



Board of Directors Actions

At the December 3 Board meeting, the proposal of a dedicated capital improvement fund to develop park-owned rental sites was presented.

At the December 17 Board meeting members provided input regarding the proposal and received answers to many of their questions.

The Board also approved the budget for 2019 which set the annual maintenance fee at \$1,348.67 or about \$337.17 / quarter.

Board of Director Meeting Tuesday, January 8 ~ 9:30 am

Monthly Board meetings are open to all.

Board Elections

In accordance with our by-laws, any member desiring to be a candidate for the Board of Directors may nominate themselves by giving written notice to the secretary not less than 40 days before a scheduled election. In this case, written notice must be received by Anne Warren, H-18, no later than Wednesday, January 9.



Members elected to the board in February will serve two years and will be expected to attend the Board of Directors meetings between November 1 and April 30.

This year the terms for three board members expire. They include Frank King, Cheryl Lamoreaux, and Norm Milliard. Candidates to fill these positions will be announced soon.



Streamlining Our Administrative Practices

The Board of Directors approved the hiring of an outside accounting/bookkeeping firm to handle the day-to-day bookkeeping responsibilities of the park. The transition began in early December.

This is a result of the Board's initiative to streamline the administration of park business and is anticipated to, at a minimum, keep us within budget; and at best, result in a modest cost saving.

The treasurer is beginning to be relieved of the time-consuming, routine bookkeeping tasks. This will enable them to give the appropriate attention to their oversight responsibilities noted in our by-laws of maintaining financial records and providing financial statements as requested. This required oversight will also be able to be accomplished when the treasurer is not in the park for an extended period of time.

With the steep learning curve in mastering the financial software Quickbooks and being able to take
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advantage of its potential, it had become evident that a professional, well-versed in Quickbooks, was essential to the Co-op's financial well-being.

Finding sufficiently qualified office support staff is difficult and had made the position of treasurer increasingly demanding. It was an unreasonable and intolerable situation for this critical volunteer position.

Through the power of Quickbooks, electronically generated monthly bills for electricity, maintenance fees and tree trimming charges are now being sent out via email. Details are being worked out to issue hard copies for those who cannot receive e-mails.

Please inform the office if you do not receive a January electric bill. The fine tuning for this new procedure is still in process.

January Special Events

Cracker Capers

Tuesday, January 22

What is a Cracker?..... 1:00 pm

Wednesday, January 23

Spaghetti Dinner5 pm

Ticket Sales Jan 7-16. \$8 / pp Bring table service

Dancing6:30 pm

Live Music with Bobby Remp

Thursday, January 24

Caper Games 9:00 am

Lunch Noon

Caper Games of Chance 7:00 pm

Friday, January 25

Game Day Awards 1:00 pm

Caper Food & Service Auction 1:15 pm

Saturday, January 26

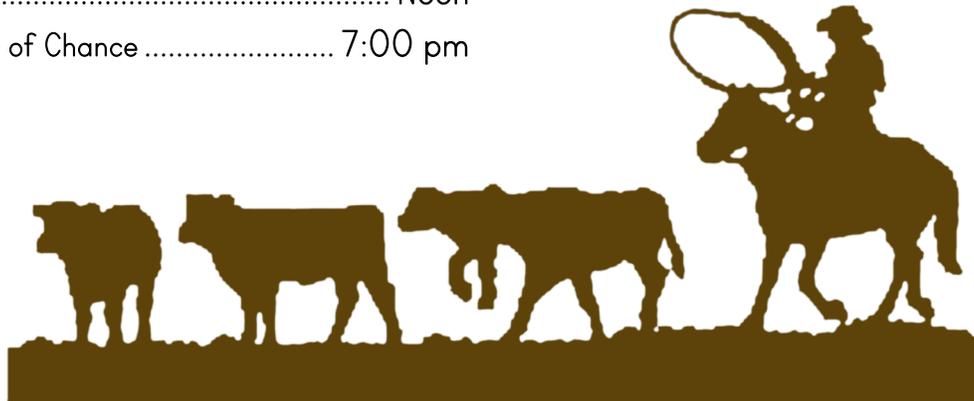
Annual Yard Sale 8:00 am-?

