



The CURRENT

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President's Report

We are considering having our December BOD meeting at the Clubhouse on 12/09/2020. We will make a decision, depending on the number of new Covid-19 cases, based on the statistics as of 12/01/2020, which course we will take.

State data shows the coronavirus death toll in Florida has now passed 17,000. With 5,245 new coronavirus cases reported by the state health department on Friday, 11/7/2020, the cumulative statewide total is now 832,625 infected. Right now, Covid-19 cases are increasing in Sarasota County, Florida. Since the beginning of October, Florida has seen an increase in newly confirmed cases, and Saturday is the seventh consecutive day that the state's single-day case count is higher than 4000. There have been 6 deaths and 39 hospitalizations in Sarasota between 10/30 and November 7.

We will not have an open BOD meeting unless we are confident all precautions are taken and the Covid-19 cases are no longer increasing. Our main goal is to keep our residents and families safe. **Temperatures will be taken at the door.**

*Respectfully submitted by
Charles Sulzbach, President*

From The Manager's Office

Folks, this recent storm shows us that we have to be prepared at any time and be sure that we take care of our homes.



There were several trees trimmed and the branches were left for Friday pickup, only the storm happened on Wednesday. The contractor stopped in and told us that the owner didn't want to pay for the disposal.

We need to be considerate of our neighbors, and knowing that a storm with strong winds was possible, we need to do the right thing.

Please use better judgment in the future. We are a community, so let's act like one.

Submitted by Rick Silliker, CAM



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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	Ralph Clay
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 & Crocheting	Marion Myers
Library	Heike Canaday, Linda Lindsay Lisa Gunnels
Mahjong	Carol Ann Kosinski
Miracle Melodies	Jerry Cote
Nickel Bingo	Chris Kamerik
Nickel Bingo Daytime	Peggy Clay
Pickleball Club	Dennis Gershkoff, Diane Gempp
Pinochle	Kip Greener
Quilting	Betty Morse
Shuffleboard	Gary Cooney
Stained Glass	Fred BATTERY
Table Tennis	Ginnie Wood
Tennis Club	Nancy Penoyar
Water Exercise	Lisa Gunnels
Woodworkers Club	Ed Laetz

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OFFICE HOURS**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:****Treasurer, Cheri Case****Secretary, Janet Gray****Bruce Basch, Babs Findlay, Janet Gray,****Linda Lindsay, Irma McGuinness**

Bingo Coord.....	Joan Rose.....	423-6065
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New Resident Coords	Joan Rose/Marie Mangio .	941-423-6065
Potluck Coords.....	Carmelle Awad, Dolly Ciarlo, Diane Ogden	
Public Relations Coord		
Sunshine Coord.....	Jan Boeck.....	262-989-9826
	Mary Berg.....	717-381-7149



Beautification Committee

The new storage building is up and functioning well. As you go up the center ramp Beautification is listed on the door to your left. In that space are tools, rakes, shovels, post hole diggers and ladders. All of this equipment may be signed out by residents for their use, to be returned, when done. All are marked and WILL be found if not returned!

The door to the tool room will be opened every morning at 7:00am and will be locked at 3:00pm. Please return items when the room is open! Do not leave tools outside by the door. There will be a sign-out sheet on the shelf in the room.

As always, The Beautification Crew is continuing to collect cans (soda /beer) on Friday mornings around 7:00am. Place them in a bag hanging from your mailbox or on the ground beneath the mailbox and it will be picked up .

Beautification also will pick up Aluminum windows, siding, brass items and electrical cords and Christmas lights. We do not take stainless steel ! We turn in scrap in Sarasota 3 times a year. Even with the price of scrap being down Lazy River made \$1,295.33 this year so far. Not bad for crushing cans!

Thanks to all the residents who help us with this project.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Basch

Sunshine Report



GET WELL CARDS WERE SENT TO

- Kip Greener
- Joe Ogden

A SYMPATHY CARD WAS SENT TO

- Betty McClenathan for the passing of her sister.

