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President's Report

Happy New Year, everyone! I trust that you all had a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends. May you be blessed in the coming year with happiness and good health as we anticipate what is to come.



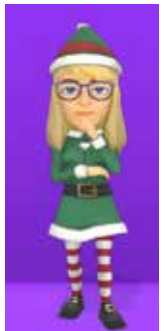
The village looked beautiful and aglow during the holiday season, thanks to Susan Avon and her crew of volunteers who decorated the common areas.

Last year, was a year to remember, as we faced many challenges personally and as a community. There were days I know were filled with a sense of hopelessness, but through it all we came together as a community and supported each other, neighbor helping neighbor in a time of need. While signs of the devastation linger, we have seen much improvement as a result of the restoration process, and some day we will be whole again. I hope and pray that none of us

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Manager's Report

Welcome back to our seasonal residents and a big welcome to the many new residents we have in the Village. I can't believe it's almost 2023, I always thought we would be flying around in cars and living like the Jetsons by now (remember that old cartoon show) and other than phones that are smarter than us, and cars that want to tell us how to drive, things really haven't changed all that much.



Even though the political climate of today can make it seem that we are so divided, I think the residents in the Village are so fortunate to live in a community of such caring and thoughtful neighbors. I know I love coming to work every day and the best part of my day is spent chatting with residents who just want to stop by and say hi and tell me about what's going on in their lives.

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Really Cool Gadget

By Karen Post

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ACTIVITY LEADERS	
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
Bridge	Lyn Tindall
Canine Fitness Club	Dean Schantzen
Cards Pepper	Richard Ciarlo & Marion Kahler
Pinochle	Lyn Tindall
Hand & Foot	Mary Dishinger
Dance Club	Babs Findlay
Dominoes	Marilyn Griffin
Fitness-Stretching	Marion Myers
Golf Men's 18 hole	Frankie Mangio
Golf-9 hole Men's & Women's	Bob Jones
Golf-Couples	Sharon Olmstead
Knitting & Crocheting	Marion Myers
Library	Heike and Jim Canaday
LRV Boosters	Dave Carley
Mahjong	Carol Ann Kosinski
Nickel Bingo Daytime	Peggy Clay
Pickleball Club	Bob Stokes, Diane Gempp
Pinochle	Kip Greener
Quilting	Jackie Gross
Red Hat Society	Carolyn Arwood
Shuffleboard	Gary Cooney
Stained Glass	Fred BATTERY
Table Tennis	Ginnie Wood
Tennis Club	Nancy Penoyar
Water Exercise	Lisa Gunnels
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ever have to go through this again. I am thankful that our village had no loss of life, in fact, not even an injury that was related to hurricane Ian.

As a result of inflation, we were faced with many financial challenges this year and we ended 2022 with a budget deficit. The most striking increase was our corporate insurance that almost doubled in July, and we also experienced a 6% increase for lawn care for 2023. We have made every effort to be fiscally responsible, but some things are just out of our control. We did use half of our \$89,000 door fee from Hotwire to offset the increase, and the remainder will be used next year, making sure the entire amount is given to the shareholders.

By the time you read this, hopefully our roofs will have been replaced on the clubhouse and fitness center at the cost of \$105,000. Frankly, that is one of the few bright spots during the recovery process. After the insurance claim, the total cost out of the reserves will be approximately \$37,000. The last reserve study indicated the roofs would need to be replaced in the next few years, so we are ahead of the game.

The biggest project and most expensive, will be shelter structure at the shuffleboard court, and the fencing around both tennis courts. We still have not determined if court #1 needs resurfacing, which will add to the costs significantly.

Quotes should be in on the recovering of the canopies, and it will not be cheap. That includes the clubhouse, bocce ball court, and both tennis courts. Thanks to all of the men and women that have worked on the vinyl fence around the storage yard, it looks amazing, and it saved the village a significant amount of money. Also thanks to Jim Walker, Jerry Miller, and crew who took it upon themselves to clear our marina and canals of Styrofoam, even though the waterways are not the responsibility of Lazy River.

We are in the midst of the winter season and there is an abundance of activities and events going on. If you want to get the most out of this lifestyle, then take advantage of what is being offered, you will be glad you did.

Submitted by: Rich Donelson

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

Even though I don't live in the Village, I feel that I have already formed friendships with many of you and gotten to know your families. It is hard to come to work and hear that we have lost friends and loved ones and even as we remember them, we welcome the new friends and neighbors we come to know.

We have elections coming up and I just want to thank the current Board of Directors for working so hard this past year, weathering the beast Hurricane IAN, and accomplishing so many good things. I look forward to working with the new Board in the coming years.

