



April 2023 **THE ECHOES** Newsletter

COMING EVENTS

- Apr 1 – Pancake Breakfast -7:30 a.m.
- Apr 2,9,16,23,30–Growing in Christ–6:00 p.m.
- Apr 7 – Potluck – 5:30
- Apr 8 – Workday – 8:00 a.m.
- Apr 12 – Blood Drive – 9:00 to 2:00p.m.
- Apr 13 – Welcome New Residents - 2:00 p.m.
- Apr 14 – Potluck - 5:30 p.m.
- Apr 15 – Pool Party – 11:30 a.m.
- Apr 18 – HOA Board Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
- Apr 21 – Coffee Hour – 8:00 a.m.
- Apr 25 – Social Meeting – 10:00 a.m.

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JAMMERS

Jammers has been discontinued.

Submitted by Polly Bolack

COVERED BRIDGE

INFORMATION SITES

- Website address:**
www.coveredbridgelakeplacidflorida.net (all words are spelled out).
- CB Board Email Address:**
coveredbridge@centurylink.net
- Echoes Address:**
cbechoes@gmail.com
- Face book Page:**
 Search for “Covered Bridge, Lake Placid, FL”

POT LUCK



March potluck was attended by 65 people with their dishes to share. There was a large variety of food for our gold plate winner, Rick Kennedy to enjoy with his guests. Rick wore an Irish hat and bead tie along with beads for his wife. The gold plate winner for April is Marie Alm, a brand-new resident of Covered Bridge.

Several people won great door prizes. Elaine Orr won the shamrock plant for "Luck of the Irish".

Donations of door prizes are always appreciated. Contact Linda Carl.

Thanks again to all the volunteers who help with potluck. You are greatly appreciated. There is always a need for help cleaning up afterwards.

Please bring a dish to share and your drink for our April 7 Potluck at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by Linda Carl



"HELPING HANDS"

Painting ...interior and exterior, also Power Washing

Contact Woody Cook at 863-531-3410.

Painting ...interior and exterior, also Power Washing

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.

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 Help Cleaning

Call the Tidy & Spiffy Gals. Mid Oct – Mid May. Call Terri Wacker (734-276-6649) and Sue Lilly (810-656-7802).

Available for Hire

Will cook, shop, elder sit, dog sit, dog walks, Doctor appointments, grocery store stops, pick up prescriptions and Airport rides. If interested call Sally Lemke at 863-434-5501.



CONDOLENCES



The sympathy of the entire Covered Bridge community is extended to the family and loved ones on the death of the following residents, as submitted by Joyce Ryan.

Jack Westerterp
Sheldon Yerty



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

Shirley Slotten
Joyce Swartz
Dick Woollacott

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.



BLOOD DRIVE

Our next blood drive is Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by Patty Hynes

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

March 2023



ELDER SERVICES

If anyone needs help with questions or the online application, please contact:

Kathy Gray
116 Woodside Drive
978-758-6868

All contact is 100% confidential.

FUN DAY

Everyone had a great afternoon at Fun day, good food and good company.

We started with a Cornhole Tournament, then swimming and pool volleyball in our re-finished pool, and a few groups of card players in the clubhouse.

We had a fun Marriage Game where we laughed with 5 couples, that answered questions to see which couple knew each other the best. Contestants were Tom and Lori Taylor, Dave and Cathie Faucher, Earnie and Barb Fedewa, Augie and Jan Reese, and Tim and Diana Granson. Dave and Cathie Faucher went home in first place with a gift certificate for Oscars restaurant that was donated by REMAX realtor, Tom Taylor. Flowers for the ladies and a \$1.00 lottery ticket for the men.

We thank everyone that attended the day.

Submitted by Cindy Hubbel

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

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

The following are important phone numbers for Water & Sewage Plant, owned by HC Waterworks.

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE AGENCY (Water quality and water boil notices) - **239-344-5600** Choose last option – wait for operator. Ask to speak to Vanessa Kraft and give Covered Bridge assigned number G280064. Or you can send an email to vanessa.kraft@floridawaterdep.gov with same information.

