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Driving Range Adds to BT Recreational Choices

BT's snowbirds will return this season to find a new outdoor activity: a driving range developed for residents.

HOA President Sherry Defrancisco states, "You might have noticed the front area that ELS purchased is now being put together as a new area to practice your golf swing."

Sherry adds, "If you say, well I don't play golf, we are lucky enough to have a retired golf pro in our community [Chuck Castor] who might be willing to give you a few pointers. It's never too late to get in the game. Guys and gals get out there and hit a few."



**FROM THE H.O.A.
PRESIDENT**



SHERRY DEFRANCISCO

H.O.A. President

Lot# 215; Cell 614-309-2605

Hello everybody, it's Sherry here!!

I'm doing double duty serving as your HOA President. This is an energetic time of year waiting the return of many of our friends from up North, hopefully they will be able to join us!! Beacon Terrace is in need of new leadership as we have several open spots to fill.

HELP WANTED! We are seeking the following:

- ♦ A group of people to participate in keeping our clubhouse beautiful, assisting with decorating for holidays and just overall keeping our clubhouse looking great.
- ♦ New board members. We have several openings. If you have strong leadership ability, the board is the voice of the people who live in our community. We are so lucky to have one of the nicest 55 plus communities in the city of Lakeland! We strive to keep it that way. This may be the job for you.
- ♦ New FMO representative. This person would make sure that we are keeping up on what's going on at a state level as far as new laws and new guidelines that govern manufactured homes. If you love to investigate and share your knowledge, this would be a great opportunity. Dave Carr will be your contact (863-816- 6925).

These are ways to get involved in your community and make a difference. Thank you for your help in advance.

So thankful to be able to hold a Thanksgiving dinner celebration in the clubhouse on Thanksgiving Day. Please look for sign up posters in the clubhouse for further information. Alice Murray will be our gracious host.


"We all came here on different ships but we are now all on this boat together"! We are so lucky to have one another and live in a community is a that is full of kindness, so spread the love. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to help and serve anyway that I can.

2021 BeaconTerrace

HOA Officers

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Secretary—Bonnie Irwin-Pocock
Treasurer—Norman Provost

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As Fall and Winter approach, we will have a lot more going on as far as social activities.

October will bring:

- Return of **movie night**
- **Lady's Luncheon** at the Mellow Mushroom, sign-up sheet in the clubhouse
- **Italian night dinner** as a fundraiser for social activities. This will be delicious! Come have dinner with us on October the 19th Watch for posters
- **Medicare informational seminar** on October the 21st at 9:00 a.m.
- Social Activities Committee will host a **Halloween dance featuring our favorite, George Durham**, October 30th from 7 to 10:00 p.m. Again, watch for a poster giving detailed information



A sneak peek at November:

- Overnight adventure at Nokomis Beach November 8th and 9th. This has been sold out but I did get a cancellation so I do have one room available. Please call me to grab this room quickly.
- A Sock Hop dance
- Arts in the Park holiday craft show November 20th. We are still looking for a few vendors. Please contact Bonnie Irwin-Pocock. 585-506-7607
- Thanksgiving Dinner with Alice Murray as host.

Blessed be, Sherry.

Beacon Terrace Homeowners Association, Inc.

MISSION STATEMENT

To promote, provide and encourage healthy, beneficial, and enjoyable living conditions for the benefit of all residents

OBJECTIVES

Social Activities —Promote social activities, bingo, dinners, games, educational events, and general good fellowship for all residents

Support Groups —Cooperate and support the Beacon Terrace chapter of the Federation of Mobile Home Owners (FMHO) of Florida and Lakeland Inter-Park Council (LIC) for the benefit of all residents

Park Facilities — Promote and encourage the proper care of all facilities in the Park by all residents

Rules and Regulations — Establish reasonable rules and/or regulations for all activities in the best interest of all residents and such rules are not to conflict with those of the Park management

Problem Resolution — Promote cooperation between residents and Park management where differences arise and seek agreed resolution; represent residents to seek proper resolution

Happy Fall Everyone

It certainly will be nice to get some cooler weather soon. Also hope to see some of our seasonal residents return.

We have a mother duck that has a nest full of eggs at the door by the clubhouse. Please be mindfully and respectful while this area is a temporary nursery.

Caution around Orchid area running north to south. This area will be serviced in weeks to come as we have a hole that possibly was caused when the garbage truck picked up yard brush.

On October 13th, 2021 @ 2:00 pm I will be having a meeting in the clubhouse. This meeting will not be for any one specific reason. I will be having meetings as such on occasion just to have an open ear on open floor topics. I will have a few items to speak on then but mostly for open floor.

