



# The CURRENT

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## President's Report



I want to welcome all our returning snowbirds as most have arrived for the season. It is nice to see our village bustling with all our activities and I certainly hope everyone enjoys the winter months in our little slice of paradise.

Our Annual Meeting is fast approaching and will be on February 8th at 10:00am. A key component is the finalization of the results of our annual election for the open BOD positions. We have three Director terms expiring this year, those held by Cheri Case, Dennis Chapple and Bob Stanko. And we have four candidates for these three openings: Cheri Case, Dennis Chapple, Bob Stanko, and Ray Thompson. Voting is open and will run until our Annual Meeting. Results will be announced in the Annual Meeting. Immediately after the Annual Meeting there will be the Organizational

Meeting of the BOD where the new BOD chooses its officers for the coming year. Officers are chosen annually following each Annual Meeting as the new BOD is selected.

We will also have one ballot item as well to repurpose the common area west of tennis court #2 (where horseshoe pits are) to be used for new Bocce courts. A vote is required solely for the repurposing of the common area, but not to replace the Bocce Courts themselves as that is part of amenity maintenance. Where Bocce is today could be turned into a picnic area with some additional picnic tables adjacent to the existing screen room.

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## Happy Valentine's Day!

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

We are continuing to work with homeowners to improve their properties and the overall appearance of the village. We are following up on homes needing globe light repairs, power washing, weeding, etc. And we now have a list of about 110 homes that need repairs of some sort and will be working to understand the homeowner's plans. Again, there is no deadline to have the repairs completed as contractor timing is difficult, but we do require homeowners to have repair plans in place. Lastly, monthly inspections in the storage yard will have begun and lease violators could lose their lease.

*Respectfully submitted by Bob Jones*

## Beautification Committee

Beautification has had a somewhat busy month. We purchased the black wrought iron fence by the gate and installed it so that anyone who tries to get into the park with a truck or car and trying to avoid the gate, cannot do so!

Paul Goerge and Barry Flowers built much needed shelves for storage in the storage area of the maintenance building. All the Christmas decorations have now found a much needed home, and there is room to spare! Thank you, Paul and Barry!

Beautification also donated \$200.00 to the Christmas Light group for supplies for next year.

Beautification has many tools and other equipment that residents may use. All we ask is that you sign it out and return it the way you borrowed it. If you break it, please replace it !

As always, Beautification picks up your beverage cans at 7:00am on Friday mornings. Please place them in a plastic bag on or under your mailbox and we will pick them up, any other aluminum you have if you put it by the curb we will take it. If you are interested in being involved and meeting great men and women volunteering their time to keep our park beautiful, come up to the maintenance building at 8:00am on Mondays.

*Respectfully submitted by Carol Basch*

## Realtor's Report



Hello, Lazy River Village Villagers,

I want to let everyone know that we are seeing upticks in showings in our MLS area. The biggest concern for the last 6 months, from all realtors who are primarily listing agents, is getting buyer agents and buyers into the door. Open houses have been hard sledding as well.

I am happy to let everyone know that I am finally putting a plan in place that mimics the late Katie V's open house strategy. For anyone who does not know Katie V, she was a beloved resident in the park who held a real estate license and dominated the Lazy River Village Real Estate. Katie, in my opinion and compliment, was a bulldog of a realtor.

I want to thank all the residents who have come back to the park and have taken the time to shine the curb appeal of their front yards. On August 15th, 2023 I thought of trimming one of my seller's (Lou and Peg Duke) front yard Pygmy date palms as a kind "Thank you for the opportunity." When I was finished, I hopped in my truck and before I got to the clubhouse, I decided to take on the project of cutting as many Pygmy date palms before the residents came back. I wanted the park to be green, I thought, "Just maybe it would help with the depression from our September storm." After an estimated 100 plus palms, 10 pounds of weight loss, getting stuck by those nasty thorns, it was time to rest. I apologize to those residents that did not get a pygmy date cut. Anyway. The curb appeal is crucial to the image of the park, 12 months a year.

I also would like to announce, I am venturing into caretaking of homes. My wife, Kristina, and my daughter, Natalie, will assist me. My end game is to bring my daughter into the park as a caretaker. She loves to garden. She has an ETSY store where she mails-out plant clippings across our nation.

