

The Bay Laker

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Issue 81

FROM THE MANAGER

Leslee Jones

Dates to Remember:

- Feb. 2 Groundhog Day
- Feb. 7 BLEA Meeting
- Feb. 9 Woman's Club Lunch
- Feb. 12 Newsletter Articles Due
- Feb. 13 Juliets Lunch Bunch
- Feb. 14 Valentine's Party
- Feb. 17 Rummage Sale Set up
- Feb. 18 Rummage Sale
- Feb. 20 Presidents Day
- Feb. 21 Breakfast Juliets
- Feb. 23 Board Meeting
- Feb. 27 Oh-MI Club Lunch

We are getting a head start on the capital projects for 2017. The fence project and the asphalt paving project are already in for contracts. Additional street lights are also in the works as are new shuffleboard scoreboards! Keep an eye on our in house channel 196 for more upcoming information.

We are in the planning stages of our annual Manager's Resident Appreciation Party to be held on March 31st. It gets harder every year to come up with something new! Keep tuned to channel 196 for more info.

Speaking of our in house channel – if you are in charge of a party or other activity make sure that you let me know and we'll get it on the TV.

Keep on the lookout for a Comcast tip coming each month in our newsletter.

More new homes are coming in the next several weeks. The next homes delivered will be on 20 Flamboyant and 203 Carissa. It won't be long and Bay Lake will be full again.

Our "Home of the Month" award for November went to 8 Flamboyant Street and December went to 51 Orange Blossom Street. They have received their \$50 gift cards! Make sure that you take a ride by these homes. Good luck to next month's winner!

Until next month!



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VALENTINE'S DINNER AND DANCE

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Time: 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Wonderful dinner will be served

Dinner- Dancing- Door Prizes- 50/50

ENTERTAINMENT: THE GOLDTONES

They have entertained and sold out at Old World Restaurant and The Venice Community Center.

NEW RESIDENTS

37 Orange Blossom - Fred and Mary Samples - owners

64 Hyacinth - Elizabeth Davis - owner

152 Oleander - Angelia Coffman - owner

156 Oleander - Robert Boehme - annual renter

182 Oleander - Tanua Lawrence and Michael Larocco - annual renters

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The slate of directors listed below have been nominated to run for a Director's position of the Bay Lakes Estates, Nokomis, Inc.

Board of Directors for the 2017-2018:

Joyce Martin

The election of directors will be Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee

Posted 1/6/17

CHRISTMAS DINNER 2016

Barb Hickey

On Sunday, December 25, our annual Christmas dinner was held at the clubhouse.

Including meal delivered to several shut ins, 98 people were served.

A big thanks for all the help including the men who set up tables, those helping to prepare and serve the food. Also those who delivered to shut ins, the 50/50 drawing and those that helped with cleanup.

A special thanks to our veterans who donated all the crafts. They have been working on them throughout the year. These were given as prizes.

WE ARE A SMALL COMMUNITY AND HAVE MANY WALKERS PLEASE ADHERE TO THE SPEED LIMIT OF 15 MILES AN HOUR.



MEDICAL SHED

Donna & Jerry Loveless are back from being North for the summer and will resume being in charge of the medical shed.

It has wheelchairs, walkers, bicycles, toilet seats, bath seats, etc.

Items you might need or can use if you have company with children. If you need anything, please call 941-484-4089.

A big THANK YOU to Keith and Diane Steare for taking care of the medical shed this past summer.



COMPUTER CLINIC

by Steve Rollison

If you are a new Bay Lake resident you may not know about a tremendous benefit of living here.

Every Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:00 o'clock you can get **free** support for your laptop computer, electronic tablet, or smartphone. Just bring your device to the clubhouse and Susan Rollison, Herb Van Dyke, Steve Limkemann or I will try to diagnose whatever problems you may be experiencing, fix them, and answer any questions you have. (We're almost always successful in our efforts!)

If you're having problems with a desktop computer, or your schedule prevents you from meeting on Wednesday afternoons, we are also available for house calls. Our phone numbers are in the resident directory.

