

MARION LANDING

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
STARTS MARCH 9

HOMEOWNER FORUM
Tuesday, March 4 @ 9 AM

BOARD MEETING
Friday, March 28 @ 9 AM

(All meetings in Lifestyle Center)

BOARD NOTES

by *Gordon Herrick*, President

Your Board of Directors has been in office for three months now and has been busy on many fronts. Many of our activities have involved planning for the future. They include:

- **Documents** – We appointed the Documents Committee to gather input from our residents on ways that we could improve our Covenants. Two meetings with homeowners were held in February, and now the committee is busy compiling and reviewing the data from those meetings. This committee is also reviewing our current Covenants and will advise the Board of Directors on suggested changes to our documents. The Architectural Control Committee is also involved in this process.
- **Reserve Study** – We also appointed a Reserve Study Committee to work on having the Reserve Study that was done in 2005 updated. The Reserve Study is an important document that is used in the budget process to help us anticipate future major common area expenditures.
- **Space Issues** – The Long-Range Planning Committee was established to determine what long-range issues the Board needs to address. They identified the lack of space in the Lifestyle Center for the many activities that we hold. In December, they suggested that the Board could deal with these space issues by remodeling, adding on to, or replacing the current Administration Building. The Board has authorized the use of the Long-Range Contingency Fund to hire professionals to do a feasibility study on which of their suggestions is the most practical for our needs.
- **Commercial Property** – We continue to monitor what is transpiring on the commercial property, and Bob Fink gets regular updates from all the individuals involved. Bob will continue to inform the homeowners of any information that he receives.

With the help of Deeann Welch, our CAM, we have also been monitoring the completion of a major swimming pool project, working toward completing the irrigation well, the continual renewal of our landscaping, and the replacement of the sign in front of the Lifestyle Center. Other new projects that have been budgeted will also start this year. These include the improvement of the restrooms in the Lifestyle Center. I plan to appoint three homeowners to work with Deeann on the “refreshing” of the Lifestyle Center as part of the 2009 budget. This would include painting and perhaps replacing the vertical blinds. The carpeting is scheduled to be replaced in 2009; therefore, it seems that it would be appropriate to “refresh” the building at the same time.

The Board does not do all of these things by ourselves. Deeann spends many hours in the office and out of the office gathering the data the Board uses to make our decisions. She spends many hours just making sure that everything in Marion Landing is running smoothly. There are many homeowners who serve on the committees that advise the Board. They give hours of their time in order to give the Board the best possible advice. Our attorney and members of Leland Management Company also give the Board valuable advice during the decision-making process. If we do not seek the “expert” advice of many, we breach our fiduciary responsibility. **Thank you** to everyone who gets involved in the life and governing of Marion Landing.

DEADLINE for APRIL COMMUNICATOR articles - March 17 at 5 PM

April Editors: Gloria Wilberg & Peggy Baxter

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MANAGER

by Deeann Welch

New Projects Update

The new sign at the Lifestyle Center has been installed and it looks wonderful. We will complete the landscaping around it this month. The old sign was infested with termites and the contractor said the only thing holding it together was the paint! The new pool signs are also completed and look great. Our irrigation well is finally out of the hands of the electricians, and hopefully, the plumbing will be completed this month. It will be nice to stop using our drinking water to irrigate the common grounds. The billiard players now have ceiling fans to circulate air while they play.

Christmas Decorations

If you still have your Christmas Decorations up, please remove them until November comes around again. Though they look wonderful throughout the holidays, they do not look very nice in March. Thank you for your help in promptly taking down your decorations after each holiday.

Spring Is Around The Corner

I cannot wait to spruce up Marion Landing by adding new landscaping to our beds and creating some new ones for all of you to enjoy. We are now working down by the bocce courts and picnic area. Come take a walk and see how nicely the area is coming along, but please don't bring your pets with you. I think you will find it is a nice place to sit and enjoy the arrival of spring. The pool landscaping will be completed sometime this month.

Helpful Hints

Spring is in the air and there is nothing nicer than seeing beautiful plants in your yard. Here are some tips to make your flower beds and landscape look better: first, don't start too soon; you do not want to have a freeze after you add new plants. It is also important to complete your yard work in the spring. Summer heat starts very early in Florida and you want your plants transplanted before then. Consider Florida native plants and drought tolerant plants -- this will increase your chances of their survival and make less work for you. Start with quality plants and make sure they are healthy when you buy them. Use your hands to pack dirt around your plant, as air pockets will cause your plant to fail. Be sure to add fertilizer as directed and then immediately add water to your plants. Make sure you water on and around the plants to insure complete saturation. If you add mulch around plants, it will help hold the moisture during our long hot summers in Florida.

