will put newspaper ads in The Flyer and Tampa Bay Times. **Goodwill Industries Donation Trailer at Buckhorn Park** is available on **November 12** from **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, for your items not sold.
- **Santa Claus Parade – December 10** starting at **11:00 a.m.** at the Bloomingdale Avenue entrance into Buckhorn. We will transport Santa and Mrs. Claus throughout most of Buckhorn's streets, which will take around 45

minutes. Sheriff's cars or motorcycles will escort Santa. We will be throwing candy or treats to children along the route, so make sure your children do not run into the road, so they stay safe.

- **Santa At Buckhorn Park – December 10 at Noon-ish** Santa and Mrs. Claus will be sitting in their thrones at Buckhorn Park. You are welcome to bring your cameras and take your children's photos with Mr. & Mrs. Claus. Each child taking their photo with them will be given a prize. Snacks and refreshments will be available for your families.
- **Register your home for Buckhorn's Christmas Lights Competition from December 12 to 18 at www.Buckhorn.us .**
- **Christmas Lights Judging by Buckhorn Residents at www.Buckhorn.us - December 19 to 23.** Winners will be announced December 24.



Buckhorn Subdivision Community Garage Sale

Buckhorn will hold a Community Garage Sale on Friday & Saturday, November 11 & 12. The Buckhorn Homeowners Association will advertise the garage sale in area newspapers and will post signs at the entrances of Buckhorn. You just need to place your items for sale in your driveway or yard, post a sign at your property, and hope for a great sale. Great garage-selling to you!

Bring your donation items to the Goodwill donation trailer at Buckhorn County Park on Saturday, November 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tax receipts are available.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

JOIN THE BUCKHORN HALLOWEEN PARADE

LOOKING FOR ATV OWNERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE

If you have an ATV in good working order and would like to join other Buckhorn neighbors in participating in our Annual Halloween Parade, then we want to talk to you.

The Parade is Saturday, October 29 and it will start at 11 a.m. on the south side of Buckhorn (Bloomingdale Avenue entrance) and end 45 minutes or so later at Buckhorn Park for games, fun and a Halloween Haunted Egg Hunt.

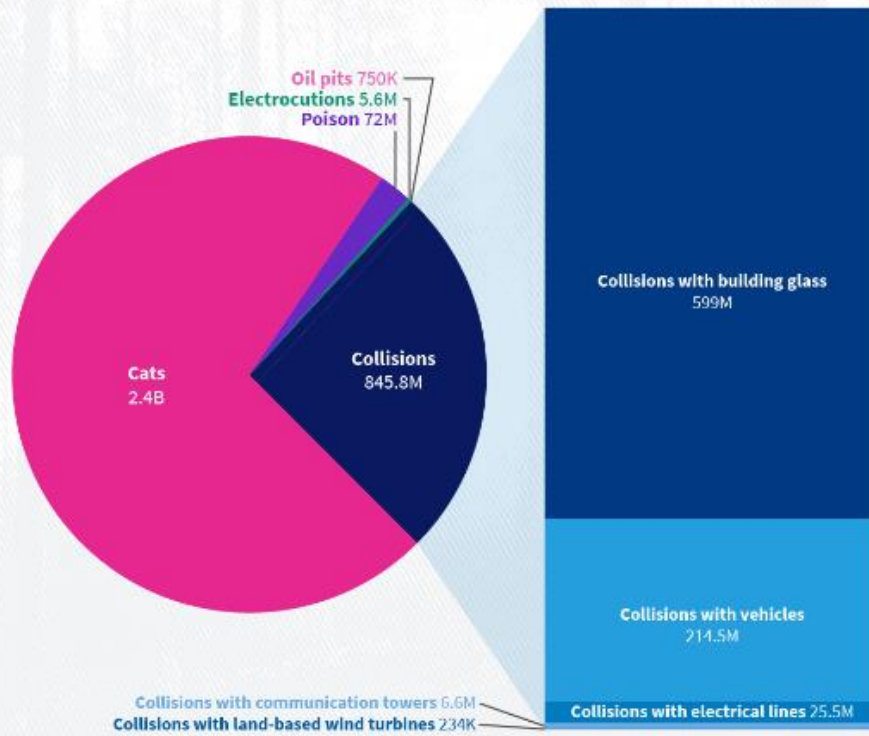
If you want to join us with your ATV in the Parade, please call Ken Nailling at 813-629-2097 to get further details/requirements. In addition to having a great deal of fun, SAFETY is most important.

