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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

The other day, I was driving through the Park, and it occurred to me that I had not seen anyone—no one! “Where is everyone,” I mused? Oh, that’s right, summer is nearly here, and most everyone has returned to their other homes. So, while you are enjoying your less humid climates elsewhere, we will be caring for the Park.

Even more projects have either been completed or are well on the way to completion. Again, my thanks go out to the volunteers who have aided the Park with their talent and the maintenance staff for their direction and assistance. Be sure you thank them, too.

- Cement curbing around the pool from the lanai to the pool control area has been completed; the next phase will be completed later.
- The drainage culvert on Zion has been extended, and the ditch leading to the creek is being optimized for water flow.
- New doors have been installed on the guest rooms that face Hood Hall.
- A new door with a window was installed at my office; it is so much brighter in the office now, and I can see people approaching from Hood Hall

The Park’s digital directory is steadily growing. It is now up to 157 families, and more are being added almost daily. Recently, we used the text messaging capabilities of the directory to issue a boil water alert when we experienced a significant water leak. I encourage everyone who receives text messages to sign up for the directory so that you can receive urgent messages also. There are other neat benefits as well: you can call, text, or email participants right from the app, and you are able to look up a member’s address so you can find them in the Park.

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The Spectrum account in Hood Hall has been discontinued. As a result, the Wi-Fi you had been using there, "Hood Hall", is no longer available. Instead, to use Wi-Fi there, look for and log into **Light & Life Guest Network**. The password is posted on the bulletin boards at Hood Hall.

Since the Hebron drain project has been completed, we are now able to finish the paving project started two years ago. The repaving is scheduled for late July and includes Joppa Street, Hebron Court and parts of Shiloh Path and Jordan Boulevard. In addition to the paving, the contractor will be milling Hebron Court before paving to ensure that a ground water dam is not created. We have also asked them to increase the turning radius at the west end of Bethany Way (where it intersects with Zion Avenue). This will make it easier for RVs and large truck to make that turn. To accomplish this, the streetlight and road sign were moved to the north side of the road, and the stormwater drain was extended.

Our surviving goat is getting bigger every week. Gloria and I have had the privilege of goat-sitting a couple of times now. When he visits, he reminds me that he is still quite young. In his mind, when he visits, I am "momma." If he cannot see me, he bleats incredibly loudly! One time when I was around a corner that he had not figured out, it was almost a scream. As soon as I make myself visible, he quiets down. It is quite endearing. You will be able to visit him at the goat pen in a few months.

As mentioned in earlier communications, there was a new rule approved that requires long-term guests and caregivers to be approved for long-term residency. The office will be initiating the process with all long-term guests and caregivers soon even if they have been approved previously.

One of the things I love about the Park, as I have said before, is the chance to watch wildlife! This past week we were treated to a new resident in the Park. A sandhill crane baby hatched. As Gloria and I watch them, I will take pictures from time to time and post them on the Light & Life Park Facebook page. Last year we watched one chick grow to adulthood! Hopefully, that will be the case again this year.

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The annual hurricane awareness and training meeting will be held in June. If you are planning on being here during the hurricane season, please try to be at the training session. We will provide more information when we have it nailed down.

Here are some things that you can do now to prepare for a hurricane event:

- If you are leaving the Park, make sure all yard items are secured; this includes bicycles, planters, yard decorations—basically anything lighter than a golf cart; if you need help, ask.
- Start buying additional drinking water; the suggested amount is seven days' worth.
- Start storing additional bathing water; the suggested amount is also seven days' worth; if there is an impending hurricane event, you can fill your bathtub and sinks with water

Gloria and I will be on vacation the first two weeks of June. Our son, Frank, is in the Air Force and is currently stationed in Hawaii. We are going there to visit him and our two grandchildren, Jake and Katie. We will be thinking of you all back in the mainland—but not often. Enjoy your start to the summer months.

