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President's Report

From The Manager's Office

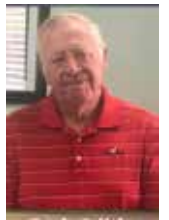
Your Board was going to attempt to have a live Board Meeting in the Clubhouse for the December 16th meeting. Sadly, the best made plans can go awry. The latest, fast moving, Covid-19 surge is causing grave concern to our country, our State and our residents with the infection rates rising, increased hospitalizations and deaths putting all of us at a much higher risk. This is evidenced by at least 17 local new cases, including one death, in the last two weeks of November, that we are aware of.

Florida still ranks third highest in our 50 states with new cases and just short of 20,000 deaths. The virus seems to be rapidly expanding. On Wednesday the 9th of December there were over 3,000 deaths, more than "D"- day or 911. (associated press)

Your BOD is going to make every attempt to at least have our Annual January 2021 meeting in the clubhouse, depending on the Covid-19 activity. We are working on the layout of the

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Welcome back to all the folks who have recently returned to Lazy River Village. We have a limited activities list and the Current provides a calendar to help in showing everyone what functions are available as we all continue to do our best in staying safe and healthy.



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped put up the Christmas decorations that looked nice but better once we repaired several of the electrical issues that were brought to light. Ken and Mike continue to work on the electrical issues and our electrician was in to fix a couple of items as well.

Dick and Sheri Case have completed work on the room that was being used by Ken as a maintenance room and office. I believe Carol is now scheduling the use of the room. So a big thanks to both of them for their hard work.

The Annual Meeting is on February 11th, 2021 and the plan is to hold that meeting in the clubhouse. There are four (4) director positions available and I will need a few volunteers to complete the important task of counting the votes as well as checking people into the meeting.

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 Buttery
Table Tennis	Ginnie Wood
Tennis Club	Nancy Penoyar
Water Exercise	Lisa Gunnels
Woodworkers Club	Ed Laetz

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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
Bloodmobile Coord	Ginnie Wood	423-2184
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Clubhouse AV Equipment.	Bob Rumley and Bob Bennett	
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Center Scheduler.....	Carol Klotz.....	941-525-8805
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Memorial Service Coords .	Hugh & Carolyn Brooks	352- 316-5955
Name Tag Coord	Mary Dishinger	426-7241
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



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distancing and safety precautions needed at the club house to keep us all safe.

The BOD wants all our residents to be able to safely attend a live meeting without fear of contracting the Covid-19 virus or worse. We will not put anyone at risk because of peer pressure. The vaccine is on its way, we can wait for the safety of all our residents. We have been and will be keeping you current with any changes through mailchimp. Please continue to follow the CDC guidelines to reduce your risks.

*Respectfully submitted by
Charles Sulzbach, President*

Community Realty Services Report

Happy New Year Lazy River Village Friends!! It's been a strange one for sure, but I'm certain in the New Year things will be different. I wish for each of you this coming year a plethora of health, happiness, adventure, love, and yes, some highs and lows because I am a firm believer we need those lows to appreciate the highs so much more!



We will continue with our real estate program in Lazy River Village and you will continue to see both Perry and I selling and listing some of the most gorgeous homes a buyer ever saw! Community Realty Services will continue to gift 40% of each commission earned within Lazy River Village back to the community. The goal being the more money we make the more benefits your community and friends you may be leaving behind when selling, will enjoy.

We look forward to another successful year, a healthier year and the most Fabulous Year so far! We are grateful to those who work with us and place their trust in us to represent them as buyers or sellers or maybe both!

*Sincerely Selling,
Justine Mackie, Perry Edensburn
Community Realty Services*

Sunshine Report



Vivian Miller. It is with great sadness to let everyone know that Vivian passed away early this morning, at Sunset Lakes. No plans at this time for a memorial here. She was 104. She would have turned 105 on the 13th of December 2020.

