



The CURRENT

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President's Report

Rich Donelson

The winter season is quickly coming to a close, and the snowbirds are having visions of robins and budding trees. Make sure your property is properly cared for before you head north, power washing the house if necessary, and trimming the landscape way back. Of course, you are required to have a caretaker to maintain your property, and they must be registered with the office. May you have a safe and uneventful journey.



It has been a pleasure getting back to normal activities after contending with covid for two years, which basically closed us down. Even though we have an occasional case in the Village, it has not hampered to us a great deal. I am cautiously optimistic that it is behind us, or at least we are not living in fear.

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Manager's Report

Rick Silliker

It's hard to believe that the season is drawing to an end and many of the folks that live north will be heading back to their other homes. Please contact the office to let them know that you are heading back north so they can update the office database to reflect that status. When you close up to head out please put items away that can become problems for both you and your neighbor should the summer season's storms create havoc.



If anyone has a change to the information we have on file, caretaker, phone number, email address, address change please let the office know.

The new pool heater that was ordered should be installed towards the end of April.

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Anniversaries / Birthdays	Joyce Cote
Art Classes	Kip Greener
Lazy River Band	Tom VanMassenhove
Beautification	Roy Auvil
Bible Study	Nancy Penoyar
Boat Club	Dave Carley
Bocce - Monday	A.J. (Allen) Gilson
Bocce - Tuesday	Paul Gunnels & Susie Anderson
Bocce - Wednesday	Bob Erickson
Bowling	Ralph Clay
Canine Fitness Club	Dean Schantzen
Cards Pepper	Richard Ciarlo & Marion Kahler
Pinochle	Lyn Tindall
Tuesday Bridge	Dot Driscoll
Hand & Foot	Mary Dishinger
Chorale	
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

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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**

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Clubhouse & Welcome Center

Scheduler Carol Klotz.....941-525-8805

Entertainment..... Vickie & Bob Stokes734-644-1495

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

I welcome all the new homeowners (and we have many), to Lazy River where the lifestyle is more important than the mobile home you live in. We are glad you are here, and we encourage you to get involved if you want to experience this wonderful lifestyle. It is the best way to make new friends, and to get to know your neighbors.

As you know, we have chosen to enter into a contractual partnership with Hotwire Communications, who will be our TV/Internet provider going forward. Their company is on the leading edge of technology and they promise to take us along with them, providing unmatched quality of service at a reasonable price. The installation of the fiber optic infrastructure will be installed during the summer and up and running before our current service runs out. As details unfold, I will keep you informed as to the progress and scheduled guidelines.

We have created a new committee called, Lazy River 2025, and beyond, and the goal is to develop a shared vision that will allow the community to be resilient now and in the future. We must look at building our strengths as a community, in a planned and systematic way. This is not a short term proposal and could easily take 3 to 5 years. The wants and needs of our demographics are changing and we need to be responsive.

With new ownership and home prices up, there has been a significant increase in Alteration and Modification requests for home improvements. Due to some concerns, we are implementing architectural review standards that will be developed to insure consistency throughout the Village. Of course, the request must be approved by three Directors and the CAM.

Our goal, as always, is to keep the shareholders in our line of communication, solving problems together for the good of the community.

Respectfully submitted: Rich Donelson

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

We also expect to have the Clubhouse and Fitness building roofs inspected and some quotes on replacement costs and if needed complete the work around October.

We also have the cleaning of the rugs planned for April.

With warmer weather and more moisture in the air mold and mildew grows quickly on the sides of your homes. Please check your home and pressure wash as needed or schedule one of the companies that regularly pressure wash the roofs and sides of your home.

Thank you again for keeping your homes looking clean and pristine.

