



The Life and Times

Florida's Light & Life Park, Inc.
Newsletter

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Mobile Homes for Sale

5317 Jordan Blvd. - \$150,000.00
5892 Moriah Place - \$69,000.00
5801 Moriah Place - \$54,500.00

Block Homes for Sale

5423 Zion Ave. - \$129,900.00
5332 Bethany Way - \$120,000.00

RV's and Park Models for Sale

5323 Hebron Ct. - \$10,500.00
5242 Zion Ave - \$24,900.00
5308 Ebenezer Place - \$8,900.00
w/Lease - \$10,900.00 w/o Lease

(Photos of properties for sale on
Website)

News from the Park Administrator

Dear Light and Life Park Family,

As I settle into my new role as Park Administrator, I want to begin by saying **thank you** — truly. Since my first day here on **January 5th**, you have welcomed me with warmth, kindness, and genuine Christian love. I have felt it in every handshake, every conversation on the paths, every smile from a resident passing by, and every meeting where people have taken the time to share their experiences and hopes for the park.

The verse that has stayed close to my heart during this transition is:
"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans." — Proverbs 16:3 (NIV)

Stepping into this role, I've prayed that the Lord would guide my steps, give me a servant's heart, and help me honor both the responsibilities of the position and the people who call this park home. Your gracious welcome has been a blessing and a confirmation that God is at work here.

Over these first several weeks, I've had the privilege of meeting many of you and beginning to learn the rhythm of life in our community. I've enjoyed sitting down with committees, hearing about ongoing projects, and understanding the passion that so many of you pour into keeping the park thriving. I had the honor of taking part in my **first Board Meeting** and **Members Meeting**, and I appreciate how engaged and thoughtful our members are as we work together in stewardship of the park's future.

I have also had the opportunity to support the launch of this season's **Sugar Creek Gang**, and we've already held two meetings to start shaping a couple of significant improvement efforts. One major initiative underway is the **Shiloh Path Storm Water Culvert Project**. I've been encouraged by how dedicated and solution-focused our volunteers and committee members are. Their commitment reflects not just care for the park's infrastructure, but love for the people who enjoy it every day.

As I've walked the grounds, visited the common areas, and watched residents fellowship, I've been reminded again and again that Light and Life Park is not just a place — it's a family. It's a community that shines the love of Jesus in ways that are real, practical, and heartfelt. And I am genuinely honored to now be part of that.

Please know that I am here to serve you. My door is open, and I welcome your ideas, your concerns, your prayers, and your friendship.

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FROM PARK ADMINISTRATOR CONT.

If you see me around the park, don't hesitate to stop me — I'm enjoying getting to know each of you.

Thank you again to the Board for entrusting me with this role, and thank you to all the members and residents who have made these first days so meaningful. I'm looking forward to walking this journey with you and seeing all that God has in store for Light and Life Park.

With appreciation and a grateful heart,

Lyndon Babcock

Park Administrator

Light and Life Park

We extend a heartfelt welcome to all newcomers—whether you're a first-time resident, seasonal camper, or visitor. This is a wonderful place to forge new friendships, enjoy plentiful recreational activities, and fully participate in our vibrant community life. Current residents are

especially encouraged to reach out, offering Christian fellowship and sharing God's love with those just arriving. Your warmth helps them feel right at home in our supportive, faith-centered environment.

In His service,

Becky Smith, Board President

FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

The Park's Board of Directors is actively working to enrich everyday living and enhance our shared spaces.

Our dedicated Park Office staff and employees collaborate closely with the Board, fostering strong communication and teamwork that benefits the entire community. Together, we remain committed to maintaining and continually improving the Park for all residents.

Much of our progress would not be possible without the incredible volunteer spirit that has long defined this community—a legacy we proudly carry forward. Groups like the **Sugar Creek Gang** and the **Bucket Listers**, along with many other generous members, exemplify this dedication. These volunteers focus on a wide range of improvement projects across the Park, from routine maintenance and beautification to meaningful facility upgrades. Their hands-on contributions help preserve the Park's inviting atmosphere and elevate it for everyone.

