

# The Bay Laker

## Issue 105

### Dates to Remember:

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- Wednesdays - Computer Clinic
- Fridays - Euchre
- Saturday Mornings – Coffee
- Saturdays - Game Night, Hand & Foot

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## NEVER BEEN TO THE CLUBHOUSE?

### GOOD!!!

by Steve Rollison, HOA President – 941-3375-8110

Are you one of those folks who live in Bay Lake Estates who have never even stepped foot in the clubhouse? Good!

Granted, not all of our homeowners association members agree that it's a good thing that some people who have chosen to live here are choosing to not participate in any of the many fun social activities that our community is known for and is structured around.

Many are truly saddened by the situation. Bay Lake has been a close-knit retirement community, where entertaining activities abound and years-long friendships are the norm. Now every year health challenges prevent a few snowbirds from returning to the park or force a year-round resident or two to move into an assisted living facility.

Unfortunately, the sadness of having friends move away is exacerbated when the new neighbors taking their place already have interests and/or friends outside the park – and consequently are unlikely to become integral members of the community the way our old friends were.

So, back to the question at the top of this article: is it a good

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thing when “uninvolved” residents move in? Yes, it is, if the alternative is having residents be unable to sell their homes for a reasonable price when they’re forced to move. Or, worse, unable to sell them at all.

So, here’s my question: Are you one of the “uninvolved?” If so, may I offer two suggestions you may find beneficial?

First, knock on your neighbor’s door and introduce yourself. Are you not at home most of the time? Do you hardly ever even see your neighbors to wave hello? In that case many of us established Bay Lakers won’t feel comfortable bothering you by knocking on your door to introduce ourselves, but we’d be delighted to have you stop by to say, “We’ve never met, and I just wanted to introduce myself.”

(An important side benefit of introducing yourself to your neighbor is they’ll know who to contact if they see somebody messing with your house. And everyone here does keep an eye out for crime and mischief in our community.)

My second suggestion is that you subscribe to the Event Alerts that I send out a few times each month by e-mail. You may not be interested in reading about our Christmas dinner or Valentine’s Day dance – or even our New Residents Meet & Greet Social which will be coming up in January – but from time to time there are announcements that affect you. Like when rents are increasing and why; changes to park services like trash/recycling collection; and changes to park rules and the consequences of failure to comply.

Subscribing (or unsubscribing) couldn’t be easier. Just send me a very brief e-mail, including your name, and I’ll take care of all the details. Here’s the address:

[EventAlerts@SteveRollison.com](mailto:EventAlerts@SteveRollison.com)

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

*Susan Rollison – 941-375-8110*

### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Ginny Jo Casper	3rd
John Bleinstein	3rd
Raylene Baugh	4th
Robert Smith	4th
Louise Gascoyne	7th
George Phelps	8th
Joe Peltier	9th
Pat Cassidy	10th
Carol Gilchrist	12th
Joan King	12th
Randy Snyder	12th
Sylvia Richardson	15th
Aris Rouleau	19th
Deanna Decko	21st
Tom Poletti	21st
Donna Reese	25th
Roger Lacasse	26th
John Sventko	26th
Billie Watters	28th
Sherry Van Dyke	28th
Ron Douglas	31st
Harry Lieberman	31st



## **DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Peter & Paula Morrissey	7th
Bob & Lorna Malavolti	13th
Keith & Diane Steare	13th
Larry & Diane Brock	14th
George & Eda Young	19th

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](mailto: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.



## **WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS**

*Leslee Jones*

There are no new residents to report in this issue.

## **CRAFTS**

*Becki Phelps – 585-813-8625 [ibgrnny18@yahoo.com](mailto:ibgrnny18@yahoo.com)*

Come join us for crafts on Tuesday, December 10th at 1:00pm. The craft project is still to be determined. Normally crafts are held every other Tuesday, but, we may only have one session in December because the normal second session would fall on Christmas Eve. Check the sign up sheet in the clubhouse for more details. Any questions call Becki 585-813-8625.



