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President's Report



I want to welcome all the returning residents to LRV. It is nice to see the park becoming more vibrant with all the activities starting up again.

Our new gate access system is now working as designed, after months of the old access system not working at all. With the new system the old cards and stickers on the car are no longer valid. Instead, we have a fob to open the owner's gate side and 4-digit code to open the visitor's gate. The fob and 4-digit code should not be shared. Registered renters will be provided with a temporary 4-digit code for their rental period. In addition, a 5-digit code (instead of a 3-digit code) will call the phone on record and the call recipient can 'buzz' someone in. This is how all visitors, contractors, deliveries, guests, etc. should have access to the village.

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Manager's Report

Holiday Lights and Decorations



Lazy River Village has a tradition of turning our village into a Christmas Wonderland. Decorations for the twenty (20) locations throughout LRV will be on Tuesday, November 28th (following Thanksgiving Day), starting at 9:30 a.m. This is a change in date, as many volunteers are involved in the Monday 18-hole golf league. Each location has a designated Team Leader, who will soon be contacting their team members.

If you are new to the park or haven't participated before, we encourage you to volunteer. It takes approximately 2 – 3 hours and is a great way to meet your fellow LRV neighbors or catch up with old friends. Anyone interested should contact Connie Quinn (810) 599-0437 or Doreen Werner (585)472-1983.

Millie Hubbard
 Community Association Manager

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

In the December BOD Meeting we will be reviewing and approving the 2024 budget for the village. A draft will be provided two weeks in advance of the meeting to the community. But a couple of points at this point. The Hotwire contract called for the full annual costs to be ramped up over a three-year period. We will need to incur the additional costs for year 2 in the 2024 budget (final impact will be in the 2025 budget). Excluding Hotwire, I suspect that there will be nominal increases in the Operating Budget. However, our Reserve balances will likely need to be addressed. A Reserve Study is in process which will determine how much we need to contribute to our Reserves to remain statutorily compliant. Based on the Reserve Study, we may need to consider a one-time special assessment to rebuild the reserve balances after all the repairs following Hurricane Ian.

Despite being a cooperative, everyone should consider the individual homesites as private property. The County assessor's office has mapped out the homesites and owners pay taxes on the associated land. Owners are also responsible for maintaining their homesite and may be liable for any injuries sustained on their homesite. As such, everyone should view the homesite as private property and if someone is on the homesite without the owner's permission it is trespassing; and the county sheriff can be called.

All owners/residents need to continue focusing on the maintenance and upkeep of their properties per our Rules & Regulations. This not only includes power washing, weeding, tree/brush trimming, debris removal but also needs to include repairs of your home as well as ensuring the lights in front of your homes are operational.

*Respectfully submitted,
Bob Jones*

Realtor's Report



Hello, Lazy River! Welcome back to all the Early Birds and to the late flyers! We look forward to seeing you soon!

I can only imagine everyone is wondering about the real estate market in Lazy River Village. Two homes have gone under contract in the last two weeks, which is good news. I have also seen an uptick in buyer inquiries. That said, the sales market is not as hot as it once was.

I would like to share a story from 2015 that I hope helps everyone in some way or another. I sold my first manufactured home somewhere in Punta Gorda—I can't remember where and which one. I vividly remember going to the title company to pick up the broker fee checks. Now, remember, not a lot of title companies work with manufactured home communities. But this one did, and I had a quick conversation with the closing agent. We talked about the 2008 crash, and how so many title companies went out of business at that time. But they weathered the storm due to the fact that they worked with manufactured 55 plus communities "If it wasn't for the fact that our title company worked manufactured communities, we would have been out of business long ago." I quote her to this day to illustrate the fact that manufactured homes are resilient when the housing market shifts downward. And I like to share this story with my Lazy River sellers and buyers so they recognize what a good investment they have with their manufactured home.

