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Friday 10/2/15
9:30 a.m. in the Theater

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UCO Delegate Assembly Minutes

SEPTEMBER 4, 2015

I. The meeting was called to order at 9:31 AM by President David Israel. A quorum was met with 128 delegates in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Captain Bruckner.

II: Guests were introduced and given a moment to address the delegates: Matt Willhite, Paulette Burdick, Dorothy Jacks, Mike Edmonson, and Mary Ann Senatore.

III. Law Enforcement Report. Capt. Bruckner of PBSO introduced Sgt. Henderson and Criminal Analyst Pat McClain. Sgt. Bruckner reported that this month the Village experienced no reported burglaries to residences or vehicles but there were three personal property thefts, several fraud cases, and two minor vehicle crashes. In addition he noted two occasions of vandalism where foreign objects were inserted into key locks with the purported purpose of disabling the lock. He also voiced concern over computer posted threats of violence against the Board, adding that these activities are monitored and the Criminal Analyst was called in to investigate.

Ed Grossman expressed concern to PBSO that a threatening email that was sent to Esther Sutofsky was not addressed properly. Ms. Wolkenstein commented that she had been contacted by PBSO about her blog postings.

A question was asked about the K9 unit that was spotted seemingly patrolling the Village. Officer Henderson answered that the K9 patrol was simply performing a training session.

The website crimewatch.com, a privately owned company that gathers information from the public domain, was discussed. Its accuracy is questionable as to the types of crime involved as that is a fluid thing.

A discussion was had about diligent monitoring of your debit/credit card activity as credit card thieves and computer hackers are getting more skilled. Newer credit cards now have a chip imbedded in the card. Complicated passwords and writing “Check ID” on your card were two other hints given for added security.

IV. Minutes. (Included in the packet.) There were no comments, corrections, or questions. David Israel accepted the minutes as written.

V. Treasurer’s Report. Howard O’Brien read the treasurer’s report (Included in the packet), noting that for the five months ending August 31st our total assets totaled \$3,200,000.00 of which \$2,053,000.00 represented business reserve funds. For the same five months excess revenues over expenses totaled \$1503.00 and expenses were approximately \$108,000.00 bringing the year-to-date variance of plus \$106,000.00. There were no questions, concerns, or comments.

Mr. O’Brien also noted the date for the Finance Budget meeting had been changed to September 21st because of the Jewish holiday Yom Kippur.

A question was asked by Howard Silver about the ad manager who was contracted to work with the UCO Reporter and who receives approximately \$975.00 per month salary versus the amount of revenue brought in by that person. Joy Vestal noted that the contracted service entailed coordinating the advertising department, ad retention and account service, up-selling current advertisers, and soliciting new ads. She added that the Board was very satisfied with the work this person has performed.

President David Israel accepted the Treasurer’s report as presented.

VI. President’s Report.

A) Striping of the roadways has begun after a long delay.

B) Some buildings are contemplating bylaws lowering the minimum age to 45 years. Mr. Israel cautioned that doing this will change the age protection afforded by HOPA and open buildings to many future difficulties. A question was asked about having “investigations” stopping these underage applications. Mr. Israel reminded the attendees that UCO does not get involved in acceptance or rejections of individuals wishing to rent or buy within the different associations.

C) Thanks went to Peter Cruise who donated two triple robellini palm trees which were placed near the Haverhill gate.

VII. Unfinished Business. None

VIII. New Business.

A) As recording secretary Phyllis Siegelman resigned, an emergency meeting was held by the Officer’s Committee in accordance with the bylaws and John Hess was appointed to fill the position until elections. That appointment is subject to a vote by the delegates. A motion was made by George Franklin and seconded by Howard Silver to accept the appointment. The motion was opened for discussion.

1) Comments: The emergency officer’s meeting was called into question because no notice was given. It was noted that the very definition of “emergency” answers questions as to why notices were not distributed via the normal channels.

Mr. Hess verbalized that he did not ask for the position but was glad to step up and take it. The idea of perhaps asking for other volunteers was discussed but no one in the room volunteered for the position.

A vote was taken. There were three (3) no votes and a majority of yes votes to approve the appointment of John Hess in the recording secretary’s position.

John Hess’s acceptance of this position opens up a position on the executive board. Marilyn Pomerantz was asked to accept the position. Ms.

Pomerantz declined. The next in line for the position is Esther Sutofsky. Ms. Sutofsky accepted.

B) Comments were solicited from the Officers at the table. Joy Vestal noted that she was absent from the last officer’s meeting due to health issues. Barbara Cornish noted she was on vacation for a month, but checked in regularly and left phone numbers where she could be reached in an emergency. John Hess reminded the group that elections were coming soon and anyone that wanted his position should step forward and place their name in the hat. Fausto Fabbro advised that a worker from Valley Crest doing lawn work had been hit by a driver from CV. He cautioned drivers to be careful when traversing the Village.

David Israel advised that the Village be aware that a resident has been clipping trees and trimming hedges and then leaving piles of debris.

IX. Committee Reports. All reports are in the package.

X. Good of the Order.

A) A question was raised by Myron Solomon on the cost of the striping, road work, and benches, noting that the amount of this work was well over the \$1000 allowed to be paid without advance approval. Mr. Israel answered that the cost of these projects falls into an emergency category; stripes that you can’t see at night, benches that were coming apart, and bus stops that were conducive to tripping. Mr. Fabbro added that the cost of striping has been on the table for close to 18 months and was already been approved by all the various committees. Herb Finklestein implored the audience members to stop bickering over items that are done for the good of the community.

B) Esther questioned why the changes in the bylaws were not presented to the delegates. Mr. Israel answered that, according to the bylaws, once a no-vote is recorded, that item does not move on. At this point a group of dissenters left the room. Herb Finklestein said that the wording on the changes was poorly done in some instances and that the committee had been asked to rewrite and clarify, but they declined.

C) Allen Preston addressed the issues of the bus scheduling and deteriorating condition of the busses themselves. He asked that the budget not be cut and that corrective actions be taken. Barbara Cornish noted that there are six bus riders that take the bus on the Transportation Committee.

She added that the summer schedule is cut back due to the population of the village but even then there are 126 trips per week to Publix markets on the schedule. She noted Mr. Preston’s frustration and added that the Transportation Committee works hard to keep our bus system relevant and operating smoothly.

D) Elaine Brown, who attended the Advisory Board meeting when the bylaw changes were discussed, noted that the language of the changes was abysmal. She added that the striping was sorely needed.

E) Milt Cohen announced that the Thanksgiving Dinner/Dance will be held on November 26th at the clubhouse. Tickets are \$26 PP. He also advised that CV is going to be working with the Honor Flight Group which honors WWII veterans and treats them to a trip to Washington DC. A meeting will be held on November 2nd to organize this event. Veterans of the Korean War and Viet Nam War are invited to get involved. He also implored folks to support the efforts of CERT.

F) George Nathan expressed dissatisfaction with having both a husband and wife on one committee. Barbara Cornish noted that that issue has been addressed.

G) Stewart Richland commented that he had attended all of the meetings in which the bylaws changes were being dealt with and he felt the wording “immediately” was a sticking point. He understood that to mean “at the next election”. He asked members to explain the ‘why’ of their vote when they do vote to help clarify the issues.

H) Jackie Karlan added that boards cannot in good conscience vote on ambiguous or vaguely worded amendments.

I) Grace noted that a building across the street from her unit has been renovating and left their debris on the curb right before the Village was preparing for Tropical Storm Ericka. Mr. Israel added that that should be forwarded to their management company as it is a threat to surrounding buildings in a windstorm.

XII: Motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Goldfarb and seconded by David Givens to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 AM by President David Israel.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jody E. Lebel,
Recording Secretary pro tem*

The United Civic Organization announces, with deep sadness, the passing of MILDRED LEVINE. Mildred served UCO for many years. She was kind, wise and dedicated to public service and Century Village. We will miss her very much, and remember her fondly.



The President’s Report

Palm Beach Sheriff’s Office-PBSO, Century Village and You

If you attend our Delegate Assembly meetings or the monthly meetings of our Security Committee, you have undoubtedly seen Captain William Bruckner, district commander of District 3. District 3 is one of the largest coastal law enforcement areas of the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office and truly one of the most culturally and socioeconomically diverse patrol areas in the county.

District 3 is comprised of an area extending roughly from Belvedere Road, north to the Martin County line and in some locations extending west from the Atlantic Ocean to just east of the City of Royal Palm Beach and the Acreage/Corbett Wildlife area (102 square miles). The district is one of the most diverse geographical regions in the entire county, with over 118 law enforcement personnel who provide professional law enforcement services to over 130,000 County residents. The district also provides additional law enforcement assistance to surrounding area municipalities and our community school district police department.

The many changes in Palm Beach County over the past few years have impacted not only law enforcement, but also our community as a whole. Recent natural disasters, population growth and terrorism concerns continue to affect us. These factors have caused substantial change in the Sheriff’s Office in manpower, training, and technology. Deputies are better trained and equipped than ever before. The strict guidelines utilized in PBSO hiring practices virtually ensure a highly qualified, well-educated deputy. The law enforcement professionals assigned to District 3 understand the importance of protecting the public in a responsive, caring, and community-based manner. This attitude extends from the deputy on the street to the detectives investigating criminal cases to PBSO office personnel.

Captain Bruckner and his Executive Officer, Lieutenant John Hill, are dedicated to providing the residents of Century Village with competent and professional law enforcement services. Please feel free to contact them at (561) 688-4900 with any questions, concerns, or compliments you have regarding PBSO services. Non-

emergency calls may be made to 688-3000. The District 3 HQ Email address is northcounty-district3@pbso.org . Of course, emergency calls to 911.

It may surprise you to know in the last three months, June, July and August, PBSO responded to 565 calls from Century Village alone. These calls resulted in 123 cases being filed. While we here in CV have our share of crime, we statistically exhibit a very low crime rate, which in no small part is attributable to the work of our PBSO deputies and detectives.

The success rate of PBSO is enhanced by the PBSO volunteer programs, which are very extensive and effective. All of us are familiar with the PBSO-COP (Citizens Observer Patrol) captained by our own Suzanne Byrnes. Their distinctively marked vehicles are seen throughout our Village. COP is not the only volunteer opportunity in the PBSO.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office established the volunteer program in 1989. The program has grown to over 1900 citizens serving as the “eyes and ears” throughout unincorporated Palm Beach County. Volunteers also serve in many administrative departments across the agency, from vehicle maintenance to the crime lab to assisting detectives.

PBSO hopes you will and invites you to consider being a part of their award-winning organization where you can utilize your own life skills and learn some new ones while feeling pride in being a part of the “PBSO family.” Volunteering not only fosters a great feeling of accomplishment but helps your community become a safer place.

In addition to the COP, there are the Volunteer Emergency Response Team (VERT), Bike Patrol, Parking Enforcement Specialist (PES), Honor Guard, Special Events, Parks Patrol, Crime Prevention Unit, Rovers, Traffic Monitoring, Marine Unit, Dispatchers, Mounted Unit, Airport Unit, Administrative Volunteers, and Media Unit--a truly impressive array of opportunities for the citizens of the county.

Finally, I note that PBSO is the thin green line between us and the bad guys. If you can qualify, consider volunteering.

Oct. 2015 UCO Monthly Meetings

MON SEPT 28	EXECUTIVE BOARD	ROOM B	1:30 PM
TUE SEPT 29	OPERATIONS	UCO	10:00 AM
FRI OCT 2	DELEGATE ASSEMBLY REPORTER SECURITY	THEATER UCO UCO	9:30 AM 1:00 PM 2:00 PM
TUES OCT 6	TRANSPORTATION	CARD RM B	9:45 AM
WED OCT 7	PROGRAM & SERVICES	UCO	11:00 AM
THURS OCT 8	C O P	ROOM B	9:30 AM
TUES OCT 13	STUDIO 63	UCO	11:00AM
WED OCT 14	BROADBAND	UCO	11:00 AM
THUR OCT 15	BIDS	UCO	10:00 AM
MON OCT 19	C E R T	ART ROOM	3:00 PM
TUES OCT 20	INSURANCE	UCO	10:00AM
TUES OCT 27	OPERATIONS	UCO	10:00 AM
THUR OCT 29	OFFICERS	UCO	10:00 AM
MON NOV 2	EXECUTIVE BOARD	ROOM B	1:30 PM
TUES NOV 3	TRANSPORTATION	CARD RM B	9:45 AM
WED NOV 4	PROGRAM & SERVICES	UCO	10:00 AM
FRI NOV 6	DELEGATE ASSEMBLY REPORTER SECURITY	THEATER UCO UCO	9:30 AM 1:00 PM 2:00 PM

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Joy Vestal Bob Marshall Barbara Cornish Fausto Fabbro

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Corresponding Secretary Pat Sealander

Recording Secretary John Hess

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Ken Davis	Linda DiLoreto
Herbert Finkelstein	George Franklin
David Givens	Jackie Karlan
Jean Komis	George Loewenstein
George Pittell	Mike Rayber
Stewart Richland	Toni Salometo
David Saxon	Myron Silverman
Esther Sutofsky	Lori Torres

— EDITORIAL POLICY —

The *UCO Reporter* promises to continue its long held beliefs that this publication will print articles to inform our residents of the important issues concerning our Village. We promise to seek the truth and to print both sides of an issue, to open dialogue to inform our readers, not to create controversy.

We promise to listen to your concerns and to treat all our residents with courtesy and respect. Your opinion is valuable to us and will be considered in our decision for publication. These are the criteria for publication:

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The United Civic Organization announces, with deep sadness, the passing of NATALIE HAUPTMAN. Natalie was a dedicated and well loved member of the UCO volunteer office staff and the UCO usher corps. We will miss her very much, and will remember her fondly.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



The *UCO Reporter* welcomes submissions from our readers. Articles, community event notices and Letters to Editor may be submitted to:
ucoreporterwpb@gmail.com

Own a camera? Send us your interesting photos of CV sights and events. Photo submissions may be sent to:
ucoreporterpix@gmail.com

Best Qualified For The Job

It was surprising to see that a minor few voted against the appointment of John Hess as Recording Secretary to fill a vacancy caused by a resignation.

John was a member of the executive board and is still a CERT volunteer. He spends many hours working to prepare the Village for emergencies. He serves as an usher in our theater and he takes the minutes on many other committees on which he participates. John accepted this new appointment and is probably the best qualified for the job.

Why would anyone complain that a call was not put out for volunteers for a position that is not coveted by anyone and historically known to be an almost impossible one to fill?

It was accomplished without fanfare. Here you have someone who stepped up in an emergency, only to be criticized. Small wonder why UCO is in need of more volunteers. I totally agreed with John when he said an election is coming and all are welcome to run. To which I add, if you missed your chance, now is the time.

— Ruth Bernhard

First Act Shows Disrespect

The September Delegate Assembly was marred by Mrs. Sutofsky, when she asked people who disagreed with the Board of Officers to turn their backs on them and walk out of the hall.

Mrs. Sutofsky, a so-called educator, should learn the meaning of respect. By initiating this walkout, she totally disrespected all other delegates and speakers who still wished to address the Assembly on matters of common concern. Those of us who remained in the theatre were floored by her action which was obviously planned in advance.

Mrs. Sutofsky's first act as an elected official of UCO was to disrupt the business of our Assembly and to deny other homeowners the opportunity to hear useful and important information from their neighbors. These people have worked hard and have Century Village's welfare at heart. Mrs. Sutofsky waited until the right opportunity to do her thing, right after her husband spoke. Because of this selfish move, Century Villagers were denied an opportunity to learn about upcoming events that obviously do not

concern her, such as the Thanksgiving Day Dinner and the Honor Flight for our World War Two Veterans.

I, along with other Century Village veterans, recall people who spat upon our uniforms when we returned home from Korea and Vietnam. I fought side by side with other vets of various religious persuasions: Muslims, Greek Orthodox, Jews and Catholics. I would not question their patriotism to the United States of America. However, in my opinion, the patriotism of people like Ms. Sutofsky, who seek to destroy our monthly meetings, is suspect.

— Milton Cohen

Another Budget Challenge

A small group of core malcontents, wistfully yearning for the bygone days of cigar box accounting, turned to their stock in trade, panic mongering about the Village paving. They put the hard sell on the Finance Committee in an attempt to massively inflate treasurer Howard O'Brien's zero increase budget presentation.

Ultimately, the Committee voted for an increase of a bit over two dollars per month per unit. It is my sincere hope that this budget draft will be restored to a zero increase, as originally proposed by the Treasurer. The budget draft will be presented to our Officers Committee on Thursday, 24 September, 2015.

— David Israel

Loyal and Dedicated UCO VP Insulted and Attacked

This letter is in response to an article by Edward Grossman in a newsletter that has lately circulated Century Village. Grossman wrote remarks that disparaged UCO Vice President Fausto Fabbro.

To Mr. Grossman: You manage to insult and attack yet another decent person whom I admire and respect. Fausto, as president of the Italian American Culture Club, has worked hard and dedicated much of his time to our club, helping it to become one of the most popular and enjoyable in the Village. Today, our club provides great treasurer reports, lots of activities and a constantly increasing number of new members that are leaving other clubs to join us.

Your attempt to discredit and slander yet another honest person will not be effective in the ears of our neighbors. Only an uninformed person may become convinced by your poor judgment

I feel compelled to voice my opinion of Fausto because I know about his loyalty and dedication as a person and as a president of our club. His track record is impeccable, both here in Century Village and in numerous service organizations in New York. You, on the other hand, are badly off base in your accusations. The four hundred plus members of the Italian American Cultural Club praise Fausto for the success achieved since he was voted our club president and we also know that such a feat was accomplished because of his expertise and his valuable time dedicated to the good of our members.

— Joseph Scammacca

EDITORIAL

Blowing Our Horn

BY MYRON SILVERMAN & JOY VESTAL

BEEP, BEEP! What? That's us folks, the *UCO Reporter*, blowing our own horn. Do you know why? Well of course we're going to tell you. Just a few weeks ago in August, if you turned on the news, what did you see? You saw a long segment about the downturn on Wall Street with the reporter focusing on a Wall Street discussion group right here in Century Village.

The reporter interviewed two members of the group in detail, who told viewers about their club and their exchange of ideas right in the *UCO Reporter* office. There was an emphasis on the fact that this club doesn't recommend any particular stock or give investment advice. They meet as a group to discuss the market activity and its impact, especially on seniors. Do you know where the tv people found out about the club? From the *UCO Reporter*, which ran a story on this group a few months ago. Our staff writer Lanny Howe interviewed two of the founders, who were questioned extensively on their goals, advice given and just general background of the members. After we were satisfied that this group met the standards that we would

expect, we ran the story. And there you are, we made it to national tv.

Next, we published our September paper with a story on FPL employees and volunteers from our Village distributing hurricane supplies from Meals on Wheels to our residents. A few days later the Palm Beach Post ran their own story on the same subject.

You know folks, it gives the us here at the *Reporter* a good feeling to know that we're on top of the news and that we're showing our Village in such a positive way.

It should also be pointed out that combined team of officer, bid and security committees members, led by Security Chairperson Ed Black, should be recognized and thanked by all of us for the many hours that they have spent working to bring a new security company into the Village. There were many long hours of interviews, site visits and telephone calls made to ascertain the most information available on the companies that were considered. But, it was necessary to assure everyone that the best company has been chosen. Remember folks we're all volunteers but it sure seems like a full-time job at times.

OPINION

Pushing The 'Mean Button'

BY JODY LEBEL

Recently I was asked to fill in as recording secretary for several and various board meetings. Last Friday, John Hess graciously accepted the position formally for the Delegates meeting and I'd like to thank John for saving me! But during my short tenure I was a bit taken aback at the abysmal behavior of the audience members. David Israel was commenting on something that happened in the world that really bothered him and a female voice called out, "Choke on it." I was appalled. And she wasn't the only one pushing the mean button. I always thought as we aged we would become more gentle and kinder because of all the wrongs we've lived through and witnessed over our years.

My eyes have been opened. Ever wonder why we can't get qualified volunteers to help run the Village? That's why. Who would subject themselves to that willingly?

Lady, your mother would be mortified at your behavior. I know I was. Shame on you. Shame on all of you.



VICE PRESIDENTS' REPORTS



Fausto Fabbro

Andover • Bedford • Dover
Golf's Edge • Greenbrier
Kingswood • Oxford
Southampton

It has been quite a busy month here at UCO! As officer-overseer of the Maintenance Committee, I have to say that I really miss our former CAM, Ted Herrle, who spent endless hours solving problems; for individual CV residents, associations and here at UCO.

Maintaining our infrastructure is very important to our quality of life here, and I will do my best to follow Ted's example and continue to help solve the many problems that continually surface in a Village as large as ours. Some of these issues cannot be fixed in a single day, and I often receive phone calls from several residents about the same issue. I personally investigate each problem and it usually will take several days, or sometimes several weeks, to solve the problem. Thank you in advance for your patience.

On another note, lately I have been somewhat involved with our irrigation system. In different parts of the Village, residents and maintenance workers have been tinkering with the pump machinery and timers that supply water to our sprinkler systems. These are very likely attempts to add additional watering to certain association properties. The irrigation schedule is set up in zones, and is designed to maintain adequate pressure in the irrigation system. Unauthorized additions or changes to our water use schedule often results in damage to the individual components.

These unauthorized adjustments to our equipment are causing damage to our machinery that is costing us (you!) thousands of dollars in repairs. This activity needs to stop immediately. If homeowners see anyone messing with these pump stations, they should call 911 or me at UCO (683-9189). If possible, take a picture of the person messing with our pumps and get it to me. We intend to prosecute and hold liable for damages any person found to be illegally monkeying with your equipment.

Other projects: the road striping project has been completed, and we are moving on to blacktop repairs on walkways and new lighting at the Haverhill Entrance. We here at UCO are dedicated to making our CV home the best it can be.



Barbara Cornish

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Windsor

Hello Everyone! Just a reminder: Please think about amending your association documents to limit ownership by a single person or entity to one or two units. Let us all do our part to maintain the Century Village lifestyle that we all love and prevent future condominium takeover or conversion attempts.

The Transportation Committee is working on making our bus schedule a little easier to read. The winter schedule will be starting on October 1st. Remember: If you have any complaints or suggestions, there is a yellow form in the ticket office. Fill one out so that your ideas can be considered by the committee. Please make sure to include your telephone number.

Your Transportation Committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month, in the card room on the second floor of the Clubhouse. I will be asking attendees for suggestions on what they would like to see in our next transportation contract.

Please, remember that if you sign up for the excursion bus and cannot make the trip, it is your responsibility to call 561-683-9189 (ask for Barbara Cornish) or go to the Clubhouse front desk and have your name removed. Please consider those on the waiting list who will need to be notified. Riders who repeatedly ignore this rule may find their excursion bus privileges suspended.

The Bid and Security Committees have been interviewing 14 companies for our new security contract. This has been a very long process and I want to thank everyone involved with this, as many hours have been put in by all.

As a final word, please remember that you, the homeowners of Century Village have the vote. You decide who will represent you at UCO, and you may vote out any officer or executive board member who does not adequately represent your interests, and vote in someone else who may do a better job. Term Limits will "limit" your ability to reelect homeowners who are doing a good job for you. Term Limits will "limit" the pool of candidates that you may choose from. Term Limits are a bad idea; please do not support it.



Joy Vestal

Cambridge • Canterbury
Chatham • Dorchester
Kent • Northampton
Sussex

At the August 31, 2015 Executive Board meeting, Milton Cohen spoke to the members who were present on the topic of getting along with each other in our community. Nothing could be more relevant than the thoughts he expressed on that day.