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January 2021 - 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
	12:00PM 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
	1:00PM to 4:00PM	Mahjong	Screen Rm/Bocce	Joyce Cote	802-272-1306
	1:00PM to 3:00PM	Other Band Rehearsal	Stage	Tom V.Massenhove	989-295-5602
	5:30PM to 8:00 PM	Men's Texas Holdem (2)	Myakka Room	Nick Fulbright	269-240-3444
	6:00PM to 8:00PM	Evening Nickel Bingo	Sunrise Room	Chris Kamerik	941-426-4620
	7:00PM to 9:00PM	Shuffleboard	Shuffleboard Crts	Gary Cooney	941-426-2705
Tue	8:00AM to 10:30AM	Pickleball	Court # 1	Dennis Gershkoff	401-219-4100
	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
	12:00PM to 3:00PM	Comm. Realty Services	Welcome Center	Justine Mackie	941-276-3116
	12:00AM to 4:00PM	Bridge	Myakka Room	Dot Driscoll	941-204-4571
	1:00PM to 4:00PM	Stained Glass	Old Computer Hut	Fred Buttery	941-423-6175
	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 12:00PM	Tennis	Tennis Courts	Nancy Penoyar	941-451-4939
	8:00AM to 9:00AM	Koffee Klatch	Main Hall	Varies	
	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
	12:00PM to 3:00PM	Comm. Realty Services	Welcome Center	Justine Mackie	941-276-3116
	1.00pm to 3.30pm	Hand & Foot	Myakka Room	Mary Dishinger	941-426-7241
	1:00PM to 4:00PM	Art Class	Sunrise & Sunset	Kip Greener	941-426-7454
	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	Dennis Gershkoff	401-219-4100
	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	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	Crafts	Old Computer Hut	Sandy Moore	734-645-6554
	1:00PM to 4:00PM	Daytime Nickle Bingo	Screen Rm/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
	9:00AM to 11:00AM	Chorus Rehearsal	Main Hall	Jan Campbell	941-426-1607
	9:00AM to 12:00PM	Photography Club	Myakka Room	Bruce Moore	734-645-3346
	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

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Activities (continued from page 5)

8-Jan	1:00PM to 2:00PM	Line Dancing	Screen Rm/Bocce	Frankie & Marie	941-426-6261
	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
	6:30PM to 9:30PM	Pinochle	Myakka Room	Kip Greener	941-426-7454
	6:30PM to 9:30PM	Dominoes	Sunrise & Sunset	Marilyn Griffin	941-423-5803
Sat	8:00AM to 10:30AM	Pickleball	Court # 1	Dennis Gershkoff	401-219-4100
	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
	10:45AM to 1:15PM	Ladies Poker	Sunrise & Sunset	Rosanne Clark	941-423-4302
	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 / Pickleball	Tennis Courts	Nancy Penoyar	941-451-4939
	9:00AM to 2:00PM	Historical Minatures	Sunset Room	Richard Ciarlo	508-579-2622
	10.00am to 2.00pm	Open House	Welcome Center	Various volunteers	
	12:00PM to 3:00PM	House Sales	Welcome Center	Residents	
	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 : carol.klotz@frontier.com**

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January 2021 - Special Events

Day	Time	Activity	Location	Contact	Phone
Mon 4th	1:00PM TO 3:00PM	Band Practice	Hall	Jim Canaday	941-376-1558
Mon 4th	2:30PM TO 4:00PM	Boat Club Board Meeting	Sunrise & Sunset	Dave Carley	317-714-9624
Mon 4th	4:00PM to 5:00PM	Tennis Club Meeting	Court No. 2	Nancy Penoyar	941 451 4939
Tue 5th	1:00PM TO 2:00PM	Chair Yoga	Billiard Room	Sharon Morch	613-813-9555
Wed 6th	12:00PM TO 6:00PM	Boat Club - Prep for Ball	Hall & Kitchen	Dave Carley	317-714-9624
Thu 7th	9:00AM TO 11:00PM	Boat Club - Prep for Change of Watch & Ball	Hall & Kitchen	Dave Carley	317-714-9624
Fri 8th	8:00AM TO 12:00PM	Cleanup after Ball	Hall	Dave Carley	317-714-9624
Mon 11th	1:00PM TO 3:00PM	Band Practice	Hall	Jim Canaday	941-376-1558
Mon 11th	9:00AM to 9:00PM	Welcome Back Party	Main Hall	Chris Gachignard	941-423-2936
Mon 11th	5:00PM to 9:00PM	Golf Welcome Back Party	Main Hall	Chris Gachignard	941-423-2936
Sat 16th	8:00AM TO 12:00PM	Pickleball Skills Challenge	Court # 1	Diane Gempp	401-447-6916
Mon 18th	1:00PM TO 3:00PM	Band Practice	Hall	Jim Canaday	941-376-1558
Mon 18th	4:30PM TO 7:00PM	Shuffleboard Ham Dinner	Hall & Kitchen	Beverley Cooney	941-426-2705
Tue 19th	1:00PM TO 2:00PM	Chair Yoga	Billiard Room	Sharon Morch	613-813-9555
Thu 21st	2:00PM to 5:00PM	Pickleball Annual Meeting	Screen Room – near Bocce court	Diane Gempp	401-447-6916
Thu 21st	2:00PM TO 9:00PM	Golf Awards Dinner	Hall & Kitchen	Scott Lockhart	203-455-1766
Fri 22nd	9:00AM TO 9:00PM	Potluck	Hall & Kitchen	Trinie Vander Ploeg	616-566-3044

