



Views From the Bluffs

A Senior Community

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The winter here in Florida has been a little cooler than usual with temperatures bouncing around, but it still is much warmer than our northern friends and family...we will get no sympathy for a cool 60 degree day. We must brave on to the pool, golf course and other activities.

The staff has been busy catching on both large and small projects, while attending to the various work orders that arise. With the cooler weather the grass does not grow as fast, so it gives our landscape crew time to get some plantings done. The landscape crew will begin



removing the dead wood from the hedges to give us a better idea on what can be done with it. They will be planting a grouping of vines in an area to try to create a living fence, using the chain link as a trellis. If this is successful we intend to replicate it in other areas, along with some other ideas. These vines were recommended to us by Robbins nursery and will be blue flowering. Once the weather stabilizes, New Guinea Impatiens will be added about the property for a show of color.

One large project that is up and running is the associations' official web site thebluffsofsebring.com. Please check it out and follow the instructions to be registered for the site. Information on the site includes the associations' rules, notices, sale and rental information and much more. This site will not be static but will evolve with time.

The annual meeting will be

Thursday February 14th. At this time we will be seating two new Board members...Jo Thompson and Bruce Parke. They will be replacing Clarence Fauber and Gail Parke. I wish to thank the outgoing members for all their work and input while on the board. I welcome the new members and look forward to working with you and the rest of the board.

I encourage ALL of you to be extra careful when driving in the Bluffs, as we have many walkers using the roadway. Please be aware of them, especially early morning and evening. Thank You!

*Ken Moran,
President*





MANAGER'S NOTES

As February approaches I would like to remind everyone that the annual meeting is on Thursday February 14th in the Clubhouse at 2:00pm. Following the meeting, the organizational board meeting will take place. I encourage everyone to attend, either by proxy or in person. I would also like to remind everyone that the speed limit in the community is 17 miles per hour and to be cautious of residents walking and riding bicycles.

I would like to encourage those who would like to become active in the community to look at the activities calendar and participate in events that seem fitting. Certain events require signing up; event signup sheets can be located on the first part of the walk way leading to the clubhouse in a bulletin board style case. You can also view information on the association's website at www.thebluffsofsebring.com.

As a friendly reminder, please put your mail on hold if you plan on being gone for more

than a week. The parcel lockers to store mail located on property are not equipped adequately to hold large amounts of mail when we are in season. January was a very busy month for the Staff. The most recent projects completed were the 600 feet of lakeshore restoration and the PVC fence located next to the office. Staff has started cleaning and painting the pro shop building. Once painted, the landscaping will be addressed around the building to complete the project. The boring under the road and back entrance is expected to be completed in the upcoming weeks; this will allow the irrigation system to be restored. Once that project is completed the Landscape Staff will begin restoring the landscaping.

Staff will also be replacing Villa 1 fascia with Concrete Hardie Board in preparation for the metal roof installation. The gaming amenities will also be getting prepared for Sports Week in March.

Please feel free to contact the association's office at (863)382-9393 or email me directly at manager6750@gmail.com. I am more than happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

*Regards,
Chad Lancaster,
Manager*

VI'S CORNER



January Activities

On **Monday, December 31st** we had our **New Year's Eve Party** chaired by Margaret and Bill Hawley. Music was provided by Tom McGannon. Everyone attending had a wonderful time ringing in the New Year.

On **Saturday, January 05th** we had **Breakfast at the Bluffs** hosted by Ernie Chalfant. Everyone had a great breakfast and enjoyed the fellowship.

On **Sunday, January 06th** we did our **Unhanging of the Greens** taking down all our lovely holiday decorations. I'm sure you will agree that Bruce Parke and our elves did a wonderful job this year.

On **Saturday, January 12th** we held a **Down Home Steak Dinner** chaired by Bruce & Gale Parke. They did a fabulous job and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely as they danced the night away to music by Center Stage.

On **Wednesday, January 16th** we had **Ladies Day Out** hosted

by Vi Oliver at DiMitri's Family Restaurant. 35 ladies had a great time and enjoyed each other's company.

The same afternoon we had **Men's Day Out** hosted by Dave Scharbius at the Bufalucca Restaurant. The guys had a great turn out and wonderful lunch together.