Combined with the efforts of countless other volunteers, this collective commitment reflects our shared goal: to make our Park an even warmer, more enjoyable place to live, relax, and worship.

BUCKET LISTER NEWS

Activities have begun!

Tuesday Night Trivia and Tuesday Night At The Movies have returned! They occur on alternate Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm in Hood Hall. Pop corn and pop are available for a donation.

Projects the Bucket Listers are currently working on include: purchasing wider serving tables for Hood Hall to improve the potluck experience and the wood shop is currently building bookshelves to hold all those puzzles!

While St Bonaventure volunteers were here in January the Bucket Listers had an opportunity to host a pizza and ice cream dinner for them.

The Bucket Listers will be baking **CINNAMON ROLLS** on February 4, 2026! They will be available in Hood Hall, for a donation, late morning!

We hope you enjoy these activities and because of YOUR support at these activities we are able to improve our park in many ways!

Welcome back to our park and if you have any suggestions for projects or activities let us know.

-Janet Wight, contributor

Library New Beginnings Grand Reopening

2025 was a unique year for our Hendricks Library. The aftermath of Hurricane Milton left the library an opportunity for a huge facelift. We are excited about the changes to our library, making it a warm, inviting atmosphere to work on our laptops, use the library's desktop computers, print in color, and enjoy coffee at the same time.

The changes are refreshing with new colors on the wall, new furniture, and workstations. Open House will be on Friday, February 6, 2026. Until then, no books can leave the library as we are in the midst of updating our database. You will be able to check books out on a computer with a scanner. No more signing your name on library cards. You will need to fill out a form for a personal library card which will stay here at the library.

There will be two printers for your usage. **15 cents per sheet for black ink and 35 cents per page for colored. Photo paper will be available for 50 cents per photo.** You will need to get that from Gloria in the library office. The printers are not for printing activities which are for the Park. They must be done in the Park Office.

The honor code is enforced, by you, the patrons. Moneys are to be given at the time of service. Many people forget to remember to pay. The cost of the printing does not pay for paper, just the ink. The money will be kept in a box in the drawer under the printer.

Volunteers have been helping to enter books into our new system, putting books in order, straightening shelves and placing labels on new books. Without them, this would be an impossible task, so a big "THANK YOU" shout out!

We want to get magazines that you will read so at the Open House there will be a survey to fill out with recommendations for you. We are also going to take recommendations for books. After all, this is your library. We will have Birds and Blooms, World Magazine, a Christian News magazine, the Ledger, our local newspaper.

New beginnings, coffee, tea, relaxed informal atmosphere. It's all coming on **Friday, February 6, 2026 from 2PM – 5PM.** See you there!

- Gloria Welton, Librarian

*You are invited to the annual
Light and Life Park*

Golden Wedding Anniversary

*Celebration on February 13th
from 2-3:30pm in Hood Hall,*



Honorees:

Randy + Diana Mason

Billy + Pam Wickman

Diana Mason is the daughter of Ed and Ruth Harrow. She and Randy are caregivers for the Harrows, and participate in the park activities while they are here in the winter months. They plan to make Light and Life Park their permanent winter home.

Billy & Pam Wickman hail from the great state of New York, and are new members of Light and Life Park. They reside in the former home of Phil and Lorraine Moore.

The program will begin at 2:00 pm, followed by a cake and punch reception at 2:30. **Please bring a gold dollar or a card for each of the couples.** Gold \$1 coins are available at most banks and credit unions. A limited supply will be available at the door to exchange for \$1 bills.

STAMPS FOR MISSIONS

Special appreciation goes to those who faithfully save postage stamps for Alliance Stamp Ministry who then sell these to collectors; proceeds are used to provide Christian literature in Spanish for use throughout the world.

All categories of stamps can be cut from envelopes and packages, do not soak them to remove them, simply cut a 1/3" or more border on all edges of all categories of stamps, cancelled or not, newer or antique, standard or commemorative, domestic or foreign; already off paper and/or damaged. Do not separate strips or clusters. Take them to Hood Hall, west wall.

