

EMERALD LAKES COMMUNICATOR

December 1, 2011



DATES TO REMEMBER

CHAIR EXERCISE: Every T and Th 8:30

WATER EXERCISE: Every M-W-F 9:30

- 12/1 Health Fair 11 am to 1 pm
- 12/2 Budget Meeting – 9:00 am
- 12/2 Men’s Club Meeting – 1:00 pm
- 12/3 Light Up the Park – 6:00 pm
- 12/7 Ladies Club Meeting – 9:00 am
- 12/8 Board of Director’s Agenda Meeting – 9:00 am
- 12/8 Meeting w/Travel Agent for Feb 13th Cruise - 10 am
- 12/9 Sounds of Christmas Trip– Meet at Clubhouse 10:30 am
- 12/10 Pancake Breakfast – 8:00 to 9:30 am
- 12/11 Christmas Party for All; Lunch at Vic’s Embers –Meeting at Clubhouse 10:30 am
- 12/12 Pizza and Salad – 5:30 pm
- 12/15 Board of Directors Meeting – 9:00 am
- 12/15 Men’s Lunch Out – 11:30 am
- 12/16 Red Hatters’ Trip and Lunch – The Barn & The Back Porch Meet at Clubhouse 10:30
- 12/17 Bring ‘N Share – 5:30 pm
- 12/18 Golf Cart Parade – 7:00 pm
- 12/20 Christmas Show – 2:00 pm
- 12/25 MERRY CHRISTMAS DAY
- 12/27 Decorate the Hall for New Year’s Eve – 10:00 am
- 12/30 WOWS – 11:30 am
- 12/31 New Year’s Eve Party – 8 pm – 12 am

December 1st – Annual Health Fair 11 am to 1 pm. This event is sponsored by **Grannies Nannies** and **South Lake Hospital**. It is filled with good health information and services for our residents. Reputable health care professionals from various health care organizations will be present to assist you in maintaining and improving your health. Information about their services will be available. Also **health care screenings** will be done if you choose to participate. **These include but are not limited to: Blood Pressure, Blood Glucose, Pulse-Oximetry, Spinal, Hearing and Memory.** There will be **FREE FOOD, FABULOUS DOOR PRIZES AND GREAT GIVE-AWAYS. DON’T MISS IT.**

ELECTION OF SHAREHOLDERS’ BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There will be three vacancies on our Board of Directors. If any shareholder is interested in running for one of these vacancies, please contact one of the Search Committee members—Paul Bergeron (352) 988-5052, Larry Lubick (352) 394-1389, or Mark Sinicropi (352) 242-1889.

SELLING OR RENTING EMERALD LAKES HOMES

Please remember all potential buyers and/or renters **MUST** come to the office to complete an application for Residency Approval. A credit check and criminal background screening **MUST** be run prior to approval being granted by the Board of Directors for anyone to reside in the park. This also includes anyone who comes to stay with a homeowner or renter longer than 15 days. The fee for this is \$50.00 for each applicant payable to Emerald Lakes Co-op, Inc.

MAILBOXES FOR HANDICAP RESIDENTS

Our mailman has brought to our attention that we have a limited number of mailboxes, accessible for residents who are handicapped or find it difficult to climb stairs. In order to qualify, you must have your physician write a letter requesting one of these boxes. This letter must be given to the postman who delivers our mail. Keep in mind that there is only a limited number, so this will be handled on a first come, first serve basis.

If you are a shut-in and need something done or you need something at the store or to go to the Doctors, please let the Anne in office know at 394-5111. There are people in the park that are willing to help you. We just need to know who you are. Also, there is Lake County Connections, which is a state-funded program for transportation throughout Lake County. You can call (352) 742-6580 for more information about this service.

MAINTENANCE ISSUES IN THE PARK

All maintenance issues need to be coordinated through Anne so she can contact the correct person to handle them. You can contact her at the office M-F 8:30 – 3:30. If you know of something that has to be repaired and it is not during the office hours, please drop a note in the mail slot or call and leave a message detailing the problem and location and she will take care of it when she returns. Effective the first of the year, we will be accepting applications for a part-time maintenance man.