So with that said, let me share my opinion of where I see Lazy River Village in a slowing market. Yes, Lazy River will be affected in one way or another in a slowing market. (For example: "Days on market" will likely increase and we'll more than likely see a decrease of home values.) But *well-maintained and well-run communities* have a resistance to market fluctuations that Single Family Homes do not. Cash buyers who have managed their funds properly are still coming down for retirement. The warmer winter weather will **always** play a big part in appealing to new residents, and 55+ communities offer a lifestyle that many have planned on for

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years. Homes will always sell in Lazy River Village and similar communities, just like they did during/after the 2008 crash. Maintain your manufactured home, and you will have an advantage in a slow housing market.

At this time, buyers, sellers, and Realtors are challenged when pinning down housing prices, simply due to the lack of sales. The inventory numbers are going up. The single-family market at this time is up against high rates. Many buyers were spoiled with the unusual 2.5% to 3.5% rates that were lowered to get sales moving. That window has closed, and higher more traditional mortgage rates now apply. Also, builders have been completing thousands of spec homes that will end up on the market, competing with older homes.

There are some positives! The ugliness of inflation has topped out from its high of 9% in June of 2022 and is currently heading downward. As of today,

we sit at around 3.7% . The GDP numbers recently came out with a 4.9% GDP growth rate in 3rd quarter of 2023. The highest growth since the last quarter of 2021. So we have that going for us right now! The economy is leveling—no longer in free fall. As we all know, world events can change numbers rather quickly, and global events have been destabilizing economies consistently for the past several years.

Let's have a little fun before I sign off! I played golf with the Lazy River Gang at Long Marsh in Rotonda in early November. What a great time! 133 Fred and 159 Bill were my buddies for the day. (Yes, I am at the point where I know so many people with similar names that I attach street numbers to names to help me keep everyone straight!)

Speaking of my street number memory strategy, let's talk about "201 Miss Rose." I could select many people to show as an example of outstanding home curb appeal, but I've got to give credit to Miss Rose at 201 Lazy River Road. This is the first home many see when they drive up to the gate, and I salute Rose for taking what was once was an eye sore and making it an awesome first impression for visitors and residents alike. Keeping that high standard of curb appeal improves home values throughout the park. To those of you in the park that are still struggling with renovations and vendors, I sympathize. We all certainly understand that many are in the process of getting work done. But if your home is in good shape, be like Miss Rose and help Lazy River maintain its status as an outstanding co-op with tons of curb appeal.

Until next time: make every day count!

Respectfully submitted by Kirk De Vries



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Activities Team



What is the Activities group? The Activities Team supports Lazy River’s social, recreational activities and programs. We are responsible for scheduling all activities and events in the common areas. Provide guidelines for use of clubhouse and kitchen and oversee the upkeep of the clubhouse. We schedule clubs/organizations who sponsor Koffee Klatches. Activities also provides funds for special activities initiated or agreed upon by the Activities Team.

We support entertainment initiatives and programs. If you have an activity or program and need our help please fill out the Lazy River Activities Board Request to Purchase and the Activity Team may be able to help.

In January, the Activities team would like to schedule a meeting with all club leaders/activities coordinators to discuss concerns or procedures. We are hoping to have one representative from each group attend this meeting.

Our first Music Bingo was successful. Brad from Suncoast DJ Bingo will be returning the third Friday of every month. Hopefully, those just returning back to the park will join us at the next event. It is a lot of fun so please come and give it a try.

The Halloween Party was a great success. Thank you to everyone who helped make this night so successful. A great big Thank You to the Joyce and Ken Mullins for allowing us to use their golf cart. It was a big hit!

The Craft Fair went well and we are in the process of discussions for next year. Plans are in the works for the Welcome Back Breakfast in January. It will be nice to come together and see everyone back in the park. We have also reached out to Damsel in Distress and are planning a Sip and Safety night date.

Mark Your Calendar For These Upcoming Events:

- MUSIC BINGO . . . November 17, 2023 . . . 7:00pm,
- MUSIC BINGO . . . December 15, 2023 . . . 7:00pm,
- MUSIC BINGO . . . January 19, 2024 7:00pm,
- MUSIC BINGO . . . February 16, 2024 7:00pm
- MUSIC BINGO . . . March 15, 2024 7:00pm
- MUSIC BINGO . . . April 19, 2024 7:00pm
- MUSIC BINGO . . . May 17, 2024 7:00pm

WELCOME BACK BREAKFAST
 January 20, 2024
 HEALTH FAIR. . . February 9, 2024
Respectfully Submitted by the Activity Team

Schedule for Clubs for Koffee Klatch



We are looking for groups interested in hosting Koffee Klatch. Please let someone from Activities know if your group is interested in hosting..

