



Views From the Bluffs

A Senior Community

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another season has started here at the Bluffs. I want to welcome our many new residents, you will find the Bluffs to be a welcoming community. The activities committee offers many social events and activities thru out the year. Sign-up sheets are to be found in the mail room and the walkway down to the club house. Sign up and enjoy



the events and meet your new neighbors.

As in any condo association, there are a number of rules which need to be adhered to, so please read the rules- any questions can be answered by the office staff. The one major rule I would like all to follow is our **17 mph speed limit** within the Bluffs. We have many walkers and bikers who use our roadway for

exercise--they all need to get home safely.

The Bluffs has gone through a major rebirth this summer with many repairs to damage done by a hail storm this spring. New composite tile roofs were installed on all buildings. Rotted wood fascia was replaced with hardie cement board where needed, the stucco damage repaired and everything got a fresh coat of paint and new gutters. The carports also got updated with new roofs, gutters, repainting and rotten wood repaired. Tropical storm Ian also did some damage to the property from flooding, most of our fountain motors and pumps were covered with water. Parts are on order to repair these

items. I wish to thank our manager, Chad, and his staff for all the extra hours and effort they put in to make this huge project so successful. Now that we are done with the buildings, we can repair the irrigation system and get it back into operation.

Please enjoy your time here at the Bluffs--our little slice of paradise!

*Ken Moran,
President*



**MESSAGE FROM THE
MANAGER**

After a busy summer dealing with repairs from the hailstorm and Hurricane Ian, staff is excited to get the community back in shape and attend to preventative

maintenance and beautification projects around the community.

As of now the major focus is getting the irrigation system tested and adjusted around all buildings. Due to the nature of construction and equipment, sprinkler systems around the buildings were damaged. Each building needs testing and adjustments. An irrigation company will be assisting staff on fixing issues to get things back up and running as soon as possible. Once irrigation is functional, staff will begin replacing plants that were lost or damaged due to construction.

Community wide palm trees have been trimmed, along with various hard wood trees. There are a few palm trees that were left untrimmed, as they are too tall and/or unsafe to be trimmed.

Maintenance staff and sub-contractors are projected to finish interior damages from hurricane Ian over the next two weeks.

A **reminder** that the annual budget meeting will be held **November 9, 2022 at 2:00 pm** in the clubhouse and via zoom.

I would like to welcome all new owners to the Bluffs of Sebring Community and the residents who are returning for the winter.

On behalf of staff, we would like to thank everyone for their continued support.
Regards,

*Chad Lancaster,
Manager*



VI'S CORNER



Well, Welcome Back Dear Friends!! Each day more of our northern friends and neighbors are returning to us at the Bluffs. It is good to see their safe return and smiling faces. Hugs all around. It has been such a busy year. After Covid, our Hail storm in April and Hurricane Ian in September, I for one am looking forward to us finally...finally returning to normal conditions. All buildings have been painted and roofs have been replaced; however, we are still in the process of finishing up the grounds. Our property manager, Chad Lancaster and staff have worked all summer trying to get us back to

normal and ready for fall and the return of owners. We can't thank them enough for all their efforts. We have had so many new owners move into the Bluffs in the last two years. Please join me in welcoming them and making new friends. The more participation, the more fun that will be had by everyone.

I hope everyone is enjoying our newly renovated library. For those of you not familiar with our library, we are on an honor system.

No sign outs for books, puzzles, DVDs, audio books etc.; however, we would appreciate the items being returned in a timely manner. Libraries work best when items are kept in circulation and shared.



Thanks!

November Activities

On **Thursday, November 11th** at **10:30 AM** we will be

having our **Veteran's Day Luncheon & Program** hosted by Wanda Reeves, paying tribute to our Veterans. Lunch is \$15.00 per person payable in advance, **with no charge to Veterans**. Lunch consists of pulled pork, potato salad, baked beans, apple pie & ice cream. You can purchase your tickets for this event at Bingo, Koffee Klatch or Games Night. See Wanda Reeves or Vi Oliver, or go to Wanda's – Villa 11B or Vi's – Villa 13A. This event you won't want to miss. The sign-up sheet is on the walkway.

