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***ALL events at Serendipity have been cancelled or postponed by our HOA and ELS due to concerns with the Coronavirus. This is in effect until further notice. The Monthly Media calendar may not be correct. If you have questions please call the chairperson of your group, watch the bulletin boards and the electronic sign at our entrance for updates. Please all stay healthy! *Nanci, Editor*

HOA President's UPDATES

Pat Lucksinger, HOA President, 518-573-0968



Hoping everyone is holding up, staying healthy and safe. I am saddened when I listen to the news and hear what's going on in our world today. I look forward to returning to our community this fall if the numbers are good, travel is not restricted, and it seems safe.

At the time I'm submitting this article, ELS will not let the HOA sponsor any activities. I hope it has changed by the time you read this. Both clubhouses are open and you are welcome to use them in small groups to play cards or just get together. Please wear masks! Please wipe down tables and chairs before you leave the clubhouse.

Summary of HOA Board meeting with ELS Property Manager (Penny Garcia) August 5,2020

- Mailboxes were to start a few weeks ago and I think residents should be comfortable with the mail service by this time. Delivery should have started about August 15. Asking the

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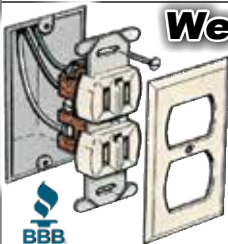
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residents to keep their mailboxes on their house for any notices from the HOA or ELS. The letters we received from ELS explains the rules and information about the mail changes.

- The lawn service contract was awarded to a new vendor. At this time I did not get a start date but let's cross our fingers they are there and doing a good job.
- 360 Inspections will resume shortly. ELS can now send warning letters to residents who haven't complied to notices from 360 inspections or not following rules and regulations. If you don't correct the infraction you will then get a 7 day letter and if you do not comply you will be sent to the legal department. When courts reopen you will go to court and you will have attorney fees. Easier to comply.
- You can not drop off your rent payment at the office. Please mail your rent checks or go online to the portal to pay. This is safer for everyone so there is less contact and traffic at the office.
- Filters in the air handling systems are now being changed monthly and a company will be inspecting them to be sure they are safe and operating as they should.
- There are no new reports that owners of pets are not following the rules. Let's hope this continues.
- Vegetable gardens have been removed and a tree service will be removing the fruit trees. This is an effort to keep the rats under control. If you have bird feeders it would be beneficial to remove those also.
- Furniture for the East clubhouse is expected to come soon.
- Entrance landscaping: ELS had all dead plants removed and when there is funding they will replace the plants they had to remove.
- Penny is following up on all reports of unauthorized guests and renting rooms.
- There were no reports of smoking or drinking at the pools.
- Capacity at pool is increased for numbers in the water but chairs are the same. We asked for some regular chairs to replace the comfort height furniture.

Any concerns and complaints should be shared with ELS management. If you don't let them know about an issue, they can not fix it. Appointments are needed to go to the office.

Be safe and enjoy the beginning of the fall season.- Pat

Manager's Corner

Penny Garcia, Resort Manager

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***In these challenging times of uncertainty on our lives. I hope you are staying healthy and safe. Safe travels for our seasonal residents. If these restrictions are lifted and the Clubhouse is available. Beth Ott will be leading the videos. See you in the fall! - Terry Ackroyd

Chair Yoga Exercise

Terry Ackroyd, 518-429-7420



CLASSES ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE! We are excited to continue our chair yoga exercise classes. This class is run to a video that includes stretch, strength and chair yoga. An easy format for all ages and abilities. We meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 A.M. to 11 A.M. at the East Clubhouse. Come and join us! Meet new people, Make new friends. If you have any questions please call me at 518-429-7420.

-Terry

Line Dancing

Leslie Bellinger, 727-729-5039



LINE DANCING IS OVER FOR THIS SEASON. We will be starting again in October. Watch this Monthly Media Newsletter for the starting date. I hope you all have a wonderful summer and I will see you in October.

Hope to "see you on the dance floor"- Leslie



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PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL ME TO REPORT ANY CHANGES TO THE BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY LISTS!!! If our residents do not let me know of changes in the park, I can not keep the editing of the newsletter current!

Remember to get your submissions in to me before the 10th of each month. Any errors or late submissions will be noted in the next month's Monthly Media.

