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Lots Available for Lease

The following lot is set up for an RV or Park Model and available for lease:

5321 Hebron Court

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

When Gloria and I left for Hawaii at the end of May, the pond was lower than long-term residents remember. But, while in Hawaii, I did not think about the pond. Instead, we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Our son, Frank, was on leave the entire time and was able to be our chauffeur and tour guide. He took us somewhere nearly every day. We also spent the time with our grandchildren whom we had not seen in two years. They grew so much in that time. I found the time away particularly refreshing but was glad to return to the Park. When we returned, I expected to see the pond start to fill up. I was wrong. The pond was as low as when we left.

Wow! Improvements keep happening! Over the last few weeks, the cement curbing around the pool has been completed. My office got a makeover. It has been painted; the sink and cabinets have been removed; new valances were installed; and a theme-coordinated picture has been hung. What a great, fresh look. And even more improvements are planned. The maintenance staff continues to work on drainage improvements. A ditch was dug from Bethany Way to the Jordan with plans to put in a culvert. Once completed, mowing will be easier, and water flow improved.

Please welcome Phil Allen to the staff at the Park. He will be part of the cleaning staff. During the summer he will be focusing on cleaning rooms and cabins in preparation for renters and the public restrooms throughout the Park.

Later this month (July), I will be at Family Camp in Pleasantville, PA. One of my goals while there is to promote the summer advantages of Light and Life Park. In preparation, I want to make promotional video; but I need your help. I do not have any video of Park activities. Please send or upload any videos you have that depicts activity in the Park. Watch your email for an upload link. Specifically, I am looking for activities like parades, golf tournaments, women's golf tournament, men's field day, shuffleboard, miniature golf, swimming, pickleball, etc. I have some pictures, but action is much better than still shots. I will accept photographs, but make sure they tell the action story.

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Our baby goat is growing up! Mike and Cindy have been raising him, and now he spends most of his time in the fenced in garden area at Mike's. When he is introduced to the Park and the other goats, I will let you know.

Hurricane season is here! The NWS projects another very active season. Already, there have been three named systems; so, it is time to get ready. Recently, we held the hurricane preparedness meeting, and the attendees were instructed what to do to get ready. To learn what you need to do and for resources to help you plan, visit <https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>. If you cannot access the site, contact the office for printed materials.

Here are a couple of important reminders:

- Make sure all outside items are secured; this includes bicycles, planters, yard decorations and golf carts; if you need help, ask. If you gone to your other home for the summer but left items outside, please arrange for someone to secure those items. Think, "Did I leave chairs out on the porch?" or "Did I leave flowerpots outside?" or "Did I not park my golf cart in a safe place?" Every unsecured item is a potential missile when hurtled by hurricane-force winds.
- Store drinking water: one gallon per person per day for seven days
- Store bathing water: fill your bathtub and sinks with water ahead of a hurricane event
- If you have not signed up for text messaging, please do so. This is the primary way that I will communicate emergency information. If you cannot receive texts, contact the office so we can add you to the phone call list.

The rains have finally started. The day we returned from Hawaii, a significant amount of rain fell. Last night we received a reported 3" of rain. Now the pond will start filling up! Now that the rains have started, I will declare summer is officially here. Have a great summer—wherever you are. May each of you grow closer to the Lord this summer.

Stan Welton

Office Manger

July has arrived and the warmth and rains have become a part of our daily lives. That means much grass mowing and trimming of yards and pulling weeds. The pool has different busy times than during the winter months, but still sees plenty of activity.

The summer months bring visitors who are on vacation and even some of our year-round residents take their vacations away from the Park. Many take short trips and others take long ones. Others just stay at home and enjoy the peaceful, slower paced life.

We take turns on staff taking our vacations. Some even fly as far away as Hawaii. Others have family come and visit. Still others find places to go as far away as Michigan or New York.

In the office, we still pursue answers to questions with the County that we don't have time to investigate during the winter months. Hopefully, we will have some good answers to questions by the time we start the next season.

We have completed setting up all the reservations for the Cabins, Guest Rooms and RVs for the 2021-2022 season. It looks like the RVs and Guest Rooms will be full, but there is still some room for cabin rental.

