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In The Spirit of Christmas

Hosted by the Michigan Elves!

Michigan would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. We hope you will join us “In the Spirit of Christmas” starting with homemade goodies on Saturday, December 3, 2011, at Coffee Hour, 8:30 to 9:00AM.

The Michigan Elves invite you all to join us on Monday, December 5th at 12:30PM, for the Salad Card Party at a cost of \$1.00. Bring a dish for the buffet table and stay to play your favorite card games.

On Saturday, December 10th, we will continue “In the Spirit of Christmas” with a Dinner-Dance at a cost of \$10.00 per person. It’s BYOB at 5:30PM, and dinner at 6:00PM. Gourmet Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Coleslaw and of course dessert will be prepared by the Michigan Elves! Dance from 7:00 to 10:00PM to the music of Erich Fallish.

Once again, the Michigan Elves will be helping Santa prepare Baked Ham and Scalloped Potatoes for a Christmas dinner. The cost for residents and guests will be \$5.00 per person. You will be asked to help Santa by bringing a dish large enough to include your family and guests. Please provide your own place settings. A sign-up sheet will be on the board.



Chairpersons:
Dick & Barb McClure
& Bob & Carol Machiela



TICKETS FOR SOME EVENTS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR OR AFTER THE SATURDAY BEFORE THE DINNER EVENT—SO PLAN TO GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY!

Please check with the Michigan ticket sales people!

Thank You for your cooperation!



5th ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR



The Women’s Club is holding their 5th Annual Craft Fair on Sunday, December 4th. There will be a lite lunch, raffle table, bake sale and many, one of a kind, crafts to purchase. If you would like to rent a spot, it’s \$10.00 for residents and \$15.00 for outside vendors. Call Karen Robert at 637-7005 or Kathy Vail at 575-1001 for applications. There will be a sign up sheet for bakers. If you can help for an hour or two at the bake table or raffle table, please let us know.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

It happens to us sometimes; for one reason or another, age, illness, we are no longer able to do the things that at one time we were able and eager to do—things that were fun but have somehow lost their glow. It seems decorating the outside of our houses for the Christmas Season, for some of us, has become one of those activities! So—the decorations stay in the shed or under the bed when the holidays come around.

We know it sounds almost too good to be true, but we have a couple here in our beautiful park that are very generously volunteering to help with that job! Dennis and Judy Rush have offered to come to your home, dig out the decorations and put them up for you. When the holidays have passed, they will take them down and return them back where they found them in your home! Now, that’s a deal!

No, this isn’t a practical joke. They’re really willing to do what they can to enhance the beauty of the park for Christmas. Judy will be posting a sheet in the Social Hall for those wanting help or call her at (810) 516-6835 to see what you can work out! Let’s have a Merry Christmas at Eagle Point!





IN MEMORIAM

Former Resident

Charlene Flannery #30, November 4, 2011

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Dick & Barb McClure (409) 370-6031



NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH

The Medley of States invites you to "Slide Into the New Year" on Saturday, December 31, 2011. The fun begins at 7:30PM with BYOB, followed with dancing at 8:00PM. Music will be provided by the "As Is Band". Appetizers will be served at your table during the evening, followed by a champagne toast at midnight. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Please come and "Slide" in with us for a really great event! Tickets will be on sale with a cut-off date of December 21st. Thank you and HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Our Saturday Coffee Hour has been very well attended! Thanks to the Mid States Group for the great homemade goodies on November 5th, followed by those donating to the BIG RED BUS! Betty Jett announced that help is needed to put up the Park Christmas lights on November 17th. Announcements included a moment of silence for Char Flannery; illnesses were Walt Kowal in Life Care Center and Barb Diewald, who had knee surgery. Lois Strother thanked everyone for their donations for "Make A Difference Day". The Women's Club needs Bell Ringers for the Salvation Army, so please sign up. On Saturday, November 12th, the donuts were donated by Jack & Helen Filipowski in honor of their 63rd Anniversary! Thanks from everyone. A carport sale will be held at the Rice's, #105, on Saturday, November 19th. Verna announced that the Boat Parade scheduled for December 11th is filling up fast.

