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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

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 weather, in my opinion, has been wonderful! The nights have dropped into the mid-60s and the daytime highs are in the mid-80s. I've heard this is better than the temps you all are experiencing up north. This is my invitation to you to get to the Park pronto! Oh, and the humidity is much lower.

When you arrive from your summer away, be sure to visit the goats. The two new ones are fun to watch, but they have not yet learned to come to the fence for food. They are quite happy eating the weeds and leaves in their pasture. Except when they believe the "grass to be greener" on the other side of the fence. When that happens, they get stuck with their head through the fence, and someone has to rescue them. It could be you!

I have heard from several people how nice the roadways are after having been repaved. As noted last month, however, the manhole covers that were scheduled to be raised have not been completed. Fortunately, I just received notification that most of them will be completed by the end of October. Smoother rides are ahead!

Water lovers, be sure to get in the pool when you return. It is in wonderful shape. We are adjusting the equipment to deal with the cooler weather, so the pool should be warmer than the surrounding air. The pool looks great, and the water is clear; so, jump in!

We are planning to have a Thanksgiving meal. COVID precautions will be in place to minimize the risk of infections. The limited seating arrangement currently in place will remain. Food will not be placed on tables to be passed from person to person. Instead, food will be placed on tables to be dished out by each diner who will be required to put on gloves at the front of the line. Hood Hall fans will be set to provide continuous airflow throughout the meal. If you have other precautions, please let me know.

Even though there are signs in the trash area that give guidance on what goes where and provides some instructions on how to prepare things, there are still problems. Please flatten all cardboard boxes before placing them in the recycle bin. I do not like crawling into the bin to flatten them for you. Also, if you are discarding a box made of corrugated

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cardboard, it does not belong in the regular trash. Please take the time to break it down (flatten it) and place it in the recycle bin.

Recently, we have had several reports and/or questions from residents about registrations for their vehicle or trailer/mobile home coming from Polk County. The most recent was from an owner of a double-wide who received two registrations. That was expected. What wasn't expected was having each come from a different county. Yes, that's right. One registration was from Polk County and one was from Hillsborough County even though the title was registered in one location. I tell this story to ask for your help. If you receive registrations from Polk County, please provide the office with a copy or bring it to the office so we can copy it. That information might be useful in the future.

As of this writing we have received four quotes for cutting down the large tree on Shiloh Path and are waiting for one more. I will be awarding the contract early next week. So, it is likely that the behemoth will be gone when you return. I hate to see trees cut down without a plan to replace them. So, I have spoken with the folks at K & K Nursery who have provided me with suggestions about tree varieties to consider. Some of the questions remaining are where will we plant trees and which varieties will we choose? Your suggestions are welcome!

On a similar note, the Board has approved the replacement of the shrubs that line the outside of the gate area. To control the costs of the project, we plan to do the removal of the old shrubs and planting of the new ones ourselves. I would like to complete it, if possible, before the beginning of the year, but will need commitments from volunteers to help before I order the shrubs. Please contact the office if you are willing to assist.

Although we have not had any hurricanes in our area, the season is not over. If there is the threat of a hurricane, watch your email and text messages for information from the Park.

Great weather. Fun goats. Smooth roads. Great swimming. Delicious Thanksgiving meal. Lasting friendships. Doesn't it just make you want to get to the Park right away? See you soon.

Office Manager

November has arrived and I'm not sure I'm ready! How did summer get away from me? I guess I'd better get busy.

Actually, we have been very busy in the office. The confirmations for rentals went out this week. The directory is being proofed. Properties have been selling and it looked like we would not have much available. Then, as usual, some more went up for sale. We are always in transition here.

Speaking of selling places. We have always had the Park Administrator do pre-sale inspections when a property went up for sale. In the last 2 years, we have developed a form for the Administrator to fill out. This gives him a chance to look at the same things in each place and highlight any observations that may be good or of concern. We have used it now for a year or so and it seems like it is about where we want it. There may be a few more tweaks, but we have now decided to make it available to both the seller and the buyer when a home deal is being made. If we forget to give it to you, please feel free to remind us.

Some things have changed in the Laundromat. The rates have been increased. We were really much lower than most places and it will help us get more to offset the cost of providing this service. Another thing that we have coming in the laundry area is changing the machines to take credit cards or an app on the phone. Most places are moving toward this because of the shortage of coins. This will eliminate the need for coins which have been very hard to get. When we have this in place, more information will become available.

As usual, in November, I begin planning for winter season events. Last year was quite different and most events didn't happen so I am getting back in the groove. If you are planning an event (alumni, reunion or whatever), please let me know your napkins, placemats, etc. needs. I am working on Mugs on Monday supplies because we all want to be ready for that.

