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### **President's Report**

What an April we had. Sadness and Survival are the two things that stand for me. I lost a very close friend to Covid-19 on April 4th. She was only 69 years old and such a force that you could not imagine her being taken by some flu. We also lost Pat Quinn. She was such a sweet lady but there was a twinkle in her eye that suggested there was more – a lot more. We also lost Stan Hanson to heart failure and Dean Kenny to cancer. So much sadness.

We are also surviving – thank goodness Ron Camp is on the mend and, to date, no new cases announced in our community. LRV has to be proud of how we are handling this difficult time. I hear stories of other HOA's where residents are vandalizing their own community in anger over facility shut downs. Your Board is following the Governor's orders and is truly working to keep not only you safe but your staff safe as well. Hang tight or should I say hang 6 feet apart.

The Board is also extremely pleased with our new Manager Jeff Caisse. I cannot think of (continued on page 3)

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### Manager's Report

I am truly honored to be your new manager here at Lazy River Village. I already feel very welcomed by both the residents as well as your dedicated Board of Directors. As you know, you live in a wonderful community. As your manager I will do everything I can to keep it that way and strive to make it even better in the future.

It has been a challenge starting my new job during this Covid-19 pandemic. Due to this unprecedented health crisis, I have unfortunately not been able to meet all the residents here at Lazy River Village. I am very disappointed by this, but as soon as it is safe to do so, I look forward to meeting you. I have an open door policy if you would like to come chat with me once this crisis is over. In the meantime, I welcome you to call me if you have any concerns that you would like addressed.

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ACTIVITY L	EADERS
Anniversaries / Birthdays	Joyce Cote
Art Classes	Kip Greener
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	Tom VanMassenhove
Cards Pepper	Richard Ciarlo & Marion Kahler
Pinochle	Lyn Tindall
Tuesday Bridge	Dot Driscoll
Hand & Foot	Mary Dishinger
Chorale	Jan Campbell
Dance Club	Jenny Darling
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
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Pinochle	Kip Greener
Quilting	Betty Morse
Shuffleboard	Sharon Olmstead
Stained Glass	Fred Buttery
Table Tennis	Ginnie Wood
Tennis Club	Nancy Penoyar
	Lies Cuppele
Water Exercise	Lisa Gunnels

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**President's Report** (continued from page 1) starting a new job at a more difficult time. Thank you everyone for making him feel welcome.

While there were a few glitches in our April Board meeting, overall, it was better than not having one at all. Ted and Hutch are working on smoothing the process out and we have taken steps to ensure everyone can get on the system. We had capacity at 100 users April 1st. For the May Board Meeting we will be able to allow up to 500 computers to access the system.

We continue to wait for elevations that are essential before the Bocce redevelopment can go forward.

Our Communications Committee is hard at working producing bulletins to keep us up to date on Covid-19 and the best do's and don'ts to follow.

Slowly but surely the new maintenance building is taking shape with advances in the insulation, electrical and plumbing. Soon we may even get an occupancy permit.

I am having to rely on hearsay but rumor has it that Lazy River residents are continuing our fine tradition of waving and smiling to each other albeit from a nice 6 foot distance with social impromptu stop and chats. Given the six foot separation guideline this can close down the road but maybe that will help slow down some of the speeders we hear about. Keep up the good work. Get some fresh air but remember to mentally hug your neighbors and, if so inclined, toss kisses to each other across the driveways – stay safe and remember to wave and smile.

Submitted by Jean Swain President

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### Manager's Report (continued from page 1)

Covid-19 has caused much confusion, fear, and panic everywhere, including here at Lazy River Village. After I learned of the first case of COVID-19 in our community, I immediately called the Department of Health for Sarasota County and asked that someone come to the Village to conduct Covid-19 testing for anyone requesting it. They told me that they do not have the resources to do this and that anyone who wants to be tested needs to contact their personal physician. Covid-19 is a health crisis unlike any other and I am working with the Board to improve our Covid-19 communications. Until you hear differently, we ask that all residents continue to shelter in place. I know that this is incredibly difficult to do given that you live in a socially active community, but it is the only way to keep all residents safe until this health crisis subsides.

I look forward to working closely with your Board of Directors to maintain the high quality of life that you all have come to enjoy. I will listen to your concerns and do my best to resolve issues in the best interest of all the residents of Lazy River Village. At some point this Covid-19 pandemic will end and you will go back to enjoying the fun social life that you have come to enjoy. Until then, please continue to shelter in place and we will all get through this crisis together.

