



The CURRENT

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President's Report



Happy New Year!! I hope everyone had a great Christmas with family and friends. If you are traveling back to Lazy River after the holidays, have a safe trip. Looking at our calendar it looks like another year filled with activities to keep us busy. Remember, our Village runs on volunteers to provide us with the many activities we all enjoy, please consider giving of your time to help these various clubs and organizations. It's also a great way to meet your fellow residents.

I must thank a couple of groups for their outstanding work. The Beautification Team led by Jerry Mills and his team demolished the Bridge decking and are now in the process of building the new deck. While Jerry and his group have been working on the bridge, Roy Auvil and the rest of the Beautification Team have continued working on various jobs throughout the Village. The second group, led by Connie Quinn, Mike Rhia, Gary Lynch, and their seventy or so volunteers have done an

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Manager's Report



Welcome home to all who have recently returned or have recently bought in the village. I hope everyone had a great holiday season with their family and friends. I hope everyone had the opportunity to enjoy the Christmas lights before they were taken down.

December was a very busy month here at the village.

The contractor started on our maintenance building and we are optimistic that it will be completed by early February.

Beautification has been busy saving everyone money. They've done pruning, power washing and demolished and rebuilt the bridge to the gazebo. I am thankful that we have these men

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ACTIVITY LEADERS

Anniversaries / Birthdays	Joyce Cote
Art Classes	Marion Myers
Band	Jan Campbell
Beautification	Roy Auvil
Bible Study	Nancy Penoyar
Bocce - Monday	A.J. (Allen) Gilson
Bocce - Tuesday	Paul Gunnels & Susie Anderson
Bocce - Wednesday	Bob Erickson
Bowling	Rich Bigelow, Maddie Ducham
Canine Fitness Club	Jean Swain
Cards Pepper	Richard Ciarlo & Marion Kahler
Pinochle	Lyn Tindall
Tuesday Bridge	Dot Driscoll
Hand & Foot	Mary Dishinger
Chorale	Jan Campbell
Computer Club	Betty McNulty
Dance Club	Harry Stephens
Dominoes	Rich & Dolly Ciarlo
Fitness-Stretching	Marion Myers
Golf Men's 18 hole	Scott Lockhart
Golf-9 hole Men's & Women's	Bob Jones, Sharon Olmstead
Golf-Couples	Sharon Olmstead
Knitting	Marion Myers
Library	Heike Canaday, Linda Lindsay Lisa Gunnels
Mahjong	Carol Ann Kosinski
Miracle Melodies	Jerry Cote
Nickel Bingo	Chris Kamerik
Pickleball Club	Rich Donelson
Quilting	Betty Morse
Shuffleboard	Sharon Olmstead
Stained Glass	Fred Buttery
Table Tennis	Ginnie Wood
Tennis Club	Nancy Penoyar
Water Exercise	Lisa Gunnels
Woodworkers Club	Ed Laetz

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In Season: October thru May: 8:00am to 3:00pm

Out of Season: June to September:

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 8:00am to 3:00pm; Wed. 8:00am to Noon

LAZY RIVER ACTIVITIES TEAM

Team Leaders: No Chairman, this position has fallen away

Co-Chairman, Dawn Abbruzzese and Carole Beaudoin

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Note From The Editor

If anyone sees an error on the listings, please contact me at either of the following:

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telephone no: 941-525-8805.

Thank you.

Submitted by Carol Klotz

President's Report *(continued from page 1)*

exceptional job in decorating our Village this year. Thank you all very much for a job well done!! Please thank these individuals when you see them around the Village. Remember, help will be needed to take down the decorations, please see one of the group leaders to find out where your assistance is needed.

The month of January is always a very busy month for our office staff and Board as January 16th is our Annual Meeting. If you have not received the ballot for the election of candidates to the Board and the proxy for the issues you will be voting on this year, please let the office know. This year there are three seats open on the Board of Directors. We have six candidates running for those three seats. I'd like to thank all for volunteering to give of their time and expertise to help in the running of our Village. Good luck to all!

During the month of November, the Board and Planning Committee held workshops on the building and moving the location of our Bocce Courts and upgrading our pool and spa area. The Bocce Court issue will be on the ballot for your consideration. The upgrading of the pool and spa will continue to be discussed at workshops that will be scheduled after the Annual Meeting and into the spring. Please plan to attend these meetings, your input and ideas are important to the Board and Committee as they move forward in looking at this area. The dates of the workshops will be posted on the bulletin board, the TV channel, and emailed, so please be on the lookout for the notices.

As I'm writing this message, the footings for the new maintenance building have been poured and the cement blocks for the stem wall have been delivered. By the time you are reading this the under-ground utilities for the building will be installed and the finished floor will be poured. The building has been ordered and should be delivered and erected in February or early March if all goes as planned. It's been a long process but there is light at the end of the tunnel.

In the upcoming months Reserve Advisors will be updating our reserve study. This needs to be updated every three years to make sure we are funding our reserves properly. We have made many improvements to our facilities over the past three years and will continue to do so. To make these improvements to

our aging facilities takes a financial plan that ensures we have the money needed as issues arise. As many know, we have issues in some areas with drainage. This is not an easy fix or an inexpensive one, but one that must be looked at and planned for when it comes time to repave our roads. That will be the time to incorporate storm water drains in the problem areas. We have already spoken with and have had a walk through with a County employee asking for guidance. This meeting was very productive but pointed out that we have many limitations on what can be done as our utilities run behind the homes where the drainage issues are the worst. The easiest and probably most cost-effective solution may be some additional road drainage on Tortola, Figi, and Lazy River and enlarging or adding another drainage pipe that runs from Lake Antigua to the canal behind the homes on Martinique.

Another area that needs to be looked at is the sea wall along our marina. This is very important so our road to Island Point isn't undermined further through erosion. These are two areas where we will be asking the engineers from Reserve Advisors to look at and develop a funding plan within our reserves to address these issues in the coming years. This isn't something that can or will be done overnight, it's going to take some long-range planning. I plan on asking our Drainage Committee to begin working on developing recommendations on this issue in the coming months.

Our season is in full swing with many residents and guests out walking, riding bikes and golf carts. Please obey the speed limit and the rules of the road. Please wear light colored clothing and carry a light when walking at night. Make sure the lights on your bike and golf cart are working. If all obey the rules it will help to keep us all safe.

Submitted by Joe Abbruzzese - President



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and women who tirelessly give of their time. We had two more hand dryers installed in the Fitness Center restrooms.

2019 was a great year for our real estate program and I want to say thank you to everyone who has volunteered in the Welcome Center and have spoken highly of the life they enjoy here in the Village.

I wanted to let everyone know that I researched the 2011 Board vote on flying the Canadian flag. I attempted to reach out to the 7 previous board members and actually reached 5 of the 7. The first member advised that it was to fly seasonally from October 1st through April 30th. The other four members advised that the Canadian flag should be flying year-round and should only be down if our flag is flying half-staff. The Canadian flag will fly year-round.

The rental program has had issues but is allowing us to know who is in the village. Last year we only had 23 owners who completed the Owner Application to Rent

and this year we're at 46. Also, a reminder to owners who rent out their homes, it is your responsibility to leave a gate card for your renters. Renters cannot buy stickers for their automobiles or gate cards.

Please be sure that you are giving your 3-digit number to delivery drivers; this enables them to move through the gate and not cause a backup.

The Annual Meeting Packets have been mailed or picked up and again a thank you to those who are willing to pick their packets up as it saves on the mailing expense. I also made a change in the mailing process, previously we had used Certified Mail. We now use Certificate of Mailing which is adequate proof that we mailed the documents as the United States Post Office gives us a receipt on each packet. Certified Mail cost over \$4.00 while the Certificate of Mailing is only \$2.00.

As I started in the December Current, I will be submitting educational articles for publishing in the Current; This month it's on Flying of Our Flags (excerpts from the Federal Order Code CL30243) and Corporate Document definitions.

Season is in full swing and the park is looking great, I hope everyone enjoys their time here.

*Thank You,
Submitted by Nola Brinkley – CAM
Community Association Manager
For the Lazy River Board of Directors*

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FLYING OF OUR FLAGS

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To ensure that we are following the correct protocol when flying our flags, I referenced Order Code CL30243 "The United States Flag: Federal Law Relating to Display and Associated Questions." Below are answers to a couple of those questions.