Submitted by Rick Silliker, CAM

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April 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 Exercises	Pool	Lisa Gunnels	248-807-3363
1st Monday	10:00AM to 11:00AM	CFC Monthly Meeting	Myakka Room	Dean Schantzen	612-220-5726
	1:00PM to 3:00PM	Band Practice	Stage	Tom V.Massenhove	989-295-5602
	3:00PM to 4.30PM	Cribbage	Myakka Room	Jim Schwandt	262-227-4900
1st Monday	4.00PM to 5:00PM	CFC Social Hour	Sunset Harbor Park	Dean Schantzen	612-220-5726
	5:00PM to 8:00PM	Men's Texas Holdem	Myakka Room	John Jacobs	518-365-3846
	6:30PM 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	Lazy River Band Rehearsal	Stage	Tom V.Massenhove	989-295-5602
	12:00PM to 4:00PM	Bridge	Myakka Room	Lyn Tindall	815-751-2935
	1:00PM to 3:00PM	The Other Band Practice	Stage	Tom V.Massenhove	989-295-5602
	1:00PM to 4:00PM	Stained Glass	Arts & Crafts Room	Fred Buttery	941-423-6175
	1:00PM to 4:00PM	Cornhole Throwing	Bocce Screen Room	Lori Smith	513.509-7166
	5:00PM to 8:00PM	Men's Texas Holdem	Hall	John Jacobs	518-365-3846
	6:00PM to 9:30PM	Bingo	Kitchen & Hall	Joan Rose	941-423-6065
Wed	8:00AM to 12:00PM	Tennis	Tennis Courts	Nancy Penoyar	941-451-4939
	9:30AM to 10:30AM	Water Exercises	Pool	Lisa Gunnels	248-807-3363
	1:00PM to 4:00PM	Art Class	Myakka Room	Kip Greener	941-426-7454
	6:30PM to 8:00PM	Ping Pong	Table Tennis Room	Ginnie Wood	941-423-2184
	6:30PM to 9:30PM	Pepper	Myakka Room	Richard Ciarlo	508-579-1973
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	MahJong	Myakka Room	Kip Greener	941-426-7454
	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 Exercises	Pool	Lisa Gunnels	248-807-3363
	1:00PM TO 4:00PM	Arts & Crafts	Sunrise/Sunset	Sandy Moore	734-645-6554
	1:00PM TO 4:00PM	Knitting/Crocheting	Myakka Room	Marion Myers	941-426-6260
	5:00PM to 7:00PM	Pvt Get-together	Bocce Screen Room	Linda Mc Gee	716-640-1705
	6:30PM to 9:00PM	Dominoes	Hall	Debbie Rohlin	814-688-5746
	7:00PM to 9:00PM	Pinochle	Myakka Room	Kip Greener	941-426-7454
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	Hall	John Jacobs	518-365-3846
	9:45AM to 12:15PM	Ladies Poker	Sunrise/Sunset	Rosanne Clark	941-504-6596
	1.00pm to 3.00pm	Clarinet Music	Bocce Screen Room	Ron Ducham	802-272-1306
	2:00PM to 3:30PM	Ping Pong	Table Tennis 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
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Day	Time	Activity	Location	Contact	Phone
Fri 1st			Hall	Vickie Stokes	734-644-1495
Sat 2nd	8.00AM to 10:00PM	90th Birthday Party	Hall & Kitchen	Jackie Hall & Bill Campbell	317-771-5577 -
Sun 3rd	8.00AM to 10:00PM	90th Birthday Party	Hall & Kitchen	Jackie Hall & Bill Campbell	317-771-5577 -
Sun 3rd	4.00pm to 6:00pm	Function 90th Birthday Party	Hall & Kitchen	Jackie Hall & Bill Campbell	317-771-5577 -
Mon 4th - 7th		St Augustine trip		Jan Boeck	262-989-9826
Mon 4th	10.00AM to 11.00AM	Canine Fitness Club Monthly Meeting	Myakka Room	Dean Schantzen	612-220-5726
Mon 4th	11.00am to 1.00pm	Rules & Regulations Oversight Committee	Myakka Room	Angie Anderson	585-880-1015
Mon 4th	2:30PM to 4:30PM	Boat Club Board Meeting	Sunrise/Sunset Rms	Dave Carley	317-714-9624
Mon 4th	4:00PM to 5:00PM	Tennis Club Monthly Meeting	Myakka Room	Nancy Penoyar	941-451-4939
Mon 4th	4:00PM to 5:00PM	Canine Fitness Club Social Hour	Sunset Harbor Park	Dean Schantzen	612-220-5726
Tue 5th	7.30am to 12.45pm	Blood Bank	Outside Club House	Ginnie Wood	941-423-2184
Tue 5th	8.30AM to 9.30AM	Stretch & Strengthening	Hall	Karen Michaud	860-680-4126
Wed 6th	8.00AM to 9.00AM	Koffee Klatch	Kitchen & Hall	Cheri Chase	734-755-9558
Wed 6th	9:00AM TO 11:00AM	Board of Directors Workshop Meeting	Main Hall		
Thu 7th	8.30AM to 9.30AM	Stretch & Strengthening	Hall	Karen Michaud	860-680-4126
Fri 8th	1:00PM TO 4:00PM	Draw & Share	Outside the Bocce Screen Room	Joe Ogden	740-605-2200
Tue 12th	8.30AM to 9.30AM	Stretch & Strengthening	Hall	Karen Michaud	860-680-4126
Wed 13th	9:00AM TO 11:00AM	Board of Directors Meeting	Main Hall		
Wed 13th	12:00PM to 6:00PM	Prep for Boat Club Picnic	Kitchen	Dave Carley	317-714-9624

Thu 14th	8.30AM to 9.30AM	Stretch & Strengthening	Hall	Karen Michaud	860-680-4126
Tue 19th	8.30AM to 9.30AM	Stretch & Strengthening	Hall	Karen Michaud	860-680-4126
Tue 19th	9:00AM TO 11:00AM	Long Range Planning Committee	Myakka Room	Wayne Anderson	585-880-1017
Wed 20th	8:00AM TO 9:30AM	Koffee Klatch only	Hall	Cheri Case	734-755-9558
Thu 21st	8.30AM to 9.30AM	Stretch & Strengthening	Hall	Karen Michaud	860-680-4126
Tue 26th	8.30AM to 9.30AM	Stretch & Strengthening	Hall	Karen Michaud	860-680-4126
Wed 27th	8:00AM TO 9:30AM	Koffee Klatch only	Hall	Cheri Case	734-755-9558
Thu 28th	8.30AM to 9.30AM	Stretch & Strengthening	Hall	Karen Michaud	860-680-4126

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Spring is here! That means different things to different people. Some of us are shaking our heads wondering how three months into the “new year” have already come and gone. Others are preparing for their annual migration North, and others beginning the annual ritual of “Spring Cleaning.”



In real estate, when you are getting ready to sell, it is imperative that you do some “Spring Cleaning.” The old expression, “You can only make one first impression” still holds true today, but in the real estate world it is imperative. When I first started in real estate, a listing had one photo: a black and white polaroid of the front of the house. You had to physically go look at the house to see the inside. Today that is not the case. The minute a listing “hits” the market, it is live to the whole world, and this includes the associated marketing; photos (interior and exterior), videos, and even drone photos of the property and what it looks like from a “birds eye view.”

