



March 2022 **THE ECHOES** *Newsletter*

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COMING EVENTS

- Mar 1 – Social Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
- Mar 3 – Music Jam – 2:30 p.m.
- Mar 5 – Pancake Breakfast - 7:30 a.m.
- Mar 6 – NY/Canada Day – 11:30 a.m.
- Mar 7/14/21/28 – Paint Class–11:00 a.m.
- Mar 10 – Welcome New Residents - 2:00 p.m.
- Mar 11 – Pot Luck - 5:30 p.m.
- Mar 12 – Workday - 8:00 a.m.
- Mar 12 – Corn Hole Trnmnt – 2:00 p.m.
- Mar 13 – Spittin Image - 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- Mar 15 – Board Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
- Mar 16 – Neighborhood Watch Mtg - 10:00 a.m.
- Mar 17 – Music Jam – 2:30 p.m.
- Mar 17 – St Patrick’s Dance 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- Mar 18 – Coffee Hour - 8:00 to 9:30 a.m.
- Mar 20 – Poker Run/Pool/Games-11:30 a.m.
- Mar 20 – Hobo Stew – 3:30 p.m.
- Mar 26 – Celebration of Life – 2:00 p.m.



A DAY OF FUN

March 20th

Events start at 11:30. The sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse.

Poker Run - \$5.00 entry fee.

Corn Hole, Shuffle Board, Pool Volleyball

Games: Euchre, Hand & Foot, Mahjong or bring your own game.

Pool Party

HOBO Stew - bring a bowl and a spoon.

For the HOBO Stew we are asking everyone to bring a food item that is on the list in the Clubhouse. Annotate on the list which item you're bringing, so we will know what we will need to supply.

There is also a sign-up sheet for the Poker Run.

Submitted by Cindy Hubbel

DOG WALK



Calling all dog owners! Join us for a "pet walk" on Friday, March 11th at 2:00 p.m. We will meet at the front entrance of the Clubhouse. Be sure to bring your doggie bags. The route has not yet been set...but we will stay in the Covered Bridge area. If you have any questions please call Sharon Dougan at 863-243-3174.

Submitted by Wanda Nichols

POT LUCK



Over 70 people enjoyed the February pot luck. It was a great crowd! Wayne Harvey, the February gold plate winner, and his guests had a wide variety of dishes to choose from. The March Gold Plate winner is "Lucky Wayne Harvey" (yes, again) and the next Pot Luck will be March 11. St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated in March. If you have a favorite Irish dish, please bring it. February had many door prizes given away, and 50/50 money was plentiful, too. Hope to see everyone March 11th at 5:30 to enjoy a great dinner and conversation.

Submitted by Linda Carl



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

I will be having a meeting on March 16, at 10:00 a.m., at the Covered Bridge Club house. ANYONE that is interested in the neighborhood program is encouraged to attend. All residents are invited. I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

Submitted by Bob Evans

THANK YOU

A special thank you to all the volunteers and residents who supported the Covered Bridge Fair – it was a huge success and a great turnout. Again thank you all!!

Donna and Bobbi

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS!!

Louis & Concetta Charles
10464 High Grove Ave.

Donna Ransom
20 Pinecrest St

All new residents are invited to the welcoming event, held every 2nd Thursday of the month, at 2:00 p.m., in the Covered Bridge Clubhouse.

Submitted by
Barb Brigante and Patti May



Wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to each and every resident who's not feeling well.

Bob and Elaine Orr Lois Vara
Bob and Maria Evans Donald Jackson

CONDOLENCES



The sympathy of the entire Covered Bridge community is extended to the family and loved ones on the death of the following resident since our last Echoes preparation, as submitted by Joyce Ryan.

Harold Hubbard
"Smokin" Joe Swartz

Also a sympathy card was sent to Marie Murray on the death of her daughter.



SPREAD SOME SUNSHINE

If you know one of our residents who might be ill or just not feeling well, please contact Joyce Ryan (our Sunshine Lady) so she can send them a special card. Joyce collects this information and provides it to the Echoes as well. If she doesn't know then we don't know.