I wish each and every one of you the happiest New Year and hope that you enjoy health and a wealth of good things in the coming year. Remember - we are so fortunate to live in paradise - go out and find the joy in every day!!

*Submitted by Millie Hubbard -
your Community Association Manager*

Realtor's Report

Happy New Year! I trust that you all had a great holiday season. It is hard to believe that we are yet at another new year which is also a full year that I have been writing articles for [The Current](#).



The past few years have brought a lot of uncertainty to our lives and the world around us. Just when we were working our way out of Covid, Hurricane Ian swept through the region creating horrific damage that affected all of us, whether it was physical damage, emotional damage, or both. Things are starting to get back to a more "normal" state in the Village and our Community.

At Bishop West Real Estate we strive to continually be on top of game, so to speak. We are continually learning about new trends in the marketplace which in turn helps us to help our sellers and buyers. As part of our business plan to develop our business, we have expanded by adding a sister company to the

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Bishop West Family. We have secured a dealership to sell Manufactured Homes with Champion Homes and their sister company Homes of Merit. We are excited to partner with them in this new endeavor. Their quality and service are top shelf. We have been working with one of Champion's sister companies in the Northeast, Excel Homes. As of this writing, we are waiting for the final "go ahead" from the state to be a fully licensed dealer. Should any of your neighbors that have had the misfortune of losing their home completely, we would be honored to have the opportunity for a conversation about getting them a new home.

So, moving forward. "How's the Market" is a question, I hear often. There is so much "noise" in our world. "Noise" is a new term related to all the information one hears and reads. In today's fast paced world, there are many sources of information. Some accurate, and some not so accurate. Unfortunately people tend to make decisions based on the information they receive, yet they don't verify how credible the source is. Neighbors posting on social media for example is an example of mis-information. The main stream media seems to want to create gloom and doom. It has been said that "good news doesn't sell." As for the real estate market, this is a prime example. The media seems to be portraying a crash. First off, real estate is local. What is happening in our backyard, doesn't always reflect what is happening in the other parts of the country or region. Sure, there are some markets that have seen some correction, and there are other markets that are still seeing robust sales. Our MA office, is a prime example. Single families and multi family dwellings are still selling at a premium, and many with multiple offers at asking price or over. Here in Sarasota County, we have seen some change for sure. Inventory is up, pending sales are down, yet the average sale price is still climbing.

Some of these "shifts" are expected. Uncertainty in the financial markets, inflation, rising mortgage rates. However, the mortgage rates have been dropping for the past month. Although financing in communities such as yours, is not a significant part of the transactions. Most sell for all cash. What has changed, is that places once listed, tend to last on

the market a little bit longer. However, in my 38 year career as a Realtor, getting an acceptable offer in 27 days is still not too bad. Currently manufactured homes in Sarasota go to contract in 27 days, North Port is 9 days. Some of the sales are skewed because we are looking at sales from October 2022 and those were all affected by the hurricane. However, I can tell you that we are seeing significant activity and folks looking to buy, especially in Lazy River Village. I am optimistic that this season will again be robust.

Please feel free to reach out to me, or one of my team members, for accurate information on selling or buying. I can be reached on my cell phone at 941-800-2692 or by mail at peter@bishopwestre.com.

*Submitted by Peter West -
Bishop West Real Estate*

Beautification

The Beautification crew is still going to the scrap yard at least twice a week and as a result we're able to give the village \$5,000.00. We had given \$1,000.00 earlier in the fall, so going to the scrapyard really did pay off!

Members of Beautification have also been helping replace the fence around the boat yard. A big shoutout to Jerry Miller and Eston Owens. Jerry is a shareholder and Eston his good friend. When Hurricane Ian hit they came and they worked anywhere and everywhere, from cutting up trees to collecting "The Hated Styrofoam"! They helped everyone in the park during the month they were in the park. We would love to have them on Beautification!

Bruce and I are not in the park at this time but I have heard how neighbors are helping neighbors and it can't get better than that!

Beautification is still collecting cans, so please place them on or under your mailbox and they will be picked up around 7 o'clock am.

We wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe New Year !

