



# VILLA VOICE

## December 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, Dec. 1, 9:00 a.m. Villa Clubhouse. Free of charge but donations are accepted.
- Garden Club, Dec. 5, 10:00-12 Noon, Villa Clubhouse.
- Book Club, Dec. 12, 3:00 p.m., Villa Clubhouse.
- Villa Board of Directors Meeting Dec. 12, 5:30 p.m., Villa Clubhouse.
- Yoga, Mon., Dec. 3, 10, 17, 10:00 a.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.
- 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**

After years of angst about the shell mulch that had begun to show wear and discoloration, new pine bark nugget mulch was installed throughout the community this past fall. The nuggets are expected to last longer and to not be washed off landscape beds during heavy rainfalls. The mulch application was covered by the HOA for in front of all villa units and around most common areas. Residents who want to extend the mulch to the sides or back of their unit can do so at their own expense. You are encouraged to purchase the pine bark nuggets at Big Earth Supply, off Bee Ridge and I-75 (just east of I-75 by about 1/2 mile) or from any other nursery. Just be sure the mulch has been treated for bugs and fungus, something the home and garden stores in the area might not have available or have available for an additional charge.

## **It's Coffee Time!**

Villa Coffee got off to a rousing start in November with an impressive number of attendees for being so early in the season. The Social Committee typically hosts the first coffee of the season then asks for volunteers to serve as hosts for subsequent gatherings. Hosts are responsible for setting up the coffee service and providing the food whether it is our favorite doughnuts or other breakfast treats. The Social Committee does reimburse the hosts for the cost of the food, up to a limit. There is a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse (in the hallway leading to the restrooms) for future Coffee Hosts. If you have any further questions about hosting a Villa Coffee, contact any member of the Social Committee: Marge Alden, Jill Ross, Sue Mason, Bev Whetstine, Debbie Ditterline or Joan Bellucci.

## **Other Events of Note**

As an update to the Villa events schedule, Trivia will return to the Villa calendar in January on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Breezeway of the Clubhouse several days in advance of the activity. Also, Euchre gets back underway in January. That activity takes place on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. Sign-up sheet for euchre will also be posted in advance.

## **Show Me the Money**

All owners have or will be receiving a mailing from the HOA with the agenda for the upcoming Board meeting on Dec. 12 and the proposed 2019 Villa HOA Budget. The budget provides a snapshot of where the income was projected to be spent in 2018, where it was actually spent and where income is expected to be spent in 2019. You'll see a marked increase in the insurance policy the HOA holds on the community. Other increases throughout the expenses of the budget are customary increases from our vendors. You'll also note that the landscape package (mowing, landscaping and tree trimming) has decreased for the coming year, thanks to tough negotiations between our HOA president and our contract landscapers. The end result of the

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numbers crunching is a proposed \$9 increase in our monthly HOA dues. Once the budget is approved, each owner will be receiving new payment coupons reflecting this increase in time for the January 2019 payment.

**Finally, Be Careful Out There!**

There have reports of individuals hanging out around the Bobcat Trail community, seemingly not residents, who have made residents uncomfortable. With no staffed guard house, it is advisable to call the North Port police if you see someone who seems out of place around the community. Even if a person poses no threat to anyone or any place, the police can at least find out who they are, where they belong and what assistance they may need.