NEWS FROM YOUR SOCIAL & RECREATION COMMITTEE

by Jerry Wood

At its February 13th meeting, the Social and Recreation Committee approved a policy for the "For Sale" bulletin board in the Lifestyle Center hallway. It is as follows:

1. This bulletin board is for Marion Landing residents only.
2. All postings must be on a 3x5 index card.
3. Any pictures must be affixed to the reverse of the card and the same size as the card.
4. All postings must be dated.
5. The time limit for postings is 60 days.
6. After that time period, postings will be removed.

Index cards are available in the lobby or from Pam. We appreciate everyone cooperating with these guidelines.

Our Committee has the responsibility and the pleasure, along with the Board of Directors, of acknowledging the efforts of volunteers in the community. While we are a total of 12 involved and observant individuals, we cannot be aware of the involvement of every single individual in the community. We are asking you to let us know if you feel someone, who has not yet been honored, is deserving of the Volunteer of the Month Award. Please submit their name and contributions to the community and place in the S & R mail slot in the hallway. I can assure you they will receive consideration for the award.

You have heard of the need to wear your blue bracelets often because it is important when using our many amenities. Less often mentioned, but just as important during the Tuesday Socials and Forums, is the wearing of your name tag. Janice and I have been in Marion Landing for almost six years, and we have met a great many of our neighbors during that time, but advancing age makes it difficult to instantly retrieve names and faces and put them together. I suspect that this affliction affects others as well. Most importantly, our newer homeowners benefit from all of us wearing our name tags, preferably our own (confusion is another issue with age). If you are in need of a new name tag, Pam or Deeann will be happy to order one for you.



Pam's Program Updates by Pam Guenther, Activities Coordinator

Email address: pguenther@lelandmanagement.com

Hello March and welcome spring! How the time flies when we are all having so much fun at Marion Landing! With spring just around the corner and the warm weather approaching, things are certainly looking up. Soon all the outdoor activities will be returning and many of you will be back in the pool wishing the weather was cooler!

The calendar here at the Activity Office has been so busy lately with events and new classes that it is hard to squeeze in anything more. Okay, so no excuses for not having something to do! Please check out the flyers in the lobby, as some new classes have been posted. Cherie Litt has agreed to teach another Painting Class and the Line Dancing Class is off to a great start. Also, the Marion Landing Olympics have started and I wish good luck to all of you who have registered to participate. Please make sure that you check your calendar for regularly scheduled activities that may have been pre-empted due to the Olympics, or call the Activities Office if in doubt.

I hope you have enjoyed the speakers we have brought in recently to keep you informed on some important topics. This month, a Home Health Care Speaker will be here on the 18th after the Tuesday Social to share with us information on what is available in terms of home health care. So be sure to mark your calendar. Also, I would like to extend my thanks to Tom Alderson and Herb McGrath for displaying their collections in the lobby cabinet during January and February. If you have a collection or a craft that you do and would like to share with the other residents, please contact me in the Activity Office, and I can schedule a time for you to set up your display as well.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

In February, the Caregivers Group welcomed a speaker who talked about Alzheimer's and dementia during their monthly meeting. I hope you found this informative and helpful. Karen Butler has been trying to get more people who may be caregivers in the community to attend these very beneficial meetings that she holds each month in the Lifestyle Center Library. You should have received some information about the services she offers in the mail recently. If you are a caregiver, or if you know someone who is, please remind them about the meeting or plan to attend yourself. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 11:00 AM.

THE ART OF JAPANESE EMBROIDERY

I am sure by now many of you have heard of the Bunka Shi-Shu classes being held each Wednesday, except the last Wednesday of month, from 2-4:30 PM, in the Craft Room at the Lifestyle Center. Everyone participating is having a great time learning the art with Margaret Nelson, a certified teacher in the art. Margaret still has openings for this class, and the cost is only \$3.00 for instruction, plus the cost of the kit.

Sign-up is required for this class and you can find more information at the Lifestyle Center. You may also see samples of Margaret's work in the Activity Office.



BASKET WEAVING

Okay everybody, Spring is approaching, and what better way to celebrate than by making your own basket for collecting those spring flowers or to give as a gift. Sharon Baiardi has been teaching this class for sometime now at Marion Landing and everyone that has taken her class keeps coming back. Let her show you how easy it is to make your very own unique basket in just a day. The cost varies slightly, depending on the basket being made, so please check the flyer each month for the date and cost. This month, Sharon will be here on March 26 at 9:00 AM. Please sign up!