- DECEMBER: - Boat Club
- JANUARY:
- FEBRUARY: - Wood Workers Club
- MARCH:
- APRIL:
- MAY:

Submitted by Theresa Jones

Beautification Committee

Nothing To Report

Chuck Gross

On Monday 23rd October 2023, Chuck received a “Certificate of Appreciation “ and a Tidewell Honor’s Veteran’s Pin along with a hat from the US Navy, together with a certificate of appreciation for his service during World War II.

Sadly, Chuck passed away on Friday 27th October.

Submitted by Bob Stanko



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December 2023 Birthdays

01 Cheri Case	12 Patrice Weaver	22 George Dunnells
01 Michael Kapture	13 Patrick Leverty	22 Melissa Zemla
01 Keith Lazor	13 Oren Masters	23 Lara Baessler
03 Madeleine Ducham	13 Mark Walker	23 Dianna Janes
04 Carmelle Awad	15 Marilyn Dufresne	23 Carol Klotz
04 Barbara Zbikowski	15 Ken Kareta	23 Nancy Lefebvre
05 Kathy Gallup	15 Carla Rule	23 Carol Smith
05 Karen Thompson	15 Debbie VanMassenhove	23 Trinie Vander Ploeg
05 Ginnie Wood	16 Patrick Dempsey	24 Carol Smith
06 Ernie Smiley	17 Teresa Emerson	24 Richard Witsaman
08 Bonnie Elmer	18 Roger Effner	24 Ingrid Zimmerman
08 Margaret Sibley	19 Norma Lype	25 Cheryl Gustavson
08 Kim Walker	20 Timothy Mead	27 Cynthia Bultman
11 Sherri Stanko	20 John Siebenaler	27 Pat Herrington
11 GeorgeAnne Waldron	21 Cathy Ashford	30 Richard Ciarlo
12 Duane Hackett	21 Doreen Werner	30 Barb Laetz
12 Robert Uhl	22 Fred Charest	31 Ed Brennan

Submitted by Joyce Cote



December 2023 Anniversaries

Years Married

5	Ronald and Ingrid Zimmerman
10	Clay and Janice Swenor
17	Bob and Norma Lype
23	Glenn and Connie Sewell. Over 50
24	Albert and Sharon Olmstead
30	Warren and Diane Young
31	Bud and Karen Heffley

Submitted by Joyce Cote



Note: *If you are celebrating 50 years or more of marriage and it is not recognized here, it is because I do not have the year you were married.*

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

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We had a woman who heard me speak at her community event. She had asked the question, how do I know I have a loss? I told her only a hearing test would define any loss she had.

Karen heard her share that she was coming in as a favor to her son-in-law who was frustrated enough to say, I love you and I want you to hear what I say, please get your hearing tested.

As Karen remarked, that is a great man, to know that hearing what he says is how to show him love.

The sentence that saddened Karen was when the woman said, I don't think my loss is that bad. My husband and I hear the same things, so it isn't that bad of a loss. Karen didn't point out that hearing the same could mean both of them have a significant hearing loss. That neither are hearing what others are trying to share with them.

How do you know if you have a hearing loss? You have family and friends who repeat things for you. They love you enough to repeat things.