Stan Welton

Office Manger

Time is flying by. May is gone and we've already begun June. I have to begin this letter with an apology for being late for the first time since I started doing the Newsletter. I have no excuse except being busy and I hope it never happens again.

Friday, June 4 is the last day to sign up for the Summer Dinner being held next Tuesday, June 8th. This dinner is a pasta casserole (my family called it pizza casserole) made with macaroni and cheese and spaghetti sauce. It went over really big the last time we had it. There will be a tossed salad, garlic bread and ice cream with the big cookies. This is available for \$6.00.

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The annual Hurricane preparedness meeting will be held Tuesday, June 22 at 10:00 am in Hood Hall. This is always informative. We will hear the projections for storms for this year and some of the same preparation reminders that help us get ready.

While Stan is on vacation, we are busily preparing his office for a new coat of paint. It really will look like new when he returns. I hope he likes psychedelic colors. (When the cat's away...you know what happens! Tee hee!)

There are a few stragglers that have stayed longer but rumor has it that they will soon be on their way to their other homes. We are enjoying things being a little bit more like normal. The Office has relaxed the mask rule and the door is open for now.

I am trying to finalize the reservations for RV, cabins and guest rooms in the next few weeks. It is nice to know we will have returning guests that couldn't come last season. I hope that Canadians will soon have their borders opened to assure their arrivals next season.

Just a reminder for those who are here in the summer. When you leave and come back, please keep us posted. It is now hurricane season and if there is a storm or emergency, it is important for us to know who is in the Park. Also, if you have visitors here, we would want to know that.

It has been good to hear some of our prayers are being answered for those having health issues. I hear that Kerry Konzen is now out of the hospital but in some rehab. Duane Cain is still in his long recovery. Beulah Boss finally got home although she ended up in the hospital. Don't forget to pray for these and others you may know. Remember the Cullers as Lois continues to heal. Glen is now in assisted living. We are truly blessed because God works in all of these situations. Keep on praying.

We welcome Phil Allen to our staff to help with summer cleaning. We are so glad to have him on board.

I hope that this epistle finds you well and enjoying summer. May you have a blessed June.

Blessings,
Sherry La Brie

News from the Board of Directors

I like springtime. I love the longer daylight. Your Board is physically scattered now, but fortunately we can still communicate with each other, and with you, quickly. And Stan is such a great communicator. So, we are able to continue to serve our Park. Stan has been lining up help with mowing and cleaning.

The combination of employees and volunteers continues to serve our needs in a special way. I say "special", because I am not aware of non-Christian places that are able to work in such a cooperative manner as our Park. My 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



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.

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

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



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!

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.

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

Thank you.



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. But, on **Tuesdays**, please deliver them to the Whipple's porch at 5866 Deeson Road for a Wednesday delivery.

Let's not let this ministry go by the way!!!!

Jean will take your items on Wednesdays. PLEASE leave things in Jean's screened porch 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.

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.

Summer Dinners



The June Fellowship Dinner will be on Tuesday, June 8. Please sign up no later than Friday, June 4 in Hood Hall. The dinner will be held at 5:30 pm and will be a pizza casserole, salad, garlic bread and cookies and ice cream. Cost is \$6.00. Hope to see you there.

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 **July** deadline is **June15**.

Thank you from Martha's Place

Those who work at Martha's Place would like to express thanks to all who worked and made the improvements at Martha's Place this past season. They appreciate all that was done for them.

Quilters & Stitchers

Library Information



Book Reviews from Gloria Welton:

Miracles from Heaven: A Little Girl and Her Amazing Story of Healing

by Christy Wilson Beam

We have all heard of people who have had miracles happen to them; some are outrageous, untrue, and not validated. The young girl in this true story lived through an accident that should have harmed her to death, but the miracles kept coming.