Thank you for you cooperation and patience during this difficult time.

Submitted by Jeff Caisse – CAM Community Association Manager For the Lazy River Board of Directors



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### **May 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 V.Massenhove	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 Crts	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
	12:00PM 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
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 Crts	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
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	9:30AM to 10:30AM	Water Exercise	Pool	Lisa Gunnels	248-807-3363
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	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

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Mon						
4th	3:00PM to 5:30PM	Security Committee Mtg	Myakka Room	Ted Makowski	301-926-6575	
Wed		LRV B of D				
6th	9:00AM to 11:00AM	Meeting	Main Hall	Rusty Shelley	941-426-4939	
Wed						
6th	2:00PM to 4:00PM	Web Design Committee	Welcome Center	Ted Makowski	301-926-6575	
Mon						
11th	3:00PM to 5:30PM	Security Committee Mtg	Myakka Room	Ted Makowski	301-926-6575	

Wed					
13th	2:00PM to 4:00PM	Web Design Committee	Welcome Center	Ted Makowski	301-926-6575
Mon					
18th	3:00PM to 5:30PM	Security Committee Mtg	Myakka Room	Ted Makowski	301-926-6575
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20th	2:00PM to 4:00PM	Web Design Committee	Welcome Center	Ted Makowski	301-926-6575
Mon					
25th	3:00PM to 5:30PM	Security Committee Mtg	Myakka Room	Ted Makowski	301-926-6575
Wed					
27th	2:00PM to 4:00PM	Web Design Committee	Welcome Center	Ted Makowski	301-926-6575

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10th	2:00PM to 4:00PM	Web Design Committee	Welcome Center	Ted Makowski	301-926-6575
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15th	3:00PM to 5:30PM	Security Committee Mtg	Myakka Room	Ted Makowski	301-926-6575
Wed					
17th	2:00PM to 4:00PM	Web Design Committee	Welcome Center	Ted Makowski	301-926-6575
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22nd	3:00PM to 5:30PM	Security Committee Mtg	Myakka Room	Ted Makowski	301-926-6575
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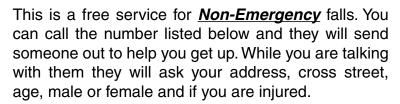
### **Pandemic Alert**

Take health alerts seriously. People are dying from COVID-19.

The health of your neighbors and our own health is at stake.
WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.

### **Life Assist**

Who you should call if you have a **non** injury fall. You can call **LIFT ASSIST**.





Here is their phone number:

Lift Assist 941-316-1201

See also Page 2 of the Lazy River

Resident Directory.

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Submitted by Jack Davis

### **Beautification Committee**

These last months, March and April, have been difficult due to the Covid-19 virus but, your Beautification Crew continues to try and keep Lazy River Village the nice place it is to live!



We've had sadness, the passing of wonderful residents, but also, some joy as well! A wedding, and the recovery of residents that were struck down by the virus.

The bridge celebration did not happen, but will in the fall. The Gazebo was repaired and painted. Sidewalks were power washed. Trimming along the Marina is a continuing job. And, as always, we will continue to pick up your aluminum trash and cans.

Thank you, thank you for putting the cans by or on your mail box. It makes it much easier to collect!

We hope all have a wonderful summer and we all look forward to a happy, healthy and peaceful season in the fall!

Respectfully Submitted by Carol Basch







### May 2020 Anniversaries

### Years Married

### May 2020 Birthdays

4 Mitchell and Laurie McNally
5 Harvey and Kathy Wolcott
7 Jim and Penny Campbell Over 50
8 Don and Rose Gardner
10 Paul and Carole Beaudoin Over 50
10 Vince and Ruth Ann Guiliani Over 60
10 Bob and Toddy Guyot Over 60
19 Al and Anne Brogley
21 Daniel and Lisa Gunnels
23 Don and Betty McClenathan
25 Glenn and Jeanne Knoepfle Over 50
26 Lou and Peg Duke
27 Nelson and Mary Jean Sturgis Over 50
28 Ed and Pat Huffman **60**
30 Steve and Elaine Brown Over 50

