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TV Donation Makes Bingo a Reality!

Yes, Bingo is back! The final piece needed to restore the much-loved activity—a large screen television—was recently donated by resident, Andy Ertel and fellow mobile home broker, Bob Crossley, both from Sunset Home Sales.

The 86- inch television will also be used for other large-screen viewing events, such as sporting events and movies.

The return to Bingo is due to the tremendous efforts of many Beacon Terrace residents with donations and fundraising activities. The Bingo machine repair costs were split between the HOA and ELS management.

Bingo returns on Monday nights at 6:00 PM with new staff running the show: Jenny Barnette will be the Bingo Coordinator with Tony Hudson and Beverly Harper as callers. Sarah Kaplan, Gloria Buehrig, and Andy Ertel serve as helpers.



(L-R) Andy and Bob from Sunset Home Sales, stand in front of the large screen TV that they donated to the HOA as a means to help restore Bingo. They are joined by HOA secretary, Bonnie Irwin-Pocock, acting president Sherry Defrancisco, and ELS Park Manager, Lisa Peardon.

Residents Step Up to Serve on HOA Board

The BT Homeowners Association (HOA) will start 2022 with a full Board of Directors thanks to the four residents who volunteered to fill the open positions.

Don MacAvoy, Al Gulla, Alice Murray, and Doug Howison will join Sherry Defrancisco, Bonnie Irwin-Pocock, and Norm Provost on the Board.

The Board will meet to elect officers in early December. The first HOA meeting of members will be on Tuesday evening, January 11 at 7 p.m.

Residents are encouraged to join the HOA and share in the united voice of BT homeowners. The \$15 membership fee per household is payable to Beacon Terrace. Payment goes to Norm Provost, treasurer, Lot 75.

FMO Position Filled

Alice Murray will be representing Region 1 (includes BT) for the Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida (FMO).

Happy Hanukkah, Jubílant Kawanzaa, Joyous Christmas, Festíve Boxíng Day & Blessed New Year!

FROM THE H.O.A. PRESIDENT



SHERRY DEFRANCISCO

H.O.A. Acting President Lot# 215; Cell 614-309-2605

Yes, You Did It !!!

Do you have any idea of how terrific you are? You all came together and made it happen!

Thanks to you bingo should be up and running within the next couple weeks.

The kindness here in Beacon Terrace is award-winning, People pitched in and gave from their heart. Whether they played bingo or not was not the issue. People realized that the benefit for those who do Is huge. Back pats all around thank you so much.

I totally eat up all things girly. It's fun to glam up with luscious lipsticks and sparkly shoes (Don't even get me started on tutus and tierras!).

Our delectable Adornments are a great way to make a statement about our style and personality. But the outward trimmings are nothing compared to the people that we strive to be on the inside.

So, let's make sure that we are adorned on the inside with jewels of compassion, Integrity, And honor. Let our efforts to improve the world. Selflessly serve others and make ourselves better people. Outshine the sparkle on the outside. Let people be awed by the humanity of our hearts and the depths of our empathy... We are soul food... complex comforting and absolutely delicious.

We are one we are kind we are Beacon Terrace.

Peace,

Sherry Defrancisco.



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2021 BeaconTerrace

HOA Officers

President—Sherry DeFrancisco Secretary—Bonnie Irwin-Pocock Treasurer—Norman Provost

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A Busy Holiday Season Begins . . .

Social Activities Chairperson SHERRY DEFRANCISCO

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Just short notes about November.

As we welcome our friends from up North back finally, we can expect that are our social events will be heavily attended. In November we enjoyed an overnight adventure. Going forward, because this was very well received, we will be looking to do more of these little get aways. We had a Sock hop dance, Arts in The Park holiday Craft show, and Thanksgiving dinner!!

Going forward to December

- We will kick off with our Carport Sale hosted by Sandy Landers and Fred & Kim White.
- Ladies luncheon and Fashion Show in the clubhouse will be a catered event.
- Paint class
- Christmas Golf Cart Parade with a pizza party following.
- A NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA!! We are pulling out all the stops! This is the first time in 2 years that we will be able to celebrate all together. What a Blessing!!!

Thank you for your help Bonnie Irwin-Pocock, Donna Cooper and Jenny Barnette & countless others who make our events happen.

Please as always see the posters for detailed information on the two bulletin boards at the mailboxes and In the clubhouse.

Remember if you would like to attend and need a ride it is always available. Please call me 614 309-2605.