(c) **No other flag or pennant should be placed above or, if on the same level, to the right of the flag of the United States of America**, except during church services conducted by naval chaplains at sea, when the church pennant may be flown above the flag during church services for the personnel of the Navy. No person shall display the flag of the United Nations or any other national or international flag equal, above, or in a position of superior prominence or honor to or in place of the flag of the United States or any Territory or possession thereof: Provided, That nothing in this section shall make unlawful the continuance of the practice heretofore followed of displaying the flag of the United Nations in a position of superior prominence or honor, and other national flags in positions of equal prominence or honor, with that of the flag of the United States at the headquarters of the United Nations.

Height and position of flags - (g) **When flags of two or more nations are displayed, they are to be flown from separate staffs of the same height.** The flags should be of approximately equal size. International usage forbids the display of the flag of one nation above that of another nation in time of peace.

Beautification Committee

The Beautification Crew has been very busy in the last month. The old bridge to the gazebo is down, the steel base has been scraped and painted. The new Trex floor and railings may be well on their way to completion by the end of the month. Working on the bridge, under the direction of Jerry Mills, were these residents: Roy Auvil, Al Hazlett, Daryl Rutt, Howard Stark, Bruce Basch, Steve Darling, and Bill McGee.

We have Perry Edenburn, with some help from Jim Canaday, to thank for all the trimming and cleaning up of the wood line on the Marina drive. Lookin good guys! The Beautification Crew, Gerry Cote, Carl Redenbo, Bruce Basch, Roy Auvil Bill Schmidt, and Jim Walker all helped to get the almost mountains of brush to the yard waste pickup ! Great job!

Many thanks also to new residents Jeannine and Norman Dube for the painting and repair of the rockers on the porch at the office and for the painting of the bike rack!

With the new recycle lidded containers to be used starting January 9th, Beautification would really appreciate it if all Lazy River residents would plastic bag their soda and beer cans and either hang them from the mailbox or put them on the ground beneath the mailbox. We would be so grateful if that can be done!

The response to Steve Ashford's memorial has been very generous to Beautification and it is greatly appreciated. Roy Auvil and I are the new treasurers of Beautification, and we would request that in future, checks for memorials or just for donations be made out to either Roy Auvil or myself - Carol Basch. This is due to a new law in Florida regarding Association checking accounts.

As always, Beautification is here for the betterment of Lazy River and we always welcome more help. The Beautification Crew meets Monday mornings at the storage container in front of the wood shop. Just show up with gloves and a hat and join the fun!

Submitted by Carol Basch

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January 2020 - Weekly Schedule of Activities

Day	Time	Activity	Location	Contact	Phone
Mon	8:00AM to 8:45AM	Stretching Exercises	Fitness Center	Marion Myers	941-426-6260
	8:00AM to 12:00PM	Tennis	Tennis Courts	Nancy Penoyar	941-451-4939
	9:00AM to 4:00PM	Quilting	Sunrise & Sunset	Betty Morse	941-423-0352
	9:30AM to 10:30AM	Water Exercises	Pool	Lisa Gunnels	248-807-3363
	1:00PM to 3:00PM	Other Band Rehearsal	Stage	Tom VanMassenhove	989-295-5602
	12:30PM to 3:00PM	Hand & Foot	Myakka Room	Mary Dishinger	941-426-7241
	5:30PM to 8:00 PM	Men's Texas Holdem (2)	Welcome Center	Nick Fulbright	269-240-3444
	5.30PM to 8:00PM	Evening Nickel Bingo	Myakka Room	Chris Kamerik	941-426-4620
	7.00PM to 9:00PM	Shuffleboard	Shuffleboard Courts	Sharon Olmstead	941-423-2444
Tue	8:00AM to 10:30AM	Pickleball	Court # 1	Rich Donelson	734-771-6249
	9:00AM to 12:00PM	Water Color Painting	Sunrise & Sunset	Shirley Coleman	941-423-6613
	10:00AM to 12:00PM	LR Band Rehearsal	Main Hall	Jan Campbell	941-426-1607
	9:00AM to 11:00AM	Bridge - Advanced only	Mayakka Room	Dot Driscoll	941-204-4571
	12:00AM to 4:00PM	Bridge	Myakka Room	Dot Driscoll	941-204-4571
	5:30PM to 8:00PM	Men's Texas Holdem (2)	Welcome Center	Paul Myers	513-258-6626
	5:30PM to 9:00PM	Men's Texas Holdem (1)	Myakka Room	Ralph Clay	317-402-7401
	6:00PM to 9:30PM	Bingo	Hall	Joan Rose	941-423-6065
Wed	8:00AM to 8:45AM	Stretching Exercises	Fitness Center	Marion Myers	941-426-6260
	8:00AM to 9:00AM	Koffee Klatch	Kitchen & Hall	Various	
	8:00AM to 12:00PM	Tennis	Tennis Courts	Nancy Penoyar	941-451-4939
	9:30AM to 10:30AM	Water Exercise	Pool	Lisa Gunnels	248-807-3363
	10:00AM to 12:00PM	Miracle Melodies	Myakka Room	Jerry Cote	941-429-0112
	1.00pm to 3.30pm	Hand & Foot	Myakka Room	Mary Dishinger	941-426-7241
	1:00PM to 4:00PM	Art Class	Sunrise & Sunset	Marion Myers	941-426-6260
	6:30PM to 9:30PM	Pepper	Myakka Room	Richard Ciarlo	508-579-1973
	7:00PM to 8:00PM	Table Tennis	Billiard Room	Ginnie Wood	941-423-2184

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Thu	8:00AM to 10:30AM	Pickleball	Court # 1	Rich Donelson	734-771-6249
	9:00AM to 4:00PM	Quilting	Sunrise & Sunset	Betty Morse	941-423-0352
	10:00AM to 11:30AM	Bible Study	Myakka Room	Nancy Penoyar	941-275-0276
	10:00AM to 12:00PM	Shuffleboard	Shuffleboard Courts	Sharon Olmstead	941-423-2444
	1:00PM to 4:00PM	MahJong	Myakka Room	CarolAnn Kosinski	941-429-9079
	1:00PM to 4:00PM	Daytime Nickle Bingo	Top RH Cnr Hall	Peggy Clay	317-340-7966
	6.30PM to 9.30PM	Ladies Cards	Welcome Center	Jan McMillan	941-426-8324
Fri	8:00AM to 8:45AM	Stretching Exercises	Fitness Center	Marion Myers	941-426-6260
	8:00AM to 12:00PM	Tennis	Tennis Courts	Nancy Penoyar	941-451-4939
	9:00AM to 11:00AM	Chorus Rehearsal	Main Hall	Jan Campbell	941-426-1607
	9:30AM to 10:30AM	Water Exercise	Pool	Lisa Gunnels	248-807-3363
	1:00PM to 4:00PM	Knitting/Crochet	Myakka Room	Carol Ann Kosinki	941-429-9079
	1:00PM to 4:00PM	Poker	Sunrise/Sunset Rooms	Diane Makowski	301-351-0080
	1.00pm to 4,30pm	Men's 9 Hole Golf	Long Marsh Golf Cl	Bob Jones	774-414-3074
	5.00pm to 7.00pm	Private Get Together	Bocce Screen Room	Linda McGee	716-640-1705
	6:30PM to 9:30PM	Pinochle	Myakka Room	Lyn Tindall	815-751-2935
	6:30PM to 9:30PM	Dominoes	Sunset Room	Richard Ciarlo	508-579-1973
Sat	8:00AM to 10:30AM	Pickleball	Court # 1	Rich Donelson	734-771-6249
	10.00am to 2.00pm	Open House	Welcome Center	Various volunteers	
	10:30AM to 1:30PM	Men's Texas Holdem (2)	Hall/Myakka Room	Nick Fulbright	269-240-3444
	10:30AM to 3:00PM	Men's Texas Holdem (1)	Myakka Room	Leo Lussier	508-509-7825
	11:00AM to 1:15PM	Ladies Texas Holdem	Sunrise & Sunset	Rosanne Clark	941-423-4302
	1:30PM to 4:00PM	Ladies Poker	Sunset & Sunrise	Sue Keeler	269-832-4711
	2:00PM to 3:00PM	Table Tennis	Billiard Room	Ginnie Wood	941-423-2184
Sun	8:00AM to 12:00PM	Tennis	Tennis Courts	Nancy Penoyar	941-451-4939
	9:00AM to 2:00PM	Historical Minatures	Sunset Room	Richard Ciarlo	508-579-2622
	6:30PM to 9:00PM	Joker	Myakka Room	Connie Bromley	517-898-1574