As I walk through the Park in the early mornings, I see summer residents parked int their neighbor's driveways. I hope you have cleared it with your neighbors who are not here.

We don't want them to come back and be surprised to find someone's car in their driveway. Sometimes they make surprise visits in summer so don't assume you have plenty of time.

Also, if you are a year-round guest who has visitors with small children, please be sure they are watched by someone at all times. I understand some visiting children did some harm in the library to the puppet stage.

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That is for the church ministry for children, not for the use of visitors. Also, there were concerns expressed because children who were not licensed to drive were allowed to drive a golf cart in a way that seemed unsafe. They did have the required adult on the cart, but some wisdom seemed to be lacking.

It is hard to believe that in 3 short months we will begin to see some winter residents returning. The summer is certainly flying by. I hope you are enjoying your families, the summer weather you all tell me is wonderful and all the things you return to your other homes to do.

We are watching your places, working on projects that our small staff can do during summer and mowing grass. Did I mention, mowing grass?

We are blessed to be worshiping inside the church and serving outside the church. We look forward to next season with hopefulness that is will be more like the "normal" but adjusted because of last year's abnormal. If we can remember that we can worship and be active together no matter what when Christ is in control, then we can realize that not everything has to be exactly the same to be blessed.

Praying for God's blessing on all of you.

Blessings,
Sherry La Brie

ANNUAL NOTICE

Annual water quality report (CCR) can be found here:

<http://www.lightandlifepark.org/Drinking Water Report/CCR for 2020.pdf>



News from the Board of Directors

This month I'll try to convey something more difficult. Our Board, and Stan and Sherry, work to develop rules to guide our Park. We put a lot of thought into any rules - even if it doesn't always look like it. The major goal of your Board is to represent you. We try to pursue what is best for the majority. Naturally, you, individually, seek what you desire. Sometimes these are in conflict.

Fortunately, conflict is somewhat rare. We seek to respond with compassion, so there are sometimes special exemptions allowed to our rules. This is perhaps one of the most challenging things we work on. It is difficult to sense God's desire, but we pray and seek to do his will. Usually, things seem to work fairly well.

One of our real challenges is determining what we should do if someone indicates that they understand a rule, and our ruling, but say, or go, against it. Then what? None of us want to be the enforcers. I hope you understand that what I am trying to communicate is that in very rare situations, we have Christian members who tell us they are not going to accept or follow what we request.

A challenge to a Board ruling, makes it difficult for us to provide the Administrator the support he needs and to assure that we are being fair to all. Perhaps you find you are in a conflict with a rule, and you aren't sure what else to do. In that case, in that case, request another discussion with the Administrator/Board. My thanks to the vast majority of you who help us.

This is my letter, by that I mean that the rest of your Board and Stan and Sherry have not reviewed it, and may not feel quite the same, or they may have chosen not to address this subject in this newsletter, or would have expressed it differently.

John Fallot

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.

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

Bucket Listers



The Bucket Listers have gone home to their personal bucket lists but will be looking forward to accomplishing more projects to make the Park even better for all of the residents.

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!

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 Shriners'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

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.

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



Gadabout News

The current plans for the 2022 season are listed below. These are the trips are flexible because Verneta and Peggy would like to hear from you as to what type of trips you like!

Do you like fine dining, Flea Markets, Festivals, Shopping trips, or Adventures to new places? Think it over and let us know. Is there a better day of the week that works for more ladies than Thursday?

Thursday, Jan 13, Auburndale Flea Market and Peebles BBQ for lunch

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

Thursday, February 10, Wild Dolphin Cruise, 90 minutes out of Tampa or Clearwater

Saturday, February 26, Downtown Lakeland Farmers/Flea Market and lunch downtown

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

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

You can call Peggy Dunn at 248-766-5537 or Verneta Dunn at 810-441-9408 with your ideas or e-mail Peggy at: pegjim2000@yahoo.com

Thank you,
Peggy Dunn

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.

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.

Summer Dinners

The Summer Dinner for July will be held on Monday, July 5th at 5:30 pm in Hood Hall. Sign up in Hood Hall by Friday, July 2. We will have our traditional July 4th meal a day late. Come join us for Hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, beans, coleslaw, etc. Of course, there will be homemade ice cream and Chocolate sheet cake.

