



Views From the Bluffs

A Senior Community

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are, going into February of 2022 and we are still dealing with COVID and its variances. All residents are reminded they are responsible for their own health. If you are not feeling well, please don't join in group activities. Try to protect yourself and your neighbors.

The staff will be working on

Happy Valentine's Day

various projects about the property during the month. The library is now ready to have the books put back on the shelves. Volunteers will be starting soon. The inside looks great, it is a much needed refreshing of the space. With the recent cold spell, many of our plants will be hit hard. We will need to stay patient to see how many of these plants respond. Many plants will need to be tended to after cold weather has passed for the season.

Broadstar continues to make progress on putting in the new IPTV; progress

has been slower than I had hoped. Conversions and change of any kind are not without their problems and frustrations. February should see much more additional progress. During this conversion we have had TV and internet on a continuing basis, with only limited interruptions of service.

When the phone books where printed, some of the rules were not updated, current rules for the pool are posted in the pool area and a complete set of rules are available at the office or on the website at www.thebluffsofsebring.com. The Bluffs does allow the use of proper pool diapers in the pool for those who need them. The rule I get questioned about is snacks

at the pool; food is food, must be in picnic area. Picnic areas are designated with signage. This is not only our rule, but is in the Florida statute for public pools.

***Ken Moran,
President***



**MESSAGE FROM THE
MANAGER**

Dear Residents;

First, I would like to remind everyone of the upcoming annual membership and board meeting on February 9th, 2022, at 2:00pm. The board meeting will be held in the Clubhouse and via ZOOM.

I also want to remind everyone that owners are responsible for their guests and owners who are renting their unit are

responsible for their tenants and their actions. Please observe the speed limit which is 17 mph and be alert for pedestrians and people riding bikes.

Management is aware of the packages being delivered in the mailroom. FedEx and UPS corporate offices were called to let them know of the issues. They stated they will investigate it. Per Sebring Postmaster USPS will now also be leaving packages in the mail room if the carrier is backed up on schedule.

Symbiont Service Corp. will be here February 1st to service and repair the pool heaters.

A locksmith will be replacing all common area door locks this month (library, gym, clubhouse, etc.). They will be keyed for the same key as they are now. No new key will be needed.

Dennis Wiggins will be leaving our staff this month to move on to new ventures. I would like to thank Dennis for his 5+ years of dedicated service to the community.

I would like to thank staff and the volunteers for their hard work on renovating the library.

A power issue was experienced to the irrigation well system. The electrical issues have been resolved and necessary repairs have been made. Damage occurred to the well motor. A replacement backup motor has been on order for over two months. Due to logistics and material shortages the motor still isn't expected to be delivered for another 4-5 weeks. We will try to repair the damaged motor so it can be used while the new motor is being shipped.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office via phone (863) 382-9393 or via email office6750@aol.com.

***Chad Lancaster,
Manager***



VI'S CORNER



January Friday, 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 08th we had **Breakfast at the Bluffs** hosted by Bill Harr. Everyone had a great breakfast and enjoyed the fellowship.

On Sunday, January 09th 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 Wednesday, January 19th we had **Ladies Day Out** hosted by Sandy Vincenzo at the Olive Garden. Thirty one ladies had a great lunch and enjoyed each other's company.

The same afternoon we had **Men's Day Out** hosted by Bill Harr at Pine Crest Golf Course. The guys had a larger than normal turn out and wonderful lunch together.



On Saturday, January 22nd 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 we always rally together somehow and make this event so successful. Mother Nature was not very kind to us this year, but a lot of us came out for this event in the colder than normal temperatures.