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2. Jesus is how God would bless the nations. Jesus is a Jew, born of a Jewish woman, Mary, by the power of God’s Holy Spirit.
3. The creator God of Gen. 1:1, is the God of Israel. The creator God is the living God of all nations.
4. God’s promises to His chosen people are still valid today. “I will bless those who bless you; and I will curse those who curse you”. Genesis 12:3
5. Jesus has been given the authority to judge the nations, and includes the Jewish nation. “At the Name of Jesus, every knee shall bow”, Phil. 2:10. Jesus is the King of kings, Rev. 11:15
6. Christians are those who believe in the Son of God and Son of Man, trusting and obeying Jesus as both Lord and God. All true believers are grafted into the vine, Gentiles and Messianic Jews. John 15:1,2; Romans 11:23-26.
7. God desires to bring all believers, by faith, into one people. Romans 12:5, John 17.
8. Do you consider yourself to a Christian? Then God considers that you are grafted into the vine. You are under the new Covenant of blood shed on the cross from Jesus. In the Old Testament, God allowed for a yearly Day of Atonement which required the blood of a specific animal to be offered to God. By laying on of the hands of the one offering the sacrifice, this blood was accepted as a substitute. In the new Covenant, the old laws requiring animal sacrifices were no longer the means of forgiveness. Now God has written His laws on the heart and in the mind so that one who would confess their sins to God, not to a priest. Then by faith believe that the shed life blood of Jesus alone, God would forgive their

sins “that are past”. As a forgiven child of God, they could live a life of obedience and trust by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit then begins to train them to develop the disposition of Christ. Our times of testings are the ways we learn to respond to the Spirit’s leading or prompting.

9. If you are grafted into the vine, under the New Covenant, then you are on the side with Israel! God’s Living Word the Bible is God’s Truth about Himself.

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SPORTS

Bocce Ball



I will be back down November 14th. Will be ready to Play Bocce Ball on Monday the 27th at 9:00AM and Wednesday the 29th November at 10:00 AM. This will continue thru December on both Mondays & Wednesdays.

New players welcome, lessons provided.

Submitted by A.J. Gilson 317-902-1243

Cornhole



We started throwing our first games on October 24th. We welcomed some new players and look forward to the return of some of our regular players in the coming months. We play every Tuesday at 1:00. There are no dues to join, just show up at the Screen Room by the Bocce Courts to pick your luck of the draw partner.

Congratulations to Joyce Mullins and Fred Charest as the first week tournament winners. The second week winners were Mike Berg and Lori Smith. Third week winners were Matt Smith and Mike Berg.

We hope to see you on Tuesdays for some fun and socializing. The tournaments usually last from 1-3:30.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Respectfully Submitted by Lori Smith

Pickleball

Nothing to report



Shuffleboard



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Below are the days and times that we play.

Mondays: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Fridays: 10:00am - Noon

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Submitted by Jerry Mills

Women's and Men's - 9 Hole Golf



Well, our 9-hole golf group has restarted for the season. We welcome all golfers; men and women as well as all abilities.

This golf group is non competitive as we play solely for the enjoyment of the game and the company of the other golfers. We are playing at the Long Marsh Golf Course on Friday afternoons as we have been for the past few seasons. They have confirmed a rate of \$30 + tax for this year (cart included). If there are any new golfers interested in joining our 9-hole league at anytime, please let me know at jonesra8@aol.com or at 774-414-3074.

Submitted by Bob Jones

SPORTS

Golf – Couples League



As the deadline for submitting this article is November 9th, I am still in Ontario, watching a light snow falling outside. Perhaps the snow will make tracking deer a little easier. As the deer hunt is the reason for our arriving in Lazy River Village a little later than some of our friends, I wish my husband luck.

Our group started golfing at Long Marsh on Sunday, October 29th. That Sunday we had five foursomes, followed by seven foursomes and a threesome golfing on November 5th. I have also heard from other group members who expect to arrive in late November and early December and plan to immediately start golfing with us.

Although I will not arrive in Lazy River until the third week of November, I will organize tee times through e-mail both before and after my arrival. Our tee times are on Sunday afternoons and the green fee is \$30.00 plus tax for nine holes and a cart. 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 membership fee for our group is \$10.00 per person for the season, which I will start collecting when I arrive. The fees will be used for prizes during January, February and March and for our end-of-season party.

The only change from previous years is that one must be part of a “couple” in order to golf with our group. Previously, a single person could indicate that he or she wanted to golf with us and I would match up those people with other singles. Unfortunately, that became too difficult to organize. Now, if you want to golf with the Couples group, you must be “a couple” - two people of different or the same gender who plan to golf with each other. You may change your partner throughout the season and, no doubt, there will be times throughout the season when we

have a threesome as a result of having a visitor or a cancellation due to illness.

