



The CURRENT

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The President's Report From The Vice President Jean Swain

I cannot believe how quickly time flies by in this beautiful community. I am so happy to be back in Lazy River. We have had a very interesting and productive past two years and the majority of that progress has to be assigned to two wonderful people, Charles Sulzbach and Rusty Shelley.

When we took office in January 2020 who knew what lay before us. Who knew that Covid-19 would put us upside down and sideways and never seem to let up? Who knew we would inherit a maintenance building in such an uncompleted state or financial books that needed a lot of work? Who knew directors would resign? Who knew we would have to search and search for a manager who really knew his stuff?

To the rescue came Rusty Shelley, who tackled the books for hours on end, found a fabulous
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Manager's Report



The drainage work will be a major focus during January. We will be jetting out several of the drain lines, adding a few additional catch basins, repairing some road grate/ catch basins and checking the operational status of the assist pumps in the various locations.

Christmas lights throughout the park should be down by the 8th of January so the lawn cutting crews have no issues.

The FY2022 Budget passed by the BOD resulted in a \$4.00 increase or \$168 per month

The beautification folks have been busy with painting, pressure washing and reviewing some other projects.

The palm tree trimming was delayed due to labor and scheduling by our landscape company and we received a \$4900 credit in December. They have us scheduled for the end of January.

There are three open positions for the Board of Directors to be voted for at the annual members meeting on **Thursday, February 11th.**

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The Current Staff:**Carol Klotz: Editor and Scheduler, 941-525-8805***Direct any questions you may have to the Staff or to Management at 426-4307.***Send articles and correspondence to editorlazyriver@gmail.com by the 12th of every month.*****The opinions published in The Current are not necessarily the opinions of the Board of Directors or Lazy River Village, Inc.*****ACTIVITY LEADERS**

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 VanMassenhoveCards
Pepper	Richard Ciarlo & Marion Kahler
Pinochle	Lyn Tindall
Tuesday Bridge	Dot Driscoll
Hand & Foot	Mary Dishinger
Chorale	Jan Campbell
Dance Club	Babs Findlay
Dominoes	Marilyn Griffin
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, Jim Canaday
LRV Boosters	Joe Ogden
Mahjong	Carol Ann Kosinski
Miracle Melodies	Jerry Cote
Nickel Bingo Daytime	Peggy Clay
Pickleball Club	Bob Stokes, 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	Dick Case

LAZY RIVER INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President.....	Charles Sulzbach
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Director.....	Theresa Jones
Director.....	Tom Massenhove

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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:****Cheri Case: Chair and Treasurer****Linda Lindsay: Co-Chair Janet Gray: Secretary,
Lori Smith, Babs Findlay, Beverley Cooney and Sheila Staples**

Bingo Coord	Joan Rose	423-6065
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Koffee Klatch Supplies		
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Potluck Coord	Trienie Vander Ploeg	616-566-3044
Public Relations Coord		
Sunshine Coord	Cheri C ase	734-755-9558

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

part time bookkeeper and then found a temporary Manager who in turn found us a wonderful part time manager who really knows his stuff.

With the resignation of the directors, we appointed two full time residents – Ted Makowski and Keith Rule – and Rich Tindell as the replacement directors. They embraced the job fully and completely and were such a blessing and contributed so much to keeping our community going through such a difficult time.

When it became apparent that Covid was not letting up or letting me back into my other home, Charles Sulzbach came to the rescue and was appointed by the Board as President of the Village. Charles took on the task with his calm steady way and made sure the maintenance building was done and done right. He also took on the assignment (after years and years of many trying but failing to solve the issue) of solving the many drainage problems that have plagued Lazy River for at least the 17 years I have been here and probably longer. Engineers were hired and with Charles Sulzbach's and Tom VanMassenhove's and our Manager, Rick Siliker's, oversight we are starting to implement and see true improvements in our drainage issues. For the first time we have a plan with solutions we can implement in stages.

Charles also noted the seriousness of the erosion at the marina and its threat to undermine the road to Island Point and the importance of stopping the problem before it became too big to solve.

We heard loud and clear the concerns of residents that come summer time the standards drop and our community does not have the same beautiful look as when the snowbirds arrive. This problem

has also been an issue since the beginning of Lazy River Village and it can be attributed to basically two issues – some caretakers only really do their job just before the homeowner returns and the second is that our Rules and Regulations currently use a “fining” technique that can take three months to solve the violation. A new Rules and Regulations Committee is working on a faster solution to violations, by creating a fee for service, to charge violators of the rules. This technique will also allow the Manager to finally have the tools needed to address violations quickly. By installing Tow Away signs in the storage yard the Manager will also be able to address violators of lease agreements.

We have four new wonderful directors in Tom VanMassenhove, Linda Deisler, Theresa Jones and Rich Donelson. Each one of these directors has a skill set that compliments the other directors and I have faith in this community to continue to improve and remain the friendly wonderful place we call home.

submitted by Jean Swain - Vice President

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

We will be requesting quotes for replacement of the roofs on the Clubhouse and the Exercise building. The Reserve Study had those two building roofs scheduled for replacement in FY2022.

Please attend one of Wayne Andersons informational sessions on TV/Internet alternatives.

Lastly, we continue to monitor the COVID-19 virus issues in the local area, county and our park and hope for a healthy year here in the Village.

Submitted by Rick Siliker CAM

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January 2022 - 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 Exercise	Pool	Lisa Gunnels	248-807-3363
	1:00PM to 3:00PM	Band Practice	Stage	Tom V.Massenhove	989-295-5602
	1:00PM to 4:00PM	Rules & Regul Comm	Welcome Center	Lyn Tyndall	815-751-2935
	3:30PM to 5:00PM	Cribbage	Myakka Room	Jim Schwandt	262-227-4900
	5:00PM to 8:00PM	Men's Texas Holdem	Myakka Room	John Jacobs	518-365-3846
	6:00PM to 8:00PM	Shuffleboard	Shuffleboard Courts	Beverley Cooney	941-424-2705
Tue	8:00AM to 11:00AM	Pickleball	Court # 1	Diane Gempp	401-447-6916
	9:00AM to 11:00AM	10 Pin Bowling	Bowland - Port Ch.	Ralph Clay	317-402-7401
	9:30AM to 12:00PM	Water Color Painting	Sunrise & Sunset	Shirley Coleman	941-979-6668
	10:00AM to 12:00PM	LR Band Rehearsal	Main Hall	Jan Campbell	941-426-1607
	12:00PM to 4:00PM	Bridge	Myakka Room	Dot Driscoll	941-423-6010
	1:00PM to 4:00PM	Cornhole Throwing	Bocce Screen Room	Lori Smith	513-509-7166
	1:00PM to 4:00PM	Stained Glass	Arts & Crafts Room	Fred Buttery	941-423-6175
Tue	5:00PM to 8:00PM	Men's Texas Holdem	Myakka Room	John Jacobs	518-365-3846
	6:00PM to 9:30PM	Bingo- 01-18 Cancelled	Kitchen & Hall	Joan Rose	941-423-6065
Wed	8:00AM to 9:00AM	Koffee Klatch	Kitchen & Hall	Cheri Chase	734-755-9558
	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