LINE DANCING CONTINUES

If you are one of the many residents who joined Sylvia's Line Dancing Class, you know how much fun and motivating it is. The class is held each Wednesday from 1-2 PM at the Lifestyle Center and the cost is only \$2.00 per each lesson. Please sign up for this class on the sheet posted in the lobby.



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Pam's Program Updates

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BOTANICAL FLOWERS CLASS

Barbara Shoop returns on March 19 at 9:30 AM to once again show us how to make these beautiful porcelain-looking flowers from simple plastic cutlery. The cost of the class is only \$12.00 for all your supplies and instructions. Please sign up for this class on the sign-up sheet in the lobby.



PAINTING CLASS WITH CHERIE LITT

Many of you who know Cherie Litt may have already had the privilege of seeing her work. Cherie is an accomplished artist who resides in Marion Landing. She is known for her delicate painting on feathers and has displayed her pieces in the Clubhouse lobby cabinet on several occasions. Beginning March 17, from 10 AM to 12 Noon, Cherie will be teaching an oil and acrylics painting class for all those budding artists out there! No prior experience is required. Please check out the flyer in the Lobby and sign up if interested in this class. Cost is \$20.00 for Cherie's instruction, and the class will run for six consecutive weeks. Sign-up is also required for this class.



PHONE TREE MESSAGES

by George Taragna

When you receive a phone tree message and have trouble understanding it, or there is any other problem, please do not call Deeann, our Community Association Manager. She cannot help you with phone tree messages, plus it keeps her from doing our community work. Instead, please call Ethel Taragna at 861-9251 or Ed Hendrickson at 861-1627. Thank you.



ANNUAL YARD SALE

by Peggy Reed



It's time to clean out the garage and get rid of all your excess stuff!!! The Annual Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, March 29. Set-up time is 6:45 AM to 7:45 AM, and the sale runs from 8 AM to 12 Noon. The fee of \$5.00 a space includes 1 table. We have 30 large tables and 30 card tables. Spaces will be determined by a lottery-style drawing, and the number you pick is your assigned space, with no exceptions. Large tables go fast and will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis at 6 PM on Monday, March 3, in the Clubhouse. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Reed at 237-2478.

"SMITTY" WILLIAMS DAY

by Rose Peters

With the Board's approval, Saturday, March 22, is officially declared "Smitty" Williams Day in recognition of her **100TH** birthday. There will be a celebration party held at the Lifestyle Center that day from 2 PM until 4 PM with cake, beverages, and entertainment.

"Smitty" is well known to all of us, since she is an avid card player, loves to play Bingo, and even likes to take an occasional trip down to the Hard Rock Casino for a day of gambling.

The S & R Committee is hosting this affair and would like to see everyone attend to congratulate "Smitty" on this wonderful day.

COME ON OUT AND JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION!!!!!!!





MARION LANDING PATROL

by Rich Toneske

Let's get right to the business end of this article; there will not be a meeting in March since quite a few Patrol members will be participating in or coordinating some of the M.L. Olympics.

For everyone in the community---we have scheduled an AARP Defensive Driving Class on APRIL 9 and 10 in the Lifestyle Center. The class is from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM each day and you must attend both days full-time or the instructor will not give you a certificate. Since the class has a size limit of 30, there is a sign-up sheet in the lobby. Please contact a Patrol officer for a class application. Your check (made payable to AARP) is required prior to the class. There are many Patrol members who need this course, so sign up early to guarantee a spot. It doesn't get any easier than this...a class right in your neighborhood. This course may help you get some money off your car insurance, so why not take advantage?

Patrol's Annual Dinner on January 27 was excellent. As always, the food was great and plentiful. I would like to thank all who attended, those who helped set up, and all who pitched in to clean up. Clean-up was done in about 25 minutes and shows what can be accomplished when we all work together.

Our February Patrol meeting was a little different. Captain Burton showed 6 five-minute videos and then spoke about the Sterling Award that the Sheriff's Department is trying to obtain and how difficult it is to do so. Then, regular Patrol business was discussed. My thanks to all Patrol members for your patience.

Patrol has been given approval by the Board of Directors to help residents who have a problem with their Post Lights, but we will not replace wiring or posts. Any cost is, of course, at the homeowner's expense. If you should need this help, please call Patrol members Frank Szutar at 873-4273 or Neil Williams at 854-7757. They will be more than happy to try and solve the problem or advise you of your options. Another way we are going to help is to call you if your garage door is open late at night. If there is activity in your home, we will not call; but if all house lights are off, we will call. Since I received a positive response to this in my last article, it's a go. If you positively don't want a call, please let me know, and I will put your name on a Patrol "Do Not Call List". These are just additional ways, we, as Patrol, are looking to help the community.

