



**December 2020
Edgewater Club Inc. Newsletter**

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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Sue Campbell

I hope you are all well. These times are so difficult due to the COVID as we have to practice social distancing.

Thank you all for coming to the November membership meeting. We discussed the gates that are broken as some people have been locked inside or even outside. The members also voted to have the gates/locks repaired. This is a top priority as for a few years they have not worked well. We are meeting with the fence and gate companies to discuss the closing and locking. They think they can have it done before January.

We also voted on the tennis courts and putting on stripes for pickle ball courts. That also was voted on and passed as well. They have been painted.

The Beautification Committee has had part 1 and 2 completed on the back wall in the pool area. Part 3 will be done in the future.

We also voted to paint the trim only on the outside of the buildings, all the same color. In 2021, we will look into the painting of the Clubhouse as well, and we will bring this to the members also.

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving! At the next meeting, the nominating committee will submit the names of the members who wish to become part of the board of directors. If you are interested please contact Bonnie Shephard for details.

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Irene Chmura

I have started to accept payment for the 2021 Edgewater Club dues which will remain at the same amount of \$250. With the club still closed, payments can be dropped off at my house or mailed to the club. I have a box labeled "Dues Payments" in my lanai on the steps. My address is 2710 Tanager Lane, in Holiday Estates III. Enter the front door next to the garage; you will see the steps straight ahead through the breezeway. Please put your payment in a sealed envelope before putting it in the box. If you mail your check, send to: Edgewater Club, 2840 Waxwing Ln, Englewood, FL 34224. Please make your check payable to "Edgewater Club" for \$250 and include your local FL address on your check. If you prefer to pay with cash and/or you want a receipt, please call me at 248-840-9159 or send me an email to irenechmura@att.net, so I can arrange to meet with you. Club dues must be paid by January 31, 2021. Late fees of 1.5% will be added for each month that the dues are late.

I continue to reactivate key cards. Your key cards will not work for any of the club gates until they are reactivated. When you return to Florida, please send me an email at irenechmura@att.net and include the following information: (1) your name(s); (2) your local FL address; (3) the first 5 numbers on the back of each key card (numbers are unique). Please allow up to 48 hours for activation to be done.

The 2021 budget was presented to the members at the November 16th membership meeting. For the benefit of our members who are not returning to FL this winter, or are uncomfortable attending meetings due to the pandemic, I am having Bill Butland send these documents out in one of his email updates. Our by-laws require that this budget be voted on at the December 21st membership meeting. Please email me if there are any questions.

NATIONAL CEMETERY WREATH LAYING

by **Bill Butland**



Wreaths Across America – 2020 UPDATED by Bob Haist (BobHaist@aol.com)
No organized Carpool from Lakeside Parking Lot this year. This wonderful and beautiful recognition of our fallen soldiers is significantly changed from prior years at Sarasota National Cemetery. The information below is copied from the Sarasota Wreaths Across America website. To remain current, please check this website frequently <https://sarasotawreaths.com/>. "This year, the National Wreaths Across America Day ceremony for Sarasota National Cemetery will be a private ceremony. We are actively monitoring requirements set forth by county health officials relating to the COVID-19 pandemic and have made necessary modifications to our plans for the laying of Veterans wreaths according to the mandate of the National Cemetery Administration.

Guidelines for 2020: Families and Volunteers must register. GO TO <https://sarasotawreaths.com/> and click on the link Volunteer Registration. 1. For this year’s wreath laying, bring your registration with you for entrance to the cemetery. 2. No buses are permitted; 3. PASSENGER VEHICLES NOT TO EXCEED SIX PEOPLE AND MOTORCYCLES ARE PERMITTED. 4. Masks and Gloves are required. 5. Social distancing is required. [Wreaths will be layed] in the following time frames:

Family First

Thursday December 17 – Family only from 8am to 11am
Friday December 18 – Family only from 8am to 10am
Saturday December 19, Family only from 8am to 10am

Volunteers

Thursday – 11am – 4:45pm
Friday – 10am – 4:45pm
Saturday – 10am to 4:45pm



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

by **Bonnie Shepard**

Your 2021 Nominating Committee for the Edgewater Club is as follows: Gail Cahill, Vicki Clements, Pat Cowan, Sarah Murphy and Bonnie Shepherd. The offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are one year terms. We have two director positions which are two year terms. We need volunteers to maintain a successful and active club. Please consider stepping forward to run for one of the aforementioned positions. Nominations will be read at the December club meeting where nominations will also be taken from the floor. The nominations are then closed. Voting takes place at the January 2021 annual meeting. If you are up north and want to vote, per the bylaws, you can ask for an absentee ballot or give your proxy in writing prior to the election. We currently have four members signed up for directors positions and other board positions. The committee would like to see several nominations for each office. If you are interested in any of these offices, please contact a committee member.