Betty Jett and her crew have been doing some decorating!

Thanks! Again our Park is beautiful!

Thanks to the Mid States Group for a wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner!

It was announced that Charlie Worden has moved from Eagle Point and had back surgery. We all wish him a speedy recovery!

ME AND MY GIRL

It is 1937 and the Earl of Hareford has died, leaving no apparent heir. The family has gathered, eagerly waiting to hear how the estate will be split. The unlikely heir is commoner, Bill Snibson, a pugnacious cockney ne'er-do-well from Lambeth. Hilarity ensues as the duchess tries to turn Bill into a proper gentleman. The British blue bloods eventually warm to his charm and so will you as you join the cast and dance in the aisles to the "Lambeth Walk".

Thursday, January 18, 2012, we'll meet at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers to enjoy the matinee performance of this delightful musical comedy. The tables we have reserved are in the main show room, center section of the second tier up. \$45.00 per person covers the show, sumptuous dinner buffet, tax and tip. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the travel bulletin board in the hallway of the Social Hall. For further information, contact Kathleen Lapcinski, 639-8958, or Verna Tromley, 637-9828

E. P. Women's Club is announcing their Annual Rummage Sale, Saturday, January 21, 2012, from 8:00AM to 1:30PM, with lunch served from 10:00AM to 12:30PM. There will be a sign-up sheet if anyone would like to volunteer—It is a good opportunity to fellowship and meet your neighbors. Donations of items are welcome (except toilets) and can be brought to the Social Hall on Friday, January 20th from 8:00 to 10:00AM. Any large items could be picked up if a request is made to the office by January 19th. Eagle Point residents, only, are invited to a Pre-Sale on Friday, January 20th from 1:00 to 2:00PM. We look forward to everyone participating and enjoying the event. Proceeds will go to local charities and projects that benefit our Park.

Carol Rhoades, Rummage Chairperson

Our Victorian Christmas Faire



You are all invited to attend our Victorian Christmas Faire, December 13th following our annual Santa Claus parade. We will convene in the Social Hall where there will be caroling and cookie exchanging, wastreling and cavorting, tree trimming and sipping. We're going to have a merry old time! We'll be posting detailed fliers as we get closer, but just wanted to give you a heads up at this time. Stay Tuned!

EAGLE POINT SPORTS & MERRY CHRISTMAS



Shuffleboard Come join the fun with the Monday Shuffleboard group at 1:30PM. We started a month ago, on November 21st, and always need more shufflers! See you there!

Bob & Carol Machiela



Bingo—On October 26th the word “BINGO” was again ringing through the Social Hall after the summer break. So far we have had 4 winners of Hot Ball jackpots of \$100.00. One of them had to be shared three ways. Come and have some fun with us—you never know which card will have the winning numbers! Please be at the Social Hall before 6:45PM so we can began promptly at 7:00PM. Thank you!

Carolyn Swartz & Myrna Schneller, Chairpersons



Bowling—Bowling started on Thursday, November 10th with eight teams. We hope to add six to 8 teams for the second session, starting January 19, 2012. Sign-up sheets for the new session will be posted in mid December. If you’re not interested in committing to a team, but would like to bowl occasionally, then sign up to be a sub. If you have any questions, please call me! Come join us and have fun—Thanks!

Arlene Ferus-505-4085



Horseshoes—Come down to the Horseshoe Courts to get in practice for the Eagle Point Horseshoe team, Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 9:00AM. It’s a great sport!

Omar Gross



Bridge—Thursday, 12:45PM in the Activities Room! Please sign up! We have a lot of fun.

Carolyn Swartz



Texas Hold'em—This is a great game and we are having good crowds. Come on down on Thursday evenings at 6:45 and join the fun.

