



Views From the Bluffs

A Senior Community

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March is over already and April 2023 is here. This month we will say goodbye to many of our seasonal friends and neighbors. When you are making your plans, be sure to review the Bluffs closing instructions for the summer. I would like all to pay close attention and to be sure you turn off your water at



the outside valve for your unit. The other item is to be sure you leave your A/C on to control the humidity level in your units. This can be done with the thermostat set no higher than 77 degrees Fahrenheit or by a humidistat set no higher than 55 percent. Both of these sensors can be off by a few points so be aware. If your unit is on the first floor you may wish to also consider a dehumidifier set at 50 percent and set on the kitchen counter so it will drain in to the kitchen sink.

I encourage each unit owner to have someone check on the unit while you're away, anything can happen when you're not here. With all that said, I hope all have a safe summer no matter where life takes you.

***Ken Moran,
President***





MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER

Dear Residents,

The months of March and April is the time we see a lot of our residents return North. We hope everyone has safe travels.

I would like to remind everyone to please set their a/c properly to help keep the humidity down and to turn off the breaker to major appliances. The main water shut off valve, located on the exterior of the buildings on the walkways, should also be turned off. A "how to close up your unit" info sheet is available on the website and printed copies are available in the office.

If your mailing address, phone number, etc. has changed, please inform the

office. This will help the office get in contact with you in case of an emergency. Also, please notify the office if you are leaving for an extended period, as this also helps

the office keep track of who is in residence in case of emergencies.

Reminder to please use your own parking spot or driveway first and not a visitor's spot. If you own more than one vehicle then a visitor's spot can be occupied, on a first come first serve basis. Some buildings have very limited parking space for guests.

Please remember that grills are to be stored and covered after use, once cooled down. Grills cannot be stored under carports or building walkways. Walkways and entryways are not to be cluttered or obstructed. Bikes are not to be stored on landings or entryways.

Thank you,

*Chad Lancaster,
Manager*

VI'S CORNER



**Vi Oliver,
Activities Chair**

March Activities



March was an extremely busy month and we tried to squeeze a lot of activities into 31 days.

Spring Games began on

February 27th and ran thru March 03rd. We had great participation this year and lots of fun. It started with the Torch Walk around Lake Mary Jane. Followed immediately by our full house Pizza Party.

As always we had an extremely busy week of games, great lunches on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and fun. A special thank you to our lunch chairs and chairs of all the games.

Just a few of our winners this year:



First place winners of Shuffleboard were Brooks Bolte & Kathy Dorn.



Ladies Billiards winners

were Phyllis Wallace and Jo Thompson.



Harold Moore and Eric Garrett came in first place in Men's Table Tennis.

On March 04th we had **Breakfast at the Bluffs** chaired by Bruce Parke. The breakfast was delicious and very well attended. This was followed by a full house on **Sunday, March 05th** attending our **Awards Pot Luck Supper**. The community embraced this event and everyone had a great time. Dave & Annette Tobin and Dave & Tootie Scharbius put a lot of work into this event.



Our new event this year was Corn Hole, which was wonderfully received. First place winners were Jim Becker and Gary Brown & Second place winners were

Dave Tobin and Bruce McGimpsey.

Once again, they are looking to expand the games for next year. It takes so many people giving of their time and labor to make this so successful. Thanks to everyone assisting in the Spring Games for making it such an enjoyable event. Please remember the whole point of games week is to get together and have fun, enjoying ourselves and meeting new people. There are games that everyone can play.



On Wednesday, March 10th we had our Bye Bye, Rib fest **Dinner Dance** hosted by Gale & Bruce Parke (our Master Grill Chef). We had a great meal, wonderful entertainment and a night of dancing. A fun time was had by all.



On **Wednesday, March 15th** we had a **Ladies Day In** and our **first Tour of the Tables**. Lynne Hansen served a delicious lunch and so many of the ladies got into the spirit of things and decorated their theme tables. Everyone enjoyed the different tables, the pleasant lunch and great get together.

On the same day we have **Men's Day Out** hosted by Chuck Batchelder at Bufalucca's. The guys enjoyed themselves, however we kidnapped a few of them to assist us in the ladies lunch, so thank you guys.



On **Friday, March 17th** we celebrated **St. Patrick's Day** hosted by Wanda Reeves.

A full course sit down corned beef and cabbage dinner was served, followed by dessert of vanilla ice cream, crème de menthe topped with a chocolate mint cookie. Great meal and great time.

On **Tuesday, March 21st** the ladies had their **End of Season Golf Party**. They celebrated and toasted with margaritas.

