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Dates to Remember:

Mar 2nd - Association Meeting 9:00 a.m. Mar 10th - Book Club Mar 12th -Newsletter Article Deadline Mar 14th - Sundaes on Sundays 6:30 p.m. Mar 17th - St. Patrick's Day (no event) Mar 25th - Board Meeting 900 a.m. Bingo: Wednesdays – 7:00 p.m. Saturdays (non)Coffee – 9:00 a.m.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Steve Rollison – 941-375-8110

Bay Lake's "Sinkhole?"



Have you seen the huge hole in the ground that appeared at the edge of the lake near the clubhouse?

It's not really a sinkhole – it just kinda looks like one. It's even surrounded by bright orange traffic cones to warn the unwary.

So if it's not a sinkhole, what is it? According to the engineer who evaluated the situation, it is a severe channel of erosion nearly two feet wide and several feet deep. There's a smaller one that's developing on the bank near the laundry room.

The solution, which ELS is pursuing without delay, will involve two concrete "spillways" – V-shaped troughs to carry water from roadway level down into the lake.

At press time the erosion had been evaluated by one engineering company, and their bid to construct the spillways had been received. An engineering evaluation and proposal from a second company was expected within a week. Upper levels of ELS management had been apprised of the situation, and funding of the project was expected without delay as an unbudgeted capital expenditure.



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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 stevelim@wwnet.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

Josephine Ann Macchia - 59 Hyacinth Dec:

Jan: Albert Clark - 97 Camellia Cheryl Winters - 138 Camellia Maryanne Tingley - 169 Oleander



BAY LAKE BOOK CLUB Karen Limkemann – 734-890-9229

The Bay Lake book club meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is March 10th. We will be meeting outdoors at the West end of Gardenia Street (where it borders Portia). Bring a chair and something to drink. Anyone who is interested is invited to join us. There is a sign up sheet in the club house, so we can contact you, in case we need to change the location.

The book we will be discussing in March is The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo, by Taylor Jenkins Reid, pub. 2017.

April's book is **The Vanishing Half**, by Brit Bennett, pub. 2020.



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WATER EMERGENCY MOXIE

Steve Rollison – 941-375-8110

Imagine that you just got back home from the grocery store. As you walk through the door you hear water running. In a panic you race through the house, looking for the broken water line. You can't find anything that's amiss, but that sound of rushing water is unmistakable!

Quick now – what do you do??? (Unfortunately, this is not a totally fictitious scenario. Over the years it has happened to a number of Bay Lake residents.)

So... what do you do???

You turn off the main water shut-off valve, of course.

"What's that" you say? "Where is my main water shut-off valve? Do I even have one?"

Do not wait until you hear water running before you start looking for the whole house shut-off valve. Your house does have one - it's required by code. Here are some suggestions on how to locate yours.

Locating the Valve

There are two types of shut-off valves, as indicated in the photo. A "gate valve" looks like the thing a garden hose connects to, and a "ball valve" has a straight handle coming out of it.



Gate Valve Ball Valve

Regardless of which type you have, you'll find it somewhere underneath your home, connected to the main incoming water line. More often than not, mobile home manufacturers put it nearer the back of the house than the front.

to find and reach the main valve, you'll need to deal

with the "skirting" around your home. This will be easier if your skirting is the decorative concrete block type. (That's the case with most Bay Lake homes manufactured more than fifteen or twenty years ago.) A bright flashlight will probably help.

If yours is a "newer" home, your skirting is probably the horizontal aluminum siding type. That might make finding and reaching the valve a bigger challenge. If you are lucky, there will be a section of easily removable siding nearby that you can just unscrew or slide out of the way to get to the shut-off valve. Or, there may be a vent nearby that you can remove to reach the valve. As a last resort, you may have to remove a piece of the skirting to allow you (or a handyman or a plumber) to just crawl under your mobile home to find the primary shut-off valve.

Or, if you're **really** lucky, your shut-off valve will be installed **<u>outside</u>** your home rather than underneath it. If that's the case you'll spot it very easily by just walking around your house. Look for a loop of pipe sticking out through the siding, with the valve mounted in the middle of the loop. (See photo.)



Exterior valve

Many newer mobile homes have a second main shut-off valve located near the water heater. This will be a valve located **near the floor, <u>before</u>** the water heater. It is not the valve on the pipe running <u>from</u> the water heater. You probably have to remove a panel to access the water heater. The access panel may even be located on the outside of your home. Be sure this panel can be easily removed for quick access.

Some Palm Harbor homes have an indoor whole house shut-off valve located in the laundry area that

provides unfettered access in an emergency. (See photo.)



