

ACORN NEWS

Oak Park Village Cooperative, Inc
<https://oakparkvillage.mycommunitysite.app/>
March, 2021



Board of Directors

Message from the President

John Schouwink, President

As I am new to the Presidency, I thought the best way to address this first letter is to tell you what I hope to provide our community and where we stand with the items I have worked on so far.

First and hopefully for the last time, I want to address the division within the park. I am confused as to why a small group of residents feel it is their right to continually sow seeds of dissent and confusion with those that live in the park year round. DO NOT listen to the rumors, as this group has little in the way of facts and do not know what the Board has been working on. If you have a question, please follow the appropriate guidelines set up in our bylaws to ask at our monthly Board meeting. There is a huge difference in working together to maintain this park as a peaceful, healthy place to live, and trying to undermine the Board that this park elected to further an agenda of fear for a presumed power.

Lets work together!

Next, I would like to thank some of our residents:

- Thank you to Jim Mauthe and Steve Fair for your service for the Board over the last six years!
- Ray McDaniel, Joe Blumell and Paul Riley for their work to get our unused DSL lines turned off, which will save us approximately \$500/month.
- Joe Geffre and his helpers for the mulching etc. to maintain the beauty of Oak Park.
- Dave Haverkate and Bill Cook for their efforts on our behalf to alleviate our sea wall concerns.
- I am sure there are others I may have missed and I thank you all.

Now to park business, as I said at our February Board meeting, our wells and water system are providing us with the best water we have had in four (4) years. This is due partly to our new partner, Water Solutions and the diligence to learn and successfully operate the system by our maintenance crew.

As you know, someone within our community decided it was in the parks best interest to notify the county of the work that was being done to "maintain" our sea wall, which we must do by order of the Army Corp.of Engineers. This has led us to hire an attorney to navigate these special waters as well as consult an engineering firm for costs to repair or rebuild the seawall. If we are required to replace the seawall, the cost could be \$500,000 + , for which we would need to assess a one time charge to each resident of over \$2500. We are working diligently to see this does not happen.

We also contacted the company working to combine all of our separate properties (seven acre project) into one. As with many other things, they are behind due to Covid 19.

Speaking of Covid 19, the cases in Lee county for the last 14 days have gone down. Many of our residents as well as Lee county residents have been able to obtain the vaccine. I understand there are some events coming up and I encourage you to follow all necessary Covid protocols to stay safe and still have fun.

Thank you for all of the support you have given this new board. My goals for our park is to promote unity, maintain our park in the most cost effective way possible, and provide a healthy, peaceful place for all to enjoy.



THE PEOPLE OF OAK PARK

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Sandy Harder
- 4 Teri Snyder
Judy Donahue
- 5 Jack Gravelyn
Scott Beck
- 6 Brian Dolphin
Carolyn Hietala
- 8 Ed Gionet
- 9 Eddie Farmer
Flo Ginter
- 10 Bette Larsen
Don Holman
- 12 Cathy Mahan
- 13 Bill Cook
Debbie Noetzel
- 15 Marlene Solarchick
- 19 David Nalley
Laurie Krecow
- 21 Wayne Hahn
- 23 Dorothy Licini
Lynne Parlee
- 24 Don Bauer
- 25 Alan Krebs
Laurene Banta
- 26 Tom Splitt
- 30 Burt Bennett
- 31 Carol Langer
Mark Eiss



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 9 Lynne & Wayne Parlee
- 12 Wrenie & Ken Jeznach
Nancy & Dennis Korenchuk
Julie & Tom Berger
- 16 Cathy & Kirk Folsom
- 21 Audrey & Al Vine



WELCOME

Rich Hull &
Tracy Ripple
6 Kelp



IN MEMORIAM

Wally Brewer
Connie Krebs



BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President: John Schouwink
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Director: Jim Bullock





RAC

It's been a quiet winter in Oak Park, due to the pandemic. However, with more people getting vaccinated and the weather cooperating so events can be planned for outdoors, RAC has planned some events for the month of March. Join us in saying good-bye to Covid 19!

On 3/3 we will host a golf cart poker run. After the poker run is complete, lunch will be served at Brownie Park and the winners will be announced.

Deb Noetzel has planned the following trips for the month:

-March 6: Kayaking on the Peace River in Arcadia. Sign up sheet is in the Clubhouse.

-March 19: Shopping trip to Downtown Fort Myers. Sign up sheet is in the Clubhouse.

-March 26: Visit to the Holocaust Museum in Naples. Sorry, no more openings for this trip.

