

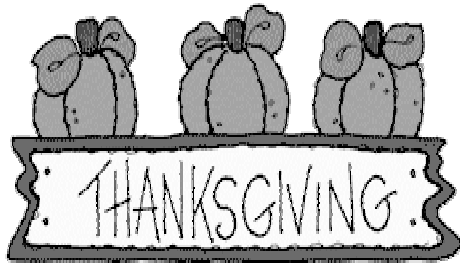


MARION LANDING

THE COMMUNICATOR

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BOARD MEETING (Budget)
Wednesday, November 5 @ 9 AM

HOMEOWNER FORUM
Tuesday, November 11 @ 9 AM

(All meetings in Lifestyle Center)



BOARD NOTES *by Gordon Herrick*

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Meeting Date: Friday, November 14, 2008

Meeting Time: 9:00 AM (Sign-in to begin at 8:00 AM)

Location: Lifestyle Center

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the Annual Meeting of the Membership. The purpose of the meeting is to elect two Directors to serve two-year terms on the Board of Directors for the Association of Marion Landing Owners, Inc., and any business as may be lawfully presented to the membership. All Directors serve on a volunteer basis and without compensation. The current members who have volunteered to have their names placed on the ballot are John Moran and Bill Wurst. According to Florida State Statute 720, any member may nominate themselves during the meeting.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, it is very important for you to complete and return your proxy through a trusted neighbor or friend. You may also return your proxy to the Secretary of the Association. A quorum at Membership meetings shall consist of 30% (180 Lots) of the total voting interest in the Association, whether represented in person or by proxy. **A quorum of the Membership must be established for the election of Directors to be held and other Association business conducted.** If you have any questions, please contact Rose Peters, Election Committee Chairperson.

Note: At the October 17 meeting of the Board of Directors, we voted to close the Lifestyle Center and Bowling Center at 7 PM on Saturday and Sunday evenings. This is being done for security reasons. If any group schedules an activity for one of those evenings, then lockup will revert to the original 10 PM time frame. This change will begin on December 1.

Deadline for DECEMBER *COMMUNICATOR* articles – NOVEMBER 14 at 5 PM
December Editors: Gloria Wilberg & Peggy Baxter

Community Association Manager

by *Deeann Welch*

I wish everyone in Marion Landing, and all Leland employees, a very Happy Thanksgiving.

WATER METERS

I have been asked by many homeowners to explain the water meters. It is the responsibility of every homeowner who does not want to receive a water bill to take an active role in regulating the amount of water used. Checking your meter on a regular basis can help in several ways. First, you can make sure you do not get a water bill by adjusting your water usage. Second, you may find a leak before significant damage is done to your home or property.

- Please wear gloves before opening the meter box. I have opened them and seen many bugs, and some homeowners have even seen a snake.
- Lift the lid off. The first place you should check is in the left hand corner of the meter where there is a little red triangle. Please make sure you have no water running in your house or yard. If you are not using any water, the needle should not be moving. If it is moving, you may have a leak. Finding the leak and fixing it may correct your water over usage problem and save expensive damage from occurring.
- Read the numbers at the top of your meter. It is easiest to write all the numbers down. When you go back into your house, cross out the first three digits to the right. We only bill by how many thousand gallons you use, so there is no need to use the ones, tens, or hundreds. Our meter reading company does not even write down the first three digits to the right. Determine which way is easiest for you to remember.
- Read the meter again one month later to see how much water you have used. For example, if you are allotted 35,000 gallons per quarter, you can divide that by three and you need to stay under 11,666 gallons a month. If you have used over 11,666 gallons in one month, and you continue the way you are going, you will have a water bill.
- Remember, most reasons homeowners receive a water bill is due to a leak or running their irrigation system too long. Many times all you need to do is cut back a few minutes and it will help.

WATER ONLY ONE DAY A WEEK

Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFMD) has continued their water restriction of only one day per week. Please do not be confused by Saint Johns allowing their customers to water two days a week.

SWFMD will reevaluate in February 2009, and I will update you if it changes to more than once a week. Remember, if you water more than once a week, you can receive a fine.