*****Our new SUNSHINE GAL is Beth Ott. Her contact information is in the Sunshine Gal article later in this Monthly Media. Please contact her with any information on residents who are ill or have had a loved one pass away. We need everyone's help with this! Thank you Beth for volunteering to take on this position!**

*****If anyone would be interested in helping with the "Meet Your Neighbor" column for the Monthly Media, please call me or email me.**

Remember these articles...

1. **Meet Your Neighbor!** With your permission, we will highlight a member of our community. Whether a new move-in or a seasoned veteran, we would like to know your name and a little about you.
2. **Marilyn's Recipe Corner!** Drop off your favorite recipe with your name at my home (#378) or email it to my address above and I will enter one each month in the newsletter.
3. **Community Articles!** If you wish to submit an article that may be interesting to our residents, feel free to email or drop it to me at #378 for editing and submission for publication. Be sure to add your name and phone number.

There is a wooden box on my driveway patio that says "NEWSLETTER" to leave any articles, recipes, or notices. You can also email me at nanci.j.dorau@gmail.com

Just-A-Note

Nanci Dorau, 321-201-2479 nanci.j.dorau@gmail.com

From: Pat Lucksinger, HOA President:

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“Marilyn’s Recipe Corner” by Marilyn Farnworth

From the kitchen of: Marilyn Farnworth

MANDARIN ORANGE SALAD

Ingredients:

- 1 large can crushed pineapple undrained
- 1 pkg vanilla instant pudding (sugar free)
- 2 cans mandarin oranges drained
- 1 pkg (8 oz) cool whip (light or fat free)
- 1 cup coconut (optional)

Directions:

- Mix cool whip and dry pudding mix together
- Add pineapple and oranges plus coconut (if desired)
- Refrigerate a minimum of 3 hours until it thickens
- Top with mandarin oranges

MANDARIN ORANGE CAKE

Ingredients:

- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 1 cup water
- 2-3 eggs
- 1/3 cup oil
- 1 can mandarin oranges
- Topping: 1 can crushed pineapple, 1 box vanilla instant pudding, 1 container cool whip

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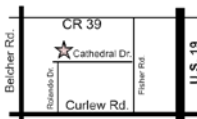


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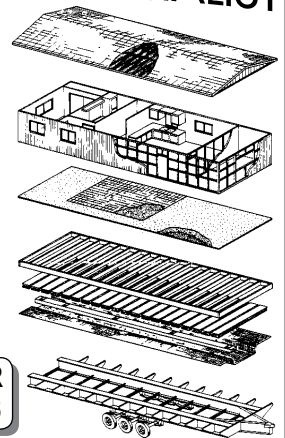
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Birth Flower Meaning: Love, Affection, Unrequited love, Mortality

*****Please send me updates on birthdays and anniversaries! Nanci**

September BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Nanci Dorau
- 4 Becky Morrison
- 6 Teresa Maddocks
- 8 Joe Bukowski
- 28 Sharon Farmer
- 29 Chuck Bellinger



September ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Chuck & Leslie Bellinger
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Bingo

Melissa Caswell, 518-337-0120, Betty Sager, 518-308-9329

THERE WILL BE NO BINGO UNTIL SOMETIME IN THE FALL AND THAT WILL ALL DEPEND ON HOW THINGS TURN OUT FROM THIS PANDEMIC AS LONG AS WE DON'T GO BACK TO A CLOSE DOWN AGAIN. WE WILL TRY TO REOPEN. WE SURE DO HOPE THIS CAN HAPPEN BUT FOR NOW IT CAN'T HAPPEN AT THIS TIME IT'S JUST NOT SAFE.



BINGO is played in the East clubhouse. We have all new equipment including a new screen and computer. We play BINGO every THURSDAY at 7:00 P. M. sharp! Please bring a friend, bring a neighbor! It's a fun night out and you can get a chance to meet new people. I want to thank everyone for participating in our BINGO. We have a great group of people and we always welcome more to attend - the more the merrier! This also means the bigger the pots to win.

Thank You, Melissa Caswell

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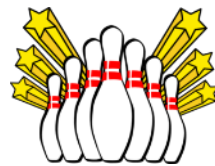


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Bowling

Bob Jones, 727-638-0822



Welcome back to our winter residents! I hope you all had a great summer with the pandemic going on.