We are getting the directories ready to print. All we need to do is proof. Luckily, we have a new
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volunteer to help (Ruby Smith) who will be invaluable. We encourage you to sign up for the digital directory. This will be a handy tool to have on your phone, especially if you add your picture. If you have not added a picture yet, but you are on it, please be sure to add that picture. If you don't know how, please call the office. Kathy is an expert and can help you. In fact, any of us are glad to help.

The RV spaces are all filled for winter. The Guest Rooms are all full for winter. Some of the cabins are scheduled for the winter months. Still there are people looking to stay. If you want to rent a month or two, let me know and I'll help you get a match, hopefully. The primary interest is January, February or March, of course.

Our newest member in the Park is Michael Gardner. He is located at 5333 Hebron Court as a year-round resident. Interestingly, he is Joann Thomas's younger brother. Get to know him and see if you see a family resemblance.

For those who are getting ready to come, please be careful. We are waiting to see you arrive. For those who will wait until January, enjoy your families and the holidays and we'll still look forward to seeing you. We hope this year can be a little more like the old "normal".

I guess I am ready for November after all. It has been so great to see many arriving. Hoping to see all the rest of you soon.

Blessings,
Sherry La Brie

Thanksgiving Dinner

There will be a Thanksgiving Dinner this year. It will be a potluck. Please sign up for the dinner and the dish you will bring by November 19. Sign-up sheets are in Hood Hall. There will be a Gluten Free table.

Barb Nelson is coordinating the dinner. She needs volunteer help. Please call her if you will help at (863) 413-6821. Direct any questions to her, as well.

News from the Board of Directors

Betty and I flew down to our Park on October 12. This was the day after we drove to Cass City to attend the memorial service of Luanne Kelley. It was amazing to see 60 to 70 Light and Life Park members in attendance. I think we were all surprised to see how many of our Park Family were there. It was a moving, spiritual experience.

I was so pleased to see how nicely maintained our park is. For the rest of you "snowbirds", I'm sure you will also be pleased.

Our office and other employees and volunteers have been so welcoming and pleasant. This teamwork is so helpful to all of us. There are continual challenges, but they address and solve them.

On Thursday, we held our special Board Meeting. I called it "special" only because we usually don't have an October board Meeting. I had several agenda subjects and so did Stan. Our members brought up some subjects, as they often do, at the beginning of the meeting. Stan had set up electronics to provide for Zoom participation. It didn't work perfectly, but we all did our best to overcome the distance – even all the way to Canada.

This meeting met its goal of helping your Board, Office, and Park understand our status and prepare for our next scheduled Board meeting in early January. As usual, Becky will prepare the meeting minutes.

The Light and Life Park Board of Directors have received several questions (and comments) regarding any relationship between Light and Life Park and Light and Life Homes, Inc. Light and Life Homes, Inc. is a private venture owned by Bruce and Karyl Kaufmann and is NOT affiliated with Light and Life Park. Any questions should be directed to the Kaufmanns.

By the time this newsletter is published, Betty and I will have flown back to Michigan. I look forward to the coming Holiday Seasons and our major gathering over the winter.

John Fallot

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

**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

Pop Tabs

Containers are in Hood Hall and the Laundromat. They are used for 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

Shoebox Ministry

The annual drive to fill Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes is underway. Liz Roach is setting up a table in Hood Hall with plenty of boxes to fill. You may still contribute in multiple ways. You may donate items to go in boxes, fill a box with small, useful items (lists available in Hood Hall) or donate money (checks payable to Samaritan's Purse) and/or you may show up to help fill the boxes that will be sent.

The day that the Park will fill boxes to send will be on November 18th at 9:00 in Hood Hall.

If you have any questions, contact Liz Roach ag 248-496-2266.

There are many ways to do your part to help a child in need.

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



**SINGLES CHRISTMAS PARTY:
DEC 4 @ ARLENE MAHEN'S HOME.
5416 ZION AVE.**

**SINCE I DO NOT WANT IT TO BE A SUPER
SPREADER,
I WILL HAVE AN OPEN HOUSE FROM 1PM TO
8PM.**

**FEEL FREE TO STOP BY ANY TIME DURING
THOSE HOURS
FOR SOME GOODIES.**

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 **December** deadline is **November 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 Donna Bruce.

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.
Colleen Sellers

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

Tuesday at 12:45 there are 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

2022 50th Celebration

The couples are busy deciding which pictures they want in the pictures loop and in the booklet. They are also thinking about what to write about themselves in the booklet! I look forward each year to read all the interesting information each couple shares with us!

Come help our couples celebrate their 50th Open House on Friday, February 11, 2022, from 2 – 4 pm.

The 3 couples celebrating are:

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

If you are celebrating 50 years in 2022, it is not too late to join us. Just let me know via email bks4545@gmail.com, call or text 734-646-8080.

Brenda Stockwell

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.

Wreath Making Class

I will teach a class on making a winter wreath. If interested let me know. I will get the supplies needed.

The cost will be \$25 or \$35.00 depending on which size they decide to make.