Submitted by Janice Boeck & Mary Berg

Lift Assist



Who you should call if you have a **non injury** fall? I have spoken to **LIFT ASSIST** and this is the information they gave me.

This is a free service for **Non-Emergency** falls. You can call the number listed below and they will send someone out to help you get up. While you are talking with them they will ask your address, cross street, age, male or female and if you are injured.



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Submitted by Cheri Case



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December 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
	12:30PM to 3:00PM	Hand & Foot	Myakka Room	Mary Dishinger	941-426-7241
	12:00PM to 3:00PM	Comm. Realty Services	Welcome Center	Justine Mackie	941-276-3116
	5:30PM to 8:00 PM	Men's Texas Holdem (2)	Welcome Center	Nick Fulbright	269-240-3444
	7:00PM to 9:00PM	Shuffleboard	Shuffleboard Courts	Gary Cooney	941-426-2705
Tue	8:00AM to 10:30AM	Pickleball	Court # 1	Dennis G./Dianne K.	401-219-4108
	9:00AM to 12:00PM	Water Color Painting	Sunrise & Sunset	Shirley Coleman	941-423-6613
	12:00PM to 3:00PM	Comm. Realty Services	Welcome Center	Justine Mackie	941-276-3116
	12:00PM to 4:00PM	Bridge	Myakka Room	Dot Driscoll	941-423-6010
	12:30PM to 3:30PM	Ladies Hand & Foot	Sunrise & Sunset	Kip Greener	941-426-7454
	5:30PM to 8:00PM	Men's Texas Holdem (2)	Myakka Room	Paul Myers	513-258-6626
	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 12:00PM	Tennis	Tennis Courts	Nancy Penoyar	941-451-4939
	9:30AM to 10:30AM	Water Exercise	Pool	Lisa Gunnels	248-807-3363
	12:00PM to 3:00PM	Comm. Realty Services	Welcome Center	Justine Mackie	941-276-3116
	12:30PM to 3:00PM	Hand & Foot	Myakka Room	Mary Dishinger	941-426-7241

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	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
Thu	8:00AM to 10:30AM	Pickleball	Court # 1	Dennis G./Dianne K.	401-219-4108
	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	Gary Cooney	941-426-2705
	12:00PM to 3:00PM	Comm. Realty Services	Welcome Center	Justine Mackie	941-276-3116
	1:00PM to 4:00PM	MahJong	Myakka Room	CarolAnn Kosinski	941-429-9079
	1:00PM to 4:00PM	Nickel Bingo	Screen Room - Bocce	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
	9:30AM to 10:30AM	Water Exercise	Pool	Lisa Gunnels	248-807-3363
	10:00AM to 11:30AM	Bible Study	Sunrise/Sunset	Nancy Penoyar	941-275-0276
	12:00PM to 3:00PM	Comm. Realty Services	Welcome Center	Justine Mackie	941-276-3116
	1:00PM to 4:00PM	Knitting/Crochet	Myakka Room	Marion Myers	941-426-6260
	1.00pm to 4,30pm	Men's 9 Hole Golf	Long Marsh Golf Cl	Bob Jones	774-414-3074
	4:30PM to 6:00pm	New Yorkers Get together	Screen Room - Bocce	Linda Magee	716-640-1705
	6:30PM to 9:30PM	Dominoes	Billiard Room	Debbie Rowlan	814-688-5746
	6:30PM to 9:30PM	Pinochle	Myakka Room	Kip Greener	941-426-7454
Sat	8:00AM to 10:30AM	Pickleball	Pickleball Courts	Dennis G./Dianne K.	401-219-4108
	10:30am to 2:00PM	Men's Texas Holdem (2)	Myakka Room	Paul M & Nick F	513-258-6626
	11:00AM to 1:15PM	Ladies Texas Holdem	Sunrise & Sunset	Rosanne Clark	941-423-4302

