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Lots Available for Lease

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

5321 Hebron Court
5325 Ebenezer Place

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

The following lots are available for a modular home to be put on them:

5359 Beulah Land
5885 Shiloh Path

Call the Park Office at 863-858-7504 for information.

News from the Park Administrator

Can you believe that it is September already and summer is nearly over? Even though it seems like many of you left just a couple of weeks ago, it won't be very long until our northern residents start pulling back in. I hope you have had a great summer. It sure will be great to see you all again!

When you arrive, you should be able to visit the baby goat. He is growing up. Mike has been weaning him from milk the last several weeks, and he has received his first vaccinations. In the next few weeks, he will get his booster vaccinations and be completely weaned from milk. After that we will slowly introduce him to our other goats. Then you can visit him in the "pen"!

Don and Athena Brugger recently left the Park to head to Michigan. Because of their failing health, the family arranged a residence for them at an assisted living facility near family. Don and Athena, we are sad to see you go, and you will be missed! We do not have an address for them currently. When we find that out, we will pass it on so you can send them greetings.

We were all hoping that the pandemic would be behind us by this time. Unfortunately, that is not the case. Since a resident has tested positive for COVID recently, I am reminding you of the precautions you should take to minimize the risk of spreading or contracting the virus. Wear a mask when in crowded areas, wash your hands frequently, maintain physical distancing, cover your coughs and sneezes, and clean and disinfect surfaces regularly. This is the short list; if you want more information, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>.

One major impact of the pandemic has been the shortage of electronic chips that are used in most of the consumer goods we purchase. This year the Park was looking to purchase a new 42" mower. When we inquired of the dealers we have purchased from in the past, they were facing the same dilemma as the auto dealers—a severe shortage.

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New mowers were hard to get; so, we were put on a list. When we called, we heard repeatedly, "You're on the list." Recently, we inquired again and found that the dealer had a different brand (Bobcat) in stock. It was the only one in Florida; so, we grabbed it! And we received a larger trade-in allowance than expected for the one we were replacing. Be on the lookout for the new mower. Here's a hint: it's not yellow.

So far this season, tropical storms have steered away from Florida. But don't let your guard down. In any given week, one could be heading our way. In fact, as I write this there are three systems that the hurricane center is watching—and so am I. One of those is most likely not headed our way and the other two aren't major concerns—at the moment. But, tomorrow their status could be upgraded.

For those who will be in the Park during the rest of hurricane season (the season runs through November 30), here are some important reminders:

- Be sure you have adequate drinking water: one gallon per person per day for seven days
- Have food available that does not have to be cooked

When a storm is approaching, fill your bathtub and sinks 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.

I hope you are looking forward to a great winter season together! One of the great things about the Park during the winter season is doing things together. Although the pandemic is rearing its head again, we will do everything we can to continue Park activities. Keep in mind, though, we may not be able to conduct them just like we did pre-pandemic—or at all. We will evaluate each event to discover if it poses any undue risk. If we believe it does, we will work to determine what changes could be made to keep our residents safe. If we cannot find a creative way to hold an event while minimizing the risks to our residents, we will cancel it. We hope to hold every event; however, health and safety come first.

See you soon!

Stan Welton

Office Manger

As we begin the month of September, Tom and I are planning another vacation. It seems like we just got back. Maybe that is how it seems for those of you who go back and forth. You know it's time to go to Florida but it seems like you just went to your other home. How blessed we all are to be able to do those things!

August was a month of trying to complete some things. All of the seasonal reservations are finalized and confirmation letters will be going out later in September. The only accommodations that don't meet our needs as of this date are the ones who seek a private residence if one is available. That means that if any of you know you won't return for the full season and would like to rent out your home to someone for a limited stay, I can possibly help you find someone to do that. Please let me know if you are needing a temporary renter.

I have resolved some tax issues, hopefully in time for the rendering of the annual tax bills. We are working on some other County issues and trying to see what we can do for future planning.

