



Views From the Bluffs

A Senior Community

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March, for us in the Bluffs, is coming in as a lamb...not like our northern friends that are having the lion weather of March visit them. With our Chamber of Commerce weather, will also come many more northern visitors to our state and the Sebring area. We always experience a lot of spring breakers from across the northern states.



With that being said, and a reality, please be extra cautious on all the area roads. US Hwy 27 is a major north/south corridor here in Florida, so be extra careful on 27. Check your mirrors before stopping short on that yellow light, that a semi hauling oranges or freight is coming thru. Here in the Bluffs we will also see an influx of people and vehicles. Please park in your assigned space, we are always short on parking spaces. Let me remind you, that you are responsible for

any of your guests on the property, no matter their age. Please be extra careful with the little ones and have an adult with them at all times. Remember that the pool area is a family friendly area, just enjoy the little ones while they are here and let them splash. Very import to have your guest review our pool rules so there are no misunderstandings. Since this is a family area, proper attire should be worn at all times. Food at the pool is only to be in the designated picnic areas, this is not our rule but the state law here in Florida--no food on pool deck and no glass containers of any kind. The pro shop is the storage space for our shuffle board,

boccie ball and bags, aka corn hole equipment. Return all items to where you found them when finished. Other guests and residents may wish to use them. Now that I'm done preaching to y'all...Brother Dr. Wayne Brown, may he rest in peace, would tell me to sit down and pass the hat.

*Ken Moran,
President*



**MESSAGE FROM THE
MANAGER**

As we head into the month of March, I would like to remind residents that the upcoming Board meeting is March 8th at 2:00pm in the clubhouse. The meeting is open to all owners. March is the month we usually see a lot of our residents head back north, please notify the office of your departure

date and make sure to update any mailing addresses, phone numbers, etc. with the Office before you leave. This will assist the Office when it comes time for mailings and/or if we need to contact you.

Make sure your unit is properly shut down with all loose items brought inside, the a/c set properly, hot water heater turned off and the water to the unit is turned off. If you need assistance on closing your unit, please contact the Office.

Be courteous to your neighbors. Park in assigned spaces first and not in visitors. Visitors' spaces are first come first serve. Do not place items on walkways or clutter up entrance ways. Do not clog or fill up the community dumpsters, please break down large boxes and/or items.

A reminder, owners can let guest in via cellphone and/or landlines. Each unit has a three-digit directory code. If you need

assistance on getting the gate set up on your phone or a refresher on how the system works, please contact the office.

Please submit all workorders to the Office and do not stop staff to place a workorder, as we are all human and may forget to place the workorder before coming back to the Office.

Regards,

*Chad Lancaster,
Manager*



VI'S CORNER



**Vi Oliver,
Activities Chair**

February Activities

On Saturday, February 04th at 8:00 am we had **Breakfast at the Bluffs** chaired by Bruce Parke. We had a great turn out and everyone enjoyed the food and the fellowship.

A lot of us got together on **Sunday, February 12th** as we watched the Kansas City Chiefs win **Super Bowl XVII**.

Ladies Day Out was hosted by Sherrie Cicora on Wednesday, **February 15th at the Olive Garden**. We had a wonderful turnout

and a great time. On the same day **Men's Day Out** was hosted by Chuck Batchelder at **Azul Tequila**. The guys had a good turnout and enjoyed their time together.



This year our **Valentine's Day Dinner Dance** was held on Saturday, **February 18th**. Phyllis and Dennis Wallace do a wonderful job hosting this event. This is an elegant sit-down dinner with roses at each table. Wine, beer and appetizers are served along with a pork roast dinner with all the trimmings followed by dessert and chocolate covered strawberries. Phyllis & Dennis always honor a surprise sweetheart couple for the evening. This year they were the ones surprised,

when they found out that they had been chosen to be the Sweetheart Couple. It was very fitting and long overdue. Congratulations to them and I'd like to give a special thank you to Gale Parke for handling this.