DONATE A WHEEL CHAIR

If you have a wheel chair that is in good shape, but you no longer have use for it, please consider donating it to the Lifestyle Center. If someone should fall at the Lifestyle Center, we would have a safe way to get them back to their car where someone can drive them home.



TRASH PICKUP

There will be no trash or yard waste pickup on Thursday, November 27. This means there will be only one pickup that week for trash, and none for yard waste. Please adjust your trash and yard waste accordingly, so we do not have items along the road for days.



S & R Committee Notes

by *Jerry Wood*

The Social and Recreation Committee wishes to remind you that the **Lifestyle Center will be closed to all activities on November 4 due to the General Election.** The Homeowner Forum will be held the following Tuesday, November 11.

November 21 has been selected as the date for decorating the Lifestyle Center for the Holidays. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the hallway. Please consider coming down and helping to transform the Lifestyle Center.

The S & R Committee is working on arranging a Holiday Home Decorating Contest in the community. Much more information will be coming soon.

In addition to other plans for the holiday season, we have arranged for a –

“Thanksgiving Dinner at the Lifestyle Center”

There will be a full menu of traditional Thanksgiving items with turkey, potatoes, gravy, dressing, vegetables and a dessert. Tickets went on sale October 21, at \$8 each, and will be sold until November 18. Dinner will be served at 1 PM. Residents may bring their own plates and silverware, or use those furnished by the Marion Landing kitchen.



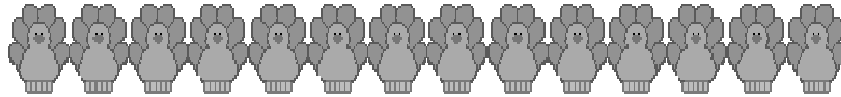
PAM'S PROGRAM UPDATES *by Pam Guenther*

Email address: pguenther@lelandmanagement.com

Happy Thanksgiving to all my friends at Marion Landing! I hope you enjoy a wonderful holiday with your family and friends. I know this is the time of year we should reflect on all the things in our lives we are thankful for. I feel that I am very blessed to have met and made so many good friends in this community. Not only do I have the opportunity to do a job I love; it has also given me the privilege to have become acquainted with so many of you on a personal level. I feel as though I am indeed a part of this wonderful community.

I hope that many of you have participated in at least one event or class that has been presented during the past few months. It has been an extremely busy time for me, finding and arranging new classes, speakers, tours and the like. I have been receiving some great ideas from many residents for different programs and classes. I assure you they are all being researched, and hopefully, many will be scheduled. If a suggestion was not carried out, it may be because we were unable to obtain an instructor or a time slot could not be coordinated. We appreciate all your suggestions and hope you keep them coming.

We have an exciting agenda planned in December to entertain you at the Tuesday Socials. A whole new lineup of guest speakers has been scheduled for 2009. Jerry Furlong from Edward Jones will give you some great tips on investing and financial matters. Roberts Funeral Home will be back for another informative seminar, plus there are many new seminars scheduled. I hope we will have some new volunteers coming forward to chair more events, so we may give everyone more fun options at Marion Landing! Hope to see you at the Clubhouse!



CAREGIVERS' SUPPORT GROUP

Our next Caregivers' Support Group meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 5, at 11:00 AM, in the Library at the Lifestyle Center. Sign-up is encouraged, but not necessary. Karen Butler, with the Senior Services of Marion County, oversees the group. Karen gives important information and tips for people who are caregivers, so you may wish to come and exchange ideas.

BUNKA SHI-SHU EMBROIDERY CLASS

Margaret Nelson, a certified instructor in the art, just loves to teach this class. She has already helped many students learn how to create their own beautiful embroidered pictures for display. The participants have enjoyed making their own piece from a kit they select from Margaret. Some students have made roses, butterflies, animals and assorted others, from simple to more complex. She holds classes each Wednesday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM, with the exception of the last Wednesday of the month. Come check it out and sign up if interested.