TREASURE SALE FOR 2022

Treasure Sale

Vi Oliver

\$2,000.00

Silent Auction

Dottie Pledger

\$1070.00

Raffle

Brigitte Eberle

\$951.00

Bake Sale

Judi Weaver & Lillie Olivotti

\$283.00

Bluff's Phone Books

Bob & Sue Schmitt

\$257.00

Total for the Treasure Sale

\$4,561.00

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 Friday and Saturday by dozens of people. A heartfelt thanks goes to my co-chair Brigitte Eberle who worked so hard and went with me all year gathering gifts for the Raffle and Silent Auction. Special thanks to my chair persons Dottie Pledger, Bob & Sue

Schmitt, Judi Weaver & Lillie Olivotti. Thank you to everyone that assisted in getting us gift certificates. It takes so many people coming together to make this event so successful. But 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 **Friday, January 28th** we had our monthly Meet N' Greet at **4:30 PM** byo beverage and a snack to share. People got together for cocktails, snacks and conversation.

On **Sunday, January 30th** we had our **Ice Cream Social** hosted by Paul & Judi Weaver. Margaret Hawley and the Bluffers & Bluffettes entertained us with a sing along. A hand full of people running for board seats introduced themselves to the residents and gave a short speech. We had a great turn out on such a cold day.

Just a reminder that the **Needlers**, instructed by Bettie Harper, will meet every **Monday from 1:00PM – 3:00 PM**. Bettie has offered her talent and assistance in knitting, crocheting and sewing. If you would like to learn or need assistance with a project, come on down to the clubhouse.

Our newly renovated library is in the process of being put back together and I am hoping to have it fully operational within the next two weeks. We can't thank you enough for your patience during this process. Stop in anytime and look around.

February Activities

This **Saturday, February 05th at 8:00 am** we will have **Breakfast at the**

Bluffs chaired by Bill Harr. The sign-up sheet is on the walkway. Come join us if you get a chance.

♥**HAPPY Valentine's DAY**♥

This year our **Valentine's Day Dinner Dance** will be held on **Saturday, February 12th at 6:00 PM**. The meal and dessert is delicious and always done with such elegance. Phyllis and Dennis Wallace do a wonderful job hosting this event. This year they will be suppling all the wine and beer for this dinner. They always honor a surprise sweetheart couple for the evening. The signup sheet is on the walkway and tickets can be obtained from Vi Oliver at Bingo, Games night or at Villa 13A.

Ladies Day Out will be held on **Wednesday, February 16th at the Outback Restaurant at 12:00 PM** hosted by Nancy Holmes. The sign-up sheet is on the walkway, so please join us for a great lunch & good conversation.

Men's Day Out will be held the same day and hosted by Bill Kurth . The location

TBD. The sign-up sheet will be on the walkway shortly.

On **Friday, February 25th** 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.



Unfortunately, due to Covid, Readers Theater had to be cancelled this year due to the close proximity of the actors.

Margaret Hawley can't wait to hopefully have the performance next year.



Due to the Covid variant we will not be having the March Spring Games. We feel we will have too many sanitization issues. We anticipate having it return next year.



The Bluffs is such a beautiful place to live, but it's 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*



NEW OWNERS

**Suzanne Fyfe & Wayne
Howe F-24**
**Virginia & Steven Drew
K-6**
**Jackie & James Horton
M-23**

REMINDERS

Please don't go in the mailroom if the mail person is there. Wait until they are finished to retrieve your mail.

Please use the dumpster nearest your building and breakdown boxes before discarding them in the dumpster. Please do not put garbage in the dumpster....bag it first!

Be a good neighbor and observe our 17 mph speed limit, as well as the 25 mph speed limit on Grouper.

EDITORS NOTES

I can't believe it's February already and I can't believe how cold it's been. For you first timers to Florida, this is NOT normal. We normally have a "few" cold days in our winter, but not weeks. It is time for this frosty stuff to leave us and bring our good sunshine back....that's what we're all here for!

I thought I might give you some traditions around the world for Valentine's Day, some expressed they enjoyed reading about the New Year's traditions, so here goes:

Argentina celebrates a week of sweetness. They celebrate "the week of sweetness" in July! It's the day lovers exchange kisses and receive chocolates and other sweets.

France is the Epicenter of Romance. It is believed the first ever Valentine's card originated in France, when Charles, the Duke of Orleans, sent love letters to his wife from prison in 1415. The French village, called "Valentine" turns into the epicenter of

romance between the 12th and 14th of February. The beautiful yards, trees and homes are decorated with love cards, roses and proposals for marriage flakes. It's probably the most beautiful Valentine's day tradition in the world.

