The Bay Laker

Issue 104

FROM THE PRESIDENT
Steve Rollison  941-375-8110

The Daunting Donut Dilemma
“Saturday Morning Coffee” at the clubhouse is important.

It is the hub of much of the HOA’s informal communications and decision making. Things often get started there, then get communicated and implemented through the formal channels: board and association meetings, our newsletter, the Event Alerts e-mails, etc.

In the summertime, Saturday Morning Coffee attendance gets pretty sparse due to snowbirds’ absences and others’ travel. Consequently, we usually don’t serve donuts during the summer. But the rest of the year the “dash for the donuts” is there on the MC’s agenda. Sometimes it’s called the “run for the buns,” but serving donuts is always a central part of Coffee.

We buy Yummies Donuts (arguably the tastiest in town) and sell them for a buck a piece. That used to be enough to cover our expenses, even though Yummies has always carried a premium price tag. Unfortunately, inflation has gradually impacted the situation greatly.

Today Yummies charges $1.35 for regular donuts, and $1.65 for cinnamon buns, fritters, and “blossom”/cake donuts. Additionally, there is a $5.00 delivery/fuel charge which, depending on the size of our order, adds another $0.16 to

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<1> Refreshments served 9:00 a.m., business starts 9:30 a.m.
<2> Elections will be held at the March 3, 2020 meeting.
<3> The Annual Meeting will be held April 7, 2020.

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$0.26 per donut. That means a donut for which we receive $1.00 costs us anywhere from $1.51 to $1.91.

Which brings us to the Daunting Donut Dilemma.

Saturday Morning Coffee is important to the HOA, and donuts have always been a central part of Coffee… but is continuing to subsidize Saturday Morning Coffee this way what we should do, or should we do something else?

• Continue at $1.00 but only one Saturday per month
• Stop serving donuts except at association meetings
• Increase the price to actual average cost, maybe $1.75
• Find a cheaper supplier, and recruit members to take turns doing pickups
• Brainstorm for another more creative solution

What are your thoughts? The board of directors needs to address this dilemma, and we welcome your input. Please let any of the directors know what you think would be the best solution.

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS
Leslee Jones

216 Flamboyant Street - Inga Raber Baughman

CRAFTS
Becki Phelps – 585-813-8625 ibgrnny18@yahoo.com

Come join us for crafts every other Tuesday at 1:00pm.

November 12th’s project - Wood Chimes. Items needed are:
A length of Beach Wood about 12” to 14” (my husband will cut wood if needed), Shells in various sizes 3” to 5” and a Glue Gun.

November 26th’s project - Embroidery Hoop Art. Items needed are:
An Embroidery Hoop 10” to 12” and White Muslin or Canvas material to cover hoop.
There will be more info on the signup sheet in clubhouse.

Please remember to sign up in the clubhouse. Any questions call Becki 585-813-8625.
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES
Susan Rollison – 941-375-8110

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS
Ken Bertch 2nd
Ginger Trent 4th
Roberta Anderson 4th
Peter Morriissetse 6th
Jo-Ann Finnell 8th
Sharon Brewer 8th
Bill Reese 10th
Colleen Fagan 10th
Boyd Brewer 11th
Rod Van Buskirk 12th
Jim Trent 13th
Patti Schinarl 13th
Susan Adkins 13th
Vicki Messier 13th
Steve Medich 16th
Jane Tankersley 17th
Sue Forbes 18th
Joyce Martin 19th
Virginia Babbitt 19th
Rosemary Baumgartner 20th
Donna Pfeiffer 21st
Sheldon Ludwig 21st
Alana (Bo) Price 24th
Fred Samples 24th
Gary Sekuler 24th
Ivy Smart 24th
Jane Shupp 27th
Barbara Brown 29th
Joyce Havens 29th

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES
Kent & Donna Mattix 6th
Jack & Judy Coe 7th
Bob & Gwen Kreidler 22nd
John & Helen Stephens 24th
Jim & Judy Gerarge 25th
George & Becki Phelps 28th
Brian & Brenda Duplante 29th

