



## Views From the Bluffs

A Senior Community

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to February here at the Bluffs, let's hope the weather improves a little for the rest of the winter.

Last month I talked about the lake and how it came about. This month let's talk about some of our other systems. To start, we will look at our water systems here on property. We have

happy  
Valentine's  
day

two totally separate water systems--one is for drinking and the other is for irrigation of the property. Our drinking water is supplied by the city of Avon Park and has been for the last number of years. Avon Park has been a very reliable supplier, even through our major storms. Avon Parks water pumps have backup generators in case of power interruption caused by the storms, so pressure is maintained. The Bluffs is responsible for all water lines on property.

Our staff makes most repairs of the system in the ground or the pipes in the wall. If you suffer a water leak, please shut off the water and contact the office so a determination can be made of the source of the problem and who should do the repair. If the leak is determined to be from a valve or appliance not in the wall, the unit owner will need to contract with a licensed plumber to do the repair.

The second system is our irrigation system. This system is totally separate from the city water and not inter-connected in any way. The well and pump is in the shop yard. When the irrigation system was

installed, it was just to maintain grass and shrubs during the dry season. If you are someone who plants flowers in the ground or planters, be prepared to keep them watered, if needed. All the zones are large and run for a set time. Multiple zones must be run at once to keep the pressure balanced. If you see an area that is drying out, please put in a work order so the problem can be looked at.

The last system is our sanitary system. The Bluffs owns and must maintain all of the underground sanitary lines on the property. The system also has two lift stations which must be maintained, along with their backup generators. The first lift station is for the clubhouse area. The second one is the main station which pumps our waste water to the treatment plant east of us. Please **do not place any grease** down your drains. The second major problem is **wipes**--do not place any in the system, they do not break down and can clog a

pump and burn up a motor. TP only please! With that, I will say good day!

### *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 14th at 2:00 PM in the clubhouse.

The speed limit around the facility is 17 mph and

please be cautious of walkers and bicyclists. Also, I believe it would be a good idea if you walk or ride your bike around the complex to carry some form of identification with you for your safety.

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.

The staff is continuing to pressure wash the carports and walkways around the facility. They are also completing installations of plants and repairing small irrigation lines.

I would also like to inform everyone that there is a new face in the front office. Please welcome Winnie Salmon to the Bluffs of Sebring, as she is our new receptionist.

*Mariah Emilio,  
Manager*

## WANDA'S WORLD



### January Wrap-Up

#### Western Party - BIG

THANKS goes to Bruce and Gale Parke for a sold-out crowd and music by one of Highlands County's great bands. (George Durham and Company)

**Ladies Day** – Thank you June Kinney, the ladies loved the Caddy Shack luncheon.

**Men's Day** – Thank you Bill Muckler!

**Treasure Sale** – The sale on the 20<sup>th</sup> was a big success, chaired by Vi Oliver.

-Baked Goods were organized by Marlys Geiss and Susie Huffer

-Silent Auction was hosted by Dottie Pledger

-Raffle was conducted by Brigett Eberle

A big thank you to this wonderful community for pickup, hauling, moving, and pricing over two long days and a lot of hard work.

**THANK YOU!** Lots of great treasures and a lot of junk. We all had fun looking for the one item that had to go home with us!

Treasure \$1,672.45

Raffle \$765.00

Silent Auction \$1,099.00

Baked Goods \$300.00

**Tour of Homes** – Our 1<sup>st</sup> ever "Tour of Homes" was chaired by Jackie Ross & Renae Marten on January 27<sup>th</sup>. A total of 12 homes were on the tour and after all were seen we served great wine from Milan and Lorraine Dexter's son, David. The wine was from his winery in Southern California. Thank you to the Dexter's!

**Ice Cream Social** – The month ended with the Ice Cream Social, hosted by Steve and Ginny Drew. It was a great opportunity to

meet the candidates for the new board. Thank you!

### February Happenings

**Men's Breakfast** – Start the month off right with a hearty breakfast on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The "Breakfast at the Bluffs" will be chaired by Bruce Parke.