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	12:00PM to 3:00PM	Comm. Realty Services	Welcome Center	Justine Mackie	941-276-3116
	1:30PM to 4:00PM	Ladies Poker	Sunset & Sunrise	???	
	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
	12:00PM to 2.45PM	Open House	Welcome Center	Residents	
	2:00PM to 5:00PM	Dominoes	Sunset Room	Marilyn Griffin	941-423-5803
	6:30PM to 9:00PM	Joker	Myakka Room	Ginnie Wood	941-423-2184

If you have changed or cancelled any activities,

please contact the scheduler by eMail : editorlazyriver@gmail.com

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DECEMBER 2020 - Special Events

Day	Time	Activity	Location	Contact	Phone
Tue st	1:00PM TO 4:00PM	Crafts	Sunrise & Sunset	Sandy Moore	734-645-6554
Mon th	2.30PM to 4:30PM	Boat Club Board of Dir. Meeting	Sunrise & Sunset Rooms	Dave Carley	317-714-9624
Tue th	1:00PM TO 4:00PM	Crafts	Sunrise & Sunset	Sandy Moore	734-645-6554
Wed th	9:00am to 11:00am	LRV B of D Meeting	Via Zoom	Rick Silliker	941-426-4307
Tue 5th	1:00PM TO 4:00PM	Crafts	Sunrise & Sunset	Sandy Moore	734-645-6554
Tue 9th	1:00PM TO 4:00PM	Crafts	Sunrise & Sunset	Sandy Moore	734-645-6554

If you have changed or cancelled any activities,

Community Realty Services Report



Happy Holidays, Lazy River Village, even during these strange times we are living in I'm certain we can all still find our Christmas cheer and holiday spirit. How exciting to think of masks with blinking lights...forget the ugly sweater contest, I may just have to hold an ugly mask contest this year!

Community Realty Services continues to work hard listing and selling homes within your gorgeous community. As of about 8:00pm last night we currently have 5 homes under contract all waiting to get to the closing table, this has happened just in the last week. Bananas, isn't it?! The snowbirds are rapidly arriving and they are buying their winter homes now. Prices in Lazy River Village continue to hold steady with some homes being reduced in pricing in an effort for quick sales. Just a little share; all home pricing and many other items within the home sale are always negotiable. Some offers may come in very low initially but let's be thankful the buyer is interested enough to start the conversation. We always encourage our sellers to make a counter offer if a buyer is willing to start the conversation with an initial offer, regardless of how insulted the seller may feel. At the end of the day let's be realistic, no one ever wants to leave any money on the table!

Real estate in Florida, in a 55+ community, with manufactured homes, and on cooperative land offers it's challenges for sure! Add a group of homeowners with their ideas and personalities, and things sure do get a little nutty sometimes! There are only two lenders available, most outside realtors have no idea what a cooperative is and very few title companies and real estate attorneys have experience in closing these types of homes. I am always happy to assist and educate outside agents with my experience of 25+ years in this exact field. Recently both Perry and I have had a few odd situations where buyers and sellers were not honest with us, even other realtors are also sometimes dishonest during a transaction. The one thing above all that we promise you as a team working for Community Realty Services, paying Lazy River Village 40% per closing within

Lazy River Village is HONESTY. It is one of the most priceless gifts you can give to another. We give you our Honesty, Integrity and Experience when you make the decision to work with Community Realty Services.

Perry can usually be found in the Welcome Center about 7 days a week right now from noon until 3:00pm. I continue to also show homes and will hold open houses throughout the community on various days throughout the week moving forward. As a team I think things are going great, we have a mutual respect and a whole lot of fun while selling the Lazy River Village lifestyle. Just Loving Life!

