



EMERALD LAKES COMMUNICATOR MARCH 1, 2011

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 3/2 9 am Ladies Club Meeting
- 3/4 9 am Men's Club Meeting
- 3/5 2 pm Boat-O-Rama & 4 pm Pig Roast
- 3/6 10:30 a Vic Embers Sunday Brunch
- 3/7 9 am Men's breakfast at IHOP
- 3/8 11:00 am Ladies Mardi Gras Luncheon
- 3/10 9 am – Pre-Agenda Meeting
- 3/12 7:59 to 9:29 am Pancake Breakfast
- 3/14 5:30 pm Pizza & Salad
- 3/16 11:30 am – Ladies Lunch Out Pasta Vino's
- 3/17 9 am – BOD Meeting
- 3/18 12:00 pm Red Hatters Pizza & Play
- 3/19 4:30 pm Scavenger Hunt
- 3/19 6:00 PM Corned beef dinner
- 3/25 8:30 am Hard Rock Casino Trip

From Management

HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY!

Your annual election has been completed and you have a new board in place. Congratulations to the new board members.

Please remember to mail your coupon and payment to BB&T bank as instructed. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated. In addition, please notify the office when you return to Emerald Lakes so I can update your records.

For those of you that use computers, please note the official email for Emerald Lakes Co-op is emerald-lakes-coop@cfl.rr.com. Please update your records to ensure we get your emails and can respond in a timely fashion.

Cheryl Boyer
Property Manager
For the Board of Directors

REPLACEMENT FOR OUTDOOR POST LIGHTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE
OFFICE. COST IS \$41.00 PER LAMPHEAD

SELLING YOUR HOME?

The bulletin board to your right as you enter the clubhouse is now available for posting sales notices. If your home is for sale by owner you may pick up a form from the office to post on the board. Below this board is a business card rack with cards from area realtors willing to work in the park. If a realtor handles the sale he/she will handle the posting to the bulletin boards. If you already have a realtor, please call them and ask them to post your listing on the bulletin board and the website.

Postings may be made to the Emerald Lakes website. Simply attach a photo no larger than 4" x 4" to the form you receive from the office, fill out the form and give it back to the office along with an annual \$10.00 posting fee. If you are using a realtor, they can handle this or rentals for you.

Resident Input Forms/RIF's

- (1)The form has been modified to include a section addressing "BOD Action".
- (2)In order to better control/monitor/track the intent of the form, residents are asked to list one item per form.
- (3) Please keep in mind that due to the depth/complexity/nature of a particular issue...some items require more time to decide on the appropriate action.

Thank You, BOD

LADIES CLUB

Now that the wonderful Florida weather has returned, and the chilly air is behind us, we have many activities planned for March.

Our Ladies Club meeting will be on March 2nd at 9 am in the Club House. All ladies of the park are invited to all activities. Sign up in advance is required for many activities, for planning purposes. **All sign up sheets are located on the bulletin board across from the office.**

On March 6th we have arranged for a bus to take us at 10:30am to Vic Ember's for a Sunday Brunch. Cost is \$16.95 per person and includes the bus and brunch. Sign up is required. The menu is on the bulletin board. This is open to everyone in the park.

We have planned a Mardi Gras Luncheon for Tuesday, March 8th. Sign up is required. This will be held in the Club House and will begin at 11:00am.

Ladies Lunch Out will be at the new Pasta Vino on March 16th. Sign up ahead of time and meet at the Club House at 11:30am.

A Scavenger Hunt has been planned as part of the entertainment for our Irish Dinner of Corned Beef and Cabbage on March 19th. Pay for dinner at the door. Sign up is required for the Scavenger Hunt and for the Dinner. Meet at the Club House by 4:30pm on the 19th – at the latest if you wish to participate in the Hunt. It will be lots of fun. Prizes will be awarded to the winners after dinner. This is open to everyone in the park and we hope that many will join in on the fun.

Do you like to Gamble? A trip to Hard Rock in Tampa has been planned for March 25th. Bus will leave at 8:30 am. Sign up is required.

Come to our Luau Dance on March 26th at 7:30pm. Tickets will be sold (only \$5.00) in advance and at the door. We will have live music and some surprising entertainment and fun. Please join in for a good time.

Water Aerobics has started up again on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:00am in the pool and/or exercise to music and video in the Club House on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8:30am. All are welcome.

Coffee, donuts and conversation is still offered every Tuesday morning at 9:00am. It is strictly social – come along and meet your neighbors or chat with friends.

On Sunday, March 12, 2011, we return to Daylight Savings Time. We also go back to the 2-day-per-week land-scape irrigation schedule.