01 Nancy Riddle 04 Maryse Pommenville 04 Maureen Schmidt 04 Sheila Wilcox 05 Gregory Hanson 05 Michael O'Connor 06 Joan Buttery 06 Brenda Holiday 06 Thomas Peterson 06 Katie Price 08 Rusty Shelley 09 Charolet Goff 11 Bruce Gustavson 12 James Crawford 12 James Crawford 12 Diane Desilets 13 Jack Gardner 13 Anne Kirsch 13 Janet Mason 14 Raymond Godfrey	16 Mitchell McNally 17 William Baird 17 Connie Bromley 17 Don Wilhelmy 19 Kathy Bates 19 Bonnie Mullen 19 John Otten 20 Stacey Kapture 20 Joe Maurice 21 Larry Edwards 21 Larry Hicks 22 Diane Hackett 23 Kathleen Jordan 24 Steven Darling 24 Steven Darling 24 Seaton Smith 25 Albert Olmstead 27 Ray Thibeault 28 Jim Campbell 29 Laurie McNally 31 Daniel Gunnels
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June	2020	Birtho	lays
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2 Bill and Linda McGee Over 50 7 Dave and Judith Carley Over 50 8 Ron and Beth Camp Over 50 8 Ralph and Peggy Clay Over 50 12 Jerry and Leslie Lupien Over 50 13 Ron and Carol Beaudoin Over 50 13 Allen and Susan Gilson 13 Chuck and Chris Kamerik Over 50 14 Paul and Betty O'Brien Over 60 14 Jeff and Teri Pederson 17 Bill and Carolyn Arwood 18 Ed and Jo Faria Over 60 18 Ed and Laurie McDonnell 19 Rich and Sally Donelson Over 50 19 Duane and Diane Hackett 21 Jerry Doskos and Babs Findlay 23 Stan and Nancy Riddle 24 Tom and Katie Schulte	01 Robert Stanko 01 Paul Young 02 Beverly Cooney 02 Nancy Penoyar 03 Ellie Marrone 04 Robert Carr 06 Angie Anderson 06 Julie Freidman 06 Linda Tricket 07 Mark Bachetti 07 JoAnn Demars 08 Ruth Ann Guiliani 08 Connie Quinn 09 Ed McDonnel 10 Bob Lype 10 Jim Schwandt 12 Maynard Dreas 13 June Biggerstaff	13 Debbie Rohlin 13 Anna Stark 16 Sharon Olmstead 17 Jack Azar 17 Al Hazlett 19 Joanne Wolcott 21 Elaine Brown 22 Ron Jung 23 Ingrid Gerlofsma 23 Lisa Giuliano 24 Robert Oakes 25 Sue Bennett 25 Rosemary Jung 27 Mike Byrne 27 Ronald Zimmerman 28 Marie Jennerich 29 Susie Anderson 30 Charles Sulzbach
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### **Sunshine Report**

### In Sympathy



It is with great sadness that we have learned that <u>Pat</u> <u>Quinn</u>, sister-in-law to Connie and Ginnie Quinn, has passed away from complications related to the COVID-19 Virus. Pat was a renter in Lazy River Village and a wonderful person. Lazy River would like to extend our heartfelt sympathy to Pat's family at this very difficult time. Condolences can be sent to Ginnie Quinn, 146 Rarotonga Road, North Port, FL 34287

### **DEAN KENNY**

Another friend from Lazy River has died. Dean had been caring for his wife Carole who has ovarian and lung cancer. Their son recently came to Florida to bring his parents home. Dean fell ill and it was learned that he too had advanced cancer. Condolences to his wife Carole and their family. Another sad day in Lazy River.

#### STAN HANSON

It is with great sadness that we inform you that <u>Stan Hanson</u> has passed away. Stan was an avid golfer and a dog lover. While he might complain that Maxine was running him ragged he worshiped the ground she walked on. Condolences to his family and in particular his son and daughter-in-law Greg and Linda Hanson who also own in Lazy River.

### **JOY SCHUTT**

Another past resident of Lazy River village passed away. Condolences to her family.

### **Get Well Cards Were Sent To:**

Peg Sibley; Mary Dishinger; Nelson Staples; Carolee Kenny, Ron Camp.

### **Thank You**

I want to express my sincere thanks for all the cards of empathy and love on the passing of Joy. They all meant a lot to me. I also want to extend my sympathy to you for the loss of your friend, Joy, who was indeed a bright light in all our lives. She is missed by us all.