REGISTER FOR BUCKHORN EMAIL ALERTS NOW.

YOU ARE MISSING IMPORTANT NOTICES AND CRIME ALERTS.

REGISTER AT www.Buckhorn.Us - CLICK ON SUBSCRIBE.

Top human-caused threats to birds in the US



Median estimate of bird mortality (2017)

Note: True estimates of bird mortality are difficult to determine and estimates aren't available for some human-caused sources, such as habitat loss.

Source: Fish & Wildlife Service

USA FACTS

Motor vehicle fatality rate per 100 million miles traveled



Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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THANK YOU BUCKHORN NEIGHBORS

Hurricane Ian dealt many folks a variety of memories. Unfortunately, a few residents in Buckhorn were the recipients of extraordinary events including large tree limbs piercing their roofs, crushing their pool screens, smashing into their boats/cars and knocking down some wood and plastic fences.

Many residents assisted other neighbors in cleaning debris from their yards. Others worked cleaning debris from common areas and some volunteered to assist the golf course in cleaning enough debris so they could reopen on Saturday.

A BIG SHOUT OUT TO EACH ONE OF YOU FOR STEPPING UP AND DOING WHAT NEEDED TO BE DONE!

Buckhorn is a great neighborhood to live, work and play. It is also a neighborhood of folks who work hard to preserve our quality of life and do their best to teach their children the many benefits of helping others in a time of need.

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!



NEW HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY ALERT SYSTEM TO KEEP RESIDENTS INFORMED

Hillsborough County and Publix have joined in partnership to promote the County's Official Emergency Mass Notification System, known as HCFL ALERT. HCFL ALERT is designed to keep you informed about local emergencies, everyday events and County news that is important to you.

HCFL ALERT is a FREE service that you sign up to receive. When you sign up you can choose which type of updates you would like to receive and how you would like to receive them. Whether through VOICE CALLS, TEXT OR EMAIL, the alerts will reach residents in real time.

In addition to emergency notifications, HCFL ALERT provides information on County news, events, classes, programs, and learning, plus grant opportunities.

Residents will not receive information from the categories that they do not select. SIGN UP TODAY by visiting www.hcflgov.net/hcflalert and receive the category of information that you want.

If you need assistance in signing up for HCFL ALERT, call 813-272-6602.



SOLICITOR UPDATE: YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

TELL THEM NO SOLICITING IN BUCKHORN AND CLOSE YOUR DOOR

Members of your Buckhorn HOA and Neighborhood Watch have been working diligently to reduce the number of solicitors who come into Buckhorn and to your door. As you know, we distributed a NO SOLICITORS sign to each of the 652 homes in Buckhorn in 2018 and asked each homeowner to prominently display it near their front door. If you need a replacement NO SOLICITORS sign they are available at Ace Hardware on Bloomingdale Avenue.

The solicitors are SUPPOSED to honor it and are not to ring your doorbell. If solicitors see a preponderance of NO SOLICITORS signs, we are expecting them to move on to another neighborhood as there will be slim pickings in Buckhorn and their time here will be wasted since they are generally commission sales folks. YOU CAN HELP BY NOT ALLOWING THE SOLICITORS TO TAKE ANY OF YOUR VALUABLE TIME! If you listen to them and allow them to pitch their products or services and buy from them, you are assisting in degrading our efforts to keep Buckhorn a safe and quiet family neighborhood.

SAY NO SOLICITING AND CLOSE YOUR DOOR!

The solicitors who display a permit badge issued by the County Clerk's Office merely mean that the person has no warrants for their arrest at the time they applied for the badge. Unfortunately, many of these sales folks erroneously feel they are empowered to go anywhere and say anything to residents they desire in pursuit of the sale. They are not given any guidelines by the County on dealing with the citizens who they are going to be meeting in the neighborhoods. They WILL NOT respect the NO SOLICITOR or NO TRESPASSING signs that Buckhorn residents have displayed. privacy from unwanted solicitors.