If you have changed or cancelled any activities,
please contact the scheduler by eMail: carol.klotz@frontier.com

January 2020 - Special Events

Day	Time	Activity	Location	Contact	Phone
Wed 1st	8.00am to 9,00am	Koffee Klatch	Kitchen & Hall	CANCELLED	CANCELLED
Fri 3rd	1.00pm to 2.00pm	Club Leaders Meeting	Myakka Room	Sheryl Childers	502-396-3687
Sat 4th	12:00PM to 9:00PM	Potluck dinner and entertainment	Kitchen & Hall	Carmelle Awad	617-678-9569
Mon 6th	10:00AM to 11:00AM	Canine Fitness Club Monthly Meeting	Myakka Room	Jean Swain	941-423-8003
Mon 6th	2:30PM to 4:30PM	Boat Club B. of D. Meeting	Sunrise Room	Larry Hicks	219-863-0722
Mon 6th	4:00PM to 5:00PM	Tennis Club Monthly Meeting	Myakka Room	Nancy Penoyar	941-451-4939
Wed 8th	11:00AM to 4:00PM	Boat Club Prep for COW Dinner	Kitchen	Larry Hicks	219-863-0722
Wed 8th	1:00PM to 3:00PM	Nail Party	Main Hall	Linda Lindsay	765-376-8041
Thu 9th	8:00AM to 10:00PM	Boat Club Prep for COW Dinner	Kitchen	Larry Hicks	219-863-0722
Thu 9th	10:00AM to 10:00PM	Boat Club COW Dinner & Meeting	Main Hall	Larry Hicks	219-863-0722
Fri 10th	9:00AM to 11:00AM	Pickleball Club Annual Meeting	Myakka Room	Rich Donelson	734-771-6249
Fri 10th	9:00AM to 9:00PM	Setup for Golf Welcome Back Party	Kitchen and Main hall	Chris Gachignard	941-423-2936
Fri 10th	4:00PM to 9:00PM	Golf Welcome Back Party	Kitchen and Main hall	Chris Gachignard	941-423-2936
Sat 11th	9:00AM to 10:00PM	Set-up for Paul Todd & Jnr Show	Main Hall	Connie Bromley	517-898-1574
Sat 11th	4:00PM to 10:00PM	Dressing Rooms for Paul Todd & Jnr Show	Sunrise & Sunset Rooms	Connie Bromley	517-898-1574
Sat 11th	7:00PM to 9:00PM	Paul Todd & Jnr Show	Main Hall	Connie Bromley	517-898-1574
Sun 12th	7.00am to 8.00pm	Set-up & clean-up Tasting Day	Hall & Kitchen	Sheryl Childers	502-396-3687
Sun 12th	4.00pm to 6.00pm	Lazy River Tasting Day	Hall	Sheryl Childers	502-396-3687
Wed 15th	7:30AM to 11:45AM	Blood Drive	Bus outside Clubhouse	Ginnie Wood	941-423-2184
Wed 15th	3:00PM to 4:00PM	Ticket selling Koffee Klatch	Hall	Various	

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Wed 15th	4:00PM to 10:00PM	Cheese & Wine Sky Med (Medicare)	Hall	Sign up on Bulletin Board	
Thu 16th	9:00AM to 3:00PM	Boosters Prep for Draw & Share Dinner	Kitchen	Jeanne Brown	941-441-8676
Thu 16th	7:00PM to 8:00PM	Lazy River Village Annual Meeting	Myakka Room	Nola Brinkley	941-426-4307
Fri 17th	4:00PM to 10:00PM	Boosters Dinner Draw & Share	Hall	Jeanne Brown	941-441-8676
Sat 18th	9:00AM to 10:30AM	Woodworker's Annual Meeting	Myakka Room	Dan Foley	941-423-3267
Mon 20th	4:00PM to 7:00PM	Shuffleboard Ham Dinner	Hall	Linda Kowalchyk	941-786-5008
Fri 24th	12:00PM to 5:00PM	50th Anniversary Prep & Setup	Kitchen & Hall	"Pete" Reed	765-473-3155
Sat 25th	6:00PM to 9:30PM	50th Anniversary Gala Event	Myakka Room + Kitchen & Hall	"Pete" Reed	765-473-3155
Sun 26th	7:00AM to 2:00PM	50th Anniversary Clean up	Kitchen & Hall	"Pete" Reed	765-473-3155
Fri 31st	9:00AM to 2:00PM	Craft Fair	Main Hall	Irma McGuinness	207-713-7706

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Scheduling Information

For those of you who have not yet provided me with a new "Facility Request Form" for 2020, please do so as soon as possible.

If you don't let me have it timeously, there is a possibility that someone else might have put in a request for both the same venue and same date that you normally have. Please be understanding. I have to accommodate everyone on a "First Come, First Served" basis. So.....it is up to you to get your form to me as soon as possible.

Forms are available in the wooden document holder, near to the Bulletin board near the Sunrise/Sunset rooms. Please return them to me at 220 Lazy River Road. I also have a supply at my home.

If for any reason you need to change your previously booked date, it is imperative that you check with me first. You cannot just change your date/s because someone may have already scheduled that date.



A transfer in title for 113 Tahitian Way took place on the 15th November 2019

The previous owner was Jack Gardner

The new owners are : Leonard Damstetter & Susan Ruhland

Their telephone number is : 716-256-9966

Their home State: NY

A transfer in title for 127 Lazy River Road took place on the 15th November 2019

The previous owner was Ken Schultz

The new owners are : Michael & Linda O'Connor,
Their telephone number is : Michael: 651-808-2319

Linda: 651-295-9844

Their home state is : MN

*Many thanks,
Submitted by Carol Klotz, Scheduler.
Tel. No. 941-525-8805*

Birthdays
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
JANUARY 2020

- 01 Jackie Innes
- 01 Pete Miller
- 02 Carol Basch
- 03 Billie Chambers
- 03 Kathleen Driver
- 03 Don Mcclenathan
- 05 Jerry Dishinger
- 05 Steve Hale
- 06 Barbara Crooks
- 06 Vivian Miller
- 07 Bud Heffley
- 07 Chip Morch
- 07 Vivian Puetz
- 08 Sue Siebenaler
- 09 David Carley
- 09 Keith Rule
- 13 Jerry Cote
- 15 Carol Beaudoin (Ron)
- 15 Mary Berg
- 15 Marci Erickson
- 17 Barbara Crothers
- 17 Carolyn Shields
- 18 Steve Brown
- 18 David Van Gorder
- 20 Beth Camp
- 21 Joanie Racicot
- 21 Lynette Whitters
- 22 Ed Kulis
- 22 Peggy Lyons
- 23 Susan Deischer
- 24 Matt Cain
- 24 Janice Gammage
- 24 Brian Werner
- 26 Carolyn Brooks
- 27 James Brown
- 29 Jim Crosby
- 29 Dennis Goltz
- 30 Laurie McDonnell
- 31 Nick Fulbright

Submitted By Joyce Cote

Anniversaries
Happy Anniversary!

JANUARY 2020

Years Married

- 2. Robert And Sharyn Sponenberg
- 12 George And Sharon Biggerstaff . . Over 50
- 13 Kenneth And Mary Bell
- 15 George And Sheila Wilcox
- 19 Frank And Lynn Parfen
- 20 Frank And Marie Mangio
- 25 Don And Sheryl Childers
- 25 Phil And Ilene Lewis Over 60
- 27 Michael And Linda O’connor
- 29 Roger And Joanne Wolcott
- 31 Larry And Julie Weise Over 60

Note: If you are celebrating 50 years or more of marriage and it is not recognized here, it is because I do not have the year you were married.

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See also **Page 2** of the Lazy River Resident Directory.