Chet Schutt

Submitted by Mary Berg and Jan Boeck

### Reflections

As all mankind tremble in fear Open your hearts HE is right here

Time now for all of us to reflect What is it from the Lord we expect.

So many blessings we received in life Yet we remember HIM only in strife

When circumstances change the game The world resonates with His name

Only in Jesus must we believe For forgiveness and eternal life to receive

As you spend this time inside May the Lord God with you abide.

This was written by a very dear friend of mine – **Glenda Taylor**.- who lives in South Africa, and throughout her life, she has always written the most beautiful poetry. She sent this to me, to help me get through Covid-19 and I thought I must share it with all of our Lazy River Residents. Hope you like it as much as I did.

Submitted by Carol Klotz - Editor





BE STILL MY SOUL (PS. 46:10)

This is my prayer for all of our residents and renters here in Lazy River Village. That peace will overcome any fears that we might have because of the Coronavirus, or anything else that brings fear into your mind. Our God is still in control, but when we see with our eyes and consider what we feel we need to realize that we are not able to see the end results of God's plans.

There are several words that describe our God and His character that we might need to look at in a little more depth. These words describe God in ways that are above our ability to fully comprehend because "My ways are higher than your ways" (Isa. 55:8, 9). God doesn't think like we do.

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God is <u>Omnipresent</u>. That means that He is always here, always there, always everywhere (PS 139:7-12). Jesus is our "Immanuel", God with us.

God is <u>Omniscient</u>. He has Godly wisdom and Godly knowledge. He alone knows everything. All about His creation as well as all His created humanity, created in His image. That means He knows all about you and me

God is <u>Omnipotent</u>. He is Power. It is with this power that He created all things. He has the power of the Gospel of Jesus to forgive and give a new birth to His creation. While we see this in nature with the coming of spring, we also can experience it in salvation (Rom 1: 67, 17).

God is infinite in His holiness, His justice and His goodness, and in truth. He is also <u>immutable</u> in His character. "He cannot deny himself "(2 Tim. 2:13).

God is also eternal, that He existed eternally before the creation of the finite universe but does not imply a personal subject with no object, for God is triune. All of the above is to be attributed to Jesus and the Holy Spirit as well as the Father.

With all this said is it any wonder that God is sometimes difficult to understand? The real problem is not that He is difficult to understand, but that we do not try. We can't understand an infinite God by our intellect alone but by faith. The "just shall live by faith" (Hab. 2:4, Rom 1:17) The desire of God is "That they might know me." Exod. 6:7, 8:10; Deut. 4:35; Luke 5:20-24, John 10:36-38, 17:3-5; Phil. 3:8-10; and 1 John 5:20.

It is not knowing God intellectually, but such intimacy as between husband and wife, father and only son, or mother and daughter. It is how close God wants to draw you to himself. Do you have that intimacy with our heavenly Father through His Son, our Savior, Jesus the Christ?

Until the ban has been lifted in our gathering together, the Bible study group will not be meeting. However, just as soon as is possible, an announcement will be made that we will again meet each Thursday morning beginning at 10:00am.

Submitted by Nancy Penoyar 941 451 4939

### **Perspective**

When I first arrived at Lazy River a little over five years ago I was interested in a second residence where my wife and I could spend the winters before returning to our home in Michigan. We needed something within our financial means that would allow us to continue the lifestyle that we were accustomed to. Until last year I never considered making this my permanent residence. I always said if I had to sell one or the other, it would be this one, and for a number of reasons. In the spring of last year I had to eat my words, when my wife and I made a life changing decision as we traveled north It was to sell our home in Michigan and to make Florida our only residence.

There was a time when I was younger I could not have imagined living out my final years in a double wide with approximately 1100 sq. feet, no disrespect intended, just that we were used to a stick home that accommodated all of our stuff, if you know what I mean. But as the years passed by the "stuff" became less important, making me realize what I really treasured in life, like family and personal relationships. Material things, which are usually a sign of success, had become less important and I no longer had an interest in trying to impress anyone. Suddenly simplifying my life made good sense and quality of life became more important. Lazy River Village has helped me with this realization by offering not only desirable amenities, but the meaningful relationships that I sought, the kind that escapes some people for a lifetime.

Last fall for the first time I questioned the wisdom of our decision. I don't mean to cast aspersions or place blame on anyone in particular, but what I observed at a Board meeting was truly out of character for Lazy River. As the meeting continued the audience developed a mob mentality that I had never witnessed before. There was booing and yelling and all civility had been lost. I'm not about to debate the issue that brought this on, only the bigger issue at hand, the power of expression that divided our people with the potential to cause irreparable harm to our community.