Fri 22nd	5:00PM TO 8:00PM	Potluck	Hall & Kitchen	Trinie Vander Ploeg	616-566-3044
Sat 23rd	9:00AM TO 10:00PM	Re-Creation	Hall	Hugh Brooks	352-316-5955
Sat 23rd	9:00AM TO 6:00PM	Re-Creation	Kitchen	Hugh Brooks	352-316-5955
Sat 23rd	4:00PM TO 6:00PM	Re-Creation	Myakka Room	Hugh Brooks	352-316-5955
Sat 23rd	4.00pm to 10:00PM	Re-Creation	Sunset Rooms	Hugh Brooks	352-316-5955
Sat 23rd	10:00PM-11:00AM	Re-Creation	Main Hall	Hugh Brooks	352-316-5955
Sun 24th	8:00AM TO 11:00AM	Re-Creation	Main Hall	Hugh Brooks	352-316-5955
Mon 25th	1:00PM TO 3:00PM	Band Practice	Hall	Jim Canaday	941-376-1558
Tue 26th	1:00PM TO 2:00PM	Chair Yoga	Billiard Room	Sharon Morch	613-813-9555
Thu 28th	9:00AM to 12:00PM	Meet the Candidates	Main Hall	Rusty Shelley	941-426-4939
Thu 28th	4:00PM TO 11:00PM	Setup and cleanup for January Dance	Hall	Sharon Morch	613-813-9555
Fri 29th	7:00PM TO 10:00PM	January Dance	Hall	Sharon Morch	613-813-9555
Sat 30th	11:00AM to 6:00PM	Decorate Hall for 50th Anniversary Ball	Myakka Room and Main Hall	"Peet"Reed	765-473-3155
Sat 30th	9:00AM to 10:00PM	Prep food etc. for 50th Anniversary Ball	Kitchen and Hall	"Peet"Reed	765-473-3155
Sun 31st	5:30PM to 9:00PM	Escort Guests from Myakka Room to Hall	Ball event begins	"Peet"Reed	765-473-3155
Sun 31st	8:00AM to 2:00PM	Clean-up Hall, Kitchen & Myakka Room	50th Anniversary is over	"Peet"Reed	765-473-3155

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- 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
- 17 Barbara Crothers
- 17 Carolyn Shields
- 18 Steve Brown
- 18 David Van Gorder
- 19 Christine Kareta
- 20 Beth Camp
- 21 Joanie Racicot
- 21 Lynette Whitters
- 22 Peggy Lyons
- 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



JANUARY 2021 ANNIVERSARIES

Years Married

- 1 Matt and Lori Smith
- 2 Robert and Sharyn Sponenberg
- 12 George and Sharon Biggerstaff . . Over 50
- 15 George and Sheila Wilcox
- 20 Frank and Marie Mangio
- 22 Jack and Cindy Gardner Over 50
- 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. Please send any corrections or additions to the birthday and anniversary list to Joyce Cote: [941-429-0112](tel:941-429-0112).





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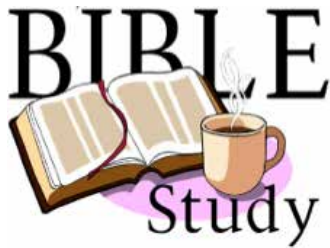
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A VERY HOT SUBJECT: HELL

Have you ever given any thought about Hell? Hell is where there is a complete absence of God and what He has created.

Without God (Genesis 1:1-25):
 there is no HEAVEN or EARTH;
 no LIGHT;
 no LAND or VEGETATION, FRUIT, or TREES;
 no SEASONS;
 no DAY or NIGHT;
 no SEAS, LAKES or CREATURES within them;
 no LIVING LAND CREATURES;
 no PETS,
 and no OTHER PEOPLE.