The question, bluntly put, is this: How do we do this? There is so much dissention at UCO meetings, starting with the delegate assembly, and also in committee meetings. Please don't misunderstand me. There is nothing wrong with expressing disagreement. In fact, it should be encouraged. But, disagreements should not be expressed in anger, or by making nasty comments about the UCO officers or by hurling negative accusations and demeaning opinions when a rule of order is invoked.

What to do about this? For the most part, our meetings are conducted to the best of the ability of the committee members, chairpeople and the UCO officers who oversee the committees. Perhaps the naysayers should remember to conduct themselves in a manner that will reflect well on themselves, their friends and neighbors. And, perhaps we as homeowners should give more thought to who represents us as our association delegates or spokespeople. Especially delegates. Do you know who your association delegates are? Do you discuss topics of interest with them before the monthly meeting? Do you attend UCO meetings yourself to see and hear their vote, listen to the topics they may choose to address and most important, see how they conduct themselves as your representative?

If it's not possible to attend a meeting, they are broadcast on Channel 63 for a full week afterward and can also be viewed at the UCO Reporter website, www.ucoreporter.com.

Remember, all volunteers should be treated with respect. If they are, perhaps we can start to heal this community and come together to live in harmony.



Bob Marshall

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Mr. Marshall has no report this month.



Howard O'Brien

UCO Treasurer

As of August 31, 2015, UCO has a strong cash position of approximately \$3,211,000. Of this amount, \$2,053,000 represents the pooled infrastructure reserves that will continue to be built this year. The current level of funding the Infrastructure Reserve for the 2015-2016 Budget Year will continue until reliable information becomes available suggesting a change to the current assumptions.

The details of the pooled infrastructure reserves has been previously printed in the UCO Reporter, but copies are available upon request.

For the five months of the 2015-2016 budget, revenues were approximately \$2,934,000 which is about \$2,000 less than the budget. Expenses for the same period were about \$2,828,000. The expenses were \$108,000 less than budget. Overall, these variance produce a net favorable variance of approximately \$106,000 for the four months of the current budget.

NEW OFFICE HOURS FOR THE UCO REPORTER

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY,
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Police! Stop! Don't move!

BY MILTON COHEN

As a retired NYC police officer, I recall these four words that were implanted in our heads every day at roll call before we went out on patrol. “Remember: POLICE- STOP- DON’T MOVE”; whether we were in a radio car, on foot patrol, on fixed patrol, on summons duty, or in unit training etc. The patrol supervisor would always end with “POLICE- STOP- DON’T MOVE”.

These four words were posted all over the station house, in every police vehicle, on every locker, in every bathroom and in other places that you could not imagine. That is how important these four words are to a police officer.

This four-word command was invented to protect the police officer, the civilian, and the perpetrators as well, and like it or not, this command has done its job. I have seen it happen in

many cases.

With what is occurring on the streets today, please, don't be a hero. When a police officer gives you a direction, do as you are told. No matter if you think that you are right, in this situation you can only come in second best. There are always other avenues that you can pursue after an event has occurred. Please remember no matter what the nature of your contact is with law enforcement, during that contact they are the boss. Whether it is a traffic citation, family dispute, or a disagreement between neighbors follow all directions from police officers and don't make any sudden or overt movements with your hands. Pass this information on to your children and grandchildren.

Remember, it is always better to be tried by twelve than be carried by six.

Earning Your Trust in Law Enforcement

BY SHERIFF RIC BRADSHAW

No community wants to go through what recently happened in Baltimore and Ferguson.

We all want our residents to contact, support, and trust their local law enforcement agencies. We want people to have a voice and be a part of efforts in maintaining policing that is accountable and equitable in the communities we serve.

As your Sheriff, I strive to do just that. At the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, we pride ourselves on having close relationships with residents in all of the cities, town, and neighborhoods in our jurisdiction. It's our top priority.

Just look around – my deputies and staff are involved in so many ways in making our county safer and better. They go to schools, attend community events, and neighborhood meetings. They participate in afterschool and weekend athletic and civic programs. They help purchase gifts for at-risk youth and their families during the holidays and times of need.

These are just a few of the many other things we do every single day in addition to our law enforcement responsibilities. In recent years we've worked with our partners in local government to build new parks, rejuvenate blighted homes, and make streets safer for motorists. We've also helped raise money and needed resources for relief efforts in Haiti and other nations. (In fact, Haiti's national police chief recently came to Palm Beach County to thank us for everything we have done for his nation.)

Communities improve when we all work together. My community policing deputies listen to the concerns of residents and do everything in their power to help them. I believe that when my deputies become members of the community and not act as a perceived aggressive force, crime goes down, community involvement increases, and the health of the overall neighborhood improves. Good policing is all about building relationships.

We earn respect by being respectful. That's why, before my deputies patrol our communities, I make sure they are properly trained to understand the people we serve. I've made sensitivity training, racial profile training, use-of-force training, and crisis intervention training integral parts of our overall instruction, for both new and experienced deputies. They are trained to uphold the honor and duties of their badge, which requires them to protect and serve our community with dignity, respect and fairness.



Ric Bradshaw

We do our best to avoid violent confrontations. But when force is an unavoidable last resort, we review each case very closely and have a committee that incorporates lessons learned from each case into our training in an effort to prevent further force when possible.

I'll say it again: All of us need to work together in creating an environment where residents contact, support, and trust their local law enforcement. Yes, all of us. For us at the Sheriff's Office we do our best in patrolling and assisting our communities. We also need residents to do their best in letting us into their lives and helping them make their streets safer for all of us.

Reflection Bay Update

BY DONALD FOSTER

October's UCO Delegate Assembly promises to be an informative event for homeowners interested in the latest developments at the former Century Village Golf Course. Scheduled speakers include Palm Beach County Commissioner Paulette Burdick, an outspoken critic of the proposed Reflection Bay development project and Verdenia Baker, newly sworn-in Palm Beach County Administrator.

According to Peyton McArthur, executive assistant to Commissioner Burdick, a clerical error by a Palm Beach County code enforcement officer resulted in a delay in the County's legal action against the owner of the property, Andrew Waldman, for his poor upkeep of the vacant property immediately adjacent to Century Village's Haverhill Gate.

Administrator Baker, who endured a months-long selection process for her

new job, will introduce herself to CV residents and answer questions about County government and the situation at Reflection Bay.

The *UCO Reporter* interviewed Jean Dowling, a Century Village homeowner and personal acquaintance of Waldman. Dowling reported that the development project “was in the permitting stage”, that Reflection Bay continued to be “a viable project”, and all aspects of the original plan were still in force. Dowling also related that Waldman was “very environmentally conscious” and was taking care not to disturb certain native plants and trees that are growing on the property.

Century Village homeowners are encouraged to attend the 10/2 Delegate Assembly, meet their County representatives and hear the latest developments in the Reflection Bay saga.

Proposed Budget Will Go To Delegate Assembly on Jan. 8, 2016 for Approval

BY HOWARD O'BRIEN

Although the next UCO Budget Year starts on April 1, 2016, the property managers (Seacrest, Pruitt, Gallagher, etc.) need to prepare their association budgets in October and November of 2015. The association budgets are based on the calendar year, January through December.

Accordingly, an early preparation of the forthcoming budget for 2016-2017 is necessary. If the proposed budget is approved by the following UCO Committees: Finance, Officers and Executive Board, a blended budget will be given to the property managers. This was done for this current calendar year. The proposed budget will be presented to and voted on by the the Delegate Assembly on Jan. 8, 2016.

The proposed 2016-2017 Budget that was approved by the UCO Finance Committee totals \$7,168,000 or \$76.05 per month/per unit. The Officers Committee revised the budget amount to \$6,868,000 or \$72.87 per month for an increase of \$4.19 per month.

The \$72.87 per unit/per month, when blended with the existing rate of \$68.68 will be a blended rate of \$71.82 per month for a net increase of \$2.54 per month over last year.

The increase is mainly attributed to increases in Security \$0.32, Cable \$1.64, and a Millennium Legal Fund of \$.53. Both Security and Cable increases are covered by UCO contracts.

There is no increase in the Pooled Infrastructure Reserve. The annual funding will remain at \$700,000.

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Getting Involved in Your Association

BY RUTH BERNHARD

If you attended the July Delegate Assembly, you heard CV developer H. Irwin Levy stress the importance of each owner’s participation in the decision making of their condominium association. By not participating you may lose control of the decisions in your building. Also it is important for everyone to attend condo meetings to learn who your new neighbors will be.

Each building association in CV is incorporated. In its documents are Articles of Incorporation. This tells the residents how many members should be on its Board. Each year the corporation pays a corporate fee of \$61.25 to Tallahassee listing its officers and board members. You can see this list by going to sunbiz.org on the computer and looking up your association’s name. The annual fee is paid either by your maintenance company that lists it in your monthly budget or by the association if it elects to do it from an association account.

Now, how does one get involved with their association board? Some believe that they need to be invited by the president of their association. This is untrue. Any homeowner has the right to sit on the Board and if not enough members are willing to serve, they are entitled to a seat without election because an election process will be unnecessary when not enough homeowners are running to fill the number of available seats. At election time, a letter of “Intent to Run” should be filled out and returned to the association. A copy of this letter is printed as part of this article.

As to bylaws, each unit owners should have received a copy of all documents at the time of purchase. These should have been handed down by the seller and it was their responsibility to do this. If this was not done and they were not received, they are still available from the association with a maximum charge per page if they supply them. Or they are available at the PB County Courthouse at their charge.

I will not address the subject of both co-owners in a unit serving on the condo board because this is best discussed with an attorney to learn when it is permissible and what the caveat may be.

Okay, so now you are on the board. Now what? At this point, you should become acquainted with the duties necessary in running the association. Read your documents which are your best source of information. Do not compare your documents to those of another building association because they will vary, especially if there are amendments. Some board member responsibilities might be seeing to landscaping or building maintenance and discussing the results of investigations for prospective buyers or renters. You should attend all open meetings (all meetings are open, except those with an attorney) where you will hear about current items on the agenda and how they are to be resolved. You will be able to bring up your thoughts

in Good of the Order (formerly known as Good and Welfare) and bring up suggestions and problems.

Now that you are a member of the board, it is mandated by Florida Statute Sec. 718.112(d)3.b that you be certified. In the past, Attorney Mark Friedman of Becker & Poliakoff has given 3-hour courses in the clubhouse to board members of CV associations, after which they receive a certificate of satisfactory completion valid for 5 years. Listening to him is a wonderful learning experience and it is hoped that he will do this again in the future. In the absence of a certificate, the board members may download a sample Certificate Form online (from the Florida Division of Condominiums to whom you pay \$4.00 per year, per unit) fill it out and give it to the secretary of your association.

Courses in condo board affairs

cover the roles and responsibilities of members, running an association, meeting and quorum requirements, governing documents, articles of incorporation, bylaws, records maintenance, finance reporting and elections. All of these subjects are part and parcel of a condo association.

If the board members elect you to an office, the duties of the association officers are as follows:

President – The president is the chief executive officer (CEO) who presides over all meetings of the unit owners and Board of Directors and, in addition, signs all written contracts entered into by the association.

Vice President – In the absence of the President, he/she performs all duties.

Secretary – Responsible for issuing notices of all board meetings and meetings of the unit owners. He/she

will keep minutes of all meetings. This is most important for future reference because minutes memorialize everything documented in meetings. The secretary keeps books, records and papers, except those kept by the Treasurer.

Treasurer – This person is the keeper of all financial records and prepares status reports of the association’s monies. The important report of the year is the Annual Financial Report in which all receipts and disbursements from January 1 to December 31 are outlined, showing an opening and closing balance in the bank(s).

The description of the duties of these officers can be found in the association documents, Article V – Officers. Good luck to all who step up and become members of their building associations to maintain Century Village as a place in which to be proud.

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Dear Unit Owners:

The annual meeting of (Condo Name) Condominium Association, Inc. will be held on (Day, Date, Time, Place of Condo Meeting) There will be an election for members to the Board of Directors to serve for the Year term.

In accordance with the Florida laws pertaining to elections, this notice is being sent to all unit owners in advance of the elections.

If you wish to be a candidate for the Board of Directors “**PLEASE SIGN AND PRINT YOUR NAME**” at the bottom where indicated and return this form promptly on or before **(40 day Return Date)**. Written notice shall become effective when received by the Association, either by mail or personal delivery to: (enclosed envelope)

You may forward a short typed resume of your qualifications on a sheet not larger than 8½” x 11” (one side) to the above address. This information sheet must be submitted to the Association at least thirty-five (35) days prior to the date of the election (on or before **(Return Date.)**)

Name to Return Intent Form _____

Condo Name _____

Address _____

Very truly yours,

Board of Directors
(Condo Name) Condominium Association, Inc.

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TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR (CONDO NAME), FOR THE YEAR (Date)

I am the owner of Unit #_____, _____
(PRINT NAME)

SIGN NAME _____
Unit Owner Signature



CALLING WWII VETERANS

“Honor Flight” is coming to Century Village West Palm Beach!
Please join UCO and WPRF along with Milt Cohen as we host a presentation by the “Honor Flight” of SE Florida

Where: Party Room

When: Monday, November 2nd at 2:00 pm

Being offered is an all-expense paid Honor Flight to Washington D.C. in April 2016 to visit the WWII Memorial that has been dedicated to all the men and women that served during WWII. Additional information and applications will be made available at the meeting.

If you need a ride to the meeting please call 429-5778

Please **DON'T** wait as space is limited to the first 80 applicants.

For those interested in making donations to this very worthy cause please make checks out to SE FLORIDA HONOR FLIGHT. Checks (**NO CASH**) can be dropped off at UCO or the Staff Office in the Main Clubhouse.

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A New Security Company Update

BY JOY VESTAL

After weeks of deliberations by a special UCO selection committee, Platinum Security has been chosen to be presented to our Officers, Executive Board and the Delegate Assembly for an affirmative vote to be hired as the new security company for our Village.

This special committee, which included UCO Officers and members of the Bid and Security committees, spent many long hours conducting interviews with fourteen candidate companies, performing research and investigations about our security requirements, and discussing the strengths and weaknesses of each candidate company before unanimously deciding on Platinum Security.

This selection process has been somewhat accelerated, due to the urgency of this matter. UCO considers security service to be of the utmost importance to our residents, and the current security service was cancelled because many homeowners were not satisfied with this company's performance. The sixty day notice of cancellation with Kent Security created a short period of time to secure new service, and committee members responded by working overtime, attending three meetings each day until this matter was finally settled.

Each of the fourteen candidate companies gave presentations, and each presentation was followed by questions from the committee on subjects that ranged from equipment (cameras, vehicles, communications) to logistics (supervision, scheduling, reserve force) to finance (guard salaries, company assets, holiday overtime). Each presentation was followed by



Security Committee reviews candidates for a new security provider.

private discussion and debate by the committee, weighing the pros and cons of each company.

The annual cost of security service for Century Village is approximately 1.2 million dollars, and many of the candidate company proposals came in at this amount. Security guard salaries were a key part of the committee's discussions, deciding on the delicate balance between quality of service (which most consider closely tied to salary) and cost savings to our homeowners. The committee is keenly aware of the economic realities faced by our membership, and "bang for bucks" was an ever present topic for discussion.

Starting salaries and wage viability was another key concern. Some committee members pointed out that a reasonable starting wage, combined with periodic raises based on performance and cross-training, was essential to employee retention and directly affecting security service quality at Century Village.

Again, balancing this requirement against the financial realities faced by CV homeowners was difficult, but most committee members agreed that effective management by the contractor, combined with close oversight by UCO, can help to achieve this goal.

Another frequently discussed topic was the wage differential between the various divisions in our guard force (gate, rover, clubhouse). Many committee members consider our gate and rover guards, who have contact with both residents and non-residents, to be our first line of security defense. Other committee members regard the Clubhouse guard force, which mostly deals with Century Village residents, to be of primary importance. Cross training, the ongoing process of teaching each guard to perform every security function at Century Village, was an issue that led to the cancellation of the Kent contract, and the committee paid special attention to this issue to ensure

that this process is performed more efficiently in the future.

The outgoing security company, Kent, has assured UCO that they will remain on duty until relieved. The finalization of the new security service will insure that Village security will continue seamlessly and without interruption.

The *UCO Reporter* will continue to monitor and report on this important matter. When a new security service is approved, we will cover the transition and interview the managers and executives of the new security company, so that our residents can get to know them as they, in turn, familiarize themselves with our community. In the meantime, CV homeowners are encouraged to attend the monthly Security Committee meeting at UCO, which takes place on the first Friday of each month at 2 pm. Bring your questions, concerns and suggestions and help improve our security service.

Real Estate Attorney
Mark Friedman will be
holding a class on
**ANATOMY OF A
WATER LEAK**
on October 16th, 10:00AM
at the Clubhouse Party
Room.
Snacks will be served.

Good Bye and Fare Thee Well to Nick

BY LANNY HOWE

The article on The Lord's Place will probably be Nick Ma's last article written for the *UCO Reporter*, for our intern is well into his senior year at Suncoast Regional High School now and on his way to "bigger and better things." Nick has been a top student at Suncoast, which is a top school, and plans to maybe become a neurosurgeon. He has taken many advanced courses that will be of benefit whatever his career.

You may ask how did we land such a fish—a top scholar who likes to write (and writes very well), who was willing to do just about anything at the *Reporter*, who interviewed people on and off campus, who wrote many articles, and who worked for free. Well, we

didn't land him; he landed himself, or perhaps it can be said his mother landed him.

Nick's mother, Theresa Pham, knew one of our longtime CV residents, Joan Besson. I'm not sure of their connection except that Theresa, a trained expert with computers, helped Joan with some computer-related problems. In the course of things, they became good friends and Theresa asked Joan if she knew of anything her son Nick could do for the Village during summer school vacation. The Phams were very much interested in paying back some of what this country had done for them. Well, to shorten a long story, Joan was a former neighbor of mine and asked me if I had any ideas, I

contacted Dave Israel about it, and an appointment was set up for Nick to be interviewed by Dave and Ed Black, with Joy Vestal in attendance, I think. The result was that Nick came to work for the *Reporter*.

Actually, it should be noted that the Reporter got Nick and his mother, because Nick was not yet of driving age, and Theresa drove him to the office and back to their home in the town of Wellington. Sometimes Theresa stayed on while Nick worked. Then we got the benefit of the computer expertise of both of them in addition to other help.

One day I was chatting with Theresa and learned a little about her. She had come to the States from Vietnam. When? I asked. Ken Graff

joined our conversation, which by then had turned into an interview (we are always on the lookout for a good interview at the *Reporter*, you know), and we learned that she had been one of the "boat people" who fled Vietnam after the Communist takeover. "Wow!" I said and we learned more. Nick wrote the story of his mother's harrowing escape in a past issue of the paper.

To Nick and Theresa: Thank you so much for all the help you have been to us over the past three years. Thank you for "giving back" when so many never think of this. And thank you that we could be the beneficiaries of your generosity and goodwill. Please visit us when you can, and God bless!



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48 Canterbury B	Unfurnished, inside corner, air cond., ceramic tile, owner is motivated! Lots of upgrades!	\$32,000
311 Sheffield M	Ceramic tile floor, knock down wall in kitchen, crown molding, newer everything, tankless water heater.	\$35,900
294 Windsor M	Lots of upgrades, beautiful tile flooring, rentable building, near camden pool. Central Air.	\$49,000
177 Bedford G	Lots of upgrades, condo comes w/lift, pauguet flooring, freshly painted, plumbing, move in ready, hurricane shutters, owner financing.	\$29,500
409 Chatham T	Beautiful condo, beautiful waterview, move right in, central air, lots of upgrades, beautiful furniture included.	\$33,000
20 Golfs Edge H	Unfurnished, newer appliances, near pool, courtyard garden view, tenant in place, great community to lay your hat.	\$26,000
165 Coventry G	Furnished, rentable, ceramic tile flooring, enclosed patio, new refrigerator & dishwasher.	\$31,000
43 Cambridge B	Partially furnished, ceramic tile, central A/C, rentable building, fitness center, clubhouse amenities.	\$45,000
21 Waltham A	A real beauty, rentable, near east gate, active clubhouse & pools, tenant in place, well taken care of.	\$27,000
350 Windsor O	Tenant in place, unfurnished, outside corner, ceramic tile floors, new H2O heater, new toilets & sinks.	\$35,000
235 Camden J	Unfurnished, ceramic tile, dishwasher, newer range, central A/C, enclosed patio, lots of upgrades.	\$29,900
20 Chatham A	Fully furnished, carpet & tile, waterview, beauty, on the Isle of Chatham, clubhouse amenities, tennis, sailing.	\$29,000
44 Salisbury B	Ceramic tile, rentable, furnished, near east gate, transportation & clubhouse, pool, 24 hour security.	\$22,000
161Camden G	Rentable, unfurnished, near west gate, near pool, cable, tenant in place, clubhouse amenities.	\$35,000
40 Sussex B	Newer Central Air, well taken care of condo, furnished, carpet, outside corner, new guest bath, beauty!	\$27,000

GROUND FLOOR CORNER 1 BED/1½ BATH

164 Bedford G	Wood flooring, PT furnished, lots of upgrades, pull right up to back door great area, canal view, owner financing	\$35,900
164 Camden H	Outside corner, shower stall, tile, carpet, newer kitchen, upgrades.	\$39,500
405 Sheffield Q	16" ceramic tile, central A/C, enclosed patio w/door, garden veiw, near Hasting Fitness Center & pool.	\$35,000
101 Salisbury E	Ceramic tile floor, unfurnished, newer kitchen, rentable, garden view, near east gate.	\$35,000
359 Wondsor P	Central A/C, new kitchen & baths, rentable bldg. unfurnished or furnished, clubhouse amenities.	\$37,000
172 Camden H	Rentable, furnished, near pool, lovely pergo floors, near west gate, fitness center, tennis, sailing.	\$35,000
277 Camden L	Furnished, carpeted, near west gate & pool, 24 hr. security gate, outside corner, short sale.	\$21,000

GROUND FLOOR 1 BED/1½ BATH

111 Wellington F	Beauty! Waterview! Lots of upgrades, development has own pool, drive right up to condo.	\$48,000
144 Southampton C	Newer kitchen, large patio, near the pool, ceramic tile flooring, drive right up to condo.	\$29,000
293 Andover L	This condo has lots of upgrades, cermaic tile floor, hurricane windows, front & back, waterview.	\$39,900
25 Golfs Edge C	Handyman special. Needs TLC, garden view, near pool.	\$19,900

UPPER FLOOR 1 BED/1½ - 2 BATH

Coventry J	Newer condition, furnished, near east gate, clubhouse & fitness center, owner motivated!	\$34,900
208 Greenbrier B	Carpet, furnished, near elevator, pull in front of bldg, owner motivated, pool in front of bldg.	\$35,000
130 Dorchester F	Granite countertops & baths, beautiful wood flooring, open concept in dining & living room, cul-de-sac.	\$34,900
210 Oxford 200	Lg spacious rooms, central A/C, has own pool, BBQ area, garden view, pet friendly, washer & dryer allowed.	\$34,900
305 Andover L	New kitchen/stainless, waterview, porcelin tile flooring, new A/C, lift, this is a beautifully done home.	\$38,000
15 Coventry A	Ceramic tile flooring, furnished, rentable, lots of upgrades, garden view, turn-key, move right in.	\$29,900
394 Northampton S	Furnished, lift included, newer shower stall, rentable, cul-de-sac, near Kent pool, garden view, great build.	\$27,900
41 Northampton B	Waterview, rentable, near Kent pool, tenant in place, carpet, transportation, 24 hour security.	\$22,000
206A Stratford O	Beautiful, fully furnished, renovated, rentable, waterview, turn-key, portable washer, near the east gate.	\$37,500
204 Windsor I	Beautiful! Furnished, building has its own patio, near Camden Pool, newer appliances, turn-key.	\$27,000
40 Northampton B	Carpet, fully furnished, waterview, rentable, cat friendly, drive right up to condo.	\$21,000
66 Dorchester C	Ceramic tile flooring, beauty, newer hot water heater, cul-de-sac, near pool, great building.	\$19,900
36 Northampton B	Unfurnished, carpet, rentable, waterview, near pool & west gate, fitness center, security gate.	\$23,000
428 Dover B	Spectacular waterview, largest patio in CV, near the clubhouse in highrise bldg, 24 hour security.	\$57,500
135 Chatham F	Carpet, prettiest waterview around, furnished, near Kent Pool, great area, ready to move into!	\$32,000
87 Windsor D	Carpet, water veiw, near camden pool, unfurnished, lots of extras!	\$35,000

