



Views From the Bluffs

A Senior Community

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Happy Valentine's Day



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February is already with us, the weather will continue to get warmer here in central Florida. With this warm weather it is a great time to get out and explore the property and all the amenities the Bluffs has to offer. We all need to get out and enjoy the sunshine just remember your suntan lotion, Florida sun is very

intense, you can burn very easy, a high SPF is your friend.

When walking about the property walk towards the traffic and in the evening wear light or reflective clothing. If biking please ride with the traffic and be careful of the speed bumps. Drivers, please slow down, the speed limit is 17 mph the race track is out by the airport. Speeding vehicles is one of our biggest complaints.

The lake is a very under used amenity. Sure, it is wonderful to walk around and see the turtles and various birds. This lake is just full of fish waiting to be

caught. We have many large mouth bass that hide out in Lake Mary Jane. Please remember this a catch and release lake and only artificial bait may be used. Since our lake is under 20 acres and located entirely on private property, no freshwater fishing license is required for you or your guests. So, get out there and get yourself a large catch. If you or your guest use one of our boats, please review and follow the safety rules.

*Ken Moran,
President*



MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER

Dear Residents,

I would like to start off with a few reminders. The upcoming annual meeting is on February 8th at 2:00 pm in the clubhouse. The speed limit around the community is 17mph and be cautious of walkers and bicyclist. Residents are to use assigned unit parking spaces first, before using a visitors spot. Visitors spots are first come first serve and are not to be reserved. Residents are allowed to use other units parking with prior **written** permission from the unit owner, submitted to the office.

If you currently have an old bicycle that is not being used, please remove the bike, or contact the office to remove the bike on your behalf. This will help free

up space in bike racks for residents that currently have a bike that is being used.

All contractors are to remove materials and clean work areas. Contractors are not to use any dumpsters on property. Please be courteous to your neighbors and do not fill up dumpsters with large items and/or appliances.

Staff is scheduled to begin stairway/entry way carpet in February, once carpet is delivered. Staff is continuing mulching buildings. Eighteen additional pallets of mulch have been ordered. Please contact the office to place workorders, please do not stop the staff while working to place work orders. Wind mitigation forms are available in the office in pdf format and can be emailed to owner's insurance companies, contact the office if you need assistance.

Regards,

Chad Lancaster,
Manager

VI'S CORNER



Vi Oliver, Activities Chair

January Activities

On Saturday, December 31st we had our **New Year's Eve Party** chaired by Bruce & Gale Parke. Bob & Peggy Carpenter did a wonderful job putting the music together for the evening. Everyone attending had a wonderful time ringing in the New Year.

On Saturday, January 07th we had **Breakfast at the Bluffs** hosted by Bill Harr. Everyone had a great breakfast and enjoyed the fellowship.

On Sunday January 08th we

did our **Unhanging of the Greens** taking down all our lovely holiday decorations. I'm sure you will agree that Bruce Parke and our elves did a great job again this year.

On Friday, January 13th we had our monthly **Meet N' Greet**. We had a great turnout, as I see this event is becoming very popular.

On the 18th we had **Ladies Day Out** hosted by Sandy Vincenzo at the Crooked Bass. Thirty-eight ladies had a great lunch and enjoyed each other's company.

The same afternoon we had **Men's Day Out** hosted by Ed Huffer at the Wild Turkey. The guys had a larger than normal turn out and wonderful lunch together.



On Saturday, January 21st we had our **Western Steak Dinner** hosted by Bruce & Gale Parke. They did

another fabulous job. They grilled the filet mignons to perfection. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely as they danced the night away to music by Almost Alive. The Dexter's table won first prize for their decorations.



On Saturday, January 28th we had our annual **Treasure Sale**. This was another absolutely amazing year and we could not have done it without the community support. We never know what merchandise we will receive, but somehow we always rally together and make this event so successful.



TREASURE SALE FOR 2023

Treasure Sale
Vi Oliver
\$2,014.63

Silent Auction
Dottie Pledger
\$1575.00

Raffle
Brigitte Eberle
\$780.00

Bake Sale
Marlys Geiss & Susie Huffer
\$254.00

Bluff's Phone Books
Bob & Sue Schmitt
\$297.00

Total for the Treasure Sale \$4,920.63

All leftover merchandise this year was given to Calvary Church on Hammock Road in memory of Don & Ella May Kuykendall.

