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HOMEOWNER FORUM
Tuesday, January 8 @ 9 AM

BOARD MEETING
Friday, January 25 @ 9 AM
(All meetings at Lifestyle Center)

Board Notes

by Gordon Herrick, President

Since being elected President of the Marion Landing Board of Directors, I have participated in two activities that I have enjoyed immensely. The first was presenting the December Volunteer of the Month to Rachel Glenn, and the second was being asked to speak at the Thank You Reception for the many people who contribute to the distribution of our *Communicator*. After I was elected, our attorney sent me an email saying, "Your association is an active one and your homeowners really care about their community." If a stranger recognizes those traits in us, it is even more important for us, as a community, to thank our many neighbors for all the work they do.

I would like to thank all of the committee chairpersons and members who served in 2007. The Board of Directors cannot function effectively without the input we get from our committees.

The committee chairpersons for 2008 are:

Finance — Dave Rusch

Rules and Regulations — Gloria Wilberg

Reserve Study — Joe Raffony

Election — Rose Peters

Social and Recreation — Jerry Wood

Long Range Planning — Fran Szutar

Documents — Charlie Mock

Management — Lois Gaugler

The Board has appointed the following persons to the Architectural Control Committee: Shirley Pohlers – Chairperson; Virginia DiNoto, Lois Gaugler, Mike Soter, and Dave Wilberg.

The following topics were discussed or acted on at the December 14 meeting of the Marion Landing Board of Directors:

- The Board continues to clarify the many issues that are involved in enforcing the Age 55 Amendment of our Covenants. This amendment allows us to exempt 10% of our lots. The amendment was approved by the Emmer Corporation in 1990 and has become an issue this past year because Marion Landing currently has 10% of our lots exempted.
- The Board passed a policy regarding bowling activities outside the posted hours. An employee must be on staff when bowling activities are held and no bowling activities outside the posted hours may be scheduled without first getting Deeann's permission.
- We held our first discussion on the proposal that the Long Range Planning Committee presented to us in November. This committee is proposing that the Board earmark the Long Range Planning Funds for remodeling, adding on to, or replacing the current Administration Building. Their proposal addresses some of the space problems that the homeowners helped the committee to identify. The Board will discuss their proposal further at our January meeting.

I look forward to leading our Marion Landing community during 2008. We have successfully made the transition from Developer to Homeowner control due to the leadership of my predecessors, Bob McGrath and Joe Raffony.

The Board of Directors wishes the residents of Marion Landing a joyous and prosperous New Year!

DEADLINE for FEBRUARY COMMUNICATOR articles — January 18 at 5 PM
February Editors: Peggy Baxter & Connie Rowe

Community Association
Manager News
by Deeann Welch

IMPROVING MARION LANDING TOGETHER

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. I am looking forward to a wonderful new year at Marion Landing where the Board, I, and the homeowners work together to continue to improve Marion Landing. Please keep in mind you will not agree on every issue with the Board or me, because we all have different ideas, but know that we are working very hard to help make Marion Landing a wonderful place for you to live. Look at the good this year and try not to concentrate on the bad that happens, and I believe you will have a better year than the one before it.

PROJECT UPDATES

The irrigation well should be almost completed by the time you receive this *Communicator*. I believe the irrigation well will help us in so many ways. If the county ever cuts back on the water we are allowed to use, we will have a little cushion. I also like that we will no longer be using our drinking water to water the common grounds. It is nice that Marion Landing is part of the solution instead of the problem.

The tiles have been ordered for the renovation of our pool in January. Please be patient through the transformation process. We are clearing some landscape and rocks out of the way in order to allow the pool company to complete their work during the month of January. After they are finished, we will add some new landscaping and make it beautiful for you all.

I have had so many compliments on the center island at the Lifestyle Center. Thank you so much for the cards and the phone call to let me know you love what was done. I really appreciate your positive comments.

We now have a surge protector installed at the Clubhouse. It will protect us against future power surges from the electric company, which has cost us a lot of money in the past.

We also have new library chairs. If you have not seen them, go down and try them out. I think it will provide the homeowners with a wonderful place to sit and read a book. I have had many complaints in the past that the chairs in the library were not built very well, homeowners have fallen from them, and that they were not library chairs. We now have library chairs; they are comfortable, sturdy, and they have a 15 year warranty. Yes, I do realize that our Bowling Center, Exercise Room, and Library are a little small, but I think it is wonderful that you have them. In future years, perhaps the Board can look into expanding them, but for now, I believe they are all very nice and very professional. Enjoy your amenities!

