



VILLA VOICE

November 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, Nov. 3, 9:00 a.m. Villa Clubhouse. Free of charge but donations are accepted.
- Election Day, Nov. 6, 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Villa Clubhouse.
- Garden Club, Nov. 7, 10:00-12 Noon, Villa Clubhouse.
- Open Euchre, Nov. 8, 7:00 p.m., Villa Clubhouse.*
- Book Club, Nov. 14, 3:00 p.m., Villa Clubhouse.
- Villa Board of Directors Meeting Nov. 14, 5:30 p.m., Villa Clubhouse.
- Yoga, Nov. 19 & 26, 10:00 a.m., Villa Clubhouse.
- Villa Potluck, Nov. 20, 5:00 p.m., Villa Clubhouse. Bring a covered dish and your beverage.*
- Trivia, Nov. 29, 7:00 p.m., Villa Clubhouse.*
- Movie Night, Every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Villa Clubhouse.
- Water Aerobics, Mon.-Fri. at 10:00 a.m., weather permitting.
- Mahjong, Mon.-Fri. from 1:00-4:00 p.m., Villa Clubhouse.
- 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.*

News Around the Villa Grounds

For those of you returning to the Villas after a summer in the upper 47 and Canada, you'll notice - and surely appreciate - the appearance of our community. Landscapers were busy sprucing up the place by trimming trees and removing the cardboard palms all summer. Those palms were a source of much concern amongst residents as they grew out of control and often harbored pesky critters that no one wanted so close to home. Decorative cranium lilies were planted to replace and that, while small now, will grow into beautiful flowering plants.

Of course, the best news in the landscape efforts is the installation of chunky bark mulch throughout the community. The mulch certainly cleans up the beds and makes for a neater appearance. And after several heavy rains, it hasn't run off the beds onto the drives or walkways. The mulch is readily available at local hardware stores for those of you who want to spread mulch around the shrubs and trees behind your villa.

Mid-Term Elections

The nation's mid-term elections take place on November 6 and once again, the Villa Clubhouse serves as the polling place for Precinct 333. Voting runs from 7:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. so during that time, access to the Clubhouse is restricted to voters only. The library will be unavailable during that time; however, pool visitors can use the restrooms, entering by the outside door.

There are a number of issues and elected positions on this year's ballot. Florida residents - please take the time to vote, if you haven't already done so through mail-in ballots or early voting.

Hurricane Update

We're nearing the end of the 2018 Hurricane season. So far southwest Florida has escaped a major hit. However, we've sent our thoughts and prayers to our neighbors in the Panhandle who took the worst of the Hurricane Michael.

Over the course of the year a few of your Villa neighbors have been meeting to see how all Villa residents can be better prepared for any future hurricane. The Hurricane Task Force discussed a number of actions that could be taken to assist Villa residents, and found that an abundance of resources already exist to do just that. Much of that assistance was laid out in a special edition of the Villa Voice distributed this summer. In addition, a community gathering was held to provide information on hurricane shutters.

As the year progresses, the Task Force will continue to research hurricane prep tools that might of assistance to Villa owners. Let's hope we don't experience a hurricane anytime in the near future, but if we do, we can at least be prepared.

It's Coffee Time!

Who doesn't like a cup of coffee on a Saturday morning? Or a cup of tea or whatever you happen to drink in the morning?? And who doesn't like the treats that go along with that coffee? Think doughnuts or coffee cake or doughnuts or danish or doughnuts or pastries or doughnuts or..... whatever! Coffee hour returns on Saturday, November 3 at 9:00 a.m. in the Villa Clubhouse. This month the Social Committee will be your host and will provide the goodies. Others are encouraged to sign up to serve as Coffee hosts in the months following. For details on what that entails, see a Social Committee members at the event or contact Marge Alden (margealden@gmail.com). The event is free of charge although donations are accepted.

Other Events of Note

Be sure to browse the calendar included on the first page of this newsletter to see the activities that are scheduled for the month. You'll also see that a number of regularly scheduled activities are returning. Those include the bi-weekly Open Euchre and Trivia nights, the weekly Mahjong sessions, weekly yoga and monthly Book Club. As always your Social Committee is open to suggestions for new activities to keep our residents engaged. Feel free to contact any one of them with your ideas: Marge Alden, Jill Ross, Bev Whetstine, Sue Mason, Debbie Ditterline and Joan Bellucci.

Where's the Minutes?

In the past, the minutes from the most recent Villa Board of Directors meeting is included at the end of this newsletter. Now, Board President Tom Courtright is emailing the meeting minutes along with the current month's meeting agenda to all Villa resident a few days before the meeting. This ensures that everyone has a copy of the minutes and agenda to review in advance of the meeting.

If you are not receiving that email, it could be that your email address is listed incorrectly in the Villa database or we don't have any information on you at all. All residents are asked to supply a data sheet with their pertinent information to database administrator Jerry Mason. If you don't receive emails from the Villa and don't recall if you've submitted data sheet, contact Jerry at jerry@jlmason.us, particularly if you've recently moved to the Villas. If you've been here a while and have had a change in your email address, be sure to let Jerry know so our database remains current and you continue to stay in touch with news and events around the community.

Finally, Be Careful Out There!

With our seasonal residents returning to the Villa, we all must be more diligent as we travel around Lynx Run. We're already seeing more bicycles and dog walkers. Kids are playing around their yards and we can't forget our family of Sandhill cranes that meander around Bobcat Trail at their own pace with little regard for traffic. Keep an eye out for all non-auto traffic using our roadways and sidewalks. And as always, obey the law and STOP AT ALL STOP SIGNS!