

VILLA VOICE

Reporting the News and Happenings Around the Bobcat Villas

Calendar

Villa Coffee, Mar. 7, 9 am, Villa Clubhouse

Villa HOA Board Mtg., Mar. 16, 4 pm, Villa Clubhouse

Florida Presidential Preferential Elections, Mar. 17, 7 am - 7 pm, Precinct 333, Villa Clubhouse

Villa Potluck, Mar. 24, 5 pm
Happy Hour, 5:30 pm, Dinner, Villa Clubhouse*

Villa Game Night, Mar. 3, 10 & 31, 6:30 pm, Villa Clubhouse

Villa Euchre, Mar. 5 & 19, 7 pm, Villa Clubhouse*

Villa Trivia, Mar. 12 & 26, 7 pm, Villa Clubhouse*

Water Aerobics, Daily, 10 am, Villa Pool

Movie Night, Every Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Villa Clubhouse

Pool Party, Sundays, 2 pm, Villa Pool



Villa HOA Officers Intro'd for 2020

After the Villa Annual Meeting and Board Organizational Meeting that followed on February 10, the following were announced as the slate of officers: BettyAnn Copley, President; Lou Sperduto, Vice President; Patti Wells, Treasurer; and Jean Liesmann, Member.

During the Feb. 17 Villa Board Meeting, Leslie Bloom was nominated to fill the expired seat she previously had held. The Board approved her nomination and she was appointed as Board Secretary.

Other Board News

Gino Littlestone of McGriff Insurance Agency made a presentation to the Board and attending owners about the HOA's insurance renewal rates for the coming year. Since the



Bobcat Villa Rules

As with any housing or condominium community, the Bobcat Villas has a document named the Covenants, Restrictions and Easements (CRE's) that essentially specifies what unit owners can and cannot do. It also spells out the responsibilities of the HOA and those of the unit owners. All Villa owners should have received a copy of the CRE's when you purchased your unit and at that time, signed a document indicating that you received and read them!

A couple of items addressed in the CRE's deserve a regular mention.

STOP AT THE STOP SIGNS! It may seem easy to breeze through the signs as you rush to get to work or play, but there are people who walk, bike and skate around Lynx Run who you may not easily see.

DON'T PARK IN THE PUBLIC PARKING IN FRONT OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER

OVERNIGHT. This area is for guests to the Clubhouse and not for routine parking by residents. If you must temporarily park there, be sure to move your car back to your driveway or garage at the end of the day.

HOA is pursuing a hurricane damage claim with the current insurance provider, Littlestone indicated that no other insurance carrier would bid on our coverage until after the claim is resolved. With no competing bid in hand, the Villa's HOA insurance premium will rise from just over \$59,000 last year to \$81,500 this year. That represents a \$21,000, or a 36 percent, increase. Board President BettyAnn Copley explained that the large increase will be offset by money saved on roof repairs that are being covered by Knox Services, the Villa's roofing contractor.

The Landscaping Committee announced that palm trees throughout the community will be cut twice this year - in May and toward the end of October. When the palm cutting is finished in October, mulch will be installed.

The Board cautioned that Villa owners cannot remove pesky trees at their will and own expense. If the tree is alive, it can be trimmed to ease dirt and damage to the Villa property. If it is dead, then the HOA will take of its removal. It is against North Port city statute to remove live trees without cause. Contact Chris McCluskey if you have a tree - for example a pine tree - that is dropping waste or growing out of control and needs attention.

The Social Committee submitted a proposal to the Villa Board to have a dishwasher, garbage disposal, new faucet and storage cabinet installed in the Clubhouse kitchen. All costs associated with the project were to be provided by the Social Committee through fundraising efforts and donations. The Board moved to approve the proposal and all items were installed in late February. These kitchen additions will allow for quicker clean-up after Villa social events and for more sanitary washing of glasses, dishes and flatware used during most gatherings.

A new vendor was approved to take on the power washing of sidewalks and driveway aprons throughout the community. Mazzoni is scheduled to be on site March 23-27. A schedule of when they will be where will be distributed closer to their arrival. While they are here, villa owners can contract separately with them to power wash their driveways and walkways from the drive to the front door. The cost for this service is \$55 per unit. Contact information for Mazzoni will

be distributed to all owners. If there is any change in the scheduling of this service, an announcement will be made.

Dryer vent cleaning will take place March 16-20. The Board approved the proposal from The Go To Guys to handle this task. It is imperative that all dryer vents be cleaned out as built up dryer lint is a fire hazard. An email has gone out indicating where they will be on each day of cleaning. If you cannot be on hand for your unit's cleaning, make arrangements for someone to let the "Guys" in. If you are renting your unit, make sure your renters know about the cleaning and are on-hand to let them in. If you did not receive this email or "misplaced" it, contact Chris McCluskey at c.mccluskey@starhospitalitymanagement.com

Elections to Be Held at Villa Clubhouse

Remember that Florida will hold its Presidential Preferential Primary on Tuesday, March 17 and the Villa Clubhouse is the voting location for Precinct 333. Voting occurs between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm and during that time, the Clubhouse is "off limits" to Villa residents for any purpose. This includes visits to the Villa Library. You will still have access to the restrooms from the Clubhouse breezeway. Precinct 333 covers all registered voters living within the Bobcat Trail community.

March Events

Who doesn't like meeting your neighbors while enjoying a hot cup of coffee and a delicious breakfast treat? The March Villa Coffee is Saturday, March 7 at 9:00 am in the Villa Clubhouse. Stop by to enjoy the food and beverage and spend some time catching up with - or getting to know - your Villa neighbors. This event is free, but donations are greatly appreciated. No need to sign up for this event. Just show up!

The monthly Potluck has been delayed one week due to the Primary elections being held on March 17, so mark your calendars for this month's Potluck for March 24 beginning with Happy Hour at 5:00 pm and dinner served at 5:30 pm. It's always amazing how delicious - and diverse - the food offerings are at this regular event. Sign up in the Clubhouse breezeway and see why this has proven to be one of the most popular Villa gatherings.

Welcome to These New Residents of the Bobcat Villas

If you or someone you know has moved to the Bobcat Villas over the past year and are not included here, please let me know: Sue Mason, sue@jlmason.us

Each month, any new residents to the community will be listed in the Villa Voice newsletter.