BOWLING LOCKER FEES

All locker fees are due in January. In the past, we have had homeowners wait until April or later to pay. This is not fair to other homeowners who would like to have a locker. If you wish to keep your locker in 2008, please make your check for \$10.00 payable to Marion Landing and get it in promptly. There will be a penalty assessed for anyone paying after January 31. Please call if you have questions about this.

Also please note that due to insurance reasons, all locker fees must be paid by check and made payable to Marion Landing. Thank you for your cooperation.

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NEWS FROM YOUR S & R COMMITTEE

by Jerry Wood

When you receive this edition of *The Communicator*, the holiday season, with the exception of New Year's, will be over, and we will be looking forward to 2008. The S & R Committee wishes to thank all of the very talented Marion Landing residents who entertained us at the Tuesday socials and *The Communicator* "Thank You" reception. Thanks also to the Landing Lites for their concert. We are very appreciative of the way residents of the community give of themselves and their time and talents for the betterment of us all.

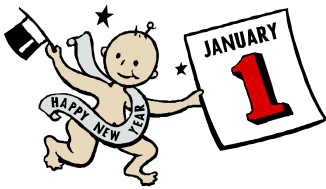
We would like to remind you that the baskets in the lobby and the craft room are only for donations for the groups that have had a request approved. If there is no sign on a particular basket, it should remain empty. Hospice donations should be taken directly to the Hospice Thrift Shop in Jasmine Plaza. We will dispose of anything placed in an unassigned basket.

Once again, we would ask that you wear your blue bracelet at the Lifestyle Center and while using any of our other amenities. This is our community and it is a way to identify those who belong here. Due to January 1 being a holiday, the Homeowner Forum will be held on the 8th. Also, there will be no Tuesday Social on January 29, because the Lifestyle Center will be used for the primary election. The Lifestyle Center will also be closed on the 12th and 13th due to the cleaning of the carpets.



PAM'S PROGRAM UPDATES by Pam Guenther, Activities Coordinator

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Happy New Year to everyone at Marion Landing! It seems like yesterday that I was writing my first article for *The Communicator*, and now here we are several months later, with the Holidays behind us! I guess time really does fly when you are busy; and

yes, we are busier than ever!

In November, we were introduced to several instructors that were invited to teach some new classes in Marion Landing. Margaret Nelson, who is a certified instructor for Bunka Shi-shu, which is Japanese embroidery, will be starting her first class with us this month. Also, our own Joan DeWitt has agreed to teach her beautiful Papier Tole art craft, which she had on display last October. Her class is limited in the number of participants, but Joan says she will teach a second class if more students are interested. Daniella Banatova, who in her own right is a very accomplished artist and art teacher from Czechoslovakia, will be scheduled at a later date in 2008, as will Cheryl Turnbow, who handcrafts jewelry. Please keep checking the flyers in the lobby at the Lifestyle Center for new activities and events, or contact me in the Activity Office.

We have also planned some new speakers for the upcoming months. They will be bringing us some interesting tips or information on various topics. Please feel free to make suggestions to me if you are out and about and meet someone who might be of interest to your neighbors here in Marion Landing. I am always open to new ideas.

I hope that if you have made those New Year resolutions, you have much success in keeping with your goals. Once again, I wish you all a healthy and happy New Year!

CAREGIVERS' SUPPORT GROUP

The Caregivers' Support Group meeting will be held as usual on the first Wednesday of the month, January 2, at 11:00 AM. The meeting is held in the Library and is facilitated by Karen Butler of Marion County Senior Services. She is available to share valuable information on care giving and to answer any questions you may have. The group is a great way to provide support to those at home who find themselves responsible for the care of a loved one. The group is held in a private and discreet setting and is open to all residents free of charge. There is no need to sign up for the meeting.

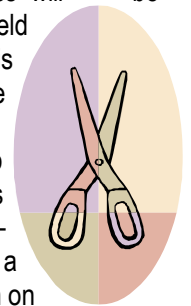
BUNKA SHI-SHU

On January 16, our first class with Margaret Nelson begins at 2:00 PM in the Craft Room. Bunka Shi-shu is a form of Japanese embroidery which produces a beautiful 3-D look. The cost for the instruction is just \$3.00, plus the cost of supplies. The class will run consecutively each week at the same time. If you have not already chosen your supplies from Margaret's catalog, please contact Pam in the Activity Office.

This class does require a sign up prior to each class. The flyer with information and sign-up sheet is in the lobby at the Lifestyle Center.

