



Views From the Bluffs

A Senior Community

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Happy New Year!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all. We welcome back our winter residents, escaping the cold states. I hope you all enjoy the winter here in central Florida. When you arrive, please register with the office whether you're an owner or renter we need to know who is on property.

Our staff has been busy all year keeping the property in good shape and making improvements, where we can. You may notice we are in the process of restoring the east end of the lake... we are waiting for our vendor, Crosscreek Environmental to complete the lake edge landscaping to cover the geotubes which were installed and filled with material that had washed into the lake. We have also replaced the boat launch area and the putting green. The lower pond area has had some upgrades and the east end corner sitting area should be complete by the end of December.

The Activities Committee has another season of activities and events coming up...be sure to sign up on walkway or in mail room.

If you have any Television issues, please contact BroadStar at 863-658-3484 and be sure to get a ticket number. Once you have that, please let the office know so we may track problems. The office is in contact regularly trying to help resolve issues. If you need internet you may contact BroadStar or Century Link-- both have service here in the Bluffs.

It appears we will have openings on the Board

this year if you would like to serve, please contact the office. Once again, welcome back.

*Ken Moran,
President*



GATE REMINDERS

Don't become impatient and open the gate for someone in front of you because they're having trouble getting in. Help them!

Don't use your opener at the front gate to exit. The exit gate will automatically open when you pull up to it.

The back gate will open automatically also, if you pull up to the white line.

Don't open the gate for a delivery person, i.e., UPS, FedEx, etc., unless you are scheduled to receive a package....they should be calling the person getting the delivery or the office to let them in.

Abiding by these rules will help keep our gated community safer!



MANAGER'S NOTES

As 2018 comes to an end staff is excited to begin the new 2019 year by continuing to strive on keeping the Bluffs of Sebring a great community to live in.

Staff will be getting ready for the upcoming projects including the replacement of Villa 1 roof, the painting of Condo I, moving and straightening of lake walk lights, inspecting and replacing building stairway carpet, mulching of the whole community, working on revamping the landscaping around the back entrance and exit, updating the clubhouse exterior lighting and keeping up with day to day operations.

The community has recently experienced channel outages and interruptions in regards to tv service. If you experience problems please contact BroadStar at (863) 658-348. Report the issue you are experiencing and make sure they provide you with a ticket number. The ticket number will allow the association office to follow up on your issue if it was not resolved. It also helps the office express to BroadStar the amount of problems the community is experiencing with their service by the amount of trouble tickets that are called in. We are currently working with BroadStar to try and get the issues resolved.

As a reminder, the annual meeting will be coming up on February 14, 2019. This is the meeting where board members are elected and appointed. If you would like to run for the board and have any questions please contact the office.

As we approach 2019 please remember your monthly assessment amount has changed and the changes take effect

January 1, 2019. The monthly amount for carports remains the same as last year. If you are on automatic draw with the association your amount will be automatically changed and it will reflect on your bank statement.

On behalf of the whole staff we would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

*Regards,
Chad Lancaster,
Manager*



VI'S CORNER

December Activities

On November 28th we had our annual **Hanging of the Greens** readying us for the

Holiday Season. I know we would all like to thank Penny Holt, Joan Krueger, Bruce Parke and their elves for all their hard work. The decorations this year turned out wonderful. On **November 30th** we had our monthly **Cocktail Party**. It was a great get together that was enjoyed by all.

Our monthly **Breakfast at the Bluffs**, chaired by Ernie Chalfant, on **Saturday, December 01st** was a success. Everyone enjoyed the good food and conversation.

On **Saturday, December 15th** we had our annual **Christmas Dinner Dance**, chaired by Lauri & Terry Hargrove. Music for the evening was provided by Patsy Howard. Lauri and her committee did an outstanding job, not only by serving a fabulous ham dinner with all the trimmings, but also by raising \$925 for charity. \$550 was donated to Change of Pace through the Sam McKissock Fund which assists clients that cannot afford the care and

\$375 was donated to the Avon Park Church Services.

On **Wednesday, December 19th** we had **Ladies Day Out** at the **Outback Restaurant** hosted by Brigitte Eberle. Thirty five of the ladies got together, had a great lunch and enjoyed their time together.

On the same day we had **Men's Day Out** hosted by Ernie Chalfant at the **Don Jose Restaurant**. There was a good turn out and the guys enjoyed their lunch and fellowship.

On **Friday, December 21st** at **4:30 PM** we had our monthly **Cocktail Party**. A good time was had by all.

On **Monday, December 24th** **Christmas Eve** at dusk we had the **lake luminaires** chaired by Ernie Chalfant. The evening weather was perfect, even the wind cooperated and allowed the luminaires to stay lit a good majority of the night. Several of the residents walked the lake and enjoyed the luminaires.



