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News from the Park Administrator

The number of folks at church on Sunday has been increasing recently. That indicates the number of people in the Park is also growing. The seasonal swell has begun! It sure is great to visit with friends that have been gone for the summer. We are looking forward to the full complement of our Park coming back for the new season.

Our "baby" goat was introduced to the trip (or is it a herd, or maybe a tribe) on September 21. Wait! I think I saw two new goats. Well, I did—there are two new goats! If you're wondering where the second goat came from, check with Mike Lower. Both kids are almost all white. The female has brown on her head and the male has light gray on his. They are full of life and are noisy—especially the female. Be sure to visit them when you can. When you visit the goats, though, please do NOT throw food into the pen where the barn is located!

I have been asked recently how we are going to respond to the recent uptick in COVID cases throughout the country. One of the questions was whether someone arriving in the Park needs to quarantine before integrating into the community. At this time and with the number of people in the Park, I do not believe that is necessary. If the virus outbreak becomes more severe, that could change. Regardless, everyone should be careful to maintain physical distancing and wear a mask when in large groups. Always remember, if you feel sick or have a fever, STAY HOME.

The other question on people's mind relates to activities taking place in the Park. As more people arrive, we may have to modify how we conduct some events. A decision about any changes will depend on the current state of the pandemic. The most recent numbers in Florida show a reduction in the number of new cases since a peak in mid-August. If that trend continues, we may be able to return to a more normal flow. My goal has always been to first search for new ways to conduct activities that are a safer response to the virus rather than cancel them. If it becomes necessary to make changes, I welcome your suggestions. The last of the paving equipment was hauled out of the Park recently and the paving is complete. Almost. Part of the project was to raise several manhole covers. Unfortunately, you will have to drive around them for a while longer. Although the risers for the

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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.

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job were manufactured and brought to the Park, they were the wrong size! This will delay that part of the project for a while.

The pool now has an overnight resident! The Park purchased and deployed a robotic pool vacuum. We drop it in the pool at night and remove it in the morning. Once in the pool, the cleaner roams around picking up loose debris and leaves. It also climbs the walls and cleans the "scum" line. This relieves a person from having to take the time to vacuum the pool and frees them up to spend more time enjoying the pool. How cool is that!

Soon you will see some new signs in the trash area to help identify what goes where. Here are some reminders. The yellow construction dumpster is provided as a convenience for those who are remodeling, are doing construction, or have large items of furniture to discard. This dumpster is provided as a convenience so that you do not have to find and pay for a contractor to dispose of those items. A donation should be made to cover the cost if you place items in this dumpster.

The white fenced in area is primarily for metal recycling. In addition, there are also bins for plastic lids, metal food containers, and aluminum cans. The plastic lids go toward benches. We sell the aluminum cans and put the money into general funds. The metal food containers and all other metal items are regularly hauled away by Errol and he sells the metal as part of his livelihood.

The cardboard recycling dumpster is only for clean corrugated cardboard. Corrugated cardboard has a core of wavy paper between two or more layers of flat paper. If it doesn't have the wavy core, it is not corrugated cardboard. Corrugated boxes should be emptied of all contents, broken down, and flattened entirely regardless of how small or thin the box is before placing the cardboard in the dumpster. A flattened box takes up much less room.

Disposing of old paint and paint cans is a bit tedious. Liquid paint is not to be thrown in any dumpster. The paint must be entirely dry before discarding. Then the can and paint can be discarded in the regular dumpster. To dry the paint, use one of two methods: 1) mix the paint with kitty litter and then set aside to dry completely. 2) paint the liquid onto discarded board to dry and then let any residue in the can dry. Please do not expect staff or volunteers to dry the paint for you.

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As far as Florida is concerned, the hurricane season has been mild. However, I was reminded recently that we are just now entering the peak hurricane season. In addition, as I write this, there is a system brewing just off the African coast that the meteorologists are concerned could develop into a major hurricane. We'll wait and see. But in the meantime, make sure you are ready.

- In case of an extended power outage
 - Do you have adequate fuel for your generator?
 - Do you have extra batteries for flashlights and radios?
 - Do you have a weather radio?
 - Do you have adequate food that does not need cooked/heated?
- In case our water supply is unavailable
 - Do you have adequate drinking water? one gallon per person per day for seven days
 - Have you filled a bathtub/sink with water for personal hygiene?
- Sign up for text messaging! This is the primary way that I relate emergency information. If you cannot receive texts, contact the office so we can add you to the phone call list.