PAPIER TOLE CLASSES

Well you asked for it, and Joan Dewitt has agreed to teach her Papier Tole craft to us. Most of you have already admired her beautiful work that was displayed in the Lifestyle Center cabinet in October. Joan's first class will begin on Monday, January 21, and will be held weekly for six weeks. The cost of the class is \$110.00 total. That includes everything but the frame. The time will be from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Joan has limited her class size to no more than six or seven students and sign-up is required on the sheet in the lobby at the Lifestyle Center. She is considering teaching a second class if there is an interest. Information on this



will be posted at a later date.

BASKET WEAVING CLASS RESUMES

Our Basket Weaving class with Sharon Baiardi took a break in December for the holiday, but will resume on Wednesday, January 30, at 9:00 AM in the Craft Room. Please sign up for this class on the sheet in the lobby if interested. The cost of each class varies with the type of basket they are making and will be posted on the flyer. The next basket the class will make will be on display in the Activity Office.

SPANISH CLASSES TO BEGIN AGAIN

The Intermediate Spanish class with Luz Lasanta is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, January 15, from 3:45 – 4:45 PM. Luz requires a minimum of ten students for this class, so please make sure you sign up if interested. The class will be held in the Craft Room at the Lifestyle Center and there is still time to sign up.

(Please see Page 4 for More Notes from Pam)

OTHER NOTES FROM PAM

PROPERTY APPRAISER TO SPEAK

Villie Smith, the Marion County Property Appraiser, will be here on Tuesday, January 15, to speak to us about the new amendment that will be on the ballot at the upcoming elections on January 29. He will be speaking immediately after the Tuesday Social and will be available for any questions you may have. There will also be staff from the Appraiser's Office here in the Library to assist new residents with filing for their homestead exemption.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE READINGS

Sylvia Martinez from Fountain Head has generously volunteered her time to take free blood pressure checks the first Tuesday of the month after our Homeowner Forums at the Lifestyle Center. Beginning on January 8, Sylvia, who has worked many years in the medical profession, will begin taking blood pressure for those residents of Marion Landing who are interested. Please contact Pam in the Activity Office for more information.

LUNCHEON SEMINAR WITH ROBERTS FUNERAL HOME

Dr. Douglas Routledge, who holds degrees in family counseling and psychology, will be here on January 9, in the Lifestyle Center, to speak about communication when dealing with a loved one's death. With this informational seminar, Roberts will be providing a free luncheon and a door prize to be given away. Tickets will be sold for a \$1 refundable deposit to get a head count of people planning to attend. Your \$1 will be refunded at the door.

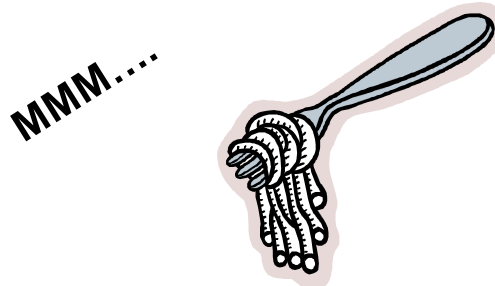
BARBARA SHOOP'S CLASS

Barbara Shoop and her class took a break last month, but they will resume on January 14, at 9:30 AM, in the Craft Room as usual. This month Barbara has decided to do something a little different, and she will teach the class how to make a very unique gift, a shirt made from new dollar bills. It makes a very cute and unusual gift to give to someone in a card or even a frame. If you're interested, please sign up for her class in the lobby at the Lifestyle Center. The cost of the class will remain the same (\$12.00), but you must bring in the dollar bills. See the flyer or ask Pam if you have any questions.



SPAGHETTI DINNER

Back by popular demand, Dan Vassalli will be cooking up his famous spaghetti dinner with all the fixings. Tickets are on sale now at a cost of \$5.00 per person. The dinner is planned for January 26, at 5:00 PM, at the Lifestyle Center. There will be entertainment by "4 - In a Chord", a group that includes our own Sharon Talbert. See you there!



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BITS & BYTES

by Jim Whitehead

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Well the New Year is here. Not only the joys of the season and the families and friends whom we visit, hear from and wonder about, but the personal recognition of our own well being sustains us.

Still, time does move on; and we grudgingly admit that getting up in the morning is not as easy as it once was and the day is often better with a nap. One of the things that can push us a little is the stimulating, frustrating, and satisfying time we can spend at the keyboard of our computers. (You just knew that was coming, didn't you?) With all that good resulting from our activities, it follows that we may need to do clean-up and realignment and refocusing for the next big project. That might include an effort to improve our PC's performance.

Try this for a big relief and an accomplishment. Get yourself to your favorite bookstore and pick up the January issue of *SMART COMPUTING* magazine. This issue is full of good stuff on PC TUNE-UP and it is in plain English that we can understand. If you aren't sure you want to purchase, you may want to make yourself comfortable and spend some time looking through the magazine before you buy.



