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Lots Available for Lease

The following lots are set up for an RV or Park Model and available for lease:

5321 Hebron Court
5325 Ebenezer Place

This lot is also available for rent if no lease has been arranged.

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

Gloria and I returned Sunday night (August 1) from our exploratory PR trip to Pleasantville Camp in PA. It was a long trip! We drove the first leg in 24 hours with just a couple of short nap-stops. Gloria assured me that we are not driving there again without stopping overnight along the way. On the way back, we spent the night in North Carolina.

While at camp, I was able to talk about Light and Life Park to several people and Gloria made a presentation during a service. Some have expressed an interest in wintering here—unfortunately, there is little availability during that time. I suggested that they come outside of peak season to check out the Park. I also spoke to some people about the possibility of coming to visit Florida between April and November and plan to rent RV space or guest rooms while here. At first, they expressed what I have heard from many people, “Who would visit Florida in the summer?” When I pointed out that Disney World has no trouble getting visitors even in the summer, they had an “ah-ha” moment. It’s like it never occurred to them to visit Florida then.

Upon reflection, I realize I need to find a novel way to encourage our friends to spend their nights here while visiting Florida as a tourist in the off season. If I am going to get people to rent places here in the summer, I have my work cut out for me.

Don't forget that it is still hurricane season. Even though we have not had much tropical storm activity the past couple of weeks, continue to be ready for the next approaching storm.

Here are some important reminders:

- Be sure you have adequate drinking water: one gallon per person per day for seven days
- In preparation for an approaching storm, fill your bathtub and sinks with bathing water
- Sign up for text messaging! This is the primary way that I communicate emergency information. If you cannot receive texts, contact the office so we can add you to the phone call list.

It is so good to be back home in sunny Florida!

Stan Welton

Office Manger

As you may or may not know, we have been on vacation since mid-July. This means I can't give you a very exciting report this month because I was away half of July.

I can tell you that we have enjoyed relaxing and sleeping later than usual. We have spent time with friends from Light and Life Park on a Michigan lake and enjoyed every minute. We have spent time with family and even working hard at my daughter's house remodeling a bathroom. We finished up the month in Lapeer, MI with family there.

I do want to mention congratulations to Don and Athena Brugger, who had many family members here to celebrated their upcoming 75th anniversary. What a special event.

We have had quite a few Guest room and Cabin renters as a result of the Brugger family and others who have had visitors. This has kept Phil Allen quite busy and has giving him a chance to really get the rhythm of turning rooms around.

Our newest members of the Park are being welcomed back. Mike and Lisa Brown were leasees of a lot on Ebenezer for awhile but gave it up and rented last year. They are returning this fall as owners of 5870 Mizpah Court. They have purchased the former home of Ed and Brenda Stockwell. Welcome back Mike and Lisa.

Also, Harry Bowers, who recently settled on 5325 Ebenezer Place, found it easier to move into one already set up. He has moved to 5337 Ebenezer Place where Doug and Lori Jones used to be.

Things are always on the move in the Park, even when it is summer. We anticipate a closing soon on the Hayner property located at the corner of Shiloh and Bethel. I will share that information next month as that has transpired while I was on vacation.

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I want to thank Kathy Smith for all of her hard work, not only all the time, but especially while I have been on vacation. She held down the fort and took care of people's needs. She handled situations, quite smoothly and professionally, that normally would have been handled by Stan or myself. We are fortunate to have her working in the office.

I am sorry the newsletter is delayed this month but vacation is about over so things will go back to normal, whatever that is, next month.

Praying for God's blessing on all of you.

Blessings,
Sherry La Brie

Summer Dinners

The Summer Dinner for August will be held on Monday, August 9th at 5:30 pm in Hood Hall. Sign up in Hood Hall by Friday, August 7th. We will have Lasagna, salad, garlic toast and cream cheese pies with cherries or blueberries on top.

We look forward to this time of dining and fellowship.

The September dinner will be Labor Day, September 5 at 5:30 pm.

A note about pop/soda cans:

Thank you for saving your aluminum cans which are taken by us to a recycling center in east Lakeland. The money received will be used to buy benches for the Park.

Please help us by NOT including regular cans from food used. These are picked up by someone else and need to be kept separate.

Use the two containers at the beginning of the row of containers for the aluminum cans.
Thanks for your help.