On **Thursday, March 23rd** we had **Travel Talk** hosted by Linda and Craig Sherman. It was well attended and very informative.

On **Friday, March 24th** we had our monthly **Meet N' Greet**. We seem to be getting larger attendance and it's a wonderful way to meet new people.

On **Tuesday, March 28th** the men had their **End of Golf Season Pizza Party**. It was well attended and a lot of fun.

April Activities



On **Saturday, April 01st** at **8:00 AM** we will have our last **Breakfast at the Bluffs** until next fall. Bruce Parke and the guys serve a delicious breakfast. The sign-up sheet is on the walkway. Tickets can be purchased from Vi Oliver.



On **Sunday, April 09th** we will be celebrating **Easter** with a **Pot Luck Dinner**. There is no charge for this event. We will be posting a sign-up sheet on the walkway and just ask you bring a dish to pass to feed 10 people. I will be looking for volunteers to assist in setup, clean up and kitchen duties. If you are interested, please put your name down on the top of the sign-up sheet where indicated. So, if you are not doing anything special, we would be honored if you would join us as we all

gather together for some holiday fun. A basket will be passed at dinner for anyone wishing to donate to the Avon Park Church Services that serve the less fortunate in our area.

On **Saturday, April 15th** at **5:30 PM** we will be having a **Tax Soup Supper**. Did you ever think about this when preparing for tax season?

When you spell out "THE IRS," it looks a lot like "THEIRS."



Well, if you are tax poor, the tax soup supper is for you. The signup sheet will be on the walkway shortly. We are asking you either bring a soup for 10 to share or a dessert to share. Please indicate which on the signup sheet. A \$3.00 donation will be asked for at the door to cover beverages etc.

On **Wednesday, April 19th** we are having **Ladies Day Out** hosted by Ann Becker. The location TBD and the sign-up sheet will be on the walkway shortly.

The same day we are having **Men's Day Out** hosted by Dave Tobin. The location TBD. The sign-up sheet will be on the walkway shortly.

On **Friday, April 28th** at **4:30 PM** we will have our monthly **Meet N'Greet**. It's BYO and a snack to share. Come on down and join us.

In January 2023 an exciting new group, led by Wanda Reeves, started meeting every Wednesday at 3:30 PM in the clubhouse. The Healthy Lifestyles is growing in popularity and everyone is welcome to join us.

The group's initial focus has been weight loss/management based on participants wishes. Each week we've focused on a related health habit – setting goals, tracking food intake, sleep, exercise and stress. Members also share recipes and support. A weekly weigh-in is done to measure the group's progress and in 9 weeks we've lost 107 pounds.

On April 12th, we will have a guest speaker, Chris

Peragine, to discuss "Gut Health". He is the owner of Innovative Fitness Studio. If you have a health topic that you would like discussed, please drop by and let us know.

A few years ago, after much discussion with the community residents, the Activities Committee decided to turn one of our tennis courts into a pickle ball court. Well, I am glad to say that I feel we made the right decision.



Pickle ball interest is growing at the Bluffs. Two new nets and a growing community interest has hit our community. We play Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 am – 11 am. Your skill level doesn't matter, just come out and play. If you need assistance, just ask and we will get you someone to instruct you.



Also, corn hole is now permanently here. We have two corn hole stations set up near the Bocce Ball court. The bean bags are in the proshop/ Equipment room located near the Shuffleboard courts. Give corn hole a "TOSS" folks and enjoy.

Many of our neighbors and friends are in the process of leaving the Bluff's and heading north, more will be leaving in the next few weeks. Keep safe, stay healthy and enjoy your summer until you return again to us in the fall.

If you need me for anything, I can be reached at:

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*Vi Oliver,
Activities Chair*



NEW OWNERS

F-26 Christopher Day

EDITORS NOTES

It is a bittersweet time of the year, for sure! Our winter friends will be returning to their northern homes and we will say "farewell" to them until they return next year.

I urge you to take Chad and Ken's heed and grab an instruction sheet to close your unit. One missed item could result in a very expensive fix for both you and the Bluff's. Water is a very costly repair and does extensive damage. Also, no food in the fridge and freezer....loss of electricity could mean replacing a very expensive appliance. Donate to a neighbor that is here year round if you have to discard some items.

Maybe by the time you return next season, we will have a Culver's, Chick-fil-A and for sure, a new car wash! I've also heard rumblings about a Chipolte Mexican Grill, but I believe that is just speculation.