Respectfully submitted by Carol Basch

Weekly Schedule of Events

January 2023- 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	Both Courts	Nancy Penoyar	941-451-4939
	9:00AM to 4:00PM	Quilting	Sunrise & Sunset	Jackie Gross	404-578-5060
	9:30AM to 10:30AM	Water Exercise	Pool	Lisa Gunnels	248-807-3363
	10:45AM TO 11:45AM	Water Aerobics	Pool	Karen Aldrich	616-822-3436
	12:00PM TO 2:45PM	Bunko	Myakka Room	Elaine Roberge	774-204-5481
	3:00PM TO 4:30PM	Cribbage	Myakka Room	Jim Schwandt	262-227-4900
Tue	8:00AM to 11:00AM	Pickleball	Courts 1 & 2	Diane Gempp	401-447-6916
	9.00AM to 10.00AM	Stretch & Strength.	Hall	Karen Michaud	860-680-4126
	9:30AM to 10:00PM	Water Color Painting	Sunrise & Sunset	Shirley Coleman	941-979-6668
	9:00AM to 11:00AM	10 Pin Bowling	Bowland - Port Ch.	Ralph Clay	317-402-7401
	9:00AM to 11:00AM	Jan Campbell Trib.Band	Stage	Tom V.Massenhove	989-295-5602
	10:00AM to 12:00PM	Shuffleboard	Shurrleboard Courts	Gary Cooney	941-257-0269
	12:00PM to 4:00PM	Bridge	Myakka Room		
	1;00PM TO 2;00PM	Cornhole Throwing	Near Bocce Scrn. Rm.	Lori Smith	513-509-7166
	1:00PM to 3:00PM	The Other Band Practice	Stage	Tom V.Massenhove	989-295-5602
	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
	6:00PM to 9:00PM	Poker	Myakka Room	Ralph Clay	317-340-7966
	6:00PM to 9:30PM	Bingo	Kitchen & Hall	Joan Rose	860-334-0317

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Wed	8.00AM TO 8.45AM	Stretching Exercises	Fitness Center	Marion Myers	941-426-6260
	8:00AM to 9:00AM	Koffee Klatch	Kitchen & Hall	Jan Boeck	262-989-9826
	8.00AM TO 12;00PM	Tennis	Both Courts	Nancy Penoyar	941-451-4939
	9:30AM to 10:30AM	Water Exercise	Pool	Lisa Gunnels	248-807-3363
	10:45AM TO 11:45AM	Water Aerobics	Pool	Karen Aldrich	616-822-3436
	7:00PM to 8:30PM	Table Tennis	Billiard Room	Ginnie Wood	941-423-2184
Thu	8:00AM to 11:00AM	Pickleball	Courts 1 & 2	Diane Gempp	401-447-6916
	9.00AM to 10.00AM	Stretch & Strength.	Hall	Karen Michaud	860-680-4126
	9:00AM to 4:00PM	Quilting	Sunrise & Sunset	Jackie Gross	404-578-5060
	10:00AM to 11:30AM	Bible Study	Myakka Room	Nancy Penoyar	941-451-4939
	10:00AM to 12:00PM	Shuffleboard	Shuffleboard Courts	Gary Cooney	941.257-0269
	1.00PM to 4.00PM	Daytime Nickle Bingo	Hall	Peggy Clay	317-340-7966
Fri	8.00AM TO 8.45AM	Stretching Exercises	Fitness Center	Marion Myers	941-426-6260
	8.00AM TO 12:00PM	Tennis	Both Courts	Nancy Penoyar	941-451-4939
	9:30AM to 10:30AM	Water Exercise	Pool	Lisa Gunnels	248-807-3363
	10:45AM TO 11:45AM	Water Aerobics	Pool	Karen Aldrich	616-822-3436
	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	Ellen Hurley	941-979-1935
	5:00PM to 7:00PM	Pvt Get-together	Bocce Screen Room	Linda Mc Gee	716-640-1705

January 2023- Weekly Schedule of Activities

Sat	8:00AM to 11:00AM	Pickleball	Courts 1 & 2	Diane Gempp	401-447-6916
	9:45AM to 12.30PM	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
	2:00PM to 3:30PM	Table Tennis	Billiard Room	Ginnie Wood	941-423-2184
	6:00pm to 9:00PM	Poker	Myakka Room	Ralph Clay	317-340-7966
Sun	8:00AM TO 12:00PM	Tennis / Pickleball	Courts 1 & 2	N.Penoyar / D.Kempp	
	9:00AM to 3:00PM	Historical Miniatures	Arts & Crafts Room	Richard Ciarlo	508-579-2622
	2:00PM to 5:00PM	Dominoes	Myakka Room	Marilyn Griffin	941-423-5803

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

Schedule of Special Events

January 2023 - Special Events

Day	Time	Activity	Location	Contact	Phone
Mon 2nd	9.00AM TO 11.00AM	Real Estate & Rental Committee Meeting	Myakka Room	Joannie Maurer	612-859-9550
Mon 2nd	2.30pm to 4.00pm	Boat Club Board Meeting	Sunset Room	Tom V.Massenhove	989-295-5602
Sun 8th	10:00 TO 4:00PM	Commodore'S Ball Decoration of Hall	Main hall	Kathy Hicks	574-870-2646
Mon 9th	10.00am to Noon	Pickleball Annual Meeting	Myakka room	Dianne Gempp	401-447-6916
Wed 11th	10.00am to 6.00pm	Dinner Prep for Commodore's Ball	Kitchen	Tom V.Massenhove	989-295-5602