Now, I suspect that my political views are significantly different than those of half the residents in the park. That's ok, folks! We can agree to disagree on many different levels, but I will never allow that to destroy my opinion of the people who I know are inherently good, and whose relationship I value. We all have an opinion

and sometimes we see the world differently, but if we want to preserve what we have in this community, it is imperative that we voice our concerns, in a way that is constructive and not counterproductive. Think about it, we at Lazy River eat together, play cards together, party together, play sports together, dance together, and generally socialize together. We don't do that with our own family. This is what makes our Lazy River family so attractive. This kind of intimacy also creates a greater chance for conflict that must be managed effectively.

People on the Board are duly elected and they make sacrifices to govern on our behalf, and I personally will give them the benefit of the doubt, and hopefully they will act in the best interest of the Village. Many work long hours, finding themselves in unfamiliar territory making critical decisions that affect us all. We are a community of rules, some of which we might not agree with, but until we are in their shoes let's avoid condemnation.

As shareholders we have a vested right to challenge a decision or state our opinion, but it's detrimental to the whole, to proceed without knowing all the facts. In my former career, it was crucial that I never made decisions based on assumptions or hearsay, for if you lose your objectivity the truth will often elude you. It is far better, and in the best interest of everyone, to sort out the information in search of the truth before saying something we may later regret.

Now is the time to reconcile, and if necessary, swallow our pride in order to restore and preserve the true sense of community that we have come to know and love. Perhaps it is time to look at the glass as being half full, look around you at the kind, generous, and loving people that only want the best for this place we call home. If we observe a problem, let us collectively look for a solution in order to be the best that we can be.

I am confident Lazy River will continue to be a beacon to those seeking refuge in a premier community where the purchase is more about the lifestyle than the mobile homes we live in. I am proud to be a part of something good and I hope you share that same pride.







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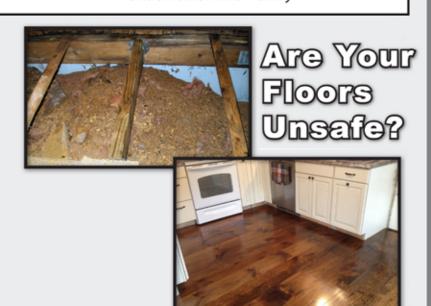
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### **SPORTS**



Now that we are all practicing safe distancing in these post COVID-19 times, it doesn't mean you have to stop practicing Pickleball or communicating with one another.

How do we do that, you ask? Well, that's a good question! Thank you for asking. And yes, we can't play pickleball on the courts but we can practice skills and exercises that will build you up and keep you ready for the time when we can reunite as Pickleballers.

There are several sites online that show exercises and practice tips you can do at home. For example, search online for:

### YOU CAN PRACTICE PICKLEBALL ALONE - SARAH ANSBOURY

There are a few exercises that she demonstrates with a video from her website:

"Footwork I can often guess a player's skill rating within a minute or two of watching their movement on the court. Balance and being in position are key to hitting the ball consistently. And these things are made possible by good footwork. The great news is you don't need a partner to practice footwork:

- Split Step: At the 7-minute mark of this video I review the importance of the split step and how to do it properly. If you didn't grow up playing a racket sport this may not be second nature to you, but that doesn't mean you can't learn how to do it. Simply take a few quick steps forward and then a short hop, landing with your feet slightly wider than shoulder-width apart. Don't expect to do it perfectly the first time, just keep practicing. Remember you can practice your split step ANYWHERE.
- <u>Lateral Movement</u>: When we are playing at the non-volley zone we are required to move laterally along the line. Practice making lots of small, quick steps as I demonstrate in this video. Though I am dinking in this video I could practice this movement alone. Notice how I move quickly then stop before I make contact with the ball.
- Retrieve a Lob: You can practice retrieving a lob in your driveway, on an empty court or in a playground.

From your neutral position, on the balls of your feet, I want you to toss a ball in the air behind you. Practice pushing off of the leg opposite the direction of the ball and turning to the side as I demonstrate at the 8-minute mark in this video. Note, I don't slide back but rather I pick up my feet as I retreat. How many times can you catch the ball before it bounces twice?"