If you are interested in golfing with the Couples group or you have questions, please e-mail me at sharon.anderson.olmstead@gmail.com or telephone me at 613-401-3423. You do not have to be a “good” golfer to participate. A friendly personality is a better asset than a low handicap in this league.

Submitted by Sharon Olmstead

Golf - Men’s 18-Hole League



Hello, Golfers, the 2023 – 2024 season has begun. This year we are playing at Pinemoor Golf Course. A lot of our golfers are not familiar with Pinemoor. It is one of the nS. Rotunda Golf Courses. It has a totally different lay-out than most courses. It’s very long in the front and very short in the back. When all is said and done, the yardage comes out to where it should be. This is not a forgiving course if you don’t keep your ball in the Fairway.

We have a great startingn time. Each week around 10:00am, you can’t beat that. I think our Golf League is much better off playing Pinemoor this year than where we were last year playing Longmarsh. The Christmas and New Year holidays fall on a Monday, so there will be no golf those days. The 1st round we had two gret scores to report. Someone named ?Frankie shot a 72 – unbelievable, my putter finally woke up.

ill Coreia – 79.. Fred Charest will be helping us out doing the handicapping again. Thanks Fred. Welcome back everyone.

Submitted by Frankie Mangio & Fred Charest

SPORTS

Bowling (Gutter Gossip)

2024 Bowling Season

The 2024 bowling season for Lazy River will start on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at Bowland. You should be at the alley prior to 11:00 am. Practice will start at 11:15 and we will start bowling at 11:25. We will be bowling on lanes 1-10.



Mary needs to remind everyone that payment is cash or check only - no credit cards will be accepted. The price will be 13.00 and subs will pay 10.00. Team captains will collect the money from each player on their teams and turn it in to Mary at the

desk each week. The captains and Mary will "sign off" on the payment.

We are all starting off with our 2022 averages. Any new people will have to establish a new average. The bowling alley will keep track of all scores and records during the year and print them out on a weekly basis.

Any player that will be absent will need to contact League Secretary, Peggy Clay at: 317-340-7966.

All teams have been made up and the list is hanging on the bulletin board next to the craft room and will also appear be in December's Current.

<u>1. UP YOUR ALLEY</u>		<u>2. TIME TO SPARE</u>		<u>3. SPARE CHANGE</u>	
Ken Benson		Gary Clark		Larry Weise	
Mike Donovan		Bill Shaffer		Linda McGee	
Peggy Clay		Bill Jordan		Debbie Paddock	
Carol Beaudoin		Debbie York		Loren Hopping	
<u>4. BOWLING STONES</u>		<u>5. HIT AND MISS</u>		<u>6. KNOCK EM DEAD</u>	
Mark York		Connie Pommenville		Jim Goff	
Lou Rose		Ron Gabalis		Ernie Pommenville	
Kathleen Jordan		Steve Leverone		Carol Foley	
Ellen Ewen		Ellie Marrone		Ron Beaudoin	
<u>7. HOLY SPLIT</u>		<u>8. ALL PINS DOWN</u>		<u>9. BOWLER COASTER</u>	
Jim Sinatra		Ralph Clay		John Otten	
Leo Lussier		Dean Kirk		Frankie Mangio	
Roe Clark		Kathy Shaffer		Ann Donovan	
Dennis Doherty		Marie Mangio		Marsha Charest	

Submitted by Ralph Clay - President



SPORTS

Table Tennis

Our Fall Season is back with many Residents returning... Hurray.....!!

Time to come over to the Exercise Center, to the adjoining room, where the Table Tennis and Billiard (Pool Tables) are. There are paddles and balls just waiting for you to Play. The room is open from 8:00 am till 10:00 pm.



On Wednesday Nights from 6:45pm till 8:30pm a bunch of us play «partners» and enjoy a little exercise and fun. You don't have to be a Pro, we just laugh and enjoy the game.