March is another active month in Marion Landing. We have the Olympics for two weeks and Daylight Saving Time takes effect on March 9. Our Patrol schedule times also change in March, so please check with the Scheduling Captains about the new hours.

Now that the weather is getting nicer and you are out walking or riding, please remember to walk against traffic and ride with traffic. Always wear light-colored clothing when walking or riding too.

I'm getting a little winded now---it's tough typing and thinking at the same time! Please keep you and yours safe, be alert and keep those post lights on. Make your home look occupied by having a light on a timer or playing a radio. See you at a Tuesday Social!

SEARCH

by Rich Toneske

Let me start by asking a question: what would you do if you went out to get your morning newspaper and saw a woman who didn't look well and seemed a little the worse for wear sitting on your front porch? I asked this at a Tuesday Social and was totally surprised with a correct answer. You call 911 and ask the deputies to assist this person. Well, this recently happened in our community, and the homeowners who discovered this lady are members of the Search Team and Patrol. They did exactly what was needed and the woman was helped immediately. Thankfully, a good ending to what could have been a very bad situation. The woman happens to be a resident, but she is not well known in the community. Yeah, I know, what does this have to do with the Search Team since they weren't called out? Well, to look at this situation another way, she could have wandered further and been lost...who knows? This resident was not registered with the Search Team and we could have had a major problem. A similar situation can happen to any of us at any time---that's why we ask you to fill out the Resident Information forms and have your picture taken. It's not difficult and it may save you and yours a lot of heartache. Do think about it and call Mary Callahan at 861-4201 to make arrangements. Please help us to help you.

The Search Team will meet in April directly following the Patrol meeting in the Lifestyle Center.

As always, please keep yourself safe and alert. Do the little things to make your home look occupied. Keep your car doors locked, as well as your house doors. Remember to close the garage door at night or you could get a call. Be sure to read the Patrol article to get some new information that might help you out. See you next month!

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

by Jerry Wood



(Photo by Rog Patterson)

Your February Volunteer of the Month, Joan Ritter, is a newer resident of Marion Landing, and she wasted little time getting involved. Joan is a member of the Sunshine Committee and assists with their many activities, and she also serves as a Team Captain for memorial luncheons. For other functions, Joan does it all: she helps entertain us with the Landing Lites, sells us tickets for events, takes our ticket at the entrance, helps decorate, helps serve at food events, and also helps clean up afterward. Joan is always one of the first to arrive and one of the last to leave. In her spare time, she is a participant in many activities available to us such as bocce, line dancing, pool exercises, bowling and more. Joan is a truly active and dedicated Volunteer who is very deserving of this recognition.

SPRING BREAKFAST

MARCH 15

8 – 9:30 AM

\$2.00 EACH



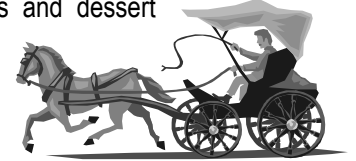
by Dan Vassalli

Join us for eggs, sausage, hash browns,
pancakes, biscuits & gravy, grits,
fruit, juice and coffee

LIKE COUNTRY ?

by Carolyn Salzein

Join us when we car pool from the Clubhouse on Tuesday, March 25, at 11 AM. We'll be heading to the Florida Carriage Museum and Resort in Weirsdale for a picnic lunch around noon. You may bring your own lunch or purchase hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and dessert there to eat at their picnic tables. In case of bad weather, we'll forego the picnic lunch and leave at 11:45 AM.



A country band starts at 1 PM and continues until 4 PM. The band is inside in a climate-controlled room and you can just listen or dance to the music. There is a fee of \$5 to go inside for listening and/or dancing. Usually at intermission, the museum is open for viewing at no additional charge! Western style clothing is optional.

Please sign up on the sheet posted in the lobby so we know how many to expect. If you have any questions, please call me at 237-2590.

REVISED RULES & REGULATIONS

by Gloria Wilberg

Committee Chairperson

Enclosed in this issue of *The Communicator*, you will find the newly revised 2008 Rules & Regulations for Marion Landing. They were approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting on February 15. We hope that you will take a few minutes to read them and also, please save them for future reference. This version replaces the one printed in the 2008 Marion Landing phone directories. The format has been changed to make it easier to find what you are looking for, which was one of the revisions the Board asked us to make. We hope you like it and find it easier to read.