Breakfast..... 8:00-11 am

Ala Carte Lunch 11:00 am

Sunday, January 27

Big Bingo 7:00 pm



Spaghetti Dinner

Wednesday, January 23

5:00 pm

Tickets \$8.00

Bring table service



**Live Music & Dancing with Bobby Remp
begins at 6:30 pm**

Tickets on Sale

January 7- 16

From Fun 'n Sun Board

- Phoebe Bollin G-14
- Cathy Landry A-35
- Janet Gibson G-12
- June Post H-21
- Lanette Breault A-31
- Jane Lewis A-13
- Sue Wszalek S-02

January Monthly Events



All Ladies Are Invited!

Wednesday, January 16

Meet at 1:30 pm at

JC Tin Cup Grill

at the Golf Club of Sebring

4800 Haw Branch Rd., Sebring

Sign Up in Clubhouse

Note if you need a ride.



Sunday, January 13 ~ 2 pm



Hot Fudge Sundaes
with Toasted Pecans
\$2.00

Sign Up the Clubhouse



Meeting

Everyone's a member!

Monday, January 7 - 9:15 am



Let's Eat Out!
(LEOs)

Hibachi Buffet

Friday, January 11

Meet at 1:00 pm

2870 US 27, Sebring

Couples & Singles
Members & Guests
All Are Welcome

Sign Up in Clubhouse

For more info, see Leigh Ann Cooper A-4



Friday, January 18
1 pm



Small Great Things

by Jody Picoult

Ruth Jefferson, a nurse with more than twenty years' experience, is a labor and delivery nurse at a Connecticut hospital. During her shift, Ruth begins a routine checkup on a newborn, only to be told a few minutes later that she's been reassigned to another patient. The parents are white supremacists and don't want Ruth, who is African American, to touch their child. The hospital complies with their request, but the next day, the baby goes into cardiac distress while Ruth is alone in the nursery. Does she obey orders or does she intervene?

Ruth hesitates before performing CPR and, as a result, is charged with a serious crime. Kennedy McQuarrie, a white public defender, takes her case but gives unexpected advice: Kennedy insists that mentioning race in the courtroom is not a winning strategy. Conflicted by Kennedy's counsel, Ruth tries to keep life as normal as possible for her family, especially her teenage son, as

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Florida's Fabulous Waterbirds

by Lee Belanger H-28

Wednesday, January 9 ~ 2:30 pm



This PowerPoint presentation is for anyone who loves birds. Just enjoy the photographs, or learn the steps for identifying some of Florida's most colorful and quirky birds. Can't tell an anhinga from a cormorant? No problem. Come find out how quickly you can tell them apart. Do you know what bird lives around our park and is endangered? See you there.

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the case becomes a media sensation. As the trial moves forward, Ruth and Kennedy must gain each other's trust, and come to see that what they've been taught their whole lives about others—and themselves—might be wrong.

If you need a copy of the book, contact Laurie Milliard at 425-770-1902, laurie.milliard@gmail.com, or at site H-37.

Highland Hammocks Field Trip



Thursday, January 10

Leave the park at 8 am.

Cost for Tram Ride: \$5

Must be paid by Monday breakfast.

to Lee Belanger H-28

706-840-0539

Field trip will also include the CCC Museum, bring-your-own picnic lunch, and narrated hike (optional).

Sign Up in Clubhouse

Weekly Activities

Movie Night

Tuesdays ~ 7 pm

50¢ for movie & popcorn



BYOB
Bring Your Own Bowl

Weekly Activities

January Crafts

Fridays at 9 am

January 4

Washer Necklaces

Instructor: Marsha Hodgkins H-10

January 11

Scrapbook Style

Instructor: Sue Monkiewicz A-16

January 18

DIY Map Coasters

Instructor: Marsha Hodgkins H-10

January 25

Hospital Favors

Variety of Crafts Available

Instructor: Marsha Hodgkins H-10

Line Dancing



Mondays ~ 10:30 am

\$2 / week

Instructor: Pam from Crystal Lake

Monday Breakfast

7:50 am

Ala Carte Menu



Weekly Announcements 9:00 am



Thursdays ~ 10:00 am

\$9 for 3 Games
(Includes Shoes)

Bowl of Fun

943 S 6th Ave
Downtown Wauchula

All Welcome!



