



# The Life and Times

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### Office Hours:

November 15-April 14: 8 am- Noon  
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## Lots Available for Lease

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

5332 Ebenezer Place  
5325 Ebenezer Place  
5321 Hebron Court

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

For the last four months it has been a beehive of activity in the Park. Suddenly, the streets are nearly empty. Where did everyone go? They went home... to Alabama, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Saskatchewan, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin, or West Virginia. That means our members represent 15 states and 2 provinces, and that doesn't include those who have made their permanent residence here who are from other locations. Remarkable!

Gloria and I enjoyed a brief respite in early April. We visited beaches on the gulf coast and nature preserves near the everglades. It was refreshing to break away for a short time. One of the highlights of the trip was to see a momma alligator watching over her brood of 17 babies; she was carrying one of the babies on her back! You can view momma's photo on the Light & Life Park Facebook page ([facebook.com/lightandlifepark](https://facebook.com/lightandlifepark)).

For the first time since we began using Zoom for our organizational meetings, I had the opportunity to be a remote participant. It was satisfying to note that the audio and video quality were excellent. I was also pleased to see how a parliamentary procedure question was handled. Our Bylaws do state that we are to follow Robert's Rules of Order. In this incident, the Order question was resolved exactly how it should have been. A sidebar was called, the question discussed, and the question corrected. Thank you to the one who brought the question to the floor. Everyone should thank the Board members and the parliamentarian for resolving the question in an orderly fashion.

The offer for the purchase of a nearby parcel of property was recently delivered to the owner. Be in prayer as we move forward. The decision is being delayed by personal concerns of the owner, so I cannot say when an agreement will be reached. However, I will keep you informed when there are updates.

Most of you are likely aware that our public health officials continue to caution us about the resurgence of COVID in mutated forms. Remember that the best thing you can do to

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do to limit the spread of any disease—whether it is COVID or some other illness—is to stay home when you are sick.

During the summer, the Park will be mowing the grass around the residences. However, our staff does not trim around the residences; that is the owner’s responsibility. Therefore, if you are an owner, you need to contract with someone to do your trimming. If we notice a residence that is not being trimmed, we will follow the guidelines set out in the rules (see section 3.1.m, Rules & Regulations, Revised March 2022) to ensure that the entire Park looks great throughout the summer. Call the office if you do not know who does lawn trimming.

Hurricane season starts next month. If you are leaving the Park for the season, you must ensure that you have “wind-proofed” your residence. Here are some steps you need to take BEFORE you leave. If you are not able, please seek assistance from others in the Park.

- If possible, move everything that is outside your residence to a secure indoor location.
- If you have items that cannot be moved indoors, ensure that those items will not become wind-blown missiles. Tie outdoor items down if they are not heavy enough to withstand strong winds.

We will be conducting a hurricane preparedness meeting sometime soon for those remaining in the Park during the summer.

While you are enjoying family and friends this summer at your other homes, we will keep your Park ready for your return. Have a great summer!

**Beautification Parade  
2023**

February 23, 2023  
(rain date is the 24<sup>th</sup>)

Theme is Bible Stories

Luncheon in Hood Hall following parade.

**Office Manager**

It is time for another month to begin. Our residents have been leaving in large numbers some weeks and small numbers other weeks. There are a few remaining who realize that it is still cold up north and they can enjoy the warmth a little longer.

The Office has begun to slow down so now we can take some time to let Lori get more information about how we work here. She has weathered the craziness very well and now she can have some time to breathe between tasks.

Our website was recently updated and is really user friendly. We are hoping to get everything updated and all the forms working soon. If you have any problems, please feel free to call us and we can guide you or be aware of changes we need to make.

There are still guests coming to visit for a few days for a variety of reasons. We have had those who came to purchase a place and look at it before the deal was sealed, some just to see the Park for the first time and others who just want to be close to their family. It is good to have the activity. Maybe you know someone who is coming to go to Disney or other places nearby. Feel free to recommend this as a place to stay.

The mowers are active and summer projects are getting started. Staff is also getting ready to take vacations and see their family.

The newsletter is going to be changing hands over the next few months. For now, please send your articles to me at sherry.loflin69@yahoo. You may also send them to Barb Hartson who is the volunteer who has volunteered to do this. Her email is [bfhartson@gmail.com](mailto:bfhartson@gmail.com) I am particularly grateful for her willingness to do this. I have done it for 10 years and you probably will enjoy a fresh look.