The nature trail will not have vehicle access other than golf carts after hours. Those who have a key to the Storage compound will have access to open the lock as it will be the same as the compound. I ask each of you if you see something say something, if you have doubt about parked vehicles, feel like something is just not right, call the police dept. I ask that no one confront any suspicious persons. Just call the police.

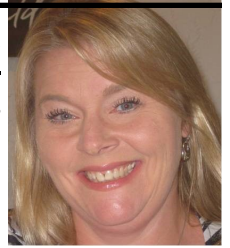
We are still working on auditing all resident files. This is a process, and we will continue to be contact residents for missing items, requesting household occupancy, etc. Please bear with us in this process as it is slow going and we are finding a lot of incorrect files that take a bit of time to correct.

If we contact you, please know that if you have provided the items in the past, it did not make it into the current file, and therefore we are asking again. Thank you for your patience as we continue to work on this.

Keep in mind that the food donation box is every third Tuesday each month. ***I want to thank all of you for all you do. Without each of you the park would not be as beautiful and friendly as it is.***

LISA PEARDON

BT Community Manager



Beacon Terrace Community

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In the Park

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20
9 TO NOON

*Looking for Vendors, \$10 per Table

*Looking for Volunteers to Help w/Event

Set-up in Clubhouse, Friday, Nov.19

From 6 – 8 pm (vendors & workers only)

(The clubhouse will be closed from 6PM to 7AM)

LET'S MAKE THIS A GREAT SUCCESS!

If you are a vendor or would like to volunteer,
please contact Bonnie Irwin-Pocock, #101

Phone: 585-506-7607

birwin56@gmail.com

BT Ladies Enjoy September



Luncheon at Olive Garden



October Birthdays



- 2 Ernie Geist
Janet Hamilton
- 3 Rick Hobbs
- 4 Dave Sharpe
- 5 Stacey Clawson
- 6 Sue Wagoner
Bonnie Wadsworth
- 7 Kathy Benson
Jean Whitman
- 8 Shirley Castle
- 9 RoseMarie Popke
Lanetta Gayle Brown
- 10 Bobby Tipton
Harry Schulte
- 11 Phyllis Snead
- 12 John St. Clair
- 14 Liz Buell
Joyce Markarian
- 15 Peter Pirro
- 16 Vicki Hobbs
Kay Werner
- 17 Bucky Reynolds
- 19 Sharon Cribbs
- 24 Barbara Turner
- 25 Brian Poole
- 26 Joe Fava
- 28 Laura Hopkins
- 29 Arthur (Duffy)
Dauphinais
- 31 Tommy Rogers

Gifts, Volunteers Needed for Toys For Tots

Again this year, we will be collecting Toys for Tots! Anything we can do is greatly appreciated.

In addition to toys, we will have a bucket in which to collect batteries for the toys handed out. All size batteries are needed and they don't need to be the most expensive ones.

As the toys are packed for distribution batteries are included for the ones that need them and lots are needed.

Some of our residents have already started helping by taping boxes of crayons shut so they don't spill during packing.



Our Polk County Toys for Tots initiative won the award last year for being the best in the nation!! We all played a part in that.

If you would like to help, please contact me at Lot 72. Thanks in advance.

Alice Murray

BT Volunteers Donate School Supplies

Led by Alice Murray, a dedicated group of volunteers have continued the tradition of donating supplies to local students in need.





Sin

**Tis a sin they say to lie and cheat
And to harm along the way
As we travel slowly thru this life
Toward yet a better day
Tis wrong I've heard to hurt the heart
And leave it hard to mend
All because of ruthless acts
Committed now and then
If we're to see salvation
We'd best change some things I'd say
Or it won't be Heaven we will see
We'll have gone the other way**

By Joy Nipper

Meet Your New Neighbor:

Meet new resident, Jean Utz... 91 years young, ready to become active here at the park. I'm lucky to be just across the grassy field from Jean and she was a real treat to listen to...no nonsense, upbeat and entirely positive!

As Jean walked me through her place at #77, I looked at the family photos on the wall and asked about her marriage. Jean and Dick met on a blind date and as Jean tells it, Dick never failed to describe how Jean looked that night, in a navy blue dress with white polka dots. They were married 71 years and she says, "It was 71 years of sweetness".

They raised 4 children, 3 boys and a girl, and survived the loss of their oldest son and their daughter. Dick passed before Jean's family moved her to Beacon Terrace this May.