Wed	9:30AM to 10:30AM	Water Exercise	Pool	Lisa Gunnels	248-807-3363
	1:00PM to 2:00PM	Book Club	Myakka Room	Marie Jennerich	941-468-7395
	1:00pm to 3.00pm	Clarinet Music	Bocce Screen Room	Ron Ducham	802-272-1306
	6:30PM to 8:00PM	Ping Pong	Ping Pong Room	Ginnie Wood	941-423-2184
Thu	8:00AM to 11:00AM	Pickleball	Court # 1	Diane Gempp	401-447-6916
	9:00AM to 4:00PM	Quilting	Sunrise & Sunset	Betty Morse	941-423-0352
	10:00AM to 11:30AM	Bible Study	Myakka Room	Nancy Penoyar	941-451-4939
	10:00AM to 12:00PM	Shuffleboard	Shuffleboard Courts	Beverley Cooney	941-424-2705
	1:00PM to 4:00PM	Daytime Nickle Bingo	Clubhouse	Peggy Clay	317-340-7966
	6:30PM to 9:00PM	Joker & Pegs (Joker)	Myakka Room	Debbie Rohlin	814-688-5746
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
	9:00AM TO 12:00PM	Photography Group	Myakka Room	Bruce Moore	734-645-3346
	1:00PM to 2:00PM	Line Dancing	Hall	Frankie Mangio	941-426-6261
	1:00PM TO 4:00PM	Arts & Crafts	Sunise/Sunset	Sandy Moore	734-645-6554
	1:00PM TO 4:00PM	Knitting/Crocheting	Myakka Room	Maion Myers	941-426-6260
	5:00PM to 7:00PM	Pvt Get-together	Bocce Screen Room	Linda Mc Gee	716-640-1705
Sat	8:00AM to 11:00AM	Pickleball	Court # 1	Diane Gempp	401-447-6916
	9:00AM to 3:00PM	Historical Miniatures	Arts & Crafts Room	Richard Ciarlo	508-579-2622
	10:00AM to 1:00PM	Men's Texas Holdem	Myakka Room	John Jacobs	518-365-3846
	10:45AM to 1:15PM	Ladies Poker	Sunise/Sunset	Rosanne Clark	941-504-6596
	1.00pm to 3.00pm	Clarinet Music	Bocce Screen Room	Ron Ducham	802-272-1306
	1:30PM to 4:00PM	Women's Poker	Sunise/Sunset	Peggy Clay	317-340-7966

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January 2022 - Weekly Schedule of Activities

	2:00PM to 3:30PM	Ping Pong	Ping Pong Room	Ginnie Wood	941-423-2184
Sun	8:00AM to 11:00AM	Pickleball	Court # 1	Diane Gempp	401-447-6916
	8:00AM to 12:00PM	Tennis	Tennis Courts	Nancy Penoyar	941-451-4939
	2:00PM to 5:00PM	Dominoes	Myakka Room	Marilyn Griffin	941-423-3803

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

January 2022 - Special Events

Day	Time	Activity	Location	Contact	Phone
Mon 3rd	4:00PM to 5:00PM	Tennis Club	Myakka Room	Nancy Penoyar	941-451-4939
Mon 3rd	2:30PM to 4:30PM	Boat Club Board Meeting	Sunrise/Sunset Rms	Dave Carley	317-714-9624
Mon 3rd	3:30PM to 6:30PM	Lobster Truck	Bocce Screen Room	Cheri Case	734-755-9558
Tue 4th	10:00AM	Activities Club Meeting	Welcome Center	Cheri Case	734-755-9558
Wed 5th	1:00PM TO 2:00PM	Book Club Meeting	Myakka Room	Marie Jennerich	941-468-1395
Sat 8th	2:00PM to 9:00PM	Potluck	Hall & Kitchen	Trinie vander Ploeg	616-566-3044
Mon 10th	9:00AM TO 11:00AM	Pickleball Annual Meeting	Myakka Room	Diane Gempp	401-447-6916
Mon 10th	1:00PM to 5:00PM	Take Down Christmas Lights	Around village	Connie Quinn	810-599-0437
Tue 11th	1:00PM to 5:00PM	Rain Day for Christmas Lights	Around village	Connie Quinn	810-599-0437
Wed		LRV			

12th	9:00AM TO 11:00AM	Board of Directors Mtg	Main Hall	Charles Sulzbach	941-875-3636
Wed 12th	10:00AM TO 7:00PM	Prep for Boat Club dinner	Hall & Kitchen	Dave Carley	317-714-9624
Wed 12th	12:00PM to 6:00PM	Prep for Boat Club dinner	Hall & Kitchen	Dave Carley	317-714-9624
Thu 13th	10:00AM TO 9:00PM	Boat Club Change of Watch and Ball	Hall	Dave Carley	317-714-9624
Sat 15th	9:00AM to 11:00PM	Live Entertainment "Hardly Worthlt"	Hall and Sunrise/Sunset Rms	Vickie Stokes	734-644-1495
Sat 15th	9:00AM to 11:00PM	Live Entertainment	Hall and Sunrise/Sunset Rms	Vickie Stokes	734-644-1495
Mon 17th	10:00AM TO 12:00PM	CFC Meeting	Myakka Room	Kelly Wells	519-709-2103
Mon 17th	4:00PM TO 6:30pm	Shuffleboard Dinner	Bocce Screen Room	Beverley Cooney	941-426-2705
Tue 18th	9:00AM TO 11:00PM	Recreation	Hall	Vickie Stokes	734-644-1495
Wed 19th	9:00AM TO 10:30AM	TV Service Provider Workshop	Hall	Wayne Anderson	585-880-1017
Thu 20th		Boat trip - Naples		Jan Boeck	262-989-9826
Fri 21st	7:00AM to 9:00PM	Draw & Share	Hall & Kitchen	Joe Ogden	740-605-2200
Sat 22nd	12:00PM to 2:00PM	Pickleball Skills Challenge Luncheon	Bocce & Pool Screen Room	Diane Gempp	401-447-6916
Sat 22nd	11:00AM to 5:00PM	Celebration of Life Jan Campbell	Hall & Kitchen	Dolly Ciarlo	508-579-1973
Tue 25th	10:00AM to NOON	Woodshop Annual Meeting	Myakka Room	Dick Case	734-241-9345
Wed 26th	8:00AM TO 9:30AM	Koffee Klatch only	Hall	Cheri Case	734-755-9558
Wed 26th	9:00AM TO 10:30AM	TV Service Provider Workshop	Hall	Wayne Anderson	585-880-1017
Thu 27th	7:00PM to 10:00PM	Dance Club Monthly Dance	Hall & Kitchen	Babs Findlay	860-372-5498

January 2022 - Special Events

Fri 28th	11:00am TO 6:00pm	50th Anniversary Ball	Decorate Hall	"Pete" Reed	765-473-3155
Sat 29th	9:00AM to 10:00PM	50th Anniversary Ball	Set-up Kitchen & Hall	"Pete" Reed	765-473-3155
Sat 29th	5:30AM to 9:00PM	50th Anniversary Ball	Myakka Rm/Hall/ Kitchen = Ball	"Pete" Reed	765-473-3155
Sun 30th	8:00AM to 2:00PM	50th Anniversary Ball	Myakka Rm/Hall/ Kitchen = Cleanup	"Pete" Reed	765-473-3155

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Sunshine Report



If you know of anyone in LRV who is ill or has passed away, please let Cheri Case know as soon as possible.

*Thank you,
Cheri Case - Sunshine Club
dickcheri@gmail.com 734-755-9558*

Activities Team

MEETING

When: Tuesday January 11,2022
Where: Welcome Center
Time: 10:00 am



Submitted by Cheri Case

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Beautification Committee

It was a busy fall for Beautification! When the Christmas Light Committee needed some funding Beautification stepped up! Then we heard that Mary and Joseph needed a ticket to Lazy River Village and again Beautification stepped up! Mary and Joseph will soon be traveling through Lazy River Village on their way to Bethlehem.

These things are made possible by our crew collecting cans and other aluminum items, like windows, doors, fans, shutters, etc. The crew made up of Roy Auvil, Jim Walker, Jerry Mills, Carl Devol, Willy Gempp, Norm Dube, Al Hazlitt, and Bruce Basch. These guys strip all the aluminum off the items you discard and pack it up to be recycled. It's dirty work and time consuming but they have fun!