## **RECYCLING CHANGES** **COMING TO SARASOTA** **COUNTY**

*[scgov.net/recycling](http://scgov.net/recycling) – 941-861-5000*

Approximately 30 years ago, Sarasota County voters approved a referendum adding mandatory recycling to the county charter. Residents living in unincorporated Sarasota County were required to recycle thing like paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, and aluminum and steel cans by separating the recyclable materials and placing them into two bins for collection. This type of collection is known as dual stream.

Fast- forward to 2019...Sarasota County is transitioning to single-stream recycling. Residents in unincorporated Sarasota County will continue to recycle many of the same materials but will no longer be required to separate the materials. All recyclable materials will be collected together in one recycling cart.

Carts will be delivered to residents between the weeks of Nov. 1 and Dec.20, 2019, and collection services for the new carts begin the week of Jan. 6, 2020. More information about the recycling program and how to use the carts will be included in a welcome kit that will be attached to your new cart.

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"I have worn hearing aids for a number of years, on and off. I say on and off because it has been off more than on with my most recent pair purchased from another provider in Venice. I had an annoying problem with feedback, which neither they nor another local provider were able to correct or alleviate. Both told me I should consider newer, more advanced models, which they would be happy to sell me. Since mine were similar, I felt they were more interested in making a sale than helping me. As a result, they wound up in my dresser drawer.

I decided to give it one more go. A friend referred me to Blair Post at Contemporary Hearing. What they said couldn't be done, was done by Blair.

No sales pitch on newer models; just a willingness to listen to and work with me.

After testing my hearing, he patiently worked with me to make adjustments to the programming. He also refitted the aids with new leads and cones. The ones I had were not sized or fitted properly and caused much of the feedback.

I was given a follow up appointment the next week at which time Blair fine tuned the programming and changed out one of the cones for another size. These were simple, inexpensive solutions to a fixable problem.

Although I was advised of charges ahead of time, no payment was collected until I was satisfied.

Although I found Blair to have an abundance of knowledge, patience and humor, his greatest attribute is INTEGRITY. He honestly wants to help. I would recommend Blair Post and Contemporary Hearing to any person desiring to improve their hearing."

*~ M.J. Bridle, Venice*

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## RUMMAGE SALE – DONATIONS & WORKERS NEEDED!

*Susan Adkins – 863-241-9895, Joyce Martin – 941-412-9663*

The rummage sale for this year is set for Saturday, February 22nd, with set-up taking place that Thursday and the residents' sale Friday. We are collecting household items in good condition between now and then, so please consider donating items which you are ready to let go. You can contact Susan Adkins, Joyce Martin or Steve Rollison and they will be glad to meet you at the shed or if you are not able to do that, they will make arrangements to pick your items up. As in the past we are not able to handle large furniture items due to space and manpower constraints.

We are new chairs for this event and ask (beg?) the rummage sale veterans, who have helped in the past to pull it all off, please help us again this year. If you haven't helped in the past we would love for you to do so. Emptying bags, boxes and getting items on the tables/racks is a great help. It's in the A/C with the added bonus of coffee and a donut! Enticing, right? A sign up sheet will be in the clubhouse a little closer to the date. Meanwhile, get those donations rolling in!



# HALLOWEEN PARTY

*Keith and Diane Steare*

by Judy Gerarge, Barbara Ludwig, Helen Stephens, Rosemary Baumgartner, Lisa Thornton, and LeeAnne Quaile. Thanks!

The annual Halloween Party was held Sunday, October 27th from 7:00 - 10:00. The band was "Twice As Nice". Attendance was 54 residents.



Best costume was the Crying Babies, Ron and Jane Ann Miller.

Door prizes were given out during the night that were donated by the following local

vendors: Winn Dixie; Captain Eddies; Tervis; All Around Tours; Bob's Twist n Shake; Pizza Hut; and Nokomis Groves. Also donating items for door prizes were Lisa Godsoe and Bill Reese.

Susan Adkins won the Candy Guess and \$78.00 was given out in 50/50 prizes.