COMPLIANCE FOR EMISSIONS AND ODORS – **239-344-5673**. Renee Kwiat will take your information and direct you to proper department.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNCIL – **850-488-9330**. They will take your complaint and pass along to proper agency.

PUBLIC COUNCIL (assigned by Attorney General) – Send an email to Willis.Marshall@leg.state.fl.us Our Docket number, 20210184, needs to be mentioned in E-mail!

DEC - **239-344-5633**

SHARON PURVIANCE (Supervisor U.S. Water) – **727-848-8292**. She is in charge of our plants. spurviance@uswatercorp.net

TROY TRENDALL (U.S. Water Service Corporation, head office) - 866-753-8292. trendall@uswatercorp.net

Please take the time to pick up your telephone to help everyone who lives in Covered Bridge, whether you experience a problem with your water or not. The boil water events are too numerous! The squeaky wheel gets the grease.

Submitted by Connie Charles

**HIGHLIGHTS OF COVERED
BRIDGE HOA MEETING
MAR 21, 2023**

All officers were present.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

We have gotten so much done this month, Tom Wacker and Tom Lilly have picking away at so many things in the park.

Workday went great this month with all the mulch spread, blocks around the sprinkler heads, webs down around the buildings, the chairs all moved and the floors mopped.

We had a group of residents clean up a yard for a resident in need. It looks a lot better and are all happy to see it done. Thank You.

OLD BUSINESS

Pool update - The biggest part of the pool is finished, as soon as the light pole is in the can finish the lighting. The storage shed is ordered and should be here 30-60 days. The gas tank will be out, and the floor will be painted this week. The fence will be put up as soon as we get a contractor. There will be NO SOAP around the pool area. No use of any soap, as the shower area is only for rinsing off.

Also, DO NOT PARK ON THE GRASS AROUND THE CLUBHOUSE. We have new sprinklers and they have already been damaged.

NEW BUSINESS

Instead of sod under the trees near the office, we have decided to put in a park with mulch and seashells, because of the cost of sod and trying to get it to grow under the trees. It will have two fire rings and cement benches. We have two benches donated so if anyone wants to donate a third one at \$100.00, please let Cindy Hubbel know.

Coker Gas Co will have the gas hooked back up to the generator, and the clubhouse will have

separate shut off. The tank by the pool will be removed.

A new computer is needed in the office. We could use a laptop instead of the computer on the back desk. It could also be used for Zoom meetings.

A Sunroom on Jasmine. We are having problem with a resident that built a sunroom on the back of his house that is a large bird cage, and it does not fit the permission he asked for. Therefore, it needs to be removed.

Residents of Covered Bridge are not to film and or record/listen to what residents are doing. Gene Fischer stated that the sound was for YELP emergency vehicles on the bridge. After much discussion Tom Wacker said that the board should move the camera into the office. System. We will get prices for this project.

Gavin Walls brought up an issue of having a dog run. He stated that we provide amenities for other residents, why not residents with dogs? He had proposed costs for this project. People had much to say, pros and cons, regarding this issue. Cindy Hubbel said that we would think about this and come back next month for discussion.

COMMITTEES

ARCHITECTURAL: Randy Grohler said that they had 12 requests for various projects that were granted. Please go through the committee before doing a project, so you will be within the rules and guidelines of Covered Bridge.

COMPOUND: Gene Fischer said that he is in the process of having an old trailer removed. He also has two spots open.

Gavin Walls reported on **fencing repairs** for pool and compound.

POOL: Frank Brown reported that the **umbrellas** need to be replaced and suggested purchasing covers for them. He has strapping

material to start repairing the chairs around the pool. He asked for **volunteers** sometime next week. He commented that he was having to look around to different companies to order pool filters. Cindy Hubbel thanked him for all his work during the pool updates.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: Bob Evans was absent.