Kudos to the Christmas light gang who decorated the park. Job well done!

*Respectfully, Kirk De Vries*

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## Activities Team

### Music Bingo



Hereunder are the dates that "Music Bingo" will take place. Come on out and have a great evening.

February 16, 2024    March 15, 2024  
April 19, 2024

*Submitted by Theresa Jones*

### 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.

FEBRUARY: - Wood Workers Club  
MARCH:        APRIL:        MAY:

*Submitted by Theresa Jones*

### Veterans' Island



The Memorial Island looked great for Christmas. Thanks to everyone who helped to decorate it and made it so.

*Submitted by Bob Stanko*

### Lift Assist

Who should you call if you have a **non injury** fall? I have spoken to **LIFT ASSIST** and this is the information they gave me.



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I must have looked confused so he explained. He said, "When I last saw you I remember getting coffee in the morning and my wife came in with a booming voice asking me something. I told her I heard her and she didn't need to yell. She laughed and said something like well there's a first time for everything. This morning she said something to me and I missed it. Then she looked me right in the eyes and said so slowly and loudly, "Go ask Blair to help you.. and me."

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*Mathew 1:23 God is with us.*

What would your life like if you invited Jesus to your house as a guest today. How comfortable would you be? Maybe you consider Him as a friend and would invite Him to stay longer. What would you consider a reasonable time to stay as a friend?

Would you begin to think of some changes that you should make, after all His Is God in the flesh. Would there be anything in your home that you think perhaps you need to put away, or bring out some things that would let Him know you are a “good” person and you do read the Bible? Where is your Bible, by the way?

Would Jesus ever wear out His welcome? Perhaps some of the activities you might enjoy would mean you would have to invite Him to come along. How about the other people who would be there, how

would they respond to bringing Jesus into the mix? By the time your neighbors understood who your friend/guest is would there be any resentments, sightings or whispering behind your back? Having Jesus as a friend might involve a little more than you first thought you would be willing to make. After all, this is your house.

Jesus wants to be Lord of your life. By now He might be suggesting changes that are more to His liking, trying to make your house His home. Are you willing to give Him that much control of your house, your life, in fact everything about you?

As you consider the above questions, what attitudes and feelings surface? Remember, God does not force anything upon you; but He invites you to come to Him and accept this love and His promises. Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” While Jesus might want to lead you in your lifestyle, don’t worry about your home, He already has one and He would extend to you the keys to His Kingdom of Heaven.

Consider the following: Why would you even invite Jesus to your house in the first place? You could continue meeting Him at your Church. Would you wonder if your home was good enough to entertain Him? What would you serve Him, considering His cultural preferences, etc.? After the meal what would He would want to do. Would you offer Him a drink, play cards, or watch TV? How about a time of prayer? Would He expect you to pray, too? How would you handle your cell phone calls? How would you explain that you can’t talk now because Jesus is present? How long would He want to stay? Would He mention that He doesn’t have any other plans for the night? Should you invite Him to stay for the night? I imagine that there might be quite a few things that might have to be decided before you offer Him to be your guest, and even more to be your Lord.

I invite you to come and discuss what the Bible has to say about Jesus. We meet every week at 10 in the Myakka Room of the Clubhouse. If you can’t come your prayers are welcomed.

*Submitted by Nancy Penoyar, - 941 451 4939*

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## February 2024 Birthdays

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 01 . . . . . Robert Barnhart       | 14 . . . . . Marcia Dunnells  |
| 04 . . . . . Michael Berg          | 14 . . . . . John Milankov    |
| 04 . . . . . Sheila Henning        | 16 . . . . . Rosemary Knutson |
| 06 . . . . . Betty McNulty         | 16 . . . . . Lou Rose         |
| 06 . . . . . Diane Wardlaw         | 17 . . . . . James Goff       |
| 06 . . . . . Kathleen Winkelspecht | 17 . . . . . Charles McNamara |
| 07 . . . . . Ellen Murphy          | 18 . . . . . Ineke Pratt      |
| 09 . . . . . Rebecca Graham        | 18 . . . . . Julie Weise      |
| 09 . . . . . Scott Marlow          | 20 . . . . . Len Anderson     |
| 10 . . . . . Maxine Brown          | 21 . . . . . Paul Myers, Jr.  |
| 10 . . . . . Ellen Ewen            | 22 . . . . . Tom McEnroe      |
| 10 . . . . . Dean Kirk             | 22 . . . . . Jan Peloquin     |
| 11 . . . . . James Parsons`        | 23 . . . . . Florence Powers  |
| 12 . . . . . Jeffrey Ball          | 26 . . . . . Ellen Hurley     |
| 12 . . . . . Steve Gray            | 28 . . . . . Gary Cooney      |
| 13 . . . . . Kenneth Aldrich       | 28 . . . . . Wanda Milankov   |