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Submitted by Cheri Case



I would like to thank everyone very much for the cards, phone calls and kind expressions of sympathy shown following Herb's sad passing. Your support at this difficult time was very much appreciated and of great comfort to me.

Lazy River Village is a very special place, filled with such love and kindness.

Sincerely, Ginger Holstein

A huge **THANK YOU** to Jackie Hall and Shirley Coleman for the fabulous Thanks Giving Dinner. Another thank you to all the wonderful people who worked so hard to make it possible.

The clubhouse was festive, the tables were beautiful, and we felt like we were at a five star restaurant. The food was outstanding, and there was such a selection. **WELL DONE!**

submitted by: Margaret Butera

Special Request



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EDITOR'S NOTE: Since January 2018 year, we have had **33 new families** move into Lazy River Village. We are so happy to know that you chose LRV to be your new home. Perhaps

you are feeling a bit strange, being one of the new residents, so I thought we would let you read a bit about our village, and maybe become a volunteer yourself. Without volunteers, no activities would take place. No events would be planned. Just as a matter of interest, and due to the fact that besides being the Editor of "The Current," I am also responsible for the scheduling of every activity and event that takes in our village. For the month of January, we have **53 weekly events which is 212 per month** and added to that we have **32 special events** taking place – in total **244 activities just for this month**. Now you know why our volunteers are so special. Without them, you would have nothing to do. Perhaps after reading what a few of our volunteers have to say, you might also consider becoming one yourself. We would love to have you join this wonderful crowd of people.

Last year we ran a long article about "Why people volunteer." We had 10 people tell their story about their experience as a volunteer at Lazy River Village. This is a new version:

Sometimes when people are asked to volunteer, they say: "I'm retired and am not interested in working." Funny, because I think a lot of us, when we were first here, had the same idea. We learned pretty quickly the answer to that is "Lazy River Village" is not a Resort, but a Community. If there were no volunteers, there would be no Boat Club parties, no Golf, no 10 Pin Bowling, no Dances, no Card Games and all the other activities that we all enjoy. The fact is, without our volunteers there would be NO real Lazy River Village. Who would ever want to live here then?

There are some who cannot volunteer, but there are many who do volunteer. In addition to regular volunteers, there are some people who help others on a "one on one" basis. They do so because that person needs their help. They don't get any recognition, they don't want recognition, and they do it because they are part of the community called Lazy River Village. There are some people who are a committee of one.

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Volunteer (continued from page 14)

Others, like the Board of Directors, commit a lot of time fixing problems and planning for the future.

Studies have shown that seniors who keep active and get some form of exercise extend their longevity significantly. Some of us don't like to work alone, so... get another person or a couple to volunteer together. Here are a few stories as to why some of our residents volunteer.

Connie Quinn. Why do I volunteer? I really enjoy all activities here at LRV so when I was asked to help with Pickleball – I said OK. Then I was asked to help with “Draw and Share” - I said OK. Then LRV needed someone to head up the Christmas lights - I said OK. The key here is: “I was asked” So if you need help with any activity - just ask someone. When we wanted to restart the “Corned beef & cabbage” with the Boosters Club, Joe Ogden asked Larry & Elly Price for help - they said OK. When the Activities team sponsored the St Patrick's day parade and asked 4 couples if they would help - they did more than help; they organized it and make a fun day for everyone. I've have met great people when I volunteered and asked others to help. We usually have a lot of fun and laughs.

Below are a few stories of why the many folks here in Lazy River Village volunteer. . Perhaps you would like to become one of them???

Carol & Bruce Basch. We volunteer to give back to the community for what the community does for us. We also like to help others who have helped us. When working with a group of other volunteers it's fun work and it gives one a sense of accomplishment for doing a good job. Also volunteering gives one a chance to meet new people, communicate with others and, feel good about yourself! We have really enjoyed volunteering at Lazy River! Come join us !

Lou Rose. To me volunteering is a needed part of our lives here in Lazy River Village. That being said, I feel it is my duty as a resident to do my part. I was a member of the Activities Team from 2009 until I was elected to the Board of Directors in 2016. I was a liaison to the Activity Team for the first two years that I served on the Board, and for the last two years I have served as your Secretary. We are very lucky to have the amount of people who are willing to step up and volunteer as we do here in Lazy River, and I am happy to be one of them!

Connie Bromley. In being asked to write about “volunteers”, and from just coming from seeing the new Mr. Rogers movie, I have been thinking about some of the things my parents taught me (or tried to) and things that Mr. Rogers (and I) taught my kids about being good volunteers in their lives:

1. Always make your bed; push in your own chair; and if you open it, close it!
2. Be early rather than late.
3. Be positive and don't criticize. “If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all!” (Thanks, Mom and Mr. Rogers!)
4. Don't litter. Recycle.
5. Pick up your own toys daily. Clean up your own mess. Put things back where they belong. Don't expect others to do this for you, they shouldn't have to!
6. If others do make messes and haven't been taught properly to do the above, it would be nice of you to volunteer to help them clean up.
7. VOLUNTEER! Be the first to offer help. Serve others, and don't expect others to wait on you or serve you.

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Volunteer (continued from page 15)

Whether we live in a family of two, or of 356 homes in a small neighborhood, the only way things get done is to volunteer and be a good neighbor or helper. Just like kids, look for the gold star on the chart! Be there often to help out when you see that something is needed. You may be the only one to volunteer - but I hope not!

Sue Keeler. A volunteer is a person who voluntarily expresses a willingness to undertake a service. They do so willingly and without pay. Kind of makes you wonder who in their right mind would work without pay. People choose to volunteer for a variety of reasons.

- Volunteering offers the chance to give something back to the community.
- Volunteering provides an opportunity to develop new skills or build on existing experience and knowledge.
- Volunteering means that you are offering something. Something that is not required nor an obligation.
- Volunteering means that you are working side by side with others. This connects you to other human beings that are working toward a common goal.
- Volunteering reaps the benefits of feeling a personal sense of accomplishment.

I volunteer for all of these reasons. It keeps me busy and I truly enjoy helping other people.

Please offer to volunteer whenever you can. If you try it, you will like it.

Sunshine Report

SYMPATHY CARDS:

Blais Family on the passing of Dick Bob Stanko and family on the passing of Nancy

Terry Kerrigan on the passing of Sharon

GET WELL:

Fran Correia
Charolet Goff
Bob Butera



THINKING OF YOU:

Bonnie Mullen
Donna Reimer
Pat Krome

Submitted by Ellen Hurley

The Loss of a Friend

It is with deep sadness that we would like to share that **Sharon Kerrigan** (nee Wight) of Walkerton passed away at Hanover & District Hospital on Sunday, November 24th, 2019 at the age of 75. Beloved wife of 55 years of Terry, loving mother of Cheryl & Douglas Weber of Innisfil and Dwayne & Tennille of Pickering and cherished grandmother of Kayla, Lindsay, Spencer and Savannah.

Sharon and her husband Terry were long-time residents of Lazy River Village and shared many friendships here. Her infectious laugh, generosity of spirit and thoughtfulness will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Submitted by Betty Rumley

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Over the holidays Chuck had some friends down to visit. Chuck noticed that John wasn't hearing well in the great room with everyone in it. They got talking about hearing aids and John was wearing the same brand as Chuck.

Chuck called me and talked to me about John's struggle. I had room in my calendar, so they came in, and I read out the program on John's hearing aids. Not only did they have the same brand, they had the same model. When I read out the program, I noticed that John's settings were not taking advantage of all the bells and whistles available for these premium hearing aids.

Since John was visiting for two weeks, we had time to adjust his program and John could go out and try the new settings while eating out or visiting with a group of friends.

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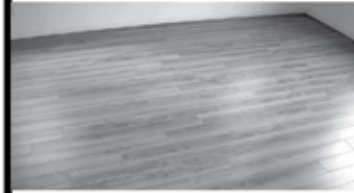
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January 31st - Craft Show



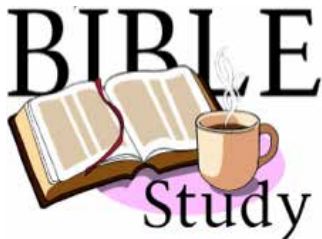
Submitted by Sheryl Childers

CHOIR RESUMES

The Lazy River choir resumes practice on Friday, January 10 at 9:30a.m. in the clubhouse. All singers, not-so-much singers, and joyful noise singers are invited to sing the world's best country music in preparation for a strong, melodious, and mighty concert in March.

