VILLA VOICE

Reporting the News and Happenings Around the Bobcat Villas

Calendar

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

Villa Coffee, Sat., Nov. 6 at 9 am*

Euchre, Mon., Nov. 8 & Mon., Nov. 22 at 7 pm, Villa Clubhouse

Villa BOD Mtg., Tues., Nov. 9, 4 pm

Book Club, Wed., Nov. 10, 3 pm

Villa Potluck, Tues., Nov. 16, 5 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 October Villa Board Meeting...

The Villa Board met on Wednesday, October 20 at 4:00 pm in the Villa Clubhouse

Landscape Committee Report

A Request for Proposal has been sent out to several landscaping companies and most of them have responded. The proposed figures are being reviewed so that this, the second largest category of our Villa HOA budget, can be incorporated into the 2022 budget.

Pool/Clubhouse Committee Report

The Board voted to approve the proposal from Florida Restrapping Company to clean and restrap the chairs and

It Costs How Much?!?



Every once in a while, the Villa Board has to take action on removing a tree within the community that appears to have died. Most of the trees, as well as other plants, the irrigation system and the buildings are now around 20 years old.

First it must be determined that the tree is, indeed, dead. If it's not obvious by routine inspection, the landscapers are called in to make a final determination.

The dead tree is then cut down and its stump is ground down below the surface of the ground and the area filled in.

As we cannot plan for how many trees will need to be removed every year, the project is bid out to 3 vendors we trust to get the lowest price.

So how much does it cost to remove a tree? Well, recently, the best bid on removing a dead pine tree came in at \$550. That's removal and stump grinding. Another larger dead pine will run around \$1,000.

Our majestic Washingtonias are another story as a lift needs to be brought in to remove them. That recently cost the HOA \$840. We don't want to remove too many of them at a time.

Then we had to get a quote to cut back the sea grapes that line Lynx Run along Toledo Blade. They must be at least one foot off the road and 14 feet high. One quote we've received is for \$1400. Problem with the sea grapes is that they grow back! This needs to be done several times a year.

So appreciate the well manicured lawns, lush landscaping and beautiful trees. Landscaping is the second largest budgetary item in the Villa's annual budget comprising over 25 percent of the total. The largest? Insurance.

lounges in the pool area. The company will remove all furniture to be serviced, a process that they estimate will take 1-2 weeks. Once a timetable is established for the restrapping, a notice will be made via email and postings at the mail kiosks. The pool will remain open during this time. Residents can bring your own outdoor chairs/lounges in the interim.

Irrigation System Update

Despite months of delay and numerous issues that kept coming up, the Villa's irrigation system is up and running. The timing of this is important as the rain that falls steadily throughout the summer has already begun to subside.

Roof Repair/Replacement Efforts

In anticipation of some forward movement on our insurance claim to replace our hurricane-damaged roofs, the Board is looking at the style and color of the tiles that will be used on the new roofs. Once several tiles are identified as possible replacements, samples of those tiles will be put on display in the Villa clubhouse for resident input. The Board is also considering a new color scheme for the Villa's exteriors that will coordinate with whatever tile is selected.

Power Washing

Normally, before now all roofs around the community would have been power washed. However, it has been delayed as any effort to wash the roofs could result in further damage that could jeopardize the validity of our claim. Included in the roof washing were the soffits, facias and downspouts that by now are also quite dirty. The Board is seeking bids to power wash those areas well in advance of any roof activity.

Next Board Meeting

The next Villa Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 9 at 4 pm in the Villa Clubhouse. Remember, Villa Board of Directors meetings are open to all residents and time is allocated during the meeting for owner comments. This is a time to ask questions or make input about issues affecting our community as a whole. Specific questions about your unit or the landscaping surrounding your unit can be addressed separately with Chris McCluskey, our CAM, at c.mccluskey@starhospitalitymanagement.com.

Villa Coffee Returns in November; Potluck Scheduled

Never fear! Those of you in donut withdraw with the absence of the monthly Villa Coffee can breathe a sigh of relief. Villa Coffee returns on Saturday, November 6 at 9:00 am. This informal gathering enables residents to catch up with old friends and meet new neighbors while enjoying coffee and donuts or other breakfast treats provided by the Villa Social Committee. The November coffee will be hosted by the Social Committee. Hosts for future coffees are always welcome. The job requires room and coffee set up, picking up the donuts or other breakfast treats and greeting attendees. The Social Committee provides ample support to the hosts and reimburses them for any expenses incurred. A sign up sheet will be circulated at the November coffee or you can contact any member of the Villa Social committee: Sue Mason, Deb Adams, Joan Bellucci, Jill Ross or Kathleen Glenney.

Facebook Group Connects Villa Neighbors and Events

If you're a Facebook user and want to stay abreast of what's going on around our community, go to the "Groups" icon on Facebook, search for Villa Friends at Bobcat Trail and join in. You'll see announcements of upcoming events, questions about the community from fellow residents and maybe even an interesting item for sale. Beginning November the monthly Villa calendar and *Villa Voice* newsletter will be available via a link on the Villa Friends at Bobcat Trail group page. This is a great way to stay connected to the 110 residents around Lynx Run,

Euchre Schedule Change

The weekly Euchre games will now become bi-weekly, occurring every second and fourth Monday act 7:00 pm in the Villa Clubhouse. This will allow those who play euchre to take part in the Bobcat community wide Bingo games on the first Monday of each month. For November, euchre will be held on Monday, November 8 and Monday, November 22.

Welcome to These New Residents of the Bobcat Villas

Welcome to the Following New Owners Who Joined Us Recently

Meyer & Zoya Goykhburg Khayut - 2171

Lee Rhodes - 2153