GROUND FLOOR 1 BED 1 BATH

136 Canterbury F	Ceramic tile, unfurnished, cul-de-sac, near pool, great bldg with great people!	\$28,000
26 Kingswood B	Drive right up to, near mailboxes & laundry, unfurnished, rentable, well taken care of.	\$25,000
174 Canterbury H	Ceramic tile flooring, rentable, serene area, furnished, near mailboxes & laundry, garden view.	\$25,000
27 Camden B	Waterview, Beauty, rentable, ceramic tile flooring, furniture, near pool & the west gate	\$26,500
107 Andover E	Newer kitchen, unfurnished, garden view, carpet, owner motivated, needs tender loving care.	\$20,000
158 Windsor H	Unfurnished, cable included, near east gate, freshly painted, new flooring, clubhouse amenities.	\$24,000
198 Waltham I	Ceramic tile flooring, newer kitchen, near the east gate & clubhouse, well taken care of.	\$21,000
135 Kent I	Beauty! Tenant in place, ceramic tile flooring, newer kitchen, near Kent pool & west gate. Active community.	\$25,000
227 Northampton L	Beauty! New kitchen, drive right up to condo. Near Kent Pool, owner is motivated! 24 hr. security.	\$25,000

UPPER FLOOR 1 BED 1 BATH

46 Bedford B	Ceramic tile, furnished, community patio, very nice condo with garden view.	\$28,000
283 Coventry L	Central Air, plantation shutters, unfurnished, ceramic tile flooring, serene view of lush landscaping.	\$25,000
57 Kingswood C	Carpet, furnished, rentable, hot water 2014, drive right up to unit near either gate.	\$25,000
101 Bedford D	This condo features beautiful ceramic tile flooring, unfurnished, rentable, great building, lots of light.	\$25,000
115 Salisbury E	Well taken care of, fully furnished, rentable, carpet & parquet flooring, near clubhouse & east gate.	\$20,000
338 Sheffield N	Beautiful, rentable, lift included, pet friendly, kitchen & bath upgraded, 2 A/C units, turn-key, negotiable.	\$22,000

211 Coventry I	Beautiful condo w/lift, carpet & ceramic tile, rentalbe bldg, enclosed patio w/ceramic tile, lots of light!	\$24,000
150 Andover F	Unfurnished, rentable building, new appliances, freshly painted, upgraded bath, bike path!	\$25,000

UPPER FLOOR CORNER 2 BEDROOM 1½ BATH OR 2 BATHS

109 Norwich E	Outside corner, furnished, lots of upgrades, newer appliance, newer A/C pergo & ceramic tile floors, lighted patio w/BBQ & 24 Hr security.	\$48,900
16 Cambridge A	Rentable, inside corner, well taken care of, furnished, great building!	\$45,000
301 Northampton O	Carpet, unfurnished, near Kent pool, garden view, inside corner, tenant in place, well taken care of.	\$49,000
156 Windsor G	Ceramic tile flooring, outside corner, newer kitchen & bath, upgrades galore, central A/C.	\$65,000
208 Norwich I	Wood flooring, furnished, unique floor plan, rentable, near the east gate, lots of upgrades, move right in!	\$38,000
242 Windsor K	Beautiful, lots of upgrades, furnished, near the west gate & Camden pool, turn-key, move right into!	\$39,900
314 Wellington L	Furnished, lots of upgrades, new appliances, ceramic tile flooring, lots of light! Waterview.	\$110,000
179 Andover G	Unfurnished, rentable, new A/C to be installed, quiet area, great investment, tenant in place.	\$39,000
288 Norwich L	Outside corner, near Hastings Fitness Center, pleasant view, ceramic tile floor, rentalbe bldg. Near east gate.	\$45,000
288 Coventry L	Carpet, tile, furnished, near east gate, lift elevator, clubhouse amenities, 24 hr. security gate.	\$35,000
328 Chatham P	New Everything! Models delight, quality, outside corner, come see!! CELING TO FLOOR REDONE!!!!	\$96,000
117 Sheffield E	Unfurnished, ceramic tile, central air, redone kitchen & baths, 24 hr. security, tenant in place.	\$42,000

GROUND FLOOR CORNER 2 BEDROOM 1½ BATH OR 2 BATHS

268 Northampton N	Beautifully renovated from ceiling to floor, outside corner, unfurnished, waterview, community patio w/BBQ & 24 hr. security. Pet friendly, rentable.	\$59,000
178 Canterbury K	Furnished, wood floor, outside corner, rentable, serene area, new kitchen & baths, hurricane shutters.	\$54,000
224 Dorchester J	Completely renovated, central A/C, new appliances, wood flooring, close to Hastings Fitness & pool.	\$54,900
89 Windsor E	Beautiful ceramic tile flooring, bedroom has carpet, newer stall shower in master. Hurrican shutters.	\$65,000

UPPER FLOOR 2 BEDROOM 1½ BATH OR 2 BATHS

196 Windsor I	Beautiful condo, newer kitchen, ceramic tile, near Camden pool	\$49,000
210 Wellington M	Beautiful built-ins, newer appliances, newer hot water heater, ceramic tile & Pergo floors, waterview, furniture negotiable.	\$84,500
212 Somerset K	Breathtaking view of the lake, ceramic tile flooring, lift included, sliding glass doors from each br.	\$67,000
301 Northampton O	Beautiful condo in a bldg w/Beautiful people, carpet, furnished & ready to move into!	\$45,000
405 Greenbrier B	Lots of upgrades, newer cabinets, ceramic tile flooring elevator, pool steps away, laundry right next door.	\$69,000
15 Golfs Edge E	Pretty & ready to move in. Furnished, C/A, newer kitchen & back splash, newer appliances, washer, pool view near east gate.	\$49,900
302 Wellington M	Beautifully done & cared for, wood flooring, new kitchen, hurricane shutters, ceramic tile flooring on patio, near west gate.	\$79,900
118 Norwich E	Furnished, well taken care of, garden view, waterless hot water heater, rentable building.	\$32,500
322 Southampton B	Building has elevator, partially furnished, linoleum carpet, 24 hr. security gate, clubhouse amenities.	\$28,000

GROUND FLOOR 2 BEDROOM 1½ BATH OR 2 BATHS

183 Northampton J	Carpet, furnished, water view, 2 baths, central A/C, well taken care of condo. Owner motivated!	\$42,000
172 Stratford M	Beautiful, redone, ceramic tile flooring, unfurnished, new kitchen & baths, rentable, hurricane shutters.	\$65,000

*** * * * * ANNUAL RENTALS * * * * ***

GROUND FLOOR 1 BEDROOM 1 BATH

67 Kingswood D	Unfurnished, carpet, near mailboxes, new appliances, new hot water heater	\$850/mo.
147 Camden G	Beauty. Furnished, near the west gate, Camden pool close by. Move right in!	\$825/mo.

GROUND FLOOR 1 BEDROOM 1½ BATH

171 Coventry H	Furnished, newer kitchen, near fitness center & east gate, ceramic tile.	\$850/mo.
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UPPER FLOOR 1 BEDROOM 1 BATH

46 Bedford B	Ceramic tile, furnished, community patio, very nice condo with garden view.	\$850/mo.
142 WALTHAM F	Lino, carpet, near the east gate, tenant until 9/12/15.	\$650/mo.

UPPER FLOOR CORNER 1 BEDROOM 1½ BATH

165 Coventry G	Furnished, ceramic tile, near east gate, cute as a button!	\$850/mo.
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UPPER FLOOR 1 BEDROOM 1½ BATH

223 Chatham K	Ceramic tile flooring, heart of the community, very clean and ready to move into.	\$750/mo.
25 Canterbury A	Unfurnished, ceramic tile flooring, well taken care of condo, near pool, wall units.	\$750/mo.

UPPER FLOOR CORNER 2 BEDROOMS 1½ BATH

88 Sheffield D	Carpet, furnished, water view, near Hastings Fitness, pool.	\$850/mo.
85 Chatham D	Unbelievable, beauty! Everything has been redone! Furnished, tile, waterview.	\$900/mo.
136 Cambridge F	Ceramic tile flooring, near pool, garden view, furnished, central air, beautiful condo!	\$850/mo.

*** * * * * SEASONAL RENTALS * * * * ***

1ST FLOOR CORNER 2 BEDROOM 1½ BATH

224 Sheffield J	Inside corner, fully furnished, garden view, wood flooring, near the Hastings Fitness Center & pool.	\$1,300/mo.
154 Cambridge G	Absolutely Stunning, fully furnished w/beautiful furnishings, garden view & close to pool.	\$1,300/mo.

1ST FLOOR CORNER 1 BEDROOM 1½ BATH

57 Waltham C	Absolutely a doll house! Near the east gate, central air & ready for you! Pristine! Fully furnished.	\$1,200/mo.
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UPPER FLOOR CORNER 2 BEDROOMS 1½ BATH

192 Coventry H	Picture Perfect, outside corner, central air, ceramic tile flooring, fully furnished, near fitness center.	\$1,200/mo.
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UPPER FLOOR CORNER 1 BEDROOMS 1½ BATH

326 Andover M	Waterview, walk right into, ceramic tile & carpet, central air.	\$1,150/mo.
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Halloween Memories

BY LENORE VELCOFF

As a child my friends and I had an unusual problem. We lived on a street that was not residential. I lived in an apartment above my father's tavern. One friend lived above her father's knish store and another lived above her father's dry goods store (a small department store). So we three went trick or treating to the local businesses. Since they did not have candy to give us, each business owner would give us a few pennies. When an owner would give us a nickel, we were sure to go back there the next year. In some ways we benefitted by this situation and in one important way, we did not. The day after Halloween, after counting up the money we collected, we were allowed to buy some trinkets at the local Woolworth's, but sadly, no candy. We were all too chubby.

For my grandchildren, Halloween was different. Their



costumes had changed. There were no more witches or ghosts. Now they were superheroes or characters from Star Wars. My Albany grandchildren went up one side of their block and then back on the other side collecting goodies all the way. Their only restriction was "no eating any candy along the way". But my Brooklyn grandchildren would go to Uncle Larry's building for trick or treating. He lived in a 12-story building in Manhattan where those apartments that were "open for business" would put

a picture of a pumpkin on their door and these two kids collected an enormous amount of goodies. But no eating anything unwrapped.

I hope these stories bring back some fun memories for you.



Halloween

BY HARRY BEHN

Tonight is the night, When dead leaves fly
Like witches on switches, Across the sky,
When elf and sprite, Flit through the night
On a moony sheen., Tonight is the night
When leaves make a sound
Like a gnome in his home
Under the ground,, When spooks and trolls
Creep out of holes, Mossy and green.
Tonight is the night, When pumpkins stare
Through sheaves and leaves, Everywhere,
When ghouls and ghosts, And goblin hosts
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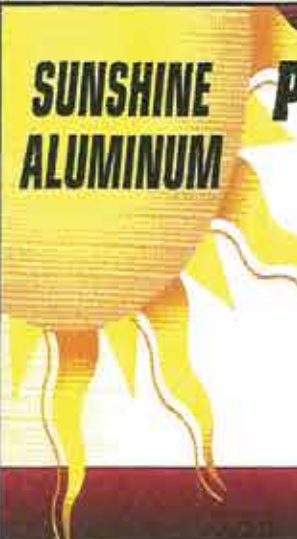
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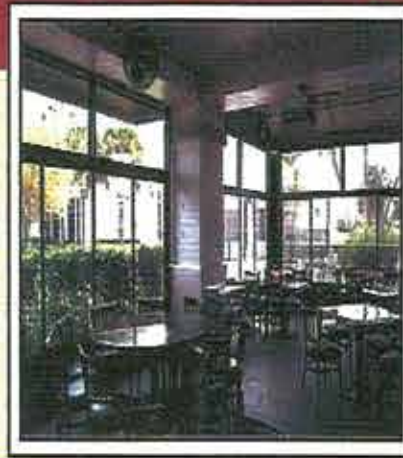
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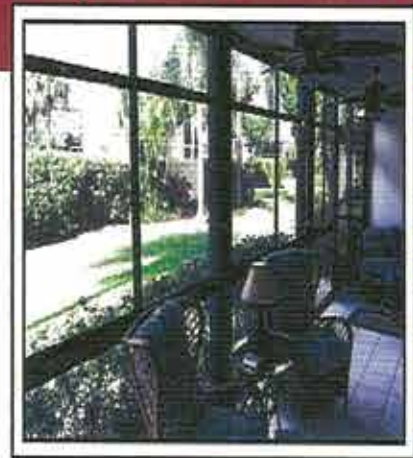


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Food is Love

Chicken and Biscuits

BY DONALD FOSTER

My wife and I returned to northern New York last month and we spent some more time on the small CSA farms that seem to be springing up all over Essex County, run by young people who mostly didn't grow up on farms. Many of these people studied agriculture in college and apprenticed themselves to experienced farmers to learn the huge range of practical and business skills required to follow this profession. Then they started up their own farms. One of the things that draw us back to visit these folks is the fact they they are all happy. Dirty and happy and generally welcoming to city people like us who wander in like they are visiting the zoo.

Before we left Century Village, my friend Roberta mentioned that "free range, organic" chickens (whatever the hell that is) were quite expensive at Whole Foods, and I wanted to bring her a couple of birds from Essex Farm. The TSA agents at Plattsburgh airport just roll their eyes when they X-ray our coolers full of frozen chickens and hand picked raspberries.

Free range chicken is really no big deal. Actually, I think that they are easier for the farmer to raise because there is very little cleaning to do. The chicken coops are on wheels, and the farmers move them around from field to field, following the cow herd that is also rotated around the farm. The chickens peck and scratch at the grass



all day, eating worms and bugs and running around in circles. At night the farmers chase them into the coops and lock them up so that the foxes and coyotes can't get at them. It seems to be a stress-free life for the chickens. I have participated in the process of turning these animals into food, and I can report that this work is done very humanely.

I never ate chicken and biscuits before I lived in the country. This is considered a "Monday Supper," using leftovers from Sunday's roast chicken, and is very popular in the North Country. Our church puts on two chicken and biscuit suppers per year, and they are always sellouts. The recipe below can be made with leftovers or not. The church supper cooks use an 80/20 mix of skinless, boneless breasts and thighs to simulate the leftover effect. Biscuit choice is somewhat controversial: at one supper, the boss



bakes fresh with Bisquick. At the other, a different boss buys frozen Pillsbury biscuits from Sam's Club. At home, I use the biscuits that come in the paper tube that pops when you open it. This is not exactly health food, but when we interact with an animal before it becomes our meal, that interaction makes us want to use up every bit of that animal and this dish eliminates the waste and tastes good. Enjoy.

Step One: Prepare a roast chicken for Sunday dinner. Cover and refrigerate the leftover chicken in the roasting pan. Don't clean the pan.

Step Two: Next day, pull the leftover chicken out of the fridge and separate meat from bone. Finely chop meat and return to fridge.

Step Three: Make a chicken broth. Put the chicken carcass and skin in a soup pot with two onion halves, a celery

stalk, a carrot, fresh herbs. Cover with cold water, bring to boil, skim junk off the top, simmer two hours. Strain broth, discard bones, reduce broth over heat by at least half. Broth can be supplemented with bouillon cubes, but this will add salt.

Step Four: Make gravy. Put roasting pan on stovetop with low heat. Pour hot reduced chicken broth directly into the roasting pan. Mix pan drippings and broth with whisk. Reduce. Scrape pan well, thicken with sifted flour or flour/water slurry. You can cheat with poultry gravy mix and a little butter or milk probably wouldn't hurt. Like I said, this is not health food. Salt and pepper to taste. When gravy looks good, add in diced chicken and leftover vegetables. I like to add in a chopped, sauteed onion and some frozen peas as well.

Step Five: Cover chicken and gravy with biscuit dough. I use Pillsbury Grands. Put pan in oven and bake until biscuits are cooked.

This dish is somewhat time consuming, and I can see why most people like to eat it at church suppers and diners. I imagine that full-time homemakers, when there still was such a thing, were the original multi-taskers, performing other chores in between the different steps and winding up with a meal at the end of the day. Slow food is good food.

LOCAL DINING:

Gulfstream Bistro and Seafood Market

BY DONALD FOSTER

My friend Fred is originally from Maine. Naturally, this makes him an expert on lobster, and he insists that Maine lobsters are the best tasting in the world. Fred and I agree, after several morning-long public debates at the Kent pool, that *homarus americanus*, the North American Atlantic Lobster, is the tastiest crustacean on earth.

Where we part company is on the matter of geography: how does the Maine lobster know when he has accidentally crawled over the underwater state line into New Hampshire or over the border into New Brunswick? What about the jumbo lobsters that mostly live in federal, or even international waters? Freddy thinks that Maine lobsters, like Maine humans, tend to keep to themselves, insuring their superior quality. For my part, I prefer to take a more diplomatic and internationalist view toward seafood, especially since seventy percent of under-two-pound lobsters come from Canada. I mostly eat lobster in restaurants, so I don't get

to see the red or blue rubber bands that identify the claws of U.S. or Canadian lobsters, and I don't care either way.

This is the time of year when the Kent Pool Lobster Debate tends to heat up, spurred on by the other people at the pool who think the whole thing is funny, and because late summer and early fall is a good time to eat lobster. Lobsters, like all crustaceans, shed their shells from time to time; this is how they grow. When their external suits of armor start to feel a little tight, lobsters bust out, and after a few days of hiding in defenseless nudity and inflating themselves with seawater, find themselves in a new, slightly larger shell suit, which has a little room for growth. This is a "new shell" lobster that, once cooked, can be



cracked open with fingers alone. This process happens year round, but there always seem to be lots of new shell lobster on the market at this time of year, and many restaurants put on specials.

Gulfstream Bistro, at 3815 South Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, had lobster specials in August, so we gave it a shot and were glad that we did. The front of the store is a retail fish market, so we were able to have a look at what we could eat. Ken Graff had the broiled mahi, which was locally caught and he seemed to enjoy it. His wife Linda and I had lobsters, and they were both "new shells," so we were able to crack them open easily. I ordered the \$18.95 seafood feast, which included, along with the lobster, steamed mussels, shrimp and clams.

An unexpected treat was the option of steamed bok choy instead of the usual french fries and coleslaw. Christine ordered a steak. Everyone gave good reports on their meal, the service was just fine and I even liked the chair that I sat in.

Did I mention that my wife ordered a steak in a seafood restaurant?

Fred JetBlued it up to Maine to visit his sister, and returned with a special surprise for me, three pounds of freshly cooked and deshelled Maine lobster meat. I heated this treat up in a sauté pan with a little butter and a splash of white wine; it tasted so good that I felt guilty eating alone. "See, I told ya!" says Fred. Yep, you win, Fred, and thank you.

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OPINION

A Remark Regarding Electric Cars and Hybrids

BY DOM GUARNAGIA

Current trending is steering those purchasing new vehicles to opt for technologically advanced drive trains that use less and less gasoline to propel them to a destination. Hybrid drive, utilizing a combination of batteries and gasoline to continue the journey, regenerating the batteries when the brakes are applied, is the most meaningful method.

On the other hand, the all-electric vehicle such as the expensive Tesla (at least \$90,000), relies solely on charging a large array of storage batteries. A “charging station” is a crucial component that recharges

the batteries, quicker at 220 volts AC than 110 AC. Here is the rub! Somewhere on the National Electric Grid, dirty fossil fuel, most likely coal, is being burned to produce electricity sent over wires to the charging station needed to propel the vehicle.

Where is the logical ecological reduction in emissions? True, there is less reliance on petroleum, which is now more abundant than in past years. However, air pollution has been transferred to a coal-fired electric power plant, probably in another state. If you do not see the black smoke, does it exist?

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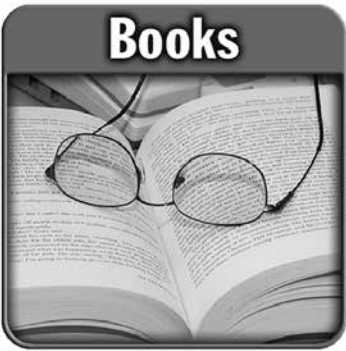
The Reader's Corner

BY LENORE VELCOFF

Judy & Liza & Robert & Freddie & David & Sue & Me: A Memoir by Stevie Phillips is the perspective of an ambitious woman/entertainment secretary/powerful Broadway/Hollywood agent

who tells many unknown candid stories of how she spent part of her life babysitting Judy Garland and Liza Minelli, and witnessing their sad spirals into the depths of addiction and insanity.

What I know about Judy Garland I know mostly from movies, but to hear Stevie Phillips's first-hand stories about being Judy's handler for several troubled years in the sixties gives a whole new meaning to "front row seat". It does not create a pretty picture of show business. The single-minded pursuit of the author was to recall Judy Garland at her worst; the drug abuse, sexual promiscuity and her all-around difficulty. The same with Liza Minelli's cocaine abuse. I had never quite understood why Liza Minnelli went up so fast and then really not anywhere in her movie career, but I do now.



After reading this book and the stories about very well known celebrities, I found that the only decent person in the whole book is Phillips's first husband, whom she left due to boredom, and so she could have an affair with a man she knew was a psychopath.

The author spares no details in discussing her own marriages and her relationship with agent/producer/embezzler David Begelman. Throughout, Stevie Phillips is unrelenting in looking back at her own youthful stupidity and selfishness in wanting to be an agent, her own part in chasing away good men and ending up with creeps for husbands and the subsequent divorces. The saddest and most revealing part of the memoir is the meaningful personal experiences of Phillips that occurred during her meetings at Al-Anon.

This book is not great literature. It does, however, give us a blistering look at the dirty, dishonest, depressing side of showbiz that we sometimes hear about but hardly ever see.



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BY LINDA ANTON

Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline is an American story of mobility and rootlessness, highlighting a little known but historically significant moment in our country's past.

Between 1854 and 1929, so-called orphan trains transported more than 200,000 orphaned, abandoned and homeless children from the coastal cities of the eastern United States to the mid-west for adoption. The children, many of whom experienced great trauma in their short lives, had no idea where they were going. The train would pull into a station and the townspeople assembled to inspect them to determine whether they were sturdy enough for field work, cooking or cleaning, or simply to adopt a baby. A child who wasn't chosen at the first stop would get back on the train for the next town... and then the next...and then the next.

The author became interested in the historical story of orphan trains since her husband's grandfather was rumored to be a 'train rider'. Part of the reason Kline wanted to write a novel was that in writing fiction you can dwell on the stark details of the experience without really needing to offer the narrative of redemption. She wanted to create a strong character who would survive the experience of abandonment and at the same time how hard it was to survive that experience.

Therefore, *Orphan Train* is a historical fiction novel about the relationship between a 17-year-old and a 91-year-old. Kline's novel focuses on the effects of abandonment, regardless of how it occurs; how the government dealt with and continues to deal with this issue; and the value of dealing with

one's past.

Saving children from lives of depravity and poverty may be noble but certainly has its downfalls as well. Both sides are visible in *Orphan Train*. If you are looking for a piece of U.S. history that many of us have overlooked *Orphan Train* gives one an inside view.

Enjoy!

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OPINION

Why Are You Dragging Us Down?