*Submitted by Joyce Cote*



## February 2024 Anniversaries

### Years Married

- |           |                                     |         |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| 7 . . . . | Ray and Karen Thompson . . . . .    | Over 50 |
| 10 . . .  | Ron and Brenda Dilley . . . . .     | Over 60 |
| 10 . . .  | Edward and Linda Kowalchyk . . .    | Over 50 |
| 14 . . .  | Roger and Sue Effner                |         |
| 15 . . .  | John and Teresa Emerson             |         |
| 16 . . .  | Richard and Sylvia Ciarlo . . . . . | **50**  |
| 19 . . .  | Tom and Marie McEnroe . . . . .     | Over 50 |
| 21 . . .  | Steve and Dianna Hale . . . . .     | Over 50 |
| 27 . . .  | Charles McNamara and Patricia B     |         |

*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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# SPORTS



## Bocce Ball

Nothing to Report

## Bowling (Gutter Gossip)

By the time you read this article we have finished the first week of Bowling. Due to Covid and Hurricanes this is the first time in 2 years we got to bowl. We welcome new people to come and join in the fun. Bowling is a great way to exercise and develop new friendships in the park.



We had some terrific scores on opening day. Our high scores for the Gals were: Debbie Rohlin with a 173, Linda McGee with a 165, and Sue Keeler with a 163. For the Guys we have Ken Benson with a nice 215, followed by Mark York with a 195, and Larry Weise with a 192.

If anyone would like to join our bowling league, please call Peggy Clay: 317-340-7966.

*Submitted by Ralph Clay*

## Golf - Women's and Men's - 9 Hole



Our 9-hole golf group is in full swing 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. The course has increased the rate to \$40.80 + tax for the remainder of the year (cart included). If there are any new golfers interested in joining our 9-hole league at any time, please let me know at [jonesra8@aol.com](mailto:jonesra8@aol.com) or at 774-414-3074.

*Thanks,  
Submitted by Bob Jones*

## Golf – Couples League



Our regular season, which runs from the first of January to the end of March, is off to a great start. We expect to continue to have approximately fifty people golfing on the three courses at Long Marsh Golf Course in Rotonda West. We play on Sunday afternoons with tee times starting around 1:00 p.m.

On January 1st our green fee increased from \$30.00 plus tax to \$40.00 plus tax for 9 holes of golf with 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 schedule is arranged so that each couple plays with a different couple each week, as one of our goals is to get to know our neighbors better.

The membership fee is \$10.00 per person for the season. The fees are used for prizes in January, February and March and for our end-of-season party. \$20.00 is given to the team having the lowest score each Sunday. To spread the prizes around, on the third Sunday of each month, the prize is given to the team having the highest score.

If you are interested in golfing with the Couples group or if you have questions, please email me at [sharon.anderson.olmstead@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.anderson.olmstead@gmail.com) or telephone me at 613-401-3423.

*Submitted by Sharon Olmstead*



# SPORTS

## Golf - Men's 18-Hole League

Hello, Golfers,



Most of our Golfers made it back after the holidays. We hope Butch Wells gets better and can make it back here to join us.

We had some great scores. Our champion- Rick Drullinger – 78 (Eagle); T. Norwood 75 – 7; M. Bosma – 79; B. Jones – 79; M. Kapture – 79; J. Barker – 74; F. Mangio – 76.

Playoffs will start on 02/12/2024 and run for 4 weeks through to 03/04/2024.

We will be trying a new and different system for Lazy River. Winner will be a total score for 3 rounds minus handicap in the 4 four week playoff. First 3 weeks you can miss only one week or play all three weeks and throw out highest score of the 3 weeks. You must play in the final week or you will be eliminated.

For the week of 01/08/2024 we had 13 golfers out that week. That's a Lazy River record.