*Submitted by Justine Mackie and Perry Edenburn
Community Realty Services*

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Birthdays - December

01 . . . Cheri Case
 01 . . . Michael Kapture
 03 . . . Kenneth Bell
 03 . . . Madeleine Ducham
 04 . . . Mata Guttman
 04 . . . Ginnie Hebel
 04 . . . Barbara Zbikowski
 05 . . . Kathy Gallup
 05 . . . Gary Lynch
 05 . . . Karen Thompson
 05 . . . Ginnie Wood
 06 . . . Pete Reed
 07 . . . Ted Cobb
 08 . . . Donna Reimer
 08 . . . Margaret Sibley
 08 . . . Kim Walker
 10 . . . Kenneth Gallant
 11 . . . Lisa Gunnels
 11 . . . GeorgeAnne Waldron
 12 . . . Duane Hackett
 12 . . . Mary Vella
 12 . . . Patrice Weaver
 13 . . . Oren Masters
 13 . . . Mark Walker
 14 . . . Bill Eckel
 15 . . . Stanley Hanson
 15 . . . Ken Kareta
 15 . . . Carla Rule
 15 . . . Debbie VanMassenhove
 16 . . . Patrick Dempsey
 16 . . . Kristina Overton
 17 . . . Jan Campbell
 18 . . . Roger Effner
 19 . . . Norma Lype
 20 . . . John Siebenaler
 21 . . . Cathy Ashford
 21 . . . Doreen Werner
 22 . . . Fred Charest
 23 . . . Raquel Hodson
 23 . . . Carol Klotz

23 . . . Carol Ann Kosinski
 23 . . . Nancy Lefebvre
 23 . . . Michael Peavley
 23 . . . Trinie Vander Ploeg
 24 . . . Jeannie Whitmarsh
 24 . . . Ingrid Zimmerman
 25 . . . Cheryl Gustavson
 26 . . . Jim Hutchinson
 27 . . . Pat Herrington
 29 . . . Jan Bigelow
 29 . . . Perry Edenburn
 30 . . . Richard Ciarlo
 30 . . . Barb Laetz
 30 . . . Ed Laetz
 31 . . . Ed Brennan

Submitted by Joyce Cote



Anniversaries - December

	Years Married
1 Santos and Ofelia Morden	
5 Ronald and Ingrid Zimmerman	
8 Nick and Gwen Fulbright	
14 . . . Harry and Gay Stephens	
16 . . . Charlie and Joanie Racicot	Over 50
17 . . . Gerry and Ingrid Gerlofsma	Over 50
17 . . . Bob and Norma Lype	
24 . . . Albert and Sharon Olmstead	
31 . . . Fred and Joan Buttery	Over 60
31 . . . Bud and Karen Heffley	

Submitted by Joyce Cote

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.

Please send any corrections or additions to the birthday and anniversary list to Joyce Cote: 941-429-0112 or ajaglcote@gmail.com



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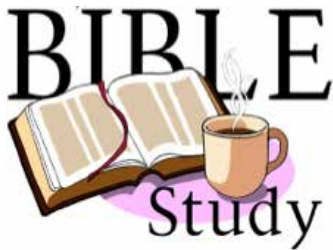
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Exodus 32:1-35. Reading Old Testament history can be very challenging. It requires keeping in mind the finished work of Calvary and is the only way to make sense of God's mercy and grace in His holiness. The Covenant made with Abraham is not the Covenant made through Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God.

In this portion of Scripture we need to accept the truth of God being the only One who establishes what is good and what is evil. Keeping in mind that sin is disobedience of His law, and can also include unbelief that there is a God who created everything. Romans 6:23 states that the wages earned from sin is death, and Romans 3:23 tells us that each and every one of us is guilty of sin against God.

In this story the children of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, have just heard the law from God given orally through Moses and have all agreed to obey. They became impatient waiting for Moses to return from meeting with God on the mountain. In their fear and doubt they resorted to what seemed to be a solution, asking for the gods they believed in from Egypt to replace Moses. So they asked Aaron to make them a god. They had already forgotten the second commandment: no idols. Fear is very real and can control our actions as well as our thinking. There was guilt on the part of the people and also on Aaron's decisions.

The wrath of God against sin (verse 28) caused the death of about 3,000 men. Because the Levites were the only tribe willing to obey God's commandment, they were chosen to honor God in the care of the holy furniture, all items of worship as well as being the voice of God to the people. They were delegated as His priest.