Since the first impression is so critical, if you don’t have multiple photos or if it doesn’t look good in the photos, then consumers “Swipe” on and look at the next listing. They don’t give one that they have skipped over a second thought. As a matter of fact, if there are only a couple photos or even worse, only one photo of the exterior, consumers “assume” something is wrong with the listing.

Part of our job as Realtors, working with sellers, is to guide you through the process. We will take time before your house goes on the market, to make suggestions to get the house “photo ready.” That may include things like taking the magnets off the refrigerator, cleaning off the counters, removing a large piece of furniture, cleaning out the shed, sprucing up the landscaping.

The real estate market continues to be strong. Historically low inventories and increasing buyers and Florida’s fabulous life style make for a buying frenzy. The market is moving so fast it doesn’t allow for a buyer to even hop on a plane and come down and look at a listing. Many homes are sold today, sight unseen. While some folks may not be comfortable buying in that fashion, many are! That is why it is imperative to utilize the technologies described above. As a matter of fact, these technologies help sellers because it opens up the buyer pool, creating more interest and receiving more offers. Another component of marketing today is to utilize these video tours in social media promotion of properties for sale. Social media is great, from a marketing perspective, because folks have the ability to “share” the information that is posted. To maximize the benefit of social media, it is critical that video is used in the marketing of properties today. A social media post with video is said to get the attention of literally thousands more viewers than still photos.

Maybe while you are Spring cleaning, you will realize that you may want to make some improvements on your home and you are wondering if they would pay off or not. We’re here to help! Ask us to come by and we can give you advice. We are here to help.

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Beautification Committee

March was a busy month for Beautification. Following the freezing temperatures beautification bought and replaced the bougainvillea in front of Lake Antigua. Residents have been replacing roofs and windows and doors, making our village even more beautiful! Beautification is very happy taking your trash and turning that trash, into treasure!

Beautification had their luncheon on March 7th. It was a delicious meal. Chicken, ham, oven fried potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw, potatoes salad and rolls and butter. With yummy pies, cookies and fruit for dessert!

All of this deliciousness was planned by Ms. Ellie Price and Larry Price. Larry and Dave Carley did the cooking with help from Loren Samuelson, Kay Umbarger, Andrea and Paul Goerge, Marion Myers and Carmelle Awad and don't forget Diane and Willie Gempp who fetched those delicious chickens and delivered them to Larry and Dave's sharp knives! A big thank you to all.

Roy Auvil and Larry Price invited many members of other activities in LRV, and I hope they didn't forget anyone and very sorry if they did! This was done in an effort to reduce the division that has been present in LRV since Covid started. Thank you for the great job you did. Beautification has always worked for the Beautification of this village and beauty takes many forms. Let us hope that breaking bread together will mend many of the past issues and that we can all move forward as friends as well as neighbors.

As always, Roy Auvil, Al Hazlitt, Bruce Basch, Carol Basch and Carolyn Williams collect the cans that you place on or under your mailbox every Friday morning by 7:00AM. Also on hand are Carmelle Awad and Mike Kindellan who fill in when they are needed. Crushing cans is a dirty job and we would greatly appreciate it if you would drink all the beer in your cans before disposing them and please don't put out your cigarettes and cigars in the cans! Thank you!

Respectfully submitted by Carol Basch

Sunshine Report



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

*Thank you,
Cheri Case - Sunshine Club
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Activities Team

Nothing to report this month



Schedule for Clubs for Koffee Klatch



AprilTennis Club (Nancy Penoyar)

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

April 2022 Birthdays



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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 02 Leroy Mabery | 07 Tom VanMassenhove | 15 Robert Sibley |
| 02 Donna Weimer | 08 Peg Duke | 18 Carole Byrne |
| 02 Kelly Wells | 08 Jan MacMillan | 18 Butch Wells |
| 03 Wayne Deslauriers | 08 Glenn Vander Ploeg | 20 Penny Campbell |
| 03 Scott Lockhart | 09 Bob Bennett | 20 Jacqui Hill |
| 03 Cherie McWhorter | 09 Judith Carley | 20 Beth Peterson |
| 04 William Crooks | 09 Hal Jennerich | 21 Diana Sampers |
| 05 Bruce Basch | 10 Janet Gray | 22 Janice Boeck |
| 06 Carlton Duvall | 11 Marilyn McDonald | 23 Ed Faria |
| 06 Judy Faulhefer | 11 Ernie Pommenville | 24 Al Brogley |
| 06 Anne Marie Gray | 11 Chris Woods | 24 Ray Thompson |
| 06 Jonathan (JJ) Massey | 12 Gerald White | 25 Wayne Anderson |
| 06 Ron Reed | 13 Ruth Ann Davis | 27 Diana McAllister |
| 07 Jack Davis | 13 Linda O'Connor | 28 Dorrine Eckel |
| 07 Michael Garrity | 15 Jerry Doskos | 29 George Wilcox |
| 07 Richard Mucilli | 15 Andrea George | 30 Cindy Gardner |



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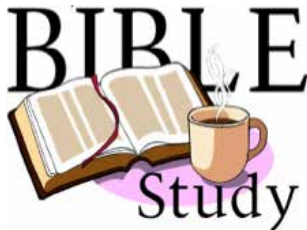
April 2022 Anniversaries