On **Tuesday, December 25th** we had a **Christmas Pot Luck Dinner**. This event was the inspiration of Mary Meyers & Dottie Pledger. Approximately 80 people were in attendance. We got to enjoy good company and great conversation. We had an overabundance of a variety of food. Margaret Hawley and some of the Bluffs Choir were kind enough to lead us in some Christmas carols. We even had a surprise visit from Santa Claus. Everyone enjoyed themselves and it was decided that this will be an annual event.

January Activities

On **Monday, December 31st**, at **8:00 PM** we will have our **New Year's Eve Party** chaired by Margaret and Bill Hawley. The charge is \$12.50 per

person or \$25.00 per couple, payable at the door. We ask you BYO beverage and an appetizer to share. Soda will be provided by Tom McGannon. We always have a great time, so come and join us. The sign-up sheet is on the walkway.

On **Saturday, January 05th** at **8:00 AM** we will have **Breakfast at the Bluffs** hosted by Ernie Chalfant. The sign-up sheet is on the walkway, so please come join us.

On **Sunday, January 06th** at **1:00 PM** we will be doing our **Unhanging of the Greens** taking down all our lovely holiday decorations.

On **Saturday, January 12th** at **5:00 PM** we are having a **Down Home Steak Dinner** chaired by Gale & Bruce Parke. Due to the menu, and the fact we would like everyone to eat hot food at the same time, we are limiting this dinner to 90 people this year. Entertainment for this event will be Wendy & Dennis Jager, also known as Center Stage. This is a band you will not want to miss. Tickets for this

dinner will be \$17.50 per person. This includes the entertainment, wine, beer, steak dinner and all the trimmings. Tickets for this event will go on sale January 02nd and can be purchased individually or by a reserved table of eight. If you cannot make the dinner, but would like to enjoy the dance. You can come at 7:15 PM. Tickets will need to be pre-purchased for \$5.00 per person. This will include the entertainment, wine, & beer...until we reach the clubhouse capacity of 125 people.

On **Wednesday, January 16th** we will be having **Ladies Day Out** hosted by Ella May Kuykendall at **DiMitri's Family Restaurant at 12:00 PM**. The same afternoon is **Men's Day Out** hosted by Dave Scharbius. Time & location TBD. Sign-up sheets will be on the walkway shortly.

On **Friday, January 18th** we are having our **Treasure Sale Donations** dropped off at the Clubhouse starting at 9:00 AM. This is the Activity Committee's largest fund raiser. The revenue we generate from

the Treasure Sale assists us in updating and replacing various equipment and supplies to maintain and/or add to the already existing amenities and events we do yearly. So please keep us in mind if you have something to donate, we would appreciate anything you have to give us, with the exception of clothing. Tables will be set up by the clubhouse sliding doors for donations. We are requesting that everyone, other than the workers refrain from coming into the clubhouse on Friday, so that we can take in all the donations, get them set up, priced and ready for your sale on Saturday. There is a lot of work that needs to be done in a very short time period. We so appreciate your patience. In fairness of equality to all, there will be no preselling of any merchandise. If you need assistance with getting your donation to the clubhouse, arrangements can be made to pick up your donation. Please contact John Upchurch 863-385-2928 or Gale Parke at 604-655-7273.

On Saturday, January 19th at 9:00 AM the Treasure Sale will be open to all residents to come in browse, shop and purchase all your new treasures. We already have some very lovely pieces and quality merchandise donated. So please mark your calendars to make sure you don't miss out. Besides the Treasure sale, there will be baked goods for sale, silent auction merchandise, and gifts to be raffled off. **Lunch will be served at 12:00 PM,** followed by the announcements of the raffle & silent auction winners. We look forward to seeing everyone there. Watch the walkway for details and sign-up sheets.

On Friday, January 25th we will have a cocktail party at **4:30 PM..**byo beverage and a snack to share.

On Sunday, January 27th we are having our **Ice Cream Social** hosted by Paul & Judi Weaver. Come on down and share some dessert and fun. Watch for details and the sign-up sheet on the walkway.

Tickets are now being sold for the **Super Bowl Party**

on February 03rd hosted by Jim & Alyce Jean Cole. If you have already signed up you will need to purchase your tickets and pick your square by January 15th. Margaret Hawley is selling the tickets for \$25.00 each.

This past month we started a friendly **Ladies Poker Game**. We welcome first time players. If you have an interest to learn and play come on down to the clubhouse on **Thursday nights at 7:00 PM** and meet some of your neighbors and have some fun. All you need to bring is \$5.00 in nickels, 2 quarters and a deck of cards.

We are also playing and teaching **Mahjong** in the clubhouse. We play every **Monday & Friday at 1:00 PM**. If you would like to learn and play come on down. We would love your company.

We hope everyone had a blessed and Merry Christmas and we wish you all have a Happy & Healthy 2019.

Thanks to all for everything you do to make the Bluffs

such a wonderful place to live and play.

