



# EMERALD LAKES COMMUNICATOR

## December 2017



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### Dates to Remember:

- BIBLE STUDY: Every Tuesday at 10:30 am
- BILLIARDS: Available when the clubhouse is open. An adult must be present to supervise.
- BINGO: Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm
- COFFEE & DONUTS: Every Tuesday at 9:00 am except the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month.
- EUCHRE: Every Monday at 6:30 pm
- LADIES GOLF: Every Tuesday. 9 holes at King's Ridge.
- MEN'S GOLF: Every Wednesday. 18 holes at Swiss Fairways.
- TEXAS HOLD-EM: Every Saturday at 6:30 pm
- WATER EXERCISE: Every Mon-Wed-Fri at 9:00 am except for the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month
- 12/1 Men's Club Meeting – 9:00 am Holiday light decorating after meeting.
- 12/3 Ice Cream Social & Birthday Celebration – **(approximately 7:00 p.m. following Light up the Park & Parade this year)**
- 12/6 Ladies Club – 9:30 am (First Wednesday of the month)
- 12/7 Board of Directors Agenda Meeting – 9:00 am**
- 12/9 Pancake Breakfast – (Second Saturday of the month)
- 12/11 Pizza & Salad – 5:30 pm (Second Monday of the month)
- 12/14 Shareholders' Budget Meeting followed by the Board of Directors Meeting - 9:00 am**
- 12/16 Bring 'N Share (Third Saturday of the month)
- 12/18 Bunco – 6:30 pm (Third Monday of the month)
- 12/20 Ladies Lunch Out – 11:30 am (Third Wednesday of the month)
- 12/21 Men's Lunch Out – 11:30 pm (Third Thursday of the month)
- 12/22 All Park Singles – 11:30 am (Fourth Friday of the month)
- 12/26 All Park Breakfast Out – 8:45 am (Fourth Tuesday of the month)

### Events This Month:

- 12/3 Light up the Park - Meet at Clubhouse at 5:30 pm with decorated golf cart, bicycle, or anything that moves.
- 12/16 Bring 'N Share with entertainment: Wayne Miskelly "Magic Escapade"
- 12/31 New Year's Eve Party featuring "Cousin Vinny"

### Activities:

Bocce and Shuffleboard –watch bulletin boards for Sign-up sheets, dates and times TBD.

### Upcoming Events:

- 1/17 Annual Health Fair – Look for the time in January 's Newsletter and on the Bulletin Board
- 1/21-27 Rummage Sale. Be sure to clean house and give all those no longer needed "Treasures" to the Ladies Club for the rummage sale.

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### Patriots Day Celebration

On November 11<sup>th</sup> The Ladies and Men's Clubs sponsored our first Patriots' Day celebration. The 80+ who attended enjoyed great food (thanks Ann & Paul Hornberger); amazing decorations (thanks to Pam Sweat and crew), lively music and singing (thanks to Carolyn Kilbury, pianist) and wonderful shared memories. Who thinks this should become an annual event?!

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**E.L. Ladies Club**

The November Bring 'N Share theme was "Thanksgiving". Turkey and stuffing was provided by the Ladies Club. Peg Kuhlman and Jeanne Spong hosted 60+ guests with plenty of moist turkey to spare. Special thanks to all who helped decorate, cook, serve and clean-up- especially Diane McCue, Eve Bowditch (yummy stuffing), Ann Hornberger, Bette Schneider, Lee Sacket and Sandra Tibbetts.

The November Ladies Club Lunch Out was at Bob Evans. The outing was enjoyed by the 18 who attended but there were some service issues.

Calling all bakers! We are accepting donations of baked goods for light up the park and for our annual cookie trays for our public service workers (police, firemen, trash collectors, mailmen). Please bring your *freshly* baked treats to the clubhouse Sunday and/or Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>.

Our next meeting is December 6th at 9:30 am in the clubhouse. Don't forget to wear your name tag! All ladies in the park are welcome to attend to see what we're all about. Annual dues of \$5.00/year are due this month. We will have our annual election of officers at this meeting. All paid up members will be eligible to vote. We will also vote on our donation to charities.

This month's Bring 'N Share will be December 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM in the clubhouse. After dinner, we will be entertained by Wayne Miskelly's Magic Escapade.

Mark your calendars for our Ladies Club Christmas luncheon on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Reservations have been made at "Knickers" at the Mission Inn Golf Club. Be sure to sign up by December 18<sup>th</sup>. If you aren't yet a member of the Ladies Club, it's not too late to sign up and attend. The more, the merrier!

Be sure to get your tickets for our New Year's Eve celebration December 31<sup>st</sup>. Cousin Vinny will perform from 9-Midnight! Tickets are \$10 for this event.

President, Harriet Pirino

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**E. L. Men's Club**

The Men's Club met November 3<sup>rd</sup> with a busy agenda. Ken Cook reported that new microphones are on order for the clubhouse. Also, sections of new fascia and gutters are being replaced at the clubhouse.

Pancake Breakfast resumed on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to help cook, serve and clean up. The next breakfast will be December 9<sup>th</sup> from 8-9:15. For \$3 you can have your fill of pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee and applesauce.

The men had their monthly lunchout at Flap Jack Shack on November 16<sup>th</sup>. All men are welcome to join us for lunch on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. The next lunch will be December 21<sup>st</sup>. Meet at the clubhouse at 11:30 to carpool.

Vic Cloos and Larry Lubick are leading the nominating committee for 2018 officers. Please contact them if you are interested in becoming an officer.

The next Men's Club meeting will be December 1<sup>st</sup>. After the meeting, members are asked to stay and decorate the harbor, bridge, lighthouse and clubhouse for Light up the Park.