Saturdays from 2:00pm till 3:00pm we also try to get a group together, whoever comes , then play a few rounds and sometimes go to the Pool to cool off. Come Try!!!

Submitted by Ginie Wood

Tennis Between The Lines



Welcome back new and old tennis players!

Just reminding you that there is "round robin" Monday, Wednesday, and Friday starting at 8:30am. We gather on court 2.

We are always looking for new players and we have extra tennis racquets if you need one. Hope to see you for some fun tennis!

Submitted by Maddie Ducham



A transfer took place on 04/04/2023

GUNNELS, David and Lisa

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Email: djgunnels63@gmail.com

Birthday: David 07/18 ; Lisa 05/27

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A transfer took place on 10/31/2023

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201 Martinique Rd

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Sharron 517-712-6723

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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, visits, 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. 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.

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Submitted by Rosemarie Sulzbach

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Tuesday Happenings

Please be advised that starting December 5, 2023, the Tuesday Happenings will start again. This will be an email blast for any **special** event that is being planned for the Village. All information for your event must be sent to the office by **Friday, no sooner than two weeks prior to your event.**

Looking forward to a busy season.

*Submitted by: Cheri Case -
Activity Team Member
dickcheri@gmail.com*



11th Hour, 11th Day, 11th month

***This is how you can always remember
Veteran's Day of Observance.***

Well, that is what we at LRV do every year. Unfortunately, due to Bob Stanko being in hospital, he could not prepare what he had planned. However, due to the kind of people we have here in our village, Rich Donelson stepped up and a wonderful service took place at Veteran's Island. The programme was put together, Patriotic music was played by Frankie & Marie Mangio. Posting of the Colors was next and Lou Rose hoisted the flag.

Two representatives also joined us from the North Port First Station.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present. The the star Spangled Banner was sung. Next, the Invocation by Rich Donelson, who also made a wonderful and meaningful speech.

Finally, taps was played by Frankie & Marie Mangio. Everyone was invited to get together in the Clubhouse where an enjoyable meal was put together.

What a wonderful day.

Submitted by Carol Klotz

CLUB NEWS

Bingo

Our 2023 - 2024 Bingo season is underway!



If you've been thinking about trying Lazy River Bingo to see how things are, plan on attending on Tuesday evenings!

See you there.

Submitted by Joan Rose

Dance Club



Tickets will be on sale for our Gala New Years' Eve party, beginning November 8th at Koffee Klatch. We will keep the \$10.00 per person price. We have our favorite DJ for this event. So come ring in the New Year in style and enjoy the evening with friends.

Any questions? See me – Babs Findlay, at Koffee Klatch.

*Submitted by Babs Findlay – President
120 Lazy River Road*

Lazy River Boosters

The Booster Club will be gearing up with our first Board meeting being December 11th at 10 – 1130 am in the Club House Myakka Room – all residents are welcome. Our planning will include fun events like we have had in the past for the betterment of Lazy River Village. Remember, WE are ALL Boosters!



Joannie M Maurer - Club President

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CLUB NEWS



Line Dancing

Hello again Line and Couples dancers.

Are you ready to dance again? It's that time again. It's amazing how fast the seasons roll around. I'm going to try and get through another dance season. Let's see how much we remember.

Going to start off with a brand new dance, never before seen at LRV. This dance is fun. It's called Cowboy Rhythm. Tell your friends to come on out and get some exercise. Get to hear some good music and have a lot of fun. We meet at the Clubhouse starting 5th January 2024 at 1:00pm. We dance every Friday from January through to March.

See you there, it won't be long.

Submitted by Frankie and Marie.

Newcomer's Club

Nothing to report this month



Red Hat Society

Nothing to report this month

Nickel Bingo - Daytime



Game is played on **Thursdays** in the **SUNSET ROOM**

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Boat Club



As I write this, Mike O'Connor (Vice Commodore) and the rest of the Board currently in the park, are busy preparing for the Veteran's Cruise on the Myakka (November 12th) and our Christmas party (December 14th).