Big thanks to committee members Chuck and LeeAnne Quaile, Bert and Gayle Russell, and Sheldon and Barbara Ludwig. Also we would like to acknowledge the help from Jim Trent and Joyce Martin for working the 50/50 and to Donna Eldridge for taking the tickets at the front door. The delicious desserts were made





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## WOULDN'T IT BE NICE?

Steve Rollison 941-375-8110



Remember The Beach Boys hit single, Wouldn't It Be Nice?

Surely you've uttered that phrase to yourself as some thought passed through your mind about life at Bay Lake. "Wouldn't it be nice if...?"

Almost everyone gets disheartened from time to time about "the ways things are," when it's clear that things could be better.

But if you aren't willing to put forth some effort to make things better, the odds are that that change you've been daydreaming about is not going to happen. And guess what. It's a lot easier to make change happen from the inside than from the outside.

Please give that some thought, because very soon there will be a nominating committee asking you to consider joining the association's board of directors. (Technically they'll be asking you to run for election to a directorship, but our history says if you run your chances of winning are pretty good.)

So, back to The Beach Boys' question. Have you said wouldn't it be nice about some aspect of life at Bay Lake?

It would be nice to make that happen, wouldn't it?

Watch TV channel 196, the clubhouse bulletin board, and your e mail (for an Event Alert) for the nominating committee's solicitation for candidates.

## WOMEN OF THE WORD

Ruth Roof - 941-484-9088



Starting January 14th, "WOW" women's Bible study will be meeting on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 at the Clubhouse. We will be studying men of the Bible.

Look for announcements at Saturday coffee.

## MUSIC WITH ANDY AND

### DONNA

Andy and Donna Takach

This is a new event put on by residents, Andy and Donna Takach. Come to the clubhouse on Saturday, December 14th from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. for karaoke, music and dancing!



## BRUSH OFF YOUR DANCIN' SHOES!!

Joyce Martin - 941-412-9663

Line dance meets every Monday at 9:30 a.m. in the clubhouse. Never line danced before? Here's your chance to learn, get some exercise and have fun. Questions? Call Joyce Martin 941-412-9663

EVERYONE WELCOME!! SEE YOU THERE!!



## ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

### NOW BEING SOLD

Jane Ann Miller – 941-483-3247

Association memberships can be purchased for \$10 per owner of a residence at BLE. Remember, only one vote per resident for elections, but each association member may vote for HOA decisions.

If you are an annual renter or occupant, you may purchase an Associate Membership for \$10. However, associate members may not vote, but we welcome your ideas and input.

Memberships will be sold at various functions: Saturday coffee, bingo, etc.

If for some reason you can't make it to the clubhouse to purchase your membership, please call and she will bring a membership card to you. Between the dates of Dec 7-29 there will be a substitute selling the tickets in Jane Ann's absence.

Those serving on the Board of Directors welcome your encouragement and support by purchasing a membership which helps support the activities within our community.



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## "SUNDAES ON SUNDAYS"

### RETURNS

Helen Baker 309-830-8449



December's Sundaes on Sundays will be held on December 8th at 6:30 p.m. If you are an HOA member, you can flash your membership card to receive a whooping ½ off. That's right 50% off. Plop down a single dollar bill and receive a delicious hand-scooped ice cream sundae with lots of yummy toppings.

Guests and non-member Bay Lake residents are welcome to join at the regular price of \$2.00 for a delicious ice cream sundae.

It's our casual little ice cream social for our community. Bring friends or come alone and introduce 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.

Mark your calendars now for the second Sunday of each month at 6:30 p.m. – "Sundaes on Sundays."

## DOG TRAINING

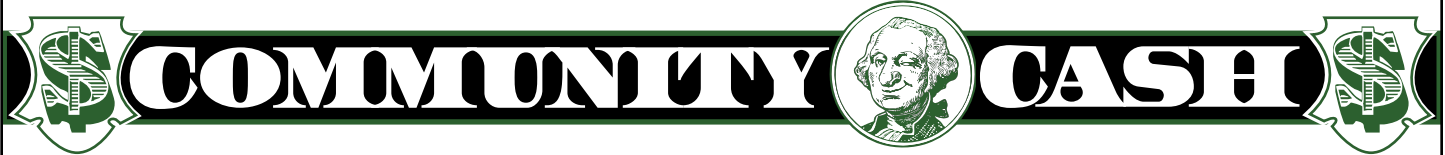
Barb Hickey – 941-445-5121

Our 10-week Dog Training course is back! So join us with your pooch in front of the clubhouse on Tuesdays beginning January 7th from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. for some dog friendly fun.