Now that we know how we can work on skills and exercises at home, how do we all communicate with each other? Another good question! The LRV Pickleball GroupMe account is doing just that. Developed by Cheri Case and Vickie Stokes, people from LRV have been "talking" to one another, about all kinds of topics, regardless if you are still in the village, or your home away from here. If you are interested in joining the PB or the GroupMe account, please contact Diane Gempp, Cheri Case, Vickie Stokes or myself.

Submitted by: Dennis Gershkoff and Diane Gempp





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### **SPORTS**

### Tennis Between The Lines MAY AND JUNE



While many tennis players felt the necessity to return home, some earlier than normal, a few elected to stay here in Florida longer to enjoy whatever benefits we have here that

they wouldn't have up north, especially playing tennis.

Our thanks have to go to Ron and Maddie Ducham for their work in keeping us all informed of the plans as they expanded and changed.

We were concerned that we wouldn't be able to actually have our final seasonal championship matches and our luncheon to end our seasonal tennis. However, we were able to find 10 people available to play. Fred Charest and Kristiina Overton were the 2019 champions and in the absence of Kristiina, Fred tossed the coin to select the first serving team. With permission to play our final game on Saturday, we gathered to watch the match on court two.



This year instead of our usual trophies being awarded, the club decided on presenting the winners with a beautiful engraved stem-less crystal wine glass.

The final results are: Champions, Maddie Ducham and Jim Schwandt; finalists Susan Gilson and Mark Walker. The Don Price award for the most improved player of the year was Susan Gilson. Paul Obrien while not actively able to play has been our Umpire for our championship matches and was given one of our new trophies in recognition of his many years of service to the tennis club and its members.

Another recognition award, "It is never too late" was given to Marie McEnroe for the years of setting up teams for our Ladies and later the mixed doubles teams each Monday, and our mixed doubles "out of the park" matches.

Because of the limitations on all of our residents due to the "virus" issues, we decided to have a "sack" lunch, with the BYO along with our own chair. We enjoyed the shade of the tree at court 2.

The Coronavirus prevented our gathering for our last meeting of the season on April 1. Our plans had been to gather around the big tree's shade at court #2 in our own chairs just like we enjoyed for our championship luncheon. However we cancelled the meeting following the new guidelines to protect not only ourselves but our neighbors as well.

We have much to be grateful for all of the freedoms we still have here in Florida, especially at LRV. This certainly is a wake-up call. Whatever we have to forgo in doing our part will be worth it when the end finally comes.

Needless to say, we all hope that next season we will be able to play a normal schedule.

Submitted by Nancy Penoyar (941 451 4939)

### **SPORTS**

# **Table Tennis Enjoying "Ping Pong" in Lazy River**



Soon our Snowbirds will be leaving, but Ping Pong will still be available all summer long if we have folks that would like to play. We meet every Wednesday evening at 7:00pm and enjoy an hour or so

of fun. We also come on Saturday afternoons at 2:00 pm, then head for the Pool around 3:00pm to cool off and socialize. Come on over and try!!! It's really fun and a good exercise for all of us. You might meet some new Residents too and that's always nice to get to know them before the fall schedules begin. Try it, you'll like it.....

Submitted by Ginnie Wood for the "Fun Bunch"

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However, slowly but surely, I started missing items. Initially it was mostly cleaning items, then I became more aware that a few articles of jewelry and other valuable items were also missing. At first I was rather reluctant to accuse the lady of taking my things, chalking it up to me simply forgetting where I had put things. Then I noticed that items of clothing had also gone missing. But, that is not all.....the worse was still to come.

Another concern of mine which I was very worried about, was the fear of Hurricanes in Florida, and if we should have one, I would need money to pay for repairs etc. if need be, so I started saving. My kitty had risen to \$2000 in cash. Well, once I realized that the lady was being dishonest, I went to my secret hiding place. The money was gone. The lady had helped herself to this. Then I realized for certain, it was not me being forgetful, it was the cleaning lady helping herself. I had no choice but to ask her to leave.

Please let this be a warning to you all. Make sure that the maid that you hire has very good references before you go ahead and hire someone.

Submitted by Marion Kahler

### **Social Distancing**

Stay 6 feet away from anyone not living in your home.

Do this for protection of yourself and your neighbors. Assume that anyone could have COVID-19

### A Personal Covid-19 Action Plan



I am sure there is a lot of great advice that people are providing on how to deal with COVID19. Perhaps some of the tips below seem like the right one(s) for you.