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|--|---------------|
| | Years Married |
| 7 Lou and Joan Rose | **60** |
| 11 . . . William and Kathleen Jordan | Over 60 |
| 11 . . . Scott and Sue Lockhart | |
| 12 . . . Mark and Debra York | |
| 18 . . . Jim and Barbara Walker | Over 50 |
| 21 . . . Dennis and Barbara Chapple | |
| 21 . . . Michael and Stacey Kapture | |

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



GOD'S WAYS

God establishes what is good and what is evil. Because Adam disobeyed God and ate of the forbidden fruit, the human race was separated from God in a very critical way. No longer are we able to see and hear God's voice directly. This resulted that mankind is left with determining what is good or evil by whatever one observed, heard or determined by the intellect. God alone is able to know each individual's heart motivations. This seems like such a little thing, but as we observe all around us the determination of right or wrong is so vastly different from each other that it results in alienation from each other. God has told us in Scripture that "the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9)

God's ways are always bigger, higher and beyond human understanding. We will never be God. However, God has always revealed himself to humanity. In the garden, Adam walked and talked with God in the cool of the day. Adam had responsibility in the care of all of the animals and the plants. God supplied everything. Psalms 19 reveals that all of creation is revealing His presence if one is looking for God. Because God created man in his image and likeness this means that we all have abilities and characteristics that God has. We think, we have a will and also emotions. All of this in distinct yet with enough differences to make us all individuals.

Because God created us all we all have value and worth in His eyes. However, with deceitful hearts, we judge one another. In that judgement we decide who is worthy and who is not. The deception comes from the one factor we all have inherited from Adam..."It's all about me." We often call this being selfish, but it is our reality.

Only as we again establish a relationship with God by the remedy provided by His Son Jesus Christ, can we can receive forgiveness for our rebellion against God and His ways, receive a new heart (born again) which also results in the gift of His Holy Spirit. By the Holy Spirit, we now can hear directly from God. We still have the ability to ignore or disobey what His

Spirit is telling us, but the difference is that now by the new relationship we can repent and be forgiven.

As indicated earlier, we all have the ability to determine right and wrong, good or evil, therefore, these truths from God's Holy Bible is now in your court as whether you will accept it as God's Truth or just my understanding of truth.

While the choice is yours, Scripture tells us that our choices have consequences.

All those interested in discussing the Bible, are welcomed at the Thursday morning Bible Study in the Myakka Room of the clubhouse beginning 10 AM.

Submitted by Nancy Penoyar 941 451 4939

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SPORTS

Bocce Ball



Bocce will continue to be played Mondays at 9.00AM and Wednesdays at 10.00AM

Anyone who wants to learn game come Wednesdays and we will give lessons.

*Thanks, AJ
Submitted by A.J. Gilson*

Bowling (Gutter Gossip)



Hi Bowlers! By the time you read this article our season would be completed and our banquet would be over. I will have all the results in the May issue of The Current. If you are not in the park to get a copy, remember, you can pull it up on line via the LRV website.

With two weeks to go, it looks like we have three teams that could win it all. Ken Benson – Knock em Dead, Jim Goff – Time to Spare and Gary Clary – Holy Split. Good luck to all.

We will bowl next year starting on January 3rd. The season will be 12 weeks long again. I need to know from each and every one of you if you plan on bowling next year. My email address is pclay5@sbcglobal.net and my phone number is 317-340-7966. Please contact me by phone or email of your status. I don't want anyone left off a team. With all the problems we have faced over the last year or so, I am happy we found a place to bowl. We also got over COVID and I would like to thank all of you for making my job a pleasure.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

Submitted by Ralph Clay

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Cornhole



The Cornhole Tournaments are still going strong and each week the players get better. Santa Claus (Paul Headley) still remains the favorite picked partner in the luck of the draw! He and his partners continue to victory each week. However, recently Mrs. Claus (Julie Headley) gave him a good challenge! Lori and Susan also attempted to overthrow Paul and Al.

New members are welcome to attend each Tuesday at 1:00pm. Meet in the Bocce Screen Room. Bring a drink and snack and enjoy socializing with your neighbors. We will teach you how to play.

We are anxiously awaiting our two new sets of Cornhole Boards that the Wood Working Shop so generously volunteered to make.

If you are wanting to play Cornhole on your own, the boards are now kept in a plastic tub by the tennis courts and the bags are in the pool room on the shelf. Please return them after using so they will be available for Tuesday Cornhole.

*Respectfully Submitted
by Lori Smith*

Golf – Couples League

By the time you are reading this article, we will have had our End-of-Season



party on Thursday, March 24th. Hopefully, everyone will have enjoyed a tasty meal at the Clubhouse and some of the seventy-five attendees will have won a door prize.

Although our regular season will end on Sunday, March 27th, we will continue golfing as a group well into April. Our green fee at Waterford, through to the end of April, for 9 holes with a cart is \$30.00 plus tax. Having a membership fee of \$10.00 and giving out small prizes each Sunday was well received by our group. Unfortunately, starting in March and due to a labor shortage, Waterford was unable to keep its kitchen open for us on Sunday afternoons. However, the bar remained open!

Even if you have not been a member of our golf group previously but now find that you do have the time and interest in golfing with us, please e-mail me at: sharon.anderson.olmstead@gmail.com. You will not be charged a membership fee (and no prizes will be awarded) but you may enjoy yourself so much that you will want to join us early next season. 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 goals are to get to know our neighbors better and to have fun.