Become a saver of stamps and souls! Anyone can easily assist in this ministry. THANK YOU!

- Marilyn Stone, stamp coordinator

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Coming Up!

Missions Sunday

February 8, 2026

Morning service 10 am:

Tim and Andrea Ullum - Ethnos 360

Evening service 5:30 pm:

Joylene Steele - Camping
Stick Ministry



Ice Cream Social following the evening service

Come and support our missionaries!

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Cars & Coffee

2nd Saturday each month 8 -10 am

Vehicles of all years, sizes, and shapes can be seen in church parking lot under the trees on the left. Come and have coffee and donuts. Hope to see you there!

Fellowship Dinner & Program

You won't want to miss our February 2nd FELLOWSHIP DINNER at 5:30. As a convenience for you, your place setting can be taken to Hood Hall that Monday afternoon, then when you arrive for the dinner and fellowship time you can bring the food you prepared to serve 8-10 directly to your place to be shared with others at your table. Please remember to invite new residents and singles to join you. It is a carry-in meal, some like to prearrange the menu, others prefer to be pleasantly surprised! Visitation time is the key.

Carol Zeller has asked several couples to join her as she leads **THE ANNIVERSARY GAME** at 6:15. You'll definitely want to stay for the fun!

Set-up and the clean-up after the program will be provided by residents who live on Bethel Dr. Thank you in advance as everyone's help is so appreciated!

ALSO, think now what you are willing to do for the MARCH 2nd **VARIETY SHOW**: a skit, a vocal or instrumental song, something serious or silly! There's tremendous talent, some hidden, in this park. There is a sheet near the Hood Hall bulletin boards where you can volunteer and/or make a request, or recommendation for someone else who can contribute to that great evening. Your suggestions are very helpful!



Spring Craft Show & Bake Sale

Friday, March 27th

Hood Hall 10am - 2pm.

Please contact Becky Smith
at becsmith62@gmail.com or text
231.349.2993 for more information or to
reserve a table.



**February
16th**

6:30 pm

Hood Hall

FREE STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

The Somerset Beach Camp staff will be back with another round of free strawberry shortcake on Monday, February 16th at 6:30 pm, following the Monday night potluck. So save room for dessert!!

L&L Aqua Splash Water Aerobics

Join us for a low-impact workout in the water to enhance health & well being. Routines are choreographed to a variety of tunes and designed to promote improved muscle strength, endurance, flexibility & core balance without the stress of land exercise.

No previous experience required!
Just bring your towel and a smile.

Sessions will be held @ 2PM on Tuesdays & Fridays but may vary based on the weather. Please monitor L&L Facebook and Neighborhood News for the latest updates and any weather cancellations. Blessings!

Karen Castle-Williams,
ASFA Water Aerobics Instructor
allforyum@aol.com

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Our Ladies Bible study will begin on the 3rd week of February, the 18th, at 9:30-11:00 am and will continue through the last Wednesday of March. We'll be using the study books from our last 2 year's studies... IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE THIS WAY and THE LURES AND LIES OF SATAN.

This will consist of discussing what it meant to you and what you did with what you learned and much more. If you have those 2 books, please bring them with you. They will help as you study. Thanks so much. Hope to see you at Hood Hall February 18 through March 25th! - *Joni French, leader*

CPC Club Championship February 13th

Closest to the pin and longest drive start at 9:00 AM (you will mark 3 balls with your assigned number).

Golf Tournament (two flights each for Men & Women, (Championship, and Handicap) 18 holes

The 36 handicap system will be used.

Registration required by noon on February 10.

Local rules will apply!

Questions, comments, or to register contact:

Ed Stockwell
517 861-0481
EdStockwell48@gmail.com

The Player's Club!

Prizes will be supplied by Chick-fil-A!



ALUMNI & FRIENDS

Be sure to save March 7th for our Lakeland Reunion! We will once again go to Tiger Ballgame -1:05 game - and we have the Pepsi Plaza Reserved. More information will be available in the coming days.

