

# The Bay Laker

Issue 117

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Steve Rollison 941-375-8110

### OUR LAST HURRAH(?)

The last 12 months **could** have been a lot worse for most of us here at Bay Lake – no doubt about that. But as a homeowners association we still have some work cut out for us before we can consider this all behind us.

Our biggest challenge of the past year can be summed up in two words: Rummage Sale. It impacted us in several ways.

1. Loss of the February 2021 revenue we were expecting
2. Collected items stored in the shed for the 2021 sale, impeding our ability to deal with the loss of two storage spaces due to ELS's planned demolition of sheds
3. Forced us to confront a major issue: due to aging/health and demographic issues, we no longer have the volunteers needed to hold future rummage sales – which means we're losing our biggest single source of revenue

We partially offset impact #1 by significantly reducing expenses. Our only remaining fixed expense is insurance.

We hope to additionally offset #1 by taking much of our accumulated inventory and potted plants (thanks to the Gilchrist crew) to the Eagles-sponsored rummage sale on May 15th. If you're still in town, please come support us!

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**Dates to Remember:**  
 May 4th - Association Meeting 9:00a  
 May 9th - Mother's Day Pool Party 4:00p  
 May 12th - Newsletter Article Deadline  
 May 13th - Juliets Lunch 1:00p  
 May 13th - Investment Club 4:00p  
 May 15th - Rummage Sale at Eagles (FOE)  
 May 18th - Juliets Breakfast 9:30a  
 Bingo: Wednesdays – 7:00 p.m.  
 Saturdays (non)Coffee – 9:00 a.m

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Getting ready for the Eagles rummage sale has already helped us with impact #2 by cleaning out much of the accumulated items in the rummage sale shed. Shelving has been (or soon will be) moved to our new poolside shed, giving us the ability to store a portion of the decorations we would have otherwise been forced to trash.

We have barely begun to address impact #3. The board of directors has decided to hold one more in-park rummage sale – though limiting outdoor sales to only plants.

Can we “develop” enough volunteers to continue holding rummage sales beyond 2022? Perhaps. But only if we can somehow get a portion of our new residents involved with the park. We think (assume?) that “they just don’t want to get involved” because many of them are still working and/or already have other interests that they are involved in. But, in all honesty, our outreach efforts have been sorely lacking. There have been some good reasons for that, including profound COVID-19 restrictions.

However, once we approach life without pandemic restrictions, we have only a few options. The HOA must decide which direction to head.

1. Decide that we’re **not** going to just give up, and commit to creating a bigger and better sense of community like what we had not that long ago. We’ll achieve that only by developing and implementing some strong outreach efforts. A lot of work, with no guarantee of success, and doing some things many of us aren’t comfortable doing – like knocking on doors and introducing ourselves to strangers.
2. Decide that having a smaller, less-involved community is okay. Going in that direction means evaluating the financial implications and developing approaches to living without the benefit of externally-sourced income.

3. Decide that getting back to “the way things used to be” is just not doable or is not worth the effort. This is the easiest path to follow since it requires no work, but it also produces the least satisfying results of a slow (perhaps), but steady decline into “just a place where we eat and sleep.”

Some individuals may well decide that none of those alternatives is acceptable, and will just leave this community. But the HOA cannot opt out like that. The HOA **must** decide which future to pursue.

What if instead of making a choice, the HOA says, “We don’t want to choose right now. Let’s put that decision off for another year?”

That, I’m convinced, is actually starting irreversibly down that third path.

Do you agree? Disagree? I would **love** to hear from you. Which choice do you want the HOA to make?