Thoughts are Things Think the Good Ones!!! xxoo Sherry #215





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



Christmas Dinner Hosted by Hudsons and Gumbs

"Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat...",. Well maybe not a goose, but plenty of holiday protein and fixins' will be ready for feasting on Christmas Day in the BT Clubhouse, thanks to Tony and Elaine Hudson and Jimmy and Marjorie Gumbs.

The couples, who prepared "pick-up" holiday meals last year amidst the COVID-19 quarantine, stepped up to help again to organize Christmas Day dinner.

Open to Beacon Terrace residents, diners are requested to sign up on the Clubhouse bulletin board and to bring an appetizer, salad, vegetable, or dessert to share. ELS will provide the holiday meat.

Please see flyers posted on the Clubhouse and mailbox area bulletin boards regarding the meal time and other information.



Blink and It'll be 2022!

Well, the end of the year is approaching faster than we can blink. I am glad to hear that our seasonal residents will be returning this winter.



LISA PEARDON

BT Community Manager
Beacon Terrace Community Manager
2425 Harden Blvd. #298, Lakeland, FL 33803

It has been great to see the social committee booking activities within the community again, kinda seems like old times and adds a little normalcy to life.

Things that have changed around the community:

- All the lighting within the community has been converted to LED.
- Carpets in the Clubhouse have been cleaned and look so much better.
- 360 inspections were completed on 10/20/21 throughout the community.

Some reminders of things to be mindful of:

- ⇒ Cars parking on the lawn Please let friends and family and guests to not park on the grass.
- ⇒ Please take caution when driving in the community of folks walking, golf carts, bikers, etc. we are sharing the streets in the community with all.
- ⇒ Let family friends and guests know about parking in the overflow parking lot as to not block the street we don't want to impede emergency help from getting to the locations.

I would like to thank all of you for all you do within the community to make this a great place to work. I appreciate you all.



Winter in Florida

There's no dressing up in chic snowsuits Or putting on long underwear No knitted hats are needed To cover our thinning hair No heavy wool scarves To shield flabby necks Or to wrap up our freezing, red, faces Though earmuffs I've found Come in handy sometimes When the wind gets in "hard to reach" places No fur-lined boots are needed here To keep our feet toasty warm And "snow-shoes" are not an item That is called for to start our morn Long ago we quit wearing those heavy fur coats The price tag you know was quite steep Besides which they seldom were needed For down here we have lots of heat A sweater is more to our liking Some heavy, but often some light Unless Jack Frost should surprise us And come creeping In during the night Lest you think that down here we are lacking All because we aren't covered in snow Never fear Santa puts on a bathing suit And heads south, just a raring to go!

Joy Nipper

BT Fun in the Sun.... Nokomis Beach Trippin'



Twenty-six BT residents and guests traveled as a group to Nokomis Beach on Florida's west coast in November.

The three-day excursion, organized by social activities director Sherry Defrancisco, included accommodations at the Suntan Terrace. The fun mini-vacation was the first of such trips planned.









BT Fun in the Park.... 1950's Sock Hop



Dancin' and reminiscing with the oldies — tunes that is, not partners! The November dance attire of jeans, bobbie socks and twin sets made for a fun evening with BT friends. Even the snacks brought back memories.











MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

Al and Amy Gulla Bring

Ever think about giving up on something? I bet that's pretty common. But it seems that just when I'm about to completely give up, there is a "Plan" that shows up out of nowhere to make me stop short.

That's what happened here after my good friend left Lakeland to live closer to her family in Georgia. I was really hoping and wishing I would be able to make a new friend...not just an acquaintance, but an actual friend. As I was just about to resign myself to being alone for a while, here comes the "Plan", and I can tell you it just seemed to come out of nowhere.

One afternoon, as I was out fiddling in the yard, here comes a guy who seems to be power-walking down to the end of my street. I was out at the back corner and couldn't miss him as he gave a jovial greeting. First thing that hit me...he looks like he could be related to me...and I'm thinking--why is that? Well, it turns out he is as Italian as I am and in case you didn't know...when Italians get together and make a connection, it just goes without saying that it is kind of like everyone talking at the same time, lots of laughing and loud talking, lots of hand and arm motions. You get the picture. That's what happened with this guy.

But what are the chances that his wife turns out to be just as friendly in her own way. And she's Italian too! I remember thinking to myself--Gee, it feels so familiar to be in the company of people who remind me of family.

Of course, I'm talking about Al Gulla, aka, the power-walker. And recently I had the pleasure of talking with his wife, Amy, to get to know her as well.