Jean came from a small area near Buffalo, Kenmore Village. She grew up in cold country but after she and Dick spent years in the New York winters, they visited family in Lakeland and returned to New York thinking, "No more snow and no more cold. Let's go!" So, Dick headed south first then Jean drove 2 sons and a daughter, taking 3 days to make the trip. It was June 25, 1950.



Jean and husband, Dick, were married 71 years.

Dick bought a home, "site unseen" to Jean who was shocked to discover their new digs off Harden Blvd. She describes the place as "farmland with an orange tree in the front yard". It was to be their new home. She recalls that Dick carried her over the threshold to that new home off Harden Blvd. . The romance continued and they were blessed to have their third son. The affection they held for each other for a lifetime was so evident in listening to Jean tell her story.

And what a story it is! Turns out Lakeland was a great place to raise a family. Lots of other Veterans came to take advantage of the offer to have homes after the war and Jean tells of how there were 7 houses on their street where 7 babies were born in 7 months!! She quipped, "We had 4 children in 6 and a half years. Then we got a TV!" They weren't the only ones having children. She said they renamed the community from the original "Green Acres" to "Fertility Acres"!! Sense of humor...I love it!!

Jean's best friend was a gal named Betty, and Betty and Carl had 10 children. They became friends in New York and both families relocated to Lakeland. Jean recounts the 2 couples playing Bridge up to 4 times a week. "The kids swam in the above ground pool and we played Bridge!"

Jean also played Mahjong and says when moving here just after the war, the Jewish ladies were fun to play with. I asked how that worked after the war, Jean was German; they were Jewish and she said, "Oh, easy. We just loved to play!" Oh, that it could be that simple in our world today.

Jean Utz, 91 Years Young

Jean brought her crafts to the Craft Fair this year...she does lots of knitting and crocheting “to keep my hands busy instead of smoking! I’ve been smoking since I was 14!!”. Yikes!

Jean loved telling about moving to Lakeland where she took a job at Florida Federal bank which at one point in the early ‘70s was the only financial institution between Southgate and Mulberry. Jean and Dick began long careers in banking, though Dick’s career was at Peoples Bank of Lakeland. Great examples of hard work and diligence.

Jean told of times while raising her children when she learned that there were little ones in her boys’ classrooms who were so poor that they came to school without underwear and socks! So Jean used her discount at the Bealls’ store to buy these students uniforms and other things they needed. She tells of how she brought her own children to the Boys Club to introduce them to children in poverty...children of migrant workers. Those children were excited to receive one gift from her family for Christmas. Her own children asked, “One gift? They only get ONE gift??” This is an example of how her own children learned to be givers...just like their parents.

Her family is close by. One son, Jeffrey is teaching at Auburndale high school while Richard, lives with his wife at Azalea. One of Jean’s 15 grandchildren, a granddaughter who affectionately calls her BearBear, lives in Grasslands. Jean is surrounded by family who love her. She has twelve great grandchildren. Jean can tell you where they live, what they do for a living, without a blink. Yep,

Jean’s already befriended the two ladies across the street. As a matter of fact, her neighbor Peggy, worked at Peoples Bank with Jean’s husband, Dick. Peggy recognized the name “Utz” on Jean’s license plate and later learned of their connection... Small World!!



Jean still drives the 3 miles to Publix and back. She loves Dollar Tree where she can get beautiful birthday cards for her grandkids, who have “too many birthdays in November and December!!” Her knitting and crocheting is on the coffee table for TV time. She loves Ninja Warriors; watches faithfully on Monday nights. She loves baseball and loves her Buffalo Bills and she squealed with delight when I told her I came here from Las Vegas. “Las Vegas?? I LOVE Las Vegas, especially the fountains at the Bellagio!!”

Friends, if you want a treat, I encourage you to meet Jean Utz. You will be happy you did! We are already planning on going to Bridge this Friday on the island. Now that’s my kinda gal!!!

By Regina Marshall

The Resident Directory - Update **October 2021**

Be sure to make the applicable changes in the Numerical, Alphabetical, and E-mail pages in your 2021 directory.