SUNSHINE NEWS

by **Mary Barney**



Sympathy cards sent to: Mike Wise, 388 Maple Dr., Cresline, OH 44827 for the death of his wife Tammy from cancer. A card was also sent to **John & Ramona Bauer** of 5792 Mystic Bay Point regarding Tammy’s death. **Gary Miller**, 6387 Partridge Ave, for the death of his wife Cheryl. Tom Mascaro, 2800 Blue Heron Dr. for the death of his wife Lynn from cancer. Cards can be sent to 26 Washington St., Monson, MA 01057.

I want to wish everyone a very Blessed Christmas season. Please wash your hands and stay a safe distance from people. This is a tough year for many families because of Covid. I pray that we get a vaccine that will get us through.

LEMON BAY ISLES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOC. by Nancy Fournier

As many of you know, we lost Cheryl Miller, our LBI Property Owners President to Covid-19. She was an amazing individual who left us far too soon. Cheryl was a friend to all who knew her and a vibrant and active member of our community. She will be greatly missed.

The Board has not decided if we will hold a membership meeting in December, so please watch for an email regarding this soon. As of November 4th, we had a total of 16 homes sold in 2020. We encourage everyone to welcome the new Owners. If you are new, we urge you to volunteer and participate in activities here in LBI and the Edgewater Club. Living at LBI is a wonderful

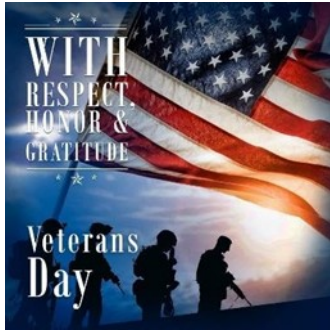
experience – meet new friends and neighbors and enjoy what our community has to offer. We think we live in the absolute best community here in Florida. The Nominating Committee was announced at the November Board meeting and will present the slate of officers and director for next year's election in December. Don Ethier is Chair with David Hartman and Mary Jo VanWinkle serving on the committee. We also appointed a Committee last spring to review the Deed Restrictions and that committee will be presenting proposed changes for voting in 2021 – it has been six years since the last update. The Committee Chair is Grace Briscoe, and the members serving are Bill Butland, Bonnie Hartman, Clara Kustra and Carl Snow. Welcome back to all who are just returning to Lemon Bay Isles. It is a beautiful holiday season in Lemon Bay Isles. Take a few minutes one evening to enjoy the sights and colors of the Holidays throughout the park. Ride up to the front entrance and enjoy our beautiful lighting display. Thank you to Alice & Jim Brewbaker, Ralph Cochran, Bill & Pat Cowan, Bev Grotrian, David & Bonnie Hartman, Gary Miller, Sara Murphy, Lynne Pomella, Ray & Bonnie Shepherd, Chuck & Cheryl Waller for all the hard work getting the front entrance ready for the season. Cheryl was looking down on us and smiling or perhaps having a good laugh as we tried to create the displays to her standards. On **December 9**, the 4th Annual **Lemon Bay Isles Christmas Spirit Contest** will take place. Last year's winners, Tony & Sue Bruno on Falcon will be heading up the judging for the best holiday display in the park. The Board will join the Bruno's and ride through the park looking at the holiday displays; a restaurant gift certificate will be awarded to the most festive home. Pull out your lights and yard decorations and challenge your neighbors with some competition this year as we celebrate the holiday season. Everyone loves the holiday season. The weather is cold and crisp even here in Florida at times and there is a sense of love and happiness in the air. Most people enjoy getting together with family to express their gratitude for their loved ones, while others prefer to spend time giving back to those in need. However you celebrate the holidays, America is a melting pot of traditional and non-traditional celebrations. Share with your neighbors and friends learning new traditions this year of all years. Bring some family traditions to your neighbors from back home. Take care, stay well, and enjoy "our little piece of paradise" not only through December but into 2021. The LBI Board sends best wishes for the season - *May your holidays be full of warmth and cheer however you spend them, and we wish you a new year full of peace, joy, and good health.*