Your friends and neighbors in the choir have two words for you--Be There!

Submitted by Hugh Brooks



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR - PEACE ON EARTH AND GOOD WILL TO MEN

As we view the world around us, we do not see this peace that is represented in many of our Christmas cards. In Isaiah 9:6 we read that a "child is born and a Son is given". The child is baby Jesus who becomes the Son of man; and the Son given is the Son of God. This God/man is a mystery to the people living in darkness. Jesus comes to be the light to open our minds and our hearts to Truth. John 14:6 Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man comes to the Father, but by me.

This becomes clearer in the remaining part of Isaiah 9:6: "and the government shall be upon his shoulders; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace". Wherever we read about the peace of God in scripture, it is revealing the peace with God because His kingdom has come. In the Lord's prayer, Matthew 6:9, we pray that the kingdom would come and that His will would be done on earth as it is in heaven." In Mark 1:15 after John the Baptist was put in prison, Jesus said the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe the gospel.

The kingdom continued to be "at hand", or near because Jesus had not yet been crucified, buried, risen the third day to fulfill scripture as the resurrected Christ. When he left his disciples after they saw him in his glorified body for 40 days, he rose from the earth and is now seated at the right hand of the Father. But, he did not leave his disciples without the power he promised (Acts 1:8) and the promise that he would never leave nor forsake his disciples. He sent the Holy Spirit to dwell in each believer establishing his kingdom within the soul and spirit of each one.

Only those who have received his Spirit have that peace with God. This peace is available to all who will believe that he is the Christ, and bow to his authority as King of kings and Lord of lords.

I invite all who are interested in studying and discussing the Word of God to join us each Thursday morning in the Myakka Room starting at 10:00AM.

If you can not attend, but have a need for prayer please feel free to call me at 941-451-4939. We will pray for you.

Submitted by Nancy Penoyar

Featured Veterans



JULIUS (JUKE) SNYDER

Juke Snyder was born in 1934, in Breda, Iowa, a small farming community in the western part of the state. In October, 1956, at the age of 22, he had already graduated from High School and was working in Elgin, Illinois when he decided to join the U.S. Army. By doing so, he was able to request a field of interest, which was to be a medic, and after basic training at Ft. Carson, Colorado he was sent to Medical Lab School at Ft. Sam Houston in Texas. Following three months of training he worked for about six weeks as a Lab Tech at the Maditan Army Hospital, before being deployed to Germany.

Upon arriving in Germany, Juke was assigned to the 517th Medical Clearing Company, which was in the Infantry Division. During that time he was promoted to a Spec 4 (Equivalent to a Cpl) and ultimately was selected to attend the NCO Academy in Munich, Germany. During his training he won a leadership award and was promoted to Sergeant within 15 months of being inducted into the military, which was a rare occurrence. Upon completion he went back to the 517th Medical Co. as a training NCO and had the opportunity to set up a lab, a Medical Dispensary, at a top secret military post in Kriegfield, Germany.

It was during this tour that Juke met the love of his life, a German girl named Maria Kiefer, who was the secretary for a U.S. Army Chaplain. They dated for approximately one year before being married. It was at this time Juke decided to re up in the military because he didn't have the money to bring Maria to the U.S., nor did he qualify for the government to foot the bill. After reenlisting he returned to the 517th where they had government quarters for him and Maria. In November 1960, Juke and Maria returned to Ft. Devens, Mass. where he remained a Medic, until being discharged in 1962.

Juke attended night school while working, studying engineering at North Eastern University, then he received a B.A. degree from Newbury College. He and Maria settled in Windchester, Mass. and he spent 30 years with the Polaroid Company in Cambridge. Juke had a very successful career and retired as a

Technical Manager for Instrumentation Development, taking a buyout in 1994.

Juke and Maria were married for 54 years, raising two children, both with successful careers, with two grandchildren. The Snyders owned a number of properties in Florida including a home on Ocean Blvd. in Siesta Key, which they bought in 1994. Ultimately they were looking for a more intimate place with desirable amenities that wasn't so commercial. In their quest they found Lazy River and purchased a home in 2002, and became typical snowbirds. Sadly, Maria died in January 2014 unexpectedly from a pulmonary embolism. Juke now lives here full time, yet he visits his children and grandchildren up north on regular occasions.

Juke used to play golf, but has since given it up. On a Monday or Tuesday night you will find him in the Welcome Center playing cards with his buddies, after which they share time having a good cigar and a glass of scotch. Juke has come to love this community and recognizes its hidden value.

Juke, my friend, on behalf of this community I thank you for your service to our great country. Each job, each mission, performed by each soldier has ensured the success of our great military throughout history. We are grateful for the sacrifice that has been made on our behalf.

Respectfully submitted by: Rich Donelson

Security



Dick and I want to welcome our Lazy River Family back from the North.

Our regular daily security schedule is now being followed. Just a reminder, if I have scheduled you for security and you are unable to do it that day please change days with someone else on the schedule. Please remember to mark any changes on the master calendar in the club house.

If you do not get the security plaque the day you are scheduled, please let me know and I will track it down.

Thank you in advance for all you do.

Submitted by Dick & Cheri Case

SPORTS

Bocce Ball



Hi everyone,

League play for Tuesday morning Bocce will begin on Tuesday January 7, 2020. Game time is 9:00AM so please arrive about 10 minutes early so we can talk and set up.

Also, if you are unable to make any given week, please let me know as soon as possible, as we have subs wanting to play. My number is 941-423-6165. Thanks, and see you soon.

Submitted by Susie Anderson

Bowling (Gutter Gossip)



Hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season. The bowlers are warming up as we have a lot of 200 games and 600 series. First Gary Clark with a 222 game, Don Wilhelmy had a 216, 202, and a 608 series, Sue Keller threw a 223 game, Jim Goff had a 200 game, while Ken Benson put up a 226, 224, and a 638 series. Great bowling guys! Keep it up.

We still have room for new bowlers if you want to take it up. We bowl at AMF Lanes in Venice on Tuesday morning at 9:00am.

Submitted by Rich Bigelow

Men's 18-Hole



As you all know, the holiday time brings a slowdown of most sports activities here in the village due to holiday travel and family commitments but by the time January rolls around we should be back to full strength with our 8 foursomes.

Starting January 9 at the Palms we will begin our "closest to the pin" competition on 2 selected par 3's each week. 1 front nine and from the back, the first group will leave a tape measure and distance sheet on the right side of the greens and I will retrieve them as I will be in the last foursome of the day for the remainder of the season. All prizes will be given to the winners during our annual awards dinner.

I would like to welcome Dennis Dougherty of 147 Rarotonga to our group and the rest of the folks still filtering in for the season.

In closing I want to thank Frankie Mangio for assisting me this season. He is fun to work with and a great asset to our league.

To all have a safe and wonderful holiday season.

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Couple's Golf



As the snowbirds continue to come back to Lazy River and others returned from spending Thanksgiving away, the numbers of those who golfed with the Couples group on Sunday afternoons continued to increase through December.

We averaged about eight foursomes playing on Sawgrass and on Turnberry at Waterford Golf Club. Those numbers will be lower around Christmas but increase again with the start of the New Year. I expect that we will then start playing on the third course, Gleneagles, as well. The green fees for nine holes and a cart are \$25.00 plus tax.

We will start collecting a dollar per person in January each time you golf with the Couples group. The funds will be used for the dinner and prizes at the end-of-the-season party.

As communicating by e-mail has worked well this season, I will no longer put up a signup sheet in the clubhouse. Indicate on your score card whether you want to golf on the next Sunday and turn the card in to me after we finish golfing. An e-mail will be sent at the start of the week to current and past participants, advising whose names I have that have indicated they want to golf on the following Sunday. If you want to add or delete your name from that list, please e-mail me at sharon_anderson@bellnet.ca or call me at 941-423-2444, preferably by Thursday. I'll prepare the schedule and then e-mail it to the group by mid-Friday.