Wes Crist

News from the Board of Directors

I have been so impressed that Sherry got the Guest Rooms, and R/V spots reserved for next season. Because rentals of the cabins have slackened over the years, we have been considering removing some and adding more R/V sites. This could bring in an increase in income. We are always on the alert to increase our income because it lessens the amount of annual increase in our dues.

I remain so thankful for this Board and our Staff. The respect they have for each other and the cooperation is so helpful in providing the Christian Park you expect and desire. For example, consider how much more consistently the swimming pool was pleasantly warm this last season. Stan listened to the Board's request (for the last several years) to add a booster pump to circulate water through the solar collectors. With Stan's arrival, we ordered one, people worked to install it and now it adds warmth in the winter, and saves us money. I believe Stan also stepped up to add a new heat pump. Taking action has helped all of us.

This Park with our Staff and many generous volunteers certainly take a lot of action. Tasks that would be too large, and would require contractors, have been able to be accomplished with all of us working together. I fully expect things will get done this summer/fall and even more next season. My heartfelt thanks to all of you.

John Fallot

**CPC Golf News
2022 golf tournaments**

Two-man scramble Tournament
Jan 14th, 2022

Club Championship Tournament
Feb 4th, 2022

Four-person, Ladies Scramble
Feb 25, 2022

Two-man Blind draw tournament
March 11, 2022

Co-ed Three Club tournament
April 1, 2022

Beautification Parade 2022

The Beautification Committee has selected **"TV Shows from the 60's and 70's"** as the theme for next year's parade. Can't wait to see all the fun entries from our creative neighbors.

We had about 19 entries this year, let's top that number next year. How creative can you be????

Sincerely,
Flo Grabowski
Beautification Committee, President
931-797-2639



Pop Tabs

A special THANK YOU goes to Carl Otto and Mary Lu Cannon who glean them year-round. Containers are in Hood Hall and the Laundromat. They are used for Breana Coleman's treatment for Brittle Bones at Shriner's Hospital for Children in Tampa. Remember tin tabs will not work. Some soup cans are aluminum. Also, special thanks go to the snowbirds who bring tabs south with them.

Colleen Sellers

A new, exciting event is coming to Light and Life Park next February 18th. Mark your calendar!

The Men's Field Day event will be returning with an added twist – WOMEN! Women will be invited to participate in the field day events along with the men.

The event will now be called "Park Wide Field Day" with morning golf events on the CPC course, games in the afternoon, ending with an evening program presented by a chalk artist, desserts and fellowship.

Talbot House Ministry

Several people have inquired about the ongoing deliveries of prescription bottles, unused medicines, good clean clothing that you no longer use and small household items. Please continue to save these helpful items for the homeless shelter and the Good Samaritan Clinic. On **Tuesdays**, please deliver them to the Whipple's porch at 5866 Deeson Road for a Wednesday delivery.

Jean will take your items on Wednesdays. PLEASE leave things in Jean's screened porch on Tuesdays just inside the door. Thank you.

Should you wish to send financial assistance to this work, the address: 814 North Kentucky Avenue, Lakeland.

Newsletter Deadline

Please be sure that your submissions to *The Life and Times* are delivered to the newsletter editor, Sherry La Brie, by the 15th of the month prior to publication.

Please use this email: sherry.loflin69@yahoo.com. You may also drop your submissions off at the Park Office or to **5425 Zion Avenue**, where there is a mailbox for your articles. The **September** deadline is **August 15**.

Where to Donate your Goods

The donations given at the Park to help others are appreciated. We want to remind you where to take your donations.

Food donations for Briarwood may be left on the designated table in Hood Hall.

We will not be accepting "linens" for Senior Orphans until later in 2021.

Jean Whipple takes several items to Talbot House weekly. See that article in this newsletter for details.

Tim Price will also accept household items to give to people off the grounds who in turn have lawn sales to help those in need. Contact Tim for that.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Bucket Listers



The Bucket Listers are summering in their other homes and working on their personal bucket lists but will be looking forward to accomplishing more projects to make the Park even better for all of the residents. They want your suggestions.

As of now, the future plans include: Earl Galloway returning to Light and Life Park in 2022 to once again bless us with his music ministry. Date of concert to be determined.

Other events and plans will be discussed for next season. This group wants to do things for the Park that make it better for all. Your suggestions help them work on the right priorities.