Bob Stanko, with help from Merrie Mills and Janine Dube, finished up painting and sprucing up the shuffleboard court. I understand Gary Cooney is very happy with the job! Bruce Basch repaired the Dishinger Dock and also trimmed the Mangroves back along the canal. Jim Walker, Bill Schmidt and Bruce Basch power-washed the fences in the storage area, it's a work in progress!

Beautification also purchased Bouganvillia plants for the blue pots by the front lake. They look beautiful!

As always we will collect cans on Friday mornings by 7am. Place them on or under your mailbox and we will pick them up! Our can Crew is Carolyn Williams, Carol Basch, Roy Auvil, Bruce Basch, Al Hazlitt and Carmelle Awad.

I also want to share with you that on January 3, 2022 from 3:30pm until 6:30pm, the Maine Line Lobster truck will be parked by the tennis court and screen room. They serve Lobster Rolls, Lobster MAC n Cheese, Snappy Hot Dogs and The Original Italian Sandwich. Take home or eat in the screen room, either way it is delicious! I hope we have a good turnout!

Respectfully submitted by Carol Basch

Thank You

- SECRET COOKIE LADIES-



We would like to thank the ladies who cooked the yummy cookies, and left them on our doorsteps. We "think" we know who you are.

However, thank you again from all the recipients.

Submitted by Ann Heath

ANNUAL TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION 2021

I cannot say THANK YOU enough for making this year's Christmas 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 whatever the volunteers at the drop-off center told me they were short of. The Marines were very impressed with the 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



Koffee Klatch

Don't forget our Wednesday morning Koffee Klatches (which are still held at 8:30 a.m. in the club house). Please wear a mask if you feel more comfortable. Coffee, tea and donuts will be served. Please bring a donation of \$1.50 per person to off-set the cost of the donuts. Looking forward to seeing all of you there.

*Submitted by Cheri Case
On behalf of the Activity Team*

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January 2022 Birthdays



- 01 Robert Hodson
- 01 Jackie Innes
- 01 Pete Miller
- 02 Carol Basch
- 03 Billie Chambers
- 03 Kathleen Driver
- 03 Don McClenathan
- 04 Vickie Stokes
- 05 Jerry Dishinger
- 05 Philip Goodie
- 05 Steve Hale
- 06 Barbara Crooks
- 07 Bud Heffley
- 07 Vivian Puetz
- 08 Sue Siebenaler
- 09 David Carley
- 09 Keith Rule
- 11 Jean Hickey
- 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 Gary Graham
- 21 Joanie Racicot
- 21 Lynette Whitters
- 22 Peggy Lyons
- 24 Matt Cain
- 24 Janice Gammage
- 24 Brian Werner
- 26 Carolyn Brooks
- 26 Michael Richardson
- 29 Jim Crosby
- 29 Dennis Goltz
- 30 Laurie McDonnell
- 31 Nick Fulbright

Submitted by Joyce Cote

January 2022 Anniversaries



- | | Years Married |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Matt and Lori Smith |
| 2 | Robert and Sharyn Sponenberg |
| 4 | Warren and Donna Danford |
| 9 | Terrence and Lauren Conroy |
| 12 . . . | George and Sharon Biggerstaff . . Over 50 |
| 15 . . . | George and Sheila Wilcox |
| 20 . . . | Frank and Marie Mangio |
| 22 . . . | Jack and Cindy Gardner Over 50 |
| 27 . . . | Michael and Linda O'Connor |
| 30 . . . | JJ and Jody Massey |
| 31 . . . | Larry and Julie Weise Over 60 |

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 jaglcote@gmail.com](mailto:jaglcote@gmail.com)

Lift Assist



Who should you 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 Lift Assist 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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Love My Hearing Aids

Being a small business owner it is important for us to know how clients find us. Whenever a new client comes into our office we always ask, how did you find us?

During the shutdown due to covid the majority answered "online" since there weren't any gatherings.

Now that we are able to get together we are getting more referrals from existing clients. They tend to say, 'my neighbor said I wasn't hearing well and should see you.'

My favorite this year came from Betty. When asked, how did you find us, she said I overheard my friend, Shirley say she loves her hearing aids. That is a direct quote.

Betty explained that other people complain about their hearing aids, especially when trying to understand conversations in groups. Yet, Shirley was in a line dancing class and while talking to another woman said, "I loved my hearing aids."

Hearing someone say they love their hearing aids, Betty knew she had to check it out. Betty walked over to Shirley and asked, who helps with your hearing aids?

When I heard the story I was thrilled to know how well we had fitted our client Shirley. Knowing that Shirley is able to be social and hear with confidence is our intention.

Our goal is to help clients hear well in groups. To know that we helped Shirley hear well in a dance class and so well that she shared how much she loves her hearing aids. This is such a great testimony for us.

If you struggle to hear conversations clearly in crowds, call for a free demo of hearing aids, ones that you might even love.

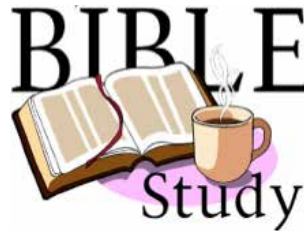
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BEING AN OVERCOMER.

Recently, the Lord brought to my attention two verses from the Bible. After the temptation recorded in Genesis 3:4, 5, which brought death and a different relationship with God, and the warning recorded in Revelation 2:7 to the Church, I found I needed to seriously consider this article from "My Utmost for His Highest", by Oswald Chambers. Will we really be able to eat the fruit of life in the Garden with Jesus because we are overcomers?

The Law of Antagonium.

Life without war is impossible either in nature or in grace. The basis of physical, mental, moral, and spiritual life is antagonism or oppositon.

Whenever we fail to work or fight against whatever is in opposition in the above areas of life, we begin the process of dying. According to Genesis 2:16, 17, along with Roman 3:23 we are all dealing with death. In Revelation 2:7 the Holy Spirit speaks to the church

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Bible Study (continued from page 12)

that they have lost their first love: Love God with all of your heart, and with all thy soul, and with all of thy mind. This is the first and great commandment (Deut. 6:4, 5), and the second is like it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. (Matt 22:36-40)

So the fight to overcome is either all our love is for God (above all other loves), or our love of “self”, above God. Consider the following:

HEALTH: health is the balance between physical life and external nature, and it is maintained only by sufficient vitality on the inside against things on the outside. Everything outside my physical life is designed to put me to death. Things which keep me going when I am alive, disintegrate me when I am dead. If I have enough fighting power I produce the balance of health.

MENTAL: mental life is the same. If I want to maintain a vigorous mental life, I have to fight and in that way the mental balance called thought is produced.

MORAL: Morally it is the same. Everything that does not partake of the nature of virtue is the enemy of virtue in me, and it depends on what moral calibre I have whether I overcome and produce virtue. Immediately I fight I am moral in that particular. No man is virtuous because he cannot help it; virtue is acquired.

SPIRITUAL: And spiritually it is the same. Jesus said, “In the world ye shall have tribulation.” Everything that is not spiritual makes for my undoing, but – “Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” I have to learn to cross off the things that come against me, and in that way produce the balance of holiness: then it becomes a delight to meet opposition.

HOLINESS IS THE BALANCE BETWEEN MY DISPOSITION AND THE LAW OF GOD AS EXPRESSED IN JESUS CHRIST.

I am continuing the study in the Old Testament to help prepare us to better understand the New Testament in the Thursday Bible Study beginning at 10 am in the clubhouse cardroom. All are welcome.

Submitted by Nancy Penoyar 941-451-4939

SPORTS



Bocce Ball

Attention all Bocce players, we will be playing on Mondays at 9:00AM and Wednesdays at 10:00AM after Koffee Klatch.

We early arrivers have been playing and are back in form, hopefully we will have enough for a formal game come January. Courts are in rough shape but we are working on getting them fixed up ASAP.

Wednesdays are less formal and new players are welcome, we will teach you the game and show you how easy and fun it is to play.