Tuesdays ~ 1 pm



Wednesday ~ 7 pm

\$3.00

Pickleball

Palm Lane here at park

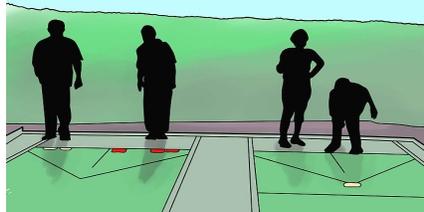


Wednesdays ~ 9:00 am

Shuffleboard

Daily @ 1 pm

For More Info
Kenny Breault A-31



Meet & Greet



Mon—Wed—Fri ~ 4 pm

Clubhouse

Join Us for Golf!

Sundays, 10:30 am

The Bluffs

Rt. 17, Zolfo Springs



\$20 Green Fees for 9 Holes

Ladies, Men, Members & Visitors
All Welcome!

Sign Up in Clubhouse

Contact: Nelson or Ann Castle H-19

January

Monday Programs 9:15 am

January 7

Fun 'n Sun Meeting
No Program

January 14

All Florida Roofing

January 21

Wauchula State Bank

January 28

Blake Medical Center

Wine B4 Dine

Thursdays ~ 4:00 pm

Poolside Patio

Bring your beverage of choice
and a snack to share.



Afternoon Coffee

Tuesday at 3:00 pm

January 8 & 29

Site: F-04 1272 Travel Trail
(Bring lawn chair)

Hosted by
Norm & Ginny Milliard

On the Home Front

LIBRARY



Check out...

A Florida section featuring fiction and non-fiction books about Florida.

Louis L'Amour western magazines shelved with the vintage western paperbacks.

Over 100 DVD and book donations. Thank you!

Specialty Sections:

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| current travel | nature |
| cruising | gardening |
| RV camping | audio books |
| crafts | |

Come relax in a soft, comfortable chair while you read your book or surf your tablet.

The library is open the same hours as the clubhouse.

Guests are always welcome!



Board Members

- President**.....Bob Lewis, A-13
Vice PresidentFrank King, A-15
SecretaryAnne Warren, H-18
Treasurer.... Cheryl Lamoreaux, S-07
Ass't Treasurer.....Jim Krueger, H-20
At Large.....Ed Landry, A-35
At Large..... Norm Milliard, F-04

For Your Convenience...



Soda, water, ice cream, coffee, and beer are available for sale in the clubhouse at a very reasonable price.

Purchase of these items is on the honor system. Please be sure to pay.



We've been coming up short and risk losing this convenience if it continues.

Thanks for your cooperation!



Birthday Wishes

- 1/4 Dick Pearce
- 1/6 Cheryl Lamoreaux
- 1/7 John Cashman
- 1/7 Lorraine Young
- 1/9 Bill Oates
- 1/11 Joan Tarkin
- 1/12 Art Dubuc
- 1/12 Betty Miller
- 1/15 Stanley Bobek
- 1/17 Becky Lunde
- 1/19 Diane Beatty
- 1/19 Phoebe Bolin
- 1/26 Joan Cashman
- 1/29 Donna Hixon
- 1/29 Ken Bollin
- 1/29 Tom Cirou



- 1/10 Ken & Phoebe Bollin
- 1/14 Jim & Elinor Gooding
- 1/14 Dale & Jackie Schmidtendorff
- 1/17 Mel & Katsue VonPloennies
- 1/23 Dean & Cheryl Lamoreaux



It is with sadness that we report that Sondra Holloway who moved out of the park last spring, passed away on December 22.

Night Time Safety Reminders

by Ray Heaton



1. Turn on bicycles headlights and tail-lights.
2. Wear a reflective vest when walking or carry a lighted flashlight
3. Wear a blinking light on your belt or on your dog's collar.

Hardee County Emergency Numbers

- Life Threatening 911
- Hardee County Animal Control (863) 773-2320
(Law Enforcement, Fire, and EMS)
- Hardee County Sheriff (863) 773-4144
- Ambulance (863) 773-3313
- Hardee County Emergency..... (863) 773-9390
(Storm, Disaster, etc.)
- Power Outage—Peace River Electric (800) 282-3824

The RESORT is located on the north side of Hwy 64, just over 2 miles east of where Hwy 64 intersects with Hwy 17.

