



Views From the Bluffs

A Senior Community

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year 2020 and with the stroke of midnight we start a new decade. It has been twenty years since that stroke ushered in a new century. Twenty years

since all the commotion around Y2K and all the computers are going to stop working at that stroke. Companies all over, having teams in to check to ensure all was well. But life went on, with barely a skipped beat.

Our management has been working on prioritizing projects for the coming year to get tentative start dates to properly use staff time and to ensure that required preventive

maintenance is taken care of. The Staffs' time must be budgeted so they can reasonably accomplish all the required tasks over the next twelve months. The schedule must be flexible enough to accommodate those emergencies that do come up over the course of the year.

This year we should see the start of construction of the doctors building on the lot out front--only time will tell how much

disruption this construction will cause our residents. I'm sure the back gate will get an even heavier work out to stay away from the construction. All the new components have been installed for the front gates and appear to be functioning very well. If you experience any problems, please inform the office so management can be made aware. Management is staying on top of the pool heaters situation--work should only take two or three days once we can get proper permits from the county.

I hope the New Year brings you peace and joy to your heart.

*Ken Moran,
President*



GATE REMINDERS

Don't become impatient if someone in front of you is having trouble getting in. Help them! Don't just open the gate...find out who they're here to see and see if you can assist them in calling. If they're not answering, ask them to check back later.

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 driver, 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.

Please don't tail gate someone through...the arm works pretty quickly!

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



MANAGER'S NOTES

Another year has come and gone. I hope everyone had a great holiday season.

This past year Staff has completed 896 work orders building painting and other maintenance around the community. A new gate system was installed on the front entrance.

The upcoming year projects include painting of the tennis court, installing edging on the upper pond, replacing fascia on Villa 3, installation of new metal roof on Villa 3, moving another section

of lake lights, painting Villa 3, installing carpet on the right side of B building, painting the fascia on carports, painting of A building, pressure washing of parking spaces and sidewalks, replacement of I building carpet, renovation of the back gate landscaping and community wide fertilization. Dead hedges will be removed out of the perimeter hedge and entrance way. These are just some of the major projects that will take place in 2020. The community website will be updated with new pictures, community directory, 2019 year-end information and new information for 2020: Please remember to pay attention to the upcoming board meetings and the board election meeting in February.

As we are in the busiest time in the community,

please keep in mind the speed limit is 17mph. Please be aware of residents walking and riding bikes.

Staff is looking forward to a great year in 2020.

*Regards,
Chad Lancaster,
Manager*

**A Special Message
from BroadStar**



Coming in January
2020!!!

We are pleased to announce 2 free upgrades for the residents of The Bluffs at Sebring.

Video Upgrade

On January 21, 2020 we will be adding 10 channels to the bulk offering. New channels will include SYFY, Hallmark

Movies, Paramount, and Bloomberg TV. A full list of channels will be sent via email and also placed on your door prior to the 21st.

We have tried to minimize the number of channel changes but a few of your favorite channels may have moved. On the morning of the 21st it will be necessary for you to scan your television to pull in the new channel lineup. Older televisions and a few models of newer televisions may have trouble pulling in the new lineup. We will have technicians and a BroadStar account manager at the property to assist with distribution and

installation of digital converters if needed.

Internet Upgrade

We will also be increasing the speed of your internet from 25 Mbps to 100 Mbps. This will be completed before January 31st. You will automatically notice the difference, no additional equipment is needed, everything will occur behind the scenes.

If you experience any difficulties, or need additional assistance please call our office at 863-658-3484.



VI'S CORNER



December Activities

On Sunday, Dec 01st we had our annual **Hanging of the Greens** readying us for the Holiday Season. Bruce Parke and all the Bluffs elves worked hard and I'm sure everyone will agree that the decorations turned out very festive.

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

On **Saturday, December 15th** we had a **Christmas Dance**. Music for the evening was provided by Center Stage.

On **Wednesday, December 18th** we had **Ladies Day Out** at the **Outback Restaurant** hosted by Brigitte Eberle. Forty 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 **Market 27 Restaurant**. There was a good turn out and the guys enjoyed their lunch and fellowship.

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 lighted a good

majority of the night. Several of the residents walked the lake and enjoyed the luminaires. It is such a serene sight.



On **Wednesday, December 25th** we had our **Christmas Pot Luck Dinner**. This year we had a little over 100 people attend this event. We enjoyed good company and great conversation. We had an overabundance of a variety of food. We even had a surprise visit from Santa Claus.

On **Friday, December 27th at 4:30 PM** we held our monthly **Cocktail Party**. A good time was had by all.

January Activities

On **Tuesday, December 31st at 8:00 PM** we will

have our **New Year's Eve Clubhouse Home Party** chaired by Gale & Bruce Parke. The charge is \$5.00 per person and you can purchase your tickets from Margaret Hawley prior to the event. We ask you BYO beverage and an appetizer to share. Soda and punch will be provided.

On **Saturday, January 04th at 8:00 AM (7:30 am Bluff's time)** we will have **Breakfast at the Bluffs**, hosted by Ernie Chalfant. The guys at the Bluffs do a great job preparing and serving this breakfast. The charge is \$5.00 per person payable at the door. The sign-up sheet is on the walkway, so please come join us.