Any questions please contact me at 317-902-1243 or email aj4batts@gmail.com.

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Submitted by AJ Gilson*

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Bowling (Gutter Gossip)

Bowling starts on Tuesday, January 4th, 2022 and will last 12 weeks at Bowland in Port Charlotte. Doors open at 9:00 AM so we can start bowling prior to 9:30AM.



Bowland is located on Harbor Blvd. and the US 41. The cost will be \$13.00 and teams have been posted at the clubhouse and in the December Current.

Anyone interested in bowling, please call Ralph or Peggy Clay at 317-340-7966. This year, all past handicaps will be eliminated and new ones will be developed after the first three games of bowling.

Looking forward to having a great season and WELCOME BACK.

Submitted by Ralph Clay

Cornhole

Cornhole Games aka "bean bag toss" will begin on Tuesday 11/16 starting at 1:00 pm. Meet at the Bocce Screen Room.



If you haven't thrown before we will teach you the game. Partners will be based on luck of the draw.

We could use a few more boards and bags; if anyone in the park has some please contact Lori Smith at 513-509-7166.

Submitted by Lori Smith

You are encouraged to pull out the center pages of this edition which contain important information related to work being done by the Internet and T.V. Committee. If you have not attended a workshop on that topic, you may find it useful to bring this with you when you do attend in January. Dates and times of the workshops will be confirmed at a later date.

Golf Couples League

Although some of our members will return home for the Christmas holidays, we expect to have approximately 36 golfers on Sundays throughout December, with an increase expected in January when people return to Lazy River Village. The three courses at Waterford Golf have been in good condition and its dining room has received great reviews for the food served after we finish golfing.



Our green fee, through to the end of April, for 9 holes with a cart is \$30.00 plus tax. A small bucket of range balls is included with our green fee, if anyone wants to use the driving range before golfing.

The format is a scramble, i.e., each person takes their own shot but the foursome plays from the best shot. A drive from each member of the foursome must be used at least once during the game.

Our tee times on each of the three courses will be between approximately 1:00 p.m. and 1:40 p.m., depending on the number of our members golfing that day. Most of us enjoy a libation in the clubhouse after golf and, if there are approximately twenty diners, the kitchen will stay open until 4:00 p.m. to serve us.

The membership fee is \$10.00 per person for the season. The fees will be used for prizes in January, February and March and for our end-of-season party.

The emphasis in our group is on having fun. You do not have to be a "good" golfer or part of a "couple" to participate. I can "couple" an individual with another individual or a couple when I make up the schedule.

If you are interested in golfing with the Couples group or if you have questions, please email me at sharon.anderson.olmstead@gmail.com.

Submitted by Sharon Olmstead

Be A Part of The Decision

INTERNET-TV COMMITTEE UPDATE

In October 2022 our current contract with Frontier will expire. By mid-April 2022 Lazy River will need to decide whether to renew with Frontier or go with another provider. If a new provider is selected, it could take up to six months for complete installation. The TV-Internet Committee invites all residents to familiarize themselves with features and services being offered, their costs, and how these costs can save dollars being spent on services presently subscribed to, both here in Lazy River and in our northern homes.

We've already had our first workshop, on December 2, during which Hotwire presented what they have to offer. Attend one of the two remaining workshops, or better, both. These are tentatively scheduled to follow Koffee Klatch on each of the last two Wednesdays in January. This will be your opportunity to learn what is being offered, how it impacts you, and to ask any

questions you may have. Attendance at one or more of these workshops is **highly recommended**. We are also planning additional information sessions, to be announced.

Our current bulk service agreement cost to the community is \$26.49 per shareholder and is assessed for all 356 homes in the community, covering TV only. This is part of everyone's Home Owners' Association (HOA) fee. Current separate subscriber selected costs include:


- Basic Internet at \$45/month for 50/50 Mbps service
- HD digital set top boxes, at a cost of \$11/month each
- DVR's at a cost of \$15/month
- Premium TV channels and suites (costs vary)

At the workshops the following options will be discussed:


Option 1 – This option would be continuing our service with Frontier. Nothing is supposed to change as far as features, although it must be noted that some channels have been removed, and there's no guarantee that others won't be added or removed. **The total monthly cost** for continuing this service would be \$84, part of which includes a 4.8% bulk rate increase starting in October 2022. Certain additional services subscribed to (Internet, multiple HD set top boxes, etc.) can be put on seasonal hold, at the current one-time each cost of \$39.99.

Bottom line impact: HOA fees could be increased about \$2 per month and **all additional service and feature costs as noted above will continue to apply.**

Option 2 – This option applies to multiple service providers offering **included Internet** with significantly higher speeds than we're currently getting. The channel line-ups will be similar or identical to what we currently receive. The monthly costs for these providers range from roughly \$78 to \$84, and whichever of these amounts applies will be a bulk rate cost, meaning that **these services cannot be put on seasonal hold.**



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Bottom line impact: HOA fees could be increased between \$52 to \$58 per month over Option 1, but those subscribing to Internet would **save \$45 per month or more**, for a total projected increase between \$7 to \$13 per month. Anyone who has additional HD set top boxes would also **save an additional \$11 per month** per HD set top box.

Option 3 – This option is similar to Option 2, except that the channel line-up may offer: 1) less in the total number of TV channels; and 2) a change of local stations. This change of local stations means that we would no longer receive the Tampa stations as our local channels. These would be switched to Ft. Myers plus Sarasota 7, the ABC affiliate recently dropped by Frontier. This provider would be installing between two and three large satellite dishes. High speed Internet service is included. Like Option 2 this monthly cost **cannot be put on seasonal hold**, but does **save every Internet subscriber at least \$45 per month**. This is the least expensive in terms of **total dollars** for Internet subscribing residents.

Bottom line impact: HOA fees could be increased between \$24 to \$35 per month compared to Option 1 but there would be no additional cost for Internet service, resulting in at least a **total net monthly savings** -- what's included in the HOA fee plus Internet -- of approximately \$14 over Option 1 *for Internet subscribers*. Extra set top boxes run between \$7-\$15 monthly depending on type.

Bulk service unit cost has yet to be nailed down, but should not exceed \$61 including taxes. It could be slightly less. What the table doesn't clearly show is that the least expensive total option, Dish Fiber, could represent a projected \$22 increase over Frontier's Version 1 proposal.

Terms you may hear at the workshops:

Basic internet service – the least internet speed which is generally provided to all residents with the option to purchase additional speed.

Infrastructure – We are currently set up with a fiber optic infrastructure from Frontier. Satellite requires bulky dishes and substations and has been subject to reception variations due to weather. Dish Fiber claims this is less of an issue than it had been.

Bulk Service – Savings from purchasing services and features as a community rather than individually. This represents potentially vast savings over ala carte selections.

Door Fee – may be a fixed or variable amount that the company will give back as an incentive to use their services.

Another important point to consider: the service we decide on is an amenity that could have an impact on our home values.



SUMMARY OF COST COMPARISON

	OPTION 1		OPTION 2		OPTION 3
	Frontier Ver 1	Frontier Ver 2	Hotwire Ver 1	Hotwire Ver 2	Dish Fiber
Bulk Service Unit Cost (Incl. in HOA)	\$28	\$73	\$81	\$78	\$50-\$61*
Basic Internet Speed -Mbps	50/50	100/100	300/300	300/300	1000/1000
Basic Internet Cost	\$45	Included	Included	Included	Included
Additional HD Set Top Box (each)	\$11	\$11	2 Additional Included	1 Additional Included	Varies - \$7- \$15
Next Tier Internet Speed	100/100	500/500	N/A	N/A	N/A
Next Tier Internet Additional Cost	\$10	\$10	Included	Included	Included
DVR	\$15	\$15	200 hours cloud-based included	200 hours cloud-based included	Included
Local TV Channel Location	Tampa	Tampa	Tampa & Sarasota 7	Tampa & Sarasota 7	Ft. Myers & Sarasota 7
TOTAL COST – TV, Internet, add'l HD Boxes	\$84	\$84	\$81	\$78	\$57-\$76*
IMPACT TO HOA	+\$2	+\$47	+\$55	+\$52	+\$24-\$35*
Net with Internet & 1-2 add'l HD Boxes	+\$2	+\$13	-\$1	-\$4	-\$14 to +\$5*

SPORTS

Golf - Men's 18-Hole League



Hello, Golfers. It's now January, all of a sudden the season is moving along so fast. All of our golfers will be back this month.