Code for Gate Beside Site A-1.....13-35-13

Code for Drive-Through Gate Between Sites A-28 and A-30.....32-14-22

Ways to Get Involved



Donations are needed for the indoor yard sale on Saturday, January 26.

Plan to do your annual RV cleaning and donate your items to a good cause. Many RVers say “If I haven’t used it in a year, I don’t need it.” Lighten your rig’s weight and unclutter your mind.

Contact Jan Pratt at site H-09 or by calling her at 937-418-9835 to make arrangements to drop off your donations.

Help will also be needed to set up after the auction Friday afternoon and to work the floor the day of the auction. Let Jan know if you would like to help.

Looking Back

Thank you for your Support!



l-r Bev Miller, Hardee County Sheriff Deputy Alice Simandi, Wauchula Chief of Police John Eason

Bev Miller, coordinator for **Christmas for Kids**, presented cash and gift cards totaling \$500 to both Chief John Eason and Deputy Alice Simandi for their group’s effort to provide children in the area with a Christmas to remember. Thank you! Your gift made a difference.

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Calling All Crafters!

Do you have a craft that you would like to share?

Here at the park, we’ve had the good fortune to learn different crafts from guests who have shared their talent with us.

Please contact Marsha Hodgkins, our craft coordinator, at site H-10 or by calling her at 502-550-8223 if you’d like to participate.

Looking Back

Palm Frond Reindeer Craft Class



Guest resident Torey Gagnon taught a craft class making reindeer from the palm fronds that the guys trimmed from our palm trees.

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Bev, also chairman of the semi-annual **blood drive**, shares that One Blood has expressed their gratitude for December’s blood donations which resulted in 15 procedures and participation of 18 donors.

Each procedure can save up to three lives and is likely transfused into a patient within 48—72 hours. The need is real. The next blood drive is Monday, February 4.

Cracker Capers Food & Services Auction

Tempting treats and practical services will go on the auction block at the Food & Services Auction on Friday, January 25, at 1:15 pm during Cracker Capers.

Be creative or be practical. Here are some things that have been donated in years past: homegrown honey, cakes, shed power washing, pies, homemade jams, smoked mac & cheese, homecooked dinner for 4 hosted by someone in the park, bread, cookies, fudge, car washing. You’re only limited by your imagination.

It promises to be a fun time as we introduce our very own fun-lovin’ Judy Hoffman as this year’s auctioneer.

We need donations and buyers, so mark your calendar and come with cash so you can be the high bidder for some delectable goodies and worthwhile services.

Looking Back

December Has Been Busy!



The tree trimming team completed the annual trim before Christmas. This year 170 street and green space trees and 50 private trees were contracted to be trimmed.

Additionally, 11 members contracted to have their driveways cleaned for \$25. Nine have been completed.

The park is lookin’ picture perfect!

Looking Back

Florida Flywheelers' Annual Christmas Village



Twenty-four people from our park visited the Florida Flywheelers Christmas lights display on December seventh. Both visitors and park members attended.

The Fort Meade- based Flywheelers Club began in 1972 with a common interest in restoring, preserving and exhibiting antique tractors and autos.

Our group toured their decorated village in wagons pulled by various tractors. The four stops included many Christmas scenes and of course a chance to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus. We were treated to hot dogs, cider, hot chocolate and cookies along the way. The two-hour tour cost only a monetary donation, a toy or canned goods, later given to a local charity.

The Flywheelers are a non-profit organization with an upcoming swap meet in January and a tractor show February 20-23rd. Their website is www.floridaflywheelers.org.



SKPettes Annual Lunch at Hotel Jacaranda

Campfire Following Christmas Caroling



Looking Back

SKP Park's Entry in A Very Merry Patriotic Christmas Parade in Wauchula



Looking Ahead



Saturday, February 2
Parks 30th Birthday Party

Monday, February 4
Blood Drive

Thursday, February 14
Town Hall Meeting

Monday, February 18
Annual Membership Meeting

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Deadline for submitting articles

20th of each month

All articles are subject to editing...and all mistakes are made with love!

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