Palm Harbor Valve

If your only means of shutting off your water is under your home or otherwise difficult to access, then consider hiring a plumber to install another shut-off valve inside your home à la Palm Harbor. Having an inside valve is a smart idea, and the moderate expense involved could pay you back thousands of dollars in avoided damage to your home and belongings.

The Next Step

It is not enough to just know where your whole house water shut-off valve is. If you don't operate it *Continued on page 6*

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occasionally, mineral deposits will gradually build up inside the valve, "freezing" it so that it won't work during an emergency.

Next month's issue of The Bay Laker will show you how to "exercise" the valve safely and correctly.

FOOD DONATIONS

Karol Ann Nickerson – 813-464-0648

Non-perishable food items are collected daily by Bay Lake Estate residents and brought to the Salvation Army food pantry on Albee Farms Road monthly. Please give what you can during this extraordinary time of increased need and reduced donations.

A collection box is under the carport at 57 Hyacinth Street and there is another one in the on the stage in the clubhouse. Please drop off a couple of nonperishables (canned, boxed foods, etc.) to be donated.



HOME OF THE MONTH

Feb: 20 Flamboyant Street



BEST CORONAVIRUS JOKES

Corny Coronavirus jokes. I must be channeling my father...

• Chuck Norris has been exposed to coronavirus. The virus is now in quarantine for 14 days.

• In Germany, they are preparing for the mutated Corona virus by stocking up with sausage and cheese. That's the wurst käse scenario.

• Whose idea was it to sing "Happy Birthday" while washing your hands? Now every time I go to the bathroom, my kids expect me to walk out with a cake.

• Social isolation has worked some kind of magic on my house. It's now looking like Las Vegas: We're losing money by the minute. Cocktails are acceptable at any hour. And nobody knows what time it is.

• I think I really am losing my mind. I would swear the dog just looked at me and said, "See? This is why I chew the furniture!"





I want to thank our friends and neighbors that supported and helped Janice while I was in hospital and rehab.

Also thanks to those who helped Jan get the home ready for me to come home wheelchair bound. And THANKS for all the cards, calls and visits (behind the masks) and for the cookies and chicken soup.







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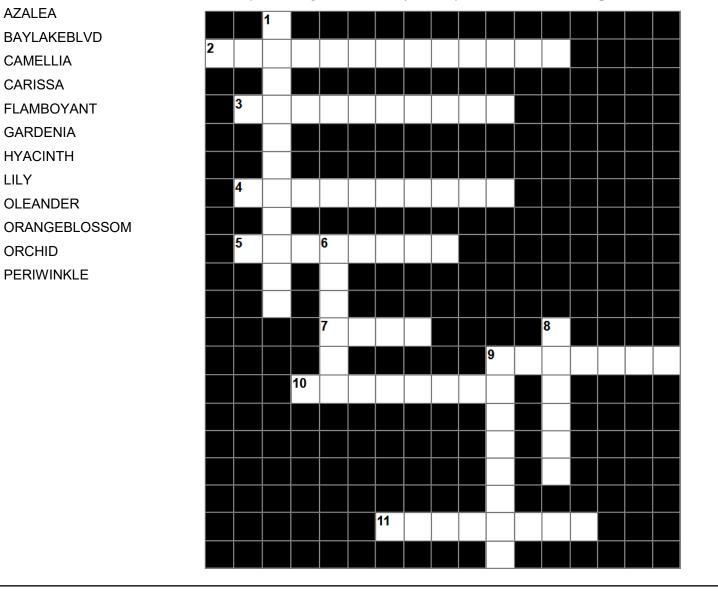


Takin' It to the Streets

Remember The Doobie Brothers? Of course you do!

This month's *Easy Crossword Puzzle* is in honor of their hit album (and titular single) <u>Takin' It to the Streets</u>. The album was released 45 years ago come this March 19th.

See if you can figure out where your Bay Lake street fits in this puzzle.









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SUNDAES ON SUNDAY

Ice cream social - March 14th at 6:30 p.m.



Please sign up on the sheet in the clubhouse so we can be sure to purchase enough ice cream and toppings for the event.

Masks (except while eating) and social distancing will be in effect.

Only one dollar for a sundae when you present your 2021 HOA membership card. Non-HOA members must pay double; a whopping two dollars for a sundae on Sunday.

'BYE, MARY SAMPLES Steve Rollison

Mary Samples is now the former resident at 37 Orange Blossom.

With husband Fred having passed on October 6th, Mary decided to leave Bay Lake to be closer to her daughter, Diana. She's now about 160 north of here, in a little community just this side of Ocala. Here's her new address:

> 4680 Bellweather LN Oxford FL 34484

Her phone and e-mail address are unchanged (and listed in the Bay Lake Resident Directory.