ADD the following people:

Lot 232	Kathy Cain	863-521-2276	kathy_aloia@yahoo.com
Lot 37	Jon Marc Eyer	863-858-9300	whitecaneracer@gmail.com
Lot 180	Al & Amy Gulla	704-562-4829	dickson1923@yahoo.com
Lot 91	David R. Coast	615-500-5066	coastdavid@yahoo.com
Lot 141	Donna Lucido	863-513-0885	dllsunshine@gmail.com
Lot 77	Richard, Sara & Jean Utz	863-308-0568	utz2206@gmail.com
Lot 138	Miguel Figueroa Carmen Berrios	407-460-2424 863-224-0935	mi-cafeito@yahoo.com cchemiz@gmail.com
Lot 203	Jonathan Pellegrino	863-513-3765	jpele53@yahoo.com
Lot 233	James Jankowski Judith Mroczka	716-640-8781	ajojan@gmail.com
Lot 104	Isabel Felipe	904-708-3510	ivis.frankie@gmail.com
Lot 288	Marilyn Zobitz	916-516-5585	mgz10@hotmail.com
Lot 98	Naomi Olson		nolso@aol.com
Lot 53	Frank Ferguson	864-420-9532	
Lot 276	Carol McMaster	863-510-5458 716-998-2539	carlmcmaster49@gmail.com
Lot 76	Arthur Czachorowski		offshoreartie@comcast.net

Change: Laura Hopkins 863-209-4199

If you have any changes or any new E-mail, addresses, during the year, please be sure I get them. E-mail: landersandy3737@gmail.com

Call or text me at 863-660-6835, or put it in my mailbox #60 in the library room

Travel Notes

By Bev Furno



Jan. 16, 2022 - Our week cruise on Harmony of the Seas is fast approaching. Don Cook will need your final payment by October 17th. We will have our usual document meeting with Don early January.

Our annual Fort Myers overnight for the Broadway Palm dinner theater....I only have heard from 2 people. I'm thinking it's a wait and see situation

Dec. 5-10, 2022 - My favorite a 5-night Christmas cruise from Port Canaveral on the Mariner of the Seas. Only \$100 pp deposit. Flyer is available in the clubhouse. Have 15 signed up already.

I'm going cruising with daughter Deanna Oct. 9-24 on the brand new Odyssey of the Seas. I'm thinking that ship may be in our 2023 future.

Medicare, Advantage Plan Open Enrollment Meeting Oct. 21

Medicare and Advantage Plan open enrollment begins in October. If you are new to Medicare or have any questions, Stacey Owen, a licensed agent, will be available on Thursday, October 21, at 3 PM in the clubhouse.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Snacks will be provided.

House Numbers Need to be Visible for First Responders!

Please make sure that **YOUR** house has large, visible, and readable numbers for emergency response teams to locate your address in a quick manner.

Recently First Responders tried to locate an address in BT, but the house number could not be seen from the road. The First Responders had to use a "spotlight", which caused lost time in attending to the emergency.

A few houses have no numbers visible and a lot of homes have numbers that are hard to make out from the road at night.

In the time lost as responders search for your address, you or your loved one could die.

Remind your neighbor and let's help each other in this safety effort.

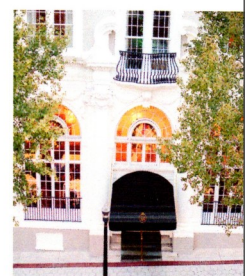


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BEACON TERRACE ACTIVITIES

Shuffleboard Starts Oct. 18

We will endeavor to resume shuffleboard games again this fall. To accommodate more people, we are offering playing times on Mondays at 9:00 AM and Thursdays at 6:30 PM starting the week of October 18.

This is low-impact exercise in the fresh air, newcomers are encouraged and no (great) skill is required.

Contact co-cordinator David Bradley at #156, phone 401-474-3309. Come and play!

Time to Think BOWLING!

Hello, everyone. I hope your summer has gone well. The leaves have not begun to change here yet, but it won't be long before it's time for us to gear up for bowling (in January).

Please be thinking about whether you'll be returning, or if you're new, join the fun! A sign up will be posted in the clubhouse in November.

Keep in mind that we need an even number of full teams (with 4 members). I would like to see 8 teams or more. We could always use substitute bowlers if you'd prefer not to commit to every week. More information next month. Candie Pocock

