



# RIVERSIDE OAKS NUGGETS

## ST PADDY'S DAY



This year's St Paddy's Day was one of the best attended with 109 tickets sold. Dinner was the traditional corned beef and cabbage but also there was old fashion shepherd's pie.

Al Carruthers and his sous chefs (Steve, Dan and Rowdy), spent the majority of the day, prepping and cooking the corned beef. Melody and Kathy were in charge of the making of the shepherd's pie.

The MC for the evening was Bobby Q in his leprechaun outfit.

After dinner residents and guests were entertained with some good old fashion bluegrass music, performed by the B-Side Duo. On behalf of Al, Coco, Bill and Kathy, thank you to all the helpers who made this dinner such a success, including all those behind the scenes;

Decorating: Wayne & Linda  
Kitchen Cleanup: Mike & Louise  
Floor Cleanup: Bill & Wayne

And thank you to all those who attended. Without you, there wouldn't be any parties!

APRIL 2018

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## *Ladies Luncheon*

The April Ladies Luncheon is being held on Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Ice House. Please meet at the clubhouse at 11:30 AM. If you are interested please sign the sign-up sheet.

## *Men's Lunch*

April's men's lunch is being held at LeRoy's in downtown Punta Gorda on Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting at the clubhouse at 11:15 AM. Please sign the sign-up sheet at the clubhouse.

## FMO News

### MEMBERSHIP

1 Year Membership \$25.00 3 Year \$65.00 for Land/Lease Owners

Your membership includes:

**FMO News Magazine** - 12 issues per year

**FMO Watchdog** - a supplement to the FMO News

**Legal** - FMO Legal counsel responds to questions submitted by FMO Members

**Legislation** - Your news from FMO Legislative Counsel

**Resource Materials** - fliers and topics of concern to manufactured home owners

**Question and Answers Section**

The FMO meets once a month from November to April in communities within our district. The next district meeting is being held at Heritage MHP on Friday December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 1:00 PM (Flyer attached). Please watch the bulletin board for further details if you are interested in attending. You can attend as a guest of a member if you are not a member yourself.

The FMO is an advocacy group that offers valuable information to manufactured home owners regarding rights and responsibilities. For further information on the FMO or joining the FMO please contact Bill Burgard #70 (Park Rep) or Peter Goulah #34. Also you can visit their website at: [www.fmo1.org](http://www.fmo1.org)

The next meeting of the FMO is on Friday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 1:00 PM at Lake Fairways MHC in North Fort Myers.



## *Spaghetti Dinner*

*Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

*Cocktails: 5.00 PM*

*Dinner: 6.00 PM*



### *Menu*

*Traditional Italian Spaghetti Dinner with choice of marinara sauce or meat sauce, meatballs, Italian sausage, Breadsticks, bread with Italian dipping oil and dessert.*

### *Tickets*

*Pioneer Club Members: free*

*Non-Members/ Guests: \$ 2.00*

*Tickets: See Peter Goulah # 34, or Louise Laverety # 36,*





## Riverside Readers April 2018



**Hidden Figures** by Lee Margot Shetterly

Book available at Charlotte County Library,

[amazon.com](http://amazon.com) or [ebay.com](http://ebay.com)

or local bookstores.

Read the book and join us for the discussion.

Book discussion: **April 13th** at 2:00 in the clubhouse.

If you would like the discussion questions;

email Louise at [purplelmp@yahoo.com](mailto:purplelmp@yahoo.com) or

stop by #5 for more information.

**Everyone is welcome to join us!**

# HOA News/Updates

## *Riverside Oaks of Punta Gorda Home Owners' Association (ROPGHOA)*

On March 5, 2018 H.O.A. President; Earl LeBon and Secretary; Linda McDermott, met with Park Owner Mike Cook to discuss the concerns of the residents of the Riverside Oaks community. These concerns and Mr. Cook's responses were as follows:

### **Flushing of Water Hydrants**

We stated that there has been concern expressed, again, that the water hydrants with the park have not been flushed or adequately flushed. We asked when these are scheduled to be done.

- Mr. Cook stated that he did have the main water lines flushed last spring and that they will be done again this year, usually in the spring. He apologized that he had forgotten about the hydrants within the park. He didn't know if this was necessary as long as the main line was clear, but that he would get someone to do it.  
Mr. LeBon stated that he was willing to do this and would get the equipment necessary to open these lines. He will do this in March every year. Mr. Cook was agreeable to this.

### **Common area behind the Pool cage:**

We suggested that this is an ongoing issue and reminded him that Charlotte County Emergency Management had targeted this area specifically as a big fire hazard.

- Mr. Cook thanked us for reminding him and stated that he noticed himself that the area was looking overgrown and that this will be done by Lawn care management on Wednesday.

### **Water Meter Box Lids:**

We stated that most broken ones had been replaced but that there were still a few that have been missed or come into disrepair since last season.

- Mr. Cook thought that they had all been replaced; he stated that Pam Shafer should be notified to replace these as she volunteers to help him maintain the park and that she is in direct communication with him.

### **Improve Lighting at entrance to park.**

We asked if it was possible, as a follow up request from last March, to improve the lighting at the entrance by lot #1.