You do not have to be part of a "couple" to participate. An individual can indicate that he or she would like to play and I will add them to the schedule.

Submitted by Sharon Olmstead

Men's & Women's 9 Hole Golf



The members of the 9 Hole Golf Group have enjoyed playing the three courses at the Long Marsh Golf Club, near Englewood. From mid-November to mid-December, we had approximately three foursomes of women golfers and five foursomes of men golfers. The cost has been \$25.00 for 9 holes of golf with a cart but we do expect there to be a small increase commencing in January.

Also in January, we will start collecting a dollar from each of the golfers, using the funds for our end-of-the-season party that we have in March with the Couples golf group. If you are interested in playing 9 holes of golf on Friday afternoons, please contact Bob Jones by e-mail: jonesra8@aol.com or by telephone at: **774-414-3074**.

If you have suggestions for or questions about our golf events, please contact me by e-mail at: sharon_anderson@bellnet.ca or by telephone at: **941-423-2444** or John Overton by e-mail at: john.overton@sympatico.ca or by telephone at: **941-426-7353**.

Submitted by: Sharon Olmstead

Golf Welcome Back Party, Friday, January 10, 2020



Even if the various golf leagues have been active for a while, we traditionally hold our Golf Welcome Back Party in early January when most golfers are back at Lazy River.

The 2020 Golf Welcome Back Party will take place Friday, January 10. Cocktails at 5:30PM and dinner at 6:30PM.

All Lazy River golfers, 18 holers, 9 holers, men and women and their spouses are welcome. We will serve a pasta dinner, salad, dessert, wine and beer included, all for \$6.00! Tickets will be available at Koffee Klatch or through your golf convener. See you there!

For your information the 38th annual Lazy River Golf Scramble will take place Sunday morning March 22 at The Hills in Rotonda. More details to come later but mark the date in your agenda.

Submitted by Chris Gachignard, for the Scramble committee.

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SPORTS

Bill Mcgee Scores A Hole In One

Playing the Hills with the Friday men's golf league, Bill hit a seven wood on the 139-yard tenth hole. As he walked up to the green he started looking on the right side, when his playing partner, Eddie "Mac" McDonnell, said, "I think it's in the hole."



Bill walked up and, sure enough, it was in the hole. **It was his first hole in one.** He was so excited but Eddie McDonnell was even more excited! Eddie said that he had never witnessed a hole in one. Gary Clark also was a witness.

Tradition dictates that whoever makes a hole in one buys a beer for all the players in his league. Sure enough, when he got the clubhouse his teammates were all waiting for him. He was happy to buy several pitchers of beer.

Submitted by Bill's teammates

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SPORTS

Pickleball



Well, if you are reading this you managed to survive the holidays. A new year is upon us and we look forward to the coming season, anticipating great times ahead as we return to the courts.

Remember, our annual meeting is on Friday, January 10th, in the Myakka Room. You will be given an agenda at the start of the meeting, but you will have the opportunity to discuss relevant matters before the whole group. Keep in mind, we will have an election of officers for a two year term, commencing in January. To my knowledge we will be filling every position. Please be thinking about nominations, or a willingness to take a leadership role. We have a great Club, but we need participation to be successful.

We have several new players, and I have scheduled a Pickleball Rodeo Challenge for January 18th. The format will be similar to last year. I encourage everyone to attend, it will be fun.

A Round Robin Tournament will be held in February (date to be determined) for all players. Most likely a lunch will follow with presentations. A signup sheet will be out prior or players and helpers.

On Thursday night, February 20th, the Pickleball Club is hosting a night of karaoke in the Clubhouse. This is a fund raiser so talk it up. We need help with tickets, setup, cleanup, etc. Details are forthcoming.

Submitted by: Rich Donelson

Shuffleboard



It's wonderful to be back in Lazy River, joining our Lazy River neighbours at the shuffleboard courts on Monday evenings from 7:00pm. to 9:00pm. and on Thursday mornings from 10:00am. to 12:00pm. Most of us have not had an opportunity to shuffle since April but the skills and the enjoyment all come back as soon as one has a shuffleboard stick in hand.

Please arrive at least 10 minutes early so that you have time to pay (25 cents), draw a token to see what court you will be on and have a few minutes to practice before we start. You might win 15, 30 or 50 cents, if you win one, two or three of the games you play!

Our Treasurer, Debbie Rohlin, has started collecting our membership dues for the 2020 season. They are still only \$5.00 per person and include admission to our three events. Our ham dinner will be held at the clubhouse on January 20th. New members are always welcome.

Submitted by Sharon Olmstead, President

Table Tennis



Hi All,

It's time to come down to the Exercise Room, thru to the Billard Room and try your hand at Ping Pong!! Wednesday evenings from 7:00pm till 8:00pm, you'll find us with paddles in hand trying to keep the rally going. No one is an expert, but its fun and a good way to relax and do a little exercise before the TV shows begin. You might even want to take a dip in the pool following our hour of fun.

If Wednesday nights do not work for you, we also play on Saturday afternoons from 2 pm till 3 pm. Many of us do both days and try to keep the game active.

COME ON DOWN & TRY!!!! Lazy River "Fun Bunch"

Submitted by Ginnie Wood

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SPORTS

Tennis Between The Lines



While few were available for our December meeting, we can report the following.

Round Robin will continue each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, beginning about 8:30AM usually at Court #2 in back of the clubhouse. We are encouraging foursome to also set up scheduled play on those days as well.

Master Tennis will be played each Wednesday after round robin play on Court 2 as long as there are interested players. We do have some racquets and balls available. Instructions can also be arranged. Let Ron Ducham or Nancy Penoyar know of your interest.

The Tennis Club is hosting the January Koffee Klatch. Since New Year's Day is the first Wednesday of January the decorations from the New Years Dance will be in place and the Tennis Club will put our decorations on Thursday morning unless there is another activity scheduled. Nancy Penoyar and the O'Brien's will host this first Wednesday Koffee Klatch. All tennis players should be willing to help in clean up and hosting another of the 5 Wednesdays in January.

Saturday, March 7th is on the calendar for our annual Fund Raiser. Details will be decided later.

We have been enjoying some limited play with Harbor Cove. Their scheduled days of play are Tuesdays, Thursdays. A few have gone over to their courts and we will again host some of their players to join us here from time to time.

Our next scheduled meeting is Monday, January 6, 2020 from 4:00PM to 5:00PM. Dues will be taken. Tennis meetings are open to all interested players. Dues are \$10 per year.

As of this article, we have no information on replacing the post and lights on court #2.

Submitted by Nancy Penoyar 941 451 4939.

ECHO

(Everyone Can Help Others)



needs of our residents or renter.

Echo is a committee of volunteers from our residents who meet monthly to confidentially discuss

The volunteers can make phone calls, visit, and provide assistance with maintenance of property, garden yard work, and minor repairs. Food shopping, make trips for errands, tidy up the house, some cleaning, and provide transportation. Additionally, we have information, such as, medical and community resources, meals on wheels, home health agencies, companion care, and county resources assistance.

The Idea of Echo is to offer help to all residents and to create a culture of neighbor helping neighbor. It is also a way of getting to know your neighbors.

Committee members are: Joyce Cote, Pat Krome, Betty O'Brien and Marion Myers. They can be contacted directly or call the Chairman - Rosemarie Sulzbach at 941-875-3635.

Submitted by Rosemarie Sulzbach

THIS AND THAT

Lazy River Quilters

Quilt classes will be held on Mondays at 9:00am. The name of the teacher is Wanda Milankoov. Starting on Monday, January 6th, 2020.



Pattern and fabric requirements

1. January 20th, 2020 – we will start to sew a lap quilt - 48 X 60.
Beginners welcome. Sign up sheet in "Sunset Room". Your own sewing machine required.
2. A more challenging project - "paper piercing"
Flamingo pillow or wall hanging.

For more information contact Betty Morse at 941-423-0352.

PAST EVENTS

Ladies Holiday Luncheon

The 2019 Ladies Holiday Luncheon was held on the 4th of December at Plantation Golf & Country Club, and was a wonderful way to kick off the season!