This place would seem to to be a very harsh truth about reality. And it appears that in Hell, there is obviously no GOD either.

Those who will not believe that God exists and therefore not willing to accept the Word of God, the Bible, will therefore see this as only fiction. They also will not be willing to believe that all people are born sinners against God and condemned in their unbelief to Hell, which is eternal death. Romans 3:23, 6:23.

Since this is a personal decision, a choice with consequence, you would have only your personal life time to choose to believe this as Truth or accept the consequences to be totally free from God and God's people.

Maybe today is the only day you will have to consider this Truth. The choice is yours. If you should decide that you need to at least give more thought about this, there are several things that you could consider. I would personally be willing to sit down and talk with you and open up His truth from God's Word, or perhaps there is someone else in your life that has presented to you your need of salvation that you could contact. As always, it is your decision. Just don't put it off too long.

Another choice is - come to the weekly Bible study in the Myakka Room of the clubhouse on Thursdays starting at 10:00am. Here you will find others who are still learning more about the God of Creation and His Holy Word, the Bible.

For those of us who do believe God's Word, perhaps reading this article about the realities of Hell will be more serious about demonstrating the love of Christ Jesus so all those around us will see what salvation has produced in us: peace, joy, and contentment even in the trials of our life.

Submitted by Nancy Penoyar 941-451-4939



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Veteran's Day



I would like to thank everyone who attended the Veteran's service held on Monday 7th December 2020. There was about 120 residents who attended.

When I started this memorial, we had 11 WW2 veterans living here in Lazy River Village. Their names are engraved in the larger bricks. Three of the original 11 are still living here, and look really great.

I have a bronze eagle which was given to me by a "Korean War" vet.

A replica of the "raising of the flag on Iwo Jima 75 years ago in 1945."

A replica for the "Vietnam and Korean war" , and last but not least

One for the "Unknown Soldier"

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If there are any of our new Residents would like to purchase a brick honoring any of their immediate family, please contact Rich Donelson 734-771-6249 or myself Bob Stanko 330-856-4181. The cost for a brick is \$50.00 each. They cost us \$26.00 so the extra \$24.00 is used for the upkeep, maintenance and improvements

God Bless our Vets.

Submitted by Bob Stanko



Veterans Memorial



Veterans Day Speech 2020
(In Case you missed it)

This has been quite a year, unlike any that I can remember. As you know, we had scheduled a Veterans Day Program for November 11th, however the hurricane caused us to cancel due to substantial wind and rain. So it is somewhat appropriate that we rescheduled on this National Day of Remembrance, better known as Pearl Harbor Day.

Unfortunately we don't have a keynote speaker today, nor do we have the R.O.T.C. to post the colors, none the less we are here for the right reason, and that is to honor our veterans.

If you would indulge me for a few minutes I would like to share a few thoughts that resonate with all of us.

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Veterans Memorial *(continued from page 13)*

Today we pause to remember and to celebrate those who have served honorably in our armed forces. These brave men and women are true patriots, who come from all walks of life and very different backgrounds, yet they shared the same commitment to serve, protect and defend the country they loved.

This memorial is a constant reminder of the contribution each made, in war and in peace, to insure that we, the American people, might live free with the opportunity to pursue the life we choose with certain unalienable rights. Our destiny was not by chance, but defined by the courage and sacrifices of the brave men and women who served with conviction and purpose in spite of the costs. In many cases the cost was making the ultimate sacrifice, for others it was returning home with life changing disabilities. Their heroic actions in time of war and their willingness to serve on our behalf, deserves our utmost respect and gratitude.

Lazy River is most proud of its veterans, past and present who served honorably until discharged. On the bricks that surround this monument are the names of so many who have distinguished themselves as members of a military like no other in the world. Against all odds they prevailed against our adversaries that wished to crush our democracy, and insured that we would be a free people of one nation.

Too often the word hero is used in different contexts, and when that happens it loses its meaning by definition. Veterans walk the walk and talk the talk, and throughout history so many have been deserving of that hero status. A willingness to die for your fellow man takes extraordinary courage and bravery, with total disregard for oneself.