Johnny Taylor & Louis Bauer

EAGLE POINT WOMEN’S CLUB

The Eagle Point Women’s Club has been busy getting ready for the upcoming holidays. We will be assisting the Salvation Army as bill ringers at the local Publix. If you are interested in helping you may contact Brigitte Laughlin. Also, you will find a Toys for Tots box in the Social Hall, ready for your donations, as well as a box for food donations.

The next meeting will be held on December 21st at 1:00PM in the Social Hall. Our annual Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, January 21st. We will need lots of help and donations for this activity. Please contact Carol Rhoades for further details.

Kathy Churchill, President

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!



CHARLOTTE HARBOR ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER



Now that it has stopped raining the trails are open again. Do you need new plants for this year? GO NATIVE, as CHEC and the Native Plant Nursery are joining forces, making native plants available at the Environmental Center. The Native Plant Nursery will sell the plants at CHEC on Tuesday & Fridays from 9:30AM to 2:00PM and part of the sales will go to CHEC Programs. Save on water and have natural beauty with Native Plants. This will attract butterflies, but NOT wild hogs.

Chet Lewis, #168, 661-5850

BOARD BITS

The Board of Directors at its November 16th meeting welcomed back to the Board Johnny Taylor as a member, fulfilling the unexpired term vacated by Charles Worden. Johnny returns after serving Eagle Point as its president in 2000 and 2001. His presence and history as an involved resident of the park provide invaluable perspective. Johnny was also elected First Vice President of the Board.

Board action of note included a unanimous vote to permit a fresh fruit and vegetable vendor to sell such produce on Mondays from 10:00AM to approximately 2:00PM each week, using the area reserved primarily for staff parking in front of the office. It is the same vendor who is providing service to River Haven Park. The venture will be monitored carefully as to its value for the residents of Eagle Point. Responding to the Buildings and Grounds request, the Board approved the replacement of a new heater/cooler for the swimming pool. An identical unit to the one which stopped functioning will continue to be used as the system incurs verifying demands for heating and cooling. Buildings and Grounds is working on several other projects of substance, including parking at the Social Hall, possible replacement of the wood fence (adjacent to Encore Park), beautification of the front entrance at the conclusion of the road work, repair of the outer perimeter of the pool deck and repair/replacement of the park's boat docks.

DATES OF SPECIAL NOTE—TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29th AT 1:30PM

An open meeting to discuss the question of annexation to the City of Punta Gorda with its Director of Growth Management, Dennis Murphy.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7th at 1:30PM—our regular monthly Board meeting.

Please remember that renting your home requires some qualifications. Please review SECTION IX—RENTALS of the Rules and Regulations, *before* submitting a request to rent. Allow ample time for your request to be reviewed by the Committee, then considered and voted on by the Board.

Thank You

RUNNING FOR THE BOARD

If you are considering running for the Board, we ask that you take a few moments to ask yourself the following three questions:

Do I have the time? As a Board member, you will need to devote at least several hours of your time each month to association business. In addition to regular monthly meetings, you will need to be active in email discussions and occasional special meetings.

Can I make tough decisions when it's required? The primary role of the Board is to conduct the business of the Association. This doesn't just mean approving the budget, but also developing and enforcing policies. Board members are required to step outside their immediate circle of family and neighbors to help make decisions based on the greater good of the community.

Can I do all this and have fun too? It isn't all about policies and tough decisions. Our community is only as good as we make it and establishing and maintaining a sense of community is a part of a Board member's responsibility. Attending social functions and being a presence in the community are as important as any policy decisions you may make.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RUN FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

The Nominating Committee is looking to fill four (4) positions for the 2012-2013 Board of Directors. We need everyone's help! Please complete a Candidate Form, and return it to the office by December 12, 2011. It is VITAL to our park to keep a strong and cooperative Board. Thank You!

Ken Robert Unit 50 Phone 637-7005

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM YOUR EDITORS!

January DEADLINE—December 26th

The Screaming Eagle is on the Eagle Point website, eaglepointmhp.org (click on Newsletter).



Thanks to everyone for your support throughout 2011!

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