



EMERALD LAKES COMMUNICATOR

January 1, 2012

DATES TO REMEMBER

- BEAN BAG GAMES:** Every Thurs 9:30 and 10:15
- BOCCI GAMES:** Every Mon and Tues
- CHAIR EXERCISE:** Every Tues and Thurs 8:30
- FISHING:** Every 2nd and 4th Mon 7:30
- SHUFFLEBOARD GAMES:** Every Fri at 9:00 and 10:30
- WATER EXERCISE:** Every Mon-Wed-Fri 9:30

- 1/1 New Year's Day
- 1/4 Ladies Club Meeting – 9:00 am
- 1/6 Men's Club Meeting – 9:00 am
- 1/7 Deadline for Shareholders to Submit Intentions to Run for Election
- 1/8 Ice Cream Social – 2:00 pm
- 1/9 Pizza & Salad – 5:30 pm
- 1/10 MASA (Medical Air Services Assoc) – 1:00 pm
- 1/10 Memorial for Betty Mohan – 6:00 pm
- 1/12 Board of Director's Agenda Meeting – 9:00 am
- 1/14 Pancake Breakfast – 8:00 to 9:30 am
- 1/15 Chocolate Program – 2:00 pm
- 1/18 Ladies' Lunch Out – D'Amatos – 11:30
- 1/19 Board of Directors Meeting – 9:00 am
- 1/19 Men's Lunch Out – 11:30 am
- 1/20 Red Hatters' Trip and Dinner – Play: "Nine The Musical" Meet at Clubhouse 6:00 pm
- 1/21 Chili Cook-Off and Comedy Skit – 5:30 pm
- 1/26 – 1/28 Rummage Sale

The Newsletter and Calendar will now be hand-delivered, at least until May. In order to help the volunteers deliver in a timely manner, please have all notices, announcements, etc. into Anne in the office no later than the 20th of the month. It is understandable that last minute things will crop up and if this happens, you can call Anne with your item and she will do her best to put it in that month's issue.

Coupons are being mailed for 2012 for both shareholders and homeowners. You should have them in time for January, however, if you don't receive them, you may bring your check to the office and Anne will deposit it and make sure it gets posted to your account. There will be no late fees charged for January.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS FOR SHAREHOLDERS' BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Three positions are up for election. Any shareholder interested in running for one of these positions, please contact members of the Search Committee — Paul Bergeron (352) 988-5052, Larry Lubick (352) 394-1389, or Mark Sinicropi (352) 242-1889. You must submit your intention to run in writing by January 7, 2012 to Secretary, Andrea Adair, Emerald Lakes Office, 1401 W. Highway 50, Clermont, FL 34711

IN MEMORY OF BETTY MOHAN

A memorial will be held for Betty Mohan on Tuesday, January 10th at 6:00 pm before bingo. Cake and Champagne will be served. All are invited to honor Betty.

EMERALD LAKES PHONE BOOK

The new phone books for residents will be coming out soon. If anyone has changed their number since the last time the book was published or doesn't want their number published in the phone book, please call the office to let Anne know or leave a note in the mail slot of the office door.

Until the phone book is out, please note that The Girdleys have new numbers. You can reach Barbara at (321) 446-6742 and Dan at (321) 576-2992

We would like to thank Ken Young, Dale Breton, and Jerry Helms, who worked on our power problems at the Palm Tree.

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. For those buying (whether a homeowner or shareholder) a credit check and criminal background screening **MUST** be run prior to approval being granted by the Board of Directors. For those that are renting a home from an Emerald Lakes resident (and they do not have previous history of renting before in the park) a background check **MUST** be run prior to approval being granted by the Board of Directors. This also includes anyone who comes to stay with a homeowner or renter longer than 15 days. The fee for a credit and criminal background check is \$50.00 for each applicant payable to Emerald Lakes Co-op, Inc. The fee for a criminal background check is \$25 for each applicant payable to Emerald Lakes Co-op, Inc.

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 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. Anne 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 in the porch area for this purpose.

A.E.D & C.P.R. Certification

Clermont Fire Department will be holding certification in January. There are some changes in administering C.P.R. All are welcome to attend. Dates, times, and fees to be announced, so watch the bulletin board.

LADIES CLUB

First, a BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers, who helped to make our Christmas dinner a success. The giving of your time and all your hard work was much appreciated.

As we welcome in 2012, we also welcome back more northern friends, newcomers and renters (new and returnees). The Ladies' Club is open to all ladies in the park. Our purpose is:

1. To promote friendship and sociability and provide a forum for exchange of ideas, skills, talents, etc.
2. To plan programs, activities and social gatherings for group participation.

We hope to see all of you at our **next meeting on January 4th**. Dues of \$5.00 will be collected then.