January 2023 - Special Events

Thu 12th	9:00AM TO 11:00PM	Change of Watch Commodore's Ball	Kitchen & Hall	Tom V.Massenhove	989-295-5602
Fri 13th	9:00AM TO 11:00PM	Change of Watch Commodore's Ball	Kitchen & Hall	Tom V.Massenhove	989-295-5602
Sat 14th	7:00PM TO 9:00PM	Entertainment Soul & -Inspiration	Hall/Myakka Room Sunrise/Sunset Rms	Vickie Stokes	734-644-1495
Mon 16th	1.00PM TO 5.00PM	Celebration of Life Hugh Brooks	Kitchen & Hall	Caroline Brooks Beth Camp	352-316-5955 517-282-5065
Wed 18th	08.45am to 09.45am	Koffee Klatch	Hall	Jan Boeck	262-989-9826
Wed 18th	08:30AM TO 12:00PM	AMC Meeting	Myakka Room	Betty Rumley	941-257-0184
Thu 19th	6:00PM TO 8:00PM	Lazy River Boosters Prep	Kitchen	Dave Carley	317-714-9624
Fri 20th	5:30PM TO 10:00PM	Lazy River Boosters & Draw & Share	Kitchen & Hall	Dave Carley	317-714-9624
Sat 21st	10:00AM to 10:00PM	Potluck	Hall & Kitchen	Trinie Van der Ploeg	269-686-7024
Mon 23rd	4.30PM to 6.30PM	Shuffleboard Ham Dinner & Mtg	Kitchen / Hall	Bev Cooney	941-257-0269
Wed 25th	10.00AM TO 4.00PM	Activities Team Events Planning	Hall	Lori Smith	513-509-7166
Wed 25th	10:00AM to 2:00PM	Decorating Hall for Dance	Hall	Babs Findlay	860-372-5498
Thu 26th	11:00AM to 11:00PM	Dance	Hall	Babs Findlay	860-372-5498

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January 2023 Birthdays



01	Robert Hodson	15	Carol Beaudoin (Ron)
01	Jackie Innes	15	Mary Berg
02	Carol Basch	17	Carolyn Shields
03	Kathleen Driver	18	Steve Brown
04	Vickie Stokes	18	David Van Gorder
05	Jerry Dishinger	19	Christine Kareta
05	Philip Goodie	20	Beth Camp
05	Steve Hale	21	Barry Flowers
06	June Bechard	21	Gary Graham
06	Barbara Crooks	21	Joanie Racicot
07	Bud Heffley	21	Lynette Whiters
07	Vivian Puetz	22	Peggy Lyons
08	Sue Siebenaler	24	Matt Cain
09	David Carley	24	Brian Werner
09	Keith Rule	26	Carolyn Brooks
11	Jean Hickey	26	Michael Richardson
13	Jerry Cote	29	Dennis Goltz
14	Sue Ellison	30	Laurie McDonnell
		31	Nick Fulbright

January 2023 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 **60**
20	Frank and Marie Mangio *50*
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

Both articles 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:
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Activities Team

Nothing to report



The Lamb and the Lion

Jesus reveals Himself as the Son of man like a Lamb: "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter (Acts 8:32,33). He only did the will of the Father (John 5:30). He always welcomed the little children (Mark 10:14)

As a Lion, Jesus revealed that as the Son of God He was given authority from His Father. He rebuked the wind (Matthew 8:26), rebuking the demons (Matthew 8:28-32). He raised the dead (John 12:1,9). And He spoke, "You have heard...,but I say to you.." (Matthew 5:21,27)

We know that His disciples needed to understand that He was more than what they were even capable of accepting at that time (before the giving of the Holy Spirit). It would be necessary that they would carry on after His resurrection as His witness as the Son of God.

It is when we read Revelation 6:16, we see the phrase about the wrath of the Lamb. We can see how the character of Jesus as the Son of man comes through as a Lamb, and also as the Son of God in the characteristics of a Lion. But it is in the

phrase of the lamb of wrath that we need to rethink our understanding of this man Jesus, our savior and Lord.

As a Lamb, Jesus was a very mild soft spoken man. Even as an authority figure He rebuked only those who were in leadership positions under God and should know how to carry out their duties assigned by God. How would a lamb behave with wrath? To whom would this wrath be against?