The story began with the Beamer family's middle child, Annabel, and her incurable, life-threatening digestive disorder that had them traveling to specialists and far-away treatment centers. It was breaking both their hearts and their pocketbooks, testing their faith along the way with heartache, discouragement, and despair. Annabel's health issues had begun when she was only five. By age 9, in a hospital bed in Boston, she quietly and calmly whispered to her mother, "Mommy, I just want to die and go to Heaven and be with Jesus where there's no pain." As a mother, I was completely pulled into the story and the challenges this family faced. The simple faith of that little nine-year-old girl taught others that we need to leave it to God.

A must read. It will soon be part of the library's books to be checked out.

The Time Was at Hand

by Robert Finley

The book of Revelation tells of what will happen through the Rapture and Tribulation Eras. It's a bit frightening, yet reads like a thriller with beasts, an antichrist. Christ will return when His name has a witness among all of the 7000 tribes and nations on earth. The Gospel must be published in all 7000 tribes and countries.

This is a translation of how Robert Finley sees the Book of Revelation. It's intended audience is for born again Christians who have knowledge of Bible prophecy. This book is interesting and truthful. It is a favorite for 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.

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Finley presents better ways to interpret the end times bible prophecies. Highly recommended to those who study this subject.

You may find this book in the Nonfiction religious section 236 located in the middle shelves in our library or on the "New Book" shelves.

Forgotten: Seventeen and Homeless (Secrets #1) by Melody Carlson

Melody Carlson as an author who writes about issues people face in daily lives. Although she is more of an author for teens and young adults many of her books are also enjoyed by many people. She has a way of getting you to view scenes as if you were there.

Forgotten Seventeen and Homeless touches many lives as we see the effect of others' mental problems, drugs and homelessness. Adele is the head of the household as her mom tries to hold a stable life. Yet she is missing and the rent is due. Her mom has taken off and all she has for money comes from her own job which does not cover the bills.

At school she tries to present herself as a normal teen with good parents.

Her secret is tearing her apart and she feels as if she has nowhere to turn. However, through her faith and the concern of others, Adele finds people who truly care about her. Her secret life does not need to be hidden anymore. I would read this book and the others in her Series in a heartbeat! Find it in the fiction area in the C's. Enjoy!



Happy Reading!



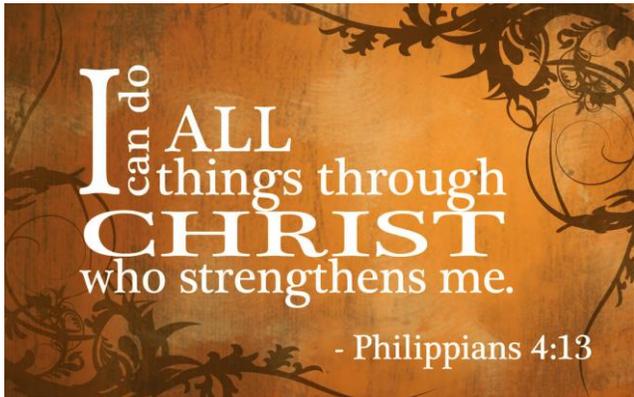
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A Note from Pastor Chuck...

As we enter June, 2021 the COVID-19 pandemic we have been living with in the U.S.A. is no longer a pandemic. Many restrictions implemented for the health of others (each other) have been altered and in several cases, removed. We find our new normal shaping up, whatever that may be. There are principles that we continue to live by as followers of Jesus. He is a constant. His timeless word reminds us of the following:

Romans 13:7-10 " Give everyone what you owe him: ... [8] Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. [9] The commandments, ... are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." [10] Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law."

The continuing debt to love one another is a debt that is never repaid. My sense is this is a command that is ongoing throughout eternity. The Park is a great place to live because we are a people called of God to "love one another" with this endless love. Yes, there is some shaping and molding that continues to work itself out in our lives but it is done through God's gracious love. Thank you for your dedication to our living Lord who loves you with an overflowing unquenchable love!

In Christ,
Pastor Chuck