For those of us who went North for the holidays and missed golf, we have to bear down and sharpen our game again.

Some of our golfers are shooting some great scores. Bruce Gustavson - 79, Tom Carter - again 79, Tim Norwood 78 and our incredible rookie – Mike Bosma (remember that name – he's great) 78.

We have a couple of new golfers joining us in January, they are golfers. We call them the 2 Mikes. Mike Kapture and Mike O'Connor. We are not accepting any outsiders for our Golf League. Our league has really grown. After the playoffs, we are going to try to put together a 4-man scramble. The Playoffs will start on 02-24-2022 so be ready to play or you will have to forfeit.

Submitted by Scott Lockhart and Frankie Mangio

Women's and Men's - 9 Hole Golf



There has recently been a great turnout to golf with the Women and Men's 9 Hole Golf groups. Even with some of our members returning north for the Christmas holidays, approximately twenty men and twenty women are golfing on Friday afternoons at Long Marsh Golf Club at Rotonda West.

There are three courses at Long Marsh so we usually are on a different course than the one we were on the week before. The first tee time is usually 12:32 p.m. and when we finish golfing, most of us stay to enjoy a social time at the clubhouse..

As of January 1st, the green fee for 9 holes of golf with a cart will increase to \$30.00 plus tax. That rate will continue for February and March, returning to \$22.00 plus tax for April and May.

Thanks to the initiative of Doreen Werner, the Women's group had some extra fun on December 3rd. We dressed up to show our Holiday Spirit. The costumes, colors and decorations were so good, a nearby homeowner asked to take pictures of us! Our dressup days in 2022 are January 7th (Team colors, co-ordinated with our foursome); February 11th (Valentine's theme – show the love); March 11th (St. Patrick's theme – get out the green on the greens) and April 11th (Easter theme – hippity hoppity). There is never a dull moment with these ladies!

If you are interested in playing 9 holes of golf with our groups, please contact Bob Jones, by e-mail (jonesra8@aol.com) or by telephone (774-414-3074). If you have suggestions for or questions about our group, please contact either me or John Overton. My e-mail is:

sharon.anderson.olmstead@gmail.com

and John's e-mail address is:

john.overton@sympatico.ca.

Submitted by: Sharon Olmstead

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SPORTS

Pickleball

PICKLEBALL



We hope you had a blessed Christmas and a safe and happy new year. We have a few upcoming events in January. The Pickleball annual meeting will be held in the Myakka room on Monday, January 10 at 10:00. This is a good opportunity for members to express their ideas. We welcome your input. Your ten dollars dues will be due by that date.

The Pickleball club will host a skills challenge on Saturday, January 22. We hope you come out and test your skills against the Pickleball club members. Awards will be given out at a social gathering after the skills rodeo.

We always welcome new players. Lou Duke gave an informal workshop for beginners last month. He has offered to run another workshop in the future. Please let us know if you are interested in attending.

A few tips for all players:

Loft service returns so they go deep, giving you time to get to the non-volley line. Always get to the non-volley line as soon as you can. It's the strongest position.

Remember that both the serve and the serve return must bounce before you can hit the ball, so remain at or behind the baseline after serving to receive the third shot.

Keep your paddle high, near your chest; your reaction time will be quicker.

Submitted by Bob Stokes and Diane Gempp

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SPORTS

Shuffleboard



Hello, Lazy River Owners and Renters!

It is now January 2022 and the shuffleboard courts will be hopping!! Starting in January on most play days, all ten courts get filled up, so try your best to be a little early to start playing. You will notice a big difference in the appearance of our courts. This is due to Bob Stanko, who did a ton of work on them. The last time our courts looked this good was about five years ago when it cost the Village approximately \$11,000. So on behalf of the Shuffleboard Club members we want to say a big THANK YOU to Bob for all the hard work, on his hands and knees.

We would also like to say another big thank you to the Beautification Group Ladies, who have been working hard cleaning and painting the court lights etc.

The current plan for our 2022 dinners is as follows: JANUARY dinner will be held outside at the Bocce court screen room and will be SHUFFLERS and SUBS. We will have a sign up sheet at the courts as usual, so we can order how many SUBS we need from PUBLIX.

FEBRUARY - PIZZA NIGHT and the MARCH - BARBECUE will also be held outside. Details to follow.

Dues are now being collected at the courts and are \$5.00 per person for the season.

Looking forward to seeing you all.....

Submitted by: Beverley Cooney – Secretary

Table Tennis



Hi, everyone, now that the holidays are over, it's Ping Pong time again. Come and enjoy a few rounds of Ping Pong on WEDNESDAY nights, 6:30pm to 7.30pm OR on SATURDAYS from 2:00pm to 3:00pm.

We have two tables in the Billiard Room next to the Exercise room, with paddles and balls so you just need to bring yourselves. Come check it out!! It's always available to enjoy any day, but we try to get together to make it more fun on these special days we've set up.

No one is a pro, it's all just for fun but it's great exercise and a bit less energetic than Pickleball. It's also easy to learn if you did not get to do it as a kid, but it brings back fond memories if you did. Come meet your new neighbors as we have lots of new residents. See you there.

Submitted by Ginnie Wood

Tennis Between The Lines



We are welcoming new residents that have joined the tennis group. New players, regardless of ability, are encouraged to join us. If you would like to learn the game, we have extra rackets and players to help teach.

It is a combination of round robin style of rotating players on some days with competitive matches set up on other days. We are playing Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 am. But the courts are available for open play most other times.

Our next tennis club meeting will be Monday, January 10t, at 4:00 pm, at the tennis court.

See you on the courts.

Submitted by Jim Schwandt 262-227-4900

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*Thank You,
Submitted by Cheri Case*

Welcome

A transfer took place on 1/09/2021

HOLCOMB Thomas & Sarah

143 Bermuda Way

Phone Nos: Thomas (860) 424-7321;
Sarah (860) 424-7321

Email: sholcomb318@gmail.com

Home State: CT

Previous Owner: Rosemary Jung

A transfer took place on 1/08/2021

McWHORTER, Kelly & Leah (Cherie)

230 Martinique Road

Phone Nos: Kelly (517) 896-2781;
Cherie (517) 881-5576

Email: Kelly: kmcwhor485@outlook.com
Cherie lcm485@yahoo.com

Previous Owner: Peter & Eleanor Rapelje

Home State: MI

A transfer took place on 11/24/2021

LAZOR, Keith & Valeri

206 Tortola Way

Tel. Nos. Keith (724) 388-0217;
Valeri (724) 388-1698

Email: Keith: klazor1260@gmail.com;
Valeri : vallazor@verizon.net

Home State: PA

Previous Owner: Marlys Huselid

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, Pat Weaver, 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



Veterans

Nothing to report this month

Resident Security Detail



As most of you know, Lazy River residents provide nightly security for the Village, securing the facilities that remain open during the day. A copy of the monthly schedule is given to each

resident assigned with their name highlighted on the date they are scheduled. The duties to be performed are listed on the reverse side, along with a space for comments, and signature. This is an important service that we provide, and while it takes about 30 minutes, it is not difficult.

We have a had a tremendous number of new residents, and I am asking you to please volunteer to be a part of this team. I will offer a personal orientation to anyone who needs it. All you have to do is contact me by email at richandsallyd@gmail.com, cell number 734-771 6249, or stop by 124 Lazy River Road and speak with me in person. Hopefully you will only be scheduled every other month, so it's not a huge commitment.