Many of the sales listings have been sold and many are applying for membership. We still are focused on selling to Free Methodists, although the numbers sometimes may line up so we can have a non-FM purchase from a non-FM. We want to work it out for all but we are trying to maintain the rules as they were intended.

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Summer dinners are being planned, although I'm getting off to a slow start. The first one will be May 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in Hood Hall. Cost is \$6.00. The menu will consist of baked marinated chicken, baked potatoes, green beans, broccoli salad or vegetable, Fluffy pies. Watch for information about the sign-up sheets.

Whether you go away this summer or stay, may you be blessed in all you do. I pray for good health, good family time and safe travels going and coming.

The changes in ownership for April are as follows:

Doug & Millie Graham sold 5882 Deeson Road to Gene and Connie Poole (new residents from Kentucky).

Eugene and Ellen DePeal sold 5244 Zion Avenue to David and Ruth Ann Waid who formerly were located at 5321 Hebron Court.

Larry and Linda Witbeck, winter campers purchased Nadine Karnes home at 5337 Bethel Drive.

Dennis and Joyce Green, new residents purchased Dennis and Jill Wood's home at 5846 Mizpah Court.

Ben and Lana Ridderman sold their place at 5250 Zion Avenue to Dennis and Jill Wood.

**Welcome to your new homes! Well wishes to those leaving us.**

Blessings,  
Sherry LaBrie

**News from the Board of Directors**

Have you taken note of the new landscaping outside our Park gate? Numerous volunteers worked hard on this project and gave many hours of labor to make the area more attractive as we enter the Park. And now the plants have a working irrigation system due to the repairs made by Stan and the Maintenance Dept. Say "Thanks" to them when you see them.

Volunteers have also been busy on the repair of the old bridge to the 30 acres in the back of our property. New culverts are in place and concrete poured for new walls and the roadway across the creek. Still a lot of finish work to be done but the main structure is complete. Another example of our marvelous volunteer workers here in our Park. And thanks also to Tom LaBrie for his leadership on this project.

On the topic of the potential purchase of property outside our gates, the attorney is drafting a letter this week with an offer to purchase the property. After review by the Park Board, it will be submitted to the owner. Our goal is for this to happen next week.

On behalf of Light & Life Park, we hope and pray you will have a safe and enjoyable summer.

***Jim Falconer***

**Aquafit Water Aerobics**

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

Splash times are offered, twice weekly, and free of charge. Currently we are not on a "set" day of the week due to weather conditions. However, spring is around the corner! Updates are posted on L&L Facebook and Neighborhood News. Kindly share this with your friends!



**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 is being used to buy benches for the Park.

I am happy to pick up your pop/soda cans to haul to the Recycling Center, however it will make my job a lot easier if you remember the cans from canned goods **CANNOT** go in with the aluminum pop cans. These are picked up by someone else and need to be kept separate.

There is a bin in the metal recycling collection center near the dumpsters which is marked "POP CANS"--that's the one to use!

Thanks for your help.

Wes Crist

**2023 CPC golf tournaments!**

Two-man scramble Tournament  
Jan 13, 2023 (Friday)

Ladies Four-person Scramble  
1-20-23 (Friday).

Club Championship Tournament  
Feb 3, 2023 (Friday)

Ladies Club Championship  
Feb 24, 2023 (Friday)

Two-man Blind draw tournament  
March 10, 2023 (Friday)

Three club Co-Ed tournament  
April 1, 2023 (Saturday)

The Player's Club  
Ed Stockwell  
517 861-0481

[edstockwell48@gmail.com](mailto:edstockwell48@gmail.com)

**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.

**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LIBRARY2GO SCHEDULE**



The Library2Go will be here from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM on the following days:

**May 12**  
**June 2**

**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.

**Summer Fellowship Dinners**

Summer Fellowship Dinners will resume on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in Hood Hall. Cost is \$6.00.

The first menu is Baked Marinated Chicken, Baked Potatoes, Green Beans and Broccoli (salad, maybe), and for dessert fluffy cool whip pies.

There will be sign-up sheets in Hood Hall. Watch for them. You will need to sign up by Friday, May 6.



**Shuffleboard**

With many leaving for their northern homes we are seeing a decrease in players on the courts. We will continue to play shuffleboard on Mondays at 1:00 and on Thursday evenings at 6:00 if the weather permits.

### Talbot House Ministry

The ongoing deliveries of prescription bottles, unused medicines, good clean clothing that you no longer use and small household items is an ongoing project. Please continue to save these helpful items for the homeless shelter and the Good Samaritan Clinic. Please deliver them to the Whipple's porch at 5866 Deeson Road any time. Jean will get them delivered.