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to make the Treasure Sale such a great event again this year. I truly appreciate all the hard work put in on that Friday and Saturday by dozens of people. A heartfelt thanks goes to my co-chair Brigitte Eberle who worked so hard. Special thanks to my chair persons Dottie Pledger, Bob & Sue Schmitt, Marlys Geiss & Susie Huffer. Thank you to everyone that assisted in getting us gift certificates. It takes so many people

coming together to make this event so successful. It goes without saying, we could not have succeeded without the strong support we get from the Bluffs Community.

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR SUPPORTING THE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE...WE TRULY APPRECIATE IT.

I hope everyone had a fun day and went home with some very special treasures. Again, thank you for your donations, participation and opening up your wallets and your hearts to help make the Bluffs such a wonderful place.

We will be posting a list of vendors that supported this event. We would appreciate you patronizing their establishments.



On **Sunday, January 29th** we had our **Ice Cream**

Social hosted by Ginny & Steve Drew. Margaret Hawley and the Bluffers & Bluffettes entertained us with a sing along. We had a surprise guest, Monica (Margaret & Bill Hawley's granddaughter). She's very talented and sang two solos beautifully and was a wonderful addition to our choir.

February Activities



This **Saturday, February 04th at 8:00 am** we will be having **Breakfast at the Bluffs** chaired by Bruce Parke. The sign-up sheet is on the walkway.



Come join us in the Clubhouse on **Sunday, February 12th** for **Super Bowl LVII** as the Philadelphia Eagles take on the Kansas City Chiefs. Terry Hargrove and Bruce Parke are chairing this

event. Tickets are being sold for \$5.00 to cover ham and turkey sandwiches and chili and rolls. The sign-up sheet is on the walkway. We are asking you bring some finger food to share and the beverage of your choice.

Ladies Day Out will be held on **Wednesday, February 15th at the Olive Garden Restaurant at 12:00 PM** hosted by Sherrie Cicora. The sign-up sheet is on the walkway.

Men's Day Out will be held the same day at Azul Tequila hosted by Chuck Batchelder. The sign-up sheet is on the walkway.

♥**HAPPY Valentine's DAY**♥

This year our **Valentine's Day Dinner Dance** will be held on **Saturday, February 18th at 5:30 PM**. The sit down dinner and dessert is delicious and always done with such elegance. Phyllis and Dennis Wallace do a wonderful job hosting this event. They always honor a

surprise sweetheart couple for the evening. Entertainment for this evening is Jimmy D, which I'm sure you will enjoy. He'll keep you on the dance floor. The sign-up sheet is on the walkway and tickets are \$17.50 and can be obtained from Vi Oliver or Margaret Hawley at Bingo, Koffee Klatch, Games night, or Euchre or at V-13A or E-6.

On **Friday, February 24th** we will have our monthly **Meet N' Greet**. This is a byo and a snack to share get together at the clubhouse. Everyone is encouraged to attend.



Readers Theater is back this year. On **Saturday, February 25th at 7:00 PM** we will have our **Readers Theatre**, directed by Margaret Hawley. This year the play is entitled **Shenanigans at the Blue Pelican Inn** and from what I've heard it is hilarious. Margaret does an excellent

job every year. All actors are our very own residents and neighbors. We have such talent in the Bluffs. This is always an evening of fun and laughs. \$5.00 is payable at the door which covers popcorn and dessert. The sign-up sheet in on the walkway.



2023 Spring Games

The Bluffs annual Spring Games will be **Sunday, Feb 26 – Sunday, March 5th**. The **Opening Ceremonies** and "The Torch Light Walk" around Lake Mary Jane will be back for the fifth year. It will be on **Sunday, February 26th** and will begin and end at the clubhouse, starting at 6:00 p.m. The torch will proceed clockwise to the nearest lamppost where it will be passed off to the next carrier and so on around the lake, ending back at the club house for the Lighting of our second torch on the dock and

a **Pizza Party** kickoff celebration. We are looking forward to seeing you for this fun evening. Everyone is invited to join us on our walk, and the Pizza Party. Please sign up for the Pizza Party so we may get a count for ordering the pizzas. **(Watch for the sign-up sheets in mid February).**

Monday, February 27th will see the beginning of the Spring Games. The schedule of events and sign-up sheets will be posted in the Mailroom, on the walkway bulletin board and on the board outside the clubhouse kitchen.