Another result of this sin is the wrong concept of this recorded history. Because God commanded the Levites to kill the guilty men because of their sin, some have taken this to be the acceptable way to handle those who disobeyed God (at least from their evaluations of wrong). This is the reason for

the holy wars or jihad practices or any condemning attitude towards those who worship differently than our worship style or our concept of God and what is good and acceptable.

When we accept Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, we are also accepting His Lordship over us as God. We therefore allow His Holy Spirit to lead us in what pleases God as His servants. The Levites were given the task of leadership in the Old Testament using the Law. But now we have God Himself leading us by the Holy Spirit within each believer who is committing themselves to Him.

We are now meeting again each Thursday at 10:00 am in the Myakka room. Come and share God's Word with others who love His Word.

Submitted by Nancy Penoyar 941-451-4939.

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Bells and Whistles

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Chuck invested in premium hearing aids, and we adjusted his settings to offer him the best experience possible. In a variety of environments his hearing aids show off all the bells and whistle.. Only Chuck never notices the bells and whistles, they are his silent heroes.

Premium hearing aids can adjust to his preferences based on the sound quality of the room. These hearing aids detect whether the room is open with a lot of background sounds or closed-in with softer sounds. When Chuck walks from his bedroom, through the hallway and into his great room, his hearing aids adjusted three times without him having to touch a button.

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.

Now both Chuck and John can take advantage of all the bells and whistles available in their hearing aids.

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SPORTS

Golf – Couples League

At the time of writing this article, our Lazy River Couples Golf group has not yet started golfing at Waterford Golf Course. A few golfers have returned to Lazy River Village recently so I am hopeful that I will be scheduling tee times for Sundays from November 15th onward.



The green fee is \$25.00 plus tax for 9 holes. We will be expected to ride two people in a cart, separated by a protective barrier. There would be a charge of \$5 if you prefer to ride alone.

John Overton and/or I will start collecting the \$10 membership fee whenever one of us returns to Lazy River Village, hopefully no later than early January.

I will handle the scheduling of tee times through e-mail. If you are interested in golfing with the Couples group or you have questions, please e-mail me at sharon.anderson.olmstead@gmail.com.

Submitted by Sharon Olmstead

Bowling (Gutter Gossip)



As you know by now, bowling for the first half of the season has been cancelled because of the virus.

We have decided to wait until January when more people are returning to see if there is any interest in bowling for the second half. We will probably have a meeting in January to discuss times, days, and different alleys that we could possibly use.

Submitted by Ralph Clay

SPORTS

Golf - Men's 18-Hole League



We started our season on November 5th with 10 players. We usually have more players, but the Coronavirus has slowed people down that would

normally be here by now.

Our defending champ, Tim Norwood, and all the other Canadian golfers can't get past the border at this time.

Ralph Clay shot the best score for week # 1 with an 80. Nice play, "Captain Ralph" We would like to welcome Ray Thompson, Mark VanLoon and Bob Carpenter to the league. This year instead of paying two dollars every week, we will collect a fifteen dollars league initiation fee to cover the year-end paarty trophies and prizes.

Frankie and Scott both have schedules with the course time and fee for that particular course, so when you get down, see us for the schedule.

Reminder: All team captains must enter YES or NO on the scorecard or who is playing next week.

Stay safe and healthy and we hope to see all of you soon. Thank you.

Submitted by Scott Lockhart and Frankie Mangio



Women's 9 Hole Golf



Readers of the 9 Hole Golf Group article in the last Current would have been confused by some of the information contained therein. A gremlin attached my article from the

November 2019 Current to my e-mail to the editor. Although I thought the error had been corrected, it was not. Sorry.

As indicated in the October Current, Bob Jones anticipated starting our season on either October 16th or 23rd. Unfortunately, not enough golfers signed up for October 16th and the tee times reserved at Long Marsh Golf Club at Rotonda West for that day had to be cancelled. Toward the end of October and early November, more of our golfers returned to Lazy River and the Friday afternoon games have resumed. To date, we are using two to three tee times each outing.