MARION LANDING PATROL

by Rich Toneske

Well, we made it through another Holiday Season. I sure hope this article finds each and every one of you in good health. Needless to say, our pocketbooks are a little lighter now; but, that goes with the season. All that matters is that we had fun and enjoyed family and friends.

We are selling Patrol Dinner tickets at the Tuesday Socials. The dinner will be on Sunday, January 27. There are only three more Tuesdays to sell tickets, so be sure to get yours soon. The cost is \$12.00 per person and tickets are limited to members of Patrol and their spouse or guest. Please remember to wear your Patrol shirt to the dinner. The menu consists of *roast beef, turkey, green beans, mashed potatoes, dinner rolls, salad bar, coffee, and iced tea*. If you wish anything stronger, you have to provide it. There will be entertainment which I know you will enjoy. So please purchase your tickets early.

I would like to thank Fred Parrish and Charlie Mock for helping me with the Christmas decorations down by the pond and at the Guard House. It really makes the place look alive. Thanks so much. Let's hope they are available again when the decorations have to come down.

All has been quiet in the community since the bazaar. There has been no word, as of yet, on those who broke into the home, but the Sheriff's Department is still working on it.

Now that the holidays are past, it doesn't mean we can completely relax. You must maintain your awareness and keep alert to your surroundings. Keep those post lights burning and make your home look lived in. If something doesn't seem or look right to you, **please call the Sheriff** and they will check it out. It's much better to be safe than sorry.

If you would like to join Marion Landing Patrol, please contact: Bob Kern @ 854-9869, Fred Parrish @ 873-4765, or me @ 291-2424. We would be very happy to get you started.

I'll say so long for now; see you next month. Take care and be well.

Please note: There will not be a PATROL meeting in January!!!!

SEARCH

by Rich Toneske

The Holidays are past, but not forgotten. Hope you all enjoyed time with your family and friends. I know we had a ball when the grandkids spent some time with us. They certainly can wear you out. I only wish I had some of their energy. Now it is back to the grindstone with every day being Saturday...Ha Ha!

The Search Team had a drill called by Captain Burton and other members of the Sheriff's Department on December 3. The call went out at approximately 11 AM, and the first team members arrived at the Lifestyle Center at about 11:08 AM, with others arriving at various times. By 11:42 AM, 31 of 51 members were present at the meeting place or in the community at their designated posts. I think that is rather good response time. Captain Burton had a Deputy acting as a confused and lost person wandering through the community. When he was spotted, his position was called in to the command center. The Sheriff's Department also had a representative from the K-9 Squad who came to the wrap-up. All in all, it was a very productive drill. After the drill was completed, everyone returned to the command center where members listened to various suggestions from Sheriff's personnel, which will help the Search Team in the future. We wish to thank Captain Burton, Sgt. Grimes, and the other members of the Sheriff's Department for their assistance with our program. As has been mentioned before, this team can be of invaluable assistance to them in the time of need.

The Search Team met on December 11, following the regular Patrol meeting. Various items were reviewed, as well as a general critique of the drill. Remember, each and every little thing we can improve will make us that much better.

As I say every month, please remember to update your Resident Information Forms; or if you are a new resident, please contact Mary Callahan to obtain these forms. It only takes a few minutes of your time, but could save some heartache later. Just a reminder that even if you and other residents in your home are in good health, the Sheriff's Department may at some time need to look at your information in case of an emergency such as an accident. We have had several instances where this has happened.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

The following contact information will also be in your new Marion Landing phone book. However, in the meantime, you may wish to save this for future reference.

Billing, Assessment, & Account Information:

Phone: 1-888-465-0346, Ext. 1001

Fax 407-447-9899

Email: assessments@lelandmanagement.com

Quarterly Assessment: Due the first of each quarter (January, April, July, October). Late charges will be incurred after 7 days.

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

We now have some new numbers and procedures in case of an emergency. Please go through the following check list to ensure that you call the correct number when there is an emergency:

- **Life threatening emergency — Always call 911**
- An emergency at your own personal property: call your plumber, electrician, etc.
- A non-emergency during work hours / after hours / weekends: call the Administration Office (237-7247) and leave a message
- Common Grounds (Emergency) during business hours: call the Administration Office (237-7247)
- Common Grounds (Emergency) after business hours/ weekends: call 1- 866-263-3987

Please Note: The new 866 number should only be used for emergencies that are on Marion Landing's Common Grounds, such as if the red light is flashing at the well site, there is a major water leak, a problem at the sewer plant, a major power outage, etc. It should never be used for non-emergencies or problems with your own personal property. It should also only be used on weekends and after hours; during business hours, please call the Administration Office.