Have a great summer!



Stamps for Missions

All donated stamps are sent to Alliance Stamp Ministry in Fort Myers where they are sold to dealers. The money is sent to a publisher in Buenos Aires, Argentina where they publish Sunday school material in Spanish that are sold to at least eight Latin American Countries as well as Spain and the US. They are used by over 40 Protestant Denominations. Because of postage expense we are partnering with the American Baptist Church through Joyce Steabman.

Try to leave at least 1/4 inch or more around each stamp or strip of stamps.

They now collect picture post cards both unused and used. If used, please leave the stamps on the cards. Thank you.

The container is in **Hood Hall** for your convenience.

Thank you



Gadabout News

Ladies Day Out plans are being made for the 2022 season. This is a chance for all our ladies to take a short trip together. We usually carpool and/or invite others to ride with us. It's a very good way to get to know the other ladies in the Park. Hopefully, by next January, the Lord will bless us with more time to be together.

If you are new to the Park, or a visitor, please know these trips are for you, too. We publish our trips on Neighborhood News, then give all the times and details. We hang a copy of the details in Hood Hall on the Bulletin boards inside and outside. We put a copy in the Laundry and Library!

These are the plans we have come up with for next year, but Verneta & I would like to hear from you.

What type of trips do you like? Do you like the Flea Markets, Fine dining, adventure trips, or shopping? Do you know of a place you would like us to plan to go?

On the schedule now are:

Friday, Jan 14 - Auburndale Flea Market and lunch at Peebles BBQ.

Thursday, Jan 27 - Dining at Ybor City and touring Tampa on the Trolley

Thursday, Feb 10 - Wild dolphin Cruise - 90 minutes out of Tampa or Clearwater

Saturday, Feb 26 - Downtown Lakeland Farmers/Flea Market and lunch downtown.

Thursday, Mar 10 or the Senior Day at Strawberry Festival, Plant City

Thursday, Mar 25 - Lunch at Polly's Pantry and Gift Shop, Wildwood and Russell Stover Candy Outlet

You can call us with questions or ideas - Peggy Dunn 248-766-5537, Verneta Dunn 810-441-9408. Or e-mail me at pegjim2000@yahoo.com

Thank you - Peggy Dunn

Purchasing Benches

If anyone is interested in purchasing a park bench for your home at Light and Life Park or for the Park, please contact Ed Hamilton at 765-714-1228. The price is \$275.00 each and you can pick out any color the company makes.

Bowling

Bowling leagues are done for the season, however Tuesday at 12:45 there will still be bowlers keeping their game up at the Orange Bowl. If you would like to bowl, just show up. If you have any questions contact: Barb Hartson at: bfhartson@gmail.com

50th Celebration

Our 50th Anniversary Open House is on the lookout for additional couples married in 1972 who will be celebrating 50 years, to join:

- Byron & Debra Davey, anniversary - June 10, 1972
- Dan & Jackie Northup, anniversary - June 24, 1972
- Larry & Barb Putman, anniversary - June 24, 1972

If you are interested, please let me know via email bks4545@gmail.com, call or text 734-646-8080

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.

Fund Raising Opportunities

If your Park organization has an approved project that you need to raise funds to complete, this next season may be a good time to do it. The Woodshop crew will not be holding so many fundraisers and may even be willing to help you with raising funds for your project. Think about this being your year to work to raise your funds. Talk to Jim Falconer when you get back next season for specifics on what the Woodshop crew can do to give you guidance and help.

Library Information



Did you know: Les and Colleen Sellers have left the Park to travel several places and visit family members. We don't have any good information from Les this month.

Book Reviews from Gloria Welton:

Things We Didn't Say

By Amy Lynn Green

Johanna Berglund, a linguistics student at the University of Minnesota, has very definite plans for her future. Plans that do not include returning to her hometown and the secrets and heartaches she left behind there. But the US Army wants her to work as a translator at a nearby camp for German POWs.

Johanna arrives to find the once-sleepy town exploding with hostility. Most patriotic citizens want nothing to do with German soldiers laboring in their fields, and they're not afraid to criticize those who work at the camp as well. When Johanna describes the trouble to her friend Peter Ito, a language instructor at a school for military intelligence officers, he encourages her to give the town that rejected her a second chance.

