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Manager's Report

Submitted by Dean Chandler



Labor Day Marks the End of Summer, But Its Meaning is Much Deeper

If Memorial Day weekend is the unofficial start of summer, then Labor Day weekend is its end, and just as the "meaning" of Memorial Day has sadly been lost in recent years, the truth is very much the same for Labor Day. Its name suggests it is a day to honor the workforce and that's true, but its origins and exact meaning are still a bit more complicated.

What it also shares with Memorial Day is that it came to be in the post-American Civil War era but for very different reasons. Memorial Day was meant to honor those military personnel who paid the ultimate price and gave their lives in service of the country. It has evolved into a holiday of fun in the sun, and a time to take on late spring projects. By contrast Labor Day was always meant to honor the American worker with a day off.

Labor Day is a day to celebrate the achievements and hard work of America's workforce. Please help me celebrate and say thanks to all our employees for their hard work.

Speaking of employees, in case you were not at the August Board of Director's meeting and do not get my emails or postings on Facebook, here are the changes made in our VOTG workforce this summer.

Amanda (Grounds) hurt her knee at home and had to have surgery and is back at work and doing great.

Becky (Grounds) broke her ankle and had to have surgery. When she went to her follow-up visit with her doctor, he said she would be in a boot and was not sure she would fully recover enough to be able to continue her job duties here. He suggested that she should consider making a career change. She resigned and we wish her well.

Valarie Brandon, our Office Assistant, moved back to her hometown in Illinois due to health issues with her mother.

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President's Report

Submitted by Donna Anderson



Hello, Villagers!

What a summer! Hope this report finds you all safe and keeping cool.

As I write this, we have just ended the Board meeting (August 10). I know that some of you were unable to get on the zoom call, as all spots were filled. So let me recap:

1. **PSA** – I explained that the negotiation committee had just left a meeting with Bob Miller, Paul Smith, Jonahan Whitney, Scott Gordon, and Dean. We have agreed on what we hope is the final PSA and it went out to the Board at 9:40 a.m. this morning for their blessing by tomorrow at 3 p.m. If the board, or the majority, agrees, MHM will forward to Title Company and hopefully they will agree, and we will have a final document to sign. I said by August 31, and by the time you read this it will be signed.

2. **Rules and Regulations** – The rules and regulations committee, consisting of Judy Mock, Chris LaPlume, Della Huffner, Verna Hansen, Jerry Heinen, and myself, has worked many hours to come up with a set of rules that was presented to the Board at the August meeting. This was approved at that meeting to send to attorneys and MHM, to make sure it is legal (agreeing with all state statutes). These rules will now be worked upon in collaboration of the attorney, MHM and the Board. I want to thank the committee for their diligence in getting this done.

I know you all want this behind us, and so do we! I hope you understand it is a long process and we are working as fast as we cautiously can.

Hope to see some of you back in the Village in the near future.

Respectfully submitted
Donna Anderson



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Chatter Deadline

Submitted by Debra Bernardo, Editor

The deadline for the October Chatter is September 10, 2023. If you want to put something in the Chatter, please send your article to me at hockeymum47@gmail.com or call my cell at **705-759-3309**. **REMINDER**, all Calendar items **MUST** be sent to Kathy Warren, in order to secure the Clubhouse for your event/activity. Kathy compiles a monthly calendar of all events/activities whether you are needing the clubhouse or not. Forms can be found in the clubhouse on the bulletin board area. **Remember** if you want to start a new activity/club, you need to first attend the Activity Board meeting which is the 1st Thursday of the month for approval.

NOTICE: ALL HEADS OF ACTIVITIES/COMMITTEES

If you are a committee head or a leader of your activity, please submit:

1. Your name and contact number, including area code
2. Your Group name (Approved by Activities Board)
3. The start date, day of week, and/or times a week you meet and when season ends
4. Copy on a monthly basis to update residents of your exciting activities
5. Pictures of your group and activities are welcome.

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Manager's Report *(continued from page 1)*

Our new Office Assistant is Gwen Brown from Cincinnati, Ohio and has lived in Florida for approximately 5 years. Be sure to welcome her!

SELL to MHM:

With the signing of the PSA (Purchase and Sale Agreement), we are over a major hurdle and things are starting to move faster now.