Per Section 8 of the "Amendment to the Association of Marion Landing Owners, Inc. By-Laws" executed on June 7, 2005, the Rules and Regulations "shall be delivered or mailed to all Owners..." and "shall not take effect until forty-eight hours after such delivery...". Therefore, this revision will become effective on Monday, March 3, 2008.



NEW JERSEY CLUB

by Florence Lang



Ah, Spring is in the air and what better way to welcome it than with friends getting together for lunch. Not only do you have the sweet smell of spring flowers on your way; but once you enter the restaurant, the aroma of tantalizing food permeates the air. WOW...I can't wait, but the wait will be over very soon.

WHERE: China Lee Restaurant
3743 East Silver Springs Blvd.

WHEN: March 21
TIME: 12:30 PM

There is a sign-up sheet in the Lifestyle Center lobby. Sign your name and your reservation is assured.

Looking forward to seeing all our ex-New Jerseyites there.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE NEWS

by Vivian Waite

Please note that the date of the April fund raiser has been changed to Saturday, April 26. There will be a delicious dinner, but the entertainment remains a mystery. Watch for further notice.



January was not a healthy month for Marion Landing residents. Mary Kelly had 18 dish gardens sent to those who had been hospitalized for over 24 hours. That is 18 that we knew about. Please keep us informed.

Two dozen roses were presented to Delores and Frank Miller, who celebrated 60 years of marriage.

The Sunshine Committee's purpose and mission is to be a friend in need to all Marion Landing residents. Whether residents have suffered the loss of a loved one, are ill, are unable to be up and about, in a hospital, in a nursing home or assisted living, or just in need of a friendly call or visit, the Sunshine Committee is there to help. This isn't just something for Sunshine Committee members to do. Everyone in this community should feel some responsibility for their friends and neighbors. I know you'll feel better for it, as will as the recipient.

GREAT LAKES STATES CLUB

by Mary Buckoski

We have a name change! The Club, formerly known as WII (Wisconsin-Illinois-Indiana), is now known as the GREAT LAKES STATE CLUB. This includes the states of: Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and Minnesota.



If you "transferred" from any of these states, please sign up and join us when the monthly notice is posted for the luncheon. Hope to see many of you!!! If you have any questions, please call me at 861-9004.

WHY CLEAN YOUR ROOF?

by Deeann Welch, LCAM

- Prolongs shingle life
- Makes ugly roof stains disappear
- Inexpensive home improvement
- Less expensive than roof replacement
- Roof will look like new again
- Helps your resale value

MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT

by Rita Woch

On February 9, twelve of us enjoyed a Mah Jongg Tournament organized by Carolyn Salzein. We played eight games in the morning and broke for a lunch of various salads brought by the players. Carolyn provided tea and coffee, with brownies and cake for dessert. Lunch was a nice time to get to know each other better. An additional eight games were played in the afternoon and the winners were: 1st—Dot Abril; 2nd—Rita Woch; and 3rd—Janet Yost and Leta Simmons (tied). It was a lot of fun, and a second tournament is being planned for October, so keep checking *The Communicator*. Jokers to you!!

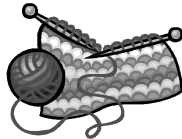


CHARITY CRAFTERS

by Ann Gillin

During 2007, the Marion Landing Charity Crafters made donations to six local facilities:

- Crisis Center – 20 quilts, Christmas ornaments and gifts for women and children, as well as miscellaneous household items;
- Oakwood Nursing Home – 50 lap robes and shawls, 160 pairs of slippers, and 37 hats;
- Salvation Army – 50 quilts;
- Hospice – 50 pairs of slippers;
- H.O.M.E. (for teenage mothers) – 40 quilts/blankets, miscellaneous baby items, Christmas ornaments, and gifts for the mothers and babies; and,
- VFW Home – 14 lap robes and 50 pairs of slippers.



All of this was made possible because of the generosity of our friends and neighbors who have provided us with fabrics, yarn and craft supplies. We truly appreciate your help.

Anyone wishing to donate to the Charity Crafters may leave items in the covered basket (near the telephone) in the Craft Room.

**AARP DRIVERS COURSE
MARION LANDING
LIFESTYLE CENTER
WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
APRIL 9 & 10
8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Advance Payment Required**

Course fee is \$10.00 per person and checks must be made payable to AARP. Please see Fred Parrish or Rich Toneske to pay and fill out a form that is needed for the class. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby. Attendance for the entire class, on both days, is necessary to get a completion certificate.