GARBAGE/ RECYCLE CARTS *IN SAD SHAPE?*

RESIDENTS HAVE NOTICED THAT THERE ARE MANY DAMAGED GARBAGE CARTS THROUGHOUT BUCKHORN! THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED TO YOU IN LAST FALL'S NEWSLETTER. PLEASE DO YOUR PART AND TAKE ACTION NOW TO REPLACE DAMAGED CARTS!

IT IS FREE TO YOU

Many of us have had our carts since they were first introduced to replace the old-style bins. Some residents have experienced their carts needing repairs or replacement. Damaged carts, broken wheels or lids, etc., can often be repaired on site at your home by the County's vendor. Severe damage will necessitate a change out to a new cart of the same size and color. There is **NO CHARGE** for repairs or damage change outs. The carts come in 35, 65, and 95 gallon capacity in both colors; gray for garbage and blue for recycle. You can determine the size of your cart by looking at the number following either the G or the R on the handle. The number will be either a 3 for 35 gallon, a 6 for a 65 gallon or a 9 for a 95 gallon cart. You may swap your existing cart out for a larger or smaller size at \$20.00 for each cart swapped. You can order additional carts in any size of either color at \$60.00 each. You are limited by the County to two carts of each color.

You can contact the County Solid Waste Department at 813-272-5680 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday – Friday or at

www.HillsboroughCounty.org/solidwaste/trash 24 hours a day.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is now: 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline



HELP IS AVAILABLE FOR EVERYONE CALL OR TEXT 988 DAY OR NIGHT

Too many people need mental health assistance and sometimes it is not easily accessible for everyone. Not anymore because the new access for mental health assistance is simple: JUST CALL OR TEXT 988

People can call or text 988 or chat at 988lifeline.org for themselves or if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support whenever or wherever they are.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) transitioned the 10-digit National Suicide Prevention Lifeline to the new three digit 988 number to be easier for those in need to access.

The service is CONFIDENTIAL, FREE, AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH and SPANISH, 24 HOURS A DAY, 365 DAYS A YEAR.