On **Saturday, January 19th** we had our annual **Treasure Sale**. Year after year I am amazed by this community. We never know what merchandise we will receive, but somehow we always rally together and make this event so successful. Again this year Mother Nature was kind to us and gave us a wonderful day for the sale and luncheon.

TREASURE SALE FOR 2019

Treasure Sale

John & Connie Upchurch
\$1,415.50

Silent Auction

Dottie Pledger
\$1023.50

Raffle

Brigitte Eberle
\$842.00

Lunch

Vi Oliver & Pat Tubbs
\$282.35

Bake Sale

Eileen Gossens & Marlys Geiss
\$256.10

Bluff's Phone Books

Bob & Sue Schmitt
\$292.00

Total for the Treasure Sale \$4,111.45

I can't thank everyone enough for donating the treasures, baked goods, gift certificates and coming out to join us. We have such a caring and giving community that pulls together. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves and went home with a special treasure, raffle prize, silent auction prize or some of our delectable baked goods. We had a wonderful turn out for lunch. Hopefully everyone had plenty to eat and we really appreciate your patronage. It astonishes me the number of people that gave of their time and hard labor to make this event such a success. We couldn't begin to do this without all of our worker bees. We started setting up Thursday evening and by Saturday afternoon the Clubhouse was back in order. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. A special thanks to John & Connie Upchurch for chairing & organizing the sale; Brigitte Eberle for working endlessly getting all of the raffle gifts and gift cards from vendors; Dottie Pledger for doing a great job with our Silent Auction and Eileen Gossens & Marlys Geiss for their hard work on the Bake Sale. We will be posting a list of vendors that supported this event. We would appreciate you patronizing their establishments.

On **Friday, January 26th** we had our monthly cocktail party at **4:30 PM** byo beverage and a

snack to share. **Just a reminder.... the Cocktail Party has no chairperson,** therefore, we ask that everyone clean up after themselves and make sure the tables are clean and take out any and all garbage to the dumpster.

On **Sunday, January 28th** we had our **Ice Cream Social** hosted by Paul & Judi Weaver. Even though it rained all day, 91 residents braved the weather and came out to enjoy the get together and share dessert. Margaret Hawley and the Bluffers & Bluffettes entertained us with a sing along and put a little sunshine in the dreary day.

Just a reminder that the **Needlers**, instructed by Bettie Harper, will meet every **Monday from 11:00AM – 1:00 PM**. Bettie has offered her talent and assistance in knitting, crocheting and sewing. If you would like to learn, or need assistance with a project come on down.

February Activities

On **February 02nd at 8:00 am** we will be having **Breakfast at the Bluffs** chaired by Ernie Chalfant. The sign-up sheet is on the walkway. Come join us if you get a chance.

The **Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 03rd at 4:00 PM** hosted by Jim & Alyce Jean Cole has been sold out. Get ready to have some fun as the L.A.Rams take on the New England Patriots.

This year our **Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance** will be held on **Saturday, February 16th at 6:00 PM**. The meal and dessert

is delicious and always done with such elegance. The music this year will be Tom McGannon. Phyllis and Dennis Wallace do a wonderful job hosting this evening. The tickets go very quickly to this event. The signup sheet will be on the walkway by the first of February and tickets will be sold by Margaret Hawley.

Ladies Day Out will be held on **Wednesday, February 20th at 12:00 PM**. Nancy Holmes is hosting this at The Red Lobster. The sign-up sheet will be on the walkway soon, so please join us for a great lunch & good conversation.

Men's Day Out will be held the same day hosted by Ken Moran. The destination is TBD. The sign-up sheet will be on the walkway soon.

On **Friday, February 22nd** we will have our monthly **Cocktail Party**. This is a byo and a snack to share get together at the clubhouse. Everyone is welcome to join.

Reminder: Games Week will be Sunday, March 03rd – Sunday, March 10th.

We have so much talent and people willing to share and give of themselves here at the Bluffs. Thanks to all for everything you do to make the Bluffs such a wonderful place to live and play.

Hope to see you all around the clubhouse.