Submitted by, Sharon Olmstead

Golf - Men's 18-Hole League



Our playoffs have just ended. It took 3 weeks. We had a few upsets as we do every year, that's what makes it exciting. Our A Flight winner – Dave Defede (2 years in a row) our B Flight winner - Paul Headley. Our C Flight winner – Leo Luccier. I would like to send our a big “ATTA BOY” TO Tim Norwood who shot in the 70's.

All year great player Mike Bosma shot his age – 72 – amazing.

Our end of the year banquet went very well. Everyone got their trophies and awards. It was a very good year. Hey, that's a Frank Sinatra song. Ha, Ha.

Our League schedule will continue until April 28 at The Hills, then we have next year to look forward to. We hope everyone enjoyed the season. Unfortunately Scott is stepping down from running the League. He will be missed. He did a great job over the last 3 years, he really cared about the League and he players.

*Submitted by Frank Mangio
and Scott Lockheart*

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SPORTS

Women's and Men's - 9 Hole Golf



In March, over fifty women and men continued golfing on Friday afternoons at Long Marsh Golf Club at Rotonda West. The tee times usually start at 12:30pm and we

play on two of the three courses available, which are usually changed on a weekly basis. If you are interested in golfing with this very friendly and fun-loving group, you should contact Bob Jones, by e-mail (jonesra8@aol.com) or by telephone (774-414-3074). He will add you to the schedule. Bob usually continues to organize our tee times well into April, as long as there are people interested in golfing. Doreen Werner organized a St. Patrick's Day "dress up" for the women golfing on Friday, March 11th. We all appreciate her efforts to give us a few laughs. I think the owners of the homes along the courses also enjoyed our antics as some wanted to take pictures of us!

If you have suggestions for or questions about our group, please contact me by e-mail (sharon.anderson.olmstead@gmail.com) or by telephone (613-401-3423).

Submitted by: Sharon Olmstead

Pickleball



March was an exciting month on the Pickleball courts. We have had big crowds every day with many exciting games. Jerry Mills and his partner, Steve Darling had one of the many very exciting comeback games. Jerry was quoted as saying that it was the most exciting comeback Pickleball game of his life.

Beginners' day was a great success with 7 people being introduced to Pickleball. By the end of the two hour lesson they were playing a game and having a great deal of fun.

Our annual Pickleball tournament was held Saturday, March 12. The strong winds made play challenging but very entertaining. Prizes were awarded to the following 1st place Fred Charest, 2nd place Tom VanMassenhove, 3rd place Mike O'Connor, Honorable Mention - Peg Duke and Butch Wells, Oldest Participant Bob Guyot.

Many thanks to all those individuals who helped make this event possible.

As our busy season comes to a close, we would like to thank all who have made the Pickleball courts a fun place to be!

Submitted by Bob Stokes and Diane Gempp

Shuffleboard

Hi everyone,
Now that it's April, our annual events schedule is coming to a close.

We finished off March with Debbie Rohlin winning ladies singles, Ed Kowalchuk winning mens singles and the "Red Hot" Debbie and her husband Toby Rohlin, won Best Couples!!!! March ended with our annual BBQ/MTG on the Island.

Shuffling will continue throughout April at our



usual times Monday evening 6.30pm and Thursday mornings at 10am. Come one come all.

Any questions about the LRV Shuffleboard Club annual fees or annual fun events, please don't hesitate to contact Gary Cooney 941-426-2705.

Have a wonderful Easter.

*Submitted by: Bevie Cooney
Shuffleboard Secretary*

SPORTS

Tennis Between The Lines

There have been a number of new residents playing tennis. Any new players, regardless of ability, are welcome to join us. If you would like to learn the game, we have extra rackets and players to help teach.



We play a round robin style of rotating players on some days, with competitive matches set up on other days. We play Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30am. but the courts are available for open play most other times. With a number of snowbirds heading north in April, the season will be winding down by May.

See you on the courts.

Submitted by Jim Schwandt 262-227-4900

Table Tennis



Hi, everyone. Now that the Picture Directory has finished, we can have full use of our Ping Pong tables to Play again. We get together on Wednesday nights from 7:00pm to 8:30pm to enjoy relaxing games of Ping Pong.

We also meet on Saturdays from 2:00pm till 3:30pm for some rounds before we head to the pool for a cool off.

Come join us. None of us are pros but it's good exercise and we have many laughs and fun.

We have 2 tables in the Billiard/Ping Pong Room next to the Exercise Room, with paddles and balls, so you just have to bring yourselves and wear your sneakers.

Check it out!!! It is open every day from 8:00am till 10:00pm so you can enjoy it whenever you'd like, or join us for some wild games, playing partners. It may bring back happy memories of when you played as a kid.

Hope to see you there!!!!

Submitted by Ginnie Wood

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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, Marion Myers and Ellie Marrone.. They can be contacted directly or call the 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



Here is a bit of information for all our new residents. If you are a Veteran, and would like to have a brick at the Verteran's Island, the price is \$50.00. Also, if any immediate relative, like your father, mother, brother or sister, would like to purchase a brick, this is allowed.

You can just contact me at 153 Lazy River Road or phone me at 330-240-0406.

If any resident would like to bring your pet to sit with you and view your brick, that is definitely in order, but please DON'T walk your pet across the island. I believe that is disrespectful to our honored Vets.