LINE DANCING



Line dancing is held on Monday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Clubhouse. **Beginner's** line dancing is on Monday and Thursday, at 9:00 a.m. Beginners are welcome any time of the year.

Submitted by Theresa Ziegelbauer

"SPITTIN IMAGE"



"Spittin Image" will be here Mar 13th for their 4th appearance at Covered Bridge. The show will start at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 a person.

Brian and Blain Swabb are identical twin brothers and two of the most versatile, enthusiastic, fun-loving entertainers you'll find today. They love to sing and play their instruments as much as they love to entertain an audience. They have opened shows and shared the stage with Neil McCoy, Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers, Trace Adkins, Bill Anderson and more.

Submitted by Bobbi Snow

PAINT CLASS

Art class is continued on Mondays from 11:00 to 1:00 at the Covered Bridge Clubhouse. People interested in helping are welcome to come too. Any questions please call me, Connie Shriver, at 770-598-5145.

Submitted by Connie Shriver



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE

Dance will be held on Mar 17th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The DJ is going to be Pete Ruano, cost is \$5.00 which will be paid at the door. Please bring a dish to pass and your own drink.

Submitted by Bobbi Snow

NAME TAGS

The sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse. The cost is \$5.50 this year. If you have any questions contact Roxie Phelps.

Submitted by Roxie Phelps

NEW YORK/CANADA DAY

If you're from NY or Canada, please join us March 6th in the clubhouse at 11:30 a.m. Please bring a dish to pass and meet your fellow NYers.

Submitted by Kathy Melia

"COVERED BRIDGE REMEMBERS..."

THE LIBRARY

Probably the most dramatic change from its beginning was our Library. Originally it shared space with a washing machine (not sure about the dryer) because the double-wide homes had no space for washing machines.

The current library area shared space with the following:

1. **CB Office** was located in the far corner (cramped), with a dividing wall and consisted of 1 desk, 2 chairs, copying machine and filing cabinet. You had to open door carefully so as not to bump into anyone.
2. **Pool Table** was centered in the available space, limiting players to make cramped shots because of the limited space.
3. **Phone Books** lined the walls around the pool table, stacked two and half feet high only (so as to not block the pool shots). They were important 20+ years ago and the HOA community held an annual dumpster diving event to find extra books for their contribution to the Early Recycling Movement Contest. Covered Bridge usually won 1st prize (\$300), and used the money for a CB Bar-B-Que.
4. **Book Shelves** took the remaining cramped space, made by our own CB carpenters.

This is what we remember! HELP!

P.S. Aren't we thankful for those residents with the vision and the know-how for what we have today.

Submitted by Claire Leffler
and Sue Schmidt

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

If you have a need for any medical equipment, Covered Bridge has a variety available to borrow in the Shuffleboard/Medical Shed or Claire Leffler's home.

Residents have donated wheelchairs, transport chairs, crutches, walkers, walkers w/ wheels, 4 wheeled walkers w/seat, shower benches, raised toilet seats, commodes, toilet arms, a variety of canes, bed assist bar, back braces, adjustable ramp, wheelchair lift, etc for your use. Please sign out what you borrow. If you have personal medical equipment that you are willing to lend in an emergency, please contact me. Be careful! Be safe! Any questions, call Claire.

P.S. We also have a children's bouncy seat, a stroller and a high chair to lend.

Submitted by Claire Leffler

A COVERED BRIDGE SINGLE'S GROUP

We are surveying for an interest in having a CB Singles Group.

Women especially are not comfortable going to the clubs by themselves or driving to Miami, Tampa, Orlando, to the beaches or to Lakeland for a Tigers Baseball game.

If enough interest is shown in the survey, perhaps a monthly day trip and weekly visits to the Elks, the Moose and American Legion for music and dancing. If you're interested in participating, please add your name to the list posted on the Clubhouse Bulletin Board.

NOTE: Everyone should be welcome to join regardless of their marital status or in a relationship, but the club is dedicated to the needs and wants of the singles in our community.