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# **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

by Steve Limkemann 734-419-9142

## **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Connie Vorraber
- 3 Joyce Sutton
- 3 Dena Swain
- 4 Steve Limkemann
- 6 Betty Davis
- 8 Callie Stephens
- 10 Claude Buhler
- 12 Paddy Mahon
- 12 Lisa Smith
- 13 Lorna Malavolti
- 18 Robert Bostwick
- 18 Anne Speicher
- 20 Franny Haworth
- 20 Karol Nickerson
- 22 Donna Eldridge
- 27 Bobby Brinkley
- 27 Bob Inglis
- 28 Julie LaGaipa
- 28 Linda Mitchell



## **MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 4 Kenny & Linda Nifong
- 5 Daniel & Gloria De Masi
- 6 Bruce & Kathleen Boutelle
- 9 Jolene & Tom Poletti
- 15 Mary & Timothy DeClaire
- 17 Claude & Kathleen Buhler
- 22 Connie & Joe Conley
- 24 Brian & Donna Symonds
- 30 Betty & Robert Kavanaugh
- 30 Harry & Toni Lieberman



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](mailto: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.

## **BAY LAKE BOOK CLUB**

Karen Limkemann 734-890-9229

The Book Club will not be meeting again until the Fall.



## **MOTHER'S DAY POOL PARTY**

Rosemary Baumgartner 419-215-4733

Come celebrate Mother's Day, Bay Lake style.

A Mother's Day pot luck pool party is scheduled for May 9th at 4pm at the pool. Please bring a dish to share and of course, your bathing suit.



## **JULIETS LUNCH**

The Juliets will be going to Burgandy Square at 1:00 pm on Thursday, May 13th.

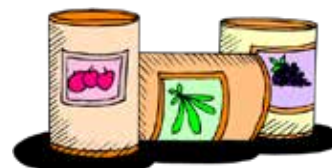


## **FOOD DONATIONS**

Karol Ann Nickerson 813-464-0648

Please drop off a couple of non-perishables (canned, boxed foods, etc.) to be donated to the Salvation Army.

A collection box is in the clubhouse on the stage and another one is under Karol's carport at 57 Hyacinth Street.