So many, most still in their teens, went off to war never to return, shedding their blood on foreign soil for the cause of freedom. So many in our society, take our independence for granted with no understanding of the costs, yet while they sleep, men and women in our armed forces dutifully stand watch all over the world to protect them and keep them safe.

So today, we honor our veterans to whom we owe so much. They expect nothing in return, and most reflect on their service with humility, never considering their actions as heroic. But their service really is a big deal, and our society is finally recognizing their value by bringing attention to their service in many different ways. As we know, that has not always been the case, for when our vets returned from Vietnam they were disgraced, spat upon and harassed. It was a dark moment in our history and it was a national embarrassment the way they were treated. Fortunately attitudes have changed for the better and they now get the recognition and respect they have always deserved. I ask how many of their critics would have put their life on the line for their country? I doubt any.

When I moved here five years ago, we had nine World War II veterans residing in Lazy River. Today we pay special tribute to our remaining three, who represent the era known as the Great Generation. They are Nick Fulbright, Paul Myers, and Chuck Gross. Like so many young men of their time, they were inspired by patriotism and volunteered to serve their country during its greatest time of need. The passage of time has not diminished the importance of their role and the sacrifices they made.

For our new residents, the story of their experience may be found in past issues of the Lazy River Current under Featured Veteran. Gentleman, we are grateful for your service, and we will always remember what you did on our behalf during a critical time in history. You not only kept us free, but your efforts were instrumental in liberating all of Europe, and places around the world, sacrificing so many lives on the beaches of Normandy. Of course we will never forget the horrors of Pearl Harbor, those who perished, and the events that changed the course of history. It is fitting, that this day, December 7th, be set aside each year as a time to reflect and remember.

To all other veterans of Lazy River, know that we appreciate you as well, and we thank you for your service to our nation. God bless you all, and God bless this great country we live in.

Submitted by Rich Donelson

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Bowling (Gutter Gossip)

Due to the virus picking up again, and the safety of our residents, we have decided to discontinue bowling for this season.



We have too many issues to deal with and we are having trouble finding an alley to host our league.

We will try and have a meeting of all bowlers after the pandemic is over and decide how we are to continue.

If anyone still wants to bowl there are some alleys that are having open bowling.

Submitted by Ralph Clay

Golf - Men's 18-Hole League



Our golf league is now in full swing, with an average of 4 groups each week. We hope the rest of our guys will be back, ready to play, after the holidays.

While we continue to play, we stress that everyone bring their own facemask and maintain social distancing.

As far as driving to the course...you can drive alone if you wish, also if you want your own golf cart, there will be an extra charge from the course.

As a reminder, we plan on having last year's award banquet on January 21st, if possible. Also, playoffs will start the last week in February.

Stay happy and safe this new year.

*Regards,
Scott Lockhart 203-455-1766 and
Frankie Mangio 941-426-6261*

SPORTS

Golf – Couples League

Our group resumed golfing at Waterford Golf Course on November 15th. Since then, we have been using three tee times each Sunday afternoon but expect that number to increase when some members of our group return to Lazy River after Christmas. Unfortunately, the return of many of our Canadian snow birds, including mine, continues to be delayed by travel issues related to Covid-19.



There is one item of good news, definitely worthy of publication in the Current. Mike Kapture got a hole-in-one on the sixth hole of Turnberry on November 29th! It was a first for him and an accomplishment that most golfers only get to dream about. Congratulations, Mike!

If you golf, please consider joining our group. The goal is to have fun and to get to know your neighbours better. The green fee is \$25.00 plus tax for 9 holes. We are 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.

I will continue to schedule the 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

Women's & Men's 9 Hole Golf



Although for a smaller group than was golfing at the same time last year, Bob Jones has continued organizing the teetimes for us at Long Marsh Golf Club at Rotonda West. There have been approximately fifteen golfers who have enjoyed the weather and the camaraderie of the Friday afternoon games. The men golfers usually have two to three groups while the woman usually have one to two groups. We expect some northern American snowbirds to return after Christmas but the return of many of the Canadian snowbirds has been delayed by the land border closure and the number of cases of Covid in Florida.

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). Everyone, regardless of skill level, is welcome to join our golf group.

If you have suggestions or questions about anything else relating to our group, please contact either me or John Overton. My e-mail is sharon.anderson.olmstead@gmail.com. John's e-mail address is john.overton@sympatico.ca

Submitted by Sharon Olmstead

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Pickleball



As the New Year begins we welcome returning residents and new neighbors to the pickleball courts. We have had a steady increase in players, with enough players to fill four courts.