This season there will be a membership fee of \$10. Sharon Olmstead and John Overton handle the group's finances and organize the End-of-Season party held near the end of March with the Couples Golf group. We will start collecting membership fees when one of us returns to Lazy River Village, hopefully no later than early January. If you are interested in playing 9 holes of golf with our group, please contact Bob, by email (jonesra8@aol.com) or by telephone (774-414-3074).

If you have suggestions or questions about our golf events, please contact either Sharon or John.

Sharon's e-mail is

sharon.anderson.olmstead@gmail.com

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john.overton@sympatico.ca

Submitted by Sharon Olmstead



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Pickleball



More and more residents are arriving along with our new neighbors and pickleball is the place to catch up. We hope to see you there soon.

As we greet our friends old and new, we must say goodbye to one of LRV Pickleball's most beloved friends. It is with great sadness that we inform you of Bonnie Mullen's passing. Bonnie fought the good fight with the love of her life by her side. She will certainly be missed by all of us at Lazy River who knew and loved her. She was such an important part of this community because of her willingness to give of her time, serving others in various capacities. The Pickleball Club was made better because of her presence, and her absence will leave a void.

Jenny Darling had these thoughts at her passing. Bonnie was a ray of sunshine and full goodness. She loved to get involved, she loved to organize things. During her time dealing with her cancer she was a trooper. She maintained her positivity throughout her struggle even in her last days. Though she was having great difficulties, she had her hair put up in curlers and put finger nail polish a few days before she passed. I thought that's typical; Bonnie always wanting to look good, even in the end. She really didn't need the makeover though, because her inner beauty shined through, even at the end. We're all going to miss her.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jim and her entire family as they navigate through this most difficult time.

May she rest in peace.

Submitted by: Dennis Gershkoff and Diane Gempp

Shuffleboard

Hi, everyone.

We hope you are all well, and planning to get onto the Shuffleboard Courts soon....if you haven't already before December 2020.



Shuffleboard is great fun. Low impact on your joints and body. Our club meets Monday evenings and Thursday mornings weekly, weather permitting of course.....starting in December. To keep you safe during these COVID-19 times, we will have hand sanitizer and wipes on hand for our equipment. Bring a mask.

We start collecting a small \$5.00 membership fee for the 2021 season, January, February and March which includes our January HAM Dinner Party, our February PIZZA Party & our March BARBECUE/ Final Meeting. This is paid to our Treasurer Debbie Rohlin at the courts.

Instructions and tips for playing Shuffleboard are happily exchanged with new players by longtime participants, who have proven to be skillful players. If you've never played before, you will catch on quick!

Lazy River Village even has a team who enjoy friendly competition with other parks in our area. We are not sure if this will take place in the upcoming months due to COVID-19. Competing outside our village is under review.

Looking forward to seeing you on the Shuffleboard Courts.

*Submitted by: Beverley Cooney
Shuffleboard Club Secretary*

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Table Tennis

Hi to all our Residents!!!! We are now able to play Ping Pong again on Wednesday nights 7:00 to 8:00 pm or Saturdays 2:00 till 3:00 pm. in the Billard/ Table Tennis Room next to the Exercise Room. All are Welcome, whether Newbies or those that played many times over the years.



We usually play partners, but do singles, too. It's a great way to meet new friends and get to know your neighbors. Paddles and balls are provided for you or bring your own. You don't have to be a "Pro", we surely are not, but it's a fun way to use up some energy and get some exercise. It's all just for fun....

P.S. We will keep the 6 ft Social Distancing, wear masks, use the sanitizers and follow the rules. We all want to stay safe & avoid the Covid 19. Hope to see you there!!

Submitted by Ginnie Wood for "The Fun Group"



Tennis Between The Lines

I am glad to report that tennis is still alive here in Lazy River Village. I have been able to find a threesome to get together with so far. It is allowing us to warm up our bodies waiting for the return of regular tennis.



