

Sleepy Hollow Newsletter

December 2022

November saw many of our snowbird residents return to the park. Welcome back everyone.



If you have walked into the main office since you have returned to Sleepy Hollow, you may have noticed a new face in the office. Candace started working for the park in the office. Candace has not only been busy doing the regular office work, but she is also in the process of updating our website. Soon you will notice a fresh look on our website with updated information, photos and park information.

The many clubs at all three parks have been busy having their initial meetings and planning activities for the months to come. Please remember to check the bulletin boards regularly in the clubhouses for updates.

With the arrival of the holidays, there is a need for help not only in our parks but also in the community. Many of the clubs are actively seeking volunteers to not only help with the holiday events, but also throughout the months ahead.

Thanksgiving Dinners



The Main Hall hosted a large crowd for Thanksgiving Dinner. The festively decorated hall was filled with the smiling faces of residents enjoying the heavily laden tables of food.



Park 2 also held a Thanksgiving Dinner. Although a smaller crowd. Everyone was pleased to enjoy good food and friendship together.

Tampa YMCA Turkey Gobble was held Thanksgiving morning to raise monies for cancer. Shirlee and Tracy from Park 2 ran in the 5k marathon in honor of Nancy.



Dance

Frank Loeffen

Judging by the full dance floor most of the evening, everyone has a great time at the Welcome Back Dance. Jesse Derringer had the people up dancing and singing along to such hits as "Sweet Caroline". The next dance will be New Year's Eve from 8 pm until 12:30 am. Come out and ring in the New Year with "Real Playerz Band" featuring park resident Larry Beaudry. Tickets are available from Frank Loeffen, Hazel Coates (Park 1, Lot #9), Brenda Jonas (Park 2) at a cost of \$10. BYOB and snacks.

Guys & Gals

Jean Johnson

The performers for the Christmas Show practice every Wednesday after coffee hour. The dress rehearsal will be on December 9th at 10 am. The performance "Just a Little Christmas" will take place

December 10th at 7 pm. There will be refreshments following the show.

Donations of cookies would be appreciated. Bob Johnson has graciously volunteered to sample all cookies before the show.

Woman's Club

Monica Perry



The Woman's club have a busy month planned. The ladies are looking for baked goods to sell at the bake sale table during the Craft Fair. Please bring donations early for pricing.

The theme for the Main Hall's Christmas tree will be an "Angel Tree". During the month (and at the Craft

Fair) ornaments are for sale at a cost of \$5. Each ball will hold angel feathers and have a tag for the name of a loved one. At the time of purchase, you may either take the ornament home or place on our tree. After the holiday season, the ornament will be returned to you as a keepsake.

Each year the Woman's Club "adopt" seniors from Westbrooke Nursing Home who are alone during holiday season. This year, they have purchased 18 stockings to fill with snacks, hygiene products, and small gifts (puzzles, socks, slippers). These stockings will be hung on their beds Christmas Eve. Please drop off your donations in the bin in the Main Hall.

December 6 – Christmas gift swap. Each person is asked to bring a small gift beautifully wrapped (need not be new-regifting accepted) for a fun game of Yankee Swap.

December 13 - Christmas potluck brunch

December 20 – Filling the Christmas stockings for Westbrooke seniors.

December 27 – no meeting

Hub Club

Bill Drury

There will be no Hub club meeting on Dec 26th. Elections will be held Dec 19th.

Thank you to the Hub Club (and volunteers) for making our park look festive for the holidays.

The men will be having a BBQ lunch during the Craft Fair. Lunch will be a choice of hamburger or hotdog, bag of chips and a beverage for \$5. Come out and support the Club. The men will need help Friday at 5 pm moving the chairs in the hall to the maintenance building for the BBQ and setting up tables for the Craft Fair.

Once again, the Hub Club will be putting out luminaries Christmas Eve to light the way for Santa. If you have any ½ gallon milk jugs, please drop them off at Bill Drury's home (SHME-Lot # 112). The men plan to light up the luminaries in all 3 parks this year so they need extra milk jugs.

Shuffle Club

Sharon Simmons

Shuffle Club members remember to pay your \$5 membership dues. There will no longer be Open shuffle on Monday evenings. Instead, there will be an Open shuffle every day at 1 pm. Hoss caller will continue to be offered on Wed and Fri at 7 pm. The Shuffle club meeting will be held Dec 19th at 6 pm. The Sleepy Hollow Tournament will be held Feb 9-10th 2023.

If you are interested in learning how to shuffle, please contact LeRoy Simmons for a lesson.

Dinners

Kim English

Dinners are on Tuesdays at 5:30 pm. Signup sheets are in all the halls.

Dec 6 – Lasagna Dinner - \$8/person

Dec 13 - Potluck

Dec 20 – Dinner (suggestions wanted)

Dec 25 – Turkey Dinner at 2 pm

Vic Finch is looking for volunteers to help him prepare for the meal.

There will be a New Year's Day Bunch. More information to come.

Please wipe down your table after the meal. Thank you

Park 1

Hazel Coates

The Kitchen staff at Park 1 are ready to resume their Friday meals. Starting December 2, breakfast will be served starting at 8 am. The following Friday Dec 9th, at noon, there will be a BBQ. They will have a choice of hamburgers or hotdogs. Dec 16 at 8 am will be breakfast and Dec 23 will be a BBQ at noon.