*Submitted by Frankie Mangio and Fred Charest*

## Pickleball



You are never too young or too old to play Pickleball. **The youngest to ever play is ELIM CARLEY – age 5 years and the oldest to play is CONNIE QUINN – AGE 89.**



The pickleball club would like to thank Jerry Mills for his years of service as the Treasurer of the club. We wish Jerry the best as he moves on to greener pastures.

The Club held it's annual meeting January 8th and elected Rick Barnhart to replace Jerry as Treasurer. Other officers of the club consist of Co-Presidents Diane Gempp and Mark York, and Secretary Daryl Rutt.

We are discussing and choosing a new color to paint the lines on the pickleball/tennis courts to make it easier to see when the sun is shining bright.

It was decided to have one pickleball court for recreational/easy play for anyone wanting to play a more relaxed game. Generally, rotation in and out of play will stay the same except when play has many players waiting to play, we will rotate 4 players on the court at a time instead of the normal 2 players. 4 off 4 on.

Our annual Tournament and picnic is scheduled for Saturday, March 16, 2024.

Inter-park play has begun. The first meeting took place on January 12, 2024. Reports were positive and weekly meetings are scheduled on Friday afternoons at 1:00pm. Time is subject to change. Communities involved are Lazy River, Harbor Isles, Harbor Cove, La Casa, and Holiday Park. Anyone of any level is welcome to join us.

*Submitted by Mark York*



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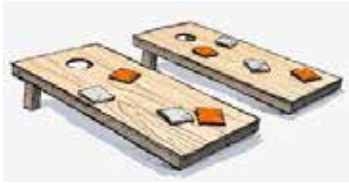
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## Cornhole



We had a break in the Tournaments over the Holidays. We wish everyone a healthy and

happy New Year for 2024.

We are doing our Super Bowl Square fundraiser. Squares are \$10.00 each. 1st, 2nd, 3rd quarters win and a forum for all you and 3rd quarters win \$100.00. End of the 4th Quarter wins \$200.00. (Overtime does not count) Stop by on Tuesday afternoons at the screen room from 1-3 to purchase a Square or at 130 Martinique. Looking forward to seeing who will be the big winners on Super Bowl Sunday on February 11th.

Congratulations to the winning team last month which was Bob Jones and Al Stellmach. Come join us on Tuesday afternoons. We meet at the screen room by the Bocce Courts at 1:00.

Happy Valentines Day!

*Respectfully Submitted by Lori Smith*



## Shuffleboard

Nothing to report

## Stretch and Strengthening

Class being on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am-10:00am at the Clubhouse,

Bring water and small towel and wear good sneakers for a fun, exciting hour of getting fit and healthy.

*Submitted by Karen Michaud*

## Table Tennis



With our crazy weather, maybe it's time to try Table Tennis (PING PONG)!! Try going to the room next to the Exercise Center and try out the Ping Pong tables located there. You will also find paddles & balls ready to use. It is open every day from 8:00am till 10:00 pm.

If you'd like some company, we play doubles or singles on Wednesday nights at 6:45pm to 8:00pm and also on Saturdays from 2:00pm till 3:00pm or longer. Sometimes, if it's hot, we head to the pool for a cool off. Ping Pong is a fun game and a great way to get some exercise and meet new residents. None of us are experts, to say the least, but it's fun and low key.

Come out and have a few laughs and good fun!!! See you there..

*Submitted by Ginnie Wood, Cooridinator*

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## Tennis Between The Lines

We play Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:00am. When the weather warms up we will start at 8:30am.



I'm seeing a lot of new faces around LRV and hoping some of you play tennis or are thinking of giving it a try, if so give us a call, we'd love to have you join us.

We play a round robin style tennis of rotating players. Its very casual and fun. I'm hoping to have at least 10 players so that we could have 4 players on court 1 playing regular sets and court 2 will be used for the more casual playing.

So come on out and join in the fun and, I might add, good exercise.

*Submitted by Susan Gilson*

# 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 residents 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: 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 Resident Directory, 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. Welcome..

*Submitted by Rosemarie Sulzbach*



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# CLUB NEWS

## Bingo

Welcome to February! This is a very special month for me!



“Why?” you ask.