Submitted by Bobbi Snow

"HELPING HANDS"

Painting ...interior and exterior, also Power Washing

Contact: Lee Maule (309-369-9799) and Woody Cook (863-531-3410).

Need Help With Housework?

Before – during – after your stay – or all year
Reliable – dependable service, references
Call Marie Primus, 864-329-7277

Need a Haircut?

Contact: Diana Granson, at 16 Jasmine St.
Cuts \$10, Perms start at \$40, Coloring starts at \$40. You can come to my house or I can come to you. Call for more info at 765-210-7687.

For Airport Transportation

Carrie King, cell 772-971-1837 or 863-531-3562.

Care Assistance

I have 20+ yrs of long term care experience. I am available to sit/assist you or a loved one. Contact Ann Miller-Pedersen at 863-273-1019.

Need a Little Time Away

I can sit with your loved one while you are gone. Contact Susan Bates, 68 Venetian Pkwy, 863-840-1910.

CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT



There will be a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse for the Corn Hole Tournament, to be held on March 12 (rain date is March 13) at 2:00 p.m.

Everyone needs to bring a dish to pass and a beverage of your choice.

Cost is a \$5.00 entry fee per team of 2. If you don't have a partner come anyway, we will have others that will need a partner.

All of the money will be given back as prizes PLUS we have trophies.

Submitted by Augie Reese

HOA BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 15, 2022

The February Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Covered Bridge Association, Lake Placid, Florida met in the Clubhouse, Tuesday the 15th of the month, with 58 people present. There were no new residents to introduce. President Tom Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m., welcoming the board members, residents and guests. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and observing a moment of silence it was noted that there were five of seven board members present, with Leigh Russ and Cindy Hubbel being absent from the meeting.

Secretary Rick Kennedy read the minutes of the Dec 21, 2021 Covered Bridge Board Meeting, as there was no board meeting held in January. With a minor addition and a correction, the minutes were approved as corrected.

In the absence of Treasurer Leigh Russ, Cliff Hangleby presented the December Financial Report, stating that all bills were paid, deposits made and everything was up to date. He also gave a brief explanation as to how adjustments were being made in regard to **overpayments of the 2022 HOA** monthly payments made prior to the March 1st effective date.

During the President's comments, Tom Taylor mentioned the need for residents to **tighten up the control of their dogs**, particularly with the barking and cleaning up. He thanked volunteers for the amazing amount of work accomplished during work days and stressed the need to get new residents involved in volunteering to take care of our lovely community.

Under Old Business, Jack Gaisor discussed the repairs and improvements needed on the **shuffle board court**, especially the need for increased shade. Tom Taylor explained the committees proposed expansion of the roof over the court. After much discussion, it was moved by Patty Hynes and seconded

by Cliff Hangleby to proceed with the improvements. The motion carried after a vote.

Tom Taylor explained a proposal submitted for a **Dog Park** for the community. This included a 60 x 100 ft fenced area across and north from the bridge, with two gates. The quote from Delaney Fence Company was \$6,311.00. Tom explained the committee would try to get two more quotes and that the board wanted to hear much more from the community on this matter. Several residents responded with discussion both the pros and cons.

RV/Boat Storage was the next topic. Tom explained that our attorney said the \$10.00/month fee was a legal charge for someone using a second space. Our rules need to be updated to explain that there is not a guaranteed space for everyone. The board needs to vote at the next meeting on a change of the wording.

Tom Taylor explained the needed updates to the Architectural Committee Rules, including **home color choices** and the requirement of building permits for all exterior construction. Ron Cobert discussed the use of color charts and letting residents select the paint source of their choice.

Comments by resident Jim Stanton included reviewing a **long sitting trailer** in the RV/Boat Storage and also suggested that the Architectural Committee approve house color choices individually, rather than try to limit the choices.

On **road repairs**, Cliff Hangleby talked about the repairs on Venetian Parkway, stating that it would consist of rebuilding small sections rather than a "band-aid" style short term repair.