In Scripture we learn that while the Lamb was a very important part of who Jesus is but Jesus also was to be the King of kings. It is in the role of High Priest and Judge that we see that this Lamb will be given great power. This power will be displayed during the end of time when those who have received the mark of the beast on their forehead or hand will experience the wrath of the Lamb that they rejected. (Revelation 6:16, 17)

The real wrath of the Lamb will be all that those who will not hear and accept now the offer of salvation and the forgiveness of our sins and granted eternal life. He has been given by the Father the right to finally judge all those who heard yet refused to believe.

Which category do you fit into? Only that which has been done for Christ will last.

Bible study on-going every Thursday at 10 in the Myakka Room. All are welcome.

Submitted by Nancy Penoyar 941-451-4939

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Veterans

Nothing to report this month

SPORTS

Bocce Ball



We play Mondays at 9:00am and Wednesdays at 10:00am.

New players welcome lessons will be provided.

Thanks, AJ 317-902-1243

Submitted by AJ Gilson

Bowling (Gutter Gossip)



Nothing to report

Cornhole

“Let the Games Begin”



We are in full swing now with the Cornhole Tournaments. Players must have been practicing over the Summer. There have been some new winning teams since Santa has been at the North Pole for the Holidays. Steve and Diane won the first matches of the season and congratulations, Steve, on your 4 bagger! Mike Berg and Sue tied Bob Jones and Mike Hammond on the second week.

We are enjoying using our new palm tree boards and bags. We play every Tuesday at 1:00pm. Meet at the Bocce Screen Room and pick your luck of the draw partner. No fees and no experience needed.

Hope to see you there.

Respectfully Submitted by Lori Smith

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SPORTS

Golf – Couples League



Although several couples have been golfing with the Couples Golf group since mid-November, our “formal” season starts on January 1st and continues through the month of February to the end of March.

We golf 9 holes on Sunday afternoons at the Long Marsh Golf Club located at 20 White Marsh Road, Rotonda West. The cost has been \$24.00, inclusive of tax, up to the end of the December, however there will be an increase as of January 1st, likely between \$5.00 to \$8.00. 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.

The emphasis in this group is getting to meet other residents of Lazy River Village or to know them better while enjoying a sport we enjoy. People with various levels of golf skills participate and all have a good time.

The membership fee to join our group is \$10.00 per person. The fees are applied to the cost of prizes and our end-of-the season party.

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

Submitted by Sharon Olmstead



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Golf - Men's 18-Hole League

Hello Golfers, Frankie here.



I made a last minute phone call to the Rotunda courses and asked them if we could squeeze in anywhere. They said Monday was open at 11:29am for 11 tees tee times starting on January 2nd, 2023 at Long Marsh, so I grabbed it. It's a miracle we were able to get this.

At the moment we have 44 players, with 2 spares, so the League is full. We are not accepting any more outsiders. Any new Lazy River Village residents that want to play, will be added to the spare list.

We are keeping it at 11 tee times and no more. We will be playing at Long Marsh only, and not the other two courses. We are going to have a “closest to the pin” contest, starting January 16, 2023. It will run for 3 rounds.

O.K. so let's have some fun and play some great golf. I want to thank Fred Charest for jumping in. He is going to help us with the handicapping.

Submitted by Frankie Mangio and Fred Charest

Women's and Men's - 9 Hole Golf

Our 9-hole golf league is in full swing at this point! We play at the Long Marsh Golf Club in Rotonda every Friday afternoon. Tee times start around 1:30pm and we rotate across the three nines at the course.



This league is non-competitive and welcomes golfers of all abilities. If anyone wishes to join us, please let me know. I can be reached via e-mail (jonesra8@aol.com) or by phone (774-414-3074).

Submitted by Bob Jones

SPORTS

Pickleball

The Pickleball courts are full of activity. With residents and guests arriving weekly, we are catching up with old friends and making new acquaintances. We have had enough players to fill all four courts with great pickling, fun and many laughs. We are currently playing on court #2 with plans of putting up temporary fencing to be able to play on court #1 in the near future.



Thank you to all who helped clean up court #1. The hard work and dedication of our residents is so very impressive and much appreciated.

Jerry will be collecting dues this month. Last year dues were \$10. As of writing this article, we have been discussing keeping the dues at \$10 for this year. We need 2 new frames for nets on court #1. More discussion to occur at our annual meeting on January 9 at 10:00AM in the Myakka Room.

Submitted by Bob Stokes and Diane Gempp

Tennis Between The Lines

Even though there is still clean up going on, the tennis courts are available for play. But contact our president, Nancy Penoyar, 941-451-4939, so some games can be set up. Everyone is welcome to join us, regardless of ability.



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

Submitted by Jim Schwandt 262-227-4900

Shuffleboard

Hi, Shufflers,

I don't need to tell you the damage IAN did to our courts!! We are struggling to replace the seating, shade and lighting at the "FOOT" end. Temporarily we will be shuffling Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00am until suitable lighting allows us to shuffle at night as well.