We will have three days of delicious lunches. (Monday, Wednesday & Friday). Volunteers will be preparing and serving these great meals. There will be more information posted as it becomes available. Take out lunches will also be available. Mark the take-out lunches on the sign-up sheets. The donation for the lunches will be collected at the door. We do need you to

sign up so the cooks know how much food to buy.

All residents and renters at the Bluffs may compete every day that week. 2023 Spring Games will be fun and exciting for everyone who chooses to participate. Many volunteers have given their time and experiences to make these games memorable. All the events are easy for anyone to play. There will be advanced signup sheets for all events except pitch & putt, and the lunch time indoor games. (Wii bowling, darts, ring toss, birdie pitch, basketball and possibly a new game or two). (Pitch & Putt and Wii bowling are on Friday only). We know from past experiences you will have a great time.

On Sunday, March 5th, we will hold our **Awards Pot Luck Supper**. The 1st and 2nd place winners will be announced and they will receive their T-Shirts and Iron-on Icons. **(Guests of owners & guests of renters may participate in all**

games except the team events, but will not be eligible for awards).

The Activities

Committee will provide the Chicken and is asking those who attend to bring a side dish, salad or dessert for 10 to share. Please sign up for the lunches and dinner so we know how much food to purchase. When you sign up for the Pot Luck Supper, please indicate what type of dish you will be bringing. Remember the Pot Luck Supper is a **BYO drinks. All meals, 3 lunches and the Pot Luck Supper are open to everyone, not just the games participant, just make sure you sign up if you're going to be eating with us.**

2023 Spring Games will bring back the popular Bluffs of Sebring, hats, visors and shirt sales. More information to be announced when it becomes available.



The Bluffs is such a beautiful place to live, but it is the residents that live behind the gates that make this place such a sparkling gem. We have so much talent and people willing to share and give of themselves. Thanks to all for everything you do to make the Bluffs such a wonderful place to live and play.

Hope to see you all around the clubhouse.

Vi Oliver
Activities Chair

**Don't forget to return
Your proxy for the
February 8th
Board Meeting in
The Clubhouse at
2:00 p.m.**



NEW OWNERS

E-21 Jenny & Eric Garrett
K-26 Raul Ponce & Ouz
Gonzalez
K-24 Raul Ponce & Ouz
Gonzalez
N-26 Belkis & Fernando
Lopez
V-1A Margaret Massina

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Please breakdown all large, cardboard boxes before placing in the dumpster.

Make sure all garbage is properly bagged before putting in the dumpster.

Again, please observe the speed limit....17 MPH.

Please, do not pass someone at the call pad at the front gate...please be patient and wait for the party they are visiting to let them in.

Do not open the gate for someone waiting to get in...it negates our security!

If you see suspicious activity, report it to someone. Notify the Property Manager, Board Member or Police...whichever is appropriate.

Please do not place construction materials, furniture or large items in the dumpster. Use the dumpster closest to your building....they are evenly disbursed for that reason.



EDITORS NOTES

I've always heard that if you don't learn something new everyday, the day is wasted.

I was shocked to learn about America's "Quietest Town". It is a little town called Green Bank, West Virginia and has a population of 143.

Cell phones and wireless devices are banned and their use is potentially prosecutable by law. There is internet, by either dial-up service or Ethernet cable. A few residents confess to having wifi, which does annoy some of the people. Microwave ovens may be used, if they are in a specially built box, which does not allow the microwaves to escape the box!

You see, there is a very powerful telescope in the town called the Robert C. Byrd Green Bank Telescope. It was at that site in 1961 that Frank Drake presented the Drake

Equation, which was developed to provide an estimate of the total number of detectable extraterrestrial civilizations in the Milky Way galaxy.

It was part of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory until September 30, 2016. Since October 1, 2016 it has been operated by the independent Green Bank Observatory

The telescope weighs 17 million pounds, spans about 2 acres wide and is 485 feet in the air. There are several smaller telescopes around it. It is the world's largest steerable radio telescope.

