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November 15-April 14: 8 am- Noon
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Lots Available for Lease

There are currently no lots available to lease for a RV or Park Model.

The following lots are available for a modular home to be put on them:

5359 Beulah Land

5885 Shiloh Path

Call the Park Office at 863-858-7504 for information.

News from the Park Administrator

As March ends and April begins, the temps are getting hotter and the humidity is getting stickier. We had fog in Light and Life Park when I arrived this morning before sunrise. As announcements go out, events are being described as the last of the season. Members who have homes up north are preparing for the trip. As you get ready to leave, don't forget to stop by the office to say "Goodbye."

We remain very busy in the office. There are requests for lodging for next season being dropped off. New membership applications are arriving daily, it seems. Title work continues for those who have committed to rebuilding damaged units.

I am looking forward to the summer. This is when I get a chance to catch up from the previous season and then prepare for the next. I have more catching up to do this year than in years past.

Make sure you contact the post office two weeks prior to leaving to have your mail forwarded.

Now for the instructions I don't want to write, and you don't want to read. However, we must be prepared for the next hurricane season.

As you prepare to head home for the summer season, make sure you have moved everything from your open car port, porch or patio and place it inside. Do not leave anything outside that could be picked up by wind or water. If you leave something outside like a chair, couch, table, lawn ornaments, planters or other items, they may be moved to a dumpster. The park employees will not put your items inside your home. That is not our responsibility. It is your responsibility to do it before you leave. If you have a travel trailer that is not tied down, make sure it is ready to be moved. If you have replaced the doors to your home and the locks have been changed, please make sure the office gets a new key. Do not leave your personal property (golf carts, cars, building materials, furniture, etc.) on other people's lot unless you have expressed permission from the lot owner. Do not leave anything on an open lot unless you have permission from the park office.

Most importantly, have a safe and healthy summer. Those of us who are here year-round will do our best to make sure the park will be here when you get back. We will also enjoy the peace and solitude of the park during the slow summer months.

Greg

News from the Board of Directors

I have had several ask me why I would want to, first, run for the board and secondly, accept the nomination for president. My answer—I truly felt the Lord calling me to do this and I am trusting in Ps 32:8 *I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.* I, and all the board members, covet your prayers and support through the next year.

This season has been so very different than any other we have experienced. The loss and grief touched us all as well as the heartfelt thankfulness for *all* the Lord has supplied through donations and volunteers who gave freely of their time and talents to help us as we rebuilt, not only our homes, but our spirits and lives.

We still have much to accomplish and we will be able to do so as we continue to lean on our Lord and endeavor to trust Him and follow His leading. Gal 6:9-10 says: *And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.*

Spring brings new growth and as we approach Resurrection Sunday let us remember the “new life” we have been given through Jesus and the price He paid for our Salvation and Everlasting Life.

May the Lord protect and bless you whether you are headed home or staying here this summer and we will look forward to our time together next season.

Becky Smith
Board President

ENJOY YOUR
Summer



Here is the roster of Light and Life Park board members as of the March 10, 2025 members meeting:

Becky Smith, President
Larry Putnam, Vice President
Dave Moffitt, Treasurer
Ken Kendall, Secretary
Ron Foster, Jim Falconer, Jim Thomas
Larry Osborne, Roxanne Smarszcz



L& L Aqua Splash Water Aerobics

Experience fun in the sun with a low-impact workout in the water to enhance health & well-being. Routines are choreographed to music and designed to promote improved muscle strength, endurance, flexibility & core balance without the stress of land exercise.

No previous experience required!

Splash times are generally offered twice a week during snowbird season and free of charge. Updates are posted on L&L Facebook and Neighborhood News! See you poolside!

Coordinator:
Karen Castle-Williams
ASFA Water Aerobics Instructor

Metal Cans

There are containers over in the enclosed space by the Garbage containers for recycling your metal cans and are picked up by Errol.

Pop/Soda cans are to be placed in the bins designated for aluminum cans and are to be separated from other metal cans.