I asked the Office for some funds to help get us going from the substantial RESERVE FUNDS that we have for Courts but I was refused.

We will make every effort to have enough shade to make it safe and bearable in the mornings. Please bear with us, wear suitable sunscreen, hats etc. and we will get through this.

We will start collecting dues in January for the year and they will be \$10.00 per person. This \$10.00 covers a Ham Dinner in January, a Pizza Dinner in February and a Barbeque at the Gazebo in March. Still the best deal in town for ten bucks!

I look forward to seeing all our regular members and welcome any new comers that want to join the fun with friends and neighbors.

See you on the Courts.

Regards - Gary Cooney

Table Tennis

Anyone for a game or two of "Ping Pong"?? We play on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm till 8:00pm and also on Saturdays from 2:00pm till 3:00pm, then head sometimes to the Pool to relax. Paddles and balls are provided so you just need to come and maybe bring a friend.



The room is available to play anytime, with friends or family. No one is a Pro, it's all just for fun. Hope to see you there.

Submitted by Ginnie Wood



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

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Additionally, we have information, such as, medical and community resources, meals on wheels, home health agencies, companion care, and county resources assistance. Also, our residence have donated used medical equipment for Echo to lend out to other residents, such as wheel chairs, walkers, shower chairs, some canes, and commodes. They are available and stored at the Chair lady's home - Rosemarie Sulzbach.

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 to the future, we are in need 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, Ellie Marrone, Marion Myers, and Pat Weaver. You can contact them directly or call the Chair lady - Rosemarie Sulzbach at 941-875-3635, who will coordinate the services.

The committee members are listed in the Current Monthly with the individual phone numbers. You can call anyone of us to refer someone who has a need, or email a request for services. We are committed to keeping the information in confidence.

If you are interested in getting involved we will be happy to provide you with a survey form. We also send out survey forms yearly to residents who may want to volunteer.

Submitted by Rosemarie Sulzbach



Resident Security Detail

Nothing to report this month

CLUB NEWS

Bingo



We play every Tuesday evening in the clubhouse.

Prizes for January will increase because attendance will increase.

See you there!

Submitted by Joan Rose

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CLUB NEWS

Boat Club



January will be a month of change for this Boat Club. The Commodore's Ball/Change of Watch on January 12, 2023, a new Commodore and Board will be installed. They will need your support and volunteerism to make this another successful season for activities and trips.

Please remember to renew or join your membership in the Boat Club through Ginny Wood at the weekly Koffee Klatch. Since there are more members than openings at some of our events, attendance is members only quite often. We will continue to communicate thru the announcements at Koffee Klatch, the weekly blast from the office and the sign at the entrance. One of the goals for the year is to organize our membership list into an email system so that the club can communicate directly with our members. This effort really needs the help of someone capable of establishing a spreadsheet that can be used for email communication. If you

are interested in helping with this please contact either myself or Tom VanMassenhove.

Since this is my last article as Commodore I can't sign off without again thanking the efforts of all the volunteers that have assisted the Boat Club through the last three years. You are greatly appreciated by me.

Submitted by Dave Carley - Commodore

Canine Fitness Club



**Nothing to report –
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CLUB NEWS

Cribbage Anyone ?



For those interested in playing cribbage, we play every Monday in the Myakka Room from 3:00pm – 4:30pm.

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

Submitted by Jim Schwandt – 262-227-4900

Dance Club

As I write this I am so pleased to say we have already sold 100 tickets for the New Year's Eve party dance. It is so gratifying to see Lazy River folks ready to have fun, make new friends and welcome in the New Year.



All proceeds from this dance party will go to the Lazy River clean up fund or wherever the board deems it will do the most good.

Onward now to 2023.

Happy to announce our January dance party will be on JANUARY 26TH, third Thursday of the month. The entertainment is BANDSTAND. We had them last year and everyone thought they were extremely good and a fine time was had by all.

The theme for the January gathering will be a repeat by popular demand of the Snowball Party. Those of you who attended last year will remember the enormous fun everyone had! For those of you who did not attend, I recommend you to give it a whirl. How fun is a snow ball fight in January in a warm cozy Florida club house!!

Tickets will be on sale at Koffee Klatch in January: Season Passes, all thee dances \$35 per person. Single Dance - \$15.00 per person

Submitted by Babs Findlay, Chair.

Lazy River Boosters



It is that time of the season again to activate the LRV Boosters Club. It will be a season of change for two reasons. First, we will be carrying on the tradition set by Joe Ogden for having fun and raising money for worthy projects here in the village. He will be missed and I'm sure he would love to be involved in rebuilding this village. Second, the hurricane has left us with many challenges, both personal and as a community.