Drew Bergeron (988-5052) and Barbara McGinnis (536-6833)

MEN'S CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Our pancake breakfast is the 2nd Saturday of the month: the next one is March 12th from 8:00am to 9:30 am. Our current crew is retiring after the April breakfast. We have been doing the breakfast for 10 years – some longer than that. So if you would like to Chair the event or volunteer – especially men - it is a men's club function, please contact Al Schmitz or Mark Sinicrope of the Men's Club. We will help train new workers at the April breakfast. We've had a great time serving the Park all these all these years. Thanks again Larry for your wake up call. No need to sign up, just come.

Again Thank You to all our workers.

Jan Bentley & Judy Cottle

MEN 'S CLUB

Our next meeting will be Friday, March 4, at 9:00 am.

BOAT-A-RAMA/PORK ROAST – We will have our annual boat ride and pork roast on Saturday, March 5th. See the sign up sheet on the Bulletin Board. The Boat Rides will leave the Marina at 2:00pm and the Pork Roast Dinner will be served at 4:00pm. The donation for the Dinner is \$5.00

Sports Banquet – We will be having our sports luncheon on Monday, April 4th at 12:00 noon at the Club House. All participants in the various sports are encouraged to attend. Be sure your team has paid the \$3.00 per person fee to Mark. Lunch will be served and awards given to the various winners (and losers).

Valentines Dance – The Dance was well attended and enjoyed by over 70 Ladies and Gents. We had many complements on the entertainment, the décor and the floor arrangement. We would like to give a special thanks to Eve for selling all the tickets and recommending the group (they were great!!).

Benches – The Men's Club has replaced 2 of the benches that were refinished 2 years ago with all aluminum alloy benches (see the 2 in front of the Club House). A thanks goes to Bob Bentley for his efforts in attempting to refinish the old benches and for the purchase and erection of the new benches.

Thanks,
Al Schmitz, President

RED HATTERS

In February the Ruby Red Gems of Emerald Lakes went into Orlando to have lunch with our old member, friend and former resident, Dora Tuskowski, who is now in a nursing home. We took her to Hamburger Mary's in Church Street Station all dressed in our red and purple finery.

This month we will be going to the theatre to see Arsenic and Old Lace on Sunday, March 13th. Judy Westphal has invited us to her home for pizza prior to going to the play. We will meet at her house, #65 at 12:00 pm for lunch. Please be sure to sign up so that we can order the pizza and make arrangements for transportation. The tickets for the play are \$15.00 and the pizza price will be determined on that date.

Any residents are invited to join us for the fun and camaraderie that we have at our outings. Laughter is good medicine.

Queen Andrea

BULLETIN BOARD POSTINGS

Please be advised that all postings on the bulletin boards must have your unit number, name and date of posting. We are also requesting, whenever possible, that postings be limited to 4” x 6” and no larger than 8 ½” x 11”. Postings can be up for 30 days providing it s posted correctly. Thank you for adhering to these guidelines.

ATTENTION PINOCHLE PLAYERS

We are attempting to start a PINOCHLE NIGHT on Thursdays starting at 6:30 pm. If you are interested, please sign up on the poster on the inside bulletin board so we can get this started as soon as possible.

Park Policy of “No Solicitation”

The Clermont Police Department has asked that they be called at the first sign of a solicitor or solicitation on park premises.

**Dispatch Number is394-5588
If no one answers press 5.**

The BOD requests that all residents call the Police Dispatch Telephone Number (394-5588) and also alert the office at the first sign of a solicitor on park property. This action is not just for your own protection but also for the safety and protection of your neighbors as well.

When notifying either the police or the office, a brief description would be extremely helpful (no matter how vague).

**Thank you,
BOD**

Falls can happen at any age, but falls resulting in severe injury and even death are greatest among seniors. This can happen because of changes in muscle and bone strength, hearing, and vision. Medications can also affect balance and coordination. Take steps to reduce the likelihood of falling. Most falls can be prevented. Regular exercise will help maintain balance and flexibility. Eliminate rugs and clutter that may be tripping hazards and use handrails whenever possible.

Volunteers Appreciated

Emerald Lakes has been blessed with many thoughtful, caring, helpful people over the years that have volunteered their time to make this park a beautiful place to live. For a couple of years we were discouraged to volunteer for fear of law suits should anyone be injured. About a year ago we found we could get insurance for our volunteers and did so. Once again volunteerism is beginning to thrive.

The Board of Directors would like to document the work of our volunteers in order to learn just how much money they are saving the park. To accomplish this Board needs the cooperation of all those who donate their time to repairing, improving or maintaining the park by keeping track and be responsible for reporting the activity to Keith Westphal at keith.westphal@gmail.com or leave a note in the office. The report should include (1) what the project involved, (2) the date(s) the project work was done, (3) the name of the person reporting and either the names of all others involved or how many others were involved and (4) how many hours the individual or group worked on the project. **ALL FOUR OF THESE MUST BE IN THE REPORT.**

Although the Board's initial emphasis was to record work done only in the common areas, they would also like reports on work done by neighbors helping neighbors.

Everyone in the park appreciates the work our volunteers do. Thanks to all who donate their time and energy.