December was very busy with lighting up the park and refreshments, a Christmas show & bus trip to Hudson, FL, Sunday Brunch open to all the park at Vics Embers with bus provided, Christmas Party put on by the Senior Life Digest, Golf Cart Parade and New Year's Eve party and dance with live entertainment.

The Ladies Club adopted 18 Angels from New Beginnings and spent over \$500 on Christmas gifts.

We will be busy in January finalizing plans and pricing for our Rummage Sale scheduled for January 26-28. You can contact Drew at 988-5052, if you have items you wish to donate. If you are willing to help, we will be looking for volunteers at our meeting.

On **January 14th at 2 p.m.**, we are putting on a **Chocolate Program**. You will learn something about Chocolate, and also have a chance to sample the goodies. Please sign up, if you plan to attend. This should be a good time.

Below is the complete list of Ladies' Club activities for January:

January 4th – Ladies' Club Meeting at 9:00 am. This is to be followed by decorating the clubhouse.

January 8th – Ice Cream Social 2:00 – 4:00 pm

January 9th – 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.

January 15th – Chocolate Program – 2 pm. Please sign up, if you plan to attend.

January 18th – Ladies Lunch Out – D'Amatos. We will **meet at the clubhouse at 11:30 am.**

January 21st – Chili Cook-Off 5:30 pm. Enter the chili cook-off contest for our January social. **Name your chili (and tell nobody) Is it Mild, Medium, Hot or Sweet????? Cash Prizes!!!!!!** Call Dee Peters to sign up (352) 394-3217. **This will be followed by a short hilarious comedy skit. Be sure to stay.**

January 26-28th – Rummage Sale 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Remember to 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 EVERYONE

Drew Bergeron and Barbara McGinnis, Co-Chairwomen

MEN'S CLUB

January 6th – Our meeting will be held **Friday at 9:00 am.**

January 14th - Pancake Breakfast 8:00-9:30 am. All you can eat for \$3.00 a person.

January 19th – Men's Lunch Out at 11:30 am.

Our regularly scheduled card game of Texas Hold-em is moved from Saturday 1/21 to **Sunday 1/22** this week.

The Ladies Club will be holding their Rummage Sale from January 26th through 28th from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. They will need our help with moving, set-up, traffic, etc. Please watch for a posting on the bulletin board with all the information regarding schedule, number of volunteers and vehicles needed.

RUBY RED GEMS OF EMERALD LAKES

Our Red Hatters had a fun time at the Back Porch and The Barn in December. This month we will be going to see **NINE, THE MUSICAL at the Moonlight Players on Friday January 20th at 8:00 pm.** The cost for the play is \$15.00. We will be going out to dinner beforehand at a place to be announced later. **Meet at the clubhouse at 6:00 pm.** Please be sure to sign up on the poster on the inside bulletin board so that we can make reservations and arrangements for transportation. Also, please **remember our \$5.00 dues are due** this month.

MASA (MEDICAL Air Services Association)

Please sign up for a presentation by **MASA on Tuesday, January 10th at 1:00 pm**. Pizza and beverages will b served.

SPORTS EVENTS

Sporting events: Bean Bag, Bocce, Shuffleboard and Fishing will start the first week of January. Please pick up your schedules at the clubhouse.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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.** We could use more poker players to round out another table. Anyone interested, please come.

Texas Hold'Em will continue in the **Library** every **Saturday** at **6:30 p.m.,** with the exception of the 21st. That game has been moved to the 22nd.

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 **February** will be held on the **1st at 9:00 am** and then decorating.

Super Bowl Party, February 5th in Clubhouse at **6 pm.** Bring snacks.

Valentine's Dance – February 7th 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm.

Bahama Cruise (for those who signed up) **February 13th – 18th**

Ladies Lunch Out – February 15th 11:30 am

Annual Shareholders' Meeting – February 16th 2:00 pm

Bring 'N Share - 5:30 pm - Meatballs.

Fish Fry – 5:00 pm

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. The need for a bigger NON-FICTION section has developed. In order to accomplish this, the top shelf of small print hard-covered books has been eliminated and replaced with the NON-FICTION ones.

Most material and subject matter will be found in the PAPERBACK section. However, if small-print, hard-covered books are desired, I have an extensive library of this type (over 1,000) at my home. Therefore, the "Larry Dodge Library" is extended to Lot 54. As always, the honor system will continue to be in play for these as well. Please call first to make sure that I am home. (Most times, I will be there reading.)

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 it to the library so others can enjoy them. Our library is on The Honor System - Please Show Yours.**
5. **PLEASE Do Not Stand on the chairs to reach books from the top shelves. Ask Anne in the office or someone else for help in getting them. This is for your own safety.**

*The value of life
lies not in
the length of days
but
in the use
we make of them.*

Montaigne