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday

1:00 PM **Hand & Foot***

Monday

9:00am **Shuffleboard**, Dave Bradley, 401-474-3309

6:00 PM **Bingo***

Wednesday

Ladies Golf, Linda Castor, 863-687-6068

6:00 PM **Mexican Train**, Sherry Defrancisco, 614-309-2605

Thursday

Men's Golf, Walt Swink, 412-691-0075

11:00 AM 2nd Thursdays, **Ladies Luncheon**, Sherry Defrancisco, 614-309-2605

1:00 PM **Hand & Foot***

6:30 PM **Shuffleboard**, Dave Bradley, 401-474-3309

Friday

1:00 PM **Bridge***, Mike Lowery, 863-688-6526

Saturday

8:00 AM **Coffee in Clubhouse**

** In Clubhouse*

October 2021

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							1 ^{PM} Bridge	8:00 ^{am} Coffee
3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
1 ^{PM} Hand & Foot Cards	6:00 ^{PM} BINGO	3PM—HOA Board Meeting	6PM Mexican Train	1 ^{PM} Hand & Foot Cards 1PM Crafts	1 ^{PM} Bridge	8 ^{am} Coffee		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
1 ^{PM} Hand & Foot Cards	COLUMBUS DAY 6:00 ^{PM} BINGO	HOA Members Meeting	6PM Mexican Train	Ladies' Luncheon -Mellow Mush-room 1 ^{PM} Hand & Foot; Crafts	1 ^{PM} Bridge	8:00 ^{am} Coffee		
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31								
1 ^{PM} Hand & Foot								

SHARE YOUR COMMENTS:

Your Board is asking you for help. We may be the HOA Board, but all the power to make things happen within the community lies with the residents. Without your support, we are powerless. If you have a serious issue with something or someone within the community, please fill out a "Comment Form" available below and inside the Clubhouse. The form, once given to the Manager's office, requires a response. Your personal information will not be shared.

Comment Form

Property Name _____

What Type Of Comment Do You Have?

☐ Compliment

☐ Suggestion

☐ Concern

Your Contact Information

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ Site: _____

Email Address: _____

If your concern is about a particular resident or address, fill out the below information.

Name: _____ Address: _____

Details (be specific, date, time and place)

Sign here: _____ Today's Date: _____

Management Notes:



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Zone 2	Lots 22, 57-60, 77-95, 98-118
Zone 3	Lots 96, 97, 243-256, 258 - 274
Zone 4	Lots 227-229, 257, 233-242, 275-288
Zone 5	Lots 40-56, 61-76
Zone 6	Lots 1-21, 23-39
Zone 7	Lots 129-161

Zone 8
Lots 162 - 167, 188-190, 195-226,
230-231, 297

Zone 9
Lots 168 - 187, 191-194, 232,
289-296



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12-17-20
Sandy Rohn #28

1-24-21
Rita Jaffer #136

2-3-21
Lorna Norrix
#117

2-12-21
Al King #174

2-19-21
Bob Norrix #117

5-3-21
Marcia Ritchie #203

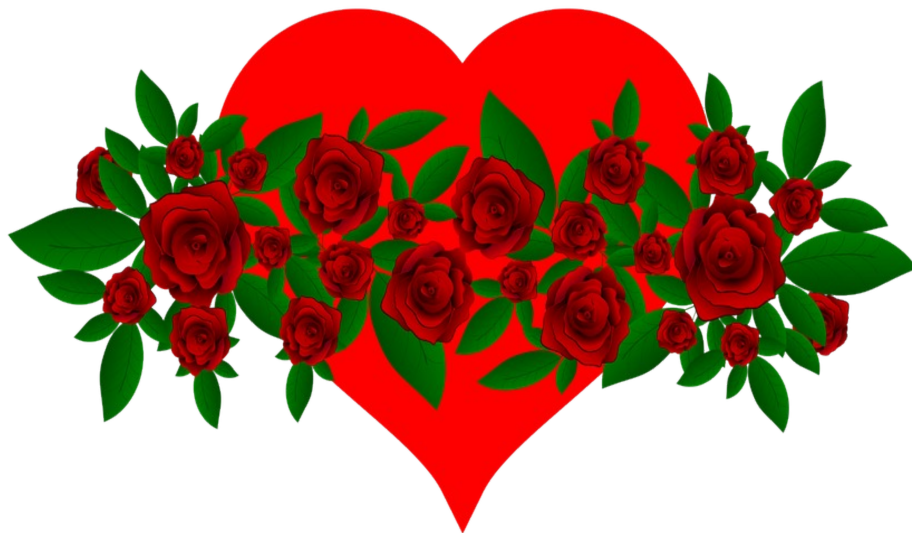
5-5-21
Lyle Hagerty # 86

5-19-21
Elba Chirel #223

5-28-21
Robert Noble #76

5-30-21
Wade Fahnestock #152

6-22-21
Paul Pickerill #283



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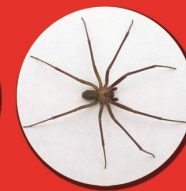
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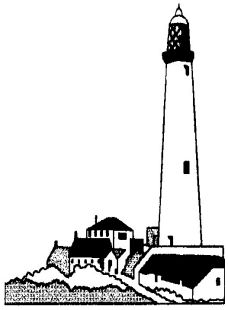
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