Hopefully we have a good turnout, good weather, and high tides for the cruise. Preparations for the Christmas party will be finalized at our first two board meetings of the season. Those meetings were(are) on Mondays, November 6th and Wednesday, December 13th at 11:00am (right after the BOD meeting) (in the Myakka Room). Our first board meeting in the New Year will be January 2nd. Anyone interested in attending is welcome.

While the final arrangements for food and decorations at the Christmas party are not complete at this time I can tell that the entertainment will be Silver Sounds. They have entertained at Lazy River on several occasions in the past and provide a nice mix of dance music spanning from the 60's to the present. Also be reminded that our new policy regarding reserving seats/tables is:

1. Seats/tables cannot be reserved until after the doors open at 4:30pm. Reservations placed on seats/tables prior to that will be removed.
2. In order to reserve an entire table you must have 8 names on your "reserved" sheet.

Please understand that we are doing this to encourage our current members to meet and interact with our new members.

Now during these first months of our season Theresa Jones is also busy signing up both old and new members alike during the Koffe Klatches. We especially encourage our new residents to join and enjoy our monthly "meetings" (parties) and boating trips. You need not own a boat, kayak, jet ski, or any other vessel to join. In fact, the majority of our members don't.

Anyway, you should receive this some time in early December so I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are looking forward to a very Merry Christmas.

*Respectfully Submitted by
Tom VanMassenhove, Commodore*

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CLUB NEWS



Woodworking Club (Come See What We Saw)

It's December already! Each year they seem to come faster.

The annual meeting takes place next month. A date for the meeting has not been set yet as we are exploring different days and times in January to get as many members to attend it. The exact time and place will be posted on Lazy River Facebook. It will also be posted on the large white announcement board located in front of the Clubhouse.

As I write this article, Dick Case, President of the Wood Workers Club is still not moved into his home. We are hoping it takes place soon because he has to travel quite a distance to get to the Park.

Are you new in the Park? Have you seen the Wood Shop? Come up and visit us. We'd love to show you around and show you the advantages of becoming a member.

The equipment in the Shop is good or even better than any Shop you could find anywhere. During the year different classes are held on the different pieces of equipment and how to use them safely.

We would like to invite any woman who is interested to come join our Club and learn how to use the equipment and do a project you can be proud of.

This Month's Helpful Hint

If you don't have the right tools to measure an inside dimension, use a sliding curtain rod to do it. Cut off the elbows of the curtain rod and stretch it to fit the space, wrap tape to hold the two pieces together after you have measured the distance. For smaller distances make the rod smaller.

Submitted by Dan Foley

The Current Sky – October 2021

Hello, again!

December is always a good month for the Sky. Humidity is lowering, the night sky begins earlier, and the view seems to have more clarity. With a telescope, that type of sky can be good for observations of nebula, galaxies, and globular star clusters. For lunar or planetary telescopic views, stability of the atmosphere is more critical in order to see small details.

For the month of December, Jupiter will remain our favorite, as it was last month. Although the superior planet will be drifting away from Opposition (closest in distance to earth for the two planetary orbits), it will still yield a wonderful view. The best viewing for planets is always when they are close to the astronomical zenith ("high in the sky"), as there is less atmosphere to view through, rather than closer to the horizon. This holds true for all of the Superior planets (planets whose orbits are further from the sun than earth), rather than the two Inferior planets, Venus and Mercury.

As it is an evening planet this month, it will be moving closer to the astronomical zenith at a given time. Look for Jupiter in the eastern sky after dusk; it will be moving higher all night, and will be bright yellowish.

We will time some viewings in December for the best observation through the telescopes. Low magnification provides a bright, clear view, including some of its moons. Higher magnification will provide more detail of Jupiter's gaseous and turbulent bands rotating around the planet.

Look for viewing times in the LRV activity news sent out as email every Tuesday, and the telescopes will take it from there!

Till next time, Clear Skies and Good Health!

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Bloodmobile News



THANK YOU to all who donated the very needed Blood at our November 22nd Blood Drive. Also, to those that registered but were not able to give.

Donating Blood is a very necessary and lifesaving Gift we can give to all.