ACTIVITIES: Cindy Hubbel said to watch for **upcoming events** posted in the Echoes, CB web site and the clubhouse bulletin board that's inside. She thanked everyone for coming out to these events and enjoying what Covered Bridge has to offer. She also thanked the volunteers who put on these events.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS

Bobbi Snow thanked everyone for coming to the **dances**. She also resigned from this committee. So, if anyone would like to step up for the challenge please see Cindy Hubbel.

Jim Moore said there will be a FDOT public hearing on April 4, 2023, at Bert J. Harris Agricultural Center, 4509 George Blvd, Sebring, FL. The meeting starts at 5:45 p.m. This is to **hear feedback on the US 27** median modifications.

Connie Charles stated the signs at the entrances, are for the Zoning meetings that are e coming up at the Highlands County Commissioners building. This concerns the **carport variances**.

Connie Charles gave a report of the ongoing **water quality** issues of Covered Bridge. If you have any problems of low water pressure, bad smells, or other issues of your water, please contact her for information on who to contact. We need more residents to complain to get these issues resolved.

Gene Fischer wanted to know who removed the **bar on the bridge**. Cindy Hubbel had compliments on the bar being removed, making it easier access for bicycle traffic. Gene

said it was a safety issue so that motorcycles could not access the bridge. There was much discussion about the bar on the walkway of the bridge. Patty Hynes suggested that we would **monitor** it for one month to see if we have any issues. Please report any issues to Patty Hynes or the police. Gene also resigned from doing any maintenance on the bridge and that he would be happy to return the **camera** to the office.

Donna Palmatier reported on the **compound sales** from the Fair. The Fair grossed \$16,589.00, with expenses taken out, we netted \$11,766.09. Donna thanked everyone for their hard work all year long making this a huge success. Cindy Hubbel thanked them for all their continuing efforts into making this event a success.

Donna Palmatier and Bobbi Snow expressed their feelings on who should get a **scholarship** from Covered Bridge. She would like to see it go to an underprivileged student. Please see her if you have any suggestions.

Frank Brown thanked everyone for the **beautification of Covered Bridge** in the past few months.

Frank also talked with Cliff Hanglely about updating the Covered Bridge web site. They are trying to correct the activities page for not being sideways.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Lilly, HOA Secretary



HOBBY SHOW 2024

There will be a Hobby Show sometime in January 2024, following the popular Dog Show. Snow birds, for sure, please bring your projects to exhibit. We have a large variety of talent on display. All crafters plan to join us. For more details, please contact Elaine Orr, at 863465-5299.

Submitted by Elaine Orr



2024 REVUE

After an absence due to Covid and other things, a CB Revue is being planned for March of next year. In the past the show has been on a Wednesday and rehearsal on the Tuesday prior to the show. I am letting the snowbirds know so that they might have time to get an act together. Talk about it with friends. If you want to do something but need ideas, please let me know. We have so many new residents, there must be a lot of new talent. We used to call the show a Talent Show, but jokingly we said there was no talent, so we then called it a Revue. That is not true, we do have a lot of talent in our Park. There is no audition. If you want to be in the show, you're in. Other shows boasted, lip syncing, dancing, comedy, poems, jokes, playing instruments and more. I hear rumors, someone is planning a Ventriloquist act. Already the CB dancers are excited to be planning something special in their line dance routine. We do have some costumes and props. If you need something let me know. For more details contact Elaine Orr at 863-465-5299.

Submitted by Elaine Orr



FASHION SHOW

Attention Covered Bridge ladies...come and join the fun. A Fashion Show is being planned for July 12, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. in the Covered Bridge Clubhouse.

The fashions will be of a different sort. It is requested that you model something that was obtained at a thrift shop, garage sale, compound, or a hand-me-down sort of thing. Each model is asked to write a short note on how or where it was worn, how or where it was acquired, and how much you paid for the items. A sack lunch will be available. Please contact Elaine Orr at 867-465-5299 for more information.

Submitted by Elaine Orr

RED HAT LADIES LUNCHEON CADDY SHACK



CELEBRATION OF LIFE
March 2023



COVERED BRIDGE
COMPOUND

The Compound is open Friday mornings from 8:00 a.m. 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



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