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## **ATTENTION ALL VETERANS - HELP HEAL VETERANS**

*Jesus Febres – 941-445-4630*

If you are a veteran, you are welcome to come to the Bay Lake Estates' Clubhouse every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesday each month from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. We gather to hang out and work on some projects together. Veterans healing veterans.

You are entitled to two free project kits to work on, such as building birdhouses, making moccasins, and leather project kits. You must have a VA card as proof of being a veteran to be eligible to receive the two free kits. If you know a veteran, please encourage him/her to attend. Please check with Jesus to confirm whether or not it will be held on the 4th Tuesday, as it is Christmas Eve.

## **THE SIX MOST UNSAFE DRIVING BEHAVIORS TO AVOID**

*Michael M. Kloian – 912-547-2416*

1. Improper Speed - Know the speed limit.
2. Violating Right of Way - Failure to yield & disregarding a traffic signal.
3. Driving Left of Center - Scan ahead for animals, debris or obstructions in the road. Make safe and legal turns.
4. Turning Improperly - Signal to let other drivers know what you are doing.
5. Passing Improperly - Look ahead, look behind, check blind spots then signal.
6. Following Too Closely - Three factors affect how long it takes a vehicle to stop: Perception Distance, Reaction Distance & Braking Distance.



## **KNOW YOUR PARK RULES**

*by Steve Rollison 941-375-8110*

Why is each of these statements about pet ownership false?

(Continued from last month's article about pet ownership)

1. 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.
2. Licensure and vaccination documentation requirements for guests' pets are the same as for residents' pets.
3. 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 19.

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.

## **FRIDAY NIGHT EUCHRE**

*Jane Hodson – 812-371-3692*

All are welcome on Friday nights at 7:00 p.m. to come to the clubhouse and play Euchre. If you don't know how to play, don't worry, we will teach you.

## **HAND AND FOOT**

by Rosemary Baumgartner – 419-215-4733

(Somehow this article went to print in last month's issue and it mysteriously disappeared. Perhaps it was the Halloween Goblins. So let's try this again. ~editor)

How would you like to learn how to play Hand and Foot? Have you ever played Canasta? If so, you will have no problem learning Hand & Foot.

Hand & Foot is played in our Clubhouse on Saturday's at 12:30pm and on Monday's at 1:00pm. Come and observe us and see if you would like the game. If you do we can setup a time for you to learn. Talk to Agnes Kroll, Rosemary Baumgartner or Donna Reese, we would love to see new players, women or men, new residents, snowbirds or long time residents.

Come and have an enjoyable afternoon.

## **MEMORIAM**

### ***Address Correction:***

Last month there was a typo in Darlene Larsen's address, noting the two letters for the state were WN instead of MN. Hope you caught it before addressing an envelope. Below is Darlene's correction.

Former resident – Chuck Laursen passed away October 07, 2019.

Condolences may be sent to:  
Darlene Laursen – Unit 209  
163Wayzata Blvd West  
Wayzata, MN 55391



## **GWEN KREIDLER'S SURGERY**

Joan Goering

Here's a pass-along from one of Gwen's many Bay Lake friends, Joan Goering.

Gwen Kreidler has had serious surgery and I think it would be nice to send her a card to let her know that her friends at Bay Lake are thinking about her and Bob. They hope to be able to come down in mid-December. Thoughts and prayers are being sent to them. Here is their address.