We do not have everyone’s birth and/or anniversary month and day. If you had a birthday and/or anniversary this month and we missed it, or listed it with the wrong month or day, please send a correction to ble@SusanR.com. That’s also the e-mail address to use to send your info if you are a new resident or have a phone book change.
“SUNDAES ON SUNDAYS”
RETURNS
Helen Baker  309-830-8449

A very popular event that was introduced to Bay Lake last year makes its return on November 10th…

At 6:30 p.m. HOA members can flash their membership cards and plop down a single dollar bill in exchange for a delicious hand-scooped ice cream sundae with lots of yummy toppings. Guests and non-member Bay Lake residents are welcome to join us, but their fee is double what members pay – that’s right, a whopping $2.00!

The vibe is laid back, and the emphasis is on chit-chatting, socializing, and introducing yourself to anyone you see that you don’t already know.

A sign-up sheet will be in the usual spot. Please use it as intended so we know how much ice cream and toppings to buy.

And go ahead and mark your calendar now for the second Sunday of each month at 6:30 p.m. – “Sundaes on Sundays.”

THANKSGIVING DINNER
Helen Baker  309-830-8449

Thanksgiving Dinner will be served in the clubhouse on Thanksgiving Day, November 28th, at 12:30 p.m.

ELS’s generous $500 donation will cover most of the cost of the groceries. Volunteers led by Linda Wood, Pam Priar and Helen Baker will provide the time and effort needed to turn the ingredients into the feast we’ll share. Watch for the sign-up sheet to join their preparations team; it takes a lot of help to put on one of these events.

Dinner will be free for residents, and guests will be welcome with just a $5 fee, but all must sign up ahead of time so the proper amount of food can be purchased and prepared. An announcement will be made when the sign-up sheets are ready.

COMPUTER CLINIC
Steve Rollison   941-375-8110

CLINIC CANCELLED FOR NOVEMBER 13th

Due to travel plans the Computer Clinic will not be open the 2nd Wednesday in November.

Other than that, 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 (starting just after Thanksgiving) or I will work on it to diagnose whatever problems you may be experiencing, fix them, and answer any questions you have about how to use your device. If you’re having problems with a desktop computer or smart TV, or your schedule prevents you from meeting on Wednesday afternoons, we are also available for house calls.
HOT CHICKEN SALAD RECIPE
by Diane Steare

Several people asked me for the recipe for the dish I made for the Women’s Luncheon. So here it is.

- 3 c. cooked and cubed chicken
- 3 c. diced celery
- 1 pt. Hellman’s mayonnaise
- 1 c. toasted almonds
- 1 t. salt
- 1 t. accent
- 3 T. chopped onion
- 3 T. lemon juice
- 1 c. grated cheddar cheese
- 1 1/2 c. potato chips
- 1/2 t. tarragon

Sprinkle lemon juice over chicken. Combine all ingredients except cheese, potato chips & tarragon. Pile lightly in buttered dish. Sprinkle with cheese and top with potato chips & 1/2 t. tarragon.
Bake at 450 for 20 min. Let stand for 15 min.
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Steve Rollison – 941-375-8110

Why is each of these statements about pet ownership false?

a) Leashes may not be more than 10 feet long.
b) If you don’t live in a designated “pet area” you must have a letter from your doctor stating the medical reason you need a service animal and the service(s) it provides you.
c) When your dog poops you must pick it up and properly dispose of it unless the waste is on your own mobile home lot.
d) When you move into the park with a dog or cat, or get a new one, you must provide the park with documentation of its license and of all required vaccinations. All such licenses, vaccination and records must be kept up to date.
e) Licensure and vaccination documentation requirements for guests’ pets are the same as for residents’ pets.
f) If you live in the designated pet area, you may have one or two dogs that together may weigh no more than 40 pounds.

Check your knowledge at Park Rules Quiz Answer on page 15-16.