**Koffee Klache** – Koffee will be moving back to Mondays at 9 am starting February 5<sup>th</sup> and the cost is \$1. The definition of "Koffee Klache" is a social gathering at which coffee is served. Snacks are welcomed, but an elaborate breakfast is not required. On February 12<sup>th</sup> we have a guest speaker from the Sherriff's Department, Town Hall format. On February 19<sup>th</sup> we have a guest speaker from the Avon Park Historical Society.

**Super Bowl** – February 11<sup>th</sup>, Chaired by Bob Carpenter. BYOB and a snack to share! Doors Open 5:30, the cost is \$5 for Bob's Wings, pay at the door.



**Valentine's Dinner** – The dinner on the 14<sup>th</sup> is Chaired by Phyllis Wallace and Lynn Hanson. Remember to sign up and purchase tickets. Doors will open at 6:00 pm.

**Family Day** – This event is chaired by Lynn Kern and will be on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Please see the separate write-up in the newsletter.

**Ladies Day Out** – This event is on the 21<sup>st</sup>, chaired by Sonya Mingin. More info to follow.

**Men's Day In** – Our first ever Men's Appreciation luncheon will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup>. This event is chaired by Lynn Hanson and Wanda Reeves. Sign-up and purchase tickets for \$15 each, more info to follow.

**Meet and Greet** – This event is hosted by Bob and

Peggy Carpenter on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. This has become very popular to see and meet all your friends.

**"Reunited"** – Margaret Hawley and her cast will entertain us with a play on the 24<sup>th</sup>, all actors and actresses are from the Bluffs. Please come out and support them. The cost is \$5. Dessert will be served.

#### **Save the Date**

**Sports Weeks** – March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, be on the lookout for details in the Passageway.

**St. Patrick's Day** – March 17<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow.



**Tour of Tables** – March 20<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to decorate or need more information, please contact Wanda Reeves.

There is an Activities

schedule attached to this newsletter, outlining who is in charge of each activity. Please detach and keep this sheet. If you have a question regarding an activity, please contact the person in charge.

### ***Wanda Reeves, Activities Chair***



#### **FAMILY DAY**

On Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm we are having a "We are Family Dinner" chaired by Lynn Kern. This is an event for all of us Americans to recognize our dedicated Canadians for everything they do to help around the community. (In most provinces of Canada, the third Monday in February is observed as a regional statutory holiday, typically known in general as "Family Day") Monday

here in the Bluffs is bingo, so this event will be hosted on a Sunday.

The very popular Sebring band, "Calico" will provide the musical entertainment.

More details to follow...Thank you!

Lynn Kern



### 2024 Spring Games

The Bluffs annual **Spring Games will be Sunday March 3, 2024 through Sunday March 10, 2024.** The **Opening Ceremonies and "The Torch Light Walk"** around Lake Mary Jane will be back for the sixth year. It will be on Sunday, March 3rd 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 February).**

Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 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. (Mon. Wed. & Fri.) 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 as "take out lunches" on the signup 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. 2024 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. (Will bowling, darts, ring toss, birdie pitch, basketball and possibly a new game or 2). (Pitch & Putt and Will bowling are on Friday only). We know from past experiences you will have a great time.

On Sunday, March 10th, 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 & 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.**

More information to be announced when it becomes available.

David & Annette Tobin –  
Chairs  
608-334-9878 David  
608-658-7981 Annette

### **HELPING HANDS VOLUNTEER GROUP**

The Lines and Numbers  
Paint TEAM (Together

Everyone (Accomplishes  
More) has been very busy during the month with their rollers, brushes and spray cans. The objective – was to paint the parking lot lines, parking blocks and re-stencil the numbers associated with the spaces.

Approximately 50 gallons of Traffic Yellow paint has been applied to the lines, spaces and clothing! As of this writing, the yellow lines on the north and south sides of the Bluffs are complete, as well as the Clubhouse area, thus the goal has been achieved!

