



November 2022

THE ECHOES

Newsletter

COMING EVENTS

- Nov 3 – Turkey Dinner Help Mtg - 10:00 a.m.
- Nov 3 – Bunko – 1:00 p.m.
- Nov 6 – Daylight Saving Time Changes
- Nov 10 – Welcome New Residents - 2:00 p.m.
- Nov 10 – Move Bins for Sale – 8:00 a.m.
- Nov 11 – Veteran’s Day
- Nov 11 – Set Up Christmas Sale 8:00 a.m.
- Nov 12 – Christmas Sale 8:00 a.m. - 1:00p.m.
- Nov 15 – Board Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
- Nov 18 – Potluck - 5:30 p.m.
- Nov 19 – Workday – 8:00 a.m.
- Nov 22 – Social Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
- Nov 23 – Turkey Dinner Prep 9:00 a.m.
- Nov 24 – Thanksgiving Dinner – 3:00
- Nov 25 – Coffee Hour - 8:00-9:30 a.m.
- Nov 26 – Pool Party - 11:30 a.m.
- Nov 29 – Ladies Christmas Lunch 11:30 a.m.

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DECEMBER ECHOES

The December issue of the Echoes will be delayed a few days so we can include information submitted by our candidates for the Covered Bridge Board HOA of Directors election in January.

POT LUCK

Even though the date for potluck was changed for this month, there was a great turnout of 29 people. It was Italian night with many Italian dishes.

No Gold Plate winner was celebrated because Bob Short was out of town, due to hurricane Ian. Bob will be at the Gold Plate table at the November Potluck.

Hopefully, November will have some of our "snowbirds" that have returned for the winter. See you November 18 at 5:30 p.m. with your drink and dish to share.

Submitted by Linda Carl

COVERED BRIDGE

COMPOUND

The Compound is open Friday mornings from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. for you to drop off your donations. For large items call and we can arrange a time for pick up.

Donna 607-624-8447
Bobby 607-316-3397

Submitted by Donna Palmatier

The only ones more stuffed than us on Thanksgiving are the turkeys.

Why did the turkey cross the road twice? To prove it wasn't chicken.

"HELPING HANDS"

Painting ...interior and exterior, also Power Washing

Contact Woody Cook at 863-531-3410.

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Contact Lee Maule at 309-369-9799

Need Help with Housework?

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

Need a Haircut?

Contact Diana Granson, at 16 Jasmine St. Haircuts are \$10, perms start at \$40, and coloring starts at \$40. You may come to my house, or I can come to you. Call 765-210-7687 for more information.

For Airport Transportation

Contact Carrie King, at 772-971-1837 (cell) or 863-531-3562.

Care Assistance

I have 20+ years 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.





CHRISTMAS SALE

Saturday Nov 12th, 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. is the Christmas Sale.

On Thursday Nov 10th at 8:00 a.m. we will need a few trucks to bring the totes from the compound to the Clubhouse.

On Friday Nov 11th, at 8:00 a.m., all volunteers will meet at the Clubhouse to start setting up for the sale, for Saturday Nov 12th.

On Saturday Nov 12th, all volunteers need to be at the Clubhouse by 7:30 a.m.

Submitted by Donna Palmatier



Wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to each resident who is not feeling well.

Gil Hodges

If you know one of our residents who might be ill or just not feeling well, please contact **Joyce Ryan (our Sunshine Lady)** at 863-273-0461 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.

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE



Cookies – fudge – brownies, etc. No refrigerated baked goods. Please bring your tasty goodies to the Clubhouse on Friday, Nov 11th, between 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. If you have any questions, please call Donna Palmatier at 607-624-8447.

Submitted by Donna Palmatier



CB JAMMERS UPDATES

CB Jammers will not be meeting in the month of November.

A Christmas Sing-along will be held on Dec 15th, at 2:00.

Sessions will resume in January 2023. and will meet on the last Thursday of each month thereafter.

Submitted by Polly Bolack



Why are there no knock- knock jokes about America? ... Because freedom rings!

What was General Washington's favorite tree? The infan-tree!

What do you call a military tree who doesn't return on time? ... Absent without leaf.

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS!!

Stretta Gregory
11 Pinecrest St.

Jeff & Linda McClusky
102 Hillcrest St.

Beverly Smith
114 Jasmine St.

Ernest & Pamela Greathouse
112 Jasmine St.

Raymond & Peggy Storey
124 Woodside Dr.

Floyd & Jenny McClane
18 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

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



THANK YOU



My journey is over, my last chemotherapy session was October 10th! I am feeling better and getting stronger every day.

It's amazing how many caring friends and neighbors I have in Covered Bridge! Several sent me get well cards with words of encouragement. Others came by to drop off a meal, a treat or just stopped to check on me. Everyone asked Tom how I was doing and if they could help. Some prayed for me and even started prayer chains.