Because as of February 1, 2024, Karen and Ray Thompson will officially be in charge of Lazy River Tuesday Night Bingo!!!

Thank you so much to the two of them for stepping up and taking over! I know they will do a great job.

*Signing off for the final time, Joan Rose*

## Lazy River Boosters



By the time you read this, we will have had our first “Draw and Share” evening We are hoping this event will have been a lot of fun, enjoyed by many.

Going forward we are busy planning another fun filled event, which we will be revealing once we get the plans in place.

Enjoy the warm weather, and all the fun this village has to offer!

Remember everyone in LRV is a Booster!

*Submitted by Joannie Maurer*



## Boat Club



Ahoy and Good Day! By the time this is published our new Commodore will have been installed at our Commodore’s Ball/Change of Watch “Evening of Elegance”. This event was the result of a wonderful effort by Vice Commodore (incoming Commodore) Mike O’Connor and his very understanding and supportive wife Linda. Being privy to their plans and arrangements, I’m sure it came off without a hitch and was a tremendous success. Thanks to Mike and Linda, their many helpers, and all of you who attended.

In the event this is published before February 11th I should remind everyone of our upcoming Valentine’s cruises on the Myakka starting at noon on Sunday, February 11th. They depart from the marina and there will be sign-up sheets for Captains and those that don’t have a boat but want a ride. And don’t forget our February Dinner Meeting on February 15th. Details for these and other upcoming events will be announced at KK’s and on our LRV Boat Club face book page! We had to cancel our trip to Snook Haven due to tide/weather but Bernie LaMancusa is working on others.

We continue to work on our kayak launch investigation and marine safety information that we want to post at our marina bulletin board but have run into a little snag...we can’t find the key to the case! It hasn’t been used in quite some time and we are hoping one of our past Board Members might have a hint as to where that key might be. If so, let me or Mike know.

Membership Chairman/Secretary Theresa Jones continues to sign up new members and this month we welcome the following: Steve and Janet Gray, Chip Stanko, Maya Zagorina, Welcome aboard!!!!

Now this being my last article on behalf of the club I want to thank all of you for the privilege of serving as your Commodore for the past year. I also want to thank the entire board for their support without which I wouldn’t have been able to fulfill my duties.

*Respectfully Submitted, by Tom VanMassenhove*

# CLUB NEWS

## Dance Club



Our New Years Eve Party dance was an absolute smash hit! Thank you everyone that came to support the dance club and to have a good time. Everyone said what a fine time it was. The balloon drop is always such a hit and folks enjoyed not only throwing them around but popping them as well!

The end of the evening just before the countdown I believe almost everyone was in a circle doing a spirited rendition of "To be an American" Then, of course, the traditional way of welcoming the New Year with "Auld Lang Syne". I truly believe this was one of the best parties we have ever had, no one left after 50/50??

Now on to our JANUARY dance! PLEASE, come out and support your dance club. The theme will be a fun one. TOGA PARTY!!. If it pleases you, wear a Toga, if you prefer to come in "street clothes" you are more than welcome.

Date. January 15th. Time. 7 pm to 10 pm.

Live band. Music Box Duo.

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*Submitted by Babs Findlay. President.*

## Line Dancing



In January we opened up our 2024 Dance Season. We had good attendance. Even had some new folks join us. Always like to have beginners join us. It didn't take too long to get the rust off.

Introduced a new dance – Cowboy Rhythm- It takes a while to learn a new dance. No doubt our Group will figure it out.

Dancing is a lot of fun and great exercise. Come on out and give it a try, every Friday at 1:00pm at the clubhouse.

*Submitted by Frankie and Marie Mangio*

## Nickel Bingo - Daytime



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*Submitted by Peggy Clay - 317-340-7966*



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## CLUB NEWS

### Nite Riders



I'm sorry to say I can't ride my bike with the nite riders. I would love to have someone in the Park to help me lead this club until I am able to ride again.



Anyone who would like to ride can still meet by the screen room near the bocce courts at 5:30pm. We try to ride when the sunset starts to set. We don't ride if the weather is too cold, rainy or too windy.