When you call the new 866 emergency number, if your call is deemed a non-emergency phone call, you will be instructed to call the Administration Office and leave a message; non-emergency calls should never go to the emergency number. Please follow the above procedure when handling an emergency so your call may be properly processed.

Please give a reasonable amount of time for the emergency to be corrected, and do not call your Board Members at home unless there is no other alternative.

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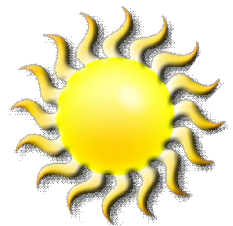
**NEWS FROM THE
SUNSHINE COMMITTEE**

by Vivian Waite

The Marion Landing Sunshine Committee will begin the New Year with a new Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. These offices will be filled by Nancy Rife and Kay Shoaf, respectively.

For all those Sunshine members who missed our last meeting; our post-Christmas luncheon will be on January 15 at the Copper Pot. If you plan to attend, please call either Olivia Soter or Shirley Pohlers.

Our New Year's wish for everyone is a year of good health, happiness and the warmth and joy of good friends.



(See next column for more news from Deeann)



Board President Gordon Herrick presenting the December Volunteer of the Month Award to Rachel Glenn
(Photo by Rog Patterson)

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

by Gordon Herrick

Rachel Glenn, our Volunteer of the Month for December, deserves recognition for her many years of behind-the-scenes services to Marion Landing residents. Rachel is a long-time member of our Sunshine Committee. She serves as one of the captains in charge of Memorial Luncheon setups, and also as back-up caller for our community's Telephone Tree communication program. Rachel is also a regular fixture at work during our bi-monthly breakfasts and she always manages to lend a hand during other lunches and dinners held at the Lifestyle Center. Thanks, Rachel, for setting such a fine example.

Search Team Drill

by Gloria Wilberg & Mary Callahan

Marion County Sheriff's Department District Commander Captain Jim Burton activated the Marion Landing Search Team about 11 AM on Monday, December 3, for a mock drill. Pictured below during the wrap-up are Captain Burton and several of his deputies, including the young man in the black T-shirt, who posed as the missing person, and some members of the Search Team.



(Photo by Rog Patterson)

LANDING LITES CONCERT

Communicator Photographer, Rog Patterson, snapped this picture of the Landing Lites during their Holiday Concert in December. Interested in lending your voice to this group? See the "Music Notes" article on Page 8.



NEW JERSEY CLUB

by Florence Lang

Our New Jersey Club members come from all parts of New Jersey (N, S, E, and W). Some came to New Jersey via a stopover in New York, Pennsylvania and Connecticut. So it's only fitting that we eat in restaurants that serve the same type of food we enjoyed in New Jersey.

Here in Ocala, we've experienced Chinese, Thai, Indian, and good old American burgers and steaks. Now we're trying a new gastronomical lunch: Mexican/Spanish. You may request your food mild or hot, your choice. While you're waiting for your order, munch on Mexican chips and salsa.



WHERE: Ay Jalisco, on Pine Avenue
WHEN: Friday, January 25, 2008
TIME: 12:30 PM

DIRECTIONS: Take SR 200 to Pine Avenue, make a right turn, and the restaurant is about 2 to 3 blocks down on the right side. You can also take 17th Street to Pine Avenue and make a left turn. The restaurant will be on your left. You will find coupons in the Buy Rite booklet and in other ads.

There is a sign up sheet in the Lobby of the Lifestyle Center or call Florence Lang @ 237-9520 to reserve your spot. Happy New Year to all.

BLOOD DRIVE

by Pat Wurst

The Blood Mobile will be in Marion Landing on Wednesday, January 16, from 7 AM – 1 PM. Here's your chance to give yourself and someone else a New Year's present. You may sign up for a specific time or just come on down. A pint of blood costs nothing to give and everything to receive. Please consider giving -- you may be the next one in need. Questions? Call me at 861-2476

**Have you checked out the
Marion Landing Website?**

www.marionlanding.org

You can also send your comments and suggestions about the website to

mlcc@marionlanding.org

Your input will be appreciated.