The Park Rules are found in the prospectus. The rules lay out what is required of both residents and the park owner. Everyone is given a copy when they move in, and agrees in writing to abide by the rules. Unfortunately, few people read the rules thoroughly. Fewer still review them regularly. As a consequence, the question of “what’s allowed” comes up frequently. Providing clarity is the purpose of this monthly article.

NEWSPAPER DELIVERY
Carol Gilchrist – 941-485-7043

Hopefully you remembered to attach a clothespin to your door so the monthly Bay Laker Newspaper will not fly away when delivered.

The monthly edition is delivered to your home the first of each month – November thru April. During the summer months they are available in the clubhouse for you to pick up.

Donna Pfeiffer is our editor who prepares the issues for print which are taken to Community Media for printing. Community Media does not charge us for their printing. (They make their money by selling the ads you see within the newsletter.) When ready they are delivered to our home where Dick Feltz then packages them for delivery to you by the Bay Lake Volunteer Walkers.

These faithful walkers are: Diane Steare, Barb Ludwig, Carla Hannay, Fran Haworth, Roberta Anderson, Carol Gilchrist, Laura Connor, Ruth Doll, Roger Vorraber, Judy Gerarge, Karen Limkeman and Linda Woods. Subs are Susan Adkins and Dave Baumgartner.

Enjoy this issue and all those to come….and please remember “The Clothespin”

MEMORIAM

Former resident – Chuck Laursen passed away October 07, 2019.
Condolences may be sent to: Darlene Laursen – Unit 209 163Wayzata Blvd West Wayzata, WN 55391
FUN SOCIAL EVENTS
by Donna Pfeiffer – 941-586-2812

There are many fun activities planned and carried out by volunteer residents just like you. You can pick and choose the activities of your liking or join in on every one of them. The events give us all opportunities to create community; to get to know one another and to have some fun together. Some of us can’t make many events, while you may see others at all of them.

Please join us for one, two or all the events in the coming months. And perhaps consider reaching out to volunteer to help or even chair an event or two.

Saturday Coffee offers an excellent source of community information. In season, volunteers step up to MC and make community announcements. It is a great chance to meet the movers and shakers of our community and the people who just choose to sit back and enjoy.

Here are a couple of pictures from our last Pot Luck Pool Party. Lots of food and plenty of fun. I hope you join us for this new season of activities.
AN EARLY, HEARTY
“WELCOME BACK!”
Steve Rollison 941-375-8110

We may not always show it, but we sure miss you snowbirds!

We’re probably jumping the gun a little bit, ‘cause there are still lots of snowbirds that haven’t made it back home to Nokomis yet, but we decided it’s time to welcome y’all back with a good old-fashioned potluck dinner!

By the time you read this in the Bay Laker it’ll be only a day or two away — Sunday.

ROMEOSS Peter Morrissey – 941-488-7284

Welcome back early snowbirds. Come join us for breakfast every other Monday morning. See the sign up sheet in the clubhouse, listing the date, time and destination.

JULIET'S BREAKFAST Sylvia Richardson – 941-480-0208

We will be meeting at 9:30 on Tuesday November the 12th. As of this writing the restaurant has not been determined. The sign up sheet will be on the counter of the clubhouse with the name of the restaurant. This is an open group, so ladies come and join us.

November 3rd, 5:30 until ??? — but you’ll still have enough time to go scribble your name on the sign-up sheet under the bingo board in the clubhouse. Then you just need to figure out what you can throw together in a hurry to contribute to the communal chow-down. (Publix deli has lots of good solutions: fast, tasty, and easy.)

Yoo-hoo! You, new residents that we haven’t been around to meet yet, this is a special invitation to you, too. Sorry, we don’t stand on ceremony around here too much. You won’t be getting a formal invitation in your mailbox for another few months, but we surely would love to have the opportunity to meet you before the big crowd gets back here in another month or two.

In fact, I’d consider it a personal favor if you’d give me a call (phone number is up above) just so I could introduce myself (I’m currently the president of the HOA) and see if maybe I could reserve a seat for you at our table on the 3rd. If you don’t want to do that just sign up and show up!