At this time I have contacted most of the bowlers who were bowling last year to see if they want to bowl this coming season. Understandably, most of the people contacted have decided not to bowl until this pandemic is under control. So, as of now bowling this season is “up in the air” and will be POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

To all our park residents – we would like to invite you all to join our Friday morning mixed bowling family in the coming months. There will be a sign up sheet in the West Clubhouse only for new bowlers to sign up for just in case all goes well!

Watch this Monthly Media and the bulletin boards for information on any changes or updates. No matter how well you bowl, please come, join our bowling family and have a great time with us! We are a “fun” league and we cheer everyone on! It is never too late to join. If you have any questions please call me at 727-638-0822.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the lanes in the near future! -Bob

Bridge

Steve Sisson, 727-772-5882

BRIDGE GAMES ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE! Hi all! Games are played on Thursdays at 7:00 P. M. at the East Clubhouse. New players are welcome and instruction is available. Call for information and to let us know you will be attending.

-Steve

Cards – 65 Rummy



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-Steve

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Marty & Beth Ott, 727-787-3272

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Stay well, see you in the fall and hopefully we can resume play!

-Beth and Marty

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I hope you all are staying healthy and safe. Safe travels to the homeward bound. Our travel plans will resume after the COVID-19 pandemic had subsided and the travel industry picks up again.

-Terry Ackroyd

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Linda Taylor, 727-418-4087

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-Linda



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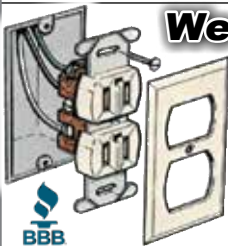
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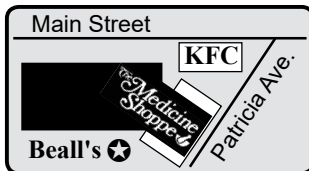
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-Jim and JL

Karaoke

Casey Reed, 413-427-6337 or Gail Sauter, 727-216-3761

KARAOKE ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE! Offering Karaoke every Sunday, free of charge, from 2:00 – 5:00 P. M. in the West Clubhouse. This is open to all residents of Serendipity. Dates are subject to change if special events are being held in the hall. Come and join the fun. Call Casey if you have any questions!

Ladies Luncheon

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LADIES LUNCHEON ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!
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-Phyllis and Marge

Meet Your Neighbor!

Nanci Dorau, 321-201-2479

I am looking for someone to help me out with this column. Please call or email me. Nanci.
Check back next month!

Mah Jongg

Melissa Caswell, 518-337-0120



MAH JONGG IS OVER FOR THE SEASON! Thank you to all our Mah Jongg Players and Friends! I am so sorry we had such a small amount of time to play this year. I'm praying next year will be much better. I hope everyone is able to stay safe and healthy during this Pandemic. We will start up again, if everything goes well on November 4, 2020. I hope everyone has a great summer and you are able to join us next year.

-Melissa Caswell

Mah Jongg is played every Wednesday, 1:00 P. M. until 3:00 P. M. in the East clubhouse. Anyone is invited to join us. Don't worry if you never played because these are learning classes as well as people who know how to play. It's a fun game and you will be able to meet some of your neighbors as well.

Pinochle

Jan Barrett, 727-786-8638, Annette Davis, 727-253-4316



PINOCHLE IS ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!

Pinochle is every Friday at 6:30 P. M. in the West Clubhouse. It is only \$1.00 to play. Everyone is welcome. Come watch, learn this old time game and have fun! Watch the bulletin boards for future information.

Come and join us, Jan Barrett and Annette Davis

Shuffleboard/Fun League

Chuck Bellinger (727-729-5039), George Wagner (716-604-6370)

SHUFFLEBOARD IS OVER FOR THE SEASON! Hope all is well with everyone and we get through this Covid-19 disaster we are experiencing. You are encouraged to continue to shuffle, just get a group to meet on any day. You can put a notice on the Shuffle white board if you want to get a group together. To all, have a nice summer and good health to all!

Listed below are the new officers for the 2021 season. Many thanks to those that volunteered.

Officers and Captains for 2021-

Chuck Bellinger, President

Jan Barrett, Vice President

Terry Morlock, Secretary

Jim Lewandowski, Treasurer

Captains-

Annette Davis

Roger Caseley

Dawn Roberts

Betty Sager

Keep in mind the Fun League will start back up the first week in January 2021.

