

VILLA VOICE

Reporting the News and Happenings Around the Bobcat Villas

Calendar

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

Villa Coffee, Sat., Mar 5 @ 9
am*

Sarasota County Special
Election, Tues., Mar. 8, 6 am - 7
pm, Villa Clubhouse

Book Club, Wed., Mar. 9, @ 3
pm

Euchre, Mon., Mar. 14 & Mon.,
Mar. 28 at 7 pm, Villa
Clubhouse*

Bobcat Trail Master HOA
Annual Mtg. Mon., Mar. 14, @
3:30 pm

Villa Potluck, Tues., Mar. 15, @ 5
pm*

Bobcat Villa HOA Board Mtg.
Wed., Mar. 16, @ 4 pm

Bobcat Trail CDD Board Mtg,
Thurs., Mar. 17, @ 3 pm,
Bobcat Community Center

Bobcat Trail Master HOA Mtg,
Wed., Mar. 23, @ 3:30 pm,
Bobcat Community Center

Villa Special Dinner, Tues., Mar.
29, @ 5 pm*



From the February 28 Annual Homeowners Meeting...

The Villa Board met on Monday, February 28 at 3:00 pm in the Bobcat Trail Community Center at the Annual Homeowners Meeting.

Election Results

With a quorum certified, voting on a number of issues and the election of directors commenced. The issue of rolling over surplus funds to avoid tax liability passed with 38 residents approving and 1 abstaining. On the vote to approve borrowing the HOA's insurance premium from our reserves rather than taking a loan and paying interest, the issue passed with 38 approving and 1 abstaining. Finally on the issue to waive more



Parking a Problem in the Villas

No doubt, space can be an issue within our villas. Not enough closet space, limited storage above the garage and just too much stuff overall means we're often putting 10 pounds of junk in a 5 pound bag.

The same is true when it comes to parking. Multiple cars and larger vehicles as well as golf carts just don't seem to all fit within our garages and driveways. Regardless, we must find a way to make our vehicles and possessions live amicably within the space we have.

So please abide by the parking rules of our community:

- No on street parking overnight. This goes for residents and guests.
- No blocking of sidewalks at the end of the driveway.
- No overnight parking in the area in front of the Clubhouse.

Failure to obey these rules can result in action from the Board. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

stringent financial reporting requirements, it was passed with 37 voting to approve, 1 opposing and 1 abstaining.

As there were 3 open Board positions and 3 candidates, no voting was needed. Returning to the Board are George Baillie, Jean Liesmann and Barb Bugbee. They join Lou Sperduto and Sue Mason.

At the Organizational Meeting of Board immediately following the Annual Meeting, Lou Sperduto was elected President, George Baillie, Vice President; Sue Mason, Secretary/Treasurer; and Jean Liesmann and Barb Bugbee directors.

Landscape Report

President Lou Sperduto reported that our new landscape provider LMP will be making upgrades in 3 phases: First will be to get the irrigation system up and running. The pump that has been out of order for some time has finally been fixed. LMP will now repair irrigation equipment as needed. Next, with irrigation working, LMP will remove dead sod and put fresh sod in place. Finally, the company will install mulch throughout the community. Lou also said that the volunteer committee will continue with removing the "corn stalks" that remain in front of villas and replace them with wax lilies. They will also be trimming some of the bushes.

Pool Repairs

Our pool contractor has been inspecting the water lines serving the pool and has found and repaired a number of leaks. One more area still has to be inspected. They will also repair the pool skimmer that has been not working properly.

Power Washing

Chris McCluskey, our association manager, reported having difficulty getting any company to quote on power washing our gutters, downspouts, facias and sidewalks. At issue is the fact no one will be allowed to get on the roof to do the cleaning. As more information is available about this process, an announcement will be made to all resident.

Owner Comments

It was suggested that our maintenance man be tasked to clean out the gutters twice a year. Currently a service is hired to clean them once a year in advance of rainy season. There are liability issues for the HOA to have our maintenance man climb a ladder to do such cleaning. The Board will consider having the gutter cleaned twice a year by an outside company. If anyone feels their gutters are too clogged with debris, they can contact Chris McCluskey who will pass that along to the volunteer crew to handle.

Sarasota County Elections Slated for March 8, Library Use Unavailable

A special election is being held in Sarasota County on Tuesday, March 8 and the polling location for Precinct 33 is the Villa Clubhouse. Precinct 33 covers all residents within the entire Bobcat Trail community. The Clubhouse will be off limits to all Villa residents beginning at 5 p.m. on Mon. March 7 through the end of the day March 8. Also, the voting equipment will be delivered to the Clubhouse on March 2 and has to be held in a locked area. The only area in the Clubhouse that can be independently locked is the library so from March 2 through March 9 the library will be unavailable for use by Villa residents.

Alligators Are Our Friends!

Well, maybe not our friends, but certainly not our enemies! We both can co-exist if we just follow some basic rules.

First of all, there are no rules for the alligators!

Secondly, we can, by our behavior, keep ourselves and our pets safe by keeping a distance from the alligators.

We are typically not on an alligator's menu, but they will attack if they are threatened, especially if there are baby alligators nearby. So if you see an alligator out of the water sunning around the ponds, leave them alone.

Don't walk your dog near the edge of the ponds, especially smaller dogs, as the alligators will track them. We've heard of too many instances of alligators lunging out of water to grab a dog. Fortunately this hasn't happened in any of the ponds around the Villas. But still, let's don't tempt fate!

Don't wade or swim in the ponds.

Don't feed the alligators. They are quite capable of finding their own food. In fact, alligators are federally protected and it is illegal to feed them.

Don't alert the officials if you see an alligator unless it is aggressive or agitated. Sometimes an alligator will migrate from the pond along former hole 14 of the golf course across Lynx Run to the pond in the middle of the villas. Don't approach them or try to scare them. Just let them alone. If the officials are called in and the alligator is over 4 feet long or are aggressive, they will remove the creature and destroy it. There's no need to put down an alligator that is not hurting anyone.

Upcoming Social Events

It's Villa Coffee time again, this month on Saturday, March 5 beginning at 9 am in the Villa Clubhouse. Plan to attend to enjoy the coffee, treats and camaraderie among your friends and neighbors. Let us know you're coming by signing up on the sheet in the Breezeway of the Clubhouse.

March Potluck is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15 beginning at 5 pm. The food so far this year has been fantastic so there's no doubt it will be the same this month. Pull out your favorite recipe to share with your neighbors. There'll be a sign-up sheet in the Breezeway of the Clubhouse.

The Social Committee was anxious to host the ever popular Gas Station Chicken dinner in late March, but alas, the gas station's fryers are down as they await a crucial part. So no fried chicken we've enjoyed in the past. But the Committee is hoping to offer an equally good alternative for this annual feast and they will announce the details very soon. This dinner serves as a fundraiser for the Social Committee which receives no funding from the HOA's operating budget. The money raised goes to purchase supplies for the coffees, potlucks and other activities we all enjoy over the course of the year.

Finally, a special thanks to those who stepped up for the Soup night in February. The response started out slow with too few soup offerings for too many people. But your neighbors stepped up and we were able to serve 7 delicious soups along with a variety of appetizers, salads, breads and desserts.

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!