Vi Oliver, *Activities Chair*



NEW OWNERS

Patricia Fournier Q-5

Bluffs 2019 Spring Games

The latest version of our annual **Spring Games will be Monday, March 4 – Friday,**



March 8, 2019. The Opening Ceremonies and "The Torch Light Walk" around Lake Mary Jane will be back for the third year. They will be on Sunday, March 3rd. and will begin and end at the clubhouse, starting at 6:00 p.m. The torch will proceed clockwise to the nearest lamppost where it will be passed off to the next carrier and so on around the lake, ending back at the club house

for a Pizza Party kickoff celebration. We are looking forward to seeing you for this fun evening. Everyone is invited to join us on our walk, and the Pizza Party. Please sign up for the Pizza Party so we may get a count for ordering the pizzas. **(Watch for the sign-up sheets at the end of February).**

Monday, March 4th will see the beginning of the Spring Games. The schedule of events and sign-up sheets will be posted in the Mailroom, on the walkway bulletin board and on the board outside the kitchen.

We will have three days of delicious lunches. 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 donation for the Lunch is \$6.00 to be paid 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. 2019 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. (WII bowling, darts, ring toss, birdie pitch, and basketball). (Pitch & Putt and WII bowling are on Friday only). We know from

past experiences you will have a great time.

On Sunday, March 10th, we will hold our **Awards Pot Luck Supper**.

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

Again this year we will also have **Bluffs of Sebring Polo Shirts and Hats** to sell. The shirt will be worn by Dave & Tootie Scharbius and David & Annette Tobin. Order forms will be available and the cost will be \$30.00. We hope you will like this shirt that shows the Bluffs of Sebring Logo. Come One and All! Have Fun participating or just watching the events and your friends.

VALENTINE'S DAY TRIVIA

One of the theories is that Valentine's Day started with the Romans. Roman Emperor Claudius II was trying to bolster his army and he forbade young men to marry because he thought single men made better soldiers. In the spirit of love, St. Valentine defied the ban and performed secret marriages. He was executed on February 14th for his disobedience.

Valentine's Day cards are a 600 year old tradition.

Today, around 144 million cards are exchanged industry wide, according to Hallmark.

In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names to see who their Valentine would be...the L.A. Times reports. According to the Smithsonian, they would wear the name pinned to their sleeve for one week so that everyone would know their true feelings....thus the phrase...Wearing your heart on your sleeve!

People consider pink and red the colors of love. According to The National Confectioners Association, around 65% of Americans believe that Valentine's candies should be packaged in red and pink.

In 1847 a Boston pharmacist name Oliver Chase invented a machine that simplified the lozenge production process,

resulting in the first candy-making machine, according to The Oxford Encyclopedia of Food and Drink in America. Seeing the opportunity to revolutionize the candy business he shifted his attention to candy production with Necco wafers!



15 years after the creation of Necco wafers, Daniel Chase's brother, Oliver, developed a way to press words onto the candy lozenges with a felt roller pad and vegetable food coloring. They officially became heart shaped in 1902 and today Necco says about 100,000 of them are sold each year.

The heart was once believed to be a human's center of memory where feelings of love were recorded. The French & Italian artists from the 14th century are who gave us the symbol that we know and love today....they were the first ones to start using this motif in their work.

In Roman mythology, Cupid is the son of Venus, the Goddess of love and beauty. He's often depicted with a bow and arrows to pierce hearts and cast a spell of love.

Red roses are the most popular Valentine's bouquets. The bud stands for strong romantic feelings and was the favorite flower of Venus.

According to a survey of the National Retail Federation, Americans spent 18.2 billion for Valentine's Day in 2017 and were expected to spend \$19.6 in 2018!

3 in 10 adults do not celebrate Valentine's Day!

BLUFF'S **REMINDERS**

When discarding boxes in the dumpsters, please break them down so they will not take up too much room. During season, they become very full and overflow!

Please **DO NOT FLUSH** any disposable wipes or diapers! They do not have time to disintegrate before they reach our "lift system" and they will create a very expensive clog....the expense to clear that is passed on to all of us. Please dispose of properly in the dumpster!

If you are a renter, please stop at the Office when you arrive and register with them....they need to know who is here.

Please do not open the gate for anyone you do not know. We live in a gated community for a reason and we want to keep it as safe as possible. If someone tailgates you in, please notify the Office immediately or a Board Member.

If the gate is down anytime while the Office is closed, please call the emergency number and report it...they want to know so the gate can be re-booted and work properly.

EDITORS NOTES

Wow, can the time go any faster?? Here we are starting February already and it seems like it was just Thanksgiving. I have seen a lot of new faces this year and I think we have a lot of new people looking to buy...that's progress.

