



VILLA VOICE

March 2018

**Reporting the News and Happenings around
the Bobcat Villas**

Calendar of Events

*Activities around the Villas continue, offering plenty of opportunities for everyone.
Here's a partial list of Villa events:*

- Villa Coffee, March 3, 9:00 a.m. Villa Clubhouse. Free of charge but donations are accepted.
- Villa Board of Directors Meeting March 14, 5:30 p.m., Villa Clubhouse.
- Potluck Dinner, Tues., March 13, 5:00 p.m., Villa Clubhouse.*
- Hawaiian Luau w/ Music, Tues., March 27, 5:00 p.m., Villa Clubhouse.*
- Hurricane Shutter Presentation, Wed., March 28, 4:00 p.m., Villa Clubhouse.
- Movie Night, Every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Villa Clubhouse.
- Game Night (Mexican Train, Pictionary & Much More), Second and Fourth Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Villa Clubhouse.*
- Open Euchre, First and Third Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Villa Clubhouse.*
- Trivia Night, Second and Fourth Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Villa Clubhouse.*
- Villa Yoga, Every Monday at 10:00 a.m., Villa Clubhouse.
- Mahjongg, Every Tuesday at 12 noon, Villa Clubhouse.
- Water Aerobics, Mon.-Fri. at 10:00 a.m., weather permitting.
- Happy Hour at the Pool, Every Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Free of Charge, bring your own beverages and snacks.

Other events may be scheduled throughout the month. Be sure to check the message boards at each post office station and in the breezeway of the Clubhouse for event notices and sign-up sheets. Items above marked with a () require sign-up.*

Board Meeting News

The Villa Annual Membership Meeting was held Tues, Feb. 6 at the Bobcat Trail Community center with limited business addressed. Three proposals put before the membership were passed. They were to borrow from reserves to pay the insurance premium, to deposit any-carry over funds from FY 2017 into the reserve account and to forego more stringent financial reporting requirements for the Villas. Normally, elections take place for open Board seats, but this year there were no nominees for any of the 3 open positions. At the end of the Membership Meeting, their terms being up, Sue Mason, Wayne Ross and Mike Farrelly resigned.

The Board re-organization meeting convened immediately following the adjournment of the Annual Membership meeting. At that time 3 individuals were appointed to the open Board seats, joining continuing Board members Patti Wells and Patricia Tantum. They are Tom Courtright, Keith Tracy and Jean Liesmann. Officers were then elected amongst the Board: Tom Courtright, President; Keith Tracy, Vice President; Patricia Tantum, Secretary; and Patti Wells, Treasurer.

The first meeting of the new Villa Board was Mon., Feb. 26, but subsequent Board meetings will take place every second Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Villa Clubhouse.

Roof Power Washing/Super Gutter Clean-out

We now have the schedule for the power washing of our roofs. Hoover Pressure Cleaning will be in the community March 12-23 cleaning the roofs in sections. A blast email sent out Feb. 22 details exactly when each unit is scheduled to be cleaned. If you didn't see that email, here is the schedule:

March 12 - Units 2000-20016
March 13 - Units 2019-2029, 2031, 2033
March 14 - Units 2030-2046
March 15 - Units 2050-2067
March 16 - Units 2081-2107
March 19 - Units 2127-2153
March 20 - Units 2169-2183
March 21 - Units 2200-2215
March 22 - Units 1115-1121, 2221-2227
March 23 - Units 2222, 2224, 2226, 2228, 2230, 2232

At this time, the exact dates for gutter cleaning have not been announced.

New Landscapers Arrive

The care and maintenance of our landscaping, including the trees, bushes and shrubs, irrigation system and lawn care has been turned over to a new company - West Coast Landscape and Lawns. Their team of lawn experts will take over March 6. In addition to handle routine mowing and trimming, the company will be working closely with the Landscape Committee and your Board to make much needed improvements to our overall landscaping.