We look forward to this time of dining and fellowship.

The August dinner will be August 10 at 5:30 pm.

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.

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 news-letter 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.

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

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

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.

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.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LIBRARY2GO SCHEDULE



Library2Go has suspended their stops here in our Park until further notice. If you have books that need to be returned, bring them to the Park Office. They will send someone to pick them up here when service resumes.

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 mail box for your articles. The **August** deadline is **July15**.



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:

God Never Wastes a Hurt

by Jim Reeve

God Never Wastes a Hurt is filled with true stories of how different people respond to life's surprises. Through this book one can find healing, courage, and ways to handle all of life's stresses.

We all know of people who have hurt others and maybe yourself. This book has the power to have you step back and remember God's purpose in helping through those crises. No matter what you go through He is right beside us, comforting, guiding, showing how to forgive.

When you think all is lost in a deep valley through tragedy, this book by Jim Reeve brings refreshing relief and strategies to get you through the tough times.

This can be found in the 200's the religious section in 241 in the main library room.

many others pertaining to end times prophecies. other This book by Mr. Finley should be read by every Christian and Bible teacher, especially those who are followers of the pre-tribulation rapture.

The Librarian of Boone's Hollow

Kim Vogel Sawyer

The Librarian of Boone's Hollow takes place in the Appalachia mountains of rural Kentucky during The Great Depression (1930s). Roosevelt set up a program called the WPA (The Works Progress Administration) Program sent librarians on horseback to deliver books to hill families in Kentucky. It was not an easy job! A traveling librarian ventures into the mining towns of Kentucky on horseback—and learns to trust the One who truly pens her story.

Addie Cowherd was in college to become a writer almost completing her course of study. She wanted to offer others a chance to escape from troubles through

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the pages of a book as she did. When her father loses his job, she is forced to take the only employment she can find—delivering books on horseback to poor coal-mining families in the hills of Kentucky.

Emmett Tharp grew up in the tiny mountain hamlet where most men either work in the coal mine or run moonshine. He's the first in the community to earn a college degree, and he has big dreams, but witnesses the Depression robbing many young men of their future.

The small community of Boone's Hollow is suspicious of outsiders and steeped in superstitions that leave Addie feeling rejected and indignant. Although she finds an unexpected friend in an elderly outcast, the other horseback librarians scorn her determination to befriend Nanny Fay whom they have called a witch.

Then someone sets out to sabotage the library program, going so far as to destroy Addie's novel in progress. Will the saboteur chase Addie and the other librarians away, or will knowledge emerge victorious over prejudice? Is Emmett the local ally that Addie needs--and might their friendship lead to something more?

Kim Vogel Sawyer has written an amazing book with characters that portray life during the Great Depression. This book is worth reading. You can find it in the New Book Section of the Library.



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.

The only sad report I have to share is the family of 7 with the five kids were evicted and their home condemned because I couldn't find available help for them. They were sad to leave but appreciated all the help we gave them in the short time they were there. Please pray they find a place to stay that will provide a healthy environment for those kids.

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)

A Note from Pastor Chuck...

The middle of June has brought us some much-needed rain. July promises a bit of heat with a dash of moisture.

When reading the scripture, "Come to me all you who are thirsty, come to the water...", my thoughts have been "come and get your thirst quenched." When my thirst is quenched, then what? I am full of water and need no more. Do I keep drinking because I **was** thirsty and no longer thirsty? Let me posit the thought that once filled that if I am not active and the water remains unused, it grows stale. If I am active and use the water then I actually remain in a state of needing a continual re-filling to quench the thirst.

Human beings filled with God's living Spirit need to continually be refreshed, refilled or grow stale. Myself, I leak and have found that I need to be in constant contact with the living, loving creator of the universe to be refilled with His Spirit. The leaking and refilling means freshness to share with others which, ironically perhaps, results in the refilling. You have heard the phrase, "use it or lose it." Use the thirst that God has given to you that draws you to Himself that you might be constantly filled and renewed with His Spirit.

Come to the well of life and drink deeply.

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