Errol uses the proceeds from the metal to support his son who is a Pastor of a very small church.

Thank you for your support.

Medical Equipment Available

Maxwell Commons at The Villa has some medical equipment available that can be borrowed by any Park resident.

Call someone you know in the Villa to help you.

Please sign out the equipment you are borrowing. There are wheelchairs, walkers, rollators, portable pots, and shower seats. Please notify a Villa member when you are returning an item, so we know it has been returned. Please **don't** leave it on the porch. We are **not** presently accepting any equipment donations due to lack of storage space.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER & PROGRAM

Thank You to everyone who helped plan, set-up/clean-up, attend, prepare food for, participate in, and promote our March dinner and Variety Show. It was indeed a packed house and we were so pleased you enjoyed it. A few who were asked to be in the program weren't able to due to conflicts, illness or otherwise, giving us a head start for future programs.

April 7 will be the last event for this fall-spring season. The dinner will be at 5:30. Bring a dish that serves 8-10 to share at your table and your place setting. As usual our program will start at 6:15. Begin now to invite others to attend this evening of fellowship, food, and fun. Donations are accepted towards expenses. We hope to see you there!

Marilyn Stone, chairman
Fellowship Dinner Committee

Stamps for Missions

PLEASE continue to SAVE and carefully trim postage STAMPS, including printed ones, and postcards with stamps attached which benefit an organization that uses the proceeds of selling these to produce Sunday School literature in Spanish.

A very special Thank You goes to Lynnette Robar and her mother Shirley Holt who cut hundreds of these stamps for me this winter while I was snowballed (well at least the northerners should understand that term☺) with rebuilding our house and Gordon's health issues since October. Blessings to them and ALL of you who take time to contribute towards this worthy cause.

Take them to the box on the west side of Hood Hall THIS month or save them until fall.



Heavy Equipment Fund

The park purchased a brand new Bobcat T-450. We were able to finance the Bobcat at an excellent 0% rate. We also purchased a new bucket grapppler attachment to use with this Bobcat.

We are starting a "heavy equipment" fundraiser to pay down the loan. If you want to donate to this fund, we will accept your donation at the office. Please put "heavy equipment" on your check. This Bobcat is an answer to prayer. It will be extremely useful in the park.



BUCKET LISTERS

The Bucket Listers would like to thank you for your participation and financial support this winter at Tuesday Night At The Movies, Tuesday Night Trivia, at the Pulled Pork Dinner, Banana Split Nights, Tell You Story, the Hot Dog Roast, and cinnamon rolls baking on election day.

Your donations at these events covered the cost of the event and allowed us to contribute to our park in meaningful ways. Thank you for this.

Since January the Bucket Listers were able to refurbish three guest cabins that had been flooded by Hurricane Milton. We were also able to donate to the heavy equipment fund, add to the missions fund at the church, contribute to the table and chair fund at Hood Hall, pay for a deep cleaning of the pool floor and raise money for equipment replacement at Martha's Place!

The Bucket Listers mission is to provide activities that residents will enjoy and in turn give back to the park to make it an amazing place to live.



Did you see the solar light along the sidewalk that connects Ebenezer with the library, church and pool?

Again, thank you for your participation and support!



Four couples celebrated 50 years of marriage at our Golden Anniversary Celebration this year.

Those honored were Mike and Roxanne Smarszcz, Myke and Pam Merrill, and Don and Nancy Duman. Chuck and Annie Frankenfeld are serving in ministry at a Free Methodist Church in Mississippi, so were unable to be with us in person. They joined the celebration via Facetime.



Due to the hurricane damage that affected Hood Hall, the celebration was held at the Light and Life church.

Newsletter Deadline

Please be sure that your submissions to **The Life and Times** are sent to the newsletter editor, Carolyn Lindley by the **20th** of the month prior to publication.

Email is the preferred method.

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The May deadline is April 20th unless the activity is in the latter half of the month. Then check with me to see if you can still make it in.

Carolyn Lindley, Editor