Jean will take your items on Wednesdays. PLEASE leave things in Jean's screened porch any day 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 LaBrie or new editor Barb Hartson, by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication.

Please use this email: [sherry.loflin69@yahoo.com](mailto:sherry.loflin69@yahoo.com). Email is the preferred method. You may also drop your submissions off at the Park Office or email Barb Hartson [bfhartson@gmail.com](mailto:bfhartson@gmail.com). **The June** deadline is **May 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.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### Bucket Listers



The Bucket Listers would like to thank Pat and Sally McConnaughey for refurbishing the miniature golf course.

The Bucket Listers hosted this season's last night of trivia on March 29, 2022. As a surprise, for those in attendance, the Bucket Listers treated everyone to a complimentary ice cream float to thank them for their support this past winter season. There were over 100 people in attendance! The Bucket Listers will sponsor Trivia Tuesday next year starting in January 2023!

The Bucket Listers hosted the final winter season Tuesday Night movie on March 22, 2022. **The 100 Step Journey** was shown. Over 100 were in attendance. The Bucket Listers will sponsor Tuesday Movies next year beginning January 2023.

We continue to anticipate the completion of the sidewalk that will connect Shiloh Path with the library and pool!

Your donations at work making our Park better.

We are beginning to head to our northern homes for those beautiful months of June, July, and August. Once again, thank you for your support this past season.

Keep your eyes open for future projects and for the ribbon cutting ceremony for our new sidewalk!



### Wood Shop Club

The Wood Shop Club has completed the display for the Memorial and In-Honor Bricks that were sold during the construction of the new shop building. They wish to invite everyone to come to the Wood Shop and view the new display just outside, to the left of the entrance ramp to the building.

A big vote of thanks is extended to all those who purchased Bricks and helped the Park complete the Wood Shop Building.

The Wood Shop Club Leadership Board

### Gadabout News

I have taken over as coordinator for the ladies' events from Peggy Dunn and Verneta Dunn. They will still help when they can. Also, Lana Kendall, Barb Hartson, Ruth Bridgeforth will be helping too.

We are looking forward to another season here in the Park next year. Lord willing, I will be back mid-November to first of December. We welcome your input on other places to go.

#### GAD-ABOUTS TRIPS 2023

January 12 - Ringling Museum of Art, Circus & Bayfront Gardens, Sarasota

January 26 - Lavender & Lace Tearoom, Lake Alfred

February 09 - Old Testament Tabernacle in the Wilderness, Tarpon Springs

February 23 - Flea Market, TBA

March 09 - Strawberry Festival Senior Day, Plant City

March 23 - Bok Singing Tower & Gardens, Lake Wales

For more information contact me. Prefer text or email to calls.

Flo Grabowski

Cell 931-797-2639

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### Bowling

Bowling Leagues still meet every Tuesday morning at the Orange Bowl Lanes at 9:30 for the summer only.

We had a good turnout this winter for bowling. Everyone enjoyed the weekly challenges and fellowship.

Results of bowling for the 2022 season:

1<sup>st</sup> place team: MJBTV (Max Dunn, Jeff Boekeloo, Bruce Denton, Tom Elder and Cliff Nicholas with 76 points.

2<sup>nd</sup> place team: Funny Bunch (Barb Nelson Miles Nelson, Mary Fall and Keith Fall with 64 points.

Individual Season High Scores (without handicap):

Men: 1<sup>st</sup> place: Keith Fall (high game – 268)

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Tome Elder (high game – 267)

Women: 1<sup>st</sup> place: Beth Stimson (high game – 199)

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Mary Fall (high game – 194)

Individual Season High Scores (with handicap)

Men: 1<sup>st</sup> place: Keith Fall (high game – 273)

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Ed Stockwell (high game – 251)

Women: 1<sup>st</sup> place: Judy Stevenson (hi game- 245)

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Mary Fall (hi game – 240)

High Average

Men: Keith Fall – 201

Women: Beth Stimson - 154

Thanks,

Barb Hartson

[bfhartson@gmail.com](mailto:bhartson@gmail.com)



### 2023 50th Wedding Anniversary

February 10, 2023

We have 6 couples at our Park that will be celebrating their 50th anniversary at our Open House on February 10th, 2023. If you or another couple are celebrating 50 years and would like to join these couples, please let me know by either: phone/text 734-646-8080 or [bks4545@gmail.com](mailto:bks4545@gmail.com).