Important

If you are new, or if you have been doing security for a long time, remember we are not a police force, we are simply securing the facilities. So, when you encounter other people please be diplomatic, and if you don't know them, introduce yourself, then ask their name and welcome them to the park. Shareholders should be aware of the rules, but don't force the issue. Simply let them know you are there to secure the facilities, or if they have a key, they can lock up. Of course, if it's kids, tell them they have to come back tomorrow. Bottom line, be nice, be kind, and use common sense. If you feel it is necessary, you can make a note in the comment section of your sheet before depositing it in the box.

This community runs on volunteerism, and I thank you for your service.

Submitted by Rich Donelson

CLUB NEWS

The Bingo Buzz



We plan to begin our Bingo season on the first Tuesday in January— the 4th. We had our practice session and everyone and everything worked great, including one person winning four Bingo games. Maybe she won more, I lost count. Way to go, Pat!

A NIGHT AT BINGO:

We play two one-hour sessions with a 10 minute break in the middle with decaffeinated coffee (50 cents) and homemade desserts (free). Our desserts are donated by our Bingo players each week.

We begin selling Bingo cards at 6:10 pm and ask that you be ready to play by 6:35 pm. The money we collect each evening is our prizes for that night. PLEASE, NO \$20 BILLS. One 6-Bingo card costs \$5.00. Each single-card costs \$1.00. They are used for our two 'Special' games which are played in the dark—the Bingo board is not lit up and the caller calls the numbers as fast as they can. The money prizes are also larger for these two games.

So for \$7.00 you'll be purchasing an evening of fun and perhaps winning your investment back—OR MORE!

It has been 1-1/2 years since we have played Lazy River Bingo.

Goodbye Covid HELLO B - I - N - G - O

Submitted by Joan Rose



CLUB NEWS

Boat Club



After a year and a half of little Boat Club activity we are looking forward to a full season of activities. Each month we will have a dinner event with a theme that will include food, drinks, and entertainment. The one formal event is the combined Commodore's Ball and Change-of-Watch on January 13, 2022. The theme is the era of the 1960's of Peace, Love and Political Discord (sound familiar?). The Dukes of Brinkley, a high energy classic rock band that was very well appreciated two years ago, will be here again. 60's era cocktails will start off the evening.

In addition to the monthly dinner, we will have other activities including boat trips on the Myakka River and the Intercoastal Waterway. We are also discussing a golf cart-based poker run. If you have any suggestions for events or destinations, please let a Boat Club Director know of your ideas.

Lastly, The Boat Club is like all clubs in Lazy River Village, in that we rely on volunteers for all our activities. I would like to appeal to those residents who have moved here in the last couple of years to get involved. We need volunteers, not only for the activities, but we are looking for a few people who would want to serve on our Board.

*Submitted by Dave Carley, Commodore,
115 Lazy River Road*

Cribbage Anyone ?

The time for playing cribbage has moved to 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm, every Monday in the Myakka Room.



Experienced players or any new players are invited to join us. It is an easy game to learn.

If you have any questions, or if you would like to learn how to play, contact – Jim Schwandt 262-227-4900.

Submitted by Jim Schwandt

Canine Fitness Club



The Canine Fitness Club welcomes all members, old and new, back to Lazy River this season. On December 7th, the club held its first meeting of the year at the Sunset Marina. Tom VanMassenhove called the meeting to order. Tom discussed the purpose of the club which is to address and resolve pet issues as opposed to going to the Board of Directors for such matters.

The yearly fee was set at \$5.00. A bit of history regarding the previously proposed dog park was discussed. The new Chair of the CFC is Dean Schantzen, with Diane Desilets as Vice Chair. The position of Secretary/Treasurer will be held by Linda O'Connor. We thank these energetic people for their commitment to the CFC and look forward to an exciting year ahead.

The importance of being responsible dog owners and creating a positive atmosphere in the village was discussed by Dean.

The Canine Fitness Club invites you and your furry friends to join us for a social hour on the first Monday of each month at 5:00 o'clock at the Sunset Marina (at the end of the boat docks). January 3rd will be the next date. Bring your drink of choice and a snack if desired. Everyone is welcome and this is a great way to meet other pet owners.

The CFC will start monthly meetings again in January. These will take place the third Monday of each month at 10:00am in the Myakka Room.

Why didn't the dog want to play football??? Because it was a Boxer!

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Wells



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CLUB NEWS

Dance Club



The dance committee is delighted to announce the following dance schedule. To be held in the club house.

THE SNOWBIRDS BALL - JANUARY 27th, 2022.

Live entertainment

LOVE IS IN THE AIR - FEBRUARY 2th, 2022.

Live entertainment

SPRING FLING - MARCH 31st, 2022.

Live entertainment

All dances will be from 7:00pm to 10:00 pm.

Season passes for all three dances are \$30.00 per person. Individual tickets \$12.00 per person.

Submitted by Babs Findlay

Line Dancing



Hello, Line Dancers and also the Couples Dancers.

We have a brand new dance floor. It's white and bright (we might have to wear sunglasses). It might hurt our eyes, but it wont hurt our feet. We are hoping that more guys will come to the class so we can do some couples dancing, as well as line dancing.

We meet every Friday at the club house from 1:00PM to 2:00PM starting January 7th, 2022 through to the end of March 2022. Come on out and get some exercise and have some fun. See you there!

Submitted by Frankie & Marie Mangio

Lazy River Boosters

Welcome back, everyone. If you are an owner, then you are automatically a member



Mark your calendar to **save these dates.**

January 20 – Wednesday

Draw 'n Share

February 15 – Tuesday

Draw 'n Share

March 16 – Wednesday

Irish dinner

More information to follow on all of the above.

Respectively submitted by Jan Boeck

Nickel Bingo - Daytime



Game is played on **Thursdays,**
in the Clubhouse

Door opens at 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

CLUB NEWS



Woodworking Club (Come See What We Saw)

Happy New Year! January 1, 2022. Each year I make New Year resolutions, as do a lot of us. The past few years I suggested a few for all of us. I will remind you of them again this New Year. The first one is to check your smoke alarm. Press the button on it and see if it works. If it doesn't work, change the battery or go buy a new one.

The second is to buy a fire extinguisher for your kitchen if you don't already have one. If you do have one, check the gauge on it and make sure it is fully charged. You can purchase a new one at Home Depot or any hardware store. Ask them which one to purchase for your home.

Mark your calendar now for Tuesday, January 25th, 2022, 10:00a.m. in the Myakka Room. That is the date of the annual Woodworkers meeting. If you are not a member, come and sign up. It's a good time to meet a lot of the members and ask questions you might have. We can ask for suggestions at this meeting about what we should do, to pay tribute to Ed Laetz (past President) who passed away last year. Naming the Lazy River Derby after him is one of the suggestions. This is a good time to offer your assistance for the annual event.

The annual race takes place on Saturday, March 25, 2022 in the Club House and involves a lot of time for setting up and getting ready for the Race. You can volunteer your time if you are not already a volunteer or are a new Wood Shop Member.

Help! We need some new artistic volunteers to create a picture that can be transferred to plywood. Starting in the fall, there is a display that is set up on an island that is visible as you pull up to the gate entering the Park. The first one is a fall display with hay, pumpkins, colored leaves, etc. The second one is a Thanksgiving scene with Pilgrims, etc. The next displays are for St. Pat's day and Easter.

We are looking for artistic help in creating displays for January and February. January could be a Snowman. February could be something to do with hearts or Presidents. These displays have been a part of Lazy River for a long time and are an ongoing thing that was started by Jan Campbell.