Also, at 6:30 p.m. on 3/26, Cliff Erickson will be performing. Cliff is an entertainer who interacts with the audience, sings, and will make you laugh! The outdoor location will be the Clubhouse parking lot. It's been a rough year for all entertainers so we encourage all, who attend, to donate \$10/person (or more) to Cliff for his performance.

On 3/31, RAC will be hosting an 'End of the Season' bash in the parking lot of the Clubhouse. Come and dance in the street with us! The Kick Start band will perform from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Philly T's Food Truck will be here at 6:00 p.m. to offer several food choices for any resident to purchase. Come and enjoy some music, some dancing, some food and the good times of being with your friends and neighbors in Oak Park!

Volunteer to host Koffee Klatch on any Saturday during March. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse.

****RAC encourages everyone to practice social distancing and mask wearing for all of the events.****

ANNUAL PLANT AND STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE SALE



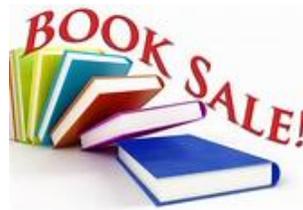
Saturday March 13th
9:00 – 1:00

ALVA LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

We will have a large selection of plants,
Strawberry shortcake (takeout only),
Homemade baked goods, used books, raffles &
much more for sale!

In accordance with CDC guidelines, all activities will be held outside.
Masks are required. Table will be placed well apart to encourage social
distancing.

More info at www.alvagardenclub.org





POKER RUN



RAC will be sponsoring a Golf Cart Poker Run on Wednesday, 3/3/21. After the Poker Run, there will be a lunch served, at Brownie Park. There are two sign up sheets, on the board in the Clubhouse, to sign up for 1) Poker Run and 2) Lunch. As always, the actual registration for the Poker Run will take place at 11:00 a.m. on 3/3, in the Clubhouse. Cost will be \$5.

Lunch will be served, beginning at 12:45 p.m. on 3/3, in Brownie Park. It will consist of hot dog or coney, slaw, and chips. Water will be the only beverage offered so, if you prefer to drink something else, please bring your own. Cost is \$3; extra sandwiches are \$1 ea. Payment for lunch will be collected from 11:00 - 12:00, on 3/3, in the Clubhouse."

Hope all will join us for some well deserved fun!

HORSESHOES

Horseshoes Wednesdays 2 p.m.

Everyone is invited to pitch horseshoes. If you don't have your own horseshoes there are some in the laundry room along with the score keeping stakes. You can practice anytime.



GUYS & GALS OF OAK PARK

(Deb Noetzel)



- Sat, Mar 6-Kayak Eco Tour. Beautiful 2 hour guided paddle on the Peace River in Arcadia. We launch from and return to Nav-a-Gator Bar and Grill. Upon our return we can get a bite to eat, drink and listen to live music. Cost is \$40.00p. I will collect cash payment on the bus. If you use a CC you will be charged a processing fee. Depart the clubhouse at 10:00am Depart Nav-a-Gators 3:30pm ish. See flyer and sign up on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse
- Fri, Mar 19 - Shopping Trip to Downtown Ft. Myers. Fun day to shop and have lunch anywhere you like and on your own time. This is a monthly shopping trip and it's FREE! We will leave the Clubhouse parking lot at 10:30am and Depart Ft. Myers 2:30pm. Just sign up on the sheet on the clubhouse bulletin board. We are limited to a max of 15 but no minimum.
- Fri, Mar 26 - Naples Holocaust Museum with lunch at Cooper's Hawk Winery and Restaurant. Depart Clubhouse at 11:00. We arrive the restaurant at about 12noon (order from menu). After lunch we board the bus to the museum for a 1 1/2 hour tour of the Holocaust Museum and Cohen Education Center. Cost is \$20.00 p.p. Cash or check made payable to Oak Park RAC due Mon, Mar 22, to Deb Noetzel - 17 Ashe St
- Wed, Apr 7-MURDER MYSTERY TRAIN. A unique Dining Experience. Enjoy a freshly prepared, 5 course meal and experience the illusion of *Death* in this Murder Mystery play "Sing Me A Murder" Fare is \$110.00p.p. Includes meal, tax and a \$10.00 gratuity. Payment due Mon, Mar 8 to Deb Noetzel. Cash or Check made payable to Oak Park RAC. This reservation cannot be made until I have full payment. See flyer and sign up on the Clubhouse bulletin board. ALL ABOARD!

SWEETHEARTS DANCE

King and Queen:
Don & Kathy Fornell



**DON'T FORGET TO SPRING AHEAD!
CHANGE THOSE CLOCKS ON
SUNDAY MARCH 14TH**