In New Business, Tom Taylor explained the name change for the "Cottage Company" and relayed they are currently building 12 new homes in Covered Bridge, which is causing excessive **heavy truck traffic**. Tom stated there seems to be notable progress in getting

the builder, Ken LeBlanc, to repair the damage that's been occurring.

Ron Cobert mentioned during the committee reports that the Architectural Committee has had **20 requests** which were all approved.

Bill Burse, reporting for the RV/Boat Storage committee, stating "if you don't use your space, you will **lose your space**".

Donna Palmetier discussed setup procedures, timeline of **events and meals** for workers during the upcoming Fair.

Bobbi Snow informed the group about upcoming **entertainment and activities**, including a comedy show on Feb 26th, a Fish Fry on Feb 25th, Movie Night on Feb 20th and a Corn Hole Tournament on Feb 23rd.

Patty Hynes told us about the "Celebration of Life" for this year.

Claire Leffler talked about purchasing tickets for the prizes to be given away at the Fair, and also the need for everyone to turn in their "Fair Passes" after the Fair. Then afterwards the group sang "Happy Birthday" to Claire.

Ron Cobert mentioned that we are getting lots of annoying odors from the water/sewage area. Tom Taylor encouraged residents who are being affected, to call and register a complaint with the water company.

With no further business to transact, Cliff Hanglely made a motion to adjourn and Bill Burse seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Submitted by Rick Kennedy
Covered Bridge HOA Secretary

HOW TO FIND THE RIGHT LAWYER

By Arlene J. Jordan

If your legal problem is complex or involves lots of money, you may not want to attempt to handle the entire matter without a lawyer. After all, lawyers do more than dispense legal information. They offer strategic advice and apply sophisticated technical skills to legal problems. Locating a good lawyer who can efficiently help with your particular problem may not be easy. Don't expect to locate a good lawyer by simply looking in the phone book or reading an advertisement. There's not enough information in these sources to help you make a valid judgment.

A better approach is to talk to people in your community who have experienced the same problem you face. If you talk to half a dozen people who have had a similar problem, chances are you'll come away with several good leads. Don't, however, make a decision about a lawyer solely on the basis of someone else's recommendation. Different people will have different responses to a lawyer's style and personality. Don't make up your mind about hiring a lawyer until you've met the lawyer, discussed your case and decided that you feel comfortable working with him or her.

Many sites offer a way to connect with local lawyers based on your location and the type of legal case you have. You answer a few questions about your case and give your contact information, than the right type of lawyers will contact you directly. Businesses who provide services to individuals in the legal area that you are interested in, may also be able to assist you in finding the right lawyer. For example, if you are interested in small business law, speak to your banker, accountant, insurance agent and real estate broker. These people come into frequent contact with lawyers who represent business clients.

Lawyers' referral service is another good source of information. There is a wide variation in the quality of lawyer referral services, however, some lawyer referral services carefully screen the attorneys and list only those with particular qualifications and past experience. Here are other sources you can turn to for possible candidates. The director of your local chamber of commerce; a law librarian can help identify in your town who have written books or articles on

a particular subject; a women's or men's support group will probably have a list of well regarded family and divorce lawyers.

Most lawyers specialize in certain areas, and even so-called "general practitioner" may not know that much about the particular area of your concern. It can pay to work with a lawyer who already knows the field and is already far up the learning curve. The next step is to talk to each lawyer personally.

Pay attention to the personal chemistry between you and your lawyer. If you feel uncomfortable with that lawyer, you may never achieve an attorney-client relationship.

When you have a legal problem, you need legal information. Lawyers, of course, are prime sources of this information, but if you bought all the needed information at the lawyer's rate an hour, you will quickly empty your bank account. Fortunately, many lawyers will work with you to help acquire a good working knowledge of the legal principles and procedures you will need to deal with your problem at least partly on your own. If you are hoping to represent yourself and use a lawyer only for advice, make sure the lawyer is open to that type of set-up. Likewise, if you're going into business and will draft your own bylaws or business agreements, ask the lawyer if she or he is open to reviewing your drafts and making comments.



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