This Month's Helpful Hint

When drilling overhead, in order to keep you and the area you are drilling in clean, poke a hole in the bottom of a paper cup, then insert the bit into the drill. Cut the cup to a shorter height if it is too deep. Pull the cup back against the chuck so you can see to start the hole. Then pull the cup up and finish drilling. The cup will catch the debris.

Submitted by Dan Foley

Book Club



No, you are not expected to read the same book and give an intellectual argument for the virtues and deficiencies of what you have read. You bring the name and author of a book you have read recently and will recommend - reservedly is fine. Give a brief personal review of the book. Everyone gets a turn. You might want to bring paper and pen to jot down the names of books that sound interesting.

After that, a fluid discussion often follows on any number of topics. Is it fun? Well, I think so. Call if you have questions: Marie Jennerich 941-468-1395.

Oh, I suppose I should give you some details like.... starts Wednesday, January 5th from 1:00pm to 2:00pm in the Myakka Room (former Card Room).

Submitted by Marie Jennerich

THIS AND THAT

Attention Lazy River

NEED SOUND BOOTH BACKUP PEOPLE

The Activity Team is looking for a few people who know how to work a sound system. This is not a full time job. It would be on a "as needed" position. Please let me know if you are interested.

Thank you,

Submitted by Cheri Case - Activities Chairman
dickcheri@gmail.com



Schedule for Clubs for Koffee Klatch

January — Shuffle Board Club (Gary Cooney)

February — Wood Workers Club (Dick Case)

March — Boosters Club (Joe Ogden)

April — Tennis Club (Nancy Penoyer)

If there is any problem with this schedule please let Cheri Case know ASAP.

734-755-9558, 208 Martinique
or dickcheri@gmail.com.

Submitted by Cheri Case for the Activity Team

2022 Picture Directory

Great news!

We are finally scheduled to get our photos taken for the 2022 Photo Directory.



The date for the photos will be: February 22, 2022 thru February 26, 2022

Tuesday – Friday 2:00pm - 8:00pm
and Saturday 10:30am - 4:30pm

This directory is for all LRV owners and there is no charge for the directory. The only cost to you will be if you want to order additional photos.

Submitted by Cheri Case
Activity Team Coordinator

Jokers and Pegs

Time to play "JOKER" again.

Welcome back to those up North that are here now!! We surely missed you!!



"Joker" has started again on THURSDAY nights, in the Myakka Room at 6:30 pm.

It's a partner game so if you're new, bring a friend or spouse, or just come and see if other singles need a partner.

All are welcome and perhaps you'll decide you'd like to learn. It's interesting and a good way to keep your brain power going, meet new folks, and just have fun.

Our game room has 3 sets of "Joker", thanks to Dick Case, our woodshop Pro, who made them and donated them to Lazy River

Hoping to see all of our Regulars come back, and hopefully help our many new residents learn the fun game of Jokers & Pegs while getting to know them.

Submitted by Debbie Rohlin

All Myakka Room Users

The Myakka Room will be closed to all events from February 22, 2022 thru February 26, 2022 for the taking of pictures for our new Picture Directory.

If you would like to reschedule your event in a different room please contact Carol Klotz - 941-525-8805 for room availability ASAP.

Thank you,
Submitted by Cheri Case - Activity Team Chairman

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THIS AND THAT

Bloodmobile News



Welcome back to our October returning Snowbirds!! It's time to start planning all of the events coming up and mark your calendars. The Suncoast Communities Blood Bank has set up the following schedule for Lazy River Donors.

**January 19th, and March 16th. 2022.
Both on a Wednesday.**

This is a very important time for all of us to share the one thing that is so needed and so vital. Please consider giving up a 1/2 hour or less of your time while the BloodMobile Bus is here.

Wednesday is the day they chose, knowing many of us are at the clubhouse for our "Coffee Hour. A perfect time to give to someone in need, after enjoying good fellowship.

The Suncoast Bus will be parked very close to the Clubhouse parking area for you to enter at the time of your appointment. If you do not get a chance to sign up, just go anyway and they will fit you in. In doing so, you may save one of our own here in Lazy River!!

A list will be on the Bulletin Board in the back of the Clubhouse area to SIGN UP. This will help the nurses in the Bus know how much help they need and equipment necessary to do it.

THEY NEED US, PLEASE HELP!!

Ginnie Wood, Lazy River Blood Drive Coordinator
Questions ?? Please Call me, 941-423-2184.
Thanks!

Decorating The Marina

A very big "Thank You" to all who helped with the Christmas Lights at the Marina: Carlton Duvall, Mark Walker, Ted Makowski, Jim Otto, and a very special thank you to Jody Massey who took charge of the light poles decoration.

ALL LOOKS GREAT –

Submitted Anonymously



Christmas Lights!

A big shout-out to the myriad of volunteers who made the Village look so festive for the Holidays and to Lazy River's maintenance crew who helped smooth out the glitches! Thank you to the leaders and everyone on their teams for their diligence in assuring that their areas were picture-perfect. What teamwork!



Gary Lynch worked his usual magic at the Marina and Island Point and the lights at the end of Cayman Lake on Tortola Way were a welcome addition that lit up a dark area. Kudos to John Overton for coordinating that effort.

We welcome your ideas on how to improve the process and we hope to give you tools to make the take-down seamless and to organize your totes for a flawless set-up next year. We're asking the leaders and volunteers to gather at the Jan Campbell Hall (a.k.a. the Clubhouse) at 11:00am. on Saturday, January 8th, to pick up your totes and perhaps glean ideas on organizing your lights, ornaments and electrical material.

To celebrate a job well done, all volunteers and their spouses/partners are invited to gather at the Jan Campbell Hall on Monday, January 10th, from 2:00pm. to 4:00pm. for refreshments. This will give us the opportunity to share ideas and take note of what you might need to replace and maybe change things up a bit for next year.

*Submitted by Susan Avon and Connie Quinn,
Co-chairpersons*

COMING EVENTS

50th Wedding Anniversary Gala Affair

MARK THE DATE – JANUARY 29, 2022
All Welcome!



Will be held on the 29th January 2022.

Tickets will be on sale at the first Koffee Klatch in January.

Please let us know if your anniversary is in the year 2022. The celebration of 50th Anniversaries has been going on since 2009.

With sadness, this will be our last year. If there is anyone who would be interested in taking on this celebration, please come and see me at 135 Island Point Road of phone me at 765-473-3155 or Wanda Hartung – 155 Rarotonga Road – tel. 517-605-7108. We would really like to see it carried on.

A very huge thank you. It has been great and we have enjoyed getting to know all the folks that have helped, together with all the Honorees.

Submitted by Addie "Pete" Reed, Wanda Hartung, Elaine Wells and Chris Gardner

The Lobster Truck is Coming to LRV

When: Monday January 3, 2022
Where: By Bocce screen room
Time: 3:30pm-6:30pm



Submitted by Cheri Case



Potluck Potluck

Potluck parties held in the clubhouse, are a great way to get together – a place to meet new friends and neighbors. It's a party without putting a lot of stress or expense on the one person hosting the event. The responsibility for food, beverages and work are shared. Each guest contributes a dish to be enjoyed by everyone. The memorable ones are often the homemade family favorites that are tried and true. (In our family they are the ones grandma doesn't have a written recipe for, it's just etched in her brain.)

There is a small cost (\$3.00) for the overall experience that includes theme decorating, entertainment and dessert. It's intended to be a happy experience for everyone attending. Tickets are sold at Koffee Klatch along with a sign up for category of food. We hope you join us.

Potluck 2022



Celebrating new beginnings at Lazy River. Due to COVID, many were absent in 2021 and tons of new faces have appeared.

The Committee is planning three (3) potlucks for 2022 to renew old friendships and make new ones, as you feast on some fine cuisine

Mark your calendars for

January 8, February 5, and March 26, 2022

January 8 will open the new year with "A Little Bit of Italy – Italian Style". Consider your best Italian dish to bring. A photo booth opportunity with your romantic someone or just a great friend will be offered. Entertainment is by "The Band" with music and song for our enjoyment.