Earlier this year, the Board gave approval for Tom LaBrie to raise cattle on the field the Park owns to the southeast. His purpose is to raise the cattle for beef, sell the beef at auction and use the money to make provisions for the less fortunate in our world. He has been working hard, together with the neighbor that lives adjacent to the property, to get the field ready. He is to the point that the field can be used, but he still has many improvements that he wants to make. Just recently he purchased some calves that will need to be bottle fed for a short time. During that time, they will be in a temporary pen next to the goats. So, don't be surprised to hear them mooing from time to time.

We are looking forward to everyone coming back so we can worship, visit, and recreate together.

Stan Welton

Office Manager

The last 3 or 4 days as I have taken my morning walk, I've noticed that the temperature is cool and comfortable. Truly, I believe fall has come to Florida. October has come so quickly this year. It seems like we just said good bye to our winter residents and now, we are getting ready for everyone to return.

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Our activities include making sure all reservations are correct. I've had a few changes and will continue to make sure everything works out to the best of my ability. It looks like our rental properties are going to stay full this season except for some cabin spaces.

Kathy has been working very hard to get as many people as possible signed up for the digital directory. We want to have everyone in there that is possible. Then we can add pictures and have a pictorial directory in our phones which will help since the paper one got delayed.

We are going to be working on the paper directory as well during the month of October. We are thankful for our database and hope we will do a really accurate job this year. It will only be as accurate as our information so if you have made any location or phone number changes, please let us know.

We haven't had as much rain this summer, but the mowers never lack for grass to mow. Trimming is being done. There is always something to take care of so that things run smoothly.

This month we have added new residents, John and Terri Boda. They have purchased the former Hayner house at the corner of Bethel Drive and Shiloh Path. John has pastored in the Free Methodist Church and they will be year-round residents. Welcome, John and Terri.

The last few days, there has been much volunteering at Mike and Lisa Brown's home on Mizpah Court. The floors had deteriorated to the point that they needed to be replaced, as sometimes happens in our "mobile homes".

The amazing thing is the amount of help that they have had. In one week's time, the floors have been removed and the new "super" water resistant plywood put in place so they can get the flooring down that they want. Thank you to all who so willingly stepped in to help. Our volunteerism and being the church are always in place, winter or summer!

Our last summer dinner will be October 11 at 5:30 pm. Cost is \$6.00. If you are not here now but will be for that and want to be signed up, please let me know by calling the office number or email me at sherry@lightandlifepark.org.

I pray that God's blessings will be yours in the days to come and that we will soon see our winter residents return. Especially, I am praying that the borders will open for our Canadian residents. We are looking forward to your return.
Blessings,
Sherry La Brie

News from the Board of Directors

Betty and I plan to visit Light and Life Park during the last two weeks of October. We sure look forward to this. I remain so pleased with how our Park Administrator, Stan, communicates. I thought his words and specially marked map of the repaving were so clear and well thought out. I hope you also felt this way. He, and the rest of the Park's workers and staff, make the task of your Board of Directors as easy and smooth and productive as I expect it could ever be.

I continue to be so pleased that Stan has helped us obtain back up for several jobs. This has allowed for both Sherry and Tom La Brie to be gone at the same time. Others so competently fill in. I love this! I like to avoid situations that make our Park dependent on a person to the extent that we can't function very well without them. And I don't like anyone to feel trapped, and totally tied to their job.

Perhaps in later October we can have an informal type of Board Meeting. Some of us will be at the Park and perhaps Stan can help us "Zoom call" the others. If we get to discuss a variety of subjects, we can aim at being more effective at getting off to a "running start" this next year. These Board Members have a real heart for serving your Park. They are so willing to donate some of their time and energy to helping others. They are amazing to work with.

Thank you,
John Fallot

Summer Dinners

The Summer Dinner for October will be held on Monday, October 11th at 5:30 pm in Hood Hall. Sign up in Hood Hall by Friday, October 8th. We will have Cranberry Chicken, hashbrown potatoes, a vegetable, rolls and dessert. Cost is \$6.00.

We look forward to this time of dining and fellowship.

The October dinner will be October 11, 2021, 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

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

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 during the week of November 3. On that day, work will be done from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

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

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

**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



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 **October** deadline is **September 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.

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



Book Reviews by Gloria Welton

A Piece of the Moon

by Chris Fabry

In choosing this book, the title seemed familiar and then I remembered I listened to the book while at the doctor's office. It is extremely thought provoking and shows how lives become intertwined while dealing with life's problems. It is truly worth reading. The author is also the writer of *The War Room*, which you have probably read or at least heard about.

