



# Views From the Bluffs

A Senior Community

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to wish each and every one a very Happy New Year. As we start 2022 we are still concerned with the Covid virus. Each person needs to take their own personal responsibility for their safety. Please if you are not feeling well don't participate in any group activities.

With the winter season in full swing, we will see more visitors. Please remember young children must be accompanied by an adult. This a senior residential community and not a resort. It is expected that all owners, their tenants and guests will use common sense, good judgment and consideration for others at all times. Treat all areas of the property as if it was your own, as you have a shared responsibility for the maintenance of the property.

Should you encounter any problems, be sure to let the office know so a work

order can be generated.

Please enjoy your time here at the Bluffs.

**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! Don't allow someone to tailgate in with you...if they are your visitor, allow them to go first, open the gate for them, then open for yourself. The arm is easily damaged and the person causing the damage will be responsible.



## MESSAGE FROM THE BLUFFS OFFICE

Dear Residents,

We, in the office, hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We would, first and foremost, like to welcome all new owners that have become part of the family over the last year.

As 2021 winds down and we continue to deal with the lingering effects of Covid-19 and the variants that have sprung up, we want to encourage everyone to remain safe and diligent in the upcoming months. Remember hand washing and distancing procedures. Masks are not required at this time, but we do not discourage the use either. Also remember there are some tight spaces around the Bluffs and there will be times when close mingling will be next to unavoidable.

Speaking of Covid, many of you have noticed that projects have

significantly slowed down while some others have taken, it seems, forever to complete. With certain projects we have had to contract outside services, such as Irrigation repair and window replacements, and unfortunately it has affected the timing and response of these contractors. At one point this year, Central Florida Glass was out almost a 14-week lead time just to get windows from their supplier. The drastic spike in prices for materials also slowed us down some, just simply from an unjustifiable cost standpoint.

Over the past year we have constantly dealt with irrigation issues. We contacted 14 separate contractors to get a new drop pipe and turbine installed, the company that was able to get to us had over 100 open contracts for well drilling at the time. The next issue was that the drop pipe was installed to original specs, which required an air compressor to operate

Irrigation is our local contractor and was having issues with the compressor and supplier of said compressor that was ordered. One had a faulty switch, another had a bad tank sensor and now currently we have a brand-new compressor installed and it is working as it should.

The library renovation project is almost complete. Staff is ready to start moving bookshelves and put the finishing touches on the room to get books back in and get it open for business.

As we enter the new year, staff is excited to continue serving the residents and updating the property as necessary.

As a last note, many are aware Chad Lancaster departed from his position as community manager earlier in the year. We wish him nothing but the best in his future endeavors. As a latest update, Chris Foskey has had to resign from his interim community manager

position due to unforeseen personal issues. We would like to also wish him well on his future. The Board of Directors is working together to find an appropriate solution in this matter.

Thank you all and Happy New Year from your Bluffs Office!

### VI'S CORNER



### December Activities

On **Sunday, Nov 28th** 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 Bill Harr on **Saturday, December 04th** was a success. We had a good turnout and everyone enjoyed the food and conversation.

On **Friday, December 10th at 4:30 PM** we had our monthly **Meet N' Greet**. A good time was had by all.

On **Wednesday, December 15th** we had **Ladies Day Out** at the **Caddy Shack** hosted by Kim Bishop. 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 Jim Becker at **Deep South Restaurant**. There was a good turn out and the guys enjoyed their lunch and fellowship.



On **Friday, December 24th Christmas Eve**, at

dusk, we had the **lake luminaries**. I want to thank everyone who stepped up to assist with the luminaries. The evening weather was perfect, even the wind cooperated and allowed the luminaries to stay lit a good majority of the night. Several of the residents walked the lake and enjoyed the luminaries. It is such a serene sight.



On **Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>** we had our **Christmas Pot Luck Dinner**. This year we had approximately 60 people attend this event. We got to enjoy good company and great conversation. We had an overabundance of a variety of food.

### January Activities

On **Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 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 Gale Parke prior to the event. We ask you BYO beverage and an appetizer to share. Soda will be provided.



On **Saturday, January 08<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM** we will have **Breakfast at the Bluffs** hosted by Bill Harr. The guys at the Bluffs do a great job preparing and serving this breakfast. The charge is \$6.00 per person. The sign-up sheet is on the walkway, so please come join us. You can purchase your tickets from Vi Oliver either at Bingo, Wednesday Game Night or Villa 13A.

On **Sunday, January 09<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 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 **Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>** we will be having **Ladies Day Out** hosted

by Sandy Vincenzo. The location TBD. The same afternoon is **Men's Day Out** hosted by Bill Harr. Sign-up sheets will be on the walkway shortly.