<u>'BYE, JOAN KING</u>

Steve Rollison

Joan King says that Kenny Rogers was right: you gotta know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em.

Unfortunately for the rest of us, after 19 years as a Bay Lake resident she knows it's time for her to fold 'em.

When announcing the news of her departure she said, "I just can't get around as well as I used to. Carrying two little bags of groceries into the house from my car means two difficult trips up the stairs - and a necessary little rest between those two trips. I can tell the time is coming soon for me to give up my car, too."

While Joan has been a very active member of the community over the years, we haven't seen too much of her lately because she's taken the prudent self-isolating approach to waiting out the Covid pandemic.

Before the pandemic, though, Joan was a fixture of all the park activities: bingo, Saturday Morning Coffee, association meetings, clubhouse dinners and events, etc. When her good friend Ginny Grunzweig passed in December, 2018, Joan honored her by taking on Ginny's role as the HOA's Sunshine Committee.

At press time Joan couldn't give us her new address, because she didn't have one yet! She had listed her beautiful home at 25 Orange Blossom Street on the Internet, and $7\frac{1}{2}$ minutes later she received a toogood-to-refuse purchase offer.

Consequently she is hurriedly searching for an independent living facility that meets her objectives. Mr. Covid is complicating that effort, too; Sarasota County won't allow developers to show their properties until construction is complete.

Joan plans to keep her current telephone numbers and e-mail address. She'll send us an update to publish as soon as she gets settled in.



NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY to all our Irish and Irish for a day neighbors.

May the Luck of the Irish be with you this month and always.

May your troubles be less and your blessings be more

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And nothing but happiness come through your door

The <u>12th</u> of the month is the deadline to submit articles for the following month.

If you would like to submit something to be printed in the next Bay Laker, please do so by the 12th of the previous month.

All articles and information must be received by the due date each month to be included in the newsletter for the following month. We welcome articles of upcoming events and photos of past BLE events, note-worthy articles of interest, your favorite recipes, stories to share, ideas for coping during this pandemic, etc.

Email all newsletter submissions to: Editor@ BayLakeEstates.org before the deadline. Thank you.



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By Karen Post

Do you know how cool your hearing aids are? I mean really, really cool.

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The new "smart" hearing aids determine sound quality in the room you are in and provide automatic adjustments. If you are in a small room and adjust the volume for louder sound, your hearing aid will remember this. After a few times of this same action on your part, your hearing aid will automatically provide sounds at the louder volume in these settings.

Imagine you drive to our office to see Blair. While you are in your car, your hearing aid is using a program to soften mechanical sounds and amplify voices. As you step out of your car and the wind tousled your shirt, your hearing switched to a program that softened the noise from the wind. Then when you entered our office and the doorbell dinged, your hearing aids changed into its primary program and began looking for voices to amplify.

When you walk down the hallway and step into Blair's office, your hearing aid switches again to decrease any echo sounds that occur in smaller areas. As I mentioned in the beginning of this article, if you repeatedly upped the volume in smaller areas, your hearing aid will automatically increase the volume to your preference.

Overtime, this hearing aid learns what you prefer in different settings and will help you hear without having to fiddle with buttons.

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BILLBOARD

Donna Pfeiffer, Editor

Welcome to our new column.

If you are a Bay Lake Estates homeowner and you are selling or renting your BLE home, you can now list it here to give your neighbors a heads up in case they are interested.

Since we are not gathering normally in the club house where we had regular access to the billboards, this space could be a valuable service for all of us.

Keep in mind, this column is only for the homeowners themselves. The details of the sale or the rental will not be included. Therefore, if you have listed your home with an agent, only your contact information will be included in this column and you will have to give the agent's information to any interested parties when they contact you. We will not be listing agent names.

If you are interested in a listing you see in this column, contact the homeowner for further details.

To list your home for sale or rent, simply send me an email, editor@baylakeestates.org and include your name, address of the listing, telephone number and whether it is a sale or rental listing, by the 12th of the month to be included in the following month's Bay Laker. Your listing will post in the following month's edition if received by the deadline. Here is our first listing:

For Sale

4 Flamboyant Street Sheldon and Barbara Ludwig (770) 500-4770



For Rent

(To list a rental here, send your info to Editor@ BayLakeRstates.org)

<u>\$250 – FOR YOU!</u> Steve Rollison – 941-375-8110

Die-hard bingo fans play for a couple of hours every Wednesday starting at 7 p.m. You're encouraged to join in the fun, too, and for just a buck you can vie for the \$250 "Magic Ball" jackpot!

Of course, you would have already known that if you had been subscribed to the Event Alerts, because the jackpot was announced in an Alert way back on January 31st!

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