Cocktails – 5:00PM with dinner at 5:30PM Cost for the event is \$3:00 per ticket along with your favorite Italian dish – hot casserole, meat, chicken, pasta, veggies or salad. Dessert will be provided.

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COMING EVENTS

Potluck 2022 *(continued from page 32)*

Please bring your drink and table service.

There will be a 50/50 raffle to test your luck. Tickets will be on sale the weeks prior to the event at Koffee Klatch, along with a sign up sheet for your preference.

For questions, Call Trinie at 269-686-7024

Submitted by Trinie Vander Ploeg, Jackie Hall & Lisa Gunnels



Get Over It!

Random thoughts of an 87-year-old owner

Happy New Year! We bought our home in Lazy River Village nine years ago. So we're not old members but we're not new, either. Our goal in retirement is to have fun and relax. I soon found out that things never run smoothly in a community with 356 homes. There will always be different ideas, needs and priorities. So here are my opinions about a few things:



We had an excellent response to COVID, the restrictions worked and this is a safe place to live.

The cost overruns of the new maintenance and storage building were not the fault of the board. I don't know why it happened but if you don't like it... GET OVER IT!

Most of us want Lazy River Village to be a place to relax and have fun. The only way this can happen is if all of us deal with each other with dignity and respect. There is no room for "us" and "them." It is just up to ourselves to make our own decisions to have fun. GET OVER IT!

Some of the older residents are concerned that the new owners (at least 60 homes were sold in the last two years) will not be like the owners in "the old days." At Koffee Klatch I asked a number of new owners if they would help with Christmas lights. We

had over 20 new volunteers and a lot of them could climb ladders. Yea!

Negative rumors seem to get a lot of attention. One that gets repeated is that some guy who is anti-dog said, "I can smell dog pee as soon as I come down Rarotonga." I don't have a good nose, but my wife, who can smell a fart from forty feet, says that's not true. GET OVER IT!

If you want to have fun, join in some of the groups: cards, sewing, bingo, tennis, pickleball, golf, Christmas lights, pot luck, shuffleboard and bocce, to name some of them. Just check THE CURRENT.

We are really going to miss the musical leadership of Hugh and Carolyn Brooks and Jan Campbell. I like to sing Irish drinking songs but had never been in a chorus, so I joined the Lazy River Chorus. It was some of the most fun I have had in the four or five shows we put on. I made some great friends. Maybe amongst the new residents there is someone who can do something like that. We had fun at practice and the audience enjoyed the shows.



I want to say something about a feeling that many of the Canadian residents told me about. They feel some resentment that they are owners. They are just as valuable as any other owners. If I can put up with that guy who drives around in a big red Ohio State golf cart (they beat the University of Michigan ten straight years) then you can treat other people with dignity and respect. GET OVER IT!

Leaders—every group needs someone to organize it. If we want to have fun, we need people to accept some leadership. Maybe the best way is to have two people as co-chairs; it might work in some activities.

Support the people who are selling tickets for activities at Koffee Klatches. They are the ones that make fun possible at Lazy River.

So, as we move into a new season in 2022, let's appreciate all the activities we have and the people who organize them. We have a lot of positives at Lazy River so let's all GET OVER IT!

Submitted by: Connie Quinn - 146 Rarotonga

The Current Sky

The Current Sky with the Telescope Guy – January 2022

At the time of this writing, we are unsure how bright Comet Leonard will become, but to be sure, we will never see it again. For those watching the planets, Venus will be lost into the Sun's glare as an evening view, finally dipping below the horizon after Friday, January 7th at dusk. If you have a good view of the horizon, you can see its progression the first week of January.

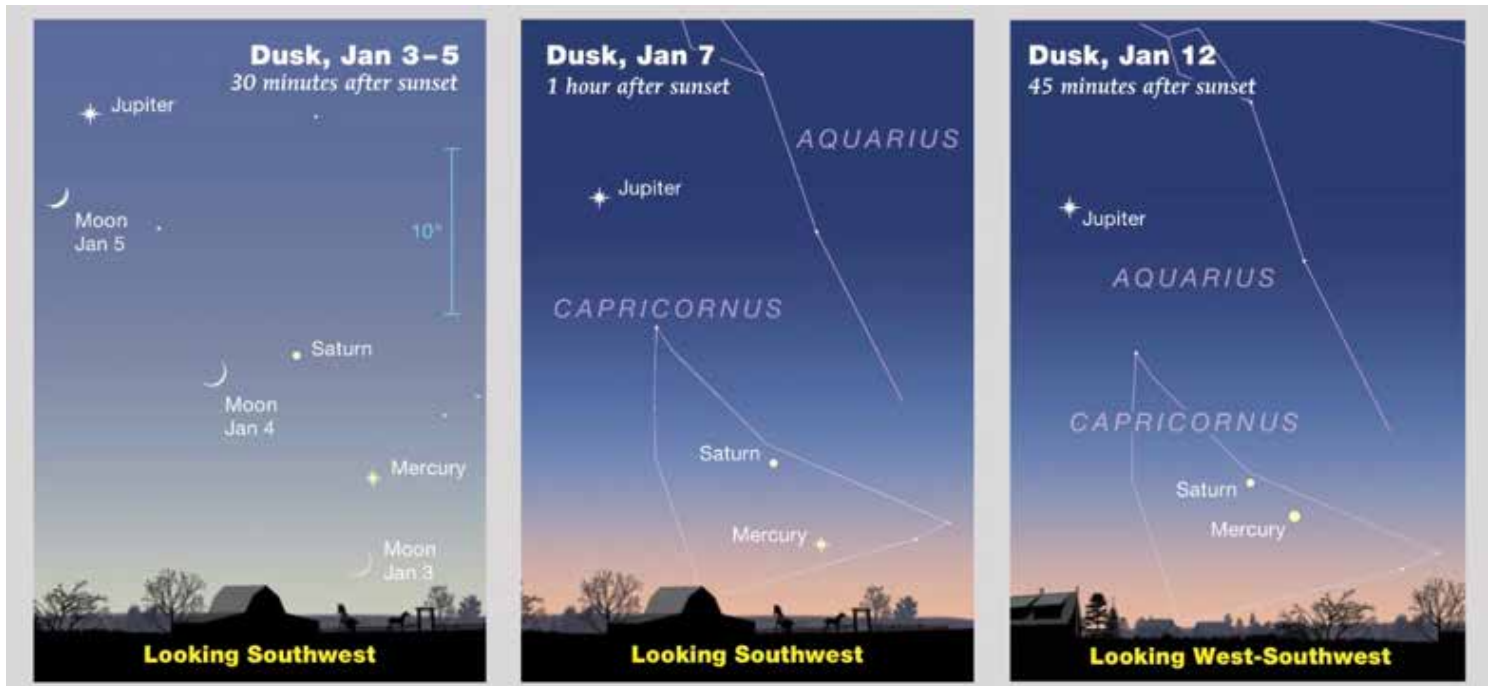
The figure* below shows the planets Jupiter, Saturn, and Mercury during the first few weeks of the month. The tiny crescent of the just born, waxing moon joins the Planet trio January 3-5th shortly after sunset, with January 3rd being the hardest to see the moon's silver, just below the planet Mercury. These views are close to the horizon, so a small set of binoculars will certainly aid you.

Later, a good evening view of the planet Mercury will occur between January 10th – January 14th, with a necklace of Jupiter, Saturn, and Mercury, still close to the horizon. This will be the timeline when Saturn and Mercury's apparent "closeness" will be clear to the observer. Given its name, Mercury is fleet of foot so catch it while you can!

As always, feel free to contact me on my cell phone below for any questions or requests.

Till the next time - Clear Skies and Good Health!

*Dean M Schantzen - 137 Martinique Road, -
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