



***April 2022***      ***THE ECHOES***      ***Newsletter***

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**COMING EVENTS**

- APR 2 – Pancake Breakfast - 7:30 a.m.
- APR 7 – Music Jam – 2:30 p.m.
- APR 4/11/18/25 – Paint Class–11:00 a.m.
- APR 8 – Potluck - 5:30 p.m.
- APR 9 – Workday - 8:00 a.m.
- APR 14 – Welcome New Residents - 2:00 p.m.
- APR 15 – Coffee Hour - 8:00 to 9:30 a.m.
- APR 16 – Pool Party – 11:30
- APR 19 – Board Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
- APR 21 – Music Jam – 2:30 p.m.
- APR 26 – Social Meeting – 10:00 a.m.



# POT LUCK



Many people were "wearin of the green" along with Irish dishes to share. Wayne and Deanie Harvey were decked out in their Irish green as March's gold plate winners. Wayne had a green hat along with a bead tie. Deanie was wearing Irish beads.

Ron Colwell had the lucky number for April's gold plate winner. He and his guests will sit at the gold table with all the honors.

All will hop into April with dishes to share and enjoy a meal with friends. Come join us. Be sure to bring your drink along with your Spring Dish to share. See you April 8 at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by Linda Carl

## 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



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

Shari Lawler  
Linda Hall  
Ann Ludgate  
Pat Romanelli

Roger & Jean Vogt  
Connie Shriver  
Sharon Dougan  
Kathi Williams

# Welcome!

## NEW RESIDENTS

Ralph & Diane Gruenefeld  
10495 High Grove Ave

Bruce & Mary Carney  
7 Pinecrest St

Peter & Linda Warrington  
101 Jasmine St.

James & Vicki Moore  
122 Parkview Cir.

Debra Durham  
24 Pinecrest St.

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

Submitted by  
Barb Brigante and Patti May

## 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.

Ron & Kathy Melia  
on the passing of Ron's Mother.

## 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



## 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.



## 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

## ***NEWS FLASH !***

### **ANCIENT ALIENS TRYING TO DECIPHER MESSAGE ON CLUBHOUSE EXTERIOR WALL.**



And now the rest of the story.....

Thank you to Tom and Terri Wacker for the work they are doing on the Clubhouse exterior. It's volunteers like them that keep Covered Bridge the best place to live.

Submitted by Lee Maule

## **NOTES FOR NEXT SEASON**

It sure is nice to get back into the swing of things, next year we hope to have more fun times. We will have a day just for the poker run and a get together afterwards, and we will plan it for February, when it might be cooler.

We will do the fun day again with Hobo Stew, games, pool party, shuffleboard and cornhole. Now that we have someone to plan the dances again (Bobbie Snow thank you) we plan on three dances and one entertainer coming in. If we get enough people to come, we will do more.

We have more lined up, but residents need to look for the information. I hear all the time "I didn't know about that". We post everything on the sign at the entrance into Covered Bridge, on the bulletin board inside the clubhouse, flyers in the windows of the Clubhouse, on the bulletin board that is outside of the clubhouse, on the calendar in the Echoes and listed on the front page of every Echoes, under "Coming Events".

Submitted by Cindy Hubbel



## HIGHLANDS HAMMOCK STATE PARK



Red Hat Ladie's day trip to Highlands Hammock State Park, Mar 21, 2022

## **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

## **“HELPING HANDS”**

### **Painting ...interior and exterior, also Power Washing**

Contact: Lee Maule (309-369-9799).

### **Painting ...interior and exterior, also Power Washing**

Contact: 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+ 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.

## **NEED HELP CLEANING**

Call the Tidy & Spiffy Gals. We will Tidy your place and make it Spiffy to help eliminate your stress! Mid Oct – Mid May.

Pre-season house cleaning  
General cleaning  
Between renters clean and checks  
Post-season house cleaning  
Deep cleaning  
Think of something else...Just ask!