DOG TRAINING

Barb Hickey



I began FREE dog training in January. We have the training in the Bone Yard on Oleander St. at 10 a. m. every Wednesday. All dogs and their owners are welcome. No dog is too old or young to get socialized. Please wear proper shoes. If you have any questions call Barb Hickey 941-445-4287

HELP HOSPITALIZED VETERANS USA

There are craft kits available for Veterans. The free Craft and Art kits are: number painting, moccasins, model cars, leather kits, etc. You must have a VA card as proof of veteran. You are eligible to receive two kits. • TIME: 9-12 • WHERE: Bay Lake Estates Mobile Home Park Club House WHEN: 2nd, and 4th Tuesday of every month.



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JULIETS LUNCH BUNCH

All the women of the park are invited to join the Juliets Lunch Bunch location to be announced on Monday February 13, 2017 at 1:00 pm. It will be a fun time to get together with your friends and meet new residents.



JULIETS BREAKFAST CLUB

Tuesday February 21st 9:30 at Joseph's diner on 41 in Nokomis.

Sign up sheet will be on the counter any questions call Sylvia at 480-0208

RUMMAGE SALE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2017 FROM 8:30AM TO 12:30PM

Table set-up will be Thursday at 9:30 am.

The shed will be emptied Friday at 9:00 am

Items will be picked up at curb side if you are unable to bring them to the clubhouse. Or you can call Dave 419-215-4733 or Rosemary 419-260-2451

There is a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse for all departments.

We always need help so please sign up for the area you would like to work.

The proceeds from the sale pay for our entertainment throughout the year.

COME ONE - COME ALL!!

Don't forget the Women's Club has a bake sale that day. Bake your favorite cookies, cake, fudge, etc. Also, come down and shop. See you all then.

Rosemary and Dave Baumgartner



BAY LAKE ESTATES

MONTHLY MEETING DATES

coffee & donuts served 30 minutes before the start of Association meetings

Association Tue 9:30 a.m. Feb 7

BOD Thr 9:00 a.m. Feb 23

Association Tue 7:00 p.m. Mar 7 - Elections

BOD Thr 9:00 a.m. Mar 30

Association Tue 9:30 a.m. Apr 4

BOD Thr 9:00 a.m. Apr 27

Association Tue 7:00 p.m. May 2

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Barb Hickey

On Saturday, December 31, a New Year's Eve Party was held from 7 to 10 pm. For those who were there, a good time was had by all. Lots of food, drinks and camaraderie.

A big thanks you to Ron and Jane Ann Miller for providing the music.

Awesome time!





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WOMAN'S CLUB SALAD LUNCH

Susan Rollison

The next Woman's Club luncheon will be held on Thursday, February 9th at 12:00 noon at the club house. This will be our annual "Salad" luncheon and "White Elephant/Chinese Auction" affair. There is NO cost for this luncheon. This is a "salad" pot luck; everyone brings a salad (enough for 6 people) to share. Dessert, coffee & punch will be provided. Also, please donate an item for the white elephant sale. (It can be anything... an item you don't use anymore or are tired of, or something you're re-gifting from Christmas). There will be a sign-up sheet for the luncheon in the club house.

Bay Lake Woman's Club is open to ALL women in the park or visiting the park. It is a "social" group and there are no dues. If you are new to the park, or renting a home for the season please join in and meet your neighbors and make new friends!

PLANTS AND POTS

Carol Gilchrist

What a wonderful team in our back yard on January 4th and 5th. This great group of ladies planted as fast as I could dig them. Helen Stephens, Helen Baker, Susan Adkins, Katie Lueck, Toni Liberman, Karen Linkemann, Judy Gerage, Penny Bucsek, Mary Depto, Marni Williamson, Raylene Baugh and Brenda Duplante. New friendships were formed and there will be many selections at our Feb. 18th rummage sale, Also thanks to Bill Buntain who dug and split a large bird of paradise from the garden.

And to Kyles Hardware for allowing Peter Morrissey to bring us paint sticks to use with the plantings.