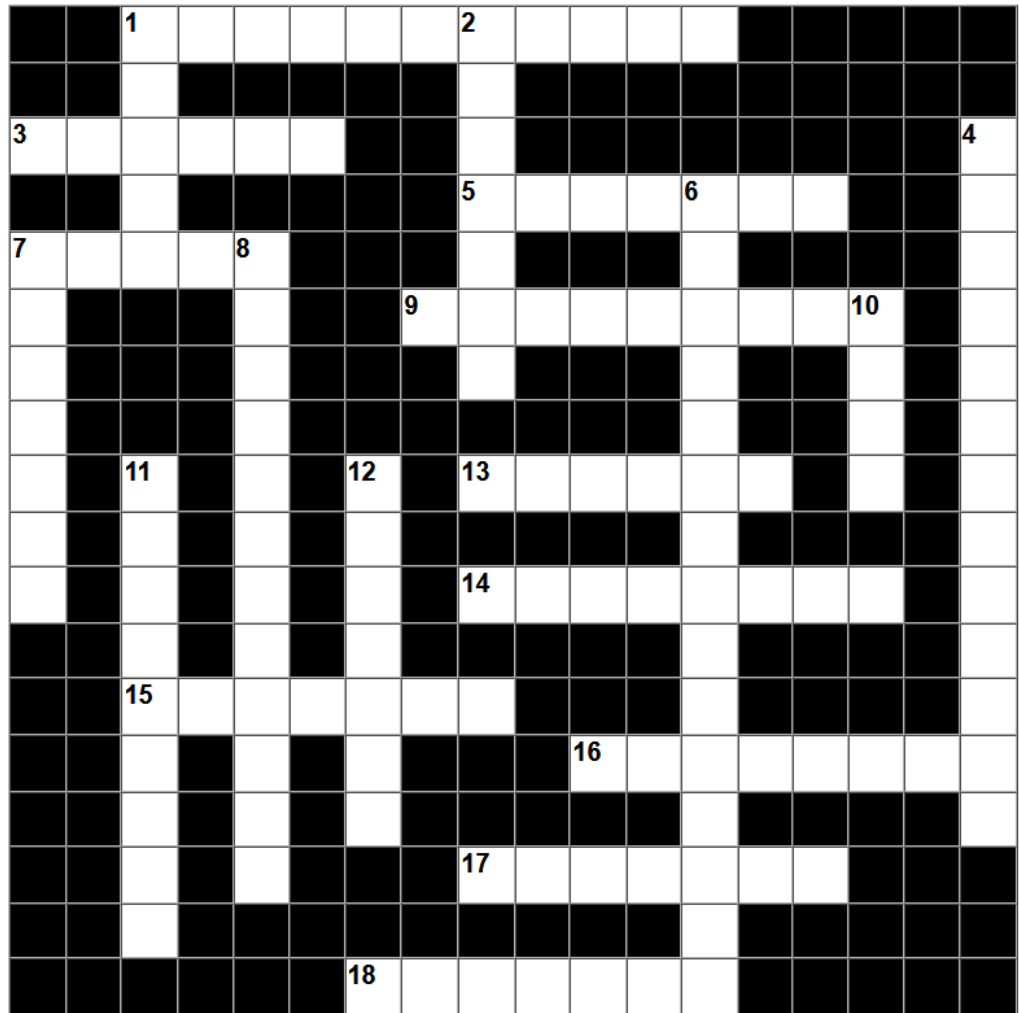


# Bay Lake Hobbies

Bay Lake residents are a diverse lot – and we certainly have our diverse interests. Some prefer sedentary activities like relaxing with a good book or catching up on email, while others prefer more active pastimes like swimming or golfing.

See if you can figure out where the twenty activities listed on the left fit in the puzzle below. Note: Crossword purists will complain that this is not a valid puzzle because three words can fit in any of three different places – so there is more than one “right” solution!

- BAKING
- BICYCLING
- BOWLING
- CARDS
- COOKING
- CORNHOLE
- CRAFTING
- CROQUET
- DANCING
- DINING
- FISHING
- GOLF
- INTERNETSURFING
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- SHUFFLEBOARD
- WALKING



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## RUMMAGE SALE?

Since Bay Lake Estates has not held our own annual rummage sale this year, the HOA has decided to rent a couple of tables at the Eagles on Colonia Lane for their collective Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 15th.



The Eagles (“FOE”) are holding a rummage sale for the benefit of children at Christmastime. They won’t be selling anything at this rummage sale. The Eagles will simply be renting tables to people like us who have stuff to sell at the rummage sale.

Please watch for the Alerts and give us a hand if you are able.

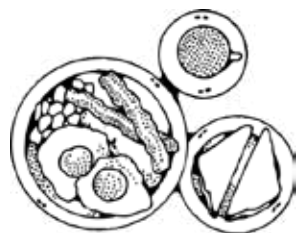
## LAST MONTH FOR BINGO

May is the last month to enjoy Bingo until the Fall. So come join us on Wednesdays this month while you still can.



## THE JULIET’S BREAKFAST

*Rosemary Baumgartner 419-215-4733*



All women residents in Bay Lake Estates is invited to join the Juliets for breakfast on Tuesday, May 18th at 9:30 am. We will be going to Eggs-

Tradinary Cafe in Nokomis.



## HOME OF THE MONTH

April’s landscaped Home of the Month prize was awarded to the owners of 67 Hyacinth Street. Congratulations and well done!



The award is a \$50 gift certificate for the efforts to beautify our community.

## BAY LAKER BILLBOARD HOMES FOR SALE OR RENT

### *For Sale*

None submitted



### *For Rent*

None submitted

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

To list your home for sale or rent, simply send an email to the editor at [editor@baylakeestates.org](mailto:editor@baylakeestates.org). Include your name, address of the listing, telephone number and whether it is a sale or rental listing. Emails received by the 12th of the month will be included in the following month’s Bay Laker.

If you are interested in any listings you see in this column, please contact the homeowner listed for further details.





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## BEST POST-VACCINE CORONAVIRUS JOKES

An elderly lady went to an urgent care office where she was seen by a doctor. A few minutes into the examination, screaming could be heard from the room and then the lady burst out, as if running for her life.