I so appreciate and love every one of you for all you have done to help me get through this!!!

Thank you all so much,
Lori Taylor



HELP WANTED

We are searching for someone with Accounts Payable experience to volunteer as assistant to the Treasurer. Knowledge of Chart of Accounts and experience with QuickBooks (or similar software) are a plus. Must be a full-time resident. It is not necessary to be a board member to volunteer in this way.

Typically, bills are paid once each week, and it takes about three hours or less. So, this task is not overly time consuming.

Consider using your talents and join others while we have fun "taking care of business" for Covered Bridge, our great community with the best residents.

Submitted by Leigh Russ

HIGHLIGHTS OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2022, HOA BOARD MEETING

The September Board of Director's Meeting of Covered Bridge was held on September 20, 2022. Five members were present, two of those via internet.

Tom Taylor stated that the Board Meeting process itself covers the specific agenda and then the public comments are invited.

Claire Leffler, Acting Secretary, read the minutes of the August meeting.

Tom Taylor commented that the median, along Venetian Blvd, is not a parking lot. Business vehicles are allowed to park there, but only for a limited time.

Tom Taylor's topic/rule for the month was that homes are required to be insured for the homeowner's sake and for the roof mate's sake, as in the case of the villas.

OLD BUSINESS

Tom Taylor reported he's had no luck in finding a good pool company and is still looking. The biggest problem is the **sunscreen lotion clogging the pool filters**.

Tom Taylor stated that Covered Bridge is funding the landscaping fee on the properties that currently have liens on them. The fee will be returned to Covered Bridge when those properties are sold.

Patty Hynes gave an update on the cleanup of Jack Creek. SF Aquatics gave Covered Bridge an estimate of \$59,950.00 for the cleaning and removal of debris on the Covered Bridge property length of the creek. Since Jack Creek is not navigable, it cannot qualify for any government budget support. And because the creek is not on Covered Bridge property, Covered Bridge funds cannot legally pay for the cleanup. The cost will fall to some individuals. After many

questions, much discussion involving the history of Jack Creek maintenance, Patty Hynes asked for a volunteer to investigate this challenge. There were no volunteers. Tom Taylor mentioned that several homeowners along Jack Creek manage their own area clean up. He reminded us about the Jack Creek watershed study that is presently ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom Taylor feels that it's problematic to enforce resident property maintenance when Covered Bridge isn't complying with their own **property maintenance**. There's a growing issue in some neglected areas, first with the water/sprinklers and secondly with the sod. The sprinkler information that will be presented next month may help in this area.

Patty Hynes pointedly asked all residents to check and **update their registration information** that they currently have on file in the office. This includes their emergency contact and accurate phone numbers. The phone number information will be used for the new phone book.

Tom Taylor stated that the approved color choices will be addressed at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDINGS - Tom Taylor reported an exposed electrical wire in the pool equipment area and wants to know if anyone knows anything about this.

POOL - Tom Taylor said the exterior plug requires power but needs an electrical expert, as it is connected to the hot tub motor.

ROADS - Tom Taylor said the major road work will wait until Ken LeBlanc finishes building. However, Venetian Blvd's worst conditions will be repaired before he has completed building.

COMPOUND - Tom Taylor reported that Gene Fischer sprayed the weeds in the compound area.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS

Bobbi Snow reported that **dances for the year** will be listed in the Echoes. Tickets will be \$5, time will be from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., and dances will be open to friends. One exception, the New Year's Eve Dance will be from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Ed Cunningham questioned when the **pool heater** would start for those cooler days. Tom will check the timer.

Donna Palmatier reminded us to be thinking about the **Christmas Sale** on Nov. 12.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Leffler, Acting Secretary

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 with wheels, 4 wheeled walkers with a seat, shower benches, raised toilet seats, commodes, canes, 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 highchair to lend.

Submitted by Claire Leffler

CHECK YOUR IRRIGATION

Because of the hurricane, a lot of irrigation systems need to be reset.

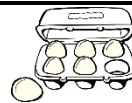
SWFWMD stipulates the following schedule be used by ALL Highlands County residents:

EVEN numbered homes will water on **Thursday** and **Sunday**.

ODD numbered homes will water on **Wednesday** and **Saturday**.

All watering should be done **before** 10:00 a.m. or **after** 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by Shirley Bott



EGG CARTONS

I would like for CB residents to save their single dozen egg cartons for me. I give them to my Amish neighbors to help them save a little money. Also, it helps keep them out of the landfill. I will be back in Covered Bridge in December for collection.

Thanks so much!
Randy Bennett.
2 Venetian Pkwy

HIGHLIGHTS OF
OCTOBER 18, 2022,
HOA BOARD MEETING

Four new residents introduced themselves, Pam and Ernie Greathouse, Beverly Smith, and Jeff Stinson. They were warmly welcomed.

