



The Villager

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Happy Holidays!



Annual Craft Bazaar and AHF Holiday Dinner

by Linda Wilson

The AHF Recreation Committee warmly invites you to attend the upcoming Annual Craft Bazaar and Holiday Dinner.

The Annual Craft Bazaar will be held in the AHF Hall on **Saturday, December 7th** from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Bazaar is for handmade items only, no flea market items please. Contact Linda Wilson for table reservations, 984-2539. An 8' table rental is \$8.00 and a card table rental is \$6.00.

The Holiday Dinner will be held in the AHF Hall on **Sunday, December 15th** from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:00 for social time, with dinner being served at 5:30 p.m. This year's theme is "Holiday Music" with entertainment provided by some very talented Village children.

The menu will be traditional Turkey and Ham and all the trimmings, with Villagers providing all those yummy desserts. Coffee, Ice Tea and Lemonade will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own beverages.

Great food, entertainment, door prizes and gifts from Santa for children ages 1 – 12 will be on hand, so purchase your tickets early - this event has always sold out in years past. Tickets go on sale **December 2nd** at the AHF Office (hours are M-F, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.). Ticket Prices are \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Children age 5 and under are free. **Please bring a pre-cut dessert to share.**

Announcements

Regularly Scheduled Committee Meetings

Deerhead Hammock Committee

1st Saturday of the month, 9 a.m.

Memory Garden Committee

Last Friday of the month, 3 p.m.

Erna Nixon Hammock Committee (work party)

Fourth Saturday of the month, 9 a.m.

Parks and Paths Committee

Saturday from 8 to 10 a.m. See the bulletin board for location.

Building and Grounds Committee

4th Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Library

Recreation Committee

2nd Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Committee Room

Budget and Finance Committee

4th Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Library

Regularly Scheduled Events

Mah Jongg

1st Thursday of the month, 6-9 p.m., Committee Room

Bridge Club

Every Tuesday, 1-4 p.m., AHF Hall

AHF Office Closings

Wednesday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

Wednesday, January 1 (New Year's Day)

Contacting the AHF

The AHF office is located at 535 Hammock Road.

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Board of Trustee Meeting Schedule

Thursday, December 12, 7:30 p.m.

Committee Reports due Monday, December 9.

Thursday, January 9, 7:30 p.m.

Committee Reports due Monday, January 6.

Thursday, February 13, 7:30 p.m.

Committee Reports due Monday, February 10.

Board of Trustees Election

February. Date to be announced.

Passings

Robert W. Bertucco passed away on October 9. Mr. Bertucco resided on Acacia Avenue and was an AHF member since 2002.

Welcome to our New AHF Members!

August 2013:

Kimberly Lauer, 550 Acacia Ave., Lots 365/366 (from Margaret Catlett).

Carol Graves, 6629 Sheridan Rd., Lot 47. (from George Beasom Estate).

----- *Upcoming Events: Cut and Save* -----

December	Sat. 12/6 , Set up tables for Holiday Craft Bazaar, 3 p.m., AHF Hall (Note the time change).
	Sun. 12/7, Village Holiday Craft Bazaar , 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., AHF Hall. Please note the Craft Bazaar is for homemade/craft/Art items only, no Flea Market items.
	Sat. 12/14 , Decorate and set up tables for Holiday Dinner, 9 a.m.
	Sun. 12/15, Village Holiday Dinner , 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
	Sat. 12/28 , Village Game Night, 7 p.m.
January	Sat. 1/18 , Village Movie Night, 6:30 p.m. Movie TBA.
	Sat. 1/25 , Village Game Night, 7 p.m.
February	Sat 2/15 , Village Movie Night, 6:30 p.m. Movie TBA
	Sat 2/22 , Village Game Night, 7 p.m.

Volunteers are always needed for every event!



AHF Committee News

The AHF Committees are a large part of what makes Melbourne Village work. We are always looking for more volunteers to help out. With 17 standing committees you can certainly find something to suit your individual skills, talents, interests, and fit with your schedule. Call the AHF office if you would like to find out more, or visit the AHF website: www.melbourne-village.com.

Bylaws Review Committee

by Sandi Dix

The committee started out meeting monthly but now we are meeting every other Sunday for two (2) hours and I can finally see a light at the end of the tunnel! We are planning to hold resident workshops in November, so make sure you check the bulletin board, e-mail and the Melbourne Village NextDoor website for dates! (www.MelbourneVillage.Nextdoor.com)

The next steps for the committee include workshop(s), a final review of the bylaws, and having a lawyer review the bylaws before they go to print and are mailed to the AHF members for a vote. Hopefully, all of this can be completed and ready to mail with the Board of Trustees ballots.

I hope that everyone who wishes to have input at the workshop will look over the current By-Laws. Copies of the current bylaws can be obtained at the AHF office or downloaded from the AHF website: <http://www.melbourne-village.com>. We will provide copies of the proposed changes.

See you soon!

Erna Nixon Hammock

by Sandi Dix

The critter cam is working great! We have pictures of the adult bobcat and the two kittens along with rabbits, raccoons, possums and people walking dogs in the hammock. It is good to know that the wildlife is doing well in the Village! I want the residents to know that the critter cam in Erna Nixon is to document the wildlife in the hammock. The cameras capture pictures of people in the hammock, but that is not why we purchased the critter cam.

The committee members spend many, many hours in the hammock removing invasive plants like Brazilian peppers, Air potato vines, Coral and Shoe button ardisias, and Java plum just to name a few. We are also removing some the grape vines on the Live Oak path that are choking out the Saw Palmettos and small oak trees.

Some of our upcoming projects are installing a bench in the parkland along Live Oak Road, replacing plant ID tags, and planting a Red Cedar tree on the Acacia path. All of this takes time, so if you have some time please come out and help.

Our workdays are usually the 4th Saturday of the month starting at 9 am, and we could always use more help. You can contact me, Sandi Dix, either by phone 952-5618 or e-mail: mntlcrpl@yahoo.com for more information.

Please remember: NO SMOKING or littering in any of your parkland and please pick up after your dog. There is nothing worse than enjoying a nice stroll in our parks and stepping in dog poop! Let's be considerate of others.

Happy Trails!

Memory Garden Committee

by Sandi Dix

Looks like the cooler weather is here! It has been a long, hot, wet summer and fall, but our committee has kept right on working in the garden. We have trimmed back shrubs, mowed the grass, picked up debris, and weeded and weeded and weeded!

The weeds in our butterfly beds are out of control, so we are going to spray the beds with Round up and start over. We will save as many of the plants as we can for replanting later, along with a memorial tree.

In addition to our monthly work parties, committee members are responsible for the maintenance of the garden each month which include watering as needed, picking up around the garden, and monitoring ant beds.

Our workday for the cooler months are the last Friday of the month at 9 am. We can always use more help, so if you have an extra hour or so, please contact me, Sandi Dix, either by phone at 952-5618 or e-mail: mntlcrpl@yahoo.com.

As always, we hope that you enjoy the garden and if you have any suggestions, please let us know.

Happy Gardening!



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