Our monthly **Meet N' Greet** was held Friday, **February 24th**. Each month this appears to have more people attending, which is a wonderful thing. It's a great time to relax and catch up with your friends and neighbors and meet new friends.



On Saturday, **February 25th** we had our annual **Readers Theater**, directed by Margaret Hawley. This year the play was a sellout. Our own residents played the various actors and

actresses. They were Terry & Lauri Hargrove, Barb Mahan, Margie Nickel, Dave Owen, Dave Scharbius, Jo Thompson and Phyllis Wallace. They all did such a great job and the audience enjoyed the play immensely.



LET THE GAMES BEGIN



The Bluffs annual Spring Games will be Sunday, Feb 26 – Sunday, March 5th. The Opening Ceremonies and "The Torch Light Walk" around Lake Mary Jane was back for the fifth year. It was on Sunday, February 26th and began and ended at the Clubhouse, starting at 6:00 p.m. The torch

proceeded clockwise to the nearest lamppost, where it was passed off to the next carrier and so on around the lake, ending back at the Clubhouse for the Lighting of our second torch on the dock and a **Pizza Party** kickoff celebration. We had a full house for the pizza party and everyone is excited about the upcoming week.

March Activities



2023 Spring Games

Monday, February 27th will see the beginning of the Spring Games. The schedule of events and sign-up sheets are posted in the Mailroom, on the walkway bulletin board and on the board outside the Clubhouse kitchen.

We are having 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 the take out lunches on the signup sheets. The \$ 8.00 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. 2023 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. (WH bowling, darts, ring toss, birdie pitch, basketball and possibly a new game or two). (Pitch & Putt and WH bowling are on Friday only). We know from past experiences you will have a great time.

On **Sunday, March 5th**, we will hold our **Awards Pot Luck Supper at 5:30 PM.**

The 1st and 2nd place winners will be announced and they will receive their T-Shirts and Iron-on Icons, (Guests of owners & guests of 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.**

2023 Spring Games will bring back the popular Bluffs of Sebring hats, visors and shirt sales. They will be on display. Please

see Annette Tobin or Tootie Scharbius if you have any questions, or would like to place an order.

Ribfest

On Friday March 10th we are having a **Bye Bye Ribfest Dinner Dance** hosted by Gale and Bruce Parke. Back by popular demand is the band Almost Live. The menu and sign up sheet are on the walkway. Tickets are \$20 and can be obtained from Margaret Hawley or Vi Oliver. They will be selling them at Bingo, Bridge, Game Night and Euchre. If you can't make it there please see them at Unit # E-6 or Villa 13A. Note that tickets must be obtained by no later than March 7th. After that time we go to the waiting list.

On **Wednesday, March 15th** at **12:00 PM** we are having **Ladies Day at the Clubhouse** hosted by our own chef Lynne Hansen. Lynne will be preparing homemade cannelloni served in a marina sauce,

caesar salad, garlic bread and dessert. We have combined the Ladies Day luncheon with our first ever **Bluffs Tour of the Tables**. All ladies are welcome to attend. Tickets are \$15 per person. A sign-up sheet will be on the walkway shortly and tickets will be available starting March 06th. This is an event that you won't want to miss.

On the same day we are having **Men's Day Out** hosted by Chuck Batchelder. Lunch destination TBD. Watch the walkway for a sign-up sheet.



On **Friday, March 17th** we are having a **St. Patrick's Day Dinner** chaired by Wanda Reeves. We will be having a complete corned beef cabbage meal. Music by our own Bob Carpenter. Sign-up sheet will be on the walkway shortly. Tickets

are \$17.00 and will be for sale soon. Join us for the fun and make sure to wear your green.

On **Tuesday, March 21st** we are having the annual **Ladies End of Season Golf Party** starting at **4:00 PM**.