A nurse was able to stop her and get her calmed down enough to explain what had happened.

In response the nurse barged into the doctor's office and yelled at him. "Shame on you! Mrs. Smith is in her nineties, and without any compassion you just blurted out that she has the Coronavirus even though she got her vaccine. What's wrong with you?!"

The doctor calmly continued writing, barely looking up, and asked, "Does she still have the hiccups?"

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"I hate to have to tell you this," the doctor said in a soft, caring voice, "but you have unfortunately been infected by the Coronavirus even though you received the Moderna vaccine."

He continued. "We will have to quarantine you, and you'll only be fed bologna and cheese."

His patient replied, "Well, because of my symptoms I'm not surprised at the diagnosis. But what's with the bologna and cheese diet?"

"It's not exactly a diet," the doctor explained matter-of-factly, "it's just the only food that will fit under the door."



## HONOR THY MOTHER

*Michael Kloian*

Mother's Day will soon be here and it's time to honor mothers, grandmothers and celebrate great-grandmothers, like our very own Helen Baker, and many other great-grandmothers who reside in BLE. Mother's Day is a time to think about the legacies – personal and societal – mothers and grandmothers pass on to their siblings.



Historically, mothers have had a key role in building and maintaining connections across generations. Even today, they are most often the "kin keepers" in families and take the lead in passing down family stories, life lessons, and traditions. Honoring this role of mothers is part of the story behind Mother's Day – but not all of it.

Many people may believe Mother's Day was developed as a commercial holiday by Hallmark or some other company to sell cards, candy, and flowers. Or, they may believe it's a day solely to celebrate the domestic role of women in the home and family. Neither of these perceptions is accurate. Our consumerist market may have fueled the commercialism around the holiday, and the role of mothers in families is indeed important, but Mother's Day is about honoring a woman's devotion to her own family. The history of the day has its roots in honoring the broader networks, social ties, and political concerns of women. The day is about women's commitment to the past, present and future at both the personal and political levels. It honors women who have acted not only on behalf of their own children but also on behalf of an entire future generation.

The official Mother's Day holiday arose in the early 1900s as a result of the efforts of Anna Jarvis, daughter of Ann Reeves Jarvis. Following her

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mother's death in 1905, Anna Jarvis conceived of Mother's Day as a way of honoring the sacrifices mothers made for their children. On May 10, 1908, she held a memorial service at her late mother's church in Grafton, West Virginia. Jarvis sent 500 white carnations to Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in honor of her late mother, Ann. That day is considered to be America's first Mother's Day celebration. Within five years virtually every state was observing the day, and in 1914 U.S. President Woodrow Wilson made the day official, Mother's Day.

The white carnation, the favorite flower of Anna Jarvis's mother, was the original flower of Mother's Day. "The carnation does not drop its petals, but hugs them to its heart as it dies, and so, too, mothers hug their children to their hearts, their mother love never dying," Jarvis explained in a 1927 interview.

Perhaps it's appropriate that the day on which Americans celebrate mothers has an odd set of parents: President Woodrow Wilson is usually seen as the "father" of Mother's Day — for signing a proclamation on May 9, 1914, declaring the second Sunday of May "a public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country" — while copywriter Anna Jarvis is usually seen as the "mother" of Mother's Day, for creating the movement that led to the proclamation.

Mother's Day is the celebration surrounding the role of the mother in the family. It is to honor maternal bonds, motherhood and the role of mothers in our society. Although not a public holiday, it is a legal national holiday observed on the second Sunday in May in the United States. Mother's Day is celebrated across the world, in more than 50 countries, though not all countries celebrate it on the same day.

Proverbs 31:25: "She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come."

Proverbs 31:28–29: "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 'Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.'"

"Honor your father and mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you."

"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity."

"Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children."

"Honor your father and mother."

Although my mother and grandmother have long since passed, my personal memories of them will live eternally. May I suggest writing a letter to your mother and/or grandmother telling her just what she meant to you and thanking her for all the sacrifices they made. Read the letter aloud. Who knows, she may be listening.