BY DONALD FOSTER

Over the past year or so, a number of negative videos and articles about Century Village have been published. As an associate editor at the *UCO Reporter*, it should not surprise anyone that I, along with my fellow staff members, read and watch this material. We analyze, discuss and even argue about the content of these messages. Much of this interest is, for lack of a better term, professionally based. We are checking out the competition, and make no mistake, this is a competition. The question is, who is competing against whom?

At first glance, it would appear that a newsletter that circulates Century Village, both digitally and in print form, is the organ of a group of homeowners who disagree with the policies and administration of our homeowner organization, UCO. A closer look at this newsletter’s principal writer reveals a different conflict, one that pits the interests of homeowners against the interests of tenants.

UCO is a corporation of Century Village homeowners. The first page of our bylaws makes this clear. UCO exists, first and foremost, to represent the interests of people who own property here. The *UCO Reporter* is, essentially, a corporation newspaper that is mandated in our bylaws.

Over the years, UCO has evolved into a full-service community organization, one that serves all residents of our Village, and the *UCO Reporter* has similarly evolved into a community newspaper that covers events and subjects outside of our corporate meetings and decisions. These services just make good sense. They bind our Community together and set us apart as a place where neighbors care about each other. However, the primary purpose for UCO remains property and, ultimately, property values. When a tenant resident of Century Village publishes and broadcasts negative and questionable material, for all of the world to see, forever, the effect

can only be to drag down property value. However, for me, and likely many other CV homeowners, the primary effect of this material is embarrassment. I am proud of my home, and I know that thousands of people see this nasty stuff on the Internet every day.


Most recently, an uncredited article was published titled “Falling Condo Prices Got You Worried?” The article itself was mostly a rehash of recent Century Village events framed to support the headline, but it is the headline itself that bears examination here. The statement is untrue. I work one day a week at UCO investigations. I see and note the sale prices on each application that I process, and I can, at least anecdotally, assure that condo prices in Century Village are rising healthfully. Statistics published in the *Palm Beach Post* confirm this. *The Post* also reports that rents in Century Village are rising as well.

Why would any Century Village homeowner publish material, true

or not, that degrades the value of his own property? The answer is simple: the author is, in many cases, not an owner. This explains the dragging down of our community with YouTube videos of rotting fish in our lakes and negative “exposés” of our corporate affairs. The tenant author has no financial investment or pride of ownership in our Community.


Most of the people involved with this newsletter and its associated blogs are Century Village homeowners and members of UCO. Their economic interests are identical to all other CV homeowners. They are, by endorsing this negative material, largely created by a tenant, sacrificing some of their own property value (and ours) in exchange for publicity and political gain outside of the corporate political process that has, for the most part, rejected them.

So, to the homeowners who are producing and endorsing this material, I again ask the question: Why are you dragging us down?



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Norton Museum Prepares for New Season

BY BOBBI LEVIN

The Norton Museum of Art closed for three weeks in September to prepare for its 2015-2016 exhibition season, which includes the highly anticipated U.S. debut of ***"This Place: Israel Through Photography's Lens."*** The exhibition opens on Thursday, Oct 15, 2015, and will be on view through Sunday, January 17, 2016.

French photographer Frederic Brenner invited eleven of the finest photographers in the world to spend time in Israel and the West Bank to create their own portraits of the place. "The result is an unprecedented international, creative initiative that, according to photographer Brenner, is similar to the U.S. Farm Security Administration of the 1930s, which commissioned artists who used photography to ask essential questions about culture, society, and people's lives."

"This Place" unveils a dozen contemporary photographic viewpoints of Israel and the West Bank, created primarily between 2009 and 2012. Participating photographers came from France, United States, Slovakia (Czech Republic), Korea, Germany, Canada and the United Kingdom. The combination of their individual photographic sensibilities and approaches produced a diverse portrait of this important and much contested space.



"This Place"

Mr. Brenner is scheduled to present an exhibition lecture at 6:30 p.m. on October 15 during Art After Dark.

Other new exhibits scheduled for the 2015-2016 season include the very timely photography exhibition, ***"Mary Ellen Mark: Streetwise Revisited"*** (the acclaimed photographer passed away in May) and an exhibition featuring the paintings of Georgia O'Keeffe and her contemporaries.

The Norton re-opens on Saturday, September 26 with its ***Tenth Annual Mid-Autumn Festival (or Moon Festival)*** in honor of its world-class collection of Chinese art. One of China's most cherished holidays, the Festival runs from noon to 5 p.m.

and includes a performance by renowned Chinese musician Liu Fang, an array of activities, tours, workshops, and talks throughout the day, as well as the serving of tea and mooncakes, the traditional treat for this second most popular holiday in China

Visitors may notice construction work around the landmark 75-year-old Banyan tree on the Museum's west side to prepare and protect it from the coming construction of the New Norton master plan set to begin in the summer of 2016.

Open during construction, the transformation of the Norton campus is scheduled for completion in December 2018.

About the Norton Museum

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The Pope and the Environment

AN OPINION PIECE BY ANDRÉ LEGAULT

The Pope is the leader of one of the smallest countries in the world, the Vatican. He is known as the spiritual leader of more than 1.2 billion Catholics. Therefore, his messages are more spiritual in nature than political. The current Pope choose to be named Francis in honour of Saint Francis of Assisi, the champion of the environment during the later part of his life in the early twelfth century.

Encyclicals are official letters from Popes dealing mostly with spiritual matters. But at times, moral issues become so important that they are addressed in encyclicals. And the environment is one of these issues, one that threatens the very existence of humanity.

Called *Laudato Si*, (Praise be to You), this encyclical is a ringing call to action, and a prophetic warning about the dangers of ignoring what Pope Francis calls “the ecological crisis.” He offers elementary descriptions of ecological problems, global warming chief among them, that include air and water pollution, the destruction of forests, the wasteful use of resources and many more. “The Earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more



like an immense pile of filth,” Francis declares. In many parts of the planet, the elderly lament that once beautiful landscapes are now covered with rubbish. He points out, and environmental experts agree, that poor people bear a disproportionate burden from pollution in rich and poor countries alike.

But with the soaring rhetoric, did the Pope get the science right? The short answer from climate scientists is that he did. The Vatican has been consulting for

many months with leading experts. Among them are Michael E. Mann, a climate scientist at Pennsylvania State University and Hans Joachim Schellnhuber, who is the founder and head of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Research and a primary environmental advisor to German Chancellor Angela Merkel. In an interview, Dr. Schellnhuber, who was raised a Lutheran, said he was especially impressed with the pope’s determination to reach beyond the Catholic faithful, attempting to speak, in Francis’ own words, to

“every person living on this planet.”

The word “divestment” is not found in the 200 pages of the papal encyclical. But Pope Francis is likely to add momentum to the movement by big institutions to sell their holdings in fossil fuel stocks. Many religious institutions including the Church of England and the United Church of Canada started divestment plans in 2012. It also puts enormous pressure on all universities to follow on the path of divestment.

Human activities are responsible for most global warming. James Powell, the current Executive Director of the National Physical Science Consortium, analyzed published research on global warming and climate change looking at 2,258 peer-reviewed climate articles with 9,136 authors published between November 2012 and December 2013. Only one of the 9,136 authors rejected anthropogenic global warming.

Political leaders are also committing themselves to protecting our environment. On August 3rd, in announcing his new Clean Power Plan, President Obama said: “ We only get one home. We only get one planet. There is no plan B.”

Le Pape et l’environnement

UN ARTICLE D'OPINION PAR ANDRÉ LEGAULT

Le pape est à la tête de l’un des plus petits pays, le Vatican. Il est mieux connu comme chef spirituel de plus 1,2 milliards de catholiques. La nature de ses communications est donc davantage spirituelle que politique. Le présent pape a choisi le nom de François en l’honneur de Saint-François d’Assise qui était à l’âge adulte le défenseur de l’environnement au début du douzième siècle.

Les encycliques sont les documents officiels des papes et sont généralement de nature spirituelle. À l’occasion, des sujets d’ordre moral revêtent une telle importance qu’on les retrouve dans une encyclique. L’environnement est un de ces sujets. Il s’agit-là d’une menace pour l’humanité.

Appelée *Laudato Si* (Loué sois-tu) cette encyclique est un appel à l’action et un avertissement au sujet de ce que le pape François appelle: “la crise écologique”. Il présente les éléments essentiels des problèmes écologiques: le réchauffement climatique étant le principal, incluant la pollution de l’air et des eaux, la destruction des forêts, l’usage à outrance des ressources et plusieurs autres. “La terre, notre



demeure, devient de plus en plus un immense tas de déchets”, de dire le Pape, “en plusieurs endroits les gens âgés se plaignent que de beaux paysages sont maintenant couverts de détritrus”. Il souligne, et des experts en environnement sont d’accord, que les pauvres subissent un fardeau disproportionné de la pollution dans les pays riches comme dans les pays pauvres.

Mais avec un discours si percutant, qu’en est-il des aspects scientifiques?

Les climatologues lui donnent

raison. Depuis plusieurs mois le Vatican a consulté de nombreux experts. Parmi eux, Michael E. Mann, un climatologue de l’université de l’État de Pennsylvanie et, Hans Joachim Schellnhuber, fondateur et directeur de l’Institut Potsdam sur la recherche climatique et conseiller principal de la chancellerie allemande Angela Merkel. Lors d’une conférence le Dr. Schellnhuber, qui est luthérien, a avoué être impressionné par la détermination du Pape d’atteindre au-delà des catholiques, “chaque

personne vivant sur cette planète”.

Le mot “désinvestissement” ne se retrouve pas dans les 200 pages de cette encyclique, mais le pape François ajoute un momentum à la vente d’actions de compagnies dans le domaine d’énergies polluantes. Plusieurs institutions religieuses incluant l’Église d’Angleterre et l’Église Unie ont un programme de désinvestissement depuis 2012. La pression est aussi forte pour que les universités suivent ce courant.

L’activité humaine est responsable du réchauffement de la planète. James Powell, directeur exécutif du Consortium National des Sciences Physiques, a analysé les publications sur les changements et réchauffement climatiques par 9,136 auteurs entre novembre 2012 et décembre 2013. Seulement un des 9,136 articles rejetait le réchauffement climatique comme étant d’origine humaine.

Plusieurs dirigeants politiques s’engagent également dans la protection de l’environnement. Le 3 août dernier, le président Obama en annonçant le nouveau “Clean Power Plan” disait: “ Nous n’avons qu’une seule demeure.

Nous n’avons qu’une seule planète. Il n’existe pas de plan B”.

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WPRF NEWS

BY EVA RACHESKY



Eva Rachesky
V.P., WPRF

Dear Residents,
Although I have written about WPRF ID cards in a prior article, recently there have been several occurrences that point to a need to reiterate certain facts for the purpose of clarification.

All WPRFID cards are the property of WPRF and are “on loan” to each resident as long as they remain in good standing. The criteria for “good standing” is that, you the resident, follow the rules and regulations as posted in the Main Lobby/ Pools and that your WPRF account is current. Please take out your ID card and look at the back of your card; it reads as follows:

ALL ID CARDS ARE THE PROPERTY OF WPRF. ORIGINAL ID MUST BE PRESENTED TO ANY/ALL SECURITY PERSONNEL UPON REQUEST. NO LOANING/ COPYING OF ID CARDS. VIOLATORS ARE SUBJECT TO SUSPENSION OF RIGHTS AND/OR CONFISCATION OF ID CARDS FOR BREACH OF COMPANY RULES/POLICIES.

For those of you who are refusing to show your ID card to Security personnel when asked, this indicates to me that you are well aware that you are behaving in a manner that goes against the rules and accepted social standards. 14,000 residents cannot dwell within Century Village and have an “I will do as I damn well please” attitude. I back our security force and their efforts 100%. So, for those of you who think you do not need to heed our security officers when they ask you to modify or stop a particular course of action, you risk my involvement and potential suspension of your recreational privileges.

Though the suspension of privileges is the least favorite part of my job, it is something I take seriously and will follow through on if a situation warrants it. Sadly, I find myself doing this much too often. I ask again that all residents cooperate with WPRF and Security. It will make life in Century Village more pleasant for everyone.

Please use headphones or earbuds when listening to music at the pool areas. New pool rules signs will be going up shortly. You will find this rule listed on the new signs.

The fishing pier is currently under renovation. While checking on the

progress of this work, I have come across food being left on the planking of the pier where people will walk. Someone actually spread out plain spaghetti which the animals did not eat. While I do not encourage people to feed the wildlife on Picnic Island, if you must leave food, please leave it in a grassy area and not on the pier. Animals forage for their food and will find it in the grass. To leave it on the pier creates a slip hazard and draws ants and rats.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

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CENTURY VILLAGE THEATERS

To help us better serve you, please complete this survey and return it to the staff or ticket office at your convenience. Please be reminded that this is anonymous and your answers are confidential. Thank you!

In a typical year, approximately how many performances in the theater do you attend?

- ☐ 13 or more times a year
☐ 9 to 12 times a year
☐ 1 to 8 times a year

How would you rate the quality of the performances?

- ☐ Consistent high quality
☐ Generally good
☐ Quality varies daily
☐ Poor quality

Which community do you live in?

- ☐ West Palm Beach
☐ Boca Raton
☐ Pembroke Pines
☐ Guest

What kind of shows do you want to see more of?

- ☐ Comedy/Impressionist
☐ Dance
☐ Tribute bands
☐ Broadway
☐ Opera
☐ Other _____

How do you purchase majority of your tickets?

- ☐ Online
☐ Advance season with the order form
☐ Day or evening of the show at the ticket window

What motivates you to purchase certain shows?

- ☐ Recognizable name
☐ Read a preview (i.e. an article in community newspaper, social media, email blasts or website)
☐ Brochure
☐ Suggestions from the staff
☐ I attend the same shows every year

How would you rate your experience purchasing tickets online?

- ☐ Excellent
☐ Very good
☐ Poor (please explain why)

Are you signed up for our email blasts?
www.centuryvillagetheater.com/signupform.htm

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Yes, but unsubscribed (please explain why)

Given your past experience with our theater, do you think the artistic quality of our programming is

- ☐ Consistent with the past
☐ Getting better
☐ Getting worse

Rate your experience with our website
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- ☐ Excellent
☐ Very good
☐ Good
☐ Fair
☐ I do not use the internet

How could your experience have been improved?

The Housing Boom and Its Ramifications

BY DOM GUARNAGIA

Soon, clearing the existing landfill and surrounding overgrowth between Military Trail and Haverhill Road at 45th Street will commence. Construction vehicles will be entering and exiting with the debris creating congestion for us all. The goal is to have a spring baseball training facility ready for early 2017. This will be a magnet for baseball fans coming by car and private bus, adding to congestion.

Lennar Homes is completing its single/townhome development, Charleston Commons, on Haverhill Road, beyond the Publix Market strip mall. DR Horton has completed two smaller complexes on Belvedere Road near Military Trail. Reflection Bay is yet on hold, pending litigation; and GL Homes has Palm Beach County authorization to build 4500 homes in the Agricultural Reserve requiring expansion of Okeechobee Boulevard and Southern Boulevard to accommodate the large number of additional vehicles those roads will be required to carry.

During the summer months, when

our population is reduced by 50% and perhaps more, our situation will be tolerable. During the winter season, we will have to be judicious about the number of trips we take outside the Village, since we are but one traffic light east of the Florida Turnpike, where vehicles exit to refuel and go east.

With regard to population trends, we expect a fairly large portion of our winter residents to return to their permanent residence. The current trend, however has been for a larger percentage of owners and renters to leave during the summer months.

Therefore, is it reasonable to say that Century Village, West Palm Beach has become largely a winter resort and is no longer simply a 55-and-over retirement community--with fewer residents making administrative decisions for their association? H. Irwin Levy, the founder, referred to this at the June Delegate Assembly when he said that we must all take control of our associations or we will lose control and jeopardize the lifestyle we came here to enjoy.

The Century Village Usher Corps Needs You!

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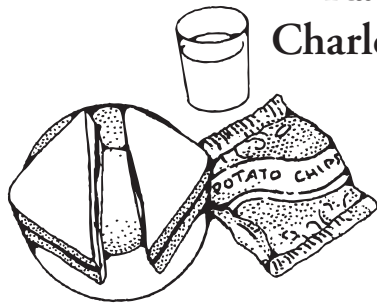
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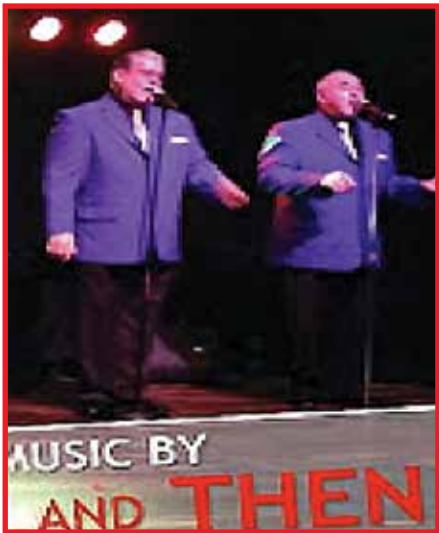
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SHOW TIME REMINDER

PLEASE CHECK SHOW TIMES ON YOUR TICKETS IN THE EVENT YOU HAVE TICKETS FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PERFORMANCES:			
Thursday	December 31, 2015	Twelve Personalities...No Waiting starring Paul Tanner	Show Time 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	December 31, 2015	New Year's Eve Dance with Sound Relations (Dress Code Semi-Formal Attire)	Show Time 9:00 p.m.
Monday	January 25, 2016	CV Resident Show	Show Time 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday	February 9, 2016	Always...Patsy Cline	Show Time 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	February 13, 2016	Sweetheart Ball with Ruth Davis (Dress Code Semi-Formal Attire)	Show Time 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	February 20, 2016	Clint Holmes	Show Time 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	March 12, 2016	Tony Orlando	Show Time 7:00 p.m.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Afternoon showings are at 1:45PM — Tuesday & Sunday.
Evening Showings are at 6:45 PM.

The 1st Monday Evening & Tuesday Afternoon showings of each new movie
(some movies are shown two Mondays and Tuesdays) will have “Closed Caption”
(for the hearing impaired) when available. *No charge for residents.*

OCTOBER 2015 MOVIES

10/1	Thu	6:45PM	McFARLAND, USA (PG, 129 min.) Kevin Costner, Maria Bello, Ramiro Rodriguez
10/4	Sun	1:45PM	A cross country coach in a small California town transforms a team of athletes into championship contenders.
10/5	Mon	6:45PM	Directed by Niki Caro. (continued from last month)
10/06	Tue	1:45PM	FOCUS (R, 105 min.) Rated R for Adult Situations
10/08	Thu	6:45PM	Will Smith, Margot Robbie, Rodrigo Santoro. In the midst of veteran con man Nicky’s latest scheme, a woman from
10/11	Sun	1:45PM	his past — now an accomplished femme fatale — shows up and throws his plans for a loop. Glenn Ficarra,
10/12	Mon	6:45PM	John Requa wrote and directed
10/13	Tue	1:45PM	
10/15	Thu	6:45PM	FIFTY SHADES OF GRAY (R, 125 min.) Rated R for Adult Situations
10/18	Sun	1:45PM	Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan, Jennifer Ehle. Literature student Anastasia Steele’s life changes forever when she
10/19	Mon	6:45PM	meets handsome, yet tormented, billionaire Christian Grey. Directed Sam Taylor-Johnson.
10/20	Tue	1:45PM	PLEASE NOTE: “FIFTY SHADES OF GREY” IS AN EXPLICIT “R” RATED MOVIE.
10/22	Thu	6:45PM	IF THIS MOVIE WILL MAKE YOU UNCOMFORTABLE, PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND.
10/25	Sun	1:45PM	THE SECOND BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL (PG, 122 min.) Judi Dench, Bill Nighy, Maggie Smith
10/26	Mon	6:45PM	As the Best Exotic Marigold Hotel has only a single remaining vacancy - posing a rooming second hotel.
10/27	Tue	1:45PM	Directed by John Madden
10/29	Thu	6:45PM	(continued next month)

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An “R” rated motion picture, in the view of the
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other elements. Due to a wide viewing audience,
WPRF will not censure “R” rated movies. **Therefore, if
you find any of the above offensive, WPRF suggest
you “OPT OUT” of seeing this movie.**

Fire at Easthampton B

BY DONALD FOSTER • PHOTOS BY KEN GRAFF

Tragedy was averted on September 24th, when a security system detected a kitchen fire and alerted a sleeping Century Village homeowner. The devastating fire, at Easthampton B, resulted in minor injuries to several residents, destroyed two apartments and temporarily rendered four other units uninhabitable.

Prompt response by Battalion Three of Palm Beach County Fire Rescue prevented further damage to the wood frame building, and injured residents were rushed to local hospitals for treatment. Neighbors, including Jay Stoute and Nancy Bradford, helped to move escaping residents away from danger and prevented at least one resident from re-entering the burning building.

Easthampton B officer Clayton Bradford, when interviewed by the *UCO Reporter*, praised the efforts of Palm Beach Fire Rescue and offered

his thanks to UCO officers and committee chairs who visited the scene and offered assistance and critical advice.

Firefighter Matt Willhite, a member of the Okeechobee Boulevard fire station who recently addressed Century Village homeowners, offered the following advice for our residents: "It's encouraging news that the recent fire at Century Village didn't have any major injuries or loss of life. Our front line firefighters with Palm Beach County Fire Rescue responded swiftly and were able to take control of the fire immediately. The incident serves as a reminder of why it's so important to arm your house with smoke detectors and alarm systems. With the proper home emergency systems in place, there is no doubt that we can see similar stories as the one from Century Village."



Boarded up units at Easthampton B.

Everything was destroyed in two units.



Century Village resident Jay Stoute assisted others to safety.



A kitchen fire destroyed this unit and all of the homeowner's belongings in Easthampton B. Fortunately, residents suffered only minor injuries.

Sheffield O Update

BY DONALD FOSTER

On September 14th, Sheffield O homeowners held a board meeting at 351 Sheffield O, a unit owned by majority shareholder Donald Kelly. *UCO Reporter* staff were barred from attending this meeting, but were able to interview Kelly via telephone. Kelly reported that the purpose of the meeting was to inform Sheffield O homeowners about remedy action taken by Kelly to comply with a letter sent to him by Division of Florida Condominiums. This letter was apparently a response to a complaint filed in regard to financial reporting

by the Sheffield O Association.

In the interview, Kelly stated that while he no longer wished to terminate the Sheffield O Condominium, he also has no immediate plans to sell his Sheffield O units and intends to remain a landlord at the Association for the foreseeable future. Kelly stated that he would continue to perform financial background checks on all of his tenants and reported that he uses a Texas-based investigation service rather than the agency used by UCO. Kelly feels that criminal investigations for his tenants are “unnecessary”, due

to the age of these tenants.

Kelly’s resident manager at Sheffield O, Wanda Wilson, claimed that all Kelly’s tenants are over 55 years of age, and also claimed to have affidavits to that effect. Wilson declined to produce these documents, citing tenant privacy, and had sharp words for Sheffield O homeowner Nancy Salmi, who Wilson predicted “would bankrupt this condo” by filing official complaints and legal challenges to Kelly’s administration of the Sheffield O Association.

After this board meeting, the

UCO Reporter interviewed Salmi, who reported that only one board member, Kelly, attended and homeowners were told that the directives from the State had been followed. It was unclear if Kelly had obtained proxy votes from the other board members or if any other matters were voted on. According to Salmi, resident manager Wilson informed the membership that the Association had incurred over ten thousand dollars in legal bills that were connected to complaints made against Sheffield O.



Age in Place

The Quality of Life You Deserve

Date:

Wednesday, Oct 28, 2015

Time:

10:30am

Location:

Century Village

Are you 65 or older?

