

VILLA VOICE

Reporting the News and Happenings Around the Bobcat Villas

Calendar

Daily

Water Aerobics, Mon. - Fri.,
9:30 am, Villa Pool

Euchre, Mondays at 7 pm, Villa
Clubhouse

Villa Clubhouse Reserved for
Private Party, Fri., Oct. 1, 2-9
pm

Book Club, Wed., Oct. 13, 3
pm

Villa Potluck, Tues., Oct. 19, 5
pm

Villa BOD Mtg., Wed., Oct., 20,
4:00 pm

*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.*



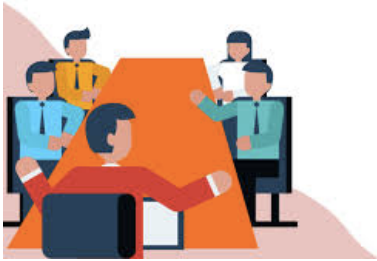
From the September Villa Board Meeting...

The Villa Board met on Thursday, September 9 at 4:00 pm in the Villa Clubhouse.

Landscape Committee Report

Board Vice President Lou Sperduto drafted a Request for Proposals for landscape services for FY 2022-2024 and was scheduled to get input from the Landscape Committee on the following Saturday. A number of landscape providers has been identified to receive the RFP which should go out by the end of September for return bids in mid-October. The amount for landscape services will be incorporated in the 2022 Annual budget.

Why Run for the Villa Board?



With the resignation of Board President Betty Ann Copley Harris, there is a vacancy on the Villa Board of Directors. The next opportunity for anyone to run for the Board comes up in February during the Villas Annual Membership meeting. Her position must be filled and 2 other board positions are up for re-election as well.

Why would you want to serve on the Villa HOA Board? Hopefully it is for more than just wanting that tree trimmed behind your lanai. Ideally it is to work towards an attractive, well-maintained community that is desirable to live in.

The Board works to ensure that happens.

Many of you attend the monthly Board meetings where such issues as landscaping, social activities, financing and special situations like our insurance claim for roof replacement are discussed. Any issue that the board must take action on is addressed during Board meetings. Those range from approval of the annual budget to approval of an individual request to install a satellite dish.

Outside of the monthly meetings the board often discusses how to get to the point of taking action. That includes the status of landscaping issues and what vendors to approach for bids for service. Individual meetings with vendors occur to work out quotes and action needed. The Board can give permission to proceed with certain resident requests related to landscaping and outside villa repairs.

Keep in mind that the Board of Directors is responsible for 110 units and makes decision based on what is good, and fair, to the community as a whole. They do so with a constant eye on the cost to the HOA and to each and every Villa resident.

One thing to be sure is that by serving on the Villa Board of Directors you will get a full understanding of what it takes to make the Villa community a great place to live. You take pride in being a part of that process.

Pool/Clubhouse Committee Report

Sue Mason reported as Liaison to the Pool/Clubhouse Committee that bids will be solicited to re-strap or replace the chairs and lounges at the pool. The plan is to have the chairs and lounges “renovated” in October.

Irrigation System Update

It was reported that the Villa’s irrigation system is nearing total repair that will allow water to start flowing freely again. The final hurdle seems to be a number of stuck sprinkler valves that West Coast, our landscape provider, will need to repair. Our lawns have been more than adequately watered thanks to our daily thunderstorms, but once that ends in October, we’ll need a fully functioning irrigation system to keep our lawn green throughout the typically dry winter months.

Roof Cleaning

At last month’s Villa Board meeting, Chris McCluskey was directed to get quotes for chemical cleaning of our roofs. This would be done by spraying cleansing chemicals over the roof surfaces. He reported that he could not find vendors who could provide this service without actually stepping on the roofs. This could further harm our roofs and affect our insurance claim for hurricane damage. For now, roof cleaning is being put on hold.

Roof Repair/Replacement Efforts

A number of roof leaks continue to be reported throughout the community and Knox, our roofing vendor, attends to them as they come in. As for our insurance claim for total roof replacement, we are hoping to see the review process get started again this fall. Our original insurer declared bankruptcy this past spring and all claims are being handled by the Federal Insurance Guaranty Association who will make the final determination of if we get our claim approved and for how much. Our roofing contractor and legal team handling the claim remain quite optimistic.

Board President Steps Down

As their final piece of business, the Villa Board reluctantly accepted the resignation of Board President Betty Ann Copley Harris as she is moving out of the villa community.

The Board extended their best wishes as she moves out of Bobcat Trail to a new residence in the Venice area. Her time, dedication and leadership to the Villa Board and community as a whole will be missed.

The next Villa Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 20 at 4 pm in the Villa Clubhouse.

Villa Social Activities Get Underway with the October Potluck

All signs indicate that more people will be returning to the Villas this season, including - hopefully, our Canadian and European neighbors. And with widespread vaccinations and masks and social distancing where appropriate, the Social Committee will get social activities going again, starting with the Villa Potluck on Tuesday, October 19 beginning at 5:00 pm. There will be no theme for this dinner, just bring a dish you're sure all will enjoy. Be on the lookout for promotional flyers in the Breezeway of the Clubhouse and at the mailbox kiosks and a signup sheet in the Breezeway as we get closer to the date.

Book Club Returns to the Villa Clubhouse in October

The Coronavirus ended most activities around the Villas and Bobcat Trail community for the past 18 months. Avid readers were left to enjoy books on their own without the lively discussion that occurred during Book Club. That ends Wednesday, October 13 when Book Club returns at 3:00 pm in the Villa Clubhouse. Subsequent dates are November 10, December 8, January 12, February 9, March 9, and April 13. If you're interested in joining Book Club, you can show up at any meeting. There is a \$3 fee per year to join. If you have any questions or need additional information, contact Ann Fisher at pfisher78@verizon.net.

A Friendly Reminder About Use of the Clubhouse Trash Cans

Please refrain from putting your personal household trash in the cans outside of the Maintenance Building next to the Clubhouse. These cans are primarily for the use by our Maintenance Staff and following any events at the Clubhouse. They fill up fast if residents place their trash in them too. We all have been provided both trash and recycling cans at no additional charge by the City of North Port (it's included in our taxes!) so use these for your weekly trash. If you are leaving for the season or for an extended period of time and do not want to leave trash in your personal cans, you can place them in either of the two cans near the Clubhouse. Please refrain from putting unbagged food in the cans as the eventual odor can waft throughout the Clubhouse and pool area. Depositing animal waste in these cans is prohibited.