HOLIDAY ESTATES III PROPERTY ASSOC**by Arvilla P. Collins**

Well, this is certainly a different time in history. We are humans and it is very hard for us to be by ourselves and not socializing, especially when we lose someone and can't gather and share our feelings with others. I personally will miss Cheryl Miller, President of Lemon Bay Isles, a lot. We often talked about problems with our parks and what the best way to address them and present to our boards would be. Believe me, wherever she is, she isn't Idle! Now to business. The HOA will be collecting dues Tuesday mornings from 8:00-9:00 a.m. until Christmas week, under the awning in the pool area of the Edgewater Club. Dues will remain at \$25.00 for 2021 and are due by December 31st. You can drop off your check to Ruth Hybel, Treasurer, at her home, 1402 Blue Heron Drive. She will have a box on her steps under the carport for you to put your payment into. If you wish to mail your payment, the address is: Holiday Estates III, 1575 Sanderling Drive, Englewood, Fl., 34224. This year, there is going to be a Christmas home decorating contest for Holiday Estates III. The judging will be done on the 10th of December. They say they are looking for 100% participation! Let's get out there and support them and dig out the lights and displays. Make sure your lights are turned on because the judging will be at night with the lights on. Still looking for volunteers for the nominating committee and the deed restriction committee. Don't make me call you!!!! Merry Christmas to all.

A SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS

by Nancy Fournier



Our 2nd Annual Salute to Our Veterans was held on November 17, 2020 (cancelled on Veterans Day due to tropical storm Eta). A special program included a Presentation of Colors with Edgewater Veterans representing each branch of service – **Ray Shepard (Army), Krista Goodyear (Navy), Gordon Campbell (Coast Guard), John MacDonald (Air Force) and Dave Smith (Marine Corps)**; the Meaning of 11-11-11 by Sara Murphy; Veterans Memorial Dedication Prayer by Donna Watson; and recognition of our Veterans by branch of service with the Armed Forces Melody. The **Burgundy Square Café** in Venice brought their food truck, with the Maine Menu providing us with a wonderful luncheon selection, selling over 100 takeout orders to the attendees. We were not able to post our Wall of Honor photos this year, as we were outside in the club parking lot with everyone wearing masks and practicing social distancing due to Covid-19. We did collect and post over 100 names of our Veterans with their military statistics by email. Jeannie Burney collected donations for **Wreaths Across America** to purchase wreaths that will be placed at Sarasota National Cemetery in December. Jeannie will continue to collect donations until at least December 1st. You can drop off at her home 1300 Tanager if you would like to donate. Bev Grotrian distributed Poppies in Remembrance, and the donations for those will go to the **VFW**. Special thanks to Bill Butland, Bonnie and Dave Hartman, Bonnie and Ray Shepherd, Jim Peptis, Sara Murphy, Donna Watson, Bev Grotrian and Jeannie Burney for their assistance this year. **With respect, honor, and gratitude, we thank you all for your military service and for protecting our nation in times of war and peace.**

FOOD PANTRY

by Margaret Ertz



November was very busy with our weekly food deliveries, and shopping for Thanksgiving menu items with the donations we received. The St. David's Food Pantry is so grateful for our generosity. Christmas is right around the corner. Food items requested for St. David's Food Pantry are focused on Christmas Dinner menu items. The list for food donations include the following food items: 1 lb. Canned Hams, Whole Frozen Hams, 1 lb. Whole White Canned Potatoes, Instant Mashed Potatoes (Medium or Large Boxes), 1 lb. Canned Green Beans, Boxed Stuffing, Canned Cranberry Sauce or Jelly, Canned or Jar Gravy, Canned Fruit, Olives, Pickles (any kind).

Christmas Gifts for Kids - Gifts Needed Now through December 23!