As of this date no more news about lights on court two. I am just glad I can finally get out to play and the weather has been great, only one day missed because of rain.

It remains to be seen when we will be able to get together to talk about future plans for the season. Is there anyone who has the knowledge to set up a way we can share with something like Zoom? It would be great to have that option available even after we are able to meet as a group.

We still meet each Monday, and Friday about 8:30am, beginning at court 2 behind the clubhouse. As needed we spread out to court 1. Bring your racquet, usually someone has balls too, but we can supply both racquets and balls as needed.

Hopefully most of you are planning on returning to LRV soon, including our Canadians. See you soon.

Submitted by Nancy Penoyar 941-451-4939

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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 Chair person - Rosemarie Sulzbach at 941-875-3635.

The committee members are listed in the Lazy River 2020 Resident Directory, with their 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.

Submitted by Rosemarie Sulzbach

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Daytime

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Submitted by Peggy Clay

Evening

Game is played on **Mondays** in the Sunset Room. Door opens at 5.30pm and the 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 Chris Kamerik

Canine Fitness Club

Dogs can make a positive influence in our lives!



“Warm greetings to all LRV residents near and far! We hope this finds everyone safe and well...

Unfortunately, the uncertainties associated with the Covid situation causes us to forego scheduling our annual organizational meeting in January or any other activities for that matter.

We are hopeful that borders and buildings will open in the coming months and enable us to do so.

Meanwhile, in an effort to leave you with perhaps a warm and fuzzy feeling I've included a picture of our pup Piper helping Debbie and I babysit our twin Grandkids up here in Michigan...



Submitted by Tom VanMassenhove

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Submitted by Jan Boeck

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I am in need of volunteers to do security at 10:00PM in the evening. While it is an easy task, it is an important one. It takes approximately 30 minutes of your time to complete the task, which mainly consists of securing the facilities for the night. I hope to have a sufficient number of volunteers that would make it possible to schedule individuals only one night every other month.

I will be having an orientation for all new residents who are willing to volunteer. This community prides itself in volunteerism and this is a perfect opportunity for new people to get involved.

If you are willing to make this small commitment, please contact Rich Donelson at the following.

Cell phone: 734- 771 6249

Email: richandsallyd@gmail.com

Once the list is established you will receive more detailed instructions. Thank you in advance for volunteering.

Submitted by Rich Donelson

New Residents



A transfer in title took place on 10/23/2020

COURNOYER, Robert & COLVIN, Lorraine

154 Rarotonga Rd.

Phone: Robert 651-404-8961

Lorraine 941-815-9885

Previous owners: Ernest & Jeanne Whitmarsh

Home States: MN/FL

A transfer in title took place on 11/4/2020

ELLISON, Jaime & Susan

127 Bermuda Way

Phone: Jaime 260-557-6060 Susan: 260-557-661

Email: Jaime impacmail@impacpaper.com

Susan susanellison1948@gmail.com

Previous Owners : Donnie & Sheryl Childers

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Submitted by Sandy White

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We meet at the bocce courts in December at 4:00pm and ride till around 5:00pm. Some riders depart sooner or whenever they need to. We gather for camaraderie, laughter, fun, friendships, and exercise, We love and enjoy all the wildlife surrounding our village.

We would like to thank Jack and Ruth Ann Davis for their generous gift of all the t-shirts that we are enjoying. Their granddaughter-in-law Karlie Ford

made them in her home business. Any person or group that would like to order shirts with their logo, can order by text. Please call Jack Davis at 941-429-9641 for information.

We would like to invite anyone who wishes to join us to meet at the bocce courts. We ride seven days a week - weather permitting. It's a wonderful way to meet new and old residents in Lazy River. We ride with safety in mind. We keep our 6 feet distance and we invite anyone to wear a mask if they choose to.

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Submitted by Carmelle Awad



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*Submitted by Chris Kamerik
426-4620 152 Bermuda Way*

Painting Between The Lines

You might have noticed lately how all of the parking blocks and lines on the roads have been freshly painted.