Gwen Kreidler  
109 Wellington Drive  
State College, PA 16801

## **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**

### **DINNER AT BLE**

Michael M. Kloian – 912-547-2416

As always, volunteers are needed to set up, serve and break down this year's Christmas Dinner being held on Wednesday, December 25th at 1:00 p.m.. Please contact Joyce Martin as she will coordinate all volunteers. Joyce can be reached at 941-412-9663. Kitchen help is always appreciated. Contact Michael @ 912-547-2415 if you desire to wear an apron and help prepare the food everyone will enjoy eating.

The MENU is: Spiral Sliced, Hickory Smoked, Honey Baked Ham (just like last year's delicious hams); Butter Braised & Seasoned Fresh Green Beans; Au Gratin Potatoes; Mashed Sweet Potatoes w/raisins & a hint of cinnamon; Hawaiian Rolls w/butter; Costco's delicious chocolate cake plus cheesecake slices; water, coffee and tea.

BLE residents are free, guests pay only \$5.00. Sign up sheet will be inside the Club

House. Please separate each name attending, including the names of each guest. We need an exact head count in order to properly prepare enough food without going overboard.



Come one, come all  
to the BLE

Christmas Dinner on  
Wednesday, December



25th at 1 PM. Residents are free, Guests pay only \$5 each. Please indicate who will be attending on the *Sign up Sheet* below. Separate all names, please. We need an exact head count.

The menu will be: Spiral Sliced, Hickory Smoked, Honey Baked Ham, Au Gratin Potatoes, Butter Braised fresh Green Beans, Mashed Sweet Potatoes w/ Raisins, Hawaiian rolls w/butter, cake and a variety of cheese cake slices. You may also bring your favorite dish or dessert to share. Condiments include: Horse-radish Sauce and Dijon Mustard.

It's a *Wonderful Life* at BLE!



## **BLE CHRISTMAS PARADE**

*Donna Pfeiffer*

Every year our Bay Lake Estates residents decorate their golf carts and bicycles with holiday lights and funny themes and parade around the park for all to see. Prizes are even involved. This year the parade line up will begin in front of the clubhouse at 5:30 on Thursday, December 19th. If you are not in the parade, be sure to set your chairs out in your driveway and watch the festive silliness pass-by. I am sure you will hear them coming. You might even get some candy.

## **“WELCOME BACK!” PARTY**

Although we did not see any new residents at the party, we did have a chance to welcome back many of our Snow Bird residents with lots of food, laughter and catching up conversation.



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## **JULIET'S BREAKFAST**

*Sylvia Richardson – 941-480-0208*

Due to other activities on Thursdays we are switching our Breakfast get together to Tuesday's. This month we will be going to Burgundy Square Cafe on Tuesday December 17 at 9:30. This Cafe is located on 227 Miami Ave W. A sign up sheet will be on the counter at the club house. If rides are needed, please make note of it when signing up. All women in Bay Lake Estates are welcome to join us. This is an open group.

Any questions please contact me at 941-480-0208

## **ROMEOS**

*Peter Morrissey – 941-488-7284*

Romeos is the name of our breakfast gathering for the men at Bay Lake Estates. Come join us for breakfast every other Monday morning. See the sign up sheet in the clubhouse, listing the date, time and destination.

## **JULIETS LUNCH BUNCH**

*Joan Goering – 941-485-715*

The Juliet's Lunch Bunch will be going to The Waverly in Englewood on Thursday, Dec. 19th at 1:00 p.m. Please sign up in the clubhouse. If you have any questions, call Joan Goering.

## **FOOD PANTRY**

*Sandy Richardson – 941-480-0208*



In all the hustle and bustle of the holidays, please don't forget about the less fortunate. Drop-off your non-perishable food donations and place them in the plastic crate at the right side of stage in the clubhouse. Your donations are much appreciated. Thank You!

## **NOTES FROM THE EDITOR**

*Donna Pfeiffer – 941-586-2812*

*Editor@BayLakeEstates.org*

Stolen items from the park? Let's be sure to be our own neighborhood watch. If you see something or someone looking suspicious, please notify one of the board members or Leslee, if the office is open. One of our residents informed me that their 3-wheel bike was taken from the park. We have had other whispers of seeing outsiders coming from the street behind the park passing through to get to Colonia Lane and at night. We often have a sense of safety within our community as we watch out for each other. Now that the back of the park is more vulnerable to outsiders to enter without all the overgrowth of trees and plants to hinder them, we must all be more vigilant and lock up our bikes and lock our doors.