Amy and Al are new residents at Beacon Terrace, arriving last February, and still feathering their nest at #180 in the southwest corner of the park. Funny, when you meet people as friendly as Amy and Al, you suddenly feel as if your life has just opened up. That's how the Gullas made me feel.

Al and Amy met in high school and married at age 21. It was 1974. (You do the math.) They were blessed with four children, two boys and two girls. There are eight grand-children as well as three great grandsons.

The Gullas resided in Utica; New York until Al retired as a letter carrier for the Post Office after 34 years. Brrrrrr. That's commitment!

Al and Amy sacrificed on One Income so Amy could be a Stay-at-Home-Mom until the last child was in school and then she jumped with both feet into a lucrative career in sales that began with Customer Relations and transitioned to car sales for Honda and then into advertising sales.

Al didn't miss a beat when he left full time work. He began a stint with American Airlines for another six years when they moved south to live in Charlotte, North Carolina.



Al & Amy Gulla



The Gulla Family

That gig gave them the opportunity to travel by air "for a song". How sweet it is! And travel, they do! But it's mostly not travel by air. Al and Amy have been to Las Vegas many times but they've been on 24 cruises!! They love the Caribbean, as well as the ship's activity choices and of course, the wonderful food on the ships! While cruising, Al does some gambling and Amy loves 3-card poker. Go, Amy!

Amy also loves bowling, shopping, eating out, and word has it, she makes a mean Italian meatball. Al loves hockey and baseball, having played both and then coached young kids in both sports.

In the short time since they've been at Beacon Terrace, the Gullas have become active as volunteers so we should be especially grateful for them. Al is getting involved with the BT Board and Amy is taking on the job of coordinator of the Welcome Committee. Yay, Amy!

It looks like this couple is going to be a real asset to the park as well as being wonderful friends. As I said, I felt like my life just opened up when I met them and if you meet them, I'm betting that they'll make you feel the same.

Welcome, Amy and Al...so glad to have you here!

Inaugural "Arts in the Park" Is a Success



Handmade jewelry, doll clothes, holiday fare, and plants were just some of the arts and crafts for sale at the first "Arts in the Park" held on November 20 in the BT Clubhouse.



Tables of creative wares filled the large gathering room. Most of the vendors were Beacon Terrace crafters.

The success of the event has prompted talk of another "Arts in the Park" to be held in the spring.

A BIG THANK YOU to Bonnie Irwin-Pocock, Donna Cooper and Jenny Barnette & countless others who made the event happen.





December Birthdays



- 3 Ola CurrieCatherine Benoit
- 5 Lorraine Boucher Rex Leavitt
- 7 Mike Dugan
- 8 Jackie Becker
- 12 Joyce Primrose
 Kathy McAnistan
- 13 John Primrose
- 14 Scott Mitchell
- 15 Carolyn Milton
- 16 Rita Gibney
- 17 Janet Egger
 John Humphrey
 Bruce Jantsi (sp)
- 20 Sandy Lander Shirley Mussel
- 21 Norma Lund Bonnie Gainey Margarita Jenkins
- 22 Fran Steward Bertie VonItter
- 23 Maggie Davis
 Anne Poole
- 24 Darlene Alvord
- 26 Robert LaForest Marty Goldberg
- 28 Wendy Mitchell

BEACON TERRACE

Travel Notes

By Bev Furno

2022

- Jan. 8 Don Cook will be in clubhouse for a meeting at 10:30. He will bring our boarding documents and luggage tags for our Jan. 16th cruise. He and I will share lots of good info...including about the rapid antigen test that is required within 48 hours of boarding the ship. If you can't attend, please let me know how you would like to get your documents. If you haven't paid the bus fee by then....do bring it to the meeting.
- Jan. 16 Cruise bus will depart for Port Canaveral at 10:00 am. Should arrive in front of clubhouse by 9:30 Our ship boarding time is 12:30 PM
- Jan. 29/30 Our annual overnight to Ft. Myers and the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater. Shopping at Miramar Outlets on way down, wine/cheese party before the wonderful dinner at the theater. Hot breakfast the next morning, a stop at the Best of Everything and then a stop at the casino in Immokalee Cost is \$237 pp double with a \$60 single supplement and includes all tips. She only takes one check from me so make check out to me by the first week of January please.
- Port Canaveral. Ship will be decorated for Christmas....very festive. Visit Cozumel and Coco Cay the private island. A great beach day and lots of free food, lounges/umbrellas and activities. I understand Don Cook paid for the flyer to be inserted in this newsletter...take a look at it and call me if any questions. Additional flyers hanging on travel board. Friends and family are always welcome to go along. Only \$100/pp deposit required. Add your name to the list on travel board and I will contact you...