Try it you will like it. Chuck Bellinger

HOA and Social Committee Update

Pat Lucksinger, President, 518-573-0968, Betty Buehrle, Social Director, 330-232-6345

ALL SERENDIPITY EVENTS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!

*****PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARDS, THE ELECTRONIC BOARD AT SERENDIPITY'S ENTRANCE, OR CALL THE CHAIR OF YOUR EVENT/ GAME TO SEE IF IT IS BEING HELD DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST. BE SAFE, WASH YOUR HANDS AND STAY HEALTHY!**

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Our HOA meetings are the third Tuesday of the month from November till April.

2020-2021 Events for Serendipity MHP

2020

Sept 7	Labor Day Picnic/Dance with “Michael Jayne”
Oct 31	Halloween Dance with “Stephan”
Nov 18	Welcome Back Dinner/Dance with “At Large”
Dec 9	Xmas Dinner/Dance with “Lady and the Outlaw”
Dec 31	New Years Eve with “Al March”

2021

Jan 15, 2021	“Cahal Dunne” Entertainment
Feb 14	Valentines Dinner/Dance with “Michael Jayne”
March 5	“Soul Sensations”
April	To Be Determined



Please check Bulletin Boards regularly and Serendipity HOA Facebook Group for upcoming events and /or changes that may come up. I will be having a Committee meeting soon. Anyone wanting to chair an event on above list or if you have ideas on other events you want please contact me and/or come to the meetings. We also need lots of helpers with events. I will have sign up sheets in clubhouses.

MOVIE NIGHT

As soon as the East Clubhouse is open for events we will schedule a monthly Movie Night, usually on Saturdays. All residents are welcome. I’m thinking there will be continued social distancing and other precautions to follow to help keep everyone safe and well. So please bear with us. This is new to all of us. Just a little more patience so we can get back to seeing each other and having a good time! The HOA will be providing the movie and lite refreshments.

Planned movies that we will show, so far, are:

1. **THE LAST FULL MEASURE**, starring Sebastian Stan, Christopher Plummer, and Samuel Jackson. Rated R. It is a true story of William H. Pitsenbarger, a US Air Force medic who saved over 60 men before making the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam’s bloodiest battle. Thirty years later the Pentagon investigates a Congressional Medal of Honor request made by fellow mission partners and his parents.
2. **THE PEANUT BUTTER FALCON**, starring Zack Gottsagen, Shia La Blory, Dakota Johnson, and John Hawkes. Rated PG-13. “The Sweetest Darn Film of the Decade”. A story about Zak, a young man with Down Syndrome, who runs away from a residential nursing home to fulfill his dream of attending the pro wrestling school of his idol, The

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Salt Water Redneck. He meets up with a small town outlaw and together they set out on a wild life-changing journey.

3. **THE CALL OF THE WILD**, starring Harrison Ford and Buck the dog. Set in the 1890s and the Klondike Gold Rush, Buck is stolen from California and sent to the Yukon, where he befriends an old outdoorsman, Harrison Ford, and begins a life-altering adventure. Rated PG.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Trivia Night will again start up when West Clubhouse opens and can be scheduled. We meet at 7:00 pm, on a Saturday. The cost is only \$1, with the winning team shares the “pot”. Bring your favorite beverage. The HOA will provide refreshments. We have a fun time, playing with teams, trying to come up with the answers to multiple trivia questions. Lots of laughs and maybe learning that you know more than you think!



Any questions on social events please call Betty B, 330 232-6345.

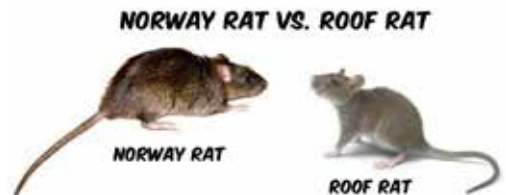
THE CURIOSITY CORNER

by Dennis Buehrle, Resident

Rats! It is quite natural to feel disgust with the possibility of sharing your dwelling with a nest of rodents. More human diseases that have severely impacted the human race, have originated from rodents than any other animal. They seem to like the same foods that we eat. They contaminate our homes and may even present fire hazards as they gnaw into wall electrical wires. Pest control specialists generally divide the Florida rat population into three species.