As Johanna interacts with the men of the camp and censors their letters home, she begins to see the prisoners in a more sympathetic light. But advocating for better treatment makes her enemies in the community, especially when charismatic German spokesman Stefan Werner begins to show interest in Johanna and her work. The longer Johanna wages her home-front battle, the more the lines between compassion and treason become blurred--and it's no longer clear whom she can trust.

"With impeccable research, Amy Lynn Green casts a light on the POW camps in America during World War II.", Sarah Sundin, a well-known author. Reading the reviews of ***Things We Didn't Say*** made me want to drop everything and read. The author's high-quality research makes it far more realistic! It puts a quite different light on POWs and the treatment they received, yes, right here in America, This World War II era is what we need to understand about what happened to others. You can find this with the New Books or on the counter.

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The Butterfly Farm

By Diane Noble

Newly widowed Harriet MacIver has just taken on her first travel writing assignment--rating an adventure cruise in the Caribbean. Add a gaggle of college students on a mini semester-at-sea voyage, a rusting hulk of a ship that misses more ports than it makes, and two deaths by poisonous butterfly, and Harriet is off and running on a hair-raising adventure. And that's before two coeds, Kate and Carly, go missing -- Carly being her boss's daughter.

Pulled into a dangerous web of bioethical intrigue, Harriet races against time. If the killer isn't stopped, Kate and Carly will die--and that may only be the beginning of his plans for destruction.

With scant clues and fewer resources, Harriet must track down the college girls--and outmaneuver a murderer who is only part of an elaborate plot of medical madness. Travel writing certainly isn't what Harriet thought it would be.

Spiked with suspense and bioethical intrigue, *The Butterfly Farm* invites you to solve a Caribbean puzzle with travel's most delightful woman of mystery.

Newly widowed travel writer Harriet McIver sets sail on a cruise to Costa Rica on a ship that isn't exactly up to shape. As an aside, her boss asks her to keep an eye on his niece who is also traveling as part of a student contingency. One of the stops has a spa famous for its beautiful butterfly farm. It is here that her boss's niece disappears and it is up to Harriet to find her.

Angela Hunt, a Christian Fiction author states, "Diane Noble has created an intriguing mystery and delightful heroine in *The Butterfly Farm*. Harriet is wise, intelligent, and compassionate, solving the crime with a spunky determination. A terrific and versatile writer, Ms. Noble had me alternately laughing, holding my breath and cheering as Harriet followed God's leading when almost everyone else thought she was a bit loony.

Happy Reading!



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Briarwood Ministries

First a huge thank you to those of you who started the ministry in Briarwood years ago! Some of the longer tenants have asked about you!

To date we have delivered over 4600 meals this year to 40 families in Briarwood with our weekly Monday deliveries. That is more than we delivered all last year - Thank You!

The ministry has expanded to help with essentials that most of us take for granted. This month alone we delivered, or had delivered, two air conditioners, a microwave, a sleeper sofa and three washer/dryer sets.

We are actively seeking a place/shed to store larger donations, such as furniture and appliances, so when the need arises, we can respond more quickly. Many of you have offered larger things but we haven't had the truck or the storage for them, so if you know of any help in these areas ...

We are also looking for a place to hold Children's Church offsite of the Park. The kids ask us frequently about when we'll be having Sunday School again! (Warms and breaks my heart at the same time)

It's time for school to begin again. Our Bookbag Outreach is taking place this week. Contributions for this outreach can be made to the church.

We have a new outreach to help another local Church's children's ministry on Friday. We have given our puppet ministry to another church.

A Note from Pastor Chuck...

While the Park is fairly quiet this summer, I have noticed many from the Church catching up on missed vacations. There are, of course, a good number of family also visiting during our warm season. We, thus, are keeping a good balance between those who are traveling and those who are visiting.

This is a good place to report that Don and Athena Brugger had around 40 relatives in to celebrate their 75th anniversary. Congratulations to Don and Athena!

As mentioned in the first paragraph, many are travelling. That includes me this month so the article is on vacation until next month.

May God bless all of you with rest and renewal during the summer months.

In Christ,
Pastor Chuck



Food for this outreach can be delivered to Hood Hall and monetary donations through the church. Although those two things are important, your prayers go farther than either, and I'm sure have a lot to do with the expansion of this ministry.

Much Love and Many Blessings

In His Grip,
Randy & Karen Williams