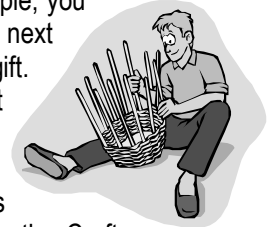
BOTANICAL FLOWER ART

Yes, Barbara Shoop will be back to teach her class. People still love to make these neat flowers made from plastic cutlery! If you haven't tried this already, you don't know how easy and how much fun it is. The price is still \$12 for everything you need. Please check the lobby for her flyer, or with Pam in the Activity Office, to see when her next class will be scheduled.



BASKET WEAVING CLASS

With the holidays coming, there are so many things you can do with a basket. For example, you can carry all those goodies to your next party or give one away as a gift. Sharon teaches as many different basket styles as she has had classes. As always, each one is different and unique. Her next class will be November 26, at 9:00 AM, in the Craft Room. Please sign up for this class, if interested. Cost is posted on the flyer, and her next basket may be viewed in the Activity Office. Come out and have some fun!



LINE DANCING WITH SYLVIA

At this time, we have posted a new flyer and sign-up sheet for two new line dance classes. The scheduled dates begin on Wednesday, October 29, and run for six consecutive weeks. Sylvia agreed to teach a beginners class to run from 12:30 to 1:15 PM, and a second class following from 1:30 to 2:30 PM. Although there is a minimum sign-up requirement of ten students per class, I am sure Sylvia will have no problem filling it. Students may take both classes, if they wish. The cost is \$12 for each class. For more info, contact Pam in the Activity Office at 237-7152.



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SPEAKER FOR NOVEMBER

Kim Connell, from Quiet Oaks Assisted Living, will be here on Tuesday, November 25, to speak about assisted living options in our area. She will also be available to answer any questions you may have. Please plan to stay after the Tuesday Social for this very important topic.

BACK STAGE TOUR

We will be doing a back stage tour of the Ocala Civic Theater on Thursday, November 13, at 10:00 AM. This is a very interesting behind-the-scenes tour showing all the workings of putting on a live stage show. The tour is free and will last approximately one hour. Please sign up in advance on the sign-up sheet posted in the lobby. Those attending may carpool if they like, but are responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from the theater.

GENEALOGY CLUB INTEREST

A couple of residents have mentioned starting a Genealogy Club at Marion Landing again. I have been told there was one a couple of years ago, but the group faded out. If you might be interested in joining this club, or have some experience with researching family history and would like to be the Chairperson for this club, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Pam in the Activity Office for more information.

MEDICARE SEMINAR & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Dave Pendleton, with Quality Home Health Plans, will be here Thursday, November 6, from 11:00 AM until 12:30 PM in the Lifestyle Center to speak about changes in Medicare for 2009. He will also cover the five different Medicare approved plans and answer any questions you may have. This FREE Seminar also includes a free ice cream social as well, to make this not only a fun but informative event. There are no tickets to buy for this event, but sign-up is required on the flyer in the Lobby. Please see Pam in the Activity Office for more info.



When submitting items to *The Communicator*, please remember not to type them in ALL CAPS. This makes more work for your editors.
Thank you,
The Editors

ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS

by Val Spencer

Holiday Decorating of the Lifestyle Center will take place on Friday, November 21. All residents are invited to help decorate, and a sign-up sheet is posted in the lobby. If you have a particular interest or decorating talent, please indicate that on the sheet. We will start decorating at 9 AM. If you have any questions, please call Val Spencer at 861-1340.



TNT EXERCISE CLASS MOVES INSIDE

by Dotty Bouchet

On Monday, November 3, Dotty's exercise class will begin our Fall/Winter schedule. We will exercise on Mondays and Fridays at 10:00 AM in the Clubhouse. The class usually takes 45 minutes.

We had a great exercise class in the pool all summer, ending with a fabulous luncheon at the Red Lobster on September 29. Just loved my diamond whistle and stuffed hands made by Lorraine Rusch. "TNT"



A great big THANK YOU to all for your wonderful support, not only for coming to the classes Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, but for giving me special support and for all your caring and taking my mind off our family crisis with the loss of our grandson. You are all such a shot in the arm for me, and such great friends.

I love you all and hope to see some of you in November.