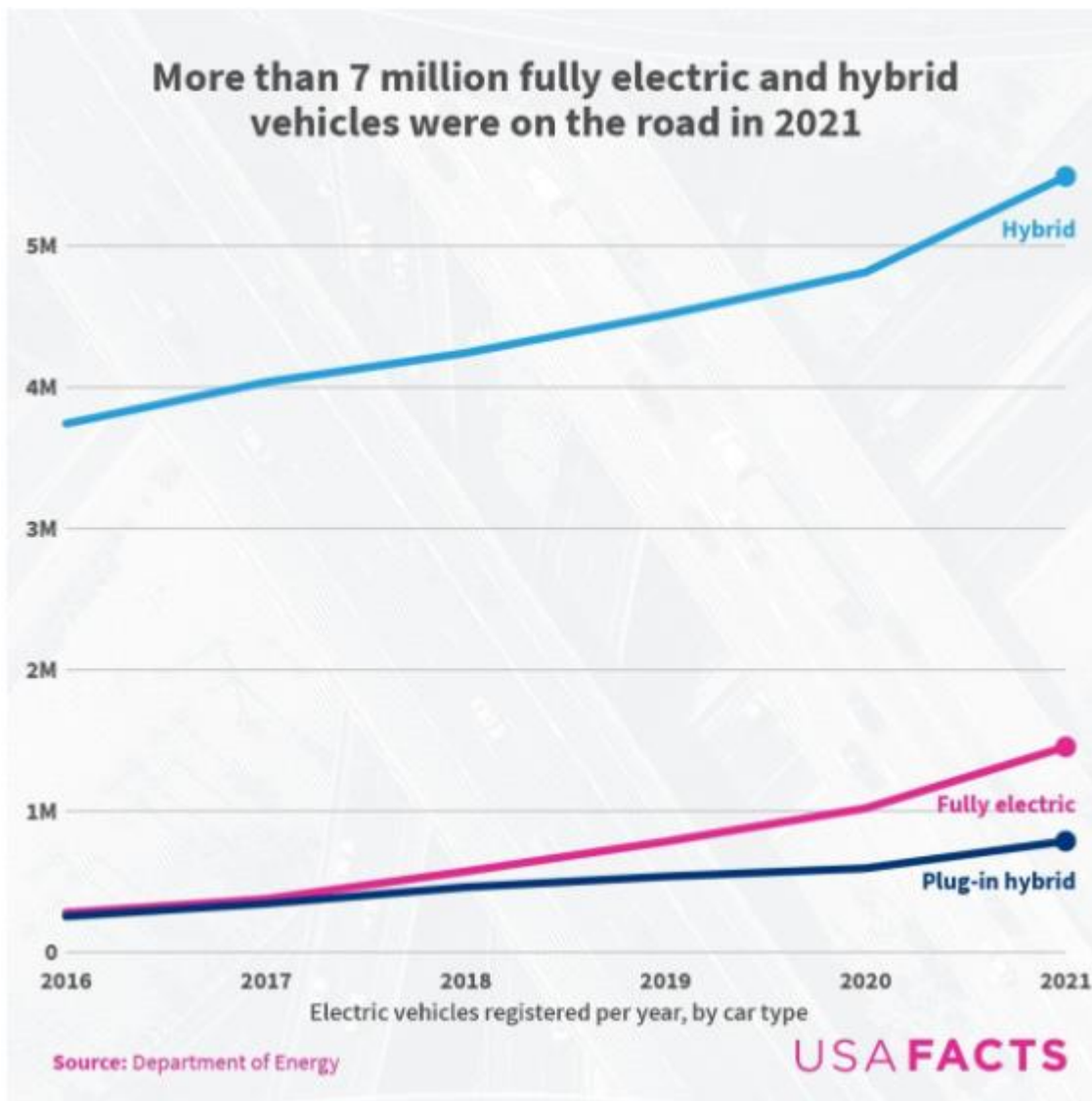
The new number will also be used for the VETERANS CRISIS LINE for veterans and their loved ones to access for help.

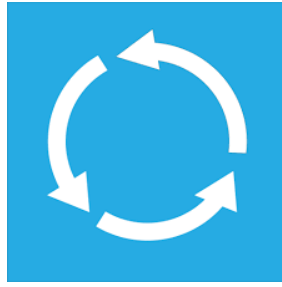
The service can also provide referrals to local treatment facilities, support groups, and community-based organizations. In 2021 the Lifeline received 3.6 million calls, texts, and chats. That number is expected to double by the end of this year.

According to SAMHSA, studies have shown that after speaking with a trained crisis counselor, most Lifeline callers are significantly more likely to feel less depressed, less suicidal, less overwhelmed, and more hopeful.

MINDFUL MONDAYS MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Mindful Mondays promotes different ways you can make your mental health a priority but not take too much time from your busy schedule. From chair yoga virtual classes to tips on how to decompress after a long hard day, Hillsborough County's Mindful Mondays has various interactive resources for you to access no matter what day or time it is. Check out the **MINDFUL MONDAY'S YOUTUBE PLAYLIST**.





ROUNABOUT UPDATE

The Durant/ South Miller roundabout planning was sent to a second engineering firm to try to develop a plan that would keep from impinging on the brick wall and back yard of the home on the southwest corner of the intersection. The plans are in a technical review stage now. Overall, the completion is now in mid-2024.

The Durant/Little Road/Dover Road roundabout is moving quicker and the estimated completion date is by the end of 2023.



FIRE RESCUE GETS BOOST TO ENHANCE SAFETY INITIATIVES

Hillsborough County citizens will be a little safer because the Board of County Commissioners accepted a U.S. Department of Homeland Security funding grant totaling over \$770,000 to boost the county's Fire Rescue safety initiatives.

The money will be used to purchase 42 automatic chest compression machines and 14 personal protective equipment (PPE) decontamination devices. This equipment will enable first responders to provide enhanced emergency response to residents and reduce firefighters' exposure to carcinogens in/on their gear.