South Korea—for a unique set of experience. Romantic couples in South Korea celebrate the day of love on the 14th of each month. Yes, you read that right—the day of roses is celebrated in May, the day of kisses in June, the day of hugs in December and single people celebrate "the black day" in April by eating black noodles. Doesn't sound real appetizing to me!

Philippines—A Gala Event In the Philippines, Valentine's Day is the time when many young couples marry in an event that is sponsored by the government as a form of public service. Among the most amazing Valentine's Day celebrations around the world, this one is a gala event in the country and a special day for young people.

Denmark—A Celebration of Love. It is a new tradition to Denmark. The country celebrates the day of love and romance on the 14th of February with a twist. The day is not limited to roses and chocolates. Friends and lovers exchange handmade cards with pressed white flowers that are called snowdrops.

Miami....a little closer to home, suggests 13 ways to celebrate Valentine's Day. dinner with the dolphins, Jungle Island for Animal lovers, picnic on the beach, romantic restaurant dinner, couple's massage, wine glass painting party, Opera at the Betsy, private cruise on the bay, helicopter tour, romantic stroll at Bill Baggs State Park, Key West day trip, boat ride along downtown Miami or a hot air balloon ride....there you have it, many options!

Many different traditions to choose from....enjoy your special day in whatever way you choose!

*Bonnie Lennox,
Editor*



Dear Friends, you are cordially invited to attend
the elegant and lively Bluffs Valentine Dinner Dance on Saturday,
February 12th, 2022.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres begin at 6:00 p.m.,
with a delicious dinner served at 7:00 p.m. to your table, by
three lovely ladies.

Feast on our fabulous fresh, ripe, chocolate covered strawberries and other
delectable desserts.

Complimentary wine, beer and sodas are provided by your hosts!

Thanks to all that have already signed up; we enthusiastically encourage all
of our Bluffs Sweethearts and Sweet Things to sign up by February 5th!

FEBRUARY 2022 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.

Monday - Friday	9:00 AM	Walk away the Pounds
Mon, Wed & Friday	10:00 AM	Water Aerobics
Monday	10:00 AM	Bocce Ball (sign-up)
Monday & Thursday	1:00 PM	Mahjongg
Monday	1:00 PM	Needlers
Monday - Friday	2:00 PM	Water Aerobics
Monday & Friday	2:00 PM	Mens Billiards
Monday	6:45 PM	Bingo
Tuesday	Tee Times	Ladies Golf (sign-up)
Tuesday	Tee Times	Mens Golf (sign-up)
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Bridge (sign-up)
Wed, Fri & Saturday	10:00 AM	Tennis
Wednesday	3:00 PM	Shuffleboard (sign-up)
Wednesday	3:00 PM	Euchre (sign-up)
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Euchre (sign-up)
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Mexican Train
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Mens Poker
Thursday	Tee Times	Ladies Golf (sign-up)
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Thursday	10:00 AM	Sequence
Thursday	6:00 PM	Ladies Poker
Friday	Tee Times	9 & Dine Golf



BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY 2022

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



February 2022
Bluffs of Sebring
Activities Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Koffee Klatch 7:45 AM	2	3	4	5 Breakfast at the Bluffs - Bill Harr chair 8:00 AM
6	7 Activities Mtg 3:00 PM Bingo - 6:45PM Starts at 7:00 PM	8 Koffee Klatch 7:45 AM	9 Board Meeting 2:00 PM	10	11	12 Valentine's Day Dinner Dance hosted by Dennis & Phyllis Wallace 6:00 PM
13	14 Bingo - 6:45PM Starts at 7:00 PM	15 Koffee Klatch 7:45 AM	16 Ladies Day Out - Nancy Holmes host Men's Day Out - Bill Kurth host	17	18	19
20	21 Bingo - 6:45PM Starts at 7:00 PM	22 Koffee Klatch 7:45 AM	23	24	25 Meet & Greet Byo & a snack to share 4:30 PM	26
27	28 Bingo - 6:45PM Starts at 7:00 PM					