Please call me anytime if you have any questions and if you would like to join the Nite Riders. There is no charge, just exercise, meeting with friends and neighbors. Call me with any questions at 617-678-9569

*Submitted by Carmelle Awad*

### Red Hat Society



The "Lovely Ladies of Lazy River" enjoyed a great lunch in January, as we welcomed new members! It's NOT too late to join us in fun and fellowship with other women from Lazy River. Call Carolyn Arwood for February dates and details! We'd love to have you! 440-339-6202 (or email me at [Carolyn72@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Carolyn72@sbcglobal.net)).

*Submitted by Carolyn Arwood*

### Quilting

Wanda Milankov will be teaching a Quilt class on making a table runner. Classes started on Monday 29th January and last for 3 consecutive Mondays. Class will start at 9:00am

Samples are on display in the Sunrise room. Limited class size. For more information and to register, contact Jackie Gross via email at: [jackiegross23@gmail.com](mailto:jackiegross23@gmail.com)

*Submitted by Jackie Gross*



### Woodworking Club ((Come See What We Saw))

It's February. Have you got your better half candy, flowers or whatever she likes?

Did you go to the Annual Meeting of the Woodworkers in January and pay your dues? If not, you can stop in the Shop and pay them. If you're not a member but wish to join the Wood Shop, come on up and join.

It's the time of year when we start planning for the Annual Wood Workers Horse Race Derby. The race is scheduled for Saturday, February 24, 2024. The race has been held indoors in the Clubhouse and outside in the road near the screen house. Each location has its own favorable amenities. The exact location for this year's race has not yet been chosen, but will be made available to everyone when it is done. Mark the date on your calendar and plan on attending. Ray Demars has sold his house to his children and won't be returning to Lazy River. He was a member of the Wood Workers Board of Directors for many years. We thank him for his service.

*Submitted by Dan Foley*



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## THIS & THAT

### Bloodmobile News



Just a Reminder that there will be a Blood Drive for Lazy River Village on March 20th, 2024. The Bus will be parked near the Clubhouse entrance and be ready for donors from 7:45am till 12: 30pm.

There will be a signup sheet on the Back area Bulletin Board at the Clubhouse. Pick your time, and Please consider being a Donor!!



It is crucial for all of our local Hospitals who are very low in supply from the summer months. Your donation may be the one that saves a life or gives needed platelets to those in need, even right here in Lazy River.

This will be the last Drive for the winter months so we're very anxious to have good turnout. Come to the KK on Wednesday for Social & Info, then go and give the most needed Gift to those in trouble.

Hope to see many Lazy River residents there. Thank you

*Submitted by Ginnie Wood,  
Coordinator for Blood Drive*

### Michigan Day

Hey, all you folks with Michigan roots.



Come gather on March 3 for great food, fun and fellowship.

Our theme this year is Water Wonderland. It's a great way to celebrate new and old friendships.

Mark your calendars for March 3 from 1:00pm -3:00pm in the clubhouse. Tickets will be on sale in February at Koffee Klatch.

*Submitted by Trinie Vander Ploeg 269-686-7024*

### The Current Sky with the Telescope Guy

– FEBRUARY 2024

Hello, again!

I tend to discuss evening events for this article, as that's when I usually observe. So for this month:

February 14th: The moon, in its waxing crescent stage, will have a close encounter with the bright planet Jupiter. Jupiter will be slightly to the east of the moon, and as the evening progresses, they will come as close as 3 degrees. It should be a pretty visual sight.

February 16th: A small constellation of stars, known as the Pleiades, or Seven Sisters, will be within 3-1/2 degrees from the moon (actually, one of the Sisters – Alcyone). If you have binoculars, this would be a good place to use them to point out the other six Sisters nearby. The moon is quite bright, so you will have to look carefully.

Next month, we will talk about the upcoming total eclipse of the Sun, which occurs in April. I observed the 2017 total eclipse, dodging clouds all over south and eastern Nebraska before I had a place with a clear view. It was a phenomenal view, and this one in April will be far longer in duration. Till next time, Clear Skies and Good Health!

*Submitted by Dean M Schantzen,  
137 Martinique Road*



# THIS & THAT

## Christmas Lights



Because of the weather we had to move the take-down of the Christmas lights to Friday, January 12. Thanks to all the volunteers, especially the first-time volunteers. It was a lovely Christmas scene. Thanks to all the leaders (there are eighteen different sites

and we needed you). Thanks to the Boosters for funding over \$700 in new lights, cords, etc. And thanks to Beautification and Mayor Roy Auvil for sponsoring the after-take-down meeting.