Hooray and congratulations for the team! There will be some touch up painting required and stenciling will soon be completed for the spaces overall. The Villas can be stenciled, once the new addresses are assigned by the Postal Service. The painting of the center road line is next up on the list and the method is under discussion. So more to come on that later. I also want to take a moment to recognize, personally thank

and congratulate the Line and Numbers paint team/crew for a job well done! They are listed below:

Chris Brown  
Denise Beigbeder  
Mike Brady  
Teresa Moore  
Tom Orchard  
Ron Sites

I also want to recognize the support from the local Bluffs maintenance team, Dennis, Jack and Mariah in providing materials.

Regards,  
J.P. Athey – Paint Leader



### **NEW OWNERS**

Annette Docteur F-2  
Diane Marten F-5

### **EDITORS NOTE**

Happy Valentine's Day!

## Activities Committee Community Volunteers

Effective 1 February 2024

Chairperson - Wanda Reeves (270) 300-8415    Board Liaison - TBD

Secretary - Debbie Brown (231) 330-0165    Treasurer - Paula Paull (863) 835-1303, Gen Dunkle

VOTING MEMBERS - Debbie Brown, Paula Paull, Annette Tobin, Gen Dunkle, Bruce McGimpsey, Peggy Carpenter (Chairperson will break all ties)

	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Winter</u>
Afternoon water aerobics	Teresa DeSautels	Peggy Carpenter
Anniversary/Birthday	Wanda Reeves	Wanda Reeves
Audio Book/DVD	Bob Carpenter	Bob Carpenter
Audio Equipment	Debbie Brown	Bob Carpenter
Bible Study	Dell Kinney	Dell Kinney
Billiards	Open	Jim Hurley
Bingo	Debbie Brown	Debbie Brown
Bocce Ball	Bob Carpenter	Bob Carpenter
Bridge (Cards)	Mary Myers	Barb Kraus
Calendar	Wanda Reeves	Wanda Reeves
Chair Yoga	Paula Ryan	Paula Ryan
Cornhole	Open	
Euchre	Vi Oliver	Vi Oliver
Front Entrance Board	Cathy Cascario	Cathy Casario
Healthy Lifestyle	Susan Watts	Susan Watts
History Book	Peggy Carpenter	Peggy Carpenter
Horseshoes	Open	
Kitchen supplies	Wanda Reeves	Lauri Hargrove
Koffee Klatch	Open	
Ladies Golf	Dottie Pledger	Geraldine Fabb
Library	Patricia Fournier	Jackie Ross
Mahjonn	Debbie Brown	Joan Krueger
Men's Breakfast	Open	Bruce Parke
Men's Golf	Ernie Chalfant	Ernie Chalfant
Men's Poker	Bob Carpenter	Bob Carpenter
Mexican Train	Tracy Hamilton	Tracy Hamilton
Morning water aerobics	Roger King	Roger King
Needlers/sewing	Lauri Hargrove	Lauri Hargrove
Newsletter	Bonnie Lennox	Bonnie Lennox
Pantry	Gen Dunkle	Gen Dunkle
Pickleball	Sharon Collins	Sharon Collins
Puzzles	Paula Ryan	Paula Ryan
Sequence	Open	Lynn Ken
Shuffleboard	Bruce McGimpsey	Lynn Kern
Sunshine Lady	Open	
Tennis	Millie Schrader	Miller Schrader
Walk-a-way the LBS	Paula Ryan	Paula Ryan
Welcome Wagon	Bruce McGimpsey	Peggy Carpenter
Women's Poker	Jeanne Grady	Jeanne Grady

# February

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Bluffs of Sebring

## Birthdays

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

(If we are missing a birthday, please text or call Wanda Reeves at 270 300 8415)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM
4	5 Koffee Klache 9:00 AM \$1	6	7	8	9	10
11 Super Bowl Party 5:30 PM \$5	12 Koffee Klache 9:00 AM \$1 Guest Speaker	13	14 Valentine's Day Dinner Sign-Up	15	16	17
18 Family Day (See Write-up)	19 Koffee Klache 9:00 AM \$1 Guest Speaker	20	21 Ladies Day Out Men's Day In Sign-Up	22	23 Meet and Greet Bring a snack to share 4:30 PM	24 "Reunited" The Play Dessert will be served \$5
25	26	27	28	29		
	Bingo Every Monday  Starts at 7:00 PM		Game Night at Clubhouse every Wednesday  6:00 PM			