If you are new to The Bluff's, welcome. Please take the time to read through your Rules Manual or go on line to our new website and read the rules....these are for your safety, as well as everyone else.

If you are a walker, please walk on the side of the road farthest from the parked cars....this will enable someone backing out to see you. It will also give you some time to change your position in case they don't!

If you walk at night, please wear light colored, reflective clothes and it is suggested that you carry a flashlight. It is really for your safety and the safety of the drivers. They need to see you and you need to see what is on the road ahead of you....if it is a warm night, snakes could be out, as well as other animals. I have seen coyotes in here late at night.

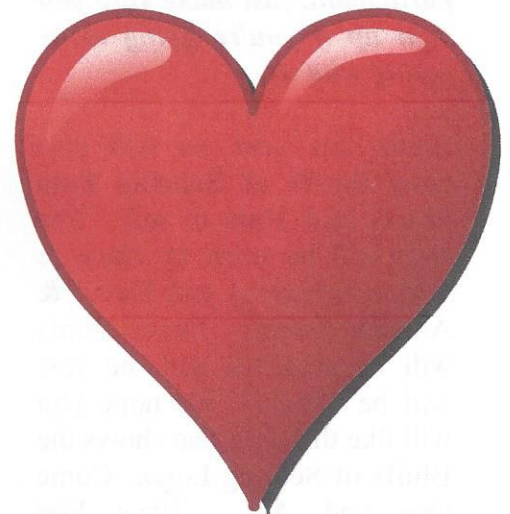
We are thinking that we are having a cold winter....and we are by Florida standards;

however, it is really nothing compared to what the Midwest is experiencing right now. They are seeing very dangerous subzero temperatures as never before. I guess we can't complain when our families call and we can't golf because it was only 52 degrees yesterday. We are a little spoiled, but I personally am looking forward to our real Florida to come back. It looks like the first week of February will be back to pool weather.

Enjoy your stay here and please keep all of the people affected by the terrible Sebring tragedy in your thoughts and prayers!

"SEBRING STRONG"

Bonnie Lennox,
Editor



Weekly Activities

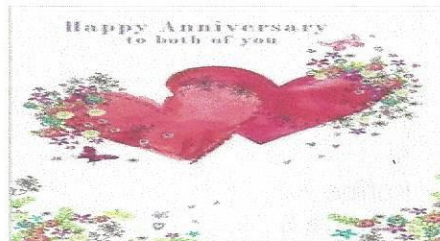
Please check the bulletin board for any last minute changes in the monthly calendar or weekly activities. Activities listed below are subject to change. Sign up in the Mail Room.

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	Water Aerobics	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
Bocce Ball	10:00AM	Mon	Needlers	11:00 AM	Mon

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- 1 Tom Mead
- 2 Van Tubbs
- 4 Joyce Folk
- 4 Jack Hyde
- 8 Joyce Bachtell
- 11 Lynn Kern
- 13 Nancy Holmes
- 13 Liz Krawczyk
- 13 Sharon Fauber
- 14 Pat Aucoin
- 14 Ernie Chalfant
- 18 Ladonna Vaughn
- 20 Tootie Scharbius
- 21 Bob Schmitt
- 21 Jim Smiley
- 22 Sue Schmitt
- 24 Carol Stabile
- 27 Bill Hawley



14 John & Connie Upchurch 2016

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 @ 385-4654** 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 Bluffs Breakfast Ernie Chalfant - Chair 8:00 AM
3 Super Bowl Party Jim & Alyce Cole chairs 4:00 PM til	4 Bingo 7:00 PM	5 Koffee - Annette & Dave Tobin hosts	6	7	8	9 Readers Theatre Margaret Hawley chair 7:00 PM
10	11 Activities Meeting 3:00PM Bingo 7:00 PM	12 Koffee - Jeri & Gary Thompson hosts	13	14 Board Meeting 2:00 PM	15	16 Valentine's Day Dinner Dance Phyllis & Dennis Wallace chairs 6:00PM
17	18 Bingo 7:00 PM	19 Koffee - Beth & Dan Hogan hosts	20 Ladies Day Out - Nancy Holmes host Men's Day Out - Ken Moran host	21	22 Cocktail Party 4:30PM byo and a snack to share	23
24	25 Bingo 7:00 PM	26 Koffee - Open	27	28		