We had amazing door prizes all donated by a variety of local businesses, which included:

Absolute Liquors, Greek Grille, Marcos, Chicos, 2nd Chance Furnishings, Alvaros and AMF Bowling – Venice. Several of our very own LRV talented artists and crafters also donated door prizes and they were very much appreciated and admired.

Thank you to Jeanne Brown, Donna Harrod, Irma McGuinness and Charles Goss for sharing your time and talents!

Also thank you to Kathy Wolcott and Irma McGuinness for all your help and support to make this another memorable tradition. I couldn't have done it without you.



The 2020 committee will once again be lead by Lyn Tyndall and Laurie McDonnell. Thank you for keeping the tradition alive!

Submitted by Gay Stephens

Annual Toy Collection 2019

I cannot say THANK YOU enough for making this year's Christmas collection of toys for the North Port Toys for Tots Program **the best ever**. Thank you to everyone who generously donated toys and/or money for this worthwhile project. 500 families were helped this year. Chuck and I had fun shopping all the toy sales. The Marines were very impressed with the bikes and many boxes of toys turned in.



A special thanks also to Marian Myers, Diana McAllister, Ellen Hurley, Jeanne Paquin, Ann Heath and Shirley Coleman for making goodies for our annual Yankee Swap. I do not even have to ask and the goodies appear. A special Thanks to Cheryl Childers for asking for toy donations when they announced the Welcome Back Party, also to the Boosters for their generous donation. We could not do this project without the support of many people in this wonderful community we live in. The generosity in this Park truly overwhelms Chuck and I. We are already looking forward to next year's collection.

Submitted by Chris Kamerik

COMING EVENTS

50th Wedding Anniversary Gala Affair

Mark The Date - January 25, 2020

Honoring couples celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary in the year 2020.

Anniversary couples (owners and renters) please bring pictures and memorabilia for all to see.

We are so looking forward to another great party, and sharing a wonderful night.

Tickets will go on sale the first Wednesday of January 2, at the Koffee Klatch.

More information will be available as we get closer to January 25.

Should you need any more information, please contact either of the following ladies:

Pete' Reed
765-473-3155
135 Island Point

or

Wanda Hartung
517-605-7108
155 Rarotonga Road



Submitted by "Pete" Reed and Wanda Hartung

COMING EVENTS

“Happy 2020 New Year’s Potluck”

Saturday, January 4th, Harmony Lane’s David and Teresa will open our New Year with their music and songs of the 50’s, 60’s, 70’s and 80’s. Enjoy, drink, eat and dance to their wonderful music.



Tickets will be on sale at the Koffee Klatch on Wednesday the 11th and 18th of January. Anyone not able to purchase their tickets on these two days, can contact Carmelle at 617-678-9569. The price is still only \$3:00 per ticket. There will be a 50/50 drawing and a door prize. Please bring your BYOB and BYOS. We look forward to your delicious favorite dishes. Hot and cold dishes, Casseroles, Veggies, Salads, meat, chicken and appetizers were so wonderful and so good at our November Pot Luck

You may drop off your dish at 4.00PM Potluck night. Cocktails will be at 5.00PM and dinner will be at 5.30PM. Sign-up sheets will be on the bulletin board.

We thank all of the wonderful volunteers who helped clean up in the kitchen and dining room. We truly appreciate your hard work and help.

Come and have fun with your old friends and meet some new friends. If you have any questions and want to join our Potluck, please call Carmelle Awad at 617-678-9569.

Mark your calendars for the 2020 Potlucks: Saturday, January 4, 2020, Saturday, February 1, 2020, Friday,, March 6, 2020, Saturday, April 4, 2020.

Submitted by Dolly Ciarlo, Carmella Awad and Diane Ogden

Michigan Day Tailgating Party *Heads up Michiganders.*



We hope you are enjoying the north, flowers, trees, beaches, family and friends.



Plans are already being made for a **March 1, 2020** tailgating party. As you prepare for your return to Lazy River life, please pack your favorite team’s sports attire and memorabilia. You may just want to come dressed as a fan.

Submitted by Trinie Vander Ploeg

TODD Sr & TODD Jr



Here we go again! The 2020 season is upon us! For the first show of this winter we are having a father/son duo. Paul Todd Sr. is a prolific writer, composer, arranger, and singer. He was a National Yamaha Keyboard contest winner at age 14. Vocalist-drummer son Paul Jr.’s career started at age 14 as well. Paul Sr. plays and is surrounded by 6 keyboards. Paul Jr. is a talented vocalist who can do a lot of voices. They include hits by Sinatra, Darin, Groban, Valli and The Four Seasons. Their repertoire includes original, classical, gospel, swing, popular, big band and Broadway selections presented with memorable witty showmanship.

The show will be on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the clubhouse. You may still buy season tickets until that evening, or you may buy single tickets for \$10.00 each at the Wednesday morning Koffee Klatches.

If you choose to purchase season tickets for all three shows, they will be \$25,00 plus you will receive a seating pass which may be used for all three shows starting in the morning of the shows. Great gift idea!!!

Information is on the back bulletin boards or check out ‘Paul Todd and Paul Todd Jr.’ on the internet. Come and enjoy a wonderful evening of music!

Submitted by Connie Bromley - 517-898-1574

COMING EVENTS

Mat and Armchair Yoga

Yoga 2020 with Martha Pelot – 8 weeks beginning Tuesdays, first class January 7, 2020.

Thinking about yoga for 2020? Not sure if it's for you? Consider the following:



As we age our bodies change. Yoga helps us to maintain strength, flexibility, balance, and agility.

Martha will be offering 2 ways to practise yoga – Gentle Yoga on the Mat & Chair Yoga.

Gentle Yoga on the Mat:

On the mat, yoga incorporates movement with breath work to open and release tension in the body. You will work in various postures called asanas. Martha makes these accessible to everyone at their own level. Postures are practised while on your back, sitting, on hands and knees, and on the stomach. This class will run from 4.00PM to 5.00PM on Tuesdays in the Billiards Room if enough interest. Bring your yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing.

Chair Yoga:

People with trouble with specific areas of the body like hips, knees, or shoulders often use chair yoga as opposed to yoga on the mat. In chair yoga, a chair is used to bring the floor up to the practitioner. In a chair class you will do postures sitting and standing, all with the help of a chair. All of the benefits of mat yoga without getting down on the floor. This class will run from 1.00pm to 2.00pm on Tuesdays in the Billiards Room if enough interest. Wear comfortable clothing.



Remember: yoga is not for the flexible – it's for the willing!!

If you are interested in mat or chair yoga for January 2020 please email Sharon Morch:

srmorch@yahoo.ca

or telephone me at 941-426-5583.

Look forward to seeing new faces!

Submitted by Sharon Morch

Blood Drive Coming In January 2020



Wednesday, January 15th, 2020 is our Blood Donor Day for January. The "BUS" will be parked near the front entrance of the

Clubhouse from 7:30 am till 11:45am Please sign up, if you have time, to give the medical staff an idea of how many will come. Come out to our Koffee Klatch at the Clubhouse first and then head over and be a Donor. It takes about 20 minutes to give a pint of blood, plasma, and platelets that are so necessary to save lives. It is such a blessing for those that need it so desperately.

If you are not sure you are eligible, just walk into the Bus and ask your questions. They are very knowledgeable and hopefully you will be able to donate. Thank you all for even trying, and to all of those that are successful.

Our final Blood donor day, after January, will be March 8th. Do plan to donate if at all possible. Thank you, thank you!!!

*Submitted by Ginnie Wood
Blood Donor Coordinator*

Christmas Lights

Thank you to all the residents who helped to put up the Christmas lights. Now we need help to take them all down again. ***This will take place on the second week in January***, so if you were not here to put them up we can use help to take them down.

There will be the second annual take-down party the afternoon of the take-down day. All volunteers will receive a letter with the details of this fun event.

Please contact Connie Quinn at 810-599-0437 or stop by at 146 Rarotonga for more information.

Submitted by Connie Quinn

COMING EVENTS

Re-Creation Returns



The overwhelmingly popular Re-Creation will perform again at Lazy River on February 29 and March 1. The February show (at 7:00 PM) will be secular music, and the March show (9:00 AM) will be a worship service. There will be no ticket charge for either show, but free-will offerings for the Re-Creation mission to Hospitalized Veterans will be received at both.

