



It's a pleasure to welcome the return of the Woodhaven Estates Villas (WEV) newsletter. I want to thank Eleanor Lyman, Stefana Paresi, Merrille Bartley and Jill LaCorte for volunteering their time and talents to bring back this important community voice.

We have a recent change in the Casey Management manager for our association. Our new manager is Rob Edgington. Rob is an experienced Certified Association Manager (CAM) and will be a valuable resource for us.

We are having a very busy summer with many improvements, changes and document updates. Most of the changes to our documents will require voter approval. We will be asking for your votes later this year.

Please use our website at Woodhavennorthport.com to review the many valuable sources of information involving our association including board minutes, etc. if you are unable to attend the board meetings.

Tom Eggleston
President of the Board, Woodhaven Estates



Sandhill Gazette Staff

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The Sandhill Gazette

After several months on hiatus, The Woodhaven Newsletter is back, better than ever. It is being published by an excited and enthusiastic group of volunteers. It will only become even better with participation by our entire community.



We welcome any suggestions for a feature article or on-going column that you, as our audience, would like to read about.

This will be our only edition this year. Our plan is to publish the newsletter four (4) times a year in 2016.

Ellie Lyman, Editor

Woodhaven News the Board of Directors has been meeting with two local roofing companies to secure information regarding roof replacements. Most of the villas in Woodhaven do not need this service right now, but will in the near future as the oldest villa was built in 1999. The Board would like to have guidelines in place when the first villa is in need of replacement service. These new requirements will become part of the Rules and Regulations. The BOD has also invited Colonial Roofing to return and give another presentation to all homeowners. This special meeting has tentatively been set for later in November.

The community clubhouse has undergone a face lift. Approval was given to power wash the pool deck, furniture and lanai cage. The outside of the clubhouse building and roof were also cleaned. As part of this maintenance, the front sign will be cleaned, repaired and get a fresh coat of paint. A future project will include sprucing up the garden beds with new plantings and mulch.

SAVE THE DATE: Future Get-Togethers

Welcome Back (Octoberfest), October 25th
Christmas Party, December 5th
Annual Meeting, January 20, 2016
Chili Cook-off (TBA)

The Green Thumb "Kent Beauty" Oregano



Origanum rotundifolium We live in zone 9(b), with our wonderful cactuses, palms and such. Each month we will feature plants and flowers suited to our area. This feature article is information on Kent Beauty, a perennial oregano. Its growing habit is a trailing, semi-mounding ground cover. This makes it great for hanging baskets, potted planters, and for spilling over rock walls. It could mound up to

over 12 inches high, but 6-8 inches is more likely. The trailing length is approx. 12-18 inches. It likes full sun, but will grow in shady spots as well. The blooms are dainty pinkish-purple little flowers, which over the season appear in great number and seem almost iridescent. They emerge out of dusty purple colored bracts, which help make the flowers look much larger than they are. Both the flowers & the bracts age from a lighter color to a darker color. This feature adds lots of interest to the plant. They are also great for long lasting floral arrangements. The next newsletter will feature shrubs that are suited to our area and a hint on how to save seeds and propagate your existing plants to grow next season.

Nature

This spring and summer have been extremely hot in comparison to previous seasons. We have had the pleasure to see nature at its finest, with daily visitations from the beautiful Sand Hill Cranes, quail, and a new furry friend the raccoon, who has a ravenous appetite for bird seed. Please note that



it is a misconception that the raccoon is a nocturnal creature. They too enjoy our warm sunny days. Animal Control has informed me to "just leave them be as they are not aggressive to people, but do watch your pets." If you do see them stumbling about as if they have had **one too many**, they may be **rabid**. At this point stay indoors, be safe and

notify Animal Control.

The Chimes of Woodhaven If you stop whatever you are doing at gam every Sunday and just listen, you can enjoy the sweet sound of bells, courtesy of our neighbor John Good, the official community Bell Ringer. He rings it 25 times every Sunday morning so all of us retired folks can keep track of what day it is!



Thanks to Charlie Lyman, Tom Eggleston and Ellie Lyman for their help with raising our new flag at the Clubhouse. The old one was torn and faded and will be properly disposed of by the local VFW in North Port.