BLOOD DRIVE

by Pat Wurst

Mark your calendar for March 19. The Bloodmobile will be at the Lifestyle Center from 7 AM to 1 PM. Please consider giving the gift of life. Yours may be the next life saved.

The sign-up sheet is in the Lobby, but walk-ins are welcome. If you have any questions, please call me at 861-2476.

**DONATE
BLOOD**



KITCHEN KOOKIES



KITCHEN BAND

by Joan Dopler

I would like to get a Kitchen Band started for an upcoming event. No musical talent is necessary, and I have most of the "instruments". All residents are invited to join. If interested, please call Joan Dopler at 854-3378.

GOING ONCE . . .

by George Taragna

As you enter the Lifestyle Center storeroom, there are two padlocked and stacked storage cabinets on the left. I would appreciate the Club, Committee, or individual who maintains these contacting me at 861-9251.



GET YOUR COOKBOOKS NOW!

by Pam Guenther

Okay, all you Food Network Channel addicts out there...do you have a Marion Landing Cookbook? Now's a perfect time to whip up some of the Marion Landing "tried and true" recipes. The cookbooks are at their lowest price ever-- \$3.00 each--and there are a limited number left. Get one now for yourself or buy one as a gift for a relative or friend. Contact Janice Wood or see Pam in the Activity Office before they are gone.



MARION LANDING 2008 PHONE BOOK UPDATE

ADD	TELE. NO.		CHANGES	WAS	IS
Gile, Wendell & Linda	854-4721	VT	Kappler, Max	NJ	NY
Smith, Warren	390-3697	PA	Schwager, Anna Marie	875-5839	237-6182
Soter, Mike & Olivia* 8454 SW 60th Ct	873-0669	MI	Fulgoni, Lou	854-8075	454-8075

REMOVE

Borsotti, Bill
Cockerham, Charles
Crenshaw, Ed
Gregg, Richard
Henderson, Ruth
Hopkins, Henry
Kurpiewski, Casimir
Leslie, Don

REMOVE

Burris, Chuck [moved]
David, Rhonda-(Hall) [moved]
Soter, Betty [moved]
Taphorn, Don & Christine [moved]

RESALES

Cantara, Terri & Laurette	8373 SW 62nd Ct	291-2385
Gillo, Mike & Alice	8461 SW 60th Cr	304-8507
James, Jesse & Doris	8559 SW 61st Ter Rd	1-541-579-0335
Kowtko, Stanley & Teresa	8435 SW 60th Ct	237-3396
Ross, Teresa	6506 SW 84th Pl Rd	1-614-623-0124
Shank, Robert & Maureen	8498 SW 65th Ct Rd	304-8567
Swigert, Bob & Jackie	8447 SW 60th Ct	861-8924

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**Moved Within Marion Landing

Updated: Feb. 20, 2008

WHY DO WE HAVE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME?

Daylight Saving Time, the brainchild of Benjamin Franklin during his 18th century Parisian days, seems to increase the number of productive daylight hours we have during the seasons when the sun sounds reveille early. Today, the additional hour of sunlight we gain, by setting our clocks one hour ahead of time, allows us to close up shop an hour early, and to enjoy play time after the work day is done while the sun still beams high above us.

The extra daylight hour we now enjoy, by altering our circadian rhythms by one hour, did not immediately gain acceptance during Benjamin Franklin's time. Instead, the practice was born of necessity during World War I and II. The practicality of his idea came into play during these wars, when scarcity and rationing were the operative words. By following their normal routines, and by going to bed hours after sundown, people relied upon artificially generated light, which depleted the scarce reserves of fuel in its generation. Germany realized that this precious commodity could better be used to serve the war effort and instituted the first daylight saving laws in 1915. Those who refused to comply with the lights out curfew faced punishment.

England followed suit in 1916, and, finally, the United States, in 1918. The United States reinstated the daylight saving laws on a national basis during World War II. The close of the war ended the law's necessity, but the national habit continued on a voluntary basis. Daylight saving time had taken root in our society and was now the norm. Of course, daylight saving time never affected the farmer, whose livelihood dictates that he adheres to the old adage "Early to bed, early to rise."

(Author Unknown)



Our Water - Our Responsibility

by Gordon Herrick

Several weeks ago the Ocala *Star Banner* had an article discussing some of the water rules and fines the County Commissioners were considering passing. On the Op-Ed page of the same edition was an article by Caity Peterson using the same headline as I am using for this article. Caity is



a freshman biology major at Stetson University in DeLand, but she lived in Ocala at one time.