## **IMPORTANT ARTICLE DUE DATE CHANGES**

Due to the holiday printing rush, we had **new article submission deadlines for the December and January Bay Laker!!**

**All articles and information must be received no later than the 1st of December** to be included in the January newsletter.

You are encouraged to submit articles and photo to be printed in the next Bay Laker Newsletter. Email your submissions to: [Editor@BayLakeEstates.org](mailto:Editor@BayLakeEstates.org). Thank you.



**From the Editor**

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# THE BOOK CLUB

Sharon Brewer – 724-256-0206

The Book Club will be meeting on December 11th at 1:00 p.m. in the Library. Please join us for some spirited discussions on the 2nd Tuesday of every month in the clubhouse library. This season’s Book List and Scheduled Meetings:

Title Author, (Year Published)	Discussion Date Meeting Leader
<u>The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society</u> by Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows (2008)	Ginny Babbit December 11
<u>Educated</u> by Tara Westover (2018)	Karen Limkemann January 8
<u>The House at Riverton</u> by Kate Morton (2008)	Marian Brooks February 12
<u>A Change in Altitude</u> by Anita Shreve (2009)	Jane VanBuskirk March 11
<u>Where the Crawdads Sing</u> by Delia Owens (2018)	Connie Conley April 8



# CELEBRATE NEW YEARS EVE

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Michael M. Kloian – 912-547-2416

...with the BLE family of friends and neighbors on Tuesday, December 31st from 5 - 9 PM at the Club House.

This year’s POT LUCK DINNER theme is **INTERNATIONAL CUISINE**. In other words, if you are Polish, bring a Polish dish or two (like, who doesn’t like Polish food). If you are Italian, bring Lasagna, or whatever,

but not Pizza (kidding); if you’re from Maine bring a LOBSTER dish to pass (oh, yeah). Be creative. Be unique. Allow everyone to taste your heritage. Maybe something your grandma taught you how to make (like my melt in your mouth all vegetable stuffed grape leaves grandma taught me how to make). Everyone’s grandmother knows how to cook, something. A sign-up sheet will be at the Club House. Let us sing and dance the night away, in style. Karaoke will be provided by our very own resident, Andy Takach.

Hosting the party: Donna & Andy Takach and Michael Kloian. As always, volunteers will be needed to decorate, set up tables, and clean up. Contact Michael @ 912-547-2416. Without volunteers, these wonderful community wide functions of ours would not be made possible.



**Come one, come all!  
Celebrate New Years Eve  
with the BLE family of  
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**Tuesday, DECEMBER 31st at  
5:00 pm—9:00 pm.**

**International Cuisine — Pot Luck  
Dinner at 5:00 pm (please bring  
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what you are bringing...**





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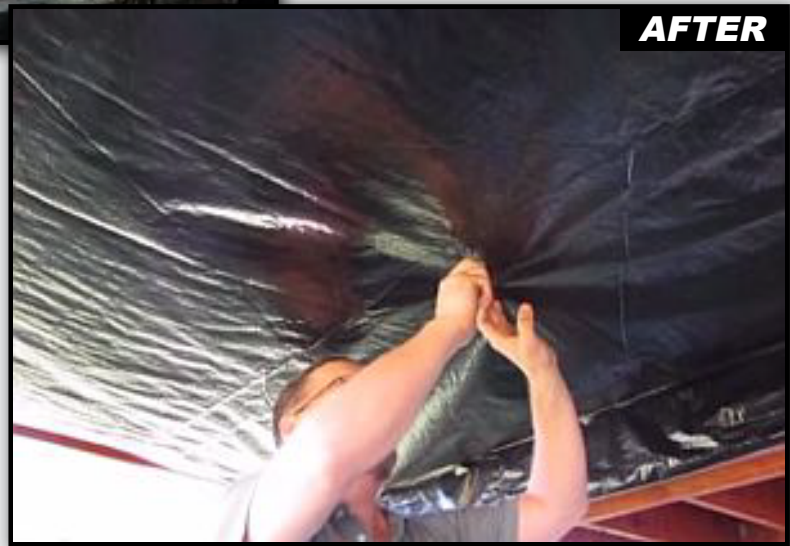
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## **PARK RULES QUIZ ANSWER**

*by Steve Rollison 941-375-8110*

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

Each of the Quiz statements is **false**.