LANDSCAPING:

We have a landscaping vendor that has been unreachable and is not doing the lawns and weeding that he was hired to do. Most residents have switched to another vendor. However, for those who have not, and for those whose lawns still need attention, I am sending out notifications. For those who have not complied, we (grounds) will be taking care of cutting and weeding and charging a one-time fee of \$100.

HURRICANE SEASON:

I have repeatedly sent the Hurricane links regarding shelters and what to do before and after a Hurricane in the E-Blasts and Facebook information page. Please be ready!

Rule Reminder of the Month

Submitted by Belle Ratcliffe

Rule #3 - MULTI-UNIT OWNERSHIP; RENTALS:

B. MobileHomes may be sublet under the following conditions:

1. Only one rental allowed per year.
2. Minimum rental is three (3) months.
3. Maximum rental is six (6) months.
4. Prospective renters MUST BE INTERVIEWED AND APPROVED by the Park Manager in the same manner as prospective buyers as provided in Section 16A of the El Rancho Village, Inc. Master Form Proprietary Lease. Failure of a prospective renter to be pre-approved will subject the Member/Shareholder to the penalties provided in the Master Form Proprietary Lease, including but not limited to removal of the tenant and termination of the Member's membership share.
5. All Renters are subject to the same Rules and Regulations as the Mobile Homeowners.
6. All rents or assessments (Maintenance fees) MUST BE CURRENT prior to entering into any rental agreement.

Chatter Changes

**September 2023
NEW RESIDENTS**

Valerie Hart M -17 Eleventh Ave.
Mary Snider and Joelle Ciccio A - 2 Third Street

DELETES

Gwen Propst M -17 Eleventh Ave.
Gail and Frank Zurawski A - 2 Third Street

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As a company, we want your business and there is no need for any contact if you so choose. Our business is deemed an "Essential Business" and we are here for you when you need us. You can schedule your inspection by calling 1-800-681-3772.

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Activities Board – Update

Submitted by Penny Manor

The summer activities are continuing as usual, but Chair Volleyball is also being played on Monday mornings at 10 as well as Wednesdays.

UPCOMING DANCES

The dances for next season have been booked and we have some wonderful performers scheduled. They are as follows:

Halloween Dance

Saturday, October 29th, I have booked the very talented musical performer, Johnny Tenorio for after the Golf Cart Parade in the Clubhouse from 7:30 until 10:00 pm

New Year's Eve Dance

Our New Year's Eve Band will be The Doctor Dave Band and they will perform from 8 pm until midnight in the Clubhouse.

February Dance

Our February Dance will be on Saturday, February 3rd, from 7 until 10 pm in the clubhouse. The band will be Aloha and in honor of the name of our band, we will have a Hawaiian theme for our dance.

March Dance

The March Dance will be on Saturday, March 23rd from 7 until 10 pm and the band will be The Dr. Dave Band. Yes! We brought them back for March!!!

I hope everyone will be as excited as I am for next season's dances. We'll have a great time!!!



"Shout Out..."

Submitted by Verna Hansen

ROYAL FLUSH!!! Congratulations to Bev Kemerer on her Royal Flush during poker play in late June.



If you know of someone in our village (including yourself) that deserves a "Shout Out", send it to me hockeymum47@gmail.com and I will publish it in the next Chatter. Pictures are welcome.



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Greens of Manatee Golf News

Submitted by Tom Ladd

I hope everyone is having a great summer and by now, some of you are thinking about heading south for the winter. This summer (so far) has been a very unusual regarding the weather. I am writing this article early August and we are still in drought conditions in Manatee and Sarasota Counties. We have had a heat index of 100 or over for a long time. All our ponds are dried up and the grass hasn't started growing yet. Hurricane season has been good to us but September is the peak of the hurricane season.

On a sad note, our head mechanic, Ray Newman passed away the 3rd of August. He was a great friend to all of us and really cared for the golf course. He will be missed.

Our Village Leagues have slowed down but are hanging in with the wet and warm days. We have 1 Scramble a month (on the 2nd Saturday) during the summer. You can read about the golf course over the summer in this article in the Village Chatter online or look us up on the Greens of Manatee Facebook page.



Yearly Discounted 2024 Golf fees are available if paid by September 30th. Please give me a call on my cell or at the clubhouse and I'll give you the details. It's a chance for you golfers to get your 2024 golf paid for and save a few bucks as well.