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Contact Jenny Madlof at 561.238.0410 to register or please put your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet

The Lord's Place

BY NICHOLAS MA

Walking through the front doors of the Lord's Place was like entering a doctor's office. One employee did note that the Lord's Place was, indeed, once a doctor office. In the cool, sterile waiting room, a receptionist mans the front desk, while the patients, or "clients," were either waiting for an appointment or bustling in or out.

Some newer clients came in wearing their best — saggy jeans and ragged tee-shirts — waiting for a second opportunity. Once in a while, a staff member or volunteer would enter the room with a smile, ready to give the next client a new beginning. Indeed, the Lord's Place was more than a place for the homeless; it was a field hospital for the wounded in the War on Poverty.

"We believe that each person needs to feel loved and respected," Diana Stanley, Chief Executive Officer of the Lord's Place, said. "Our philosophy is to meet our clients where they are and to walk side by side with them as they journey onto another path of independence and hope. However, this can only occur by providing services that are life-changing."

Within the administrative office of the Lord's Place was an air of bustling energy and hope. Venturing further through its halls reveals why. The Lord's Place has a computer lab and classroom for job training and employment. Its recent graduates include one grinning bright-faced, middle-aged client who was getting ready for an interview, with resume in hand and grey pant suit ready to impress. While she was too busy to comment, employees at the Lord's

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Place could not conceal their pride with her, and many others', progress.

"Everything we do is about the client, doing everything we can to help them and keep their voices and needs in our heart," Daniel Gibson, Chief Program Officer of the Lord's Place, said. "The answer to homelessness is within themselves and they just need courage to see it. Do not believe you know what's inside them, because, as you can see, they will lift themselves

towards greatness."

Rather than just serving as a mere safety net for the homeless, the Lord's Place, through its employment programs, aims to turn their lives towards self-reliance. While it encourages individuals to find their own job outside, the Lord's Place is also open to employment of former clients.

"It used to be our policy not to hire a client, but we figured, why should anyone else hire them if we wouldn't hire them ourselves?" Gibson said. "That's why we decided to start rehiring clients to give them an easier chance to show the public what they're capable of."

One former client has indeed found a job in the Lord's Place. A former businessman, stock broker, salesman, and insurance agent, Alan Bernstein found his life spiraling down into prison because of drug use. After his release, he found a second chance in the Lord's Place. Now the Alumni Relations Specialist at the Lord's Place, all Bernstein wants is to repay his community for all it has given to him.

"I celebrate people's successes,



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so that other people see that there really is a light at the end of the tunnel and that they have it in them to reach it," Bernstein said. "We have reunions, volunteering activities. We get people who we have helped, like me, involved so that we could return to the community. I really do all the talking, to speak for the people who go or already went through this program. I speak to our outreach

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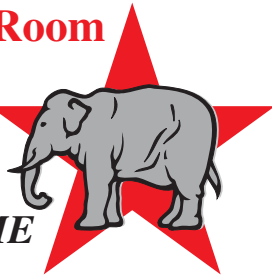
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people and tell them how to help potential clients.”

While waiting for an appointment, one could not help but catch a whiff of freshly-baked chocolate chip cookies coming from the kitchen, Joshua’s Café. Through the glass windows, clients are huddled around a steel kitchen table, busy learning to bake and assemble a new batch of cookies.

Café Joshua functions as a catering business for local businesses and non-profits in Palm Beach County. In its catering apprenticeship program, the Lord’s Place employs a highly-trained staff to help train clients learn the basics of culinary vocations, including working in a kitchen and serving in a restaurant. Those who complete the program could receive a Certified Food Handler Certificate and a Chef Apprenticeship Certificate.

“Our culinary program has some of the strongest placement rates; we have gotten the attention of some kitchens

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who call us now,” Gibson said. “About two years ago, we have expanded the program to include front of the house-hosting, waiting tables, busing tables. Now we are focusing on getting accreditation-to get our certificates officially recognized.”

Although Café Joshua handles plenty of food preparation, customers cannot order in and dine. Rather, the small dining room deep within the Lord’s Place administration building, stocked with tables with napkins and condiments, serves a different purpose.

“We are planning on knocking down that part of the wall there and expanding the dining area,” Gibson said. “Eventually we want to be able

to serve people in here. Right now, we arrange for ‘table companions’ – outside volunteers – to talk with some of our clients to give them a personal sense of dignity and comfort around others.”

One of the Lord’s Place’s most famous enterprises is a thrift store on South Dixie Highway that sells donated items. Upon entering the modest shop, customers would be greeted by an astonishing array of affordable clothing, furniture, books, jewelry and other items – all donated from the community – as well as a plate of Café Joshua’s savory cookies. All earnings from the store fund the Lord’s Place’s operations and services.

However, the store also offers retail and consumer service vocational training to some of its clients, offering a Retail Apprenticeship Certificate upon completion. Many former clients who have completed the program have been rehired in the thrift store.

“I was homeless, on drugs, and pregnant for three weeks,” Marybeth Barr, Retail Team Leader at the thrift store, said. “The Lord’s Place gave me a place to stay at the Family Campus and I entered the apprenticeship program. Without the Lord’s Place, I would not have been able to turn my life around.”

From kitchens to cash registers, the Lord’s Place is training its clients for the workforce to regain their independence. Both the retail and culinary apprenticeship programs have generated considerable progress in allowing for clients to earn a stable living.

“Through our training program, we have a good placement rate of 60% of our clients who get hired by local businesses,” Gibson said. “We really want to focus on that other 40% and find out why they are not getting jobs. Some of the barriers are just difficult for us to navigate, so we decided to hire them after completion of their training. At least a third of our employees were former clients.”

One of the Lord’s Place’s most important services is providing

supportive housing for the homeless. As a large organization, the Lord’s Place serves hundreds of individuals in need every year, with astonishing success in turning around many lives.

“In 2012, 434 homeless men, women and children received housing at The Lord’s Place,” the non-profit’s website proudly boasts, of which, by that year, “92% were no longer homeless [and] 85% were launched into lives of independence and self sufficiency.”

Homeless families can always find a home in the Family Campus, which contains 38 available apartments and houses about 60 families a year. The Family Campus also provides vital services, like assistance for mental and physical health, family reunification, nursing, and child care. Perhaps more importantly, the workers and volunteers at the Family Campus have an eye on the younger residents to make sure they have a bright future ahead of them.

“We started a Tomorrow Fund about a year ago, as a way to help the homeless child,” Gibson said. “There is a lot of generational homelessness, but education can help break that cycle of poverty. We work with Oxbridge Academy, who brings juniors once a week for tutoring. They offer workshops for scholarships during the summer for our kids, who can be potential Oxbridge Academy nominees.”

Other housing projects include the Men’s Campus for homeless men, Operation Home Ready for disabled or chronically homeless individuals, and the Burckle Place for homeless women. The Burckle Place is the newest edition of the Lord’s Place, and, unlike the individualized, case-to-case nature of other programs, it chooses a more community-oriented approach to help women in need.

“The Burckle Place is set up like a boarding house system: 10 women under one roof and one kitchen,” Gibson said. “We are targeting women who have been marginalized, traumatized, victimized for so many years; we want to create a safe place where they don’t isolate themselves, but rather work together as a family.”

The Lord’s Place is nowhere near slowing down. In the coming years, the Lord’s Place will continue to expand and provide more programs, ever more determined to make a change in more lives.

“Our future plans are to continue to fill the gaps of services to the homeless,” Stanley said. “In early fall, we will break ground for our second

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housing facility designed exclusively for single women Burckle Place 2. We are also working closely with donors to secure more housing for specialized populations. Ultimately, we would like to expand our training center to incorporate more social enterprises for our catering department.

Indeed, the future seems ever brighter when considering the humble origins of the Lord’s Place more than three decades ago, when its founder, Joe Ranieri, lived in a dumpster for 30 days to raise awareness about homelessness. The Lord’s Place has since evolved from a small doctor’s office to a mighty pillar for the downtrodden in society to raise themselves on. With more resources, people, and loving hearts pouring into the Lord’s Place, the organization has expanded into many lives over the last decade.

“We have seen enormous growth over the years designing innovative programs, opening new housing facilities, developing a research and evaluation department, creating an Alumni program, advocating for systemic reform and recruiting a professional, dedicated staff,” Stanley said. “All of these changes are a result of our commitment to serving the homeless with respect and dignity.”

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Safety

By George Franklin



Hi folks! Hope everyone is getting ready to start a new season here at Century Village! To the early bird arrivals: I welcome you all back.

Looks as if we dodged the bullet with Hurricane Erika. Please keep in mind hurricane season runs until November 3, so we are not out of the woods yet. Be sure you are up to date on all your medical needs and have extra flashlight batteries on hand, and be sure that your flashlights are working. Check your windows and doors for tightness and security. Be sure you have a supply of canned goods on hand and people to connect with. In the event of an emergency event, be sure to stay in touch with others and have emergency procedures for them to follow in case communications are knocked out. Have a plan to contact friends and family outside of Florida so that they don't worry about you.

Do you have enough water on hand? Just a tip: In case of a hurricane, fill a few jugs with water and put them in your freezer. You will be surprised how well that works to not only keep your food fresh but to have an extra supply of fresh water available.

On another safety-related note: I am sure by now you all have heard about the fires at the Dover and East Hampton condominiums. PLEASE, check your smoke alarms regularly. And if you have not already done so, purchase homeowners insurance. As they say, "Don't leave home without it!" If you smoke, before you retire or lie down for a rest, be sure all smoking products are extinguished, not left burning in an ashtray. When cooking, pay attention to what you are doing, and when your food is done, turn off the stove before you eat.

A word about bicycle safety: many residents have been asking me to again address bicycle riding

2015 INVESTIGATIONS				
MONTH	SALES	RENTALS	OCCUPANTS	TOTAL
JANUARY	67	32	16	115
FEBRUARY	71	32	17	120
MARCH	92	46	26	164
APRIL	75	45	13	133
MAY	56	31	9	96
JUNE	67	32	11	110
JULY	79	54	10	143
AUGUST	45	38	9	143

safety, not only here in the Village but anywhere. How many of you know that a bike is subject to motor vehicle laws, same as cars? This means that when you ride in a street, you are subject to the same laws as a motor vehicle. You can be ticketed for running a stop sign or red light and also if you happen to cause an accident. Safety is foremost, of course. The biggest problem here in the Village is bicycle riding on sidewalks. Do you know the pedestrian has the right of way? A bicycle rider should not just run a pedestrian off the sidewalk. Bicycle riders should carefully steer around walkers at a safe speed, and sound a bell or other warning device as they approach. Riders should install and use horns or bells, as a matter of good common sense.

Riding at night: Brother, does that cause problems! Some suggestions for nighttime bicycle riders: Install reflectors on your bike wheels. You can also purchase a blinking red light for the back of your seat or to wrap around your waist facing rear. Always wear light colored clothing while riding at night. You can also purchase reflective tape or clothing to make yourself more visible. Most of these suggestions will also apply to those using a wheelchair or electric scooter. A sit down wheel chair, motorized or not, should carry a fluorescent colored flag attached to a whip stick. Attach rear lights for night riding and always use sidewalks and pedestrian crosswalks. These safety devices can be purchased at any bike store.

Remember, your safety is of utmost importance. When parking

or storing your mode of transport, if key operated remove the key and chain lock the unit to a solid object.

I hope these few items of interest are helpful to you all and please, be careful with what you do and how you do it! If you have any questions on anything, call me at the UCO office and I will be glad to help you. Until next time, be safe and secure out there!

Transportation

By Lori Torres



There are three recurring problems that the Transportation Committee is always trying to correct, and we need the cooperation of our regular bus riders to make these changes happen:

1. When you fill out a complaint form, please include the following information: Date and time of incident, the bus number, and your personal contact information (name, address, phone number). If all this information is not on the form, we cannot take any action on it.
2. Please, be at your bus stop ten minutes before the scheduled arrival time. Sometimes, due to traffic conditions or light ridership, the bus may arrive earlier. Our drivers have been instructed to wait at stops until the correct departure time, but better safe than sorry.
3. When you sign up for the excursion bus, please do your best to honor your commitment. If you change your mind or can't take the

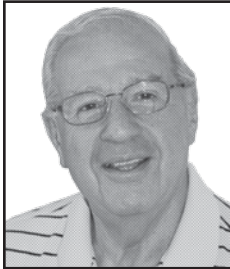
trip, please call the guard desk at 640-3120, extension 6, or cross your name off the list, so that someone on the waiting list can use the bus. Our excursion bus service and its ridership is reviewed annually by our Finance Committee and is subject to reduction or elimination. Help us to continue this service by using it responsibly.

The Community Relations Committee will be hosting a luncheon in November honoring our residents who have reached one hundred or more years of age. Please call UCO with name, address and phone number of anyone who has turned 100 this year, so that they may be invited to this event.

Happy riding.

Maintenance

By Dom Guarnagia



Unauthorized first-floor structural changes result in second floor sag. A serious condition that affected the

integrity of one of the wood-framed buildings in Century Village has prompted remarks that association directors failed to take notice or act on a situation in which a new owner made structural alterations to a newly acquired condo without first getting permission from that association. This permission is required because the structure, walls and drywall covering belong to the association/building and are not the property of the resident.

Changes to the structure in the first-floor unit were made and have caused a significant sag in the second floor unit above. The unauthorized alteration, which included the removal of a load-bearing wall, compromised the integrity of the floor joists that support the load, resulting in a sag of the floor above the unit. Also, no construction permit was obtained – a requirement of the County.

This dangerous situation has been stabilized by a temporary floor to ceiling brace in the first floor unit, but

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will now require inspection from a PBC structural engineer, who will likely condemn the changes and require that the framing configuration be restored to the original design at the expense of the first floor owner, who initiated the changes without permission. The contractor who performed the illegal work may find his professional license suspended by the County.

As resident-owners, we own only, and are responsible for the finishes on the drywall. We can apply paint in any color or wallpaper to suit our desire, *but the underlying drywall and structural framework belongs to the building and the association* is required to be insured with a \$5,000 deductible coverage to replace damaged drywall that covers the underlying walls, especially regarding mold.

Further, of note: There is a list available from the Palm Beach County Building Department that states what minor changes can be performed without a permit for plumbing, electrical and structural changes in the condo without inspections and do not required permitting.

If the PBC Building Department reviews required plans and allows the requested changes, three sets of inspections will occur. Each PBC Inspector is required to make no fewer than three visits: Once, when the rough structural change is completed, again when electrical rough-in and plumbing rough-in has been completed (this

occurs prior to closing in the walls), and then a final inspection to confirm that the correct number of fasteners have been installed to secure the wallboard to the framing and after the finishes have been applied/installed. At this point, a Certificate of Occupancy may be issued by the County.

Please be aware that structural changes, no matter how small, that involve removal of drywall, require permission from the Association first, and approval by a licensed and insured structural engineer who, with plans in hand, applies for the permits from the Palm Beach County Building, Zoning and Engineering Department on Jog Road. These approvals must be obtained before initiating changes that involve the creation, alteration, modification or extensions of existing systems.

Channel 63

by Ed Black



Many residents have noticed that our community television channel has been experiencing technical issues which began with an automobile accident on Haverhill Road. This caused a power

outage in the Village, which in turn caused damage to components used to produce Channel 63. These components have been repaired or replaced, and now volunteers are working with professional technicians to solve software problems that have recently surfaced. Most of these issues should be worked out by the time that this article is published.

We appreciate your patience, and we will work hard to have Channel 63 fully functional before the start of the winter season.

C.E.R.T.

by John Hess



Hurricane Season is Not Over. Palm Beach County and Florida dodged a bullet when Hurricane Erika was torn

apart by wind shear and the mountains of Haiti. I sincerely hope that this event will serve as a wakeup call for those who haven't prepared their emergency survival kits. Most of us are ready, but there is always that 10% that don't get the word. We at Century Village CERT are concerned for all the residents living here.

Let's check on each other to make sure everyone in your association is prepared for an emergency event. Shopping for emergency supplies in advance will be easier without an imminent threat looming.

Changes have occurred in our community during the past few months that are being taken into consideration by CERT. For instance, some of the doctors at the Century Village Medical Center have moved off campus. CERT is working to modify our emergency plans to account for this new development.

CERT has been rewriting an emergency plan for the Village, which includes the procedures for CERT, as well as for all associations, security, WPRF, guard houses and the securing of all equipment, including electronic gear.

Notification for the chain of command from the Emergency Operation Center has additional options for communication, including email and texting. Information from the weather services is much improved, with better forecasting equipment and constant updating.

The better prepared we are, the better we can survive a storm. Please, be prepared and stay safe!!

Insurance

by Toni Salometo



I hope all of you have had an opportunity to read Dom's article in this month's issue of the *UCO Reporter*.

As usual, Dom has ably discussed a situation that was brought to his attention—unauthorized and illegal renovations. What Dom didn't know was that I recently faced the exact same situation at my own association.

I was asked by the *Reporter* staff to comment and advise how insurance would respond to a situation like this. In a nutshell, there is no insurance. When an association allows unpermitted and unlicensed work to happen on their property, the association is on it's own. However, there are other remedies for associations that find themselves in this situation.

Let's take a look at how insurance works. Insurance is activated by a sudden and accidental incident, as specified in the language of the insurance policy. Was there anything sudden or accidental about what happened at the association described be Dom? Unfortunately, in this case, the answer is no, and the association's insurance coverage does not kick in.

Association board members, indeed all association members, need to be aware of what's happening in their association. It is not being nosy to ask what type of work is being done in a unit. Unauthorized construction work affects the investment and safety of all homeowners in the association. Most times, neighbors are interested in sharing their ideas and project plans. Renovations that affect association common property must be approved by the board, for everyone's sake.

All of our associations have by-laws which contain rules about alterations and changes that can be made to their units and ignorance of the rules is not a good defense as every new unit owner is given a copy of the by-laws.

There is no individual insurance policy that offers coverage to a unit owner who uses an unlicensed contractor to do unpermitted renovations on their unit. There is nothing sudden or accidental about this. In the case described by Dom, the front windows were painted over; these unit owners knew what they were doing.

Unfortunately, the second floor unit owner has little recourse but to sue the first floor unit owner for damages. This is an additional aggravation, in addition to the expense of litigation. There is very likely no coverage in the individual policy of the upstairs owner for the misdeeds of his downstairs neighbor. Once again, this event was neither sudden nor accidental. Upstairs unit owner will need to consult with an attorney.

Another unrelated insurance matter: Please folks, remember that for 1-3 story associations, the June 2010 Mitigation report has expired. (In 6-2015). Please call the UCO Insurance Committee at 683-9189 and ask to have a new inspection completed. Our association renewals are quickly approaching – January 2016. Most inspections have been upgraded, some downgraded. Price is still \$99 per Association.

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ORGANIZATIONAL NEWS

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Submissions for Organizational News may be submitted in person at the UCO Reporter office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00AM to 12:00PM.

(All meetings are in the main Clubhouse unless stated otherwise.)

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Coming in December- Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol” (The Musical). There are small parts still available for actors, singers and dancers. Act 2 meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm in Classroom C.

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Presents an Arts and Crafts and Flea Market on Sunday, November 15, 2015. Anshei Sholom will have a display of special paintings for sale- 10:00AM to 2:00PM. Lunch will be available. Vendors tables- \$20. Public admissions free. For reservations and info call Rae @ 478-3221 or Charlotte @ 616-3355.

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Meetings 3rd Wednesday each month at 3:30 PM, December through April. Contact Lynn at Lynn Sevan@aol.com for further information. The Baby Boomers are cruising to Cuba, January 8, 2016 for seven nights. This trip is open to all but space is limited. Please contact Lynnsevan@aol.com for further information.

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meets in the clubhouse party room October to April on the second Wednesday of the month at 2:00PM, doors open at 1:30. Exception: the December meeting will be held on Thursday, 12/10. For further information, call club president Harriet Levine @ 684-9712. Upcoming events: 11/17- Mardi Gras Casino, price includes bonus play coupon and food voucher. Bus leaves Duck Island 9:30AM. 12/13- Gypsy at the Stage Door Theatre with dinner at Flanagans. Bus leaves Duck Island 12:30PM. 1/24- Drag Queen show at Lips in Ft. Lauderdale. A combination of great food and entertainment. Bus leaves Duck Island at 5:45PM. 2/18- Bus trip to Sawgrass Recreation Park- discover the diverse wildlife in the Everglades National Park. Includes airboat tour and lunch at Hometown Buffet. Bus leaves Duck Island at 9:00AM. 3/20- Evita at Stage Door Theatre. Dinner TBA. Bus leaves Duck Island at 12:30PM.

CENTURY VILLAGE ARTISTS

We welcome all Century Village residents to view our artwork on 1st and 2nd floor of main Clubhouse. Info about purchase or display -- Beth Baker @ 684-3166.

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Meets every Tues. 9:30 AM-12 PM Craft room (104). We create items donated to – The Teacup Premie Program & Veterans.

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Meets every 2nd Tuesday 7 PM in Classroom C. Every meeting has a guest speaker. For information call George at 471-9929.

CENTURY VILLAGE MESSENGER CLUB

Further info: Ed Grossman at 631-742-1300 or e-mail edwardrgrossman@gmail.com.

CENTURY VILLAGE ORCHESTRA

Meet every Monday in Classroom C at 1:15 to 3:35 PM. More information call Rickie @ 683-0869 or Joel @ 688-9455. We need trombone players, string players and percussion players.

CENTURY VILLAGE WOODWORKING CLUB

Meets 6 days a week from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Please come and join us in our hobby shop.

CENWEST FISHING CLUB

Meets 1st Wednesday of each month 3:00 to 4:30 PM Classroom B. For more Information call Al at 242-0351 or Capt. Mike at 570-445-4391.

CHIT CHAT GROUP

A friendly group of chatters who meet 1st and 3rd Tuesday. 2 PM in Classroom B. For information call Rhoda @ 686-0835. Chit Chat Group will suspend meetings in July, August and September and resume in October.

CHRISTIAN CLUB

Meets 1st Wednesday of each month, 1 PM in Party Room. For Information call Grace @ 640-5279. Christian Club will suspend meetings for the summer. We will resume at our next meeting on 10/1.

COUNTRY LINE DANCING

Country and Regular, Monday 9 to 10:30 AM in Party Room. Call Frankie @ 777-5712.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF CENTURY VILLAGE

For info call: Mae Duke @ 687-0238 or Sam Oser @ 689-3974. Next meeting is Thursday, October 15th.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

Meet 1st and 3rd Thurs. afternoons 1:30 PM, Card Room B. We discuss short readings of “Great Works” of literature that continue to have meaning for us today. Roz @ 689-8444.

HASTINGS CUE CLUB

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HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS OF THE PALM BEACHES

Meets 1st Wednesday of month 9:30 AM, Golden Lakes Temple. Bus provided from Century Village Clubhouse. Information: call Kathy @ 689-0393.

IRISH AMERICAN CLUB

The Irish American Cultural Club starts a new season and welcome all. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, November 3rd. Mardi Gras casino trips- 11/18, 12/17. Call Robert @917-704-0223.

ITALIAN AMERICAN CULTURE CLUB: (IACC) OF CENTURY VILLAGE

Meets every third Wednesday of month, 1 PM in CH party room. Call Fausto @478-1821. IACC Bowling: every Sat. morning 9 am Verdes Lanes. For information call Lenny 561-471-2603 or Fausto: 561-478-1821. Couples and Individuals welcome. \$7 per week. Upcoming events- Dinner Dance - 10/12 (5-8pm) contact Fausto 478-1821. Kravis Center - 2 performances 45th Street, and Motown the musical- if interested contact Herb 687-9140. November- Key West trip - 2 days, 1 night contact Michaela 914-648-0054.