Cell phone use is limited in the National Radio Quiet Zone, which is a 13,000 square mile area that limits radio frequency in the eastern half of West Virginia, parts of Virginia, stretching to the Maryland border. About half of the zone is located in the Blue Ridge Mountains of west-central Virginia and the other half is in the Allegheny Mountains of east-central West Virginia.

A small part of the zone is in the southernmost tip of the Maryland panhandle. I lived in Maryland and West Virginia for most of my life and never knew about this.

Exceptions on the restrictions are determined case by case, with preference given to public safety...such as remote alarm systems, repeaters for emergency services and NOAA Weather Radio.

Researchers are listening to exploding galaxies at the edge of the Universe...it is a signal that is so faint, it's about a billionth of a billionth of a millionth of a watt. This technology is teaching astronomers how the Milky Way was formed and how it is still evolving.

So, this little town is not backwards....further from the truth....it is very advanced in it's astronomy studies and the area was selected for its' small population.

Some people that are sensitive or feel that their illness is caused by electromagnetic

frequencies "electrosensitives" have moved to the area.

It is interesting that when the residents from this area travel outside of the area, they're amazed at peoples' connections to their phones. They actually find it very sad that a device designed to communicate is actually causing people to disconnect from one another!

I guess we're all guilty of this.....as they say, everything in moderation. I honestly don't think I could navigate around Tampa without my phone!

Hopefully, if you've read this article, you've learned something new today. Go out and enjoy looking at the Milky Way and be content in knowing there are people listening to see what's happening!

Happy Valentine's Day!

Bonnie Lennox,
Editor

Weekly Activities

Please check the bulletin board for any last minute changes in the monthly calendar or weekly activities. Activities listed below are subject to change. Sign up in the mailroom.

Bingo	6:45 PM	Mon	Golf (sign up for shotgun)	12:30 PM	Thur
Bridge	(sign up)	Tues	Shuffleboard (sign up)	3:00 PM	Wed
Golf	(sign up)	Tues	Shuffleboard	10:00 AM	Sat
Mahjongg	1:00 PM	M & W	Water Aerobics	10:00 AM	M,W,F
Euchre	(sign up)	Thur	Water Aerobics	2:00PM	MTWTF
Mexican Train	6:00 PM	Wed	Walk Away the Pounds	9:00 AM	MTWTF
Mens Poker	6:00 PM	Wed	Bocce Ball (sign up)	10:00AM	Mon
Pickleball	9:00 AM	Mon	Ladies Poker	6:00 PM	Wed
Sequence	1:30 PM	Thur	Healthy Lifestyles	3:30 PM	Wed
Tennis	9:00 AM	Sat	Sewcial Club	9:30AM	Thur
Men's Billiards	2:00 PM	M & F			

February 2023

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Van Tubbs
- 4 Joyce Folk
- 11 Lynn Kern
- 13 Nancy Holmes
- 13 Liz Krawczyk
- 14 Ernie Chalfant
- 20 Tootie Scharbius
- 21 Bob Schmitt
- 22 Sue Schmitt
- 24 Carol Stabile
- 24 Bill Kurtz
- 27 Bill Hawley



February 2023
Bluffs of Sebring
Activities Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Breakfast at the Bluffs - Bruce Parke chair 8:00 AM
5	6 Activities Mtg 3:00 PM Bingo - 6:45PM Starts at 7:00 PM	7 Koffee Klatch 7:45 AM	8 Board Meeting 2:00 PM	9	10	11
12 Super Bowl Party 6:00 PM hosted by Terry Hargrove & Bruce Parke	13 Bingo - 6:45PM Starts at 7:00 PM	14 Koffee Klatch 7:45 AM	15 Ladies Day Out - Sherrie Cicora host Men's Day Out - Chuck Batchelder host	16	17	18 Valentine's Day Dinner Dance hosted by Dennis & Phyllis Wallace 5:30 PM
19	20 Bingo - 6:45PM Starts at 7:00 PM	21 Koffee Klatch 7:45 AM	22	23	24 Meet & Greet Byo & a snack to share 4:30 PM	25 Readers Theater directed by Margaret Hawley 7:00 PM
26 Torch Walk Around the Lake followed by Pizza Party	27 Bingo - 6:45PM Starts at 7:00 PM	28 Koffee Klatch 7:45 AM	GAMES WEEK			