



Views From the Bluffs

A Senior Community

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all of you from myself and the rest of the Board. We start off 2023 with being joyful on putting 2022 in the rearview mirror. It was a tough year with a devastating hail storm and two hurricanes. It was hard

to believe how much damage was done in such a short amount of time by the hail. The property is now looking exceptionally good, even though we have some unfinished projects around the property which will be tended to in the new year. I've appreciated the response from the community in staying patient while the repair work was done. There was a great deal of repairs made to the buildings in a short amount of time. I would also like to thank the Board, who had to make decisions on a General

Contractor and roofing materials, among others things, to get the project moving quickly. Our Manager and Staff were outstanding during this time.

Please take the time to enjoy the warm pleasant Florida winters and the amenities which we have here. Get out and participate in community activities and get to know your neighbors and make new friends here at the Bluffs. May you all have a great 2023.

*Ken Moran,
President*



MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER

Dear Residents,

I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

As the new year begins, I would like to remind all residents that the new maintenance fees have started for 2023. For those who are on the ACH program through the association, you do not have to worry about changing anything. A mailing was mailed out containing the new monthly maintenance fees. If you do not know the new amount for your unit, please contact the office.

Upcoming meetings include the January 11th, 2023, Board meeting at 2:00 pm and the Annual meeting and appointment of the new Board of

Directors on February 8, 2023, at 2:00 pm. All meetings are held in the Clubhouse. A mailing containing information about the Annual meeting was mailed out to all owners. Copies are available in the office.

Please use caution while driving, walking, jogging, and riding bikes around the community. The speed limit is 17mph. We see an increase of pedestrians using the roadway this time of the year.

If you need assistance on how to use the gate to let guests in with your cell phone and/or land line or would like to be put in the system, please contact the office.

We are working with BroadStar and tracking issues with services. If you are experiencing issues with BroadStar please contact them and place a workorder and request a ticket number. This will help BroadStar, management, and the Board of Directors track issues. If a problem is not reported to BroadStar, they

will not know there is an issue. Once a ticket number is received, please contact and give the number to the office. BroadStar customer service number is (863) 658-3484. BroadStar should not charge for installation fees or service charges. Do not give BroadStar any payment information if you do not plan on having additional services through them.

On behalf of Staff and myself we would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and a great 2023.

*Chad Lancaster,
Manager*



VI'S CORNER



December Activities



On **Friday, December 09th** we had our Employee Appreciation Luncheon. We had a great turnout to pay tribute to our employee Staff. This year we served hamburgers & hotdogs, pasta salad and Caesar salad, with cake for dessert.



On **Saturday, December 17th** we had our first **Ugly Sweater Pizza Party** chaired by Renae & Dave Marten and Jeri & Steve Slaybaugh. Everyone had a great time and we had a ton of Christmas fun.

On **Wednesday, December 21st** we had Ladies Day Out hosted by Brigitte Eberle at **Outback Restaurant**. A large group of Bluffs women got together and had a wonderful lunch.

On the same day we had **Men's Day Out** hosted by Ernie Chalfant at **The Jacaranda Restaurant**. There was a good turn out and the guys enjoyed their lunch and fellowship.



On **Saturday, December 24th Christmas Eve**, at dusk, we had the **lake luminaires**. I want to thank everyone who stepped up to assist with the luminaires in our recent cold weather. The wind cooperated and allowed

the luminaires to stay lighted a majority of the night. I hope everyone enjoyed the peace and serenity of the lights this holiday season.



On **Sunday, December 25th** we had our **Christmas Pot Luck Dinner**. This year we had 90 people attend this event. Even Santa showed up to surprise us. We got to enjoy good company, great conversation and an overabundance of a variety of food.

January Activities

On **Friday, December 30th at 4:30 PM** we will have our **Meet N' Greet**. We ask you byo beverage and a snack to share.



On **Saturday, 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 Gale Parke or Margaret Hawley prior to the event. We ask you BYO beverage and an appetizer to share. Soda will be provided.



On **Saturday, January 07th** at **8:00 AM** we will have **Breakfast at the Bluffs** chaired 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 08th** 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 **Friday, January 13th** we

are having our monthly **Meet N' Greet**. We ask you byo beverage of choice and a snack to share. Come get together with your friends and neighbors.

We thought a travel club might be fun here at the Bluffs. **"Let's Talk Travel"** will meet for the first time **Saturday, January 14th** from **4 PM – 5PM** in the Clubhouse. Hosted by Craig & Linda Sherman (M6), a representative from Royal Caribbean will be present "What's New at Royal" with time for Q&A. Beverages and prizes will be provided. Please reserve your spot on the sign-up sheet posted in the walkway to the clubhouse.

On **Wednesday, January 18th** we will be having **Ladies Day Out** hosted by Sandy Vincenzo. The location TBD.

The same afternoon is **Men's Day Out** hosted by Ed Huffer. They will be going to **The Wild Turkey** for lunch at **12:00 PM** Sign-up sheets will be on the walkway shortly.



On **Saturday, January 21st** at **5:00 PM** we are having our **Western Steak Dinner** chaired by Gale & Bruce Parke. Back by popular demand, our musical entertainment is "Almost Alive". This is a band you will not want to miss. The doors will open at 5:00 PM. Tickets for this dinner will be \$20.00 per person. Sign-up sheet will be on the walkway shortly.