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ORGANIZATIONAL NEWS

JEWISH WAR VETERANS POST #501

Meet 1st Sunday of month at Cypress Lakes Clubhouse. Breakfast, 9 AM. Guest speakers. Activities include servicing VA patients. Howard, 78-2780.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS POST # 520

Meet 4th Sunday of month at Elks Lodge, Belvedere Rd. Continental breakfast, 9 AM followed by meeting. Information: Phil @ 686-2086.

JUDITH EPSTEIN CHAPTER OF HADASSAH

Meet 3rd Wednesday of month at Congregation Anshei Sholom.

KARAOKE

Tuesdays 6 - 9 PM,in Party Room hosted by Marshall Eads. Fridays 6 - 9 PM, hosted by Janisse Lahoe.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

Palm Beach Rainbow Lodge #203 meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in Century Village Walgreens/Medical building (separate ground floor entrance), 100 Century Blvd., CSI Care-giver Services, at 1:00pm. We are an international fraternal organization, non-sectarian. The Lodge welcomes new members, dual members, trans-ferees, and Pythian reinstatements regardless of inactive years of service. WE WELCOME ALL MEN! Participate in social and charitable events. Collation after each meeting. For further info, call Irv 683-4049.

LATIN AMERICAN CLUB

Upcoming Events:

10/1- Board Meeting, 7:00PM in party room. 10/15- General Meeting 7:00PM in Room C. 10/18- Halloween Party 5:00PM at Party Room.

MERRY MINSTRELS OF CENTURY VILLAGE:

Looking for ladies and gentlemen who enjoy singing and entertaining. Meet every Thurs. 10 AM - 11 AM in Music Room B. Come join us. Call Louis or Anna @ 247-8819 or cvmerryminstrels@hotmail.com.

MIND SPA DISCUSSION GROUP

Meet 2nd and 4th Thurs. 1:30 PM, Classroom A. All invited for in-depth discussions of significant issues. NO MEETING IN JUNE, JULY OR AUGUST. Allan @ 687-3602.

NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT RETIREES: N.Y.C.

Transit Retirees, Anyone interested in attending a meeting of the New York City Transit Retirees of Florida, West Palm Beach Chapter, please call Kathy, 689-0393.

NORTHERN STARS

Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday each month - 6 to 9 PM - Party Room. Enjoy singing, dancing, refreshments and good wholesome fun. Yearly dues \$5.00.per person. For further info,

call Janisse @ 586-291-8286 or email to: northernstarsbo@hotmail.com. Our last meeting for this season will be 4/27. We will meet again on 11/9.

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PHILADELPHIA CLUB

The Greater Philadelphia Club meets the first Thursday of each month at 12:30 PM in the Clubhouse Party Room, with lunch and entertainment. For info, call Lois at 561-683-3884.

PICKLEBALL

Welcoming new members to the Pickleball club. Courts open at 8:00 each morning, great way to meet new people, exercise and have lots of fun. For more info, call Barbara Di Domenico @ 716-499-6737. Come join us to learn and play the fastest growing sport in the USA.

PRESIDENTS AND UNIT OWNERS CLUB

Every unit owner welcome. For Information call Jerry Karpf @ 684-1487. As of October 8th 2015 The Presidents & Unit Owners club meeting will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month @ 2PM in the Clubhouse in room C. Please come.

PROACTIVE RESIDENTS PROJECTS COMMITTEE, INC. AKA PRPC

We are a non-profit group of CV resident owners concerned with Village issues. For information and meeting schedule check our Blog at the following: proactive-committee.blogspot.com

REPUBLICAN CLUB

Republican Club meets 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:00 PM in the Clubhouse Art Room. Cookies and coffee will be served. For info call Alan 561-907-0357.

RUSSIAN CLUB

Meets every 2nd Thurs. monthly at 3 PM in the Art Room If you have any questions, please call Tamara, 712-1417.

SAILING CLUB

Meets every 2nd Fri. 10 AM, Classroom C. Info: Ron @ 683-8672.

SHUFFLEBOARD CLUB

Everyone welcome. Equipment provided. We play every Tues 7PM. May thru October. Previous experience not necessary. Learn as you play. Info, call Jack @ 640-3373.

SNORKEL CLUB

For information call Ron Helms 683-8672

SUNDAY NIGHT SING-A-LONG

Hosted by Louis Ahwee & Anna Torres, 5 PM - 8 PM. Classroom C. Information @ 247-8819.

THE SCRABBLE CLUB OF CENTURY VILLAGE

Every Tues. 6 PM 2nd Floor Card Room. For information call Lucy, 729-0705.

UNITED ORDER TRUE SISTERS

A non-sectarian Cancer service group. Meetings the 2nd Mon. monthly at 11:30 AM in Party Room. For information call Marion Polansky @ 684-5814 or Marlene Schnitzer @ 683-1208.

UNITERS SOCIAL CLUB OF CENTURY VILLAGE

A group of awesome diverse people coming together in a united way for social times. Bring a guest or come alone and meet other like minded individuals. Meet up every second Sunday of each month in Club House Craft Room. For additional information, call Esther 561 635-4298 or 561 328-7935. Like us on Facebook/United Social Club of Century Village.

VILLAGE SOCIAL SENIORS CLUB

Meets every 2nd and 4th Thurs. 7 PM - 9 PM in Party Room. Single senior residents. Planning upcoming outings. Annual dues \$10. Info Milt Cohen 429-5778. May 28th will be our last meeting of the season- we will resume meeting on August 28th.

WALL STREET CLUB

Local resident of CV has formed a club regarding the stock market. We are not professionals. We are looking for fresh ideas. Our next meeting will be held on 10/28, 4:30 PM in room A at the clubhouse. After that, meetings will be held every Wednesday, same time and place. Call Don 254-0917.

YIDDISH CULTURE GROUP

Meets Tuesday mornings 10:00 AM, CV Clubhouse.

October Happenings

BY KRISTY BROWN

**CV Class Office
561-640-3120 ext. 0**

Things are always changing at Century Village so make sure to check all of the available resources to see what’s new and what’s different. Stop in the Main Clubhouse Ticket Office to pick up the Clubhouse Happenings for a list of shows, movies and DJ’s that play at our Saturday night dances.

Tickets for the 2015-2016 Season are now available for purchase. Please ask a Ticket Office staff member for a copy of the brochure which is also available online at www.centuryvillagetheater.com. For those who already ordered season tickets, they are now available for pick-up. If you are a snowbird, we will keep them safe until you return to Florida.

October is the last month of summer shows available for only \$6 per resident. Don’t miss out on a wonderful show at a low price! Also, tickets for the Halloween Dance with DJ Debby Massey are now available for \$8 per resident. Guest tickets can be purchased at any time for an additional \$3 per ticket. Halloween costumes are not mandatory but are much more fun and festive. Door prizes and best costume prizes will be given out. Come out and enjoy.

The New Year’s Eve Dance and the Sweetheart Ball tickets go on

sale December 8th at 9am. Plan ahead if you wish to sit with your friends, as we expect a large crowd that morning. Bring enough resident ID’s with you for each resident ticket needed, as each table seats 8 and we cannot hold seats for a later purchase. Resident tickets cost \$10 each and \$3 additional for guest tickets. These dances are very popular and may sell out so don’t wait to get your seats!

Don’t forget to obtain an October Class Schedule when you visit the Ticket Office. I will be updating frequently this month to add new classes to the roster. Century Village’s favorite class, Lecture Series with Myrna, is back this month. Sign up early or we may have to postpone this class until November.

You will also find a monthly list of clubs on my desk for your reference. But remember, these clubs are run privately so refer to the Organizational News portion of this newspaper to obtain more information.

Other resources, including the map of Century Village, Bus Schedule and Suggestion forms, can be found on the wall rack next to the Happenings brochures in the Ticket Office. You can also find about some of our community events by tuning into Channel 63, a local channel available to our residents. You may also want to visit <http://village-blog->

[and-chat.blogspot.com/](http://village-blog-and-chat.blogspot.com/) online for more information.

Our long-time instructor of Tai-Chi, Dr. Jerry Ziffer has moved on to other opportunities. He offered his class for nearly 30 years at the Hastings Fitness Center and will be greatly missed! We have found a replacement instructor, also well versed in Qigong, and we hope to begin classes as soon as possible. Please refer to the Class Schedule for updates or stop in to sign up.

If you enjoy our movies, but don’t like Rated R movies, please do not attend “Fifty Shades of Grey”. Based on the block-buster best-seller by E. L. James, the film tells the story of a literature student whose life changes when she meets and falls in love with a young billionaire whose sexual preferences lead her into the world of sexual dominance and submission. The movie contains nudity and graphic sex scenes, so if this movie may offend you, it is best to not attend.

Louis from the Sunday night Sing-A-Long has decided to retire. We want to thank Louis Ahwee and Anna Torres for their many years of good music and good times. They will be missed!

Thank you everyone for bearing with us through all of the changes that are being made. We want to make Century Village the best retirement community in West Palm Beach!

Want Some Cheese
with That Whine?

BY JODY E. LEBEL

I'm so tired of negativity. Every time I'm near people that gripe and carry on, I feel drained afterward. As soon as I can untangle myself from their web of misery, I walk away throwing a silent but sharp "tsk" their way, and with a sad shake of my head I thank the good Lord I'm not like that. With that said, I was watching a movie the other day when my daughter called. I told her, "You know what I can't stand about this movie? The dialogue is so stiff." After a big sigh (which I found totally exaggerated and overly dramatic) she said, "Mom, are there any movies you actually like?"

That stopped me in my tracks. Had I become a complainer? One of those people that doesn't like anything? Do I ever say anything nice about...well, about anything? Will my headstone read, "If it wasn't for all the whining, she would have been great"?

Complaining is status quo these days. Complaining about others? Well, that's the norm, isn't it? Look anywhere, go anywhere, and just listen. It makes my heart hurt. Sometimes it really gets to me. See there? I'm complaining. I don't want to be around those who complain. Folks don't want to be around naysayers and grumps. Folks want to be around positive people. I want to be one of those people. But I'm here to tell you it's not going to be easy.

I knew I had to take action. I vowed to stop complaining for a week. As soon as I said it I thought ***I can't last a week.*** Who can last a whole week? Then I clamped a hand over my mouth. I can. I will.

Day 1

The first thing I noticed is that everyone on the news complains about something. The weather is bad. The audio sync isn't working right. The traffic was horrible. Stop it, people. I'm trying to be good here. Now I'm complaining about other complainers. Not a good start.

Day 2

I forgot that I wasn't complaining and I complained about the water in the shower not being hot enough. And the new shampoo that's supposed to make my hair shine like a twenty-year-old's? Total waste of money. Oops. Good thing I caught myself. Two gripes before I even had my coffee. I vowed to do better. Knowledge is power, right? I barely

made it through breakfast, though. When is somebody going to invent an egg carton that really protects those eggs?

Day 3

I had to go to the DMV today. They don't (won't) give you an appointment time. Just walk in and take your number. I waited for over two hours in those uncomfortably hard seats that dig into the back of your leg, watching a depressed, grumbling, half-dazed swarm of humanity clomp around switching positions as though engaged in a life-and-death game of musical chairs. When I finally heard my number broadcast over their state-of-the-art speakers in a voice that was straight out of the Stepford Wives, I danced up to the counter like they were giving away free ice cream and greeted the woman with what might, at that point, have looked like a crazed smile. I peeled my crumpled customer number off my sweaty palm and begged her to help me. But by gawd I didn't complain. It took everything I had for the day. Even my reserves. Do I get extra credit for that?

Day 4

I was having lunch with my mom at a local upscale restaurant. I won't mention the name, but it's the one that's famous for always having the latest food trends. I ran my thumb over the menu and with a sour pucker of a turned-down mouth said, "Who would eat a cheeseburger on a jelly donut?" My mother lowered her menu and gave me a pointed stare. I quickly added, "But maybe they're delicious. I should try new foods." Mom wasn't impressed. I stuck with my usual boring turkey club on rye. That wasn't a complaint by the way.

Day 5

I found a way to cheat today. All you have to do is say you hate something and then add, "That's not a complaint. It's just an observation." If nothing else, this week is making me realize how often I fuss about things that don't really matter.

Day 6

I may have made a tiny step forward. I hurt my foot today. I don't know how ... I just got out of bed wrong. I'm at that age, you know? (Not a complaint. Just an observation.) So

when the cashier at Publix asked, "How are you?" instead of launching into my sad story (which I know she really doesn't want to hear and they just make her ask that) I quickly blurted, "Great. And how are you?" I am so impressed with myself. Now I can see I am the type of person who's nice to store employees and friendly in the face of adversity. That is going to look a lot better on my tombstone.

Day 7

Just when I'm getting the hang of this, my time is up. I made it. One whole week. Seven days. 168 hours. You get the point. But I noticed that even when you've put a sock in your complaining, it's not easy to stay positive. For example I've been watching the airline fares for weeks waiting for a sale. When one finally came, the city I wanted to visit wasn't on the list. Did I complain? Nope.

I bit my tongue. But I can tell you I wasn't happy.

My takeaway? I learned that complaining is the easiest way to go but not the nicest. The experiment forced me to turn a critical eye on what was about to come gushing out of my mouth, and to stop the flow before it happened. I can't say I've turned into Mary Sunshine. And my efforts haven't changed any of my neighbors. Lord knows they could use — uh-uh. (Applying brakes here.) Maybe I didn't create a better world but in my own way I believe I'm nudging things in the right direction.



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Okeechobee Branch Library News

BY CHARLES WAUGH

October brings us cooler weather known as “Fall” in northern climes and as usual a variety of fantastic programs at your local library! If you need individualized help with a specific library service, consider our “Book-a-Librarian” one-on-one training. Just call for an appointment. Introductory computer and e-book classes are scheduled this month as well. Continuing the PBCLS Book Life Discussion Series OBB offers both a discussion and movie from a book about the tribulations of restaurant life.

Overstressed? Join Certified Meditation Teacher Joe Hamilton in the “Techniques to Manage Stress” workshop. Another option to unwind is our feature films and for the month of October these include three classic films of which two are in the horror genre.

The Okeechobee Boulevard Branch Library is located next to Dunkin’ Donuts. The hours are: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All Village residents, including seasonal residents, are eligible for a free library card with proper I.D. Visit the library today!

October Programs

Book-a-Librarian	Call for Appointment
Tue, Oct 6, 8:30 a.m.....	Mousing (hands-on)
Tue, Oct 13, 8:30 a.m.	Browser Basics
Wed, Oct 14, 3:30 p.m.	E-Book Assistance
Thu, Oct 15, 10:30 a.m.	Book Discussion
Mon, Oct 19, 1:30 p.m.....	Book Discussion Movie
Tue, Oct 20, 3:00 p.m.....	Beginning Word 2007
Wed, Oct 21, 1:00 p.m.....	Manage Stress Workshop
Thu, Oct 22, 1:00 p.m.	Movie
Mon, Oct 26, 1:00 p.m.....	Movie
Thu, Oct 29, 1:00 p.m.....	Movie

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Are We Ripe for a Peaceful Political Revolution?

BY IRVING RIKON

When The Founding Fathers gave birth to the United States of America, their new republic was experimental. Based on laws and a system of checks and balances, they trusted that three branches of government — Administrative (President), Legislative (Congress), and Judicial (Supreme Court) — on the federal level would basically share power, each having its own duties and none gaining ascent over the other. The mass media and post-World War II “social media” grew into a fourth check and balance. In varying degrees I suggest these have failed us, and I wonder: Are we ripe for a peaceful political revolution?

Thomas Jefferson wrote, in essence, that our country should have a revolution every twenty years. He meant “revolution” by the ballot box so no entity over a period of time would build up such power that it could not be peacefully dislodged. He somewhat distrusted political parties, not unlike other Founding Fathers, who themselves lacked total agreement on matters of state. The country thus split into factions that developed into political parties.

In our own time, as never before, money has become the big political power-broker, especially on the federal level. In a 2010 case, *Citizens United vs. Federal Election Commission*, the Supreme Court among other things determined that Political Action Committees (PACs) could make unlimited campaign contributions independent of a candidate or political party. In other words, for example, while Jeb Bush’s campaign headquarters are in Miami, Florida, his fund-raising PAC is in California, giving the appearance the candidate is not soliciting.

Additionally, there are “Super PACs” that raise funds from individuals, corporations, unions and other groups without any legal limit on donation size. Consider: According to *Wikipedia*,



the Internet encyclopedia, during the 2012 election cycle, most of the money given to Super PACs came from wealthy individuals. “The top 100 individual Super PAC donors in 2011-2012 made up just 3.7% of contributors, but accounted for more than 80% of the total money raised. The 2012 figures do not include funds raised by state level PACs.” In the first six months of 2015, Jeb Bush’s Super PAC raised \$103 million. His campaign officially began June 15, collecting \$11.4 million more by month’s end.

The Supreme Court based its decision primarily on the notion of “free speech,” essentially, people could say whatever they chose to say, as the Constitution allows. But the Court could just as easily have fallen back on the old cliché, “Money talks”. Donors to campaigns expect something in return from their candidate. It could be a friendly nod and support for business deals or perhaps a prestigious title: The President could designate a donor to be “Ambassador” to a foreign country of which he or she has little or no knowledge. It’s been done.

Yes, it is corruption, and it does take place on high levels. Many Congresspersons today are themselves

millionaires or dependent upon the largesse of wealthy donors.

I have no objection to people of means being national, state, or local leaders. At the time of the American Revolution, Mr. Jefferson and George Washington were well-to-do, quite above average in terms of wealth. Every nation needs leaders. It is far better to have intelligent business people lead, who are in position to create jobs and build the economy, than it is to have a military dictatorship, a religious-driven theocracy or an oligarchy in which only a hand-picked few make all vital decisions. It’s better than having a democratically elected incompetent or political party hack.

As regards the Supreme Court and PACs, the problem is “under-classes” are denied equal voice in government. Compared to the moneyed few, they are poorly represented, having little influence or “clout”. It should not be too surprising that occasional riots in American cities occur, driven by those who feel oppressed and hopelessly stuck in that under-class. But rioting is counter productive, turning potential sympathizers against them and their cause. They, too, should talk and be heard through their elected

representatives. Where voting districts are gerrymandered to suit powerful politicians and economic entities, changing that ought to be a goal of peaceful revolutionaries.

The overall solution to this situation is not easy nor can it be quickly resolved. One suggestion I offer, is to have term limits imposed not on Congresspersons, who are elected to office by the people, but rather to put a ten-year term limit upon Supreme Court Justices, who are *appointed for life*. Then perhaps the *Citizens United* decision can be reversed and a greater number of people heard in the highest chambers of government. With regard to political parties, early public opinion polls show political outsiders to be leading the 2016 Presidential race. Has the time come for a third Party to emerge and gain traction among voters? If so, a good, viable third political party should begin at the “grassroots” where concerned voters are.

Finally, I wrote above that the United States began as a political experiment. In 1787, when Founding Father Benjamin Franklin was asked, “What kind of government do we have?” he replied, “A Republic, if we can keep it.” A “Republic” means that people vote in general elections for public officials to represent them in government. But when America was founded, many of its people were slaves and ineligible to vote. Women could not vote. Slavery ended only in 1865 following a horrific Civil War. In the United States women gained the right to vote as recently as August of 1920.

In America, if there is to be a new peaceful Revolution, almost ironically, it must return to the moral ideals upon which the country was first founded: “*With liberty and justice for all, with equal opportunities for all American citizens.*” They, in turn, must view themselves as a part of one indivisible nation.

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BY MARK D. FRIEDMAN, ESQUIRE

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Chapter 718, Florida Statutes, provides that if your condominium has more than 10 units co-owners of a unit may not serve on the board at the same time unless one of two exceptions apply: They own more than one unit; or there are not enough eligible candidates to fill the vacancies on the board at the time of the vacancy. This issue often arises in smaller condominium associations when candidates are scarce.

What are the “Frequently Asked Questions and Answers”?

This is a document that is supposed to be provided to each buyer. The document is required to be prepared in accordance with a format approved by the Division of Florida Condominiums, Time Shares, and Mobile Homes. It is required to be in readable language and inform prospective purchasers regarding their voting rights and unit use restrictions, including restrictions on the leasing of a unit. The document must also indicate whether, and in what amount, the unit owners or the association is obligated to pay rent or land use fees for recreational or other commonly used facilities, and contain a statement identifying the amount of assessment which, pursuant to the budget, would be levied upon each unit type exclusive of any special assessments. Additional information required to be provided: Identify the basis upon which assessments are levied, whether monthly, quarterly, or otherwise; state and identify any court cases in which the association is currently a party of record in which the association may face liability in excess of \$100,000; and which further state whether membership in a recreational facilities association



is mandatory, and if so identify the fees currently charged per unit type. If you do not have this document in your files, updated to reflect your current use restrictions and assessment amounts, this should be one of the first things you do upon your return this season.

How does the recent Florida Supreme Court decision impact our Association?

The case is Pudlit 2 Joint Venture, LLP v. Westwood Gardens Homeowners Association, Inc., which was decided in May 2015, and while it is a case dealing with a homeowners association, the same rationale may be applied to condominium documents. This decision only impacts associations with certain types of language in their declarations of condominium which addresses what occurs after a lien for an assessment is foreclosed and the unit is purchased by someone other than the bank at the foreclosure sale. Under the statute if a third party purchaser bought a unit at a foreclosure sale the association would be entitled to demand all of the unpaid assessments from the new owner that accrued while the old owner held title. But if your governing documents permit the new owner to escape liability from paying any assessments that accrued prior to the transfer of title, that may become problematic when attempting to collect the debt. This case has extended protections to third party purchasers. The case is fairly new but we’re already seeing an uptick in investors using this case to avoid paying assessments. Amend your documents!

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A Call for Volunteers: Century Village Civilian Observer Patrol (COP)

BY SUZIE BYRNES

You’ve seen the Sheriff’s car, with the yellow flashing light and “Civilian Observer Patrol” on the side. These are your neighbors and friends driving through Century Village to enhance our security. Our responsibility is to observe and report suspicious activity. If we see something that does not look right or someone in trouble, we call 911 or the Sheriff’s Department. We do not confront people directly. We cannot issue a summons or carry weapons. Occasionally someone flags us down to ask a

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All clubs are active as of revised date, clubs may have been discontinued or canceled since. ***TBD = to be determined. Please review updated club list from Class Office.