Anyway… snowbird, new resident, or year-round regular… please plan on joining in and making this informal soiree a fantastic kick-off for the new season!

JULIETS LUNCH BUNCH Joan Goering – 941-485-715

The Juliet’s Lunch Bunch will be going to Stefano’s Restaurant in Englewood on November 21st. Please sign up in the clubhouse. If you have any questions, call Joan Goering.

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From a strictly financial perspective if none other, our HOA’s most important annual event is the rummage sale. Last year its profit represented 25.9% of all our revenue for the year – by far our largest single source of income.

By comparison, our second largest source of income was event ticket sales. The total sales of tickets to all events for the year represented only 18.6% of our revenue for the year.

I am happy to report two very positive pieces of news relative to the 2020 rummage sale. (Yes, the one that’s just 4 months away!)

First, we finally have a chairperson! Two of them actually. Our board vice president, Susan Adkins, and our treasurer, Joyce Martin, both agreed to serve as co-chairpersons of the rummage sale. I am confident that their capabilities, enthusiasm and commitment will enable them to make this year’s sale another successful one.

At your earliest opportunity please thank them for selflessly taking on this key role.

One of the major things both Susan and Joyce want to achieve is creating a Rummage Sale Manual that future chairpersons will find truly useful. Fortunately, the Havens–Van Buskirk co-chairs that brought super success to the 2018 and 2019 sales have already started work on the Manual and have pledged their support to Susan and Joyce.

The second piece of good news is that our inventory of sales items has been growing quite nicely so far. Please be sure to keep the sale in mind between now and mid-February whenever you have household items in good condition that you are ready to get rid of. It is very disheartening to drive through the park on trash pick-up day and see highly-sellable items set out at the street – especially when they’ve been ruined by rain the night before!

If you have anything of value to donate please phone Susan, Joyce or me. We’ll make arrangements to get your stuff into the storage shed in short order, and you’ll be making an essential contribution toward the success of this year’s rummage sale.
The Book Club will be meeting for the first time this season on November 13th at 1:00pm in the Library. If you are an avid reader and like having the opportunity to discuss the books you are reading, please join us for some spirited discussions on the 2nd Tuesday of every month in the clubhouse library. Here is again this season’s Book List and scheduled meetings.

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Does answering yes mean you have a hearing loss? No, these are just indicators. They suggest you should get a hearing test so know your baseline.

After the hearing test when I review your results with you, I will give you tips to hear better during these situations.

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TOLERANCE
by Michael Kloian – 912-547-2416

What is tolerance? Many people simply think it’s a measure of how much of something one can stand, like stress, for example. But there is another, more important definition for tolerance in today’s multicultural world. According to the United Nations, tolerance is the capacity to accept differences, respect one another and stand up for what one knows is right. The UN organization considers it one of the foundations of human rights.

This capacity is more important today than ever. In communities across America and around the world, hate crimes and other forms of intolerance are on the rise. The only way to prevent hate crimes and the pain and suffering caused by intolerance is to practice tolerance in daily living and teach it to children, the next generation.

While people may not accept the choices of others, ultimately they must learn to respect others and the way they live their lives. (In fact, many differences between people, such as race, color, language or sexual orientation, are not matters of choice and cannot be used as a basis for deciding whether people are good.)

What tolerance DOES NOT MEAN is putting up with any unwanted noise or a
person who is out of control. Some situations need to be addressed immediately.

Remember, our lease calls for ‘quiet enjoyment’ and what this means is every tenant living in BLE has the right to ‘quiet enjoyment’ of their space. If someone violates this principle or is out of control, you do not have to tolerate it. They can be reported to management for proper handling. Yes, please be tolerant, but, also considerate of your neighbors.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR
Donna Pfeiffer – 941-586-2812
Editor@BayLakeEstates.org

IMPORTANT ARTICLE DUE DATE CHANGES
Due to the holiday printing rush, we have new article submission deadlines for the December and January Bay Laker!!