ANY NEEDED SIDEWALK REPAIRS ACT NOW TO GET THEM REPAIRED

Last year, your Buckhorn HOA worked with the County to have them select a contractor to repair numerous cracked, broken and bulging sidewalks throughout our Buckhorn neighborhood. The contractor worked several months improving our neighborhood sidewalks for all to enjoy and use safely. However, there are a few locations in our neighborhood where sidewalks have been damaged by tree roots or vehicles since the massive repair/replacement program last year.

The County Board of County Commissioners voted to set aside \$20,000,000 for additional sidewalk repairs throughout the county. If there is a sidewalk near your home that needs repairing, you can visit <https://service.hillsboroughcounty.org/311/roads-sidewalks> to report it. You will need to provide the address where the issue is located and a contact person and telephone number for follow-up questions.

Additionally, you may also call the County Public Works Department Customer Service Center at 813-635-5400 to make a report of a sidewalk issue. Do it now before the special fund is emptied.

The five states with the largest increase in the share of 65+ residents

State	2010 65+ population	2017 65+ population	2010 65+ share	2017 65+ share
Vermont	91,539	116,869	15%	19%
New Hampshire	179,403	236,157	14%	18%
Maine	211,964	266,214	16%	20%
Delaware	130,104	174,128	14%	18%
New Mexico	274,149	352,601	13%	17%



SUSPICIOUS BUCKHORN HAPPENINGS

We have seen more suspicious happenings recently in Buckhorn. There were two men with black backpacks lying on a neighbor’s yard under a tree occasionally talking on their phone. Alert neighbors notified a Buckhorn Neighborhood Watch volunteer who watched them for a few minutes as they were doing nothing. The volunteer eventually spoke to them. They said they walked into Buckhorn from the Wawa and were waiting for their friend on Fleewell in Buckhorn Preserve to come to them to walk them back to his house. If they walked this far, why didn’t they continue to Fleewell? How did they get to the Wawa to begin with? These and other inquires turned into a virtual “word salad” that created additional questions that got answers that did not make common sense.

Eventually, the volunteer called the Sherriff at the non-emergency number, 813-247-8200 option 5, and a Deputy responded soon after. It turns out that they both had Pinellas County IDs and one man was the father and the other his son. They told the Deputy the same story. They had no record in Hillsborough County. He told them to head to Fleewell or exit the neighborhood which they did a few minutes later.

In another recent situation two men and a woman were in a car with out of state license plates canvassing the neighborhood. They wore T-shirts representing a political candidate for Governor and had a handful of his flyers. However, their odd behavior caught several neighbors' attention. They would drive up and down the same street several times before stopping to get out. Then they would pass by folks who were in their driveway or front yard and not have any conversation with them or offer them a flyer. Rather, they appeared to only go to homes with no vehicle in the driveway and no obvious sign of a homeowner outside. They would then go to the door and appear to ring the doorbell or leave a flyer but not in every case. Perhaps they could have been checking to see if the homes had Ring doorbells, cameras, dogs that would bark or the type doors/or door locks and windows. We do not know but their behavior was not typical of political supporters who are usually eager to spread the word about their candidate and leave flyers on every door they came across. Neighbors called the Sheriff's non-emergency number and gave them the description of the folks as well as the vehicle description and tag number. Unfortunately, they left the area before a Deputy could respond.

BE AWARE AND ACT ON YOUR OBSERVATIONS!

In any event, during the winter months many grifters, scammers, and con artists migrate south to enjoy the warmer climate and meet a new population of their perceived victims. Local law enforcement on all levels is aware of these seasonal visitors and their activities. They need YOUR support to be on the lookout for ALL SUSPICIOUS people or vehicles you may see in our Buckhorn Neighborhood or anywhere else you may be, i.e., parking lots, hanging around gas stations/convenience stores (always take your keys with you and lock your car door), etc. Call the Sheriff's non-emergency number, 813-247-8200, and relate to the dispatcher your observations including, clothing, back packs or duffle bags, their vehicle and tag number if possible as well as location and direction of travel. It only takes a few seconds for a thief to remove items from an open garage, packages on a porch, mail from your mailbox or valuables from your unlocked vehicle. The thief may be on foot but he/she may have an accomplice nearby in a vehicle that will swoop in to pick them up and leave the area quickly, especially, if they feel they have been observed.