Claire Leffler, Acting Secretary, read the minutes of the September meeting. A correction re: the location of an exposed electrical wire was raised. It is in the pool maintenance building, not the Recreation Room. Correction was made and the minutes were approved.

President's Monthly Rules regarding the Annual Election.

Annual Election rules need to be reviewed.

1. The election is the **first Monday** in January unless notified by president
2. Candidate applications must be submitted by **December 1**.
3. Applications must be **Board approved**.

This year there are three open positions. An Election Committee needs to be formed.

Tom Taylor reminded us to consider volunteering for a committee or activity to keep our community alive and strong. Don't hesitate to help!

Tom Taylor has observed Covered Bridge's efforts on storm cleanup to be phenomenal! People helping others in many areas big and small, some unasked but always appreciated. Such as preparing three meals a day, welcoming sleepovers, hauling brush, tree cutting, etc....

Tom Taylor stated that he and Gene Fischer cleaned up the Gate Key card system. They deactivated the cards that are not currently valid. (110 with no names) "**Only Residents**", NOT nonresidents are allowed cards. Check your card. If you have a problem with your card, contact the office.

Leigh Russ, our Treasurer, asked for someone willing to handle the "Accounts Payable". Please contact her for details if you're interested.

OLD BUSINESS

Pool - Tom reported that the chlorine pump for the Hot Tub has been repaired. He is still looking for an experienced pool company to meet our needs.

Liens - Tom reminded us that CB is covering the cost of maintaining those properties with liens. These costs will be reimbursed when the properties are sold.

NEW BUSINESS

Estoppel Certification letter - Tom Taylor raised the question re: the Estoppel letter of which we were unaware. This letter impacts the new property owners in Covered Bridge. Do we charge for it? We never have but it's legal to do so. Further details at our next meeting.

Hurricane debrief - Tom Taylor stated that the Clubhouse **hurricane shutters** have historically been left up until the end of hurricane season. They will be removed on November workday.

Patty Hynes thanked all who helped, however big or small, singly or in groups, during or after the hurricane. Please inform her of any trees down on **Jack Creek** with photos to be shared with SWFWMD.

Also, Patty Hynes asked for any comments and/or suggestions for dealing with future hurricanes. Wanda Nichols volunteered to check **stop sign** damage.

Bob Evans will contact the county to replace any **Neighborhood Watch** signs.

Claire Leffler voiced her concerns re: lack of communication with residents about the services offered by Covered Bridge Clubhouse during these times. Bobbi Snow suggested a **pre hurricane information** meeting. A viable solution.

BUILDINGS - Tom Taylor reported three companies' bids for sprinklers around the Clubhouse area. The most scientific and professional proposal, \$4,900, would reduce water use by 50%. Much discussion followed. Questions arose about sod and water, both. Tom will check on cost of sod.

Shirley Bott reminded us to check the settings on our watering pumps as loss of power changes the scheduling.

ROADS - Cliff Hanglely called to check on timing of road repairs. There have been some emergencies with the company. They will call back.

A question arose about who is responsible for the streetlight on the corner of Lake Francis Road and Hwy 27. It will be investigated.

BUDGET - Leigh Russ asked the Board to review their budgets, because she is starting to work on the budget for next year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE - Elliot Miller reported several applications for property updates. All were approved though some neglected to contact the Architectural Committee first for guidance. If you are thinking of **property changes**, check with this committee before you begin the process.

BUILDINGS - Tom Wacker reported that the **wooden floor of the pool shed**, that held the hurricane shutters, has been replaced with patio blocks.

The replacement of the noisy Clubhouse air conditioner is in the works.

Patty Hynes questioned the **lack of bathroom lighting** during the hurricane. Possibly a battery-operated motion sensor light would solve the problem.

COMPOUND - Gene Fischer reported one smashed trailer and a tree down on the fence from the hurricane. Residents need to **check their property** before a hurricane strikes.

POOL - Tom Taylor reported that the heater is working. We need a **new filter** to avoid constant problems.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE - Cindy Hubbel announced the October/November **events**. See front page of Echoes for details.

November's activities may be changed because more residents have returned so there are more activities being planned. A new card game called "Swoop" has added on Monday nights.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS - Donna Palmatier is looking for someone to head the **Bake Sale** area for the Christmas Sale.

Herman Bott thanked all the volunteers who **moved all our brush out to the street** after the storm.

Bobbi Snow asked for **two men or more to help** with big item pickups for the Fair. Bobbi and Donna **cannot lift heavy items** any longer without getting hurt. This applies to many of us. Without able-bodied helpers maybe the items to be picked up will change. Bobbi also asked for **help setting up** chairs for the **Halloween Dance** at 4:00 p.m. Oct 31.

Respectfully Submitted,
Claire Leffler, Acting Secretary