Enjoy your summer!

Brenda Stockwell

50th Anniversary Coordinator

## Library Information



**Many people have late library books from 2021 and 2022. If you have not returned them, do so before you go away.**

**Approximately 40 - 50 books are still out.**

If you are leaving until the fall, please turn your books in. If you lost it, please pay the \$15.00 fee so we can replace it or purchase something in its place.

You will be called if we find you have not returned it. We have a card or cards with your signature on it.

Thank you!

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### Book Reviews by Gloria Welton

#### To Write a Wrong

#### The Bleecker Street Inquiry Agency #2

#### by Jen Turano

Meet Daphne Beekman, a mystery writer by day, inquiry agent (private investigator), by night. Picture her as equal to Agatha Christie Daphne is known for her ability to puzzle out plots, whole working behind the scenes for the Bleecker Street Inquiry Agency, staying away from danger. Soon Daphne finds herself involved in an attempted murder case she's determined to solve.

Daphne's frustrated because she is stuck as if in muck up to her knees and can't figure the plots for her book.

Mr. Herman Henderson, also a mystery writer, but unlike the exciting heroes in his novels, lives a quiet life, determined to avoid the fate of his adventurous parents, who died on an expedition when he was a child. When he experiences several attempts on his life, he seeks out the services of the Bleecker Street Inquiry Agency to clear up the mystery. Herman finds himself stepping out of the safe haven of his world and into an adventure he never imagined.

As the list of suspects grows and sinister plots are directed Daphne's way as well, Herman and Daphne

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must determine who they can trust and if they can risk the greatest adventure of all: *love*.

Now, the villain of the story, Thomas Sibley, a repulsive, horrible evil character. You'll despise him from the beginning.

There is a beautiful faith message about courage interwoven into the plot. This book is definitely one to read for it's refreshing and humorous. You will find this with the new books.

### Ridin' Shotgun:

#### How God Convinced Me to Ride with Him on the Most Amazing, Incredible, Adventurous, Miserable Journey of My Life

by Marlie Brown

We were at the Brown Family's concert we were impressed with the singing, music, speaker and especially the three lovely children. They made the show very special. They were sure talented. We were also impressed with Marlie's enthusiasm, love for her family and love for God. It made us want to read her story of traveling for the Lord on a new journey. Somehow through the years they never gave up and it was a joy to read her book and realize that positivity makes life easier.

*Ridin' Shotgun* chronicles one woman's journey as her family spent eight years living in an RV. Can you imagine, 5 people in an RV? Marlie learned about God's faithfulness, redemption, and companionship throughout the ministry. From her perspective the book highlights spiritual insights she as they traveled through forty-five states and numerous cultures. With honesty, she recounts situations when God challenged her to believe more, trust greater, and give beyond what she thought she could. Her writing style shows her insight and humor from their experiences as she rides shotgun.

This book is one to read and realize it is written with learning of life's blessings throughout each day. You will find it with the biograph' this great book out!



Happy reading!

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### Briarwood Outreach

The Outreach to Briarwood continues and we encourage you to contribute to the Food Pantry by making donations to the designated area in Hood Hall. Also, you may donate money even though it is no longer going through the church. Make checks payable to Randy Williams. We are grateful to Randy and Karen Williams for their continued support of this ministry. Also, there are many volunteers who make this possible. We are fortunate to have so many with volunteer hearts.

More help will be needed for the summer months. If you are willing to help show up at Hood Hall on Monday afternoon at 3:30 pm

God bless you all for all you do. Let's keep up the good work.



### A Note from Pastor Chuck...

At Seedbed.com, J.D. Walt, has been pounding on the "reality of Jesus" vs. the formality of Jesus (my interpretation). Followers of Jesus tend to get caught up in the routine of life and miss the vibrancy of the life we have in Jesus. There is that need to intentionally surrender ourselves daily to form a new normality.

When Jesus was raised in resurrection power...life on earth was changed. The power death held over people was broken. Death was and has been swallowed up in life. I can write this. I can say this. I can acknowledge this. BUT to live this reality on a daily basis is my heart's desire. He lives. He lives within me. May "we" continue to shine brightly bringing honor and glory to our Lord!

In Christ,  
*Pastor Chuck*

### 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. It costs \$9.60 to mail a shoebox full of stamps.

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.

If you would be willing to deliver them, contact Colleen Sellers for information.

Thank you.

*Colleen Sellers*