Recipe Corner

I usually do not give out the family recipes but I'll let you try this one. If you love chocolate this one's for you. Please submit your favorite recipes to share. **P.S. The Poker Club loved it.**



Chocolate Chip Snack Cake Submitted by Stefara

Ingredients:

One (1) Package (18-1/4) yellow cake mix
One (1) package (3.4 oz.) instant vanilla pudding mix.
Four (4) eggs
One (1) cup water
Half (1/2) cup vegetable oil
One (1) package (12 oz.) miniature semisweet chocolate chips
One (1) package (4 oz.) German sweet chocolate, grated – divided
Confectioners' sugar

In a mixing bowl, combine the first five ingredients; beat for 5 minutes. Stir in chocolate chips and half of the grated chocolate. Pour into a greased 13" x 9" x 2" baking pan. Bake at 350 for 45-50 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near center comes out clean. Sprinkle with remaining grated chocolate (I make curls for the top). Please make sure cake is not that hot as your curls will melt. Cool completely and dust with confectioner's sugar. Yield 12-15 servings

Meet the LaCortes George, Jill & Asher LaCorte

George and Jill LaCorte have made Woodhaven Villas their home since March 2013. With them they brought Asher who immediately elected himself "Mayor" of the block. They previously lived in Lake Ronkonkoma, N.Y. and then on the east coast of Florida. George worked at Kennedy Space Center for over 25 years. He now enjoys meeting and greeting folks at the security gate at Bobcat Trail.



Because of Jill's past work experience and her love for children, she is now employed as a substitute teacher assistant for the Sarasota County School system. They are blessed with 3 sons and 7 grandchildren.

George and Jill enjoy being part of the Welcoming Committee. If you know of a new neighbor moving in, please contact the LaCortes so that they will be able to give them a proper welcome to our community.

North Port Notebook



True story:

While enjoying a cup of joe and a scone in the North Port Panera recently, an older lady approached our table and asked if either Charlie or I liked to read. I spoke up and said that I did and she handed me a bookmark. Printed on it were her name and a list of books. She told us that she was the author of all these books and that she had just finished her first adult thriller, after writing many books just for children. She said that she was from London and had belonged to a dance troupe that traveled all over England, Scotland and Wales. At one time she was sent to a theatre in Wales to perform for the senior rank military in the German army. Her book entitled *Kranzweg Castle*, even though written as fiction, is based on her experiences during that time. She eventually found her way to the United States and now lives in North Port. Her name is Julia Mowery and her book is rated five stars and is available on amazon.com.

Submitted by Ellie

Building Boom in North Port: According to the North Port Currents Newsletter, here are a few of the projects planned for our area:

ALDI Food Store now open at the corner of Salford Blvd and Highway 41

Five Below and **Dry Cleaners** opening at the Cocoplum Shopping Plaza.

Walmart Marketplace and **Dunkin' Donuts** at the corner of Price and Sumter Boulevards.

Suncoast Technical College and **Abby Ann's Ice Cream** on Toledo Blade

Apartment Complex and a **Goodwill Industries Distribution Center** to be built across from the Sarasota Memorial Emergency Room.

Construction: It is in full swing on Highway 41 from Sumter to Salford Blvd. They are widening the road to three lanes in both directions.

Interstate 75 also continues to be under major construction. It too is being widened to three lanes from Sumter Blvd to River Road. Traffic has increased as more snowbirds continue to decide to live in paradise year round.

Golfers: Sable Trace Golf Course on Sumter Boulevard is currently shut down. There was originally talk of major renovations, but it now has become a bankruptcy situation with the suggestion of possibly becoming a city owned property.

Activities

We would like everyone to have the chance to take advantage of using our community club house, by joining one of our existing activities or suggesting a new one. The current on-going events are listed on the back page of this newsletter.

Look for our sign-up sheets in the Clubhouse for future suggested activities.

Ladies: The Book Club was very well received last spring. So after a summer hiatus, it will be starting up again about the third week of October.

Summer Fling

On Sunday, August 9th a great group of neighbors, about 35, gathered in the clubhouse for a barbeque sponsored by Bill and Merrill Bartley. The "grill meisters" were kept busy and everyone enjoyed the day.



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Event Schedule

Lawn Care Meeting

2nd Wed of Month
10:30AM

Board Meeting

3rd Wed of Month
6:30PM

Aquacize

M-W-F
9:00AM

Poker

Tuesday
1:00PM

Breakfast at

Olde World

Thursday
8:00 AM

Board Games & Dominoes

Thursday
7:00PM

Ladies Luncheon-

3rd Fri of Month- Restaurant to be selected

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Just a reminder. The clubhouse cannot be reserved for private use during times scheduled for events. The pool can never be reserved for private use. Make sure to include time for set-up and clean-up in your reservation request.