Please "Honor and Respect" all who have served our "great country"

Many thanks.

Submitted by Bob Stanko





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CLUB NEWS

Bingo



Bingo is alive and well in Lazy River Village.

Join us on Tuesday evenings from 6:10pm to 9:00pm in the main hall of the clubhouse and try for your turn at yelling 'Bingo!'

We all have a good time—even better when we win. Largest prize last week was the final coverall for \$95.00!

Submitted by Joan Rose

Cribbage Anyone ?



With more residents now playing cribbage, it is also a social way of meeting other residents.

The time for playing cribbage is 3:00 pm – 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

Boat Club



As I write this article in mid-March the Club is in the midst of the busiest of the season. The February dinner (Hawaii theme) and the March dinner (Pirate theme) were both sold out events and everyone enjoyed the fellowship and the food. All of our events are possible by the energetic talents of our volunteers. Thanks to all those who help make this Club contribute to the social life of Lazy River Village.

On March 14, 2022, the Boat Club and what has been know as the Snowbird picnic will be combined at the Manasota Beach Pavilion at noon. Sorry, but the North Jetty location was already booked. Tickets will be on sale at the Koffee Klatches each Wednesday.

Thanks to Mary Berg and Jan Boeck for working hard to set up trips to St. Augustine this spring and to Miami this fall. Their trip to the Everglades for an airboat ride was very successful. Each trip entails a lot of work and attention to detail to make them go off smoothly.

Lastly, in the March Current we listed the officers and board members of the Boat Club. This Board meets the first Monday of each month in the Sunrise/Sunset Room if you are interested in the inner workings of the Club.

Enjoy the remaining time of this great season in Florida.

Submitted by Commodore Dave

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Back then I was new to the industry and was not fully aware of how all the technology worked. As my ability grew, I noticed that the aids my mother was wearing were not the best for her needs. She was very social and would benefit from better technology. For her level of activities, she was not hearing her best.

If she was still with us today, I know she would also be celebrating all the people who have been able to engage in their own life with more ease and better understanding.

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Canine Fitness Club

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Have a happy attitude - Greet everyone with enthusiasm

Delight in the simple - Don't hold grudges

Explore everything - Be supportive

Take plenty of rests - Loyalty is a virtue

Play is good - Set your limits

Accept treats - Protect those you love

Show passion with gusto - Be yourself

Love unconditionally

CFC meets the first Monday of each month at 4pm down at the Marina. This social hour is open to all. Bring your beverage of choice. It's a great way to meet the wonderful dogs we have here at Lazy River.

The CFC also holds a meeting on the first Monday of the month at 10am in the Myakka Room. All are welcome to attend.

Joke of the month: What do you call a dog magician?
Answer: A labracadabrador

Submitted by Linda O'Connor

Dance Club

Lazy River Dance Committee



Our dance season is now over!
We hope those that attended this year had a wonderful time.

Any information as to a New Years Eve dance celebration will be announced at a later date.

We will start up our dances in January of 2023.

Thank you to those that attended and gave us support.

Submitted by Babs Findlay.

CLUB NEWS



Lazy River Boosters

Nothing to report this month

Line Dancing

Hello Line Dancers and Couples.

It's April and we've just completed another great season. We had our biggest and best attendance this year. We had some beginners, as we always do, and it's fun to watch them keep improving week after week. We taught an old Country Classic dance slappin' leather and the class responded nicely to it. This was our 10th year teaching here at Lazy River Village. It's been a lot of fun.



Marie and I would like to thank everyone for coming out and joining us this year. Keep dancing, have fun and stay in shape. Stay healthy.

Submitted by Frankie & Marie Mangio

Nickel Bingo - Daytime



Game is played on **Thursdays**
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Submitted by Peggy Clay

Newcomer's Club



Welcome
Glad you're here!

I'd like to thank The Other Band for volunteering to provide the entertainment for the March Happy Hour and also to the volunteers that helped set up and cleaned up. I hope everyone had a great time and met new friends and neighbors.

Just as we thought the home sales in Lazy River were slowing down, a few more sales took place in February and March. We welcome you to the Village and encourage your involvement and participation in all the fun things we do. There are several committees looking for members, including the Dance Committee, 50th Anniversary Party and the 90's Birthday Celebration. Find your niche and ask how to join.

Hopefully, everyone that is capable has already signed up for Security Duty. If not, see Sally or Rich Donelson. There is very little time involved and it helps to keep our community safe.

The Beautification Committee has done an excellent job power washing the entrance walls and keeping up with other maintenance issues. Please consider volunteering your time. Their work and dedication help to keep our HOA fees lower.

I wish everyone a Happy Easter!

Respectfully Submitted by Lori Smith

CLUB NEWS



Woodworking Club (Come See What We Saw)

It's April and I could tell you that you won the lottery, but that would be a cruel April Fool's Day joke. I can tell you, though, that we had the Lazy River Horse Race Derby on March 5, 2022 and we had a lot of winners.

This was the first race that the Woodworkers held in three years because of COVID. This year's Race was held outdoors because some people were still avoiding events that were held indoors. The race was dedicated to Ed Laetz, the past president of the Wood Shop, who recently passed away. We had a new team of horses that were completely different than the ones that had names that referenced wood names, like Mahogany, Cross Cut, Birch Bark, etc. The horses were elaborately designed by Dan Van Alstine and Dick Case and loved by all who saw them.