On **Friday, January 27th** 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 or large furniture. Please donate those things to the local charities. 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. **Anything you purchase you must be able to transport home.** In fairness of equality to all there will be no pre-selling of any merchandise.

On Saturday, January 28nd 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. 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 present, we will bring the gifts to your residence. We look forward to seeing everyone there. Come on down and shop 'til you drop and take home some special treasures. Watch the walkway for details and the bake sale sign-up sheet.

After 16 seasons as Chair of the Ice Cream Social, Paul and Judi Weaver are "passing the scoop" on to Steve and Ginny Drew. The Weavers want to thank all the Bluffers for their great support and hope you continue to enjoy ice cream in January.

On **Sunday, January 30th** we are having our **Ice Cream Social** hosted by Steve & Ginny Drew. Come on down and share some dessert and fun. Watch for details and the sign-up sheet on the walkway.

New Activity: Sewcial Club

This is a sewing/quilting club for people that love to sew & want to share their talents. This club is not a business for mending, hemming, repairing or making clothes. This club is for fun, not business. The club will meet at the front building next to the office. There is plenty of room for machines, tables, etc. to make our sewing treasures. The first meeting will be **Thursday, January 12th from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm.**

Please bring all your own supplies, sewing machine, lights, sewing supplies, extension (or surge protection) cords, irons, etc. Any questions contact Lauri Hargrove (N-1) 815-353-4484 or Tracey Hamilton (A-6) 906-361-8824.

We hope everyone had a blessed, safe and Merry Christmas and we wish you all have a Happy & Healthy 2023.

Thanks to all for everything you do to make the Bluffs such a wonderful place to live and play.

*Vi Oliver,
Activities Chair*

**Happy
New Year!**

EDITORS NOTES

The new year is upon us and it is time to reflect on what we accomplished last year and what we hope to accomplish this year. I still have a few things left over from last year that I intend to finish in the first quarter of 2023. Hopefully your "leftover list" isn't too long.

I'm sure all of the snowbirds that arrived early were a little dismayed

by the cold weather that they thought they had left "up North"! By all standards....you did! For those new snowbirds, this certainly is not normal for us and by the weekend, we should be back to normal/above normal temperatures.....at least we're all hoping so.

I would like to thank all of you that donated to the Rudolph Roundup this year. We raised \$800 in monetary donations and had toys, clothes, games and puzzles to donate also. It makes me happy to do this because it breaks my heart to think a child would have no "Santa" on Christmas morning....that's what makes Christmas for me! My little ones are now greats and I do get to visit them through Facebook and Face Time....that time goes so quickly so we have to cherish all the moments we can! Thanks again for putting a smile on a child's face Christmas morning.

As you travel around the Bluff's, either walking or driving, please be aware of vehicles backing out....sometimes they can't see around the

vehicle parked next to them. Also, if you are parking at the Clubhouse, please pick an appropriate parking spot for the size of your vehicle. I have seen large trucks at the last parking spot facing the Post Office and the vehicle sticks out in the roadway about 6"....please keep our road safe and park across the street in a larger parking spot.

We hope everyone has a wonderful New Year and a safe winter in the Bluff's....we want to see you back next year! Happy 2023!!

*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	TeeTime	Tues	Shuffleboard	10:00 AM	Sat
Mahjongg	1:00 PM	M & W	Water Aerobics	10:00 AM	M,W,F
Euchre	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	6:00 PM	Thur
Sequence	10:00AM	Thur	Healthy Lifestyles	3:30 PM	Wed
Tennis	9:00 AM	Sat	Sewcial Club	9:30AM	Thur
Men's Billiards	2:00 PM	M & F			

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BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Jo Thompson
- 7 Darlene Sites
- 8 Ron Sites
- 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

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



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Activities Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Bingo 6:45PM starts at 7:00 PM	3 Koffee Klatch 7:45 AM	4 Game Night at Clubhouse 6:00 PM	5	6	7 Breakfast at the Bluffs - Bill Harr chair 8:00 AM
8 Unhanging of the Greens 1:00 at Clubhouse	9 Activities Meeting 3:00 PM Bingo 6:45PM starts at 7:00 PM	10 Koffee Klatch 7:45 AM	11 Board Meeting 2:00 PM Game Night at Clubhouse 6:00 PM	12	13 Meet N Greet byob and a snack to share, 4:30 PM	14 Let's Talk Travel hosted by Craig & Linda Sherman 4:00 PM
15	16 Bingo 6:45PM starts at 7:00 PM	17 Koffee Klatch 7:45 AM	18 Ladies Day Out Sandy Vincenzo host Men's Day Out Ed Huffer host Game Night at Clubhouse 6:00 PM	19	20	21 Western Steak Dinner chaired by Gale & Bruce Parke 5:00 PM
22	23 Bingo 6:45PM starts at 7:00 PM	24 Koffee Klatch 7:45 AM	25 Game Night at Clubhouse 6:00 PM	26	27 Treasure Sale donations & baked goods dropped off to Clubhouse 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	28 Treasure Sale 9:00 AM Raffle & Silent Auction winners announced at 12:00 PM
29 Ice Cream Social Ginny & Steve Drew 2:00 PM	30 Bingo 6:45PM starts at 7:00 PM	31 Koffee Klatch 7:45 AM				