She offered some great ways for conserving water that are worthy of repeating. She suggests that conservation is the key and small steps taken by all of us could reduce wasted water by millions of gallons every day. Her suggestions include:

- Not only turn off the water when brushing your teeth, but carry that rule over to the shower. Turn it off while lathering up.
- Automatic sprinkler systems are nice, but they are wasteful. Don't water the lawn unless it is absolutely necessary and then only once a week. Water in the morning or late evening to cut down on evaporation.
- The washing machine is the biggest water-wasting appliance of all. It uses more than 20 gallons per load, so consolidate your laundry. Do the same with the dishwasher – only run it when it is full.
- Wash your hands in cold water. Faucets can churn out two gallons per minute while you're waiting for it to heat up. You would have to wash in boiling water to actually kill any germs – it's the soap and the friction that do the cleaning.
- Toilets use two gallons of water per flush, and if every person flushes six or eight times a day...well, it adds up quickly.
- Think before you pour leftover water down the sink. Could it be used for something else? Like watering the houseplants?
- Fill and plug the sink when rinsing the dishes. You will use far less water than letting the faucet run the entire time.
- Take showers rather than baths and make them short. Showers that last 10 minutes or more are an obscene waste – it shouldn't take more than five minutes to shampoo, condition and wash thoroughly.

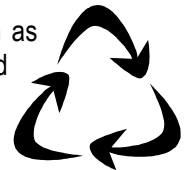
There are many other water saving strategies that we could use. I would hope our Marion Landing residents would adopt some of these strategies in their own homes. Ms. Peterson says the bottom line is to be thrifty and just use common sense. We cannot afford to keep treating our water as though it is an unlimited resource. It is our responsibility – our civic duty – to use our existing resources wisely.

VOLUNTARY RECYCLING

by Bill Lehr

Do you recycle? Recycling helps the environment and the landfill and lessens the amount of garbage you put curbside each week. We should already be recycling newspaper and aluminum drink cans at the Lifestyle Center, since that helps our community. When you recycle your newspapers, inserts can be included too. Other items that can be recycled nearby are:

- Glass – clear, green, brown;
- Metal Cans – can be crushed to save room in your container but that is not necessary;
- Plastic – all types of containers, but not the lids. Look for the recycling insignia on the bottom;
- Cardboard – should have PLY listed on the box or container. Flatten to save space;
- All paper that can be torn – such as magazines, junk mail, etc., and shredded paper;
- Clothing and shoes – container for donations; and,
- Phone books are recycled once a year. A separate dumpster is provided.



It is best to rinse cans and plastic items to keep from drawing ants or insects. Anything not listed above should be included in your weekly curbside garbage collection.

Containers to collect recycled items can be boxes, plastic bags, buckets, etc. Newspapers go nicely in paper grocery bags. Plastic grocery bags and department store plastic bags can be returned to Publix or Wal-Mart for recycling. There is a Recycle Center at SAM's Club on SR 200 west of I-75. It is a convenient spot, as you can stop on your way home from town. There are also county recycling centers, including one on SR 40 going toward Dunnellon, but be sure to check for operating hours.

If you cannot drive to a recycling center, ask your neighbors or friends if they recycle. Perhaps they will take your recycling containers on their next trip.



Thank You

Friends, neighbors and Sunshine Committee---
THANK YOU! The prayers, cards, phone calls, and plant that I
received following my surgery are greatly appreciated.

Freeman Taylor

I want to thank the Sunshine Committee for the
beautiful plant and get-well card. Thanks also for all the get-
well cards from the great friends in the community, as well as
the phone calls and visits from the neighbors. This is such a
great community to live in.

Sincerely,
Marge Fabinsky

Our sincere thanks and gratitude to the Sunshine
Committee for the beautiful plant and get-well card. Also, our
thanks go out to our friends and neighbors for their
thoughtfulness, support, prayers, food, and cards following
Bob's recent surgery.

Sincerely,
Bob & Barbara McDermott

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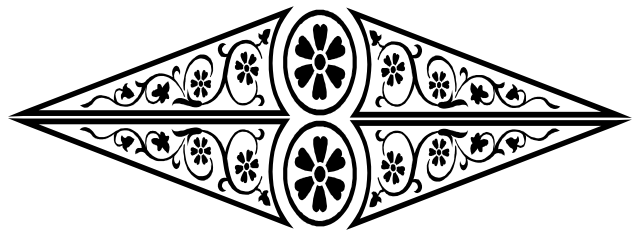
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Richard Gregg	January 24
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Henry Hopkins	January 25
Casimir Kurpiewski	February 9
Bill Borsotti	February 17