By the time you read this we will already have had one meeting of those interested in being active in the Boosters Club. Remember, every resident of LRV is an automatic member of the Boosters Club. We have two challenges ahead of us this year. First, we need to come up with activities which will bring us together and, at the same time, raise much needed funds for the rebuilding of LRV. The next is during this season it is important to put some structure in the organization so that it can reach stability in its mission.

We will be having more meetings to get us up and running as soon as possible. Announcements will be made at Koffee Klatch and through the weekly email blasts from the office. If you have something to contribute or ideas for activities please see me or call me. This will be a very different season from past years but the ideas, devotion and service of volunteers will see us through.

Submitted by Dave Carley - 317-714-9624

Red Hat Society



The Lovely Ladies of Lazy River Red Hatters will enjoy their first luncheon of the season on Tuesday, January 3, 2023. We'll meet (as usual) at the screen room at 11:30 AM, and go from there. If you're not a member yet, please feel free to join us and "check us out!" Call me if you need a red hat. (Queen) Carolyn Arwood 440-339-6202

Submitted by Carolyn Arwood

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CLUB NEWS

Line Dancing

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We would like to welcome everyone back. I have had a very difficult off season. It's been a struggle since last June. Not sure if I can get through this dance season.



We have a lot of great students in our class that really enjoy the dancing and I would hate to disappoint them. I'm going to give it a go, and let's see what happens.

We meet at the Clubhouse every Friday starting January 6 to March 31. We start at 1:00PM. See you there and bring a friend.

Submitted by Frankie and Marie Mangio

Newcomer's Club

I wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year. May 2023 ring in hope and happiness for our Village. There is already a lot of construction activity and blue tarps are coming off as of writing this in early December. I can only imagine the progress that will be completed by the printing of the January issue. I just hope I have settlement from our insurance company by then. They seem to be MIA most times and if you get ahold of someone they are just waiting on one more thing to release the insurance check.



I'm hopeful the fence committee will be released of duty by January. Everyone on this committee has worked so hard almost daily to secure the storage area. I am thankful for all the volunteers and commitment to our community from our residents.

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Respectfully Submitted by Lori Smith

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Submitted by Peggy Clay



Woodworking Club (Come See What We Saw)

Nothing to report

THIS & THAT

Bloodmobile News



Our Blood Drive held on November 30th was very successful with 18 Donors going to the SunCoast Bloodmobile Bus. 12 pints of blood were obtained and will be used by our local Hospitals. A big THANK YOU to all who tried and were so willing. There is a great need for Blood now as over the summer many go north and the supply is very low.

Our next Drive will be held on Thursday, January 26th, 2023 from 7:45 till 11:45 AM. 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 is here.

If you attend the KK on Wednesday, have your coffee and then go to the Bus, located only a few steps from the clubhouse.

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The Current Sky January 2023

Hello again!

The holidays are now behind us, and I look forward to a better year for all of us. The parade of planets continues, now mostly in the night sky. Having experienced that Mars-Moon “Grazing Event” last month, maybe we can twist the dial up this month with the same actors!

January 1st - after sunset

I have always been fond of the planet Venus in the night sky. It is sooooo bright; it outshines everything else except the Moon. It is always easy to spot, as it appears in the western sky tonight going forward.

January 22nd, - after sunset

When planets get very close to each other visually, it is always a special event. Tonight, looking west again, we see Venus and Saturn separated by 21 minutes of angle. For perspective, a full Moon’s apparent visual diameter is around 30 minutes of angle, so that’s pretty close. Venus will be easy for you now, and Saturn, a bit yellow and more dim, not easy at first glance. I have confidence you will see both without a graphic.

January 30th – January 31st

This is the most special event of the month, again! Break out last month’s article and read it, again! This time, it will be a full a occultation, of Mars and the Moon at the LRV location. We will see a full disappearance of Mars behind the Moon, only to reappear again on the other side hours later. For us, we will see Mars just minutes from the Moon’s edge at its closest approach, rather than an occultation. The red planet has faded a bit since last month, and the Moon is a waxing Gibbous, meaning Mars will begin the occultation on the dark side, and reappear on the lighted side. It would be interesting to check how long Mars is behind the Moon under high magnification and a stopwatch.

Figures 1 and 2, respectively, shows Mars will begin to disappear ≈ 1235 am, and re-appear ≈ 0124 am.

This is a must-must see, like last month, and I will be setting up for this event, like last month, weather permitting. Additional information will go out the week before to get you ready for this view! I expect to use the 11 inch Schmidt- Cassegrain Scope for this viewing. First time down here with it. Please email me at deanmschantzen@hotmail.com or text me at 612-220-5726 if you have any questions.