The race track was on Tortola Way and the road was blocked off to vehicular traffic. The horses were on sticks held by volunteers and moved forward spaces determined by the roll of the dice. The horse holders had yellow vests and the horse numbers were clearly visible to all the spectators. There were new horse holders for each race. We want to thank all of them for the excitement that they added to each race.

The track was laid out on the road by Dick Case and Clay Swenor and looked very professionally done.

The betting and pay out windows and the cash exchange windows were manned by a number of volunteers and we thank them all for their service. We also want to thank all the people who assisted in many different ways.

The race was a huge success and we are left with the decision on whether to have it outside next year or whether to move in back inside. Contact a member of the Wood Shop board and give them your opinion. Anyone who goes on to Lazy River Face Book could see from the comments and pictures that it was a great event.

This Month's Helpful Hint

Got a small problem you can't solve? Come join the Wood Shop and maybe we can solve it together.

Still looking for a volunteers to write articles for future "Come See What We Saw " articles.

Submitted by Dan Foley



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It is a very important time of the year to donate as so many leave for up North and that creates a dangerous shortage of Blood for the Hospitals.

Please consider donating when the Bus does comes, if you are still here in April. It is hoped for April 5th, Tuesday from 7:30am till 12:45pm.

Thank you from all that need it so much!!

*Submitted by Ginnie Wood,
Bloodmobile Coordinator*

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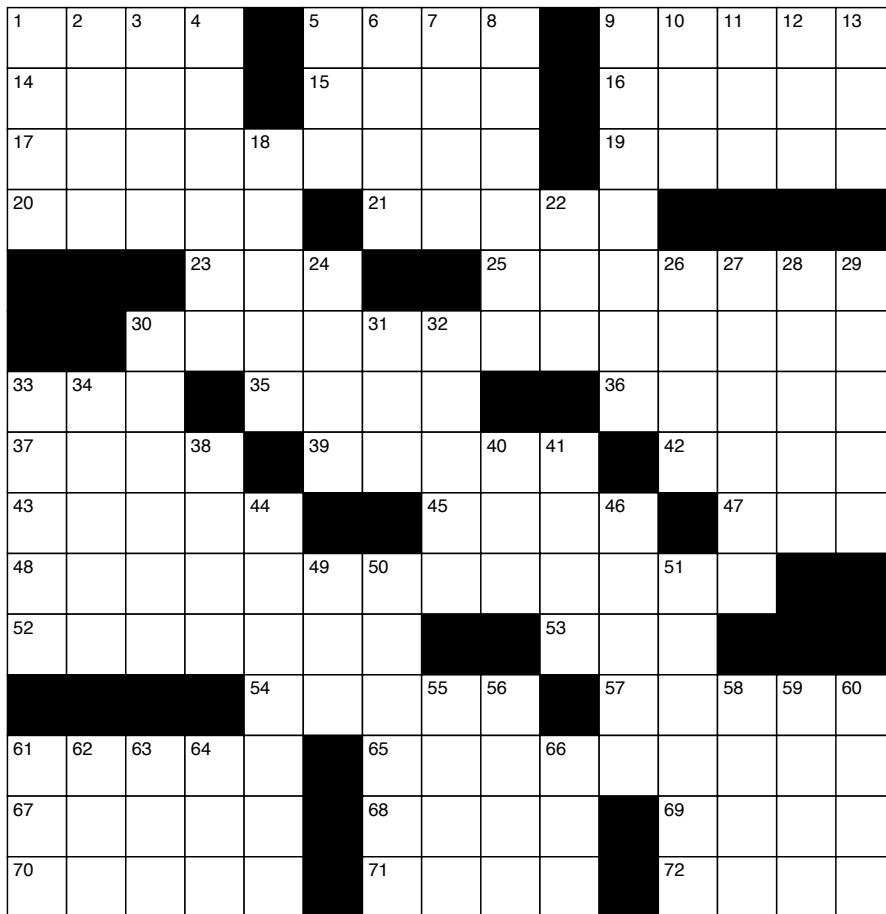
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4. Kind of hammer
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6. Billiards kin
7. Princess in L. Frank Baum books
8. Chastise
9. Fascinate
10. Pump output
11. Endangered whale
12. Overhead railways
13. It ends in Nov.
18. Puppy protests
22. Long, long time
24. Pg. in a photocopier
26. Author O'Flaherty
27. Can't stomach
28. Homeric epic
29. IOUs
30. Applicant's need
31. End of some e-mail addresses
32. Nobelist author of "Siddhartha"
33. "I ___ Walrus"
34. Bad, bad Brown of song
38. Unreturnable serves
40. Vietnamese observance
41. Tolkien brutes
44. 1962 Paul Anka hit subtitled "That Kiss!"
46. Mid-afternoon, say
49. Prefix with angle or cycle
50. Use for support
51. Mortgage payment add-on
55. Bacterium
56. Name in a Salinger title
58. Slobbering comic dog
59. Perform eye surgery, perhaps
60. Stared at
61. Play a part
62. Desertlike
63. Alley-___ (court play)
64. "Concord Hymn" poet's monogram
66. S.E. Hinton novel