MUSIC NOTES

by Floyd Hickman (873-7826)

After a brief respite from our various performances, the Landing Lites will resume rehearsals on Thursday, January 3, at 3:00 PM. We will begin practicing for our spring concert, which is scheduled for Saturday, April 5. We have also been asked to sing at the Countryside Presbyterian Church on Sunday, April 13, at 3:00 PM. Are you a new/old resident who likes to sing? If so, we invite you to join us. No audition is required; just contact director Floyd Hickman so he may reserve a packet of music for you. We have an outstanding program planned, beginning with Cole Porter's "Another Op'nin', Another Show" from *Kiss Me Kate*; this in turn, is followed by "Manhattan Melodies" and "At Last", plus a number of other "pop" selections including "Over the Rainbow" and "People". Our Broadway medley is "Andrew Lloyd Webber in Concert" which features hits from seven of his musicals: *Phantom*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Evita*, *Cats*, *Starlight Express*, *Song and Dance*, and *Aspects of Love*.



JIGSAW PUZZLES

by Evelyn Olsen

Christmas is now over and presents have all been opened. Did your grandkids give you any jigsaw puzzles this year? Have you already put them together, and if so, what do you plan to do with them now? Many of you may not know we have a closet in the Lifestyle Center on the left side of the stage near the entrance door. This closet even has a light switch inside so that you can look at all the puzzles that are there for you to borrow. You may borrow all you like. When you have a puzzle you no longer want to keep, please bring it down and put it in the closet so that others may share in the enjoyment of putting all those little pieces together. When I find that some are getting old and it is time for a change, I remove them from the closet and they are then sold at the bazaar. Those that aren't sold are given to the VA Hospital in Gainesville. Happy puzzling.



SUPER BOWL PARTY TIME

by Bill Wurst

It's that time again. The Super Bowl game will be shown on the big screen TV at the Lifestyle Center on February 3. Eating starts at 5 PM and snacks will continue to be available until the game is over.

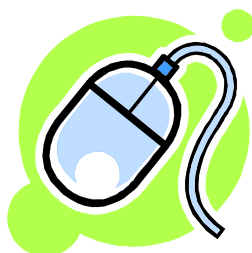
The cost is \$5 and tickets will go on sale January 8 at the Homeowner Forum, or call me at 861-2476.

Come and cheer on your favorite team with your friends and neighbors.



SPRING MOUSE CLEANING TIME?

(Article taken from the Internet and submitted by Dave Wilberg, Computer Club VP)



This article explains when and how you should clean a mechanical mouse.

You should clean a mouse if it does not track smoothly, or if it jumps or skips. A mouse contains a small ball that must roll smoothly for the mouse to work properly. You should keep this ball free of dirt and oil by using the mouse on a clean, lint-free surface, and cleaning it occasionally.

Use the following procedure to clean a mouse:

1. Turn off your computer.
2. Turn the mouse upside down and rotate the plastic ring on the bottom counterclockwise to release it.
3. Turn the mouse right side up with one hand and catch the ring and ball with your other hand.
4. Clean the three small rollers inside the mouse with a cotton swab moistened with water. Rotate the rollers to clean all around them. If there is a build-up of material on the rollers that the cotton swab does not remove, you can use your fingernail to gently remove the material.
5. Wash the mouse ball in soapy, warm water with a mild soap such as a dishwashing liquid if oil from your hands has collected on it. Be sure to dry the mouse ball thoroughly.
6. Gently blow into the mouse case to remove any accumulated dust.
7. Put the mouse ball back in the mouse case and replace the retaining ring.

If cleaning the mouse as described does not correct your issue, the mouse may need to be replaced.

MARION LANDING OLYMPICS 2008

by Eddie and Charlie Mock

January is the month to register for the Marion Landing Olympics. They will be held between March 1 and 14. Your applications are included in this *Communicator*. They may be turned in during the Tuesday Forum or Socials on January 8, 15, and 22.

On Tuesday, January 29, there will be no Social due to the Presidential Primary, but we will have a table set up in the lobby of the Lifestyle Center to receive your applications. The deadline for turning in your forms is Tuesday, January 29.

Your registration fee of \$12.00 (made out to Assn. of Marion Landing Owners, Inc.) will include an Olympic T-shirt and the Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 12, at 5 PM.

We hope you all will participate in this annual community event. If you have any questions, please call us at 861-8827.

GOLF CLUB

by Jerry Wood

The Marion Landing Golf Club held its final outing of the year on Monday, December 10, at Marion Oaks Golf Course. We played an 18 hole Scramble format on a gorgeous December day in Florida.

The winning teams were: First place team---DeIPizzo, McGrath, Steinmetz and Jackson; Second place team---Henderson, Wood, Pilak and Raffony.

On Saturday, December 15, the Golf Club held its election of officers to organize and manage the club for the next two years. I would love to tell you the outcome of that vote, but the early deadline for this article does not allow me to do so. I have, however, received a heads-up from the candidates, that they may toughen the requirements for ME rejoining. They would like me to get some instruction, so that I actually am able to play the game of golf next year. I would remind you that the above requirement is only for me, and we would love to invite all Marion Landing golfers to join our club. It's a great bunch of folks and we all have a good time.