There are four ways you can help us through these slow months:

- Pay your early fees for 2024 tomorrow if you can.
- If you are here, support the course and the restaurant.
- Make a donation to help us keep the course alive.
- We have purchased a new to us, but used, rough and fairway Toro mower. If anyone, or any small group, is interested in getting some donations together, please let me know.

The sale of the Village is moving along as expected. The Greens of Manatee will still be here going strong. The last few articles, I printed a suggestion from a resident that promotes a donation of ½ percent (or \$1,000) of the sale cash to each shareholder to pay down (or pay off) our existing mortgage. We have had some interest so give me a call if you decide to join in to keep this green space next door for us and future generations.

Have a great month and thank you for supporting the Golf Course.

Tom Ladd

PATRIOT DAY - SEPTEMBER 11

Patriot Day is the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack on America.

Patriot Day became a day of national observance of Dec. 18, 2001, when President George W. Bush signed a presidential proclamation.



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3 5 pm Potluck Dinner	4 <i>Labor Day</i>	5 9 am Breakfast Club	6	7	8	9
10 CHATTER DEADLINE	11	12	13 6 pm Indoor Pickleball	14 1 pm Pinochle	15 6 pm Pinochle	16
17 12 pm Indoor Pickleball	18	19	20	21 1 pm Pinochle	22 6 pm Pinochle	23
24 6:30 pm Bunco Starts	25	26	27 6 pm "Indoor" Pickleball ends	28	29	30

WEEKLY EVENTS						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 pm Indoor Pickleball	10 am Chair Volleyball 12 pm Poker 6 pm Feather Your Nest		10 am Chair Volleyball 6 pm Indoor Pickleball	1 pm Pinochle	12 pm Poker 6 pm Pinochle	

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Pinochle

Submitted by Mary Ulander

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Watch the facebook resident's page for more information. Our weekly Pinochle will resume for the 2023/24 season on October 26th and 27th.

If you have any questions, call Margie Yarmosh 941-727-3209.

Breakfast Club

Submitted by Robert Lee

Join us for breakfast on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 9:00 am at Robin's Downtown Cafe, 428 12th St West. PLEASE JOIN US, meet some new friends, and enjoy a good meal! Please sign up in the clubhouse or call Robert Lee at 941-747-8899, if you are planning to attend so we can give the restaurant a head count.

Office News

Submitted by Belle Ratcliffe, Office Manager

Hello, VOTG Residents!

We are having a very hot summer here but know some of you are thinking of renting for the season already. Read my Rule of the Month to be informed on the rules for renting. If a renter has rented here in the park before, their Background Check is good for 5 years and then they will need to do it again. We have the forms in the office but can also email or fax them to you to give to your renters. It is your responsibility to let the office know if you have a renter, even if they have rented from you before. We need to have a record in your file when someone else is in your unit.

The policy for late charges on debris invoices is now \$25.00, not \$2.00 a day. Still due net 10 days after invoiced.

I would like to give a shout out to Verna Hansen for working hard on going thru some old boxes the office had in storage. We have a nice big stack of boxes to shred! Thank you!!

Lastly, I would like to welcome our new Office Assistant, Gwenn Brown. She is a welcome addition to the team! Be sure to say hi.

Have a great rest of your Summer!


Coffee Hours

Submitted by Verna Hansen, Activities Board

Coffee hours resume October 7, 2023

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Chatter Chuckles...



What If...

Tom applied for a job as a signalman for the local railroad and was told to meet the inspector at the signal box.

The inspector decided to give Tom a pop quiz, and asked, "What would you do if you realized that two trains were heading toward each other on the same track?"

Tom answered: "I would switch one train to another track."

"What if the lever broke?" asked the inspector.

"Then I'd run down to the tracks and use the manual lever down there."

"What if that had been struck by lightning?" challenged the inspector.

"Then," Tom continued, "I'd run back up here and use the phone to call the next signal box."

"What if the phone was busy?"

"In that case," Tom argued, "I'd run to the street level and use the public phone near the station."

"What if that had been vandalized?"

"Oh, well," said Tom, "in that case, I would run into town and get my Uncle Leo."

This puzzled the inspector, so he asked, "Why would you do that?"

