

VILLA VOICE

Reporting the News and Happenings Around the Bobcat Villas

Calendar

Villa HOA Annual Mtg, Wed.,
Feb. 24, 4 pm, Pool at Villa
Clubhouse

Water Aerobics, Daily, 10 am,
Villa Pool

*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 (*)*



From the Villa January Board Meeting...

OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS - It was a relatively quiet Villa Board meeting but several significant reports were made. Finance Committee Chair Marge Alden reported that the Association brought just over \$3,000 more in income than what was budgeted. This additional income came from interest from the Operating and Reserve accounts, the late fees and interest from owners and income from the Board of Elections use of the Clubhouse. In addition the Association expenses were \$30,000 lower than budgeted.



To Mask or Not to Mask...

Did you think that almost a year later, we would still be wearing masks? Well, here we are, and while some have still not bought into the practice, masks are still prevalent wherever you go.

For those so inclined, masks have risen to be a fashion statement. You can get ones that look like you don't have teeth or have a big toothy grin. You can find masks with just about every animal's snout, from the cute little kitten to the fangs of a viper.

You can coordinate your outfits. You can find masks that reflect your leisure time interests like fishing or cooking. They can coincide with the current holiday or promote your favorite sports team. Guess what's the big seller this year in southwest Florida!

As some are pointing out, men don't have to shave as often, women can go without lipstick and breath fresheners aren't needed for that first impression.

Whether you think them a necessary evil or the first line of defense against the COVID virus, whether you wear them or not, masks and their use have taken over the public conversation.

Here in the Villas, masks are showing up everywhere. Even decorative lawn ornaments have jumped onboard. No COVID virus for them!

During the Homeowners Annual Meeting on February 24, we'll be voting to roll those additional funds over to the 2021 budget to avoid paying any taxes.

Marge is asking anyone interested in serving on the committee to contact her or Chris McCluskey as she needs additional volunteers to help monitor the Association's finances and assist with the annual budget. She is in unit 2227. Chris can be reached at c.mccluskey@starhospitalitymanagement.com

LANDSCAPING CONTRACT PROPOSAL - The Board voted to maintain West Coast as our landscaping contractor by approving their proposed contract for FY 2021. The contract came in \$6,300 less than last year due to a reduction in the mulch line item. Landscaping commands a large portion of our Villa annual budget with the 110 lawns and common area grass, maintenance of our extensive network of bushes, shrubs and trees and service of our intricate web of irrigation lines. The FY 2021 landscaping budget is over \$93,000.

IRRIGATION LINE UPDATE - At the time of the meeting, the Villa's irrigation system was not operational due to a break in the line that West Coast had to find and repair. As an update, the irrigation line break was repaired and the system is now up and running.

Annual Meeting Reminder

Mark your calendars for the Villa Homeowners Association's Annual Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. around the Villa pool. The primary purpose of this meeting is the election of officers and other items of business that may be lawfully conducted.

Social Events Remain on Hold

The Villa Social Committee continues to hold off on hosting social events due to COVID virus concerns. A recent cluster of positive diagnoses within the overall Bobcat community has brought many activities and services to a halt. The Villa Social Committee will continue to re-evaluate the situation and once things get under better control, activities can resume.

On Street Parking is Off Limits

According to Villa rules and regulations, residents and their visitors cannot leave cars parked on the street overnight. There are 14 parking spaces in front of the Villa Clubhouse that can be used for overnight parking, but not for more than one night. If you do need to park cars on the street, do not park them on the grass as this could damage an irrigation line buried underground. If you live in a villa along the Toledo Blade stretch of Lynx Run, do not park cars on the lawn across the street (on the west side of Lynx Run).

More Trash Talking

A story ran in last month's Villa Voice about residents using the trash cans outside the Maintenance Building near the Clubhouse for their personal trash. Not only does resident trash take space needed for Clubhouse and pool waste, but food waste not properly contained has caused maggots and other disgusting critters to develop. Our maintenance personnel has to clean the trash cans regularly as a result.

Now, all trash cans, including the can inside the gate near the pool, have been moved inside the maintenance building for use by the maintenance personnel only. Residents needing to dispose of your trash when you're leaving for an extended period of time or for the season will have to make other arrangements for your trash.

Also, when putting your trash cans out for weekly pick-up, put them at the end of your driveway or at the edge of the grassy area next to your driveway. Do not put your trash cans in the street.

Lamp Post Lights

Some very observant residents have noted that some lights in the lamp posts in front of our villas are different shades or intensity of white. This usually happens when a light bulb is changed. The lamp posts are the responsibility of the HOA and our maintenance person will change any light bulbs that burn out. He buys a quantity of bulbs at a time so all lights will look the same.

If your front light is out, don't change it yourself. Contact Chris McCluskey who will direct our maintenance man Jim to address it. He'll change the bulb to match all others. Or if the bulb isn't burned out, he'll check other parts of the light itself. Often the GFI is tripped and simply needs reset.

Welcome to These New Residents of the Bobcat Villas

Welcome to the following new owners who joined us recently:

Donald & Kathleen Cook, #2157

Pamela Mullins, #2204

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