Bob Stanko voluntarily took on the task of doing this tedious work. It is another example of a resident giving of their time, not only to save us money, but to keep Lazy River in pristine condition.

Bob's efforts, demonstrates the sense of pride in Lazy River Village. Bob, your community thanks you!

Submitted by: A grateful resident

Birth of the New Lazy River Village Website



It may seem a little strange to us 55-pluses, but in today's world you cannot run a business, or reach out to the public without a good website. Parks like Lazy River need to attract people and sell property to stay vibrant. When we sell our home, we are selling both the home and the park. Having a great website that really markets our park is indispensable.

Last winter, many of us realized that the Frontsteps website for Lazy River looked terrible and was woefully inadequate for our needs. It did not do a good job of presenting Lazy River to potential buyers. It also did a lousy job on our internal needs. Couple that with the fact that the support price for the website, while not high, was going to be almost tripled in September. The new Board formed a committee to look into the website problem. The committee consisted of Ted Makowski from the Board, along with Jim Hutchinson, Bruce Moore, Peter Overton, and Betty McNulty.

The web design committee immediately dismissed the idea of keeping the Frontsteps website. Besides being a bad website, they were a really hard company to work with. Another idea was to purchase a new web design from a person or company. For a really good website this might have cost \$10,000 to \$40,000. With three of the committee members having programming and software engineering backgrounds, we decided to design and build the site ourselves. It would give us something fun to do, provide a website that could we could mold and maintain, and save some money.

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New Website *(continued from page 23)*

So off we went into the wild blue yonder. Our first step was to purchase the domain name of “lazyrivervillage.org”. Once you purchase and register a domain name, it is yours. No one else can use it. We also had to purchase a web hosting package. That gives us the computer power and disk space to run our website. By having two sites, we were able to build and develop the .org site while still using the Frontsteps site at lazyrivervillage.com. We started to lay out how the site would look and what the website would contain. We first developed an area that would sell Lazy River to potential purchasers. We added pages that described facilities, activities, and who we are – supplemented with a lot of pictures. We included a three minute promotional video and an aerial 360 degree picture of the park that can be rotated and zoomed in and out. We added a real estate section to display homes for sale or rent. I have looked at a few of our Tamiami Trail neighboring parks’ websites, and Lazy River does not take a backseat to anyone. At that point our website was opened to the public.

Next up was the internal area. This area would be for our owners only and would require a login to access it. Our major areas of work were:

1. A registration area that would keep owners’ user names, email addresses, and passwords.
2. A calendar system to display events. Ideally, the calendar system would allow people to check available dates and times and pre-schedule an event, subject to the event scheduler’s approval.
3. An owner online directory, which would be kept up to date.
4. An area to keep documents such as Board minutes and financial reports.

Our goal was to do this over the spring and summer, so that we could shut down Frontsteps by the time their yearly contract was up on August 17th, 2020.

I’m happy to say we met that goal. The web team learned a great deal about web programming and design. We believe we have delivered a first-class product for Lazy River, at a cost of \$300-00 a year.

Did we run into any problems – Oh yes. In early summer after the external site was opened, the site was hacked with malicious ads. We caught it quickly, cleaned up the damage and instituted much stronger anti-hacking software. Although our logs show login attempts from all over the world, all hacking attempts have been resisted.

Then we opened up registration for owners to acquire a user name and password. We thought we would let people register and check each registration to see if they were an owner. Surprise, surprise, we were getting 50 to 60 registrations a day from people who were not owners. The workload to check that many people a day was impossible. We had to shut down normal registration and go to our current system, where owners must request a registration via email.

Are we finished with the website? No, we may never be completely finished. But the major work is completed, and the website is functional. Over 200 Lazy River owners have registered and are using the website. Your web design team is very proud of the new Lazy River Village website and our role in achieving our goal. We have received many positive comments.

*Respectfully submitted by Bruce Moore –
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