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The happy ending is, he did come in. His wife had been begging him to get his hearing checked for a long time. Since a stranger said, "you are showing signs that you need to go see Blair". Since he admitted he might have a loss, I was able to help him hear better. Now, his wife is happier when they go out to dinner.

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## BAY LAKE INVESTMENT CLUB

Bay Lake has an investment club that meets the 2nd Thursday of the Month in the clubhouse.



The May 13th meeting time has changed to 4:00 p.m. in the club house.

New members are always welcome. If it is something you might be interested in, please join us to find out the details

## RESIDENT BUSINESS LISTINGS

*Steve Rollison 941-375-8110*

I had a gratifying conversation recently with Clayton Jacob, an Ad Sales Representative for Community Media. That's the company that publishes both our phone directory and The Bay Laker for us. They're able to do it free of charge by selling ad space to vendors who want to advertise in our newsletter.



Clayton and I were discussing the number and variety of businesses owned and operated by Bay Lake residents.

He suggested that we might want to run a monthly column that listed those business owners, their phone numbers, and a one-line description of the services or products they offer. That's something else they could do for us for free.

Sounds like a **great** idea, doesn't it?

Using as an example one of our residents who pays for a monthly Bay Laker ad, here's what one entry might look like.

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## HEARD ABOUT 2-TO-12 YET?

*Steve Rollison 941-375-8110*

One of the games that were introduced to Bay Lake residents several years ago is "2-to-12." It's a dice game that's become incredibly popular with the Game Night at the Clubhouse crowd.

Of course, you would have already known that if you had been subscribed to the Event Alerts, because 2-to-12 was one of the clubhouse activities explained in an Alert way back on April 4th!

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## THE MAY WIND-DOWN

Steve Rollison 941-375-8110

The founders of our homeowners association established our fiscal year as May 1 through April 30. That pretty closely matches the annual life cycle of Everything Bay Lake. At the end of April everything pretty much comes to a grinding halt.

That seems pretty ironic this year since activity levels were just beginning to get back to normal after a full year of pandemic-fighting isolation.

Our last HOA meeting of the year will be May 4th. (Donuts at 9 o'clock; business at 9:30 a.m.) The next association meeting will be October 5th.

The last regular board meeting was April 29th. The next one won't be until September 30th.

Bingo runs through the last Wednesday in May, then picks up again after the summer. Life doesn't come to a total stop when the snowbirds head north, though. Our first pool party will be 4:00 p.m. on Mother's Day, May 9th.

The size of the crowd participating in Game Night will shrink, but Game Night will probably expand from just Saturday to Saturday and Wednesday. 2-to-12 (dice) and Screw Your Neighbor (cards) – woo-hoo!

Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day celebrations are still kind of up in the air at this point.



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

By Claude Buhler, 72 Azalea Street

I like seeing all the winning Houses of the Month over these past years. And I think it's a great motivation for home owners all around Bay Lake Estates to beautify their homes and front yards. I usually agree with the elected winners, by not always.

Today I would like to give a shout out to my neighbors, Jim and Charly for working all year long, and practically all day long, making improvements. Please drive or walk by to check out their home at 71 Azalea Street.

You will see new grass in the front, with new trees and beautiful flowers. They have my vote for an upcoming award. We all enjoy their beautiful musical wind instruments hanging on the house for all passers-by to enjoy. It is always a pleasure to listen to them.

With this letter to the Editor, it is not my intention to criticize this wonderful tradition of The House of the Month. I want only to give recognition and my many thanks to Jim and Charly, and to extend the thanks and appreciation from so many others that have commented on their home, for all their work making Azalea Street beautiful. Thank you.



## **NOTES FROM THE EDITOR**

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

*The 12th of the month is the deadline to submit articles for the following month.*

All articles and information must be received by the due date each month to be included in the newsletter for the following month. Please email all newsletter submissions to: Editor@BayLakeEstates.org Thank you.