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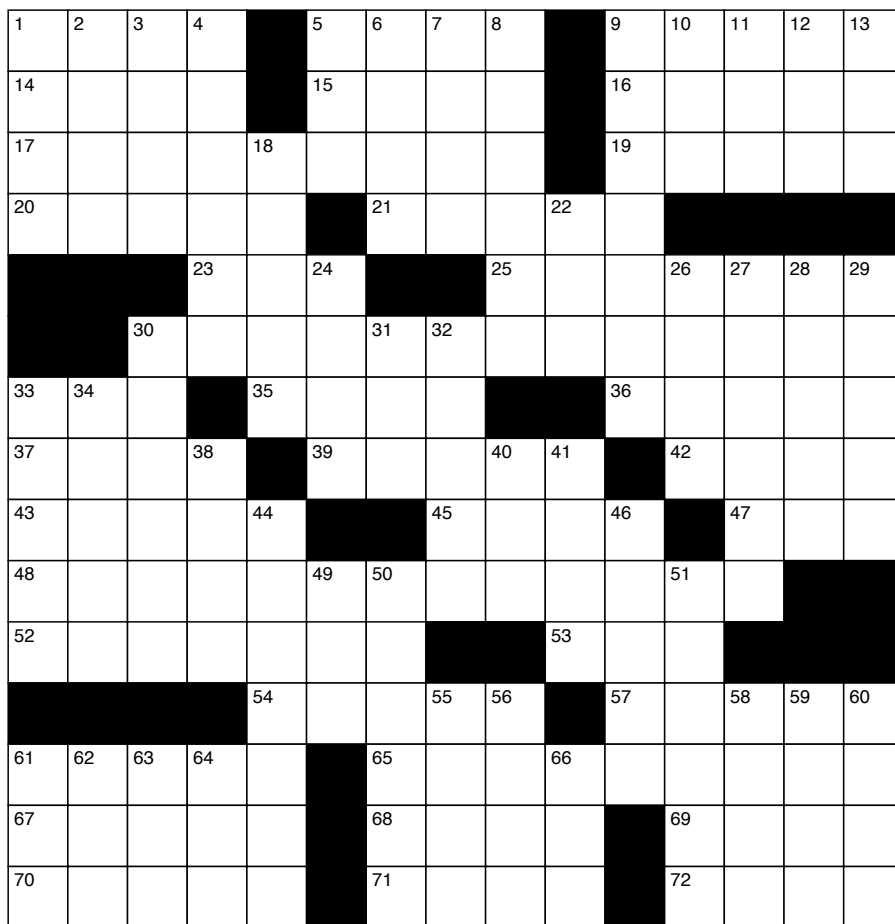
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Across

1. French WWI aircraft
5. Gentle
9. Iraqi city
14. German car
15. ____ club (singers' group)
16. Pulitzer Prize poet, 1930
17. Resembling a post?
19. Turkey topper
20. Three-legged support
21. Chicken piece
23. Pill alternative, briefly
25. Native
30. Personal identity
33. Channel for old films
35. The "Odyssey" or "Beowulf"
36. Jordanian cash
37. Does hip-hop
39. Process ore
42. Native of eastern South Africa
43. "How precious you ____ me..."
45. Central area of a church

47. Cobb and Treadway
48. Tireless
52. Like most promgoers
53. U.S. currency (abbr.)
54. Kind of wave or boom
57. "Nothing doing!"
61. Prohibited thing
65. Representing in corporeal form
67. Befall
68. Palm device
69. 007 nemesis
70. Bureau
71. Medieval worker
72. Fortune teller

(solution on page 15)

Down

1. Wedding invitation encl.
2. "____ Little Love in Your Heart"
3. Uproars
4. Enjoy home cooking
5. PBR alternative
6. Ellington's "____ a Song Go..."
7. Biblical Rachel's sister
8. Challenged
9. City on the Tigris
10. Get out in the open
11. Reggae cousin
12. Minister, for short
13. Some amount
18. Artfully dodge
22. Serengeti beast
24. Stock market turns
26. Brit. royal
27. Hour sixtieth
28. 1982 World Cup winner
29. Statesman Vance
30. Get in the way of
31. Vigor
32. Ancient Celtic tribe
33. Feature
34. Chili con ____
38. "Nana" star
40. Dawdle
41. Program interrupter
44. In some way
46. Savings-plan investment
49. Gone by
50. Sets of beliefs
51. London outfit that insured the Titanic
55. Hungarian Communist Nagy
56. "Ten-four" speaker
58. Tightrope
59. Author Rice
60. 1939 role for Bela
61. List of chaps.
62. "Oh," in German
63. AD alternative
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