My e-mail is roro705@aol.com

My cell phone is: 810.223.8653

I look forward to hearing from you.

Rosie Richards

Library Information



Book Reviews by Gloria Welton

These Nameless Things

by Shawn Smucker

Here's a thought-provoking Christian Novel filled with suspense, past forgotten memories which tie together with present issues. This is a page turner, again with many unsuspecting turns. How far would YOU go to assuage your own guilt? What are your limits to doing things for someone YOU love?

Before Dan opened his door to find a wounded woman who had escaped from the tormentors in the mountain, his life had become rather quiet. He and the eight other people in the mostly abandoned town had become friends. They spent peaceful evenings around the campfire and even made vague plans to journey east one day and leave the ominous mountain behind.

The woman's arrival changes everything. Who is she? How does she know so much about Dan's brother, who is still held captive in the mountain? Why are long-forgotten memories rising to the surface? And why does Dan feel so compelled to keep her presence in his house a secret? How can one live for years with the other 8 people of the village and not realize they all have a special link?

This book offers to remind you of all the nameless things you have forgotten. Let it hold you in its promises of redemption. This is a book to ponder about because it tells a rich truth story of waiting for something to happen, that could have happened long ago. A rich journey. A quiet return. Compare it to allegory meets fairytale meets post-apocalyptic hope.

I encourage you to read this book. Although it seems scary, the message it gives is one we all need to learn. It also will be found on the New Book shelves or on the counter. Let me know how you like it!

My Story My Songs

by Lucimarian Roberts
as told to Missy Buchanan

Most of us have watched Good Morning America with co-anchor, Robin Roberts. She is knowledgeable, well-educated, nice looking. Along with those qualities she was privileged to have an outstanding mother who taught her about life.

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Her mother, Lucimarian Roberts, envelops resilience, faith and generations of joy. The book reflects on a life buoyed by her deep love of music, as well as her commitment to her faith and civic service. The same musicality that steadied her as a young woman growing up in the segregated South, then marrying her husband of 53 years (who was a Tuskegee Airman). Excerpts of biblical passages and lyrics from her favorite spirituals add a devotional quality to the main narrative that is both endearing and uplifting.

Diane Sawyer, Emmy Award-winning journalist states, "This book is a beam of light, just like the author herself. So much hope and healing and a song to lift up every heart. In these pages, the wonderful Robin Roberts and her mother have a conversation that will make every mother and daughter smile."

Lucimarian Tolliver was born in 1924 in Akron, Ohio. As a teenager she was awarded the John S. Knight Scholarship, given by the publishers of the Akron Beacon Journal. The first person in her family to go to college, Tolliver graduated in 1946 from Howard University, where she met her future husband, Lawrence Roberts. The couple had four children and moved 27 times as part of Mr. Roberts' career as an Air Force officer. That in itself is truly amazing.

Mrs. Roberts uses her family's oral history, faith, intervention by teachers and ministers and photographs to overcome discrimination, poor economic conditions, to achieve her dream of attending college and graduating with a degree in social work.

This book is truly an inspiration and includes her favorite songs she sang, and Bible verses she relied on to get her through the tough patches. Robin Robert's voice was heard as she added more details and her thoughts about her mother's reminiscences.

If you choose to read this, you will not be disappointed! It may even cause you to reflect how family, resiliency and faith affects in your own life. Look for this book in the New Book Section and later in the Biography section which is close to the back door.



Happy Reading!

Summer Country Home between Albion and Marshall Michigan has fully furnished, two-bedroom apartment for rent. Apartment has its own driveway and is located in a walkout basement. In a beautiful country setting with nicely landscaped yard and patio. Includes all utilities. Clean home, no smoking or pets. \$700 per month plus one month's rent deposit. If interested call Phyllis Ruiz at 517-260-1859. pictures available upon request.

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Briarwood Ministries

First a huge thank you to those of you who started the ministry in Briarwood years ago! Second, thanks to all who have been volunteering to help prepare boxes.

Thanks to those who donate money and/or food so that the ministry can continue.

The ministry has expanded to help with essentials that most of us take for granted.

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 ...

Food for this outreach can be delivered to Hood Hall and monetary donations can be made 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



A Note from Pastor Chuck...

A verse from my morning devotions says, "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9 This is a reminder that while November sees many of our snowbirds almost ready to return to the Park...we must patiently wait for Thanksgiving and Christmas to become history before we see your smiling faces in Florida.

There is also the reminder that the Lord does not consider time like we do. We can pray and pray for something or someone and wonder what is keeping the prayer from being fulfilled. The Lord is patient, eternally, not wanting anyone to die without Him in their life. His desire is that we all make the decision, choice, to repent and become a child of the King...joining His family for all eternity.

As being one big family, we wait for your return patiently. We wait for you to join in community with those who are here and those who have already come "home." The Lord's blessings upon you!

In Christ,
Pastor Chuck

