

VILLA VOICE

Reporting the News and Happenings Around the Bobcat Villas

Calendar

Water Aerobics, Mon. - Fri.,
10:00 am, Villa Pool

Villa Coffee, Sat., Apr. 2, 9 am*

April Music at the Villas, Sat.,
Apr. 9, 3 pm

Euchre, Mon., Apr. 11 & Mon.,
Apr. 25 at 7 pm, Villa
Clubhouse*

Villa Annual BBQ, Tues., Apr.
12, 5 pm*

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

Villa Potluck, Tues., Apr. 19, 5
pm*

Bobcat Villa HOA Board Mtg.
Wed., Apr. 20, @ 4 pm

Bobcat Trail CDD Board Mtg,
Thurs., Apr. 21, @ 3 pm, Bobcat
Community Center

Bobcat Trail Master HOA Mtg,
Wed., Apr. 27, @ 3:30 pm,
Bobcat Community Center

*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.*



From the March 16 Villa Board Meeting...

The Villa Board met on Wednesday, March 16 at 4:00 pm in the Villa Clubhouse.

Irrigation Issues Continue

We have been having ongoing issues getting our irrigation system up and running. Evidently one key issue is with the pump that sits in the pond in the middle of the Villas. Low water levels cause dirt at the bottom of the pond to be sucked into the filters and therefore there isn't enough pressure to properly run the pump. Our pond is filled by rain so we cannot affect the water level in any other way. Effort will be made now to routinely clean the filters.

Landscaping Actions

The Board took action to approve a number of proposals



Villas Are Selling Fast These Days

The hot real estate market in Florida is remarkably noticeable here in the Bobcat Villas, with 14 units having been sold since January 2021 and 6 more under contract. As of the date of this publication, 1 more is on the market bringing the total to 21. That is 19% of our total Villa community changing hands within the past year.

So why are people leaving? There are a variety of reasons. A number of them, particularly our Canadian friends, are selling what are their winter home here in the U.S. and returning north full time.

Some are leaving for greener pastures, or rather greener greens, at other golf communities in Southwest Florida.

A few have been rental units that their owners are looking to cash in on in this great market.

Some are moving up to homes, leaving the condo life behind.

And some are selling their vacation home due to health issues, the cost of living here and the pull of family and grandchildren.

Regardless of the reasons, we wish them all well and that they find happiness wherever they land. As for those who join us - welcome! We're glad you're here!

affecting landscaping throughout the community. The Board gave the go-ahead for a number of palm trees to be treated for a weevil that has affected palm trees throughout Florida. The Board approved a number of trees to be trimmed throughout the community. They tabled a proposal to replace sod in areas the landscapers felt is needed. That quote came to over \$63,000 so the Landscape Committee will now tour the community to determine the areas of greatest need and have the project re-bid.

Gutter Cleaning Slated for May

The Board approve a proposal for cleaning of our gutters. This will take place in May. As more details are known, Villa residents will be notified. In the meantime, only one bid has been submitted for pressure washing our facias, downspouts, gutters (exteriors) and driveway aprons. Chris McCluskey has been directed to get other bids.

Other Issues

A resident asked if they are free to remove a pine tree behind their villa. We cannot remove live trees anywhere in the community unless we get approval from the arborist of the City of North Port.

The next meeting of the Villa Board of Directors is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20 at 4:00 pm in the Villa Clubhouse.

To Mulch or Not to Mulch

Many residents have asked about when new mulch will be laid as lawn blowers, wind, rain, and critters have removed much of the existing mulch. The Board is aware of this situation and is working with our landscape provider LMP on addressing it. However, as with anything, there is a process. First the irrigation system must be fully repaired and running properly. Repairs to the lines in the ground and to the motor providing the water are in the works. Once the water is running, sod will be laid in the bare spots. Finally, mulch will be laid, kind of like icing on the cake! Ugh, bad metaphor!

However, the same mulch currently in place will be used so if residents want to go ahead and mulch the areas they are responsible for, they can. That includes the landscaped area between the front entry and the iron gate, the area along the side of the end units and that surrounding the lanai and paver patio in the back.

Library Assistance Needed

For years, the Library in the Villa Clubhouse has been maintained by 2 resident volunteers - Anna Kantwill and Jeannette Snow. And they've done a great job! Now it is time for them to shelve the last book, marking "The End" their oversight of the Library.

Anyone interested in taking over this project, please contact Sue Mason at sue@jlmason.us. We can discuss what is involved in this job and the amount of time it takes.

April Music at the Villas

Once again, some very talented residents within the Villas are staging a delightful afternoon of music and song at the "April Music at the Villas" on Saturday, April 9. Plan on joining your Villa friends and neighbors for this outdoor concert. It will begin at 3 pm with Nina Freeman and her group performing A Little Night Music in front of her villa at 2206 Lynx Run. Next up around 4 pm will be Nick E singing Elvis goodies and timeless oldies. Then, Dan, the guitar man, Mastropietro will be jammin' some country and oldies as well. Those two will be staged on the sidewalk in front 2189 Lynx Run. Bring your chair or carts and favorite beverages and set up across the street and on the grass by the mail boxes. There is plenty of room for everyone. This is the third concert by this talented three-some and past performances have received rave reviews. You won't want to miss it!

Social Events in April

If it's the first Saturday of the month, then it must be **Villa Coffee** time! So plan to join your neighbors and friends at the next coffee, Saturday, April 2 beginning at 9 am in the Villa Clubhouse. Let us know you're coming by signing up on the sheet in the Breezeway of the Clubhouse.

The next social event in April is what has been called the annual **BBQ Dinner**, although instead of grilled meats, there'll be pulled pork and all the fixins'. This event is the Social Committee's way of thanking villa residents who have supported our activities throughout the season. No need to provide anything other than your favorite beverage for this dinner. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 12 beginning at 5 pm in the Villa Clubhouse and be sure to sign up on the sheet in the Breezeway of the Clubhouse.

Then the monthly **Potluck** is slated for Tuesday, April 19 beginning at 5 pm. This is you, our residents, time to offer up your best recipes for an always great meal. Again, there'll be a sign-up sheet in the Breezeway of the Clubhouse.

Euchre Anyone?

Have we got a deal for you! It's one that cannot be trumped. And if you decide to join in, you cannot renege later. If these silly statements sound familiar then you know euchre and should plan to play the fast paced game on the second and fourth Monday of the month beginning at 7 pm in the Villa Clubhouse. April's games take place on the 11th and 25th. Sign up on the sheet posted in the Breezeway.

Welcome to These New Residents of the Bobcat Villas

We welcome New Owners who join us each month. Be sure to welcome them to our Community!

Theodore & Mary Ann Statura - 2002