Call Terry Wacker (734-276-6649)  
Sue Lilly (810-656-7802)

Submitted by Terry Wacker



## **FOOD/PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION**

The South Oak Baptist Church of Lake Placid would like to extend its thanks for the generous donations of funds by the residents of Covered Bridge, in appreciation for the food and produce provided on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. The funds (\$160.00 + donated in February alone) help greatly to cover the costs of administering the program, which serves needy families in Highlands and surrounding counties.

The church is seeking volunteers to help in operating the distribution during the summer months, that might continue bringing excess items back to Covered Bridge for distribution. Call Rick Kennedy at 937-935-6286 or at 35 Jasmine for information.

Submitted by Rick Kennedy



## HOA BOARD MEETING

MARCH 15, 2022

The March meeting of the Board of Directors of the Covered Bridge Association met in the Clubhouse, Tuesday, March 15, 2022, with 64 people in attendance. In the absence of President Tom Taylor, Patty Hynes, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., beginning with the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. In addition to Tom Taylor, member Cliff Hangle was absent.

New residents Louis and Connie Charles of 10468 Highgrove and Ralph and Diane Gruenefeld of 10495 Highgrove introduced themselves and were warmly received by the other residents.

Secretary Rick Kennedy, read the minutes of the February meeting and they were approved as read. Treasurer Leigh Russ reported a balance of \$107,348.75 in the operating account and additional figures for other accounts which are attached. Her report was accepted as presented. Comments by Patty Hynes included that the water service would contact us with the “go ahead” when our current boil alert has expired, and the water was “safe” again. Unwanted recycle bins can be returned to Waste Connections, at 5151 Kenilworth Blvd, in Sebring. The “Celebration of Life” would be held March 26 at 2:00 p.m. And due to lack of response from “Dog Park” proponents, that issue is currently dismissed.

Rick Kennedy, speaking for the shuffleboard improvement project, noted alternate plans were being studied which should shave off considerable cost and meet the needs of the folks playing.

Some discussion of the 35<sup>th</sup> Covered Bridge Fair was presented, and it was noted that the net profit from the Fair was \$24,967.35. Leigh Russ reminded everyone that \$8,145.00 of those funds were raised by Jerry Ziegelbauer, while he was in charge and his efforts should be much appreciated. Residents heartily agreed by applause. Leigh Russ complimented Donna Palmatier and Bobbi Snow on the success of the Fair, and residents applauded their agreement to that as well!

Patty Hynes also reminded residents to water

lawns on the correct appointed days and for the “Snowbirds” to have someone assigned to oversee their lamp posts, watering, trimming, and to have a house key while they are gone for the summer.

Under new business, Rick Kennedy mentioned the need for roof repairs in the compound as a concern. Herman Bott responded about the fragile roofs and the need to stay off of them, but that fibrous roof coating is effective and can be pursued in the near future.

Ron Cobert reported from the Architectural Committee that there were 18 requests that were approved since the last meeting.

Herman Bott thanked volunteers for the very successful workday and Patty Hynes concurred. Cindy Hubbel thanked folks for their outpouring of support for her during her illness. She reported on numerous upcoming events and explained them to the group.

Bobbi Snow strongly encouraged residents to turn out for entertainment groups if they want to continue them in the future.

Bill Burse asked those using the compound to make sure they have all required paperwork submitted. He explained the concerns about a couple of trailers that he says need to be removed.

Claire Leffler asked for “Fair” name tags to be turned in and commended everyone for the success of the Fair.

Bobbi Snow explained that preparations are being made for next year’s Fair and work has begun.

Rick Kennedy encouraged volunteers to step up and help Bobbi Snow and Donna Palmatier with the furniture pick up each week through the summer and fall. Volunteers are needed.

Kathy Melia mentioned the pool deterioration and Patty Hynes stated that we need to get Frank Brown involved.

Donna Palmatier requested some missing tables be returned.

Carol Cobert reminded snowbirds to clean out their refrigerators when they leave.