The courts are the place to be as pickleball continues to be a very popular activity at Lazy River. Not only are we enjoying seeing our old friends, we have been meeting some of the new residents. If you are a new resident in Lazy River and are looking to meet people, stop by the pickleball courts.

Since our pickleball players have been exceptionally good this year, Santa made an early stop at Lazy River and has delivered some new pickleballs.

We have a membership meeting scheduled for January 21, 2021. from 2:00PM to 5:00PM. Due to COVID restrictions we may not be able to meet indoors. We are exploring the possibility of meeting in the screened room. We will be updating members through email.

Submitted by: Dennis Gershkoff and Diane Gempp

Shuffleboard

“ ADVISEMENT”



Due to the COVID-19, we will not be having our January ham dinner this 20/21 season.

We are still considering, having our February pizza party, and March dinner/meeting, both to be held outdoors on the island.

Updates about these events will follow.

*Submitted by: Beverley Cooney
Shuffleboard Secretary*

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 3:00pm. 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 and avoid the Covid 19. Hope to see you there!!

Submitted by Ginnie Wood for “The Fun Group”

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Tennis Between The Lines

Cold weather has arrived, and along with it some of the northern members, too. With the restriction due to the Covid-19, we have been quite limited in playing tennis, but I am so happy to finally get out on the court and play.

We were actually challenged to remember how an actual game is played. We have too often been limited to play only round robin. How quickly we forget. Perhaps we are getting a little older and that is our excuse.

With the few people here we decided that because of all of the restrictions and cooler weather that we will not meet at the court #2 for a meeting (was to be Monday, December 7 at 4:00 pm), but wait until January. The next scheduled meeting is January 4th. Some of you will receive this just in time to remember

we have a scheduled meeting date. Whatever the conditions are by then will determine what we will need to discuss and what decisions need to be reached, and voted on.



Hopefully, those who are still unable to travel down from Canada or wherever you are, will keep in touch by phone or email.

To date, we still do not have lights on court 2. We have had so much more urgent things to deal with at this time.

Please continue to stay healthy and safe. Hope to see all of you in one good working shape to play tennis soon.

*Respectfully submitted by Nancy Penoy.
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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 Chairperson - 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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CLUB NEWS



BINGO

Nothing happening yet – due to COVID-19

*Regards to you all –
Joan Rose*



Boat Club

The Lazy River Boat Club is sad to report that our usual schedule of dinners, trips and other events is going to be severely curtailed this season. By the time you read this the Boat Club Board will have met to plan some new activities which will fit with the new constraints of the Covid-19 reality.

We will announce these events on the various Lazy River Facebook venues. Please check out those sites for upcoming events.

Stay safe everyone.

Submitted by Dave Carley, Commodore



Canine Fitness Club

“First of all, I hope everyone had a Blessed, Happy, Healthy, and Safe Christmas and New Year.

Unfortunately, our group still can't schedule any of our normal activities due to the uncertainties associated with the COVID-19 situation. I hope you will join me in embracing news of successful vaccines soon to be available to front line providers and old folks like us!! Perhaps we are turning a corner in our quest to return to some semblance of normalcy.

In the meantime, these images may brighten your day, help you in dealing with the scourge of 2020, and remind you to stay optimistic!
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Submitted by Tom VanMassenhove - CFC Chair”



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Dance Club



Nothing to Report

Lazy River Boosters



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Line Dancing



Hello, Lazy River Line Dancers. It's a new season, and since we can't use the Clubhouse this year, we are going to try dancing **outside of the screen room area (in Tortola Way)** starting Friday 01/08/2021 at 1:00PM. We will dance from January through to the end of March, every Friday at 1:00pm.

So come and join us. Get out of your house, and get some much needed exercise. It's a lot of fun.

Bring your own chair and drink. You can also use a chair from the screen room (Remember to sanitise the chair after we are finished) Social distancing will be adhered to. Masks are optional because we will be outside. Hope to see you there.

Submitted by Frankie & Marie Mangio.



Daytime

Game is played on **Thursdays** in the Screen Room (in Tortola Way) until further notice. Please come around 12:45pm and the 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 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



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CLUB NEWS



Woodworking Club (Come See What We Saw)

It's January and another New Year. Hope you all had a good Christmas. Last year I gave a suggestion for a New Year's resolution. I am going to suggest it again this year. The resolution is to check your smoke alarm and fire extinguisher. If you don't have either, please get them now.