Vi Oliver, Activities Chair



NEW OWNERS

Milan & Lorraine Dexter V2B

EDITORS NOTES

A big thanks to all that contributed to the Rudolph Round Up...it was a great success again this year and such a good feeling knowing that we are helping some children that would otherwise not have a Christmas. We got monetary donations, baby dolls, trucks, games, puzzles, clothes, p.j.'s and even Mermaid blankets. One Hope United was very, very pleased and I thank you for being generous!

I would like to help the new owners and/or renters with some medical advice. If you are a "snowbird" and choose not to have a local doctor, there is a fairly new Urgent

Care facility...Care Now, which is located at 4421 Sun 'N Lake Boulevard....it is an extension of our Advent Health (formerly Florida) Hospital. The phone number is 863-382-9600 and you can schedule an appointment or walk-in. They treat ages 5 and up, so if grandchildren are visiting, keep this in mind. The hours of operation are Monday thru Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. They will be open on New Year's Eve 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and New Year's Day 9:00 a.m. until Noon.

The hospital is at capacity most of the time in the winter and unless it is a critical problem, your best choice is Care Now...it could be a very long wait at the ER.

We have some excellent theatres here...Highlands Little Theatre showcases local talent....and there is a lot of it. It is a small venue but they have some very good programs and shows. The Wildstein Center for the Performing Arts is at South Florida State College and has great shows....go online to check their schedule. They have shows that are more national and many names that you would recognize. The Circle Theatre has some shows that are mostly all local, but they do not have a set schedule....they are downtown on the circle and you can watch the newspaper for events going on there.

Please when you park in the clubhouse parking lot you make sure you're all the way up to the stop. Many people are leaving the back end of their cars/trucks sticking out in the road and this creates a hazard...for people going out (it is a curve there) and also for people backing out across from you. If the space is not deep enough, please park across the road facing the adjacent neighborhood. Please use caution when backing up, watching both for pedestrians and vehicles.

We hope you enjoy your winter here....stay safe on the highways and have a healthy, happy New Year!

Most of all, enjoy the beautiful Florida sunshine!

*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 Mail Room.

Bridge (sign-up)	7:00 PM	Tues	Golf(sign up for shotgun)	12:30 PM	Thur
Mexican Train	6:30 PM	Wed	Men's Billards	2:00 PM	M & F
Euchre (sign-up)	7:00 PM	Wed	Tennis	8:30 AM	Thur & Sat
Men's Poker	7:00 PM	Wed	Water Aerobics	10:00 AM	M,W,F
Golf (sign up)	Tee Times	Tues	Shuffleboard (sign up)	3:00 PM	Wed
Bingo	7:00 PM	Mon	Water Aerobics	2:00 PM	M,T,W,T,F
Table Tennis	7:00 PM	Wed	Walk away the Pounds	9:00 AM	M,T,W,T,F
Mahjong	1:00 PM	M & W	Ladies Poker	7:00 PM	Thur



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- 4 Larry Norris
- 6 Jo Thompson
- 7 Darlene Sites
- 8 Ron Sites
- 9 Linus Maxcy
- 10 Linda Humphrey
- 12 Marge Knabel
- 14 Milan Dexter
- 15 Ken Corzine
- 21 Geri Meier
- 22 Rosemary Cochrane
- 23 Roger King
- 25 Millie Schrader
- 26 Annette Tobin
- 29 Julia Ramer
- 31 Carol Frankwick
- 31 Gary Holte
- 31 Ruby Hovey

12 Fred & Liz Krawczyk 1974

If your birthday/anniversary is incorrect or if you would like to have your birthday/anniversary included or deleted from the monthly calendar please contact Ella May Kuykendall – Villa 7A@ 385-4654 or ella_may2@yahoo.com

If you see any suspicious person(s) or activity in the Bluffs. Call 911 (emergency) or call 402-7200 (Sheriff's Office non-emergency)

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Bluffs of Sebring



Activities Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 No Koffee due to Holiday	2	3	4	5 Breakfast at the Bluffs - Ernie Chalfant chair 8:00 AM
6 Unhanging of the Greens 1:00 PM	7 Activities Meeting 3:00 PM Bingo 7:00 PM	8 Koffee - Nancy Holmes host	9 Board Meeting 2:00 PM	10	11 Rules Committee 10:00 AM	12 Down Home Steak Dinner 5:30 PM Bruce & Gale Parke chairs
13	14 Bingo 7:00PM	15 Koffee - Linda & Bruce Otterberg hosts	16 Ladies Day Out - Ella May Kuykendall host Men's Day Out - Dave Scharbius host	17	18 Donations dropped off to Clubhouse 9:00 AM - 2:00PM	19 Treasure Sale chaired by John Upchurch 9:00 AM Lunch 12:00PM
20	21 Bingo 7:00 PM	22 Koffee - Connie & John Upchurch hosts	23	24	25 Cocktail Party - byo and a snack to share 4:30 PM	26
27 Ice Cream Social - Judi & Paul Weaver chairs	28 Bingo 7:00 PM	28 Koffee- Peggy & Bob Carpenter hosts	29	30	31	