Every evening the hall will be open for cards. There will be a variety of games played each night. Check the bulletin board for updates. Mexican Train will be played every Monday at 1 pm in the hall.

Coffee Hour will be every Tuesday. The third Tuesday of the month is the Club Meeting after coffee hour.

The Walking Club hopes to start up soon. Information will be put on the bulletin board about time and dates when available.

The Park would like to thank the Hobbs Family for donating a new Canadian Flag for the hall.

There will be a Christmas dinner in the Park Hall. Check the board for time.

Park 2

Brenda Jonas

Park 2 has been busy filling the calendar with various social events. Every Thurs at 9 am is coffee hour. After coffee on Dec 1st, at 9:30 there will be a Fun Club meeting. Open shuffle is every day, any time. Come out and practice or play a game.

Shirley Finch is now offering exercise class every day at 8 am. Her theory is "get up early and workout before your brain figures out what is happening". Please bring your own mat. Exercises are geared toward all levels of fitness.



Can you hear the music! That would be because Park 2 has started their evenings of music with Wayne and Gogo. Every second Monday at

6:30 pm there will be music with Wayne and friends starting Dec 5th. Every Thursday at 6:30 there will be Karaoke with Gogo.

Card bingo is played every Sat at 6:30 pm. Pokeno starts Tuesday Dec. 13th at 6:30 pm. Volunteers are needed for Card Bingo, Pokeno and Euchre evenings.

Potluck dinners are every Wednesday at 5 pm. Come out and enjoy a meal with friends.

The Park is planning another "Fun"raiser this year similar to last year as it was a great success. And once again they will be offering t-shirt and ball cap sales. Along with the popular Corn Hole tournament many other activities are being planned. Stay tuned for more information.

Backpack Program

Jackie Cote

This program benefits the students at Zephyrhills High School that need items to help them through the weekends and holidays. Many of these students are homeless. It is named the "Backpack Program" because all their possessions are carried in their backpacks. During the week they have access to programs offered at the school. But during the holidays, they rely on the kindness of others. Items that can be donated are small bottles of hygiene products, snacks, juice, canned foods, socks, undergarments, gift cards for local restaurants or stores. Donations boxes are in the main office and park clubhouses. Cash and gift card donations can be brought to Jackie Cote.



Once again there are boxes located in each clubhouse. Donations of unwrapped toys are needed to make a Christmas special for many children in the area. Thank you for any donations you can give to this worthy cause.

If you have an article you would like printed please email to spijkes@yahoo.com

Ambulance Fund

Carol Stanton

Carol is collecting for the Ambulance Fund. The cost is \$5 and is available to American residents of SHME only. For more information, please see Carol (Lot #32).

Golf League

Doug Megill



Are you interested in starting a weekly golf league? This is open to all three parks. Sign up sheets are on the Bulletin Boards at each Park. If there is enough interest, then we can establish where, when and cost. Contact

Doug Megill (Park 1) with -any questions, or call 607-648-5837

Craft Fair

Sharon Simmons/Alma Fourier

December 3rd is the Sleepy Hollow Craft Fair in the Main Clubhouse from 9 am to 1 pm. Come out and discover the many items for sale by residents of our parks. This is a great opportunity to get some of that Christmas shopping done. The Woman's Club will have a bake sale table to satisfy that sweet tooth. After you buy your dessert from the ladies, lunch can be purchased from the men of the Hub Club. There will be a BBQ at the maintenance building offering hamburgers or hotdogs along with a bag of chips and beverage. Lunch will be served from 11 am to 1 pm.

If you would like a table, please contact Sharon or Alma. Tables are free (with a donation to the food Bank) to residents and \$5 to anyone outside of the Parks. Help is needed at 5 pm Friday Dec 2nd to setup the tables for craft show.

Golf Cart Parade

There will be a Golf Cart (bicycle, scooter, walking) Christmas parade. Decorate your vehicle of choice and join the parade. Everyone is asked to meet at the Main Club House at 5:30 on December 11th. The

parade route will include all 3 parks. For those that choose to watch the parade, there will be Caroling to serenade those sitting along the parade route.

Couples line dancing

After a three-year hiatus, our Line Dancing instructors are ready to start teaching couple's dancing once again. There is a sign-up sheet in the Main Hall. The lessons would be on Thursdays starting in January, if there is enough interest.

Sleepy Hollow Mobile

Townhall Meeting for Shareholders – Saturday

December 3rd at 3 pm

Board of Directors Planning Meeting – Thursday

December 8th at 1 pm

Board of Directors Meeting – Thursday

December 15th at 1 pm

Residents of SHME please remember to check the inter-park mailboxes located in the main office beside the mailroom. Every unit has a box that is numbered according to your lot number.

Zephyrhills Events

Dec 3rd-The Festival of Lights starts at 4pm and parade begins at 7pm on Main Street

Dec 7th-Christmas stroll at AdventHealth
At 7050 Gall Blvd will be from 6 to 9 pm.

Dec 17th-Main Street Market from 9 am – 2 pm

Friendly reminder to keep your possessions locked up as non-residents have been spotted wandering throughout the parks.

If you would like to place an ad selling item(s) in the newsletter, please contact Carol Lamers (Lot 154). The cost will be \$5 per advertisement for residents (of the 3 parks) only.

Merry Christmas to all