On **Sunday, January 05th at 2:00 PM** we will be doing our **Unhanging of the Greens**, taking down all our lovely holiday decorations. Anyone

wishing to participate is more than welcome to join us. The more elves, the merrier.

On **Saturday, January 11th at 5:00 PM** we are having our **Down Home Steak Dinner** chaired by Gale & Bruce Parke. Bruce has been gracious enough to expand the numbers for this dinner to 115 this year. Due to the menu, and the fact we would like everyone to eat hot food at the same time, please have some patience. Entertainment for this event will be Wendy & Dennis Jager, also known as Center Stage. Tickets for this dinner are \$16.00 per person. The price is down this year due to no alcohol being provided. If you want alcohol you have a byob option. This event is already sold out. If you were unable to obtain a ticket for dinner, but would like to enjoy the dance,

you may come at 7:15 PM. Tickets will need to be pre-purchased for \$5.00 per person. This will include the entertainment and soda. Until we reach the clubhouse capacity of 125 people.

On **Wednesday, January 15th** we will be having **Ladies Day Out** hosted by Ella May Kuykendall at **Sand Hill Grill – Pinecrest Golf Course at 12:00 PM**. The same afternoon is **Men's Day Out** hosted by Dave Scharbius at **Caddy Shack at 12:00 PM**. Sign-up sheets are on the walkway.

On **Friday, January 17^h** 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 Vi Oliver at 585-746-3547 and we will make the necessary arrangements for pick up.

On Saturday, January 18th at 9:00 AM the Treasure Sale will be open to all residents to come and 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 24th** we will have a cocktail party at **4:30 PM** byo beverage and a snack to share.

On **Sunday, January 26th** at **2:00 PM** 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.

We hope everyone had a blessed and merry Christmas and we wish you all have a Happy & Healthy 2020.

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

V-15A Mike & Phyllis Giera
O-3 Ernie Chalfant
H-23 Arthur & Nancy Hultman
G-21 Michael Brady & Denise Beigbeder



EDITORS NOTES

A big thanks to all that contributed to the Rudolph Round Up...it was a great success again this year. We have such giving people in the Bluffs and it is appreciated!

As many of you have noticed, the trash pick-up does not always happen on the days that they are scheduled....for numerous reasons, i.e., truck problems, holiday schedules that change our day, etc. If you see that the dumpster is full on the day after the scheduled pick-up, please do not park in the space next to the dumpster on the clubhouse parking lot. If they are coming in to pick-up that day, they will just drive by it if they can't get to it. This dumpster gets a lot of trash and garbage from the

clubhouse, so we want it emptied as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation!

If you are signing up for an event, please include the unit number and a proper phone number where you can be reached. Also, please purchase your tickets promptly....Margaret has a big enough job without having to track down attendees.

We have a couple of local stars in The Bluff's. Margaret Hawley had a nice front page article in the News Sun in an interview for her commitment to refurbishing dolls to for the less fortunate children. She has also published a second book....good for you Margaret. Geraldine Fabb was recently featured on the Sports page for winning five medals at the Senior Olympics in Sarasota. Way to go Geraldine! I

love the quote from Clint Eastwood when he was asked how he does the things he does at his age, i.e., direct and act in the same movie....his response "I don't let the old man in!" I just love this. This prompted Toby Keith (who wrote the music for Clint's recent movie "The Mule") to write a song "Don't Let the Old Man In" ..it's a great song and my favorite line is "how old would you be if you didn't know the day you were born"! Something to think about!!

Happy New Year!!

*Bonnie Lennox,
Editor*



ACTIVITY REMINDERS

Please close all umbrellas before leaving the pool area. If they are left up, the wind catches in them and they can take off in the wind and become damaged or do damage.

Pool exercises are to be conducted **only** during the weekly scheduled times listed in the newsletter....no exceptions!

The Library is to be used only for the function of checking out, reading or returning books or working on the computers. It is not to be used as an area for games.

Please remember, if you are using the computers and printing, there is a donation box to help with the expense of ink. Printer ink is expensive and the Activities Association pays for all of the ink cartridge replacements.

Thanks for helping us keep the Bluffs a nice place for all!

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	Hydro Slimnastics	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 & F	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
 @ 1-804-580-1579
 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	2	3	4 Breakfast at the Bluffs – Ernie Chalfant chair 8:00 AM
5	6 Activities Meeting 3:00 PM Bingo 7:00 PM	7 Koffee – Annette & Dave Tobin hosts	8 Board Meeting 2:00 PM	9	10	11 Down Home Steak Dinner Dance – Bruce & Gale Parke 5:30 PM
12	13 Bingo 7:00 PM	14 Koffee – Nancy Holmes host	15 Ladies Day Out – Ella May Kuykendall host Men's Day Out – Dave Scharbius host	16	17 Treasure Sale donations & baked goods dropped off to Clubhouse 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	18 Treasure Sale 9:00 AM Lunch 12:00 PM Raffle & Silent Auction winners announced
19	20 Bingo 7:00 PM	21 Koffee – Craig Sherman host Tax Q&A	22	23	24 Cocktail Party – byob and a snack to share 4:30 PM	25
26 Ice Cream Social – Judi & Paul Weaver 2:00 PM	27 Bingo 7:00 PM	28 Koffee – Linda & Bruce Otterberg hosts	29	30	31	