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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.

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Paragraph C of Section 24 states “All pets must be registered with the park owner.”

When an ambiguous rule such as this exists, it is the park owner’s responsibility to clarify its meaning and specify what is necessary to comply. If the owner’s requirements became unreasonable, it would be up to the homeowners association to negotiate more reasonable accommodations or, in the worst case scenario, seek relief in the courts.

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

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This statement is false because of Paragraph G:

“No visitor's pets will be permitted in the park.”

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

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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...”

It can appear to the casual observer that ELS inconsistently enforces this rule – if it enforces it at all. Some residents have had more than one dog. Other residents have had dogs weighing considerably more than 20 pounds.

Unfortunately, federal law – specifically the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) – has made it all but impossible to know whether or not ELS is enforcing Paragraph B. ADA has changed the lives of individuals who legitimately depend on service and support animals. Unfortunately, ADA has also opened the door to abuse by individuals who choose to manipulate the rules for their own benefit, and individuals’ rights to privacy hide all the clues to assessing the legitimacy of claims.

**Please Note!** You can **never** judge whether a person has a legitimate need for a service animal – or what the nature of those services might be – just by looking. No matter how wrong a person’s use of a service animal might feel, please don’t fall into the trap of judging a situation about which you can’t possibly know all the factors. It’s not fair to that person. It’s not fair to the animal. It’s not even fair to you.



## Next month's Rules Quiz

Which one (or more) of the following may be parked in a mobile home's driveway?

1. 2019 Smart Car, 2018 Honda Civic, and 2019 BMW motorcycle (all fit on driveway completely, all owned by the mobile home owner)
2. 15-foot utility trailer
3. Pick-up truck with over-cab sleeper (fits under carport)
4. 88-inch long Yamaha SuperJet jet ski with trailer
5. All of the above
6. None of the above

## CHILI COOK-OFF

*Michael M. Kloian – 912-547-2416*

YES! It's chili cook-off time at BLE. Who makes the best chili? We'll find out soon enough. No doubt, you've been making your favorite pot-o-chili for a number of years, but now is the time to see if your chili is everyone's favorite selection. That's right, this is a chili cooking contest and we are looking for at least SIX, or more, participants to make a large pot of chili. Instead of a bowl size serving for our guests, smaller servings will suffice for those wanting to taste each contestant's favorite



recipe. And everyone will cast their vote for their favorite chili before it's all over. Sour cream will be on hand to tone down any 3 or 4 alarm pot-o-chili.

It was decided that this chili cook-off will take place the same day and time as the Meet and Greet in January (date to be announced in the January Newsletter and in an email blast from Steve).

So, if you want to enter your homemade CHILI in this awesome cook-off contest, please call Michael (yes, I will be competing) to register your favorite chili recipe @ 912-547-2416.

May the BEST chili win!

## COMCAST NEWS

*Brenda Radford*



It's December!!

Xfinity X1 customers with Xfinity Internet and an eligible xFi Gateway can now easily see their WiFi name and password without missing out on their favorite shows.

To see their WiFi name and password, customers can simply say "What's my WiFi password?" into their X1 Voice Remote. Their network information will appear at the bottom of their TV, along with Gateway and xFi Pods status when applicable. Customers can also go to the People or Devices pages of the xFi app, restart their Wireless Gateway and check Advanced Security threat information (xFi Advanced Security customers only).

Ambient Moods on Flex and X1 Now Available

Xfinity X1 and Xfinity Flex customers with an eligible TV Box (excludes RNG150 devices) and Xfinity Internet service can now access Ambient Moods, a new app that combines beautiful photos with music to help set the ambiance inside a customer's home.