Wednesday, November 16th at **12:00 PM** will be **Ladies Day Out** being hosted by Lynn Kern at the Jacaranda in Avon Park. The sign-up sheet is on the walkway. Due to the Jacaranda being an all-inclusive buffet they are requesting we be billed by one check only for a large party of people. Therefore we are requesting you prepay for lunch. Lunch will be \$18.00 per person (which covers lunch, beverage, dessert and tip) and can be prepaid to Lynn Kern (Unit# M-3). She

would appreciate payment by no later than Monday November 14TH.

If you paid for lunch and find for some reason you can't attend, please contact Lynn before the event and you will be reimbursed your money.

If you have never been to the historic Jacaranda Hotel you will be in for a real treat. The hotel will be decorated for the Holidays and is such a beautiful site and will definitely put you into the Christmas mood.

Men's Day Out hosted by Jim Becker will be held the same day, also at the Jacaranda at **12:00 PM**. I believe this is a first we have ever had the Ladies and Men's Luncheon hosted at the same place. The sign-up sheet is on the walkway.

On **Saturday, November 19th** at **5:30 PM** we will have our **Welcome Back Potluck** hosted by Peggy & Bob Carpenter. This is a Pot Luck Supper, where the meat choice is fried chicken and you sign up on the walkway to bring a dish to pass to feed a minimum of

10 people. There is a small, nominal cover charge of \$5.00 per person, payable at the door. We will be playing the best of the 60's music after dinner if you would like to dance.

On **Thursday, November 24^h** at **5:00 PM** we will have our annual **Thanksgiving Day Dinner** hosted by Carol & John Graham and some of our Canadian friends. The sign-up sheet will be on the walkway this week. This is always a delicious meal and a wonderful Holiday to share together. We will be pre-selling tickets starting November 12th for this event. Margaret Hawley will be selling tickets for this dinner. You can purchase your tickets at Bingo, Koffee Klatch, Games Night or Margaret's home at Unit E-6. At Thanksgiving Dinner we will be passing the basket for donations to the Avon Church Park Services. At the dinner we will explain all about the benefits the Avon Park Church Services gives to the local people in need. This organization is made up of all volunteers and has no direct administrative

overhead. So, all proceeds go directly to our local people in need.



On **Friday, November 25th** at **4:30 PM** we will have our monthly **Meet & Greet**. BYOB and a snack to share. This is a great opportunity for new and returning residents to meet and get acquainted. It's also a good place to discuss activities that are going on that they would like to join.



On **Wednesday, November 30th** at **10:00 AM** we will have the Hanging of the Greens in the Clubhouse. This is when the Bluffs' elves decorate the clubhouse for the Christmas season. Please come join us, the more the merrier. Bruce Parke and his helpers will be working the grounds that week

getting ready for the Holiday. Christmas is such a magical time of the year to enjoy and share.



Every year we have our Annual **Treasure Sale** towards the end of January. **Save the date: Saturday, January 28th.** If you are renovating or doing some fall cleaning, please think of us. We are always looking for donations for the sale. There is a lot of hard work, fun and love that goes into this sale. The residents of the community rally together year after year to make this such a success. As most of you know this event is used to raise funds for the Activities for the Bluffs. Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 585-746-3547.

The Bluffs is a residential community made up of a great number of fine people that work hard to make it a fun place to live and play. We need

everyone to offer a hand and join in and participate. We are always looking for volunteers for various jobs. If you are interested in getting involved, please let me know. Volunteers are what make this community so great and the more people that get involved the easier it is on everyone. My door is always open at Villa 13A. Please feel free to stop by to discuss any ideas you would like to see implemented.

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Vi Oliver, Activities Chair



NEW OWNERS

Brenda & James Thomas J-5
Thompson & Nancy Koes F-23
Kewhi & Patricia Lee H-3
Neil & Carol Morris/Hansen
A-21

Penne & Charles Ard P-1
Dennis Jager M-5
Teresa Mitchell I-25
Soyna & David Mingin V-2C
Karen Garrett K-4
Sandra Austin P-21
Eugene & Margaret Wilson
D-23
Joyce & Steven Amic J-23
Marianela Fermin C-25
Ronald & Jean Jeglie M-25
Cecelia Carstens E-3
Brenda & Russell Burgess
H-21
Dennis & Wendy Jager B-22
Gary & Iris Layne F-26
Jeri & Stephen Slaybaugh M-2
Raluca Loftus I-25
Max Peterson V-3D

EDITORS NOTES

Wow, it is the end of October already and our snowbirds are returning to their warm home in the South. Welcome back! I can't believe that Christmas is less than 60 days away!