President, Paul Hornberger

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**Light up the Park**

It's time to test your Christmas lights and dig out the garland! In an effort to avoid conflict with downtown Clermont festivities this year, our annual Light up the Park will be held Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please line up your decorated golf carts, bicycles or anything that moves at 5:30 pm at the clubhouse for judging. After a parade through the park, all are welcome back to the clubhouse for refreshments and caroling.

**\*\*Special note- the December birthday celebration will be held in conjunction with Light up the Park this year (approximately 7 pm).**

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**Flags**

Carolyn Kilbury would like to thank the flag committee (you know who you are!) for a job well done all year. The park looked patriotic and festive for many holidays thanks to your dedication.

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**All Park Breakfast Out**

Breakfast Out for December will be December 26<sup>th</sup>- watch the bulletin board for details. Please be sure to sign up on the bulletin board by the day before so an accurate reservation can be made.

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**All Park Dinner Out**

There will be no dinner out this month. Please watch the bulletin board for January date and location.

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**Bible Study**

We are currently studying Isaiah and we welcome you to join us every Tuesday at 10:30 am in the clubhouse. We are not only non-denominational, but have members from just about every Christian worship group. We will gladly pray for any of your needs or ill family members, etc. just ask Carolyn Kilbury 770-710-7321 or Dee Peters 352-394-3217. Everyone is invited.

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**Bunco**

Bunco is catching on! Come join your neighbors on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 pm at the clubhouse. Just bring \$3 and plan to have some fun socializing, get a little exercise and win prizes. The next game will be December 18<sup>th</sup>!

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**Emerald Lakes Singles**

Our Christmas celebration will be held December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 am. This event will be our fine dining luncheon held at the clubhouse and ALL SINGLES are invited. Our goal is simply to make all Singles feel welcome and a part of our community here in Emerald Lakes. Please be sure to sign up on the bulletin board by December 20<sup>th</sup>, so we have enough to accommodate all. If you have any questions, call Dee Peters at 352-394-3217

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**Toys for Tots**

There is a drop-off box by the bulletin board in the clubhouse for Toys for Tots. Please do not wrap your contributions. The donations will be picked up around December 11<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy shopping for children that are in need.

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**Ruby Red Gems**

There will be an organizational meeting with social hour at the clubhouse on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. All ladies who are interested in joining our Red Hatters group are welcome to attend. We will plan a program for the season at this meeting so please bring your ideas for things to do and places to go. If you have any questions, please call Shirley Marquette at 352-243-5378 or Barb McGinnis at 352-536-6833.

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**NOTES FROM THE BOARD**

**CABLE CONTRACT:** Our cable contract will be ending in 2018. In negotiating a new contract, we will be looking to lower rates and possibly bring in Internet service as part of the package. Would you please let Anne know if this is a service that you would use, if it is included in the park’s package?

**CALLING EMERGENCY SERVICES:** When a resident makes a call to 911 for Emergency Services, it is a good idea, if you are able, to tell them not only your Lot number but also your actual Street Name. Some of the drivers use GPS to get where they are going. The GPS addresses in Emerald Lakes are a combination of the two for example: 169 Lighthouse Lane. Unfortunately, there has been instances where the drivers go to the wrong side of the park.

**CREDIT & BACKGROUND CHECKS –** Credit and Background checks are performed on any individual(s) who is/are purchasing a home in Emerald Lakes. Background checks are performed on individuals who will be a second resident in the home (not listed on the title) or on individuals who are renting a home. **These checks must be done by the office to approve residency, prior to any final paperwork being completed.** Please keep this in mind when either selling or renting your home.

**HAVING WORK DONE ON YOUR HOME OR ON YOUR YARD –** Please keep in mind that if residents are having work done on their property or yard, and they are not doing the work themselves, the contractors they hire must be licensed and insured. Furthermore, we were told that the Co-op needs to police this and should stop work even if it is in progress, if contractors are not licensed and insured. If this rule is not followed, the residents are opening themselves and the park up for a liability issue if the unlicensed/uninsured contractor gets injured while working at their home.

**MEMORIAL FUND REMINDER -** Give a living tribute in memory of a loved one. A gift of any size will be used with other gifts to make a significant contribution to purchasing something that will enhance the Emerald Lakes Park. Ask the office for a Memorial Fund Brochure or pick one up at the reception table in the Clubhouse.

**POOL RULES:** When visiting the pool, remember your pool bands. By wearing or having the bands in your possession, it lets everyone know you are a resident here or connected with someone who lives here. If you have misplaced them or didn’t receive pool bands yet, please come to the office and Anne will give you some. Also, please remember that before you go into the pool, please shower off at the outside shower near the pool. This is especially important to wash off any lotions or oils used on the body for sun protection. This oily residue when not washed off leaves a scum on the pool and it is very hard for our pool care techs to get it off the surface of the tiles.

**RULES & REGULATIONS:** Shortly, we will once again be revising our rules and regulations. Any resident that has any suggestions on changing/enhancing/eliminating any of our rules, please submit your ideas to Anne in the office. All comments are appreciated and will be considered. The process can be a long one as they will go before a Rules & Regulations committee, then onto the Board, our lawyer and finally the State. As before, we will have a Community Wide meeting to go over these possible changes.

**SPEED LIMITS IN PARK –** It is very important that posted speed limits in the park be followed. The **MAXIMUM** speed limit on roads in the park is **15 mph. Please don't go any faster. This speed limit is for golf carts as well.** There have been some near accidents. Please keep in mind that many have trouble walking and cannot move quick enough to get out of your way. **ONE DAY THIS COULD BE YOU.**

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**May the peace and joy of the  
Christmas season be with you  
and your loved ones!**