To access Ambient Moods, customers can

use their remote to go to Apps > Ambient Moods and select the desired genre or mood. Once selected, music will begin to play from the TV Box and accompanying images will appear on-screen.

TCM (Turner Classic Movies) it has been moved to the Sports and Entertainment Package. Effective October 10th TCM was moved. Customers were notified in August on their bills about this move.

Why did you move Turner Classic Movies? Every month, Comcast pays programmers like networks, local TV station owners and others, for the ability to bring their programming to you. We regularly review our programming and sometimes make changes to ensure we're offering a wide variety of programming at the best value. We look at a variety of factors, including customer viewership and programming costs when making these decisions. Viewership of TCM is low, as over 90% of our customers watch less than two movies per month. Given this, we decided to move TCM to the Sports Entertainment Package, which will help us manage programming costs that are passed on to our customers while continuing to make the channel available to those who want to watch it.

Impacted customers received a customized bill message specific to their service level. Listed below is a sample bill message which lists all impacted service levels:

“Effective October 10, 2019, Turner Classic Movies (TCM) will move to the Sports Entertainment Package or the More Sports and Entertainment Package and will no longer be included with (Digital Starter, Digital Preferred, Economy Plus Latino TV, Preferred or Starter Latino TV).”



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# LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN VENICE

<b>Dec 5</b>	Annual Christmas Walk	W. Venice Ave	5:00p.
<b>Dec 6</b>	Home Alone Movie	Centennial Park	5:30p.
<b>Dec 7</b>	Christmas Boat Parade	Intracoastal Waterway	6:00p.
<b>Dec 13</b>	Friday Night Concert	Centennial Park	7:00p.
<b>Dec 14</b>	Holiday Tree Lighting	Blalock Park	4:45p.
<b>Dec 20</b>	Bridget Phillips Band	Centennial Park	5:00p.
<b>Dec 27</b>	Friday Night Concert	Centennial Park	7:00p.
<b>Every Sat.</b>	Farmers Market	Avenue Des Parques	8:00a

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# Happy Holidays!



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# DECEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec 1 Newsletter Articles Are Due	2 Line Dancing 9:30 Hand & Foot 1:00	3 Assoc. Meeting Refreshments 9:00 Meeting 9:30 Bridge 1:00	4 Computer Clinic 1-3 Bingo 7:00	5	6 Euchre 7:00	7 Coffee 9:00 Hand & Foot 12:30 Game Night 7:00
8 Sundays on Sundays 6:30	9 Line Dancing 9:30 Romeos 9:30 Hand & Foot 1:00	10 Help Heal Veterans 9am-12pm Crafts 1:00 Bridge 1:00	11 Computer Clinic 1-3 Book Club 1:00 Bingo 7:00	12	13 Euchre 7:00	14 Coffee 9:00 Hand & Foot 12:30 Music with Andy & Donna 7-9
15	16 Line Dancing 9:30 Hand & Foot 1:00	17 Help Heal Veterans 9am-12pm Breakfast Juliets 9:30 Bridge 1:00	18 Comcast 1-3 Computer Clinic 1-3 Bingo 7:00	19 Juliets Lunch Bunch 1:00 Christmas Parade Line up at 5:30	20 Euchre 7:00	21 Coffee 9:00 Hand & Foot 12:30 Game Night 7:00
22	23 Line Dancing 9:30 Romeos 9:30 Hand & Foot 1:00	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Help Heal Veterans 9am-12pm? Bridge 1:00?	25 Christmas Dinner 1:00 Computer-Clinic Bingo (Both Cancelled)	26 Board of Directors Meeting 9:00	27 Euchre 7:00	28 Coffee 9:00 Hand & Foot 12:30 Game Night 7:00
29	30 Line Dancing 9:30 Hand & Foot 1:00	31 Bridge 1:00? New Year's Eve Party / Potluck 5:00 - 9:00	Jan 1 Computer Clinic 1-3 Bingo 7:00	2	3 Euchre 7:00	4 Coffee 9:00 Hand & Foot 12:30 Game Night 7:00

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