The Roof Rat is the most common rat found in Florida homes, often referred to a Fruit or Citrus Rat. They will nest in trees, woodpiles, garbage and plants but prefer high places like the roof especially inside attics and wall spaces. These rats will eat anything readily available but tend to be vegetarian. They will chew through lead and plastic pipes to reach water. Roof rats tend to hoard food to be eaten later. They're known for hollowing out citrus fruit in trees or on the ground. They can grow over a foot long, usually have smooth brown or black fur, big ears and eyes, and capable of producing over 20 additional rats a year. They have a life span of up to three years. They often can go unnoticed until the neighborhood fruit begins to ripen. In citrus, papaya, cantaloupe and watermelon they burrow into the fruit hollowing it out leaving a quarter or half dollar size hole in the skin. In apples, peaches, tomatoes, bananas and pineapples large sections of the fruit is eaten away.

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search of food and will eat anything from meat to grains. These rats are a burrowing rodent, usually about 8 inches long with a blunt nose and small eyes and ears. Their fur is course and shaggy with a short scaly tail. They're usually found in close proximity to human habitats. They may burrow under foundations, into crawl spaces, or other structures, around ponds, in garbage dumps, sewers, or other locations where food and shelter are present. Norway rats are an aggressive, primarily nocturnal specie and will usually drive other rats away. They have an average lifespan of one ear and are capable of producing over 20 offspring a year.

The Wood Rat, (Pack Rat) is usually the same size as the Norway rat. It is the least common of the three rats mentioned and usually found in Northern Florida. It has a hamster type look, long, soft, fine fur with furry tails. They range from black or gray to brown in color. They can become an issue because, besides eating food and leaving droppings around, the wood rat is known for stealing small items, hence the nickname Pack Rat.

Then to be fair we should not leave out the smaller version of this rodent. **The House Mouse** is the most common rodent. They originate outside but enjoy taking up residence inside wall spaces, basements and attics. They are about half the size of a rat, with a body length usually about three to four inches. They have soft gray or brown fur with a white under belly and have dark whiskers. The mouse can be so stealthy that you may only become aware of their presence by their droppings around or in your home. A mouse is capable of producing 35 little mice a year.

Suggested practices to help keep rats away:

Remove food and water sources, and store food for people and pets in sealed containers.

Clear property of debris and other materials where rodents may hide.

Do not leave out pet food, give just enough for its meal.

Put pet food away after use and do not leave pet-food or water bowls out overnight. Keep bird feeders away from the house and use squirrel guards to prevent rodents' access to the feeder.

Remember that rodents are capable of spreading 35 different diseases through direct contact with the rodent or their feces, urine, saliva, bites or from insects that previously fed on the rodent.

Do rats have natural predators? Ye-e-s-s. Many kinds of snakes will prey on rats; the yellow rat snake, gray rat snake, black racer, king snake, and indigo snake to name a few and many venomous snakes as well. Raptors, hawks and owls are also quite effective at killing rats. Cats and dogs will not keep the roof rat or rat population under control. Cats may have a slight affect upon the juvenile rat population but is more than likely unable to kill a mature roof rat.

Man has often removed what was thought to be a pest only to realize that it was a natural predator of the new pest. So it's advisable to try and look at the larger picture before giving in to one's impulse to eradicate a disgusting creature, although admittedly sometimes that's quite difficult to practice. It may be advisable to think twice and resist the urge to pound that snake several inches into the ground.

There are companies pedaling ultrasound and electromagnetic devices with claims of being able to repel rodents, insects or other pests from buildings and yards. There is NO scientific evidence at the present time that these devices work. Several independent sources have conducted studies on many of these products and their description of these items; worthless, or a shocking waste of money. One review concluded that some might have a temporary effect on insects but they seem to realize that the sound isn't lethal and return. The Federal Trade Commission and

Environmental Protection Agency has brought suit against several companies in the past for false advertising, and demanded an end to their advertising campaign, until proof was submitted that their product worked. It's recommended to research the product before you decide to try one to help solve your insect or rodent problem.

The St. Petersburg Sanitation Department offers a Rodent Line at 727-893-7360 or 7398 for citizens to report rats on their property. They will come out to place a trap in an appropriate place outside your residence, and instruct you on various ways to help resolve your rat problem for free. If you have undesired four legged creatures in your home however, you will have to call a professional pest control company.

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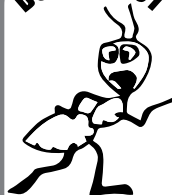
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