- 1) Become informed Pick one or two sources of high-quality information to know and understand the medical and legal impacts of the virus. Note: stay away from gimmicky news like 10 myths about COVID19. We all need factual information. You have a social and personal responsibility to understand what is going on in order to be part of the solution.
- 2) <u>Create a routine</u> Routine provides comfort in chaos and it also can be a way of improving our health, if for example, healthy eating, physical exercises, spiritual practices, learning mental exercises and emotional support are included It helps to keep your sense of humor. Hobbies, music and art can also be part of your routine.
- 3) <u>Develop a purpose</u>. It can be making masks for people in our community, preparing food for our shutins, or providing emotional support to someone you care about. This should be a time for self-reflection. How is this affecting me? What are my fears? How am I dealing with them? Can I find ways to deal with the stress this is causing me? Part of this plan should be how you and your partner will cope with living in such close proximity and the stress some will feel.
- 4) Practice Compassion. There has never been a better time when we should be thoughtful and respectful of our own needs and those of others. You can practice compassion, for example, for by finding a respectful way of responding to another person you see not being socially responsible. Let us, to the extent possible, cut off angry reactions. Acknowledge your fears and use spiritual practices such as prayer or meditation.

Submitted by Marie Jennerich, Chair, Communications Committee

### **CLUB NEWS**

### **Bingo**

The last day we played Bingo this year in the clubhouse was on March 10<sup>th</sup>, so it will be a long summer sabbatical.

We will begin Bingo as aways on the first Tuesday in November 2020.



Everyone stay well until then.

Submitted by Joan Rose.

### **Line Dancing**



Another "Line Dance" has come and gone.

We had another good season with good attendance. It was a lot of fun.

Marie and I would like to thank everyone who attended our classes. Hope you all had a good time, we certainly did. Maybe we can do it again next year, God willing and the "Creek don't rise." See ya.

Submitted by Frankie & Marie Mangio

### While At Home

- Find activities that help you to connect phone a friend or family member every day
- Take up a new hobby a 1,000 piece puzzle can test your patience as well as capture your interest.
- Learn something new use You Tube to learn how to exercise, bake a cake (wait, that one may not be good for the waist line, so scratch that out),
- Check out "TED TALKS" on the internet for a variety of free and sometimes inspiring topics

### **Supporting Our Community**

A note of thanks to residents preparing meals for shutins and making masks for members of our community. We are all in this together so let's find ways of showing the support we all need more than ever.

### **Boat Club**

As I write this on April 5 it seems like the world is a combination of April Fool's Day and Groundhog Day. The Boat Club was having a fun and successful season when it was all cut short by the virus. Next season we will hopefully be back, and the world will have returned to some normalcy.

On the positive side, the weather has been outstanding and the water has been perfect for boating. Sunset cruises, picnics and boat rides have been fun while we learn about social distancing. On March 25, 2020, The Boat Club provided a free "carryout out only" dinner for 125 residents of the Village.

The Boat Club Board has turned its' attention to the 2020-2021 season. We are planning several bus outings like the John's Pass trip this year. We are leaning toward combining the Change of Watch and Commodore's Ball into one event on January 21, 2021. This will be the only formal dinner of the season. The Board has been discussing the possible themes of other dinners, but we may eliminate a masquerade ball since that is too close to our current situation.

Before closing I want to thank the Board for their energetic and creative work this season. And all the activities would not have been possible without the many, many volunteers who gave of their time and talents. Stay safe while we are apart.

Submitted by Dave Carley, Commodore





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# How Much DO You Know About North Port?



If you are like me, you know very little about North Port, other than how to find Walmart, Lowes, Publix, Bealls, or more importantly Abby's

Donuts. As you probably already know, Lazy River Village remains in an unincorporated area of Sarasota County, a geographical island of such, in the middle of the city of North Port. While cooped up in the house as a result of the Pandemic I began to look for something to do without getting into trouble, not easy, by the way. So I decided to do a little research on this town we identify with that bears our mailing address. What I found in short order was fascinating to say the least. One could do a year's study on the information available relating to this town and the Myakka River Basin.