Speaking of Christmas, I will again be Chairing the Rudolph Round-Up for The Bluffs. For the new residents, I will explain what that means. Heartland for Children, a local Charity, provides for children that are in foster homes, homeless and in group homes. They also provide a Christmas for approximately 1,500 needy or homeless

children that otherwise would not have a Christmas. These children are in Highlands, Hardee and DeSoto counties. They currently have 783 of the children already sponsored by a corporation or individual.

We can help by purchasing a new article of clothing, a new toy or a monetary donation, for the ones that do not have sponsors. We have participated in the past and The Bluff's residents are very generous and Heartland for Children is very grateful for our participation.

If you wish to contribute, you may drop off any purchase or donation to me at Villa 3B anytime between now and November 28th. I will be away from November 19th until the afternoon of the 26th. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please make your check to Heartland for Children and in the "memo" section, write Rudolph Round-Up.

Some interesting information that one

might not know about our area. The Lake Wales Ridge runs 150 miles down the center of Florida. The highest point is on Sugarloaf Mountain (312 feet) near Montverde (west of Orlando). Two million years ago Florida was underwater, except for this ridge. Many ridge towns are on US 27, including Clermont, Haines City, Lake Wales, Frostproof, Avon Park, Sebring and Lake Placid.

There were megalodon sharks roaming the area that lived approximately up to 3.6 million years ago. There is a mock up of one at the Streamsong Golf course lodge in Bowling Green, Florida. The teeth are real and were found on the property; however, the jaw bone is so soft, that it deteriorates, so it is man made. The area there is known as "Bone Valley".

It is surely difficult to picture this, but it is truly awesome to see that shark's mouth!

On a final note, I am so impressed with the

performance of the entire crew working at The Bluffs to put us back together after a very terrifying 15 minute hail storm in April.

On behalf of the community, I would like to thank Chad for an outstanding job well done!! Kevin with Belfor was very professional and orchestrated many crews to get the job done in record time. Our maintenance guys and lawn crew worked diligently to keep things on track and going according to schedule....thank you all so much for going above and beyond!

We certainly are fortunate to live in a wonderful community like The Bluff's! Life is Good!

*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 mailroom.

Bingo		6:45 PM	Mon	Golf (sign up for shotgun)	12:30 PM	Thur
Bridge	(sign up)	7:00 PM	Tues	Shuffleboard (sign up)	3:00 PM	Wed
Golf	(sign up)	Teetime	Tues	Shuffleboard	10:00 AM	Sat
Mahjongg		1:00 PM	M & W	Water Aerobics	10:00 AM	M,W,F
Euchre	(sign up)	6:00 PM	Wed	Water Aerobics	2:00PM	MTWTF
Mexican Train		6:00 PM	Wed	Walk Away the Pounds	9:00 AM	MTWTF
Mens Poker		6:00 PM	Wed	Bocce Ball (sign up)	10:00AM	Mon
Pickleball		9:00 AM	Mon	Ladies Poker	7:00 PM	Thur
Sequence		10:00AM	Thur			

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Lorraine Dexter
- 4 Joan Krueger
- 6 John Graham
- 7 Tom Mustio
- 8 Linda Sherman
- 9 Don Kuykendall
- 9 Dottie Pledger
- 12 George Radcliffe
- 12 Fran Lashmet
- 19 Dottie Cavanaugh
- 19 Bonnie Coston
- 22 Marilyn Adams
- 26 Suzanne Huffer
- 30 Judy Hensley

November 2022 ANNIVERSARIES

- 19 Margaret & Bill Hawley 1955
- 23 Beth & Dan Hogan 1991
- 24 Debbie & Keith Addis 1985
- 28 Polly & Doug Duden 1970



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Activities Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Koffee Klatch 7:45 AM	2 Game Night 6:00 PM	3	4	5
6	7 Activities Meeting 3:00 PM Bingo 6:45 PM	8 Koffee Klatch 7:45 AM	9 Board Meeting 2:00 PM Game Night 6:00 PM	10	11 Veterans Day Luncheon 10:30 AM Wanda Reeves	12
13	14 Bingo 6:45 PM	15 Koffee Klatch 7:45 AM	16 Ladies Day Out – Lynn Kern host Men's Day Out – Jim Becker host Game Night 6:00 PM	17	18	19 Welcome Back Potluck Dinner 5:45PM Bob & Peggy Carpenter host
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