The next scheduled meeting of the Golf Club is Saturday, January 26, in the Lifestyle Center, and we invite all Marion Landing golfers to attend and join. I figure that with a couple of lessons, I should have my handicap down to 35 and they will let me back in.



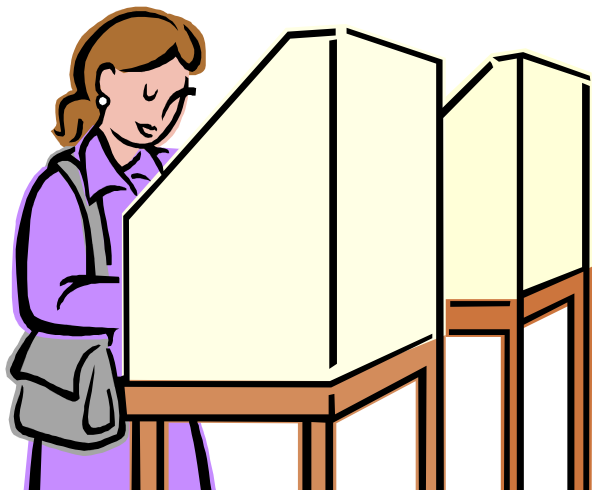
Presidential Preference Primary

by Elizabeth Herrick, Clerk

On January 29, our Lifestyle Center will again be the polling place for Marion Landing. The polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM. Please bring photo and a signature ID with you. We recommend your driver's license. Florida is a partisan primary state, which means only parties with multiple candidates vying for office may vote: i.e., Republicans for Republicans and Democrats for Democrats. This year though, there is a referendum regarding property tax on which all voters may cast a ballot.

Because the Lifestyle Center is a polling place, according to Florida state law, only poll workers, voters, certain poll watchers, or representatives of the Superintendent of Elections Office may be in the polling area. This means that the Great Room is closed that day unless you are voting. The library and mail boxes are not in the polling area so there is no problem accessing these areas.

When coming to vote, we suggest you use the main entrance, since this will bring you in where you must check in. This year we have some new equipment for checking you, the voter, in. We hope it will make your checking in much faster and smoother. The ballots will be the same as in the past. You will have your choice of using paper or the touch screen machine. Hope to see you all at the polls.



WOODCRAFTERS

by Dan Curtin

The next meeting of the Marion Landing Woodcrafters will be:

When: Wednesday, January 16

Time: 10:00 AM

**Where: Pete D'Auria's home at
8550 SW 65th Court Road**

Shop tools are not necessary -- just an interest in woodworking and good fellowship.

For additional information contact Jim Miller at 873-0207.

HORSE AUCTION

by Carolyn Salzlein

If you like horses, join us on Friday, January 18, when we carpool to Ocala Breeders Sales on 60th Avenue to watch the auction. We'll be inside, with plenty of climate-controlled seating available, and we can also go outside to watch how it's done. If we're lucky, we'll see some new foals too. We'll meet at the Lifestyle Center at



12:30 PM and should return by about 2:30. There's a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the Clubhouse. If you have questions, please call me at 237-2590.

Trash Pick Up Schedule for 2008

Just a reminder that in 2008, there will be no trash pick up on the following dates:

May 26	Memorial Day
September 1	Labor Day
November 27	Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas

Trash will be picked up on the next regularly scheduled day.



IN REMEMBRANCE

Hutch Hutchinson **November 20**
Connie Kunitzky **November 24**

Thank You

November 14, 2007

Ann Gillin
Marion Landing Mah-Jongg League

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$79.00 to Hospice of Marion County, Inc. We are sincerely thankful of your support for the special care that Hospice provides to those patients and families who are facing this difficult and challenging time in their lives. It is because of contributions from you and others that we are able to ensure that Hospice care is available for approximately 400 terminally ill patients and their families each day in Marion County, regardless of their financial status.

We appreciate your continued support of Hospice of Marion County.

Please also use this letter as your record to validate your contribution for tax purposes and to document that Hospice has not given you anything in return except our sincere appreciation.

Please know that as a Hospice supporter, you have joined with others in helping to provide comfort, relief, support, and compassion to members of our community. Thank you again for your benevolence.

Sincerely,

Alice J. Privett

Alice J. Privett
President / Chief Executive Officer

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OR

place articles in *Communicator* box under the clipboards in the Lifestyle Center

November 19, 2007

To: Evelyn Olsen & the Ladies of the Knitting Group and Sewing Group

I want to thank all the ladies of Marion Landing that took part in my Operation Iraq.