It is exciting that Mr. Blackmon is starting work on Harder Hall, the Pink Lady has been in distress for 30 years and I've been saying for 28 years that I hope I live long enough to see her restored..so happy that that may just happen! He has some exciting ideas for Sebring and I hope he can see them to fruition!

Lastly, I would like to thank Chad Lancaster for all of his many hours and talent that he has provided to The Bluff's. I doubt that he will still be here when the next Newsletter is done, so I feel the need to let him know how much we have appreciated his tenacity in seeing us through the hurricanes and hail storm. **Thank you Chad and good luck to you in the future!**

*Bonnie Lennox,
Editor*

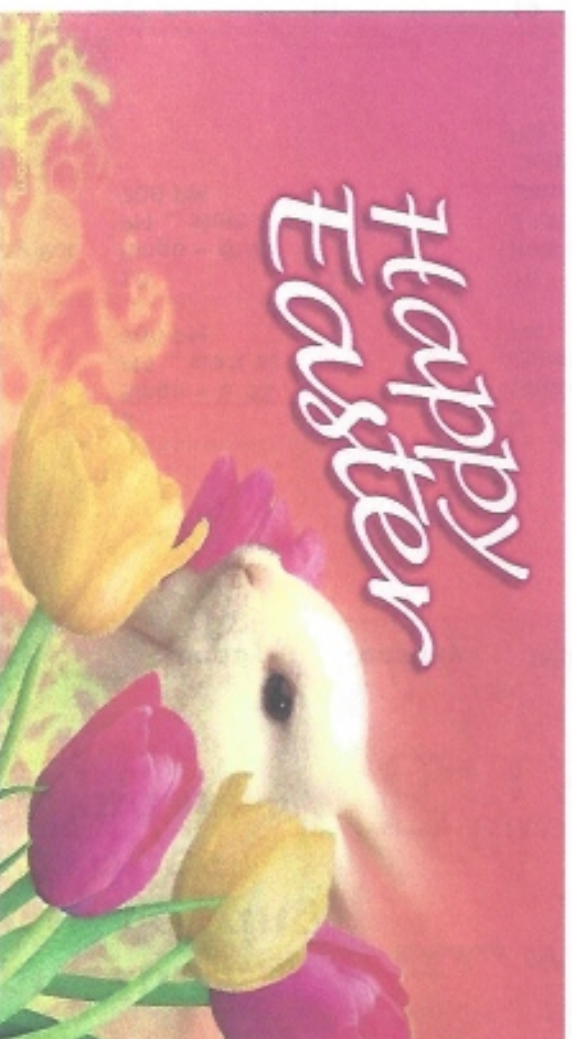
APRIL 2023

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Joyce Sowards
- 10 Sandy Miller
- 12 Dyane Marks
- 14 Dan Hogan
- 14 Thomas (Dusty) Abreu
- 18 Jeri Thompson
- 19 Marilyn Thompson
- 20 Bettie Harper
- 20 Susan Love
- 22 Yvette Scholl
- 23 Mike Stifler
- 23 Joretta Knox
- 23 Polly Duden
- 24 Brigitte Eberle
- 24 Gale-Hanson Parke
- 24 Kathy Radcliffe
- 26 Chuck Batchelder
- 29 Keith Addis

ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1 Van & Pat Tubbs | 1972 |
| 2 Horst & Brigitte Eberle | 1960 |
| 15 Al & Betty Kleiza | 1978 |
| 17 John & Carol Graham | 1982 |
| 22 Dave & Annette Tobin | 2006 |
| 24 Bruce & Gale Parke | 2006 |



April 2023 Bluffs of Sebring Activities Calendar

*May your
Easter basket be full of
Joy, Happiness & Peace
Today & Always!*

Happy Easter

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Breakfast at the Bluffs Bruce Parke chair 8:00 AM
2	3 Bingo - 6:45 PM ... start at 700 PM	4	5 Games Night at Clubhouse 6:00 PM	6	7	8
9 Easter Sunday Pot Luck Supper 2:00 PM 	10 Bingo - 6:45 PM ... start at 700 PM	11	12 Board Meeting 2:00 PM Games Night at Clubhouse 6:00 PM	13	14	15 Tax Soup Supper Joan Krueger chair
16	17 Bingo - 6:45 PM ... start at 700 PM	18	19 Ladies Day Out - host Ann Becker Men's Day Out - host Dave Tobin Games Night at Clubhouse 6:00 PM	20	21	22
23	24 Bingo - 6:45 PM ... start at 700 PM	25	26 Games Night at Clubhouse 6:00 PM	27	28 Meet N' Greet 4:30 PM byo & a snack to share	29
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