To all of you in the park who provided pots to plant in" we are very grateful and used every one, We will continue to accept empty pots at our 186 Carissa Street carport whenever you have any.

Steve Dean - our park resident who also maintains yards in the park, provided two loads of compost dirt prior to planting day - and then made another special trip to get more when we ran out on planting day, What a guy!

Our community here is very dedicated to helping "make it happen" in so many ways.

Thank you so much. You are sincerely appreciated.



OH-MI CLUB

Janice Van Dyke & Phyllis Clifford

The OH-MI club is having lunch at Popi's on the Isle located in the Rialto Shopping Center in downtown Venice on Monday,

February 27, 2017 at 1 pm. A sign up sheet will be in the clubhouse. Everyone is welcome. Please sign up and join your neighbors for a great lunch.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

These are dates that I have that I have been told about for events that are being planned. Mark your calendar so you can attend:

- Woman's Club Luncheon.....February 9
- Valentine's Dinner & Dance.....February 14
- Rummage Sale.....February 18
- Woman's Club Luncheon.....March 16
- Beach Picnic.....March 28
- Manager's Party.....March 31

BEAT THE \$546 ANNUAL RENT INCREASE

by Steve Rollison

The Taxation and Budget Reform Commission wants your rent to increase by \$546 per year.

They proposed the repeal of the sales tax exemption on mobile home lot rentals. If your base rent is \$650 per month, for example, that works out to \$546 per year.

The Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida (“FMO”) defeated that legislative bill in 2009. They defeated a similar bill in 2003.

A few highlights of other legislative successes the FMO has achieved include limiting what park owners can pass on in taxes and utility charges to residents, maintaining park residents’ rights to conduct bingo, and preventing the surrender of the “right of first refusal” when a park owner solicits the sale of the park.

In a nutshell the FMO has saved you hundreds—if not thousands—of dollars, secured legal rights for you, and prevented other legal rights from being eroded. Say thank you.

Then sign up to become a member. It’s cheap. One year’s potential tax savings will cover your \$25 annual membership dues for 22 years!

Not only is membership cheap, it’s **important**. The FMO has been very successful in Tallahassee because their lobbyists have been able to say they represent the interests of 100,000 members. State Representatives and Senators used to come to the lobbyists (rather than the other way around) asking what they needed.

That’s not happening anymore because membership is way down. From what I can see it’s way down primarily because they aren’t very good at marketing. How long has it been since you’ve heard about FMO? Maybe never?

Because I think they provide critical services for all mobile home owners, I’ve agreed to serve as our association’s “contact person” for FMO. That means you should expect to hear little snippets from me on a regular basis about what they’re working on and what they’re achieving.

It also means you should expect to hear from me about submitting your FMO Membership Application. I’ll have the application forms with me at Bingo, Saturday Morning Coffee and the monthly Association Meetings.

As with all Association-related matters, your feedback is welcomed and encouraged. Comments here do not necessarily represent the views of the Board of Directors.

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Sylvia Richardson 480-0208

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2/20/17

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EUCHRE

Euchre will be played at Bay Lake Estates on Friday evenings at 7:00 P.M. beginning Friday, January 6th. There is a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse, and there will be a new one posted each week during this season. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Hodson at 812-371-3692.



BAKE SALE

The Women's Club will sponsor a bake sale on the day of our annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, February 18th, and all are welcome to donate baked goods (or homemade candy). Please bring your donations to the clubhouse by 8:30 A.M. the morning of the sale, and please have them on covered plates containing 2, 4, or 6, pieces each. If you have any questions, contact Connie Conley at 941-412-3444.

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WOMAN'S CLUB LUNCHEON

Joan Goering

The Christmas luncheon was held on Thursday, Dec. 15th at noon.

Forty-five ladies enjoyed a delicious luncheon of homemade Baked Chicken Salad, a vegetable, cranberry relish and desserts.

I wish to thank our greeter, Marilyn Augheron, and Patti Schinharl, who did 50/50. Other committee members were Helen Baker, Connie Conley, Carol Gilchrist, Joyce Martin, Donna Reese and Helen Stephens who did a marvelous job of serving the food.