- *Warren and Myrt Dexter*

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Articles, announcements, and items of interest must be submitted by the 20th of each month to ensure publication in the following month's newsletter. Please email carolyn_lindley@yahoo.com Please do NOT send announcements via text.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

The Sugar Creek Gang

One of the many blessings of the Light and Life community is the Sugar Creek Gang. These men and women roll up their sleeves and get the job done.



The latest project of the Gang is the reroofing of the cabin that was damaged during the 2024 hurricane season. Projects like this one would cost the park (and ultimately the membership) thousands of dollars at today's labor rates.

If you're not afraid of a little hard work, why not consider being part of the Sugar Creek Gang? Whether you can do a little or a lot, your help would be most welcome.

To get involved, contact Lyndon at the park office or Jim Falconer, the board representative for Buildings and Grounds.

Many hands make light work!!

MARTHA'S PLACE

Martha's Place is getting a refresh!
Volunteers have been working at Martha's Place (a small house on Beulah Land that provides a place to sew and do craft projects).

A fresh coat of paint has been applied!

Hurricane Milton wiped out much of the sewing equipment and supplies that made up a cheery and user-friendly facility. Contact the office if you have items such as sewing machines or notions to donate.

NEW SHELVING FOR PUZZLES

Volunteers have been building and painting a new set of shelves for the jigsaw puzzle fans at Hood Hall.

Many thanks to those who gave of their time and talent!

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Mats for the Homeless

Since fall, dozens of Light and Life residents have been busy beavers working on providing sleeping mats for homeless folks in the Lakeland area.

These mats are given to Lighthouse Ministries, who distribute them to individuals in need. The mats provide a measure of protection from the cold ground, roll up easily, and are somewhat waterproof.



Plastic grocery bags are cut into strips and crocheted together to form a colorful mat.

You don't need to know how to crochet to join the fun and fellowship while working on this worthwhile project. Folks are needed to flatten the bags and cut them into strips.

Show up at Hood Hall on Sunday afternoons
at 4:00 pm to get involved!!

L& L Aqua Splash Water Aerobics

Come & enjoy fun in the sun with a low-impact workout in the water to enhance health & well being. Routines are choreographed to music and designed to promote improved muscle strength, endurance, flexibility & core balance without the stress of land exercise.

No previous experience required!

Splash times are offered year round and free of charge.

Our September schedule will vary based on the heat index and the availability of those interested. Please look for more updates via L&L Facebook and Neighborhood News.

Karen Castle-Williams,

ASFA Water Aerobics Instructor

allforyum@aol.com

Celebration of Life

Bob Daughenbaugh

Tuesday, February 17th at 1:00 PM

Light & Life Church

Ice Cream to follow in Hood Hall

(Dad would be so pleased) - Paula



Men's Breakfast

Guys—a great time of fellowship is yours for participating the first Saturday of each month. Meet at the church parking lot at 7:55 to carpool to the Golden Corral.



Questions?

Call Dale

Schantz

989-975-6710

Shuffleboard

We have completed our regular tournament for 2026.

The challenge tournament is coming up on February 19, 20, and 23. The signup sheet is on the equipment shed door. please sign up early so we can plan on how to run the tournament.

We are getting together to play shuffleboard on Tuesdays at 10:00 and Thursdays nights at 6:00.

If you are new at the park, feel free to come out and play shuffleboard. For more information feel free to contact me.

Dale Schantz 989 975 6710

Gad-About News

Greetings to all the ladies at Light & Life Park: We have not been able to stick to our original schedule, but we will be going to some fun places. The February 12, trip will be changed to lunch at Lavender & Lace Teahouse in Lk Alfred! After lunch there, we plan to explore their gift shop! On the drive back, we will stop at The Back Porch and tour the many gift shops there. These stores are close together and require only minimal walking

The trip for Thursday, February 26, is being planned for a visit to IKEA at Ybor City near Tampa. Lunch restaurant to be determined yet.



Be sure to check Neighborhood News for announcements and information. Sign-up is always required so we can carpool and ride together. These outings are for everyone and you are always invited. Contact Peggy Dunn for more information Call 248 -766-5537 or text me or e-mail!