All articles and information must be received no later than the 1st of each month to be included in the newsletter for the following month. That means possibly before you have even receive the December newsletter, your articles and photos must be submitted to me for the January newsletter. And as you read this newsletter, it is likely the deadline for the December newsletter has passed.

Thanks to Steve Rollison, President of our Homeowner’s Association, I am sure he sent out an email blast to remind you of the deadline to submit articles for the December Bay Laker. If you are not on Steve’s list to receive email Alerts, drop him a note, Steve@SteveRollison.com, and he will add you to the list. It is quite valuable, especially if you don’t make the Saturday Coffee announcements.

To submit articles and photo to be printed in the next Bay Laker Newsletter, email your submissions to: Editor@BayLakeEstates.org. Thank you.

PARK RULES QUIZ ANSWER
Steve Rollison – 941-375-8110

The rules about pets are listed in Section 24 of the Rules and Regulations, contained in the Bay Lake Estates prospectus. (Additionally, the Pool Rules specify that no pets are allowed in the pool area.)

Each of the Quiz statements is false.

False: Leashes may not be more than 10 feet long.

The pertinent rule is Paragraph F: “A pet must be accompanied by his owner and on a leash at all times when outside of that owner's mobile home.”

The statement is false because the rule specifies no particular maximum length.

However, any reasonable interpretation of the rule would focus on the intent of having the pet under control at all times. “Under control” would mean being able to prevent the pet from…

• dashing in front of a vehicle or bicycle;
• attacking a person or another pet;
• walking far into another resident’s yard (e.g. going near someone else’s home or flower beds).

Depending on the circumstances, having a pet on even an 8-foot long leash could be non-compliant with the rule.

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False: If you don’t live in a designated “pet area” you must have a letter from your doctor stating the medical reason you need a service animal and the service(s) it provides you.

The relevant rule is Paragraph B:
“A resident living in a designated pet area of the park […] may own one small (not exceeding 20 pounds) domestic pet…”

This rule was written years before the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) was passed in 1990. The ADA gave certain individuals many rights under federal law, including the right to have service animals go nearly anywhere with them.

Under ADA you may claim the right to have a service animal live with you in Bay Lake in an area not designated as a “pet area.” ELS is entitled to some level of assurance that you are actually entitled to claim the special rights you are claiming under ADA.

However, ELS may not require that you present medical information about yourself, nor may they require that you explain or document the specific things a support animal would be doing to assist you. Therefore, the statement above is false.

False: When your dog poops you must pick it up and properly dispose of it unless the waste is on your own mobile home lot.

The relevant rule is Paragraph E:
“Each pet owner is responsible for removing their pet’s bodily wastes from the park property. Failure to do so will be sufficient cause for permanent removal of the pet from the park.”

The statement is false because there is no exemption from picking up after your pet even if its waste is on the lot your own home is located on.

If you are a pet owner and a Bay Lake Estates resident, you are expected (and required) to be a responsible pet owner.

Because of the length and complexity of the answers to the pet rules questions, the last three false statements will be explained in next month’s Rules Quiz.

False: When you move into the park with a dog or cat, or get a new one, you must provide the park with documentation of its license and of all required vaccinations. All such licenses, vaccination and records must be kept up to date.

False: Licensure and vaccination documentation requirements for guests’ pets are the same as for residents’ pets.

False: If you live in the designated pet area, you may have one or two dogs that together may weigh no more than 40 pounds.

SHORT THANKSGIVING JOKES
by Suzanne Robinson-Jones

*What key has legs and can't open doors?
A Turkey.

*If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?
Pilgrims!

*Why did the turkey cross the road?
It was the chicken's day off.

*Why can't you take a turkey to church?
Because they use such FOWL language

*What's the best dance to do on Thanksgiving?
The turkey trot
*What do you get when you cross a turkey with an octopus?
   Enough drumsticks for Thanksgiving
*What kind of music did the Pilgrims like?
   Plymouth Rock
*How did the Mayflower show that it liked America?
   It hugged the shore

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