Many thanks for all your help.

We were pleased to have as guests, Grace Gagliardi and Natalie Young.

Natalie offered to playas the ladies gathered in the clubhouse.

Grace welcomed the ladies and showed them where to place their gift exchange packages. It was so nice to see both of them.

Carol Gilchrist read the story of The Nutcracker which tied in with the theme of the luncheon and the decorations on the tables.

After the business meeting, a gift exchange was enjoyed by the ladies.

We ended the festivities with the singing of We Wish You a Merry Christmas accompanied by Natalie.

It was a lovely way to welcome in the Spirit of Christmas.



DOWN IN THE DUMPS

by Steve Rollison

Two burned out four-foot long fluorescent light bulbs have been sitting in our shed for a month because I don't know what to do with them. Do they just go in the trash? Somehow that doesn't seem safe. When we moved here, Carla or Leslee or somebody gave us a trash and recycling brochure, but I haven't seen that thing in two or three years.

I know: I'll Google it!

Son-of-a-gun – there's that brochure I was looking for! The Residential How-To Guide at https://www.scgov.net/Solid_Waste/Documents/.

That little download has everything a person could ever want to know about trash pickup and recycling in Sarasota County. Those fluorescent tubes, for example. They're considered hazardous waste and I have to take them to one of the collection centers (maps provided). Or, instead, Home Depot and Lowe's stores say they'll take them.

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Janet Ouellette 02-23
George Stuchell 02-25
David Harper 02-28
John Petropoulos 02-28
Jane Ann Miller 02-29



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Roger & Louise LaCasse 02-26
Bob & Barbara Beaulieu 02-28

We do not have everyone's birthday and/or anniversary month and date. If you had a birthday and/or anniversary in February and we missed listing you, please contact Janice at 483-1043 or jm.vandyke@comcast.net. If you are a new resident or have a phone book change, please contact Janice.



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Joan Goering



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FEBRUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 DOG TRAINING 10 AM COMPUTER CLINIC 1-3 PM BINGO 7 PM	2 GROUNDHOG DAY PINOCHLE 7 PM	3 EUCHRE 7 PM	4 COFFEE 9 AM HAND & FOOT 12:30 PM GAME NIGHT 7 PM
5	6 LINE DANCING 9:30 HAND & FOOT 1 PM	7 BLEA MEETING 9:00 AM BRIDGE 1 PM	8 DOG TRAINING 10 AM COMPUTER CLINIC 1-3 PM BINGO 7 PM	9 WOMAN,S CLUB LUNCH 12:00 PINOCHLE 7 PM	10 EUCHRE 7 PM	11 COFFEE 9 AM HAND & FOOT 12:30 PM GAME NIGHT 7 PM
12 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DO	13 LINE DANCING 9:30 HAND & FOOT 1 PM JULIETS LUNCH BUNCH 1 PM	14 CRAFTS FOR VETERANS 9-12 VALENTINES PARTY 5 PM BRIDGE 1 PM	15 DOG TRAINING 10 AM COMPUTER CLINIC 1-3 PM BINGO 7 PM	16 PINOCHLE 7 PM	17 RUMMAGE SALE SETUP	18 RUMMAGE SALE GAME NIGHT 7 PM
19	20 LINE DANCING 9:30 HAND & FOOT 1 PM PRESIDENTS' DAY	21 JULIETS BREAKFAST CLUB 9:30 AM BRIDGE 1 PM	22 DOG TRAINING 10 AM COMPUTER CLINIC 1-3 PM BINGO 7 PM	23 BOARD MEETING 9 AM PINOCHLE 7 PM	24 EUCHRE 7 PM	25 COFFEE 9 AM HAND & FOOT 12:30 PM GAME NIGHT 7 PM
26	27 LINE DANCING 9:30 HAND & FOOT 1 PM OH-MI 1PM	28 CRAFTS FOR VETERANS 9-12 BRIDGE 1 PM				

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