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March Birthdays

1. Frank Szutar, Bernice McDonald
2. Marty Rabb, Howard Smith, Erlene Stamper
3. Esther Haines, Joan Ackerman, Roberta Hanka
4. Mary Lippo, Janet Yost
5. Ken Talbert
6. George Taragna, Lou Russo, Carol Castro, Karen Carpenter
7. Gert Jacobs, Helen McElwain, Don Larson, Ed Fish, Jim Whitehead
8. Al Rake
9. Peter D'Auria, Ken Hall
10. Linda Blaz, Theresa Lord, Phil Becker, Elaine Arnold
12. Ray Kmoch, Lou Oreggia
13. Philip Calkins, Richard Ciarletta, Carol Pace, Mike Malouf
14. Don Harr
15. Jerry Mills, JoAnn Boyer, Robert Morine, Emil Martin, Pat Richardson, Alan Sharp
16. Terry Price, Russell Shoaf
17. Ed DeMauex, Jim Pohlers
18. Charles Esworthy, Nancy Kellum
19. Carol Mock, Donna Ventrice, John Friscia, Anne Pasko, Richard Yeager
20. Ray Hinesman
21. Al Manfredi, June Heller, Connie Simonow, Phebe Kennedy, Grace Engelhardt, Jim McCreedy
22. Smitty Williams, Lee Portwood, Bob West
23. Charlie Piazza
24. Barbara Hopkins, Anne Hayes, Paul Garland
25. Chet Lysik, Joanne Hay, Dot Toneske, Bob Knisley, Connie Burden
26. Myrtle Senior, Jeanne Kurpiewski, Jean Crawford
27. Ione Fassnacht, Earl Moore, Bob Atkinson
28. Everett Elliott, Dave Wilberg, Mary Cole
29. Dave Rusch, Sheldon Blumenthal, Roberta Topping, Beverly Loe, Shirley Collins, Ted Tusek
30. Dolores Miller, Cathy Veneto, John Moran
31. Rosemarie Lindblom, Bud Carlquist, Cherie Litt

April 1-7

1. Betty Thawley, Peg Shroyer, Tom Hickey, Nancy Hallameyer
2. Barbara Scotti
3. Dale Schrecengost, Helen Clauss, Judy Yeager, Bob Gibbs
4. Pearl Mayer, Ann Jurich, Ursula Renadette, Milt Thomas, Melita McGrath
5. Al Bezuch
6. Tom Rowe, Charlie Senior, Gus Baxter, Kathryn Galloway
7. Shirley Calkins, Lou Casale

March Anniversaries

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| 1, 1984 | Linda & Skip Gile | |
| 3, 2000 | Karenann & Dennis Pross | |
| 7, 1947 | Thelma & Cliff Bedaw | 61 yrs |
| 9, 1946 | Sylvia & Jack Mergler | 62 yrs |
| 9, 1979 | Doris & Jesse James | |
| 10, 1970 | Marlene & Ralph Sparkman | |
| 10, 2007 | Mary & Jerry Brown | |
| 11, 1967 | Cathy & John Durante | |
| 11, 1964 | Karen & Richard Carpenter | |
| 14, 1957 | Jan & Jim Thomas | 51 yrs |
| 15, 1958 | Judy & Richard Yeager | 50 yrs |
| 17, 1970 | Ginny & Dick Charlebois | |
| 17, 1951 | Ethel & Marty Rabb | 57 yrs |
| 18, 1990 | Helen & Geoffrey Barnes | |
| 19, 1976 | Marian & Jim Miller | |
| 20, 1956 | Emma & Paul Van Devender | 52 yrs |
| 21, 1954 | Gladys & Cliff Beatty | 54 yrs |
| 21, 1952 | Jean & Elmer Broyles | 56 yrs |
| 25, 1950 | Daphne & Jerry Mills | 58 yrs |
| 27, 1950 | Teresa & Fred Hamilton | 58 yrs |
| 28, 1981 | Anne & Wes Hayes | |
| 28, 1953 | Mary & Paul Garland | 55 yrs |
| 28, 1959 | Jean & Karl Petersen | |
| 31, 1951 | Diana & Bernie Julian | 57 yrs |

Happy  St. Patricks Day

April 1-7

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| 1, 2002 | Patricia & Richard Ciarletta | |
| 4, 1970 | Grace & John Engelhardt | |
| 5, 1946 | Evelyn & Bob Rhoads | 62 yrs |
| 6, 1980 | Nanci & Bill Anderson | |
| 7, 1990 | Josephine & Jerry Eckert | |