Across

1. 24-hr. banking conveniences
5. "Shape ___ ship out!"
9. ___ up: relaxed
14. Radiator part
15. "The Usual Suspects" antagonist
Keyser ___
16. Bohr the physicist
17. Bees' creation
19. Grain for grinding
20. Skip a sound
21. "Headliners & Legends" host
23. Mop & ___ (cleaning brand)
25. Brand with a wall-demolishing mascot
30. Bad
33. Drink on draft
35. Fries or slaw
36. Mumbai master
37. Table land
39. Relish
42. Castle barrier
43. Cease-fire
45. Spanish muralist Jose Maria ___
47. Blvds. and sts.
48. Last segments of a race
52. Ugly building
53. This year's grads (abbr.)
54. Stuff in leaky ships
57. Place for an eleve
61. Love dearly
65. When "love was such as easy game to play"
67. Ravens, et al.
68. "Coffee, Tea ___?"
69. Ile-de-France river
70. Donor designation
71. Albuquerque's st.
72. Garden annoyance

(solution on page 29)

THIS AND THAT

St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshalls

The three men who are pictured below were the Grand Marshalls for the Lazy River 2022 St. Patrick's Day parade. Below their pictures are brief summaries of their early lives and time in military service. We are happy to recognize their contribution to our country during times of war.



Chuck Gross Juke Snyder Paul Myers

Chuck Gross

Chuck was born on August 1, 1926 in Pennsylvania. He came to Detroit when he was five years old. He was 15 when Pearl Harbor was attacked and he remembers hearing about it when he came out of a movie. In June of 1944 he enlisted in the Navy. He finished basic training and was transferred by train to San Pedro, California. He made boatswain's mate (like a sergeant) and was assigned to an LSM, a landing craft that's as big as a football field. It held four tanks, two half-tracks, a jeep and 128 soldiers.

He saw a lot of action in the Philippines. The boat could go right up to the beach and offload the men and equipment, usually under enemy fire. There were many islands that were controlled by the Japanese. His main base was in Subic Bay, Manila. They were planning for the invasion of Japan when President Truman authorized the dropping of the atom bomb and the war was over. He remembers seeing many married men dropping to their knees and crying because they would be going home to their wives and families. Later he took occupation troops into Tokyo harbor and he picked up a Japanese rifle and mailed it to his Dad.

Juke Snyder

Born on February 18, 1934, in Iowa, Juke volunteered for the Army in October 1956. He had his basic training at Fort Carson, Colorado. Then he was assigned as a medic and went to Sam Houston Medical Center in Texas for his medical training. He then was stationed in Seattle, Washington but was soon sent to Germany. The medical company was assigned to an infantry division to support the soldiers who were injured. He was there for four years while the Cold War was going on. He was involved in training manoeuvres. He did get a chance to go the Munich Oktoberfest, where the beer halls were going full blast.

Juke met a girl named Maria who was a secretary for the chaplain. They hit it off and he would take her home. They started dating and 1 ½ years later they were married. When his 3-year term was up the Army had him "re-up" for another 3 years, so after that time the Army would pay for transferring him home in 1962. He and Maria have a son and a daughter.

Paul Myers

Paul was born on July 19, 1925 in Ohio. He was drafted in August 1943. He was 18 years old, 5 feet 4 inches and weighed 110 pounds. He went to Fort Sill, Oklahoma for basic training. There he was assigned as a radio operator in the artillery unit, which was part of the 104th Infantry. His troop ship was one of the first that went directly to Cherbourg, France in February 1944. He was in many battles in France and Germany. General Patton was moving fast and the large guns could not keep up with him. As a relay radio operator he was responsible for relaying the coordinates from the front lines to the 105 and 155 Howitzers. The shells would go over his head at over 250 miles per hour. You couldn't see them but you could hear them.

One very clear memory he has is seeing a concentration camp called Northornhouse. There were bodies lying on the ground right outside the furnaces. He said he will never forget it. If you want to see the pictures he took of the camp, call and stop by his house at 212 Lazy River Road.

Submitted by Connie Quinn and Joyce Cote

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The Current Sky

Hello, again!

This month the planetary action continues in the morning light, in the eastern sky above the horizon, with several planetary approaches. Mars and Saturn will be within 24 minutes of arc distance (there are 60 minutes in one degree of arc) from each other on the morning of April 5th, with the best viewing time around 5:30am. So, in real terms, the two planets will appear to be a little less than one Moon diameter apart. A nice view in the binoculars.

Later in the month, on April 18th, four planets are almost equally aligned in as a line approximately 11 degrees apart, you can't miss them – Venus, Saturn, Mars and Jupiter. Another nice use for your binoculars, at about 45 minutes time before dawn breaks.

In the evening sky, we have a planetary view of Mercury, just after sunset on the western horizon. Mercury can be seen in the darkening twilight on April 29th just above the horizon.

Finally, we whipsaw back to the morning on April 30th, same eastern horizon, to see Jupiter and Venus side by side within about 30 minutes of arc distance. Try this view around 5:00am with the two brightest planets in our solar system.

I apologize for no charts this month (some internet trouble LOL) but if you have been following this article you are already well versed on what you are looking for.

Till next time, Clear Skies and Good Health!

*Submitted by Dean M Schantzen -
137 Martinique Road*

What is Earth Day?

Earth Day is an annual event, celebrated on April 22, on which day events worldwide are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. It was first celebrated in 1970, and is now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network, and celebrated in more than 192 countries each year.

Earth Day began on April 22, 1970 and has been an important day ever since. It's a day to reflect on our planet, our environment and what we can do to help keep them healthy.

A month later a separate Earth Day was founded by United States Senator Gaylord Nelson as an environmental teach-in first held on April 22, 1970. Nelson was later awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom Award in recognition of his work.



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