Tom Wacker talked about improvements made in the restrooms with automatic motion sensor light switches and that a lingering odor problem has been resolved.

Barb Brigante asked about a new water cooler

and shared that the odor from the water plant continues to be very objectionable.

Ed Cunningham encouraged folks to attend an upcoming meeting of the Public Service Commission. Where US Water will be asking for another rate increase.

Jim Stanton brought up the idea of connecting to city water to get lower prices and better quality. Other residents mentioned a previous effort and the cost was \$4 million to make such a change.

With no other business to transact, Cindy Hubbel made a motion to adjourn, and Leigh Russ seconded the motion. Motion passed by general consent. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Submitted by Rick Kennedy  
Covered Bridge HOA Secretary

## **CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**

After rain and wind cancelation, we had 9 teams for our first annual Cornhole Tournament. Bob Lung and Bruce Mackowiak came in 1<sup>st</sup> place and shared \$30.00. Dave Horner and Jack Gasior came in 2nd place and shared \$10.00. Both teams received trophies. It was great to see the friendly competition, and we are looking forward to next year, and maybe someone will start a shuffleboard tournament.

Submitted by Cindy Hubbel



## **FUN DAY**

WOW, what a turn out for our first Fun Day. Everyone had a good time at the Poker Run with 89 poker players. We had a very big pay out, Sharon Gill won 1st place and Kimm Crow won 2nd place.

The Hobo Stew was very tasty, I had some leftovers, and I understand that we were close to running out. We served 130.

Kel and Glenda would like to thank everyone that helped with food donations for the Hobo Stew. Everything was donated and prepared by our residents. Everyone always comes through for the Covered Bridge activities.

I would like to thank everyone that filled in for me as I could not be there.

Submitted by Cindy Hubbel

## **MISSING**

Missing Tupperware container, 8-inch square burnt orange with a semi clear top. It was lost at the Fair. Please call Bill Fowler at 304-545-4358 if you know anything about it. Thank you.

Submitted by Bill Fowler

*Thank You*

I want to thank everyone who participated in the Celebration of Life.

Submitted by Krabby Patty



**PROPOSED WATER RATE  
INCREASE**

Please write or email the Florida public service commission regarding the proposed rate hike by HC Waterworks! DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS APRIL 21, 2022.

You MUST REFER TO: Docket No. 10120284-WS, HC WATERWORKS, INC.

EMAIL: [clerk@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:clerk@psc.state.fl.us)

Mail: Office of Commission Clerk  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Please remember the cutoff date for comments is April 29, 2022.

Submitted by Lois Vara



**TREASURER'S REPORT**

As of 2/28/2022

Operating Acct Balance	107,348.75
15 Mon CD (0.10%)	163,645.30
Ameritrade Account	401,112.22
February Maintenance Fee	25,206.92
February Expenses	15,770.53
February Social/Fund	18,990.30
February Social Expenses	2,854.54



**BLOOD DRIVE**

This is a friendly reminder that our next lifesaving event is coming up. Our next blood drive is Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We appreciate your support.

Submitted by Patty Hynes

**FAIR NAME TAGS**

Please return any Fair nametags to the box, on the desk, in the Clubhouse. And thanks again to everyone who helped make the Fair a success.

Submitted by Claire Leffler  
And Sue Schmidt

**EXPENSES BY VENDOR  
SUMMARY**

As of February 2022

Alan Schubowsky	1,000.00
Baker Septic Installations	118.25
Cardmember Services	3,012.13
Century Link	197.74
Claire Leffler	47.88
Duke Energy	1,645.28
Florida Dept of Revenue	194.68
Gatorco Lawn & Landscaping	7,500.00
Heartland Pool Service, Inc	316.62
Home & Office Essentials	366.84
Kathy Haase	106.57
Kathy Melia	500.66
Larry Angell	228.87
Longs Air Conditioning	285.00
Patricia Hynes	136.01
Sue Schmidt	119.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,770.53</b>