Kathy Smith has been taking her vacation so that makes me quite busy. We have also made some telephone changes and also had some telephone problems so it may seem it is hard to get us. If you can leave a message, we will get back to you. Also, you may reach Stan or myself on our cell phones.

As far as property changes this month, I believe there is only one and it was a close call. The Wankes at 5313 Ebenezer Place were able to sell their place to a new couple whose names are Alan and Tamra Wilson. Both parties in this sale were Non-Free Methodist. That is the reason, it was able to go through. Right now, we are only able to sell to Free Methodists because we are at the edge of our 75% membership unless Non-FM sellers find Non-FM buyers. This situation will be reviewed by the Board of Directors during the winter season.

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I would also like to share a story. I will attempt to make it brief but am willing to tell you the whole tale if you call and ask me. My mom and I dealt with one of those scammers this month who was trying to convince us that my nephew was in trouble and money was needed. You know, it was one of those calls where we all say, "I will never fall for something like that!"

I would just caution you to be aware that people who do this are very practiced and seem very authentic. They also use the shock of the "emergency" call and adrenaline rush that you get to their advantage. My mom was sure she had spoken to her grandson, my nephew, which then gave some credibility to the whole situation even though when it was over, we both could see the fallacy of it all.

She was able to contact me and I also had conversation with the scammer who had an answer for every question I asked. Again, the situation made it plausible even though later, I could see that things didn't add up.

Before reacting and doing what they asked, we did some checking despite the fact that they told us we needed to keep it quiet. One phone call to my nephew cleared it all up. He was not in another state needing financial assistance. He was home in his apartment unaware of our distress.

Know this, it can happen to anyone that you are misled by this type of call. Just be prepared to check the facts before looking for any funds to solve the problem. Thankfully, calm reactions after the call solved our situation and that can work for you as well.

May you have a safe and healthy month. I am praying you will all be able to return for the winter season this year. Especially pray that our Canadian residents will be released by their government to come to their winter homes.

We are looking forward to your return.

Blessings,
Sherry La Brie

News from the Board of Directors

Having the responsibility of being President of the Board of Directors is something that I take seriously. I wish to please our Lord, our members, our employees and the rest of the Board Members. Fortunately for me, and for you, our employees and our Board Members are professional, dedicated, and have wonderfully diverse backgrounds. They help me, and you, immensely. They are a pleasure to work with. This helps calm me.

What I also view with deep respect, is the other candidates that run each year. While they have not been elected, I think they could have served very well too. Our Nominating Committee members have done a great job each year. Our Park contains so many great people, who are so giving of their remaining time and energy.

Personally, the first Saturday in August, I ran, and won a gold medal in Michigan's Senior Olympics 5K event. This set me up to be able to represent Michigan, next year, in the National Senior Games. They will be held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. I mention this to lead into just another example of the benefits that come along with having a place in Florida. I hope you also recognize "side" benefits of being a member of our Park. A greater benefit is the quantity of close friendships that we form. In most neighborhoods we never meet, and know, and interact, with so many of our neighbors. I feel so privileged to live with fellow Christians.

Thank you,
John Fallot

Summer Dinners

The Summer Dinner for September will be held on Monday, September 6th at 5:30 pm in Hood Hall. Sign up in Hood Hall by Friday, August 3rd. We will have Cheeseburger Pie (gluten free), gelled salad, bread and dessert.

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

**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

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



Shoebox Ministry

Hey, everyone!! It's that time again. Time to fill boxes to be sent many places to help many children.

We are doing the shoe boxes the week of November 3.

Here are some items you may give:
Chalk, crayons/colored pencils, glue sticks, markers, play dough, bar soap, socks/scarfs, paper, pens/pencils coloring books, washcloths, toothbrushes.

Please do not give:
Candy, toothpaste, bubbles, liquids, knives, war related items, medicines, used/damaged items, snow globes, aerosol cans, food.