Lazy River Residents will be asked to house the young singers on Saturday night. There are 12 members of the group. Contact Joyce Cote at 941-429-0112 if you would like to host an overnight guest.

CLUB NEWS

Dance Club

We have an exciting line-up for our 2020 dance season - you won't want to miss any of these!



Once again, we will be selling two types of tickets this year. Single dance purchases are \$10.00 per person and Season ticket purchases (all three dances) are \$24.00 per person. Season ticket holders will have the chance to include two additional musical programs with their ticket at no additional cost. These programs will be held on Monday, February 3rd and Monday, March 2nd, 2020 in the Myakka Room.

- Monday, February 3 : A Night at the Copacabana with guest entertainer Claudia Martinez from 7.00PM – 9:00pm.
- Monday, March 2/20: Broadway Comes to Lazy River with The Martin Duo 7.00PM – 9:00pm
- At the time of purchase, the first 68 Season ticket buyers will be able to sign up for these 2 special events.

Regular Dance Line-up Mark your calendars for these:

Thursday, January 23rd, 2020 - Bandanna is Back!
Voted the #1 Dance Band in the area by Venice Magazine and Sun Newspapers. Bandanna brings an exciting energy to the party and will keep the joint jumpin' all night.

Thursday, February 27th, 2020 - Marc Anthony Band!

The Marc Anthony Band received rave reviews from residents last year, and we are fortunate to have a date that matched their schedule! Great dance music with incredible vocals, add up to a special evening.

Thursday, March 26th, 2020 - Soul Proprietors!

A six piece dance band from Ft. Myers that features a horn section and two female vocalists! The perfect band to bring the season to a close. High energy with music from across the decades.

We are looking forward to a great dance season – hope to have you join the party!

Submitted by your Lazy River Dance Committee

Bingo



Happy New Year to everyone!

Tuesday night Bingo will resume on January 7th - the first Tuesday of the New Year. Please be in the hall and ready to play by 6:30PM. This helps a lot with organizing the money prizes for the evening. Thanks in advance.

Submitted by Joan Rose

CLUB NEWS

Boat Club



Ahoy! Mates!

We are selling tickets for the Boat Club Change of Watch Dinner on January 9th. The cost will be \$10.00 per person. The Party will be BYOB with soft drinks provided. We will be Inducting 2 new Directors to the Board. The new Directors will be Mike Berg . and Dennis Gershoff.

The Bridge for 2020 will be Dave Carley – Commodore, Gary Lynch – Vice Commodore, Tom VanMassenhove – Rear Commodore, Peter Rapelje – Treasurer, Teresa Jones – Secretary and Mike Berg, Dennis Gershoff , Rich Donelson, and Janice Boeck - Directors. Please support these officers.

The Christmas Party was a great success. All had a great time dancing to Frankie and Marie. Many thanks go out to Eleanor Rapelje for the Hall decorations and Viv Puetz and Rita Kaye in the preparation and serving for the party. And thanks to Scott Lockhart for the wings and pigs in a blanket.

I would also thank all those who stayed after the program to help clean-up. Thanks again.

Submitted by Larry Hicks, Commodore, LRBC



DAYTIME

Game is played on **Thursdays in the Hall.**

Door opens at 12:45pm, game starts at 1.00pm

Please be set up and ready to play before 1:00pm.

Bring \$5.00 in nickels and your own daubers.

Submitted by Peggy Clay

EVENING

Game is played on **Mondays in the Myakka Room.**

Door opens at 5.30pm, game starts at 6.00pm.

Please be set up and ready to play before 6:00pm.

Bring \$5.00 in nickels and your own daubers.

Submitted by Christine Kamerik and Ellen Hurley

Canine Fitness Club



Welcome back to the snowbirds and welcome new home owners. Any new home owners who have a four legged member to their household or just a love of dogs is welcome to join The Canine Fitness Club. We meet the first Monday of the month at 10:00AM in the Myakka Room (aka the Card Room) and anyone is welcome to attend. We also gather at 5:00PM at Sunset Park (located at the end of the boat docks) on the first and third Monday of each month starting the 3rd week of January for a doggie social hour. Bring a cocktail and your furry friend and watch the sun set – again – everyone is welcome.

It was suggested at the last meeting that it would be nice if a sign was added to the front of Lazy River Village indicating that not only were we a waterfront community and resident owned, but that we are a pet friendly community. This was considered important as other communities along the US41 identify as such and given our pet areas and permission to have cats and birds throughout the entire community. This just might be an added attraction for buyers.

We would encourage our dog owners to try out the new dog park recently developed just off of River Road. We plan to hold one of our Monday social hours at the new dog park – weather permitting. It will be the third Monday in February.

Other ideas discussed at our last meeting included looking into getting two additional dog waste buckets – one for down by the storage yard and one for the other end of the marina. We are also looking into the possible purchase of an additional picnic table for Sunset Park with the Board's permission.

As there is money in the kitty it was suggested that we go ahead and purchase another picnic table for the Marina area and purchase the dog waste bins.

A reminder that annual dues are \$5.00.

Submitted by Jean Swain - Chair

CLUB NEWS

Lazy River Boosters

A very warm welcome to our Snowbird friends and family. We hope you had a happy and healthy holiday.



Now let the Florida fun begin! We anxiously await your presence at our first dinner\draw and share, which will take place on Friday, January 17. Tickets will be available for purchase on Wednesday, January 8 at the Koffee Klatch. A pork loin dinner ticket will cost eight dollars and the game balls ticket will cost \$10.00 each.

Mark your calendar as well for the dinner, draw\share on February 14 and the St. Patrick's Day dinner on March 17. Tickets will be on sale prior to each event.

Please remember we are all boosters and all money raised goes entirely back to the clubs and organizations!

Have a request? See Joe Ogdon and fill out a form.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Boeck

Line Dancing



Come on out and have some fun, get some exercise. Hear some great music, and learn Alan Jackson's "Good Time Line Dance"

We do Line Dancing and Couple's Dance

Come one come all !!!

Friday 10th January 2020 until the end of March 2020.

Where: Main Hall

Time: 1.00PM to 2:00PM

See you there.

Submitted by Frankie & Marie Mangio

Woodworking Club (Come See What We Saw)

It's January 2020 and the start of the 3rd decade of the 21st century. Wow! Where did the time go? Happy New Year to all. It's the time of year we make New Year's Resolutions. I would like to renew one I have proposed in the past. Check your smoke alarm. Is it out of date? Perhaps it should be replaced. I would also like to propose that you purchase a fire extinguisher that you can mount in a place that is easily accessible. An extinguisher with an "ABC" description is a good one for household use. The "ABC" means it is good for grease and electric fires as well as good for wood or paper fires. They can be purchase at Home Depot, Lowe's or your favorite hardware store. You can also purchase one online. It is easy and we become complacent saying we don't need one in our community, but I would like to point out that we had a house fire on Tobago Rd that was destroyed by fire in the not too distant past.



As I write this article I noticed an e-mail from the office requesting not to park in the area of the side and in the back of the office because of cement being poured for the new Maintenance/Storage building. That sounds like good news and a sign we might be moving forward with the erection of the building.

With the start of January, most of us Snowbirds will have returned. I received a note from Ed Laetz, President of the Wood Shop, that he and Barbara will be back at the beginning of January.

January is also the month that the Woodworkers hold their annual meeting. It takes place on January 18th at 9:00AM. in the Myakka Room. Your annual dues of \$20.00 are due now and can be paid at the meeting. We urge you to attend and give your input on anything you would like to see done in the coming year.

This coming March on the 21st, we will be holding the 10th annual Lazy River Derby. Yes! It is the 10th year it will be held and as usual will be an exciting and fun time for all who attend. The tickets usually sell out early so get yours as soon as possible after they go on sale.

Don't forget Tuesday afternoon, Wood Carving takes place in the Ken Ireland Carving Room in the Wood Shop. Come on up and try it. There are experienced Carvers there who would be glad to help you get started.

Tuesday, the Stained Glass students also meet in the adjacent room. Come give it a try.

This Month's Helpful Hint

Removing gummed labels off of glass, metal or ceramics. A soft cloth and a spray can of WD-40 will soften the gum and make removing them very easy.

Submitted by Dan Foley

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