PRIVATE USE OF THE CLUBHOUSE

Residents wishing to use the clubhouse for private functions, as well as events being scheduled by the Ladies’ or Men’s Clubs must do so through Anne in the office so they can be coordinated on the calendar to avoid duplication of bookings. When scheduling private events there is a \$200 refundable deposit needed as well as a \$25.00 rental fee. The deposit will be returned, if the room is left in acceptable condition. Keep in mind when renting the clubhouse for private use, that management reserves the right to make the final decision as to whether the use of the clubhouse will be allowed.

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.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Collections of food continue for our holiday food drive. If you would like to donate any can goods or non-perishable items, it would be appreciated. Boxes will be located in the clubhouse for this purpose.

RUBY RED GEMS OF EMERALD LAKES

Our Red Hatters went to a cute little tea shop for lunch in November. Good food and nice atmosphere. We, then, went to the Christmas Shop (crafters show) in downtown Leesburg. We had fun looking, getting ideas and buying Christmas presents.

On **Friday, December 16th**, we will be going to The Barn and The Back Porch for lunch and shopping. This is always a fun place. It is near Lake Alfred so we will be carpooling. We will be leaving the Clubhouse at **10:30 a.m.** Be sure to sign up as soon as possible please as I will need a head count to make reservations for lunch.

LADIES CLUB

We continue to welcome back our northern friends, as they return to their homes at Emerald Lakes. December is a busy month full of activities. We hope that everyone will join in on many or all of the planned activities.

December 3rd – Light Up the Park. Cookies and Hot Cocoa will be served. It starts at 6 pm.

December 7th – Ladies’ Club Meeting at 9:00 am. This is to be followed by **Decorating the Clubhouse.**

December 8th – Meeting with Travel Agent handling the February 13th through 17th cruise at 10 am. She will answer any questions you may have regarding the trip. Anyone, who has not signed up already, can attend this meeting also. There is still room on the trip, so if you are interested and may wish to come along, come and listen and then decide. We will be serving refreshments at the meeting.

December 9th – Trip for Sights and Sounds of Christmas. Hudson College students will perform. Show begins at 2 pm. **Tickets for the show are \$16.** We will stop for **lunch at Cracker Barrel** on the way. **Ticket prices do not include lunch. Please sign up on the sheet at the clubhouse, if you wish to come, as we need at least 15 people to make it a reality.** If the trip happens, we will meet at the clubhouse at 10:30 am.

December 11th – Christmas Luncheon Party for All at Vic’s Embers. There will be a bus to take us there. We will be **meeting at the clubhouse at 10:15 am.** Price: \$16.95. **Sign-up is required.** In lieu of Christmas Swap, we are accepting \$5 donations for the Ladies to purchase gifts for nursing home residents.

December 12th – Pizza and Salad at 5:30 pm. Please sign up so we will know how many pizzas to order. Cost is \$4.00 per person.

December 17th – Bring ‘N Share at 5:30 pm. Meatloaf will be served. Please sign up to come and bring a side dish to share.

December 18th – Golf Cart Parade. Decorate your golf cart and join us in the parade. Starts at 6:00 pm.

December 20th – Christmas Show 2 pm in the Clubhouse. Refreshments will be served following the show.

December 25th – MERRY CHRISTMAS DAY

December 27th NEW YEAR’S EVE – Come decorate the Hall 10 am.

December 31 – NEW YEAR’S EVE PARTY with live entertainment. Tickets will be on sale 8 pm to 12 am.

Please check the bulletin boards frequently for information and sign-up sheets for activities. It is important that if you want to be included in any event, you must remember to sign up so we can have a head count of who is attending.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Drew Bergeron and Barbara McGinnis
Co-Chairwomen

MEN’S CLUB

December 2nd – Our meeting will be held **Friday at 1:00 pm this month due to the Shareholder’s Budget Meeting.** After our meeting, we will be putting up the Christmas lights at the Clubhouse, Marina, Bridge and the Lighthouse.

Last month we had a great turn out, with 4 new members. Come join us, we are always welcoming new members to help serve our community.

December 10th - Pancake Breakfast 8:00-9:30 am. All you can eat for \$3.00 a person.