MARION LANDING PATROL

by Rich Toneske



Our next PATROL meeting will be on NOVEMBER 18 in the Lifestyle Center. This is not the regularly scheduled second Tuesday in the month, but rather the third Tuesday. All the excuses you have for making the meeting should be really screwed up now. Why not attend and become an interested member of Patrol? Also, this is ELECTION DAY for Patrol. Please attend and make this a democratic vote. November is the month when we change the Patrol schedule, so check with the Patrol Captains for the new times. Charlie Mock, our nominating committee of one, is still looking for members to run for office. Please contact him if you are interested. We don't run too well without officers, and you might have ideas to help correct some of the problems we encounter. New thoughts and ideas are always helpful. Please give it some thought!! It's not too late to volunteer, since nominations do not close until the meeting.

Speaking of nominations, I would like to invite all residents to become part of Patrol. We could use the help. It's easy, and most of the time it is a fun night. See any Officer at a Tuesday Social, or look us up in the Marion Landing phone book and give us a call.

The Patrol dinner will be on January 25, the Sunday before the SUPER BOWL, so there is no interference. There will be a new caterer with different foods and not as costly as before. Please mark that date on your calendar and plan to attend.

Now is the time of year that every scam artist and petty thief get their acts together. They are looking for you...that's right, you and me and all unsuspecting average "Joe or Suzie" citizens. Please be aware and don't take any unnecessary chances. An absolute must is protecting your personal information---DO NOT GIVE IT OUT---not on the phone and not to anyone you are unsure of. While out shopping, park in well-lighted areas, always lock the car, and put any and all packages in the trunk. Don't invite trouble. If you see or feel something isn't right, go back to the store and ask for a Security person to accompany you to your vehicle. Yes, it might seem dumb now; but if something happened to you, it would not have been a bad idea. Always think safety. This doesn't only apply while you're out either. Please take certain safeguards around your home. Remember the economic situation isn't that great, and a way some can get an easy buck is to steal from you. If you keep your home locked, the car in the driveway locked, and house lights on, or a radio playing, it does help. Speaking of lights, you do remember we have those things called post lights? They should be in working order and lit. First off, they look so much better when they are working, plus they add a fair amount of security to your home. They also help the people patrolling see things a lot better. I informed you last month how little the cost is to run these post lights. If

you need your post light serviced, call me at 291-2424 and I will get help to fix your light. We have a couple of volunteers from Patrol who would gladly be of service.

Thanks again to those in the community who have told me they appreciate my articles. It's reassuring to know that the articles are being read. Now, if we could only get some more residents to take the next step and join Patrol. What a tremendous help that would be for both Patrol and Marion Landing.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING to all. STAY SAFE AND WELL. See you next month.



SEARCH

by Rich Toneske



We had some good moments this past month. I think last month's article did wake up a couple of residents as to the importance of the Resident Information Forms and pictures. Mary Callahan, Search Team Director, was called to take pictures and assist in getting forms completed. I wish more residents would take part in this procedure. You just never know when any of the contact or emergency numbers you share with us might come in handy. Mary was also busy doing some updating of the files, such as putting in new residents' names and sorting. While doing this, she came across many names of residents whose contact persons have either passed away or moved. She called those residents and reminded them of the data they had on the sheet and had it updated. If you are aware that your information may be outdated, please contact Mary, and she will be happy to rectify the situation. All it takes is a call-- it's as easy as that.

We are scheduled to have a Search meeting in December, so please keep this in mind. If any member of Patrol would like to become a part of the Search Team, get in touch with Mary or any Officer in Patrol.

We are fast approaching the time of year when we all get a little excited about the holidays and the grandkids coming, or maybe you are traveling to visit them. Just remember a couple of basic simple rules and all will be fine. Keep yourself aware, alert, and observant of your surroundings, and don't be taken in by some scam artist. You will read more about this type of information in the local paper and most likely see it on TV, too. Have fun and enjoy your holidays with family and friends, but please don't let a mishap spoil your good time.

Keep safe and alert, and most of all have a HAPPY THANKSGIVING! If you are traveling, get back here to Marion Landing safe and sound. I like having you around to pick on. See you all next month.