*Submitted by Connie Quinn*

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## The Chosen

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Season 1 - clubhouse Sundays-January 28- March 10 @ 6:30 pm

Season 2 - 222 Martinique Tuesdays January 23 - March 5 @ 6:30 pm

No previous knowledge is required nor is study of 1st needed prior to attending season 2. The study connects readers to the Bible in a new way and bonds us together. Everyone is invited to attend and no preparation needed.

For more information call: Jana Mead (231-215-5737) or Trinie Vander Ploeg (616-566-3044).

## Hand and Foot Card Game

The Hand and Foot card game takes place every Wednesday from 1:00pm to 4:30pm in the Club House.



We are looking for beginners and all Hand and Foot players. There are many ways to play this card game. We will teach you any way you prefer. We welcome all players in our park to play the way they want to.

Come and join with your neighbors and friends. No cost, just fun.

Any questions, please call me at 617-678-9569 or come and see me in the Clubhouse every Wednesday afternoon at 1:00pm. I am looking for people who can help me teach 2 different ways to play.

*Submitted by Carmelle Awad*

## COMING EVENTS

### Lazy River Village Dinner – March 30

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.

Mark your calendars for our second dinner:

Saturday, March 30 - Village Dinner and birthday celebration of our Villagers reaching 90 years. Tickets are sold at Koffee Klatch in March

*Submitted by Trinie vd Ploeg*

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## COMING EVENTS

Attention Lazy River Village Residents!!!

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Please join us for this informative gathering.  
Hope to see you there!

*Submitted by Linda Deisler*

### 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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## Crossword #244F2GKU

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61	62	63	64			65			66					
67						68				69				
70						71				72				

### Down

1. Some desktops
2. High-five, e.g.
3. Sweet treat
4. Card game akin to euchre
5. Number cruncher, familiarly
6. Hindu prince
7. Air \_\_\_\_ (budget carrier)
8. He's never out of stock
9. Hot at the casino
10. Toyota \_\_\_\_4 (SUV model)
11. When doubled, a Gabor
12. Words of understanding
13. Gel
18. Dominion
22. Road map abbr.
24. Sky shade, in Saxony
26. Vein blockage
27. Combat with fighter-bombers
28. Levi's or Jordache material
29. "Night Music" playwright Clifford
30. Dairy snack
31. African lute
32. Heiress, at times
33. Having some nerve
34. Couldn't help but
38. Draft choices
40. Lamb's mom
41. Mariner's peril
44. Hansen's disease
46. Lampoon
49. With "r," a long trip
50. Acts frugally
51. Shout attributed to Archimedes
55. Part of a bedtime prayer
56. "And \_\_\_\_ goes..."
58. Sack starter
59. Emerald \_\_\_\_
60. Alternative to "ja"
61. "Don't \_\_\_\_ fool!"
62. Historic city on the Danube
63. Light bite
64. Airline to Seoul
66. I would follow these

### Across

1. "\_\_\_\_ for real?"
5. PC monitors
9. Rice-shaped pastas
14. Convention group
15. Paris playground
16. Critic Thomas
17. Indian ruler
19. Cease, at sea
20. Germ
21. Egypt's Sadat
23. Bar bill
25. Guacamole base
30. Cowardly
33. Pres. after GWB
35. Molokai neighbor
36. Actor Greene
37. Music of India
39. Milk dispenser
42. Idiot
43. "Never \_\_\_\_ moment!"
45. Is in debt
47. Morning hrs.
48. City employee
52. Area of unrest
53. Amour \_\_\_\_ (uncontrollable passion)
54. Acropolis sight
57. Terminix rival
61. Swindler's operation
65. Phrase from one who just dealt an insult
67. Mr. Howe
68. Tiny branch
69. Many-armed Hindu goddess
70. With plenty left over
71. Darth Maul's group
72. Neap anagram

(solution on page 24)



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Presented by Puzzle Baron

Rated: Medium

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7	3	1	5	2	4	6	8	9
5	4	9	8	6	1	7	2	3
9	7	6	4	8	2	3	5	1
1	2	4	3	5	6	9	7	8
3	8	5	1	9	7	4	6	2
4	9	2	7	1	8	5	3	6
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