



CHATTER

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Fun Club

Hello to all Lake Bonnet Village residents, welcome back to our seasonal residents and a special welcome to our new residents. Most of you are aware that our West clubhouse is still under construction. Many things are moving along beautifully but until once completed *and* we have an occupancy permit, we will continue to require compromises regarding our space requirements for *all* activities. We ask everyone to be patient and focus on the positives.

Due to space constrictions the seating in the Community Hall, it will be set up to accommodate all functions and the table and chairs stored within the Hall will not be moved until the West Clubhouse is completed. So please be patient and realize that soon we will be reaping the benefits of our new investment.

We hope everyone is excited and ready for the 2019 season with our many fun activities planned. It is important for successful activities that there are volunteers and we encourage everyone to participate. There are sign-up sheets posted on the Community Hall bulletin board for all events. Get your friends to share in the fun of planning and organizing an activity. Information is available for all activities and your Fun Club Board are excellent resources.

The first Fun Club meeting of the season is November 13th at 8:30 am in the Community Hall. All are welcome; come join and bring your interest and support.

Coffee and doughnuts are at 8am every Tuesday in the Community Hall. It's a great time for fellowship.

Volunteers are needed for decorating our village for Christmas. It is scheduled to begin November 27th and to be completed by November 30th. We also need volunteers for our annual tree lighting ceremony and Christmas party. Volunteer and create a party!!!

Jeff Centers, President, Fun Club

Board of Directors Report

As we begin our 17th season as a resident-owned cooperative, I would like to extend a BIG “Welcome Home” to all of our LBV snowbirds and a BIG thank you to our full time residents who were great stewards of our park while the rest of us were away. A great year is in store for all LBV residents especially as we begin using our new clubhouse/shelter sometime this winter.

Many thanks to our fellow shareholders who supported our efforts to bring a much needed state-of-the-art clubhouse/shelter within our village. It was made possible by your decisions at workshops and board meetings to construct a replacement building which would allow us to have more room to accommodate the many, many activities as well as providing a storm shelter for our use as we continue to encounter hurricanes and tornadoes in Florida. We will all benefit throughout our lifetime and the building will benefit residents well into the future. Seventeen shares were sold during the three years prior to your vote. This allowed the board to pay off the mortgage on our park and begin planning the construction of the building. As it turned out, two years were needed for the planning and construction. Obviously, we will need to be patient and understanding as we begin using the new facility. It is hoped that it meets your expectations and that you are thrilled to own an outstanding addition to our beautiful park.

Upon completion of the construction, the Highlands County Building Department is required to issue an occupancy permit. The County will do their final inspection regarding safety and codes. Don't moan about the red tape because your BOD has been up to their necks in the red tape for over a year! But it will soon be over and ours to enjoy!

Speaking of red tape, this summer, our VP, Abe Westbrook, and our Secretary, Linda Haven generously gave of their time to serve our park. They attended monthly meetings with Cool Engineering and Cobb Construction to shepherd the completion of our clubhouse to the community's satisfaction. This was in addition to addressing the daily needs of our park. A BIG, BIG thank you to Abe, and Linda for their decision making and leadership.

The Sebring Fire Department has warned the park that they CANNOT maneuver their equipment around our park during a fire call if there are vehicles parked in the streets. We AGAIN ask that NO golf carts, cars, trucks or trailers are left in the street unattended. PLEASE find somewhere to park so that in an emergency, help can reach someone in need.

Good news! LBV has experienced a BIG increase in the number of RVers the past three years. RV reservations are already running ahead of last year. Eight of our RVers purchased LBV share and joined our share-holder family in 2018. The value of our park has increased to about thirteen million dollars. Even greater has been the increase in the number of great individuals who have been added to our family.

Since January 1, 2018, LBV has transferred 20 units/shares and sold a new share. We now have 273 shareholders out of possible 344. Welcome new shareholders.

If you claim homestead on your home in Florida, you CANNOT claim homestead on your home in another state. The county is reviewing taxes and you could be held liable for substantial back taxes if you are claiming homestead in both FL and another state. Another resident in the past was held liable for over \$14000 in back taxes. This is also a 3rd degree felony and prosecution could be a possibility.

A resident spotted a bear walking down Cedarwood Drive early one morning this summer. So please use caution when walking early in the morning, especially if you have your dog with you. Remember at all times, there is always danger in Florida involving bears, snakes, gators, bobcats and panthers.