REPORT your Buckhorn observations to BEHA@BUCKHORN.US

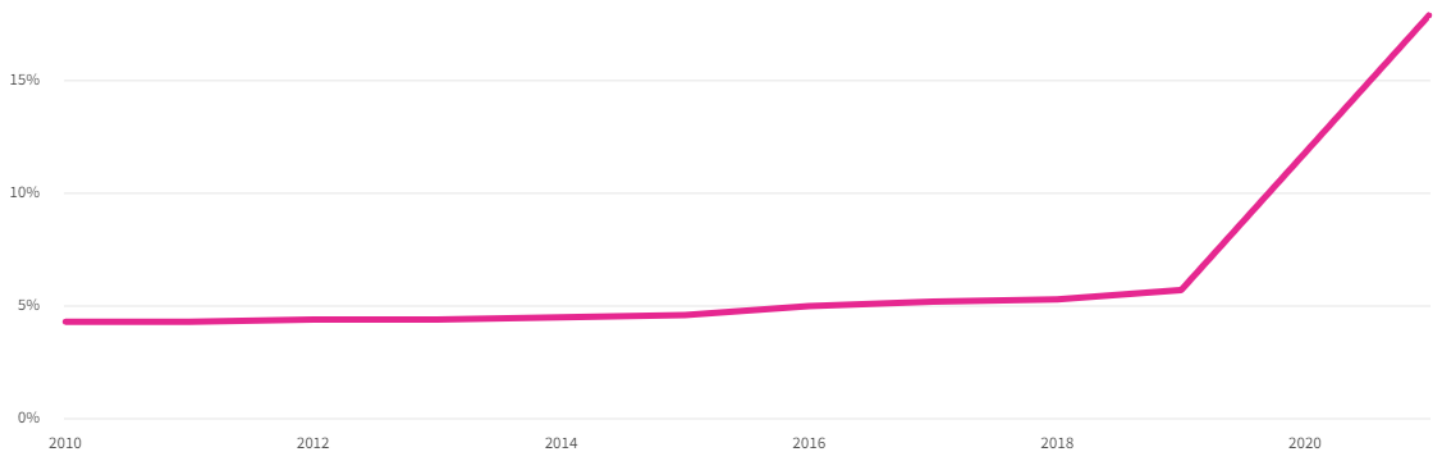
IMMEADIATELY so we can assist our neighbors and Deputies if needed. If you are the victim of a crime that happens in Buckhorn please notify us **ASAP** also.

DO NOT BE A VICTIM; IT IS NOT GLAMOROUS OR FUN!

BE VIGILENT, BE SUSPICIOUS, BE CURIOUS AND ACT ON YOUR OBSERVATIONS IMMEDIATELY!!

Percentage of work-from-home employees tripled from 2019 to 2021.

Percentage of workers who worked from home most days, 2010-2021



Source: [United States Census Bureau](#). [🔗](#)



INTERESTING GRAVESTONE EPITAPHS

"THAT'S ALL FOLKS" – MEL BLANC
THE BEST IS YET TO COME – FRANK SINATRA
SHE DID IT THE HARD WAY – BETTE DAVIS
CURSED BE HE THAT MOVES MY BONES – WILLIAM SHAKESPEAR
TRUE TO YOUR OWN SPIRIT – JIM MORRISON
JACK LEMMON IN – JACK LEMMON
"THE ENTERTAINER" HE DID IT ALL – SAMMY DAVIS, JR.

OTHER NOTABLE EPITAPHS

I TOLD YOU I WAS SICK
NOW I KNOW SOMETHING YOU DON'T
NOW GO AWAY AND LEAVE ME ALONE
I HAVE NOTHING FURTHER TO SAY
DIED FROM NOT FORWARDING THAT EMAIL TO 10 PEOPLE
DON'T LAUGH YOU'RE NEXT
WELL THIS SUCKS
OH NO



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