Bluff's Travel Talk will be on **Thursday, March 23, 2023 from 4-5 pm**. If a river cruise is on your list or even if you are just curious, you will want to hear our speaker from Globus Family of Brands who will focus on Avalon River Cruises. Snacks, beverages and a door prize will be provided. Sign-up sheet will be posted in the walkway. Hosted by Craig & Linda Sherman (M6) Questions: 317 582-1190.

On **Friday, March 24th** at **4:30 PM** we will have our monthly **Meet 'N Greet**. Bring your beverage of choice and a snack to share. On **Tuesday, March 28th** at **5:00 PM** we are having our annual **Men's End of Golf Season Party**.

As some of our neighbors and friends start to leave the Bluff's and head north, we wish you all a safe, healthy and happy journey until you return again to us in the fall.

I leave you for now with this Irish Blessing:
There are good ships and there are wood ships, ships that sail the sea, but the best ships, are friendships, may they always be."

Vi Oliver, Activities Chair

EDITORS NOTES

It is that time of year again when the snowbirds think about flying back to their northern homes. It seems that the winters move along faster and faster each year. We have seen many new faces this year and developed new friendships....until next year, stay safe and healthy until we meet again!

Some reminders before you leave. Make sure your

water supply to your unit is turned off and all faucet drains are open (just in case someone would turn your water on and forget to turn it off). Set your A/C and dehumidifier at a proper setting to avoid moisture. Do **NOT** leave food in the refrigerator or freezer....it is a real mess if we lose electricity! Make sure all outside items are brought inside, including items on your lanai if it is not enclosed.

Now, go and have a great time for the time you have left! Be safe in your travels home and have a Blessed Easter.

We'll see you back next Season!

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	6:30 PM Tues	Shuffleboard (sign-up)	3:00 PM Wed
Golf	Tee Time Tues	Shuffleboard	10:00 AM Sat
Mahjongg	1:00 PM M & W	Water Aerobics	10:00 AM M, W & F
Euchre	7:00 PM Thur	Water Aerobics	2:00 PM MTWTF
Mexican Train	6:00 PM Wed	Walk Away the Pounds	9:00 AM MTWTF
Men's Poker	5:45 PM M & W	Bocce Ball (sign-up)	10:00 AM Mon
Pickleball	9:00 AM M,W & F	Ladies Poker	6:00 PM Wed
Sequence	1:30 PM Thur	Healthy Lifestyles	3:30 PM Wed
Tennis	9:00 AM Sat	Sewcial Club	9:30 AM Thur
Men's Billiards	2:00 PM M & F	Needlers	1:00 PM Mon

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BIRTHDAYS

6	Horst Eberle
7	Margaret Hawley
11	Jim Becker
14	Bruce Parke
15	Sandy Phillips
17	Dave Owen
18	Theresa Stewart
20	Sharon Stifler
20	Deidre Blodgett
23	Jane Dettlor
24	Joe Gonzales

ANNIVERSARIES

2	Ron & Bonnie Lennox	1990
15	Ron & Darlene Sites	1985
26	Tom & Sherrie Cicora	1988
27	Jim & Judy Hensley	1976



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Activities Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Opening of Games Week Torch Walk & Pizza Party 5:30 PM	2 Lunch - Bruce & Gale Parke Chairs 12:00 PM Bingo - 6:45PM Starts at 7:00 PM	Koffee Klatch 7:45 AM SPORTS	1 Lunch - Debbie & Dyane Marks Chairs 12:00 PM WEEK	2	3 Lunch - Lynne Hansen & Neil Morris Chairs 12:00 PM	4 Breakfast at the Bluffs - Bruce Parke chair 8:00 AM
5 Games Awards Banquet Dave & Annette Tobin & Dave & Tootie Scharbius Chairs 5:30 PM	6 Activities Meeting 3:00 PM Bingo - 6:45PM Starts at 7:00 PM	7 Koffee Klatch 7:45 AM	8 Board Meeting 2:00 PM	9	10 Bye Bye Rib Fest Dinner Dance chaired by Gale & Bruce Parke 5:30 PM	11
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