Shareholders Annual Meeting and election will be held on January 23, 2019. The three year term is up for these current board members: Betty Church, Linda Haven, Byron Townsend. The first notice of election will be mailed out on November 23, 2018. If you wish to become a candidate your resume needs to be turned into the office by December 14, 2018. Abe Westbrook is Election Chairman.

New State flags were ordered and have arrived. If you wish to have your home state represented by your state flag, please stop in the office and give a donation of \$10. It is a very impressive site with all the state flags flying within our village.

Byron Townsend, President, Lake Bonnet Village Co-Op, Inc.

Hurricane Pie and Ice Cream

Pies are requested for this event. Donations of any pies should be brought to the Community Hall by 2pm on November 11th. This event is sponsored by Storm Troopers. Storm Troopers is raising monies to provide items required for sheltering during a major storm. Volunteers are needed to create a committee to define those needs; if you are interested in participating please contact Jeff Centers.

Bingo

Calling all Bingo players! Bingo starts Monday November 5th at 7pm. It will be every Monday and Thursday evening at 7pm excluding holidays. Bring your money for cards and your enthusiasm. We always need callers. If interested call *Ron Medema*.

Thank You

A big thank you to all of our LBV friends for their cards, calls, and concerns on the passing of my brother, Harry Vaughn. *Ruth Townsend*

Thank you to all who sent card, love, and hugs to our family on the passing of my loving husband, LeRoy Hodges. *Joanne Hodges*

Information Tidbits for our newest residents and a reminder for all:

Cost for Coffee and Donuts is \$1.00. Bring your own coffee cup to save on disposables. All Breakfasts are \$3.50 in advance (tickets purchased from your street representative), additional 50 cents at the door. Bring your own tableservice; 'to go' boxes are always available.

Bring your tableservice (plate and utensils) to all potluck dinners and holiday dinners. Exception---it is NOT necessary to provide your tableservice if you are attending any *dinner you purchased a ticket to attend*.

50/50 tickets are usually sold at all functions the cost is \$1.00 or defined by the event chair.

Chatter: Information within the Chatter *and* calendar is dependent on the editor receiving the information with date, time, purpose of the event or information defining the event. If you have information you wish to have included in the newsletter please drop off a signed article at 2723 E Cedarwood Dr. or email it to cohnlnmk@yahoo.com by the 20th of each month. For articles to appear in the January newsletter please have the information to the editor by the 15th of December. *Linda Cohn*

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 Pokeno 12:30 Bingo 7pm | 2 Dauber Bingo 6:30 | 3 Pancake Brkfst 730-9am |
| 4 Weekly Church Services 9am | 5 Bingo 7pm | 6 Coffee & Donuts 8am Card Bingo 6:30pm | 7 Bible Study 9am Euchre 6:30pm | 8 Pokeno 12:30 Bingo 7pm | 9 Dauber Bingo 6:30 | 10 Biscuits & Gravy 730-9am |
| 11 Weekly Church Services 9am "Hurricane" Pie & Ice Cream \$4.00 3-4pm/CH Storm Troopers | 12 Exec Fun Club mtg 11am Bingo 7pm | 13 Coffee & Donuts 8am Fun Club mtg 830am/CH Potluck 5pm Card Bingo 6:30pm | 14 Bible Study 9am Euchre 6:30pm | 15 Pokeno 12:30 Burgers 4pm \$5.00 Bingo 7pm | 16 Dauber Bingo 6:30 | 17 |
| 18 Weekly Church Services 9am | 19 BOD meeting 9:00am (Free coffee/tea) Bingo 7pm | 20 Coffee & Donuts 8am Card Bingo 6:30pm | 21 Bible Study 9am Euchre 6:30pm | 22 Thanksgiving Dinner 1pm | 23 Dauber Bingo 6:30 | 24 French Toast Breakfast 7:30-9am |
| 25 Weekly Church Services 9am | 26 Bingo 7pm | 27 Coffee & Donuts 8am Card Bingo 6:30pm Christmas Decorating begins | 28 Bible Study 9am Widow's Tea 2:30pm Euchre 6:30pm Christmas decorating | 29 Pokeno 12:30 Burgers 4pm \$5.00 Bingo 7pm Christmas decorating | 30 Dauber Bingo 6:30 Christmas decorating | |