- Mr. Cook stated that he possibly could do it as part of the landscaping that went in this year and that he would ask his landscaper how to go about doing this.

**Future Parking:**

The board asked Mr. Cook to consider increasing the areas for guest and function parking. There was a suggestion of the unused park area and other “spaces”.

- He stated that the park was not an option and that he really couldn't see any other spaces that would work. Parking on lawns is not permissible as per the rules and regulations of the park and this will be enforced.

**Recent letters to Home Owners.**

We asked Mr. Cook with regard to the recent letters to the home owners, noting that many were upset.

- Mr. Cook stated that he has told many people that he has had to do this because of his insurance requirements.

**Defibrillator Purchase:**

The Board spoke with Mr. Cook in regard to purchasing a defibrillator for the clubhouse.

- Mr. Cook stated that he would not approve one as he did not want to be liable for any injuries or deaths that may occur due lack of knowledge or accidental misuse of the unit. He was not sure if his insurance costs would increase, by having one on the premises.  
President LeBon discussed the safety of the new units and urged Mr. Cook to contact Mr. Gibbs of the Punta Gorda fire department.  
Mr. Cook stated that he understood that there was a private donation for the full amount of the defibrillator and that if we paid for it he would consider it.  
Mr. Cook said that he would go to the fire department to view the unit and would get back to us.  
Secretary McDermott requested a time frame of on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> of March, so that we had the answer for members by the March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.  
(Mr. Cook contacted Mrs. McDermott on March 7 and stated that he approved the defibrillator).

**All residents are encouraged to bring any issues that they may have to the attention of the HOA immediately so that the HOA may deal with them in a timely manner. The HOA cannot help which they are not aware of the issue.**

## TIPS FOR CLOSING UP YOUR HOME

As our winter season is coming to an end and our snowbird residents are beginning to prepare for their trip north, we thought it would be important to provide you with some tips and suggestions on closing up your homes here in paradise.

- Make an appointment to have your air conditioner serviced (should be done once per year)
- Set your air conditioner at 78 degrees and your humidistat at 65 degrees.
- Put a ½ cup of Clorox and ¼ cup of baby oil in all your toilets and cover toilets with saran wrap.
- Cover all drains with stoppers and duct tape.
- Empty refrigerators and freezers, disconnect and leave doors ajar.
- Empty dishwasher.
- Arrange to cancel newspaper and magazine subscriptions.
- Have a trusted friend or relative check your home or act on your behalf. Or ensure a key is left at the management office in case of an emergency at your home while you are away.
- Arrange for landscaping maintenance while you are gone. Everything grows quickly during summer and fall months here in Florida.
- Run one dozen ice cubes and two or three tablespoons of baking soda through garbage disposal to clean blades.
- Call your telephone, cable/satellite company and suspend service while you are gone.
- **Secure all your outside and lanai furniture, planters, grill, and anything that can become airborne during storms.**
- Close all your blinds.
- Turn water heater breaker off.
- Turn water off in house and at street.
- Ensure the exterior siding of your home is cleaned.

## *Line Dancing*

Line dancing classes will end at the end of March this season. Donna would like to thank all those who joined and participated this year. It was a fun year and we even had some men join the group.

# Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

- April 1<sup>st</sup> - Easter Dinner - Clubhouse
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Pioneer Club Board Meeting  
9:30 AM
- April 7<sup>th</sup> - Pioneer Club Meeting 9:00  
AM at Clubhouse
- April 10<sup>th</sup> - Spaghetti Dinner @  
Clubhouse.
- April 13<sup>th</sup> - FMO Meeting @ Lake  
Fairways 1:00 PM

*Please watch the bulletin board or your  
calendar for further details on these upcoming  
events.*

## Pioneer Club Meetings

Just a reminder that the Pioneer Club meets on the first Saturday of the month, in season (November to April) at 9:00 AM in the Clubhouse.

The Pioneer Board meets the Monday before the general meeting at 9:30 AM. If the Monday is a holiday the Board meets on the Tuesday.

The next member's meeting will be on Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 9:00 AM.

On behalf of the Board I would like to wish all of our residents a safe, healthy and happy summer.

We look forward to seeing everyone next winter here at Riverside Oaks.



### Nina & Pinta Landing in Charlotte Harbor.

The Columbus ships the Nina and the Pinta will be arriving in Charlotte Harbor on April 6<sup>th</sup> and will remain moored there until April 16<sup>th</sup>. Tours available.

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Arts in April @ Fisherman's Village.

**When:** Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

12:00 pm to 4:00pm

**Where:** Center court at  
Fisherman's Village.

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### Annual Punta Gorda Block Party

**Location:** 210 Maud Street

**Date:** Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Time:** 12:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

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### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Blues, Brews & BBQ

**Date:** Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Time:** 12:30 pm to 6:00 pm

**Location:** On lawn behind the Four  
Points Sheraton

Cost: \$30.00 includes bottomless  
beer samples & music. Contact the  
Chamber of Commerce for tickets.

**VISIT:**

[everythingpuntagorda.com](http://everythingpuntagorda.com)  
for more things to do.