Till next time, Clear Skies and Good Health!



Submitted by Dean Schantzen

Figure 1

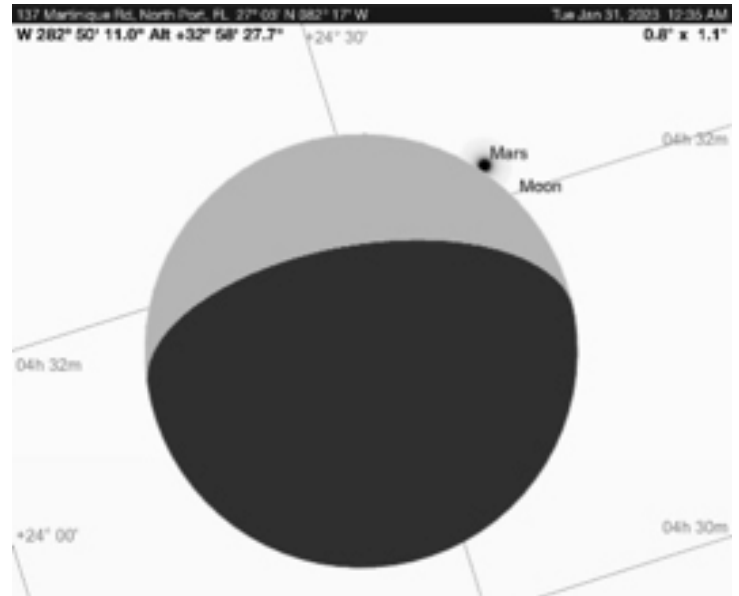
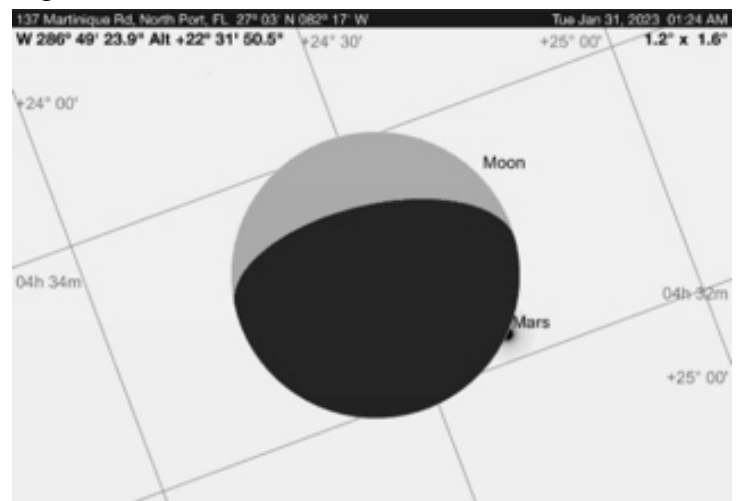


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Lazy River Village Dinner (Formerly known as Potluck)



Lazy River Village Dinner with entertainment sponsored by potluck committee.

Village dinners held in the clubhouse are a great way to get together — a place to meet new friends and neighbors. Great food and entertainment, socializing and laughs.

Village dinners (formerly potlucks) 2023 will look a little different than last year. It will be a dinner with entertainment without needing to take a dish to pass.

Mark your calendars for:

Saturday, January 21 - The year of Aquarius - will offer meatloaf served like the 1960s TV dinners.

Friday, March 24 - Mexican Fiesta

Tickets are sold at Koffee Klatch for \$8 by January 4.

We hope you choose to join us for our January and March 2023 dinners.

Submitted by Trinie van der Ploeg



COMING EVENTS

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Submitted by Vickie Stokes

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Submitted by Karen Michaud

Water Aerobics



Beginning Monday - **January 9, 2023 thru April**, I
 will be teaching water aerobics to music, Monday
 Wednesday and Friday at 10:45am.

Several ladies have already shown an interest!
 If you have any questions, please call me at 616-
 822-3436

Submitted by Karen Aldrich - 224 Martinique Rd

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Our 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner will be held on February 4, 2023 to honor couples with 50 years of marriage.

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Dress Code – Evening Attire

Tickets will be on sale at all Koffee Klatches in January

Lady Honorees, you are welcome to bring your wedding dress (yes! If you still have it!) and photos for display.

- Volunteers, please give me a buzz!

Robin Bosma 925-808-1564



2022 Toys for Tots Collection

I cannot say THANK YOU enough for making this year's Christmas collection of toys for the North Port Toys for Tots Program a success.

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, even under the adversity of the hurricane.

We are already looking forward to the next year's collection.

Again, THANK YOU.

Submitted by Christine Kamerik



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