The man most responsible for North Port's beginning was Frank Mackle Jr., of General Development Corp., who predicted in the mid-1950s that someday the land known as Charlotte Springs, or later North Port Charlotte, would become a great city. From an initial incorporation of 5.5 sq miles in June of 1959, the city has grown to more than 100 sq miles making it one of Florida's largest cities in terms of land mass. The current population according to a recent census is approximately 70,000. In 1974 through a referendum the city got its own identity by dropping the name Charlotte. Since 1980 North Port's population has grown 120% making it one of the fastest growing cities in the country. Currently the city is only 10% populated and 30% developed giving it room to grow quickly. With the development of West Villages and the addition of the Atlanta Braves, along with the amenities such as Bob Johnson's Landing, the Performing Arts, and the water park, it is on the fast track to becoming one of the most vibrant cities in Florida. The schools are highly rated and it is listed as the second safest city over 50,000 in the state of Florida. It is a sparsely livable city giving it a suburban feel, with highly desirable demographics. Beyond the inviting entrance off I-75 is a beautiful City Hall Complex surrounded by a sprouting downtown. Historically it is off the charts, if interested read on.

Did you know that North Port is an international destination? Warm Mineral Springs is an archeological treasure, and with its constant 87 degree, mineral laden waters, it has become a world renowned spa. Unfortunately, international travelers have had to cancel reservations due to a ban on travel due to the Pandemic. North Port is a relatively young city as time goes, but it has a rich history streching back to the last ice age.

Mammoths, giant ground sloths and saber-toothed cats roamed the area. North Port also may have been the oldest continuously occupied area in North America by a prehistoric race.

According to archaeologists it was home to the <u>Paleo Indians</u> from about 10,000 B.C. to 8,000 B.C. when the ice cap extended deep into the northern states. Scientists estimate when the ice cap reached its maximum about 18,000 B.C., the sea level was 300 feet below where it is today and the coast line extended another 100



miles to the west. The ice cap melted in less than 10,000 years and as it did the water table rose refilling the rivers and oceans. Water, other than salt water,

became available for humans, but only in the deepest of sinkholes. This was the time of the Paleo Indians, whose livelihood revolved around a reliable source of fresh water. It is believed the Archaic Indians occupied this land from 4,800 BC to 3,200 BC, who, as their ancestors before them, found sinkholes to be their salvation. Many archaeologists have explored North Port's prehistoric treasures. There are four known prehistoric sites in the city, three of which are sinkholes.

According to researchers, 20,000 years ago the Myakka River Region was largely a salty marsh that ran a mile wide off the Myakka and was considered a third rate Pineland with scattered oaks, not very desirable by anyone's standards. But history shows it was continually inhabited by Native Americans who eked out a living in spite of conditions. Most recently in the 1800's the Myakka River Region was home to the Seminoles. By the way, Myakka is an Indian word for "big waters". The discovery and documenting by the Europeans is a story in itself. Due to space and time I can't elaborate on the vast periods of history in between, but hopefully you get a glimpse of North Port's historical wealth.

North Port has gone through many phases, and continues to change in spite of those who wish it to remain the same. The impact of some of these changes remains to be seen, such as increased traffic, or the effects on property values. It's impossible to stand in the way of progress, so the quicker we adapt to these changes the more content we will be.

The next time you travel down U.S. 41, or Sumpter Road, let your imagination run wild as you reflect on what came before you. It may just make your journey a little more pleasant.

Note: Historical credits taken from the book "Out Of the Wilderness", by Marshall W. Grove, Copyright 2009, and other articles obtained on the internet.

Submitted by: Rich Donelson

# **ECHO** (Everyone Can Help Others)



Echo is a committee of volunteers from our residents who meet monthly to confidentially discuss needs of our residents or renters.

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, including renters, creating a culture of neighbor helping neighbor. It is also a way of getting to know your neighbors.

Looking toward the future, we are in need of Committee members and volunteers. The volunteers can choose how much time to be available and/or schedule specific days. Contact The Chair with questions or requests for registration forms.

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

The committee members are listed in the Current Monthly with the individual phone numbers. You can call anyone of us to refer someone who has a need, or email a request for services. We are committed to keeping the information in confidence. If you are interested in getting involved we will be happy to provide you with a survey form. We also send out survey forms yearly to residents who may want to volunteer.

Welcome..

Submitted by Rosemarie Sulzbach

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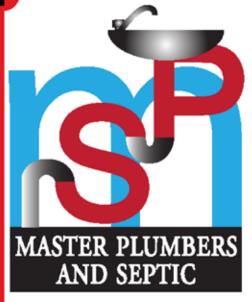
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