On **Friday January 21<sup>st</sup>** 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 pre-selling 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. Due

to the possible congestion in the clubhouse, we have decided to extend the sale outside to both sides of the pool. This way you can shop in the fresh air and we can space ourselves out. Besides the Treasure sale, there will be baked goods for sale, silent auction merchandise, and gifts to be raffled off. **There will be no lunch this year**, as we have expanded the sale to the outside. At 12:00 PM we will announce the winners of the raffle & silent auction. You do not have to be there to win. If you are not there we will bring the gifts to your residence. We look forward to seeing everyone there. Watch the walkway for details and the bake sale sign-up sheet.

On **Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup>** we will have our **Meet N' Greet** at **4:30 PM** byo beverage and a snack to share.

**Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>** 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, safe and merry Christmas and we wish you all have a Happy & Healthy 2022.

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**

**June & Dell Kinney F-6**

### **EDITORS NOTES**

A big thanks to all that contributed to the Rudolph Round Up...it was a great success again this year. A large toy box,

supplied by Heartland Children was filled to the brim with toys, puzzles, books and clothes. The monetary donations totaled \$1,000---allowing the shoppers to fill in with all of the necessities that the children need, i.e., clothes, pj's, toiletries, etc. When Tracy came to pick up the items and money, she told me this is the first year that they have had a sponsor for each child....this means that someone took the wish list for that child and provided their Christmas presents that were on their wish list....this has never happened before and she was so proud that all of the kids were going to have their best Christmas ever. Many children are in foster homes and those people (some are family members that have taken in the children) can't afford to do Christmas with the added daily expenses. They will use the cash donations to fill in for essential items that are not on the children's wish list.

We have such giving and caring people in the Bluffs and it is appreciated!

If you are new to the Bluff's, welcome. We would also urge you to read up on the Rules, whether you are new to the Bluff's or have been here awhile. Also, please observe the speed limit. We have people on bicycles, jazzies, and golf carts, so please look before you start backing.

Happy New Year to everyone and we're hoping for a healthy and prosperous 2022!

*Bonnie Lennox,  
Editor*

### NEW YEAR'S TRADITIONS AROUND THE WORLD

In **Brazil** people dress in white because the color signifies luck, prosperity and is meant to ward off bad spirits. Revelers gather on the beaches in white and jump 7 waves, a lucky number in Brazilian culture. For good fortune they throw flowers into the water as an offering to Lemanja, the Goddess of the sea.

In **Colombia** partygoers carry empty suitcases at midnight in hopes of inducing a year of travel. They also bear money in their hand to attract financial security and stability for the coming year. Lentils are considered lucky and many bake them in their rice or carry them in their pockets.

One of the most popular New Year's traditions in **Denmark** involves smashing plates and old dishes. They save their unused dinnerware and shatter them (lovingly) against doors of their families and friends as a way to ward off bad spirits.

It doesn't matter how you celebrate...the first and foremost thing is to stay safe!

**Wishing all a  
happy and safe  
New Year....let's  
have a better  
2022!!**

# JANUARY 2022

## BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Jo Thompson
- 7 Darlene Sites
- 8 Ron Sites
- 9 Linus Maxcy
- 11 Bo Pearce
- 12 Marge Knabel
- 14 Milan Dexter
- 18 Barb Kraus
- 22 Rosemary Cochrane
- 23 Roger King
- 25 Millie Schrader
- 26 Annette Tobin
- 29 Julia Ramer
- 31 Ruby Hovey
- 31 Gary Holte

## ANNIVERSARIES

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|---------------------------|------|
| 1 Jack & Lynette Robinson | 1995 |
| 12 Fred & Liz Krawczyk    | 1974 |



**January 2022**  
**Bluffs of Sebring**  
**Activities Calendar**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Bingo 6:45PM starts at 7:00 PM	4 Koffee Klatch 7:45 AM	5	6	7	8 Breakfast at the Bluffs – Bill Harr chair 8:00 AM
9	10 Activities Meeting 3:00 PM Bingo 6:45PM starts at 7:00 PM	11 Koffee Klatch 7:45 AM	12 Board Meeting 2:00 PM	13	14	15
16	17 Bingo 6:45PM starts at 7:00 PM	18 Koffee Klatch 7:45 AM	19 Ladies Day Out – Sandy Vincenzo host  Men's Day Out – Bill Harr host	20	21 Treasure Sale donations & baked goods dropped off to Clubhouse 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	22 Treasure Sale 9:00 AM Raffle & Silent Auction winners announced at 12:00 PM
23	24 Bingo 6:45PM starts at 7:00 PM	25 Koffee Klatch 7:45 AM	26	27	28 Meet N Greet byob and a snack to share 4:30 PM	29
30 Ice Cream Social – Judi & Paul Weaver 2:00 PM	31 Bingo 6:45PM starts at 7:00 PM					