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

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

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

50th Celebration

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

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

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

Medical Equipment Available

Maxwell Commons at The Villa has some medical equipment available that can be borrowed by any Park resident. Call someone you know in the Villa to help you. Please sign out the equipment you are borrowing. There are wheelchairs, walkers, rollators, portable pots, and shower seats. Please notify a Villa member when you are returning an item so we know it has been returned. Please don't leave it on the porch. We are not presently accepting any equipment donations due to lack of storage space.

Fund Raising Opportunities

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

Library Information



DID YOU KNOW that the church library is a designated storm shelter? So, if you wish a place that is air-conditioned, has bathrooms and drinking water, newspapers and magazines and books to read, computers and a telephone (cable) to use, comfy chairs to sit on, and open around the clock, then do make use of it. The only drawback is that you will need to bring a cot if you wish to lay down.

Les Sellers, Librarian

Book Reviews by Gloria Welton

Apocalypse Dawn

By Mel Odom

Apocalypse Dawn is a suspense thriller with a great set of characters. The story-line is intriguing: the brink of a regional war could possibly expand between Syria and Turkey. The detached United States Army Rangers are caught in the middle. At the same time there is trouble in the U.S., especially after the disappearances happen!!!

Mel Odom takes a refreshing look with an interesting perspective of the Rapture and its ramifications on a military level. The Ranger Sergeant caught on the front lines of a war that may turn out badly for "our" side; the Sergeant's wife, a counselor accused of kidnapping following the rapture; the Chaplain left behind due to his lack of faith in Jesus Christ yet finding renewed faith and renewed difficulties in an ever-changing world; the teens shocked to their senses with the disappearances, realizing that the world is much larger than what they see as reality.

The latest hot spot in the world is the border between Turkey and Syria and the United Nations has asked United States President Fitzhugh to send troops there to keep hostilities from turning deadly. American soldiers are at the front lines in Turkey hoping their presence is enough to deter Syria from attacking but those hopes end with a Syrian attack. Sergeant Samuel Adams "Goose" Gander is at the battle's front lines when many of the soldiers in his command vanish. At Fort Benning, Georgia, Goose's wife Megan tries to talk a suicidal teen out of jumping. She grabs hold of him but is not strong enough to stop his fall. The only thing that is on the sidewalk is his personal effects. Other people disappeared on the base at the same time.

While Goose and Megan fight different wars on different fronts, they remain strong for the people who depend on
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them. People will definitely want to read *Apocalypse Dawn* for a new look at the actions of the military during the Tribulation times.

Mel Odom's military thriller is fast paced, full of action and character development. You can find it in the New Book section of our Library.

Things You Don't Know About Heaven

By Judson Cornwall

Judson Cornwall taught, "Heaven is a prepared place for prepared people and is as literal as the air we breathe." With that in mind, he answers questions such as, Does heaven exist? Where is it? What is heaven like? Will I recognize my loved ones? What does it mean when people say we'll have glorified bodies? Using solid, biblical teaching, Judson Cornwall provides answers that prove heaven is a real place with real people enjoying God's presence and challenges readers to stretch their faith and preconceived ideas of what heaven will be like.

Judson Cornwall shares his own personal story about preparing for stepping from this life into the next. He answers many questions we would all like to know! This book is nonfiction and can be found presently on the New Book shelf. You may also find it in 237 of the religious section in the middle bookshelf directly across from the beginning of fiction.



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! Some of the longer tenants have asked about you!

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

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

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

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

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.

A Note from Pastor Chuck...

Who sits on the Throne? God. Who is worthy?

The four living creatures and twenty-four elders sing, "You [Jesus] are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased [paid for] men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God and they will reign on the earth."

Angels and living creatures and the elders: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

Every creature...

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

A snapshot of heaven from the book of Revelation. We move from the four living creatures and 24 elders to adding thousands and thousands of angels to the all-encompassing "every creature." As our world continues to face distress let's not forget who sits on the throne of heaven. God bless you, everyone!

In Christ,
Pastor Chuck

Contributions for this outreach can be made to the church.

Much Love and Many Blessings!

In His Grip,
Randy & Karen Williams