December 15th – Men’s Lunch Out at 11:30 am.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Frank Welling has volunteered to be one of our Bingo callers. Thanks so much Frank.

Billiards continue to be held **every Monday** night at **6:30 p.m.**

Bible Study is being held on **every Tuesday** morning at **10:30 a.m.** in the library. **Great Fellowship - All are invited.** A study of Romans began. If you are interested in joining the group, please let Dee Peters know and she will order a study guide for you.

Bingo is held every **Tuesday** night at **7:00 p.m.**

Chair Exercise every Tuesday and Thursday in Clubhouse. This is open to both Ladies and Men. **Come on Guys, don't let the women show you up, besides there is coffee and donuts after you finish.**

Coffee & Donuts every **Tuesday** at **9:00 a.m.**

Crafts & Conversation will now be held **every Thursday** at **1:00 p.m.** on the porch. Bring whatever craft you are working on or just come to chat.

Dominos continue to be held on every **Thursday and Friday** at **6:30 p.m.**

Euchre will be held on **Mondays** at **6:30 p.m.**

Pinochle will start on **Thursday nights.** Come on down at **7:00 p.m.;** **we need players.**

Poker and Ladies Cards continue to be held on **Wednesdays** at **6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.**

Texas Hold'Em will continue in the **Library** every **Saturday** at **6:30 p.m.**

Water Exercise continues to be held every **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** mornings at **9:30 a.m.,** **if the Orlando temperature for that morning is 68 or above.**

WOWS will meet this month as usual the last Friday of the month at 11:30 am.

FUTURE EVENTS

Ladies' Club Meeting for **January** will be held on the **4th** at **9:00 am** and then decorating.

An **Ice Cream Social** is **planned for January 8th** at the usual time of 2-4 pm.

Pizza and Salad – January 9th.

Ladies Lunch Out – January 18th.

Chili Cook-Off and Comedy Skit – January 21st.

Rummage Sale – January 26 through January 28th.

“Let the Games Begin”

Many sporting events will start after January 1st. Sign-up sheets will be on the inside bulletin boards. Everyone is welcome to play; Men, Women, Beginners, etc. Come join the fun!!!!

Some of the events will be:

Bean Bag (sign-up sheet for players and subs posted) Games start January 5th, Thursday morning. For more information call Bernie Shields (608) 728-4931.

Bocce (sign-up sheet for players and subs posted). Games on Mondays and Tuesdays. Limited to 48 players.

Horseshoe Pitching (sign-up sheet for players and subs posted). For more information call Ron Homer (814) 282-1460

Shuffleboard (sign-up sheet for players and subs posted). Games are Fridays at 9:00 and 10:30 am. For more information call Keith Westphal (231)499-2818.

Plans are moving forward for our 5 day (Monday through Friday) **Royal Caribbean Cruise for February 13th 2012.** If you would like to go, please call Barbara McGinnis at (352) 536-6833 or sign up at the Clubhouse.

We are also thinking about going to the Hard Rock Café Casino in February. More information to come.

Jackets and Shirts are still being ordered.

A NOTE TO ALL FROM LARRY DODGE, LIBRARIAN

Welcome back one and all! Be sure to visit your library this season. We are a "Borrow on your Honor library." Read, enjoy and return so others can enjoy them also.

We have LARGE PRINT, small print and paperback novels; also non-fiction and religious. If you are travelling, we also have audio books.

A word about Reader's Digest Condensed Novels that are in the library: These are wholesome complete (word for word) novels. They are only condensed in the size of the print and spacing of words on the page, they have not been edited in any way (i.e., chapters left out or shortened).

Lastly, **THE RULES**

- 1. When returning books do not put them on shelves, please place them in the white return box. The librarian will then take care of them.**
- 2. Do not remove dust covers permanently. You may take them off while reading them, if you wish, but please replace them before returning them to the library.**
- 3. Do not push the books to the back of the shelves; as to keep the shelves looking tidy.**
- 4. Most important, if you borrow a book, when you are finished reading, please return them to library so others can enjoy them. Our library is on The Honor System - Please Show Yours.**

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