

# Transportation



By Ruth Dreiss

There will be an excursion bus to the Wellington Mall on December 8th in time for holiday shopping. Sign-up will take place on December 2nd, starting at 8:45 AM, at the Main Clubhouse. There will be one signature per person, except for husband and wife. There will be no sign-ups for multiple friends or relatives. The bus will leave at 10 AM

and return by 3 PM. Masks will be required. Academy Bus was approved for this trip. The budget was approved for local use and excursion trips are not yet funded. It was suggested that a trip to the Fair should not take place during this time of a pandemic, but may be considered for January with a small bus, as in the past, if funding allows. The bus contract with Academy Bus has been approved at the Delegate Assembly. VP David Boas announced that he will not chair the Committee in 2022.

For the future, a proposal was made for a weekly bus to "Green Market" on Clematis Street from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This request will be made to the new bus company. Palm Beach Market is a potential site and a large bus will be required to handle the riders and little to no parking. Because there are many newcomers to the Village, a bus schedule was suggested to be included in the UCO Reporter in the January issue for convenient cutout. (This column was prepared from Minutes taken by VP Dom Guarnagia).

# WPRF News



By Eva Rachesky

Dear Residents,  
With the onset of Covid and the shutting down and then reopening of the Clubhouse to 5:00 p.m. daily, the need for nighttime positions was unnecessary. This resulted in a shortage of staff as we moved forward into our first "semi-normal" season. This shortage is evidenced in two areas...the Ticket Office and the Hastings Gym. WPRF is

currently running ads to fill part time positions in both areas. Until WPRF is able to accomplish this, you may experience longer lines when purchasing tickets. Please be patient and do not take this out on the employees as they are doing the best they can under the circumstances. The goal in hiring additional help for the Hastings Gym is to extend the hours to 9:00 p.m. seven days a week. Toward that end, starting Monday November 15th, the gym will extend its hours to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday ONLY. Once WPRF is able to hire additional floor monitors, Hastings will be open to 9:00

p.m. 7 days a week. WPRF appreciates everyone's patience as we try to fill these positions. In place of the Saturday night dance, your own Lou Piscatelli, is hosting a Wednesday evening dance out by the Guest Pool from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. I have had numerous requests to push the hours to 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. I am still waiting to hear if Lou can accommodate this change. Please keep an eye out for future announcements regarding this change. Wishing everyone a wonderful and safe holiday season!

# Security and Safety

BY DANIEL ZELAYA, UCO DIRECTOR OF SECURITY

Greetings and Salutations,  
In this article, I would like to discuss options on how to resolve issues with difficult neighbors. In an ideal world we would like to live in Mr. Rogers neighborhood, but in reality, we live in a large community which is home to many people of different personalities and lifestyles. It's sad but true that some neighbors have criminal tendencies or mental health issues. For those situations that cannot be resolved by a friendly conversation:  
• **Establish a Paper trail.** Write down the time, date and a detailed narrative of each and every incident. By documenting the harassment, it establishes a pattern and can be used along with other forms of evidence such as police reports and witnesses. All of this can be used if and when

you feel necessary to go to court for a restraining order.  
• **Report the problem to your Board.** Make the board aware of what is going on so they can further investigate on how to resolve the issue. Do not wait weeks or months for the dilemma to grow out of control. The board could seek legal advice from their building association lawyer and work with the building property management company on how to address the issue. Your bylaws should contain information on how to address different situations, such as noise complaints, nuisance units, routine disruptions, etc. If not, then you should add them after consulting with your property management company and building association lawyer. There may be extreme cases in which eviction may

be necessary. Yes, it takes time and money, but there should not be a price limit on the resident's peace of mind. Look at it as an investment in your building's quality of life. We must rid ourselves of the "I don't want to get involved" or "pass the buck mentality." As Martin Luther King Jr. said "He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it. He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it."  
• **Call PBSO.** In case of threats or violent behavior, contact PBSO immediately. Police reports are another form of evidence along with a paper trail and witnesses to help, if and when you feel necessary, to go to court for a restraining order.

# While You Were Away

BY DOM GUARNAGIA

Welcome back to the "Returning Winter Residents." Much has gone on during your leave. A new Transportation Contract will be utilizing busses with an accommodation for HP (handicapped) access on the busses, in the form of a retractable ramp rather than the current steps for ingress and egress. The vehicles will make their appearance in the new year. The "Millennium Agreement " seeks to reduce the cost for the facilities provided by the West Palm Recreation Facilities (WPRF) moving forward. What is changing back where you are seeking a mild climate has been altered in many ways. Some of the restaurants that you frequented last year have gone out of business and have been replaced by new ones along Okeechobee

Boulevard as well as throughout the County. Tall and large developments have replaced grassy fields along the roads going West with new restaurants on the premises. The "Eatalia Restaurant" and the "Great Greek" are two of the new dining spots on the south side of Okeechobee Blvd. The Sunshine State climate has undergone a dramatic change with potential hurricanes predicted but fortunately, never reached fruition, so the landscape is lush with fall flowers and trees that were spared the potent winds. The 'now defunct' Reflection Bay Golf Course sits idle awaiting action from the County to permit the building of about seven hundred (700) Townhouses to be built in the near future.

Condo prices have grown exponentially for existing ones and you will see the efforts of Real Estate Agents seeking potential sales of existing stock. The buildings have reached the age of Fifty (50) years old and require some maintenance that the PBC Building Dept. is requiring in the area of the exterior concrete elements and the roofing, brought about by the tragic event in Surfside, South Florida. With a full Board of Directors present, plans can be made to address those elements that will hold down the cost for compulsory Association Insurance. A mix of responsibility and pleasure are ahead for the upcoming season. Welcome back and enjoy the weather and the amenities available this Winter.