My door has always been open for you to put your food donations in the Florida Room, and managing gift donations will be in that room as well. It's hard to have gifts given with no tree up --- so I put a tree up in the Florida Room where you can leave your gift. We will deliver your gift donations each week when we drop off your food donations. We are home a lot, but if you do find the door locked, we are out buying food or gifts! You can either call ahead to see if we are home or you can leave them on one of the pieces of furniture closest to the door. Thank you all for rolling with the punches with us. As of December 2nd "The Christmas Gift Shoppe" will begin allowing kids to select a gift that has been donated. Additional dates for them to select a gift will be December 9th, 16th, and 23rd. **Our last day to deliver YOUR donated gifts is December 23rd when we also drop off the last food items donated. Have them at my house by 9 a.m., 1514 Sanderling Drive. Thank you - Thank you!**

Suggestions by Age Groups include: **Note - Please Buy batteries for gifts that need them and tape them to the gift.** Newborns to Age 2 - Toys any Gender or Gender Neutral, Ages 3 to 5 - Toys and Dolls (Barbie or other), Ages 6 to 8 - Crafts, Barbie Dolls, Action Figures, Balls (Soccer, Kickballs, Basketballs), Ages 9 to 12 - Basketballs, Puzzles, Jewelry, Softballs and Bats, \$15 Walmart Gift Cards, Ages 13 to 15 - Jewelry, Sports equipment, and \$15 Gift Cards.

Stay Safe and Merry Christmas to all of you. See you in the New Year!

BROADWAY PALM DINNER THEATER

by Pat Cameron



We had a small group join us for the December production and we will be able to report later on how well the theater did in protecting its guests. January 10, 2021 (Wednesday), we will offer the musical production of HAPPY DAYS. The sitcom production that was so popular in the 50's and 60's will return as a musical, starring the Fonz and his group of friends. It should be a fun day with good food as usual. We carpooled for this past event as we did not have enough to support a bus trip. We shall see what January brings. Please call and make your reservations by December 27th as I don't want to hold unused seats. The cost is not set in stone yet as it will depend on the number of people attending, and whether bus transportation is used. The December event was only \$64.00. Pat Cameron 417-230-1008.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION IN PARKING LOT

by Nancy Fournier



We are pleased to announce that the Board has given us permission to bring back the **Burgundy Square Café food truck, The Maine Menu** to the Clubhouse on **Saturday, December 12th** as we had to cancel our annual Christmas Dinner. The truck will be here from **11:00 am until 2:30 pm** on this date for your takeout dining orders. We are still working out the menu, and they promise to bring some of the items that we were not able to have at our Veterans Celebration on November 17th. I am also exploring the possibility of offering one meal, such as a ham dinner in order to keep the line moving faster. Please remember **SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASKING UP** while at the clubhouse area for this event. Further details will be announced via Email from Bill Butland very soon.

CHRISTMAS GOLF CART PARADE

by Bonnie Shepard

Our annual Christmas Golf Cart Parade will be held on Saturday December 5th in place of the regular parade. Line-up will be at 4:30 with the parade starting at dusk. The parade will go through all three parks as in the past. The themes this year will be: Most Unique, Best Theme and Most Fun. Unfortunately, there will not be an ice cream social following the parade. Rain date for the Christmas parade is Sunday the 6th at 4:30.

SWIM CLASSES

by Lee Cavey

OK girls, same old, same old; nothing new. Swim class Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. weather permitting, if it's not too cold and not too windy.

**OHIO DAY**

by Debby Phoenix

Just wanted to send a quick bit of info to let all our OHIO friends know that the OHIO party will most likely be cancelled in March 2021, due to the virus, and we do not think it will be possible. If things change, we will be sure to let everyone know. Stay healthy and strong and GO BUCKEYES! Debby Phoenix, Missy Beat, Marlene Frontino

ARTS & CRAFTS

by May Ackles

I'm wishing all a Merry Christmas. I know I said we would start up in January, but we will have to see what happens with the Covid-19. Stay safe and healthy. Good times will come again in class.



RED HATTERS

by Nana Ellis



The Red Hatters will be celebrating their December meeting with a luncheon at Farlows, at 1:00 p.m. Please bring a gift worth about ten dollars, and perhaps a food product to go to the food pantry. The meeting will be December 9th; please let me know whether you are coming or not.

Thank you. Nana



NEW MEMBERS

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NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

Linda and I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This Christmas season will be very different from what we are used to, and most of us will be making many sacrifices this year. May God bless you and your families, and hopefully we can look forward to being able to share next Christmas with all of our loved ones. Noella and Linda