Club Name	Room	Day	Time
Act 2 Community Theater	Meeting C	Mondays	4:30pm-7pm
Act 2 Community Theater	Meeting C	Wednesdays	7pm-9pm
Actor's Studio	Class A & B	Mondays	7pm-9pm
African Am Cultural Club	Party Room	4th Sunday	2pm-5pm
Alzheimer's Club	TBD	TBD	TBD
Amplified Phones	Music A	3rd Monday	1pm-3pm
Ballroom Dancing Club	Party (Art 2nd Mon)	Mondays	2pm-4pm
Bible Study Group	Class B	Sundays	5pm-7pm
Bingo	Party Room	Wednesdays	5:30pm-9:30pm
Bocce with Robert	Bocce Court	Saturdays	10:30am-12pm
Brooklyn Queen's Club	Party Room	2nd Wednesday	1:30pm-4pm
Camera Club	Meeting C	2nd Tuesday	10am-12pm
C. E. R. T.	Art Room	3rd Monday	3pm-4:30pm
Christian Club	Party Room	1st Wednesday	1pm-3:30pm
Classic Meditation	Class B	Mon/Thurs	4:30pm-6pm
Computer Club	Meeting C	1st Thursday	1pm-3pm
Craft Creations	Craft Room	Tuesdays	9:30am-12pm
Dance Party Club	Party Room	Tuesdays	6pm-9pm
Democratic Club	Party Room	3rd Thursday	1pm-3pm
Great Books Discussion	Card Room B	1st & 3rd Thurs	1:30pm-3:30pm
Gun Club	Meeting C	2nd Tuesday	7pm-8pm
Homestead Exemption	Lobby	1st Thursday	1:30pm-2:30pm

Club Name	Room	Day	Time
Italian Am Culture Club	Party Room	3rd Wednesday	1pm-4pm
Karaoke with Marshall	Party Room	Fridays	6pm-9pm
Latin Am Club Birthdays	Party Room	1st Thursday	7pm-9pm
Latin Am Club Dances	Party Room	3rd Sunday	5pm-9pm
Latin Am Club Workshop	Meeting C	3rd Thursday	7pm-9pm
Line Dancing Club	Party Room	Mondays	9:30am-10:30am
Mind Spa Club	Class A	2nd & 4th Tues	1:30pm-3pm
O. W. L. S.	Party Room	2nd Monday	3pm-4:30pm
Open Art Room	Art Room	Tuesdays	12pm-3pm
Pickleball	Pickleball Court	Daily	8am-10am
President's Umbrella	Meeting C	2nd Thursday	2pm-3:30pm
Quilting Club	Sewing Room	Tuesdays	9am-12pm
Read It, Chat About It	Class A/B	1st Tuesday	10am-12pm
Republican Club	Art Room	3rd Tuesday	1:30pm-3:30pm
Russian Club	Art Room	2nd Thursday	4pm-7pm
Senior Chit Chat	Class B	1st & 3rd Tues	2pm-3:30pm
Shuffleboard Club	Shuffleboard Court	Tuesdays	7pm-9pm
Snorkel Club	Class B	3rd Friday	10am-12pm
Social Village Senior Singles	Party Room	2nd & 4th Thurs	7pm-9pm
The Wall Street Club	Class A	Wed 10/28	4:30pm-6pm
Trivial Pursuit	Card Room A/B	Wednesdays	1:30pm-3:30pm
United Order of True Sisters	Party Room	2nd Monday	11:30am-2pm

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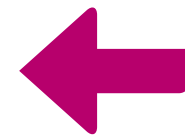
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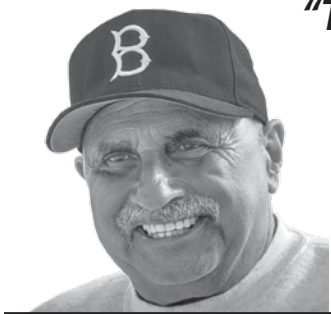
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Around the Bases with Irwin Cohen

“DeflateGate” Analysis

Well, we finally got a decision from Judge Berman on DeflateGate! He ruled in favor of Tom Brady. He did so because he thought the Wells Report was biased in favor of the NFL—the people that commissioned it.

Well, here's my take on it. For the past seven months all we heard and read about was a deflated football and two inflated egos, the Commish and Tom Brady. All along my feeling was that the punishment was way over the top. I would have fined New England the one million dollars and the two draft choices; even Patriots' owner Bob Kraft agrees with that.

But I would only have suspended Tom Brady for one game, not four. Four is a quarter of the football season! Tom did not knock out his fiancée in an elevator, for which Ray Rice received a two-game suspension. Nor did Tom take drugs, which would have landed him a four-game suspension. The judge looked at all three punishments and decided that deflated footballs should be placed way below the first two offenses.

By comparison let's look at suspensions in baseball. Gaylord Perry and the other spitball pitchers got five days when they were caught using the spitter. Keep in mind, however, that a pitcher pitches only once every fifth day; in reality, therefore, five days is a one-game suspension—or 1/162 of the season versus Tom Brady's 1/4 of a season. So how in God's name did Tom deserve four games?

By the way, in case you don't know me, I am a New York Giants (football) fan, and I'm impartial on this subject. I have nothing but love for the Patriots, who have given me two Super Bowls. Thank you, Mr. Belichick.

For those of you who don't know, Mr. Goodell plans to challenge Judge Berman's decision, which could take months if not years. Will Brady be retired when the final decision is rendered? Wouldn't it be something if the judge ruled that Tom should be barred for one game for throwing his cell phone away and thus keeping possible evidence from the Wells Commission?

As Yogi Berra would say, "It ain't over till it's over."

The Commish and Tom should both learn big lessons here. The Commish: Never take on a matinee idol who is a sure Hall of Famer. Tom: From the start he should have said, "I did not say anything to the clubhouse personnel. They may have thought that's what I wanted—I am sorry for that." End of story six months ago had that happened!

Give the NFL credit for changing the way footballs are to be handled starting this season. League personnel will be in charge of all game balls, something most of us assumed had been the case all along.

By the way, Bob Kraft has petitioned the league to reinstate John Jastremski and Jim McNally, both accused of tampering with the weight of the footballs, to get their jobs back. We will see what happens—in the meantime I am sure they will be writing a book real soon. So (pun intended) there seems to be some air left in the story.

Meanwhile, let's enjoy the start of the football season and the rush to make the playoffs in baseball. I wonder how sports nuts like me would manage if the TV remote button (best invention after the wheel) had never been invented? Maybe we would all weigh ten pounds less.



Good Enough to Be Part of Baseball History

Toledo's downtown ballpark was the place to be for some exciting minor league baseball personalities.

Larry Parrish, 62, in November, retired from quite an impressive baseball career. The manager of the Toledo Mud Hens was a slugging third baseman who hit 256 home runs over the course of his 15-year big league playing career. Parrish hit 20 or more home runs in a season five times and hit three home runs in a game four times.

After playing for the Montreal Expos (1974-81), Texas Rangers (1982-88) and Boston Red Sox in '88, Parrish played two seasons in Japan before embarking on a coaching career in the Detroit Tigers organization.

Parrish rose through the ranks and became Tigers manager in 1998 and 1999; the latter year was the final one at Tiger Stadium. The new century saw Parrish hitting the baseball trail often as he scouted players for the Tigers. He managed in the Tigers' minor league chain until the Atlanta Braves tagged him as their hitting coach in 2011.

After leaving that position, Parrish was back in the Tigers organization managing their top minor league affiliate in Toledo for the past two seasons.

That's quite a resume to look back on. Parrish will take his memories to his 340-acre spread in southwest Georgia and retire in a 3,200 square-foot, A-frame log cabin with two-level wraparound decks. Activities will include hunting, fishing and overseeing large areas of turnips, radishes and other vegetables, and watching the deer and turkeys graze.

Even though Parrish put on more miles than any of us in Century Village, he plans on putting on more. This time, though, he's going to smell the flowers. "I've flown over places I want to see," Parrish told the press. "Now I'd like to see the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone and places like that."

Parrish managed Mike Hessman for several years.

Who's Mike Hessman?

He's the all-time minor league home run hitter. When he hit his 433rd career minor league homer this past summer, Hessman passed Buzz Artlett, who played 19 seasons in the minor leagues (1918-1937).

The 6-foot-5 Hessman has played more than 2,000 games in the minors since his first in 1996. Hessman is 37 now and has always been popular with teammates, but while he's a power hitter, he's never been a good hitter batting average-wise. His minor league career average is only .232.

Hessman played parts of five seasons in the majors with Detroit, Atlanta and the New York Mets and only managed a .188 batting average in 223 big league at-bats. Playing third base and first base he showed flashes of power by hitting 14 home runs.

That figures to about 30 in a 500-at-bat season, but Hessman's low average kept him from being anything more than a part-time player at best in the major leagues.

But he was good enough to be part of baseball history. The fans in Toledo were lucky to have two class guys wearing their favorite uniform for the last several years.



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Bridge Basics

By Bill Halprin

Lesson four. The opening bidder must have at least 12 HCP. There are three general categories of hands that are frequently encountered when opening: Having a Major suit (at least 5 cards in that suit- bid 1 of the Major); not having a 5 card major, balanced and between 15 to 17 HCP (bid 1 No trump) and neither of the 2 above with opening values (bid 1 Diamond or 1 Club).

When your partner has opened

with a bid of 1 Club he has denied having a 5 card suit other than clubs. He has at least 12 HCP. When you have at least 4 cards in either major, partner expects you to bid that suit. You may bid to describe your hand with as few as 4 HCP. With less than 4 HCP, PASS. The club opener means one of 3 possibilities. Opener may have one or two four card majors; he may have a weak No trump (balanced but with 12 to 14 HCP); he may have a legitimate club suit (5 cards). When partner opens with 1 club, always assume he is looking for a 4 card major. You will find out more about his holdings on his next bid.

Exercises: Partner opens 1 Club with you holding the following hands:

Your Bid:

- 1) ♠ K9 ♥ 875 ♦ 10842 ♣ 10762
- 2) ♠ KQJ9 ♥ A75 ♦ 10842 ♣ Q2
- 3) ♠ QJ9 ♥ AK 5 ♦ 10842 ♣ AJ9
- 4) ♠ KQJ9 ♥ AKJ75 ♦ 42 ♣ 92
- 5) ♠ AK9 ♥ KQ75 ♦ 84 ♣ AQ102
- 6) ♠ KJ9 ♥ K875 ♦ Q1084 ♣ 108
- 7) ♠ Q9 ♥ KQ75 ♦ J984 ♣ J32
- 8) ♠ J9 ♥ Q75 ♦ Q984 ♣ 9832
- 9) ♠ AJ9 ♥ AQ75 ♦ 984 ♣ 982
- 10) ♠ J9 ♥ Q85 ♦ 984 ♣ QJ982

Answers:

- 1) 1 No trump. You have only 3 HCP but your two Tens bring you above the minimum level. 1 NT denies any 4 card major..
- 2) 1 Spade showing 4 spades. If partner rebids Clubs you have sufficient values to bid game in No Trump. If partner rebids 1 No trump, you have strength to bid 3 No trump.
- 3) 3 No Trump. You have a balanced hand with 15 HCP, none in your 4 card Diamond suit. You have no 4 card majors. If partner is leery of playing in No Trump and bids his Clubs again, you can bid game in Clubs. If he bids a new suit after your 3 NT response, pursue slam asking about Aces (bid 4 NT).
- 4) 1 Heart. You have 14 HCP with 5 Hearts. Partner will show his best suit in either Hearts or in Spades. If he bids 2 Hearts, take him to game in Hearts. If he bids Clubs, offer 3 NT. If he rebids Clubs, show your spades.
- 5) 1 Heart. Show your 4 card suit and show added strength on your rebid. If partner bids 2 Hearts, he is showing 4 Hearts. He has already shown an opening hand and with your 18 HCP, slam is a possibility. When he raises in Hearts setting Hearts as trump, bid 4 NT asking

- for Aces in his hand.
- 6) 1 Heart. This shows partner you have at least 4 Hearts with at least 6 HCP.
- 7) 1 Heart. This shows partner you have at least 4 Hearts with at least 6 HCP.
- 8) 1 NT. You have a balanced hand with no 4 card Major; at least 4 HCP. You will pass partner's next bid.
- 9) 1 Heart. You have a 4 card Heart suit with moderate strength. Your 11 HCP coupled with partner's opening bid (at least 12 HCP) may be enough for a major suit game if you can find a fit. Where partner does not support your Hearts, bid NT. Game is too high unless partner shows a lot more strength.
- 10) 1 No trump. You have 6 HCP and no 4 card major. Showing minimal power.

Bill Halprin Operates the Century Village Bridge Club with all sessions held at the main clubhouse from December thru April. There are duplicate bridge games, supervised bridge play and bridge lessons weekly. Those interested in learning the game or improving their skills can contact Bill Halprin (248)672-2292 [williamhalprin@gmail.com] or Kristy Brown at CV Administration (561)640-3121-0.

Gun Club

By George Franklin

Hi folks. Well, at the meeting on September 8th the featured speaker was our own Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections Susan Bucher. Susan, for those of you that have never had the pleasure to hear her speak, is one of the most interesting and knowledgeable public speakers in the county! She informed us about the upcoming elections and also explained about the absentee and other voter registration procedures. Susan distributed voter registration, absentee voting, and address change forms. Many club members completed these forms at the meeting to avoid doing it when election season is in full swing. Many great questions were asked by members and answered by Susan. Again a big THANK YOU

Susan for being our guest speaker for this important meeting!

Speaking of important meetings, mark your date books for Tuesday, October 13th, Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. for a fantastic program! Firearms instructors from the FBI and DEA will be our speakers! This will be a hands on meeting that will include personal instruction in firearm handling and safety. Bring your firearms into the clubhouse unloaded and bring no ammunition into the clubhouse. Our guest instructors will select people from the audience and demonstrate how to safely check your firearms, position yourself to use them and much more. This program is only presented once per year, so don't miss it! The speakers are very dynamic, to say the least. Please remember that these guest speakers are currently serving federal agents who work undercover at times, so no photography will be allowed. We thank everyone for their cooperation in this safety measure. Any questions feel free to call me at 561 471-9929 for further information.

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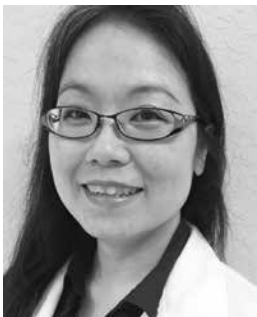
BY JEANIE W. FRIEDMAN, MS RD LD/N

In September, you can't help but think of autumn (even though in Florida it still feels like summer!). And with the autumn season, comes a bounty of seasonal vegetables and fruit, like squash, cranberries, turnips, and persimmons. The one thing most people may think of when they think of fall is pumpkin, a famous member of the squash family. Pumpkin is very popular and not only because of its taste. It's low in calories and provides fiber, as well as vitamins and minerals.

This yellow-orange fruit is rich in beta-carotene, which is one pigment that gives fruits and vegetables their beautiful colors. Beta-carotene is an antioxidant, which is a compound found in fruits, vegetables, and whole grains which are orange or yellow in color. In the body, beta-carotene is converted to vitamin A, which is necessary for eye health and vision, healthy skin, and immune function. Other foods rich in beta-carotene include orange and yellow peppers, squash, carrots, and sweet potatoes. Some studies suggest that four or more servings per day of beta-carotene rich foods may lower risk of cancer or heart disease. However, studies have not found that the same benefits applied for use of beta-carotene supplements.

The American Heart Association recommends healthy eating as a way to receive the necessary nutrients. Remember, foods in their natural form not only contain antioxidants, but also include vitamins, minerals, and fiber that may be missing from supplements.

Individual needs vary and it is best to follow the advice of your health care professional who will know what your specific requirements are. Always check with your doctor before taking any supplements, which are much easier to ingest in excessive quantities, causing harm.



Jeanie Friedman

Follow Up On Fiber

Last month's article highlighted fiber. Once good source mentioned was oats. I received a question from a reader asking about the difference between several types of oatmeal.

Oat groats (actual piece of the oat) are hulled (hard outer covering removed) and toasted. The way they are processed determines what type of oatmeal results.

Instant oatmeal comes in those little individual packets. After adding hot water, this type of oatmeal is ready to eat. They are highly convenient but are also the most processed: chopped very finely, rolled, pre-cooked, and dehydrated. Instant oatmeal almost always comes in different flavors, which adds sodium and sugar to the final product. It is beneficial to review the food label to see exactly what is in the product.

Quick-cooking and old-fashioned oats are both steamed and rolled thinly and do not go through as much processing, however, old-fashioned oats are not flattened as thinly as the quick-cooking variety. The thinner the oats, the faster the cooking time.

Stone-ground or Scottish oats and steel-cut oats (Irish oats) are not pre-cooked and are not rolled. Instead, they are chopped into small pieces, with stone-ground being the smaller of the two.

When it comes to fiber content, all oatmeal types offer similar amounts, however, the instant variety has added sodium, which could be problematic especially if you have high blood pressure.

Jeanie W. Friedman is a Registered Dietitian and nutritionist licensed in the State of Florida. This article is intended for educational purposes only and is not intended as a substitute for consultation with your health care professional. Ms. Friedman may be reached at JFriedmanRD@aol.com

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5 Blood Pressure Check 9A-11A Massage Therapy 9A-12P	6 Care Giver Support Group 1P-2P	7 Ask the expert: Senior living arrangements with Brookdale 11AM	8 Bereavement Support Group 10A-1130A	9 Shalloway Presentation 2PM
12 Blood Pressure Check 9A-11A Massage Therapy 9A-12P	13 Care Giver Support Group 1P-2P	14 VITAS Presents, snack and learn, 11AM	15 Bereavement Support Group 10A-1130A	16 Game Day 1:30PM-3:30PM
19 Blood Pressure Check 9A-11A Massage Therapy 9A-12P	20 Care Giver Support Group 1P-2P	21 Music Therapy 10AM-11AM	22 Bereavement Support Group 10A-1130A	23 Strategies for Stress Relief 1130A
26 Blood Pressure Check 9A-11A Massage Therapy 9A-12P	27 Care Giver Support Group 1P-2P	28 Game Day 12:30PM-3:30PM	29 Bereavement Support Group 10A-1130A	30 Halloween Party, snacks provided, 1PM

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Anne Gannon Palm Beach County Constitutional Tax Collector



Fall is a season of change — and improvement. That’s especially true in our offices. In just a matter of weeks, two of our service centers will permanently close. We are also opening a new, larger service center in Lake Worth. The new office will allow us to serve more people at once than both of the offices it’s replacing, combined.

What’s Closing, What’s Opening, and What’s Staying Put?

Offices Closing:

- Our Lake Worth Service Center permanently closes early to mid-November.
- Our Lantana Service Center permanently closes early to mid-November.

Office Opening:

The new Central Palm Beach County Service Center opens mid-November. Visit <https://www.pbctax.com/content/alert> and follow us on Twitter @TAXPBC for specific information as November approaches.

No Changes:

Our remaining service centers will continue to serve you:

- Belle Glade
- Delray Beach/South County
- Palm Beach Gardens (2 office locations)
- Royal Palm Beach
- West Palm Beach/Downtown

Big Payoff for Paying Online

With so many changes coming to our offices, you can expect longer wait times than usual. The number one way to save time with your next transaction is to go online at www.pbctax.com. You can make appointments for driver license services, locate and print forms, and check current wait times for each service center.

Our website’s biggest time-saving feature is the online payment center. You can renew motor vehicle, boat, and mobile home registrations; pay local business and tangible personal property taxes; and buy hunting and fishing licenses online. It’s simple:

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If you need help with online payments, contact us at (561) 355-2264. A representative will walk you through each step.

Property Tax Season Approaches

Keep an eye on your mailbox. We mail 2015 Property Tax bills on November 1. If you always mail your payment, why not pay online this time? Our website is safe, monitored around the clock with advanced network security technology. Another fast and convenient option is your bank’s online bill pay service.

There is a 4% discount for Property Tax bills paid in November. Paying online helps you avoid the last-minute scramble. It also reduces the chance of payment errors, and you won’t have to worry about your payment getting lost in the mail. Our online Property Tax payment center opens November 1.

Our offices are closed Monday, October 12 for Columbus Day. Don’t forget to follow us on Twitter @TAXPBC for the latest service center news and updates.

Ted Deutch U.S. Congressman



Throughout our history, efforts to protect and expand voting rights have led to a greater, more diverse electorate and a government more responsive to the voices of the American people. Recently, our nation celebrated the advancement of voting rights by marking the 95th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which enshrined women’s voting rights into our Constitution, and the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which ended state and local governments’ systematic denial of the right to vote based on race.

As we reflect on these milestones, we cannot ignore the latest obstacles to voting that have cropped up across the country. New laws have taken effect nationwide that make it harder for students, women, elderly, disabled and minority Americans to vote. And in the two years since the Supreme Court gutted key parts of the Voting Rights Act and called on Congress to update the law, Republican leaders have failed to bring legislation to the floor for a vote.

In Congress, I am proud to support efforts to restore and strengthen the Voting Rights Act. Yet we must do more than just repair the damage done. We must build an electoral system fit for the 21st century. That’s why earlier this year I was proud to join civil rights icon Congressman John Lewis to introduce the Voter Empowerment Act.

The Voter Empowerment Act addresses many of the problems currently plaguing our elections. In 2012, voters in Florida and other states waited for hours in long lines at the polls, resulting in thousands of ballots never being cast. And in every election cycle, thousands

of eligible voters are turned away because they recently moved across town, relocated for college, or simply married and changed their names. This comprehensive legislation establishes an automated voter registration system that keeps address information updated and accurate, requires at least 15 days of early voting, restores the voting rights of those who have served their time and yet remain disenfranchised, and ensures that provisional ballots are counted and verified by every polling place. In short, this legislation will improve accuracy and prevent fraud, automatically register millions of eligible voters, and safeguard the integrity of our electoral process.

There is no right more essential to our democracy than the right to vote, and protecting that right will always be one of my top priorities in Congress.

Sharon Bock Clerk & Comptroller, Palm Beach County



Sharon Bock

light on a human rights issue that greatly impacts our society. Domestic violence is an epidemic affecting individuals in every community, regardless of age, economic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality.

According to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, in 2014 nearly 5,000 Domestic Violence Related Offenses were reported in Palm Beach County. While this number has continued to decrease over the past several years, any form of domestic violence is unacceptable.

My office is often a first stop for many domestic abuse victims, who file injunctions against their abusers. Our Domestic Violence Department has many resources for victims, including information about how to file an injunction or complaint, answers to frequently asked questions, and contact information for agencies that assist domestic abuse victims.

My staff and I are dedicated to supporting community efforts to end violence and domestic abuse. The 750 employees at the Clerk’s office recognize the importance of this societal issue and are committed to raising awareness. We continue to serve every day as a resource in Palm Beach County to those who want and need our help.

During the month of October, Clerk employees will be collecting items to donate to Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, Inc. (AVDA) as well as, participating in the 16th Annual

Race for Hope on October 10.

Domestic Violence does not discriminate. If you or someone you know is involved in an abusive relationship, please contact Victim Services at (561) 355-2418 or AVDA at (561) 265-2900. For more information on the services provided by our Domestic Violence Department and filing information, please go to: <http://www.mypalmbeachclerk.com/domesticviolence.aspx>.

Paulette Burdick Palm Beach County Commissioner, District 2



Paulette Burdick

Palm Beach County’s new \$4 billion budget year began on Thursday, October 1st. Although property values are rising, the new budget will continue to short change many important areas including road construction and repair and code enforcement. The long-term deficit in road construction and repair is frightening; it is over one billion dollars. The deficit in code enforcement requires a small number of code enforcement officers to cover a tremendous area.

Bob Weisman, our long-time county administrator, has retired after 23 years. The average tenure for county administrators nation-wide is about four years, so you know how special Bob was to us. Verdenia Baker became our county administrator on September 1st after serving as Bob’s trusted deputy for fourteen years. She will be responsible for the county’s \$4 billion budget and managing 6,000 county employees. It is not an easy job by any means, but I think we are in good hands.

With the unanimous recommendation of the technical evaluation committee panel which included the Sheriff’s Office and Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, the Board of County Commissioners ratified the selection of Motorola Solutions as the highest ranked vendor for the countywide (911) public radio system project and authorized staff to begin negotiations with the company. It will be a very costly project, but it must be done. Post 9-11 federal requirements, the increasing demands on public safety and emergency response times make this a very high priority project.

The commission also decided against establishing an independent citizen’s review board to investigate complaints of alleged misconduct by the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office. This decision was necessary because under current state law, the panel would have no oversight authority and significantly limited powers. County staff will contact the sheriff to discuss opportunities

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for citizen involvement on the sheriff’s oversight board authorized by Florida statute.

Plans are moving forward for a new baseball stadium between Haverhill Rd. and Military Trail, just south of 45th Street for a projected opening in January 2017. The main entrances and exits will be on Haverhill Road. Traffic on Haverhill could be dramatically affected immediately before and after games. Although the stadium is located in the city of West Palm Beach; county Engineering is working to address traffic and safety concerns. Former County Administrator Bob Weisman has been asked to throw the first pitch.

