



VILLA VOICE

April 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, April 7, 9:00 a.m. Villa Clubhouse. Free of charge but donations are accepted.
- Villa Board of Directors Meeting April 11, 5:30 p.m., Villa Clubhouse.
- Potluck Dinner, Tues., April 17, 5:00 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.*
- Villa Yoga, April 2 & 9, 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 Board met on Wednesday, March 14 in the Clubhouse. Among the reports was the Landscape Committee report offered by Chair Debbie Ditterline. She announced that our new landscapers - West Coast - will be bringing 8 mulch samples for the committee's consideration. Once the options are paired down to a more reasonable number, the committee will review and make a recommendation to the full Villa Board. Since Florida is entering into its annual rainy season soon, any application of mulch will not take place until next October to reduce the chance of rain washing away the newly laid covering. She also reported that 5 dead palm trees are slated for removal and over 20 stumps (leftover from tree removal after Hurricane Irma) will be removed.

The Board also discussed persistent drainage issues throughout the community, but more prevalent behind the villas along the Toledo Blade side. Due to ground settling, grass clipping build-up over time and other issues, the land now slopes toward the villas instead of away causing water to back up into lanai's and to pool behind the villas. It's been recommended that the area - and eventually the entire community - be re-graded to improve the slope away from the residences. To begin the process to determine how to proceed on any re-grading project, the Board moved to hire an engineer to assess the situation.

With the Board beginning a new year, with three new board members, it was announced that a new format will be implemented for future Board meetings. The agenda will show a resident input section just after the action is taken on past meeting minutes. Time will then be allowed at the end of the meeting for general comments/suggestions. As agenda items are discussed by the Board during the meeting, comments will be taken from those in attendance, but all comments are to be limited to 3 minutes.

Gutter Clean-out

Crew will be out this week to clean out the gutters and downspouts. During this process, debris may fall to the sidewalks and areas around your villa. Be careful as you move around during this time.

Dryer Vent Cleaning

The "spring cleaning" process for the Villas will end this month with the cleaning out of our dryer vents to begin April 9. The crews will be out all week to complete the work. They will need access to each unit as they will move the dryer, clean out the exhaust

hose connected to the unit, blow out the dryer vents from the wall to the roof, clean up around the dryer area and replace the dryer. Hopefully everyone will be around to let the crews in or will have someone available to allow access. For the villas that cannot be accessed during this week, there will be make-up days later in the summer and fall. It is very important that all dryer vents be cleaned of built up lint as it can be a fire hazard that could not only affect one unit, but all units within a building.

Once the dryer vent cleaning is completed, our community has had the sidewalks and gutters power-washed, the roofs power-washed, termite inspections completed, the gutters cleaned and the dryer vents cleaned. Once the mulch is laid next fall and the landscapers have a chance to work on upgrading our common area appearance, the Bobcat Villas will be in great shape!

CDD to Discuss Security

Normally the CDD meetings address fairly technical or administrative issues that, while interesting, are hardly mesmerizing. A recent topic has the entire Bobcat Trail up in arms - security. The CDD Board is considering replacing our staffed security team with electronic surveillance, security cameras and remote communication with respondents located elsewhere. The thought is that not only will such a system save the CDD a considerable amount of money in the long run, but that the newer equipment - and more of it - will make our community safer. Much as been distributed and discussed amongst residents and Board members alike and a decision will be made soon as to how to proceed. The next CDD meeting this Thursday, April 5 may be when the final decision is made. Those interested in hearing the public discussion on this matter are encouraged to attend the meeting beginning at 4:00 in the Bobcat Community Center across the golf club house.

A Hurricane Shutter Primer

A small, but interested group of Villa owners attended the Hurricane Shutter Presentation last month to learn the basics of shutters. Mike Pettit of Jansen Shutters and Windows went over the types of shutters that have been approved by both the Master and Villa HOA Boards, giving the pros and cons of each. They include the accordion shutter, roll down shutter, clear poly carbon shutter and armor screen. Mike also discussed the initial installation of each type of shutter, how to prepare to put up and take down the shutters in the event of a hurricane and price examples for each. Participants left with the information they need to consider and eventually purchase hurricane shutters from which ever supplier they choose.

Activities Come to an End with the Season

The Villa's first year of Yoga comes to end with the final session taking place on Monday, April 9. Thanks to Susan Stevenson for leading the class each Monday. She plans to start it up again next fall in late November when she and her husband return to the Villas. Thanks also to Carolyn Taylor and John Angellotti for hosting the Villa's bi-monthly euchre night. Many people joined in initially after never having played and the group grew each week. The top 3 winners left with amazing riches - often in the \$5-7 range! Villa euchre will re-commence next fall as well. Be watching your calendars for the return of each of these popular activities.

The Good Times Don't Stop Now

Despite the departure of a number of our seasonal residents throughout April, social activities will continue. The monthly Villa Coffee is scheduled for Saturday, April 7 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Coffee, breakfast treats and friendly discussion will be offered, this month hosted by your Social Committee. This event is free, but donations are always accepted.

The Villa Potluck takes place on April 17, at 5:00 p.m., with a variety of food prepared by the many wonderful cooks around the neighborhood. It's always amazing that each potluck features quite a variety of food with very few duplicates. This one will probably be no exception. Look for the sign up sheet in the Breezeway outside the Clubhouse on the way to the pool.

Other activities continue in April. Check the calendar above, posted in the Breezeway and available on the Villa website for complete information.