Some of you came to Spruce Creek Preserve to help us pack the stockings, for which I truly appreciated your input then, and of course, all the helmet liners you knitted and crocheted and the stockings you sewed.

On Friday, November 16th, we took 1796 filled stockings that contained 1796 helmet liners and lots of goodies for those serving in Iraq. We also sent three cases just of helmet liners which will be distributed by the General who will see to it that those who get so little will get the stocking we filled.

This has been an awesome journey for me and I will have you in my prayers and heart forever for the wonderful work that your groups did for this project.

Again thank you and Merry Christmas to you all.

Regards,

Sandi Celia

Sandi Celia
Project Coordinator – Operation Iraq

Thank you to those who donated money for shipping. Couldn't have done that without your help.

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES *by Merle Gaugler*

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1. Dot Fabian, Jan Thomas, Marie Harrison, Olivia Soter
2. Jennie Bradley, Elizabeth Herrick, Ellen Duquette, Dennis DeStefano, Ellen McGrath
3. Bob Rhoads, Herbert Goodroe, Bob Hallameyer, Matilde Scerri
4. Lynne Farrell
5. Rhea Rouquie, Nancy Hidalgo
6. Jody Dietz, Tom Watson, Nadine Perry
7. Carol Cohen, Bob McDermott, Marcia Torres
9. Barbara Friscia
11. Jan Redine, Stanley Kowtko
12. Andriana Tusek
13. Nelson Goff, Bob Fink, Lola McHale, Don Taphorn
14. Pat Johnson, Howard Coombe, Dave Hassell, Teresa Kowtko
15. Nat Skidmore, Betty Lou Bickler
16. Rene Gomez, Fay Millard
17. Bill Lehr, Ella Hutchinson, Wilma Elmore, Tom Fabinsky
18. Ed Reed
19. Jonnie Meeks
20. Pat Hutchinson, Rose Boxer, Rachel Glenn, Evelyn Parks
22. Don Ackerman, Don Leslie, George Litt, Ruth Werderich
23. Daphne Mills, Mike Torres, Marie Polucha, Joan Pearce, Marge Fabinsky
24. Jim Moore, Alvin J. Cordero
25. Dorothy Ott, Bill Anderson, Billy Nichols
26. Noreen Metzger, Kaz Sekurski
27. Marilyn Rubacha
28. Lenny Vittore, Tom Oswald
29. Mike Murphy
30. Tom Evans, Don Pace, Marianne Fulgoni
31. Richard Andrews

FEBRUARY

1. Phil Tirella, Jackie Santone, Don Ervin
2. Marian Miller, Dorothy Sylvester, Steven Graham
3. Bobby Flori, Don Bodnar
4. Carolyn Carlson, Jack Lippo
5. Bill Hall, Emerson Clauss, Nancy Hassell, Lois Slotterback
6. Jeanne Waite, Leo Leonard
7. Stella Dhosh, Colleen Kennison

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1, | 1983 | Renia & Jim Thompson | |
| 2, | 1982 | Connie & Les Rowe | |
| 3, | 1953 | Pat & Wade Harford | (55 yrs) |
| 8, | 1955 | Terry & Jack Price | (53 yrs) |
| 9, | 1999 | Rachel & Paul Kalvin | |
| 9, | 1980 | Gabrielle & Bob Moose | |
| 10, | 1970 | Nancy & Sonny Lenoci | |
| 11, | 1957 | Ana & Primo Perez | (51 yrs) |
| 13, | 1978 | Mary Ann & Al Hall | |
| 14, | 1977 | Roberta & George Hanka | |
| 14, | 1962 | Betty & Neil Williams | |
| 14, | 1955 | Carol & Don Pace | (53 yrs) |
| 16, | 1955 | Dot & Rich Fabian | (53 yrs) |
| 19, | 1996 | Marie & Frank Polucha | |
| 20, | 1962 | Dianne & Ray Kmoch | |
| 26, | 1975 | Fran & Art Linck | |
| 30, | 1955 | Marie & Gene Harrison | (53 yrs) |
| 30, | 1954 | Vince & Helen McElwain | (54 yrs) |

FEBRUARY

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| 5, | 1955 | Terry & Paul Sova | (53 yrs) |
| 6, | 1953 | Marg & Bud Carlquist | (55 yrs) |



A Note from the Editors:

To be consistent with the Sunshine Committee, which honors those celebrating 60 years of marriage, we have changed our policy on publishing "Thank You" notes for Anniversaries. If you have been married for 60 or more years, we will publish a "Thank You" note for flowers, cards, etc. if submitted.