Please remember, I am here to help if you need my assistance. You may also call to schedule an appointment. If you would like to speak with me personally, want a speaker for a group or just want to be well informed about important issues facing Palm Beach County, please send an E-mail to pburdick@pbcgov.org or call 355-2202.

Dorothy Jacks
Chief Deputy Property
Appraiser



Dorothy Jacks

We are very proud of PAPA, our interactive website (pbcgov.com/PAPA), which is known for being user-friendly and easy to navigate. We are committed to ensuring our public property records are just a click away. PAPA stands for Property Appraiser Public Access and has become the most used government website in Palm Beach County.

Our Information Technology group stays up on all the advances in web technology. We regularly update the website’s functions. Right now we are developing a “mobile-friendly” browser for PAPA users on the run.

If you are looking for information about your property or properties in your neighborhood, check the

Property Records Search, which is prominently displayed on PAPA’s Home Page. It is the quick and easy way to research properties in Palm Beach County. You can search by name, address or parcel control number, whether the property is residential, commercial or agriculture.

When a property’s Results Page comes up, you will find detailed facts about the property, including updated sales and taxable value information. The interactive mapping program lets you pinpoint several factors that pertain to the property, including the schools in the area.

Maybe you have questions about the Homestead Exemption tax savings benefit for qualified

residential properties. Go to Forms to bring up information about available exemptions that stem from Florida’s Homestead Exemption program.

For new applicants, your best bet is to E-File, which saves you time because you do not have to file in person. E-File offers online access to the application process. Call Exemption Services at (561) 355-2866 for more information. Our Service Center in downtown West Palm Beach is never too busy to take your call.

Our next Community Outreach visit to Century Village is 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 1, at the Community Center. Please call (561) 355-4021 for more information.

Dave Aronberg
Florida State Attorney



Dave Aronberg

Monitoring Database, law enforcement and prosecutors have helped to turn around Florida’s reputation as the pill mill capital of the world.

In the decade leading up to the new laws, which were ultimately enacted in 2011, Florida’s prescription drug overdose deaths had increased more than 80%. Infamously, 7 people died each day in Florida from prescription drug overdoses, and 1 person died each day in Palm Beach County alone. By 2010, there were even more pain clinics in Florida and Palm Beach County than McDonald’s restaurants! In 2010, oxycodone deaths in Florida peaked at a record 1,516 people. Since then, we have seen a 65% decrease in oxycodone deaths. Similarly, we have also seen a 65% reduction in the number of pain clinics statewide. The days of thousands of “drug tourists” driving to Florida to buy, use, abuse and sell easily accessible oxycodone pills are gone, hopefully forever: Since the 2011 laws were enacted, there has been a 57% reduction in the number of out-of-state patients. In the last 4 years, there has been a 51% decrease in individuals who “doctor shop” (i.e., visiting 5 or more doctors and 5 or more pharmacies within a 90 day period) to feed their prescription drug addictions.

As new threats arise — such as the synthetic drug, Flakka — and old threats return, such as a jump in heroin use, we will remain vigilant and proactive, and will continue to hold accountable those who violate our laws and put our residents at risk.

New Measures
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The Individual and The Culture

BY IRVING RIKON

A 1964 motion picture, one of my favorites, *The Train*, should be seen by everyone. Directed by John Frankenheimer, starring Burt Lancaster and Paul Scofield, it takes place in France during the closing days of World War Two. Occupying Germans are in full retreat. A Nazi officer (Scofield,) who has been carefully protecting a museum, orders the director to load all of that museum’s great art treasures onto a train. The train will go across France to Germany. The officer intends to make this his own, private collection. A few members of the French Resistance, (including Lancaster) learn of his plot and are determined to stop him. It’s a great action thriller, and I won’t give away the ending. But the finish raises a profound moral question: How can the value of even a single individual, threatened with death, be weighed against the culture of a civilization?

The Nazis were bestial, some completely inhuman. Yet a few were art lovers who appreciated the glories of cultures not their own and desired them. A more recent film, starring George Clooney, entitled *The Monuments Men* and based on fact, tells the story of a tiny group of museum directors and colleagues who, during World War Two, vowed to find precious art works looted by the Nazis and restore them to their original owners. Among other things, they found priceless objects stolen from Belgian churches hidden in the depths of a Polish salt mine. Germans hoped to bring them to their homeland. Within the past year, newspaper accounts told of a Munich man, the son of an art dealer, who kept in his home stolen works of art, including important Jewish art. Once disclosed, the son fought hard to retain those artworks.

What occasioned my thinking was the total destruction by ISIS of the Baal Temple in Palmyra, Syria. They beheaded archaeologist Khalid Assad, antiquities chief of this city, who knew more about it than anyone else. Then they destroyed the temple he had fought to preserve. I’ve written about Palmyra before, yet I left out something more personal. Located near wonderful Roman ruins, the Baal Temple affected me and my companion deeply. I can compare my feelings with the first time I visited Jerusalem. I was thrilled, yet virtually everything there was as I had anticipated. Previously, I had read about it, studied pictures of it. All was in place, and that was good. But when I came to Palmyra, the only thing I knew about the god Baal I had read in the Bible. Old Testament prophets had railed against it. Viewing this temple brought the Bible to life. It brought the prophets to life. I knew now what they were

talking about. Yet they had said nothing of this magnificent house of worship which they probably had never seen. I wondered what had become of the people who long ago had worshipped there. And I felt it was entirely possible the Prophet Abraham, whom Jews, Christians and Muslims revere as their father, had likewise seen this structure and pondered it. Now it is gone, forever.

For Westerners, it is difficult to understand the mindset of militant Islamic extremists, Jihadists, or as some writers call them, Islamists, to distinguish them from moderate Muslims. They willingly mutilate, desecrate, destroy religious objects offensive to them either because these are not “their kind” of Islam or they came into place prior to Muhammad’s death in the year 632 CE. What makes it especially difficult is that Muslims do not worship Muhammad as Christians worship Jesus Christ. Muhammad is regarded as God’s Messenger or Prophet, the last prophet. But he is not deified.

If Muhammad is not God, neither do Islamists proffer themselves as anything other than human beings. Yet unlike Westerners, even those few bestial Nazis who treasured great art not of their own culture, most take pride in all the good things that human beings have accomplished everywhere around the globe and recognize that all civilizations of the past have shared in building the truly remarkable civilizations of today. Whoever we may be, we are they.

Yet those Islamists blew up giant standing stone Buddhas in Afghanistan (which were erected without today’s power tools by the Afghan peoples’ forebearers), and they destroyed or sold for profit to art dealers Islamic artifacts in the fine museum of Mosul, Syria, and now the Baal Temple in Palmyra. A decade or so ago an official of Al Qaeda threatened to demolish the Sphinx and Pyramids in Gaza, Egypt, just outside of Cairo, even though the overwhelming majority of Egyptians are Muslim. An ISIS leader only recently said he wanted to blow up The Vatican and St. Peter’s Cathedral in Rome. No matter what may be one’s religion or even if one has no religious faith at all these were or are some of the glories of human creativity and should be preserved by persons who are themselves human beings.

Yet individuals die daily at the hands of those who kill and, for all intents and purposes, respect only creations of their own making, their own fancies. Why? And how long can the cultured, “civilized” worlds, including the overall, vast Muslim world, allow this to happen without their cultures, their civilizations being compromised?

Century Village Class Schedule

All classes are NOT final, and are subject to change. SIGN UP IN THE TICKET OFFICE.

MONDAY						
COURSE NAME	STARTS	TIME	COST	MTRLS	WEEKS	ROOM
Stained Glass	9/28	1pm-3pm	\$20	****	5	Stained
Ladies Dance Styling	10/5	1pm-2pm	\$20		4	Art

TUESDAY						
COURSE NAME	STARTS	TIME	COST	MTRLS	WEEKS	ROOM
Ceramics	10/6	9am-11am	\$36	****	6	Ceramics
Tap Dance - Beginners	10/13	10am-11am	\$24	****	4	Party
Tap Dance - Beginners/Intermediate	10/13	11am-Noon	\$24	****	4	Party
Spanish for Beginners	9/29	3pm-4:30pm	\$24		4	Class A

WEDNESDAY						
COURSE NAME	STARTS	TIME	COST	MTRLS	WEEKS	ROOM
Latin Rhythm Dance	9/30	10am-11am	\$20		4	Art Room
Court Cases Lecture Series with Myrna	10/7	10am-11:30am	\$25		6	Meeting C
Breathing, Visualization & Meditation	9/30	1:30pm-3pm	\$24		4	Class B
Jewelry Making	10/7	1:30pm-3:30pm	\$40	****	4	Craft
English for Beginners	9/30	11am-1pm	\$24		4	Class B

THURSDAY						
COURSE NAME	STARTS	TIME	COST	MTRLS	WEEKS	ROOM
Painting Workshop	10/1	9:30am-11:30am	\$20	****	4	Art

FRIDAY						
COURSE NAME	STARTS	TIME	COST	MTRLS	WEEKS	ROOM
Ceramics	10/2	9am-11am	\$36	****	6	Ceramics
Canasta - Beginners	10/2	1:30pm-3:30pm	\$20		4	Card B

ANY TIME						
COURSE NAME	STARTS	TIME	COST	MTRLS	WEEKS	ROOM
Basic Ballroom Private Instruction—Single	By Appt.	By Appt.	\$60		4	Art Room
Basic Ballroom Private Instruction—Couple	By Appt.	By Appt.	\$90		4	Art Room

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Century Village Class Descriptions

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Breathing, Visualization & Meditation – Simple, fast and easy techniques that can improve your health, moods, creativity and motivation in life.

Canasta For Beginners – Learn the basic techniques of playing the skilled game. Learn to count points, keep score and the play of the hand.

Ceramics – An easy and enjoyable activity that can become a truly creative pastime. Sign up for this ongoing class anytime.

English for Beginners – Learn the English language.

Expressive Visual Arts – This art class will allow you to express yourself using the medium of your choice. Please come in to sign up before we set a start date.

Jewelry Making – Come and learn how to make beautiful jewelry. Ask about supplies. Create pieces for loved ones or treat yourself.

Ladies Dance Styling — Learn proper dance posture, hold and frame, arm movement style, walking and motions.

Latin Rhythm Dance – Learn how to Dance Latin style! The instructor will offer lessons on Merengue, Salsa, Bachata, Rumba and Cha Cha.

Metro Traffic School - Interested in an automobile insurance discount? Attend a lively, interactive 6-hour Mature Driver course in the Clubhouse.

Painting Workshop – Advanced class where students will learn how to add light, shade, dimension, and perspective to their artwork—very informative. Sign up for this ongoing class anytime.

Spanish for Beginners – Learn to write and speak Spanish.

Stained Glass – Learn how to make beautiful objects with colored glass. The possibilities are endless.

Tap Dance – Brush up on your tap dancing. Lessons will be given by Joan Maret, choreographer to the Residents Show.

Room locations and times are subject to change and/or modification

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Is There a War on Women?

BY STEW RICHLAND

Anyone who has ever written any sort of historical research paper knows what a daunting task it is. There are literally millions of Internet websites that touch on this subject. The library stacks are filled with old and new historical, cultural and social references dealing with all types of women's issues from biblical times to the present day. The story of the war on women is as complicated as a Rubik's Cube. In one form or another, the so-called war on women can be traced back to biblical times. In this first article, I have decided to provide the reader with a broad overview of how society, history and culture have dealt with women's issues and place these views within some historical context.

The Old and New Testaments are reference warehouses containing thousands of examples of powerful women who have left their mark on civilization in so many ways. I have selected just a few (the good and the not so good) to illustrate that women are tough and should never be

The Book of Esther was written for Diaspora Jews (Jews who lived outside Israel) to show them how to live in exile. If they encountered bigotry and prejudice, they had to act with courage, wisdom and integrity.

underestimated. Bathsheba, capable, ambitious, and gifted, produced a son, Solomon, noted for his wisdom and intellectual brilliance. Delilah set about finding the secret of Samson's strength. Why was he so much stronger than other men? She was one of the world's first escorts. The Book of Esther was written for Diaspora Jews (Jews who lived outside Israel) to show them how



to live in exile. If they encountered bigotry and prejudice, they had to act with courage, wisdom and integrity. Mary of Nazareth is one of the few women in the ancient world whose life story we know as girl, mother, and mature woman. Mary Magdalene: The idea of women as primary witnesses does not seem unusual to people in the 21st century, but it was a revolutionary concept at the time. The testimony of women was not given the same weight as men's, either personally or in a court of law. Mary's witness to the Resurrection reversed this idea. The status of women in early Christian times was that of equality. Mary Magdalene and the other women, as the first witnesses of the Resurrection, were saying something important about the nature of women -- that they were capable of being as fully Christian as men.

Author's note: please forgive this writer if your favorite biblical female was not referenced.

Medieval times were not a comfortable era for women. Both men and women lived very harsh lives. Whether a women lived on

a farm or lived in a town, society dictated what her life would be like. About 90 percent of women worked on farms and would get paid less than their male counterparts. Most all town trade guilds were barred to women. Most women became weavers and this work was done at home. For many women, the life of a servant was all they could hope for. The pay was not rewarding and the workload was long and physical. The law was administered by men and the rules were stacked against women. For example: Women were not allowed to marry without their parents' consent, could own no business, were not allowed to divorce their husbands, and could not own property of any kind unless they were widows.

Girls from rich families were married off in their early teens. In contrast, girls who came from poverty were forced to work on the farms until their mid-twenties, before they could get married. In rich or aristocratic families, females were married off for the purpose of political or economic reasons. Once a young girl was married she was under the control of her husband. Creating a male heir was important to wealthy families. Women spent a great deal of life being pregnant. The most common cause of death during this time was childbirth. Many women from poor families did not live beyond the age of forty.

It is important to note that during the early stages of the Middle Ages, known as the "Dark Ages," the aristocracy adopted a code of behavior for all noblemen called the "Code of Chivalry." All knights in training had to subscribe to this code. One aspect of this code preached that all knights would defend and respect women's rights. Unfortunately for the female population of Europe, this code rarely applied to the common folk and the peasants.

The majority of women in ancient China lived oppressed lives. Even women of the nobility and the imperial family did not escape the oppression, though life was possibly slightly easier for them than for the large population of poor women. Women were considered inferior to men and from the moment of birth most women were treated as inferiors. Marriages were arranged in ancient China but they were also carefully considered. The parents of the children to be married consulted an astrologer who referred to the birth charts of each child.

Once married, a girl would live with her husband's family. She would be required to obey all the members of his

family, particularly his mother. A girl often became the servant of her mother-in-law and was forbidden to disobey her. Foot binding was the practice of binding a girl's toes under her feet. It is thought that the practice was initially taken up by wealthy families and it became

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a symbol that a family was wealthy, as girls with bound feet were barely able to walk, let alone work. Girls with bound feet were considered very attractive and it became a common practice. This practice ended in 1911.

To summarize this installment on the "War on Women," the ancients understood that there were biological differences between men and women and that they had different capacities and functions. Understanding these assumptions helps us make sense of the perpetuation and even institutionalization of male/female differences with regard to behavior expectations, position within the family, legal rights, public status, education, and types of work. While this most often results in the subordination of the position of women in society vis-a-vis men, it sometimes can be a source of women's special strength.

In the next installment I will continue to explore how religion and its practices impacted the role of women in Asia. I will explore how traditional African culture in some tribal areas expanded the power of women in their tribes, and illustrate how the greatest intellectual and cultural period the world has ever known, the "Renaissance," defined and changed the role of women for all time.

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SHUTTLE BUS(mon-Fri)				Perimeter Run at 12:45 PM				Effective October 1, 2015			
Clubhouse	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00			
Imaging Center	9:07	10:07	11:07	Drivers	1:07	2:07	3:07	4:07			
Library	9:15	10:15	11:15		1:15	2:15	3:15	4:15			
Humana	9:18	10:18	11:18	Lunch	1:18	2:18	3:18	4:18			
UCO SVC Wednesday & Friday	9:21	10:21	11:21		1:21	2:21	3:21	4:21			
Walmart / Jog	9:22	10:22	11:22		1:22	2:22	3:22	4:22			
Publix (Home Depot Plaza - Jog Road)	9:28	10:28	11:28		1:28	2:28	3:28	4:28			
Century Plaza	9:31	10:31	11:31		1:31	2:31	3:31	4:31			
Emporium Shoppes	9:37	10:37	11:37		1:37	2:37	3:37	4:37			
Goodwill	9:42	10:42	11:42		1:42	2:42	3:42	4:42			
Post Office Drop off / Pick Up	Tuesday & Thursday Only				2:45 3:45						
Perimeter Drive	On Request				On Request						
Clubhouse	9:59	10:59	11:59		1:59	2:59	3:59	4:59			

EXCURSION TRIPS

Wednesday Oct. 7Boca Towne Center

Wednesday Oct. 14.....Garden Mall

Wednesday Oct. 21Wellington Mall

Wednesday Oct. 28Festival Flea Market

Excursions depart Clubhouse at 10:00 a.m. and return about 3:00 p.m.

MALL BUS(mon-Fri)											
Clubhouse	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00		
Dr. Sapenoff	9:09	10:09	11:09	Drivers	1:09	2:09	3:09	4:09	5:09		
Pine Trail	9:14	10:14	11:14		1:14	2:14	3:14	4:14	5:14		
Walmart / Military Mon., Tues., Wed.	9:23	10:23	11:23	Lunch	1:23	2:23	3:23	4:23	5:23		
Deals Mon., Tues., Wed.	9:30	10:30	11:30		1:30	2:30	3:30	4:30	5:30		
President's Market Thursday only			11:25		1:35						
Palm Beach Outlets Friday only		10:23				2:30					
Winn Dixie / Kmart - No Friday Service	9:34	10:34	11:34		1:34	2:34	3:34	4:34	5:34		
Dollar Tree - No Friday Service	9:38	10:38	11:38		1:38	2:38	3:38	4:38	5:38		
Church No Friday 10:41 or 2:41	9:41	10:41	11:41		1:41	2:41	3:41	4:41	5:41		
Village Commons	9:48	10:48	11:48		1:48	2:48	3:48	4:48	5:48		
Clubhouse	9:55	10:45	11:45		1:55	2:55	3:55	4:55	5:55		

ALL INTERNAL BUSES WILL AWAIT THE RETURN OF ALL EXTERNAL BUSES

PUBLIX'S EXPRESS											
Perimeter Drive	8:45			12:50							
Clubhouse	9:00	10:00	11:00	Drivers	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00			
Morse — Monday, Wednesday, Friday ONLY	9:20			Lunch	1:20						
Publix	9:35	10:15	11:15		1:35	2:15	3:15	4:15			
As Requested Points of Service											
Clubhouse	9:59	10:59	11:50		1:59	2:59	3:59	4:59			

COMBO RUN Saturdays and Sundays and holidays											
Clubhouse	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00		
Pine Trail	9:07	10:07	11:07		1:07	2:07	3:07	4:07	5:07		
Walmart / Military	9:15	10:15	11:15	Lunch	1:15	2:15	3:15	4:15	5:15		
Nana"s Diner	9:20	10:20	11:20		1:20	2:20	3:20	4:20	4:20		
Winn Dixie/Kmart	9:26	10:26	11:26		1:26	2:36	3:26	4:26	5:26		
Church	9:30	10:30	11:30		1:30	2:30	3:30	4:30	5:30		
Village Commons	9:35	10:35	11:35		1:35	2:35	3:35	4:35	5:35		
Emporium Shoppes	9:50	10:50	11:50		1:50	2:50	3:50	4:50	5:50		
Goodwill	9:55	10:55	11:55		1:55	2:55	3:55	4:55	5:55		
Perimeter Drive	On Request										
Clubhouse	9:58	10:58	11:58		1:58	2:58	3:58	4:58	5:58		

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Internal Bus Schedule

Internal Bus Route # 1				Perimeter Run @ 8:45 am & 11:45 am				Effective October 1, 2015							
Clubhouse	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00	6:00	7:00	8:00	9:00	10:00
Dover	8:02	9:02	10:02	11:02	Drivers	1:02	2:02	3:02	4:02	5:02	6:02	7:02	8:02	9:02	10:02
Somerset	8:04	9:04	10:04	11:04	Lunch	1:04	2:04	3:04	4:04	5:04	6:04	7:04	8:04	9:04	10:04
Berkshire	8:06	9:06	10:06	11:06		1:06	2:06	3:06	4:06	5:06	6:06	7:06	8:06	9:06	10:06
Camden	8:09	9:09	10:09	11:09		1:09	2:09	3:09	4:09	5:09	6:09	7:09	8:09	9:09	10:09
Windsor	8:12	9:12	10:12	11:12		1:12	2:12	3:12	4:12	5:12	6:12	7:12	8:12	9:12	10:12
UCO Mornings But Wed. & Fri. All Day			3	11:13		1:13	2:13	3:13	4:13	5:13	Except Saturdays and Sunday				
Wellington L & M	8:15	9:15	10:15	11:15		1:15	2:15	3:15	4:15	5:15	6:15	7:15	8:15	9:15	10:15
Andover	8:19	9:19	10:19	11:19		1:19	2:19	3:19	4:19	5:19	6:19	7:19	8:19	9:19	10:19
Kingswood	8:25	9:25	10:25	11:25		1:25	2:25	3:25	4:25	5:25	6:25	7:25	8:25	9:25	10:25
Medical Plaza	(Upon Request)														
Clubhouse	8:30	9:30	10:30	11:30		1:30	2:30	3:30	4:30	5:30	6:30	7:30	8:30		
Publix	8:40	9:40	10:40	11:40		1:40	2:40	3:40	4:40	5:40	6:40	7:40	8:40		
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Internal Bus Route # 2															
Clubhouse	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00	6:00	7:00	8:00	9:00	10:00
Plymouth	8:02	9:02	10:02	11:02	Drivers	1:02	2:02	3:02	4:02	5:02	6:02	7:02	8:02	9:02	10:02
Sheffield E	8:04	9:04	10:04	11:04	Lunch	1:04	2:04	3:04	4:04	5:04	6:04	7:04	8:04	9:04	10:04
Chatham	8:06	9:06	10:06	11:06		1:06	2:06	3:06	4:06	5:06	6:06	7:06	8:06	9:06	10:06
Kent	8:08	9:08	10:08	11:08		1:08	2:08	3:08	4:08	5:08	6:08	7:08	8:08	9:08	10:08
Northampton	8:11	9:11	10:11	11:11		1:11	2:11	3:11	4:11	5:11	6:11	7:11	8:11	9:11	10:11
Sussex	8:13	9:13	10:13	11:13		1:13	2:13	3:13	4:13	5:13	6:13	7:13	8:13	9:13	10:13
Canterbury	8:15	9:15	10:15	11:15		1:15	2:15	3:15	4:15	5:15	6:15	7:15	8:15	9:15	10:15
Cambridge	8:16	9:16	10:16	11:16		1:16	2:16	3:16	4:16	5:16	6:16	7:16	8:16	9:16	10:16
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Internal Bus Route # 3															
Clubhouse	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00	6:00	7:00	8:00	9:00	10:00
Bedford B	8:02	9:02	10:02	11:02	Drivers	1:02	2:02	3:02	4:02	5:02	6:02	7:02	8:02	9:02	10:02
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Bedford C	8:08	9:08	10:08	11:08		1:08	2:08	3:08	4:08	5:08	6:08	7:08	8:08	9:08	10:08
Wellington Circle	8:09	9:09	10:09	11:09		1:09	2:09	3:09	4:09	5:09	6:09	7:09	8:09	9:09	10:09
Golfs Edge	8:12	9:12	10:12	11:12		1:12	2:12	3:12	4:12	5:12	6:12	7:12	8:12	9:12	10:12
Coventry	8:14	9:14	10:14	11:14		1:14	2:14	3:14	4:14	5:14	6:14	7:14	8:14	9:14	10:14
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