Hurricane Survey

Last fall, a Hurricane Task Force was formed to study how the Bobcat Villas can better prepare our residents should a hurricane hit the community. Among the topics being discussed are making sure residents on-site during a hurricane are aware of resources available (brochures on preparing for a hurricane, public events covering information relative to hurricane issues and resources, dedicated shelters, etc.), assisting villa owners with purchasing hurricane shutters and how to improve communication to those on-site and those who are not.

As a part of this effort a survey of all villas is being compiled to identify year-round residents, seasonal residents and renters - both full or part time. The goal of this survey is to have a better idea of who is here during hurricane season and would benefit from community wide efforts to help, whether it would be installing shutters, transportation to shelters or other assistance as needed. A separate effort aimed at those at their northern homes or traveling out of state could offer up-to-date information on hurricane forecasts and how the community was affected once the hurricane passes.

This information will not be provided to any one or entity outside the community. It will not be provided to hurricane service providers for their marketing purposes. It will be used to enable our community's owners and residents to assist each other if a hurricane heads our way. Thanks for your cooperation in this effort.

A Hurricane Shutter Primer

For those owners who are interested in purchasing hurricane shutters for their villas, the Hurricane Task Force is hosting an open gathering featuring an expert in shutters providing an overview of selecting and buying them for your villa. Our expert will have the various types of shutters that are approved by the HOA and will give a range of possible pricing for both an inside and outside unit. This will be an informational presentation for us to find out more about hurricane shutters.

Cut Short Short Cuts

Bobcat Trail is known to be a “gated community,” an attractive feature of living here. Much of the “gating” comes from natural landscaping that defines certain areas of the development’s property line. Some people are known to cut through the natural landscaping line at the back side of the Villa community along Toledo Blade, especially in an area where there is an open spot in the thick trees and shrubs. The concern is that those who have nefarious reasons to roam about the community gain access through that landscape area. While both the Villa Board and the CDD grapple with restricting access to Bobcat Trail effectively, all residents, particularly Villa residents, are asked to refrain from cutting through the landscaping along Toledo Blade as a short cut to home.

Those Nasty Bugs

There are many bugs, critters and creatures indigenous to Florida but alien to those of us from the north but one is familiar to us all - the termite. Your HOA is responsible for controlling termite infestations and on March 2 beginning at 9:00 a.m., Ace Pest Control will be visiting all units to inspect for termites. Please allow the technicians access to your unit so they can properly inspect your home. This should take 5-15 minutes. If you’re not going to be home on this day and cannot have anyone around your home for an inspection, it is up to you to call Ace Pest Control to schedule an appointment. Their number is 941-629-4223.

New Villa Website Has Been Launched

On Feb 16 an all user email was sent out announcing our new Bobcat Villas Website. You can visit the new website by going to: www.BobcatVillasHOA.com Our old website is no longer functional, but the new site looks and works just like our old website did.

The new Villa roster is password protected. On the website you will see a menu item, which is actually a button that you have to click on, that is labeled "owners information." After selecting the members information button a "members only" button will appear that you will need to click on, which will opens a password box. Enter your password and you will be able to view our new Villa roster. Your password was provided to you in a separate email on Feb 21st. Both of these informational emails will be found in your email inbox.

Let the Good Times Continue

As the calendar shows, there are plenty of activities around the Villas this month to keep you busy and appeal to your particular interests. You'll also notice that the monthly Potluck Dinner is scheduled for Tues., March 13 at 5:00 p.m., in the Villa Clubhouse. Later in the month the Social Committee will host an Hawaiian Luau that will feature, pulled pork, sides, desserts and musical entertainment by our resident performer and Elvis impersonator. Weather permitting, the sliding doors of the Clubhouse will be thrown open so the dinner and party can move to the pool area for dining al fresco and dancing. Look for the sign up sheet for this event being held on Tues., March 28 at 5:00 p.m., in the Villa Clubhouse.