An eccentric millionaire Gideon Quidley receives a divine revelation to hide his earthly treasure somewhere in the hills, he sets out to find a fitting hiding spot, choosing only a few Bible verses as clues leading to untold riches of gold, silver, cash . . . and one very unexpected, very costly item.

This book follows a handful of diverse characters with their intertwining storylines including a pastor of a church who ends up losing a leg in his desire to reach the treasure, TD searching for the treasure to help an old friend, Waite trying to save the radio station, Pidge raising a teenager, and Clay coming of age and a budding love of radio. It was interesting to see the developing relationship between characters. A superb example was Clay, a teenage boy who went to stay with his aunt, Pigeon, and who has a difficult time with extreme stuttering. Clay struggles with honest fears, with a wholesome desire to help others.

This is a well written story that you won't want to put down, in fact pick it up! This is captivating storytelling, unique weaving all of the stories together, with touches of humor, quirkiness, as well as an honesty that gives the story a 5-star review. It is a feel-good story, with a satisfying ending, and some fun twists along the way. I enjoyed every minute of this book. You will not be disappointed. You will find it either on the shelf in New Books or on the counter where you check out books.

Christmas in Harmony

(A Harmony Novel Book 4)
by Philip Gulley

It is good to realize that we don't have to wait until Christmas to read a story based on this holiday. It can be read during all twelve months! In honor of Christ's birth, I chose a book by author Philip Gulley, who is himself a Quaker pastor.

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In looking up quick facts of the Quakers, there are fewer than 300,000, mostly in England. Their beliefs are a bit hard to understand. First, they were originally called Religious Society of Friends. They believe in the Trinity yet focus on spiritual gifts given to each person. Also, their focus is not on Jesus necessarily, but on every person is inherently good, and is to illuminate the inner light to show others how to live Christ-like. Quite confusing to me!

There are 4 books in this series, A Harmony Novel with the above named as the fourth. One thing to like in this author's writing begins with his humor which is clean and easy to read. The author returns to the quaint town of Harmony, IN and to the eccentric members of Pastor Sam Gardner's Quaker church. He reflects on the true meaning of Christmas as church elder Dale Hinshaw embarks on yet another of his hare-brained fund-raising schemes, a progressive Nativity scene involving the whole town. You'll enjoy these quirky characters and Sam's wry humor on the nature of Christianity and the meaning of life.

A church member, Dale Henshaw, who is still trying to find the true meaning of Christmas within himself, gets the grand idea of turning the church live nativity scene into a traveling view-able scene, on the same plan as a progressive dinner. One portion per site. The concept is crazy, and the writing is superb. After reading this book, it still makes people laugh out loud. The writing does tend to hurt any Christian feelings. In fact, you'll probably see some of your own church members characteristics appearing in the Harmony Friends church.

You will find this book in the fiction GULL.



Happy Reading!

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

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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



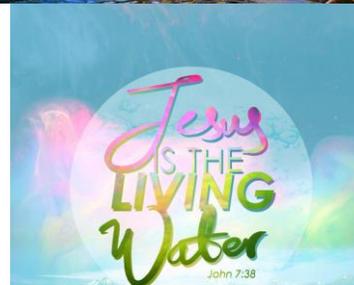
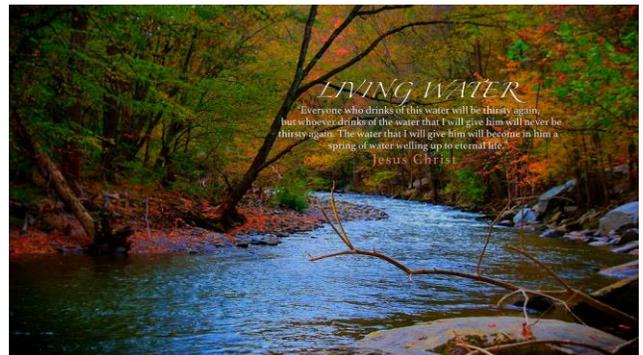
A Note from Pastor Chuck...

Recently Gene Lewis had us sing the song, "As the Deer Paneth" in our Sunday service. This comes from the first few verses of Psalm 42. "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God."

A few clauses stick out to me; "deer pants for steams of water", "soul pants for...God", "soul thirsts for the living God", closed off with "when can I go and meet with God?"

We are built with a need for God. He quiches our thirst for meaning. He fills us with His holiness, His Spirit. In times of trouble and even times of quiet we ask, "When can I go and meet with God?" The answer: Now! Don't wait, go and quench that thirst of being in His presence.

In Christ,
Pastor Chuck



October is
Pastor Appreciation Month
Let our Pastor's know they matter!