## **FREE "SECURE" INTERNET HOT SPOTS**

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How often have you taken advantage of "free wi-fi" while you had a cup of coffee at Starbucks or Quarter Pounder at McDonald's?

There are millions of free wi-fi hotspots available across the United States. While their cost and convenience cannot be beat, there is a downside. Unsecured wi-fi hotspots – those that do not require authentication with a user account and password – make it quite easy to hack your device and steal sensitive data. There are policies and practices you can employ to make these connections "safer," but your safest alternative is to avoid them altogether.

There are two ways to do that. First, connect to the internet through your cell phone's mobile network connection. You do this directly when accessing the internet with your cell phone. Another option is to "tether" your laptop to your cell phone to give your laptop access to your mobile network.

If in your home you have internet service through Xfinity (often still called "Comcast" by many) you

have a secure, cost-free option. You can connect your device (cell phone or laptop) to an Xfinity hotspot.

Click on the wi-fi icon while you are in the park (i.e. Bay Lake Estates) and you will see a list of available internet connections, probably including both "xfinitywifi" and "XFINITY." "xfinitywifi" is free, unsecured, and open for public use. "XFINITY" is secured. Accessing it requires a userid (which is your Xfinity email address) and a password. It is available to Xfinity/Comcast customers without additional charge.

Xfinity has millions of these hotspots throughout the United States, but that doesn't mean you can reach them from everywhere. You just have to try it from where you happen to be and see if you have access.

If Xfinity/Comcast provides your internet access, you **do** have the required Xfinity email address – whether or not you know what it is. Next month I'll show you how to find out what your Xfinity email address is and how to set yourself up with hotspot access.





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## SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS

### OWNERS

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Are you a Bay Lake resident who **owns** and operates a full-time or part-time business?

Starting next month you can have your name, phone number, and a very brief description of your business printed every month in *The Bay Laker*. Free of charge.

See the article elsewhere in this issue titled “Resident Business Listings.” (You need to go read that article **now** if you haven’t already, otherwise the following won’t make as much sense.)

But as Paul Harvey used to say, “Here’s the rest of the story.”

I had been thinking about what topics our residents might like to read about that we’re not usually covering in *The Bay Laker* newsletter. One topic that came to mind is “interesting residents we may not know much about.”

For example... suppose we have a ninety-year-old resident, “Emma,” who does clothing alterations and repairs to supplement her social security income. Maybe she just started doing this “officially” a couple of years ago when her medication expenses suddenly skyrocketed – or maybe she’s been doing it since the early days of her marriage when she got bored being, in her words, “just a housewife and mother.”

Maybe there’s an interesting backstory about how Emma got started sewing. Maybe her husband found a broken sewing machine on a trash heap, figured out how to fix it, and Emma decided she was going to learn on her own how to use it.

Maybe there’s something interesting about the services Emma provides. Like she does clothing

modifications for homeless women for free so they can have a “professional” appearance when they go on job interviews.

Would you like to read about business-owner Emma?

The folks at Community Media thought hers would be a good human interest story. Their only objection would be if we tried to sneakily cut into their advertising revenue by making Emma’s story an “advertorial” – i.e. a fake story that was really just a business-generation ploy.

In other words, “Emma explains that ‘invisible repairs’ can make your clothes last virtually forever” would not be a human interest story since it wouldn’t be about her.

So... if you are a Bay Lake resident who owns a business and you’d like to let us tell your story to our newsletter readers, send me an email or give me a phone call. I’ll have you fill out a very brief background questionnaire, then we’ll do a casual “interview” to see what interesting tidbits can be brought to light.

We’ll have to figure out some method of deciding who gets to go first if multiple business owners step forward for this opportunity. That could happen. Living in the park we have at least one of each of the following services: home construction/repair, home sales/renting, pressure cleaning, bookkeeping and tax preparation, pet sitting, home sitting, home healthcare, custom golf cart painting/decorating, hair cutting/styling, airport taxi/limo – and probably a number more I forgot about or never knew about.



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