Bev Furno #64 cell is 810-919-3292

The Resident Directory - Update December 2021

Changes/corrections are listed below. Be sure to make the applicable changes in the Numerical, Alphabetical, and Email pages in your 2021 directory.

Lot 148	Edward W. Leblanc	860-608-4143 amercialed50@yahoo.com	FT		Add
Lot 46	Brigitte Melhado	310-498-8814 brigitte.melhado@hubinternation	FT nal.ccom		Add
Lot 86	Larry Cook		PT		Add
Lot 14	James Grappin Laurie Grappin	810-441-4279 Tgrappin@outlook.com			Add
Lot 13	Denise Revellino	585-322-4099 denisemarie@kw.com	Rental		Add
Lot 252	Jeff Chine Pam Chine Jeff Pam	330-933-4429 330-495-3399 <u>chine51@gmail.com</u> <u>chinep13@gmail.com</u>		Ohio	Add
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Lot 261	Janet Trask	863-660-1741 cityofswans@yahoo.com	FT		Add
Lot 12	Cathy Nicholson	845-625-9455 bflycan@gmail.com	FT		Add
Lot 251	Sarah Kaplan	904-318-9147 sarahkaplan80@gmail.com	FT	NH	Add
Lot 78	Carl Pro Patsy Pro	412-452-1429 412-398-4181			Add

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

E-mail: <u>landersandy3737@gmail.com</u>

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

BEACON TERRACE ACTIVITIES

Play Shuffleboard

To accommodate more people, we are offering playing times on Mondays at 9:00 AM and Thursdays at 6:30 PM.

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!

Bowling, Anyone?

The long-awaited bowling information is now available. Our winter session runs from January 4th through March 22nd, 2022 at AMF Lanes with the cost of \$11/per bowler.



A sign up will be posted in the clubhouse. I ask that everyone intending to bowl to please sign up. I cannot assume you're bowling because you always have; signing up confirms your commitment to 12 weeks of fun together! December 16 is the deadline for signing up: AMF requests our roster two weeks in advance.

A pre-bowl meeting at the clubhouse is under consideration and will be announced soon. That will be a time for Q&A, for the newbies among us).

If you're not able to sign up by the deadline because you're currently not at BT, please let me know by calling (585) 739-2406, or email me: <u>candiepocock@gmail.com</u> (before the deadline).

Looking to a great season! Candie Pocock

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday 1:00 PM Hand & Foot*

Monday

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

Wednesday

Ladies Golf

Linda Castor, 863-687-6068

6:00 PM Mexican Train

Thursday

Men's Golf

Walt Swink, 412-691-0075

Ladies Luncheon

11:00 AM 2nd Thursdays 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



December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
					1 ^{PM} Bridge	8:00 ^{am} Coffee <u>Carport Sale</u> <u>8-12</u>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
^{1PM} Hand & Foot Cards	9:00 am Shuffleboard BINGO 6PM	HOA Board Meeting	6PM Mexican Train	11 AM Ladies' Holiday Luncheon Clubhouse	1 ^{PM} Bridge	8:00 ^{am} Coffee
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
^{1PM} Hand & Foot Cards	9:00 am Shuffleboard BINGO 6PM	7PM HOAMembers Meeting	GOLF CART PARADE & Pizza	^{1PM} Hand & Foot; Crafts	1 ^{PM} Bridge	8:00 ^{am} Coffee
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
^{1PM} Hand & Foot Cards	9:00am Shuffleboard BINGO 6PM		6PM Mexican Train			MERRY CHRISTMAS
27	28	29	30	31		
	9:00 am Shuffleboard BINGO 6PM			New Year's Eve Party		

WELCOME 2022! May you bring us peace & joy!

~ <u>In Loving</u> <u>Memory</u> ~

We honor Beacon Terrace residents who have died this past year.

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

5-7-21 Rosie 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

8-4-21 Betty Holliday #214

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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

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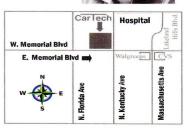
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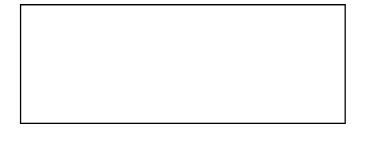
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