The Hospitals are very low on their supplies due to the shortage from the summer, and also with so much needed overseas. Generally we import most of our supply from Europe. With all the fighting and upset over there, they are in short supply as well.

January 24th will be our next Blood Drive. Hopefully we will have many back for the season and will be willing to donate. Perhaps one of those Pints will save a life, let that Pint be yours. ❤️💕

Submitted by Ginnie Wood



Happy Hanukkah!

December 7-15

Quilting

We will be having classes taught by Wanda Milankov starting in January. There will be projects for all levels. The pictures are some of last year's projects. Please let Jackie Gross know if you would like to attend Her email address is : jackiegross23@gmail.com



Submitted by Julie Headley

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COMING EVENTS



Village Dinners 2024 – Plan Ahead

If you're coming after or leaving for the holidays, arrange to get your tickets for January 27-Who Dunit Mystery dinner.

There is a murderer on the loose in LRV.

The exciting evening will include a 3 course dinner served while show - evaluating the evidence to arrest the guilty.

Tickets will be sold at Koffee Klatch in December and will go quickly. Tickets are \$15 for dinner and show.

Second dinner is March 30 Village dinner and 90s birthday party

Submitted by Trinie van der Ploeg



Christmas Concert

Katie Brooks and John Wilson will perform a Christmas concert on Friday, December 8th, at 7:00 PM, in the Clubhouse. Tickets will be available at Coffee Klatch starting in October, and the price will be \$15.00.

This concert will surely put you in the Christmas spirit as they sing many of your holiday favorites. As you know, Katie is the daughter of Carolyn Brooks, and the late Hugh Brooks, the creators of Re-Creation. Any questions should be directed to Beth Camp, 517-282 5065.



A NIGHT OF CHRISTMAS!



The Katie Brooks Christmas Show with special guest, John Wilson

Lazy River Clubhouse
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COMING EVENTS



Lazy River Village

Ladies Holiday Luncheon

THEME: "SILVER BELLES"



Wednesday, December 6, 2023

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11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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Christmas Golf Cart Parade

The Christmas golf cart parade will be
December 24th, at 4:00 PM.

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Christmas Lights



By now, all the lights are up in the village, so thank you to all the leaders and volunteers who made it happen. We are trying to find a few new spots for lights; if you have any suggestions for next year, please let us know. Gary Lynch did his amazing job on Island Point; a big “tip of the hat” to him and to the leaders for the all the various locations. We usually leave the lights up for a while after January 1 so that the late snow birds can see the lights.

We had two new additions to the Christmas light planning committee--Doreen Werner and Willie Gempp--who did a lot of work and we really needed them.



We will let everyone know when we plan to take the lights down. Again, thank you to all who volunteered to make our village look so festive this year.

*Submitted by: Co-chairs
Susan Avon and Connie Quinn*

2023 Toys for Tots Collection



It's not too late to donate an unwrapped toy for a 2-14 year old child for this years Toys for Tots program.

The box is in my lanai at 152 Bermuda Way and can be left until December 8th. If you need either money or toys picked up, please don't hesitate to call.



Thank you again for all your help over these many years.

Submitted by Chris Kamerik

Important Announcement For LRV 2024 Concerts

It saddens me to say I've had several complaints that season ticket holder's seats are being moved after they were placed the day of the programs. Because of this I feel I have no choice but to create new seating arrangements in 2024 going forward.

One of the perks for having season tickets was to be able to choose your seat the morning of the concert before its opened to the general audience.

After giving this much thought, I feel the best thing to do is have the season (priority) ticket holders come in the night before the concert to choose their seats.

The general ticket holders will be able to choose their seats after 8am the day of the concert.

I will check the seats in the morning before 8am to be sure only season ticket holder's tickets will be on the seats. Any other tickets will be removed. You will be able to pick up your tickets the evening of the concert.

If you have family or friends that have purchased single tickets and YOU have purchased Season tickets, come see me and I will have passes for them so they will be able to sit with you. This will be the only Exception.

It bothers me to have to do this but in fairness to those who have chosen priority seating, it seems to be the only answer as of now.

*Thank you for your cooperation,
Submitted by Vickie Stokes*



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