It's been a slow year in the Wood Shop so far. Many people still won't be coming in the near future.

Dick Case says:

"Hi, Everyone,

Just to update you on the status of the Woodshed – it is open but very few are using it – mostly to borrow tools, etc. I have been doing a few signs, but it has been slow which is all right with me. Dan Van Alstine, myself and our wives have remodeled the computer room, putting up cabinets (free from Facebook marketplace) building tables similar to what we have in the shop (materials bought by the park) and painting, etc. The room is 95% complete. We are going to start moving the stained glass over there, which will then free up some more space for us.

As far as the horse race, I think that should be cancelled – nobody feels comfortable with a group and we would probably only have few people anyhow.

The club house is not open for large groups and I don't expect it to be available in January for our annual meeting – we can discuss it further, but it may be possible to do something outside. We can wait till after the Holidays to decide on that."

Ed Laetz is undecided at the time of this writing on whether he will be coming to Florida this year.

Clay Swenor is also not yet sure if he will be coming, but will let us know at a later date. Clay has a couple ideas for the ladies group if he comes and the Shop is open.

Carole & Dan Foley are not sure if they are coming to Florida this year.

Vince and Ruth Ann Guiliani are not sure.

Raymond and JoAnn Demars have a flight booked, but still not sure if coming.

We hope all the Lazy River people are fine and doing well.

New to the Park? See Dick Case about joining the Wood Shop.

This Month's Helpful Hint

If you lose the screw-top to your glue container (or caulking tube), you can easily replace it with a plastic wire nut, the kind you use to connect electrical wiring. They fit well and screw on tight.

Submitted by Dan Foley

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165 Martinique Rd

Phone: Curtis 765-623-5735

Sandra 765-623-2558

Email: curtzody39@gmail.com

Previous owner: Linda Lindsay

Home State: IN

A transfer in title took place on 11/27/20

COBOS, Richard & Charlotte

122 Martinique Rd

Phone: Richard 864-903-0329;

Charlotte 864-903-0546

Email: richardcobos@aol.com

Previous owner: Scotty & Donna Harrod

Home State: SC

A transfer in title took place on 12/3/2020

WHITE, Brenda & Gerald

121 Bermuda Way

Phone: Brenda 859-983-6612;

Gerald 859-317-1073

Email: Brenda bj.white831@gmail.com;

Gerald whitejerry13@gmail.com

Previous Owner: Tim & Katie Price

Home State: KY

A transfer in title took place on 12/9/2020

NEUMEYER, Steve

100 Tahitian Way

Phone: 618-781-7029

Won't be living here – not 55

Email: SJNelectric@yahoo.com

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Home State: IL

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THIS AND THAT

Christmas Project Thanks



I cannot say THANK YOU enough for making Christmas 2020 collection of toys for the North Port Toys for Tots Program one of the best ever. The need this year was greater than ever. Thank you to everyone who generously donated toys and/or money for this worthwhile project. The money helped me buy toys for the 12-14 year olds that are hard to buy for. The Marines were very impressed with the bikes and many boxes of toys turned in. 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

Beautification Committee

The holiday lights are beautiful. All the volunteers, Beautification and village volunteers did a fabulous job making the village beautiful! Thank you to all who helped!

The Hurricane Shutters are now down, thanks to Beautification members Jerry and Merrie Mills, Andrea and Paul George, Roy Auvil, Mike Kindellan, Norm Dube and volunteers Rich Donaldson.

Thank you all! its nice to have a little light in the clubhouse! As always, we will collect beer and soda cans and aluminum of any kind, also wires off electric items. Place them on or near your mailbox by 7:00am Friday mornings and we will pick up.

If there is a problem moving an item please call Roy Auvil.

We hope that all residents had a wonderful holiday and we are hoping all will have a happy, healthy, and safe New Year!



Security

Hello, my name is Rich Donelson and I am taking over the resident security detail formally run by Dick and Cheri Case. Most of you know me, however we have many new residents whom I have not had the privilege of meeting. In the past there has been great participation by our residents who are physically able to perform the duties.

I am in need of volunteers to do security at 10 PM 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 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, 124 Lazy River Road

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